# SG SERIES <br> FIBEROPTIC MATRIX SWITCH 

## User's Manual

## FIJS Uniphase

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## Safety Information, Instructions, and Symbols

## Safety Information

## Classification

The unit consists of an exposed metal chassis that is connected directly to earth via a power cord and, therefore, is classified as a Class 1 instrument. Class 1 refers to equipment relying on ground protection as a means of shock protection.

The following symbol is used to indicate a protective conductor terminal in the unit.


## Disconnecting from Line Power

Some of the circuits are powered whenever the unit is connected to the AC power source (line power). To ensure that the unit is not connected to the line power, disconnect the power cord from either the power inlet on the unit's rear panel or from the AC line-power source (receptacle). The power cord must always be accessible from one of these points. If the unit is installed in a cabinet, the operator must be able to disconnect the unit from the line power by the system's line-power switch.

## Line Power Requirements

The unit can operate from any single-phase AC power source that supplies between 100 and 240 V at a frequency range of 50 to 60 Hz . The maximum power consumption is 500 VA .

## Fuse Type

The fuse type used by the 3U unit is ( $5 \times 20$ ) mm, FA2.0A / 250 V (fast). The fuse type used by the 7 U and 14 U units is $(5 \times 20) \mathrm{mm}, \mathrm{T} 2.5 \mathrm{~A} / 250 \mathrm{~V}$ (slow).

## Safety Instructions

The following safety instructions must be observed whenever the unit is operated, serviced, or repaired. Failure to comply with any of these instructions or with any precaution or warning contained in the user's manual is in direct violation of the standards of design, manufacture, and intended use of the unit. JDS Uniphase assumes no liability for the customer's failure to comply with any of these safety requirements.

## Before Initializing and Operating the Unit

$\square$ Inspect the unit for any signs of damage, and read the user's manual thoroughly.
$\square$ Install the unit as specified in the Getting Started section.
$\square$ Ensure that the unit and any devices or cords connected to it are properly grounded.

## Operating the Unit

|  | Warning <br> To avoid the risk of injury or death, always observe the following precautions before initializing the unit: <br> - If using a voltage-reducing autotransformer to power the unit, ensure that the common terminal connects to the earthed pole of the power source. <br> - Use only the type of power cord supplied with the unit. <br> - Connect the power cord only to a power outlet equipped with a protective earth contact. Never connect to an extension cord that is not equipped with this feature. <br> - Do not interrupt the protective earth grounding. Any such action can lead to a potential shock hazard that can result in serious personal injury. If an interruption to the protective grounding is suspected, ensure that the unit remains inoperative. <br> - Never look into the end of an optical cable connected to an optical output device that is operating. Laser radiation is invisible, and direct exposure can severely injure the human eye. For more information, see the user's manual of the laser source in use. <br> - Turning off the power to the device does not always block the externally supplied radiation to the connector at the output of the unit. <br> - Do not use the unit outdoors. <br> - To prevent potential fire or shock hazard, do not expose the unit to any source of excessive moisture. <br> - Do not operate the unit when its covers or panels have been removed. <br> - Use only the type of fuse specified by the manufacturer as appropriate for this unit. Do not use repaired fuses, and avoid any situations that can shortcircuit the fuse. |
| :---: | :---: |


| -Unless absolutely necessary, do not attempt to adjust or perform any <br> maintenance or repair procedure when the unit is opened and connected to <br> a power source. |
| :--- | :--- |
| - Repairs are to be carried out only by a qualified professional. |
| -Do not attempt any adjustment, maintenance, or repair procedure to the <br> unit's internal mechanism if immediate first aid is not accessible. <br> - Disconnect the power cord from the unit before adding or removing any <br> components. <br> - Operating the unit in the presence of flammable gases or fumes is <br> extremely hazardous. <br> Do not perform any operating or maintenance procedure that is not <br> described in the user's manual. <br> Some of the unit's capacitors can be charged even when the unit is not <br> connected to the power source. |

## Safety Symbols

The following symbols and messages can be marked on the unit (Table 1). Observe all safety instructions that are associated with a symbol.

Table 1: Safety Symbols

| Symbol | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| WARNING | Laser safety. See the user's manual for instructions on handling and operating <br> the unit safely. |
| See the user's manual for instructions on handling and operating the unit <br> safely. <br> The procedure can result in serious injury or loss of life if not carried out <br> conditions necessary for safe handling and operation are met before <br> proceeding. |  |
| CAUTION | Electrostatic discharge (ESD). See the user's manual for instructions on <br> handling and operating the unit safely. <br> carried out in compliance with all instructions for proper use. Ensure that all <br> conditions necessary for safe handling and operation are met before <br> proceeding. |

## Compliance

## CE Compliance

The unit has been designed and tested to comply with directive $73 / 23 /$ EEC and its subsequent amendments by the European Community (EC or CE). The directive relates to electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits. It ensures that electrical equipment is constructed with good engineering practice in safety matters.

The unit has been designed and tested to comply with directive 89/336/EEC and its subsequent amendments. The directive relates to electromagnetic compatibility. It demands that electromagnetic disturbance does not exceed a prescribed level; that the equipment be immune to a prescribed level of ambient level of interference; that the equipment be protected against electrostatic discharges; and that the equipment be immune to all electrical shock wave disturbances. As of 1997, measures have been added to test for fire hazard, electric shock hazard, and also external exposure to other forms of energy.

The requirements specified by directive $89 / 336 /$ EEC are as follows. CE compliance requires that the manufacturer or its authorized representative established within the Community affix the EC conformity mark to the apparatus or else to the packaging, instructions for use, or guarantee certificate. The EC conformity mark shall consist of the letters CE as specified and the figures of the year in which the mark was affixed. This mark should, where appropriate, be accompanied by the distinctive letters used by the notified body issuing the EC typeexamination certificate. Where the apparatus is the subject of other Directives providing for the EC conformity mark, the affixing of the EC mark shall also indicate conformity with the relevant requirements of those other Directives.

## CSA / IEC Compliance

The unit complies with certain standards of the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC).

The unit is in Installation Category (Overvoltage Category) II under IEC 664. IEC 664 relates to impulse voltage levels and insulation coordination. The particular category is defined as: local level, appliances, portable equipment, etc, with smaller transient overvoltages than Installation Category (Overvoltage Category) III.

The unit is in the Pollution Degree 2 category under IEC 1010-1 and CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 1010.1. The IEC standard on Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use relates to insulation coordination. The CSA standard is on Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement Control, and Laboratory Use, Part I: General Requirements. The Pollution Degree 2 category is defined as follows: "Normally only non-conductive pollution occurs. Occasionally, however, a temporary conductivity caused by condensation must be expected."

## General Information and Specifications

## General Information

This user's manual for the SG Series Fiberoptic Matrix Switch contains complete operating instructions.

The SG switch is fully defined in its product requirement specification (document ENG-SP0198). Where specifications quoted in this document differ from the requirement specification, the requirement specification takes precedence.

The SG switch is a compact, rack-mountable instrument, based on the proven optomechanical switching technology of JDS Uniphase. The M-ports to N-ports non-blocking configuration, is derived by connecting a bank of 1 xM switches to a bank of 1 xN switches (Figure 1). This configuration allows any M port to be connected to any N port. A port may not be connected to more than one other port at a time. A general schematic is shown in Figure 2.


Figure 1: Block Diagram


FC/PC connectors on rear panel
FC/PC connectors on rear panel
Figure 2: General Schematic of an SG MxN Switch

A control unit provides remote GPIB IEEE 488 and RS232C interfaces. The controller interprets CLOSE M to N port commands and sets the positions of the 1 xM and 1 xN switches accordingly. LabVIEW ${ }^{1}$ drivers are supplied to facilitate remote control. For information on using the LabVIEW drivers, see the SG LabVIEW Instrument Driver User's Manual (document SD000335).

The SG switch is available in over 100 combinations of 4 Mx 4 N switches (Figure 3). Matrix switches requiring 16 switches or less can be accommodated in a 3 U unit. Requirements of 32 switches or less can be accommodated in a 7 U 19 inch ( 48.26 cm ) rack. Larger configurations of up to 64 switches are accommodated in a 14 U 19 inch $(48.26 \mathrm{~cm})$ rack.

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Figure 3: Configurations

Non-standard configurations requiring other than 4 M or 4 N switches, configurations requiring more than 64 switches, and other customized features are available.

## Key Features

- Non-blocking
- Low insertion loss
- Broad wavelength operation
- High reliability
- Local and remote control via IEEE 488 and RS232C interfaces


## Applications

- Reconfiguration and restoration of broadband fiber telecommunication networks
- Data communications and multimedia networks
- Research and development


## Standard Accessories

- AC power cord
- SG LabVIEW application software
- User's Manual


## Optional Accessories

- Dual redundant hot swappable power supply
- Installation kit that includes a 19 inch $(48.26 \mathrm{~cm})$ rack slide set
- Rack extenders for a 24 inch ( 60.96 cm ) rack


## Specifications

The following optical specifications describe the warranted characteristics of the unit ( Table 2). Supplementary specifications describe the typical non-warranted performance of the unit (Table 3).

Table 2: Optical Specifications

| Parameter | Typical | Maximum |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Insertion loss single-mode multimode | $\begin{aligned} & 1.2 \mathrm{~dB} \\ & 1.2 \mathrm{~dB} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.8 \mathrm{~dB} \\ & 1.8 \mathrm{~dB} \end{aligned}$ |
| Return loss ${ }^{2}$ single-mode multimode | $\begin{aligned} & 60 \mathrm{~dB} \\ & 25 \mathrm{~dB} \end{aligned}$ | 55 dB (minimum) <br> 20 dB (minimum) |
| Polarization dependent loss single-mode | 0.03 dB | 0.07 dB |
| Insertion loss stability | $\pm 0.1 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\pm 0.2 \mathrm{~dB}$ |
| Insertion loss change on power off | 0.5 dB | 1.0 dB |
| Repeatability ${ }^{3}$ | $\pm 0.04 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\pm 0.05 \mathrm{~dB}$ |
| Crosstalk | -90 dB | -80 dB |
| Optical input power | 300 mW continuous |  |
| Lifetime | at least 10 million cycles |  |

(table continued)

| Parameter | Typical |
| :--- | :---: |
| Maximum |  | | Switching time |
| :--- |
| single-channel increment |
| average connection (approximate) |$\quad$| 120 ms |
| :---: |
| Control |
|  |

${ }^{1}$ Insertion loss does not include connectors. Additional 0.2 dB typical, 0.5 dB maximum per connector.
${ }^{2}$ Return loss specifications based on 1 m pigtail length.
${ }^{3}$ Optimum repeatability after one hour warm up.
4 The local control feature is only available on the 3U model.

Table 3: Other Specifications

| Electrical |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Input voltage | 100 to $240 \mathrm{~V} \mathrm{AC}, 50$ to 60 Hz |
| Power consumption | 500 VA maximum |
| Physical |  |
| Dimensions $(\mathrm{W} \times \mathrm{H} \times \mathrm{D})$ | $48 \times 13.5 \times 42 \mathrm{~cm} 3 \mathrm{U}$ <br> $48 \times 31 \times 61 \mathrm{~cm} \mathrm{7U} 19$ in $(48.26 \mathrm{~cm})$ rackmount <br> $48 \times 62 \times 61 \mathrm{~cm} \mathrm{14U} 19$ in $(48.26 \mathrm{~cm})$ rackmount |
| Weight | 12 kg for 3 U switch <br> 45 kg for 7 U switch <br> 75 kg for 14 U switch |
| Environmental | 5 to $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Operating temperature | -40 to $70{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Storage temperature | maximum $80 \% \mathrm{RH}$ from 5 to $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ non-condensing |
| Humidity | 2000 m maximum |
| Altitude |  |

## Getting Started

The SG Series Fiberoptic Matrix Switch consists of the SG switch unit, the power cord, and SG LabVIEW software.

## Before Initializing and Operating the Unit

V Inspect the unit for any signs of damage.
$\square$ Read the user's manual thoroughly, and become familiar with all safety symbols and instructions to ensure that the unit is operated and maintained safely.

## Initial Inspection



## Warning

To avoid electrical shock, do not initialize or operate the unit if it bears any sign of damage to any portion of its exterior surface, such as the outer cover or panels.

Check that the unit and contents are complete:

1. Wear an anti-static wrist strap and work in an electrostatic discharge (ESD) controlled area.
2. Inspect the shipping container for any indication of excessive shock to the contents, and inspect the contents to ensure that the shipment is complete.
3. Inspect the unit for structural damage that can have occurred during shipping.
4. Connect the unit to a power source, using the AC power cord provided.
5. Set the power switch on the rear panel to I (on). The power lamp on the front panel lights and the ventilation fan turns on.
6. Set the power switch to $\mathbf{O}$ (off), and disconnect the AC power cord from the AC power source and from the SG switch.
7. Keep the packaging.

Immediately inform JDS Uniphase and, if necessary, the carrier if the contents of the shipment are incomplete, if the unit or any of its components are damaged or defective, or if the unit does not pass the initial inspection.

## Operating Environment

In order for the unit to meet the warranted specifications, the operating environment must meet the following conditions for temperature, humidity, and ventilation.

## Temperature

The unit can be operated in the temperature range of 5 to $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

## Humidity

The unit can be operated in environments with up to $80 \%$ humidity ( 5 to $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ). Do not expose it to any environmental conditions or changes to environmental conditions that can cause condensation to form inside the unit.

## Ventilation

The unit contains a built-in cooling fan. Do not install it in any location where the ventilation is blocked. For optimum performance, the unit must be operated from a location that provides at least 75 mm ( 3 inches) of clearance at the rear and at least 25 mm ( 1 inch) of clearance at the bottom. Blocking the air circulation around the unit can cause the unit to overheat, compromising its reliability.


## Warning

- Do not use the unit outdoors.
- To prevent potential fire or shock hazard, do not expose the unit to any source of excessive moisture.


## Storing and Shipping

To maintain optimum operating reliability, do not store the unit in locations where the temperature falls below $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ or rises above $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Avoid any environmental condition that can result in internal condensation. Ensure that these temperature and humidity requirements can also be met whenever the unit is shipped.

## Claims and Repackaging

Immediately inform JDS Uniphase and, if necessary, the carrier, if

- The contents of the shipment are incomplete
- The unit or any of its components are damaged or defective
- The unit does not pass the initial inspection

In the event of carrier responsibility, JDS Uniphase will allow for the repair or replacement of the unit while a claim against the carrier is being processed.

## Returning Shipments to JDS Uniphase

JDS Uniphase only accepts returns for which an approved Return Material Authorization (RMA) has been issued by JDS Uniphase sales personnel. This number must be obtained prior to shipping any material to JDS Uniphase. The owner's name and address, the model number and full serial number of the unit, the RMA number, and an itemized statement of claimed defects must be included with the return material.

Ship return material in the original shipping container and packing material. If these are not available, typical packaging guidelines are as follows:

1. Wear an anti-static wrist strap and work in an ESD controlled area.
2. Cover the front panel, if applicable, with a strip of cardboard.
3. Wrap the unit in anti-static packaging. Use anti-static connector covers, as applicable.
4. Pack the unit in a reliable shipping container.
5. Use enough shock-absorbing material ( 10 to 15 cm or 4 to 6 in on all sides) to cushion the unit and prevent it from moving inside the container. Pink poly anti-static foam is the best material.
6. Seal the shipping container securely.
7. Clearly mark FRAGILE on its surface.
8. Always provide the model and serial number of the unit and, if necessary, the RMA number on any accompanying documentation.
9. Please contact the RMA department, using the contact information at the beginning of this document, to provide an RMA number and a shipping address.

## Cleaning Connectors

| - Caution |
| :--- | :--- |
| on the unit. |
| Never force an optical connector. Some connectors have a ceramic ferrule <br> that can easily be broken. |

Optical cable ends need to be cleaned before using them with the unit.
The following items are required for cleaning:

- filtered compressed air or dusting gas
- lint-free pipe cleaners or lint-free swab
- lint-free towels
- optical grade isopropyl alcohol or optical grade $200^{\circ}$ ethanol (do not use rubbing alcohol, which contains $30 \%$ water)

To clean the connectors:

1. Blow the sleeve with filtered compressed air (Figure 4).


Figure 4: Connector Cleaning (connector type can vary)
2. Apply optical grade isopropyl alcohol or optical grade ethanol (do not use rubbing alcohol) to a small area of a lint-free towel and rub the end of the ferrule over the wet area.
3. Wipe the ferrule on a dry area of the lint-free towel.
4. Using the dusting gas or compressed air, blow the end of the ferrule.
5. Apply the alcohol or ethanol to a lint-free pipe cleaner or swab and wipe off the remaining parts of the connector.
6. With the other end of the pipe cleaner or swab, dry the areas cleaned.
7. Using the dusting gas or compressed air, blow the areas cleaned.

## Installing the Switch

To install the switch:

1. With the switch off and unplugged, mount it into a standard EIA 19 in ( 48.26 cm ) rack frame. Keep the SG switch level while lifting and attaching it to the rack-mount. Do not block the ventilation holes at the back and at the top of the instrument. Do not pull on the fibers exiting through the rear panel strain relief. Excessive force can damage the optics.
2. Route the fiber cables to avoid creating bends with a radius of less than 1.5 cm , meaning do not lay cables across sharp corners. Do not tie bundles of cables together tightly.
3. Reattach the AC power cord, and reinitialize the switch by turning on the power switch.

## Controlling the Switch Remotely - GPIB Operation

To set up the switch for remote control by GPIB operation:

1. Connect the SG switch GPIB (IEEE 488) port of the SG switch to a controlling computer.
2. At the GPIB controlling computer, set the message terminating character to line feed (<LF>), for example, ASCII character code 10.
3. Send a sample command to the SG switch; for example, use an OUTPUT statement (or equivalent) to send the command CLOSE (@1!1) to address 7, the factory-set address of the SG switch.
4. Send a sample query command, for example, CLOSE:STATE?, then use an INPUT statement to receive the message (@1!1) from GPIB address 7.

## Operating and Maintenance Instructions

## Front Panel

The front panel and keypad of the 3 U SG switch is shown in the figure below.


Figure 5: Front Panel of 3USG with keypad

## Status LEDs and Operating Keys (3U model ONLY)

The descriptions of the keypad and LEDs are indicated in Table 4 and Table 5.
Table 4: Status LEDs

| LED | INDICATION |
| :--- | :--- |
| I/O | Indicates the power ON/OFF status of the SG switch |
| REM | Indicates the SG switch is in Remote mode, controlled either through <br> GPIB or RS232 interfaces. All front-panel keys except Local become <br> non-functional |

Table 5: Operating Keys

| KEY | FUNCTION |
| :--- | :--- |
| GPIB ADDR | Sets the SG switch to GPIB address mode and allows change to the <br> GPIB address |
| LOCAL | Returns the SG switch to Local mode from Remote mode and enables <br> the key functions |
| FIELD | Sets the SG switch to Control mode. Subsequently selects numeric <br> input fields of IN or OUT channel position |
| UP $(\mathbf{A})$ | Increases the IN Channel position or GPIB address |
| DOWN $(\boldsymbol{\nabla})$ | Decreases the IN Channel position or GPIB address |
| Numeric $(0$ to 9$)$ | Allows numeric selection |
| ENTER | Terminates an entry, for example, channel number or GPIB address |

The front of the switch for the 14 U model is shown in Figure 6. The panel height can differ depending on the configuration.


Figure 6: Front of SG Switch (14U height shown)


Warning
The front panel of the SG switch must be removed by trained personnel only.

## Rear Panel

The back of the switch for a 14 U model is shown in Figure 7. The panel height can differ depending on the configuration.


Figure 7: Back of Switch (14U height shown)

## Controlling and Monitoring the Switch

For information on using the LabVIEW drivers, see the SG LabVIEW Instrument Driver User's Manual (document SD000335).

## Calibrating the Switch

The unit is factory calibrated.

## Maintaining the Switch

Clean all connector ends with a lint-free tissue and alcohol before every mating to increase the life of the connectors, minimize insertion loss, and reduce backreflection. See the Cleaning Connectors section.

| Warning |
| :--- | :--- |
| - For continued fire protection, use the specified fuse only. |
| -Disconnect the power cord from the SG switch and from the power supply <br> before replacing the fuse. |
| -To avoid electrical shock, the power cord protective grounding conductor <br> must be connected to ground. <br> - The switch contains no user-serviceable parts. For service information, <br> contact JDS Uniphase or your local representative. |

## Programming Guide

## SCPI Conformance Information

The GPIB interface of the switch conforms to the ANSI/IEEE standards 488.1-1987 and 488.21987. The RS232C interface conforms to ANSI/IEEE standard 488.2-1987 where applicable.

The common command set conforms to ANSI/IEEE 488.2 standard syntax. All other commands conform to the Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments (SCPI) command language, version 1995.0.

## SCPI Syntax and Style

## Program Message Formats

A program message consists of a command header, followed by its required parameters. The parameters must be separated from the command header by a space, for example, *ESE 10. Multiple parameters must be separated by a comma (,).

Each program message can contain one or more message units. The message units in a program message must be separated by a semicolon (;), for example, *CLS;*ESE 10.

## Terminating a Program Message

The terminating sequence <LF> or an end of identity (EOI) message sent with a character signals the switch that the end of the program message has been received. When an EOI message is received with any character other than the terminating sequence <LF>, <LF> is put in the input queue immediately after the character. This applies only to characters sent through the GPIB interface because the RS232C interface does not have an EOI signal.

The terminating sequence <LF> does not always appear in the sample program messages provided in this section; however, it is implied.

## Command Header Variations

Each command header in the command tree has a long form and a short form. Both forms are acceptable and each form gives an identical response.

## Examples:

:ROUTE:CLOSE (@1!4)
:ROUT:CLOS (@1!4)
:STATUS:OPERATION:ENABLE 255
:STAT:OPER:ENAB 255
The query form of a command must end with a question mark (?).
A command can be entered in either uppercase characters or lowercase characters.

## Specifying the Command Path

In order to use a command in the command tree, the switch must know the full path to the command. If the command is the first command in the program message, the command header must contain the full path to the command. Subsequent commands in the same program message are automatically referenced in the same path as the previous command, unless a colon (:) precedes the command's command header, in which case the full path to the command must be included in the command header.

```
[:ROUTe]
    :CLOSe <channel list>
        :STAT?
    :OPEN <channel list>
        :ALL
```

The following program messages are valid.
ROUTE:OPEN (@1!4);CLOSE (@5!5)
ROUTE:OPEN (@1!4);:ROUTE:CLOSE (@5!5)
ROUTE:CLOSE:STATE?
The following program messages are not valid.
ROUTE:OPEN (@1!4);ROUTE:CLOSE (@5!5) (no colon before second command)
ROUTE:CLOSE (@1!4);STATE? (STATE? command at different level than CLOSE)
ROUTE:OPEN:ALL;CLOSE (@1!4) (CLOSE command at different level than ALL)

## Default Commands

Default commands are commands that do not need to be explicitly included in the command path. If a default command for a path exists, it is enclosed by square brackets ([ ]) in the command tree. If a default command is implied in the first command of a program message, the command path for subsequent commands is determined as if the default command had been explicitly included in the first command header.
[:ROUTe]
:CLOSe <channel list>
:STAT?
:OPEN <channel list>
:ALL
The following program messages are valid.
ROUTE:CLOSE (@3!4)
CLOSE (@3!4)
The following program message is not valid.
CLOSE (@3!4):STATE? (the STATE? command is not at the same level as CLOSE)

## Parameter Types

The acceptable parameter types for each command or query are listed in the command table (see the IEEE 488.2 Common Commands section). A definition of each parameter type is provided here.

- Numeric Value-Any value between 9.9E37 and -9.9E37. The value can be sent as an integer (154), a decimal (15.2), or an exponential number (4.5E6). The character data forms MIN (minimum), MAX (maximum), and DEF (default) are also acceptable.
- NRf—Any value between 9.9E37 and -9.9E37. The value can be sent as an integer (154), a decimal (15.2), or an exponential number (4.5E6). The character data forms MIN, MAX, and DEF are not acceptable.
- Boolean-0, 1, ON, OFF. Any other numeric value sent is rounded to the nearest integer. If the resulting integer is anything but 0 , it is interpreted as 1 .
- Character-A character string that contains no more than 12 characters. Each character in the string must be either an uppercase or a lowercase letter, a digit (0 to 9), or an underscore (_).
- String-Any character string. The characters in the string can be any ASCII character, and the string can be of any length unless otherwise specified in the command table. In order for the switch to recognize a single (') or double quotation mark (") as part of the string and not as the end of the string, two sequential single quotation marks or two sequential double quotation marks are used to represent a single quotation mark or a double quotation mark, respectively.
- Non-Decimal Numeric-Any binary, octal, or hex value, where the non-decimal numeric values (xxxx) are preceded by the type (T), for example, \#Txxxx. T is defined as follows:
- octal = \# followed by q or Q
- hex = \# followed by hor H
- binary = \# followed by b or B

The value ( $x x x x$ ) following the type must be less than the decimal value $2^{32}$ and must conform to the following rules for each type:

- octal values can only contain the numeric characters 0 to 7
- hex values can only contain the numeric characters 0 to 9 and the letters $A$ to $F$ (both lowercase and uppercase are accepted)
- binary values can only contain the numeric characters 1 and 0

For example:

- \#Q12347 is a valid octal number
- \#ha57b2 is a valid hex number
- \#B010111 is a valid binary number


## Overview of Implemented Status Structures

There are three distinct status data structures implemented in the SG switch:

- IEEE 488.2 defined standard registers (standard status structure)
- SCPI defined operation registers (operation status structure)
- SCPI defined questionable registers (questionable status structure)

The 488.2 standard status structure consists of four registers:

- Status byte register
- Service request enable register
- Standard event status register
- Standard event status enable register

The operation and questionable status structures are identical except for the use of their individual bits. These status structures are each composed of five registers:

- Condition register
- Positive transition register (PTRansition)
- Negative transition register (NTRansition)
- Event register
- Event enable register

The bits in the operation status structure reflect a specific condition within the switch. The SG switch only uses bit 1 of the operation registers. Bit 1, the SETTling bit, is set when the SG switch is in the process of switching channels.

The bits in the questionable registers give an indication of the quality of the output of the SG switch. None of the bits in the questionable register are currently used by the switch.

All three status structures are connected by the status byte register. The following diagrams illustrate the relationship between the registers.

Operational and questionable status data structures are shown in Figure 8. Registers are shown in Figure 9.


Figure 8: Data Structures


Figure 9: Registers

## Status Byte Register

The status byte register contains the summary bits for each of the structures implemented in the switch, the master summary bit (MSB) and the request for service bit (RQS).

| Status Register |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bit 0 | Bit 1 | Bit 2 | Bit 3 | Bit 4 | Bit 5 | Bit 6 | Bit 7 |
| not <br> used | not <br> used | not <br> used | questionable <br> summary <br> (QSB) | message <br> available <br> (MAV) | event <br> summary <br> (ESB) | request for <br> service <br> or <br> master <br> summary | operation <br> summary <br> (OSB) |
| Read with | By serial polling <br> *STB? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Written to with |  |  |  |  |  |  | Cannot be written to |
| Cleared by | *CLS common command |  |  |  |  |  |  |

- Bit 0 is not used.
- Bit 1 is not used.
- Bit 2 is not used.
- Bit 3 (questionable summary) is the summary bit for questionable status structure. It is set if any bit in the questionable event status register is set while the corresponding bit in the questionable event enable register is set.
- Bit 4 (message available) is set to 1 when a response message is available in the output queue.
- Bit 5 (event summary bit) is the summary bit for the standard event status structure. The ESB summary message bit is set if any bit in the standard event status register is set while its corresponding value in the standard event status enable register is set.
- Bit 6 , as the service request bit, is set to 1 if a service request has been generated.

Bit 6, as the master summary bit, is set when there is at least one reason for the switch to request service from the controller. That is, the master summary bit is set if any summary bit in the status byte register is set and if the corresponding bit in the service request enable register is also set.

- Bit 7 (operation summary bit) is the summary bit for the operation status register. It is set if any bit in the operation event register is set while the corresponding bit in the operation event enable register is set.


## Service Request Enable Register

The service request enable register determines which summary bits in the status byte register can generate service requests. If a summary bit in the status register is set to 1 and the corresponding bit in the service request enable register is set to 1 , a service request is generated by the switch. A new service request is not generated for this condition unless the bit in the status register or the bit in the service request enable register is cleared and the condition reoccurs.

| Service Request Enable Register |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Read with | *SRE? common query (the value of bit 6 is always 0 ) |
| Written to with | *SRE common command (the value of bit 6 is always zero, regardless of the <br> value sent with the command) |
| Cleared by | *SRE common command with a parameter value of 0 <br> Power-on |

Standard Event Status Register

| Standard Event Status Register |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bit 0 | Bit 1 | Bit 2 | Bit 3 | Bit 4 | Bit 5 | Bit 6 | Bit 7 |
| operation <br> complete <br> (OPC) | request <br> control <br> (RQC) | query <br> error <br> (QYE) | device <br> dependent <br> error <br> (DDE) | execution <br> error <br> (EXE) | command <br> error <br> (CME) | user <br> request <br> (URQ) | power on <br> (PON) |
| Read with | *ESR? common query |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Written to with | Cannot be written to |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cleared by | *ESR? common query <br> *CLS common command <br> Power-on |  |  |  |  |  |  |

- Bit 0 (operation complete) is set in response to the *OPC common command. This bit is set when all operations are complete.
- Bit 1 (request control) is always set to 0 .
- Bit 2 (query error) is set when a query error occurs, for example, an attempt is made to read the output queue when the output queue is empty or when the data in the output queue is lost.
- Bit 3 (device dependent error) is set by the switch to indicate that an error has occurred that is not a command error, an execution error, or a query error.
- Bit 4 (execution error) is set when an execution error is detected by the switch, for example, if a command parameter is out of the range of the switch or a valid program message cannot be executed due to some condition in the switch.
- Bit 5 (command error) is set when a command error is detected by the switch, for example, if a syntax error is detected in a program message, an incorrect command header is received, or if an IEEE GET message is received in the middle of a program message.
- Bit 6 (user request) is always set to 0 .
- Bit 7 (power on) is set when an off-to-on transition occurs in the power supply of the switch.


## Standard Event Status Enable Register

The contents of the standard event status enable register determine which events in the standard event status register are reflected in the event summary bit (ESB) of the status byte register.

| Standard Event Status Enable Register |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Read with | *ESE? common query |
| Written to with | *ESE common command |
| Cleared by | Power-on <br> *ESE common command with a parameter value of 0 |

## Operation and Questionable Condition Registers

Each bit in these condition registers reflects a specific condition or state within the switch. A bit is set when the switch enters the state associated with that bit and remains set while the device is in that state.

| Operation Condition Register |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Read with | STATus:OPEReration:CONDition? query |
| Written to with | Cannot be written to |
| Cleared by | Power-on |


| Questionable Condition Register |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Read with | STATus:QUEStionable:CONDition? query |
| Written to with | Cannot be written to |
| Cleared by | Power-on |

## Operation and Questionable Event Registers

Event registers reflect changes in the conditions of the switch. Each bit in the operation event register and the questionable event register is associated with a bit in the corresponding condition register. Depending on the values of the positive transition register and the negative transition register, a bit in the event register can be set when the associated bit in the condition register changes from 0 to 1 , from 1 to 0 , or both. If both the positive transition and negative transition bits are set to 0 , the event register bit is not set on either transition.

| Operation Event Register |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Read with | STATus:OPERation:EVENT? query |
| Written to with | Cannot be written to |
| Cleared by | *CLS common command |


| Questionable Event Register |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Read with | STATus:QUEStionable:EVENT? query |
| Written to with | Cannot be written to |
| Cleared by | Power-on <br> *CLS common command |

## Operation and Questionable Event Enable Registers

The event enable registers determine which event bits in the associated event register causes the summary message bit in the status byte register to be set. If any event bit in the event register is set while its associated bit in the event enable register is also set, the summary message bit is set to true.

| Operation Event Enable Register |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Read with | STATus:OPERation:ENABle? query |
| Written to with | STATus:OPERation:ENABLe command |
| Cleared by | Power-on |


| Questionable Event Enable Register |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Read with | STATus:QUEStionable:ENABle? query |
| Written to with | STATus:QUEStionable:ENABLe command |
| Cleared by | Power-on |

## Operation and Condition Positive Transition Register

If a bit in the positive transition register is set, then a positive transition (a transition from 0 to 1 ) in the associated bit in the condition register sets the associated bit in the event register.

| Operation Positive Transition Register |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Read with | STATus:OPERation:PTRansition? query |
| Written to with | STATus:OPERation:PTRansition command |
| Cleared by | Power-on |


| Condition Positive Transition Register |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Read with | STATus:QUEStionable:PTRansition? query |
| Written to with | STATus:QUEStionable:PTRansition command |
| Cleared by | Power-on |

## Operation and Condition Negative Transition Register

If a bit in the negative transition register is set, then a negative transition (a transition from 1 to 0 ) in the associated bit in the condition register causes the associated bit in the event register to be set.

| Operation Negative Transition Register |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Read with | STATus:OPERation:NTRansition? query |
| Written to with | STATus:OPERation:NTRansition command |
| Cleared by | Power-on |


| Questionable Negative Transition Register |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Read with | STATus:QUEStionable:NTRansition? query |
| Written to with | STATus:QUEStionable:NTRansition command |
| Cleared by | Power-on |

## Queues

## Input Queue

The input queue in the switch is a first-in-first-out (FIFO) queue and is 200 characters in length. Data bytes received from the controller are placed in the input queue in the order received. When a full message unit is received, it is transferred to the parser.

If the input queue becomes full while the GPIB is being used, the data acknowledge signal (DAQ) is not sent to the GPIB controller until a character is transferred from the input buffer to the parser. This ensures that no bytes in the program message are lost. However, the RS232C interface has no DAQ signal and cannot be signaled when the input queue becomes full. Therefore, characters sent to the SG switch are lost.

If a new program message is received before the response to a query in a previous message is read, the output queue is cleared, MAV is set to false, and the query error bit is set. This error is also referred to as an unterminated error.

## Output Queue

Responses to query messages are placed in the output queue. This queue is 100 characters in length. When a response is placed in the output queue, the MAV bit in the status register is set. The MAV bit is cleared when the response is sent.

Response messages are always terminated with the sequence <LF> and, if the response is being sent through the GPIB, the EOI signal is set to true when the last character in a response is sent.

If an attempt is made to read the output queue when it is empty and the current program message does not contain a query, a query error bit is set.

## Error Queue

The error queue is where errors are placed and is 100 bytes long. Because it is a FIFO queue, the error returned when the error queue is read is always the first error that occurred. An error is only put into the queue once.

If more than three errors are put in the error queue, an overflow error occurs and the last error in the queue is overwritten with error number - 350 (Queue Overflow). Each error in the queue consists of an error number and a brief error message.

## Description of Error Numbers

$\square$ No Error

No error has occurred.

| -100 |
| :--- |
| Command Error |

A command error was detected, but the parser cannot be more specific.
$\square$ Syntax Error

The command or data could not be recognized.
$\square$ Invalid Separator

The parser was expecting a separator and did not find one.

| -104 |
| :--- |
| Data Type Error |

A parameter was not the right type; for example, a string was expected but a non-decimal number was received.

| -108 |
| :--- |
| Parameter Not Allowed |

More parameters were received than the command or query requires.

| -109 | Missing Parameter |
| :--- | :--- |

Fewer parameters were received than the command or query requires.

| -110 |
| :--- |
| Command Header Error |

An error was detected in the command header, but the parser cannot be more specific.
$\square$ Header Separator Error

A character that was not a valid header separator was encountered.

| -112 | Program Mnemonic Too Long |
| :--- | :--- |

The command header contained too many characters.


The command header has the correct syntax but is not defined for the switch.

| -114 |
| :--- |
| Header Suffix Out of Range |

The suffix is incorrect.

| -120 |
| :--- |
| Numeric Data Error |

An error was detected in a numeric data element, but the parser cannot be more specific.

| -121 | Invalid Character In Number |
| :--- | :--- |

An invalid character was found in a character-type parameter.

| -123 |
| :--- |
| Exponent Too Large |

The exponent in a decimal numeric value was greater than 32,000.

| -124 |
| :--- |
| Too Many Digits |

The mantissa in a decimal numeric value had more than 255 digits.

| -128 |
| :--- |
| Numeric Data Not Allowed |

A valid numeric parameter was received, but the required parameter type is not numeric.

| -130 |
| :--- |
| Suffix Error |

An error was detected in the suffix sent with the command, but the parser cannot be more specific.

| -134 |
| :--- |
| Suffix Too Long |

The suffix sent with the command was more than 12 characters long.

| -140 |
| :--- |
| Character Data Error |

An error was detected in a character type parameter, but the parser cannot be more specific.


An invalid character was detected in a character-type parameter.

| -144 |
| :--- |

A character-type parameter contained more than 12 characters.

| -200 |
| :--- |
| Execution Error |

An execution error has occurred, but the control block cannot be more specific.

| -220 |
| :--- |

An error was detected in a parameter, but the control block cannot be more specific.

| -221 | Settings Conflict |
| :--- | :--- |

A valid parameter was received, but it cannot be used due to the current state of the switch.

| -222 |
| :--- |
| Data Out of Range |

A valid parameter type was received, but it is out of range for the switch.

| -223 |
| :--- |
| Too Much Data |

A block-, expression-, or string-data type was too long for the SG switch to process.

| -224 | Illegal Parameter Value |
| :--- | :--- |

A valid parameter type was received, but it did not match any of the permitted values.

| -240 |
| :--- |
| Hardware Error |

A command could not be executed due to a hardware error, but the control block cannot be more specific.

## -300 Device-Specific Error

A device-specific error occurred, but more specific information is unavailable.

| -310 |
| :--- |
| System Error |

An instrument system error has occurred.

| -313 | Save/Recall Memory Lost |
| :--- | :--- |

The non-volatile data saved by the *SAV command has been lost.

| -330 |
| :--- |
|  |

The device failed a self-test.

| -350 |
| :--- |
| Queue Overflow |

The error queue has overflowed, and an error has occurred that cannot be recorded.

| -400 |
| :--- |
| Query Error |

A query error was detected, but the parser cannot be more specific.

| -410 |
| :--- |

An interrupted error occurred; for example, an attempt was made to read the output queue before a query had been received.
$\square$ Query Unterminated
An unterminated error occurred; for example, a new program message was sent before the response to a previous query was read.

| -430 |
| :--- |
| Query Deadlocked |

The device is deadlocked. Both the input buffer and output queue are full, and the switch is unable to continue.

| $? ?$ |
| :---: |

An undefined error occurred.

IEEE 488.2 Common Commands
The commands are outlined in Table 6.

Table 6: IEEE Commands

| Command | Parameter | Response | Minimum | Maximum |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ${ }^{*}$ CLS | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| ${ }^{*}$ ESE | NRf | N/A | 0 | 255 |
| ${ }^{*} E S E ? ~$ | N/A | NRf | 0 | 255 |
| ${ }^{*}$ ESR? | N/A | NRf | 0 | 255 |
| ${ }^{*}$ IDN? | N/A | String | N/A | N/A |
| ${ }^{*}$ OPC | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| ${ }^{*}$ OPC? | N/A | NRf | 1 | 1 |
| ${ }^{*}$ OPT? | N/A | String | N/A | N/A |
| ${ }^{* R C L ~}$ | NRf | N/A | 0 | 9 |
| ${ }^{*} R S T ~$ | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| ${ }^{*}$ SAV | NRf | N/A | 1 | 9 |
| ${ }^{*}$ SRE | NRf | N/A | 0 | 255 |
| ${ }^{*}$ SRE? | N/A | NRf | 0 | 255 |
| ${ }^{*}$ STB? | N/A | NRf | 0 | 255 |
| ${ }^{*}$ TST? | N/A | NRf | 0 | 1 |
| ${ }^{* W A I ~}$ | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

## SCPI Command Tree

All commands other than the IEEE 488.2 common commands are listed in Table 7. The following abbreviations are used in the Command Status column on the computer screen:

- SC (SCPI Confirmed command)
- SA (SCPI Approved command)
- N (command is neither SCPI confirmed or approved)

Table 7: SCPI Commands

| Command Status | Parameters | Response | Minimum | Maximum |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| :STATus |  |  |  |  |
| :OPERation |  |  |  |  |
| [:EVENt]? |  | NRf |  |  |
| :CONDition? |  | NRf |  |  |
| :ENABIe | NRf |  | 0 | 32,768 |
| :ENABle? |  | NRf |  |  |
| :NTRansition | NRf |  | 0 | 32,768 |
| NTRansition? |  | NRf |  |  |
| :PTRansition | NRf |  | 0 | 32,768 |
| PTRansition? |  | NRf |  |  |
| :QUEStionable |  |  |  |  |
| [:EVENt]? |  | NRf |  |  |
| :CONDition? |  | NRf |  |  |
| :ENABIe | NRf |  | 0 | 32,768 |
| :ENABle? |  | NRf |  |  |
| :NTRansition | NRf |  | 0 | 32,768 |
| NTRansition? |  | NRf |  |  |
| :PTRansition | NRf |  | 0 | 32,768 |
| PTRansition? |  | NRf |  |  |
| :PRESet |  |  |  |  |
| :SYSTem |  |  |  |  |
| :ERRor? |  | NRf, String |  |  |
| :VERSion? |  | String |  |  |
| :[ROUTe](CLOSe) |  |  |  |  |
| :CLOSe | <channel list> |  |  |  |
| :STATe? |  | <channel list> |  |  |
| :CLOSe? | <channel list> | NRf |  |  |
| :OPEN | <channel list> |  |  |  |
| :ALL |  |  |  |  |
| :DIMension? |  | NRf, NRf |  |  |

## Description of Individual Commands

## Common Commands

Clear Status Command

| Syntax | *CLS |
| :---: | :---: |
| Function | Clears the following queues and registers: <br> - Error queue <br> - Standard event status register <br> - Status byte register <br> - Operation event register <br> - Questionable event register <br> If *CLS is sent immediately after a message terminating sequence, both the output queue and the MAV bit in the status byte register are cleared. *CLS also cancels the functions of *OPC and *OPC?. |
| Example | *CLS |

## Standard Event Status Enable Register Command

| Syntax | *ESE<space><numeric value> where $0 \leq$ <numeric value> $\leq 255$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Sets the bits in the standard event status enable register. The numeric value is <br> rounded to the nearest integer and converted to a binary number. The bits of the <br> register are set to match the bit values of the binary number. |
| Example | *ESE $\mathbf{2 1 6}$ sets the standard event status enable register bits to 11011000. |

## Standard Event Status Enable Register Query

| Syntax | *ESE? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Returns the contents of the standard event status enable register as an integer <br> that, when converted to a binary number, represents the bit values of the <br> register. |
| Example | *ESE? returns 216 if the standard event status enable register is set to <br> 11011000. |

## Standard Event Status Register Query

| Syntax | *ESR? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Returns the contents of the standard event status register as an integer that, <br> when converted to a binary number, represents the bit values of the register. |
| Example | *ESR? returns 195 if the standard event status register is set to 11000011. |

## Identification Query

| Syntax | *IDN? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Returns a string that identifies the manufacturer, the switch model number, the <br> serial number (or 0 if unavailable), and the firmware level. |
| Example | *IDN? returns JDS UNIPHASE, SG, 0, Y.YY |

Operation Complete Command

| Syntax | *OPC |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Causes the switch to set the OPC bit in the standard event status register when <br> all pending operations have been completed. |
| Example | *OPC |

## Operation Complete Query

| Syntax | *OPC? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Places a "1" in the output queue of the switch when all pending operations have <br> been completed. Because the "1" is not always placed in the output queue <br> immediately, the status byte register should be polled and the MAV bit checked <br> to determine if there is a message available in the output queue. |
| Example | *OPC? |

## Option Identification Query

| Syntax | *OPT? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Reports on options installed or included with the switch. |
| Example | *OPT? returns ??? in all cases. |

## Reset Command

| Syntax | *RST |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Restores the switch to the following setting. <br> - ROUTE:OPEN:ALL (set all optical paths to open state) |
| Example | *RST |

## Service Request Enable Command

| Syntax | *SRE<space><numeric value> where $0 \leq$ <numeric value> $\leq 63$ and $128 \leq$ <br> <numberic value> $\leq 191$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Sets the bits in the service request enable register. The numeric value is <br> rounded to the nearest integer and converted to a binary number. The bits of the <br> register are set to match the bit values of the binary number. |
| Example | *SRE 152 sets the service request enable register bits to 10011000. |

## Service Request Enable Query

| Syntax | *SRE? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Returns the contents of the service request enable register as an integer that, <br> when converted to a binary number, represents the bit values of the register. |
| Example | *SRE? returns 152 if the service request enable register is set to 10011000. |

Read Status Byte Query

| Syntax | *STB? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Returns the contents of the status byte register as an integer that, when <br> converted to a binary number, represents the bit values of the register. The bit <br> value for bit 6 of the register is the MSS bit value, not the RQS bit value. |
| Example | *STB? returns 170 if the status byte register is set to 10101010. |

## Self-Test Query

| Syntax | *TST? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Initiates a self-test of the switch and returns 0 if the switch passes the self-test or <br> 1 if it fails. <br> During self-testing, established optical paths are interrupted for approximately 10 <br> seconds while the position of the switching mechanism is verified. |
| Example | *TST? |

## *WAI Command

| Syntax | *WAI |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Prevents the switch from executing any further commands or queries until all <br> previously pending operations have been completed. <br> There are no consequences to this command because all commands are <br> executed sequentially; therefore, any subsequent commands are completed by <br> the time this command is parsed. |
| Example | *WAI |

## Status Commands

:STATus:OPERation:CONDition?

| Syntax | :STATus:OPERation:CONDition? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Returns the contents of the operation condition register as an integer that, when <br> converted to a binary number, represents the bit values of the register. <br> The switch only uses bit 1 of the operation condition register. Bit 1, the SETTling <br> bit, is set when the switch is in the process of switching. |
| Example | :STAT:OPER:COND? |

## :STATus:OPERation:ENABle

| Syntax | STATus:OPERation:ENABle<space><NRf> |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Sets the bits in the operation enable register. The NRf value is rounded to the <br> nearest integer and converted to a binary number. The bits of the register are set <br> to match the bit values of the binary number. |
| Example | :STATUS:OPERATION:ENABLE 33 sets bit 0 and bit 5 of the operation enable <br> register to 1. |

## :STATus:OPERation:ENABle?

| Syntax | :STATus:OPERation:ENABIe? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Returns the contents of the operation event enable register as an integer that, <br> when converted to a binary number, represents the bit values of the register. |
| Example | :STAT:OPER:ENAB 23;ENAB? returns 23. |

## :STATus:OPERation[:EVENT]?

| Syntax | :STATus:OPERation[:EVENT]? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Returns the contents of the operation event register as an integer that, when <br> converted to a binary number, represents the bit values of the register. |
| Example | :STAT:OPER:EVENT? |

## :STATus:OPERation:NTRansition

| Syntax | :STATus:OPERation:NTRansition<space><NRf> |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Sets the bits of the operation negative transition register. The NRf value is <br> rounded to the closest integer and converted to a binary number. The bits of the <br> register are set to match the bits of the binary number. |
| Example | :STAT:OPER:NTR 256 sets the bits of the operation negative transition register <br> to 0000000011111111. |

:STATus:OPERation:NTRansition?

| Syntax | :STATus:OPEReration:NTRansition? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Returns the contents of the operation negative transition register as an integer <br> that, when converted to a binary number, represents the bit values of the <br> register. |
| Example | STAT:OPER:NTR 12;NTR? returns 12. |

:STATus:OPERation:PTRansition

| Syntax | :STATus:OPERation:PTRansition<space><NRf> |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Sets the bits of the operation positive transition register. The NRf value is <br> rounded to the closest integer and converted to a binary number. The bits of the <br> register are set to match the bits of the binary number. |
| Example | STAT:OPER:PTR 255 sets the bits of the operation positive transition register to <br> 0000000011111110. |

## :STATus:OPERation:PTRansition?

| Syntax | :STATus:OPERation:PTRansition? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Returns the contents of the operation positive transition register as an integer <br> that, when converted to a binary number, represents the bit values of the <br> register. |
| Example | STAT:OPER:PTR 12;PTR? returns 12. |

## :STATus:QUEStionable:CONDition?

| Syntax | :STATus:QUEStionable:CONDition? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Returns the contents of the questionable condition register as an integer that, <br> when converted to a binary number, represents the bit values of the register. <br> The switch only uses bit 1 of the register. Bit 1, the SETTling bit, is set when the <br> switching mechanism is in the process of switching. |
| Example | :STAT:QUES:COND? |

## :STATus:QUEStionable:ENABle

| Syntax | :STATus:QUEStionable:ENABle<space><NRf> |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Sets the bits in the questionable enable register. The NRf value is rounded to the <br> nearest integer and converted to a binary number. The bits of the register are set <br> to match the bit values of the binary number. |
| Example | :STATUS:QUESTIONABLE:ENABLE 33 sets bit 0 and bit 5 of the questionable <br> enable register to 1. |

:STATus:QUEStionable:ENABle?

| Syntax | :STATus:QUEStionable:ENABle? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Returns the contents of the questionable event enable register as an integer <br> that, when converted to a binary number, represents the bit values of the <br> register. |
| Example | :STAT:QUES:ENAB 23;ENAB? returns 23. |

## :STATus:QUEStionable[:EVENT]?

| Syntax | :STATus:QUEStionable[:EVENT]? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Returns the contents of the questionable event register as an integer that, when <br> converted to a binary number, represents the bit values of the register. |
| Example | :STAT:QUES:EVENT? |

## :STATus:QUEStionable:NTRansition

| Syntax | :STATus:QUEStionable:NTRansition<space><NRf> |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Sets the bits of the questionable negative transition register. The NRf value is <br> rounded to the closest integer and converted to a binary number. The bits of the <br> register are set to match the bits of the binary number. |
| Example | :STAT:QUES:NTR 256 sets the bits of the questionable negative transition <br> register to 0000000011111111. |

## :STATus:QUEStionable:NTRansition?

| Syntax | :STATus:QUEStionable:NTRansition? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Returns the contents of the questionable negative transition register as an <br> integer that, when converted to a binary number, represents the bit values of the <br> register. |
| Example | :STAT:QUES:NTR 12;NTR? returns 12. |

## :STATus:QUEStionable:PTRansition

| Syntax | :STATus:QUEStionable:PTRansition<space><NRf> |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Sets the bits of the questionable positive transition register. The NRf value is <br> rounded to the closest integer and converted to a binary number. The bits of the <br> questionable positive transition register are set to match the bits of the binary <br> number. |
| Example | :STAT:QUES:PTR 255 sets the bits of the questionable positive transition <br> register to 0000000011111110. |

## :STATus:QUEStionable:PTRansition?

| Syntax | :STATus:QUEStionable:PTRansition? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Returns the contents of the questionable positive transition register as an integer <br> that, when converted to a binary number, represents the bit values of the <br> register. |
| Example | :STAT:QUES:PTR 12;PTR? returns 12. |

:STATus:PRESet

| Syntax | :STATus:PRESet |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Presets all the enable and transition registers in the questionable and operation <br> structures to the following settings. <br> - All bits in the ENABle registers are set to 1 except the most significant bit <br> (MSB). <br> - All bits in the positive transition registers are set to 1 except the MSB. <br> - All bits in the negative transition registers are set to 0. |
| Example | :STAT:PRES |

## :SYSTem:ERRor?

| Syntax | :SYSTem:ERRor? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Returns the error number and an error message from the error queue. See the <br> Error Queue section, for a list of error numbers and their associated messages. |
| Example | :SYST:ERR? returns: 0, "No error" |

:SYSTem:VERSion?

| Syntax | :SYSTem:VERSion? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Returns the formatted numeric value the of the SCPI version number. |
| Example | :SYST:VERS? returns: 1995.0 |

:SYSTem:COMMunicate:GPIB[:SELF]:ADDRess

| Syntax | :SYSTem:COMMunicate:GPIB[:SELF]:ADDRess<space><numeric_value> |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Sets the GPIB address. The factory-set GPIB address is 7. When the address is <br> changed, the interface immediately responds to the new address. |
| Example | :SYST:COMM:GPIB:ADDR 7 |

:SYSTem:COMMunicate:GPIB[:SELF]:ADDRess?

| Syntax | :SYSTem:COMMunicate:GPIB[:SELF]:ADDRess<numeric_value> |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Returns the GPIB address. |
| Example | :SYST:COMM:GPIB:ADDR? returns 7 |

## User Commands

| Syntax | : [ROUTe](CLOSe):CLOSe<space><channel_list> |
| :---: | :---: |
| Function | Establishes the optical paths from M channels to N channels (see figure). The paths are specified in the <channel_list>; for example, <br> (@m!n) <br> where m and n are channel numbers. The list may contain more than one path if each path is separated by a comma; for example, : (@m1!n1, m2!n2,...) <br> An M channel cannot connect to more than one N channel at a time. It is possible to specify connections in the channel list that are physically impossible to close at the same time. |
| Example | :ROUT:CLOS (@ 5!8) connects channel 5 to channel 8. (Do not forget the space between CLOS and the bracket.) <br> :CLOS (@ 2!3, 5!8) connects channel 2 to channel 3 and channel 5 to channel <br> 8. (Do not forget the space between CLOS and the bracket.) |
| Incorrect use | :CLOS (@2!3,2!10) connects channel 2 to channel 10; the connection between channel 2 and channel 3 is broken. |

## Optical Paths

The optical paths are shown in Figure 10.


Figure 10: Optical Paths

## :[ROUTe](CLOSe):CLOSe?

| Syntax | [ROUTe](CLOSe):CLOSe?<space><channel_list> |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Returns the state of all the channels specified in the <channel_list>. The query <br> returns 1 for each channel that is closed; 0 for each channel that is open. The <br> number of channels that can be reported by one query is limited by the length of <br> the output buffer. |
| Example | :CLOSE (@1!2);OPEN (@2!5);CLOSE? (@1!2,2!5) returns 1, 0. (Do not forget <br> the space between CLOS and the bracket.) |
| Response | $\mathrm{k} 1, \mathrm{k} 2, \mathrm{k} 3, \ldots \mathrm{~km} \ldots \mathrm{kM}$ where km is 1 for channel closed, 0 for channel open. <br> M, the number of responses, is the number of channels specified in the |


|  | <channel_list>. |
| :--- | :--- |

## :[ROUTe](CLOSe):CLOSe:STATe?

| Syntax | [ROUTe](CLOSe):CLOSe:STATe? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Returns the current closed channels, for example, if channels 1 to 3,4 to 5 , and <br> 10 to 7 are closed, the channel list is (@1!3,4!5,10!7). |
| Example | $:$ OPEN:ALL;:CLOS (@1!2,7!3);:CLOS:STATE? returns (@1!2.7!3). (Do not <br> forget the space between CLOS and the bracket.) |
| Response | <channel_list> |

## :[ROUTe](CLOSe):OPEN

| Syntax | [ROUTe](CLOSe):OPEN<whitespace><channel_list> |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Opens specified channels. The <channel_list> contains the channels to be <br> opened. If, for example, (@3!4) is sent, the ports M3 and N4 are switched to <br> open channels. |
| Example | :OPEN (@1!2) |

## :[ROUTe](CLOSe):OPEN:ALL

| Syntax | [ROUTe](CLOSe):OPEN:ALL |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Open all channels; therefore, all ports $M$ and $N$ switch to open channels. |
| Example | :OPEN:ALL |

## :[ROUTe](CLOSe):DIMension?

| Syntax | : [ROUTe](CLOSe):DIMension? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Function | Returns the numbers of input (m) and output ( n ) ports provided in the switch and <br> a configuration parameter. |
| Example | "ROUT:DIM?" returns m,n,0/1. |
| Response | $16,16,1 —$ The configuration parameter 0 or 1 does not present any information to <br> the user. |

## Programming Example

' This program tests the serial port of a SCPI command instrument.
' The terminating character is a line feed character which cannot be set
' in the OPEN COM statement. The program is written in Qbasic.
' The instrument is connected to the computer port COM1.

## CLS

' open COM1 serial port
OPEN "COM1:1200,N,8,1" FOR RANDOM AS \#1
' empty the input buffer at start of program
WHILE EOF(1) = 0
ch\$ $=\operatorname{INPUT} \$(1,1)$
PRINT "buffer not empty: "; ch\$
WEND
If $\$=\operatorname{CHR} \$(10)$ ' set the line feed character constant
' send a command. If a query then call getstring subroutine
' Note: the PRINT \#1 statement must end with If\$ and ";" because the Qbasic OPEN ' statement does not have this option.

PRINT \#1, ":close (@1!2,2!3,3!4,4!5,5!6,6!7);:close:state?"; If\$;
GOSUB getstring
PRINT rx\$
END
getstring:
' This routine will read characters from the serial port
' and put them into rx\$ and stop when a line feed terminating character is
' read. The Qbasic INPUT and LINE INPUT statements will not terminate with
' the linefeed character because the OPEN "COM statement will not allow
' this setting.
$r \times \$=$ "" 'initialize the input string
DO
$\operatorname{ch} \$=\operatorname{INPUT} \$(1,1) \quad$ ' get one character from serial port
IF ch\$ <> "" AND ch\$ <> If\$ THEN ' check for valid character
$r x \$=r x \$+\operatorname{ch\$ } \quad$ ' add to string
END IF
LOOP UNTIL ch\$ = If\$ ' loop until line feed character received
RETURN

## GPIB Interface Functions

GPIB functions are outlined in Table 8.

Table 8: GPIB Functions

| Mnemonic | Function |
| :--- | :--- |
| SH1 | Source handshake, complete capability |
| AH1 | Acceptor handshake, complete capability |
| T6 | Basic talker, serial poll, not addressed if MLA |
| L4 | Basic listener, not addressed if MTA |
| SR1 | Service request capability |
| RL1 | Remote/local, complete capability |
| PP0 | Parallel poll, no capability |
| DC1 | Device clear, complete capability |
| DT0 | Device trigger, no capability |
| C0 | Controller, no capability |
| E1 | Electrical interface, open collector drivers |

## RS232C Interface Specifications

RS232 specifications are outlined in Table 9.
Table 9: RS232 Specifications

| Name | Symbol | Pin Number | Signal Direction |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Transmitted data | TxD | 2 | out |
| Received data | RxD | 3 | in |
| Request to send | RTS | 8 | out |
| Clear to send | CTS | 8 | in |
| Data terminal ready | DTR | 6 | out |
| Signal ground | SG | 5 |  |

The data protocol is permanently set to 1200 baud ASCII character code, with eight bits per character, one stop bit, and no parity bit. The serial port of the controlling computer must be configured with the same settings.

Use a straight-through cable to connect the SG switch to the serial port of a DTE (computer).


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