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SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

This chapter contains important safety instructions that should be followed when operating and storing the oscilloscope. Read the following before any operation to ensure your safety and to keep the oscilloscope in the best condition.

Safety Symbols

These safety symbols may appear in this manual or on the oscilloscope.

WARNING	Warning: Identifies conditions or practices that could result in injury or loss of life.
CAUTION	Caution: Identifies conditions or practices that could result in damage to the oscilloscope or to other objects or property.
	DANGER High Voltage
	Attention: Refer to the Manual
	Protective Conductor Terminal
	Earth (Ground) Terminal

Safety Guidelines

General Guideline

CAUTION

- Make sure the BNC input voltage does not exceed 300V peak.
- Never connect a hazardous live voltage to the ground side of the BNC connectors. It might lead to fire and electric shock.
- Do not place heavy objects on the oscilloscope.
- Avoid severe impact or rough handling that may damage the oscilloscope.
- Avoid discharges of static electricity on or near the oscilloscope.
- Use only mating connectors, not bare wires, for the terminals.
- Do not block the cooling fan vent.
- Do not perform measurements at power sources and building installation sites (Note below).
- The oscilloscope should only be disassembled by a qualified technician.

(Measurement categories) EN 61010-1:2001 specifies the measurement categories and their requirements as follows. The GDS-1000A falls under category II.

- Measurement category IV is for measurement performed at the source of a low-voltage installation.
- Measurement category III is for measurement performed in a building installation.
- Measurement category II is for measurement performed on circuits directly connected to a low voltage installation.
- Measurement category I is for measurements performed on circuits not directly connected to Mains.

Power Supply

WARNING

- AC Input voltage: 100 ~ 240V AC, 47 ~ 63Hz
- The power supply voltage should not fluctuate more than 10%.
- Connect the protective grounding conductor of the AC power cord to an earth ground.

Fuse ⚠ WARNING	• Fuse type: T1A/250V • To ensure fire protection, replace the fuse only with the specified type and rating. • Disconnect the power cord before replacing the fuse. • Make sure the cause of fuse blowout is fixed before replacing the fuse.
Cleaning the oscilloscope	• Disconnect the power cord before cleaning the oscilloscope. • Use a soft cloth dampened in a solution of mild detergent and water. Do not spray any liquid into the oscilloscope. • Do not use chemicals containing harsh products such as benzene, toluene, xylene, and acetone.
Operation Environment	• Location: Indoor, no direct sunlight, dust free, almost non-conductive pollution (Note below) • Relative Humidity: < 80% • Altitude: < 2000m • Temperature: 0°C to 50°C (Pollution Degree) EN 61010-1:2001 specifies pollution degrees and their requirements as follows. The oscilloscope falls under degree 2. Pollution refers to "addition of foreign matter, solid, liquid, or gaseous (ionized gases), that may produce a reduction of dielectric strength or surface resistivity". • Pollution degree 1: No pollution or only dry, non-conductive pollution occurs. The pollution has no influence. • Pollution degree 2: Normally only non-conductive pollution occurs. Occasionally, however, a temporary conductivity caused by condensation must be expected. • Pollution degree 3: Conductive pollution occurs, or dry, non-conductive pollution occurs which becomes conductive due to condensation which is expected. In such conditions, equipment is normally protected against exposure to direct sunlight, precipitation, and full wind pressure, but neither temperature nor humidity is controlled.

Storage environment	• Location: Indoor • Relative Humidity: < 85% • Temperature: -10°C to 60°C

Power cord for the United Kingdom

When using the oscilloscope in the United Kingdom, make sure the power cord meets the following safety instructions.

NOTE: This lead/appliance must only be wired by competent persons

⚠ WARNING: THIS APPLIANCE MUST BE EARTHED

IMPORTANT: The wires in this lead are coloured in accordance with the following code:

Green/ Yellow:	Earth
Blue:	Neutral
Brown:	Live (Phase)

As the colours of the wires in main leads may not correspond with the coloured marking identified in your plug/appliance, proceed as follows:

The wire which is coloured Green & Yellow must be connected to the Earth terminal marked with either the letter E, the earth symbol ⏚ or coloured Green/Green & Yellow.

The wire which is coloured Blue must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter N or coloured Blue or Black.

The wire which is coloured Brown must be connected to the terminal marked with the letter L or P or coloured Brown or Red.

If in doubt, consult the instructions provided with the equipment or contact the supplier.

This cable/appliance should be protected by a suitably rated and approved HBC mains fuse: refer to the rating information on the equipment and/or user instructions for details. As a guide, a cable of 0.75mm2 should be protected by a 3A or 5A fuse. Larger conductors would normally require 13A types, depending on the connection method used.

Any exposed wiring from a cable, plug or connection that is engaged in a live socket is extremely hazardous. If a cable or plug is deemed hazardous, turn off the mains power and remove the cable, any fuses and fuse assemblies. All hazardous wiring must be immediately destroyed and replaced in accordance to the above standard.

GETTING STARTED

The Getting started chapter introduces the oscilloscope's main features*, appearance, and set up procedure. * firmware V1.5.

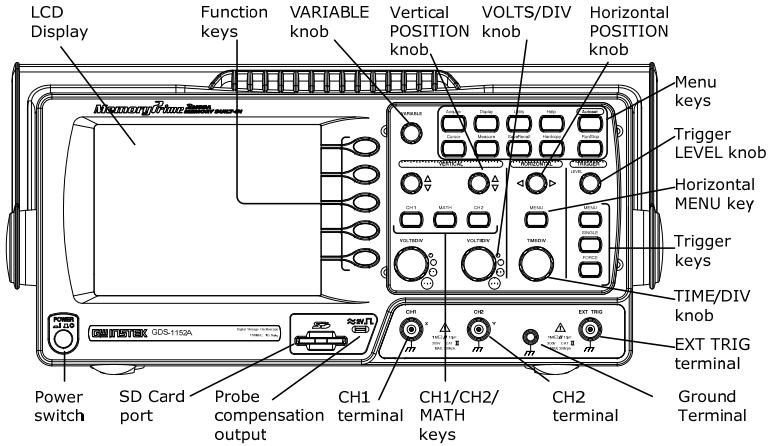
Main Features

Model name	Frequency bandwidth	Input channels
GDS-1062A	DC – 60MHz (–3dB)	2
GDS-1102A	DC – 100MHz (–3dB)	2
GDS-1152A	DC – 150MHz (–3dB)	2
Performance	• 1 GS/s real-time sampling rate • 25GS/s equivalent-time sampling rate • 2M points record length • Up to 10ns peak detection • 2mV~10V vertical scale • 1ns ~ 50s time scale	
Features	• 5.6 inch color TFT display • Saving and recalling setups and waveforms • 27 automatic measurements • Multi-language menu (11 languages) • Math operation: Addition, Subtraction, multiplication, FFT, FFT RMS • Edge, video, pulse width trigger • Compact size: (W) 310 x (D) 140 x (H) 142 mm • Probe factor from 1X~100X	

Interface	• SD/SDHC card interface for saving and recalling data • Calibration output • External trigger input • USB slave interface for remote control • PictBridge Printer compatible

Panel Overview

Front Panel



LCD display	TFT color, 320 x 234 resolution, wide angle view LCD display.	
Function keys: F1 (top) to F5 (bottom)		Activates the functions which appear in the left side of the LCD display.
Variable knob		Increases or decreases values and moves to the next or previous parameter.
Acquire key		Configures the acquisition mode (page59).
Display key		Configures the display settings (page64).
Cursor key		Runs cursor measurements (page52).

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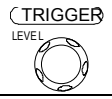
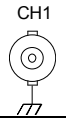
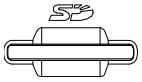
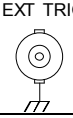
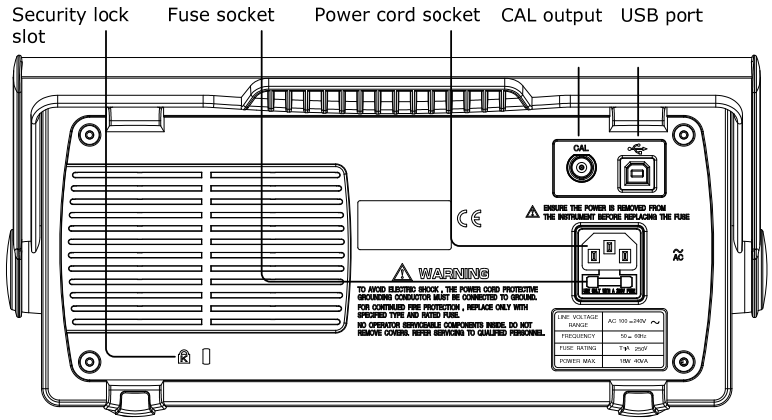
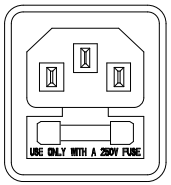
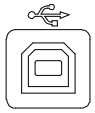
Utility key		Configures the Hardcopy function (page94), shows the system status (page82), selects the menu language (page86), runs the self calibration (page111), configures the probe compensation signal (page112), and selects the USB host type(page83).
Help key		Shows the Help contents on the display (page39).
Autoset key		Automatically configures the horizontal, vertical, and trigger settings according to the input signal (page41).
Measure key		Configures and runs automatic measurements (page47).
Save/Recall key		Saves and recalls images, waveforms, or panel settings (page87).
Hardcopy key		Stores images, waveforms, or panel settings to an SD card (page94), or prints screen images to a PictBridge compatible printer (page109).
Run/Stop key		Runs or stops triggering (page42).
Trigger level knob		Sets the trigger level (page75).
Trigger menu key		Configures the trigger settings (page75).
Single trigger key		Selects the single triggering mode (page82).

Trigger force key		Acquires the input signal once regardless of the trigger condition at the time (page82).
Horizontal menu key		Configures the horizontal view (page66).
Horizontal position knob		Moves the waveform horizontally (page66).
TIME/DIV knob		Selects the horizontal scale (page66).
Vertical position knob		Moves the waveform vertically (page70).
CH1/CH2 key		Configures the vertical scale and coupling mode for each channel (page70).
VOLTS/DIV knob		Selects the vertical scale (page70).
Input terminal		Accepts input signals: 1MΩ±2% input impedance, BNC terminal.
Ground terminal		Accepts the DUT ground lead to achieve a common ground.
MATH key		Performs math operations (page55).
SD card port		Facilitates transferring waveform data, display images, and panel settings (page87).
Probe compensation output		Outputs a 2Vp-p, square signal for compensating the probe (page112) or demonstration.

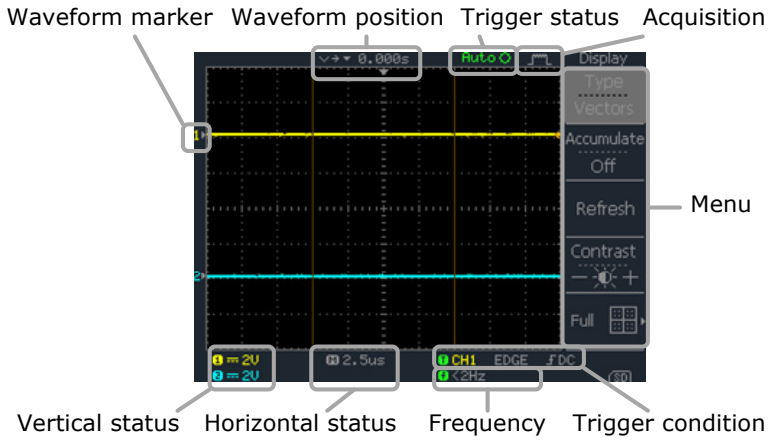
External trigger input		Accepts an external trigger signal (page75).
Power switch		Powers the oscilloscope on or off.

Rear Panel



Power cord socket		Power cord socket accepts the AC mains, 100 ~ 240V, 50/60Hz.
Fuse socket		The fuse socket holds the AC main fuse, T1A/250V. For the fuse replacement procedure, see page117.
USB slave port		Accepts a type B (slave) male USB connector for remote control of the oscilloscope (page83) or to print directly to a PictBridge compatible printer.
Calibration output		Outputs the calibration signal used in vertical scale accuracy calibration (page111).
Security lock slot		Standard laptop security lock slot for ensuring the security of the GDS-1000A.

Display



Waveforms	Channel 1: Yellow	Channel 2: Blue
Trigger status	Trig'd	A signal is being triggered
	Trig?	Waiting for a trigger condition
	Auto	Updating the input signal regardless of trigger conditions
	STOP	Triggering is stopped
	For trigger setting details, see page75.	
Input signal frequency	Updates the input signal frequency (the trigger source signal) in real-time. "< 2Hz" Indicates that the signal frequency is less than the lower frequency limit (2Hz) and thus not accurate.	
Trigger configuration	Shows the trigger source, type, and slope. In case of the Video trigger, shows the trigger source and polarity.	
Horizontal status Vertical status	Shows the channel configurations: coupling mode, vertical scale, and horizontal scale.	

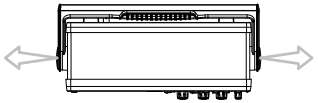
Setting up the Oscilloscope

Background

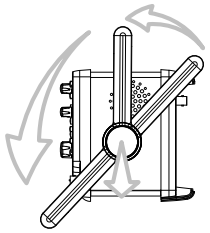
This section describes how to set up the oscilloscope properly including adjusting the handle, connecting a signal, adjusting the scale, and compensating the probe. Before operating the oscilloscope in a new environment, run these steps to make sure the oscilloscope is functionally stable.

Procedure

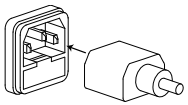
1. Pull both bases of the handle out slightly.



2. Turn to one of the three preset positions.

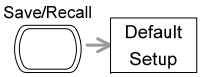


3. Connect the power cord.



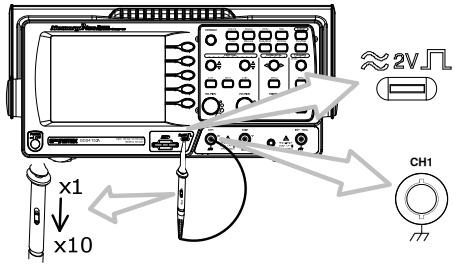
4. Press the power switch. The display will become active in approximately 10 seconds.

5. Reset the system by recalling the factory settings. Press the Save/Recall key, then *Default Setup*. For details regarding the factory settings, see page38.



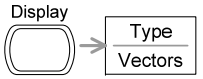
6. Connect the probe between the Channel1 input terminal and probe compensation signal output (2Vp-p, 1kHz square wave).

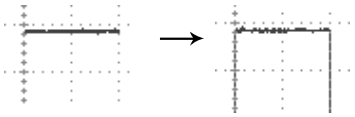
7. Set the probe attenuation to x10.



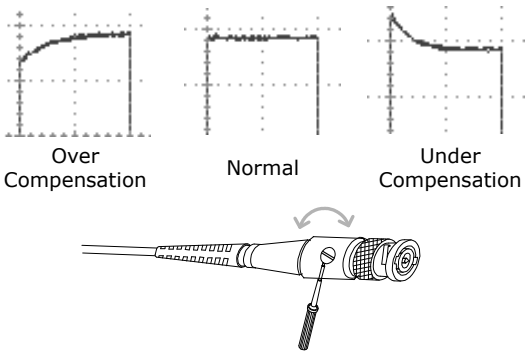
8. Press the Autoset key. A square waveform will appear in the center of the display. For details on Autoset, see page41.

9. Press the Display key, then *Type* and select the vector waveform type.





10. Turn the adjustment point on the probe to flatten the square waveform edge.



11. Setting up the oscilloscope is complete. You may continue with the other operations.

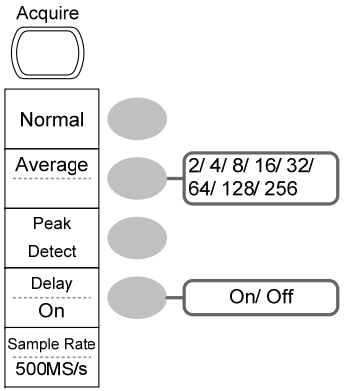
Measurement: page40 Configuration: page59

QUICK REFERENCE

This chapter lists the oscilloscope menu tree, operation shortcuts, built-in help coverage, and default factory settings. Use this chapter as a handy reference to access the oscilloscope functionalities.

Menu Tree and Shortcuts

Conventions	Examples
Normal	= Press the functional key for "Normal"
Average↵	= Repeatedly press the functional key for "Average"
Normal ~ Average	= Select a menu from "Normal" to "Average" and press its functionality key
Normal→VAR ◌	= Press the functionality key for "Normal", and then use the Variable knob



Select acquisition mode

Normal ~ Peak-Detect

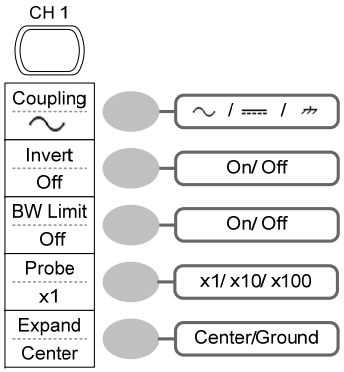
Select average number

Average↵

Turn Delay on/off

Delay On↵

CH1/2 key



Turn channel on/off

CH 1/2↵

Select coupling mode

Coupling↵

Invert waveform

Invert↵

Turn bandwidth limit on/off

BW Limit↵

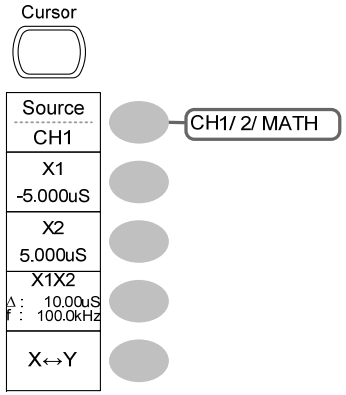
Select probe attenuation

↔Probe(1x~100x)

Expand type

Expand↵

Cursor key 1/2



Turn cursor on/off

Cursor↵

Move X1 cursor

X1→ VAR

Move X2 cursor

X2→ VAR

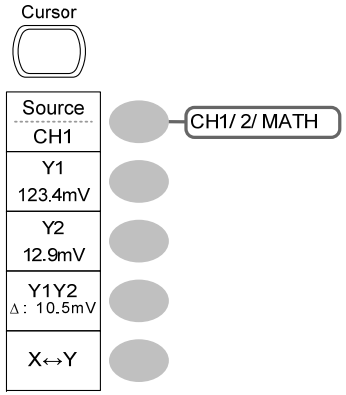
Move both X1 and X2 cursor

X1X2→ VAR

Switch to Y cursor

X↔Y

Cursor key 2/2



Turn cursor on/off

Cursor↵

Move Y1 cursor

Y1→ VAR

Move Y2 cursor

Y2→ VAR

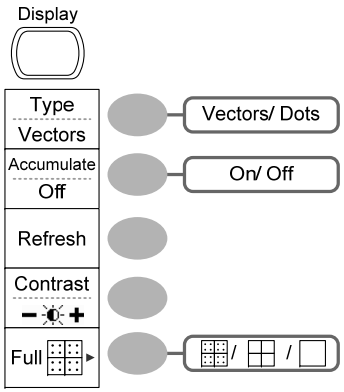
Move both Y1 and Y2 cursor

Y1Y2→ VAR

Switch to X cursor

X↔Y

Display key



Select waveform type

Type↵

Waveform accumulate On/Off

Accumulate↵

Refresh accumulation

Refresh

Set display contrast

Contrast→VAR

Select display grid

↵

Autoset key

Automatically find the signal and set the scale

Autoset

Hardcopy key

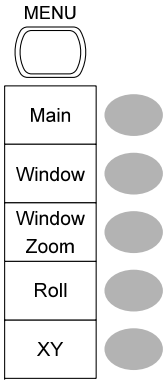
→ See Utility key (page36)

Help key

Turn help mode on/off

Help↵

Horizontal menu key



Select main (default) display

Main

Select window mode

Window→TIME/DIV

Zoom in window mode

Window Zoom

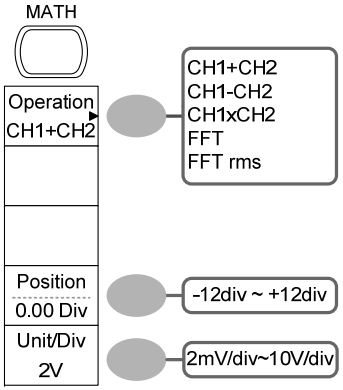
Select window roll mode

Roll

Select XY mode

XY

Math key 1/2 (+/-/x)



Math on/off

Math↵

Select math operation type (+/-/x/FFT/FFT rms)

Operation↵

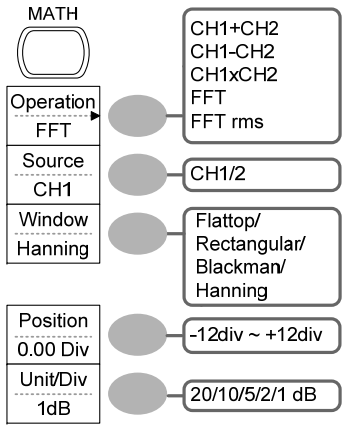
Set result position

Position→VAR

Math result Volt/Div

Unit/Div→VOLTS/DIV(CH2)

Math key 2/2 (FFT/FFT rms)



Math on/off

Math↵

Select math operation type (+/-/x/FFT/FFT rms)

Operation↵

Select FFT source channel

Source↵

Select FFT window

Window↵

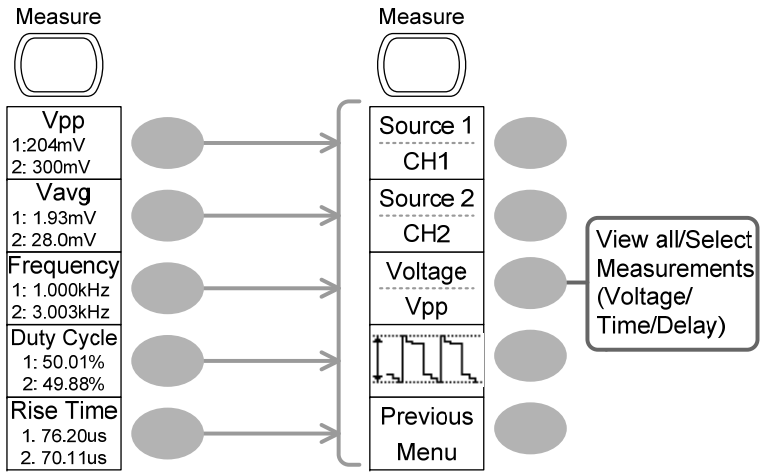
Select FFT result position

Position→VAR ◌

Select vertical scale

Unit/Div↵

Measure key



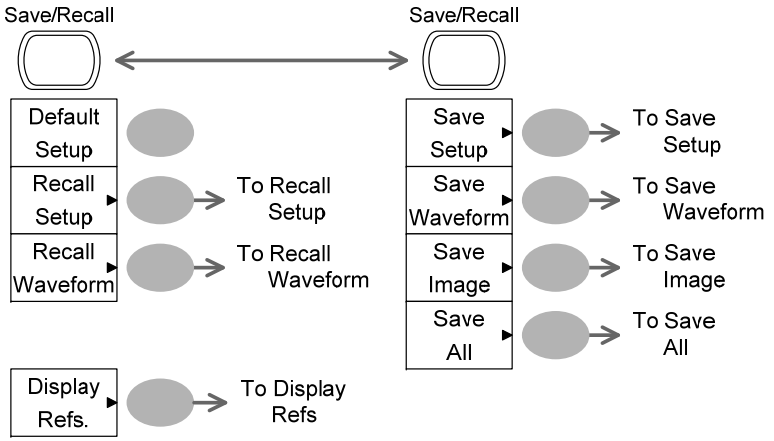
Turn on/off measurement	Measure↵
Select measurement type	Voltage/Time/Delay↵
Select measurement item	VAR ◌ or Icon(F3)↵/ → VAR ◌
Go back to previous menu	Previous Menu

Run/Stop key

Freeze/unfreeze waveform or trigger

Run/Stop↵

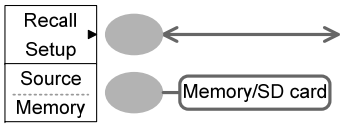
Save/Recall key 1/9



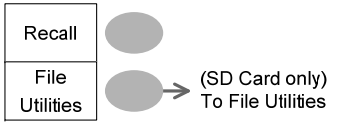
Switch to Save or Recall menu	Save/Recall↵
Recall default setup	Default Setup

Save/Recall key 2/9

Recall Setup

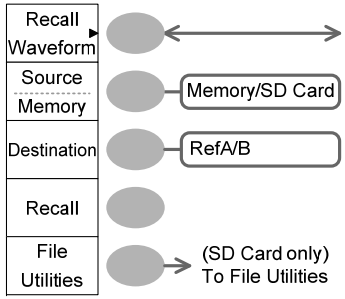


	Select other menu
	Recall Setup↵
	Select setup source
	Source↵→VAR ◌
	Recall setup
	Recall
	Go to SD card file utilities
	File Utilities



Save/Recall key 3/9

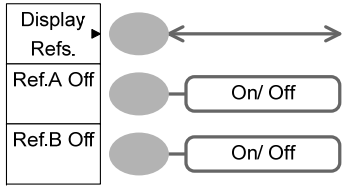
Recall Waveform



	Select other menu
	Recall Waveform↵
	Select waveform source
	Source↵→VAR ◌
	Select waveform destination
	Destination→VAR ◌
	Recall waveform
	Recall
	Go to SD card file utilities
	File Utilities

Save/Recall key 4/9

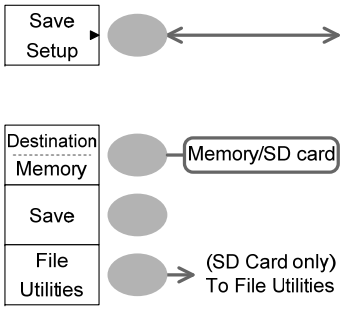
Display Refs.



	Select other menu
	Display Refs.↵
	Turn ref. waveform A on/off
	Ref.A↵
	Turn ref. waveform B on/off
	Ref.B↵

Save/Recall key 5/9

Save Setup



Select other menu

Save Setup↵

Select destination

Destination↵→VAR ◌

Save setup

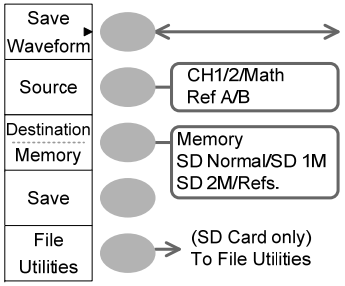
Save

Go to SD card file utilities

File Utilities

Save/Recall key 6/9

Save Waveform



Select other menu

Save Waveform↵

Select source

Source↵→VAR ◌

Select destination

Destination↵→VAR ◌

Save waveform

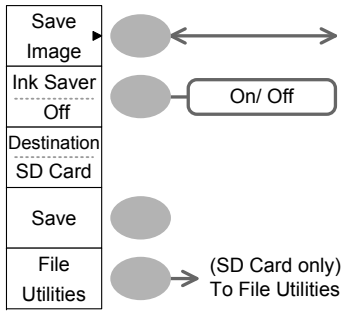
Save

Go to SD card file utilities

File Utilities

Save/Recall key 7/9

Save Image



Select other menu

Save Image↵

Turn on/off ink saver

Ink Saver↵

Save image

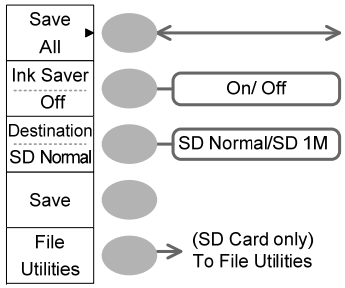
Save

Go to SD card file utilities

File Utilities

Save/Recall key 8/9

Save All



Select other menu

Save All↵

Turn on/off ink saver

Ink Saver↵

Select destination

Destination↵VAR ◌

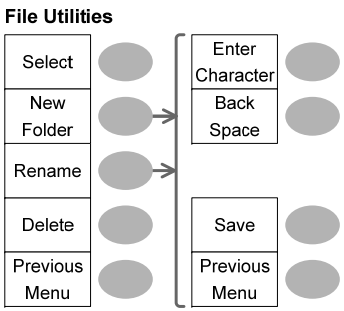
Save all

Save

Go to SD card file utilities

File Utilities

Save/Recall key 9/9



Select file/folder

VAR ◌→Select

Create or rename folder/file

New Folder/Rename

VAR ◌→Enter character / Backspace / Save / Previous menu

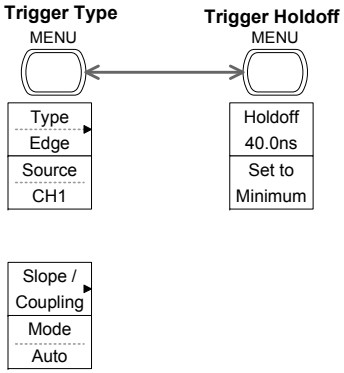
Delete folder/file

Delete

Go to previous menu

Previous menu

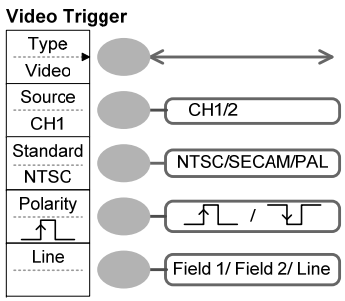
Trigger key 1/6



Select Trigger type or Trigger Holdoff menu

Type↵

Trigger key 2/6



Select video trigger type

Type↵

Select trigger source

Source↵

Select video standard

Standard↵

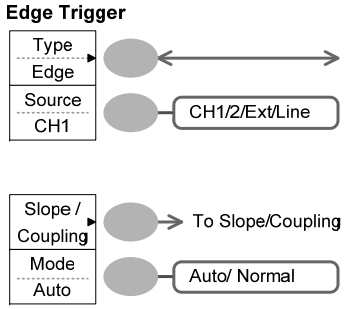
Select video polarity

Polarity↵

Select video field/line

Line↵→VAR ◌

Trigger key 3/6



Select edge trigger type

Edge↵

Select trigger source

Source↵

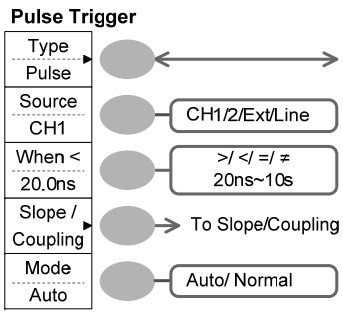
Go to slope/coupling menu (page35)

Slope/Coupling

Select trigger mode

Mode↵

Trigger key 4/6



Select pulse trigger type

Type↵

Select trigger source

Source↵

Select pulse trigger condition and pulse width

When↵→VAR

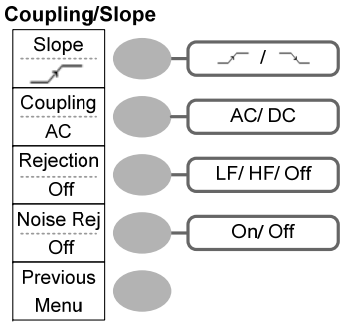
Go to slope/coupling menu (page35)

Slope/Coupling

Select trigger mode

Mode↵

Trigger key 5/6



Select trigger slope type

Slope↵

Select trigger coupling mode

Coupling↵

Select frequency rejection

Rejection↵

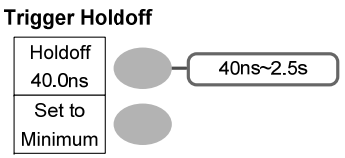
Turn noise rejection on/off

Noise Rej↵

Go back to previous menu

Previous Menu

Trigger key 6/6



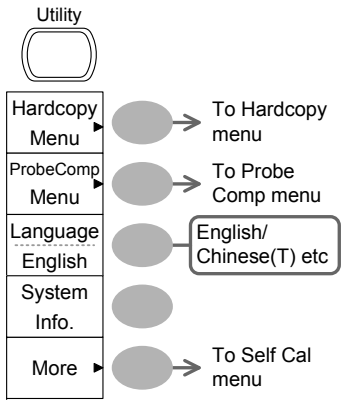
Select Holdoff time

VAR

Set to minimum Holdoff time

Set to Minimum↵

Utility key 1/4



Go to hardcopy menu

Hardcopy

Go to probe compensation menu

ProbeComp

Select language

Language↵

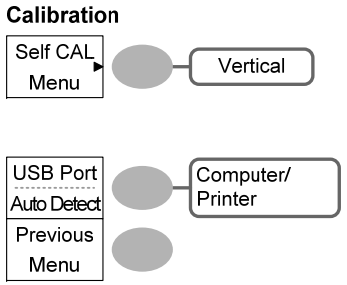
Show system information

System Info.

Go to self calibration menu

More

Utility key 2/4



Enter self calibration

Self CAL

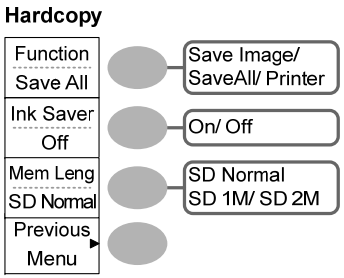
Select USB port interface

USB Port↵

Go to previous menu

Previous Menu

Utility key 3/4



Select Hardcopy function

Function

Turn on/off Inksaver

Ink Saver

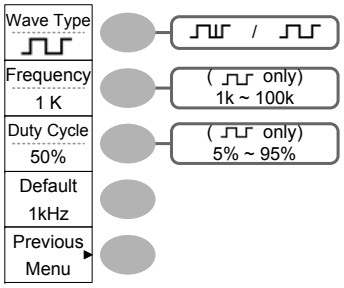
Set the memory length

Mem Leng

Go to previous menu

Previous Menu

Utility key 4/4



Select probe compensation signal

Wave Type

Set frequency for square wave

Frequency→VAR

Set duty cycle for square wave

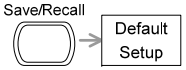
Duty Cycle→VAR

Go to previous menu

Previous Menu

Default Settings

Here are the factory installed panel settings which appear when pressing the Save/Recall key→ *Default Setup*.

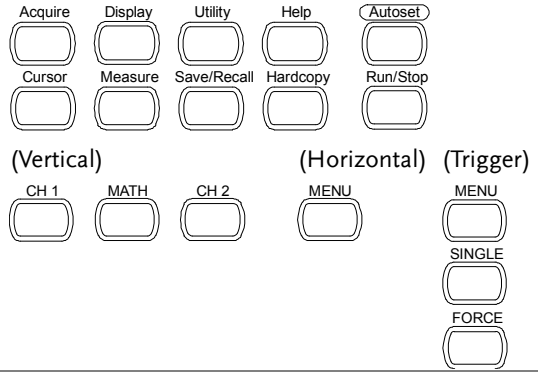


Acquisition	Mode: Normal	
Channel	Scale: 2V/Div	Invert: Off
	Coupling: DC	Probe attenuation voltage: x1
	BW limit: Off	Channel 1 & 2: On
Cursor	Source: CH1	Cursor: Off
Display	Type: Vectors	Accumulate: Off
	Grid:	
Horizontal	Scale: 2.5us/Div	Mode: Main Timebase
Math	Type: + (Add)	Position: 0.00 Div
Measure	Item: Vpp, Vavg, Frequency, Duty Cycle, Rise Time	
Trigger	Type: Edge	Source: Channel1
	Mode: Auto	Slope:
	Coupling: DC	Rejection: Off
	Noise Rejection: Off	
Utility	Hardcopy: SaveImage, InkSaver Off	ProbeComp: Square wave, 1k, 50% duty cycle

Built-in Help

The Help key shows the contents of the built-in help support. When you press a function key, its descriptions appear in the display.

Applicable keys



Procedure

1. Press the Help key. The display changes to the Help mode.

2. Press a functional key to access its help contents. (example: Acquire key)

3. Use the Variable knob to scroll the Help contents up and down.

4. Press the Help key again to exit the Help mode.

MEASUREMENT

The Measurement chapter describes how to properly observe a signal using the oscilloscope's basic functions, and how to observe a signal in a detailed manner using some of the advanced functions such as :

Automatic measurements, cursor measurements, and math operations.

Basic Measurements

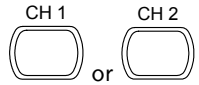
This section describes the basic operations required in capturing and viewing an input signal. For more detailed operations, see the following chapters.

- Measurements → from page40
- Configurations → from page59

Activating a channel

Activating a channel

To activate an input channel, press the Channel key, CH1 or CH2. The channel indicator appears at the left side of the display and the channel icon changes accordingly.



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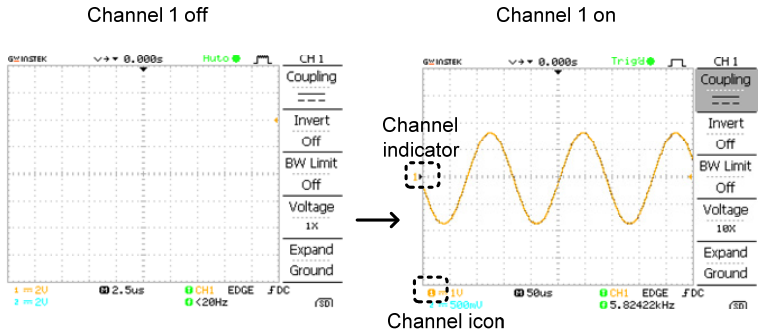
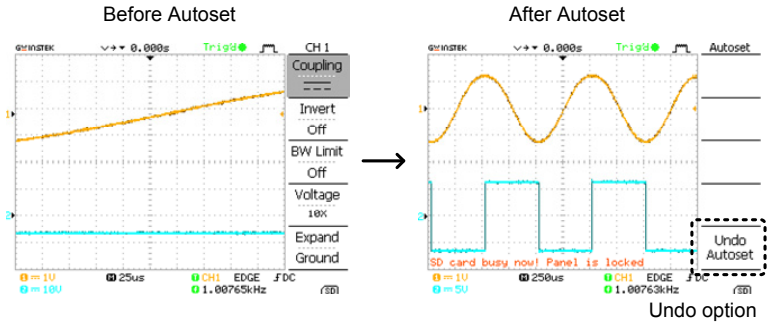


De-activating a channel	To de-activate the channel, press the Channel key twice (once if the channel menu is already selected).

Using Autoset

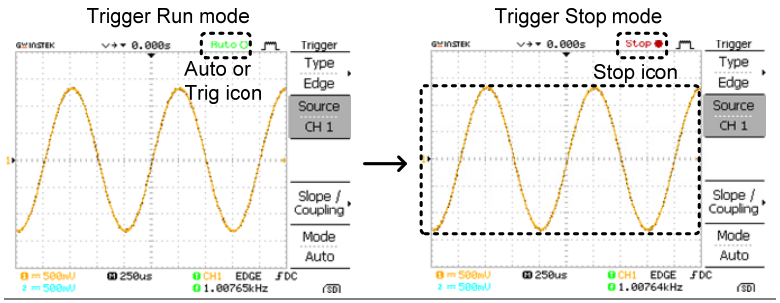
Background	The Autoset function automatically configures the panel settings to the best viewing conditions, in the following way. • Selecting the horizontal scale • Positioning the waveform horizontally • Selecting the vertical scale • Positioning the waveform vertically • Selecting the trigger source channel • Activating the channels
Procedure	1. Connect the input signal to the oscilloscope and press the Autoset key. 2. The waveform appears in the center of the display.



Undoing the Autoset	To undo the Autoset, press *Undo* (available for a few seconds).
Adjusting the trigger level	If the waveform is still unstable, try adjusting the trigger level up or down by using the Trigger Level knob.
Limitation	Autoset does not work in the following situation. • Input signal frequency less than 20Hz • Input signal amplitude less than 30mV

Running and stopping the trigger

Background	In the trigger Run mode, the oscilloscope constantly searches for a trigger condition and updates the signal into the display when the condition is met. In the trigger Stop mode, the oscilloscope stops triggering and thus the last acquired waveforms stay in the display. The trigger icon at the top of the display changes into Stop mode. Pressing the Trigger Run/Stop key switches between the Run and Stop mode.



Waveform operation

Waveforms can be moved or scaled in both the Run and Stop mode. For details, see page66 (Horizontal position/scale) and page70 (Vertical position/scale).

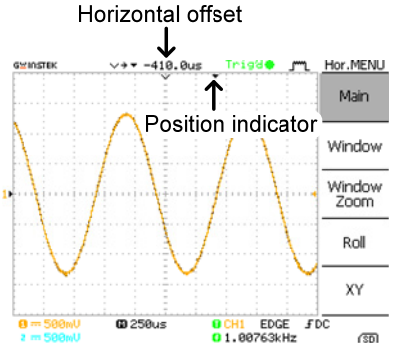
Changing the horizontal position and scale

For more detailed configurations, see page66.

Setting the horizontal position

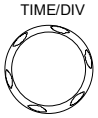
The horizontal position knob moves the waveform left or right.

The position indicator moves along with the waveform and the distance from the center point is displayed as the offset in the upper side of the display.

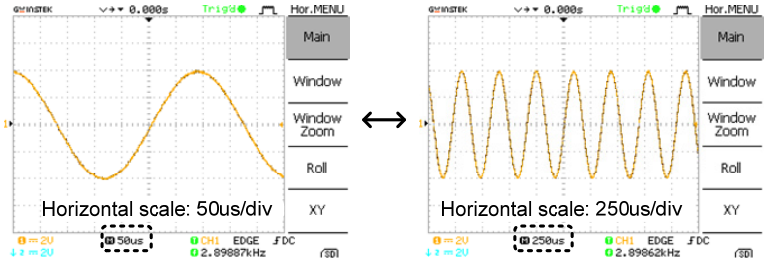


Selecting the horizontal scale

To select the timebase (scale), turn the TIME/DIV knob; left (slow) or right (fast).



Range 1ns/Div ~ 10s/Div, 1-2.5-5 increment



Changing the vertical position and scale

For more detailed configuration, see page70.

Set vertical position

To move the waveform up or down, turn the vertical position knob for each channel.

As the waveform moves, the vertical position of the cursor appears at the bottom left corner of the display.

Run/Stop mode The waveform can be moved vertically in both Run and Stop mode.

Select vertical scale

To change the vertical scale, turn the VOLTS/DIV knob; left (down) or right (up).

Range 2mV/Div ~ 10V/Div, 1-2-5 increments

The vertical scale indicator for each channel on the bottom left of the display changes accordingly.

Using the probe compensation signal

Background

This section introduces how to use the probe compensation signal for general usage, in case the DUT signal is not available or to get a second signal for comparison. For probe compensation details, see page112.

Note: The frequency accuracy and duty factor are not guaranteed. Therefore the signal should not be used for reference purposes.

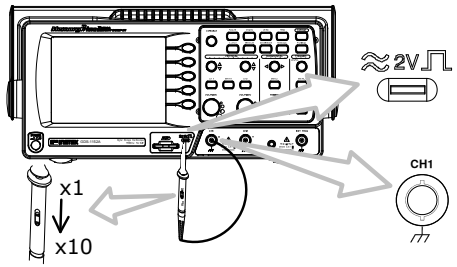
Waveform type

Square waveform used for probe compensation. 1k ~ 100kHz, 5% ~ 95%.

Demonstration signal for showing the effects of peak detection. See page59 for peak detection mode details.

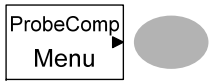
View the probe compensation waveform

1. Connect the probe between the compensation signal output and Channel input.

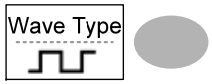


2. Press the Utility key.

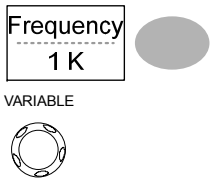
3. Press *ProbeComp*.



4. Press Wave type repeatedly to select the wave type.

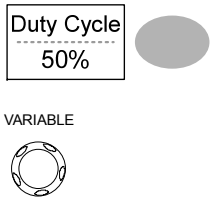


5. (For ⎍ only) To change the frequency, press *Frequency* and use the Variable knob.



Range 1kHz ~ 100kHz

6. (For ⎍ only) To change the duty cycle, press *Duty Cycle* and use the Variable knob.



Range 5% ~ 95%

Probe compensation

For probe compensation details, see page112.

Automatic Measurements

The automatic measurement function measures input signal attributes and updates them in the display. Up to 5 automatic measurement items can be updated at any one time on the side menus. All automatic measurement types can be displayed on screen if necessary.

Measurement items

Overview	Voltage type	Time type	Delay type
	Vpp Vmax Vmin Vamp Vhi Vlo Vavg Vrms ROVShoot FOVShoot RPREShoot FPREShoot	Frequency Period RiseTime FallTime +Width -Width Dutycycle	FRR FRF FFR FFF LRR LRF LFR LFF

Voltage measurement items	Vpp		Difference between positive and negative peak voltage (=Vmax − Vmin)
	Vmax		Positive peak voltage.
	Vmin		Negative peak voltage.
	Vamp		Difference between global high and global low voltage (=Vhi − Vlo)
	Vhi		Global high voltage.

	Vlo		Global low voltage.
	Vavg		Averaged voltage of the first cycle.
	Vrms		RMS (root mean square) voltage.
	ROVShoot		Rise overshoot voltage.
	FOVShoot		Fall overshoot voltage.
	RPREShoot		Rise preshoot voltage.
	FPREShoot		Fall preshoot voltage.
Time measurement items	Freq		Frequency of the waveform.
	Period		Waveform cycle time (=1/Freq).
	Risetime		Rising time of the pulse (~90%).
	Falltime		Falling time of the pulse (~10%).
	+Width		Positive pulse width.
	–Width		Negative pulse width.
	Duty Cycle		Ratio of signal pulse compared with whole cycle =100x (Pulse Width/Cycle)
Delay measurement items	FRR		Time between: Source 1 first rising edge and Source 2 first rising edge

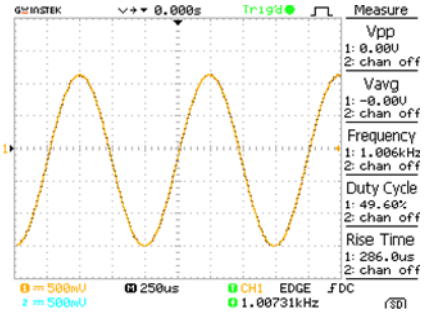
FRF		Time between: Source 1 first rising edge and Source 2 first falling edge
FFR		Time between: Source 1 first falling edge and Source 2 first rising edge
FFF		Time between: Source 1 first falling edge and Source 2 first falling edge
LRR		Time between: Source 1 first rising edge and Source 2 last rising edge
LRF		Time between: Source 1 first rising edge and Source 2 last falling edge
LFR		Time between: Source 1 first falling edge and Source 2 last rising edge
LFF		Time between: Source 1 first falling edge and Source 2 last falling edge

Automatically measuring the input signals

Viewing the measurement result

1. Press the Measure key.

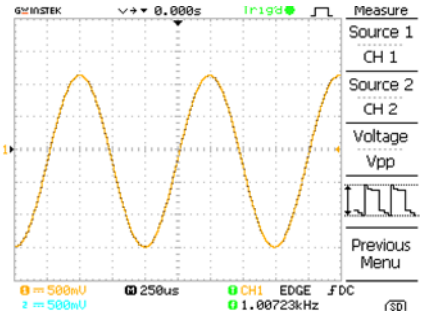
2. The measurement results appear on the menu bar, constantly updated. 5 measurement slots (F1 to F5) can be customized.



Editing a measurement item

3. Press the corresponding menu key (*F1~F5*) to select the measurement slot to be edited.

4. The editing menu appears

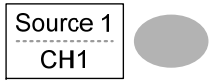


Change measurement item

5. Use the Variable knob to select a different measurement item.

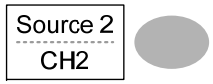
Change measurement source

6. Press *F1* repeatedly to change Source1 from CH1 to CH2 or MATH.



Range CH1, 2, Math

7. Press *F2* repeatedly to change the channel for Source2.

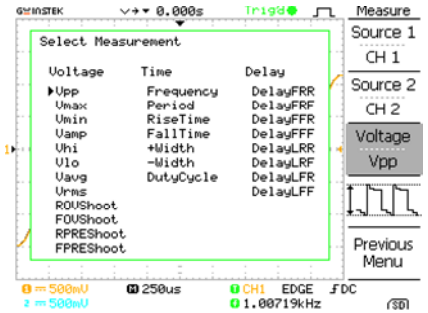


Range CH1, 2, Math

View all measurements

8. Press *F3* to view all measurement items.

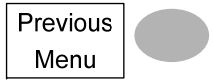
9. All the measurements appear in the center of the screen.



10. Press *F3* to return.

Note: All the editing operations can still be performed when viewing all the measurement items.

11. Press *Previous Menu* to confirm the item selection and to go back to the measurement results view.



Cursor Measurements

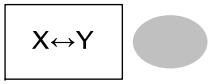
Cursor lines, horizontal or vertical, show the precise position of the input waveforms or the math operation results. The horizontal cursors can track time, voltage and frequency, whilst the vertical cursors can track voltage. All measurements are updated in real-time.

Using the horizontal cursors

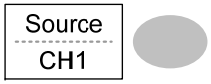
Procedure

1. Press the Cursor key. The cursors appear in the display.

2. Press *X↔Y* to select the horizontal (X1&X2) cursor.



3. Press *Source* repeatedly to select the source channel.

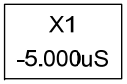
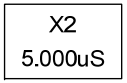
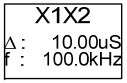


Range CH1, 2, MATH

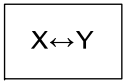
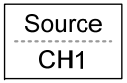
4. The cursor measurement results will appear in the menu, F2 to F4.

Parameters

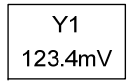
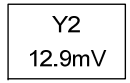
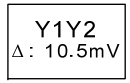
X1	Time position of the left cursor. (relative to zero)
X2	Time position of the right cursor. (relative to zero)
X1X2	The difference between the X1 and X2.
Δ: us	The time difference between X1 and X2.
f: Hz	The time difference converted to frequency.

Moving the horizontal cursors	To move the left cursor, press *X1* and then use the Variable knob.	
	To move the right cursor, press *X2* and then use the Variable knob.	
	To move both cursors at once, press *X1X2* and then use the Variable knob.	
Remove cursors	Press Cursor to remove the onscreen cursors.	

Using the vertical cursors

Procedure	1. Press the Cursor key.	
	2. Press *X↔Y* to select the vertical (Y1&Y2) cursor.	
	3. Press *Source* repeatedly to select the source channel.	
	Range CH1, 2, MATH	
	4. The cursor measurement results will appear in the menu.	

Parameters	Y1	Voltage level of the upper cursor
	Y2	Voltage level of the lower cursor
	Y1Y2	The difference between the upper and lower cursor
	Δ : V	The voltage difference (Y1-Y2).

Moving the vertical cursors	To move the upper cursor, press *Y1* and then use the Variable knob.	
	To move the lower cursor, press *Y2* and then use the Variable knob.	
	To move both cursors at once, press *Y1Y2* and then use the Variable knob.	
Remove cursors	Press Cursor to remove the onscreen cursors.	

Math Operations

The Math operations can add, subtract, multiply or perform FFT/FFT RMS on the input waveforms. The resulted waveform can be measured using the cursors, and saved or recalled just like normal input signals.

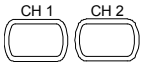
Overview

Addition (+)	Adds the amplitude of CH1 & CH2 signals.	
Subtraction (–)	Extracts the amplitude difference between CH1 & CH2.	
Multiplication (×)	Multiplies CH1 and CH2.	
FFT	Performs a FFT calculation on a signal. Four types of FFT windows are available: Hanning, Flattop, Rectangular, and Blackman.	
FFT RMS	Performs a FFT RMS calculation on a signal. RMS is similar to FFT, however the amplitude is calculated as RMS and not dB. Four types of FFT windows are available: Hanning, Flattop, Rectangular, and Blackman.	
Hanning FFT window	Frequency resolution	Good
	Amplitude resolution	Not good
	Suitable for....	Frequency measurement on periodic waveforms
Flattop FFT window	Frequency resolution	Not good
	Amplitude resolution	Good
	Suitable for....	Amplitude measurement on periodic waveforms
Rectangular FFT window	Frequency resolution	Very good
	Amplitude resolution	Bad
	Suitable for....	Single-shot phenomenon (this mode is the same as having no window at all)
Blackman FFT window	Frequency resolution	Bad
	Amplitude resolution	Very good
	Suitable for....	Amplitude measurement on periodic waveforms

Adding, subtracting or multiplying signals

Procedure

1. Activate both CH1 and CH2.

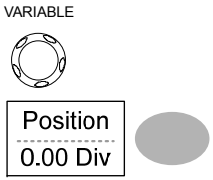


2. Press the Math key.

3. Press *Operation* repeatedly to select addition (+), subtraction (–) or multiplication (×).

4. The math measurement result appears in the display.

5. To move the math result vertically, use the Variable knob. The position will be displayed in *Posistion*.



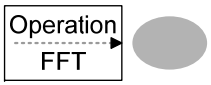
6. To clear the math result from the display, press the Math key again.

Using the FFT function

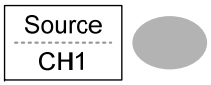
Procedure

1. Press the Math key.

2. Press *Operation* repeatedly to select FFT or FFT RMS.



3. Press *Source* repeatedly to select the source channel.



4. Press *Window* repeatedly to select the FFT window type.

5. The FFT result appears. The horizontal scale changes from time to frequency, and the vertical scale from voltage to dB or RMS.

6. To move the FFT waveform vertically, use the Variable knob. The position will be updated in *Position*.

Range –12.00 Div ~ +12.00 Div

7. To select the vertical scale of FFT waveform, press *Unit/Div*(FFT) or *Volt/Div*(FFT RMS) repeatedly.

Range 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 dB/Div

Voltage Volt/Div

8. To clear the FFT result from the display, press the Math key again.

CONFIGURATION

The Configuration chapter describes how to configure panel settings to make measurements and observations suited to the application needs.

Acquisition

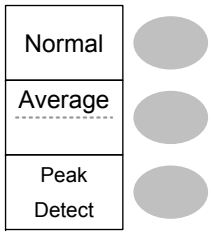
The acquisition process samples the analog input signals and converts them into digital format for internal processing. You may select the normal, average, or peak detect acquisition mode.

Selecting the acquisition mode

Procedure

1. Press the Acquire key.

2. Select the acquisition mode between *Normal*, *Average* and *Peak Detect*.



Range	Normal	All of the acquired data is used to draw the waveform.

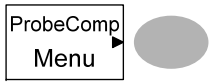
Average	Multiple data is averaged to form a waveform. This mode is useful for drawing a noise-free waveform. To select the number, press *Average* repeatedly. Average number: 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256
Peak detect	To activate the Peak detect mode, press *Peak-Detect*. Only the minimum and maximum value pairs for each acquisition interval (bucket) are used. This mode is useful for catching abnormal glitches in a signal.

Peak detect effect using the probe comp. waveform

1. One of the probe compensation waveforms can demonstrate the peak detection mode. Connect the probe to the probe compensation output.

2. Press the Utility key.

3. Press *ProbeComp*.



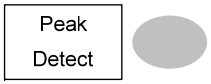
4. Press *Wave Type* and select the ⎍⎍ waveform.

5. Press the Autoset key. The oscilloscope positions the waveform in the center of the display.

6. Press the Acquire key.

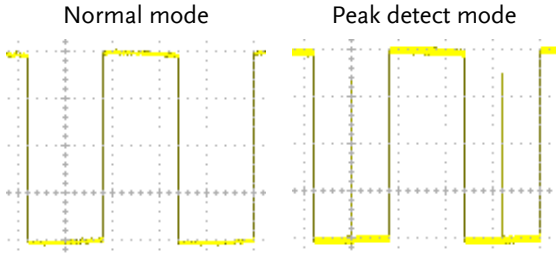
7. Press *Normal*.

8. Press *Peak-Detect* and see that a spike noise is captured.



Example

The peak detect mode reveals the occasional glitch.



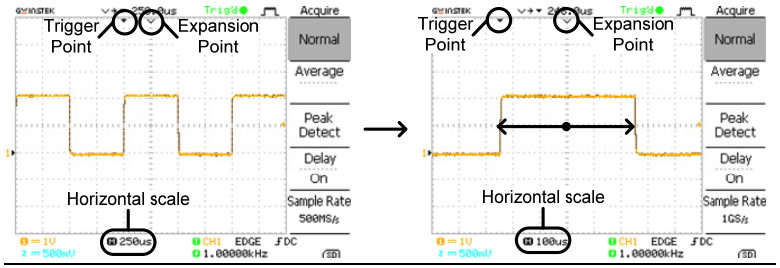
Selecting Delay mode

Background

When delay time is ON, the displayed output is delayed for a defined amount of time from the trigger point. Using the delay function is useful for observing an area of the waveform that occurs some time after the trigger point.

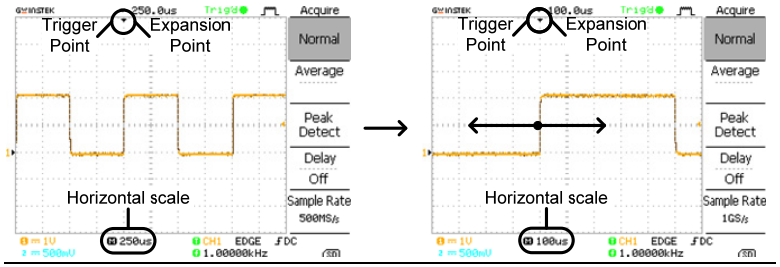
Delay On

With Delay On the expansion point and trigger point become separated by the amount of delay time. As the delay time is increased the trigger point moves left from the expansion point. When the horizontal scale is adjusted, the waveform expands from the expansion point, not the trigger point.



Delay Off

With Delay Off the expansion point and trigger point are always in the same position. Thus when the horizontal scale is adjusted, the waveform expands from the trigger point.



Procedure

1. Press the Acquire key.

2. Press *Delay* On/Off to toggle Delay On/Off.

3. Use the Horizontal Position knob to increase or decrease the delay time when Delay is set to On.

4. Adjust the horizontal scale to zoom into the waveform.

Real time vs Equivalent time sampling mode

Background	The oscilloscope automatically switches between two sampling modes, Real-time and Equivalent-time, according to the number of active channels and sampling rate.
Real-time sampling	Once sampled data is used to reconstruct a single waveform. Short-time events might get lost if the sampling rate gets too high. This mode is used when the sampling rate is relatively low (1GSa/s or lower).
Equivalent-time sampling	Multiple numbers of sampled data are accumulated to reconstruct a single waveform. ETS restores more waveform detail but takes longer to update the waveform. This mode is used when the sampling rate becomes higher than 1GSa/s. The maximum equivalent-time sampling rate is 25GSa/s.

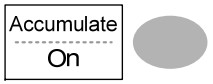
Display

The Display section describes how to configure the display settings: drawing type, waveform accumulation, contrast adjustment, and grid settings.

Selecting vector or dot drawing

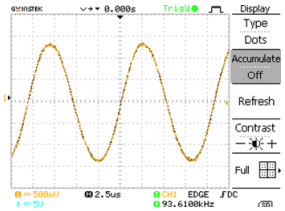
Procedure	1. Press the Display key.	
	2. Press *Type* repeatedly to select the waveform drawing.	
Types	Dots	Only the sampled dots are displayed.
	Vectors	The sampled dots are connected by lines.

Accumulating the waveform

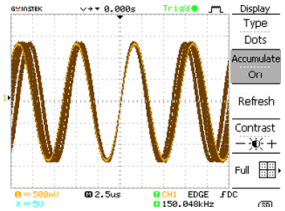
Background	Accumulation preserves the old waveform drawings and overwrites new waveforms on top of it. It is useful for observing waveform variation.	
Procedure	3. Press the Display key.	
	4. Press *Accumulate* to turn on the waveform accumulation.	
	5. To clear the accumulation and start it over (refresh), press *Refresh*.	

Example

Accumulation off



Accumulation on

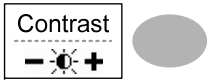


Adjusting the display contrast

Procedure

1. Press the Display key.

2. Press *Contrast*.



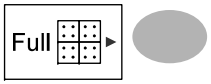
3. Turn the Variable knob left to lower the contrast (dark display) or right to raise the contrast (bright display).

Selecting the display grid

Procedure

1. Press the Display key.

2. Press the grid icon repeatedly to select the grid.



Parameters

Shows the full grid.

Shows the outer frame and X/Y axis.

Shows only the outer frame.

Horizontal View

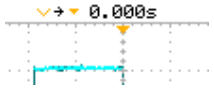
The Horizontal view section describes how to configure the horizontal scale, position, waveform update mode, window zoom, and X-Y mode.

Moving the waveform position horizontally

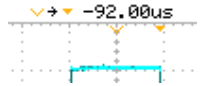
Procedure

The horizontal position knob moves the waveform left or right. The position indicator at the top of the display shows the center and current position.

Center position



Moving right



Selecting the horizontal scale

Select horizontal scale

To select the timebase (scale), turn the TIME/DIV knob; left (slow) or right (fast).

Range 1ns/Div ~ 50s/Div, 1-2.5-5-10 increment

The timebase indicator at the bottom of the display updates the current horizontal scale.

Selecting the waveform update mode

Background	The display update mode is switched automatically or manually according to the horizontal scale.
Main mode	Updates the whole displayed waveform at once. The main mode is automatically selected when the horizontal scale (timebase) is fast. Horizontal scale ≤100ms/div Trigger All modes available
Roll mode	Updates and moves the waveform gradually from the right side of the display to the left. The Roll mode is automatically selected when the horizontal scale (timebase) is 250ms or greater. When in the Roll mode, an indicator appears at the bottom of the display. Main mode Roll mode Timebase ≥250ms/div (≤250KS/s) Trigger Auto mode only

Selecting the Roll mode manually

1. Press the Horizontal menu key.

2. Press *Roll*. The horizontal scale automatically becomes 250ms/div and the waveform starts scrolling from the right side of the display (If the oscilloscope is already in the Roll mode, there will be no change).

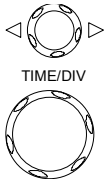
Zooming the waveform horizontally

Procedure/ range

1. Press the Horizontal Menu key.

2. Press *Window*.

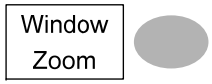
3. Use the horizontal position knob to move the zoom range sideways, and TIME/DIV knob to change the zoom range width.



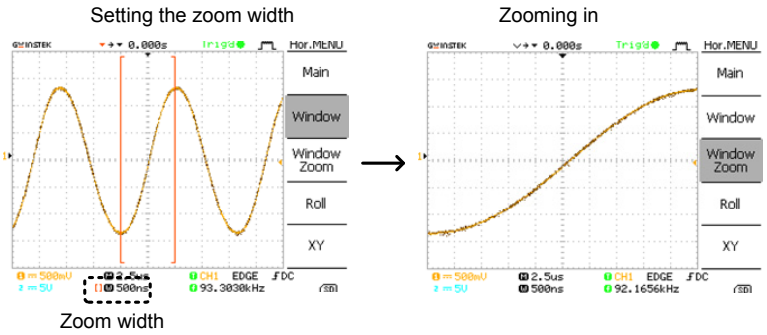
The width of the bar in the middle of the display is the actual zoomed area.

Zoom range 1ns ~ 25s

4. Press *Window Zoom*. The specified range gets zoomed.



Example

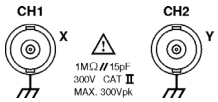


Viewing waveforms in the X-Y mode

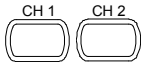
Background	The X-Y mode compares the voltage of Channel 1 and Channel 2 waveforms in a single display. This mode is useful for observing the phase relationship between the two waveforms.

Procedure

1. Connect the signals to Channel 1 (X-axis) and Channel 2 (Y-axis).



2. Make sure both Channel 1 and 2 are activated.

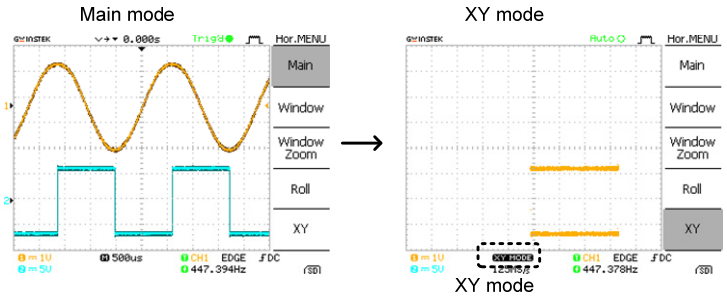


3. Press the Horizontal key.

4. Press *XY*. The display shows two waveforms in X-Y format; Channel 1 as X-axis, Channel 2 as Y-axis.

Adjusting the X-Y mode waveform	Horizontal position	CH1 Position knob
	Horizontal scale	CH1 Volts/Div knob
	Vertical position	CH2 Position knob
	Vertical scale	CH2 Volts/Div knob

Example



Vertical View (Channel)

The Vertical view section describes how to set the vertical scale, position, bandwidth limitation, coupling mode, and attenuation.

Moving the waveform position vertically

Procedure

To move the waveform up or down, turn the vertical position knob for each channel.

Selecting the vertical scale

Procedure

To change the vertical scale, turn the VOLTS/DIV knob; left (down) or right (up).

Range

2mV/Div ~ 10V/Div, 1-2-5 increments

Selecting the coupling mode

Procedure

1. Press the Channel key.

2. Press *Coupling* repeatedly to select the coupling mode.

Range

DC coupling mode. The whole portion (AC and DC) of the signal appears on the display.

Ground coupling mode. The display shows only the zero voltage level as a horizontal line. This mode is useful for measuring the signal amplitude with respect to the ground level.

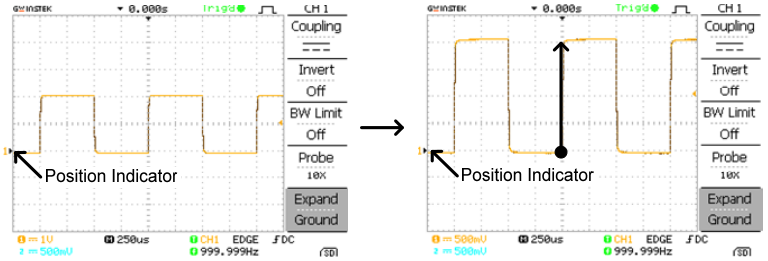
AC coupling mode. Only the AC portion of the signal appears on the display. This mode is useful for observing AC waveforms mixed with DC components.

Expand Vertical Scale Center / Ground

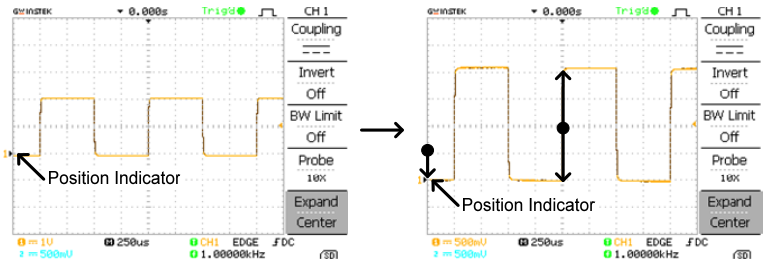
Background

Normally when the vertical scale is increased, the scaled image is centered from ground. However a signal with a voltage bias could be obscured when the vertical scale is increased. The Expand Center function expands the image from the center of the signal, rather than ground.

Expand Ground



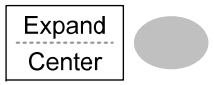
Expand Center



Procedure

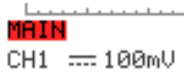
1. Press the Channel key.

2. Press F5 to toggle between Expand Center and Expand Ground.



3. To change the vertical scale, turn the VOLTS/DIV knob; left (down) or right (up).

The vertical scale indicator on the bottom left of the display changes accordingly.

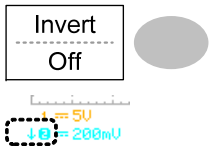


Inverting the waveform vertically

Procedure

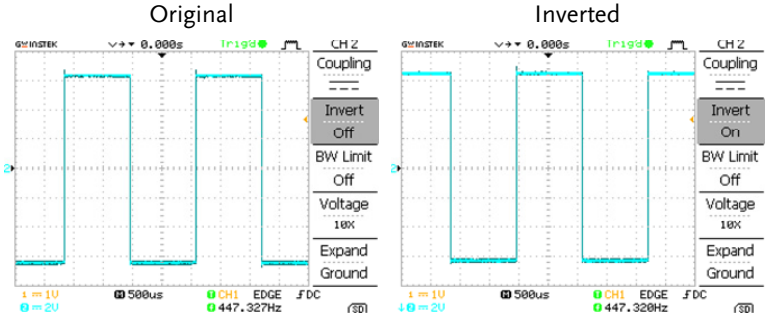
1. Press the Channel key.

2. Press *Invert*. The waveform becomes inverted (upside down) and the Channel indicator in the display shows a down arrow.



Original

Inverted



Limiting the waveform bandwidth

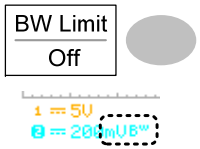
Background

Bandwidth limitation puts the input signal into a 20MHz (−3dB) low-pass filter. This function is useful for cutting off high frequency noise to see the clear waveform shape.

Procedure

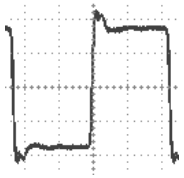
1. Press the Channel key.

2. Press *BW Limit* to turn on or off the limitation. When turned on, the BW indicator appears next to the Channel indicator in the display.

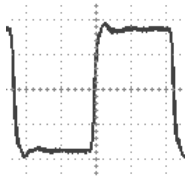


Example

BW Limit Off



BW Limit On



Selecting the probe attenuation level

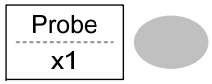
Background

A signal probe has an attenuation switch to lower the original DUT signal level to the oscilloscope input range, if necessary. The probe attenuation selection adjusts the vertical scale so that the voltage level on the display reflects the real value, not the attenuated level.

Procedure

1. Press the Channel key.

2. Press *Probe* repeatedly to select the attenuation level.



3. Use the variable knob to edit the voltage or current attenuation.

4. The voltage scale in the channel indicator changes accordingly. There is no change in the waveform shape.

Range

x1, x10, x100

Note: The attenuation factor adds no influence on the real signal; it only changes the voltage scale on the display.

Trigger

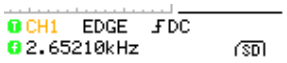
The Trigger function configures the conditions by which the oscilloscope captures the incoming signals.

Trigger type

Edge	Triggers when the signal crosses an amplitude threshold in either a positive or negative slope.
Video	Extracts a sync pulse from a video format signal and triggers on a specific line or field.
Pulse	Triggers when the pulse width of the signal matches the trigger settings.

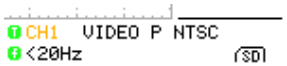
Indicators

Edge/Pulse



(CH1, Edge, Rising edge, DC coupling)

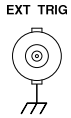
Video



(CH1, Video, Positive polarity, NTSC standard)

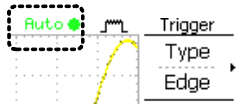
Trigger parameter

Trigger source	CH1, 2	Channel 1, 2 input signals
	Line	AC mains signal
	Ext	External trigger input signal



Trigger mode	Auto	The oscilloscope updates the input signal regardless of the trigger conditions (if there is no trigger event, the oscilloscope generates an internal trigger). Select this mode especially when viewing rolling waveforms at a slow timebase.

The Auto trigger status appears in the upper right corner of the display.



	Single	The oscilloscope acquires the input signals once when a trigger event occurs, then stops acquiring. Pressing the Single key again will repeat the process.

The Single trigger status appears in the upper right corner of the display.

(Searching) (Triggered)

	Normal	The oscilloscope acquires and updates the input signals only when a trigger event occurs.

The Normal trigger status appears in the upper right corner of the display.

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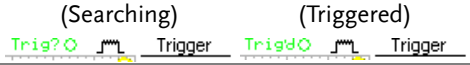


Holdoff		The holdoff function defines the waiting period before GDS-1000A starts triggering again after a trigger point. The Holdoff function ensures a stable display.
Video standard (video trigger)	NTSC	National Television System Committee
	PAL	Phase Alternative by Line
	SECAM	SEquential Couleur A Mémoire
Sync polarity (video trigger)		Positive polarity
		Negative polarity
Video line (video trigger)		Selects the trigger point in the video signal.
	field	1 or 2

	line	1~263 for NTSC, 1~313 for PAL/SECAM		
Pulse condition (pulse trigger)	Sets the pulse width (20ns ~ 10s) and the triggering condition.			
	>	Longer than	=	Equal to
	<	Shorter than	≠	Not equal to
Trigger slope		Triggers on the rising edge.		
		Triggers on the falling edge.		
Trigger coupling	AC	Triggers only on AC component.		
	DC	Triggers on AC+DC component.		
Frequency rejection	LF	Puts a high-pass filter and rejects the frequency below 50kHz.		
	HF	Puts a low-pass filter and rejects the frequency above 50kHz.		
Noise rejection	Rejects noise signals.			
Trigger level	LEVEL	Using the trigger level knob moves the trigger point up or down.		

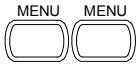
Configuring Holdoff

Background

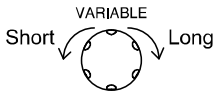
The Holdoff function defines the waiting period before GDS-1000A starts triggering again after the trigger point. The holdoff function is especially useful for waveforms with two or more repetitive frequencies or periods that can be triggered.

Panel operation

1. Press the Trigger menu key twice.

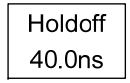


2. To set the Holdoff time, use the Variable knob. The resolution depends on the horizontal scale.



Range 40ns~2.5s

Pressing *Set to Minimum* sets the Holdoff time to the minimum, 40ns.



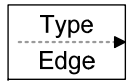
⚠ Note: The holdoff function is automatically disabled when the waveform update mode is in Roll mode.

Configuring the edge trigger

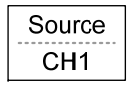
Procedure

1. Press the Trigger menu key.

2. Press *Type* repeatedly to select edge trigger.

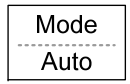


3. Press *Source* repeatedly to select the trigger source.



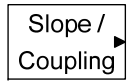
Range Channel 1, 2, Line, Ext

4. Press *Mode* repeatedly to select the Auto or Normal trigger mode. To select the single trigger mode, press the Single key.

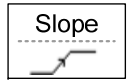


Range Auto, Normal

5. Press *Slope/coupling* to enter into the trigger slope and coupling selection menu.



6. Press *Slope* repeatedly to select the trigger slope, rising or falling edge.



Range Rising edge, falling edge

7. Press *Coupling* repeatedly to select the trigger coupling, DC or AC.

Range DC, AC

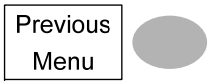
8. Press *Rejection* to select the frequency rejection mode.

Range LF, HF, Off

9. Press *Noise Rej* to turn the noise rejection on or off.

Range On, Off

10. Press *Previous* menu to go back to the previous menu.

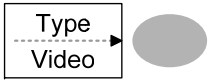


Configuring the video trigger

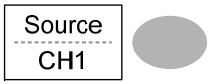
Procedure

1. Press the Trigger menu key.

2. Press *Type* repeatedly to select video trigger. The video trigger indicator appears at the bottom of the display.

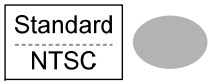


3. Press *Source* repeatedly to select the trigger source channel.



Range Channel 1, 2

4. Press *Standard* repeatedly to select the video standard.



Range NTSC, PAL, SECAM

5. Press *Polarity* repeatedly to select the video signal polarity.

Range positive, negative

6. Press *Line* repeatedly to select the video field line. Use the Variable knob to select the video line.

Field 1, 2

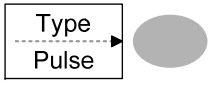
Video line NTSC: 1 ~ 262 (Even), 1 ~ 263 (Odd)
PAL/SECAM: 1 ~ 312 (Even),
1 ~ 313 (Odd)

Configuring the pulse width trigger

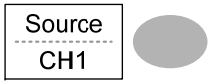
Procedure

1. Press the Trigger menu key.

2. Press *Type* repeatedly to select pulse width trigger. The pulse width trigger indicator appears at the bottom of the display.

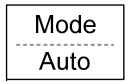


3. Press *Source* repeatedly to select the trigger source.



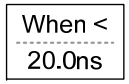
Range Channel 1, 2, Ext

4. Press *Mode* repeatedly to select the trigger mode, Auto or Normal. To select the Single trigger mode, press the Single key.



Range Auto, Normal

5. Press *When* repeatedly to select the pulse condition. Then use the Variable knob to set the pulse width.



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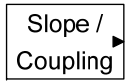
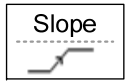
Width 20ns ~ 10s

6. Press *Slope/Coupling* to set trigger slope and coupling.

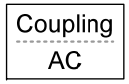


7. Press *Slope* repeatedly to select the trigger slope, which also appears at the bottom of the display.



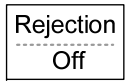
Range Rising edge, falling edge

8. Press *Coupling* repeatedly to select the trigger coupling.



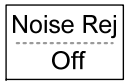
Range DC, AC

9. Press *Rejection* to select the frequency rejection mode.



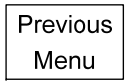
Range LF, HF, Off

10. Press *Noise Rej* to turn the noise rejection on or off.



Range On, Off

11. Press *Previous* menu to go back to the previous menu.



Manually triggering the signal

Note: This section describes how to manually trigger the input signals when the oscilloscope does not capture them. This section applies to the Normal and Single trigger mode, since in the Auto trigger mode, the oscilloscope keeps updating the input signal regardless of the trigger conditions.

To acquire the signal regardless of trigger conditions	To acquire the input signal regardless of the trigger condition, press the Force key. The oscilloscope captures the signals once.
In the Single trigger mode	Press the Single key to start waiting for the trigger condition. To break out of the Single mode, press the Run/Stop key. The trigger mode changes to the Normal mode.

USB Port Interface

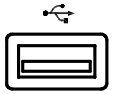
The USB port can be set to auto detect, however occasionally the USB host type cannot be detected. The USB Port function allows the USB host type to be manually or automatically set.

USB connection	PC / Printer end	Type A, host
	GDS-1000A end	Type B, slave
	Speed	1.1/2.0 (full speed)

Procedure

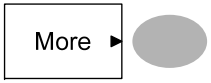
1. Connect the USB cable to the USB slave port on the GDS-1000A.

2. Insert the other end of the USB cable into the PC or Printer USB port.



3. Press the Utility key.

4. Press More (F5).



5. Press *USB Port* repeatedly to set the host device .

Range Printer, PC, Auto Detect

Remote Control Interface

The Remote control interface section describes how to set up the USB interface for PC connection. Remote control command details are described in the GDS-1000A Programming Manual. Note that printing to a PictBridge compatible printer and remote control cannot be supported at the same time as the same USB port is used.

USB connection	PC / Printer end	Type A, host
	GDS-1000A end	Type B, slave
	Speed	1.1/2.0 (full speed)

Procedure

1. Connect the USB cable to the USB slave port.

2. The USB port may need to be configured if the USB port is not automatically detected. Page83

3. When the PC asks for the USB driver, select dso_cdc_1000.inf (Windows XP) or dso_vista_cdc.inf (Vista 32bit) which are downloadable from the GW website, www.gwinstek.com, GDS-1000A product corner.

4. On the PC, activate a terminal application such as MTTTY (Multi-Threaded TTY). To check the COM port No., see the Device Manager in the PC. For WindowsXP, select Control panel → System → Hardware tab.

5. Run this query command via the terminal application.
   *idn?
   This command should return the manufacturer, model number, serial number, and firmware version in the following format.
   GW, GDS-1152A, XXXXXXX, V1.00

6. Configuring the command interface is complete. Refer to the programming manual for the remote commands and other details.

System Settings

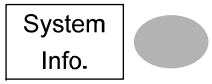
The system settings show the oscilloscope's system information and allow changing the language.

Viewing the system information

Procedure

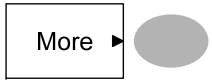
1. Press the Utility key.

2. Press *System Info*. The upper half of the display shows the following information.



   - Manufacturer
   - Model
   - Serial number
   - Firmware version
   - Web address

3. Press any other key to go back to the waveform display mode.



Selecting the language

Parameter

Language selection differs according to the region to which the oscilloscope is shipped.

- English
- Chinese (traditional)
- Chinese (simplified)
- Others

Procedure

1. Press the Utility key.

2. Press *Language* repeatedly to select the language.

SAVE/RECALL

The save function allows saving display images, waveform data, and panel settings into the oscilloscope's internal memory or an external SD card. The recall function allows recalling the default factory settings, waveform data, and panel settings from the oscilloscope's internal memory or an external SD card.

File Structures

Three types of file are available: display image, waveform file, and panel settings.

Display image file format

Format	xxxx.bmp (Windows bitmap format)
Contents	The current display image in 234 x 320 pixels, color mode. The background color can be inverted (Ink saver function).

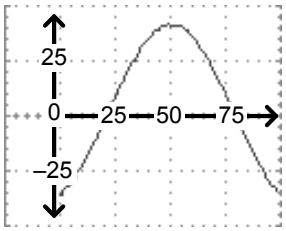
Waveform file format

Format	xxxx.csv (Comma-separated values format which can be opened in spreadsheet applications such as Microsoft Excel)	
Waveform type	CH1, 2	Input channel signal
	Math	Math operation result (page55)
Storage location	Internal memory	The oscilloscope's internal memory, which can hold 15 waveforms.

	External SD/SDHC card	An SD/SDHC card (FAT or FAT32 format) can hold practically an unlimited number of waveforms.
	Ref A, B	Two reference waveforms are used as a buffer to recall a waveform in the display. You have to save a waveform into internal memory or an SD card, then copy the waveform into the reference waveform slot (A or B), and then recall the reference waveform into the display.

Waveform data format

One division includes 25 points of horizontal and vertical data. The vertical point starts from the center line. The horizontal point starts from the leftmost waveform.



The time or amplitude represented by each data point depends on the vertical and horizontal scale. For example:

Vertical scale: 100mV/div (4mV per point)

Horizontal scale: 100us/div (4us per point)

Waveform Memory Depth	The memory depth is limited to 1 M points when both channels are activated or 2M points when only a single channel is activated. The signal must be triggered /stopped to have access to the full memory depth. Therefore when a signal is saved the waveform will be automatically stopped if it is not manually triggered /stopped first. There are a number of conditions when all of the available memory is not utilized due to a limited number of different sample rates. This can be caused by an un-triggered signal, or a time/div setting that is too fast to display all the points on screen.
⚠	Note: 2M point memory lengths are only available for time bases slower than 10ns/div on a single channel, and 1 M point memory lengths are only available for time bases slower than 25ns/div on two channels.
Waveform file contents: other data	A waveform file also includes the following information. • Memory Length • Source • Vertical Units • Vertical Position • Horizontal Scale • Horizontal Mode • Firmware • Mode • Trigger Level • Probe • Vertical Scale • Horizontal Units • Horizontal Position • Sampling Period • Time • Waveform Data

Setup file format

Format	xxxx.set (proprietary format) A setup file saves or recalls the following settings.		
Contents	Acquire	• mode	
	Cursor	• source channel • cursor location	• cursor on/off
	Display	• dots/vectors • grid type	• accumulation on/off
	Measure	• item	
	Utility	• hardcopy type • language	• ink saver on/off
	Horizontal	• display mode • position	• scale
	Trigger	• trigger type • trigger mode • video polarity • pulse timing	• source channel • video standard • video line • slope/coupling
	Channel (vertical)	• vertical scale • coupling mode • bandwidth limit on/off	• vertical position • invert on/off • probe
	Math	• operation type • vertical position • FFT window	• source channel • unit/div

Using the SD card file utilities

Background

When an SD card is inserted into the oscilloscope, file utilities (file deletion, folder creation and file/folder renaming) are available from the front panel.

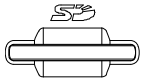
SD Card restriction

The GDS-1000A series accepts the following SD cards:

Type: SD, SDHC
Class: 2,4,6
Size: Up to 32GB (SDHC)
Format: FAT or FAT32

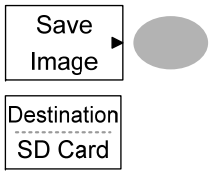
Procedure

1. Insert an SD card into the card slot.



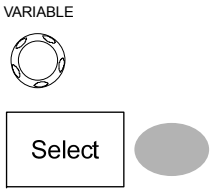
2. Press the Save/Recall key. Select any save or recall function. For example SD card destination in the Save image function.

(Example)



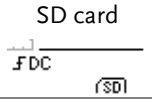
3. Press *File Utilities*. The display shows the SD card contents.

4. Use the Variable knob to move the cursor. Press *Select* to go into the folder or go back to the previous directory level.



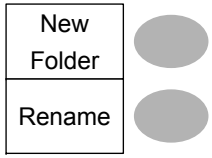
SD card indicator

When an SD card is inserted into the oscilloscope, an indicator appears at the right bottom corner of the display. (The SD card shouldn't be removed when a file is saved or retrieved from the SD card).

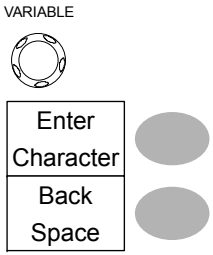


Creating a new folder / renaming a file or folder

1. Move the cursor to the file or folder location and press *New Folder* or *Rename*. The file/folder name and the character map will appear on the display.



2. Use the Variable knob to move the pointer to the characters. Press *Enter Character* to add a character or *Back Space* to delete a character.



3. When editing is complete, press *Save*. The new/renamed file or folder will be saved.

Deleting a folder or file

1. Move the cursor to the folder or file location and press *Delete*. The message "*Press F4 again to confirm this process*" appears at the bottom of the display.

2. If the file/folder still needs to be deleted, press *Delete* again to complete the deletion. To cancel the deletion, press any other key.

Quick Save (HardCopy)

Background

The Hardcopy key works as a shortcut for printing screen images directly to a printer or to save display images, waveform data, and panel settings onto an SD card.

The Hardcopy key can be configured into three types of operations: save image, save all (image, waveform, setup) and printer.

Using the Save/Recall key can also save files with more options. For details, see page96.

Functionalities

Save image (*.bmp)	Saves the current display image into an SD card.
Save all	Saves the following items into an SD card. • Current display image (*.bmp) • Current system settings (*.set) • Current waveform data (*.csv)

SD Card restriction

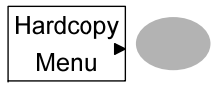
The GDS-1000A series accepts the following SD cards:
Type: SD, SDHC
Class: 2,4,6
Size: Up to 32GB (SDHC)
Format: FAT or FAT32

Procedure

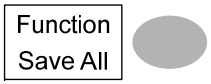
1. Insert an SD card to the slot.

2. Press the Utility key.

3. Press *Hardcopy Menu*.



4. Press *Function* repeatedly to select *Save Image* or *Save All*.



5. To invert the color in the display image, press *Ink Saver*. This turns Ink Saver on or off.

6. Press *Mem Leng* repeatedly to select *SD Normal* or *SD 1M/2M*. SD Normal and SD 1M/2M sets the waveforms to a 4k and 1M/2M memory length when saving, respectively.

   1M memory length is available when both CH1 and CH2 are active; 2M memory length is available when a single channel is active only.

7. Press the Hardcopy key. The file or folder will be saved to the root directory of the SD card.

Save

This section describes how to save data using the Save/Recall menu.

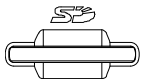
File type/source/destination

Item	Source	Destination
Panel setup (xxxx.set)	• Panel settings	• Internal memory: S1 ~ S15 • External memory: SD card
Waveform data (xxxx.csv)	• Channel 1, 2 • Math operation result • Reference waveform A, B	• Internal memory: W1 ~ W15 • Reference waveform A, B • External memory: SD card
Display image (xxxx.bmp)	• Display image	• External memory: SD card
Save All	• Display image (xxxx.bmp) • Waveform data (xxxx.csv) • Panel settings (xxxx.set)	• External memory: SD card
SD Card restriction	The GDS-1000A series accepts the following SD cards: Type: SD, SDHC Class: 2,4,6 Size: Up to 32GB (SDHC) Format: FAT or FAT32	

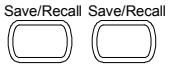
Saving the panel settings

Procedure

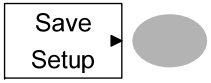
1. (For saving to an external SD card) Insert the card into the slot.



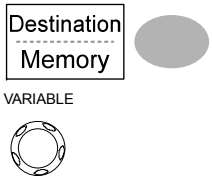
2. Press the Save/Recall key twice to access the Save menu.



3. Press *Save Setup*.



4. Press *Destination* repeatedly to select the saved location. Use the Variable knob to change the internal memory location (S1 ~ S15).



Memory	Internal memory, S1 ~ S15
SD card	External card, no practical limitation for the amount of file. When saved, the setup file will be placed in the root directory.

5. Press *Save* to confirm saving. When completed, a message appears at the bottom of the display.

Note The file will not be saved if the power is turned off or the SD card is disconnected before completion.

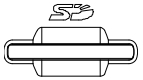
File utilities

To edit SD card contents (create/ delete/ rename files and folders), press *File Utilities*. For details, see page91.

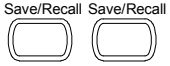
Saving the waveform

Procedure

1. (For saving to an external SD card) Insert the card into the slot.

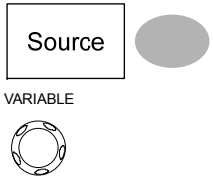


2. Press the Save/Recall key twice to access the Save menu.



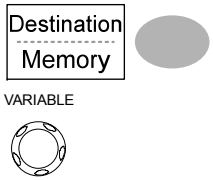
3. Press *Save Waveform*.

4. Press *Source*. Use the Variable knob to select the source signal.



CH1 ~ CH2	Channel 1 ~ 2 signal
Math	Math operation result (page55)
RefA, B	Internally stored reference waveforms A, B

5. Press *Destination* repeatedly to select the file destination. Use the Variable knob to select the memory location.



Memory	Internal memory, W1 ~ W15

SD Normal	Save to the SD card with a 4k waveform memory length.
SD 1M	Save to the SD card with a 1M waveform memory length. For 2 channel operation only.
SD 2M	Save to the SD card with a 2M waveform memory length. For single channel operation only.
Ref	Internal reference waveform, A/B

6. Press *Save* to confirm saving. When completed, a message appears at the bottom of the display.

Note The file will not be saved if the power is turned off or the SD card is disconnected before completion.

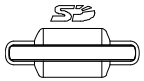
File utilities To edit SD card contents (create/ delete/ rename files and folders), press *File Utilities*. For details, see page91.

Saving the display image

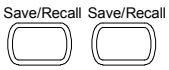
Background Saving the display image can be used as a screen capture or it can be used as a reference waveform.

Procedure

1. (For saving to an external SD card) Insert the card into the slot.



2. Press the Save/Recall key twice to access the Save menu.



3. Press *Save Image*.

4. Press *Ink Saver* repeatedly to invert the background color (on) or not (off).

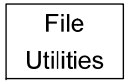
5. Press *Destination*.

SD card	External card, no practical limitation on the amount of files. When saved, the image file will be placed in the root directory.

6. Press *Save* to confirm saving. When completed, a message appears at the bottom of the display.

Note The file will not be saved if the power is turned off or the SD card is disconnected before completion.

File utilities To edit SD card contents (create/ delete/ rename files and folders), press *File Utilities*. For details, see page91.

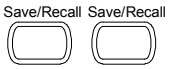


Saving all (panel settings, display image, waveform)

Procedure

1. (For saving to an external SD card) Insert the card into the slot.

2. Press the Save/Recall key twice to access the Save menu.



3. Press *Save All*. The following information will be saved.

Setup file (Axxxx.set)	Two types of setups are saved: the current panel setting and the last internally saved settings (one of S1 ~ S15).
Display image (Axxxx.bmp)	The current display image in the bitmap format.
Waveform data (Axxxx.csv)	Two types of waveform data are saved: the currently active channel data and the last internally saved data (one of W1 ~ W15).

4. Press *Ink Saver* repeatedly to invert the background color (on) or not (off) for the display image.

5. Press *Destination*.

SD Normal	Save to the SD card with a 4k waveform memory length.
SD 1M	Save to the SD card with a 1M waveform memory length. For 2 channel operation only.
SD 2M	Save to the SD card with a 2M waveform memory length. For single channel operation only.

6. Press *Save* to confirm saving. When completed, a message appears at the bottom of the display.

Note The file will not be saved if the power is turned off or the SD card is disconnected before completion.

7. Together with the current setup/waveform/ image, the last saved waveform file (one from W1 ~ W15) and setup file (one from S1 ~ S15) are also included in the folder.

File utilities

To edit SD card contents (create/ delete/ rename files and folders), press *File Utilities*. For details, see page91.

Recall

File type/source/destination

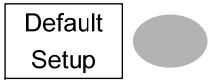
Item	Source	Destination
Default panel setup	• Factory installed setting	• Current front panel
Reference waveform	• Internal memory: A, B	• Current front panel
Panel setup (DSxxxx.set)	• Internal memory: S1 ~ S15 • External memory: SD card	• Current front panel
Waveform data (DSxxxx.csv)	• Internal memory: W1 ~ W15 • External memory: SD card	• Reference waveform A, B
SD Card restriction	The GDS-1000A series accepts the following SD cards: Type: SD, SDHC Class: 2,4,6 Size: Up to 32GB (SDHC) Format: FAT or FAT32	

Recalling the default panel settings

Procedure

1. Press the Save/Recall key.

2. Press *Default Setup*. The factory installed setting will be recalled.



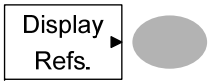
Setting contents	The following is the default panel setting contents.	
Acquisition	Mode: Normal	
Channel	Coupling: DC	Invert: Off
	BW limit: Off	voltage: x1
Cursor	Source: CH1	Horizontal: None
	Vertical: None	
Display	Type: Vectors	Accumulate: Off
	Graticule:	
Horizontal	Scale: 2.5us/Div	Mode: Main Timebase
Math	Type: + (Add)	Channel: CH1+CH2
	Position: 0.00 Div	Unit/Div: 2V
Measure	Item: Vpp, Vavg, Frequency, Duty cycle, Rise Time	
Trigger	Type: Edge	Source: Channel1
	Mode: Auto	Slope:
	Coupling: DC	Rejection: Off
	Noise Rejection: Off	
Utility	SaveImage, InkSaver Off	

Recalling a reference waveform to the display

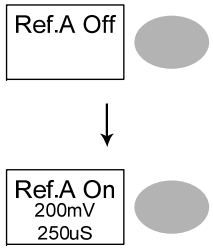
Procedure

1. The reference waveform must be stored in advance. See page 98 for details.
2. Press the Save/Recall key.

3. Press *Display Refs*. The reference waveform display menu appears.



4. Select the reference waveform, *Ref A* or *Ref B*, and press it. The waveform appears on the display and the period and amplitude of the waveform appears in the menu.

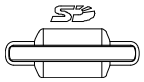


5. To clear the waveform from the display, press *RefA/B* again.

Recalling panel settings

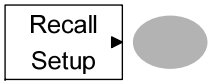
Procedure

1. (For recalling from an external SD card) Insert the card into the slot.

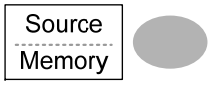


2. Press the Save/Recall key.

3. Press *Recall Setup*.



4. Press *Source* repeatedly to select the file source, internal or external memory. Use the Variable knob to change the memory.



Memory	Internal memory, S1 ~ S15
SD card	External card, no practical limitation on the amount of file. The setup file must be placed in the root directory to be recognized.

5. Press *Recall* to confirm recalling. When completed, a message appears at the bottom of the display.

Note The file will not be recalled if the power is turned Off or the SD card is disconnected before completion.

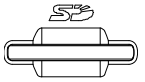
File utilities

To edit SD card contents (create/ delete/ rename files and folders), press *File Utilities*. For details, see page91.

Recalling a waveform

Procedure

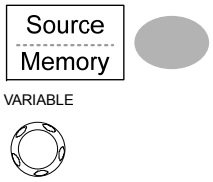
1. (For recalling from an external SD card) Insert the card into the slot.



2. Press the Save/Recall key.

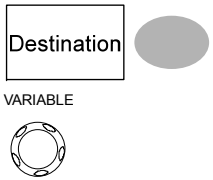
3. Press *Recall Waveform*. The display shows the available source and destination options.

4. Press *Source* repeatedly to select the file source, internal memory or external SD card. Use the Variable knob to change the memory location (W1 ~ W15).



Memory	Internal memory, W1 ~ W15
SD card	External flash drive, no practical limitation on the amount of files. The waveform file must be placed in the root directory to be recognized.

5. Press *Destination*. Use the Variable knob to select the memory location.



RefA, B	Internally stored reference waveforms A, B

6. Press *Recall* to confirm recalling. When completed, a message appears at the bottom of the display.

Note The file will not be recalled if the power is turned off or the SD card is disconnected before completion.

File utilities	To edit the SD card contents (create/ delete/ rename files and folders), press *File Utilities*. For details, see page91.

PRINT

The GDS-1000A is able to print screen images directly to a PictBridge compatible printer. The printed images can use the "Ink Saver" feature to print onto a white rather than a black background to reduce the amount of ink used. Note that printing and remote control cannot be used at the same time.

Print (Hardcopy)

Background

The Hardcopy key works as a shortcut for printing screen images directly to a printer or to save display images, waveform data, and panel settings onto an SD card.

The Hardcopy key can be configured into three types of operations: save image, save all (image, waveform, setup) and printer.

Procedure

1. Ensure the USB Port has been configured properly and that the USB cable is connected.

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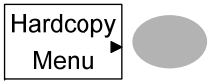
2. Press the Utility key.

3. Press *Hardcopy Menu*.



4. Press *Function* repeatedly to select *Printer*.

5. To invert the color in the display image, press *Ink Saver*. This turns Ink Saver on or off.

6. Press the Hardcopy key. The current screen image will be printed to the printer.

The Hardcopy key can be used to print to a printer each time until it is configured otherwise.

Note: If the error message "Printer Not Ready" is displayed, please check to ensure the printer is turned on, the USB cable is properly connected, and that the printer is ready.

MAINTENANCE

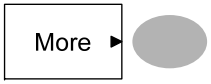
Two types of maintenance operations are available: calibrating the vertical resolution, and compensating the probe. Run these operations when using the oscilloscope in a new environment.

Vertical Resolution Calibration

Procedure

1. Press the Utility key.

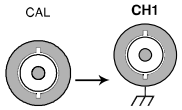
2. Press *More*.



3. Press *Self Cal Menu*.

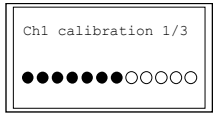
4. Press *Vertical*. The message "*Set CAL to CH1, then press F5*" appears at the bottom of the display.

5. Connect the calibration signal between the rear panel CAL out terminal and the Channel1 input.

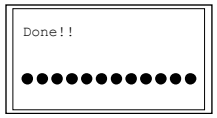


6. Press F5. The calibration automatically starts.

7. The Channel1 calibration will complete in less than 5 minutes.



8. When finished, connect the calibration signal to the Channel 2 input and repeat the procedure.

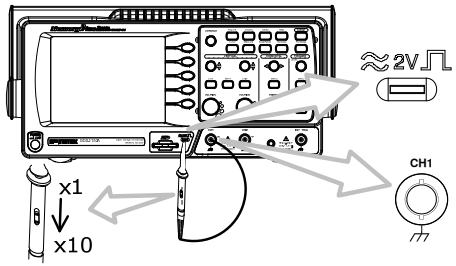


9. When the calibration is complete the display will go back to the previous state.

Probe Compensation

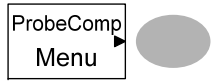
Procedure

1. Connect the probe between the Channel1 input and the probe compensation output (2Vp-p, 1kHz square wave) on the front panel. Set the probe attenuation to x10.

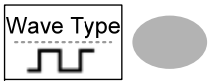


2. Press the Utility key.

3. Press *ProbeComp*.

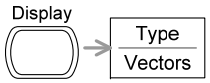


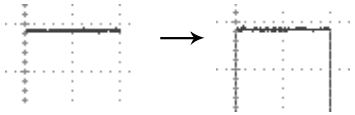
4. Press *Wavetype* repeatedly to select the standard square wave.



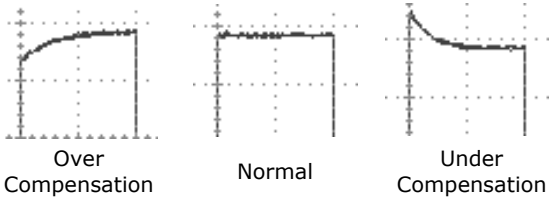
5. Press the Autoset key. The compensation signal will appear in the display.

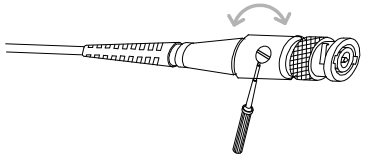
6. Press the Display key, then *Type* to select the vector waveform.





7. Turn the adjustment point on the probe until the signal edge becomes sharp.





FAQ

- The input signal does not appear in the display.
- I want to remove some contents from the display.
- The waveform does not update (frozen).
- The probe waveform is distorted.
- Autoset does not catch the signal well.
- I want to clean up the cluttered panel settings.
- The accuracy does not match the specifications.
- The SD card slot does not accept my card.
- The oscilloscope will not allow a 2M waveform to be saved.

The input signal does not appear in the display.

Make sure you have activated the channel by pressing the CH key (page40).

I want to remove some contents from the display.

To clear the math result, press the Math key again (page55).

To clear the cursor, press the Cursor key again (page52).

To clear the Help contents, press the Help key again (page39).

The waveform does not update (frozen).

Press the Run/Stop key to unfreeze the waveform. See page42 for details. For trigger setting details, see page75.

If this does not help, press the CH key. If the signal still does not appear, press the Autoset key.

The probe waveform is distorted.

You might need to compensate the probe. For details, see page112. Note that the frequency accuracy and duty factor are not specified for probe compensation waveforms and therefore it should not be used for other reference purposes.

Autoset does not catch the signal well.

The Autoset function does not catch signals well under 30mV or 20Hz. Please operate the oscilloscope manually. See page41 for details.

I want to clean up the cluttered panel settings.

Recall the default settings by pressing the Save/Recall key→Default Setting. For default setting contents, see page38.

The saved display image is too dark on the background.

Use the Inksaver function which reverses the background color. For details, see page99.

The accuracy does not match the specifications.

Make sure the device is powered on for at least 30 minutes, within +20°C~+30°C. This is necessary to stabilize the unit to match the specification.

The SD card slot does not accept my card.

Make sure the SD card is formatted as FAT or FAT32. Try a different SD card brand if you are still having trouble.

The oscilloscope will not allow a 2M waveform to be saved.

Make sure that only 1 channel is active. Make sure that the signal has been triggered and that the STOP or Single key has been pressed. Ensure the time base is slower than 10 ns/div. See page 87.

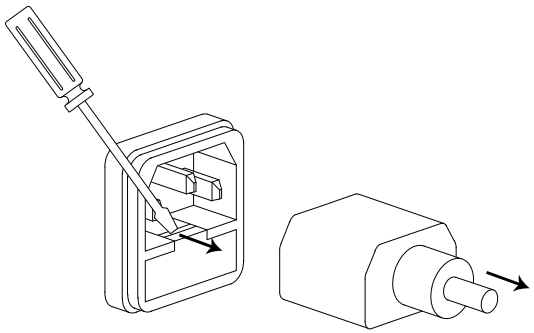
For more information, contact your local dealer or GWInstek at www.gwinstek.com / marketing@goodwill.com.tw.

APPENDIX

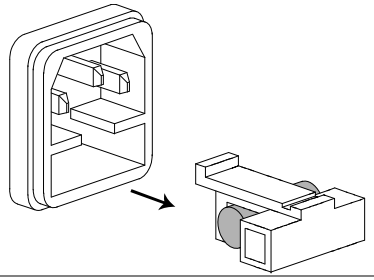
Fuse Replacement

Procedure

1. Remove the power cord and remove the fuse socket using a minus driver.



2. Replace the fuse in the holder.



Ratings T1A, 250V

GDS-1000A Series Specifications

The specifications apply when the oscilloscope is powered on for at least 30 minutes under +20°C~+30°C.

Model-specific specifications

GDS-1062A	Bandwidth (–3dB)	DC coupling: DC ~ 60MHz AC coupling: 10Hz ~ 60MHz
	Bandwidth Limit	20MHz (–3dB)
	Trigger Sensitivity	0.5div or 5mV (DC ~ 25MHz) 1.5div or 15mV (25MHz~60MHz)
	External Trigger Sensitivity	~ 50mV (DC~25MHz) ~ 100mV (25MHz~60MHz)
	Rise Time	< 5.8ns approx.
GDS-1102A	Bandwidth (–3dB)	DC coupling: DC ~ 100MHz AC coupling: 10Hz ~ 100MHz
	Bandwidth Limit	20MHz (–3dB)
	Trigger Sensitivity	0.5div or 5mV (DC ~ 25MHz) 1.5div or 15mV (25MHz~100MHz)
	External Trigger Sensitivity	~ 50mV (DC~25MHz) ~ 100mV (25MHz~100MHz)
	Rise Time	< 3.5ns approx.
GDS-1152A	Bandwidth (–3dB)	DC coupling: DC ~ 150MHz AC coupling: 10Hz ~ 150MHz
	Bandwidth Limit	20MHz (–3dB)
	Trigger Sensitivity	0.5div or 5mV (DC ~ 25MHz) 1.5div or 15mV (25MHz~150MHz)
	External Trigger Sensitivity	~ 50mV (DC~25MHz) ~ 100mV (25MHz~100MHz)
	Rise Time	< 2.3ns approx.

Common specifications

Vertical	Sensitivity	2mV/div~10V/Div (1-2-5 increments)
	Accuracy	± (3% x |Readout|+0.1div + 1mV)
	Bandwidth	See model-specific specifications
	Rise Time	See model-specific specifications
	Input Coupling	AC, DC, Ground
	Input Impedance	1MΩ±2%, ~15pF
	Polarity	Normal, Invert
	Maximum Input	300V (DC+AC peak), CAT II
	Math Operation	+, –, ×, FFT, FFT rms
	Offset Range	2mV/div~50mV/div: ±0.4V 100mV/div~500mV/div: ±4V 1V/div~5V/div: ±40V 10V/div : ±300V
Trigger	Sources	CH1, CH2, Line, EXT
	Modes	Auto, Normal, Single, TV, Edge, Pulse
	Coupling	AC, DC, LF rej, HF rej, Noise rej
	Sensitivity	See model-specific specifications
	Holdoff	40ns ~ 2.5s
External trigger	Range	DC: ±15V, AC: ±2V
	Sensitivity	See model-specific specifications
	Input Impedance	1MΩ±2%, ~15pF
	Maximum Input	300V (DC+AC peak), CATII
Horizontal	Range	1ns/div~50s/div, 1-2.5-5 increment Roll: 250ms/div – 50s/div
	Modes	Main, Window, Window Zoom, Roll, X-Y
	Accuracy	±0.01%
	Pre-Trigger	10 div maximum
	Post-Trigger	1000 div
X-Y Mode	X-Axis Input	Channel 1
	Y-Axis Input	Channel 2
	Phase Shift	±3° at 100kHz
Signal Acquisition	Real-Time	1G Sa/s maximum
	Equivalent	25G Sa/s maximum
	Vertical Resolution	8 bits
	Record Length	Maximum; 2M points (1 channel), 1M points (2 channels)
	Acquisition	Normal, Peak Detect, Average
	Peak Detection	10ns (500ns/div ~ 50s/div)
	Average	2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256

Cursors and Measurement	Voltage	Vpp, Vamp, Vavg, Vrms, Vhi, Vlo, Vmax, Vmin, Rise Preshoot/ Overshoot, Fall Preshoot/ Overshoot
	Time	Freq, Period, Rise Time, Fall Time, + Width, – Width, Duty Cycle
	Delay	FRR, FRF, FFR, FFF, LRR, LRF, LFR, LFF
	Cursors	Voltage difference (ΔV) and Time difference (ΔT) between cursors
	Auto Counter	Resolution: 6 digits, Accuracy: ±2% Signal source: All available trigger source except the Video trigger
Control Panel Function	Autoset	Automatically adjust Vertical Volt/div, Horizontal Time/div, and Trigger level
	Save/Recall	Up to 15 sets of measurement conditions and waveforms
Display	LCD	5.6 inch, TFT, brightness adjustable
	Resolution (dots)	234 (Vertical) x 320 (Horizontal)
	Graticule	8 x 10 divisions
	Display Contrast	Adjustable
Interface	USB Slave Connector	USB1.1 & 2.0 full speed compatible (flash disk not supported)
	SD Card Slot	Image (BMP) and waveform data (CSV)
Probe Compensation Signal	Frequency range	1kHz ~ 100kHz adjustable, 1kHz step
	Duty cycle	5% ~ 95% adjustable, 5% step
	Amplitude	2Vpp±3%
Power Source	Line Voltage	100V~240V AC, 47Hz~63Hz
	Power Consumption	18W, 40VA maximum
	Fuse Rating	1A slow, 250V
Operation Environment	Ambient temperature 0 ~ 50°C Relative humidity ≤ 80% @35°C	
Storage Environment	Ambient temperature –10°C to 60°C Relative humidity ≤ 80% @60°C	
Dimensions	310(W) x 142(H) x 140(D) mm	
Weight	Approx. 2.5kg	

Probe Specifications

GDS-1062A/1102A/1152A Probe

Applicable model & probe		GDS-1062A GTP-060A-4*	GDS-1102A GTP-100A-4*
Position x 10	Attenuation Ratio	10:1	
	Bandwidth	DC ~ 60MHz	DC ~ 100MHz
	Input Resistance	10MΩ when used with 1MΩ input	
	Input Capacitance	23pF approx.	17pF approx.
	Maximum Input Voltage	500V CAT I, 300V CAT II (DC+Peak AC) Derating with frequency	
Position x 1	Attenuation Ratio	1:1	
	Bandwidth	DC ~ 6MHz	
	Input Resistance	1MΩ when used with 1MΩ input	
	Input Capacitance	128pF approx.	47pF approx.
	Maximum Input Voltage	300V CAT I, 150V CAT II (DC+Peak AC) Derating with frequency	
Operating Cond.	Temperature	–10°C ~ 55°C	
	Relative Humidity	≤85% @35°C	
Safety Standard	EN 61010-031 CAT II		

Applicable model & probe		GDS-1152A GTP-150A-2*
Position x 10	Attenuation Ratio	10:1
	Bandwidth	DC ~ 150MHz
	Input Resistance	10MΩ when used with 1MΩ input
	Input Capacitance	17pF approx.
	Maximum Input Voltage	500V CAT I, 300V CAT II (DC+Peak AC) Derating with frequency
Position x 1	Attenuation Ratio	1:1
	Bandwidth	DC ~ 6MHz
	Input Resistance	1MΩ when used with 1MΩ input
	Input Capacitance	47pF approx.
	Maximum Input Voltage	300V CAT I, 150V CAT II (DC+Peak AC) Derating with frequency
Operating Cond.	Temperature	–10°C ~ 55°C
	Relative Humidity	≤85% @35°C
Safety Standard	EN 61010-031 CAT II	

* Note: GW Instek reserves the right to change the probe model type (GTP-060A-4, GTP-100A-4, GTP-150A-2) at anytime without notice for probe model types of similar specification.

EC Declaration of Conformity

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Are herewith confirmed to comply with the requirements set out in the Council Directive on the Approximation of the Law of Member States relating to Electromagnetic Compatibility (2004/108/EC) and Low Voltage Equipment Directive (2006/95/EC). For the evaluation regarding the Electromagnetic Compatibility and Low Voltage Equipment Directive, the following standards were applied:

◎ **EMC**

EN 61326-1 : EN 61326-2-1:	Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use — EMC requirements (2006)
Conducted and Radiated Emissions CISPR11: 2003+A1: 2004+A2: 2006	Electrostatic Discharge IEC 61000-4-2: 2001
Current Harmonic EN 61000-3-2: 2006	Radiated Immunity IEC 61000-4-3: 2006+A1: 2007
Voltage Fluctuation EN 61000-3-3: 1995+A1: 2001+A2 : 2005	Electrical Fast Transients IEC 61000-4-4: 2004+Corr.1 : 2006+Corr.2 : 2007
----------	Surge Immunity IEC 61000-4-5: 2005
----------	Conducted Susceptibility IEN 61000-4-6: 2003+A1: 2004+A2: 2006
----------	Power Frequency Magnetic Field IEC 61000-4-8: 2001
----------	Voltage Dips/ Interrupts IEC 61000-4-11: 2004

◎ **Safety**

Low Voltage Equipment Directive 2006/95/EC
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