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

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While using this product, you may need to access other parts of a larger system. Read the safety sections of the other component manuals for warnings and cautions related to operating the system.



WARNING

Maintain Proper Grounding to avoid electrical shock.

No operator serviceable parts inside.

Do not remove cover.

Refer to qualified service personnel.

Use Proper Power Cord. Use only the power cord specified for this product and certified for the country of use.

Connect and Disconnect Properly. Do not connect or disconnect probes or test leads while they are connected to a voltage source.

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

Observe All Terminal Ratings. To avoid fire or shock hazard, observe all ratings and markings on the product. Consult the product manual for further ratings information before making connections to the product.

Power Disconnect. The power cord disconnects the product from the power source. Do not block the power cord; it must remain accessible to the user at all times.

Do Not Operate Without Covers. Do not operate this product with covers or panels removed.

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

Avoid Exposed Circuitry. Do not touch exposed connections and components when power is present.

Use Proper Fuse. Use only the fuse type and rating specified for this product.

Wear Eye Protection. Wear eye protection if exposure to high-intensity rays or laser radiation exists.

Do Not Operate in Wet/Damp Conditions

Do Not Operate in an Explosive Atmosphere

Keep Product Surfaces Clean and Dry

Provide Proper Ventilation. Refer to the manual's installation instructions for details on installing the product so it has proper ventilation.

Terms in this Manual

These terms may appear in this manual:



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



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

NOTE. A notice statement identifies conditions which may result in unintended operating modes, incorrect measurement results, or require resetting the instrument or personal computers operating software interacting with it.

Symbols and Terms on the Product

These terms may appear on the product:

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

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

CAUTION indicates a hazard to property including the product. The following symbols may appear on the product:



WARNING
High Voltage



Connection and disconnection to hazardous bare wire permitted



Do not connect to or remove from an uninsulated conductor that is HAZARDOUS LIVE



Mains Disconnected
OFF (Power)



Mains Connected
ON (Power)



Protective Ground
(Earth) Terminal



Chassis Ground



WARNING

The coin cell battery on the instrument computer motherboard is **not** a user-replaceable part.

The coin cell battery is **not** rechargeable. Under no circumstances attempt to recharge the battery.

Compliance Information

This section lists the EMC (electromagnetic compliance) safety, and environmental standards with which the instrument complies.

EMC Compliance

EC Declaration of Conformity – EMC

Meets intent of Directive 2004/108/EC for Electromagnetic Compatibility. Compliance was demonstrated to the following specifications as listed in the Official Journal of European Communities:

- EN 61326-1 2006. EMC requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use.^{1, 2, 3}
- CISPR 11:2003. Radiated and conducted emissions, Group 1, Class A
- IEC61000-4-2:2001. Electrostatic discharge immunity
- IEC61000-4-3:2002. RF electromagnetic field immunity
- IEC61000-4-4:2004. Electrical fast transient / burst immunity
- IEC61000-4-5:2001. Power line surge immunity
- IEC61000-4-6:2003. Conducted RF immunity
- IEC61000-4-11:2004. Voltage dips and interruptions immunity
- EN61000-3-2:2006. AC power line harmonic emissions
- EN61000-3-3:1995. Voltage changes, fluctuations, and flicker

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Australia / New Zealand Declaration of Conformity–EMC

Complies with the EMC provision of the Radiocommunications Act per the following standard, in accordance with ACMA:

- CISPR 11:2003. Radiated and Conducted Emissions, Group 1, Class A, in accordance with EN61326-1:2006.

¹ This product is intended for use in nonresidential areas only. Use in residential areas may cause electromagnetic interference.

² Emissions which exceed the levels required by this standard may occur when this equipment is connected to a test object.

³ To ensure compliance with the EMC standards listed here, high quality shielded interface cables should be used.

Safety Compliance

EC Declaration of Conformity – Low Voltage

Compliance was demonstrated to the following specification as listed in the Official Journal of the European Communities:

Low Voltage Directive 2006/95/EC

- EN61010-1: 2001. Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement control and laboratory use.

U.S. Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory Listing

- UL 61010-1:2004, 2nd Edition. Standard for electrical measuring and test equipment.

Canadian Certification

- CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 61010-1:2004. Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use. Part 1.

Additional Compliances

- IEC 61010-1: 2001. Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use.

Equipment Type

- Test and measuring equipment.

Safety Class

- Class 1 – grounded product.

Pollution Degree Description

A measure of the contaminants that could occur in the environment around and within a product. Typically the internal environment inside a product is considered to be the same as the external. Products should be used only in the environment for which they are rated.

- Pollution Degree 1. No pollution or only dry, nonconductive pollution occurs. Products in this category are generally encapsulated, hermetically sealed, or located in clean rooms.
- Pollution Degree 2. Normally only dry, nonconductive pollution occurs. Occasionally a temporary conductivity that is caused by condensation must be expected. This location is a typical office/home environment. Temporary condensation occurs only when the product is out of service.
- Pollution Degree 3. Conductive pollution or dry, nonconductive pollution that becomes conductive due to condensation. These are sheltered locations where neither temperature nor humidity is controlled. The area is protected from direct sunshine, rain, or direct wind.
- Pollution Degree 4. Pollution that generates persistent conductivity through conductive dust, rain, or snow. Typical outdoor locations.

Pollution Degree

- Pollution Degree 2 (as defined in IEC61010-1). Note: Rated for indoor use only.

Installation (Overvoltage) Category Descriptions

Terminals on this product may have different installation (overvoltage) category designations. The installation categories are:

- Measurement Category IV. For measurements performed at the source of low-voltage installation.
- Measurement Category III. For measurements performed in the building installation.
- Measurement Category II. For measurements performed on circuits directly connected to the low-voltage installation.
- Measurement Category I. For measurements performed on circuits not directly connected to MAINS.

Overvoltage Category

- Overvoltage Category II (as defined in IEC61010-1)

Environmental Considerations

Product End-of-Life Handling

Observe the following guidelines when recycling an instrument or component:

Equipment Recycling. Production of this equipment required the extraction and use of natural resources. The equipment may contain substances that could be harmful to the environment or human health if improperly handled at the product's end of life. In order to avoid release of such substances into the environment and to reduce the use of natural resources, we encourage you to recycle this product in an appropriate system that will ensure that most of the materials are reused or recycled appropriately.



This symbol indicates that this product complies with the applicable European Union requirements according to Directives 2002/96/EC and 2006/66/EC on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) and batteries. For information about recycling options, check the Support/Service section of the Tektronix Web site (www.tektronix.com).

Mercury Notification. This product uses an LCD backlight lamp that contains mercury. Disposal may be regulated due to environmental considerations. Please contact your local authorities or, within the United States, refer to the E-cycling Central Web page (www.eiae.org) for disposal or recycling information.

Perchlorate Material. This product contains one or more type CR lithium batteries. According to the state of California, CR lithium batteries are classified as perchlorate materials and require special handling. See www.dtsc.ca.gov/hazardouswaste/perchlorate for additional information.

Restriction of Hazardous Substances. This product has been classified as Monitoring and Control equipment, and is outside the scope of the 2002/95/EC RoHS Directive.

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Introduction

The Tektronix BERTScope BSA85C, BSA125C, BSA175C, and BSA260C Bit Error Ratio Analyzers support serial data interfaces from 1 Gb Ethernet to future 16x Fibre Channel and 4x 25.78 Gb/s 100 Gb Ethernet. BERTScope Bit Error Ratio Analyzers reduce your time to market by providing the most advanced and comprehensive combination of signal integrity analysis and test tools available in a single instrument.

The BERTScope has the comprehensive set of tools you need to perform receiver compliance testing, transmitter debug, and advanced analysis to 26 Gb/s. Featuring easy and flexible stress testing, physical layer analysis such as BER Contour and Jitter measurements, and a Compliance Contour view for Mask Test, it represents a breakthrough in insight and saved development time. Compliance Contour is a bridge between BER and mask testing, needed to meet the requirements of standards such as OIF CEI, 40/100G Ethernet XLAUI/CAUI, and XFP/XFI.

NOTE: *Optical transmitter compliance tests such as those required for optical 8x and 16x Fiber Channel, 10 GBASE-SR, LR, and 40 and 100 GBASE-SR-4, LR-4, SR-10, and ER-4 are best addressed by the Tektronix DSA 8200 sampling scope with the appropriate reference receiver module.*

Product Description

This Quick Start Guide supports the following Tektronix BERTScope Bit Error Ratio Analyzers/Pattern Generators:

BSA85C Bit Error Ratio Analyzer, BSA85CPG Pattern Generator

BSA125C Bit Error Ratio Analyzer, BSA125CPG Pattern Generator

BSA175C Bit Error Ratio Analyzer, BSA175CPG Pattern Generator

BSA260C Bit Error Ratio Analyzer, BSA260CPG Pattern Generator

Key Features

- 26G, 17.5G, 12.5G and 8.5G Performance
- Pattern Generation and Error Analysis, High Speed BER Measurements
- Integrated, Calibrated Stress Generation
- Sinusoidal Jitter to 80 MHz
- Random Jitter
- Bounded, Uncorrelated Jitter
- Sinusoidal Interference
- Electrical Stressed Eye Testing for:
 - PCI-Express
 - SFP+/SFI
 - XFP/XFI
 - OIF/CEI
 - Fibre Channel
 - Serial ATA I/O
 - USB 3.0
- Optical Stressed Eye Testing for:
 - 100 GbE (4x 25.78 Gb/s) with BSA260C
 - 10 GbE
 - 1, 2, 4, 8x Fibre Channel
 - 1 GbE
- Jitter tolerance compliance template testing with margin testing
- Physical layer test suite with Mask Testing, Jitter Peak, BER Contour, and Q-Factor Analysis
- Variable depth eye and mask measurements
- Integrated eye diagram analysis with BER correlation
- Compliant Contour test for Mask Performance Evaluation to BER 10^{-12} , as called for by latest standards including XFP/XFI and OIF-CEI
- Optional Jitter Map comprehensive jitter decomposition
 - With long pattern (i.e., PRBS-31) jitter triangulation
- Comprehensive range of differential divided clock outputs for supplying test devices with an instrument grade clock
- Patented Error Location Analysis

Features and Benefits

Features	Benefits
Pattern Generation and Error Analysis	Receiver BER compliance testing
Integrated Stress Generator	Stressed eye sensitivity (SRS) and jitter tolerance compliance testing
Best BERT ease of use	Engineer time and cost savings
Integrated, BER-correlated eye diagram analysis	Rapid problem identification
BER contour analysis	Fast understanding of signal integrity in terms of BER
Fast, deep mask testing	Fast transmitter mask compliance testing
Jitter Peak	Fast, accurate, total jitter estimation and measurement.
Jitter Map	Fast Jitter decomposition, accurate stress calibration at the DUT input. Fast, effective solution to determining PRBS-31 jitter composition with triangulation.
Error Location Analysis	Determine detailed BER pattern sensitivities, identify deterministic vs. random BER errors

Key Analyzer Specifications

Model	Max Bit Rate	Stressed Eye – SJ, RJ, BUJ, SI	PCIE Stress & SSC w/ increased SJ	Output Rise Time & Jitter	Output Voltage Range	Input Sensitivity	Input Rise/Fall Time/BW
BSA260C	26 Gb/s	Opt STR	Opt PCIE, XSSC	25 ps, 23 ps typ RT (20/80), <10 ps pk-pk typ jitter	250 mV to 2 V	100 mV single ended (typ) 50 mV differential (typ)	16 ps typ (10/90), Equivalent to >20 GHz BW
BSA175C	17.5 Gb/s	Opt STR	Opt PCIE, XSSC				
BSA125C	12.5 Gb/s	Opt STR	Opt PCIE, XSSC				
BSA85C	8.5 Gb/s	Opt STR	Opt PCIE, XSSC				

Documentation

In addition to this Quick Start Guide, the following documents are available:

- Online Help
- Programmer Online Guide

Optional Applications

Optional analysis capabilities available for BERTScope Analyzers:

ECC	Error Correction Coding Emulation Software (included in STR)
F2	F/2 Jitter Generation at 8G (requires STR)
J-MAP	Jitter Decomposition Software
JTOL	Jitter Tolerance Templates Software (included in STR)
LDA	Live Data Analysis Software
MAP	Error Mapping Analysis Software (included in STR)
PCISTR	PCIe Extended Stress Generation
PL	Physical Layer Test Suite Software (included in STR)
PVU	PatternVu Equalization Processing Software
SF	Symbol Filtering option Software (included in STR)
SLD	Stressed Live Data option SW
STR	Stressed Signal Generation (Includes options ECC, MAP, PL, XSSC, JTOL, SF)
XSSC	Extended Spread Spectrum Clocking (SSC) & Increased SJ Range (included in STR)

Other Documentation

Your instrument includes PDF files of relevant information:

- Remote Control Programmer Guide PDF
- Technical Specifications PDF

Installation

Standard Accessories

- Keyboard
- Mouse
- Combined keyboard & mouse USB connector
- Power cord
- 3 cables

Optional Accessories

- CR125ACBL High performance Delay Matched Cable Set (required for BERTScope Analyzer and Clock Recovery instrument in SSC applications)

Operating Requirements

- Place the instrument on a cart or bench. The instrument should rest on its bottom or rear feet. An optional rack mounting kit is available. Observe the following clearance requirements and dimensions:
 - Top: 0 in (0 mm)
 - Left and right side: 3 in (76 mm)
 - Bottom: 0 in (0 mm) standing on feet, flip stands down
 - Rear: 0 in (0 mm) on rear feet
- Width: 15.5 inches (394 mm)
- Height: 8.7 inches (220 mm)
- Before operating the instrument, verify the ambient temperature: +10° C to +40 °C (+41 °F to +113 °F)

Preventing ESD



CAUTION

A direct electrostatic discharge can damage the instrument input. To learn how to avoid this damage, read the following information.

Electrostatic discharge (ESD) is a concern when handling any electronic equipment. The instrument is designed with robust ESD protection; however it is still possible that large discharges of static electricity directly into the signal input may damage the instrument. To avoid damage to the instrument, use the following techniques to prevent electrostatic discharge to the instrument.

1. Discharge the static voltage from your body by wearing a grounded antistatic wrist strap while connecting and disconnecting cables and adapters. The instrument provides a front panel connection for this purpose.
2. A cable that is left unconnected on a bench can develop a large static charge. Discharge the static voltage from all cables before connecting them to the instrument or device under test by momentarily grounding the center conductor of the cable, or by connecting a 50 Ω termination to one end, prior to attaching the cable to the instrument.

Configuration

Hardware Connectors

Front Panel

In addition to the Clock and Data connectors on the front panel, several hardware connectors are provided.

At the lower far left is a Chassis Ground connector, and far right, a USB port. Generator connectors are outlined in blue, and Detector connectors in green; these appear in this order along the bottom of the front panel:

Generator	Detector
External Clock Input	Marker TTL Level Input
Jitter Insertion	Blank TTL Level Input
Subrate Clock Output	Error Output
Trigger Output	Trigger Output

The power On/Off button is at the upper right and shows a green light when the unit is powered on. Below is the adjustment knob, which can be used to scale inputs and to zoom.

Rear Panel

Hardware connectors on the rear panel:

Line Power	Pattern Start
USB Port	Page Select
COM1	Detect Start
Printer	Low Frequency Jitter In
IEEE-488	Low Frequency Sine Jitter Out
LAN	Sine Interference Out
VGA	10/100 MHz Reference In
Keyboard/Mouse	10/100 MHz Reference Out

Initial Setup

Connect the power cable to a suitable AC supply

If the included keyboard and mouse are to be used, connect these before powering on (See Optional Connections).



Press the 'On' button

Green illumination should appear on the button.



Insure proper precautions

Ensure that proper precautions are observed against electrostatic discharge. Using suitable high quality coaxial cables with APC3.5 or SMA connectors, connect to the front panel interfaces as follows:

Connect

- ‘Clock Output’ to ‘Clock Input’
- ‘Data Output +’ to ‘Data Input +’
- ‘Data Output –’ to ‘Data Input –’

The instrument is now connected back-to-back.



Optional Connections

Included keyboard and mouse

Before the instrument is powered on, connect the keyboard and mouse to the ‘Keyboard/Mouse’ USB port on the rear panel of the instrument.

USB socket

The front panel and rear panel USB sockets may be used for memory sticks and other devices.

LAN connection

This may be used for file sharing, printing, and remote control. See the BERTScope Online Help for more details of setting this up.

IEEE-488

Connect for GPIB control.

Setting Up a Simple BER Measurement

NOTES:

The screen is touch-sensitive. Selections may be made by touching on screen icons, or by using a keyboard and mouse (if connected).

Navigation between screens is easy – a shortcut to the Pattern Generator Screen and Error Detector Screen is available at any time at the bottom of the screen.

Like many internet browsers, Forward and Back can also be useful to move between previously visited screens.

Self Test

The BERTScope Analyzer performs Self Test at startup. Make sure that the self-test reports all tests passed. If not, contact Technical Support. Close the Self Test Dialog Box.

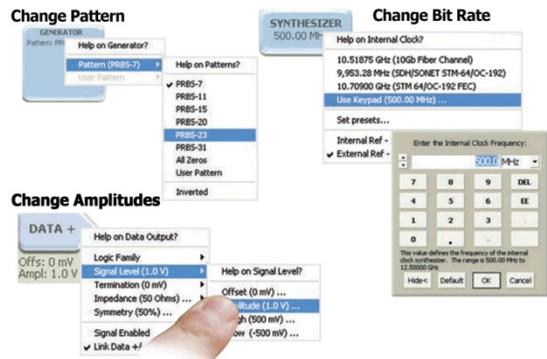


Setting Up the Pattern Generator

To get started, the only essential action is to switch the Pattern Generator Outputs On. Press 'Outputs On/Off' at the top of the display.

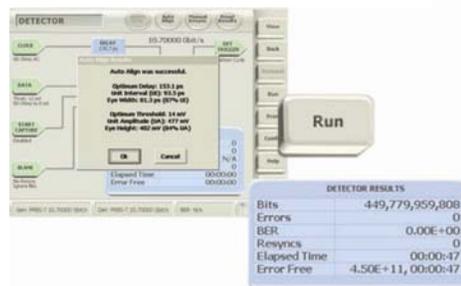
Customize the Settings

- Change Pattern
- Change Bit Rate
- Change Amplitudes



Setting Up the Error Detector

- Press View on the Control Console and select 'Detector' from the menu. Press 'Auto Align' at the top of the display. A dialog box will open offering to calibrate now – click 'Yes.'
- You should see a Results Screen like the one below, saying the operation was successful, with other useful information.
- Press Run.
- You should now be measuring BER.



Troubleshooting Information

If the instrument does not behave as described here, some common areas to look for are:

Does the Error Detector say “Unstable Clock”?

- Check that the Pattern Generator has its clock outputs switched on (press ‘Outputs On/Off’).
- Check that there is a good coax connection between the Generator Clock output (either + or –) and the Error Detector Clock Input.
- Check that the Pattern Generator clock still has the internal clock source selected, rather than external.
- Check that the Clock Input termination is set to the same termination as the Generator’s clock output.

Does the Error Detector say “No Sync”?

- Check that the Pattern Generator Data Outputs are switched on (press ‘Outputs On/Off’).
- Check that the Pattern Generator is set to a simple PRBS pattern, and that the Detector is set to Auto-Pattern to automatically recognize any PRBS pattern.
- Check that the Error Detector Data Input termination is set to the same termination as the Generator output setting.
- Check that the Error Detector Data Input is set to Differential input.

Additional Measurements

Eye Diagram

- Press View
- Press Auto Center
- Press Run

BER Contour

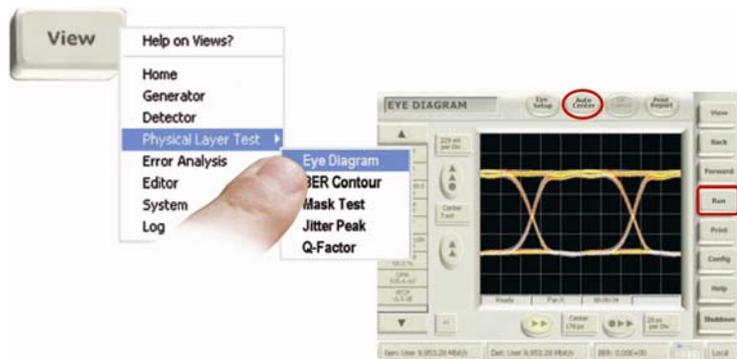
- Press View
- Press Run

Jitter Peak, Q-Factor

Easiest once you have the BERTScope ED auto-aligned.

- Press View, then select Jitter Peak or Q-Factor
- Press Run

In each case, the instrument will automatically scale the image to fit the screen.



Other Useful Information

Accessing File Manager, LAN, printer settings, etc.

- Press View and select ‘System’.

Shutting down the instrument

- Press the front panel power button or press the shutdown soft key.
- In each case, a dialog box will appear, asking “Are you sure you want to shut down the system?” Press ‘Yes’.
- Wait for the instrument to shut down before disconnecting power.



References

Product Specifications

PC Related:

Display	TFT Touch Screen
.....	640 x 480 VGA
Touch Sensor	Analog Resistive
Processor	Pentium® P4
.....	1.5 GHz or greater
Hard Disk	40 GB or greater
DRAM.....	1 GB
Operating System	Windows® XP Professional
Remote Control Interfaces.....	IEEE-488 (GPIB) or TCP/IP

Supported Interfaces:

DVI/VGA display
 USB 2.0 (1 front, 1 rear)
 100 base T Ethernet LAN
 IEEE-488 (GPIB)
 Parallel Printer
 Serial RS-232
 USB Mouse/keyboard combined connector

Physical:

Power.....	460 W Max.
Voltage	100–240 VAC, 50/60 Hz
Power Fuse	5A, 250 V, 5 mm x 20 mm, fast blow
Weight	25 kg (55 lbs), instrument only
.....	34.5 kg (76 lbs), shipping
Dimensions	220 mm (8.75") H x
.....	394 mm (15.5") W x
.....	520 mm (20.375") D

Environmental:

Warm-Up Time	20 minutes
Operating Temperature Range.....	+10 °C to +40 °C
Humidity.....	Non-condensing at 40 °C, 15 to 95%

Certifications:

EU EMC Directive (CE-Marked)
 UL: Underwriters Labs (US) certification
 CSA (Canada)

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