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**Signal Generation Platform**  
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# General Safety Summary

Review the following safety precautions to avoid injury and prevent damage to this product or any products connected to it.

*Only qualified personnel should perform service procedures.*

To avoid potential hazards, use this product only as specified.

## Injury Precautions

**Use Proper Power Cord.** To avoid fire hazard, use only the power cord specified for this product.

**Avoid Electric Overload.** To avoid electric shock or fire hazard, do not apply a voltage to a terminal that is outside the range specified for that terminal.

**Ground the Product.** This product is grounded through the grounding conductor of the power cord. To avoid electric shock, the grounding conductor must be connected to earth ground. Before making connections to the input or output terminals of the product, ensure that the product is properly grounded.

**Do Not Operate Without Covers.** To avoid electric shock or fire hazard, do not operate this product with covers or panels removed.

**Use Proper Fuse.** To avoid fire hazard, use only the fuse type and rating specified for this product.

**Do Not Operate in Wet/Damp Conditions.** To avoid electric shock, do not operate this product in wet or damp conditions.

**Do Not Operate in an Explosive Atmosphere.** To avoid injury or fire hazard, do not operate this product in an explosive atmosphere.

## Product Damage Precautions

**Use Proper Power Source.** Do not operate this product from a power source that applies more than the voltage specified.

**Use Proper Voltage Setting.** Before applying power, ensure that the line selector is in the proper position for the power source being used.

**Provide Proper Ventilation.** To prevent product overheating, provide proper ventilation.

**Do Not Operate With Suspected Failures.** If you suspect there is damage to this product, have it inspected by qualified service personnel.

**Symbols and Terms**

**Terms in this Manual.** These terms may appear in this manual:



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

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**CAUTION.** *Caution statements identify conditions or practices that could result in damage to this product or other property.*

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**Terms on the Product.** These terms may appear on the product:

DANGER indicates an injury hazard immediately accessible as you read the marking.

WARNING indicates an injury hazard not immediately accessible as you read the marking.

CAUTION indicates a hazard to property including the product.

**Symbols on the Product.** The following symbols may appear on the product:



DANGER  
High Voltage



Protective Ground  
(Earth) Terminal



ATTENTION  
Refer to Manual



Double  
Insulated

**Certifications and  
Compliances**

Refer to the specifications section for a listing of certifications and compliances that apply to this product.



# Service Safety Summary

Only qualified personnel should perform service procedures. Read this *Service Safety Summary* and the *General Safety Summary* before performing any service procedures.

**Do Not Service Alone.** Do not perform internal service or adjustments of this product unless another person capable of rendering first aid and resuscitation is present.

**Disconnect Power.** To avoid electric shock, disconnect the main power by means of the power cord or, if provided, the power switch.

**Use Care When Servicing With Power On.** Dangerous voltages or currents may exist in this product. Disconnect power and disconnect test leads before removing protective panels, soldering, or replacing components.

To avoid electric shock, do not touch exposed connections.



# Preface

This manual describes features and specifications that apply to the platform. These include system configuration and the common control interface. Features that are specific to a module are described in the user manual for that module.

This manual is designed with space at the rear for the user manuals that accompany your generator and special function modules. In addition, this manual includes a disk holder to store the signal set disks packaged with many of the generator module user manuals.

## About This Manual

This manual is composed of the following sections:

- *Getting Started* shows you how to configure and install your platform, provides an incoming inspection procedure, and describes the mainframe options.
- *Operating Basics* describes front panel operation of the mainframe and modules and shows how to use the front panel and touch screen controls.
- *Syntax and Commands* defines the syntax used in command descriptions, presents a list of all command subsystems, as well as detailed descriptions of all programming commands.
- *Status and Events* describes how the status and Events Reporting system operates and presents a list of all system errors.
- *Appendices* provide specifications and information about the remote interface, the disk drive, and the mainframe installation.

## Related Manuals

The following documents are also available for the platform:

- The *TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform User Manual* describes how to use the TG 2000 Platform. It also contains information about SCPI commands, programming structure, and status and events for the platform. Some of this information applies to all generator modules, including the DVG1 Generator module. This manual is a standard accessory to the TG 2000 Platform mainframe.

- The *TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform Service Manual* describes how to service the mainframe to the module level and provides general information about servicing generator modules. This optional manual must be ordered separately.
- A module user manual is included with each optional module. Contact your Tektronix representative for a list of generator and special function modules.

## Contacting Tektronix

Product Support	<p>For application-oriented questions about a Tektronix measurement product, call toll free in North America: 1-800-TEK-WIDE (1-800-835-9433 ext. 2400) 6:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Pacific time</p> <p>Or, contact us by e-mail: tm_app_supp@tek.com</p> <p>For product support outside of North America, contact your local Tektronix distributor or sales office.</p>
Service Support	<p>Contact your local Tektronix distributor or sales office. Or, visit our web site for a listing of worldwide service locations.</p> <p><a href="http://www.tek.com">http://www.tek.com</a></p>
For other information	<p>In North America: 1-800-TEK-WIDE (1-800-835-9433) An operator will direct your call.</p>
To write us	<p>Tektronix, Inc. P.O. Box 1000 Wilsonville, OR 97070-1000</p>



# Getting Started

This section contains the following:

- Product description
- Accessories list
- Configuration instructions
- Installation instructions
- Incoming inspection

## Product Description

The TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform provides multiformat, precision television test signals for both analog and digital video standards. The physical configuration is a mainframe with up to nine plug-in modules. Modules either generate signals or provide special functions, such as genlock capability.

You can use included software (SDP2000 Signal Development Program) to generate custom test signals, which you can store on a disk or transfer directly into the memory of a generator module.

The TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform addresses the needs of research and development, engineering, manufacturing test, and most operational environments.

These are some of the key features of the platform:

- Modular architecture with up to nine generator or special function modules
- Support of analog and digital environments for most component and composite video signal formats
- Reference generator performance level
- Modules genlocked to external reference with the optional AGL1 Genlock module
- Included Microsoft Windows-based SDP2000 software to create new signals
- Remote control, using the RS-232, ground closure, parallel, or optional GPIB interface with the SCPI command set
- Full support of VM700A video measurement routines

- Variable transmission parameters, such as jitter amplitude and frequency, for serial digital formats using the DVG1 Generator module with option S1
- Variable signal parameters for some analog and digital format modules
- Circle and text overlays on test signals for some modules
- Simultaneous 525/60 and 625/50 signal generation
- Moving signals for compression system testing
- Programmable system clocks to support standard and custom formats
- Flash EPROM allows easy upgrades to system software

## Accessories

This section describes the key accessories for the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform. For a complete list of accessories and their Tektronix part numbers, refer to the *Replaceable Mechanical Parts* list at the back of this manual.

In addition to the options described in this manual, Tektronix offers maintenance options that cover adjustment and repair services. Contact your Tektronix representative for details.

### **BG1 Black Burst Generator Module**

The BG1 Generator module is supplied as a standard accessory. There are six black burst signals to select from; the module provides the selected black burst signal on the three rear-panel connectors. Additionally, the module can provide one of the system clocks from its rear-panel clock output.

More than one BG1 Generator module can be added to the mainframe to provide enough flexibility to meet virtually any system timing requirement. The BG1 Generator module can be removed without affecting system operation.

### **SDP2000 Signal Development Program**

The SDP2000 Signal Development Program is supplied as a standard accessory. This program runs under Microsoft Windows 3.1 or higher. All features except the parallel port are compatible with Windows NT. All features are compatible with Windows 95. For general information about the SDP2000 program, refer to either the SDP2000 program online help or the *SDP2000 Signal Development Program User Manual*.

Using this program, you can create custom signals for the platform, and download the signals through disk or remote interface. Refer to the SDP2000 program online help for instructions on remote downloading of signals.

**GPIB Card for SDP2000 Communications**

The Tektronix S3FG210 is a GPIB-PCII/IIA interface card that you can purchase from Tektronix. It provides the type of interface needed to operate the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform when performing GPIB communications with the SDP2000/TGCOMM software.

**Accessory Kit**

This kit is shipped as a standard accessory. It includes a Torx T-10 bit (needed to secure the modules), two fuses, and a blank panel (to fill the gap when a module is removed). The fuses support the two line voltage settings; see *Line Voltage Setting and Fuse Selection* for instructions.

## Configuration

The TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform mainframe requires configuration for the installation of new modules and for the AC line voltage. The TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform mainframe is configured at the factory to support the optional module generators that you order. Modules ordered separately should be installed by a qualified service technician. Refer to *Installation* in this section and to the *Installation* discussion in your module user manual for instructions on adding a generator module.

**Line Voltage Setting and Fuse Selection**

The TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform mainframe must be configured to operate on your local AC power system. Always unplug the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform before changing the line voltage setting or the fuse.



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**WARNING.** To avoid electrical shock, be sure that the power cord is disconnected before checking the fuse or changing the line voltage selector.

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**CAUTION.** To avoid damaging the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform, always use the correct fuse for the line voltage. The 230 V setting requires a 3 AT fuse for proper protection. See the fuse chart located on the rear panel near the line voltage selector for the proper fuse for each line voltage setting.

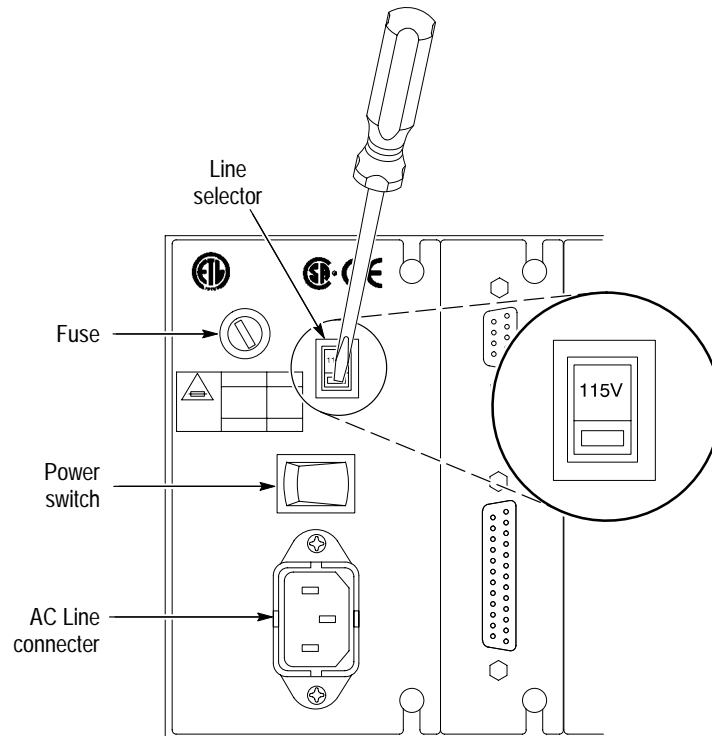
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Figure 1–1 shows the location on the rear panel of line power connector, line selector, fuse and power switch, as well as how to change the line voltage setting. Table 1–1 lists the proper fuse for each line voltage setting.



**Table 1-1: AC power fuse requirements**

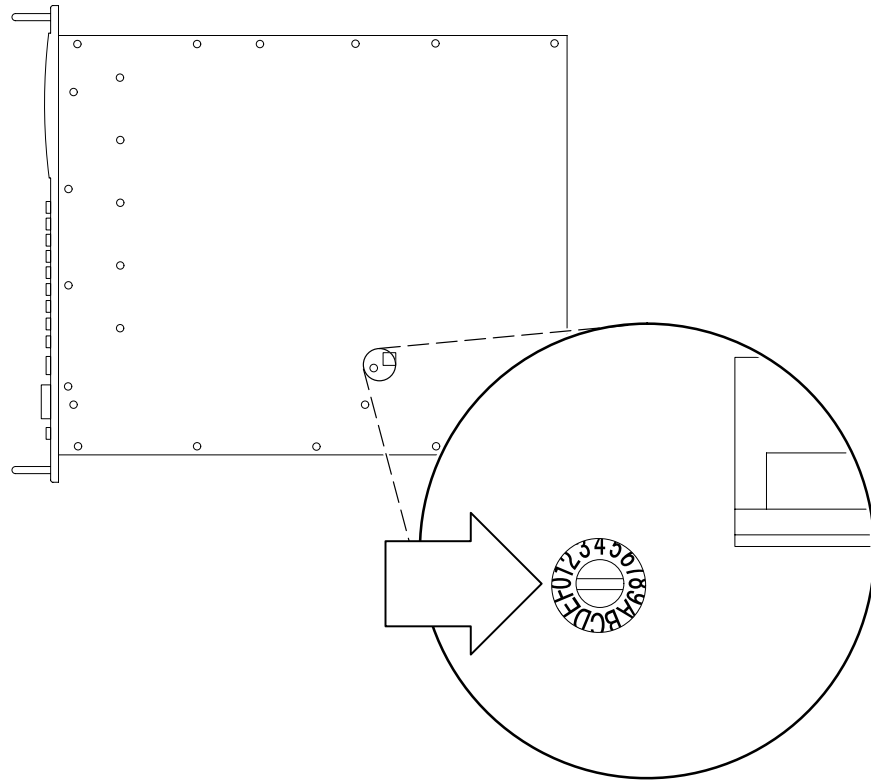
Line Voltage Setting	Fuse Rating
115 V	Slow blow, 6 AT
230 V	Slow blow, 3 AT



**Figure 1-1: Location of power connections and configuration**

**CPU Configuration Switch**

The rotary switch shown in Figure 1-2 is for use by service technicians only. The switch must be in position “0” for normal operation.



**Figure 1-2: Location of the service diagnostics switch**

## Installation

This section describes the hardware and software installation requirements for the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform mainframe. General instructions for installing modules begin on page E-2 of this manual. For installation information that is unique to a particular module, refer to the module user manual.

### Hardware Installation

The TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform is shipped with the optional generator modules that you ordered configured and installed. Only qualified service technicians should install modules in the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform mainframe. Technicians can refer to *Appendix E* of this manual for general instructions. Each type of module has specific installation requirements, which are discussed in the module user manual. Refer to *Rackmount Installation* on page 1-6 for rackmounting instructions.

To properly install and power on the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform, follow these steps:

1. Check that you have the appropriate operating environment. Check *Appendix A* for temperature, humidity, altitude, and other environmental requirements.
2. Leave space for cooling by ensuring standard side clearance for rack mounting or 2 inches (5.1 cm) of side clearance for counter top use. Also, ensure sufficient rear clearance (approximately 2 inches) so that cables are not damaged by sharp bends.
3. Check that the power connection is properly configured. Refer to *Configuration* on page 1-3 for instructions.
4. Connect the power cord from the rear panel power connector to the power system.

### Rackmount Installation

The TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform mainframe is configured at shipment for use in an equipment rack.

To install the mainframe into the rack, follow these steps:

1. Use the information in Figure 1-3 to connect the rackmount hardware to the rack.
2. Referring to Figure 1-4, support the mainframe while inserting its attached rack pieces into the pieces attached to the rack.
3. Slide the mainframe completely into the rack, continuing to support the mainframe until the stop latches click into place on both sides. The installation is not secure until this latching occurs.

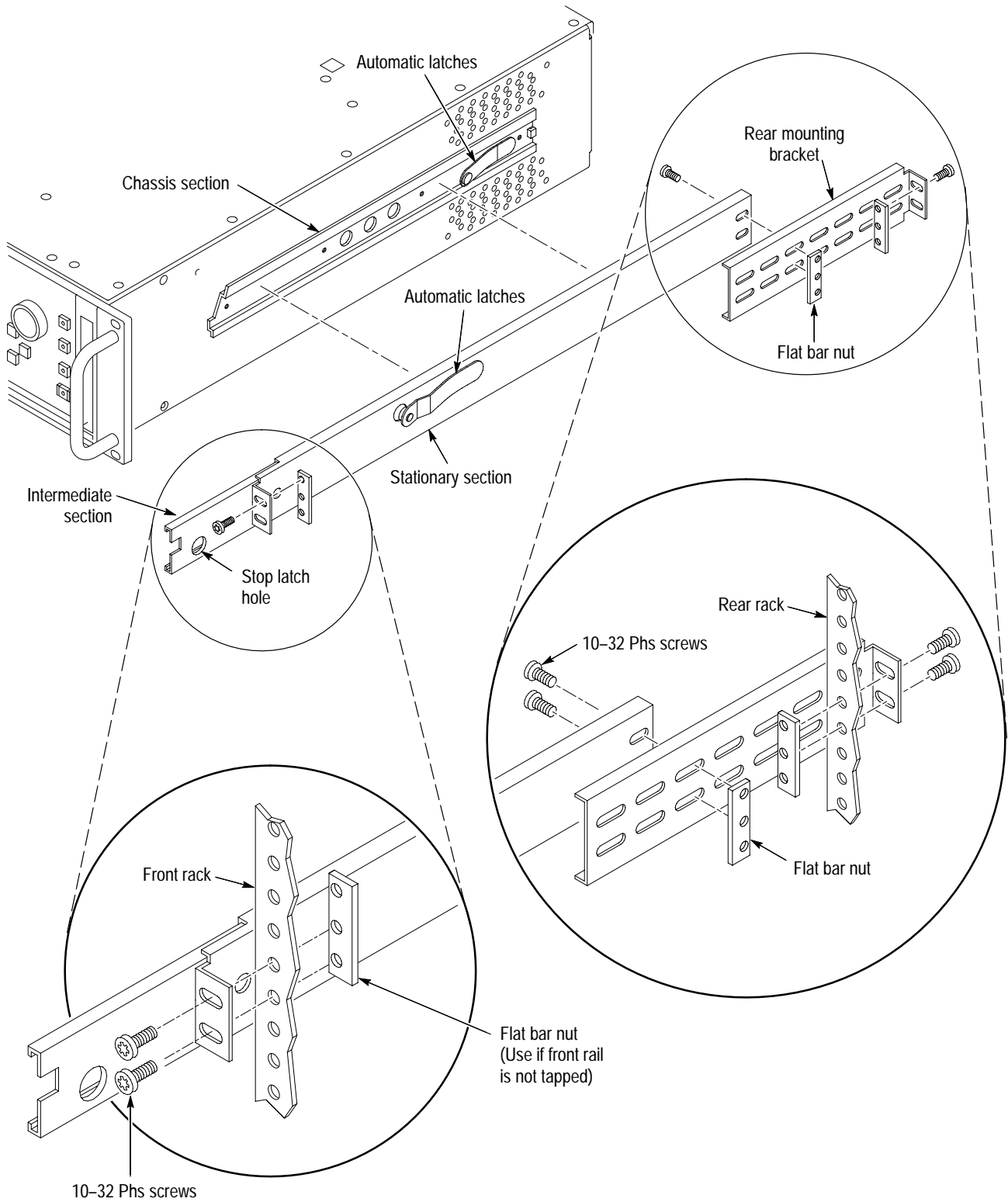
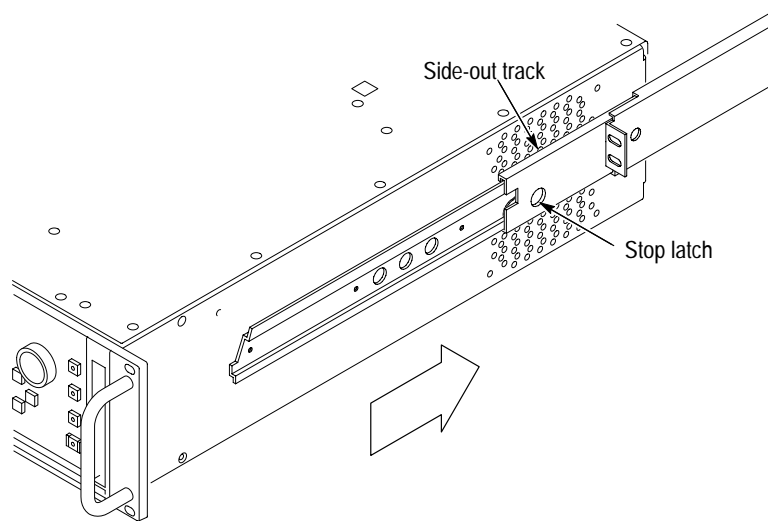


Figure 1-3: Installing the rackmount hardware



**Figure 1-4: Placing the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform in the rack**

To remove the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform mainframe from the rack, follow these steps:

1. Slide the mainframe out until it stops at the catches.
2. Support the mainframe while you press in on the stop latch buttons on each side. This action will free the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform to slide completely out of the rack.
3. Provide support while you slide the mainframe out of the rack.

## Software Installation

There are three types of software you can install:

- The SDP2000 Signal Development Program (use the disks and instructions included in the *SDP2000 User manual*, standard accessory).
- Signal sets for each module type (use disks and instructions included in the module user manual). If you purchased your modules installed in a mainframe, signal sets are already installed for you.
- Module or mainframe firmware. In certain instances, a firmware upgrade kit may be issued, including disks and instructions. You will not usually install instrument firmware; it is already installed in your mainframe and modules.

**Power-On Procedure**

This section describes how to check that your TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform powers on properly. Be certain that the platform is properly configured and installed before applying power. Refer to *Configuration* on page 1–3 and *Installation* on page 1–6.

1. Make sure that the top and rear-panel covers are on the mainframe.
2. Connect the mainframe to the appropriate mains power and turn on the rear-panel power switch.
3. Set the rear-panel power switch on.
4. Push the front-panel On/Standby switch to apply power to your platform. The mainframe and each of its modules perform a self test to verify functionality. The self test requires a minute or less to complete, depending on the number of modules installed.
5. After the self-tests are successfully completed, check that the front panel display is working, and that there are no displayed errors.

The platform recalls the settings that were active when powered off. Power-on settings are stored in nonvolatile memory.

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**NOTE.** *If your TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform powers on, but a module fails to appear in the Modules window, the module may require service. Refer to the appropriate service manual for assistance (service manuals for the mainframe and modules are optional accessories).*

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6. If this is the first time you have powered on the platform after shipment or long storage, leave the front-panel On/Standby power switch on for eight hours to fully charge the system batteries. The batteries maintain system data when mains power is disconnected.

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**NOTE.** *If backup power is lost, the NVRAM is erased. You must reload the generator test signals from the supplied disks, from backup disks you previously created, or through a remote port (from the SDP2000 Signal Development Program). You should also run self cal on all modules to reestablish peak performance.*

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## Incoming Inspection

The incoming inspection procedure verifies that the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform mainframe is operating correctly after shipment. After using this procedure to check the mainframe, use the incoming inspection procedures in your module user manuals to verify the operation of your modules. To verify the performance specifications, refer to the *Performance Verification Procedure* in the *TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform Service Manual*.

### Equipment Needed

You will need the following equipment to perform this procedure.

- BG1 Black Burst Generator module to verify the internal clock.
- Frequency counter to verify the clock output from the BG1 Generator module. The frequency counter input should be capable of 75  $\Omega$  impedance, AC coupling and 0.4 V p-p amplitude.
- BNC cable to connect the BG1 Generator module to the frequency counter.
- 3 1/2 inch, high-density, DOS formatted disk to check the disk drive.

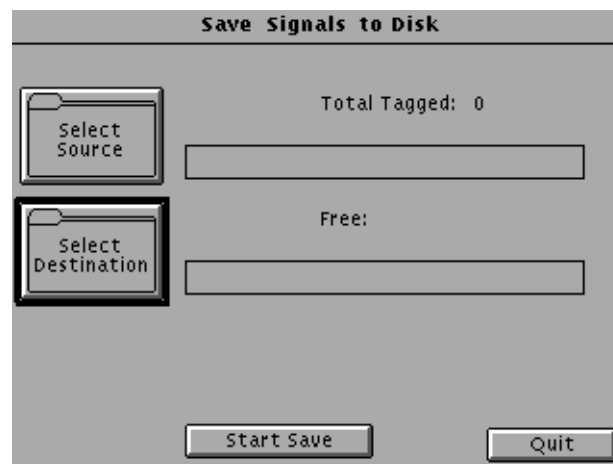
### Incoming Inspection Procedure

Perform the following steps to check for correct instrument operation:

1. Install the mainframe as described under *Installation* on page 1–6.
2. Power on the mainframe as described in the *Power On Procedure* on page 1–9.
3. If the display is working and no errors appear on the display, then the mainframe passed its self tests. To determine if the modules passed their tests, press the **Status** key and check that no module has a “Failed power up” status. Refer to the module User manual for further checks on each module.
4. Wait 20 minutes for the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform and its generator modules to warm up.
5. Run the module self calibration as follows:
  - a. Press the **Utilities** key.
  - b. Touch **Module Self Cal** on screen.
  - c. Touch **CLOCK:1 Self Cal** on screen. You might want to select any new modules at this time. Refer to the *Incoming Inspection Procedure* in the module user manuals to see if they require self cal.
  - d. Touch **Start Self Cal** on screen.

Self cal takes 2 to 5 minutes depending on the module. An error message indicates a failed calibration. If the self cal fails, contact your Tektronix Representative.

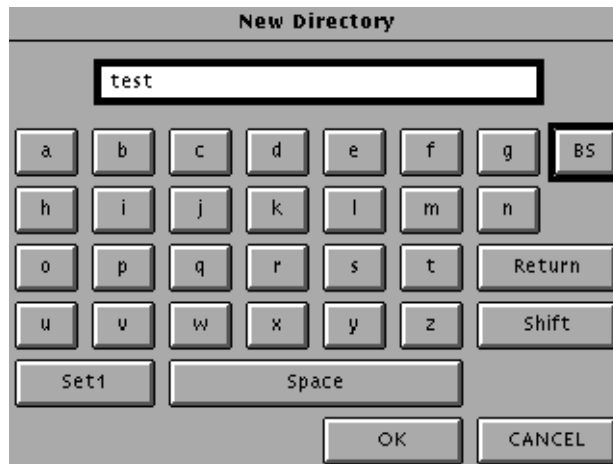
6. Check the LCD display as follows:
  - a. Push the **Screen Contrast** button on the right side of the front panel.
  - b. Check that you can adjust the display contrast using the knob. If you cannot adjust the contrast, the front panel has an error and may require service.
7. Check the disk drive as follows:
  - a. Check that the disk is formatted and not write protected, and insert the disk into the disk drive.
  - b. Push the **Disk** button to enter the Disk window.
  - c. Touch **Save Signals to Disk** on screen.
  - d. Touch **Select Destination**.



- e. Touch **New Dir** at the bottom of the window.



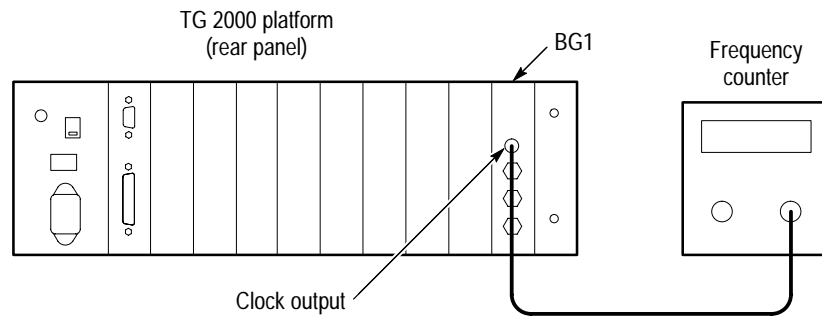
- f. Create a directory named “TEST” (as shown below) by pressing the keys **t e s t**.
- g. Press **OK** to make the directory and return to the Save Signals to Disk window.



- h. Check that the new directory “TEST” appears in the second column under **Directories**. If the directory does not appear, check the disk or try a new formatted disk and try again to create the directory. A continued failure may indicate a defective disk drive.



- 8. Connect the Clock output from the BG1 Generator module to the frequency counter as shown in Figure 1-5.



**Figure 1-5: Hooking up the clock output to the frequency counter**

9. Set the frequency counter for AC coupling, 400 mV amplitude, and the 100 MHz range.
10. Set the clock frequency to 27 MHz as follows:
  - a. Push the **Modules** button.
  - b. Touch **BG1** on screen.
  - c. Touch **NTSC** on screen.
  - d. Touch **Black Burst** on screen.
  - e. Touch **Module Parameters** on screen.
  - f. Touch **Clock Out** on screen. Note the current frequency setting.
  - g. Using the keypad, press the keys “2 7 M/u Enter” to set **Out Freq:** to 27.0 MHz. If the selector **Output** at the bottom of the window indicates Disabled, touch it once to enable the Clock output on the BG1 module.
11. Check that the frequency counter measures 27 MHz within 1 ppm or the accuracy of your counter. A continued failure indicates a problem with the clock circuit; contact your Tektronix Representative.
12. Restore the clock frequency noted in step 10f.

You have completed the incoming inspection procedure for the mainframe. Proceed to the *Incoming Inspection* procedures in your module user manuals.





# Functional Overview

This discussion provides an overview of the main components of the platform. For information about a specific module, refer to the user manual for that module. Rear-panel remote connectors are described on page D-1 of this manual. Important information on the power connector, line selector and fuse appears under *Configuration* on page 1-3. Module rear-panel outputs are described in the module user manuals.

This section contains the following topics:

- Functional Overview
- Front Panel Overview
- Touch Screen and Front-Panel Controls
- Rear Panel Connectors and Controls

Figure 2-1 shows a simplified block diagram of the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform.

**System Control** As shown in Figure 2-1, the mainframe CPU coordinates front panel and remote interface commands and uses that input to set up the modules, the clock, and the optional AGL1 Genlock module. The CPU sends data and control messages over the CPU bus to set up the generator modules to perform a function, such as load a test signal into module memory or change the output configuration.

**Disk Drive** The disk drive can be used to load or export signal sets, presets, sequences and other data. The drive supports 1.44 Mbyte, MS-DOS format disks. Complete signal sets for each module type are shipped with the module on 3.5 inch disks. Refer to *Appendix C* for more information about the disk drive.

**Remote Control** Most TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform front-panel control functions can be remotely controlled using the RS-232, Parallel, or optional GPIB port. Ground closure remote control can be accomplished using the Serial port. Refer to *Appendix D* for more information about using the various remote interfaces.

A computer or other controller sends SCPI compatible commands to set up the mainframe or a specific module. Each module must be individually set up using its own set of commands. The mainframe and modules use some of the same commands, but each also has unique commands. The SCPI command set for each module is described in Section 3 of the module user manuals.

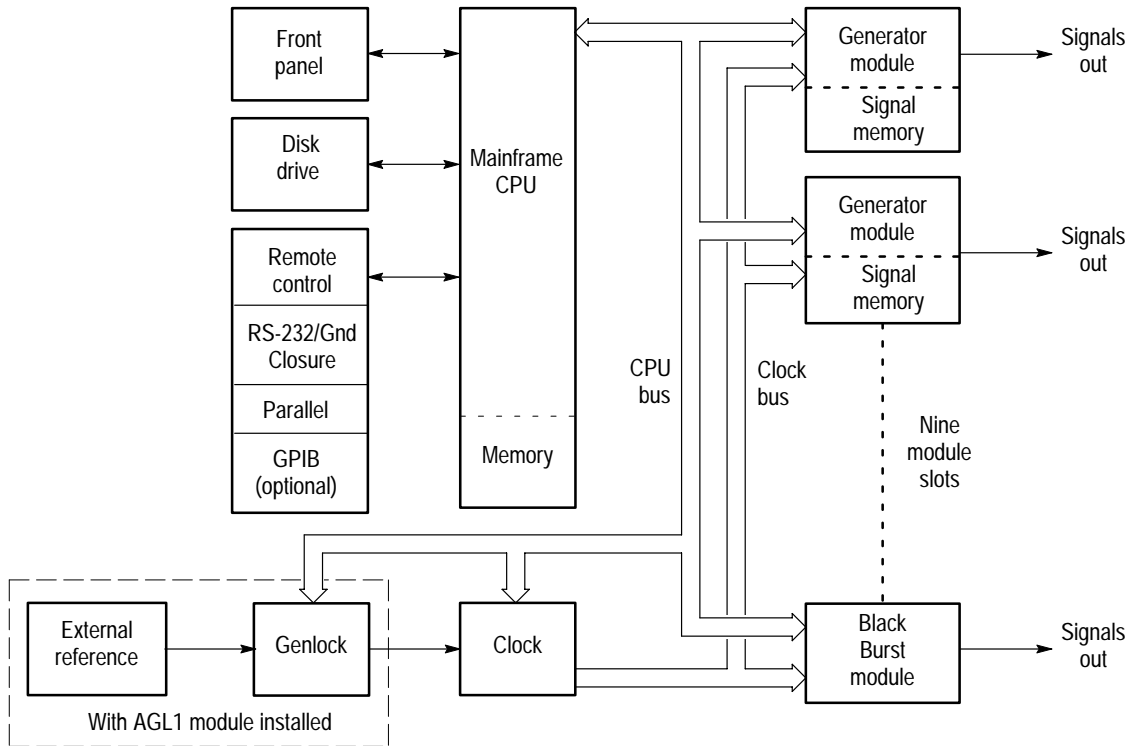


Figure 2-1: TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform simplified block diagram

**Generator Modules**

There are eleven module slots in the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform. The Clock and CPU modules are required for system operation and permanently occupy two special slots (they must be installed in these slots). The black burst module (BG1 Generator module) is also a standard component of the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform, but you can remove it or replace it with another module if desired. Without the black burst module, optional genlock or GPIB modules, there is room for nine generator modules. You can use any combination of different generator modules and/or multiples of the same generator module.

**Signal Memory**

Generator modules, except the black burst module, contain NVRAM for storing test signals. The test signals are initially loaded from the supplied disks or through the parallel, GPIB, or RS-232 port into NVRAM. The signal that is selected for output is loaded into fast memory on the module. The loaded signal configures the module to immediately output the selected signal. The flexible memory architecture allows one generator module to output signals stored on another module of the same type. For example, installing four AVG1 Generator modules provides four times the signal storage space, and all four modules have equal access to this expanded memory space.

**Black Burst Module**

The BG1 Black Burst Generator module is supplied as a standard accessory with the platform. The module can generate one of these six black burst signals at a time: NTSC with and without setup and color frame reference, and PAL with or without color frame reference.

The module supplies the selected black burst signal on three rear-panel connectors. Additionally, the module can supply one of the system clocks on its rear-panel Clock output. The module can be removed without affecting system operation.

**Battery Backup for NVRAM**

The platform uses a central rechargeable battery to maintain NVRAM data in the mainframe and modules when AC power is not connected. The power supply quick-charges the battery while the instrument power is on. When the instrument is turned off using the front-panel On/Standby switch, the battery is trickle-charged. The battery is not recharged while the rear-panel power switch is off.

The battery power drain, with the rear-panel switch turned off, varies with the type and number of modules installed. The power drain on the battery is low enough to allow module memory to remain intact for many months. The length of time that the memory remains intact is directly related to the type and number of modules that are loaded. In the event of memory failure from power loss, the test signals must be reloaded from the supplied disks or through a remote port (and you should run self cal on all modules).

**Clocks and Frame Reset Signals**

The CPU configures the Clock to generate the necessary clock frequencies and frame reset pulses needed to support the video formats supplied by the active modules. The TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform can supply different standard formats (such as PAL and NTSC) at the same time, using the 27 MHz clock or the two adjustable clocks and the two frame reset pulses. The internal reference clock and frame synchronizes all modules driving compatible video formats. Figure 2–2 shows how the clocks and frame reset pulses are generated.

The 27 MHz master clock synchronizes the clocks and frame reset pulses that control module timing. The clock provides three high-speed clock signals; one at 27 MHz and two at rates from 10 MHz to 100 MHz. In addition, there are two frame resets that allow different modules to operate in separate television standards, such as PAL and NTSC. The clocks and frame reset pulses ensure that all modules driving the same format remain synchronized.

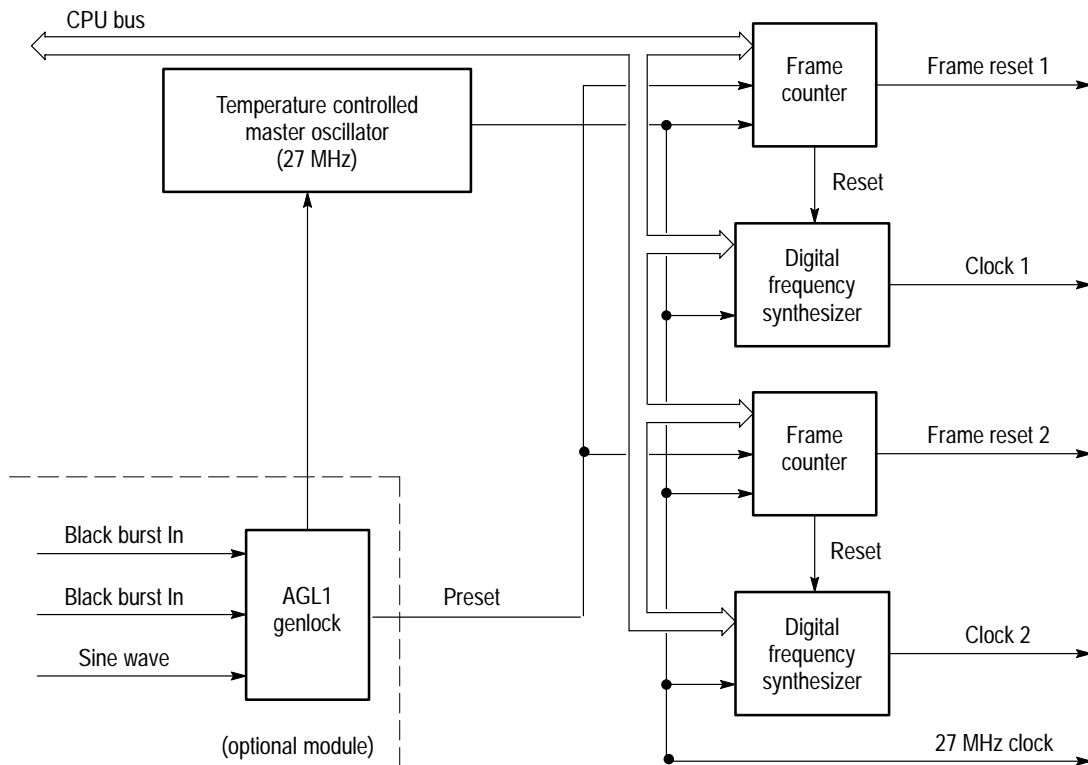


Figure 2-2: Block diagram of the clocks and frame reset signals

**External Reference Genlock**

An external reference may be used by the optional AGL1 Generator module to lock on one of several video standards. All modules driving the format selected for the AGL1 Generator module are locked to the external reference. Refer to the *AGL1 Analog Genlock Module User Manual* for a list of the supported formats.

**Timing References**

The TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform supports internal or external references and signal delay relative to this reference. Video reference signals synchronize the start of test signals of the same type, such as NTSC or PAL. For using external references, the AGL1 module is required.

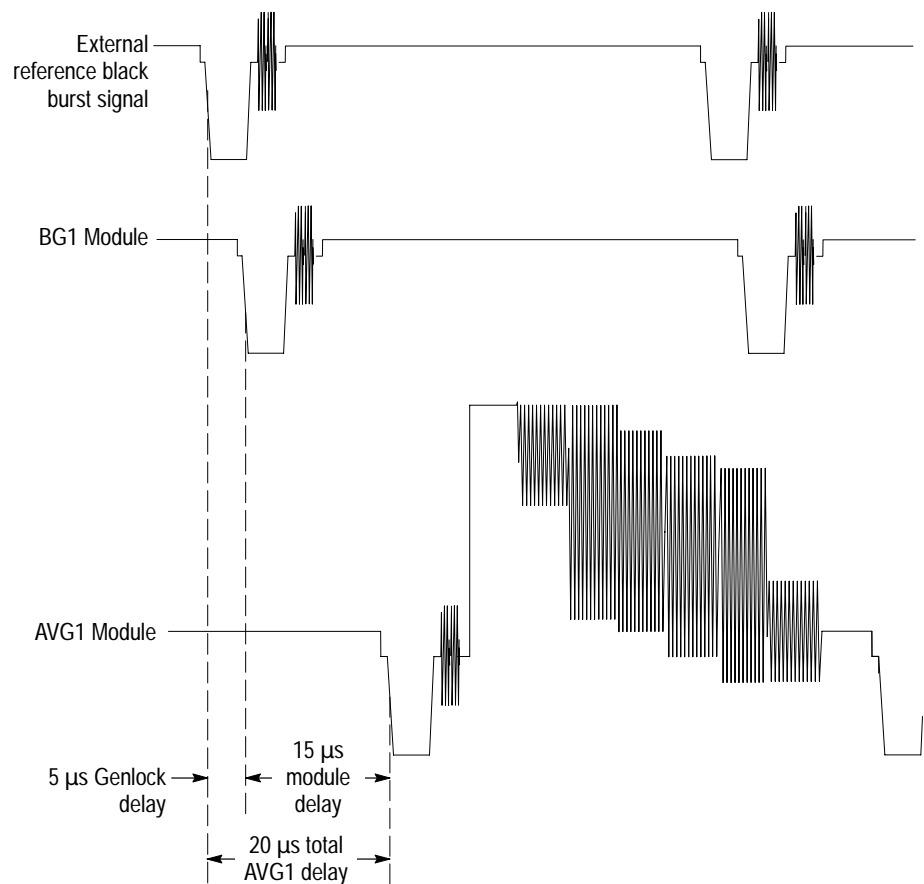
System delay and module timing delay are available to adjust for different signal path delays in an operating environment. System delay uses the optional AGL1 module to lock the system to an external reference signal. Once the reference is defined, you can add a common delay to all modules generating the same format as the external reference.

Module timing delay, which is available with some modules, allows the delay of one module from other modules generating a compatible format. Module timing delay does not require an AGL1 module.



Figure 2–3 shows the effects of the system delay and the individual module delay. Note that the BG1 module is at time zero for intermodule timing because it does not support module delay. In Figure 2–3, the BG1 and AVG1 output signals are delayed 5  $\mu\text{s}$  by the AGL1 module. The AVG1 is delayed an additional 15  $\mu\text{s}$  by the AVG1 system delay timer.

Refer to the *AGL1 Analog Genlock Module User Manual* for more information on using reference timing.



**Figure 2–3: Comparison of module delay and system delay from a reference**

### Module Timing Delay

Figure 2–4 shows how the module delay is implemented for the generator modules that support it. They have the ability to delay the clock and frame reset pulse for  $\pm$  half a color frame. The delay is by a number of vertical lines plus a horizontal delay up to the duration of one scan line. The delay is set in the Module Timing window. Note that the variable system clocks also support module delay.

Most generator modules can be separately timed with respect to the system. This is accomplished by applying a precise, variable delay to the system clocks and frame resets as they enter the module. For conventional television, the adjustment range is effectively infinite, providing adjustment over a complete color frame.

An adjustable trigger output is available on some modules to synchronize external test equipment to any location in the test pattern. For a detailed discussion of the system and module timing delay capabilities, refer to *References* on page 2–30.

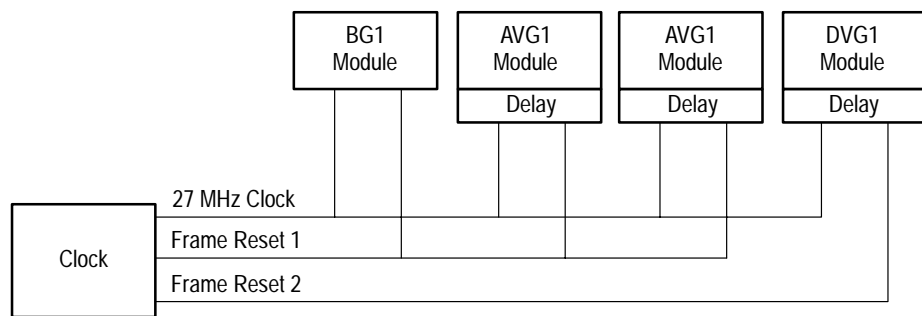


Figure 2–4: Block diagram of module timing delay

**System Reference Delay with the AGL1 Module**

Figure 2–5 shows how the AGL1 Genlock module can delay its lock signal to effectively delay the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform clock and frame pulses to all modules. Delaying the clock and frame pulses results in a corresponding delay in the module output. All generator modules using the same frame reference are affected equally by this delay.

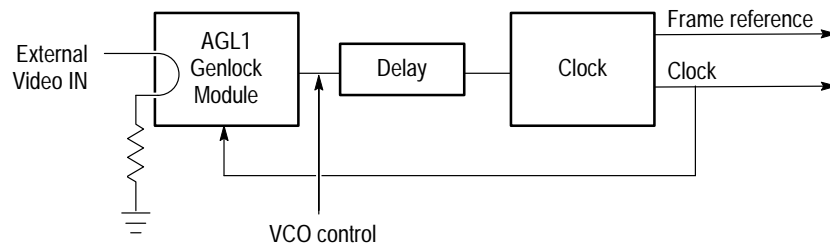


Figure 2–5: Block diagram of the AGL1 Reference timing delay

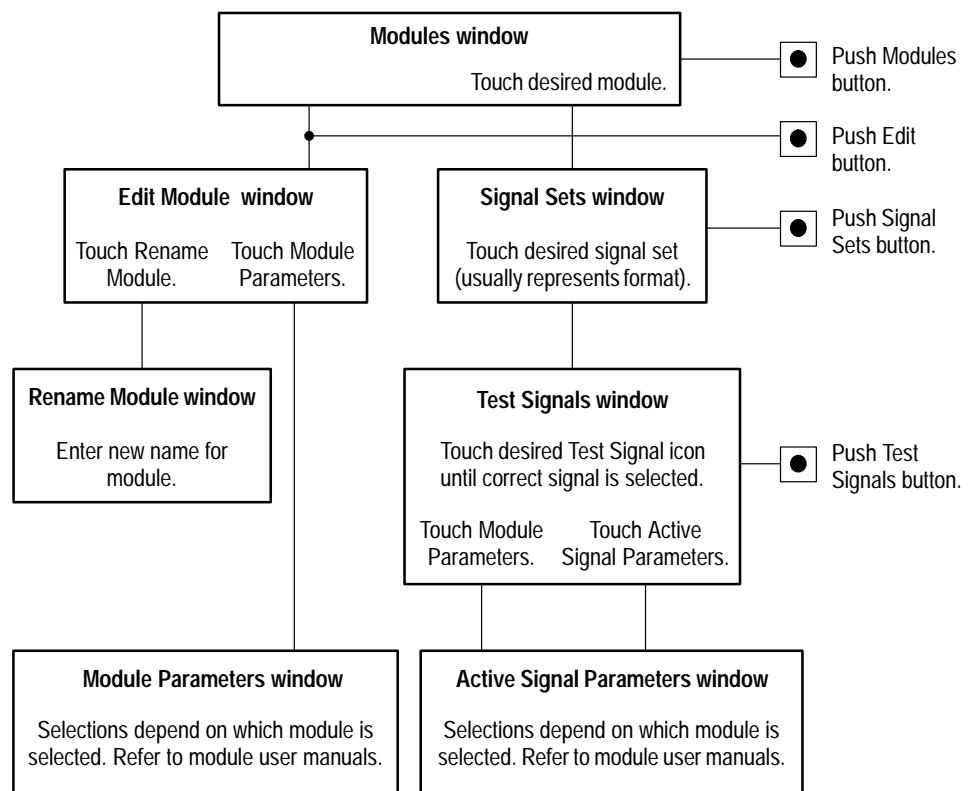
For a quick tutorial on setting an external reference, refer to *Reference Select Window* on page 2–32.

**Test Signals**

The Module, Signal Sets and Test Signals buttons provide access to the output signals. These buttons allow you to select a module, a signal set within the module and a particular test signal. Figure 2–6 shows this test signal hierarchy. The hierarchy provides for grouping signals of the same standard, such as NTSC, under a descriptive name. Under the Signal Set name NTSC, for example, are various test signals with descriptive names, such as “100% Color Bars.” When you add or save signals, you should assign appropriate names for Signal Sets and Test Signals to ensure that their format and function are clear.

Each module has a Module Parameters window to set parameters that apply to all appropriate test signals from that module.

Each test signal has unique parameters controlled through the Active Signal Parameters window. These include amplitude control for many parts of the video signal. More information is supplied in the module user manuals.



**Figure 2–6: Module and test signal hierarchy**

For instructions on loading signals into a module, refer to *Disk Drive Procedures* on page C-1. For instructions on selecting test signals, refer to *Selecting Test Signals* on page 2-38.

### **Shared Module Memory**

A generator module can use the test signals stored in the memory of other modules of the same type. For example, a newly installed AVG1 Generator module can load and output signals stored in another AVG1 Generator module already in the mainframe. The memory space in the two modules is combined to provide twice the signal storage. The BG1 Generator module does not use this shared memory structure; each BG1 Generator module contains the same set of test signals.

When you remove a module, the signals stored in that module are no longer available to the remaining modules. Before removing a module, copy all signals for the module type to a disk (refer to *Save Signals to Disk* on page C-2). After removing the module, you can load the desired signals from the disk into the remaining modules, as space permits.

## Front Panel Overview

Figure 2–7 shows the major features of the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform front panel. Control is through the touch-screen display, the System Function buttons, and the Navigation controls. In most cases, function buttons display a window of selections related to the button name. For example, the **Modules** button displays a window with icons that represent the installed generator modules. The top part of Figure 2–8 shows the Modules window with three modules installed.

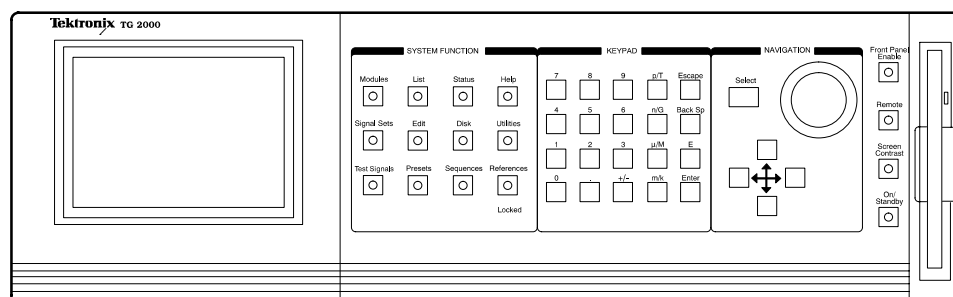


Figure 2–7: TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform front panel

### Brief Description of the Front Panel Controls

The Navigation controls provide an alternative to touching display icons to select them. Touching a display icon immediately activates the item, which often means a delay while a signal loads. As an alternative, use the knob and cursor buttons to move from item to item on the display without activating them. This technique is known as *browsing*. Browsing lets you look through sets of test signals, or other selections, without waiting for each to load. To activate a browsed item, push the **Select** button.

The keypad provides a quick way to enter an exact quantity for a parameter. Scale buttons, such as k (kilo) and M (mega), makes it easy to enter values.

The four function buttons at the right edge of the front panel provide a variety of functions. The Front Panel Enable button enables and disables the front panel controls and display. After the screen saver turns off the display and front panel, use the Front Panel Enable button to enable them again. The Remote button lets you set remote port parameters (refer to *Appendix D*). The Screen Contrast button sets the knob to adjust the display contrast. The On/Standby button powers up the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform when the rear-panel power switch is on.

You can use 3.5 inch disks to store signal sets, instrument settings or other files. Refer to *Using the Disk Drive* on page C–1 for more information.

All of these controls are discussed in further detail in the following topics.

## Touch Screen and Front-Panel Controls

This section describes the following controls:

- Touch Screen Display
- System Function Windows
- Cursor Buttons and Knob
- Keypad
- Additional Controls

### Touch Screen Display

The LCD display is a touch screen that lets you touch a displayed icon to make it active. Touching an icon either selects the item, displays a subwindow of selections, or scrolls to the next selection. After you select an icon, it may require a few seconds to implement, such as when selecting an output test signal.

Figure 2–8 shows the main features of the display.

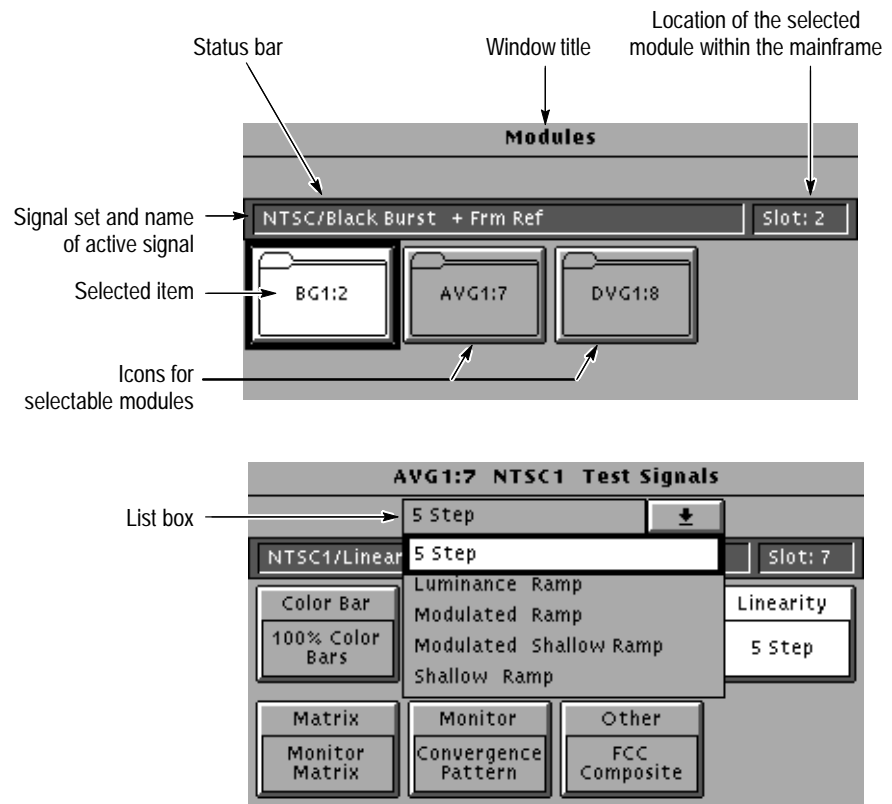


Figure 2–8: Main display features

The following list describes the window features shown in Figure 2–8 and others you may encounter:

- List box shows additional selections within an icon, such as a list of test signals. Rotate the knob or touch the arrow icon beside the list box to display the list. See Figure 2–8. Touch a list item to select it or use the cursor keys or the knob to browse the list. Use the Select button to make a browsed signal active.
- Page << or Page >> provides access to a previous page or following page of selections.
- Quit returns from a window to a previous window.
- Quit/Save returns from a window to a previous window. If you have made changes, you are asked if you want to save them. If you changed the parameters of a test signal, selecting Save opens the Save Signal window, in which you enter a signal name. This name always starts with an underscore character to indicate a user-created signal.
- Reset returns settings to the values they had when you entered the window.
- Status bar shows the active signal set and test signal for the selected module. In Figure 2–8, this is **BG1:2**. The status bar also gives the status of other functions, such as signal transfers.
- Slot # identifies the physical location of the selected module to remind you which module outputs are being controlled. Note that the slot number matches the “2” in the active module name, BG1:2. You can rename the module through the Edit menu. However, the slot numbers will still be displayed when you select Versions in the Utilities window.
- Icon represents and shows the status of test signals, subwindows or other selectable items. In the top part of Figure 2–8, three installed modules are available and the BG1:2 module is selected. Touching some icons repeatedly cycles through the available selections, such as those in the list shown in Figure 2–8.
- Window title shows the window name which indicates the selected function.

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**NOTE.** *Several icons appear in more than one location. For your convenience, these icons appear in windows where appropriate.*

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**System Function Windows**

This section provides overviews of the windows accessed by pushing System Function buttons. The descriptions are in order as the buttons appear on the front panel, proceeding from up to down and from left to right.

Operating procedures that use these windows appear in *Operating Procedures*, beginning on page 2–21.

**Modules Window.** The Modules window displays all of the installed modules as screen icons. The icons are in order according to their slot location in the mainframe (from left to right as viewed from the front). In the following example, the BG1 Generator module is in slot 2, the AVG1 Generator module is in slot 7 and the DVG1 Generator module is in slot 8. The currently selected module is AVG1:7.

The status bar displays the signal set and the name of the active test signal, as well as the slot position of the selected module. If no signal is being generated (the module output is disabled), the status bar displays “Disabled.”

The default module names are based on module type and slot number. To customize these names, refer to page 2–34 of this manual. Touching a module icon opens the Signal Sets window for that module.



If an installed generator module does not appear in the Modules window, it may require service. (The AGL1 Genlock module is not a generator and does not appear in the Modules window.) If a generator module does not appear, push the Status button and check for an error message associated with the module.

**Signal Sets Window.** The Signal Sets window displays all of the signal sets available for the selected module. The following example is a signal set window



for an AVG1 module, with the current output signal highlighted. Touching an icon selects the set and opens the Test Signals window.

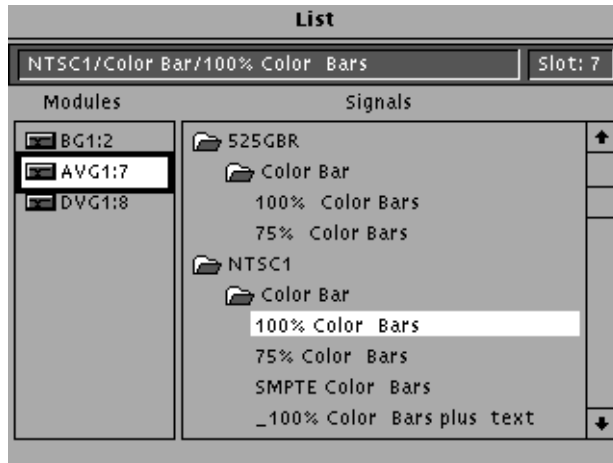


**Test Signals Window.** The Test Signals window allows access to the test signals contained in the selected signal set. The example below is a test signal window for the AVG1 module. The currently active test signal is highlighted. Refer to *Selecting Test Signals* on page 2–38 for the procedure on how to select test signals.



Each type of generator module has special capabilities that make it unique. Many of these capabilities are controlled through selections in the Module Parameters and Active Signal Parameters windows which are accessed through the Test Signals window. For information on these module-specific capabilities, refer to the module user manuals.

**List Window.** The List window displays a hierarchical listing of all modules installed in the platform, and the installed test signals for each module. The example below shows the List window with the 100% Color Bars test signal selected. This signal is in the NTSC/Flat Field signal set. You can use the Navigation arrows or knob to browse through the list of signals for any generator module. You can also select the output signal.



**Edit Window.** You can edit the name of an installed generator module or set module parameters. Refer to page 2–34 for the procedure.

**Presets Window.** You can use this window to create/recall presets, or to copy presets to and from a disk.

**Status Window.** The Status window shows information for all installed modules.

**Disk Window.** You use the Disk window to operate the disk drive, for loading signals, presets, and sequences to and from a disk. Refer to *Appendix C*.

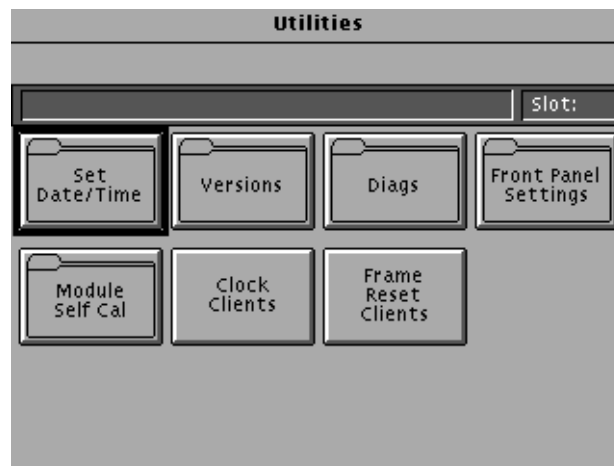
**Sequences Window.** A sequence file (\*.seq) is a series of generator settings defined using Tcl language and SCPI commands. You use the Sequences window to install sequences from the disk drive or remote interface, and to run sequences. When you run a sequence, the instrument performs the commands and settings in the order dictated by the sequences file.

You can create a sequence that will run at power on. The sequence must be named AUTOSTRT. You can load the start-up sequence into memory or leave a disk in the disk drive at power on.

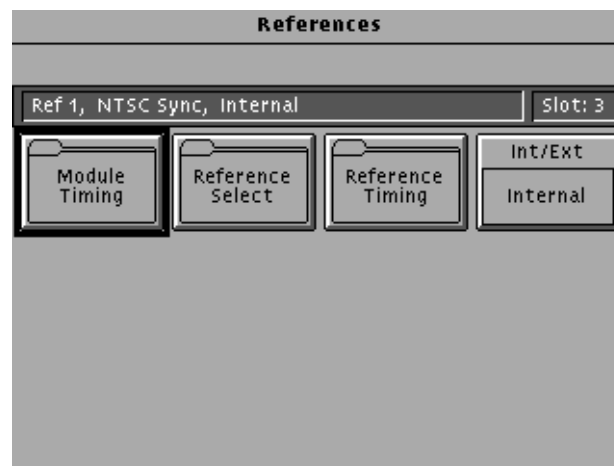
Refer to *Sequence Programming* on page 3–13 for information on creating sequence files.

**Help Window.** The Help windows provide context sensitive help for items in the current window.

**Utilities Window.** The Utilities window provides access to housekeeping functions, such as setting the date, setting the display timeout, and running self calibration. The Diagnostic selection is for use by Tektronix only. A switch, shown in Figure 1–2, is designed for use with the diagnostics. This switch should be left in position 0 for normal operation



**References Window.** The References window, shown below, controls reference operation. The external reference timing delay requires the optional AGL1 Genlock module.



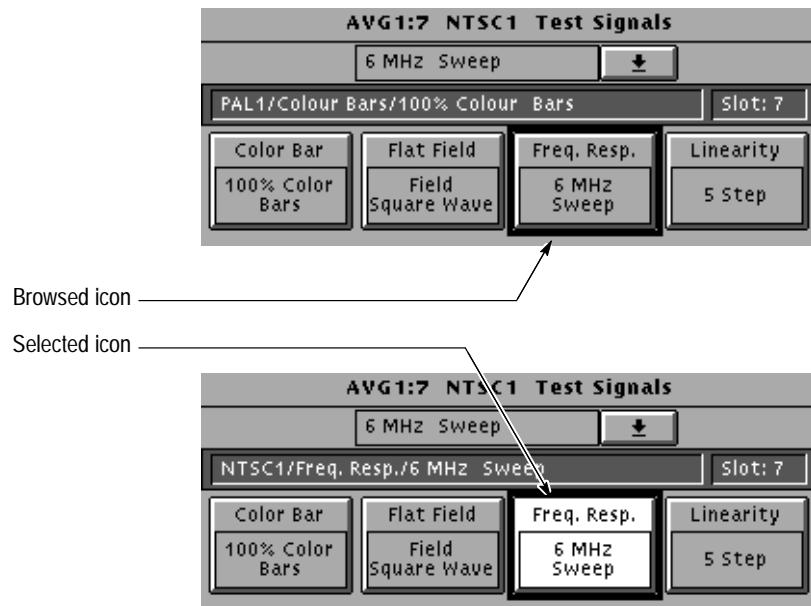
### Cursor Buttons and Knob

Use the NAVIGATION controls to select icons from the various windows and to set values for signal parameters.

When you use the cursor buttons or knob to move from item to item in a window, you automatically enter the *browse* mode. Figure 2–9 shows the difference between browsed and selected items.

To browse items and select one, use these steps:

1. Push a System Function button such as **Test Signals**.
2. Push the right-most cursor button to move right through the items. Use the up or down cursor buttons for vertical browsing. The currently browsed item has a ring around it. Figure 2–9 shows the difference between browsed and selected items.
3. Try rotating the knob to move through the displayed items. When an icon has several selections available, the list box will drop down. Rotating the knob scrolls through the list selections.
4. To select a browsed item (the one with a ring) push the **Select** button or touch the item on screen. To close the list, push the **Escape** button.



**Figure 2–9: Browsed and selected icons**

You can browse test signals for a module, but the output does not change until you push the **Select** button or the signal icon. Figure 2–10 shows how to access a test signal list by selecting the test signal icon and turning the knob.

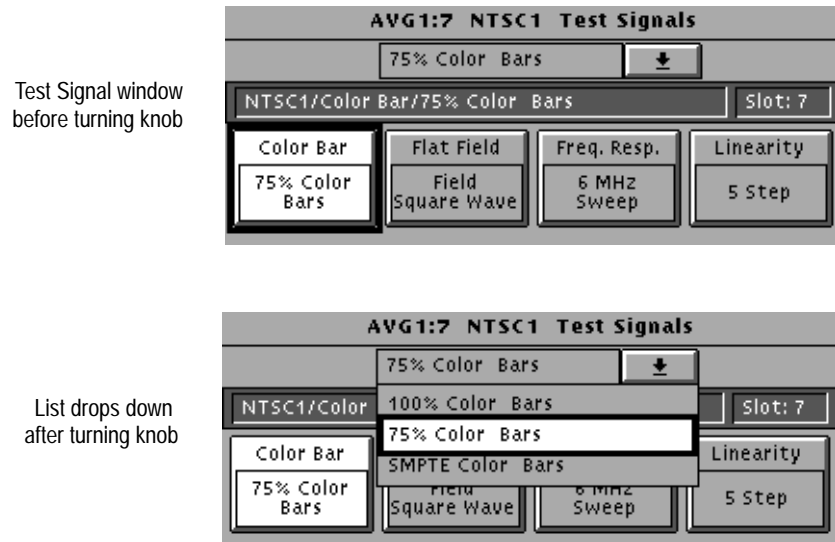


Figure 2–10: Using the knob to open a list of signals

**Cursor Buttons.** Use these buttons to navigate through lists and objects on the display. Use the cursor buttons to move through the characters when entering text.

**Knob.** Use the knob to scroll through a list or to change a parameter setting. The knob is also useful for browsing items in a window and as an easy way to select characters in a text entry window. When a you have a numeric item selected, the knob will change the value for the selected parameter. Changing a parameter immediately affects the module output.

**Icon.** Use this button to confirm an entry or to make a browsed selection active. When you find a test signal using the browse mode, push the **Select** button to output the signal. You can use the **Select** button to sequence through items within an icon when it contains several selections.

**Keypad** Use the keypad to enter exact values for parameters instead of using the knob to increment the value. Table 2–1 shows the purpose of each key.

**Table 2–1: Keypad definitions**

Key(s)	Explanation
0–9	Enters numeric values
.	Enters a decimal point
+/-	Toggles the numeric value between positive and negative
p/T	Enters the pico or Tera unit of measure <sup>1</sup>
n/G	Enters the nano or Giga unit of measure <sup>1</sup>
μ/M	Enters the micro or Mega unit of measure <sup>1</sup>
m/k	Enters the milli or kilo unit of measure <sup>1</sup>
Escape	Exits data entry mode without changing the existing data
Back Sp	Erases one character
EE	Exponent Entry. When entering a parameter value, enter a number, push the EE key then enter the exponent value. For example, pushing 4.2 EE 6 enters the value 4.2x10 <sup>6</sup> .
Enter	Changes the parameter value to the new value

<sup>1</sup> The TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform determines which of the two units is appropriate based on the parameter being set.

**Additional Controls**

The following four controls are located along the right side of the front panel.

**Front Panel Enable Button.** The front-panel controls are automatically disabled after a designated period of no activity. Pushing the Front-Panel Enable button enables (or disables) the other front-panel controls. Refer to page 2–24 for information on the front-panel enable and timeout.

**Remote Button.** Pushing the Remote button provides control of the remote interfaces through the Remote window. Refer to page 0–7 for information about the Remote window.

**Screen Contrast Button.** Pushing this button assigns the knob to adjust the screen contrast.

**On/Standby Switch.** Pressing the On/Standby switch turns the instrument off after all critical processes have been completed, leaving the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform in a known state. This switch is different from the rear-panel on/off switch, which immediately shuts off power to the instrument regardless of any functions in process.

When the On/Standby switch is on, the battery system is charged at the highest rate. When on standby power, and the rear panel power switch is on, the battery system charges at a low or trickle rate.

The *Power On* procedure is on page 1–9.





# Operating Procedures

This section provides instructions for using the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform menus. The topics are in alphabetical order. For module-specific functions, refer to the appropriate module user manual.

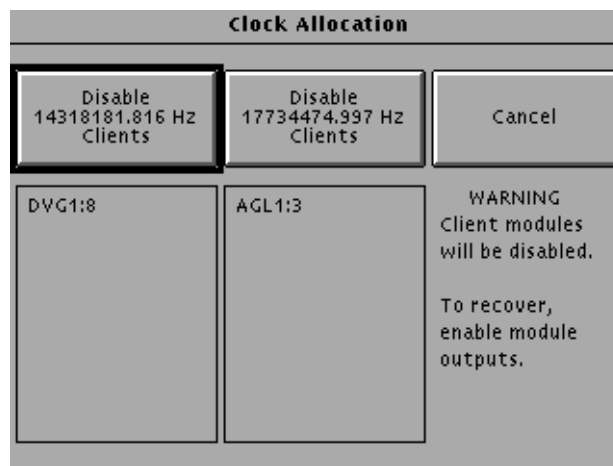
## Allocating System Resources

You can disable clock clients and frame reset clients to free up system resources.

### Clock Allocation

Use this function to free clients of a clock so the clock is available for use by another module. To disable clock clients, perform the following steps:

1. Push the **Utilities** button.
2. Touch **Clock Clients**.
3. Note the status and use of each clock signal. The modules sharing a clock signal are listed below the client button.
4. To free a clock signal, touch the corresponding **Disable Clients** icon on the display (see the following illustration). All modules currently using that clock signal will be disabled. To recover the clock clients, enable the module outputs through the Module Parameters window.

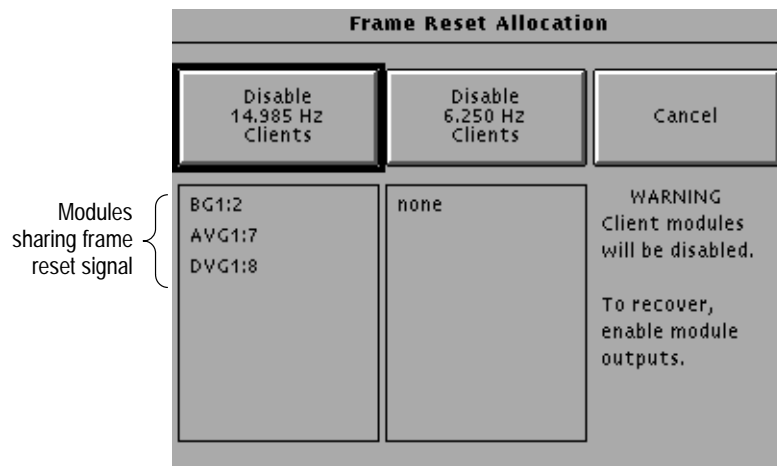


If you have two formats currently active, such as NTSC and PAL, and load a signal using another format, such as 525–143, the Clock Allocation window will appear. In this window, you can either disable one of the clock clients to free it for use by the new format or touch Cancel to stop loading the new format.

**Frame Reset Allocation**

Use this function to disable the clients of either of the system frame reset pulses to free it for use by another module. To disable frame reset clients, perform the following steps:

1. Push the **Utilities** button.
2. Touch **Frame Reset Clients**.
3. Note the status and use of each frame reset signal. The modules sharing a frame reset are listed below the client button, as shown in the following illustration.
4. To free a frame reset pulse, touch the corresponding **Disable Clients** icon on the display (see the following illustration). All modules currently using that frame reset will be disabled. To recover the frame reset clients, enable the module outputs through the Module Parameters window.



If you have two formats active, such as NTSC from an AVG1 and an AGL1 set to lock on PAL burst, and you try to load a signal using a third format, such as SECAM, the Frame Reset Allocation window opens. In this window, you can either disable one of the clients of a frame reset to free it for use by the new format, or touch Cancel to stop loading the new format.

## Calibration

Refer to *Self Calibration* on page 2–35.

## Date/Time Set

Use this window to set the date and time of the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform.

1. Push the **Utilities** button.
2. Touch **Set Date/Time** to open the following window.

The screenshot shows a window titled "Set Date/Time". At the top, there is a display showing "1/18/1996 15:00:32" and a "Slot:" field. Below this, there are six input fields arranged in a 3x2 grid: "Year:" (1996), "Hour:" (15), "Month:" (1), "Minute:" (0), "Date:" (18), and "Second:" (18). At the bottom of the window, there are two buttons: "Load" and "Quit".

3. Touch a parameter such as **Minute:**.
4. Change the value by rotating the knob or keying in the value followed by the Enter key.
5. Touch another parameter and change its value until all date/time parameters are set.
6. Touch **Load** to make the new setting current in the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform.

## Front Panel Enable and Timeout

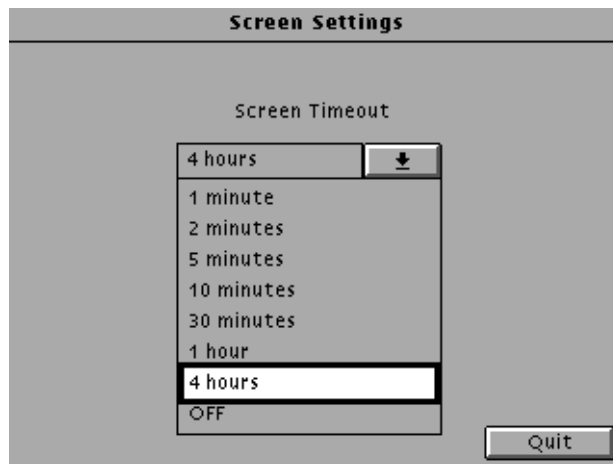
The Front Panel Enable button acts like a toggle switch to enable or disable the other front panel buttons, the knob, and the touch screen. The front panel is enabled when the LED in the center of the button is on. When the front panel is disabled, the LED is off.

Timeout is the time from the last front-panel action until the front panel is disabled and the screen saver blanks the screen.

To reactivate the front panel after it has timed out, push the **Front Panel Enable** button.

To change the timeout period, perform the following steps:

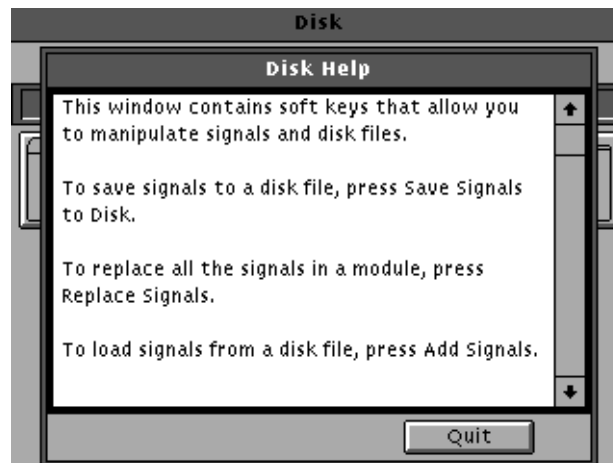
1. Push the **Utilities** button.
2. Touch **Front Panel Settings**.
3. Touch the arrow in the top right corner of the list box, or rotate the front-panel Navigation control, to display the Screen Timeout settings.
4. Use the Navigation arrows to browse through the list of timeout settings.
5. Push the **Select** button to select a new timeout value or OFF.
6. Touch **Quit** to exit.



## Help

The Help windows provide context sensitive help for items in the current window. Use the Navigation arrows to scroll up or down in the Help window. Touch Quit to leave the current Help window and return to the previous window.

Push the Help button twice for general help information.



## Locked LED

The Locked LED (located below the References button) has three states to indicate the status of the genlock function.

- **Illuminated:** the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform is locked to the external reference.
- **Blinking:** the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform is attempting to lock or unable to lock to the external reference. Check that the incoming signal matches the type chosen in the Reference Select window. Also, ensure that the signal line is properly terminated at the AGL1 loop through connector or at distant equipment connection. The status bar gives the current status.
- **Off:** The TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform reference selector Int/Ext is set to Internal and the AGL1 module is not active.

## Module Status

The Status window shows the following information about the installed modules:

- Module type
- Slot location (physical location in the mainframe)
- Module name (default or user-defined)
- Signal format (if power-up was successful) or system problems, such as a module failing the power-up test
- Current output signal

The Status window also lists configuration information for an installed AGL1 module. AGL1 information appears at the bottom of the display.

The following example shows a Status window with AGL1 module information.

Status				
Type	Slot	Name	Format	Signal
BG1	2	default name	PAL	Black Burst
AVG1	7	default name	NTSC	100% Color Bars
DVG1	8	default name	525-360	100% Color Bars

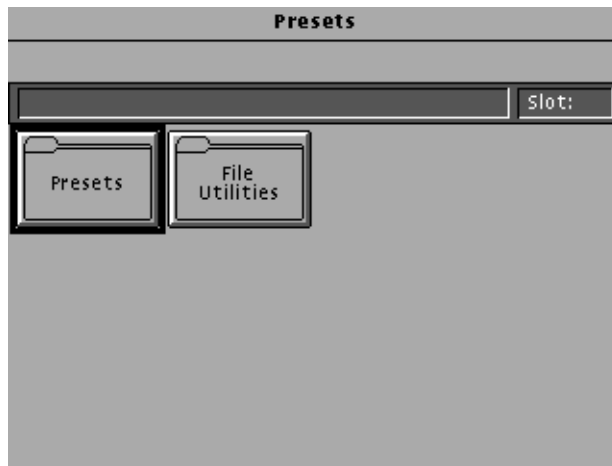
Generator Reference		
Type	Slot	Input, Mode, Lock State
AGL1	3	Ref 1, NTSC Sync, Internal

## Presets

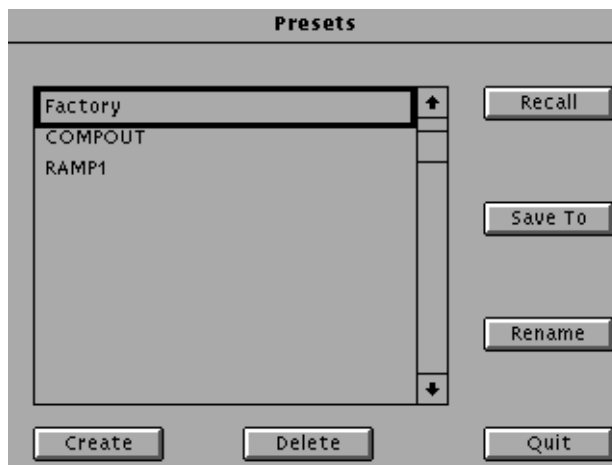
You can store instrument settings in a preset and later recall these settings. To save presets on a disk, refer to page C-10.

**Create a Preset** To create a preset containing the current instrument settings, follow these steps:

1. Push the **Presets** button to open the Presets window, shown below.



2. Touch **Presets** on the display.
3. Touch **Create** at bottom of the display.



4. In the text entry window, enter the name for your new preset. The name is limited to eight characters.



5. Touch **OK**. The new preset is created and appears in the list of available Presets.

### Save Current Settings to an Existing Preset

To save current instrument settings to an existing preset, follow these steps:

1. Push the **Presets** button.
2. Touch **Presets** on the display.
3. Select the desired preset from the list at the left side of the window.
4. Touch **Save To** to save the current settings to the selected preset. The previous contents of the preset are lost.

### Recall, Rename, or Delete a Preset

To recall, rename, or delete a preset, follow these steps:

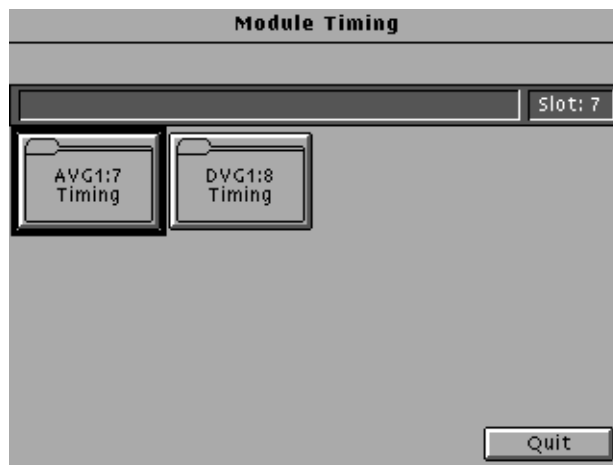
1. Push the **Presets** button.
2. Touch **Presets** on the display.
3. Touch the desired function.
4. Select the desired preset from the list at the left side of the window:
  - **Recall** restores the instrument settings stored in the selected preset. Current settings are not saved. Recalling the Factory preset restores the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform and all installed modules to factory default settings.
  - **Rename** lets you give an existing preset a new name. In the text entry window, enter the new name for your preset. The name is limited to eight characters.
  - **Delete** removes selected preset from memory.

## References

### Module Timing

Use the Module Timing window to advance or delay the outputs for capable modules relative to a TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform frame reset signal or to an external video reference (when using the AGL1 Genlock module). Module timing is specified only between modules using the same basic format, such as NTSC or PAL.

1. Push the **References** button.
2. Touch the **Module Timing** icon to open the window shown below.



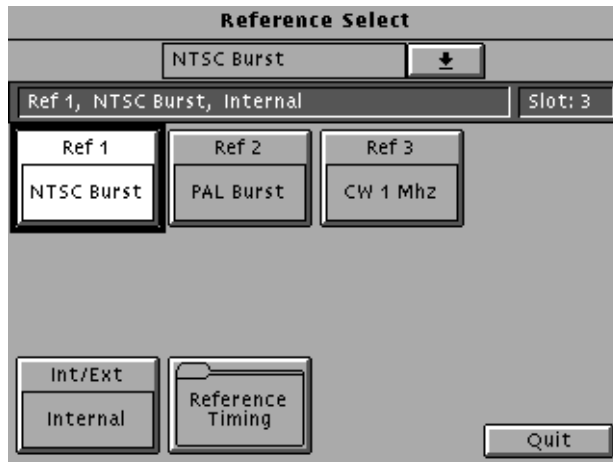
3. Touch a module icon to open a window for adjusting that module's relative timing as a combined horizontal (in  $\mu\text{sec}$ ) and vertical (in lines) duration.

4. Touch a module timing icon to open a module timing window shown below.



5. To set the relative timing of the module, follow these steps:
  - a. Touch **H Feel** to select either Fine or Coarse resolution for the Horizontal adjustment. Fine selects subclock-cycle adjustment, and Coarse selects increments of one cycle of the clock frequency.
  - b. Touch **Horizontal** and rotate the knob or use the numeric keypad to enter a timing value along the one scan line. Use a positive value to delay the module outputs or a negative value to advance them. The output immediately shifts to the timing setting.
  - c. To add a delay of one or more vertical lines, touch **Vertical**. Enter a value up to the number of lines in all fields in the frame. The delay limit is plus or minus half a frame.

**Select Reference** Use the Reference Select window to choose the type and source of the external reference to lock on with the AGL1 module. The Int./Ext and Reference Timing icons are the same ones that appear in the References window. Only modules using compatible formats are affected.



To set up a TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform to lock on or synchronize to an external reference, follow these steps:

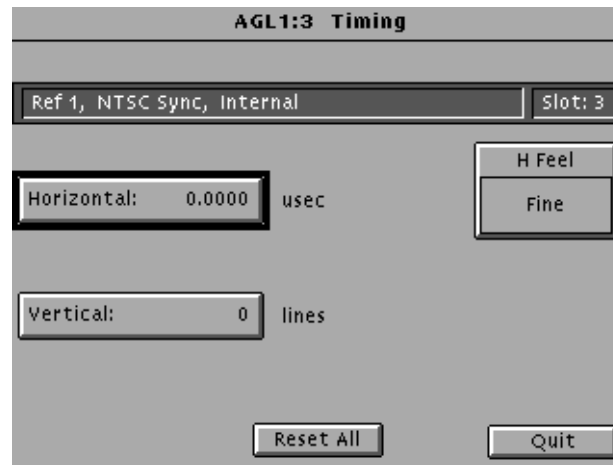
1. Ensure that an AGL1 Generator module is installed in the platform.
2. Connect the external reference video signal to Ref1 or one of the other Ref inputs on the AGL1 Generator module.
3. Ensure that the reference signal is terminated properly at the loop through or remotely. (The CW input is terminated internally.)
4. Touch **Reference Select** and choose the format that matches the input signal. (Rotate the knob to view the list of available formats.) Only the signal types shown for the selected format can be selected for external reference.
5. Touch **Int/Ext** to enable the external signal. If the AGL1 module is able to lock to the external signal, the Locked LED under the References button will be on constantly.
6. Touch **Reference Timing** to set an advance or delay relative to the external reference. To continue, refer to the procedure under *Reference Timing Window*.

## Reference Timing

Use the Reference Timing window to set the delay of the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform and all its generator modules relative to an external video reference signal. Frame delay is not possible from a CW or sine wave input. Provides control of the timing offset relative to the Ref ports of the AGL1 module.

To set an advance or delay of the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform relative to an external reference, follow these steps:

1. Push the **References** button.
2. Touch the **Reference Timing** icon to open the window shown below.



3. Touch **H Feel** to select either Fine or Coarse resolution for the Horizontal adjustment. Fine selects nanosecond adjustment, and Coarse selects increments of one cycle of the clock frequency.
4. Touch **Horizontal** and rotate the knob or use the numeric keypad to enter a timing value along the one scan line. Use a positive value to delay the outputs or a negative value to advance them. The current outputs immediately shifts to the timing setting.
5. To add a delay of one or more vertical line, touch **Vertical**. Enter a value up to the number of lines in all fields in the frame. The delay limit is plus or minus half a frame.

## Selecting Internal or External Reference

Touch the INT/EXT icon to toggle between internal and external reference (select either internal reference or enable the AGL1 Genlock module). The AGL1 module requires an external signal to operate. The current reference is displayed within the key. In the References window on page 2–30, the reference is Internal.

## Renaming a Module

Modules are assigned default names based on the module type and slot number. You can edit these names. The name you specify will appear in windows such as the Modules window. However, the original name and slot number appears in the Versions window (accessed from the Utilities window).

To edit the name of an installed module, follow these steps:

1. Push the **Modules** button.
2. On the display, touch the icon that represents the desired module (for example, AVG1). To distinguish between two modules of the same type, refer to the slot number.
3. Push **Edit**.
4. Touch **Rename Module**.
5. In the Rename Module window, you can change the module name as follows:
  - a. You can use the back space (BS) key to erase the existing module and slot name or add on to the end of the existing name.
  - b. Touch the desired characters to create the new name for the module. You can enter up to 20 characters. The first 10 characters will show in the module icon.
  - c. When you have completed the new name, touch **OK** to save the name, and then touch **Quit** to exit.
  - d. You can reset the module name to the original name by touching **Reset to Default**. (If you have already saved a new name and exited the window, push **Modules** and then push **Edit** to get back to the Rename Module window. Then touch **Rename Module** and **Reset to Default**.)

## Self Calibration

To perform self calibration, the instrument must be warmed up for 20 minutes. No external equipment is required.

To ensure proper performance, perform self calibration on any replaced module. Refer to the module user manual to see if there is any special set up necessary when performing self calibration on that module.

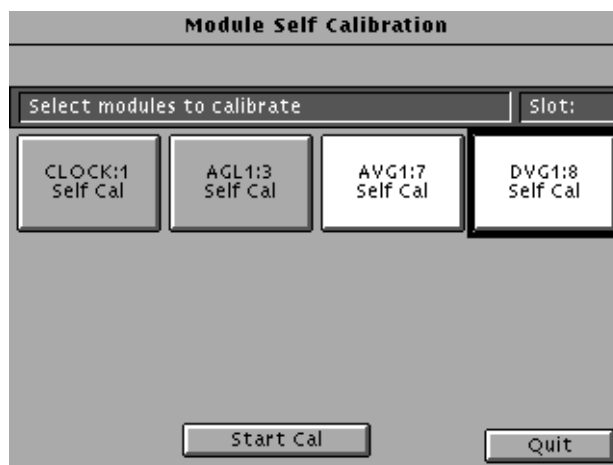
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**NOTE.** All module outputs are disabled during calibration of any module. All system modules are affected, not just the module selected for calibration.

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To calibrate one or more modules, follow these steps:

1. Allow a 20 minute warm-up period before proceeding.
2. Push the **Utilities** button.
3. Touch **Module Self Cal** on the display.
4. Touch the icon corresponding to each module that you want to calibrate. You may select any or all modules. In the following example, the AVG1 and the DVG1 are selected for self calibration.



5. Ensure that all signal outputs for the selected modules are properly terminated in 75  $\Omega$ . Do not terminate the Trigger outputs or the BG1 module outputs.
6. Touch **Start Cal** to begin calibration of the selected modules. The number of modules selected determines the time required for calibration.
7. Check that no errors are displayed during calibration.

## Sequences

General information about sequences can be found on page 2–14. Information about programming a sequence is on page 3–13.

### Add Sequence from Disk

To load a sequence from the disk drive into system memory, perform the following steps:

1. Insert the disk containing the sequence file into the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform drive.
2. Push the **Sequences** button.
3. Touch **Add Sequences from Disk**.
4. Select the sequence file you wish to load. In the following figure, SEQ1 is selected to load.

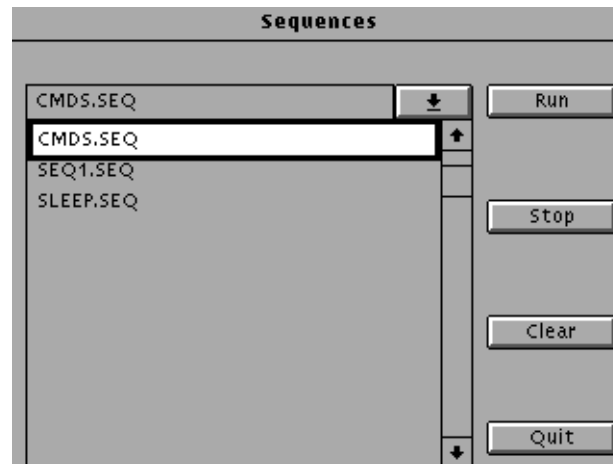


5. Touch **Start Load** to load the sequence into the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform.
6. Choose another sequence to load or touch **Quit**.
7. Touch **Quit** again to return to the Sequences window.



**Run a Sequence** To run a sequence that is already loaded into memory, follow these steps:

1. Push the **Sequences** button.
2. Touch **Sequences** on the display to open the following window.



3. Rotate the knob to view the list of sequences. Only available sequences are displayed.
4. Select the sequence that you want to run.
5. Touch **Run** to start the sequence. If you want to interrupt the sequence, touch **Stop**. Any output generated by the sequence is displayed in the area below the Sequence window list box.
6. To remove output generated by a sequence, touch **Clear**.
7. To exit the Sequences window, touch **Quit**. The sequence will continue to run even after you exit the window. Note that front panel response is slower when a sequence is running.

**Stop a Sequence** To stop a sequence that is running, follow these steps:

1. Touch **Stop** in the Sequence window.
2. A dialog box appears. Choose one of the options; **Yes**, **Yes to All**, **no** or **cancel**.
3. If you don't want to stop the sequence, touch **No** or **Cancel**.
4. To exit the Sequences window, touch **Quit**.

## Screen Contrast

When active (LED illuminated), rotating the knob adjusts the screen contrast over the available levels. Adjust the contrast for the best viewing in your environment.

## Selecting Test Signals

This procedure selects a module output signal in two different ways.

To select the test signal to be generated by a module, follow these steps:

1. Push the **Modules** button, and then touch the icon for the desired module (for example, AVG1). If you are selecting a signal set for a module that is already selected, you can skip this and just push the **Signal Sets** button.



2. Touch the icon for the desired signal set (for example, NTSC). If the desired signal set is already selected, you can skip this and just push the **Test Signals** button.
3. Touch the icon for the desired test signals (for example, Color Bars).
4. Touch the icon to toggle through the available test signals until the desired signal is selected (for example, 100% Color Bars). When you select a test signal, it will automatically enable the output of a disabled module.

You can also touch the list box area at the top of the screen or turn the knob to display the list of available signals within the selected group of test signals. Move the browse ring to the desired signal and then push the Select button.

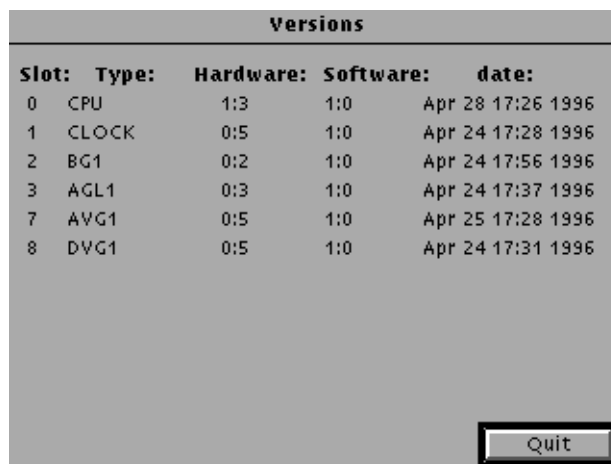
To use a different method to select the test signal to be generated by a module, follow these steps:

1. Push the **List** button.
2. Select the desired module on the left portion of the display, using the **Navigation** arrow and the **Select** button. All signal sets available to the selected module and all test signals in each signal set are listed on the right side of the display.
3. Use the **Navigation** arrows or knob to browse to the desired signal
4. If you want to select this signal as the output signal, push the **Select** button.
5. To exit this window, push another System Function button.

## Versions

The Versions window displays software and hardware versions of the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform and all installed modules. Be sure to include this information when reporting any problems with your TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform or an installed module.

To access the Versions window, push the **Utilities** button and then touch **Versions** on the display.



Versions				
Slot:	Type:	Hardware:	Software:	date:
0	CPU	1:3	1:0	Apr 28 17:26 1996
1	CLOCK	0:5	1:0	Apr 24 17:28 1996
2	BG1	0:2	1:0	Apr 24 17:56 1996
3	AGL1	0:3	1:0	Apr 24 17:37 1996
7	AVG1	0:5	1:0	Apr 25 17:28 1996
8	DVG1	0:5	1:0	Apr 24 17:31 1996

Quit





# Syntax

This section contains information on the Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments (SCPI) and IEEE 488.2 Common Commands you can use to program your TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform.

The information is organized in the following subsections:

- Programming Model
- SCPI Commands and Queries
- IEEE 488.2 Common Commands
- Constructed Mnemonics
- Block Arguments
- Special Characters

## Programming Model

Specific conditions must exist before programming commands will affect the test signal generated by a module.

### Addressing Module Test Signals

The following two steps must be performed before the test module will respond to signal parameter commands.

1. Select the module to be addressed before executing any commands. Many of the commands used by the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform are shared by several modules and will be accepted without a reported error.
2. Enable the module using the `:OUTPut:STATe ON` command. The output state of the module must be enabled before test signal parameters can be changed.

### Command Arguments

Many commands accept either string or numeric arguments. For example: a boolean argument can either be “1” or “ON”.

Select signal parameter commands accept either a numeric value or one of the following strings:

**MINimum.** Use this argument to query the minimum value or set the parameter value to the minimum acceptable value.

**MAXimum.** Use this argument to query the maximum value or set the parameter value to the maximum acceptable value.

**DEFault.** Use this argument to query the default value or set the parameter value to the default value.

**UP.** Use this argument to increase the parameter value one increment as defined by the :STEP value.

**DOWN.** Use this argument to decrease the parameter value one increment as defined by the :STEP value.

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**NOTE.** *If the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform does not return a value in response to a MIN or MAX query, then the values are undefined and an error message is generated.*

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### Argument Example

The following example demonstrates the effect of each of the arguments when used with a step value.

1. :INSTRument:SElect "AVG1:#" selects the analog video generator module located in the slot number indicated by the “#” symbol.
2. :OUTPut:STATE ON enables the module and displays the loaded test signal.

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**NOTE.** *The :OUTPut must be “ON” before the following commands will have any affect.*

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**NOTE.** *:SOURce:MVIDeo:AMPLitude uses an argument that is the percent of modulation.*

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3. :SOURce:MVIDeo:AMPLitude? DEF returns the default value of 100.0000.
4. :SOURce:MVIDeo:AMPLitude? MAX returns the maximum value of 127.0000 percent.
5. :SOURce:MVIDeo:AMPLitude DEFault sets the master video amplitude to the default value.
6. :SOURce:MVIDeo:AMPLitude:STEP 2 sets the step increment to 2 percent.
7. :SOURce:MVIDeo:AMPLitude DOWN changes the amplitude to 98 percent.
8. :SOURce:MVIDeo:AMPLitude 50 changes the amplitude to 50 percent.

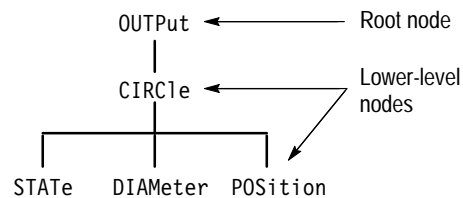
9. :SOURce:MVIDeo:AMPLitude MAXimum changes the amplitude to 127 percent.
10. :SOURce:MVIDeo:AMPLitude MINimum changes the amplitude to 0 percent.
11. :SOURce:MVIDeo:AMPLitude UP changes the circle diameter to 2 percent.
12. :OUTPut:STATe OFF disables the module and removes the displayed test signal.



## SCPI Commands and Queries

SCPI is a standard created by a consortium that provides guidelines for remote programming of instruments. These guidelines provide a consistent programming environment for instrument control and data transfer. This environment uses defined programming messages, instrument responses, and data format across all SCPI instruments, regardless of manufacturer. The TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform uses a command language based on the SCPI standard.

The SCPI language is based on a hierarchical or tree structure (see Figure 3–1) that represents a subsystem. The top level of the tree is the root node; it is followed by one or more lower-level nodes.



**Figure 3–1: Example of SCPI subsystem hierarchy**

You can create commands and queries from these subsystem hierarchy trees. Commands specify actions for the instrument to perform. Queries return measurement data and information about parameter settings.

### Creating Commands

SCPI commands are created by stringing together the nodes of a subsystem hierarchy and separating each node by a colon.

In Figure 3–1, `OUTPut` is the root node and `CIRClE`, `STATe`, `DIAMeter`, and `POSition` are lower-level nodes. To create a SCPI command, start with the root node `OUTPut` and move down the tree structure adding nodes until you reach the end of a branch. Most commands and some queries have parameters; you must include a value for these parameters. If you specify a parameter value that is out of range, the parameter will be set to a default value. The command descriptions, which start on page 3–35, list the valid values for all parameters.

For example, `OUTPut:CIRClE:STATe ON` is a valid SCPI command created from the hierarchy tree in Figure 3–1.

### Creating Queries

To create a query, start at the root node of a tree structure, move down to the end of a branch, and add a question mark. `OUTPut:CIRClE:STATe?` is an example of a valid SCPI query using the hierarchy tree in Figure 3–1.

## Parameter Types

Every parameter in the command and query descriptions is of a specified type. The parameters are enclosed in brackets, such as <pattern>. The parameter type is listed after the parameter and is enclosed in parentheses, for example, (discrete). Some parameter types are defined specifically for the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform command set and some are defined by ANSI/IEEE 488.2-1987 (see Table 3–1).

**Table 3–1: Parameter types used in syntax descriptions**

Parameter Type	Description	Example
binary	Binary numbers	#B0110
arbitrary block <sup>1</sup>	A specified length of arbitrary data	#512234xxxxx . . . where 5 indicates that the following 5 digits (12234) specify the length of the data in bytes; xxxxx ... indicates the data
boolean	Boolean numbers or values	ON or 1 OFF or 0
discrete	A list of specific values	MIN, MAX, UP, DOWN
hexadecimal <sup>2</sup>	Hexadecimal numbers (0–9, A, B, C, D, E, F)	#HAA, #H1
NR1 <sup>2,3</sup> numeric	Integers	0, 1, 15, –1
NR2 <sup>2</sup> numeric	Decimal numbers	1.2, 3.141516, –6.5
NR3 <sup>2</sup> numeric	Floating point numbers	3.1415E–9, –16.1E5
NRf <sup>2</sup> numeric	Flexible decimal number that may be type NR1, NR2 or NR3	See NR1, NR2, NR3 examples
string <sup>4</sup>	Alphanumeric characters (must be within quotation marks)	"Testing 1, 2, 3"

<sup>1</sup> Defined in ANSI/IEEE 488.2 as "Definite Length Arbitrary Block Response Data."

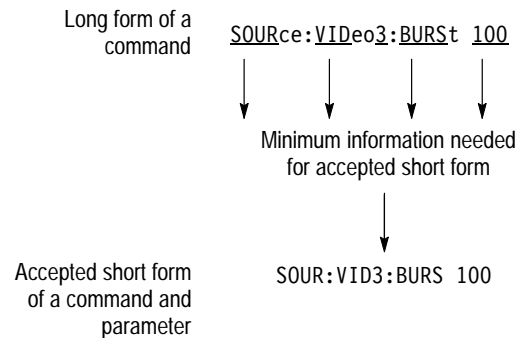
<sup>2</sup> An ANSI/IEEE 488.2–1992-defined parameter type.

<sup>3</sup> Some commands and queries will accept a hexadecimal value even though the parameter type is defined as NR1.

<sup>4</sup> Defined in ANSI/IEEE 488.2 as "String Response Data."

### Abbreviating Commands, Queries, and Parameters

You can abbreviate most SCPI commands, queries, and parameters to an accepted short form. This manual shows these short forms as a combination of upper and lower case letters. The upper case letters indicate the accepted short form of a command. As shown in Figure 3–2, you can create a short form by using only the upper case letters. The accepted short form and the long form are equivalent and request the same action of the instrument.



**Figure 3–2: Example of abbreviating a command**

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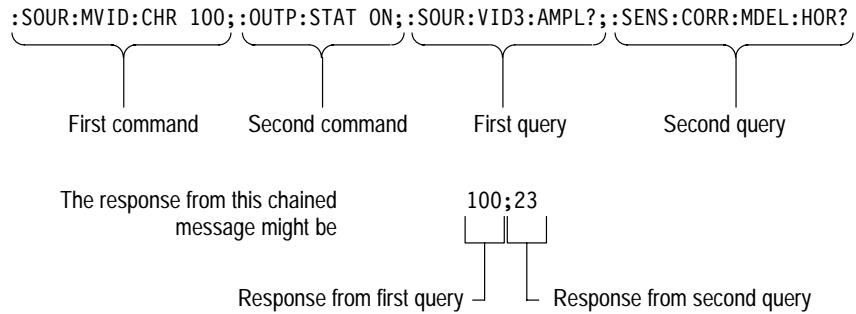
**NOTE.** The numeric suffix of a command or query may be included in either the long form or short form; the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform will default to “1” if no suffix is used. In Figure 3–2, the “3” of “VID3” indicates that the command is directed to the third channel..

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### Chaining Commands and Queries

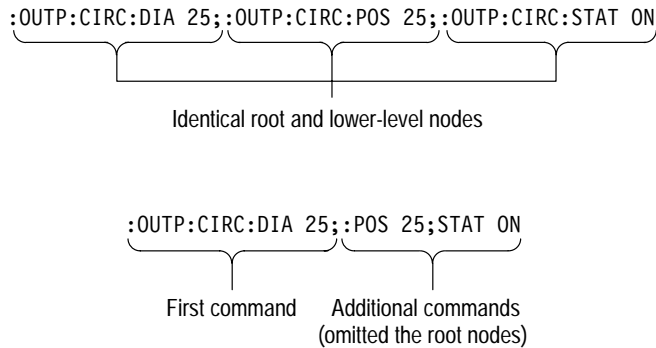
You can chain several commands or queries together into a single message. To create a chained message, first create a command or query, add a semicolon (;), and then add more commands or queries and semicolons until you are done. If the command following a semicolon is a root node, precede it with a colon (:). Figure 3–3 illustrates a chained message consisting of several commands and queries. The single chained message should end in a command or query, not a semicolon. Responses to any queries in your message are separated by semicolons.

If a command fails, all following commands on the line are ignored. However, if a valid command is followed by an invalid command, the valid command will be executed.



**Figure 3–3: Example of chaining commands and queries**

If a command or query has the same root and lower-level nodes as the previous command or query, you can omit these nodes. In Figure 3–4, the second command has the same root node (CIRC) as the first command, so these nodes can be omitted.



**Figure 3–4: Example of omitting root and lower-level nodes in a chained message**

If a command fails, all following commands on the line are ignored. However, if a valid command is followed by an invalid command, the valid command will be executed.

**General Rules**

Here are three general rules for using SCPI commands, queries, and parameters:

1. You can use single ( ‘ ’ ) or double ( “ ” ) quotation marks for quoted strings, but you cannot use both types of quotation marks for the same string.

correct:            “This string uses quotation marks correctly.”

correct:            ‘This string also uses quotation marks correctly.’

incorrect:          “This string does not use quotation marks correctly.’

2. You can use upper case, lower case, or a mixture of both cases for all commands, queries, and parameters except for literal (quoted) strings. The following three commands are the same.

OUTPUT:TEXT:POSITION:HORIZONTAL 25

output:text:position:horizontal 25

OUTPUT:text:position:HORIZONTAL 25

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**NOTE.** *Literal strings (quoted) are case sensitive (example: file names).*

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3. No embedded spaces are allowed between or within nodes.

correct:           OUTPUT:TEXT:POSITION:HORIZONTAL 25

incorrect:         OUTPUT: TEXT: POSITION: HOR IZONTAL 25

## IEEE 488.2 Common Commands

The TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform complies with ANSI/IEEE Standard 488.2, which defines the codes, formats, protocols and usage of common commands and queries that interface between the controller and the instrument.

### Command and Query Structure

The syntax for an IEEE 488.2 common command is an asterisk (\*) followed by a command and, optionally, a space and parameter value. The syntax for an IEEE 488.2 common query is an asterisk (\*) followed by a query and a question mark. All of the common commands and queries are listed in the last part of the *Syntax and Commands* section.

Examples of common commands:

\*ESE 16

\*CLS

Examples of common queries:

\*ESR?

\*IDN?

### Backus-Naur Form Definition

This manual describes commands and queries using the Backus-Naur Form (BNF) notation. The following table defines the standard BNF symbols:

Symbol	Meaning
< >	Defined element
::=	Is defined as
	Exclusive OR
{ }	Group; one element is required
[ ]	Optional; can be omitted
. . .	Previous element(s) may be repeated
( )	Comment

### Message Terminators

This manual uses <EOM> (End of message) to represent a message terminator.

Symbol	Meaning
<EOM>	Message terminator

**GPIB.** The end-of-message terminator can be the END message (EOI asserted with the last data byte), ASCII code for line feed (LF) sent as the last data byte, or both. The TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform always terminates messages with LF and EOI, allowing white space before the terminator.

**RS-232 and Parallel.** The end-of-message terminator is a single line feed.

## Constructed Mnemonics

Some header mnemonics specify one of a range of mnemonics. For example, a channel mnemonic can be either CLOcK1, CLOcK2, or CLOcK3. You use these mnemonics in the command just as you do any other mnemonic. For example, there is a :SENS:ROSC:CLOC2:CAT? query, and there is also an :SENS:ROSC:CLOC3:CAT? query. In the command descriptions, this list of choices is abbreviated as CLOcK<n>. The value of <n> is the upper range of valid suffixes. If the numeric suffix is omitted, the platform uses the default value of “1”.

## Block Arguments

Several of the platform’s commands use a block argument form:

Symbol	Meaning
<NZDig>	A non-zero digit character, in the range 1–9
<Dig>	A digit character, in the range 0–9
<DChar>	A character with the hex equivalent of 00 through FF hexadecimal (0 through 255 decimal)
<Block>	A block of data bytes, defined as: <pre>&lt;Block&gt; ::= { #&lt;NZDig&gt;&lt;Dig&gt;[&lt;Dig&gt;...] [&lt;DChar&gt;...]   #0[&lt;DChar&gt;...]&lt;terminator&gt; }</pre>

<NZDig> specifies the number of <Dig> elements that follow. Taken together, the <Dig> elements form a decimal integer that specifies how many <DChar> elements follow.

## Special Characters

The remote control interface handles characters differently than the front panel or SDP2000 software.

Standard symbol (ASCII)	Remote control sequence
/ (47)	's
\ (92)	'b
- (45)	'h
` (96)	``
Line return	^ (94)

Signal names created from the front panel or SDP2000 program will be displayed as created. Signals created or displayed using the SCPI interface use the remote control sequence.

For example: "SinX/X" is displayed as "SinX/X" via the front panel or SDP2000 program; however, "SinX/X" is displayed as "SinX'sX" via when using SCPI.

Use the caret symbol "^" as a line return when naming buttons and signals.





# Sequence Programming

Sequence programs enable the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform to execute routines using SCPI commands. The platform accepts sequences written using the Tcl programming language.

## Writing a Sequence Program

You can create sequence programs using Tcl programming language, and then use the disk drive to load the sequences into the platform's file system. Push the Sequences button to access the downloading menus. You can also load sequences through SCPI commands using the Program subsystem commands.

A sequence program can be very simple or it can contain many steps. When you run a sequence, the program is interpreted by the platform's Tcl parser; some Tcl formatting information is required. A few points are mentioned here to show how they are used in the samples. For more information on Tcl programming, refer to Part 1 of *Tcl and the Tk Toolkit*: Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, 1994.

- Comments in Tcl sequences are preceded by the # symbol as the first nonblank character in the line. The # symbol appearing in the line at other locations is treated as any other character.
- SCPI commands that use double quote marks require an escape backslash (\“string\”) in order to pass to SCPI using the Tcl scpi command.
- SCPI commands should all be preceded with the string “scpi”.

The Tcl parser checks the sequence statement to see if it is a supported Tcl command. If the parser recognizes the command, it runs it as a Tcl command. If not, the parser looks for an \*, a ?, or a : in the command lines to see if it is a SCPI command. Putting the letters “scpi” in front of the SCPI commands immediately tells the Tcl parser that it is a SCPI command.

## Sample Program 1

This sample sequence program uses commands that change signals and displays. Some control changes in the program are not required because the default setting is correct for the sequence. Use the \*RST command to set everything to its default state or explicitly set them to avoid the possibility that the control is not in the default setting.

The program loads and sequentially displays all of the signals available to an AVG1 module installed in slot 8. The sequence consists of five sections:

- chkCmd subroutine
- set parameters
- initialize the instrument
- read the signals
- display each signal

### chkCmd Subroutine

The chkCmd subroutine loads each signal and checks for any system errors. The subroutine tests for any failure errors and echoes them to the display.

### Set Parameters

The slot number and display time are set using the avgSlot and sleepTime variables.

### Initialize the Instrument

The SCPI command \*CLS is used to initialize the instrument and clear any pending errors.

### Initialize the Module

Two module parameters not affected by the \*CLS command are explicitly set to ensure proper operation. The module is turned on first (so that it will accept following commands) and then the circle overlay is turned off.

### Read the Signals

This routine uses the SCPI query :MMEMory:SIGNa1:CATa1og:ALL? to list all of the signals that are available for the target module. The list of available signals is loaded into sigList.

### Display Each Signal

The signal display routine calls each of the signals identified in the previous routine. The chkCmd subroutine is called to load and check each command. The sleepTime parameter is used to control the period of time each signal is loaded. The routine loops ten times and finishes by displaying "Test complete."

```
# Sample program 1.
# chkCmd subroutine accepts a SCPI command as an
# argument to execute and then checks the command for errors.
proc chkCmd x {
    puts $x
    scpi $x

# If the error response doesn't start with 0, print it out
    set err [scpi ":syst:err?"]
    if {[string match 0* $err] == 0} {
        puts $err
    }
}

puts "Testing all signals loaded in the AVG1"

# Set the parameters for the slot and display time.
set avgSlot 8
set sleepTime 15

# Initialize the instrument and clear any pending errors
scpi "*cls"

# Initialize the module by turning it on and turning off the
# circle overlay.
scpi [format ":inst:nsl %d" $avgSlot ]
scpi ":outp:stat 1;:outp:circ:stat 0"

# Read the signals that are available.
set sig [scpi [format ":mmem:sign:cat:all? %d" $avgSlot ]]
set siglist [split $sig ,]

# Display each signal set ten times.
set i 1
while {$i < 10} {
# Load each signal
    foreach s $siglist {
        chkCmd [format ":mmem:load:sign %d,%s" $avgSlot $s]
        sleep $sleepTime
    }
    incr i 1
}
puts "Test complete."
```

## Sample Program 2

This sample sequence program uses commands that change signals and displays. Some control changes in the program are not required because the default setting is correct for the sequence. Use the \*RST command to set everything to its default state or explicitly set them to avoid the possibility that the control is not in the default setting.

The program loads and displays on command all of the signals available to an AVG1 module installed in slot 8. The sequence consists of six sections:

- set parameters
- select and initialize the instrument
- read and list the signals
- user prompt
- user feedback
- display each signal

<b>Set Parameters</b>	The slot number to be addressed is set.
<b>Select and Initialize</b>	The AVG1 is selected, enabled, and the circle overlay is disabled.
<b>Read and List</b>	This routine uses the SCPI query :MMEMory:SIGNa1:CATa1og:ALL? to list all of the signals that are available for the target module. The list of available signals is loaded into siglist.
<b>User Prompt</b>	This routine reads the next signal name and formats it into an onscreen user prompt.
<b>User Feedback</b>	When the user presses the <b>QUIT</b> button in the window the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform loads the signal.
<b>Display the Signal</b>	The signal display routine calls each of the signals identified in the previous routine and checks for errors. The system then waits five seconds before prompting the user to load the next signal. The routine finishes by displaying “Sequence completed.”

```
# Sample program 2.
# This is a demonstration of the signal selection for the AVG1.
# It displays a message to the user to proceed to
# the next signal
#
# Define the AVG1 slot number parameter.
set slot 8

# Select and initialize the AVG1.
scpi [format ":inst:nset %d" $slot ]
# Turn on the AVG1 and turn off the circle overlay.
scpi ":outp:stat on;:outp:circ:stat 0"

# Read in the signals that are present for the AVG1.
set sig [scpi [format ":mmem:sign:cat:all? %d" $slot ]]
# Separate the signals into a list.
set siglist [split $sig ,]

# Prompt user, wait for feedback, and display signal.
foreach s $siglist {
# User prompt.
set t [format "Press Quit to load the %s" $s]
scpi [format "disp:text 'Next signal','%s'" $t]
scpi "disp:stat on"

# User feedback.
set done 1
while {$done} {
set stat [scpi "disp:stat?"]
if {$stat == 0} {
set done 0
} else {
sleep 5
}
}

# Display the signal.
scpi [format ":mmem:load:sign %d,%s" $slot $s]
scpi ":syst:err?"
}
puts "Sequence completed."
```

## Sample Program 3

You can use this sequence, together with the ground closure remote interface, to remotely control the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform. Information on using the ground closure remote control is provided on page D-2.

This sample sequence file, named “gc.seq”, is provided on the TG2000 Utilities disk that is included with this manual. The sequence can be modified to handle any situation.

The diagram to create a ground closure control panel is shown in Figure D-4, on page D-6 of this manual. Listed below are actions that are performed when each of the eight functions is selected through the ground closure control panel.

<b>Next Module</b>	Sends the value 0 plus clock to the sequence, causing it to step to the next video generator in the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform. A four-tone audio sequence tells you which module is active. The softer tone is low, and the louder tone is high. For example, when the tones soft, soft, loud, loud are heard, it corresponds to 0011 (a decimal value of three), indicating that the generator is in slot three.
<b>Next Signal Set</b>	Sends the value 1 plus clock to the sequence, causing it to step to the next set of video signals in the active generator module.
<b>Next Signal</b>	Sends the value 2 plus clock to the sequence, causing it to step to the next video signal in the active generator module.
<b>Previous Signal</b>	Sends the value 0 plus clock to the sequence, causing it to step to the previous video signal in the active generator module.
<b>Internal Sync</b>	Sets the AGL1 Generator module in slot 2 to use internal sync.
<b>External Sync</b>	Sets the AGL1 Generator module in slot 2 to use external sync.
<b>Stop Sequence</b>	Stops the sequence from monitoring the ground closure port. To restart the sequence, use the Sequences window.
<b>Reset Sequence</b>	Sets the starting point for modules and signals to the following state:  Active module = first generator in the lowest slot. Active signal set for each generator = first signal set in its list. Active signal for each generator = first signal in the active signal set.

```
#####
#TG2000 Ground Closure Monitor
# This sequence loops on reading the ground closure port
# and takes action based on the value returned.
#
# This is an example sequence to control the TG2000
#
# A panel of 8 push button switches are wired with
# diodes to decode value into four data lines. Line
# 8 of the port is used to clock the value into the
# TG2000. Therefore, up to 128 values can be included
# in the main switch statement.
#
# Button  Function
# 0      Select next generator (audio feedback included)
# 1      Select next Signal Set. No other action is taken
# 2      Load next signal in list.
# 3      Load previous signal in list
# 4      Switch AGL1 to INTERNAL SYNC
# 5      Switch AGL1 to EXTERNAL SYNC
# 6      Stop the sequence
# 7      Reset all generators to first signal in list
#
#
# TCL procedures are defined before use
#
#####
# Routine to change setting of AGL1 sync source
proc intExt {s} {
    set cur [scpi "inst:nset?"]
    scpi "inst:nset 2"
    if {$s == 1} {
        scpi "inp:sour int"
    } else {
        scpi "inp:sour ext"
    }
    scpi "inst:nset $cur"
}
#####
# audio feedback of slot number
# A four tone sequence is heard. Loud is 1.
# Soft is 0. MSB is first.
# Soft, soft, loud, soft would be slot 2.
proc audioSlot {} {
    set s [scpi "inst:nset?"]
    set i 8
    while {$i >= 1} {
```



```
    if {$s >= $i} {
        scpi "diag:exec \"fpBell 2,4\""
        set s [expr $s - $i]
    } else {
        scpi "diag:exec \"fpBell 1,4\""
    }
    set i [expr $i / 2]
#   scpi "diag:exec \"fpBell 0,1\""
}
}
#####
# check for errors and give audio feedback
# A loud five tone sequence indicates an error has
# occurred with last signal load. Type of error is not
# conveyed to user
proc checkError {} {
    set resp [scpi "syst:err?"]
    set errno [split $resp ,]
    if {[lindex $errno 0] != 0} {
        set cnt 5
        while {$cnt > 0} {
            scpi "diag:exec \"fpBell 2,6\""
            incr cnt -1
        }
    }
    scpi "*cls"
}
#####
# Get the current signal sets. Query for the available
# Signal Sets in the current module. Results are stored
# in sigsets.
proc getSigsets {} {
    global sigsets
    global curMod
    set temp [scpi "mmem:sign:cat? $curMod"]
    set sigsets [split $temp ,]
}
#####
# Get the current signal set. Find current entry in list
# and step to the next one. If at end, then go back to first.
# Results are stored in cursigset.
proc getSigset {} {
    global cursigset
    global curMod
# Figure out from active signal
    set curSig [scpi "mmem:sign:act? $curMod"]
    set sigpath [split $curSig /]
```

```

    set cursigset [format "%s\" [lindex $sigpath 1]]
}
#####
# Get the current set of signals. This is based on what
# the current module and signal set are.
# Results are in list siglist.
proc getSignals {} {
    global curMod
    global cursigset
    global siglist
# start from scratch
    set siglist {}
    set temp [scpi "mmem:sign:cat? $curMod,$cursigset"]
    set testsigs [split $temp ,]
# check out each button
    foreach testsig $testsigs {
        set temp [scpi "mmem:sign:cat? $curMod,$cursigset,$testsig"]
        set signals [split $temp ,]
        set siglist [concat $siglist $signals]
    }
}
#####
# Routine to switch to next module. Find current entry in
# list, and go up or down from there. Wrap around will
# occur. If not found, use first in list.
proc setMod {} {
    global slotlist
    global curIndex
    global curMod
    global siglist
    global cursigset
    incr curIndex 1
    if {$curIndex >= [llength $slotlist]} {
        set curIndex 0
    }
    set curMod [lindex $slotlist $curIndex]
    scpi "inst:sel $curMod"
    audioSlot
    getSigsets
    getSigset
    getSignals
}
#####
# Go through all modules and set signal to first in the list
# and leave the current module as the first one.
proc resetMods {} {
    global slotlist

```

```
global curIndex
global curMod
global siglist
global cursigset
global sigsets
foreach curMod $slotlist {
    getSigsets
    set cursigset [lindex $sigsets 0]
    getSignals
    scpi "mmem:load:sign $curMod,[lindex $siglist 0]"
}
set curIndex 0
set curMod [lindex $slotlist 0]
scpi "inst:sel $curMod"
audioSlot
getSigsets
getSigset
getSignals
checkError
}
#####
# Routine to select the next signal
# The signal list is obtained when the module is switched.
proc nextSignal {upDown} {
    global siglist
    global curMod
    set curSig [scpi "mmem:sign:act? $curMod"]
    set loc [lsearch -exact $siglist $curSig]
    if {$upDown == 1} {
        incr loc 1
    } else {
        incr loc -1
    }
    if {$loc < 0} {
        set loc [expr [llength $siglist] -1]
    }
    if {$loc >= [llength $siglist]} {
        set loc 0
    }
    scpi "mmem:load:sign $curMod,[lindex $siglist $loc]"
    checkError
}
#####
# Routine to select the next signal set.
# It has no affect until nextSig is called.
proc nextSet {} {
    global sigsets
```

```

    global cursigset
# look for current entry
set loc [lsearch -exact $sigsets $cursigset]
incr loc 1
if {$loc >= [llength $sigsets]} {
    set loc 0
}
set cursigset [lindex $sigsets $loc]
# update list of signals, based on new Signal Set
getSignals
}
#####
#
#         Main code starts here
#
#####
puts "TG2000 Ground Closure Monitor"
# Test to see if in ground closure mode
set resp [scpi ":stat:oper:gclo:cond?"]
if {$resp < 256} {
    puts "Port not in Ground Closure mode"
} else {
# Initialize the instrument and clear any pending errors
    scpi "*cls"
# get list of modules
    set resp [scpi "inst:cat?"]
    set slots [split $resp ,]
# filter out non-generators, relies on default module names.
    set slotlist {}
    foreach slot $slots {
        if {[string first G1 $slot] > -1} {
            lappend slotlist $slot
        }
    }
# set program defaults
    set curIndex 0
    set curMod [lindex $slotlist $curIndex]
    scpi "inst:sel $curMod"
    getSigsets
    getSigset
    getSignals
    puts "Ready"
    scpi "stat:oper:gclo:ntr 127"
    scpi "stat:oper:gclo:ptr 255"
    scpi "stat:oper:gclo:enab 255"
#####
# NOTE: values in switch table are based on remote panel

```

```
# wiring.
#####
set done 0
while {$done != 1} {
  set gc [scpi "stat:oper:gclo?"]
  if {$gc >= 128} {
    incr gc -128
    scpi "diag:exec \"fpBell 1,2\""
    switch $gc {
      0 {setMod}
      1 {nextSet}
      2 {nextSignal 1}
      3 {nextSignal 0}
      4 {intExt 1}
      5 {intExt 0}
      6 { set done 1}
      7 {resetMods}
      default {scpi "diag:exec \"fpBell 2,2\""}
    }
  } else {
    sleep .5
  }
}
scpi "diag:exec \"fpBell 2,50\""
# all done
```

## Running a Sequence

Sequences are stored in the "N0:/sequence/" directory in the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform. The "N0:" refers to slot number 0, which is the CPU module.

---

***NOTE.** Although the CPU module is located in slot number 11 as labeled on the rear panel, it is logically slot number 0.*

---

Stored sequences can be called and started from the front panel, using the **Sequences** button. To run a sequence from remote control using SCPI commands, follow these steps:

1. Send `PROG:CAT?` to get a comma separated list of the available sequences.
2. Use the `PROG:SEL:NAME <progrname>` command to select the sequence program to run.

You can also use the `PROG:EXPL:STAT <progrname>,RUN` command to start the sequence that you specify. You can enter the sequence name without quotes, unless a period is used in the name to separate the base from the extension. If a file extension is used, then you must enter quotes to convey the name to the platform, as shown in the following examples:

```
prog:expl:stat test1,run
prog:name "t_0044.tc1"
```

3. Use the `PROG:SEL:STAT RUN` command to start the named sequence.
4. Send `PROG:SEL:STAT STOP` to stop the running sequence if it is not self terminating.

## Autostart Files

The TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform automatically loads and runs a file named "autostrt" if it is in one of the following locations:

- the "N0:/sequence/" directory, or
- the root directory of the A: drive

The platform checks for the "autostrt" file, first on its disk drive, and then in the "N0:/sequence/" directory. The platform loads and runs the file when it is found. If no "autostrt" file is found, the platform waits for instructions from the front panel or remote control interface.

To stop the "autostrt" sequence, touch **Stop**, and then choose **Yes to All**. You can also stop the "autostrt" sequence through remote control.

## Tcl Programming Changes

The TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform uses the following extended Tcl commands:

**Command:** `sleep <seconds> [<tenths> [<hundredths>]]`

**Usage:** Delay for the specified seconds and optional tenths and hundredths of seconds

**Command:** `scpi`

**Usage:** Specifies that the command following is a SCPI command. The Tcl parser passes it immediately to the SCPI command interpreter.

If the SCPI command is a query, then Tcl will return the response to the sequence. For example, the command, `set slot [SCPI "inst?"]` will set the variable `slot` to the response of the “inst?” query.

# Functional Command Groups

This section describes the commands in general categories. Commands to the basic instrument are divided into the following groups:

- \* Common
- CALibration
- DISPlay
- INSTrument
- MMEMory
- PROGram
- SENSE
- STATus
- SYSTem

Items followed by question marks are queries; items without question marks are commands. Some items in this section have a question mark in parentheses (?) in the command header section; this indicates that the item can be both a command and a query.

Each of the instrument modules supports a larger set of commands and queries. Refer to the module documentation for command groups and summaries.



## \* Common

Common commands have a “\*” prefix and address all of the installed modules.

**Table 3-2: \* Common commands**

Command	Description
*CLS	Clear status command
*ESE(?)	Standard event status enable command (query)
*ESR?	Standard event status register query
*IDN?	Identification query
*OPC(?)	Operation complete command (query)
*OPT?	List installed options
*RST	Reset command
*SRE(?)	Service request enable command (query)
*STB?	Read status byte query
*TST?	Self-test query
*WAI	Wait to continue

## Calibration

Use these commands to calibrate the modules.

**Table 3-3: :CALibration commands**

Command	Description
:CALibration[:ALL]	Initiate system calibration
:CALibration:MODules	Reboot platform and calibrate selected modules

## Display

Use these commands to control the front panel display or signal the operator.

**Table 3-4: :DISPlay commands**

Command	Description
:DISPlay:CONTRast(?)	Set or query display contrast
:DISPlay[:WINDow][:STATe](?)	Set or query message box state
:DISPlay[:WINDow]:TEXT[:DATA](?)	Set or query message box contents
:DISPlay:ERRor[:STATe](?)	Set or query error message box state

## Instrument

Use these commands and queries to list, identify, and query modules.

**Table 3-5: :INSTrument commands**

Command	Description
:INSTrument:CATalog?	List occupied slots
:INSTrument:CATalog:FULL?	List occupied slots and installed modules
:INSTrument:DEFine	Add user name to module description
:INSTrument:DELete[:NAME]	Delete user name from a specific module
:INSTrument:DELete:ALL	Delete user name from all modules
:INSTrument[:SELect](?)	Select or query module by name
:INSTrument:NSELect(?)	Select or query module by number

## MMemory

Use these commands to organize, read, write, and execute mass memory files.

**Table 3–6: :MMEMory commands**

Command	Description
:MMEMory:CATAlOG?	List entries at current directory level
:MMEMory:CDIRectory(?)	Change directories
:MMEMory:COpy	Copy signals into other branches of the signal structure
:MMEMory:DELeTe	Deletes signals from signal structure
:MMEMory:INItIAlize	Formats magnetic media
:MMEMory:LOAD:DOWNload	Loads .DNL files into instrument
:MMEMory:LOAD:PRESet	Restores state of modules based on file
:MMEMory:LOAD:SIGNal	Loads a signal into a module
:MMEMory:MDIRectory	Makes a directory
:MMEMory:RDIRectory	Removes a directory
:MMEMory:SIGNal:ACTive?	Lists active signal for a module
:MMEMory:SIGNal:ACTive:CATalOG?	Returns full catalog of information about the active signal
:MMEMory:SIGNal:ACTive:RESet	Resets signal parameters to default values
:MMEMory:SIGNal:ACTive:STATus?	Lists information regarding the named signal
:MMEMory:SIGNal:CATalOG?	Lists signals for a given module
:MMEMory:SIGNal:CATalOG:ALL?	Lists signals for all modules
:MMEMory:SIGNal:DELeTe	Removes a signal file from the module file structure or directory
:MMEMory:SIGNal:DELeTe:ALL	Removes a signal from a module
:MMEMory:SIGNal:STATus?	Returns information about a specified signal
:MMEMory:STORe:DOWNload	Copies module signals to a file
:MMEMory:STORe:MACRo	Create disk file of named sequence
:MMEMory:STORe:PRESet	Copies module settings to a file
:MMEMory:STORe:SIGNal	Copy specific signal to storage device

## Program

Use these commands to access and run programs called “sequences”.

**Table 3–7: :PROGram commands**

Command	Description
:PROGram:CATalog?	Lists all defined programs
:PROGram[:SElected]:DEFine(?)	Create or query the contents of a sequence file
:PROGram[:SElected]:DELete[:SElected]	Delete a sequence
:PROGram[:SElected]:DELete:ALL	Delete all sequences
:PROGram[:SElected]:NAME(?)	Set or query the active sequence
:PROGram[:SElected]:STATe(?)	Control or query the active sequence
:PROGram[:SElected]:WAIT(?)	Disable commands until sequence completion
:PROGram:EXPLicit:DEFine(?)	Create or query the contents of a sequence file
:PROGram:EXPLicit:DELete	Delete the sequence named in the first argument
:PROGram:EXPLicit:STATe(?)	Control or query the sequence named in the first argument
:PROGram:EXPLicit:WAIT(?)	Disable commands until sequence completion

## Sense

Use these queries to obtain information about clock resource management and to determine which modules are using which clock resources.

**Table 3–8: :SENSe commands**

Command	Description
:SENSe:ROSCillator:CLOCK[3]:CATalog?	List the modules that use the specified clock resource
:SENSe:ROSCillator:CLOCK[3]:FREQuency?	Query the frequency of the specified clock
:SENSe:ROSCillator:FRAMe[3]:CATalog?	List the modules that use the frame resource
:SENSe:ROSCillator:FRAMe[3]:FREQuency?	Query the frequency of the specified frame

## Status

Use these commands to address the instrument status and event queue.

**Table 3–9: :STATus commands**

Command	Description
:STATus:PRESet	Resets all status enable registers
:STATus:QUEue[:NEXT]?	List current system error
:STATus:QUEue:ENABle	Enables which errors can be queued
:STATus:OPERation[:EVENT]?	Destructive query of status register
:STATus:OPERation:CONDition?	Nondestructive query of status register
:STATus:OPERation:ENABle(?)	Set or query register to record event transitions
:STATus:OPERation:MAP(?)	Set or query event bits in the OPERation register
:STATus:OPERation:NTRansition(?)	Set or query register to be true on negative transitions
:STATus:OPERation:PTRansition(?)	Set or query register to be true on positive transitions
:STATus:OPERation:INSTrument[:EVENT]?	Destructive query of status register
:STATus:OPERation:INSTrument:CONDition?	Nondestructive query of status register
:STATus:OPERation:INSTrument:ENABle(?)	Set or query register to record event transitions
:STATus:OPERation:INSTrument:NTRansition(?)	Set or query register to be true on negative transitions
:STATus:OPERation:INSTrument:PTRansition(?)	Set or query register to be true on positive transitions
:STATus:OPERation:GCLOsure[:EVENT]?	Destructive query of status register
:STATus:OPERation:GCLOsure:CONDition?	Nondestructive query of status register
:STATus:OPERation:GCLOsure:ENABle(?)	Set or query register to record event transitions
:STATus:OPERation:GCLOsure:NTRansition(?)	Set or query register to be true on negative transitions
:STATus:OPERation:GCLOsure:PTRansition(?)	Set or query register to be true on positive transitions
:STATus:QUEStionable[:EVENT]?	Destructive query of status register
:STATus:QUEStionable:CONDition?	Nondestructive query of status register
:STATus:QUEStionable:ENABle(?)	Set or query register to record event transitions
:STATus:QUEStionable:MAP(?)	Set or query event bits in the QUEStionable register
:STATus:QUEStionable:NTRansition(?)	Set or query register to be true on negative transitions
:STATus:QUEStionable:PTRansition(?)	Set or query register to be true on positive transitions
:STATus:QUEStionable:INSTrument[:EVENT]?	Destructive query of status register
:STATus:QUEStionable:INSTrument:CONDition?	Nondestructive query of status register
:STATus:QUEStionable:INSTrument:ENABle(?)	Set or query register to record event transitions
:STATus:QUEStionable:INSTrument:NTRansition(?)	Set or query register to be true on negative transitions
:STATus:QUEStionable:INSTrument:PTRansition(?)	Set or query register to be true on positive transitions

## System

Use these commands to set system parameters for operation and communication.

**Table 3-10: :SYSTem commands**

Command	Description
:SYSTem:DATE(?)	Set or query system date <year, month, day>
:SYSTem:TIME(?)	Set or query system time <hour, minute, second>
:SYSTem:HELP:SYNTax?	List correct command syntax
:SYSTem:ERRor?	List current system error
:SYSTem:VERSion?	List SCPI compliance version
:SYSTem:KLOCK:STATE(?)	Query, enable, or disable front panel controls



# Common Commands

The common commands are preceded by an asterisk (\*). This section covers the mandatory SCPI commands and those that are unique to the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform.

## Command Tree

- \*CLS
- \*ESE(?)
- \*ESR?
- \*IDN?
- \*OPC(?)
- \*OPT?
- \*RST
- \*SRE(?)
- \*STB?
- \*TST?
- \*WAI



## \*CLS

Clear status command.

**Syntax** \*CLS

Parameters	Command	Query response
		None

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Command: \*CLS

**Related Commands** None

**\*ESE(?)**

Standard Event Status Enable command or query. Refer to the *Status and Events* section for Event Status Register information.

**Syntax** \*ESE <NR1>  
\*ESE?

**Parameters**

Command	Query response
<NR1> = 0-255	<NR1>

**Default Value** None

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**

Command: \*ESE 37

Query: \*ESE?

Response: 37

**Related Commands** None

**\*ESR?**

Standard Event Status Register query. Refer to the *Status and Events* section for Event Status Register information.

**Syntax** \*ESR?

Parameters	Command	Query response
	Not applicable	<NR1> = (0–255)

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**  
Query: \*ESR?  
Response: 43

**Related Commands** None

**\*IDN?**

Identification query.

**Syntax** \*IDN?

**Parameters**

Command	Query response
Not applicable	<string>

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**  
Query: \*IDN?  
Response: TEKTRONIX,TG2000,0,0

**Related Commands** None

## \*OPC(?)

Operation complete command or query. Use this command between two other commands to ensure completion of the first command before processing the second command.

The command form generates an operation complete message in the Standard Event Status Register when the command preceding it is complete. Use this form for generating an SRQ interrupt on the GPIB interface.

The query form holds off processing of the command line until the preceding command is complete.

**Syntax** <command>; \*OPC; <command>

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<command> = <string>	<NR1>

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** Not applicable

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**

Command:	*OPC
Query:	*OPC?
Response:	1

**Related Commands** \*WAI

**\*OPT?**

Use this query to list all of the occupied slots in the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform and the nomenclature, slot, hardware version, and software version of the installed modules.

Each field is a slot. Each field is separated by commas. The information within a field is colon delimited, as in “<nomenclature>:<slot>:<hw>:<sw>”.

**Syntax** \*OPT?

**Parameters**

Command	Query response
None	"<string>:<NR1>:<NR2>:<NR2>"

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Query: \*OPT?  
 Response: "CPU:0:1.3:1.0", "CLOCK:1:0.5:0.4", "AGL1:2:0.3:0.4", "BG1:3:0.2:0.4", "AVG1:7:0.5:0.4", "DVG1:8:0.5:0.4"

**Related Commands** None

## \*RST

Use this command to restore factory settings (default values) to all modules. This command also selects the output signal for each generator module, using the first signal that is loaded in that module (or module type if you have more than one of a given module). The CPU module is not affected by the \*RST command. There are no arguments.

If you use the \*RST command, and then try to change the remote port, it may lock up. To prevent this, either don't use the \*RST command or cycle power before changing the remote port.

**Syntax** \*RST

**Parameters**

Command	Query response
None	Not applicable

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Command: \*RST

**Related Commands** None

**\*SRE(?)**

Service Request Enable command or query. Refer to the *Status and Events* section for more information.

**Syntax** \*SRE <NR1>  
\*SRE?

**Parameters**

Command	Query response
<NR1> = 0-63, 128-191	<NR1>

**Default Value** None

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**  
 Command: \*SRE 123  
 Query: \*SRE?  
 Response: 123

**Related Commands** None



## \*STB?

Read status byte query. Refer to the *Status and Events* section for more information.

**Syntax** \*STB?

Parameters	Command	Query response
	None	<NR1>

**Default Value** None

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**  
 Query: \*STB?  
 Response: 65

**Related Commands** None

**\*TST?**

Self-test query. This query does not perform any tests; however, this query is accepted as a valid command to comply with IEEE 488.2 requirements.

**Syntax** \*TST?

**Parameters**

Command	Query response
None	0

**Default Value** None

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Query: \*TST?

Response: 0

**Related Commands** None

**\*WAI**

Wait to continue command. This command is not necessary since the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform handles commands sequentially; however, this query is accepted as a valid command to comply with IEEE 488.2 requirements.

# :CALibration Commands

This subsystem is used to calibrate the module.

## Command Tree

```
:CALibration  
  [:ALL]  
  :MODules <slot_number>[,slot_number]
```

## :CALibration:ALL

Use this command to initiate system calibration. The command completes the calibration by rebooting the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform.

**Syntax** :CALibration:ALL

Parameters	Command	Query response
	None	Not applicable

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Command: :CAL:ALL

**Related Commands** CAL:MOD

## :CALibration:MODules

Use this command to reboot the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform and execute the calibration routines on the selected modules.

**Syntax** CALibration:MODules <slot\_number>[,<slot\_number>]

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<slot> = <NR1>	None

**Default Value** None

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Command: :CAL:MOD 2,5,7

**Related Commands** CAL:ALL



# :DISPlay Commands

## Command Tree

The following tree represents the command set for controlling the instrument display:

```
:DISPlay
  :CONTRast(?) <numeric>
  :ERRor(?)
    [:STATe] (?) <Boolean>
  [:WINDow]
    :STATe (?) <Boolean>
    :TEXT (?)
      [:DATA] (?) <string> [,<string>]
```



## :DISPlay:CONTrast(?)

Use this command to set or query the display contrast.  
The minimum contrast is 0, and the maximum contrast is 255.

**Syntax** :DISPlay:CONTrast <numeric>

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<numeric> = 0 <= <NRf> <= 255	<NR2>

**Default Value** 128

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**  
Command: :DISP:CONT 142  
Query: :DISP:CONT?  
Response: 142

**:DISPlay:ERRor[:STATe](?)**

Use this command to set or query the display of error message boxes. Although “ON” is a valid argument, this command is intended to turn off any message box that results from front panel activity.

**Syntax** :DISPlay:ERRor[:STATe] <Boolean>  
:DISPlay:ERRor[STATe]?

**Parameters**

Command	Query response
<Boolean> = ON or 1, OFF or 0	1, 0

**Default Value** ON

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**

Command: :DISP:ERR ON

Query: :DISP:ERR?

Response: 1

## :DISPlay[:WINDow]:TEXT[:DATA](?)

Use this command to set or query the contents of a message box. A single string is displayed as the window text. The first of two strings are displayed as the window title with the second string displayed as window text.

**Syntax** :DISPlay[:WINDow]:TEXT[:DATA] <string>[, <string>]  
:DISPlay[:WINDow]:TEXT[:DATA]?

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<string>	<string>, <string>

**Default Value** ON

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**  
Command: :DISP:TEXT "Operator Prompt","This is a test."  
Query: :DISP:TEXT?  
Response: "Operator Prompt","This is a test."

**:DISPlay[:WINDow][:STATe](?)**

Use this command to set or query the state of the front panel message box.

**Syntax** :DISPlay[:WINDow][:STATe] <Boolean>  
:DISPlay[:WINDow][:STATe]?

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<Boolean> = ON or 1, OFF or 0	1, 0

**Default Value** ON

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Command: :DISP ON  
Query: :DISP:STAT?  
Response: 1



# :INSTrument Commands

The INSTrument subsystem is implemented at the CPU level and is common to the instrument regardless of which modules are installed. Use these commands to control which module responds to consecutive module-specific commands. Once set, the module will continue to respond to commands until another INST command is sent.

## Command Tree

The following tree represents the command set for controlling module selection:

```
:INSTrument
  :CATalog?
    :FULL?
  :DEFine <module_name>, <slot_number>
  :DELete
    [:NAME] <module_name>
  :ALL
  [:SElect](?) <module_name>
  :NSElect(?) <numeric_value>
```

The following section gives detailed information regarding each command.

## :INSTrument:CATalog?

Use this query to return a comma delimited list of all backplane slots that are occupied by modules. This information is determined at power up time and not part of the stored settings.

**Syntax** :INSTrument:CATalog?

Parameters	Command	Query response
	None	<module_name>:<NR1> [,<module_name>:<NR1>]

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**  
Query: :INST:CAT?  
Response: "CPU:0", "CLOCK:1", "AGL1:2", "BG1:3", "AVG1:7": "DVG1:8"

**Related Commands** :INSTrument:CATalog:FULL?

**:INSTrument:CATalog:FULL?**

Use this query to return a comma delimited list of module names and slot numbers, in pairs. The string type of module and the numeric suffix indicates the slot. For example, "AVG1:3", 3, "DVG1:4", 4, "AVG1:6", 6 indicates two AVG1 Generator modules (one in in slot 3 and one in slot 6), and one DVG1 Generator module (in slot 4).

The default module names are fixed by the operating system. You can use :INSTrument:DEFine to create new names and assign them to occupied slots. The user names replace the default names in a query response.

**Syntax** :INSTrument:CATalog:FULL?

**Parameters**

Command	Query response
None	<module_name>,<NR1> [<module_name>,<NR1>]

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**

Query: :INST:CAT:FULL?

Response: "CPU:0",0,"CLOCK:1",1,"AGL1:2",2,"BG1:3",3,  
"AVG1:7",7,"DVG1:8",8

**Related Commands** :INSTrument:CATalog?  
:INSTrument:DEFine



**:INSTrument:DEFine(?)**

Use this command to create or query custom tags for modules in the instrument. These tags are in addition to the default names in place.

Modules are redefined by slot number, but the default identifiers can not be changed to different slot numbers. These are saved in NVRAM, as part of the CPU configuration.

**Syntax** :INSTrument:DEFine <module\_name>,[<slot\_number>|<default\_module\_name>]  
:INSTrument:DEFine? <module\_name>

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<module_name>= <string> <slot_number> = <NRf>	<NR1>

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** -242 Module not found

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**

Command: :INST:DEF "STUDIO1",3 or  
:INST:DEF "STUDIO1","AVG1:3"

Query: :INST:DEF? "STUDIO1"

Response: 3

**Related Commands** :INSTrument:CATalog:FULL?,  
:INSTrument:DELeTe[:NAME],  
:INSTrument:DELeTe:ALL

**:INSTrument:DELeTe[:NAME]**

Use this command to remove a user-defined name.

**Syntax** :INSTrument:DELeTe[:NAME] <module\_name>

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<module_name> = <string>	None

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** -242 Module not found

**Dependencies** If a user-defined identifier is deleted, :INST:SEL? resorts to default identifier.

**Examples** Command: :INST:DEL "STUDI01"

**Related Commands** None

## :INSTrument:DELeTe:ALL

Removes all user defined names. Default names are left as is.

**Syntax** :INSTrument:DELeTe:ALL

Parameters	Command	Query response
	None	Not applicable

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** If a user-defined identifier is deleted, then :INST:SEL? resorts to default identifier.

**Examples** Command: :INST:DEL:ALL

**Related Commands** :INSTrument:DELeTe[:NAME]  
:INSTrument:DEFine

**:INSTrument[:SElect](?)**

Use this command to select or query a module by name. Use either the predefined names supplied by the operating system or the user defined names created with the :INST:DEF command.

**Syntax** :INSTrument[:SElect] <module\_name>  
:INSTrument[:SElect]?

**Parameters**

Command	Query response
<module_name> = <string>	<module_name> = <string>

**Default Value** "CPU:0"

**Errors and Events** -242 Module not found

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**  
 Command: :INST:SEL "AVG1:7"  
 Query: :INST:SEL?  
 Response: "AVG1:7"

**Related Commands** :INSTrument:NSElect, :INSTrument:DEFine

## :INSTRument:NSElect(?)

Use this command to select or query a module by slot number. The logical name at that slot is of no importance.

The default slot is based on configuration at power up time.

**Syntax**     :INSTRument:NSElect <slot\_number>  
              :INSTRument:NSElect?

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<slot_number> = <NR1>	<NR1>

**Default Value**     0

**Errors and Events**     -242           Module not found

**Dependencies**       None

**Examples**     Command:     :INST:NSEL 3  
                  Query:       :INST:NSEL?  
                  Response:    3

**Related Commands**    :INSTRument:SElect

## :MMEMory Commands

All signal movement or relocation within the generator modules or magnetic drive is accomplished by copying all appropriate files (.dat and .sig) of the named signal(s) to the new location. A \*.dnl file is created when going outside the normal environment; for example, when transferring a file from NVRAM to 3.5 inch disk. The signal tree is traversable and the use of wild cards permits copying or storing individual signals or the entire module signal list.

### Drive Nomenclature

The platform's internal drives are named for the physical slot numbers of the modules. For the CPU, use the physical slot number 11, and logical drive number 0 (numeric zero). For slot number 10, use the letter A. Capitalize the drive letter. For example, MMEM:CAT? "A:".

The correct drive nomenclature is shown in the following table:

Slot number	Drive Nomenclature
1	N1:
2	N2:
3	N3:
4	N4:
5	N5:
6	N6:
7	N7:
8	N8:
9	N9:
10	NA: (Hex notation)
11 (CPU)	N0: (numeric zero)

## MMEMory Command Arguments

The argument <signal\_name> is the full or partial path name to a signal found in a module. The argument <file\_name> is the MS-DOS compatible naming convention. The syntax for a complete path is:

module\_type/signal\_set/button/test\_signal

- module\_type is the directory level for a given module type
- signal\_set is the directory level for different sets of signals
- button is the directory level for different buttons
- test\_signal is the directory level for different test signals

## Command Tree

```
:MMEMory
:CATalog? [<directory_path>]
:CDIRectory(?) <directory_path>
:COpy <signal_name>, <signal_name>
:DElete <signal_name>
:INITialize <msus>
:LOAD
:DOWNload <arb block data>|<file_name>
:PRESet <arb block data>|<file_name>
:SIGNal <module_name>|<slot_number>, <signal_name>
:MDIRectory <directory_name>
:RDIRectory <directory_name>
:SIGNal
:ACTive? <slot_number>|<module_name>
:CATalog? <slot_number>
:RESet <slot_number>
:STATus? <slot_number>
:CATalog <slot_number>[, <signal_name>[, <button_name>]]
:ALL? [<slot_number>]
:DElete <signal_name>
:ALL <slot_number>|<module_name>
:STATus? <signal_name>
:STORe
:DOWNload <slot_number>, <file_name>[, <flag>]
:PRESet <dir_name>
:SIGNal <slot_name>, <signal_name>
```

## :MMEMory:CATalog?

Use this query to list the current directory level. If at the top level, it returns a list of signal sets and the other files and directories for the module partition you are currently in. If in a Signal Set directory, it returns a list of buttons. If in a button directory, it returns a list of test signals.

Query response – <used\_bytes>, <available\_bytes>, <file\_name>,,<file\_size>

An empty string of commas indicates file types that are not provided but are allowed for under the SCPI standard.

**Syntax** :MMEMory:CATalog? [<directory\_path>]

### Parameters

Command	Query response
[<directory_path>]	<used_bytes> = <NR1> <available_bytes> = <NR1> <file_name> = <string> <file_size> = <NR1>

**Default Value** “N0:”

**Errors and Events** –250 Mass storage error

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**  
 Query: :MMEM:CAT?  
 Response: 3958,520330,"RAMP",,3902

**Related Commands** :MMEMory:CDIRectory



## :MMEMory:CDIRectory(?)

Use this command to change position in the file structure in the mounted drive. If an argument is not supplied, the RST value is used. Arguments and responses are in double quotes.

This command allows you to examine the file structures and to move about and display their contents. This is a general purpose file manager and the :MMEM:SIGN:CAT mode is better suited for examining which signals are available.

**Syntax** :MMEMory:CDIRectory [<directory\_path>]  
:MMEMory:CDIRectory?

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<directory_path> = <string>	<string>

**Default Value** "N0:"

**Errors and Events** -250 Mass storage error

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**  
Command: :MMEM:CDIR "BARS"  
Query: :MMEM:CDIR?  
Response: "N4:/NTSC/BARS"

**Related Commands** :MMEMory:MDIRectory,  
:MMEMory:CATalog,  
:MMEMory:RDIRectory

**:MMEMory:COPY**

Use this command to copy files within the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform file system. Wild cards are not supported and file names must include the complete path name. Appropriate naming conventions for the <file\_name> depends on the current path as defined by :MMEM:CDIR.

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**NOTE.** This command is provided to support sequence files and is not recommend for use with signal files.

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**Syntax** :MMEMory:COPY <source>,<destination>

**Parameters**

Command	Query response
<source> = <string>	None
<destination> = <string>	

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** -256 FileName not found

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Command: :MMEM:COPY "N0:/sequence/test1.seq", "A:test2.seq"

**Related Commands** None

## :MMEMory:DELeTe

Use this command to remove files from system memory.

Appropriate naming conventions for the <file\_name> depends on the current path as defined by :MMEM:CDIR.

**Syntax** :MMEMory:DELeTe <file\_name>

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<file_name> = <string>	None

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** -256 FileName not found

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Command: :MMEM:DEL "FULLRAMP1"

**Related Commands** :MMEMory:CDIRectory,  
:MMEMory:CATalog  
:MMEMory:SIGNal:DELeTe

**:MMEMory:INITialize**

Use this command to format the magnetic media. This command is not appropriate for NVRAM.

**Syntax** :MMEMory:INITialize <msus>

**Parameters**

Command	Query response
<nsus> = <string>	None

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events**

-250	Mass storage error
-251	Missing mass storage

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Command: :MMEM:INIT "A:"

**Related Commands** None

## :MMEMory:LOAD:DOWNload

Use this command to add DNL files created by SDP2000 or the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform disk utility to the instrument. The data can be a part of the command as arbitrary block data or as a file name on a floppy disk.

**Syntax** :MMEMory:LOAD:DOWNload <arb block data>|<string>

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<arb block data> = <#mnnndddd....> <file_name> = <string>	None

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events**

-225	Out of memory
-256	FileName not found
-265	Signal file failed to load
-266	Signal file invalid

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Command: :MMEM:LOAD:DOWN "A:/FILE1.DNL"

**Related Commands** :PROGram:CATalog,  
:PROGram:DELeTe,  
:PROGram:DEFine,  
:MMEMory:COPI

## :MMEMory:LOAD:PRESet

Use this command to load each module with settings from a saved preset. The command accepts the name of a previously saved preset. Current module settings are overwritten by this command.

**Syntax** :MMEMory:LOAD:PRESet <preset\_name>

### Parameters

Command	Query response
<preset_name> = <string>	None

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** -200 Execution error

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Command: :MMEM:LOAD:PRES "studio"

**Related Commands** :MMEMory:STORe:PRESet

**:MMEMory:LOAD:SIGNal**

Use this command to load the named signal into the named module. The current signal in the module is overwritten.

If the current signal is modified, it should be saved before using this command if so desired.

**Syntax** :MMEMory:LOAD:SIGNal <slot\_number>|<module\_name>, <signal\_name>

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<signal_name> = <string> <module_name> = <string> <slot_number> = <NR1>	None

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** -263 Signal file not found  
-265 Signal file failed to load

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Command: :MMEM:LOAD:SIGN "AVG1:5", "AVG1/NTSC/COLORBAR/COLOR75"  
:MMEM:LOAD:SIGN 8, "AVG1/NTSC/COLORBAR/COLOR75"

**Related Commands** :MMEMory:STORe:SIGNal

**:MMEMory:MDIRectory**

Use this command to create a directory by the given name.

**Syntax** :MMEMory:MDIRectory <directory\_name>

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<directory_name> = <string>	None

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** -250 Mass storage error

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Command: :MMEM:MDIR "BOB1"

**Related Commands** :MMEMory:RDIRectory  
:MMEMory:DELeTe  
:MMEMory:CDIRectory



## :MMEMory:RDIRECTory

Use this command to remove directories from the file system. The directory must be empty prior to removal.

Module type directories may not be removed.

**Syntax** :MMEMory:RDIRECTory <directory\_name>

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<directory_name> = <string>	None

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** -250 Mass storage error

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Command: :MMEM:RDIR "BARS2"

**Related Commands** :MMEMory:MDIRECTory

**:MMEMory:SIGNal:ACTive?**

Use this query to list the active signal in a particular module.

**Syntax** :MMEMory:SIGNal:ACTive? <slot\_number>|<module\_name>

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<slot_number> = <NR1> <module_name> = <string>	<string>

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events**

-242	Module not found
-243	Module not a generator

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**

Query: :MMEM:SIGN:ACT? 6

Response: "DVG1/525-d1/colorbar/bar100"

**Related Commands** :MMEMory:SIGNal:CATalog

## :MMEMory:SIGNal:ACTive:CATalog?

Use this query to list the catalog of active signal information. There are no units.

This command corresponds to the Signal Information window that you can access from the front panel of the instrument.

**Syntax** :MMEMory:SIGNal:ACTive:CATalog? <slot\_number>|<module\_name>

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<slot_number> = <NR1> <module_name> = <string>	<NR1>, <string>

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** -200 Execution error

**Dependencies** Module must be enabled

**Examples**

Query: :MMEM:SIGN:ACT:CAT? 6

Response: Comments: ,Signal Path: N6:/525-270/COLOR-BAR/75%<sup>^</sup>Full Field|1.1.cmp  
,Origin:Tek Generated,Create Date:Nov-01-1995 12:39:44  
,Format Name:525/59.94/2:1 D1  
,Aspect Ratio:4/3  
,Sample Frequency:27000000.000 MHz  
,Time Base Shift:0.000 PPM  
,Line Length:1716 samples  
,Active Video Length:720 samples  
,Number of Frames:1

**Related Commands** :MMEMory:SIGNal:STATus?

**:MMEMory:SIGNal:ACTive:RESet**

Use this command to restore the active signal to the file based parameters.

**Syntax** :MMEMory:SIGNal:ACTive:RESet <slot\_number>|<module\_name>

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<slot_number> = <NR1> <module_name> = <string>	None

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** -200 Execution error

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Command: :MMEM:SIGN:ACT:RES 6

**Related Commands** None

## :MMEMory:SIGNal:ACTive:STATus?

Use this query to list the state of the active signal. The query returns NORM or UNCal. UNCal indicates that the signal has been modified from the original file.

**Syntax** :MMEMory:SIGNal:ACTive:STATus? <slot\_number>|<module\_name>

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<slot_number> = <NR1> <module_name> = <string>	<string> = NORMal, UNCal

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** -200 Execution error

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**  
Query: :MMEM:SIGN:ACT:STAT? 7  
Response: NORM

**Related Commands** :MMEMory:SIGNal:CATalog?

## :MMEMory:SIGNal:CATalog?

Use this query to list all of the signals for a given module.

If only the identifier is supplied, then all signal sets that are compatible with the module in that slot are returned. If an additional signal set name is included, then all buttons under that signal set are listed. If an additional argument of a button name is included, then all signals under that button are returned.

**Syntax** :MMEMory:SIGNal:CATalog? <slot\_number>|<module\_name>[, <sig\_name>[,<button\_name>]]

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<slot_number> = <NR1> <module_name> = <string> <sig_name> = <string> <button_name> = <string>	Comma delimited list of signal names

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events**

-242	Module not found
-243	Module not a generator

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**

Query: :MMEM:SIGN:CAT? 6

Response: "625m", "525-d1", "525-d2"

**Related Commands** :MMEMory:SIGNal:CATalog:ALL?

## :MMEMory:SIGNal:CATalog:ALL?

Use this query to list all of the signals found in the instrument or all of the signals applicable to a module type.

**Syntax** :MMEMory:SIGNal:CATalog:ALL? [<slot\_number>|<module\_name>]

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<slot_number> = <NR1> <module_name> = <string>	<string>

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** -242 Module not found  
-243 Module not a generator

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**  
Query: :MMEM:SIGN:CAT:ALL? 6  
Response: "AVG1/625m/colorbar/bar100", AVG1/...

**Related Commands** :MMEMory:SIGNal:CATalog

**:MMEMory:SIGNal:DELeTe**

Use this command to delete a specific signal from a module.

**Syntax** :MMEMory:SIGNal:DELeTe <signal\_name>

**Parameters**

Command	Query response
<signal_name> = <string>	None

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events**

-200	Execution error
-263	Signal file not found

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Command: :MMEM:SIGN:DEL "AVG1/NTSC/COLORBARS/100%"

**Related Commands** :MMEMory:SIGNal:DELeTe:ALL



## :MMEMory:SIGNal:DELeTe:ALL

Use this command to delete all signals from a given module. An error message is generated if a signal is locked by the module; otherwise, all of the signals are deleted.

**Syntax** :MMEMory:SIGNal:DELeTe:ALL <slot\_number>|<module\_name>

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<slot_number> = <NR1> <module_name> = <string>	None

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** -242 Module not found  
-243 Module not a generator

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Command: :MMEM:SIGN:DEL:ALL 5

**Related Commands** :MMEMory:SIGNal:CATalog

**:MMEMory:SIGNal:STATus?**

Use this query to find the file particulars of a given signal. The signal can be active or inactive. There are no units.

**Syntax** :MMEMory:SIGNal:STATus? <signal\_name>

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<signal_name> = <string>	<actual file name, <year of creation>, <month>, <day>, <hour>, <minute>, <second>, <file size in Kbytes>.

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** -200 Execution error

**Dependencies** Signal file must exist

**Examples**

Query: :MMEM:SIGN:STAT:? "AVG1/NTSC`h1/Color Bar/100%`Color Bars"

Response: "N8:/NTSC`h1/Color Bar/100%`Color Bars|1.1.cmp",  
1996,4,8,15,25,32,5709

**Related Commands** :MMEMory:SIGNal:ACTive?

## :MMEMory:STORe:DOWNload

Use this command to collect the signals for a slot and place them into a file. Specify the exact file name, including any extension (typically .dnl).

**Syntax** :MMEMory:STORe:DOWNload <slot\_number>|<module\_name>,<file\_name>

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<slot_number> = <NR1> <module_name> = <string> <file_name> = <string>	None

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Command: :MMEM:STOR:DOWN 5, "A:AVGSIGN.DNL"

**Related Commands** :MMEMory:LOAD:DOWNload,  
:MMEMory:COPY

## :MMEMory:STORe:PRESet

Use this command to store all module states into the named directory. The named directory is placed in "N0:/presets/". The "N0:" refers to slot number 0, which is the CPU module.

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**NOTE.** Although the CPU module is located in slot number 11 as labeled on the rear panel, it is logically slot number 0.

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**Syntax** :MMEMory:STORe:PRESet <dir\_name>

**Parameters**

Command	Query response
<dir_name> = <string>	None

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** -200 Execution error

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Command: :MMEM:STOR:PRES "dir1"

**Related Commands** :MMEMory:LOAD:PRESet  
:MMEMory:COPI

## :MMEMory:STORe:SIGNal

Use this command to copy the active signal to the named signal file under its current button. This command enables you to store modified signal with the original signals that they are built from. The signal name must include the full signal path as reported by :MMEM:SIGN:CAT?.

**Syntax** :MMEMory:STORe:SIGNal <slot\_number>|<module\_name>,<signal\_name>

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<slot_number> = <NR1> <module_name> = <string> <signal_name> = <string>	None

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** -200 Execution error  
-264 Current signal not saved to file

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Command: :MMEM:STOR:SIGN "avg2", "AVG1/NTSC/COLORBARS/MYCOLORS"

**Related Commands** :MMEMory:LOAD:SIGNal

# :PROGrama Commands

This section describes the process of managing sequences.

## Command Tree

```
:PROGrama
  :CATalog?
  [:SELEcted]
    :DEFine(?) <program>
    :DELEte
      [:SELEcted]
        :ALL
      :NAME(?) <programe>
      :STATE(?) <char_data>
      :WAIT(?)
  :EXPLicit
    :DEFine(?) <programe>,<program>
    :DELEte <programe>
    :STATE(?) <programe>,<state>
    :WAIT(?) <programe>
```

This is a detailed description of the command set for handling sequences. The sequence language is based on TCL.

## :PROGram:CATalog?

Use this query to list the sequences that can be executed. The directory is "NO:/sequence".

**Syntax** :PROGram:CATalog?

Parameters	Command	Query response
	None	<string>[,<string>]

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**  
Query: :PROG:CAT?  
Response: "test1","vcr","studio\_qc"

**Related Commands** None

**:PROGrama[:SElected]:DEFine(?)**

Use this command to create or query the contents of a sequence file. The program to be defined is entered as an arbitrary block argument to the command.

The file must be named, prior to defining it. The query form will permit transfer of the file contents over the control interface. The sequence cannot be redefined without first deleting it.

A sequence can also be created by copying a file from the A: drive using the MMEMory:COpy command.

**Syntax** :PROGrama[:SElected]:DEFine <program>  
:PROGrama[:SElected]:DEFine?

**Parameters**

Command	Query response
<program> = <arbitrary_block>	<arbitrary_block>

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events**

-250	Mass storage error
-254	Media Full
-280	Program error
-281	Cannot create program
-284	Program currently running

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**

Command:	:PROG:DEF #15ABCDE
Query:	:PROG:DEF?
Response:	#3005ABCDE

**Related Commands** :PROGrama[:SElected]:NAME  
:PROGrama[:SElected]:DELeTe



## :PROG:NAME[:SELEcted]:DELEte[:SELEcted]

Use this command to remove the sequence identified in the NAME command.

The deletion of a sequence file does not change the value in the :PROG:NAME command.

**Syntax** :PROG:NAME[:SELEcted]:DELEte[:SELEcted]

Parameters	Command	Query response
	None	Not applicable

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events**

-250	Mass storage error
-256	FileName not found
-280	Program error

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Command: :PROG:DEL

**Related Commands** :PROG:NAME[:SELEcted]:NAME

**:PROGrama[:SElected]:DElete:ALL**

Use this command to remove all sequences. No action will occur if any sequences are running.

**Syntax** :PROGrama[:SElected]:DElete:ALL

**Parameters**

Command	Query response
None	Not applicable

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** -250 Mass storage error  
-284 Program currently running

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Command: :PROG:DEL:ALL

**Related Commands** None

## :PROGram[:SElected]:NAME(?)

Use this command to set or query the name of the active sequence file. This command is used to select a sequence prior to using implicit PROG commands.

**Syntax** :PROGram[:SElected]:NAME <programe>  
:PROGram[:SElected]:NAME?

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<programe> = <string>	<string>

**Default Value** "PROG"

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**  
Command: :PROG:NAME "test1"  
Query: :PROG:NAME?  
Response: "test1"

**Related Commands** :PROGram[:SElected]:DEFine,  
:PROGram[:SElected]:DELete,  
:PROGram[:SElected]:STATe,  
:PROGram[:SElected]:WAIT

**:PROG:[:SELected]:STATe(?)**

Use this command to control execution of the sequence named in PROG:NAME. The argument ASTop stops all sequences.

**Syntax** :PROG:[:SELected]:STATe <char data>  
:PROG:[:SELected]:STATe?

Parameters	Command <sup>1</sup>	Query response
	<char data> = RUN, PAUSE, STOP, ASTop or CONTinue	RUN PAUS STOP CONT

<sup>1</sup> RUN and CONT are interchangeable, as are PAUSE and STOP.

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events**  
-256 FileName not found  
-286 Program runtime error

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**  
Command: :PROG:STAT RUN  
Query: :PROG:STAT?  
Response: RUN

**Related Commands** :PROG:[:SELected]:NAME

## :PROGrama[:SElected]:WAIT(?)

Command form will hold off further commands until the active sequence completes. The query form returns 1, if sequence has terminated, or paused.

Query returns 0, if sequence is running, and 1 if stopped.

**Syntax** :PROGrama[:SElected]:WAIT  
:PROGrama[:SElected]:WAIT?

Parameters	Command	Query response
	None	0, 1

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Command: :PROGrama[:SElected]:WAIT  
Query: :PROGrama[:SElected]:WAIT

**Related Commands** :PROGrama[:SElected]:NAME

**:PROGrama:EXPLicit:DEFine(?)**

Use this command to create or query the contents of a sequence file. The program to be defined is entered as an arbitrary block argument to the command.

The query form will permit transfer of the file contents over the control interface. The sequence cannot be redefined without first deleting it.

**Syntax** :PROGrama:EXPLicit:DEFine <programe>,<program>  
:PROGrama:EXPLicit:DEFine? <programe>

**Parameters**

Command	Query response
<programe> = <string> <program> = <arb blk prog data>	<arb blk prog data>

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events**

-250	Mass storage error
-254	Media full
-280	Program error
-281	Cannot create program
-284	Program currently running

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**

Command: :PROG:EXPL:DEF "test1", #13ABC

Query: :PROG:EXPL:DEF? "test1"

Response: #3003ABC

**Related Commands** :PROGrama:EXPLicit:DELete

## :PROGrama:EXPLicit:DELeTe

Use this command to remove the sequence identified in the first argument by :PROGrama:EXPLicit:DEFine.

If any sequences are running at this time, an error will be generated and no sequences will be removed.

**Syntax** :PROGrama:EXPLicit:DELeTe <programe>

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<programe> = <string>	None

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events**

-250	Mass storage error
-256	FileName not found
-284	Program currently running

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Command: :PROG:EXPL:DEL "test1"

**Related Commands** None

**:PROGrama:EXPLicit:STATe(?)**

Use this command to control execution of the sequence named in the first argument by :PROGrama:EXPLicit:DEFine. The argument ASTop stops all sequences.

**Syntax** :PROGrama:EXPLicit:STATe <programe>,<state>  
:PROGrama:EXPLicit:STATe? <programe>

**Parameters**

Command <sup>2</sup>	Query response
<programe> = <string> <state> = RUN, PAUSE, STOP, ASTop, CONTinue	RUN, PAUS, STOP, CONT

<sup>2</sup> RUN and CONT are interchangeable, as are PAUSE and STOP.

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events**  
-256 FileName not found  
-286 Program runtime error

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**  
Command: :PROG:EXPL:STAT "test2",RUN  
Query: :PROG:EXPL:STAT? "test2"  
Response: RUN

**Related Commands** None



## :PROGrama:EXPLicit:WAIT(?)

Use this command to halt command parsing until the sequence is complete.

The command form will not parse the next command until the sequence is complete. The query form will wait until the sequence is completed and then return "1".

**Syntax** :PROGrama:EXPLicit:WAIT <programe>  
:PROGrama:EXPLicit:WAIT? <programe>

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<programe> = <string>	<NR1>

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**  
Command: :PROG:EXPL:WAIT "test2"  
Query: :PROG:EXPL:WAIT? "test2"  
Response: 1

**Related Commands** None

## :SENSe Queries

Use these queries to query the clock for resource management and to determine which generator modules are using which clock resources. The query responses help you resolve resource conflicts by identifying which modules are using what resources; you can then disable those modules that are not needed for the current operation.

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**NOTE.** *The clock module must be selected with the INSTRUMENT subsystem prior to using these queries.*

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### Command Tree

```
:SENSe
  :ROSCillator
    :CLOCK3
      :CATalog?
      :FREQuency?
    :FRAMe2
      :CATalog?
      :FREQuency?
```

## :SENSe:ROSCillator:CLOCK3:CATalog?

Use this query to list the modules using the CLOCK3 resource. The clock suffix identifies which of the three clocks to query. Clock 1 is the default and is fixed at 27 MHz. Clock 2 and Clock 3 are programmable clocks with frequencies based on the loaded signals; you cannot change the frequencies of Clock 2 and Clock 3 directly.

**Syntax** :SENSe:ROSCillator:CLOCK3:CATalog?

Parameters	Command	Query response
	None	Modules by slot number

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Query: :SENS:ROSC:CLOC:CAT?

Response: 2,3,7,8

**Related Commands** None

## :SENSe:ROSCillator:CLOCK3:FREQuency?

Use this command to query the specific clock frequency. The clock suffix identifies which of the three clocks to query. Clock 1 is the default and is fixed at 27 MHz. Clock 2 and Clock 3 are programmable clocks with frequencies based on the loaded signals; you cannot change the frequencies of Clock 2 and Clock 3 directly.

**Syntax** :SENSe:ROSCillator:CLOCK3:FREQuency?

### Parameters

Command	Query response
None	<NR2>

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Query: :SENS:ROSC:CLOC:FREQ?

Response: 27000000.0000

**Related Commands** None

## :SENSe:ROSCillator:FRAMe2:CATalog?

Use this query to list the modules using the FRAMe resource. The frame suffix identifies which frame to query, Frame 1 or Frame 2.

Frame 1 is the default.

**Syntax** :SENSe:ROSCillator:FRAMe2:CATalog?

Parameters	Command	Query response
	None	Modules by slot number

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Query: :SENS:ROSC:FRAM:CAT?

Response: 7

**Related Commands** None

## :SENSe:ROSCillator:FRAMe2:FREQuency?

Use this query to list the specific FRAMe frequency. The frame suffix identifies which frame to query, Frame 1 or Frame 2.

Frame 1 is the default.

**Syntax** :SENSe:ROSCillator:FRAMe2:FREQuency

Parameters	Command	Query response
	None	<NR2>

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Query: :SENS:ROSC:FRAM:FREQ?

Response: 14.9850

**Related Commands** None



## :STATus Commands

The STATus subsystem maintains the operating status of the instrument. There is a bitmapped status tree that reflects the condition of the instrument. This allows masking conditions and reading status nondestructively or destructively.

Each module is responsible for the contents of two registers:

- OPERATION:INSTRUMENT:ISUMmary
- QUESTIONABLE:INSTRUMENT:ISUMmary

These registers are fed into the appropriate OPERATION:INSTRUMENT and QUESTIONABLE:INSTRUMENT summary bit.



## Command Tree

```
:STATus
  :OPERation
    [:EVENT]?
    :CONDition?
    :ENABle(?) <numeric_value>
    :PTRansition(?) <numeric_value>
    :NTRansition(?) <numeric_value>
    :MAP(?) <bit>, <event>
  :INSTRument
    [:EVENT]?
    :CONDition?
    :ENABle(?) <numeric_value>
    :PTRansition(?) <numeric_value>
    :NTRansition(?) <numeric_value>
  :GCLOsure
    [:EVENT]?
    :CONDition?
    :ENABle(?) <numeric_value>
    :PTRansition(?) <numeric_value>
    :NTRansition(?) <numeric_value>
  :PRESet
  :QUEue
    [:NEXT]
    :ENABle(?) <numeric_value>
  :QUESTionable
    [:EVENT]?
    :CONDition?
    :ENABle(?) <numeric_value>
    :PTRansition(?) <numeric_value>
    :NTRansition(?) <numeric_value>
    :MAP(?) <bit>, <event>
  :INSTRument
    [:EVENT]?
    :CONDition?
    :ENABle(?) <numeric_value>
    :PTRansition(?) <numeric_value>
    :NTRansition(?) <numeric_value>
```

**OPERation** The OPERation node covers areas of instrument operational events. This node reports such items as signal settling, calibration, or running a sequence

**QUESTionable** The QUESTionable node covers areas of questionable conditions that exist within the instrument. Questionable conditions might cause you to be unsure of the quality of the generated signals.

**Subnodes** Each node has a set of subnodes that query the contents, or control the involvement, of each bit.

- ENABle selects which bits are active in reporting the status.
- EVENT is a destructive query only of the status.
- CONDition is a nondestructive query only of the status.
- PTRansition allows a status to become true on a positive transition of the event.
- NTRansition allows a status to become true on a negative transition of the event.
- MAP reassigns event reporting at the top level of the status hierarchy.
- INSTrument. Both main nodes have this subnode that summarizes the operational and questionable condition of the instrument. Each bit in these two registers represents a slot in the platform. The summation of each register will feed into bit 13 of its respective parent register.
- GLCOfsure determines the state of the lines of the ground closure port.

**PRESet** All of the enable registers are set to TRUE so that they return to power-up conditions.

**QUEue** QUEue:ENABle enables certain events or error conditions to be reported. Values that are not explicitly specified are not reported. STATus:QUEue[:NEXT?] is the same as SYSTem:ERRor?.

Due to the repetitiveness of this subsystem, details are provided only for the EVENT, CONDition, ENABle, PTRansition, NTRanstion, MAP, INSTrument, and GCLOsure nodes. The syntax and examples do not include the full command; refer to the Command Tree to derive that information. The following text describes each major branch within the STATus subsystem.

## **[ :EVENT ] ?**

Use this query to perform a destructive reading of the specific event status register.

The contents are cleared by reading or by \*CLS.

**Syntax** [ :EVENT ] ?

Parameters	Command	Query response
	None	<NR1>

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Query: [ :EVENT ] ?  
Response: 0

**Related Commands** None

**:CONDition?**

Use this query to perform a nondestructive reading of the specified condition register.

Contents are cleared as a result of \*CLS.

**Syntax** :CONDition?

**Parameters**

Command	Query response
None	<NR1>

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**  
 Query: :COND?  
 Response: 81

**Related Commands** :EVENT?, :ENABLE, :PTRansition, NTRansition

## :ENABle(?)

Use this command to set or query the register that enables individual bits within the event register for recording event transitions.

Bit 15 is not used, so maximum value is 32767, which is the default.

Upon power on, all bits are set to 1.

**Syntax**     :ENABle <numeric\_value>  
              :ENABle?

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<numeric_value> = <NRf>	<NR1>

**Default Value**   32767

**Errors and Events**   None

**Dependencies**       None

**Examples**

Command:     ..:ENABle 2400

Query:       ..:ENABle?

Response:    2400

**Related Commands**   :PTRansition  
                          NTRansition

**:PTRansition(?)**

Use this command to set or query the transition register for enabling events to set bits true during a positive transition.

Upon power on, all bits are set to 1, for all but the INSTRument register, which is determined by device design.

**Syntax**     :PTRansition <numeric\_value>  
              :PTRansition?

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<numeric_value> = <NRf>	<NR1>

**Default Value**   32767

**Errors and Events**   None

**Dependencies**       None

**Examples**

Command:     ...:PTR 32767

Query:       .:PTR?

Response:    32767

**Related Commands**   :ENABle  
                          :NTRansition

## :NTRansition(?)

Use this command to set or query the transition register for enabling events to set bits true during a negative transition.

Upon power on, all bits are set to 0, for all but the INSTRument register, which is determined by device design.

**Syntax**     : NTRansition <numeric\_value>  
              : NTRansition?

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<numeric_value> = <NRf>	<NR1>

**Default Value**     32767

**Errors and Events**     None

**Dependencies**       None

**Examples**

Command:     ..:NTR 342

Query:       :NTR?

Response:    342

**Related Commands**    :ENABle, :PTRansition

**:MAP(?)**

Reassign events to bits in the OPERation or QUEStionable registers.

This is only available at the top level of the status tree.

**Syntax**

```
:STATus:OPERation:MAP <bit>,<event>
:STATus:OPERation:MAP? <bit>
:STATus:QUEStionable:MAP <bit>,<event>
:STATus:QUEStionable:MAP? <bit>
```

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<bit> = <NRf> <event> = <NRf>	<NR1>

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**

```
Command: :STAT:OPER:MAP 4096,223
Query: :STAT:OPER:MAP? 4096
Response: 223
```

**Related Commands** None



## :INSTrument(?)

OPERation:INSTrument shows all slots that are occupied. Information about interpreting the query responses is provided on page 4–4.

QUESTionable:INSTrument shows the occupied slots that failed confidence tests at startup.

As part of the :STATus subsystem, all of the subcommands apply.

**Syntax** :STATus:OPERation:INSTrument?  
:STATus:QUESTionable:INSTrument?

Parameters	Command	Query response
	None	<NR1>

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** –200 Execution error

**Dependencies** Response depends on which slots are occupied.

**Examples**

Query: :STAT:OPER:INST?  
Response: 399

Query: :STAT:QUES:INST?  
Response: 0

**Related Commands** None

**:GCLOsure?**

Use this query to determine the state of the lines of the ground closure port, which is shared with the serial port. As part of the :STATus subsystem, all of the subcommands apply.

*Appendix D* contains additional information on using the ground closure remote function.

**Syntax** :STATus:OPERation:GCLOsure?

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<NRf>	<NR1>

**Default Value** 32767

**Errors and Events** –200 Execution error

**Dependencies** Ground closure must be enabled to obtain a valid reading of the first 8 bits.

The ninth bit (bit 8) indicates the status of the ground closure enable. It is high if enabled and low if disabled.

**Examples** Command: :STAT:OPER:GCL0:ENAB 127

Query: :STAT:OPER:GLC0?

Response: 3

**Related Commands** :STATus



# :SYSTem Commands

This subsystem permits setting and querying communication parameters for GPIB and RS-232 operation. It also obtains data pertaining to the condition of the instrument.

## SYSTem Command Tree

```
:SYSTem
:DATE(?) <year>,<month>,<day>
:ERRor[:NEXT]?
:HELP:SYNTax?
:KLOCK:STATe(?) <Boolean>
:TIME(?) <hour>,<minute>,<second>
:VERSion?
```

## :SYSTem:DATE(?)

Use this command to set or query the system date.

**Syntax** :SYSTem:DATE <year>,<month>,<day>  
:SYSTem:DATE?

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<year> = <NRf> <month> = <NRf> <day> = <NRf>	<year> = <NR1> <month> = <NR1> <day> = <NR1>

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Command: :SYST:DATE 1996,5,5  
Query: :SYST:DATE?  
Response: 1996,5,5

**Related Commands** :SYSTem:TIME

**:SYSTem:ERRor?**

Use this query to list the next event in the Error/Event queue.

Queue is cleared at power up, upon \*CLS, and upon reading the last item.

**Syntax** :SYSTem:ERRor[:NEXT]?

Parameters	Command	Query response
	None	<NR1>,<string>

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples**  
 Query: :SYST:ERR?  
 Response: 0,"No error"

**Related Commands** None

## :SYSTem:HELP:SYNTax?

Use this query to obtain full syntax for a SCPI command.

**Syntax** :SYSTem:HELP:SYNTax? <command>

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<command> = <string>	<NR1>,<string>

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** Command argument based on selected module.

**Examples**  
Query: :SYST:HELP:SYNT? "OUTP:STAT"  
Response: ":OUTPut:STATe <boolean>"

**Related Commands** None

**:SYSTem:KLOCK:STATe(?)**

Use this command to lock, unlock, or query the front panel.

**Syntax** :SYSTem:KLOCK:STATe <Boolean>  
:SYSTem:KLOCK:STATe?

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<Boolean> = ON or 1, OFF or 0	1, 0

**Default Value** OFF (unlocked)

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Command: :SYST:KLOC:STAT on  
Query: :SYST:KLOC:STAT?  
Response: 1

**Related Commands** None



## :SYSTem:TIME(?)

Use this command to set or query the system time.

**Syntax** :SYSTem:TIME <hour>,<minute>,<second>  
:SYSTem:TIME?

Parameters	Command	Query response
	<hour> = <NRf>	<hour> = <NR1>
	<minute> = <NRf>	<minute> = <NR1>
	<second> = <NRf>	<second> = <NR1>

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Command: :SYST:TIME 10,0,0  
Query: :SYST:TIME?  
Response: 10,0,0

**Related Commands** None

**:SYSTem:VERSion?**

Use this query to list the SCPI compliance version. Query only.

**Syntax** :SYSTem:VERSion?

Parameters	Command	Query response
	None	<NR2>

**Default Value** Not applicable

**Errors and Events** None

**Dependencies** None

**Examples** Query: :SYST:VERS?

Response: 1994

**Related Commands** \*IDN?





# Status and Events

The SCPI interface in the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform includes a status and event reporting system that enables the user to monitor crucial events that occur in the platform. The platform is equipped with four registers and one queue that conform to IEEE Std 488.2-1987. This section discusses these registers and queues, along with status and event processing.

## Registers

There are two main types of registers:

- Status Registers, which store data relating to instrument status. This type of register is set by the platform.
- Enable Registers, which determine whether to set events that occur in the platform to the appropriate bit in the status registers and event queues. You can set this type of register.

## Status Registers

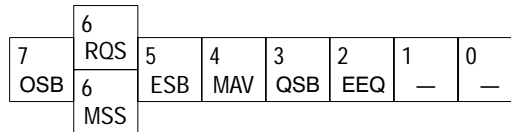
There are five types of status registers:

- Status Byte Register (SBR)
- Standard Event Status Register (SESR)
- Operational Register
- Questionable Register
- Instrument Summary Registers (ISR)

Read the contents of these registers to determine errors and conditions.

**Status Byte Register (SBR)**

The SBR is made up of 8 bits. Bits 4, 5 and 6 are defined in accordance with IEEE Std 488.2-1987 (see Figure 4–1 and Table 4–1). These bits are used to monitor the output queue, SESR and service requests, respectively. The contents of this register are returned when the \*STB? query is used.



**Figure 4–1: The status byte register (SBR)**

**Table 4–1: SRB bit functions**

Bit	Function
7	Summary of the operation status register.
6	RQS (Request Service)/MSS (Master Status Summary). When the platform is accessed using the GPIB serial poll command, this bit is called the Request Service (RQS) bit and indicates to the controller that a service request has occurred (the GPIB bus SRQ line is LOW). The RQS bit is cleared when the serial poll ends.  When the platform is accessed using the *STB? query, this bit is called the Master Status Summary (MSS) bit and indicates that the platform has issued a service request for one or more reasons. The MSS bit is never cleared to 0 by the *STB? query.
5	Event Status Bit (ESB). This bit indicates whether or not a new event has occurred after the previous Standard Event Status Register (SESR) was cleared or after an event readout was performed.
4	Message Available Bit (MAV). This bit indicates that a message was placed in the output queue and can be retrieved.
3	Summary of the Questionable Status Byte register.
2	Summary of the Error Event Queue.
1–0	Not used.

### Standard Event Status Register (SESR)

The SESR is made up of 8 bits. Each bit records the occurrence of a different type of event, as shown in Figure 4–2 and Table 4–2. The contents of this register are returned when the \*ESR? query is used.

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
PON	—	CME	EXE	DDE	QYE	—	OPC

Figure 4–2: The standard event status register (SESR)

Table 4–2: SESR bit functions

Bit	Function
7	Power On (PON). Indicates that the power to the platform is on.
6	Not used.
5	Command Error (CME). Indicates that a command error has occurred while parsing by the command parser was in progress.
4	Execution Error (EXE). Indicates that an error occurred during the execution of a command. Execution errors occur for one of the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ A value designated in the argument is outside the allowable range of the platform, or is in conflict with the capabilities of the platform.</li> <li>■ The command could not be executed properly because the conditions for execution differed from those essentially required.</li> </ul>
3	Device-Specific Error (DDE). An instrument error has been detected.
2	Query Error (QYE). Indicates that a query error has been detected by the output queue controller. Query errors occur for one of the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ An attempt was made to retrieve messages from the output queue, despite the fact that the output queue is empty or in pending status.</li> <li>■ The output queue messages have been cleared despite the fact that they have not been retrieved.</li> </ul>
1	Not used.
0	Operation Complete (OPC). This bit is set with the results of the execution of the *OPC command. It indicates that all pending operations have been completed.

**Operational Status Register (OSB)**

Only bit 13 (OSB) of the Operational Status Register is used by the platform. This bit indicates the status of the Operational Instrument Summary Register (OISR). Use `:STAT:OPER:COND?` to perform a non-destructive query of this register.

**Questionable Status Register (QSB)**

Only bit 13 (QSB) of the Questionable Status Register is used by the platform. This bit indicates the status of the Questionable Instrument Summary Register (QISR). Use `:STAT:QUEST:COND?` to perform a non-destructive query of this register.

**Instrument Summary Registers (OISR and QISR)**

Both the Operational Register and Questionable Register receive status from their Instrument Summary Registers (OISR and QISR). The OISR indicates which slots are occupied in the platform. The QISR indicates which modules have reported malfunctions during their power on diagnostics.

Use `:STAT:QUES:INST:COND?` or `:STAT:OPER:INST:COND?` to perform a non-destructive query of these registers. The query will return an integer value whose bits represent the status of each slot.

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**NOTE.** *The most significant bit (MSB) of each ISR is always set to “0”.*

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For example: given the following response to the `:CAT:FULL?` query:

`"CPU:0", "CLOCK:1", "BG1:2", "AGL1:3", "AVG1:7", "DVG1:8"`

The response from the `STAT:OPER:INST:COND?` query will be 399. Converting the decimal integer 399 to binary gives 110001111. Starting at the least significant digit, this value indicates that slots 0, 1, 2, 3, 7, and 8 are occupied.

## Enable Registers

There are two types of enable registers: the Event Status Enable Register (ESER) and the Service Request Enable Register (SRER).

Each bit in these enable registers corresponds to a bit in the controlling status register. By setting and resetting the bits in the enable register, the user can determine whether or not events will be registered to the status register and queue.

**Event Status Enable Register (ESER)**

The ESER is made up of bits defined exactly the same as bits 0 through 7 in the SESR (see Figure 4–3). Use this register to designate whether the SBR ESB bit should be set when an event has occurred and whether the corresponding SESR bit has been set.



To set the SBR ESB bit (when the SESR bit has been set), set the ESER bit corresponding to that event. To prevent the ESB bit from being set, reset the ESER bit corresponding to that event.

Use the \*ESE command to set the bits of the ESER. Use the \*ESE? query to read the contents of the ESER.

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
PON	—	CME	EXE	DDE	QYE	—	OPC

Figure 4-3: The event status enable register (ESER)

**Service Request Enable Register (SRER)**

The SRER is made up of bits defined exactly the same as bits 0 through 7 in the SBR (see Figure 4-4). Use this register to determine which events will generate service requests.

The SRER bit 6 cannot be set. Also, the RQS is not maskable.

The generation of a service request with the GPIB interface involves changing the SRQ line to LOW and making a service request to the controller. The result is that a status byte for which an RQS has been set is returned in response to serial polling by the controller.

Use the \*SRE command to set the bits of the SRER. Use the \*SRE? query to read the contents of the SRER. Bit 6 must normally be set to 0.

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
OSB	—	ESB	MAV	QSB	—	—	—

Figure 4-4: The service request enable register (SRER)

## Queues

There are two types of queues in the status reporting system used in the platform's: output queues and event queues.

### Output Queue

The output queue is a FIFO (first in, first out) queue and holds response messages to queries, where they await retrieval. When there are messages in the queue, the SBR MAV bit is set.

The output queue will be emptied each time a command or query is received, so the controller must read the output queue before the next command or query is issued. If this is not done, an error will occur and the output queue will be emptied; however, the operation will proceed even if an error occurs.

### Event Queue

The event queue is a FIFO queue and stores events as they occur in the platform. If more than 32 events occur, event 32 will be replaced with event code -350 ("Queue Overflow"). You can retrieve the oldest error code and text using one of the following queries:

- :SYSTem:ERRor?
- :STATus:QUEue[:NEXT]?

## Status and Event Processing Sequence

The following outline lists the sequence for status and event processing, as illustrated in Figure 4–5.

1. When an event occurs, the SESR bit corresponding to that event is set and the event is placed in the event queue.
2. A bit corresponding to that event in the ESER is set.
3. The SBR ESB bit is set to reflect the status of the ESER.
4. When a message is sent to the output queue, the SBR MAV bit is set.
5. Setting either the ESB or MAV bits in the SBR sets the respective bit in the SRER.
6. When the SRER bit is set, the SBR MSS bit is set and a service request is generated when using the GPIB interface.

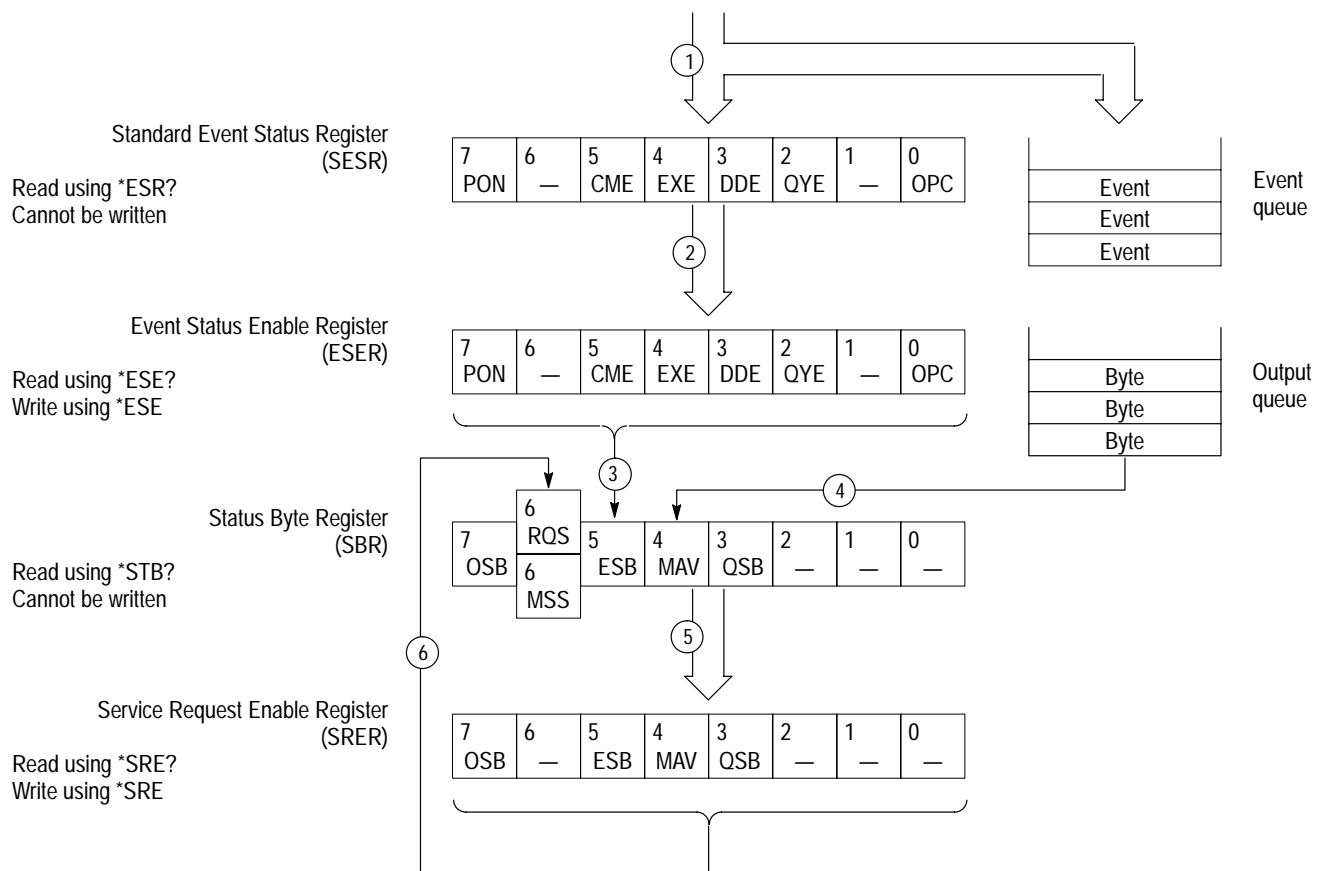


Figure 4–5: Status and event processing sequence

## Messages

Tables 4–3 through 4–7 show the codes and messages used in the status and event reporting system in the platform.

You can obtain event codes and messages using the queries `:SYSTEM:ERROR?` and `:STATUS:QUEUE[:NEXT]?`. These are returned in the following format:

```
<event code>,"<event message>"
```

Table 4–3 shows the messages generated when there is a syntax error in the command.

Table 4–4 shows the messages generated when an error is detected while a command is being executed.

Table 4–5 shows the messages generated when an internal instrument error is detected. When this type of error occurs, it may be due to a hardware problem.

Table 4–7 shows the messages for system events. This type of message is generated when the platform changes to a certain status.

## Synchronizing Execution

Almost all SCPI commands are executed in the order in which they are sent from the controller, and the execution of each command is completed in a short period of time. However, some commands require a longer period of time to complete execution. These commands are designed so that the next command to be sent is executed without waiting for the previous command to be completed. In some cases, a process executed by another command must first be completed before these commands can be executed; in other cases, these commands must be completed before the next command is executed.

All commands are executed in the sequence entered. The exception is...  
`:PROGRAM:WAIT`.

Sequences are started with the `:PROG:STATE` command and the command returns once the sequence has started. (The sequence runs in the background) If you want to wait until the sequence is completed, use the `:PROG:WAIT` command immediately after starting the sequence.

To synchronize execution, use the following commands:

```
*OPC  
*OPC?  
*WAI
```

**Using the \*WAI Command**

The \*WAI command is included to ensure compliance with the SCPI standard; however, the operational model of this platform makes it an unnecessary command.

**Using the \*OPC Command**

The \*OPC command sets the SESR OPC bit when all pending operations have been completed. It is possible to synchronize execution by using this command together with the serial poll or service request functions when using a GPIB interface.

For example, the following command string will set the OPC bit to 1 on completion of loading the test signal.

```
:MMEM:LOAD:SIGN 8,"AVG1/NTSC/COLORBAR/100% BARS";*OPC
```

**Using the \*OPC? Query**

The \*OPC? query writes an ASCII code "1" to the output queue when all pending operations are completed. Synchronization can be performed using the following procedure:

```
:MMEM:LOAD:SIGN 8,"AVG1/NTSC/COLORBAR/100% BARS";*OPC?
```

\*OPC? waits for a "1" to be written to the output queue. In the event that the system is waiting for data to be retrieved from the output queue, a time out may occur before the data is written to the output queue.



# Error Messages and Codes

Error codes with a negative value are SCPI standard error codes; errors with a positive value are unique to the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform.

## Command Errors

Command errors are returned when there is a syntax error in the command.

**Table 4-3: Command errors**

Error code	Error message
-100	command error
-101	invalid character
-102	syntax error
-103	invalid separator
-104	data type error
-105	GET not allowed
-108	parameter not allowed
-109	missing parameter
-110	command header error
-111	header separator error
-112	program mnemonic too long
-113	undefined header
-114	header suffix out of range
-120	numeric data error
-121	character
-123	exponent too large
-124	too many digits
-128	numeric data not allowed
-130	suffix error
-131	invalid suffix
-134	suffix too long
-138	suffix not allowed
-140	character data error

**Table 4-3: Command errors (cont.)**

Error code	Error message
-141	invalid character data
-144	character data too long
-148	character data not allowed
-150	string data error
-151	invalid string data
-158	string data not allowed
-160	block data error
-161	invalid block data
-168	block data not allowed
-170	command expression error
-171	invalid expression
-178	expression data not allowed
-180	macro error
-181	invalid outside macro definition
-183	invalid inside macro definition
-184	macro parameter error

## Execution Errors

These error codes are returned when an error is detected while a command is being executed.

**Table 4-4: Execution errors**

Error code	Error message
-200	execution error
-201	invalid while in local
-202	settings lost due to RTL
-210	trigger error
-211	trigger ignored
-212	arm ignored
-213	init ignored
-214	trigger deadlock



Table 4-4: Execution errors (cont.)

Error code	Error message
-215	arm deadlock
-220	parameter error
-221	settings conflict
-222	data out of range
-223	too much data
-224	illegal parameter value
-225	out of memory
-226	lists not same length
-230	data corrupt or stale
-231	data questionable
-240	hardware error
-241	hardware missing
-250	mass storage error
-251	missing mass storage
-252	missing media
-253	corrupt media
-254	media full
-255	directory full
-256	FileName not found
-257	FileName error
-258	media protected
-260	execution expression error
-261	math error in expression
-270	execution macro error
-271	macro syntax error
-272	macro execution error
-273	illegal macro label
-274	execution macro parameter error
-275	macro definition too long
-276	macro recursion error
-277	macro redefinition not allowed
-278	macro header not found
-280	program error

**Table 4-4: Execution errors (cont.)**

Error code	Error message
-281	cannot create program
-282	illegal program name
-283	illegal variable name
-284	program currently running
-285	program syntax error
-286	program runtime error

## Device Specific Errors

These error codes are returned when an internal instrument error is detected. This type of error may indicate a hardware problem.

**Table 4-5: Device specific errors**

Error code	Error message
-300	device specific error
-310	system error
-311	memory error
-312	PUD memory lost
-313	calibration memory lost
-314	save/recal memory lost
-315	configuration memory lost
-330	self test failed
-350	queue overflow

## Query Errors

These error codes are returned in response to an unanswered query.

**Table 4-6: Query errors**

Error code	Error message
-400	query error
-410	query interrupted
-420	query untermiated
-430	query deadlocked
-440	query untermiated after indefinite period

## Device Errors

These error codes are unique to the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform and the installed modules.

**Table 4-7: Device errors**

Error code	Error message
242	module not found
243	module not a generator
249	directory not found
251	standard not compatible with input
252	no signal found on input
253	unable to release clock
254	unable to lock clock
263	signal file not found
264	current signal not saved to file
265	signal file failed to load





# Appendix A: Specifications

This section lists the Electrical and Environmental specifications for the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform mainframe. For the specifications of a specific module, refer to the module user manual.

**Table A-1: AC power source**

Characteristic	Description
AC Source Voltage	
115 V operation	87 V <sub>RMS</sub> to 132 V <sub>RMS</sub>
230 V operation	174 V <sub>RMS</sub> to 250 V <sub>RMS</sub>
Power Consumption	220 W line power typical (270 W max)
Fuse Rating	
115V Operation	Slow Blow, 6 AT
230 V Operation	Slow Blow, 3 AT
Nominal Switching Frequency	100 kHz

**Table A-2: Physical dimensions**

Characteristic	Description
Dimensions	Height: 13.34 cm (5.25 inches) Width: 48.26 cm (19.0 inches); standard rack width Depth: 58.42 cm (23 inches)
Weight <sup>1</sup>	Net Weight: 17.27 kg (38 lbs) typical Shipping Weight: 23.67 kg (52 lbs) typical

<sup>1</sup> Weight of the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform will vary depending on the number and type of generator or other modules installed.

Table A-3: Environmental characteristics

Characteristic	Description
Temperature	
Operating	0° C to 40° C (32° F to 104° F)
Nonoperating	-20° to +60° C (-4° to +140° F) <sup>1</sup>
Altitude	
Operating	To 4572 meters (15,000 feet)
Nonoperating	To 12,203 meters (40,000 feet)
Humidity	
Operating	≤ 40° C, up to 95% relative humidity
Nonoperating	> 40° C, up to 80% relative humidity
Heat Dissipation	220 Watts maximum for mainframe with modules in all slots
Clearance for Cooling	For rack installation, allow standard side cooling and 5 cm (2 in) rear clearance for cables  For desk top use, allow 5 cm (2 in) side and rear clearance

<sup>1</sup> Battery storage life is specified at 25° C. At 60° C, battery discharge accelerates resulting in self discharge in less than 30 days.

Table A-4: System clock and frame reset

Characteristic	Description
Clock Frequency	27 MHz  DDS Ch 1: 10 MHz to 100 MHz, step size ≤ 0.1 Hz  DDS Ch 2: 10 MHz to 100 MHz
Stability	±1 ppm/year, operating at standard oven temperature
Frame Reset	Two reset channels, 1.7 Hz to 1 kHz

Table A-5: Certifications and compliances

Category	Standard
EC Declaration of Conformity	<p>Compliance was demonstrated to the following specifications as listed in the Official Journal of the European Communities:</p> <p>EN 50081-1 Emissions:  EN 55022                    Class B Radiated and Conducted Emissions  EN 60555-2                AC Power Line Harmonic Emissions</p> <p>EN 50082-1 Immunity:  IEC 801-2                Electrostatic Discharge Immunity  IEC 801-3                RF Electromagnetic Field Immunity  IEC 801-4                Electrical Fast Transient/Burst Immunity  IEC 801-5                Power Line Surge Immunity</p> <p>Low Voltage Directive 73/23/EEC, Amended by 93/68/EEC  EN61010-1                Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use</p>
Safety	
U.S. Nationally Recognized Laboratory Listing	ANSI/ISA S82.01 Safety Standard for Electrical and Electronics Test, Measuring, Controlling, and Related Equipment, 1994
Canadian Certification	CAN/CSA C22.2 No. 1010.1 Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use
European Union	<p>Low Voltage Directive 73/23/EEC, Amended by 93/68/EEC</p> <p>EN61010-1 Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use</p>
Additional Compliance	<p>UL3111-1 Standard for Electrical Measuring and Test Equipment</p> <p>IEC1010-1 Safety Requirements for Electrical for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use</p>
Safety Certification Compliance	
Temperature, operating	+5 to +40° C
Altitude (max operating)	2000 meters
Equipment Type	Test and Measuring
Safety Class	Class I (as defined in IEC 1010-1, Annex H) – grounded product
Overvoltage Category	Overvoltage Category II (as defined in IEC 1010-1, Annex J)
Pollution Degree	Pollution Degree 2 (as defined in IEC 1010-1), Note: rated for indoor use only.





# Appendix B: SCPI Conformance Information

All commands in the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform are based on SCPI Version 1994.0. Table B-1 lists all commands supported by the platform. The columns at right show whether or not a command is defined in the SCPI 1994.0 Standard.

Table B-1: SCPI conformance information

Command	Defined in SCPI 1994.0	
	Yes	No
CALibration [ALL]	✓	
MODules		✓
DISPlay CONTRast(?)	✓	
[WINDow] [STATe] (?)	✓	
TEXT [DATA] (?)	✓	
ERROR [STATe] (?)		✓
INSTrument CATalog?	✓	
FULL?	✓	
DEFine	✓	
DELete [NAME]	✓	
ALL	✓	
[SElect] (?)	✓	
NSElect(?)	✓	

Table B-1: SCPI conformance information (cont.)

Command		Defined in SCPI 1994.0	
		Yes	No
MMEemory	CATalog?	✓	
	CDIRectory(?)	✓	
	COPY	✓	
	DELeTe	✓	
	INITialize	✓	
	LOAD		✓
	DOWNload		✓
	PRESet		✓
	SIGNal		✓
	MDIRectory		✓
	RDIRectory		✓
	SIGNal		✓
	ACTive?		✓
	CATalog?		✓
	RESet		✓
	STATus?		✓
	CATalog?		✓
	ALL?		✓
	DELeTe		✓
	ALL		✓
	STATus?		✓
	STORE		✓
	DOWNload		✓
	PRESet		✓
	SIGNal		✓

Table B-1: SCPI conformance information (cont.)

Command				Defined in SCPI 1994.0	
				Yes	No
PROG	CAT	log?		✓	
	[SE]	DEF	(?)	✓	
	DEL		[SE]	✓	
			ALL	✓	
		NAME	(?)	✓	
		STATE	(?)	✓	
		WAIT	(?)	✓	
	EXPL	DEF	(?)	✓	
		DEL		✓	
		STATE	(?)	✓	
		WAIT	(?)	✓	
SEN	ROSC	CLOCK	3		✓
			CAT		✓
			FRE		✓
		FRAM	2		✓
			FRE		✓

Table B-1: SCPI conformance information (cont.)

Command	Defined in SCPI 1994.0	
	Yes	No
STATus	✓	
OPERation [EVENT]?	✓	
CONDition?	✓	
ENABle(?)	✓	
NTRansition(?)	✓	
PTRansition(?)	✓	
GCLosure [EVENT]?		✓
CONDition?		✓
ENABle(?)		✓
NTRansition(?)		✓
PTRansition(?)		✓
MAP	✓	
INSTRument [EVENT]?	✓	
CONDition?	✓	
ENABle(?)	✓	
NTRansition(?)	✓	
PTRansition(?)	✓	
QUEStionable [EVENT]?	✓	
CONDition?	✓	
ENABle(?)	✓	
NTRansition(?)	✓	
PTRansition(?)	✓	
INSTRument [EVENT]?	✓	
CONDition?	✓	
ENABle(?)	✓	
NTRansition(?)	✓	
PTRansition(?)	✓	

Table B-1: SCPI conformance information (cont.)

Command		Defined in SCPI 1994.0	
		Yes	No
SYSTEM	DATE(?)	✓	
	TIME(?)	✓	
	HELP SYNTAX?	✓	
	ERROR?	✓	
	VERSION?	✓	
	KLOCK(?)	✓	
*CLS		✓	
*ESE[?]		✓	
*ESR?		✓	
*IDN?		✓	
*OPC[?]		✓	
*OPT?			✓
*RST		✓	
*SRE[?]		✓	
*STB?		✓	
*TST?		✓	
*WAI?		✓	



## Appendix C: Disk Drive

The TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform disk drive provides a way to load and save signal sets and sequences for a module. It can also save all current settings, called presets, for the mainframe and its modules to the disk. You use the disk drive to load the signals into the module at installation time.

The disk drive uses 3.5 inch, 1.44 Mbyte, MS-DOS formatted disks. The disk must be formatted before using it in the drive.

### Supported File Types

The disk reads and writes the following file types:

**Signal Sets.** Files that serve as directories containing signal groups and, at the lowest level, test signals. Signal set files have a .dnl suffix and may contain test signals for more than one type of module. The SDP2000 Signal Development Program creates and assigns signal sets. You can save signal sets from a module to a disk.

**Test Signals.** Normally contained within the signal set files. Modified test signals that you save, such as those with overlaid text or other adjusted parameters, are saved as \*.sig files. These files contain only differences from the original test signal (\*.cmp). The \*.sig files must accompany the original \*.cmp file.

**Presets.** Settings files stored in a special binary format that is unique to each type of module. The settings can be saved to disk and restored later. They are automatically saved to disk when you use the backup sequence (refer to *Instrument Backup* on page E-8).

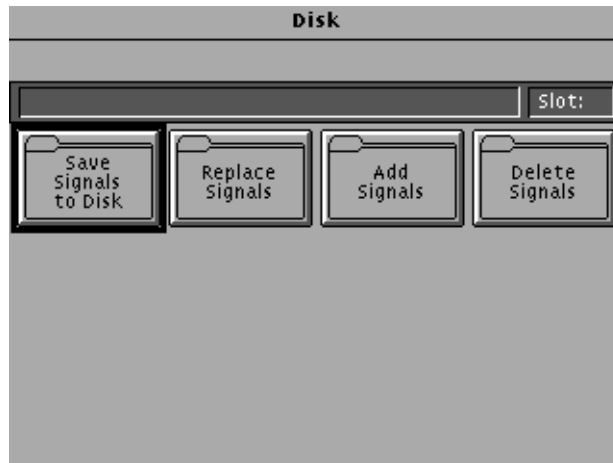
**Sequences.** Tcl files stored as ASCII text, and readable by any text editor. These files contain a series of SCPI and Tcl commands that are entered using a text editor. Sequence files have .seq suffix. Refer to page 3-13 for an example of a Tcl sequence file.

You can specify a sequence file to run at power on. One way is to name it AUTOSTRT and load it into the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform. At power on, the AUTOSTRT sequence is executed. Alternatively, place an AUTOSTRT file on a disk and insert it in the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform disk drive before power on. It runs automatically at power on.



**Disk Drive Functions**

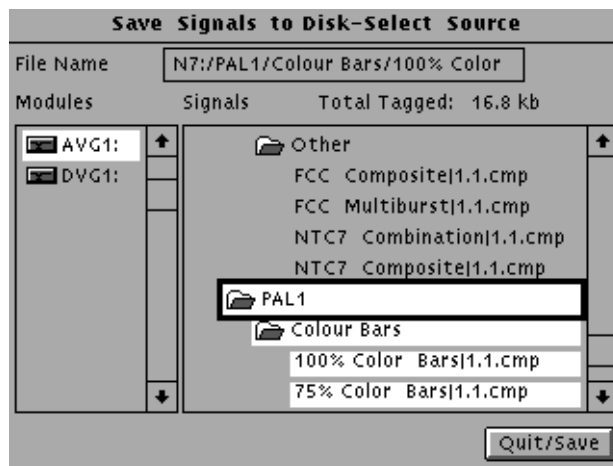
When you push the Disk button, the Disk window opens, as shown below. The four functions shown in the Disk window are described in the following pages.



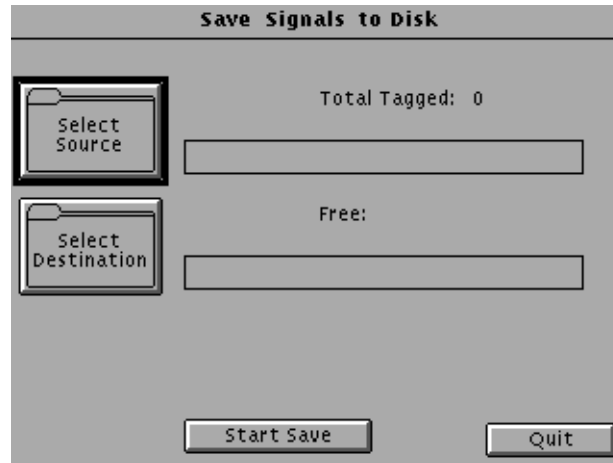
**Save Signals to Disk**

Any signal that can be generated by a module can be saved on a disk. Save all signals in a module to disk before removing the module, because modules lose their signal memory 30 seconds after being removed from the mainframe. To save test signal(s) to a disk, follow these steps:

1. Insert an MS-DOS formatted 3.5 inch disk into the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform disk drive. Ensure that the disk is not write protected.



2. Touch **Save Signals to Disk**. The following window opens.



3. Specify the signal source as follows:
  - a. Touch **Select Source**.
  - b. Use the cursors to select a module type, such as AVG1, at left.
  - c. Push **Select**.
  - d. Use the cursors to move to the signals you want to save to a disk file.
  - e. Push **Select**. Note that all items under your selection are automatically selected. For a module removal, select the directory at the top level. In the example, select AVG1 under Signals.
  - f. Touch **Quit/Save** when you have chosen a signal. The value displayed following “Total Tagged:” is the combined size of the selected signals.
4. In the Save Signals to Disk window, touch **Select Destination**.
5. You can use the **New Dir** selection to create a directory on the disk. Otherwise, select **New File** and give the output file a name. In the following

illustration, a directory named LOCAL was created, and then a file named test1.dnl was created.



6. Touch **Start Save** to save the signals to disk. How long saving takes depends on the number and size of signals to save.



### Replace Signals from Disk

Use this function to load new signals in place of currently installed signals. Generator modules that allow you to load signals, such as the AVG1, have limited memory. One way to change the available signal set is to replace the existing set with a new set of test signals to support another operational test.

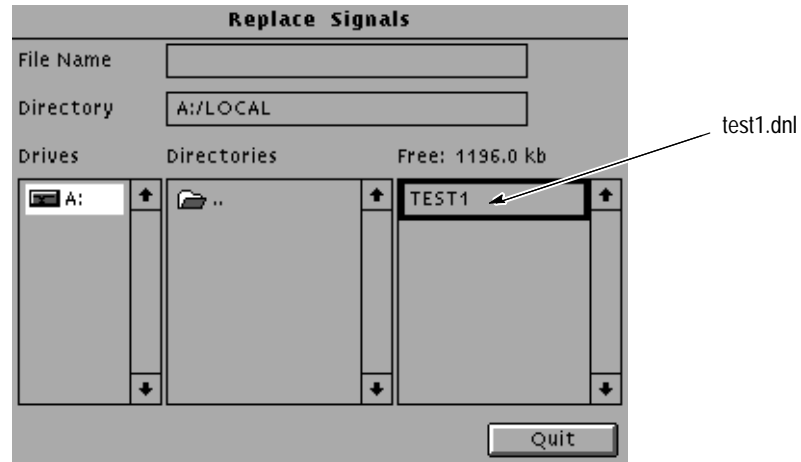
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**NOTE.** All signal sets currently in the selected module type will be **DELETED**. Consider saving all the signals in a module type to disk before proceeding.

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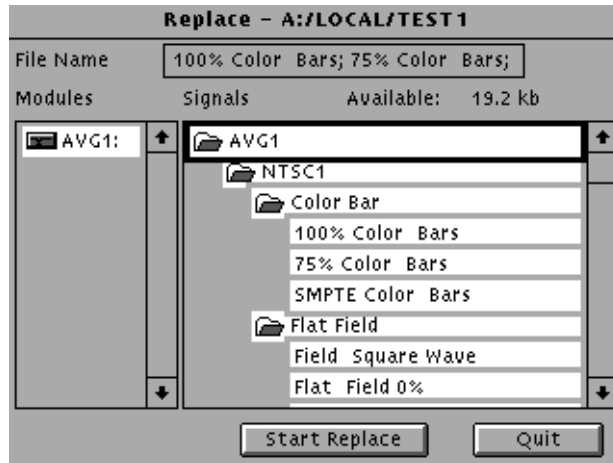
To replace all test signals for a type of generator module, do the following:

1. Save the module test signals (refer to *Save Signals to Disk* on page C-2).
2. Insert the disk with the replacement signals into the TG 2000 Platform mainframe disk drive.
3. Push the **Disk** button on the TG 2000 Platform mainframe.
4. Touch **Replace Signals** on the display.
5. Use the **Navigation** arrow to go to the \*.dnl file to download. In the following illustration, TEST1.DNL is selected.
6. Press the **Select** button. Wait for the next screen to open.



7. When the Replace screen appears, use the right **Navigation** arrow to move the cursor to the folder representing the destination module (AVG1 in this example).

8. Press the **Select** button.



9. Touch **Start Replace**.
10. Touch **OK** to remove all current signals and replace them with the new selections. If you are prompted to disable the active signal, touch **Yes**.
11. When the load is complete, touch **OK**, and then touch **Quit**.

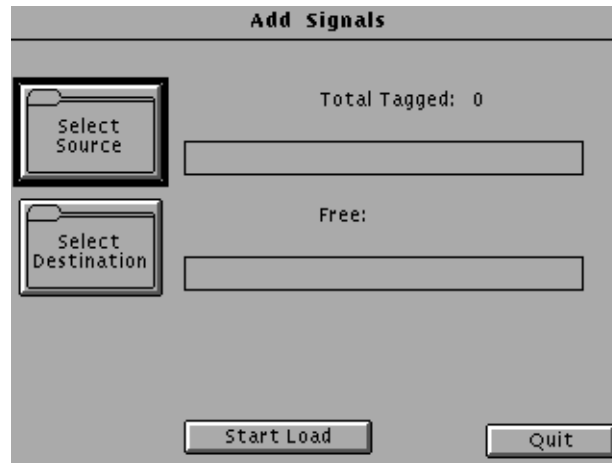
### Add Signals

Use this function to add new signals to generator modules that allow you to load signals. You can add signals from a disk or by remote connection with the SDP2000 Signal Development Program.

To add signals to a module, follow these steps:

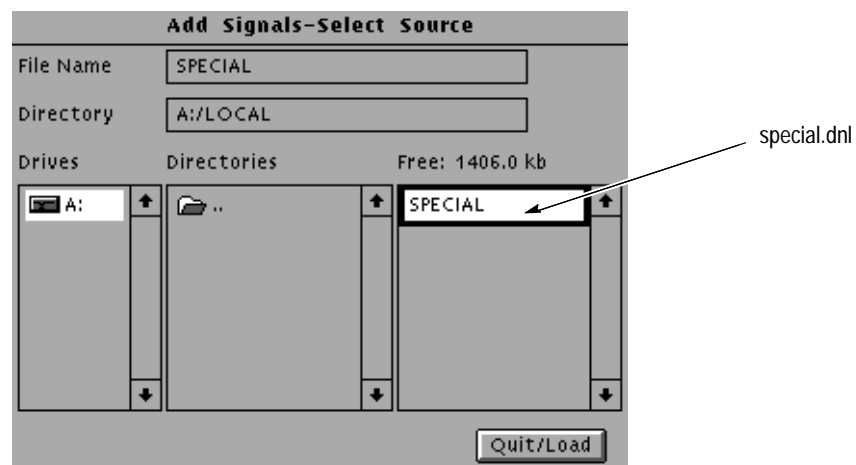
1. If the signals to be added are on a disk, insert the disk in the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform disk drive.
2. Push the **Disk** button on the TG 2000 Platform mainframe.
3. Touch **Add Signals** on the display.

4. Touch **Select Source**.



5. Use the **Navigation** arrow to select the \*.dnl file that contains the signals you want to add. In the example, the file SPECIAL.DNL is selected as the signal source.

6. Push the **Select** button. Wait for the signals to begin loading.



7. When the new window opens, use the **Navigation** arrows to move the cursor to the destination module folder on the right side of the display, and down to the test signals that you want to add. In the example, the Linearity signals under PAL1 are selected.

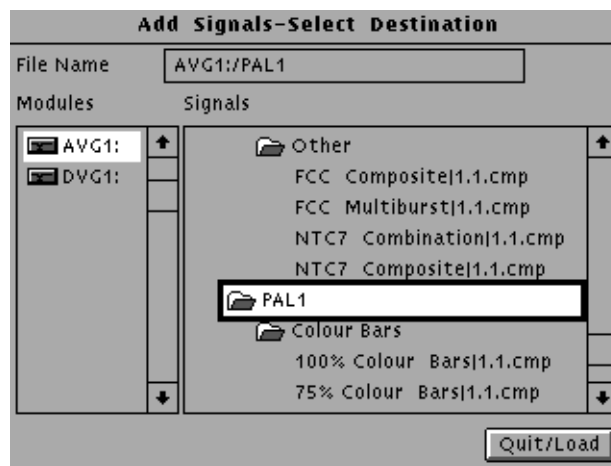
8. Press the **Select** button.

9. Touch **Quit/Load**.

10. Touch **Quit/Load** again to return to the Add Signals window.
11. Touch **Select Destination**.
12. Make sure that the correct module is selected on the left side of the display.
13. Use the **Navigation** arrows to move the cursor over to the destination module folder on the right side of the display, and down to the signal set where the test signals will be added. In the example, it is PAL1.

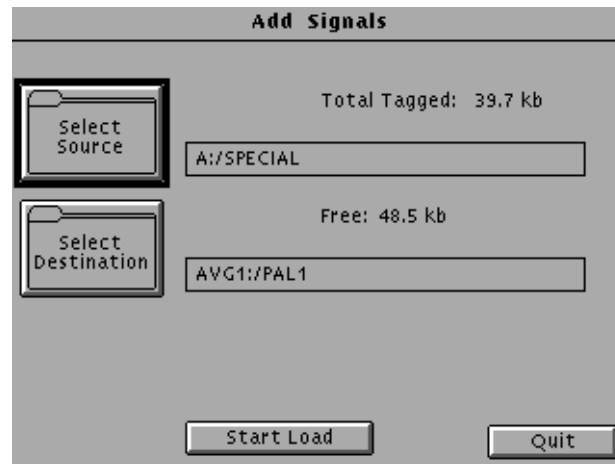
Be sure to always choose a destination that is at least one level higher than the item to be added. If a mismatch between the source and destination hierarchy occurs, an error message appears. Try a destination at a higher level and let the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform pick the appropriate level in the hierarchy.

14. Press the **Select** button.



15. Touch **Quit/Load**. The Add Signals window reappears, showing the amount of kilobytes selected (Total Tagged) and the amount of space available on the module (Free).

If the tagged total is greater than the free amount, the signal sets will not load. If this happens, reduce the number of signals being loaded (Select Source), delete a few signals from the module (Delete Signals), or use the *Replace Signals* procedure on page C-4.



16. Touch **Start Load**.

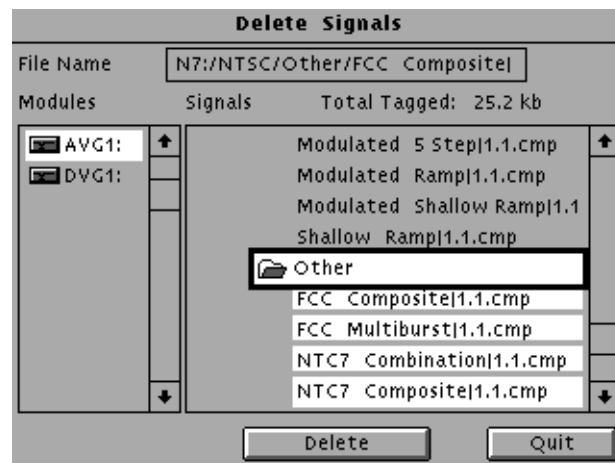
17. When the load is complete, touch **OK** and then touch **Quit**.

## Delete Signals

Use this function to remove signals from generator modules that allow you to load signals. You may want to delete signals to make room for new signals.

To delete signals from a module, follow these steps:

1. Push the **Disk** button.
2. Touch **Delete Signals** to open the window shown below.



3. Select the test signals or signal sets you wish to delete. Signals that you changed and saved contain only differences from their original signal. These signals have a .sig suffix and cannot be deleted without deleting the original signal.



In the example, NTSC/Other is selected, which includes all signals under it in the hierarchy. The value displayed following “Total Tagged:” indicates the memory used by the selected signals.

4. Touch **Delete** to remove the selected signals or signal sets from the module.

### Preset File Utilities

You can use File Utilities to save presets to a disk or load presets from a disk.

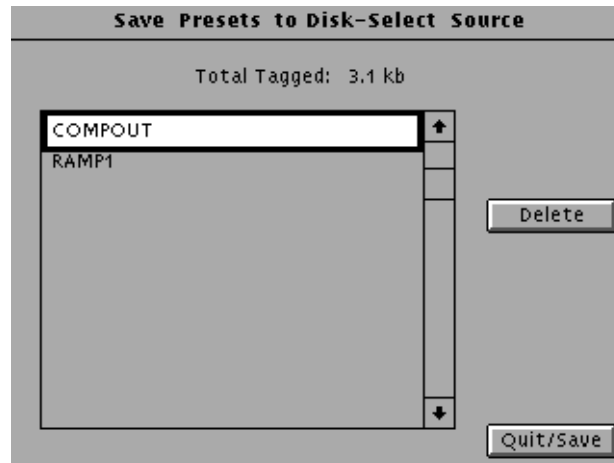
**Save Presets to Disk.** To save a preset to disk, follow these steps:

1. Create a preset that you want to save to a disk.
2. Insert an MS-DOS formatted disk into the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform drive. Ensure that the disk is not write protected.
3. Push the **Presets** button.
4. Touch **File Utilities**. The following window opens.



5. Touch **Save Presets to Disk**.
6. Touch **Select Source**.

7. Select the preset that you want to copy to the disk. In the example, the COMPOUT preset is selected. (Touching **Delete** deletes the selected preset.)



8. Touch **Quit/Save** to exit the selection window.
9. Touch **Select Destination**. The default selection is the A: drive and the root, or top, level directory. You can create a new directory for the preset by touching **New Dir**.
10. Touch **Quit/Save**.



11. Touch **Start Save** to copy the preset to disk.

**Load Presets from Disk.** To load a presets file from disk, follow these steps:

1. Insert the disk containing the presets file into the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform drive.
2. Push the **Presets** button.
3. Touch **File Utilities** on the display.
4. Touch **Add Presets from Disk**. Presets files appear as folders. In the example, SETOP1 is a presets file.
5. Select the presets file.
6. A list of modules appears to the right of the selected presets file. Use this list to determine the system configuration necessary to properly use the presets file. (You cannot select the module names.)



The location of installed modules should match those in the list. For example, AVG1\_7 indicates an AVG1 module in slot 7.

If a module listed in a presets file is not installed when you recall the presets file, the settings for the missing module are ignored.

7. Touch **Start Load** to load the presets file into system memory.

**Add Sequence from Disk**

To load a sequence from the disk drive into system memory, perform the following steps:

1. Insert the disk containing the sequence file into the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform drive.
2. Push the **Sequences** button.
3. Touch **Add Sequences from Disk**.
4. Select the sequence file you wish to load. In the following figure, SEQ1 is selected to load.



5. Touch **Start Load** to load the sequence into the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform.
6. Choose another sequence to load or touch **Quit**.
7. Touch **Quit** again to return to the Sequences window.



## Appendix D: Remote Interface

This section provides information on the remote communications, remote connectors, and remote interface set up.

The TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform includes serial, parallel, and GPIB ports. The serial port can be used for RS-232 or ground closure remote.

You can use the remote interfaces as follows:

- Use SCPI commands for remote control of the instrument functions through the RS-232, parallel, or GPIB port.
- Control the instrument remotely using ground closure of the serial port in combination with a Tcl sequence file.
- Download test signals from the SDP2000 Signal Development Program through the RS-232, parallel, or GPIB port.

Refer to Section 3, *Syntax and Commands* for SCPI programming information. Refer to *Sequence Programming* on page 3–13 for information on modifying and using sequences.

### Remote Control using the RS-232, Parallel, or GPIB Interface

To use any of these interfaces for remote control, follow these steps:

1. Set up the appropriate interface parameters as described in *Remote Interface Setup* on page D–7.
2. Connect the port to your computer or other controller. Refer to *Remote Connectors* on page D–4.
3. Select the desired remote port through the Remote window.
4. Send SCPI commands and queries from your controller to the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform. Refer to Section 3, *Syntax and Commands* for SCPI programming information.

## Remote Control using the Ground Closure Interface

You can remotely control instrument functions through ground closure of the 9-pin serial connector. A set of 8 bits serve as input to the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform. The RS-232 interface is disabled while the ground closure interface is enabled.

The best way to use the ground closure remote control is with a Tcl sequence that continuously queries the ground closure port and branches according to its value. Sample Program 3 on page 3–18 is a sample ground closure sequence. This sequence, called `gc.seq`, is provided on the TG2000 Utilities disk that is included with this manual. You modify this sequence to develop any desired response to a ground closure. For information on modifying and using sequences, refer to *Sequence Programming* on page 3–13.

You can use the SCPI query “:STATus:OPERation:GCLOsure?” on page 3–117 to obtain the status of the ground closure port (using the GPIB port, parallel port, or sequence).

To use the ground closure remote, follow these steps:

1. Create a ground closure control panel and connect it to the rear-panel connector as described on pages D–5 and D–6.
2. Through the Remote window, select **Gnd Closure Enabled** (this disables the RS-232 interface).
3. Use the Sequences window to load the sequence named “`gc.seq`” from the supplied TG2000 Utilities disk into the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform and run the sequence.
4. Use the ground closure control panel to ground each desired pin in turn.
5. If desired, you can lock out front-panel operation by touching **Remote Only** in the Remote window.
6. Use a text editor to modify the sequence to suit your application, load the modified sequence, and continue remote operation using the ground closure control panel.
7. To stop the sequence, use the control panel to select Stop Sequence.
8. To enable the front panel controls again, push the **Front-Panel Enable** button.
9. To enable the RS-232 interface again, select **Gnd Closure Disabled** in the Remote window.

## Remote Downloading of Signal Files

You can use the parallel, GPIB, or RS-232 interface to communicate with the SDP2000 Signal Development Program. You can download signals from the SDP2000 program to the generator modules. You can also display, on the computer screen, the hierarchy of signals that are loaded in the generator modules.

If your TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform is connected to a computer with the SDP2000 Signals Development Program running, the program will display the hierarchy of signal names that are already stored in the platform. This is useful when remotely downloading new signals. More information is available in the online help for the SDP2000 program.

To download \*.dnl files from the SDP2000 program, follow these steps:

1. Connect the desired TG 2000 Platform port to a corresponding port on your computer.
2. Select the appropriate port (RS-232, parallel, or GPIB) in the Remote window.
3. Configure the port to match your computer.
4. In the SDP2000 program, set up the port to match the TG 2000 Platform port configuration and select the appropriate port for communications. If the communications are working properly, the program will display the hierarchy of signal names that are already stored in the platform (you may need to refresh the display).

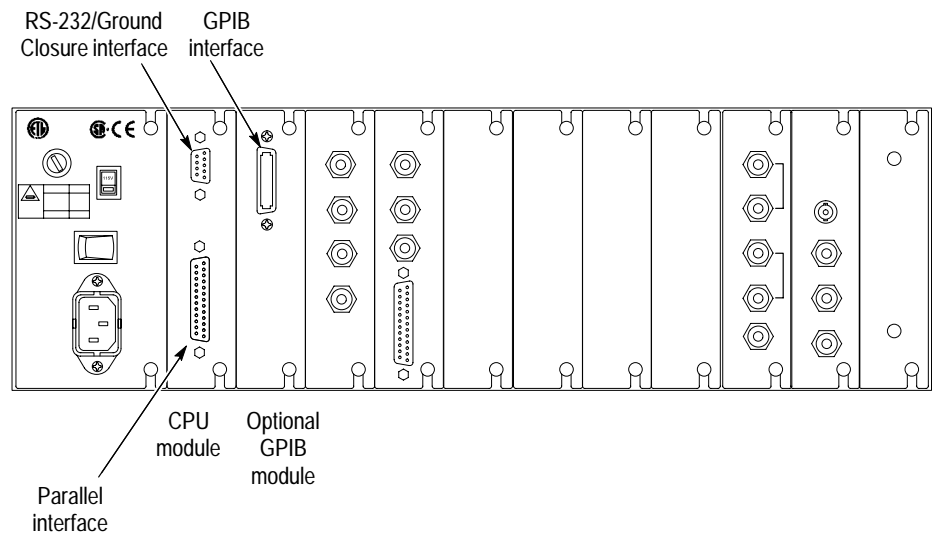
The SDP2000 program will also tell you whether or not there is enough space in the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform for the selected download file. If there is not enough room for the signals, you can copy some existing signals to disk, and delete the copied signals to make room for the new signals.

5. In the SDP2000 program, download the desired \*.dnl file. The TGCOMM (the communications portion of the SDP2000 program.) will open. The \*.dnl files will be downloaded to the TG 2000 Platform if there is enough memory available.



## Remote Connectors

The platform has a parallel port, a serial port (RS-232 or Ground Closure interface), and an optional GPIB port. You can use any of these ports for downloading signal sets from the SDP2000 Signal Development Program or for remote control of the platform and modules. The following paragraphs provide more information about these remote interfaces, and Figure D–1 shows the rear-panel connections.



**Figure D–1: Rear panel remote connectors**

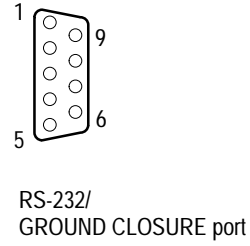
**GPIB Interface** The optional GP1 Interface module provides a GPIB interface. For information on this interface, refer to the *GP1 Interface Module User Manual*.

**Parallel Interface** This Centronics-compatible parallel interface uses the 25 pin D-type connector on the rear panel of the CPU module. For proper operation of the parallel interface, ensure that all 25 connector pins are connected straight through your cable. If the Parallel port does not work with your PC, try using a newer parallel port on your PC, or use the Serial port.

**RS-232 Interface**

The RS-232 interface uses the 9-pin subminiature D-type connector on the rear panel of the CPU module. Figure D–2 shows the pin assignments for the RS-232 interface.

Pin Number	Data Connection
1.	DCD (Received Line Signal Detector)
2.	RXD (Received Data)
3.	TXD (Transmitted Data)
4.	DTR (Data Terminal Ready)
5.	Ground
6.	DSR (Data Set Ready)
7.	RTS (Request To Send)
8.	CTS (Clear To Send)
9.	CE (Ring Detect)



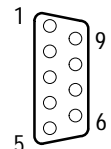
**Figure D–2: RS-232 connector pin assignments**

**Ground Closure Interface**

The same port that is used for the RS-232 interface can also be used for ground closure remote control.

There are eight lines, and each generates a value of 0 to 7. Each also sets the clock line high as a means of qualifying the reading. Figure D–3 shows the pin assignments for the ground closure interface.

Pin Number	Function
1.	bit 0
2.	bit 1
3.	bit 2
4.	bit 3
5.	Ground
6.	bit 4
7.	bit 5
8.	bit 6
9.	bit 7



**Figure D–3: Serial port ground closure functions**

To apply a ground closure, wire a switch and diode between each bit line and ground. For example, connect a switch from pin 1 to pin 5. When this switch is closed, it will apply a high in bit 0 of the :STATus:OPERation:GCLOsure? response.

Figure D–4 shows how you can create binary values using individual switches with the aid of diodes. Use small signal diodes, such as Tektronix part number 152-0141-02. Diodes are used to create AND gates. There are internal pull-up resistors on each line.

In the example in Figure D-4, the eighth bit is used as a qualifier to read the remaining 7 bits. This yields a range of values from 0 to 127. Sample Program 3, on page 3-18, demonstrates how this works.

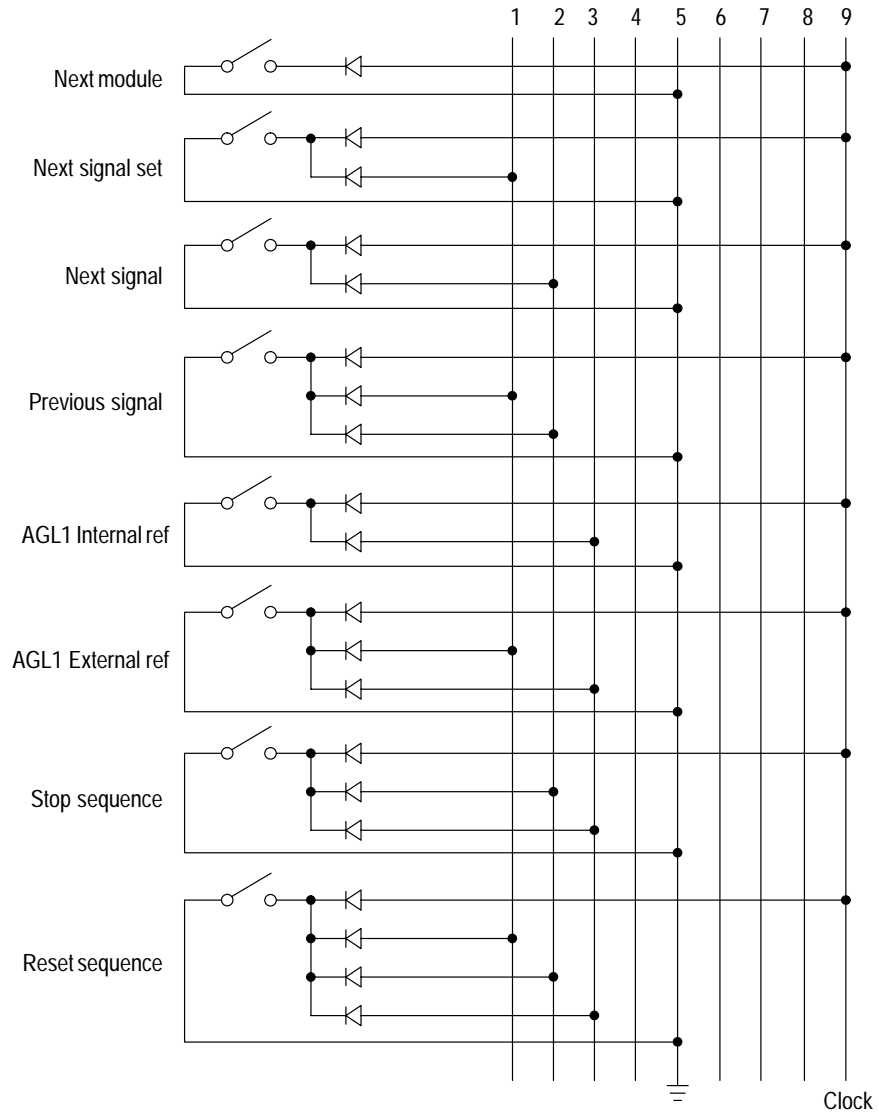
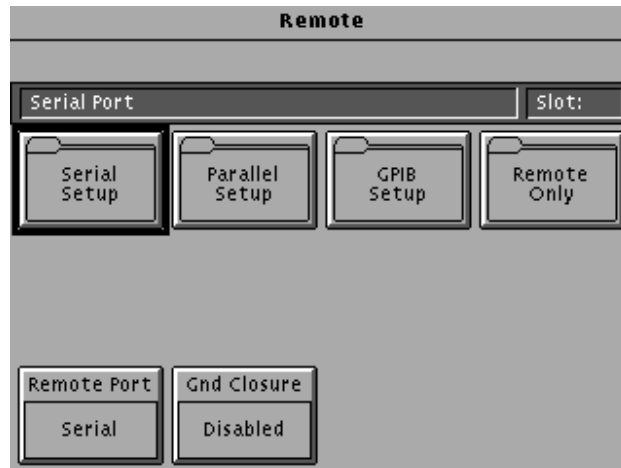


Figure D-4: Sample ground closure control panel

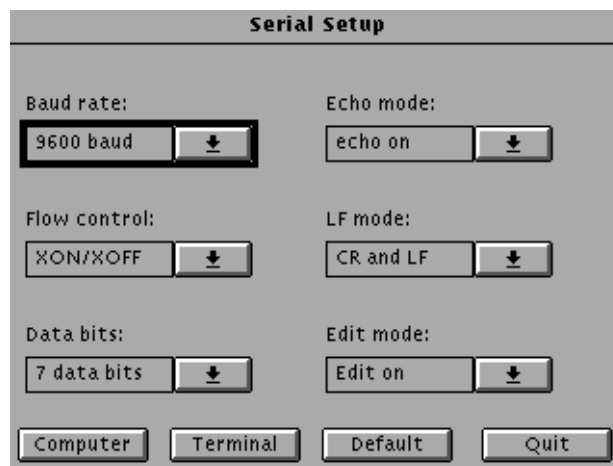
## Remote Interface Setup

Pushing the Remote button opens the Remote window, shown below. Use this window to set the remote port parameters described on the following pages.



**RS-232 Setup** To set communication parameters for the RS-232 interface, follow these steps:

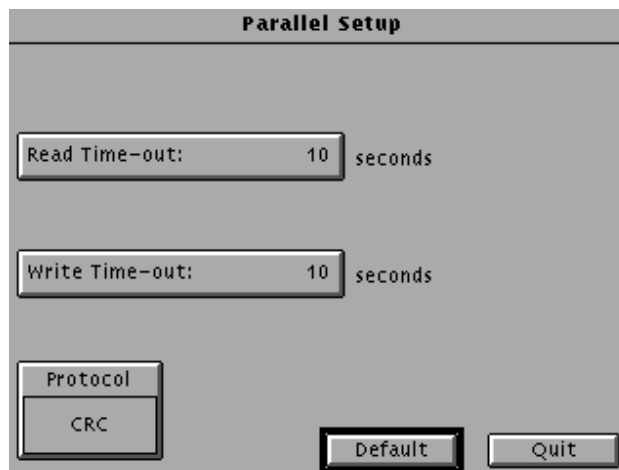
1. Push the **Remote** button.
2. Touch **Serial Setup** to open the following window.



3. Modify parameters as follows:
  - a. Select a parameter by touching it on the display or by using the Navigation arrows. Display a list of possible settings for that parameter using the Navigation arrows or knob.
  - b. To select a new setting for a parameter, move the cursor to that setting and then push the **Select** button.
    - To set the port for communication with the SDP2000 Signal Development Program, touch the **Computer** selection and then set **Flow control** to **HW** and **Data bits** to **8 data bits**.
    - To set the port for a typical connection to a computer, touch **Computer**. Use this setting when downloading signals from the SDP2000 software.
    - To set the port for a typical connection to a dumb terminal, touch **Terminal**.
    - To restore the port to the factory default settings, touch **Default**.
  - c. Touch **Quit** to store the new parameters and exit the window.

**Parallel Setup** Set the communication parameters for the parallel interface as follows:

1. Push the **Remote** button.
2. Touch **Parallel Setup** to open the following window.



3. Modify parameters as follows:
  - a. Select a parameter by touching it on the display or by using the Navigation arrows. The parameters are:
    - Protocol. Selects CRC or Raw data transfer. The data is validated when CRC is selected.
    - Read Time-Out. Specifies the time to wait for a read.
    - Write Time-Out. Specifies the time the platform will wait for a write, after which time it returns to read mode.
    - Default. Restores parameters to factory settings. Use the default when downloading signals from the SDP2000 software.
  - b. To display a list of possible settings for a parameter that you have selected using the arrows, rotate the Navigation knob.
  - c. To select a new setting for a parameter, move the cursor to that setting and then push the **Select** button.
  - d. Touch **Quit** to exit the window.

**GPIB Setup**

To set the mainframe GPIB address for communications with the controller, follow these steps:

1. Push the **Remote** button.
2. Touch **GPIB Setup**.
3. Use the Keypad to enter a number from 0 to 30. You will need to set the port on your controller to this same number.
4. Touch **Quit** to set the mainframe GPIB address and close the GPIB setup screen.

**Remote Port**

To select which interface you use for remote communications, follow these steps:

1. Push the **Remote** button.
2. Touch **Remote Port** repeatedly to toggle through the selections: GPIB, Serial, or Parallel. If the Serial port is selected, ensure that Gnd Closure is set to Disabled.

**Gnd Closure** To toggle between ground closure remote control and the RS-232 interface, follow these steps:

1. Push the **Remote** button.
2. To use the ground closure remote control feature, touch **Gnd Closure** in the Remote window until it displays **Enabled**. (This disables the RS-232 interface. When you want to enable the RS-232 interface, select **Gnd Closure Disabled**.)

**Locking out Front-Panel Controls**

Once you have your remote port set up, you can disable the front-panel controls if desired. This makes it possible to operate the platform only through remote control. To disable the front panel, follow these steps:

1. Push the **Remote** button.
2. Touch **Remote Only** to disable the front-panel controls. (Only the **Front-Panel Enable** button and the **On/Standby** switch are not disabled.)
3. Touch **Quit** to exit.
4. When you want to enable the front panel controls again, push the **Front-Panel Enable** button and touch **Quit**.

**WARNING**

*The following servicing instructions are for use only by qualified personnel. To avoid injury, do not perform any servicing other than that stated in the operating instructions unless you are qualified to do so. Refer to all Safety Summaries before performing any service.*





# Appendix E: Installation

This section contains instructions for installing the module into the TG 2000 Platform mainframe. Listed below are the starting page numbers for the major topics in this section.

- Preventing component damage
- Module Installation (including signal set installation)
- Instrument Backup and Restore
- Module Removal

## Preventing Component Damage



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**CAUTION.** *Electrostatic discharge (ESD) can damage components on this module and mainframe. To prevent ESD or other component damage, follow the steps below when installing, removing, or handling modules:*

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1. Wear a grounded antistatic wrist strap to discharge the static voltage from your body while installing or removing modules from the TG 2000 Platform mainframe.
2. Transport and store modules in a static-protected bag or container.
3. Do not slide the module over any surface.
4. Handle modules as little as possible.
5. Do not touch module components or connector pins.
6. Do not use any devices capable of generating or holding a static charge in the work area where you remove, install, or handle modules.
7. Avoid handling modules in areas that have a floor or work-surface covering capable of generating a static charge.
8. Do not remove the module circuit board assembly from the shield. The shield provides important support and protection for the surface-mount components.

## Module Installation

A T-10 torx tip screwdriver is the only tool you need to install the module. A T-10 torx tip is supplied with the module.

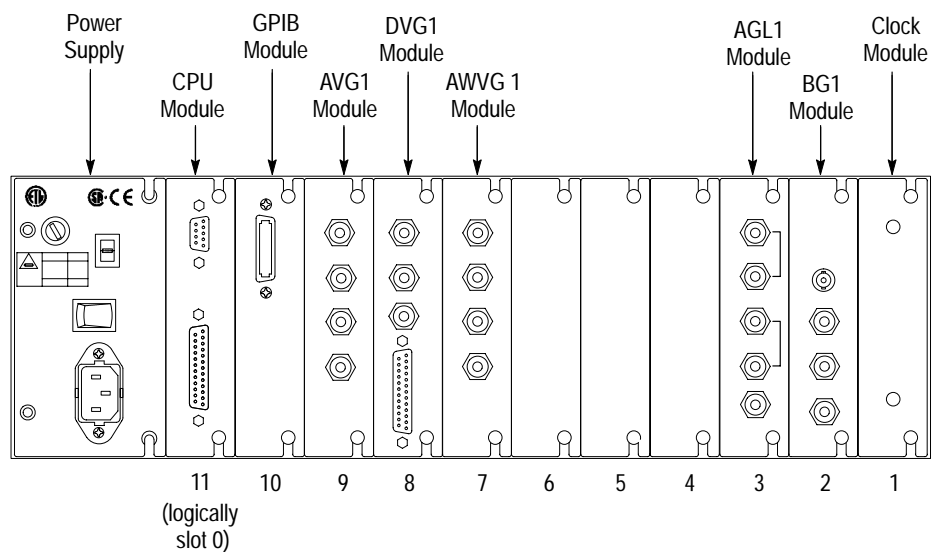
### Hardware Installation

To install the module into the TG 2000 Platform mainframe, perform these steps:

1. Turn off the TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform by pressing the On/Stand-by front panel button and switching the rear panel power switch to off.
2. Remove the power cord.
3. Select the slot you will use to install the module. Table E-1 lists the slot restrictions. Figure E-1 shows a sample configuration with slot numbers.

**Table E-1: Module slot assignments**

Module	Slots in which the module can be installed
AGL1 Genlock module	Slot 2 or 3
AVG1 Generator module	Slots 2 through 10
AWVG1 Generator module	Slots 2 through 10
BG1 Generator module	Slot 2 through 10
Clock module	Slot 1
CPU module	Slot 11
DVG1 Generator module	Slots 2 through 10
GP1 GPIB Interface module	Slot 10



**Figure E-1: Rear panel, showing slot numbering**



**WARNING.** To avoid a shock hazard, always remove the power cord before removing the top cover. Failure to remove the power cord can result in serious injury or death.

- 4. Referring to Figure E-2, remove or loosen all screws to remove the top cover.

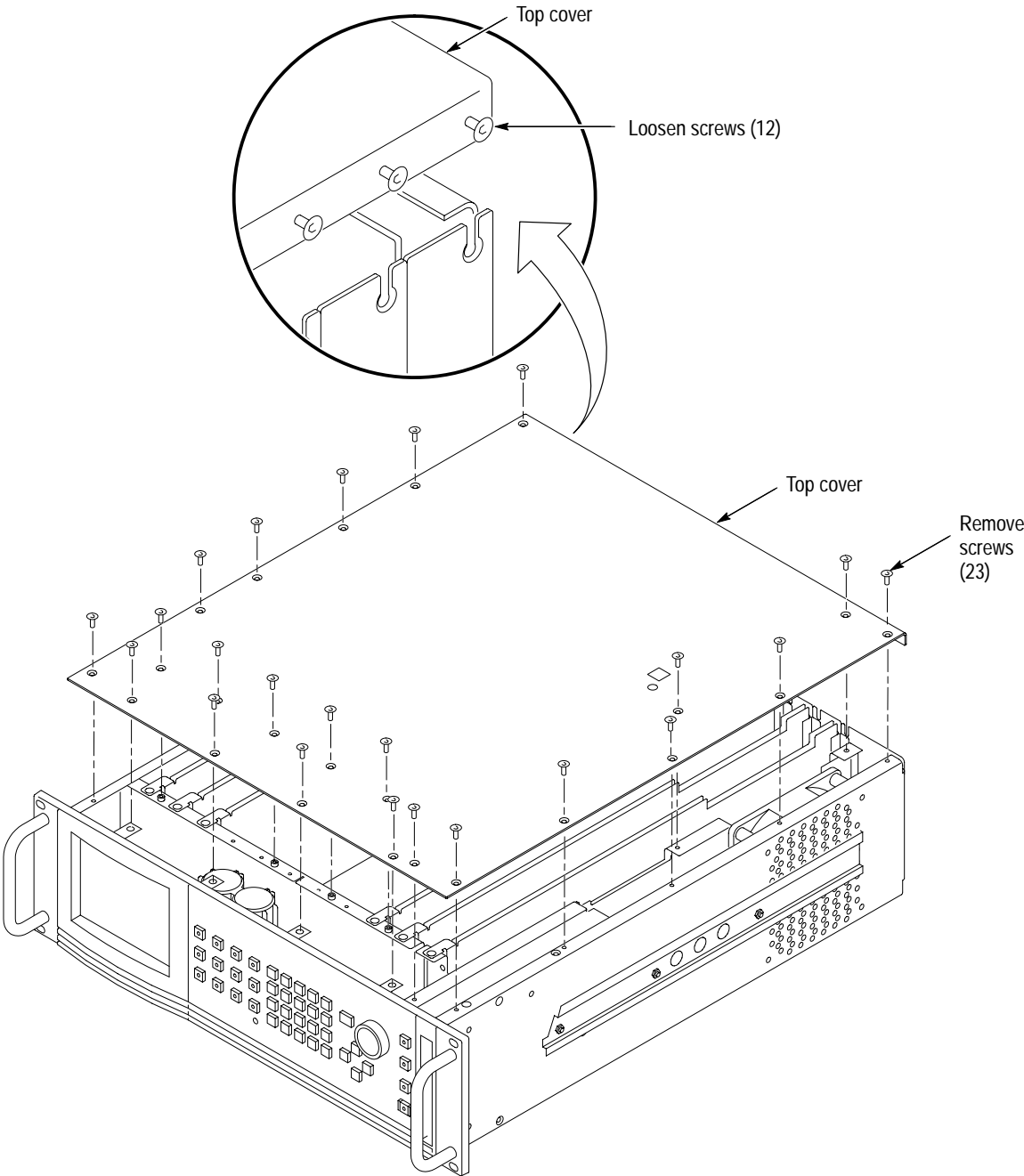
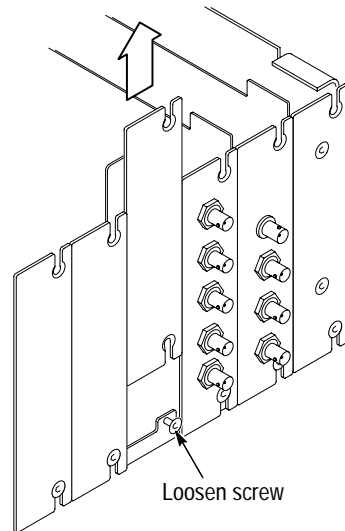


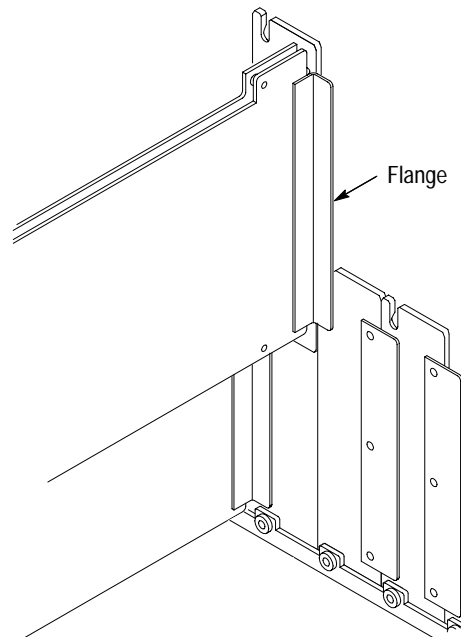
Figure E-2: Top cover removal

5. Remove the appropriate rear panel as shown in Figure E-3. Loosen, but do not remove the bottom screw. You will use it later to secure the module.



**Figure E-3: Rear panel removal**

6. While ensuring correct alignment of the module flange as shown in Figure E-4, lower the module into the desired slot as shown in Figure E-5.



**Figure E-4: Module flange**

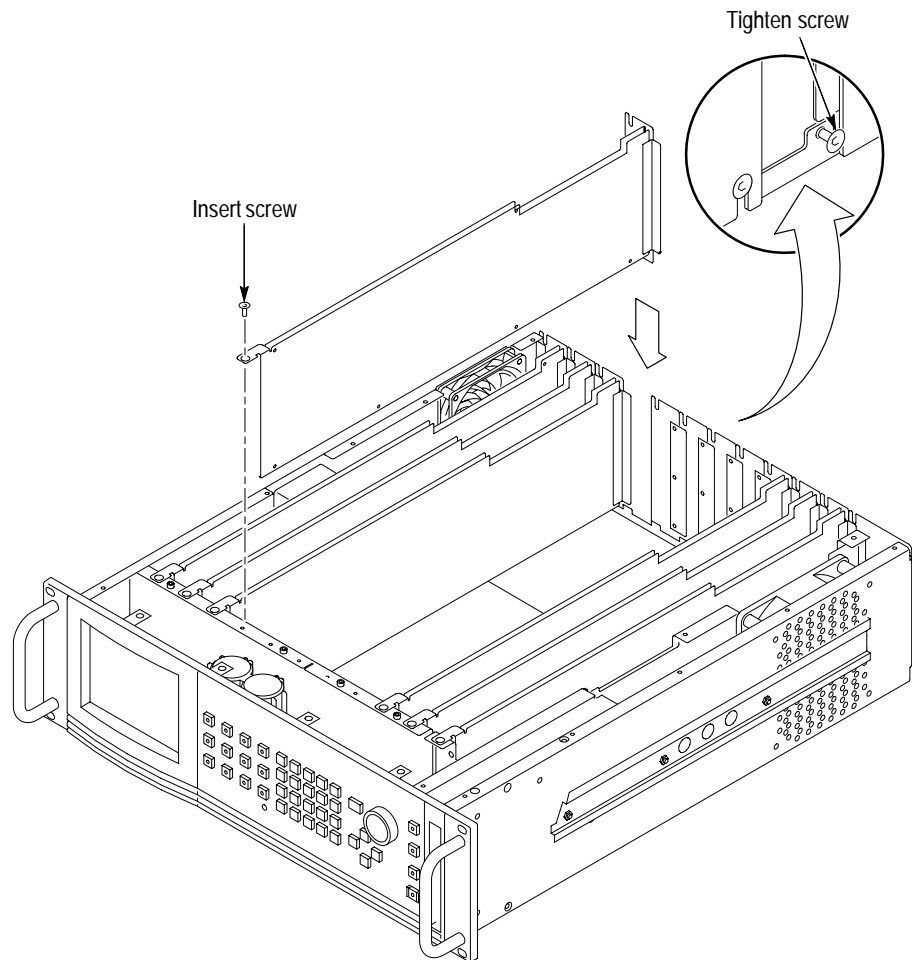


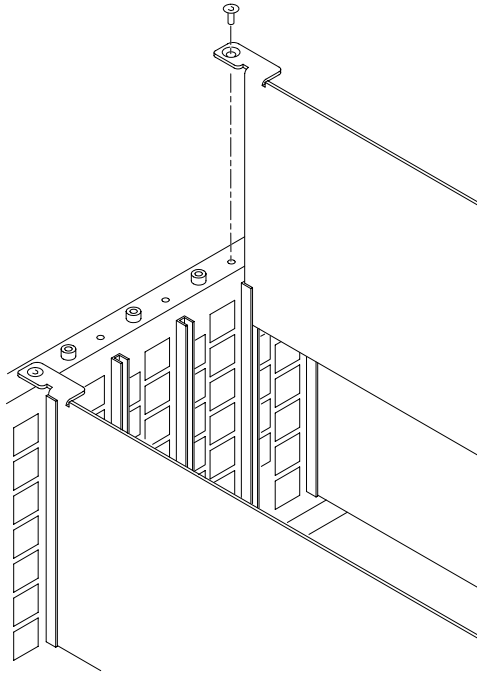
Figure E-5: Installing the module

7. Ensure that the connectors on the mother board and the module exactly match before seating the module.



**CAUTION.** The connectors must exactly match before you attempt to press the module firmly in place. If the connectors do not match you could bend a pin that could damage the module, mainframe, or both when power is applied.

8. Press down evenly on the module until it is firmly in place.
9. Refer to Figure E-6 and insert and tighten the top screw, which comes with your module, and tighten the rear panel screw.



**Figure E-6: Top screw**

10. Reinstall the top cover and insert and tighten all top cover screws.
11. Plug in the instrument power cord. Power on the mainframe by setting the rear-panel power switch to ON and pressing the front-panel power switch. Wait for the instrument to perform self tests.
12. If you previously moved or removed a module and backed up the instrument, perform *Instrument Restore from Backup* now (page E-9).

## Signal Set Installation

If this module was installed in the TG 2000 Platform mainframe at the factory, signal sets are already installed. If a generator module is ordered separately, the user must install signal sets when installing the module. If you need to install signal sets, use one of the two following procedures: *Installing Signals to the Default Destination* or *Installing Signals to a Non-default Destination*. To replace signal sets, refer to the *TG 2000 Signal Generation Platform User Manual*.

**Installing Signals to the Default Destination.** To install signal sets from the disk to the default destination, perform these steps:

1. Insert the test signal disk into the TG 2000 Platform mainframe disk drive.
2. Push the **Disk** button.

3. Touch **Add Signals** when the Disk menu appears.
4. Touch **Select Source**.
5. Move the browse ring to the .DNL you want to load and press the **Select** key.
6. Select all of the signal sets at the module level and press the **Select** key.
7. Touch **Quit/Load**. The previous menu appears.
8. Touch **Quit/Load** again. The Add Signals window reappears, showing the module as the selected destination.

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***NOTE.** The Add Signals window shows the amount of Kbytes selected (Total Tagged) and the amount available on the module. If the tagged total is greater than the amount available, the signal sets will not load.*

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9. Touch **Start Load**. The signal sets are automatically loaded into the module. A popup menu tells you when the transfer is complete.

**Installing Signals to a Non-default Destination.** To install signal sets from the floppy disk to a non-default destination, perform these steps:

1. Insert the test signal disk into the TG 2000 Platform mainframe disk drive.
2. Push the **Disk** button.
3. Touch **Add Signals** when the Disk menu appears.
4. Touch **Select Source**.
5. Move the browse ring to the .DNL you want to load and press the **Select** key.
6. Move the browse ring to a particular test signal and press the **Select** key.
7. Touch **Quit/Load**. The previous menu appears.
8. Touch **Quit/Load** again. The Add Signals window reappears.

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***NOTE.** The Add Signals window shows the amount of Kbytes selected (Total Tagged) and the amount available on the module. If the tagged total is greater than the amount available, the signal sets will not load.*

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9. Touch **Select Destination**.
10. Move the cursor to the signal's field and place the cursor where you want the test signal to be installed. Be sure to chose a destination that is one level above the source. Press the **Select** key.



11. Touch **Start Load**. A popup menu tells you when the transfer is complete.

## Instrument Backup and Restore

Generator modules lose their signal memory 30 seconds after removal from the mainframe. Before you remove a generator module, save its signal sets to disks. (Modules such as the BG1 Generator module and AGL1 Genlock module have no signals that need to be saved.)

Before you remove a generator module, you can save its signal sets to disk using the *Save Signals to Disk* procedure on page C-2. You can also use this *Instrument Backup and Restore* procedure, which will save the signal sets for all modules, as well as sequences and presets. Always use this procedure before removing the CPU module.

### Required Equipment

You will need blank, DOS formatted 3.5 inch disks. You will need approximately one disk for each installed module, and one disk for the CPU.

### Instrument Backup

To save signal sets, presets and sequence files, perform these steps:

1. Insert the TG2000 Utilities disk supplied with this manual into the mainframe disk drive and push the front-panel **Sequences** button.
2. Touch **File Utilities** on the display, and then touch **Add Sequences from Disk**.
3. Select the **tgbackup.seq** sequence file, and then touch **Start Load**.
4. When you see the message, "The Load is Complete", touch **OK**.
5. Touch **Quit**, and then touch **Quit** again.
6. Touch **Sequences** and then select the **tgbackup.seq** file to run (use the touch screen and the **Select** key). Be sure this file name appears in the box at the top of the window.
7. Touch **Run**. A popup message will tell you how many disks are needed. Touch **Quit**.
8. When you see the message, "Insert a Floppy Disk", remove the troubleshooting disk and insert a blank formatted disk. Touch **Quit**.
9. After each backup disk is complete, a popup message will tell you to insert a disk. Replace the completed disk with a new disk, and touch **Quit**.
10. After the last backup disk is complete, touch **Quit** and then **Quit** again.

## Instrument Restore from Backup

To restore signal sets and instrument settings, perform these steps:

1. Insert the TG2000 Utilities disk supplied with this manual into the mainframe disk drive and press the front-panel **Sequences** key.
2. Select the **tgrstore.seq** file, and then touch **Start Load**.
3. When you see the message, “The Load is Complete”, touch **OK**.
4. Touch **Quit**, and then touch **Quit** again.
5. Touch **Sequences** and then select the **tgrstore.seq** file to run (use the touch screen and the **Select** key). Be sure this file name appears in the box at the top of the window.
6. Touch **Run**. Insert any of the backup disks that you created when you performed the *Instrument Backup* procedure. Touch **Quit**.
7. Insert another disk and touch **Quit** each time you are prompted. (You can insert the disks in any order.)
8. When the Restore Complete window appears, turn the mainframe power off and then on again to cycle power.

## Module Removal

To remove a module, perform these steps:

1. Save the module’s signal sets to disk using the *Save Signals to Disk* procedure on page C-2 or perform *Instrument Backup* on page E-8.
2. Turn off the TG 2000 Platform mainframe by pressing the On/Standby front panel button and switching the rear panel power switch to off.
3. Unplug the power cord.




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**WARNING.** To avoid a shock hazard always unplug the power cord before removing the top cover. Failure to unplug the power cord can result in serious injury or death.

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4. Remove all top-cover screws and remove the top cover. See Figure E-2 on page E-3.
5. Remove the appropriate rear panel as shown in Figure E-3 on page E-4. Loosen, but do not remove the bottom screw. You will use it later to secure the rear panel.
6. Refer to Figure E-6 on page E-6 and remove the top screw.



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**CAUTION.** *The module will lose its signal memory 30 seconds after you remove it from the TG 2000 Platform mainframe. Before removing the module, be sure you have performed Instrument Backup (step 1 of this procedure).*

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7. Remove the module.
8. To install a module in the empty slot, proceed to *Module Installation* on page E-2. To leave the slot empty, proceed to step 9.
9. To ensure proper cooling and adherence to EMI shielding requirements, install a blank panel to cover any empty slots in the rear panel. A spare blank panel is included in the TG 2000 Platform mainframe accessories kit.
10. Tighten the screws on the blank rear panel.
11. Reinstall the top cover and insert and tighten all top cover screws.
12. Plug in the instrument power cord.
13. If you performed the *Instrument Backup*, perform *Instrument Restore from Backup* on page E-9.



# Glossary

**Accuracy**

The closeness of the indicated value to the true value.

**AC-Coupled**

A connection which removes the constant voltage (DC component) on which the signal (AC component) is riding. Implemented by passing the signal through a capacitor.

**AM**

Amplitude Modulation (AM) is the process by which the amplitude of a high-frequency carrier is varied in proportion to the signal of interest. In the conventional television system, AM is used to transmit the picture.

**Back Porch**

The portion of the video signal that lies between the trailing edge of the horizontal sync pulse and the start of the active picture time. Burst is located on back porch.

**Bandwidth**

The range of frequencies over which signal amplitude remains constant (typically  $-3$  dB) as it is passed through a system.

**Baseband**

Refers to the composite video signal as it exists before modulating the picture carrier. Composite video distributed through a studio and used for recording is at baseband.

**Black Burst**

Also called “color black,” black burst is a composite video signal consisting of all horizontal and vertical synchronization information and burst. Typically used as the house reference synchronization signal in television facilities.

**Blanking Level**

Refers to the 0 mV or 0 IRE level before and after horizontal sync and during the vertical interval.

**Breezeway**

The portion of the video signal that lies between the trailing edge of the horizontal sync pulse and the start of burst. Breezeway is part of back porch.

**Broad Pulses**

Another name for the vertical synchronizing pulses in the center of the vertical interval. These pulses are long enough to be distinguished from all others and are the part of the signal actually detected by vertical sync separators.

**Bruch Blanking**

A 4-field burst blanking sequence employed in PAL signals to ensure that burst phase is the same at the end of each vertical interval.

**Burst**

A small reference packet of the subcarrier sine wave sent on every active line of video. Since the carrier is suppressed, this phase and frequency reference is required for synchronous demodulation of the color difference signals in the receiver.

**B-Y**

One of the color difference signals used in the NTSC and PAL systems, obtained by subtracting luminance (Y) from the blue camera signal (B). The B-Y signal is also known as U.

**Chrominance**

Chrominance refers to the color information in a television picture. Chrominance can be further broken down into two properties of color: hue and saturation.

**Chrominance Signal**

The high-frequency portion of the video signal, obtained by quadrature amplitude modulation of a 4.43 MHz (PAL) or 3.58 MHz (NTSC) subcarrier with R-Y and B-Y information.

**Composite Video**

A single video signal containing all of the necessary information to reproduce a color picture. Created by adding quadrature amplitude modulated U and V to the luminance signal.

**CW**

Continuous Wave. Refers to an unmodulated sine wave. A common CW is the separate subcarrier which is modulated with chrominance information.

**dB (Decibel)**

A decibel is a logarithmic unit used to describe signal ratios. For voltages,

$$dB = 20 \text{ Log}_{10} (V_1/V_2).$$

$$dB = 20 \text{ Log}_{10} \left( \frac{V}{V_{ref}} \right)$$

**DC-Coupled**

A connection configured so that both the signal (AC component) and the constant voltage on which it is riding (DC component) are passed through.

**DC Restorer**

A circuit used in picture monitors and waveform monitors to clamp one point of the waveform to a fixed DC level.

**Demodulator**

In general, this term refers to any device which recovers the original signal after it has modulated a high frequency carrier. In television, it may refer to:

- An instrument, such as a Tektronix 1350, that takes video in its transmitted form (modulated onto the picture carrier) and converts it to baseband.
- The circuits that recover R-Y and B-Y from a composite signal.

**Equalizing Pulse**

The pulses that occur before and after the broad pulses in the vertical sync interval.

**Field**

In interlaced scan systems, the information for one picture is divided up into two or more fields. Each field contains part of the lines required to produce the entire picture. Adjacent lines in the picture are in alternate fields.

**FM**

Frequency Modulation (FM) is the process by which the frequency of a carrier signal is varied in proportion to the signal of interest. In the NTSC and PAL television systems, audio information is transmitted using FM.

**Frame**

A frame (sometimes called a “picture”) contains all the information required for a complete picture.

**Front Porch**

The portion of the video signal between the end of active picture time and the leading edge of horizontal sync.

**Envelope Detection**

A demodulation process in which the shape of the RF envelope is sensed. This is the process used by a diode detector.

**Genlock**

The process of locking both sync and burst of one signal to sync and burst of another, making the two video signals completely synchronous.

**Harmonic Distortion**

If a sine wave of a single frequency is put into a system, and harmonic content at multiples of that frequency appears at the output, there is harmonic distortion present in the system. Harmonic distortion is caused by non-linearities in the system.

**Horizontal Blanking**

Horizontal blanking is the entire time between the end of the active picture time of one line and the beginning of active picture time of the next line. It extends from the start of front porch to the end of back porch.

**Horizontal Sync**

Horizontal sync is the  $-300$  mV (PAL) and  $-40$  IRE (NTSC) pulse occurring at the beginning of each line. This pulse tells the picture monitor to go back to the left side of the screen and trace another horizontal line of picture information.

**Hue**

Hue is the property of color that allows us to distinguish between colors such as red, yellow, purple, etc.

**Hum**

Hum refers to the undesirable couple of the 50 Hz (PAL) or 60 Hz (NTSC) power sine wave into other electrical circuits.

**Icon**

A graphic symbol that represents a selection on a display screen.

**Intercarrier Sound**

A method used to recover audio information. Sound is separated from video by beating the sound carrier against the video carrier, producing a 4.5 MHz (NTSC) or 5.5 MHz (PAL) IF that contains the sound information.

**IRE**

A unit equal to 1/140 of the peak-to-peak amplitude of the video signal, which is typically one volt. The 0 IRE point is at the blanking level, with the horizontal sync peak at  $-40$  IRE and the 100% white peak at  $+100$  IRE. IRE stands for Institute of Radio Engineers, the organization which defined the unit.

**ITS**

Insertion Test Signal. A test signal which is inserted in one line of the vertical interval to facilitate in-service testing.

**Linear Distortion**

Refers to distortion that are independent of signal amplitude.

**Luminance**

The signal which represents brightness, or the amount of light in the picture. This is the only signal required for black and white pictures, and for color systems it is obtained as a weighted sum ( $Y = 0.3R + 0.59G + 0.11B$ ) of the R, G, and B signals.

**Modulated**

When referring to television test signals, this term implies that chrominance



information is present. (For example, a modulated ramp has subcarrier on each step.)

**Modulation**

A process which allows information to be moved around in the frequency domain in order to facilitate transmission or frequency-domain multiplexing. See AM and FM for details.

**Non-Linear Distortion**

Refers to distortion that are amplitude-dependent.

**NTSC**

National Television System Committee. The organization that developed the television standard currently in use in the United States, Canada and Japan. Now generally used to refer to that standard.

**PAL**

Phase Alternate Line. Refers to one of the television systems used in Europe and many other parts of the world. The phase of one of the color difference signals alternates from line to line to help cancel out phase errors.

**Quadrature AM**

A process that allows two signals to modulate a single carrier frequency. The two signals of interest Amplitude Modulate carrier signals which are the same frequency but differ in phase by 90 degrees (hence the Quadrature notation). The two resultant signals can be added together, and both signals recovered at the other end, if they are also demodulated 90 degrees apart.

**Quadrature Distortion**

Distortion resulting from the asymmetry of sidebands used in vestigial sideband television transmission. Quadrature distortion appears when envelope detection is used, but can be eliminated by using a synchronous demodulator.

**RGB or GBR**

Red, Green and Blue. The three primary colors used in color television's additive color reproduction system. These are the three color components generated by the camera and used by the picture monitor to produce a picture.

**R-Y**

One of the color difference signals used in the NTSC and PAL systems, obtained by subtracting luminance (Y) from the red camera signal (R). The R-Y signal is also known as V.

**Saturation**

The property of color which relates to the proportion of white light in the color. Highly saturated colors are vivid, while less saturated colors have more white mixed in and therefore appear pastel. For example, red is highly saturated, while pink is the same hue but much less saturated.

In signal terms, saturation is determined by the ratio between luminance level and chrominance amplitude. “It should be noted that a vectorscope does not display saturation: the length of the vectors represents chrominance amplitude. In order to verify that the saturation of the colors in a color bar signal is correct, you must check luminance amplitudes with a waveform monitor in addition to observing the vectors.

**Setup**

In NTSC systems, video black is typically 7.5 IRE above the blanking level. This 7.5 IRE level is referred to as the black setup level, or simply as setup.

**Subcarrier**

Refers to the high-frequency signal used for quadrature amplitude modulation of the color difference signals. The subcarrier frequency is 3,579,545 Hz (NTSC) or 4,433,618.75 Hz (PAL).

**Termination**

In order to accurately send a signal through a transmission line, there must be an impedance at the end which matches the impedance of the source and of the line itself. Amplitude errors and reflections will otherwise result. Video is a 75  $\Omega$  system, so a 75  $\Omega$  terminator must be put at the end of the signal path.

**Unmodulated**

When referring to television test signals, this term refers to pulses and pedestals which do not have high-frequency chrominance information added to them.

**Vectorscope**

A specialized oscilloscope which demodulates the video signal and presents a display of R–Y versus B–Y (V versus U). The angle and magnitude of the displayed vectors are respectively related to hue and saturation.

**Vertical Interval**

The synchronizing information that appears between fields and tells the picture monitor to go back to the top of the screen to begin another vertical scan.

**Y**

Abbreviation for luminance.

**Zero Carrier Reference**

A pulse in the vertical interval which is produced by the demodulator to provide a reference for evaluating depth of modulation.

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