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JITTER ANALYZER

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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7. Description and Features
(1) Description

Subjective judgment has conventionally been used in the adjustment, inspection and installation of the optical pickup of CD players, as well as in the adjustment and inspection of the CLV servo system. The operator judged RF (HF) signals by observing the eye on the CRT.

Objective results were available only indirectly through measurement of error rate.

The model DB-3545 is intended for the measurement and analysis, nearly in real time, of the jitter distribution of eye pattern, which provides as a guide for the transmission characteristics of the $C D$ player. The instrument handles jitter as data in relation to time.

Thus the date is absolutely objective, eliminating the errors due to operator's sixth sense and subjective judgment.
(2) Features

1) The distribution of $3 T$-pit long jitters is collected and displayed in graphics form, continuously in real time.
2) Concurrently with the distribution display, the standard 5-inch CRT displays all information on measurement--the calculation of the distribution area of 3T-pit long jitters and bar graph display of calculated values, go/no-go judgment relative to a reference value, etc.

Thus the operator's eye movement is reduced to a minimum, which enhances measurement efficiency. This feature is ideal for use in the line service department working on optical pickups and servo sysrems, etc.
3) The GP-IB interface permits setup from outside
(instead of the analyzer's panel controls) and reading of measurement data to external equipment. Thus the data can be checked by research and engineering departments.
4) The small and light unit is a function-oriented design with easy-to-use panel layout of switches.
2. Specifications
(1) Input section

1) $R F$ input

Input impedance : Input resistance $1 \mathrm{M} \Omega \pm 5 \%$ Parallel capacity : $35 \pm 5 \mathrm{pF}$
Input level range : At gain $\mathrm{X} 1: 300 \mathrm{mV}$ to $3 \mathrm{Vp}-\mathrm{p}$ (with 720 kHz sine wave) : At gain $\mathrm{X} 10: 60 \mathrm{mV}$ to 30 mV (with 720 kHz sine wave)
※ NOTE : If the input is outside the level range, distortion occurs, giving wrong measurement. Also, such an input is interpreted as absence of input, so that the measurement stop circuit operates and stops the measurement.
2) Maximum input voltage : $\pm 10 \mathrm{~V}$ peak
3) Slope selection Measurement period is switch selectable between rise-to-fall and fall-torise.
a) Rise-to-fall mode : Measurement starts at the zero-cross point on the (ON pit) rising edge and ends at the zero-cross point on the falling edge.
b) Fall-to-rise mode : Measurement starts at the zero-cross point the falling (OFF pit) edge and ends at the zero-cross point on the rising edge.
4) Offset input : Offset voltage is applied to the RF-input zero-cross comparator.

Input impedance : $20 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ (Typica1)
Input range : Within $\pm 1 \mathrm{~V}$
(2) Jitter measurement

NOTE : The following specifications apply to the peak input point.

1) Channel pit length and measurement range : $3 T$, $694 \pm 115( \pm 1 / 2 \mathrm{~T})$
2) Display resolution : 1 ns
3) CRT's effective display range : $\pm 115 \mathrm{~ns}( \pm 1 / 2 \mathrm{~T})$
4) Accuracy of time width central value : $\pm 5 \mathrm{~ns}$ (at $1 \mathrm{Vp}-\mathrm{p}$ input)
(3) CENT (central value) display

An arbitrary point in the measurement range can be moved to the screen center so that the absolute time is displayed.

1) Number of display digits : 3 digits on CRT
2) Display resolution : 1 ns
3) Display range : $\pm 115 \mathrm{~ns}$ relative to 694 ns theoretical central value for 3-pit channel
4) Display accuracy : $\pm 5 \mathrm{~ns}$ on theoretical center point
(at $1 \mathrm{Vp}-\mathrm{p}$ input)
(4) Auto centering

Auto centering automatically pulls the peak point of data to the screen center. With the auto centering, the absolute time at the peak point is displayed as CENT (CRT central value).

Pul1-in range : $\pm 115 \mathrm{~ns}( \pm 1 / 2 \mathrm{~T})$
(5) Distribution area calculation ("AREA" on display)

The ratio $\mathrm{X} / \mathrm{Y}$ is calculated in percent, in which X is the total of X input values which are out of the $t_{1}-t_{2}$ range specified by the +WIDTH and -WIDTH values relative to the 694 ns theoretical central value for $3 T$, and $Y$ is the total of Y input values for the total gate time ( $694 \pm 115 \mathrm{~ns}$ ) for 3T.

1)     + WIDTH setting range : 0 to +115 ns
2) -WIDTH setting range : 0 to -115 ns
3) Range of "AREA" value : 0 to $100 \%$
4) Accuracy : Approx. $\pm 5 \%$
(6) Area go/no-go judgment (GO/NG on screen)

The "AREA" value is judged to be "go" or "no-go" ("NG" on the screen) relative to the "LIMIT" value.

1) Criteria : Go if AREA<LIMIT
: No-Go if AREA > LIMIT
2) LIMIT setting range : 0 to $100 \%$
(7) Distribution averaging ("AVERAGE" on screen)

This function selects whether the CRT displays distribution data in real time for every cycle period or the average of eight cycle periods.

AVERAGE : ON ..... Real-time display for every cycle period
OFF ..... Display of average of eight cycle periods
(8) MONLTOR terminal

This output terminal provides for monitoring the input waveform using an oscilloscope, etc. The oscilloscope must be $1 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ or more in input impedance and within 35 pF in capacitance.

Output level
Gain $\times 1$ : The input signal is amplified by approx. 8.5 dB before it is output.

Gain $\times 10$ : The input signal is amplified by approx. 28.5 dB (i.e., 20 dB over that for gain $\times 1$ ) before it is output.

Output impedance : Approx. $50 \Omega$
(9) SLICE OUT terminal

This terminal provides for monitoring the output of the internal comparator using an oscilloscope, etc.

Output signal of this terminal synchronizes with the 0 N pit of the input 3 T pit signals.

Output level : TIL
Fanout : 1
(11) Power supply section

1) Rated input voltage : $100 / 117 / 220 / 240 \mathrm{~V}$ (to be set via power selector on rear panel)
2) Input range : $\pm 5 \%$ of rated input voltage
3) Input frequency : 47 to 63 Hz
4) Power consumption : Approx. 45 W (at $100 \mathrm{VAC}, 50 \mathrm{~Hz}$ )
(12) Operating temperature range : $25^{\circ} \pm 10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
(13) Physical specifications
5) External dimensions (Main body) : $260(\mathrm{~W}) \times 150(\mathrm{H}) \times 356(\mathrm{D}) \mathrm{mm}$ (Maximum dimensions) : $275(\mathrm{~W}) \times 166(\mathrm{H}) \times 392(\mathrm{D}) \mathrm{mm}$
6) Weight : Approx. 7.6 kg
3. Principle of Measurement


Fig. 1 Diagram of Measuring Principle

The model DB-3545 performs measurement in the range of channel pit $3 \mathrm{~T} \pm 1 / 2 \mathrm{~T}$. When the time 2.5 T has elapsed after the waveform selected by the SLOPE button crossed the zero level, the gate of a time-to-voltage converter (TVC) is opened to start integration.

The integration continues until the waveform crosses the zero level a second time. The output voltage for the integration is read by an $A / D$ converter, which represents the time duration in the specified range.

For a waveform that does not cross the zero level a second time within the specified time range, the TVC measurement is terminated at an elapse of $1 T$ after the TVC start time. The data is assumed invalid.

Consider the example of Fig.1. The example uses an RF signal containing channel pits $3 T$ to 11 T at random. Suppose an RF signal of 3 T has appeared after some number of measurements.

The TVC starts at the time of $A=(3-0.5) T=578 \mathrm{~ns}$ after the rising zero crossing. At the moment when the TVC stops at the falling zero crossing at point B (say, 694 ns ), the TVC outputs a voltage of $\mathrm{VB}[\mathrm{V}]$. This VB [ V$]$, taken as meaning 649 ns , is converted into a digital value, consequently adding one $(+1)$ to the counter at the memory location for 694 ns . (Actually, however, the TVC is applied with an offset in consideration of linarity.)

Similarly, each time a 3 T waveform appears, times are measured for $\mathrm{B}^{\prime}, \mathrm{B}, \mathrm{B} "$, and so on, adding +1 to each of the counters at memory locations corresponding to VB', VB, VB", etc. When any point between points $A$ and $C$ is counted to 255 , the measurement is terminated.

The distribution condition is stored memory as a group of dots: 231 dots along the X -axis and 8 bits $=256$ dots along the Y -axis, as shown in Fig. 2. The readings of the counter values are recorded in the ratio of $1 \mathrm{~ns} /$ dot.

To display the distribution on the CRT, the address counter is operated by software and the corresponding distribution memory value is output as the X -axis value. For reasons of display space, the $X$ value is reduced to a half. The value $(256 / 2=128)$ represents 231 counts at the time of reading from the address counter, so that the width is $694 \mathrm{~ns} \pm 115 \mathrm{~ns}$ ( 231 ns ).


Fig. 2 Distribution Memory

3-1. Meaning of "AREA\%" value vs. go/no-go judgment/setting
In Fig. 3, the range $t_{1}$ to $t_{2}$ indicates the gate time set as the " $\pm$ WIDTH" parameters.
(1) Definition of $\delta$

Letting $Y$ denote the total input, $Y^{\prime}$ denote the input between $t_{1}$ and $t_{2}$, and X denote the difference ( $\mathrm{Y}-\mathrm{Y}^{\prime}$ ), then $\delta$ is defined by the formula (1) below.

Using the value $\delta$, the "AREA\%" value is defined by formula (2).
(2) Calculation of "AREA\%" value

$$
\begin{equation*}
\delta(\%)=\mathrm{Y}^{\prime} / \mathrm{Y} \times 100 \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

AREA\% $=1-\delta(\%)=X / Y \times 100$
where $\mathrm{Y}^{\prime} \leq \mathrm{Y}$.


Fig. 3

NOTE : The "AREA\%" display and go/no-go judgment are based on the area X. In other words, $\mathrm{X}=(1-\delta)$. If this value is smaller than the value set at "LIMIT", the judgment is "go".

Referring to formula (1), when the jitter ( Y ) is smaller than the "WIDTH" setting, the "AREA\%" display always shows 0\%, which gives a "go" judgment.

The arithmetic operations described above are all done by the CPU in the main body, and the results are displayed as digital numbers on the CRT.

3-2. Selection of AREA\% Central Value
To calculate the AREA\% value in 3.1, either the theoretical central value for 3-pit channel which is 694 ns (see Figure 4) or the maximum value of the currently displayed distribution (see Figure 5) may be selected as $t_{0}$ (central value of distribution).

Fig. 4


Fig. 5


$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{t}_{0} & =694 \mathrm{~ns} \text { (fixed) } \\
\mathrm{t}_{2} & =+ \text { WIDTH }+\mathrm{t}_{0} \\
& =34+694 \\
& =728 \mathrm{~ns} \\
t_{1} & =- \text { WIDTH }+\mathrm{t}_{0} \\
& =-34+694 \\
& =660 \mathrm{~ns}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{t}_{0} & =\mathrm{MAX}=680 \mathrm{~ns} \\
\mathrm{t}_{2} & =+ \text { WIDTH }+ \text { MAX } \\
& =34+680 \\
& =714 \mathrm{~ns} \\
t_{1} & =- \text { WIDTH }+ \text { MAX } \\
& =-34+680 \\
& =646 \mathrm{~ns}
\end{aligned}
$$

Figure 4 above shows an example which always uses 694 ns as $\mathrm{t}_{0}$, the central value for AREA\% calculation. The AREA\% value of an offset signal will thus very due to difference of the amount of data that corresponds to the window ( $t_{1}-t_{2}$ ) even if the ON pit and OFF pit have the same jitter distributions. This allows calculation of the AREA\% value including the offset. Figure 5 shows an example which always uses the current maximum point (displayed following MAX $=; 680 \mathrm{~ns}$ in the above example) as $\mathrm{t}_{0}$ for the AREA\% calculation. This allows the AREA\% calculation of jitter width only free from effects of offset.

3-3. How to Use AREA\% Value (Relationship to $\delta$ value)
As described in the specification, the DB-3545 calculates an AREA\% value based on the following definition. (see Figure 6)

$$
\text { AREA } \%=\frac{\text { Total number of jitters outside }+ \text { WIDTH to }- \text { WIDTH }}{\text { Total number of jitters in overall period }}
$$

The following explains the relationship between the AREA\% value and the $\delta$ value calculated based on the theory of probability and statistics. Jitters form the normal distribution shown in Figure 7 according to the theory of probability and statistics.

$694 \mathrm{~ns} . .$. Theoretical 3-T central value
+WIDTH ... Positive (+) deviation from 694 ns
-WIDTH ... Negative (-) deviation from 694 ns

## Fig. 6 Distribution and AREA\% Value



Fig. 7 Distribution and Value
$" 1 \delta$ " means that $31.73 \%$ of all jitters were out of the period from $-1 \delta$ to $+1 \delta$. This applies to a case, on the DB-3545, where the central value of distribution is 694 ns and +WIDTH and -WIDTH correspond to the value of $1 \delta$.

To be concrete, if the AREA\% value is $31.73 \%$ (rounded off to $32 \%$ ) and +WIDTH and -WIDTH correspond to the deviation of $\pm 1$, go/no-go judgment is performed based on the AREA\% value. In the case that 694 ns is not the central value of distribution, 士WIDTH values can be shifted by the amount of deviation from 694 ns according to the definition of the AREA\% value. (However, the maximum shift shall be $694 \pm 115 / 2 \mathrm{~ns}$.) For example, if the central value is deviated by +10 ns from 694 ns , it is $694+10=704 \mathrm{~ns}$. To compensate the AREA\% in such a case, add 10 to the $\pm$ WIDTH values (i.e., + WIDTH $=+$ WIDTH +10 , - WIDTH $=-$ WIDTH +10 ). If $t_{0}$ (central value of distribution) is set to the maximum when selecting the AREA\% central value in 3.2, this compensation is performed automatically.
4. Controls and Indicators
(1) Front panel

(1) CRT : Displays various pieces of information.
(2) MODE : Pressing this button changes the normal measurement mode to the specification entry mode and vice versa. Refer to the description in Section 5. This button is in normal measurement mode at power ON time.
(3) AUTO CENTER : Pressing this button brings the peak point to the screen center. Then the "center" position on CRT (1) shows the absolute time of the peak point. This button operates alternately.
(4) (5) SHIFT $\triangleleft \triangleright$ These buttons shift the distribution curve on CRT (1) when AUTO CENTER (3) is OFF and MODE (2) is in normal measurement mode. Pressing the button $\triangleright$ or $\triangleleft$ moves the distribution curve to the right or left, respectively. The center of the CRT shows the absolute time of the peak point. When MODE (2) is set in
specification entry mode, the specification entry is increased by $\triangleright$ and decreased by $\triangleleft$ (but within the range of specification value ; refer to Section 5, "Mode Selection").
(6) SLOPE
(7) GAIN
(8) RF INPUT

NOTE : To meet the measurement requirements, the input RF signal is amplified by approx. 8.5 dB at " 1 X " gain or approx. 28.5 dB (additional +20 dB ) at "10X" gain.

This is a BNC type connector for receiving external RF signal from a player, etc. The input impedance is $1 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ or less at 35 pF , and the maximum input sensitivity is $3 \mathrm{Vp}-\mathrm{p}$. Note that an excessive input may cause damage. The withstand input voltage is 10 Vp-p.
(9) MONLTOR OUTPUT: This is a monitor output terminal for monitoring the input pit signal using an oscilloscope, etc. The level of the internally amplified signal is output here. This level is used as the signal level going to the built-in comparator. This terminal may also be
used to check for excessive input level by selecting the appropriate position of GAIN (7). Further, the terminal may be used in conjunction with REAR panel OFFSET IN (8) and SLICE OUT (7) on the rear panel, in order to moni-tor the input signal on an dual-trace oscilloscope.
(II) LCL
: Pressing this switch enables local control (from front panel). This switch is disabled if an LLO (local lockout) instruction is sent from a GP-IB controller.
(11) GP-IB LED : These four LEDs indicate the status of the DB-3545 when it is controlled via a GP-IB.
(13) POWER LED : Lighting of this LED indicates that the power is connected to the DB-3545.
(3) POWER SWITCH : Pressing this lock-type pushbutton switch turns on/off the power supply to the DB-3545.
(2) Rear panel

(1) GP-IB connector : When operating the DB-3545 under a GP-IB controller, this connector should be connected to a piggy-back cable.

Before connecting or disconnecting the piggy-back cable, the power supply to the GP-IB controller must be turned off.
(2) GP-IB setting : This DIP switch consists of eight poles, which are switch (from left to right) EOI/CR.LF selection, (unused), L. ONLY and address bits 5 to 1 .

EOI/CR.LF......This is a delimiter selector. When set to the upper position EOI is selected as the delimiter.
L.ONLY.........When set to the upper position, puts the DB-3545 into the listen only mode. Only the commands A) to H) set with panel switches can be accepted.

Address bits...Used to set the DB-3545 to an address of five binarybits. When set to the upper position, the address bit is ON .

NOTE : This switch must always be set before turning on the DB-3545. A setting made after power ON does not work since the settings given at the power ON time remains effective.
(3) Earth terminal : This board has terminals for rounding the analyzer. board The FRAME GND terminal must always be grounded for safety since it is connected to the analyzer case. The center pin of the power connector is also connected to this board. The upper terminal is GND for the internal signal system, and the lower one is GND for the chassis.
(4) Power selector: This connector provides a selection of incoming voltage to the analyzer in the range of 100 to 240 V .

NOTE : When changing the voltage, be sure to remove the power plug, then select the correct voltage.
(5) AC INPUT connector: This connector should be connected with the AC cord furnished.
(6) FUSE holder : This is an AC input protection fuse of the following rating.......... $100 / 117 \mathrm{~V}, 1 \mathrm{~A}$, glass tube fuse $220 / 240 \mathrm{~V}, 0.5 \mathrm{~A}$, glass tube fuse

NOTE : Do not use a fuse of excessive capacity as it may damage the analyzer.
(7) SLICE OUT
(8) OFFSET IN
(9) OFFSET
: When set to VARIABLE, this switch sets the input comparator level to the level of the input signal sent from OFFSET IN (8) ; when set to GND, the switch sets the input comparator level to the GND potential. For ordinary measurement, GND is selected. Note that if this switch is set to VARIBLE and no offset is given to (8), no distribution data will be output.

BRIGHTNESS : This control adjusts the CRT screen brightness. Clockwise rotation increases the brightness.

## 5. Mode Selection

(1) Mode selector switch

1) Normal operation

The MODE selector switch (2) selects the measurement mode and specification entry mode. Each push of this switch changes the current operation to the next one.


When the analyzer is turned on, the normal measurement mode is set. Then, each push of the MODE switch selects the next operation, from +WID to AVE. Anoter push after AVE puts the analyzer back into the normal measurement mode.

NOTE 1: During specification entry mode, the following switches will not function : (3) AUTO CENTER, (6) SLOPE, and (7) GAIN.

NOTE 2: Specification values entered here will be stored for approximately 2 weeks. They may disappear if the power is not switched on for 2 weeks or more.
2) How to select area center

To calculate the AREA\% value, either the theoretical central value for 3-pit channel which is 694 ns or the maximum value of the currently displayed distribution may be selected as the central value.


If the DB-3545 power is switched on normally, 694 ns is automatically set as the central value for the AREA\% calculation. If the MODE switch (2) is pressed when turning on the power, Ver. No. is displayed on the CRT, and the maximim value of distribution is set to the central value for the AREA\% calculation. Then, releasing the MODE switch (2) starts measurement and displays distribution.
(2) Mode selection and on-screen information

Shown below is an example of items of information displayed during operation of the analyzer.

(1) CENT : Indicates the absolute time position, in units of ns , of the screen center for the distribution displyed on the CRT.
(2) AREA\% : Indicate the ratio, in percent, of (the total of X inputs received outside the t1-t2 time range enclosed by -WIDHT and +WIDTH (©) to (the total of Y inputs received for the whole gate time for 3 T ).
(3) JUDGE (GO/NG) : Displays "GO" if the value indicated at (2) is smaller than the value set at (5) ; otherwise displays "NG".
(4) Jitter distribution
(5) LIMIT
(6) WIDTH
: +WIDTH....With the 694 ns theoretical center for $3 T$ taken as the center, used to set upper allowable limit, t2, which is above the center.

Setting range. . 0 to +115 ns
-WIDTH...Used to set the lower allowable limit, t1, which is under the 694 ns theoretical center for $3 T$.

Setting range. . 0 to -115 ns
(7) $\operatorname{MAX}$
(8) AVERAGE

Displays the jitter distribution curve. The Y-axis resolution is 2 inputs per dot or, at full scale, 256 inputs per 123 dots. The X -axis resolution is 1 ns per dot or, at full scale, $\pm 115 \mathrm{~ns}$ on both sides of the 694 ns position at the screen center ( $\pm 115$ dots).

Used to set the go/no-go limit for value indicated at (2). Specifically, the values outside the range determined at (6) are put to go/no-go judgment. A "go" judgment is given if the LIMIT setting is larger than the value displayed at (2).

Indicates the absolute time in ns for the point having reached count 256

Determines whether or not to average the distribution displayed at (4).
$\triangleleft$ : ON.... Display of average of eight cycle periods.
$D$ : OFF...Real-time dispaly for every cycle period.
(9) AREA $100 \%$ scale

A scale of AREA values. Indicates the point of AREA $100 \%$.
(10) AREA 50\% scale
(11) AREA bar graph display
(16) LIMIT scale

A scale of AREA values. Indicates the point of AREA $50 \%$.

Displays the AREA\% (2) in a bar graph. If the JUDGE (3) is $G 0$, the bar graph is displayed white. If it is NG, the center of the bar graph is blank.
(3) Notes on conditions of the DB- 3545

1) In starting measurement, ensure that RF INPUT (8) on the front panel receives input of the level and jitter cycle period within the gain range (see Section 2, (1), 1)) as set with (7) GAIN. Otherwise, no distribution curve will be output.
2) When OFFSET (9) on the rear pane1 is set to VARIABLE, be sure to apply OFFSET IN (8) with the appropriate input level to the comparator. Otherwise, no distribution curve will be output.
3) When the AVERAGE switch is set to ON , averaging-based operation takes place so the display speed decreases than when the AVERAGE switch is set to OFF. The maximum count of analyses to be averaged does not always reach 255.
4) If the input data is shifted rightward or leftward extremely, the peak may be out of the display range ( $694 \pm 115 \mathrm{~ns}$ ). In such case, the maximum value in the display range may not always reach the 255 times position. The AREA\% value cannot also be calculated correctly due to lack of distribution.
5) Two-second interval must be kept between the power on and off, If the power is turned on or off before this interval, the power on reset circuit may not operate, resulting in program mulfunction and disorder, or disorder in the specifications.
6. Operation via GP-IB
(1) Table of GP-IB connector signals

| CONTACT | SIGNAL LINE | CONTACT | SIGNAL LINE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | DI01 | 13 | DI05 |
| 2 | /12 | 14 | /16 |
| 3 | /1 3 | 15 | 17 |
| 4 | $1 / 4$ | 16 | $1 / 8$ |
| 5 | EOI (24) | 17 | REN(24) |
| 6 | DAV | 18 | GND (6) |
| 7 | NRFD | 19 | // (7) |
| 8 | NDAC | 20 | // (8) |
| 9 | IFC | 21 | // (9) |
| 10 | SRQ | 22 | " (10) |
| 11 | ATN | 23 | / (11) |
| 12 | SHIELD | 24 | GND LOGIC |

NOTE : the figures in parentheses denote the GND return for the corresponding signals.
(2) GP-IB.

1) Governing standard and subset.

Governing standard : 1EEE-488-1978
Interface functions : SH1, AH1, T6, L3, SR1, DCO, DT0, CO
2) Items to be controlled

The items associated with the $\mathrm{DB}-3545$ that can be controlled with GP-IB are classified into two general groups : the control operation via pushbutton switches on the front pane1, and the output of the distribution data stored in the internal memory. The following switches cannot be controlled externally : MODE, SHIFT, BRIGHTNESS, OFFSET, and power switches. It should be noted that as a rule. external control will not work on those which can be known from the data taken in via GP-IB.
3) Outline of GP-IB connector signals

The GP-IB is a byte-serial, bit-parallel interface included in the internationally standardized interface buses for measuring instrument use. The system configuration using the GP-IB interface consists of up to 15
devices (including controllers and measuring instruments) and connecting cables of up to 20 m in total ( 4 m max. per cable). The maximum transmission speed in the system is $1 \mathrm{Mb} / \mathrm{s}$.

The GP-IB interface is characterized by an asynchronous principle, called the 3-1ine handshake, which allows a mixture of devices of different transfer speeds within the system. In addition, a piggyback connection method is used in which system devices are linked simply by mounting their connectors one on another.

A handshake sequence is illustrated in the timing chart of Fig. 1 and the flow chart of Fig. 2.


Fig. 1 Handshake Sequence Timing Chart.

Handshake F1ow Chart


Fig. 2 Handshake Flow Chart (for transfer of data between source and acceptor through handshake sequence.)
4) Concept of device messages

The GP-IB interface system is aimed at transferring messages between devices (e.g., between a controller and a device to be controlled) using interfacce function. While in operation, the device under control can receive and send various types of device messages at different times for different purposes.

According to objectives, these messages are classified into four categories:
(1) Measurement data

Example : Parameter measured by equipment (Input)
(2) Program data

Example : Setting of equipment functions (Input)
(3) Status data

Example : Internal status of equipment (Output)
(4) Display data

Example : Raw data (Input/output)

These four categories of messages differ in format according to message types. Further, messages of the same type may have different formats depending on their purpose of use.

For each type of message, the following events are handled as a single unit : message occurrence, transfer, and interpretation. Each type of message has a header part and an ending part.

Generally, a device message consists of a header, a body (numerals), and an ending (delimiter).

A message unit contains one byte or more of data, and a sequence of data that is sent/received as a unit can be considered a series of message units. Message units can be classified by data fields. Data fields are categorized by the properties of contents of message units. Data fields are indicated by the following characters:

| Type and contents of data | Header (alphabet) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Sign and polarity of data <br> Amount of data <br> Exponent indication |  |
| String delimiter | Body (numeral) |
| Block delimiter | Ending (delimiter) |
| Record delimiter |  |

(3) Method of controlling the analyzer

1) Setting the panel control functions

The controllers on the analyzer's panel (except for MODE, SHIFT, BRIGHTNESS, OFFSET, and power switch) can be set externally via a GP-IB. Judgment setting is also available externally. In the initial state when the power is turned on, the GP-IB commands are set to ACO , WSO , IGO and SRO. This initial setup is equivalent to the following :

| AUTO CENTER | $=0$ FF |
| :--- | :--- |
| SLOPE | $=($ ON PIT $)$ |
| GAIN | $=\times 1$ |
| SERVICE REQUEST | $=0$ FF |

The message unit of this program data consists of the following data fields: ( 2 letters) $+(1$ to 3 numerals $)+(C R . L F / E O T)$

| $\uparrow$ | $\uparrow$ | $\uparrow$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Header | Body | Ending (delimiter) |

The instructions for the panel control functions are described in paragraph 2) below. The panel control functions can be set by sending instructions in ASCII code to the analyzer. Note that the panel setup information cannot be read out.
2) Setting the pane 1 switches, GO/NG specifications and SRQ specifications.
(1) Panel switches
A) AUTO CENTER : ACO.... Equivalent to AUTO CENTER switch OFF AC1....Equivalent to AUTO CENTER switch ON
B) SLOPE : WSO....Equivalent to SLOPE SW (ON PIT) WS1....Equivalent to SLOPE SW (OFF PIT)
C) GAIN : IGO.... $\times 1$ IG1....× 10
(2) GO/NG specifications
D) +WIDTH : WPOOO ~ 115........+WIDTHO~+WIDTH 115 ns
E) -WIDTH : WMOOO ~ 115.......-WIDTHO~-WIDTH 115 ns
F) LIMIT : LTOOO ~ 100........LIMITO~LIMIT $100 \%$
G) MODE SET : MS ....Data setting for D) to F) completed
(3) SRQ specifications
H) SRQ ON/OFF : SRO. . . .SRQ OFF

SR1....SRQ ON
I) AVERAGE : Fixed at OFF (No function)
J) SHIFT : No function
3) Sample program for panel switch setting Given below is an example of panel setting program written in HP BASIC. 10 ABORT 7

20 CLEAR 7
30 CLEAR 702 ...... Sets the DB-3545 to address 02.
40 REMOTE 702
50 A\$ $=$ "AC O" ..... Sets AUTO CENTER to OFF.
60 OUTPUT 702 ; A\$
80 END

When setting a specification value of 50 ns for +WIDTH, as an example, "A\$" is set to "WP050".

Setting of the WP, WM and LT commands must be followed by MS, data completion command. Then judgment will be made based on that data.

Example. 50 AS = "WP050"
60 OUTPUT 702 ; AS .... 50 ns is set for +WIDTH
$70 \mathrm{AS}=$ "MS"
80 OUTPUT 702 ; AS ..... Judgment data established 90 END
4) Reading out the measurement data
(1) Commands for measurement data
A) MAX DATA : DM command ... (On-scrren information (7)) Reads out the absolute time for the point having reached the maximum count.
B) CENT DATA : DC command ... (On-scrren information (1)) Reads out the absolute time for the screen center.
C) AREA DATA : AR command ... (On-scrren information (2)) Reads out the AREA \% value.
D) JUDGE DATA : GN command ... (On-scrren information (3)) Reads out the GO-NG data.
E) JITTER DATA: DA command ... (On-scrren information (4)) Reads out the jitter distribution for 231 ns , in the order from -115 ns and successively to +115 ns .
(2) Reading out the MAX, CENT and AREA data The MAX, CENT and AREA datas that can be read out by the DB-3545 are the absolute time and percent for each distribution, in 3 bytes/data. (3-digit ASCII data : $694 \pm 115 \mathrm{~ns}, 000$ to $100 \%$ )
(3) Reading out the JUDGE data The JUDGE data that can be read out by the DB-3545 is the judgment data for each distribution, in 1 byte/data. (1-digit ASCII data : 30H for G0, 31H for NG)
5) Read-out procedure

Measurement data can be read out from the DB-3545 through the following proceduce :

1. Issue a read request to the $\mathrm{DB}-3545$ (command output).
2. After data has internally become ready for the GP-IB bus line, notify the service request (SRQ) issuing controller of data readiness.
3. Read measurement data from the controller.

- Data readng conditions

SRO
: SRO .....Service request OFF
SR1 ......Srevice request ON

Interrupt of the DB-3545 uses serial polling. A controller designed for parallel polling must not be used.

Bit allocation for SPOLL is as follows :


- Output data format :

Each data consists of two bytes of BCD . Data is sent three times in ASCII format. (Example : 36H, 39H and 34H, for 694 ns )
(4) Programming example using HP-BASIC (common to MAX, CENT and AREA)
(1) MAX data read-out :

This function is used for acquiring the MAX data displayed on the CRT via a GP-IB. The data is consists of 3-digit ASCII data of $694 \pm 115 \mathrm{~ns}$.

Input data is given three times in BCD code from the host controller.

The MAX data on the CRT is read by the following procedure :

1. Set the controller into data read mode.
2. The controller waits for an interrupt. This is done by looking at bit 7 in SPOLL. (At this time, it is recommended to check the ready bits-bits 0 and 7.)
3. The MAX data is acquired. The data consists of 3-digit $B C D$ data ( 0 to 2).
4. The current measurement finishes with the acquisition of the threedigit data, followed by the next measurement.
5. A reference program (in HP-BASIC) is given on the next page.

REM INITIALIZE
INTEGER C(107)
250 PRINT "MAX DATA COLLECT NOW!!"
260 Loop 1:!
270 DUTPUT ©Jit;"DM" ; DM command is sent to DB-3545
280 Lwait:IF Dataflg=0 THEN Lwait ; Wait until data flag = 1
290 Dataf1g=0
300 SEND @Hpib:UNT TALK 2 MLA
310 FOR I=0 TO 5
320 ENTER 7 USING "\#, B"; C(I)
$330 \mathrm{CCC}=\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{I})-48 \quad$ : MAX data is put into array $\mathrm{C}(0)-(2)$
340 PRINT Ccc, ; Compensates for ASCII data ( -30 )
350 NEXT I ; Displays data on screen
360 PRINT
370 GOTO Loop 1
380 Service:! ; SRQ interrupt routine
390 S=SPOLL (@Jit)
400 Dataflg=1 ; Data flag is set to 1
410 ENABLE INTR Hpib;Mask
420 RETURN
430 END
(2) Jitter distribution data read-out :

This function is used for acquiring the jitter distribution displayed on the CRT via a GP-IB. It has an address capacity of 231 dots for the Xaxis direction. Dot resolution is $1 \mathrm{~ns} /$ dot, so that data for a 231 ns range is acquired with the total of 231 dots. Addresses are given by assigning to 0 the left edge of the screen, 115 to the center, and 231 to the right edge.

Each output data consists of 2-byte binary code. Each data (HI and HO in this order) is converted into ASCII code, until 231 datas $x 2$, or 462 outputs, are sent out.
$\left(\begin{array}{cc}\text { Example. For } 5 \mathrm{EH}: & 35 \mathrm{H}, \\ & 3 \mathrm{EH} \\ \mathrm{HI} & \text { LO }\end{array}\right)$

The jitter distribution data on the CRT is read by the following procedure :

1. Set the controller into data read mode.
2. The controller waits for an interrupt. This is done by looking at bit 7 in SPOLL. (At this time, it is recommended to check the ready bits-bits 2 and 7.)
3. The distribution data is acquired, The data covers addresses 0 to 230 . The data size for one distribution is equivalent to 231 addresses, each address represented by 2 bytes.
4. The current measurement finishes with the acquisition of the distribution data for 231 addresses ( 462 outputs of BCD data), followed by the next measurement.
5. A reference program is given on the next page.
```
10
20
30
4 0
50
6 0
7 0
80
90
100 INTEGER C(465)
110 ASSIGN @Hpib TO 7
120 ASSIGN @Jit TO 702 ; DB-3545 is set to address 2
130 Hpib=7
140 ABORT @HPib
150 CLEAR @Hpib
160 REMOTE @Jit
170 ON INTR Hpib GOSUB Service
180 Mask=2
190 ENABLE INTR Hpib;Mask
200 ! +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
210 ! + CONDITION SETTING RDUTINE +
220 ! +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
230 OUTPUT @Jit;"SR1"" ; SRQ ON
240 DUTPUT @Jit;"HS1"
250 OUTPUT @Jit;"AC!"
2 6 0 ~ Q U T P U T ~ @ J i t ; " I G O " ~ ; ~ A U T O ~ C E N T E R ~ O N
270 Loop:!
280 PRINT "DATA COLLECT NOW"
290 Loop1:!
300 OUTPUT @Jit;"DA" ; DA command is sent to DB-3545.
310 Lwait:IF Dataflg=0 THEN Lwait ; Wait until data flag = 1.
3 2 0 ~ D a t a f l g = 0 ~
3 3 0 \text { SEND @Hpib:UNT TALK 2 MLA}
340 FOR I=0 TO 463
350 ENTER 7 USING "#,B";C(I) ; One data (3 bytes) is entered.
350 Ccc=C(I)-48
370 PRINT "I=',I,Ccc
380 NEXT I ". TTME END" ; "461 + 2 outputs" over?
3 9 0 ~ P R I N T ~ " 1 ~ T I M E ~ E N D " ~
400 LOCAL @Jit
4 1 0 \text { WAIT } 2
4 2 0 ~ G O T O ~ L o o p 1
4 3 0 ~ S e r v i c e : ! ~ ; ~ S R Q ~ i n t e r r u p t ~ r o u t i n e
440 S=SPOLL(@Jit) ; Jitter data ready check
450 IF BIT(S,2)=0 THEN Data_error ; Data ready check
460 IF BIT(S,7)=0 THEN No_data
4 7 0 \text { Dataflg=1}
4 8 0 ~ E N A B L E ~ I N T R ~ H p i b ; M a s k
490 RETURN
5 0 0 \text { Dataerror:! ; Error comment}
510 PRINT "DATA ERROR"
5 2 0 ~ G O T O ~ M e n d ~
530 No_data:!
540 PRINNT "ND DATA ERROR"
550 Mend:!
560 BEEP
570 END
```

- Shown below are examples of the results obtained from this program.

$$
\left(\begin{array}{ll}
\text { Contents of array C (I) } & \text { Y-axis } \\
\text { Contents of array I } & : X \text {-axis }
\end{array}\right)
$$

(1) Sample of continuous dot display

(2) Sample of bar graph display

(5) Programming example on PC-9801 (using N88 BASIC)

The following shows an example of GP-IB control software, which is compatible to the NEC PC-9801. It has been confirmed that this program operates on the following models:

1. PC-9801F Clock: 8 MHz
2. PC-9801VX21 Clock: 10 MHz

If this program is used on another computer, a part of the program may have to be altered. Carry out first the command test in 1) to make sure that it operates. Then, enter the $D C$ command in 2) and the DA command in 3).

## Program Functions

1) Command test: Enter commands directly.
1. Load the program. (GP-IB address: 2)
2. Input jitters. $\rightarrow$ Distribution is displayed.
3. Key in RUN and press the Return key.
4. INPUT COMMAND? is displayed on the CRT of the personal computer.
5. Enter the panel setting commands, etc.〈Example〉

AC1 2: Auto centering ON
ACФ 2: Auto centering OFF
IG1 ) : Gain $=\times 10$
IG $\varnothing$ ) : Gain = $\times 1$ gain
WS1 j: OFF pit slope
WSФ 2: ON pit slope
Enter the above commands to make sure that they cause the same results as of manual setting.
6. Key in STOP to terminate operation.
-1) DB-3545 program on PC-9801
Accepts commands (for panel setting etc., excluding data output) when INPUT COMMAND? is displayed in the command test.
2) DC command

Reads the central value data and displays them on the CRT of the personal computer.

1. Load the program.
2. Input jitters. $\rightarrow$ Distribution is displayed.
3. Key in RUN and press the Return key.
4. CRT central values are displayed on the CRT as follows:

684
685
686
684
5. Key in STOP to terminate operation.

Procedures for MAX and AREA are the same.
3) DB-3545 program on PC-9801

The DC command reads the jitter central value and displays it in the JT\$ position

```
1000
1020
1030 INTERFACE INITIAL
1040
1050 ISET IFC : ISET FEN
1070 CMD DELIM=0, CMD TIMEOUT=5
1100
1110 ON SRQ EOSUB *SFOLLI
1120
1130 ' INJTIAL
1150 KCMD$="AC1" :FRINTE 2;KCMD$ ; AUTO CENTER ON
1160 KCMD&="IG1" :FRINTG 2;KCMD& ;GAINX10
1170 KCMD #="WSO" :FRINTE 2;KCMD$ ; SLOPX 
1230
1240
1250
1260 #JT
1290 INTDK=D : PFINTE 2; "DC" ; "DC" command is sent.
1292 SFO ON
1295 'FRINT"MAXOUT!!"
1298 FRINT INTOK
1300 IF INTOK<<>1 GOTO 1295
1310 LINE INFUT@ 2;JT$ ; 3-digit jitter central value is entered
1320 FRINT JT$
13S0 WBYTE &HSF:
1340 GOTO *JT ; Next jitter central value is entered.
1350
1360, WAFIKOMI
1370
1380 *SFOLL1 ; Serial poll interruption.
1385 'FRINT"NOW SFOQL"
1390 FOLL 2,SB
1392 'FRINT SE
1395 INTOK=1 ; Poll end flag is set.
1405 FETUFN
; End of serial poll interruption.
1410.
1420 END
```

4) DA command

Reads the jitter distribution data and displayes them on the CRT of the personal computer.

1. Load the program.
2. Input jitters. $\rightarrow$ Distribution is displayed.
3. Key in RUN and press the Return key.
4. 2-digit data (14 is expressed as 0104) are displayed in order from the left of the CRT, amounting to 231 addresses $\times 2+2$ (i.e., control code).

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0107 F4 5D
Jitter components

$\downarrow$
5. Key in STOP to terminate operation.
5) DB-3545 program on PC9801

The DA command reads the jitter distribution and displays it in the JT\$ position.

```
1000
1020
1030
1040 DIM JT$(255):DIM JT1$(255)
1050 J.SET IFC : ISET FENN
1070 CMD DELIM=0 : CMD TIMEOUT=5
1100
1110 ON SFO GOSUE *SFOLLI
1120
1130' INITIAL
1150 KCMD$="ACD" :FFINTG 2;KCMD% ; AUTO (ENTER OFF)
1160 KCMD#="IG1" :FRINTG 2;KCND& ; GAIN × 10
1170 KCMD$="WS0" :FFINTG 2;KCMD$ : SLOP x
1230
1240 KEISOKU
1250
1260 *JT
1290 INTOK=0 : FRINTE 2;"DA" ; DA command is sent.
1292 SRO ON ; SRQ ON
1295 'FRINT"DA READ!"
1298 'FOR I=0 TO 46S
1300 IF INTOK<>1 GOTO 1300
1310 INFUT @2;JT$, JT1$ ; Data is entered in JT$ position.
1315 PRINT "I=",I
1320 FRINT JTक;JTi$
1325 'NEXT I ; Next distribution is read.
13SØ WEYTE &HSF;
1340 GOTO *JT
1350 !
1360' WARIKOMI ; Serial poll interruption.
1370.
1350 *SFOLL1 ; Poll
1385 FFINT"NOW SFOOL"
1390 FOLL 2,SE ; Poll end flag is set.
1392 FFINT SB
1395 INTOK=1 ; End of serial poll interruption.
1400 SFO ON
1405 FETUGIN
1410.
1420 END
```

(6) Table of GP-IB commands

| Function group | Commands | Function | State of power-on time |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PANNEL SW | $\begin{array}{ll} A C & 0 \\ A C & 1 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} \text { AUTO CENTER SW } & =\mathrm{OFF} \\ & =0 \mathrm{~N} \end{aligned}$ | $\bigcirc$ |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { WS } 0 \\ & \text { WS } 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} \text { SLOPE SW } & =\text { OFF (ON PIT) } \\ & =0 \mathrm{~N}(\text { OFF PIT }) \end{aligned}$ | $\bigcirc$ |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { IG } 0 \\ & \text { IG } 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} \text { GAIN } & =\times 1 \\ & =\times 10 \end{aligned}$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| GO/NG | $\begin{aligned} & \text { WP } 000 \\ & \text { WP } 115 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} \text { +WIDTH } & =000(\mathrm{~ns}) \\ \text { +WIDTH } & =115(\mathrm{~ns}) \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { WM } 000 \\ & \text { WP } 115 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} - \text { WIDTH } & =000 \text { (ns) } \\ - \text { WIDTH } & =115 \text { (ns) } \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { LT } 000 \\ & \text { LT } 100 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} \text { LIMIT } & =00(\%) \\ \text { LIMIT } & =100(\%) \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | MS | MODE SET <br> (data setting established for WP to LT) |  |
| SRQ | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { SR } & 0 \\ \text { SR } & 1 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { SRQ }=0 \mathrm{FF} \\ & \mathrm{SRQ}=O \mathrm{~N} \end{aligned}$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| MES. DATA | DM | maX DATA READ |  |
|  | DC | CENTER DATA READ |  |
|  | AR | AREA DATA READ |  |
|  | GN | JUDGE DATA READ |  |
|  | DA | JITter data read |  |

