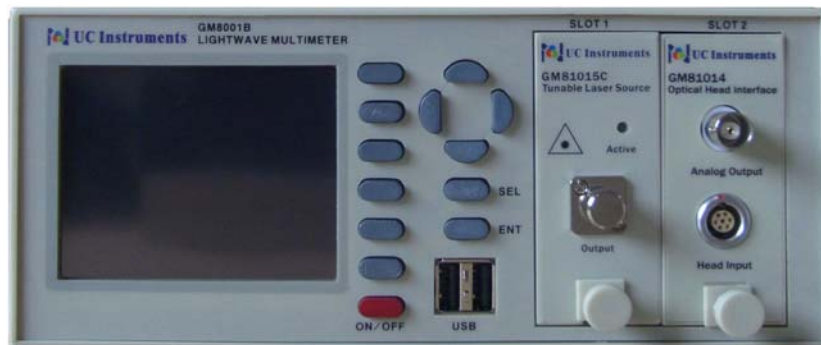


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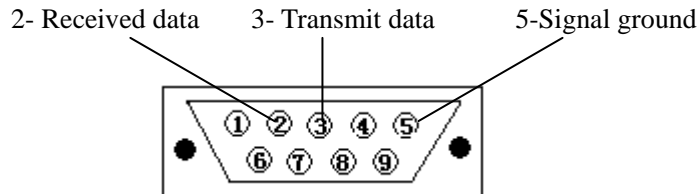
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Communication Ports

RS232 Serial Port



The DB9 connector and pin assignments for GM8001B

Ethernet Port

IP address: the default is 192.168.0.200, revisable as required.

Subnet Mask: the default is 255.255.255.0, revisable as required.

Gateway: the default is 192.168.0.1, revisable as required.

Port number: 6000.

Communication setting:

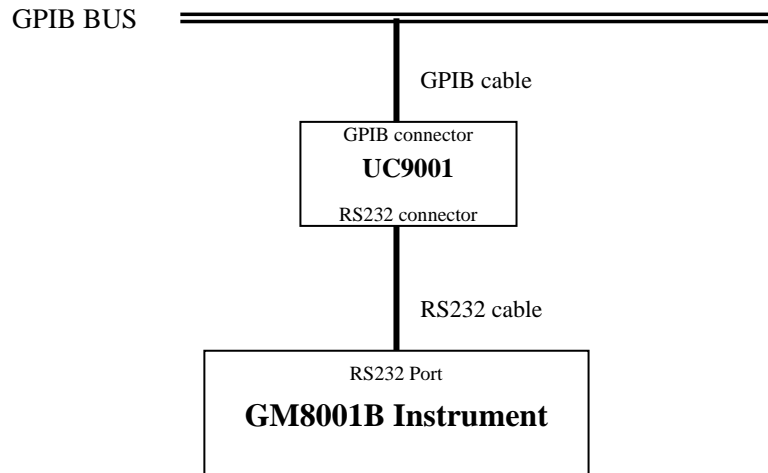
1 Start bit, 8 Data bit, 1 Stop bit, No parity checking. Baud rate: 115200 bps.

GPIB Interface

The GM8001B Instruments uses UC Instruments's UC92001 GPIB-RS232 Convert Module to act as an extended GPIB port. The UC92001 meets the physical and electrical specifications for the IEEE 488 and can convert the signal between a RS232 port and a GPIB port.

If you want to know well the GPIB-RS232 Convert Module, refer to the UC92001 GPIB-RS232 Convert Module User Manual.

Connection Diagram



Setting the GPIB Address

You can set the GPIB address by using the GPIB-RS232 Convert Module. See the UC92001 GPIB-RS232 Convert Module User Manual for more information. The default GPIB address is 10.

Syntax

Commands format

The following symbols describe the syntax of commands in the following chapters.

The command is case-insensitive and can be written in upper case or in lower case or in both upper and lower case.

Example The command
 SOURCE1 : STATE OFF
 can also be written in lower case as
 source1 : state off
 or it can be written as
 SOURCE1 : State off

Put a colon (:) before a component to indicate a move to the next level of the combination. The first colon can be left out for the first command or query in your message.

Example *SOURCE1 : FREQUENCY : OFFSET ?*

A command message is ended by a line feed character (LF) or <CR><LF>.

You can send several commands in a single message. Each command must be separated from the next one by a semicolon (;).

<...> The characters between angled brackets show the kind of data that you require, or that you get in a response. You don't type the angled brackets in the actual message.

[...] The characters between square brackets show optional information that you can include with the message.

/ The oblique line shows an either-or choice of data, for example, a/b means either a or b, but not both simultaneously.

Spaces are ignored, they can be inserted to improve readability.

All characters not between angled brackets are terminal symbols and must be sent exactly as shown. Items between angled brackets are not-terminal symbols, descriptions of these items follow the syntax description.

Short Form and Long Form

The instrument accepts messages in short or long forms.

For example, the message

```
:STATUS:OPERATION:ENABLE 768
```

is in long form.

The short form of this message is

```
:STAT:OPER:ENAB 768
```

In general, the messages are written in a combination of upper and lower case. Upper case characters are used for the short form of the message.

For example, the above command would be written

```
:STATus:OPERation:ENABLE
```

The first colon can be left out for the first command. That is, the example given above could also be sent as

```
STAT:OPER:ENAB 768
```

Units

The following table lists the base units in use.

Units	Default	Extended
Meter	nm	nm
Decibel	dB	dB
Second	s	ms, s
Decibel/1mW	dBm	dBm
Hertz	Hz	Hz
Watts	mW	pW, nW, uW, mW

Data type

Boolean	this can be data (ON or OFF), or a number. In a response you get 0, for OFF, or 1, for ON.
Value	is an Integer or Float numeric data.
String	is ASCII data.
Unit	is one of DB, DBM, W (Watts), or S (seconds), or NM. It is the unit in a value.

Slot and Channel Numbers

Each module is identified by a slot number and a channel number. For commands that require you to specify a channel, the slot number is represented by [n] in a command and the channel number is represented by [m].

The slot number represents the module's position in the mainframe, it is from one to two for the GM8001B. These numbers are displays on the front panel on the top of each module slot.

Channel numbers apply to modules that have two inputs/outputs. Modules with two channels, use the channel number to distinguish between these channels.

For example, if you want to query slot 1, channel 2 with the command, SENS[n] CHAN[m]: POW : WAVE?

You should send:

```
SENS1 CHAN2: POW : WAVE?
```

Note: If you do not specify a slot or channel number, the lowest possible number is used as the default value. This means:

- Slot 1 for the GM8001B mainframes.
- Channel 1 for all channels.

Commands Lists

Common Commands

Command	Function
*IDN?	Identification Query
*RST	Reset Command
*WAI	Wait Command
*CLS	Clear Status Command
*STB?	READ Status Byte Query

*IDN?

Syntax *IDN?

Response Identification Query
 UC Instruments, GM8001B Lightwave Multimeter,
 SN:GG033616004,HW Revision 1.00, **Firmware Revision 1.00
 UC Instruments: Manufacturer
 GM8001B Lightwave Multimeter: Instrument model
 *****SN:GG013601004: Serial number of this instrument
 *****HW Revision 1.00: Hardware revision
 **Firmware Revision 3.00: Software revision

Description The *IDN? queries the instrument identification over the interface.

***RST**

Syntax *RST

Description Reset Command

The *RST command sets the mainframe and all modules to the reset setting (standard setting) stored internally.

The instrument is placed in the idle state awaiting a command. The *RST command clears the error queue.

The following are not changed:

- GPIB (interface) state
- Instrument interface address
- Output queue
- Service request enable register (SRE)
- Standard Event Status Enable Mask (SESEM)

***WAI**

Syntax *WAI

Description Wait Command

The *WAI command prevents the instrument from executing any further commands until the current command has finished executing. Some module firmware includes commands that set a "StatNOPC" flag during execution to indicate that the module is busy. *WAI blocks the GPIB bus to all commands until every module hosted by the instrument is no longer busy. All pending operations are completed during the wait period.

***CLS**

Syntax *CLS

Description Clear Status Command

The *CLS command clears the following:

- Error queue
- Standard event status register (SESR)
- Status byte register (STB)

After the *CLS command the instrument is left waiting for the next command. The instrument setting is unaltered by the command.

*** STB?**

Syntax *STB?

Response <Value>

The bit value for the register (a 16-bit signed integer value):

Bit	Mnemonic	Decimal Value
7 (MSB)	Operation Status (OSB)	128
6	Not used	0
5	Event Status Bit (ESB)	32
4	Message Available (MAV)	16
3	Questionable Status (QSB)	8
2	Not used	0
1	Not used	0
0	Not used	0

Description READ Status Byte Query

The *STB? command returns the contents of the Status Byte register.

Example *STB?
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Slot Commands

Command	Function
:Slot [n]	
: EMPTy?	Returns whether the module slot is empty.
: IDN?	Returns information about the module.
: TST?	Returns the latest selftest results for a module.

:Slot [n] : EMPTy?

Syntax :Slot[n] : EMPTy?

Response <Boolean>
0 There is a module in the slot.
1 The module slot is empty.

Description This command returns whether the module slot is empty.

Example SLOT1 : EMPT ?
0

:Slot [n] : TST?

Syntax	:Slot[n] : TST?
Response	Returns an error code and a short description of the error.
Description	This command returns the latest selftest results for a module.
Example	SLOT1 : TST? 0

:Slot [n] : IDN?

Syntax	:Slot[n] : IDN?
Response	GM81015C, serial number: CY13231845, VER: Software Revision 1.20E GM81015C: Instrument model serial number:GG0136 01004: Serial number of this instrument Firmware Revision 1.20E: Firmware revision
Description	This command returns information about the module.

Source Commands

Command	Function
:SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] : POWER	
:STATe?	
:STATe	<Boolean>
:UNIT?	
:UNIT	<Units>
:WAVelength?	
:WAVelength	<Value>
:SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]]	
:WAVelength	
:WAVelength? [Min] / [Max]	<Value>

:SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] : POWer : STATe?

Syntax :SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] : POWer : STATe?

Response <Boolean>
ON / 1: the laser is on. OFF / 0: the laser is off.

Description This command returns the state of the chosen source output signal.

Example SOUR1: POW: STAT?
ON

:SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] : POWer : STATE

Syntax :SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] : POWer : STATE <Boolean>

Parameter <Boolean>
OFF / 0: disables the laser source, ON / 1: enables the laser source

Description This command sets the state of the chosen source output signal.

Example SOUR1: POW: STAT OFF

:SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] : POWer : UNIT?

Syntax :SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] : POWer : UNIT?

Response 0 / dBm: dBm,
1 / W: Watts

Description This command returns the current power units.

Example SOUR2 : POW : UNIT ?
0

:SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] : POWer : UNIT

Syntax :SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] : POWer : UNIT <Units>

Parameter <Units>
0 / dBm: dBm, 1 / W: Watts

Description This command sets the power units.

Example SOUR2 : POW : UNIT W

:SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] : POWer :WAVelength?

Syntax :SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] : POWer :WAVelength?

Response LOW The lower wavelength source
 UPP The upper wavelength source
 BOTH Both wavelength sources

Description This command returns the wavelength source for a dual-wavelength laser source.

Example SOUR2 : POW : WAV?
 UPP

:SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] : POWer :WAVelength

Syntax :SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] : POWer :WAVelength <LOW/UPP/ BOTH>

Parameter LOWER / 1 The lower wavelength source
 UPPER / 2 The upper wavelength source
 BOTH / 3 Both wavelength sources

Description This command sets the wavelength source for a dual-wavelength laser source.

Example SOUR2 : POW : WAV 3

:SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] :WAVelength? [Min] / [Max]

Syntax :SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] :WAVelength? [Min] / [Max]

Response The wavelength as a float value in meters.
 Also allowed, for tunable lasermodules only, are
 MIN: minimum wavelength MAX: maximum wavelength

Description This command returns the wavelength value in meters.

Example SOUR1:WAV? Returns the current wavelength value for a
 +1.5672030E-006 tunable laser module in slot 1.

SOUR1:WAV? MIN Returns minimum wavelength for a tunable
 +1.5500000E-006 laser module in slot 1.

:SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] :WAVelength

Syntax :SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] :WAVelength <Value>

Parameter <Value>, The value is in nm.

Description This command sets the absolute wavelength of the output.

Example SOUR2 : WAV 1550nm

Source Sweep Commands

Command	Function
:SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] :WAVelength : SWEep	
:STARt ?	
:STARt <Value>	
:STOP ?	
:STOP <Value>	
:STEP [:WIDTh] <Value>	
:STEP [:WIDTh]?	
[:STATe] <Value>	

:SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] :WAVelength : SWEep : STARt ?

Syntax :SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] :WAVelength : SWEep : STARt ?

Response The wavelength at which the sweep starts as a float value in meters.

Description This command returns the starting point of the sweep.

Example SOUR1: WAV : SWE : STAR?
+1.50000000E-006

:SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] :WAVelength : SWEep : STARt

Syntax :SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] :WAVelength : SWEep : STARt <Value>

Parameter <Value>

The wavelength at which the sweep starts as a float value. If you specify no units in your command, meters are used as the default.

Description This command sets the starting point of the sweep.

Example SOUR1:WAV : SWE : STAR 1500nm

:SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] :WAVelength : SWEep : STOP ?

Syntax :SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] :WAVelength : SWEep : STOP ?

Response The wavelength at which the sweep ends as a float value in meters.

Description This command returns the end point of the sweep.

Example SOUR1: WAV : SWE : STOP?
+1.55000000E-006

:SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] :WAVelength : SWEep : STOP

Syntax :SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] :WAVelength : SWEep : STOP <Value>

Parameter The wavelength at which the sweep ends as a float value in meters. If you specify no units in your command, meters are used as the default.

Description This command sets the end point of the sweep.

Example SOUR1: WAV : SWE : STOP 1550nm

:SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] :WAVelength : SWEep : STEP [:WIDTh]

Syntax :SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] :WAVelength : SWEep : STEP [:WIDTh] <Value>

Parameter <Value>

The width of the sweep step as a float value. The units are PM, NM, UM, MM or M. If you specify no units in your command, meters are used as the default.

Description This command sets the width of the sweep step.

Example SOUR1: WAV : SWE : STEP 5nm

:SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] :WAVelength : SWEep : STEP [:WIDTh] ?

Syntax :SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] :WAVelength : SWEep : STEP [:WIDTh] ?

Response <Float value>
The width of the sweep step. The units are PM, NM, UM, MM or M.

Description This command returns the width of the sweep step.

Example SOUR1: WAV : SWE : STEP ?
5nm

:SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] :WAVelength : SWEep [:STATe]

Syntax :SOURce[n] [:CHANnel[m]] :WAVelength : SWEep [:STATe] <Value>

Parameter <Value>

0 / STOP	Stop the sweep.
1 / START	Start a sweep, run sweep.
2 / PAUSE	Pause the sweep.
3 / CONTINUE	Continue a sweep.

Description This command stops, start or pauses a wavelength sweep.

Example SOUR1: WAV : SWE STOP

Sensor Commands

Command	Function
: FETCh[n] [:CHANnel[m]] : POWer?	
: INITiate [n] [:CHANnel[m]] [:IMMEDIATE]	
: INITiate [n] [:CHANnel [m]] : CONTInuous?	
: INITiate [n] [:CHANnel [m]] : CONTInuous <Boolean>	
: READ[n] [:CHANnel[m]] [:SCALar] : POWer : ALL?	
: READ[n] [:CHANnel[m]] [:SCALar] : POWer [:DC]?	
: SENSE[n] [:CHANnel[m]]	
: CORRection?	
: CORRection <Value>	
: POWer : ATIME?	
: POWer : ATIME <Averaging time>	
: POWer : RANGE?	
: POWer : RANGE <Value>	

:FETCh[n] [:CHANnel [m]] : POWer?

Syntax	:FETCh[n] [:CHANnel [m]] : POWer?
Response	The current value as a float value in dBm,W or dB. If the reference state is absolute, units are dBm or W. If the reference state is relative, units are dB.
Description	This command reads the current power meter value (It does not provide its own triggering and so must be used with either continuous software triggering (See “:INIT[n]:CONT?”) or a directly preceding immediate software trigger (See “:INIT[n]:IMM”))
Example	FETC1: POW? +6.73370400E-004

:INITiate[n] [:CHANnel [m]] [:IMMEDIATE]

Syntax	:INITiate[n] [:CHANnel [m]] [:IMMEDIATE]
Description	This command initiates the software trigger system and completes one full trigger cycle, that is, one measurement is made.
Example	INIT

:INITiate[n] [:CHANnel [m]] :CONTinuous?

Syntax	:INITiate[n] [:CHANnel [m]]:CONTinuous?
Response	<Boolean> 0 / OFF measurement is not continuous. 1 / ON measurement is continuous.
Description	This command queries whether the software trigger system operates continuously or not.
Example	INIT2 : CONT? 1

:INITiate[n] [:CHANnel [m]] :CONTinuous

Syntax	:INITiate[n] [:CHANnel [m]]:CONTinuous <Boolean>
Parameter	<Boolean> 0 / OFF do not measure continuously 1 / ON measure continuously
Description	This command sets the software trigger system to continuous measurement mode.
Example	INIT2 : CONT 1

:READ[n] [:CHANnel[m]] [:SCALar] :POWER : ALL?

Syntax	:READ[n] [:CHANnel[m]] [:SCALar] : POWER : ALL?
Response	4-byte Intel float values in a binary block in Intel byte order. The values are ordered by slot and channel order. Note: Data values are always in Watt.
Description	This command reads all available power meter channels. It provides its own software triggering and does not need a triggering command. Note: The power meters must be running for this command to be effective.
Example	READ1:POW:ALL? interpreted as +1.33555600E-006 +1.34789100E-006 +1.37456900E-006

:READ[*n*] [:CHANnel[*m*]] [:SCALar] :POWER[:DC]?

Syntax	:READ[<i>n</i>] [:CHANnel[<i>m</i>]] [:SCALar] : POWER[:DC]?
Response	The current power meter reading as a float value in dBm, W or dB. Note: If the reference state is absolute, units are dBm or W. If the reference state is relative, units are dB.
Description	This command reads the current power meter value. It provides its own software triggering and does not need a triggering command.
Example	READ1: POW? +1.33555600E-006

:SENSE[*n*][:CHANnel[*m*]] : CORRection?

Syntax	:SENSE[<i>n</i>][:CHANnel[<i>m</i>]] : CORRection?
Response	The calibration factor as a float value. The units is either dB or MDB. If no unit type is specified, the dB is implied.
Description	The calibration factor as a float value. Units are in dB, although no units are returned in the response message.
Example	SENS1: CORR? +1.00000000E+000

:SENSE[*n*][:CHANnel[*m*]] : CORRection

Syntax	:SENSE[<i>n</i>][:CHANnel[<i>m</i>]] : CORRection <Value>
Parameter	The calibration factor as a float value. The units is either DB or MDB. If no unit type is specified, the dB is implied.
Description	This command enters a calibration value for a module.
Example	SENS1: CORR 10DB

:SENSE[n][:CHANnel[m]] : POWer : ATIME?

Syntax :SENSE[n][:CHANnel[m]] : POWer : ATIME?

Response The averaging time as a float value in seconds.

Description This command returns the averaging time for the module.

Example SENS1:POW:ATIM ?
+1.00000000E+00

:SENSE[n][:CHANnel[m]] : POWer : ATIME

Syntax :SENSE[n][:CHANnel[m]] : POWer : ATIME <Averaging time>

Parameter The averaging time as a float value in nS, uS, mS, or S. If you specify no units in your command, S is used as the default.

Description This command sets the averaging time for the module.

Example SENS1:POW:ATIM 100ms

:SENSE[n][:CHANnel[m]] : POWer : RANGE?

Syntax :SENSE[n][:CHANnel[m]] : POWer : RANGE ?

Response The range setting as a float value in dBm.

Description This command returns the power range setting for the module. For a return loss module, returns the power range of the return loss diode.

Example SENS1:POW:RANG?
-2.00000000E+001

:SENSE[n][:CHANnel[m]] : POWer : RANGE

Syntax :SENSE[n][:CHANnel[m]] : POWer : RANGE <Value>

Parameter The range as a float value in dBm. The number is rounded to the closest multiple of 10, because the range changes at 10dBm intervals. Units are in dBm.

Description This command sets the power range setting for the module. For a return loss module, sets the power range of the return loss diode.

Example SENS1 : POW : RANG -20dBm

Triggering Commands

Command	Function
:TRIGger	
:TRIGer[n] [:CHANnel [m]]	
: INPut	
: INPut?	
: INPut : REARm	
: INPut : REARm?	
:CONFiguration	
:CONFiguration?	

:TRIGer

Syntax	:TRIGer <Value>
Parameter	<Value>
	1 / NODEA Is identical to a trigger at the Input Trigger Connector.
	2 / NODEB Generates trigger at the Output Trigger Connector.
Description	This command generates a hardware trigger.
Example	TRIG 1

:TRIGer[n] [:CHANnel [m]] : INPut

Syntax	:TRIGer[n] [:CHANnel [m]] : INPut <Trigger response>
Parameter	<Trigger response>
	IGN Ignore incoming trigger
	SME Start a single measurement.
	CME Start a complete measurement.
	NEXTstep Perform next step of a stepped sweep.
	SWStart Start a sweep cycle
Description	This command sets the incoming trigger response and arms the module.
Example	TRIG1 : INP IGN

:TRIGer[n] [:CHANnel [m]] : INPut?

Syntax :TRIGer[n] [:CHANnel [m]] : INPut?

Response <Trigger response>

IGN	Ignore incoming trigger
SME	Start a single measurement.
CME	Start a complete measurement.
NEXTstep	Perform next step of a stepped sweep.
SWStart	Start a sweep cycle

Description This command returns the incoming trigger response.

Example TRIG1 : INP?
IGN

:TRIGer[n] [:CHANnel [m]] : INPut : REARm

Syntax :TRIGer[n] [:CHANnel [m]] : INPut : REARm < Boolean >

Parameter <Boolean>

OFF / 0	trigger rearming disabled.
ON / 1	trigger rearming enabled (default).

Description This command sets the arming response of a channel to an incoming trigger.

Example TRIG1 : INP : REARM 0

:TRIGer[n] [:CHANnel [m]] : INPut : REARm?

Syntax :TRIGer[n] [:CHANnel [m]] : INPut : REARm?

Response A Boolean value:

OFF / 0	trigger rearming disabled.
ON / 1	trigger rearming enabled (default).

Description This command returns the arming response of a channel to an incoming trigger.

Example TRIG1 : INP : REARM ?
0

:TRIGer : CONFIguration

Syntax :TRIGer : CONFIguration <Trigger mode>

Parameter <Trigger mode>

- 0 / DISabled Trigger connectors are disabled.
- 1 / DEFault The Input Trigger Connector is activated, the incoming trigger response for each slot “:TRIGger[n][:CHANnel[m]]:INPut” determines how each slot responds to an incoming trigger, all slot events can trigger the Output Trigger Connector.
- 2 / PASSthrough The same as 1/DEFault but a trigger at the Input Trigger Connector generates a trigger at the Output Trigger Connector automatically.
- 3 / LOOPback The same as 1/DEFault but a trigger at the Output Trigger Connector generates a trigger at the Input Trigger Connector automatically.

Description This command sets the hardware trigger configuration with regard to Output and Input Trigger Connectors.

Example TRIG : CONF : DIS

:TRIGer : CONFIguration?

Syntax :TRIGer : CONFIguration?

Response <Trigger mode>

- DIS Trigger connectors are disabled.
- DEF The Input Trigger Connector is activated, the incoming trigger response for each slot “:TRIGger[n][:CHANnel[m]]:INPut” determines how each slot responds to an incoming trigger, all slot events can trigger the Output Trigger Connector.
- PASS The same as DEF but a trigger at the Input Trigger Connector generates a trigger at the Output Trigger Connector automatically.
- LOOP The same as DEF but a trigger at the Output Trigger Connector generates a trigger at the Input Trigger Connector automatically.

CUSTOM A custom configuration is active.

Description This command returns hardware trigger configuration.

Example TRIG : CONF?
DIS

Data and File Process Commands

Command	Function
FILE : ID < STRING > ?	
FILE : LIST ?	
FILE : DEL	< STRING >

FILE : ID < STRING > ?

Syntax FILE : ID < STRING > ?

Description This command gets the details of a sweeping file specified by the file number. STRING represents the file number.

Example FILE : ID 405 ?

FILE : LIST ?

Syntax FILE : LIST ?

Description This command returns a list in which the file numbers of all sweeping files are.

FILE : DEL

Syntax FILE : DEL < STRING >

Description This command deletes a sweeping file specified by the file number. STRING represents the file number.

Example FILE : DEL 405

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