2500B Series Microwave Signal Generators

Operation Manual

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1.1 Unsafe Operating Conditions

If you notice any of the following conditions while operating electronics equipment, IMMEDIATELY de-energize the equipment.

- The instrument fails to operate normally, or operates erratically.
- The power cable, receptacle, or plug on the instrument is damaged
- The instrument causes electrical shock or operates at abnormally high temperature.
- A liquid or foreign substance falls into the instrument
- The instrument generates an abnormal sound, smell, smoke, or sparking light.

If any of the above conditions occurs, contact Giga-tronics to get the instrument repaired.

WARNING ***Continuing to operate the instrument with any of the above conditions could cause death or serious damage to the instrument and any equipment connected to it.***

1.2 Safety and Manual Conventions

This manual contains conventions regarding safety and equipment usage as described below.

1.3 Personal Safety Alert

WARNING **WARNING:** Indicates a hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

1.4 Equipment Safety Alert

CAUTION **CAUTION:** Indicates a situation that can damage or adversely affect the 2500B or associated equipment.

1.5 Notes

Notes are denoted and used as follows:

NOTE: Highlights or amplifies an essential operating or maintenance procedure, practice, condition or statement.

1.6 Graphic Symbols for Front Panel Buttons

(Refer to Figure 3 on page 11)

Softkeys are adjacent to menu items that appear in the right-side area of the display. Pressing a softkey selects a menu item, which makes the menu item modifiable, or opens a submenu.

The menu items next to the softkeys are different for different menus, thus changing the function of the softkeys.

In this manual, softkeys are shown as: Soft Button followed by the name of the softkey.

For example: Soft Button Frequency, for setting the instrument frequency.

Menu Buttons are shown as: Menu Name For example, the System Menu button is: System

Other front panel buttons are shown graphically as: RF ON, Local, Preset.

Step Up/Step Down buttons: △ ▽

Rotary knob: ⊙

Chapter 2 Introduction

2.1 Overview

This chapter describes the controls, inputs/outputs, indicators, and display of the 2500B.

NOTE: In this manual, the term "2500B" is used to refer to all models in the 2500B series. A specific model of 2500B is referred to when necessary.

2.2 Giga-tronics 2500B Microwave Signal Generator Summary

The Giga-tronics 2500B series of microwave generators are high-performance, flexible instruments ideal for research and development (R & D) and manufacturing environments.

Among the characteristics that make the 2500B series an excellent choice for a wide variety of applications are:

- Frequency range from 100 kHz to 50 GHz (depending on model in series)
- Low phase noise
- Ultra-Low Close-in Phase Noise (Option 28)
- High output power (Option 20)
- Fast switching of both frequency and power (Option 29)
- Fast switching in both list mode and under remote control
- Full suite of analog modulation (Options 17A and 17B)
- Narrow pulse modulation ≤ 100 ns (Option 32)
- All 2500B signal generators comply with MIL-PRF-28800F, Class 3

In addition, the following are standard features on all models in the 2500B series:

- High stability time-base
- 10 MHz and 100 MHz reference input/output
- External ALC, digital ramp frequency and power sweep
- Automation Xpress Interface software
- Analog Sweep
- Emulation modes

NOTE: Complete technical data for all options for the 2500B series is located on page 86.

2.3 Configuration Information

Specific information regarding each 2500B is included on the serial number label on the rear of the instrument. The information on this label is described below.

Table 1: 2500B Serial Number Label

2500B Serial Number Label	
Descriptor	**Type of Information**
Code	This is a two-digit manufacturing code
Model	This is a four-number code formatted as 25XXB. There are six models, each with a different frequency range. See below.
Serial	This is a seven-digit serial number, and provides a unique identifier for each 2500B.
Opt	When options have been included in the 2500B, one or more two-digit numbers are listed on this line of the label. For more information about options, refer to page 86.
Model	**Frequency Range**
2502B	100 kHz to 2.5 GHz
2508B	2 GHz to 8 GHz
2520B	2 GHz to 20 GHz
2526B	2 GHz to 26.5 GHz
2540B	2 GHz to 40 GHz
2550B	2 GHz to 50 GHz
NOTE: The models shown above whose frequency ranges start at 2 GHz can be ordered with Option 18, which extends the frequency range down to 100 kHz.	

2.3.1 Special Configurations

When the 2500B has been configured for user-specific application(s), supplemental pages are inserted in the front of the binder for this manual. Remove the indicated page(s) and replace it (them) with the furnished Special Configuration supplemental page(s).

If the “Opt.” line contains a three digit number (for example, 641), there is a combination of options and/or special modifications installed in the instrument. Information relating to these special configurations is contained in supplemental pages included with the manual.

Information about standard options starts on page 86.

2.4 Receiving and Inspection

Follow the procedure in Table 2 for receiving and inspecting the 2500B.

Table 2: Receiving and Inspection of the 2500B

Receiving and Inspection of the 2500B	
Step	**Action**
1.	Before opening the shipping container, inspect it for any signs of damage. **If THERE IS evidence of damage**; record the location and extent of the damage and contact the shipper immediately to report the damage. **If there is NO EVIDENCE of damage**; continue to the next step.
2.	Open the shipping container and inspect the contents for evidence of damage. The contents should include any external, loose options and accessories, and the following: • Operation Manual • Power cord, 6 feet • Automation Express CD-ROM ***NOTE:*** for complete information about Automation Xpress, refer to the 2500B Programming Manual, Part Number 34783. If any of the contents are damaged or missing, contact Giga-tronics immediately. Refer to the Contact Information on page ii of this manual.
End of procedure	

2.5 Prepare the 2500B for Use

2.5.1 Cooling Considerations

The 2500B has an internal cooling fan. The air intake is located on the rear panel of the instrument. When placing or installing the instrument for use, ensure there are no obstructions to the flow of air into the instrument, nor obstruction for exhaust air flow at either side of the instrument.

2.5.2 AC Power Requirements

Table 3 below describes the power requirements and internal fuse specifications for the 2500B.

AC Line Cord: All 2500B microwave signal generators are supplied with a 6-foot, three-wire power cord with three-terminal polarized plug with a safety ground. If a different power cord is used, it must not exceed 3 meters (9 feet) in order to meet safety requirements.

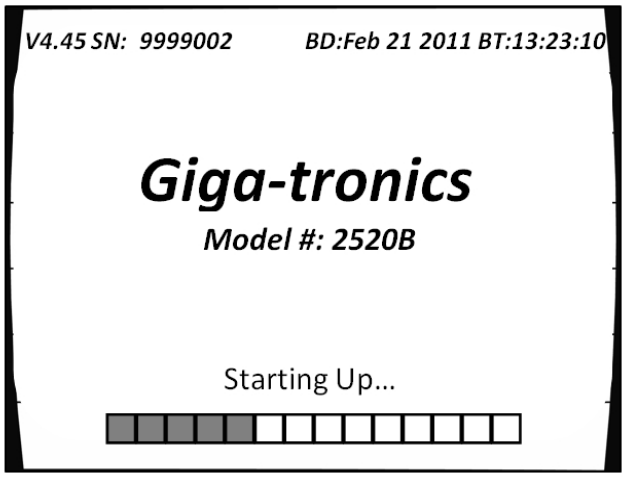
Table 3: 2500B AC Power and Fuse Specifications

2500B AC Power and Fuse Specifications	
Parameter	**Specification**
AC line voltage	90 to 253 Volts. ***NOTE:*** The 2500B automatically adjusts to operate at any voltage within the voltage range shown above. No adjustments are necessary.
AC line frequency	47 to 440 Hz
Internal fuse (in rear of 2500B)	3 A, Slow-Blow, 250V, Type T ***NOTE:*** The procedure for replacing the fuse is in Table 6 on page 9.

2.5.3 Start-up the 2500B

Table 4 below describes how to start-up the 2500B.

Table 4: Start-Up the 2500B

Start-Up the 2500B	
Step	**Action**
1.	Place the 2500B in the location where it will be used, observing the recommendations in section 2.5 on page 6.
2.	Plug the 2500B power cord into a suitable source of electrical power (see Table 3 on page 6 for electrical power specifications).
3.	Press the power switch on the front panel of the 2500B. The 2500B displays the following sequence of screens: • "Initializing" momentarily appears on the display. • The screen shown in Figure 1 appears. The following information is displayed on the start-up screen: • The firmware version • The serial number of the 2500B • The Build Date (BD) or the firmware version • The Build Time (BT) of the firmware version • A progress bar at the bottom of the screen  **Figure 1: 2500B Start Up**
4.	Upon the successful conclusion of start-up, the CW Menu is displayed. **If error messages occur during start-up:** Refer to page 88.
End of Procedure	

2.5.4 Reset the 2500B to Factory-Default Values

The 2500B uses non-volatile memory (NVRAM), which is preserved with a battery for storing the instrument's current state, saved setups, and lists. If you want to return these saved settings in NVRAM to the default values they were set to at the factory, perform the procedure below.

Table 5: Reset the 2500B to Default Values

Reset the 2500B to Default Values	
Step	**Action**
1.	Press the power switch on the front of the 2500B to de-energize the instrument. Wait 5 seconds, then go to the next step.
2.	Push the power switch in to energize the unit. While the message "INITIALIZING" is displayed, press and hold the Preset button.
3.	When the "Resetting Memory..." screen is displayed, release the PRESET button.
4.	The system continues to power up normally. All information stored in the memory locations is cleared, and the system resets to factory default settings.
End of Procedure	

2.5.5 Replace the AC Line Fuse

If the AC line fuse in the 2500B continues to blow, it's usually an indication of internal problems. If this occurs, contact Giga-tronics for help (see Table 7 on page 10). Table 6 below describes how to replace the fuse in the 2500B.

Table 6: Replace the 2500B Line Fuse

Replace the 2500B Line Fuse	
Step	**Action**
1.	Use the power switch on the front of the 2500B to switch the unit into STANDBY.
2.	On the rear of the 2500B, disconnect the AC line cord. The fuse compartment is located to the left of the AC line cord socket.
3.	Remove the fuse as follows (see Figure 2): **A)** Use a small flat-blade screwdriver to pry open the fuse compartment. **B)** Pull out the white fuse holder. **C)** You can now remove the fuse from the fuse holder. A B C  **Figure 2: 2500B Fuse Holder**
4.	Replace the fuse with a new fuse (3 A, Slow-Blow, 250V, Type T). • Push the fuse holder in, and close the fuse compartment door.
5.	Plug the AC line cord into the rear of the 2500B and return the instrument to operation. ***NOTE:*** If the 2500B continues to blow fuses, contact your local Giga-tronics sales representative or the Giga-tronics factory. See the contact information on page ii of this manual.
End of Procedure	

2.6 Shipping, Repair, and Calibration

2.6.1 Shipping the 2500B

If it is necessary to ship the 2500B, observe the following:

- Use the best packaging materials available. If possible, reuse the original shipping container.
- If the original shipping container is not available, use a strong carton (350 lbs./sq. in. bursting strength) or a wooden box.
- Wrap the instrument in electro-static dissipative material before placing it into the shipping container.
- Completely fill the areas on all sides of the instrument with packaging material. Take extra precaution to protect the front and rear panels.
- Seal the package with strong tape or metal bands. Mark the outside of the package clearly, and in bold type, as follows:

FRAGILE — DELICATE INSTRUMENT

2.6.2 Repairs

The Giga-tronics 2500B microwave signal generator is a robust instrument that has been designed and built for years of trouble-free service. However, if you experience problems with the instrument, do the following:

1. Contact your local Giga-tronics sales office, or the factory, and be prepared to provide the model, serial number, and any included options of your instrument, and a description of the problem. To contact the factory directly, use the following information:

Table 7: Contacting Giga-tronics Customer Service

Contacting Giga-tronics Customer Service	
Email	repairs@gigatronics.com
Telephone (within the United States)	800.726.4442
Telephone	925.328.4669
Fax	925.328.4702

2. If it is has been determined that you must ship the 2500B to the factory or a service center for repair, you will be issued a ***Return Materials Authorization (RMA)*** number. Use the RMA number in all correspondence regarding the repair.
3. Pack the 2500B for shipment as described in the previous section, and enclose all relevant information regarding the problem.
4. Ship the 2500B to the address provided by Giga-tronics Customer Service.

2.6.3 Calibration

Giga-tronics recommends that the 2500B be calibrated every two years. For more information regarding calibration of your instrument, contact Giga-tronics (see page ii of this manual).

2.7 2500B Front Panel

Figure 3, below, describes the main features of the front panel of the 2500B. Refer to the tables on the following pages for detailed descriptions of the parts of the front panel.

NOTE: A 2520B is shown in Figure 3. The 2520B front panel is representative of the entire 2500B series.

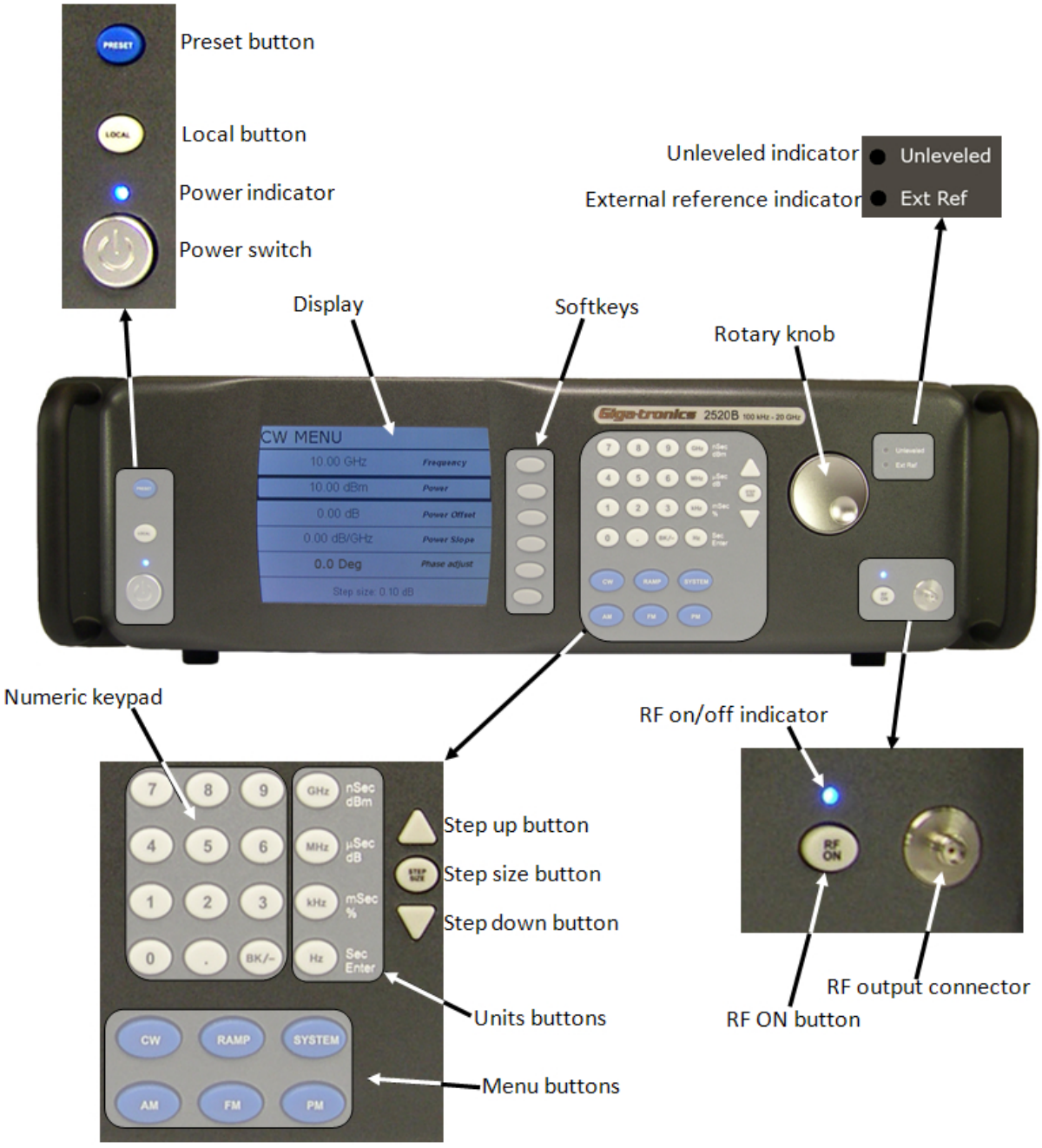


Figure 3: 2520B Front Panel

Table 8: 2500B Front Panel

2500B Front Panel	
Name	**Description**
POWER button	Puts the 2500B into one of two states: • STANDBY; power is applied to the internal timebase oscillator. This is to maintain timebase stability when the 2500B is not in use. • ON; all functions of the 2500B are available for use. ***NOTE:*** To ensure specified performance, allow the 2500B to remain ON or in STANDBY for at least 30 minutes prior to using the instrument.
POWER indicator	• BLUE indicates the instrument is ON and all functions are available. • AMBER indicates the instrument is in STANDBY mode.
LOCAL button	• If in REMOTE mode, pressing this button puts the instrument into LOCAL mode. • If the unit is in LOCAL mode: pressing this button displays menus that allow you to choose the remote command language used during remote operation.
PRESET button	• Pressing the PRESET button momentarily presets instrument settings to factory default values, but does not affect system memory locations, display contrast, or the GPIB address. • Pressing and holding the PRESET button while the unit is powering up initializes NVRAM, which includes presetting instrument settings to factory default values as well as initializing all ten system memory locations, the display contrast, and the GPIB address.
Display	• Displays current instrument settings, and menus for modifying the settings. • The *active display* is the group of instrument settings and associated menu items that are currently displayed.
Softkeys	Selects the menu items adjacent to them in the display for modification.
Numeric Keypad	Use for entering numeric settings for generator functions.
STEP SIZE button	Selects and allows editing of the step size by the Step Up/Step Down buttons, rotary knob, or numeric keypad. To change a step size, see Table 11 on page 18.
RF ON button	Activates RF power output from the 2500B.
Step up/down buttons	Increases or decreases the selected parameter in the display by the amount specified by the step size.
Rotary knob	Adjusts the parameter that is selected in the display. When a maximum or minimum limit is reached, a message appears at the bottom of the display.
Unleveled indicator	When this indicator illuminates, it means that the power output cannot be increased any further, even though the power output displayed on the front panel may show an increase. The unleveled point varies with frequency.
External Reference (Ext Ref) Indicator	Illuminated when the 2500B is operating with an external reference applied.

2500B Front Panel	
Name	**Description**
RF On/Off Indicator	This indicator has two states: • BLUE indicates the 2500B RF output is active. • NOT illuminated indicates the RF output is not active.
RF Output	The connector type of the RF Output is determined by the upper frequency limit of the instrument, as follows: • 2502B and 2508B: type-N (F) • 2520B: SMA (F) • 2526B: SMA (F) • 2540B: 2.92 mm (F) • 2550B: 2.4 mm (F) ***NOTE:*** On some options, the RF output is on the rear panel. Refer to page 86 for information about all options.
Menu buttons	
CW Button	Press this button to display the CW Menu. Shows parameters related to the CW functions and the Cable Correction functions and their associated menu items.
RAMP Button	Press this button to display either the Ramp Frequency or Ramp Power Menus.
SYSTEM Button	Press this button to display either the System 1 or System 2 menu.
AM Button	Press this button to display the Amplitude Modulation (AM) menus.
FM Button (Includes phase modulation menus)	Press this button to display the Frequency Modulation (FM) and Phase Modulation (ΦM) menus.
PM Button	Press this button to display the Pulse Modulation (PM) menu.

2.7.1 Menus

Menus appear on the front panel display of the 2500B. The figure below shows the CW menu to illustrate the common areas of all menus.

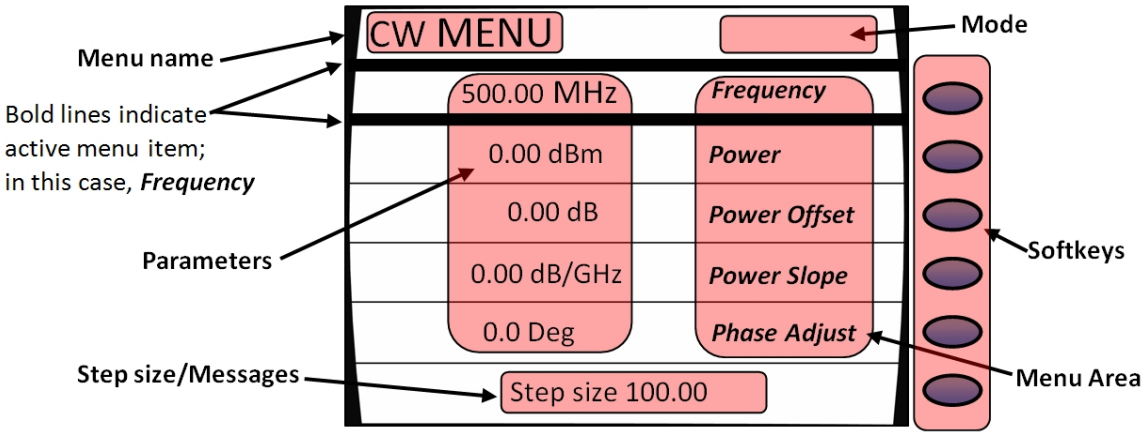


Figure 4: Functional Areas of the 2500B Display

Table 9: 2500B Display Description

2500B Display Description	
Area of Display	**Description**
Menu Name	Name of the menu that is displayed. This is called the *active menu*.
Parameters	Displays the current values of the instrument settings associated with the active menu. Parameters can be modified by the rotary knob or Step Up/Down buttons.
Step Size/Messages	The step size is the minimum increment by which a parameter can be modified. The step size can be adjusted. Non-error user messages can also appear in this area.

Menu Area	Displays one of the following:
	• Submenus
	• Menu items that can be modified in the active menu.
	  • Menu items are selected (made active) by pressing the adjacent softkey.
	  • The row containing the active parameter has a bold border around it.

Softkeys	Each softkey makes a submenu selectable or parameter active for modification.

2500B Display Description	
Area of Display	**Description**
Mode	This area may contain one of the following codes: • ***OFS*** appears if a power offset greater than 0 dB is set in the CW menu. • ***SLP*** appears if a power slope greater than 0 dB/GHz is set in the CW menu. • ***AM*** appears if internal or external amplitude modulation is enabled • ***FM*** appears if internal or external frequency modulation is enabled • ***ΦM*** appears if internal or external phase modulation is enabled • ***PM*** appears if internal or external pulse modulation is enabled • ***EXT LEVEL*** appears if ALC is set to external • ***UNLK*** appears if the Phase Lock Loop is unlocked ***OVEN COLD*** appears if the internal temperature of the 2500B has not reached operational temperature. It is not recommended to use the 2500B while this indicator is active.

2.7.2 Menu Structure

Figure 5 below shows the structure of the menus of the 2500B. To access the menus, you must first press one of the blue Menu buttons (see Figure 3 on page 11).

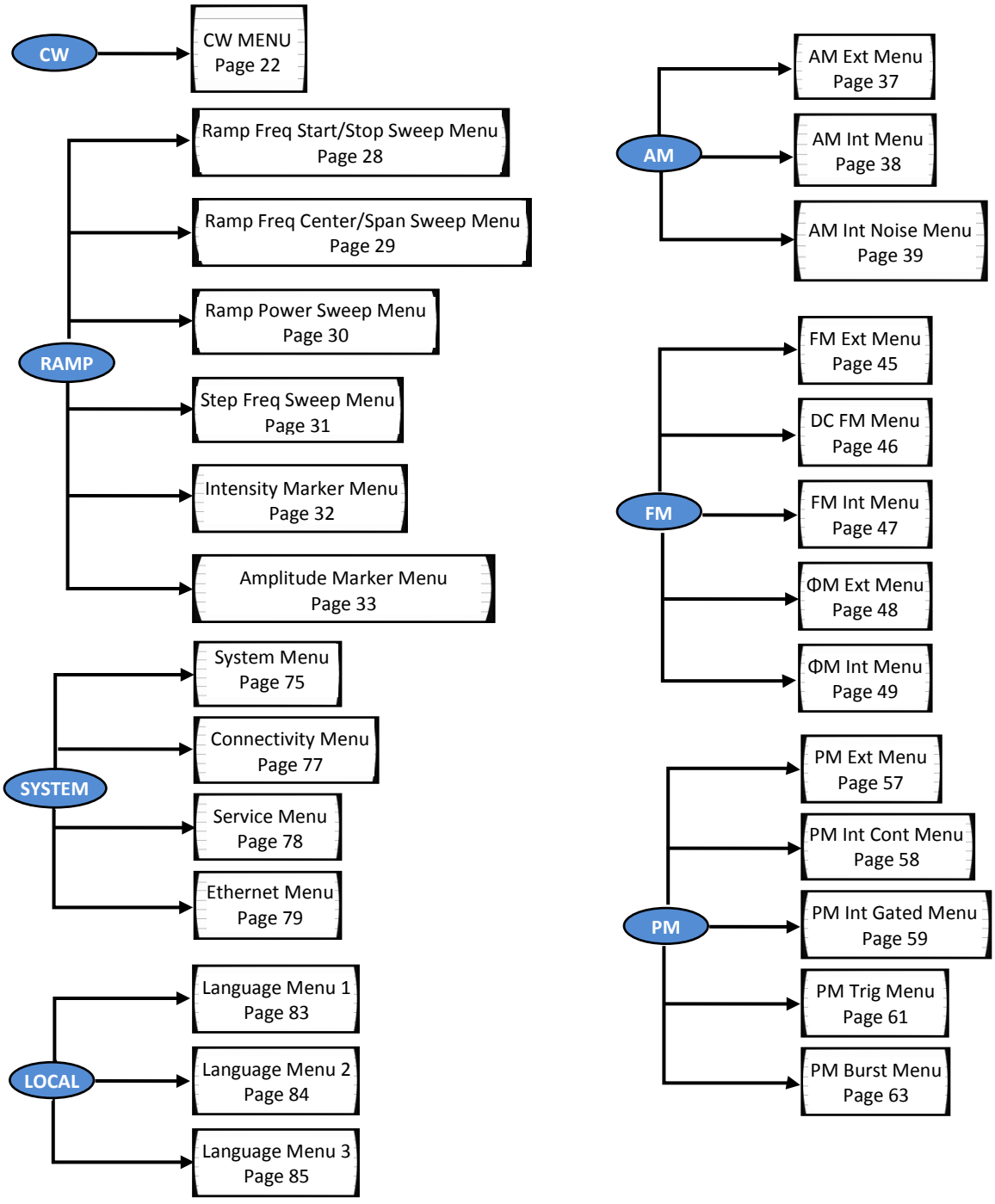


Figure 5: Structure of the 2500B Menus

2.7.3 Access the Menus

- In local operation, the 2500B menus are accessed via the Menu buttons or Local button on the front panel (see Figure 3 on page 11). Pressing a Menu button causes the menu for that button to appear on the display. The Menu buttons are:
  - CW
  - Ramp
  - System
  - AM
  - FM; includes phase modulation (ΦM) menus
  - PM
- The LOCAL button allows you to access and modify communication functions during remote operation of the 2500B (see Figure 3 on page 11).

2.7.4 Softkeys

Use the softkeys (see Figure 4 on page 14) to select a submenu or parameter shown to the left of the softkey, in the display.

- Pressing a softkey next to a submenu displays the submenu and makes its parameters available for viewing and modification.
- Pressing a softkey next to a parameter makes it active for modification.

2.7.5 Modify Menu Parameters

Parameters in the Menu Area of the display (see Figure 4 on page 14) can be modified using either the rotary knob, Step Up/Down keys, or the numeric keypad (see Figure 3 on page 11), except where otherwise noted. Table 10 below describes how to modify a menu parameter.

Table 10: Modify a Menu Parameter

Modify a Menu Parameter	
Step	**Action**
1.	Press the softkey adjacent to the parameter you want to modify. Note that the parameter becomes enclosed in a bold outline box when it is selected.
2.	Modify the value of the parameter by using △ ▽, ◎, or the numeric keypad (except where otherwise noted).
End of Procedure	

2.7.6 Modify the Step Size

The step size for a parameter can be modified as described below.

Table 11: Change the Step Size of a Parameter

Change the Step Size of a Parameter	
Step	**Action**
1.	Use a softkey to select a parameter. For example, in the CW menu, select Frequency.
2.	Press the Step Size button (see Figure 3 on page 11).
3.	Enter a new step size using the numeric keypad.
4.	Press the appropriate Units button (see Figure 3 on page 11).
5.	Press the Step Size button to save the new step size. Now, when you change the CW frequency using the Step Up/Step Down buttons or the rotary knob, the parameter changes according to the new Step Size.
End of Procedure	

2.8 2500B Rear Panel

Figure 6 below shows the locations of the components on the 2500B rear panel. Descriptions of the rear panel components are on the following pages.

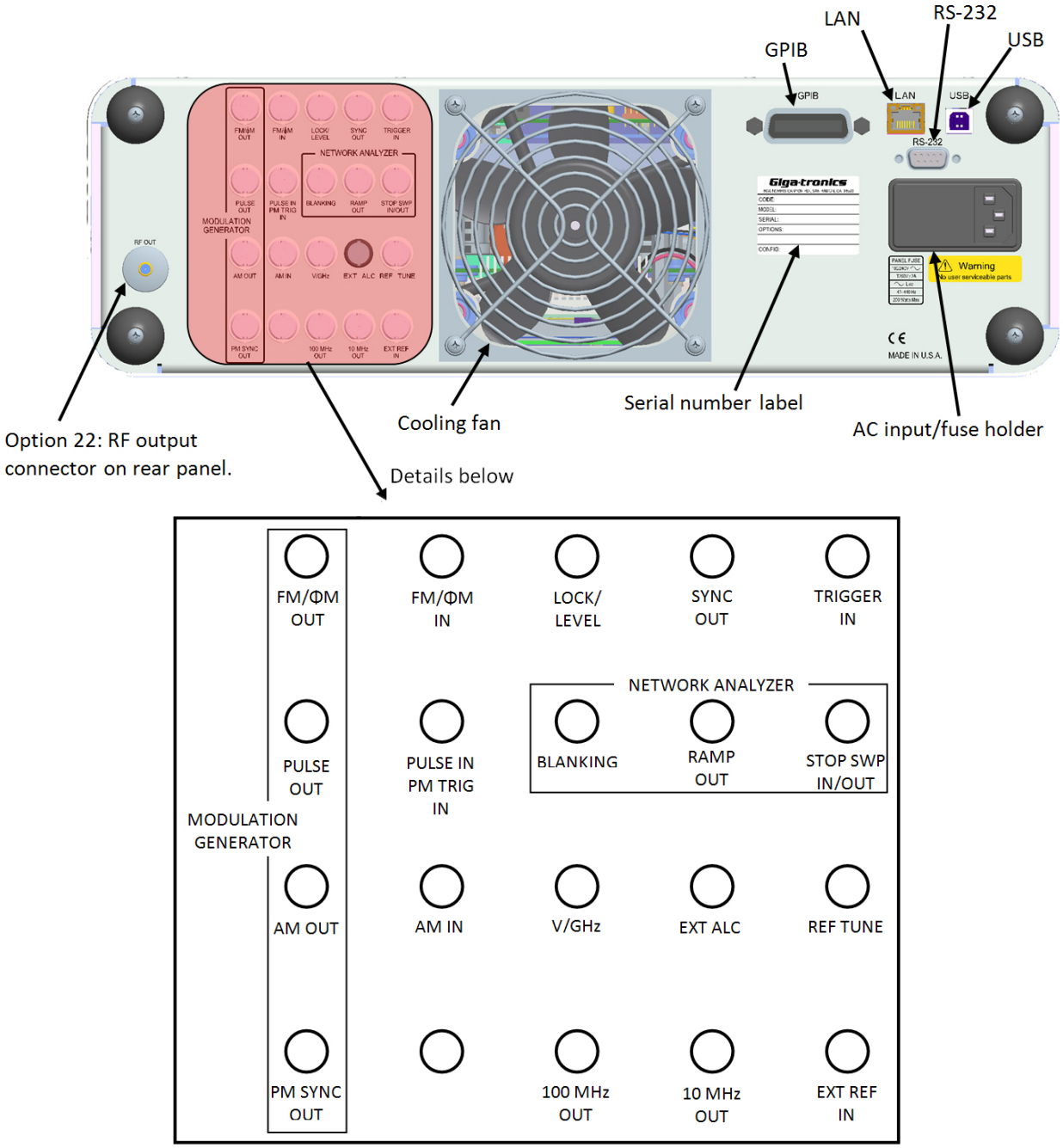


Figure 6: 2500B Rear Panel

Table 12: 2500B Rear Panel

2500B Rear Panel	
Name	**Description**
EXT ALC	In external leveling, the RF output of the 2500B is detected by either a positive or negative crystal detector, or power meter with an analog output. The signals from these devices are connected to the ALC circuitry of the 2500B, which is used to compensate for standing wave effects or cable and component losses at the input of the device under test.
MODULATION GENERATOR	
FM/ϕM OUT	The internal modulation generator output; 2 Vpp into 10 kΩ.
PULSE OUT	A +4 V video representation of the pulsed RF output signal.
AM OUT	The internal modulation generator output; 2 Vp-p into 10 kΩ.
PM SYNC OUT	A synchronization output pulse of > 75 ns width, TTL levels that can be delayed relative to the leading edge of the video signal at the PULSE OUT connector. Limits of delay: ≥ 50 ns, ≤ 10 ms.
FM/ϕM IN	• A 50 Ω input for an external FM or ϕM modulating signal. The input signal can be any waveform compatible with bandwidth considerations. A 1-V peak input produces maximum deviation. Maximum input is ± 1 V p-p. • An externally supplied DC signal can be applied to this input to modulate the frequency of the CW output.
AM IN	A 600 Ω input for an external AM signal. The input signal can be any waveform compatible with bandwidth considerations. Maximum input is ± 1 V p-p.
PULSE IN PM TRIG IN	A Pulse Modulation Input for external Pulse In. The input parameters are: TTL, polarity selectable, 50 Ω characteristic impedance, 2 kΩ pull-up.
LOCK/LEVEL	+5 Volt output, active high when the 2500B is phase locked and output leveled. The Lock and Level indicator is valid for CW and List mode.
REF TUNE	A 0 to +10 Volts, high-impedance input for tuning the internal reference in order to adjust the output frequency approximately +5 ppm. Do not exceed +15 Volts or apply a negative voltage greater than -1 Volt.
SYNC OUT	In List mode, the unit can be set to generate a pulse at this output when a specified list point is reached. The RF output can be delayed from the start of the list point up to a maximum of 10 ms. The pulse width of the SYNC OUT signal is determined as follows: Pulse width = Step Time - Sync Delay - 10 µs. In Ramp operation, the pulse occurs at the start of each ramp sweep. In either case, the output pulse is +5 Volts.
TRIGGER IN	Triggers a List. Accepts a TTL level signal of > 50 ns width.

2500B Rear Panel	
Name	**Description**
NETWORK ANALYZER	
BLANKING	A +5 Volt output signal occurring at band crossings, filter switches, and retraces for the duration of those events.
RAMP OUT	A 0 to 10 Volt ramp output scaled to the frequency sweep.
STOP SWP IN/OUT	Stop Sweep I/O is a 5 Volt, 2 kΩ, active-low signal that temporarily interrupts the instrument's frequency or power ramp sweep. This feature is only available with HP8340 or HP8370 command emulation.
V/GHz	An output voltage that is directly proportional to output frequency. The output is 0.5 Volts per GHz.
100 MHz OUT	> +5 dBm, AC coupled, 100 MHz low-noise reference output signal into 50 Ω.
10 MHz OUT	10 MHz TTL reference output signal into 50 Ω.
EXT REF IN	The external reference input. Can be either a 10 MHz input that is > -5.0 dBm into 50 Ω or a 100 MHz input > +5 dBm. The 100 MHz input level should not exceed +8 dBm for best performance. ***NOTE:*** If the external frequency reference has excessive noise or drift, this will degrade the performance of the 2500B.
GPIB	A 24-pin IEEE STD 488.2 connector for control of the instrument during remote operation using GPIB.
RS-232	A DB-9 connector for control of the instrument during remote operation using RS-232 serial communications.
USB	A USB connector for control of the instrument during remote operation using USB 2.0 (full speed) communications
Ethernet	An Ethernet connector for control of the instrument during remote operation using LAN interface communications.
AC Power Input	90 to 253 V ac, auto-sensing, 47 Hz to 440 Hz.
NOTE: All rear panel I/O connectors (except the GPIB, RS-232, LAN, USB, and AC power connections) are type BNC unless otherwise stated. Some connectors may be inactive due to installed options.	

Chapter 3 CW Operation

This section describes the CW Menu of the 2500B, and includes an example procedure for generating a CW signal.

The CW specifications of the 2500B start on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**.

3.1 CW Menu Description

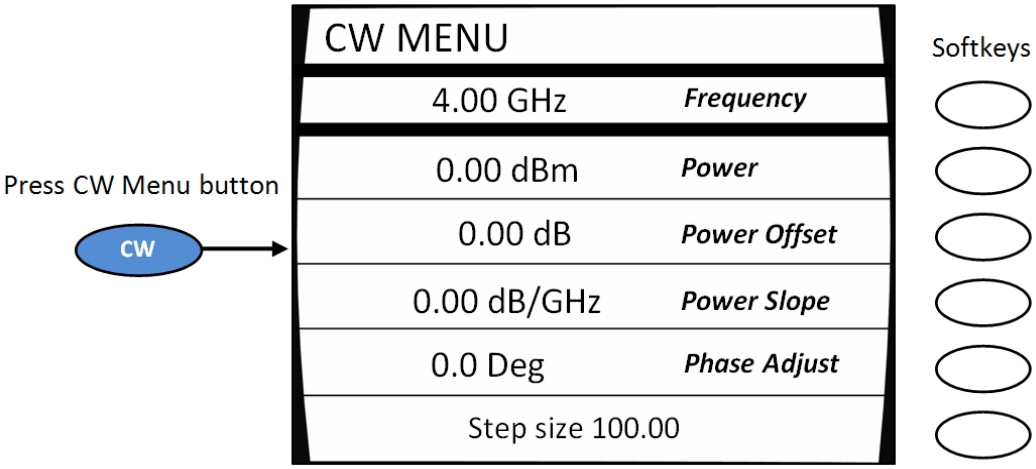
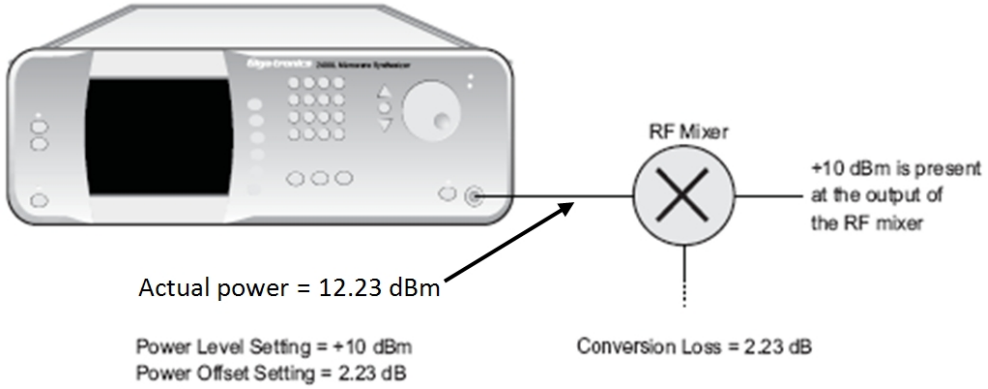


Figure 7: CW Menu

Table 13: CW Menu

CW Menu	
Parameter	**Description**
Frequency	The instrument's center frequency. The range of the center frequency is dependent on the model number and options of the instrument.
Power	The output power level of the selected frequency. The range of the output power level also depends on the Power Offset and Power Slope settings in the CW menu, as well as other settings of the instrument.
Power Offset	The Power Offset feature increases the instrument's output power by the amount of the Power Offset setting, without changing the Power level as shown in the display. This allows you to compensate for the insertion or conversion loss of components that are attached to the instrument's RF output. An example is shown in Figure 8.  **Figure 8: Power Offset Example** The Power Offset indicator (**OFS**) appears in the upper right-hand corner of the display when any power offset value greater than 0.00 dB is entered.
Power Slope	The power slope feature increases the instrument's output power linearly as a function of the output frequency. The power slope function allows you to automatically compensate for insertion/conversion losses of components attached to the instrument's RF output that exhibit a linear loss characteristic with frequency. The Power Slope indicator (**SLP**) appears in the upper right-hand corner of the display when the power slope is greater than 0.00 dB/GHz.
Phase Adjust	This menu item displays and allows you to modify the phase of the output signal. Note the following: • The phase of the signal is maintained until the phase is readjusted or whenever the instrument frequency setting is changed. • When the instrument frequency setting is changed, the phase adjust setting is reset to 0 degrees. • Phase Adjust is specified for a minimum frequency range of 500 MHz to the maximum frequency range of the instrument. Phase adjust is available for frequencies below 500 MHz, however the output response time of the phase adjust is decreased.

3.2 Generate a CW Signal

This procedure describes how to setup the 2500B to generate a CW signal with the following characteristics:

- Frequency: 1.250 GHz
- Power: 1 dBm
- Power offset: adjust as necessary to compensate for losses in test setup
- Power slope: adjust as necessary to compensate for losses that vary linearly with frequency
- Phase adjust: adjust as necessary

NOTE: The example procedure below uses specific parameters to illustrate how to setup the 2500B. You can use this procedure for real-life situations by simply changing the parameters to fit your needs.

Use this setup where a single, un-modulated frequency is needed, and where losses and frequency response are not significant in the cables and fixtures connecting to the DUT.

This procedure describes how to set up the 2500B to generate a continuous wave (CW) signal at a specified output power level. This procedure is also used to configure the carrier signal when modulation is used.

Table 14: Generate a CW Signal

Generate a CW Signal	
Step	**Action**
1.	Press .
2.	Select Softkey Frequency. Enter the 1.250 GHz using the numeric keypad, △ ▽, or ◎. ***NOTE:*** Whenever the frequency of the instrument is changed, the Phase Adjust setting resets to 0 degrees. The Phase Adjust range is 500 MHz to the maximum frequency of the instrument.
3.	**If the step attenuator option IS INSTALLED in the unit**: Go to the Step 4. **If the step attenuator option IS NOT installed in the unit**: Go to Step 5.

Generate a CW Signal	
Step	**Action**
4.	The step attenuator, if installed, can be set to one of two modes: • *Auto Mode:* In this mode, the step attenuator automatically switches attenuation state as the instrument's output power level setting is varied. To set the step attenuator so that it automatically switches attenuation levels with changes in output power level; 1. Press System. 2. Select Softkey System Menu. 3. Select Softkey Attenuation. 4. Use △ ▽ or Softkey Attenuation to select Auto. • *Fixed Mode:* In this mode, the step attenuator is set to a fixed level of attenuation. The maximum and minimum settable range is +25 dB to -20 dB relative to the attenuator setting. To set the step attenuator so that it remains fixed at a desired level of attenuation 1. Press System. 2. Select Softkey System Menu. 3. Select Softkey Attenuation. 4. Use △ ▽, or Softkey Attenuation to select the level of attenuation.
5.	Return to the main CW menu if necessary by pressing [ ].
6.	Select [ ] Power, and enter 1.00 dBm: 1. On the numeric keypad (see Figure 3 on page 11), enter 1.00. 2. Press the GHz/nSec/dBm units button ***NOTE:*** You can also change the value by using the △ ▽ keys, or ⊙.
NEXT STEP*:* The insertion/conversion loss compensation features of the 2500B includes the: • Power Offset feature, which is used to compensate for a fixed level of insertion or conversion loss; • Power Slope feature, which is used to compensate for insertion or conversion loss that linearly varies with frequency.	
7.	**If YOU WANT to use the insertion/conversion loss compensation features of the 2500B:** Perform either, or both, Step 8 and Step 9 as necessary. **If you DO NOT want to use the insertion/conversion loss compensation features of the 2500B:** Go to Step 10.
8.	***To compensate for a fixed level of loss***; 1. Select [ ] Power Offset. 2. Enter the desired loss correction using the numeric keypad, △ ▽, or ⊙. Note that when a correction factor is entered, **OFS** appears in the upper right corner of the display.

Generate a CW Signal	
Step	**Action**
9.	***To compensate for a loss that varies linearly with frequency***; 1. Select Softkey Power Slope. 2. Enter the desired correction factor using the numeric keypad, △ ▽ keys, or ⊙. Note that when this correction factor is entered, **SLP** appears in the upper right corner of the display.
10.	***To adjust the phase of the output***; select Softkey Phase Adjust, and enter the desired phase shift using the numeric keypad, △ ▽ keys, or ⊙.
11.	If the RF ON indicator is not lit, press the RF ON button to enable the RF output.
12.	Verify that the Unleveled indicator is not lit.
13.	If the Unleveled indicator is lit, then the combination of output power level, power offset, power slope, and step attenuator mode (if applicable) is set inappropriately, and the RF output is unleveled. Adjust the combination of settings until the Unleveled indicator turns off.
End of Procedure	

Chapter 4 Ramp Operation

This chapter describes in detail the menus and parameters in the Ramp Menus. This chapter includes example procedures for using the 2500B front panel controls to setup ramps.

4.1 Ramp Menu Description

The Ramp Menu provides a powerful, flexible suite of functions to meet the most demanding test requirements. The figure below shows the Ramp Main Menu.

Ramps can be set up for frequency or power. When a ramp is created, one parameter is swept (either frequency or power), and the other parameter is held constant.

For example, if a frequency ramp is created, the power is held constant over the range of ramp frequencies. Conversely, if a power ramp is created, the frequency is held constant over the range of power.

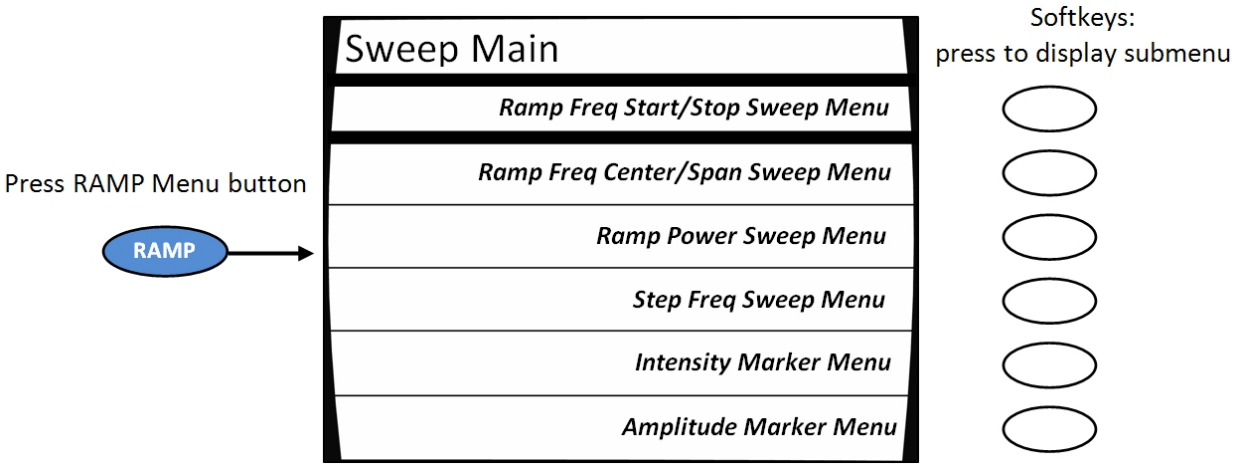
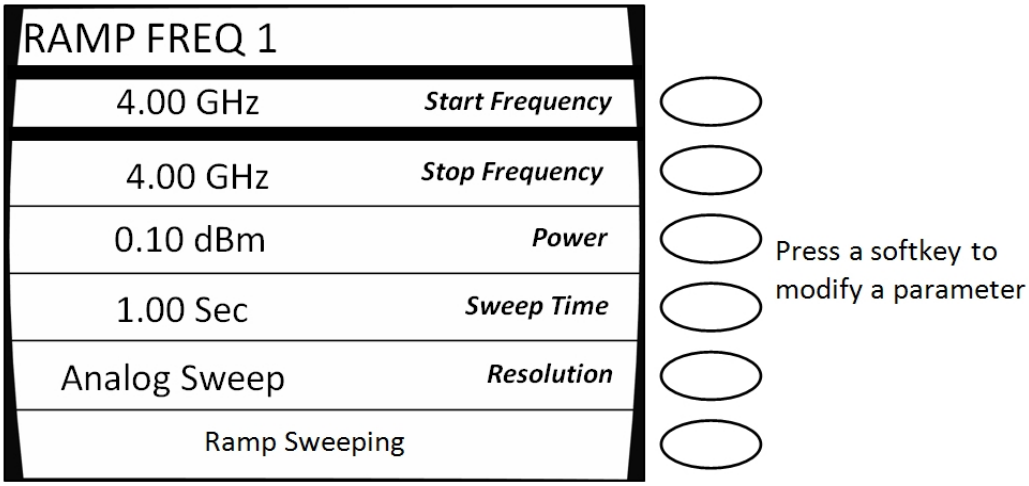
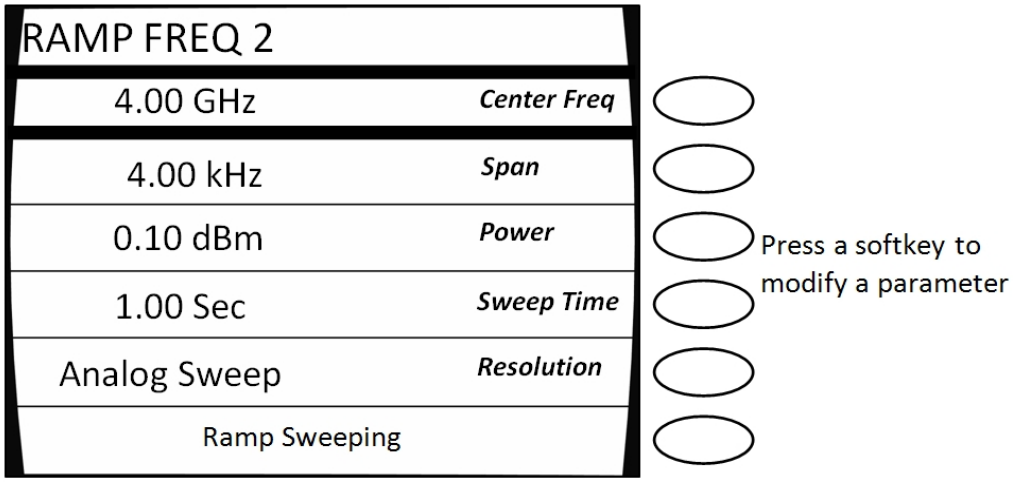
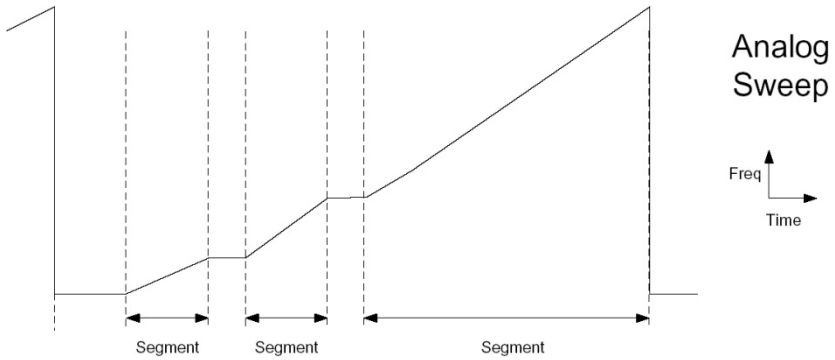
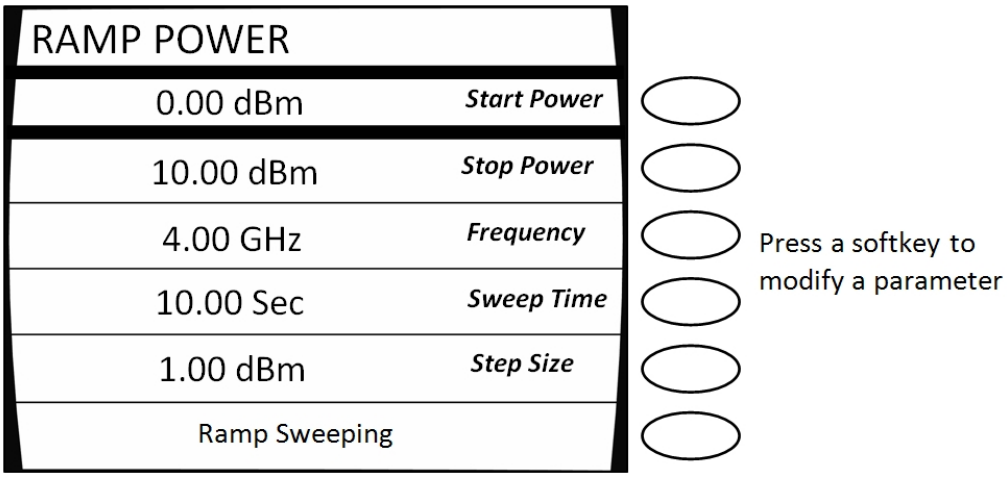


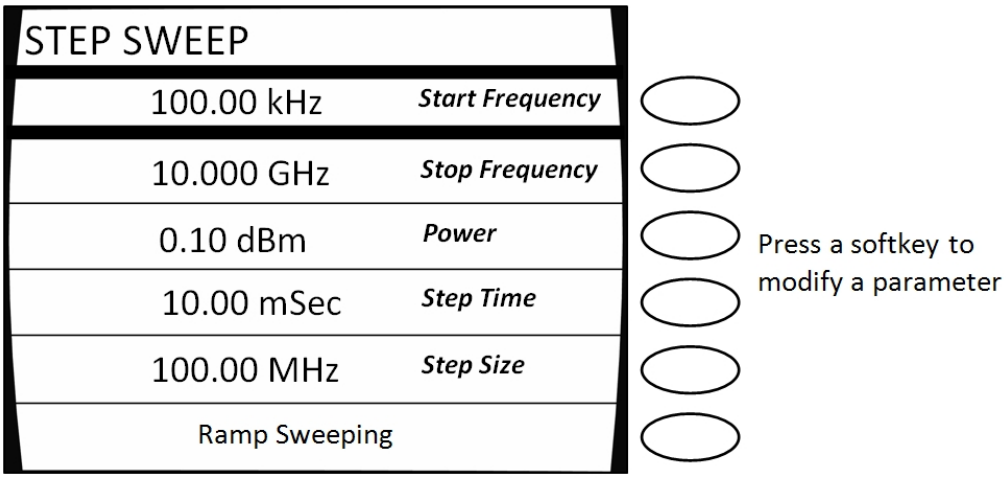
Figure 9: Ramp Main Menu

Table 15: Ramp Menus

Ramp Menus	
Submenu	**Parameter**
 **Figure 10: Ramp Freq Start/Stop Sweep Menu**	
Ramp Freq Start/Stop Sweep Menu (see Figure 10)	• **Start Frequency** This is the starting frequency of the frequency sweep. The start frequency must be less than the stop frequency. If the start frequency is set higher than the stop frequency, the stop frequency is automatically adjusted to the same value. • **Stop Frequency** This is the ending frequency of the frequency sweep. The stop frequency must be greater than the start frequency. If it is set lower than the start frequency, the start frequency is automatically set to the same value. • **Power** The output power level during the frequency sweep. The range of the power level depends on the next two menu items and other settings of the instrument. The power level is held constant during a frequency sweep. • **Sweep Time** This is the duration of a single sweep. • **Resolution** The sweep resolution is the number of frequency steps to be included in the frequency sweep. The step resolution can be set to: • 401, 801, or 1601, or • Analog sweep Use the step up/step down buttons or rotary knob to set the resolution; the numeric keypad cannot be used.

Ramp Menus	
Submenu	**Parameter**
	
	Figure 11: Ramp Freq Center/Span Sweep Menu
Ramp Freq Center/Span Sweep Menu (see Figure 11)	**Center Freq** The center frequency of the frequency span that is swept. **Span** This menu item displays and allows you to modify the frequency range of the ramp (sweep). The span is centered on the Center frequency. **Power** The output power level during the center/span frequency sweep. The range of the power level can be set to any valid power setting of the instrument. **Sweep Time** This is the duration of one cycle of a frequency sweep. **Resolution** This is the number of frequency steps in the frequency sweep. The resolution can be set to: • 401, 801, or 1601, or • Analog sweep. Analog Sweep provides a number of smooth frequency segments across a frequency range as opposed to the Digital Sweep feature which is made up of individual frequency points, from 401/801/1601 discrete frequency points. A single Analog Sweep is comprised of a number of smaller sweep segments. Analog sweeps are broken down into anywhere from 1 to 685 sweep segments. Each segment is a smooth frequency ramp. The segment size depends on the current operating band and the sweep speed. Breaking a sweep into smaller segments allows the instrument to correct for RF amplitude variations between segments. See figure below.  Use the step up/step down buttons or rotary knob to set the resolution; the numeric keypad cannot be used.

Ramp Menus	
Submenu	**Parameter**
	 Figure 12: Ramp Power Sweep Menu
Ramp Power Sweep Menu (see Figure 12)	This function sweeps the RF output power level linearly from a start power level to a stop power level in a set duration, then repeats the sweep. The power level can sweep from a lower to a higher power level, or in the reverse direction. The output frequency is held constant during a power sweep. The maximum settable range for ramp power sweep is 45 dB. ***NOTE***: As soon as the Ramp Power menu is chosen, the instrument calculates the ramp, and then begins sweeping the output power. The ramp is recalculated whenever a parameter is changed. During calculations, the following message is shown at the bottom of the display: PREPARING SWEEP DATA... When the calculations are complete and the output is actively sweeping, the following message is shown: RAMP SWEEPING **Start Power** This is the beginning power level of the power level sweep. • The range for the start power parameter is -20 dBm to +25 dBm if the step attenuator option is not installed in the instrument. • If the step attenuator option is installed, the start power range is from 25 dB above to 20 dB below the step attenuator setting. **Stop Power** This is the ending power level of the sweep. • If the step attenuator option is installed, the stop power range is from 25 dB above to 20 dB below the step attenuator setting chosen. • If the step attenuator option is not installed in the instrument, the range for the stop power parameter is -20 dBm to +25 dBm. **Frequency** This is the frequency that undergoes a power ramp. The range of adjustment of this parameter is dependent on the model number of the instrument. **Sweep Time** This is the amount of time that elapses for one cycle of a power level sweep to complete. **Step size** Power step size

Ramp Menus	
Submenu	**Parameter**
	
	Figure 13: Step Freq Sweep Menu
Step Freq Sweep Menu (see Figure 13)	This menu allows you to view and modify settings for the frequency sweep feature. Note the following: • When this feature is used, the frequency of the RF output sweeps linearly from a settable start frequency to a settable stop frequency, over a sweep time, then repeats the sweep. • The sweep occurs in a set number of equal increments, as determined by the Resolution setting. • The output power is held at the same level during a frequency sweep. ***NOTE:*** As soon as the Step Freq Sweep menu is chosen, the instrument calculates the ramp, and then begins sweeping the output frequency. The ramp is recalculated whenever a parameter is changed. During calculations, the following message is shown at the bottom of the display: PREPARING SWEEPING DATA... When the calculations are complete and the output is actively sweeping, the following message is shown: RAMP SWEEPING **Start Frequency** This is the starting frequency of the frequency sweep. The start frequency must be less than the stop frequency. If the start frequency is set higher than the stop frequency, the stop frequency is automatically adjusted to the same value. **Stop Frequency** This is the ending frequency of the frequency sweep. The stop frequency must be greater than the start frequency. If it is set lower than the start frequency, the start frequency is automatically adjusted to the same value. **Power** The output power level during the frequency sweep. The range of the power level depends on the configuration and settings of the instrument. **Step Time** The duration of the step. *Also see "MANUAL SWEEP" below.* **Step Size** Frequency step size

Ramp Menus	
Submenu	**Parameter**
Step Freq Sweep Menu, Continued (see Figure 13)	MANUAL SWEEP Manual Sweep is an extension of the Step Sweep mode. During a Step Sweep, if the user wishes to switch to Manual Sweep, they can push any unit button (GHz, MHz, kHz, Hz) while the cursor is on the "Step Time" line. The Step Sweep will stop mid-sweep, and the "Step Time" line will show 0 ms to indicate that it is in the Manual Sweep mode. The user can then use the Rotary knob to dial the Manual Sweep forwards or backwards. While in Manual Sweep mode, the bottom line of the display will show the current Manual Frequency. To return to normal Step Sweep, the user can press any unit button (GHz, MHz, kHz, Hz) while the cursor is on "Step Time", or enter a valid step time. The sweep will pick up from the current Manual Frequency. The 0-10V Ramp Out functions in Step Sweep and Manual Sweep. If Manual Sweep is enabled, it remains enabled in Step Sweep if the user returns from some other mode such as CW or Ramp Sweep. Manual Sweep is always disabled at boot up.

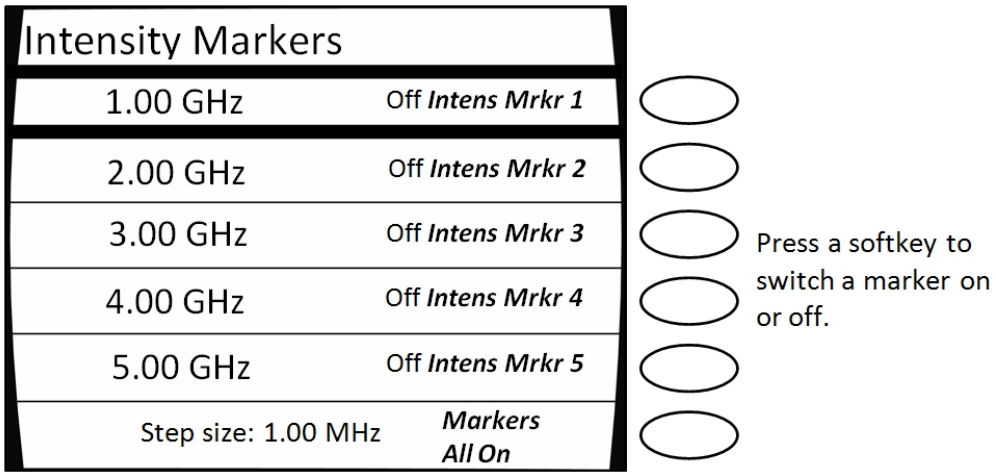
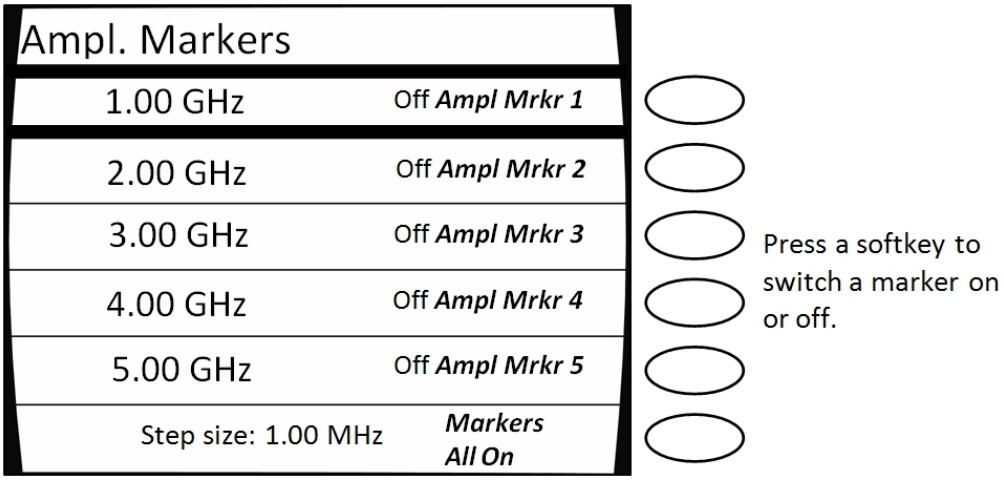


Figure 14: Intensity Marker Menu

Intensity Marker Menu (see Figure 14)	The Intensity Marker Menu allows you to view and modify settings related to the instrument's Intensity Markers used in conjunction with the frequency sweep. Five intensity markers can be set. **Intensity Markers** These five items allow you to set the frequency of the intensity markers using the numeric key pad. The marker is activated and deactivated by pressing the marker soft key. **Markers All On/Off** This menu item allows you to toggle the states of all 5 markers in the Intensity Marker menu. Pressing the adjacent softkey toggles all marker states to be all on or all off.

Ramp Menus	
Submenu	**Parameter**
 Figure 15: Amplitude Marker Menu	
Amplitude Markers Menu (see Figure 15)	The Amplitude Marker Menu allows you to view and modify settings related to the instrument's Amplitude Markers used in conjunction with the frequency sweep. Five amplitude markers can be set. **AmplMrkr1 through AmplMrkr2** These 5 items allow you to set the frequency of the amplitude markers using the numeric key pad. The marker is activated and deactivated by pressing the adjacent amplitude marker soft key. **Markers All On/Off** This menu item allows you to toggle the states of all markers in the Amplitude Marker menu. Pressing the adjacent soft key toggles all marker states to be all on or all off.

4.2 Generate a Frequency-Swept Signal

This procedure describes how to set up a signal at a constant power level that sweeps linearly from a start frequency to a stop frequency over a set duration, then repeats the sweep. The signal will be set up with the following characteristics:

- Start frequency: 1.00 GHz
- Stop frequency: 2.00 GHz
- Power level: 1.00 dBm

NOTE: The example procedure in this section uses specific parameters to illustrate how to setup the 2500B. You can use this procedure for real-life situations by simply changing the parameters to fit your needs.

Table 16: Generate a Frequency Swept Signal

Generate a Frequency-Swept Signal	
Step	**Action**
1.	Press [ ] to display the Sweep Main menu.
2.	Press [Softkey] RAMP FREQ Start/Stop Sweep menu.
3.	Select [Softkey] Start Frequency, and enter 1.00 GHz using the numeric keypad (and Units buttons), △ ▽, or ◎.
4.	Select [Softkey] Stop Frequency, and enter 2.00 GHz using the numeric keypad (and Units buttons), △ ▽, or ◎. ***NOTE:*** The ramp stop frequency must be set equal to or greater than the ramp start frequency.
5.	Select [Softkey] Power and enter the 1.00 dBm using the numeric keypad (and Units buttons), △ ▽, or ◎.
6.	Select [Softkey] Sweep Time, and enter 1.00 seconds using the numeric keypad (and Units buttons), △ ▽, or ◎.
7.	Select [Softkey] Resolution, and select 401 using △ ▽. ***NOTE:*** The resolution setting determines the number of discreet frequency steps that will be included in the frequency ramp. Three resolutions are available: 401, 801, or 1601. Higher resolution settings will result in more steps and a finer resolution ramp.
8.	If the RF ON indicator is not lit, press the RF ON button to enable the RF output. When the RF output is enabled, the RF ON indicator is illuminated blue.
End of Procedure	

4.3 Generate a Power-Swept Signal

This procedure describes how to set up the 2500B to generate a signal at a constant frequency that sweeps linearly from a set start power level to a set stop power level over a set amount of time, and repeats the sweep. The signal will be setup with the following characteristics:

- Start power: 0.00 dBm
- Stop power: 5.00 dBm
- Frequency: 1.00 GHz
- Sweep time: 5.00 second
- Step size: 0.10 dB

NOTE: The example procedure in this section uses specific parameters to illustrate how to set up the 2500B. You can use this procedure for real-life situations by simply changing the parameters to fit your needs.

Table 17: Generate a Power Swept Signal

Generate a Power-Swept Signal	
Step	**Action**
1.	Press RAMP to display the Sweep Main menu.
2.	Select Softkey Ramp Power Sweep Menu.
3.	Select Softkey Start Power, and enter 0.00 dBm using the numeric keypad (and Units buttons), △ ▽, or ◎ .
4.	**If the step attenuator option IS INSTALLED in the unit**; Go to Step 5. **If the step attenuator option IS NOT installed in the unit**; Go to Step 6.
5.	Select Softkey Attenuation in the RAMP POWER menu, and use △ ▽ to select the desired step attenuator level. ***NOTE:*** The step attenuator cannot be set to auto-switch while in power sweep mode. Choose a step attenuator level so that the range of the power sweep will be within 25 dB above and 20 dB below the step attenuator level chosen.
6.	Select Softkey Stop Power, and enter 5.00 dBm using the numeric keypad (and Units buttons) , △ ▽, or ◎. ***NOTE:*** The ramp stop power level can be set equal to, greater than, or less than the ramp start power level.
7.	Select Softkey Frequency, and enter 1.00 GHz using the numeric keypad (and Units buttons) , △ ▽, or ◎.
8.	Select Softkey Sweep Time, and enter 5.00 seconds using the numeric keypad (and Units buttons), △ ▽, or ◎.
9.	Select Softkey Step Size, and enter 0.10 dB using the numeric keypad (and Units buttons), △ ▽, or ◎.
10.	If the RF ON indicator is not lit, press the RF ON button to enable the RF output. When the RF output is enabled, the RF ON indicator is illuminated blue.
End of Procedure	

Chapter 5 Modulation Operation

This section describes the modulation menus in the 2500B, and includes example procedures for setting up modulated test signals.

NOTE: This section only applies to instruments with Option 17A or Option 17B installed.

- Option 17A: add internal and external modulation
- Option 17B: add external modulation

NOTE: Option 32 is required for narrow pulse modulation (pulse width ≤ 100 ns).

5.1 AM Menu Description

Press the AM Menu button to display the AM Main Menu. From here, you can go to one of three submenus. See Figure 16 below.

The following pages describe the AM menus and their parameters.

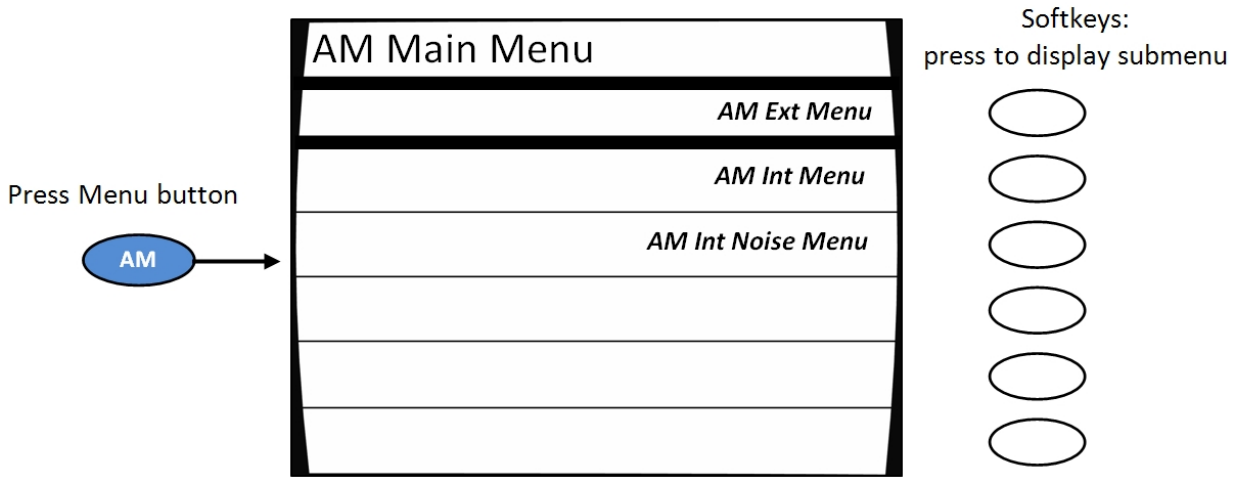
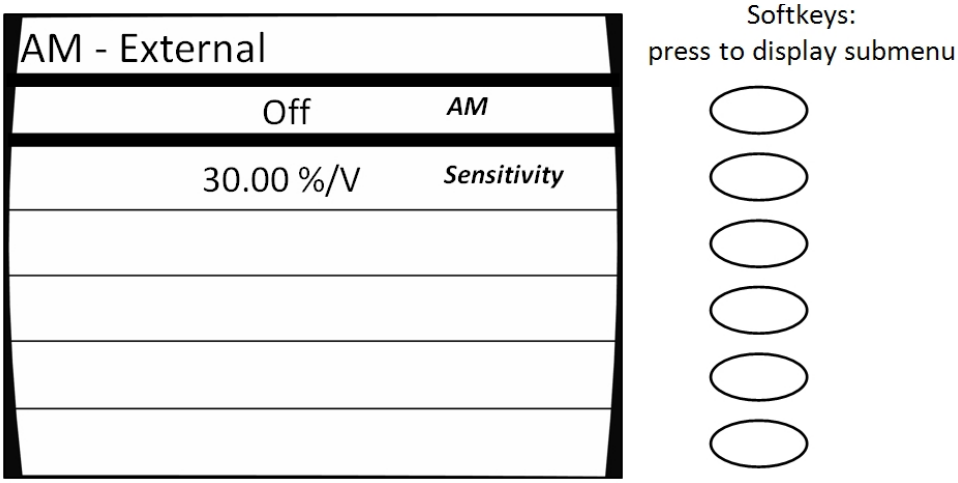
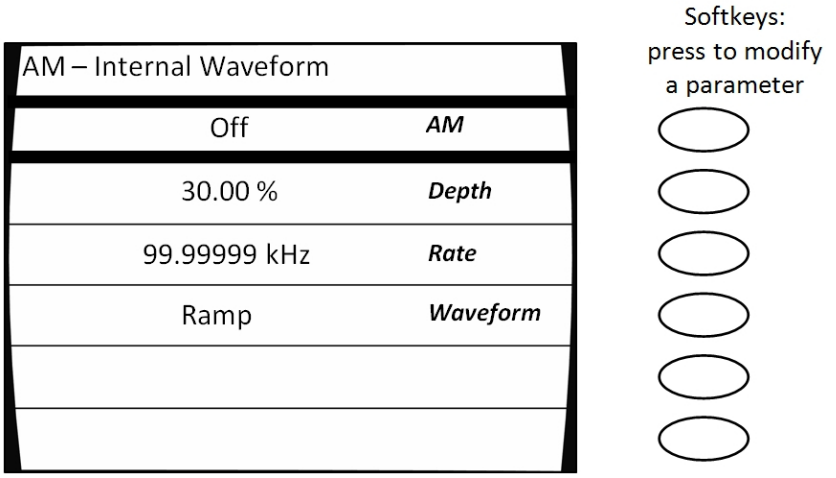


Figure 16: AM Main Menu and Submenus

Table 18: AM Menus

AM Menus	
Submenu	**Parameter**
 Figure 17: AM External Menu	
AM Ext Menu (see Figure 17)	The AM External Menu allows you to view and modify settings for external amplitude modulation mode. In this mode, the RF output signal is modulated according to the signal that is applied to the rear panel AM IN connector. Parameters in this submenu that can be modified are: **AM** Enables or disables amplitude modulation. The active menu, that is, the menu that is currently being displayed, determines the AM mode that is used. Pressing either the adjacent soft key or the Step Up or Step Down buttons toggle the AM state. The AM indicator is displayed in the upper right-hand corner of the display when amplitude modulation is turned on. **Sensitivity** Determines the percentage of modulation produced per Volt of input into the AM IN connector. The AM sensitivity can be modified using the numeric keypad, the step up/step down buttons, or the rotary knob. The AM sensitivity range is 0 to 95 %/Volt, and the step size can be set in the range of 0.10 to 47.5 %/Volt.

AM Menus	
Submenu	**Parameter**
 Figure 18: AM Internal Waveform	
AM Int Menu (see Figure 18)	The AM Internal Waveform menu allows you to view and modify settings in which the modulating signal is an internally-generated sine, triangle, ramp, or square waveform (the signal at the AM IN connector is not used). Parameters in this submenu are: **AM** Enables or disables amplitude modulation. The active menu (the menu that is currently being displayed), determines the AM mode that is used. Pressing the adjacent softkey or the Step Up or Step Down buttons toggle the AM state. **Depth** The amount of modulation of the carrier amplitude expressed as a percentage. The maximum depth adjustment available is 95 %. **Rate** The frequency (rate) of the internal modulating signal. The frequency cannot be set above 100 kHz. **Waveform** Allows you to choose the type of waveform used as the internal modulating signal. The available selections are Sine, Triangle (symmetrical triangle wave), Ramp (positive going ramp), or Square (50 % duty cycle square wave).

AM Menus	
Submenu	**Parameter**

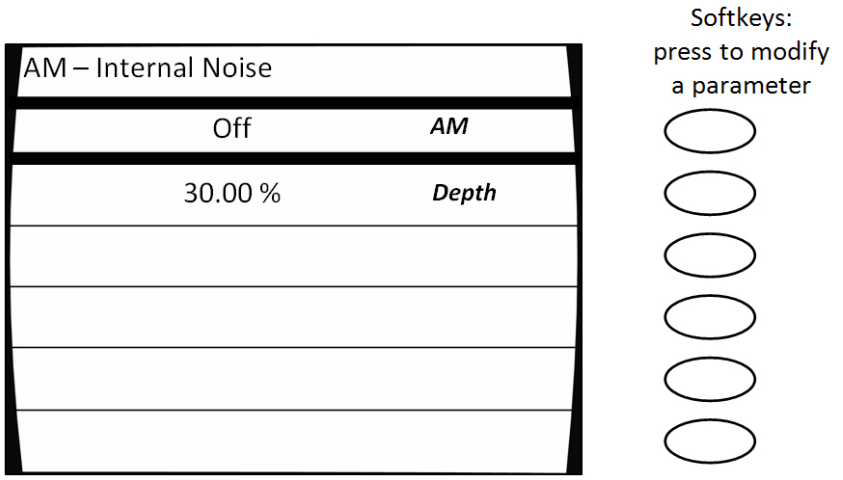


Figure 19: AM - Internal Noise Menu

AM Int Noise Menu (see Figure 19)	The AM - Internal Noise menu allows you to view and modify settings related to an internal amplitude modulation mode in which the modulating signal is an internally-generated Gaussian noise source (the signal at the AM IN connector is not used). **AM** Enables or disables amplitude modulation. The active menu, (the menu currently displayed), determines the AM mode that is used. Pressing the adjacent softkey or the Step Up or Step Down buttons toggles the AM state. **Depth** This menu item allows you to view and modify the AM depth setting, which is the amount of modulation of the carrier amplitude expressed as a percentage.

5.2 Generate an Internally Modulated AM Signal

The procedure below describes how to generate an AM signal with the following characteristics:

- Carrier frequency = 1.00 GHz
- Carrier power = 1.00 dBm
- Depth of AM modulation = 20 %
- Rate of AM modulation = 50 kHz
- Modulating waveform = sine wave

NOTE: The example procedure in this section uses specific parameters to illustrate how to setup the 2500B. You can use this procedure for real-life situations by simply changing the parameters to fit your needs.

Table 19: Generate an Internally Modulated AM Signal

Generate an Internally Modulated AM Signal	
Step	**Action**
1.	Verify that the RF output is NOT energized by checking the RF on/off indicator on the front of the 2500B (see Figure 3 on page 11). If the indicator is lit, press the RF ON button to de-energize the RF output.
2.	Connect the RF output on the 2500B as needed.
3.	Press the CW menu button (see Figure 3 on page 11).
4.	In the CW menu, select 1.00 GHz for the frequency of the AM signal: 1. Press Frequency. 2. On the numeric keypad on the front panel of the 2500B, enter 1. 3. Press the GHz Units button (next to the numeric keypad) to enter the new frequency. ***NOTE:*** You can also use the △ ▽ keys and ◎ to change the frequency.
5.	In the CW menu, select 1.00 dBm for the power level of the AM signal: 1. Press Power. 2. On the numeric keypad on the front panel of the 2500B, enter 1. 3. Press the GHz (nSec/dBm) Units button (next to the numeric keypad) to enter the new power level. ***NOTE:*** You can also use the △ ▽ keys and ◎ to change the power level.
6.	Press the menu button.
7.	In the AM Main Menu, press AM Int Menu. This opens the AM — Internal Waveform submenu (see Figure 18 on page 38).

Generate an Internally Modulated AM Signal	
Step	**Action**
8.	In the AM — Internal Waveform submenu, set the following parameters: 1. Turn on AM modulation; press Soft Button AM. 2. Set the depth of AM modulation; press Soft Button Depth. a. Use the numeric keypad, △ ▽ keys, or ◎ to change the depth of AM modulation to 20 %. 3. Set the rate of AM modulation; press Soft Button Rate. a. Use the numeric keypad, △ ▽ keys, or ◎ to change the rate of AM modulation to 50 kHz. 4. Set the type of waveform used for AM modulation as a sine wave; press Soft Button Waveform until Sine selected.
9.	Press the RF ON button to energize the RF output of the 2500B.
End of Procedure	

5.3 Generate an Externally Modulated AM Signal

The procedure below describes how to generate an AM signal using an external modulation source. The AM signal is set up to have the following characteristics:

- Carrier frequency = 1.00 GHz
- Carrier power = 1.00 dBm
- Depth of AM modulation = 50 %/V
- Rate of AM modulation = 50 kHz
- Modulating waveform = sine wave

NOTE: The example procedure in this section uses specific parameters to illustrate how to setup the 2500B. You can use this procedure for real-life situations by simply changing the parameters to fit your needs.

Equipment and Materials

- External AM modulation source (see specifications in Table 50 on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**)
- Cables and connectors for connecting the AM modulation source to the 2500B
- Cables and connectors for connecting device to be tested to the 2500B RF Output

Table 20: Generate an Externally Modulated AM Signal

Generate an Externally Modulated AM Signal	
Step	**Action**
1.	Verify that the RF output is NOT energized by checking the RF on/off indicator on the front of the 2500B (see Figure 3 on page 11). If the indicator is lit, press the RF ON button to de-energize the RF output.
2.	Connect the RF output on the 2500B as needed.
3.	On the rear of the 2500B, locate the AM IN connector (see Figure 6 on page 19).
4.	Connect the external AM modulation source to the AM IN connector (see Table 50 on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.** for specifications for the external AM signal).
5.	Press the menu button.
6.	In the CW menu, select 1.00 GHz for the frequency of the AM signal: 1. Press Soft Button Frequency. 2. On the numeric keypad on the front panel of the 2500B, enter 1. 3. Press the GHz Units button (next to the numeric keypad) to enter the new frequency. ***NOTE:*** You can also use the △ ▽ keys and ◎ to change the frequency.
7.	In the CW menu, select 1 dBm for the power level of the AM signal: 1. Press Soft Button Power. 2. On the numeric keypad on the front panel of the 2500B, enter 1. 3. Press the GHz (nSec/dBm) Units button (next to the numeric keypad) to enter the new power level. ***NOTE:*** You can also use the △ ▽ keys and ◎ to change the power level.
8.	Press to display the AM Main Menu (see Figure 16 on page 36).
9.	Press Soft Button AM Ext Menu.
10.	Press AM to switch AM mode ON.
11.	Press Sensitivity.
12.	Adjust the sensitivity to 50 %/Volt: 1. On the numeric keypad, enter 50. 2. Press the kHz/mSec/ % Units button (see Figure 3 on page 11). ***NOTE:*** You can also set the sensitivity by the using the △ ▽ keys and ◎.
13.	Set the external AM modulation source for the following output: • Frequency: 50 kHz • Amplitude: 1 V peak (or 2 V peak-to-peak) • Output waveform: sine wave

Generate an Externally Modulated AM Signal	
Step	**Action**
14.	Energize the output of the external AM modulation source.
15.	Energize the RF output of the 2500B.
End of Procedure	

5.4 FM Menu Description

Pressing the FM menu button displays the FM Main Menu. From here, you can choose from among five submenus for modifying parameters for frequency and phase modulation. See Figure 20.

The following pages describe the FM menu and submenus in detail.

NOTE: The FM Menu includes phase modulation modes.

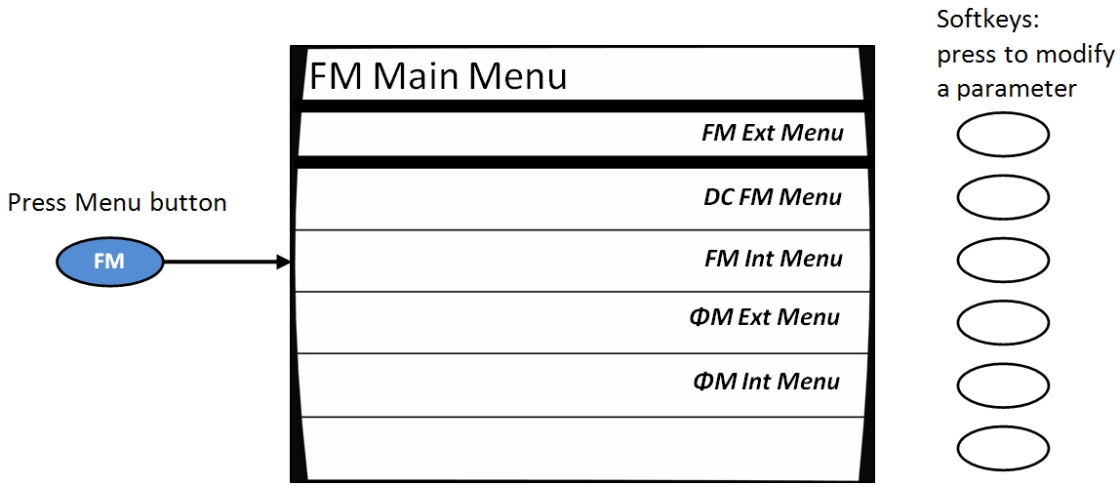


Figure 20: FM Main Menu and Submenus

Table 21: FM Menus

FM Menus	
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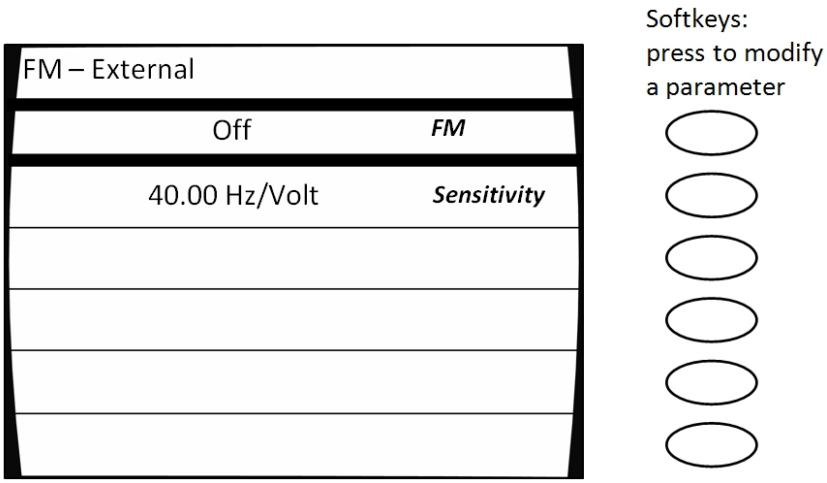
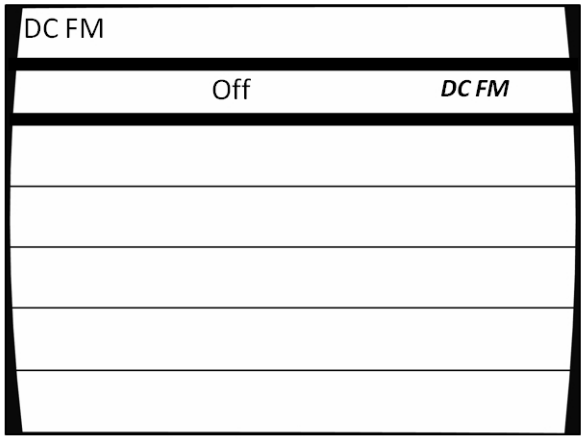
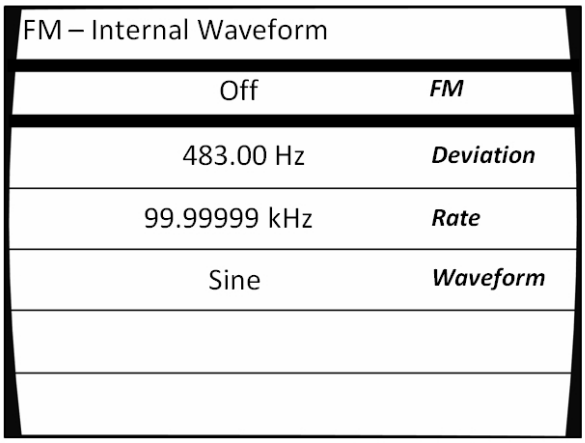
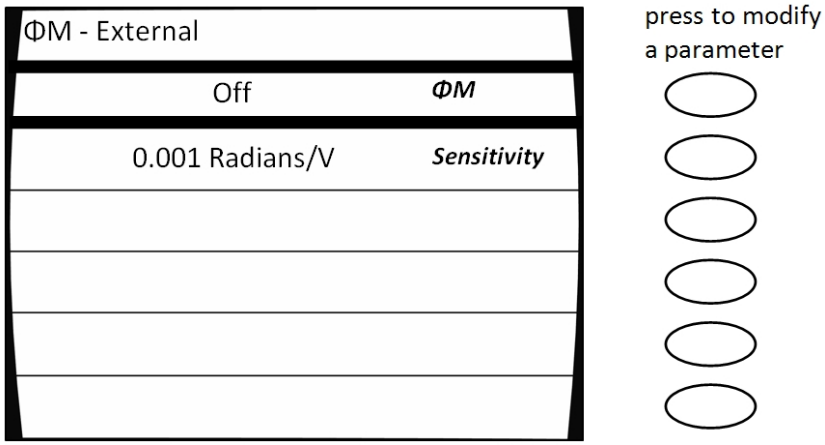
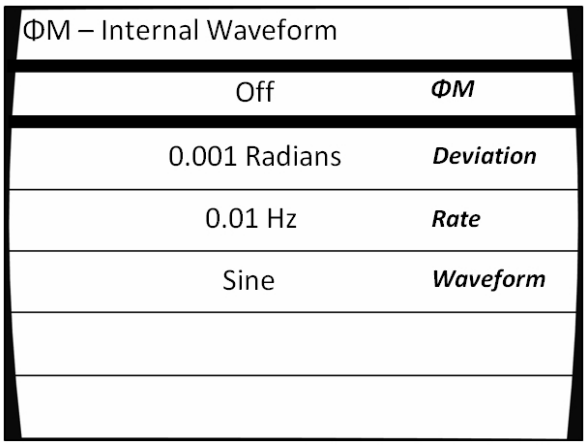
 **Figure 21: FM External Menu**	
FM Ext Menu (see Figure 21)	The FM External menu allows you to view and modify settings for external frequency modulation mode, which is used when the modulating signal is provided externally. In external FM mode, the RF output signal is modulated by the signal that is applied to the rear panel FM/ϕM IN connector. Items in this submenu that can be modified are: **FM** Enables or disables frequency modulation. The active menu, (the menu currently displayed), determines the FM mode that is used. Pressing the adjacent soft key or the Step Up or Step Down buttons toggles the FM state. **Sensitivity** Determines how much the RF output deviates in frequency per Volt of signal at the rear panel FM/ϕM IN connector.

FM Menus	
Submenu	**Parameter**
 Figure 22: DC FM Menu	
DC FM Menu (see Figure 22)	In DC FM mode, the RF output signal is modulated by an external signal that is applied to the rear panel FM/ϕM IN connector. Note the following: • DC FM is available on all models including models with option 17A. • Frequency range for DC FM operation is 500 MHz to the maximum frequency of the instrument with a fixed maximum deviation of 125 kHz. • DC FM operation is available for frequencies above 500 MHz; however, maximum deviation is limited to the frequency band maximum deviation of the output frequency. There is one settable item in this submenu: **DC FM** Enables or disables DC frequency modulation. The active menu, (the menu currently displayed), determines the FM mode that is used. Pressing the adjacent soft key or the Step Up or Step Down buttons toggle the FM state.

FM Menus	
Submenu	**Parameter**
 Figure 23: FM Internal Menu	
FM Int Menu (see Figure 23)	Allows you to view and modify settings related to an internal frequency modulation mode in which the modulating signal is an internally-generated sine, triangle, ramp, or square waveform (the signal at the FM/ϕM IN connector is not used). Settable menu items are: **FM** Switches FM Internal on and off. FM Internal is an internally driven modulation. FM - Internal can only be activated or deactivated using the step up/step down buttons. **Deviation** Determines how much (in Hertz) the RF output deviates in frequency when modulated by the internal source. **Rate** The rate (frequency) of the internal modulating signal. **Waveform** Allows you to view and choose the type of waveform used as the internal modulating signal. The available selections are Sine, Triangle (symmetrical triangle wave), Ramp (positive going ramp), or Square (50 % duty cycle square wave).

FM Menus	
Submenu	**Parameter**
 Figure 24: ΦM External Menu	
ΦM Ext Menu (see Figure 24)	The ΦM External menu allows you to view and modify settings for external phase modulation mode, which is used when the modulating signal is provided externally. In external ΦM mode, the RF output signal is modulated by a signal that is applied to the rear panel FM/ϕM IN connector. Items in this submenu that can be modified are: **ΦM** Enables or disables modulation. The active menu, (the menu that is currently displayed), determines the ΦM mode that is used. Pressing either the adjacent softkey or the Step Up or Step Down buttons toggle the ΦM state. **Sensitivity** Use to view and modify the external ΦM sensitivity setting, which determines how much the RF output phase deviates in radians per Volt of signal at the rear panel FM/ϕM IN connector.

FM Menus	
Submenu	**Parameter**
 Figure 25: ΦM Internal Menu	
ΦM Int Menu (see Figure 25)	The ΦM -Internal menu allows you to view and modify settings related to an internal phase modulation mode in which the modulating signal is an internally-generated sine, triangle, ramp, or square wave-form (the signal at the FM/ϕM IN connector is not used). Items in this submenu that can be modified are: **ΦM** This menu item enables or disables internally-generated phase modulation. ΦM - Internal can only be activated or deactivated using the Step Up/Step Down buttons. **Deviation** Determines how much the RF output deviates in phase when modulated by the internal source. **Rate** The frequency of the internal modulating signal. **Waveform** This menu item allows you to view and choose the type of waveform used as the internal modulating signal. The available selections are Sine, Triangle (symmetrical triangle wave), Ramp (positive going ramp), or Square (50 % duty cycle square wave).

5.5 Generate an Internally Modulated FM Signal

The procedure below describes how to generate an internally-modulated FM signal with the following characteristics:

- Carrier frequency = 1.00 GHz
- Carrier power = 1.00 dBm
- Deviation = 200 Hz
- Rate of FM modulation = 50 kHz
- Modulating waveform = sine wave

NOTE: The example procedure in this section uses specific parameters to illustrate how to setup the 2500B. You can use this procedure for real-life situations by simply changing the parameters to fit your needs.

Equipment and Materials

- Cables and connectors for connecting device to be tested to the 2500B RF Output

Table 22: Generate an Internally Modulated FM Signal

Generate an Internally Modulated FM Signal	
Step	**Action**
1.	Verify that the RF output is NOT energized by checking the RF on/off indicator on the front of the 2500B (see Figure 3 on page 11). If the indicator is lit, press the RF ON button to de-energize the RF output.
2.	Connect the RF output on the 2500B as needed.
3.	Press the CW menu button.
4.	In the CW menu, select 1.00 GHz for the frequency of the FM signal: 4. Press Frequency. 5. On the numeric keypad on the front panel of the 2500B, enter 1. 6. Press the GHz Units button (next to the numeric keypad) to enter the new frequency. ***NOTE:*** You can also use the △ ▽ keys and ◎ to change the frequency.
5.	In the CW menu, select 1.00 dBm for the power level of the FM signal: 1. Press Power. 2. On the numeric keypad on the front panel of the 2500B, enter 1. 3. Press the GHz (nSec/dBm) Units button (next to the numeric keypad) to enter the new power level. ***NOTE:*** You can also use the △ ▽ keys and ◎ to change the power level.
6.	Press the FM Menu button. The FM Main Menu opens in the display.
7.	In the FM Main Menu, press Soft Button FM Int Menu. The FM — Internal Waveform menu opens (see Figure 23 on page 47).
8.	Press Soft Button FM to switch FM on.

Generate an Internally Modulated FM Signal	
Step	**Action**
9.	Press Soft Button Deviation.
10.	Set the FM deviation to 200 Hz: 1. On the numeric keypad on the front panel of the 2500B, enter 200. 2. Press the Hz Units button (next to the numeric keypad) to enter the new frequency. ***NOTE:*** You can also use the △ ▽ keys and ◯ to change the frequency.
11.	Press Soft Button Rate.
12.	Set the FM rate (frequency of the modulating signal) 50.00 kHz: 1. On the numeric keypad on the front panel of the 2500B, enter 50. 2. Press the kHz Units button (next to the numeric keypad) to enter the new frequency. ***NOTE:*** You can also use the △ ▽ keys and ◯ to change the frequency.
13.	Repeatedly press Soft Button Waveform until Sine is displayed.
14.	Press the RF ON button to energize the RF output of the 2500B.
End of Procedure	

5.6 Generate an Externally Modulated FM Signal

The procedure below describes how to generate an FM signal that uses an external FM modulation source connected to the 2500B. An FM signal is created with the following characteristics:

- Carrier frequency = 1.00 GHz
- Carrier power = 1.00 dBm
- Deviation = 1.00 kHz
- Rate of FM modulation = 50 kHz
- Modulating waveform = sine wave

NOTE: The example procedure in this section uses specific parameters to illustrate how to setup the 2500B. You can use this procedure for real-life situations by simply changing the parameters to fit your needs.

Equipment and Materials

- External FM modulation source (see specifications in Table 51 on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**)
- Cables and connectors for connecting the FM modulation source to the 2500B
- Cables and connectors for connecting device to be tested to the 2500B RF Output

Table 23: Generate an Externally Modulated FM Signal

Generate an Externally Modulated FM Signal	
Step	**Action**
1.	Verify that the RF output is NOT energized by checking the RF on/off indicator on the front of the 2500B (see Figure 3 on page 11). If the indicator is lit, press the RF ON button to de-energize the RF output.
2.	Connect the RF output on the 2500B as needed.
3.	On the rear of the 2500B, locate the FM/ΦM IN connector (see Figure 6 on page 19).
4.	Connect the external FM modulation source to the FM/ΦM IN connector (see specifications in Table 51 on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**).
5.	Press the menu button.
6.	In the CW menu, select 1.00 GHz for the frequency of the FM signal: 1. Press Soft Button Frequency. 2. On the numeric keypad on the front panel of the 2500B, enter 1. 3. Press the GHz Units button (next to the numeric keypad) to enter the new frequency. ***NOTE:*** You can also use the △ ▽ keys and ◎ to change the frequency.
7.	In the CW menu, select 1.00 dBm for the power level of the FM signal: 1. Press Soft Button Power. 2. On the numeric keypad on the front panel of the 2500B, enter 1. 3. Press the GHz (nSec/dBm) Units button (next to the numeric keypad) to enter the new power level. ***NOTE:*** You can also use the △ ▽ keys and ◎ to change the power level.

Generate an Externally Modulated FM Signal	
Step	**Action**
8.	Press the [ ] Menu button. The FM Main Menu opens in the display.
9.	In the FM Main Menu, press [Soft Button] FM Ext Menu. The FM — External Waveform menu opens (see Figure 21 on page 45).
10.	Press [Soft Button] FM to switch FM on.
11.	Press [Soft Button] Sensitivity. Set the Sensitivity to 1.00 kHz per Volt as follows: 1. On the numeric keypad on the front panel of the 2500B, enter 1. 2. Press the kHz Units button (next to the numeric keypad) to enter the new power level. ***NOTE:*** You can also use the △ ▽ keys and ◎ to change the power level.
12.	Setup the external FM modulation source as follows: • Frequency: 50 kHz • Amplitude: 1.00 V peak (or 2 V peak-to-peak)
13.	Press the [RF ON] button to energize the RF output of the 2500B.
End of Procedure	

5.7 Generate an Externally Phase Modulated Signal

The procedure in this section describes how to generate a phase-modulated (ΦM) signal from the 2500B using an external phase modulation source connected to the 2500B. The ΦM signal is set up to have the following characteristics:

- Carrier frequency = 4.00 GHz
- Carrier power = 1.00 dBm
- Deviation = 1 rad
- Rate of phase modulation = 1 kHz
- Modulating waveform = sine wave

Equipment and Materials

- External phase modulation source (see specifications in Table 51 on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**)
- Cables and connectors for connecting the ΦM modulation source to the 2500B
- Cables and connectors for connecting the device to be tested to the 2500B RF Output

Table 24: Generate an Externally Phase Modulated Signal

Generate an Externally Phase Modulated Signal	
Step	**Action**
1.	Verify that the RF output is NOT energized by checking the RF on/off indicator on the front of the 2500B (see Figure 3 on page 11). If the indicator is lit, press the RF ON button to de-energize the RF output.
2.	Connect the RF output on the 2500B as needed.
3.	On the rear of the 2500B, locate the FM/ΦM IN connector (see Figure 6 on page 19).
4.	Connect the external ΦM modulation source to the FM/ΦM IN connector.
5.	Press the CW menu button.
6.	In the CW menu, select 4.00 GHz for the frequency of the ΦM signal: 4. Press Frequency. 5. On the numeric keypad on the front panel of the 2500B, enter 4. 6. Press the GHz Units button (next to the numeric keypad) to enter the new frequency. ***NOTE:*** You can also use the △ ▽ keys and ◎ to change the frequency.
	In the CW menu, select 1 dBm for the power level of the ΦM signal: 4. Press Power. 5. On the numeric keypad on the front panel of the 2500B, enter 1. 6. Press the GHz (nSec/dBm) Units button (next to the numeric keypad) to enter the new power level. ***NOTE:*** You can also use the △ ▽ keys and ◎ to change the power level.
14.	Press the FM Menu button. The FM Main Menu opens in the display.

Generate an Externally Phase Modulated Signal	
Step	**Action**
15.	In the FM Main Menu, press Soft Button ΦM Ext Menu. The ΦM — External Waveform menu opens (see Figure 21 on page 45).
16.	Press Soft Button ΦM to switch ΦM on.
17.	Press Soft Button Sensitivity. Set the Sensitivity to 1 radian per Volt as follows: 3. On the numeric keypad on the front panel of the 2500B, enter 1. 4. Press the Hz Units button (next to the numeric keypad) to enter the new phase deviation level. ***NOTE:*** You can also use the △ ▽ keys and ◯ to change the phase deviation.
18.	Setup the external ΦM modulation source as follows: • Amplitude = 1 V peak (or 2 V peak-to-peak) • Frequency = 1 kHz
19.	Press the RF ON button to energize the RF output of the 2500B.
End of Procedure	

5.8 Pulse Modulation (PM) Menu Description

NOTE: Option 32 is required for narrow pulse modulation (pulse width ≤ 100 ns).

Pressing the PM menu button provides access to the internal and external pulse modulation features of the instrument. Figure 26 illustrates the PM Main menu and five submenus.

The following pages describe the PM submenus in detail.

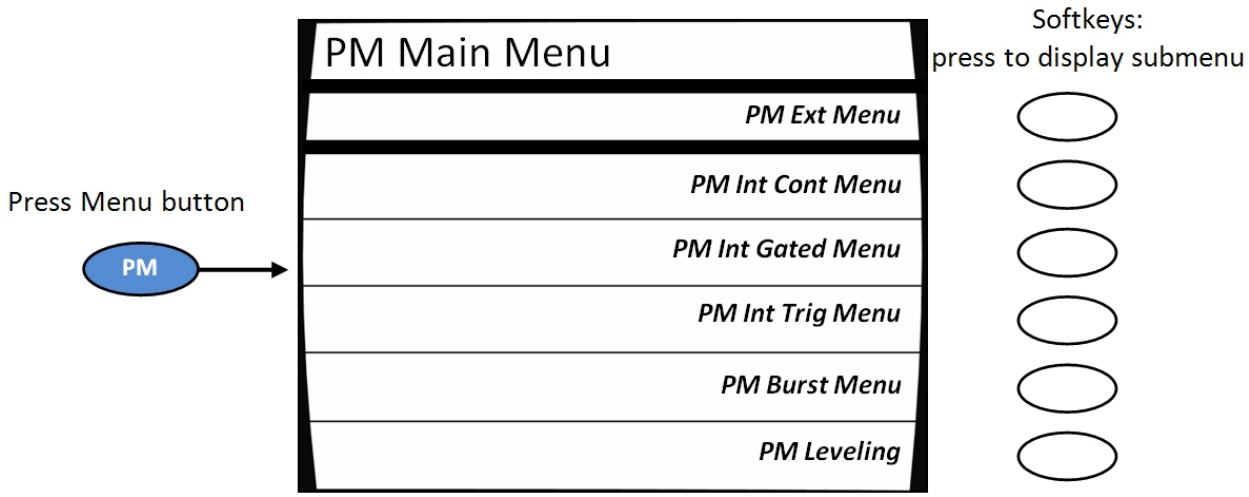


Figure 26: PM Main Menu and Submenus

Pressing the bottom-right softkey toggles the PM leveling Menu between two states:

- Always on
- Off for pulse widths < 1µs (causes 1 ms cal pulse)

Table 25: PM Menus

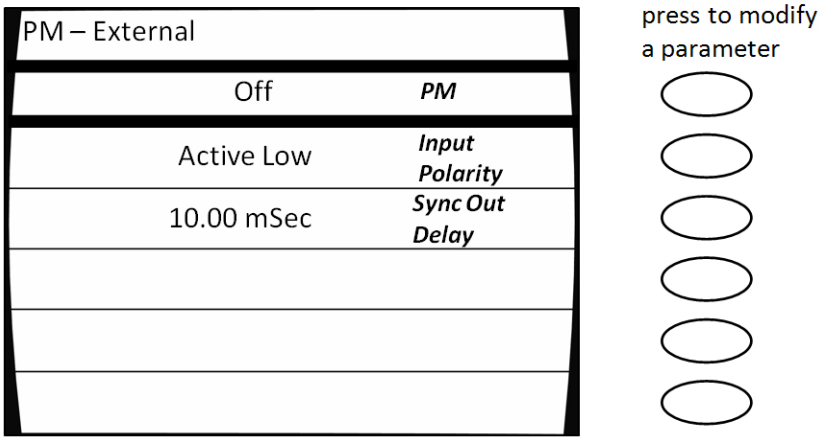
PM Menus	
Submenu	**Parameter**
	
PM Ext Menu (see Figure 27)	The PM External menu allows you to view and modify settings for external pulse modulation mode, which is used when the modulating signal is provided externally. In external PM mode, the RF output signal is pulsed by the signal that is applied to the rear panel PULSE IN/PM TRIG IN connector. When the instrument does not include the internal modulation generator, this is the only PM mode that is available. Items in this submenu that can be modified are: **PM** Turns pulse modulation on and off. Press the adjacent soft key or the Step Up or Step Down buttons toggle the PM state. The PM indicator is displayed in the upper right-hand corner of the display when pulse modulation is turned on. **Input Polarity** Input polarity determines the TTL level at the PULSE IN/PM TRIG IN connector that will produce an "on" condition at the RF output. The available selections are: • Active High • Active Low

Figure 27: PM External Menu

PM Menus	
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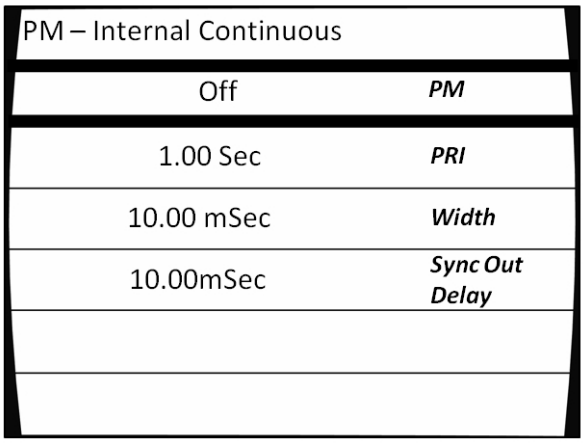	
Figure 28: PM Internal Continuous Menu	
PM Int Cont Menu (see Figure 28)	The PM Internal Continuous menu produces a continuous pulse-modulated RF output with pulse characteristics determined by an internally-generated pulse signal (any signal at the PULSE IN/PM TRIG IN connector is ignored). Items in this submenu that can be modified are: **PM** Turns pulse modulation on and off. Press the adjacent soft key or the Step Up or Step Down buttons toggle the PM state. The PM indicator is displayed in the upper right-hand corner of the display when pulse modulation is turned on. **PRI** The pulse repetition interval (PRI) of the internal pulse modulating signal. PRI sets the duration between similar edges of the modulating signal, and thus, the RF output's pulse repetition interval. The frequency of the pulses is the reciprocal of the PRI; frequency = 1/PRI. ***NOTE:*** This parameter setting is used for the internal continuous and internal gated pulse modulation modes; it is not set and stored separately for those modes. **Width:** The width of the internal pulse modulating signal. Sets the duration of the longest state of the internal modulating signal and the RF output's pulse width. ***NOTE:*** This parameter setting is used for all three internal pulse modulation modes (continuous, triggered, and gated); it is not set and stored separately for each of these modes. **Sync Out Delay** Sets the amount of delay that occurs between the leading edge of the video pulse at the PULSE OUT connector and the leading edge of the sync pulse at the PM SYNC OUT connector. ***NOTE:*** This parameter setting is used for all three internal pulse modulation modes (continuous, triggered, and gated); it is not set and stored separately for each of these modes.

PM Menus	
Submenu	**Parameter**

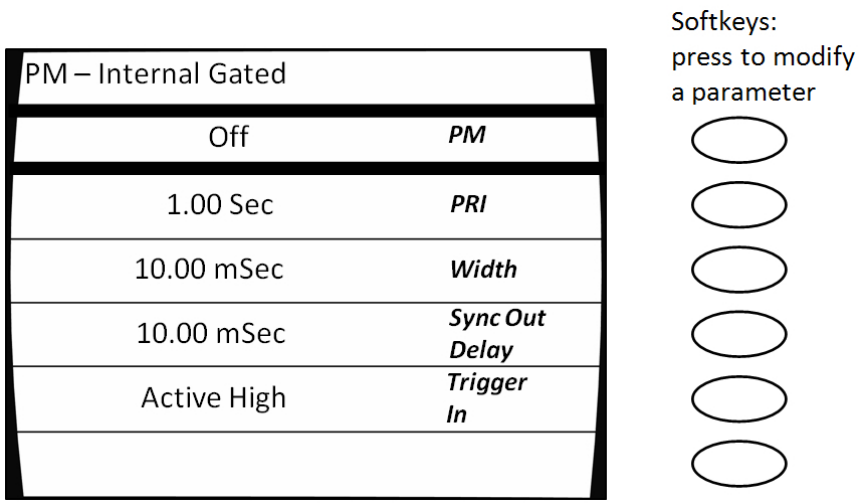

Figure 29: PM Internal Gated Menu

PM Int Gated Menu (see Figure 29)	The PM Internal Gated menu allows you to view and modify the internal gated pulse modulation mode. In this mode, the instrument's CW signal is pulse modulated according to the PRI and Width settings of its internal pulse modulation generator, but appears at the RF output connector as determined by the gating signal that is applied to the rear-panel PULSE IN/PM TRIG IN connector. **PM** Turns pulse modulation on and off. Pressing the adjacent soft key or the Step Up or Step Down buttons toggles the PM state. The PM indicator is displayed in the upper right-hand corner of the display when pulse modulation is turned on **PRI** The pulse repetition interval (PRI) of the instrument's internal pulse modulating signal. The PRI parameter sets the duration between similar edges of the modulating signal, and thus, the pulse repetition interval (frequency) of the pulsed RF output. ***NOTE:*** This parameter setting is used for the internal continuous and internal gated pulse modulation modes; it is not set and stored separately for these modes. **Width** Sets the duration of the longest state of the modulating signal pulses, and thus, the width of the pulses that appear at the RF output connector when an appropriate gating signal is applied to the rear-panel PULSE IN/PM TRIG IN connector. • If the width parameter is set to a value that is more than the current PRI setting, the PRI setting is automatically adjusted to be 20 ns greater than the Width setting. The step size can be set in the range of 10 ns to 5 ms. ***NOTE:*** The same width parameter setting gets used for all three internal pulse modulation modes (continuous, triggered, and gated); it is not set and stored separately for each of these modes.

PM Menus	
Submenu	**Parameter**
PM Int Gated Menu, continued (see Figure 29)	**Synch Out Delay** Determines the amount of delay that occurs between the leading edge of the pulse video and the leading edge of the sync pulse at the PM SYNC OUT connector. ***NOTE:*** The same sync out delay parameter setting gets used for all three internal pulse modulation modes (continuous, triggered, and gated); it is not set and stored separately for each of these modes. **Trigger In** Determines the polarity of the TTL level at the PULSE IN/PM TRIG IN connector that is the active gating condition for a pulse modulated RF output. The available selections are as follows: • Active High • Active Low

PM Menus	
Submenu	**Parameter**

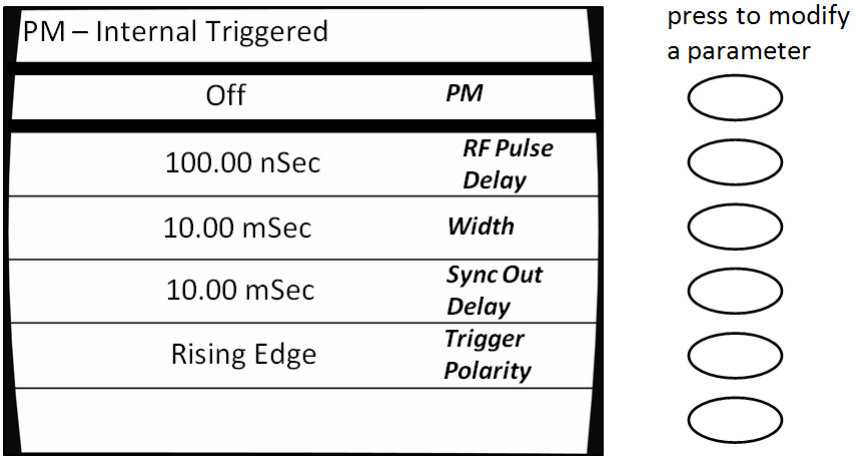

Figure 30: PM Internal Triggered Menu

PM Int Trig Menu (see Figure 30)

The PM Internal Triggered menu allows you to view and modify settings for internal triggered pulse modulation mode. In this mode, the instrument produces a single RF pulse at the RF output connector whenever it receives a valid trigger signal at the rear-panel PULSE IN/PM TRIG IN connector. The RF pulse thus generated has a width that is determined by the Width setting in this menu, and is delayed by the amount of delay set with the RF Pulse Delay setting in this menu.

Settable items in this submenu are:

PM This menu item turns pulse modulation on and off. Pressing either the adjacent softkey or the Step Up or Step Down buttons toggle the PM state. The PM indicator is displayed in the upper right-hand corner of the display when pulse modulation is turned on.

RF Pulse Delay Determines the amount of delay that occurs between the chosen triggering edge (rising or falling) of the signal at the PULSE IN/PM TRIG IN connector and the rising edge of the video pulse at the rear-panel PULSE OUT connector.

NOTE: The pulse that subsequently appears at the RF output connector is typically delayed by approximately 50 ns.

The RF pulse delay parameter can be modified using the numeric keypad, the step up/step down buttons, or the rotary knob.

PM Menus	
Submenu	**Parameter**
PM Int Trig Menu, Continued (see Figure 30)	**Width** This menu item allows you to view and modify the width of the pulse that appears at the RF out-put connector when an appropriate triggering signal is applied to the rear-panel PULSE IN/PM TRIG IN connector. ***NOTE:*** The same width parameter setting gets used for all three internal pulse modulation modes (continuous, triggered, and gated); it is not set and stored separately for each of these modes. **Sync Out Delay** Determines the amount of delay that occurs between the leading edge of the video pulse at the PULSE OUT connector and the leading edge of the sync pulse at the PM SYNC OUT connector. **Trigger Polarity** Allows you to view and choose the edge of the TTL pulsed input signal applied to the PULSE IN/PM TRIG IN connector that is used to trigger an RF pulse at the RF output connector. Determines whether the rising edge or falling edge of the pulse at the PULSE IN/ PM TRIG IN connector will trigger an RF pulse at the output. The available selections are: • Rising Edge • Falling Edge

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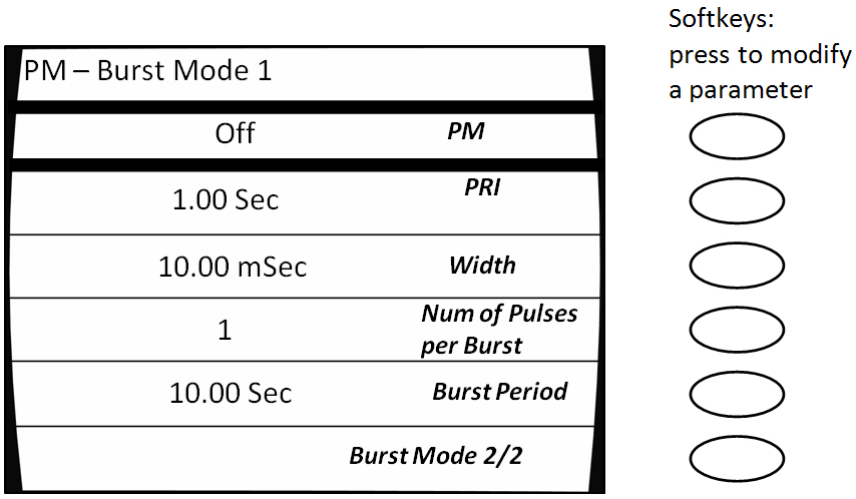

Figure 31: PM Burst Mode Menu
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(see Figure 31)</td><td>
PM This menu item turns pulse modulation on and off. Pressing the adjacent softkey or the Step Up or Step Down buttons toggles the PM state. The PM indicator appears in the upper right-hand corner of the display when pulse modulation is turned on.
PRI The pulse repetition interval (PRI) of the instrument’s internal pulse modulating signal. The PRI parameter sets the duration between similar edges of the modulating signal, and thus, the pulse repetition interval of the individual pulses within the pulse burst RF output. Range is 200 ns to 1 s. Each pulse in the pulse burst will have the same PRI. Note that the PRI must be equal or greater than the pulse width plus 20 ns.
Width The width of each pulse in a burst. Range is 10 ns to 10 ms. Each pulse in the pulse burst will have the same pulse width.
Num of Pulses per Burst Number of pulses in a burst. Range is 1 to 300.
Burst Period The duration of a burst, or the repetition interval of the pulse burst. Range is 200 ns to 10 s. Note that the burst period must be equal or greater than the PRI times the number of pulse in the pulse burst.
Burst Mode 2/2 Pressing this softkey displays the second menu screen.
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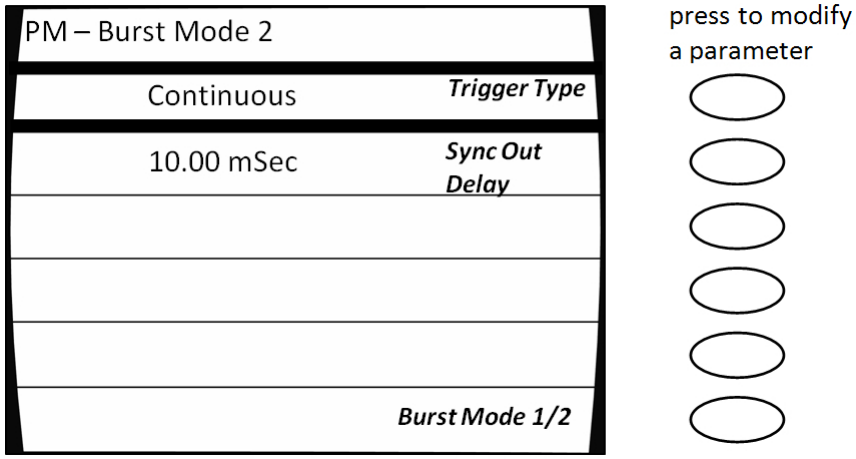
PM Menus	
Submenu	**Parameter**
 Figure 32: PM Burst Mode Menu 2	
PM Burst Menu 2 (see Figure 32)	**Trigger Type** You can choose from three different trigger types by using the softkey, or the Step Up or Step Down keys. The three trigger types are: • Continuous • Triggered: This selection has two parameters: o Trigger Polarity: Can select a rising edge or falling edge as the trigger using the softkey or Step Up/Step Down keys o RF Pulse Delay: Use the rotary knob, Step Up/Step Down keys, or the numeric keypad to adjust the amount of delay before the start of the pulse burst. Limits: ≥ 100.0 ns to 1 s. • Gated: This selection has a single parameter: o Trigger In: Can be set to Active High or Active Low using the rotary knob, Step Up/Step Down keys, or adjacent softkey. **Sync Out Delay** Sets the amount of delay for the signal at the PM SYNC OUT connector on the rear of the 2500B (see Figure 6 on page 19).

5.9 Generate an External Pulse-Modulated Signal

This procedure describes how to set up the 2500B to generate a signal that is pulse modulated by an external source.

When this type of pulse modulation is used, the RF output signal is pulsed according to the signal that is applied to the rear-panel PULSE IN/PM TRIG IN connector. Figure 33 shows an example of this with the input polarity of the PULSE IN/PM TRIG IN signal set to active high.

NOTE: The example procedure in this section uses specific parameters to illustrate how to setup the 2500B. You can use this procedure for real-life situations by simply changing the parameters to fit your needs.

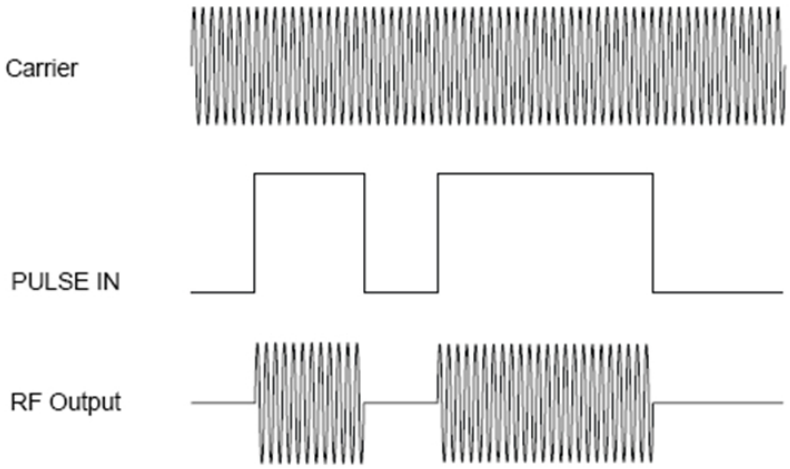


Figure 33: Pulse Modulation Using an External Modulation Source

In this procedure, a PM signal is generated with the following characteristics:

- Carrier frequency = 2.00 GHz
- Carrier power = 1.00 dBm
- External modulating signal pulse width = 1 ms
- External modulating signal pulse repetition interval (PRI) = 2 ms

Equipment and Materials

- External PM modulation source (see specifications in Table 53 on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**)
- Cables and connectors for connecting the PM modulation source to the 2500B
- Cables and connectors for connecting device to be tested to the 2500B RF Output

Table 26: Generate an Externally Pulse Modulated Signal

Generate an Externally Pulse-Modulated Signal	
Step	**Action**
1.	Perform steps 1 through 10 of the procedure Generate a CW Signal on page 24 to set the frequency and power level of the carrier.
2.	Connect a TTL pulse source to the PULSE IN/PM TRIG IN connector on the rear of the instrument, and set it for the following characteristics: • Pulse width = 1 ms • Pulse repetition interval (PRI) = 2 ms
3.	Press [ ] to display the PM Main menu, then press [Softkey] PM Ext Menu.
4.	Select [Softkey] PM, and use △ ▽ or press [Softkey] PM again to set PM to On (as indicated on the display).
5.	Select [ ] Input Polarity, and choose the appropriate polarity setting using △ ▽. ***NOTE:*** • With an Active High setting, a TTL high level at the PULSE IN/PM TRIG IN connector turns on the carrier at the RF output. • With an Active Low setting, a TTL high level at the PULSE IN/PM TRIG IN connector turns off the carrier at the RF output.
6.	***If you want to delay the signal at the PM SYNC OUT connector on the rear of the 2500B:*** Select [ ] Sync Out Delay, and enter the desired sync pulse delay setting using the numeric keypad, △ ▽, or ◎. ***Limits of delay:*** ≥ 50 ns; ≤ 10 ms
7.	If the RF ON indicator is not lit, press the RF ON button to enable the RF output (see Figure 3 on page 11). ***NOTE:*** When the RF output is enabled, the RF ON indicator is blue.
8.	Verify that the Unleveled indicator is not illuminated. ***NOTE:*** If the Unleveled indicator is lit, then the combination of output power level, power offset, power slope, and step attenuator mode (if applicable) is set inappropriately, and the RF output is unleveled. Adjust the combination of settings until the Unleveled indicator turns off.
End of Procedure	

Chapter 6 Special Modes

The 2500B has special modes that accommodate a wide variety of test configurations. These modes are:

- Cable Correction; Creates a power level correction-versus-frequency table to change the power output of the 2500B. The cable correction table is created based on a power measurement procedure performed prior to normal testing. If the normal test setup is changed, the power measurement procedure must be performed again in order to re-create the cable correction table.
  See page 68.

- External ALC; Uses a constant feedback loop to measure the power level externally, typically at the DUT. External ALC operation allows automatic adjustment of the RF power output of the 2500B to maintain a constant, known power level at the DUT.
  See page 71.

- External frequency reference: Uses an external 10 MHz or 100 MHz source as the frequency reference for the 2500B.
  See page 74.

- X-Band Power Boost: The model 2520B with Option 20 includes the special mode, X-Band Power Boost, which increases the maximum available output power over the frequency range 4 GHz to 12.7 GHz.
  See page 75 (System Menus)

6.1 Use Cable Correction

Cable Correction allows you to adjust the output power of the 2500B to compensate for losses created by connecting devices such as RF cables, connectors and other RF devices. The maximum correction is less than 10 dB, and depends on the absolute power output level. The power correction cannot exceed the maximum or minimum power output within a given setting of the step attenuator.

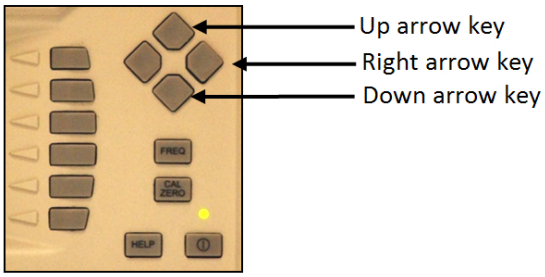
This function creates a user correction table of 1001 points for the frequency range of the unit. The power output for frequencies between the correction points is determined using a linear interpolation algorithm for the first frequency points above and below the selected frequency.

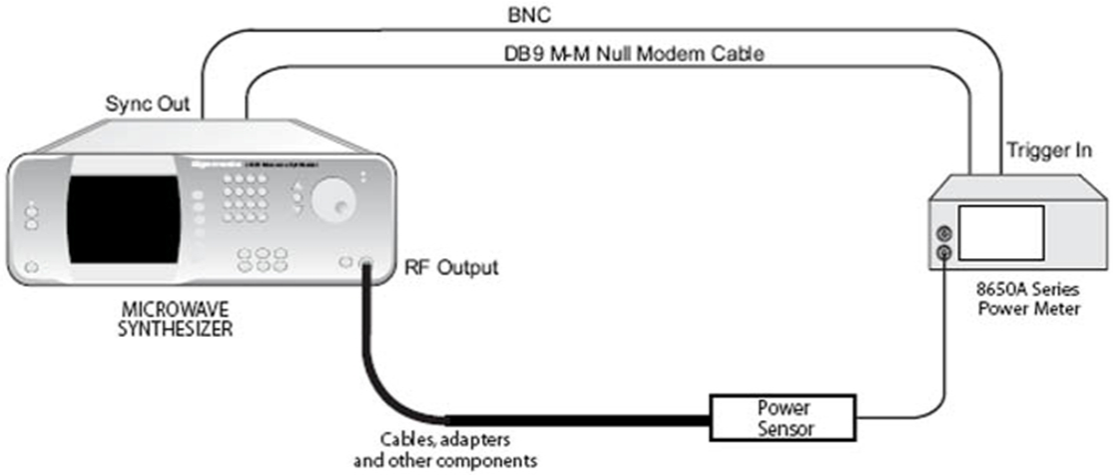
NOTE: The example procedure in this section uses specific parameters to illustrate how to setup the 2500B. You can use this procedure for real-life situations by simply changing the parameters to fit your needs.

Required Equipment

- Model 2500B series Microwave Signal Generator with firmware version 4.09 or higher
- Giga-tronics 8650A or 8650B series Universal Power Meter
- Giga-tronics 803XXA series CW Power Sensor, or other sensor appropriate to the frequency range and signal type to be calibrated (with power sensor cable)
- BNC Male to Male Coaxial Cable
- RS-232 Null Modem Cable, Male to Male (DB9)

Table 27: Use Cable Correction

Use Cable Correction	
Step	**Action**
Configure the 8650A/B series Universal Power Meter	
1.	On the front of the 8650A/B series Power Meter, select the following: 1. Softkey Meter Setup 2. Softkey Config
2.	On the front of the 8650A/B series Power Meter, press the right arrow key to select RS-232; see Figure 34.  **Figure 34: 8650A/B Universal Power Meter; Front Panel Controls**
3.	Select Softkey Config.
4.	On the 8650A/B series Power Meter, set the RS-232 parameters as shown below. Use the Up/Down Arrow keys to change the values of the parameters (see Figure 34). • Baud Rate; 38400 • Data Bits; 8 • Parity; None • Stop Bits; 1
5.	Press Softkey OK twice to return to the power meter main menu.
Setup the Equipment	

Use Cable Correction	
Step	**Action**
6.	Refer to for the following steps.  Figure 35: Cable Connection Setup
7.	Connect the null modem cable between the RS-232 ports on the rear of the 2500B and 8650A/B series Power Meter.
8.	Connect the BNC cable to these two points: • SYNC OUT connector on the rear of the 2500B • Gate/Trig Input on the rear of the 8650A/B series Power Meter
9.	Connect the power sensor into the RF path to be characterized. Connect the sensor to be as close as possible to the point where you need the most control over the power level.
10.	On the front of the 2500B, press .
11.	Select Softkey Cable Cal Menu.
12.	Select Softkey Device Name, and select the Giga-tronics 8650A/B series Power Meter using △ ▽ or .
13.	Select Softkey Interface.
14.	Press Softkey Cable Cal to begin the swept frequency characterization.
15.	After the frequency sweep is completed, a cable correction table will be generated and automatically applied to the output of the 2500B. The first line in the Cable Cal menu will change to Cable Cal Stored. The cable calibration will apply to the output of the 2500B until the **Clear Cable Cal** button in the Cable Cal menu is pressed.
End of Procedure	

6.2 Use External ALC

One application of this procedure would be a test setup where cables and fixtures connecting to the DUT incur significant losses, and you want to deliver a precise, known power level to the DUT under dynamic conditions.

With External Automatic Level Control (ALC), the power level close to the DUT is sampled by a power meter or crystal detector, and the sample is used to generate a signal that is connected to the 2500B. This signal is used to automatically adjust the RF output power of the 2500B to compensate for the power lost in the cables and fixture. See Figure 36 below.

NOTE: The example procedures in this section use specific parameters to illustrate how to setup the 2500B. You can use this procedure for real-life situations by simply changing the parameters to fit your needs.

This section describes two methods for using External ALC:

- ***Use External ALC with a crystal (diode) detector***; see Table 28 on page 72.
- ***Use External ALC with a Power meter***; see Table 29 on page 73.

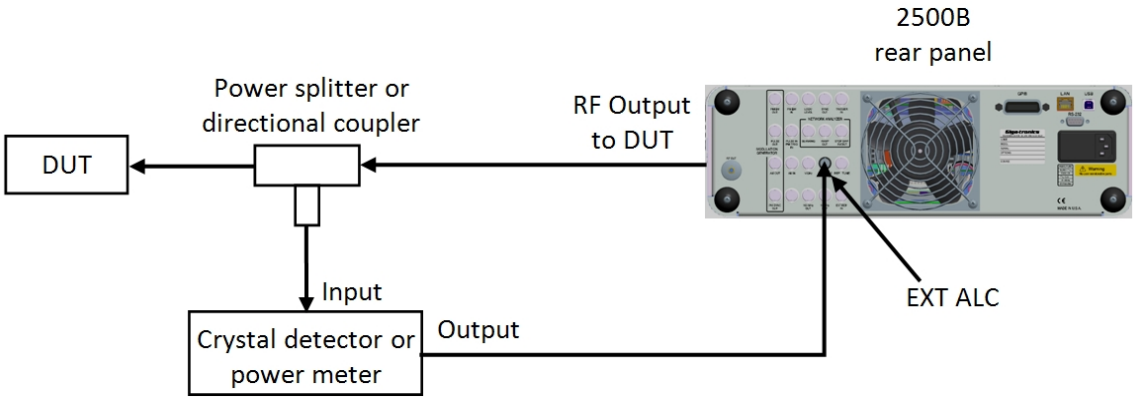


Figure 36: Setup for External ALC

Note the following about using external ALC:

- ALC can be used in CW, Ramp, and Pulse modes only.
- The output of the 2500B is typically sampled through a directional coupler or power splitter. The signal is detected using a positive or negative crystal (diode) detector or power meter.
- External ALC response with the instrument configured for Pulse Modulation varies according to duty cycle of the signal being sampled. Low duty cycles result in a slower response time for the instrument to level.
- Level control for External ALC operation using crystal detectors are described in dBV units.
- The crystal detector output may vary for power and frequency. Because of the variability of the crystal detector output, it may be necessary to characterize the crystal detector output with a power reference standard.

Table 28: External ALC Using a Crystal (Diode) Detector

External ALC Using a Crystal (Diode) Detector	
Step	**Action**
1.	Connect the RF output of the 2500B to a power splitter or directional coupler that is placed as close to the DUT as possible. See Figure 36 on page 71.
2.	Connect the input of the crystal detector to the appropriate port of the power splitter or directional coupler.
3.	Connect the output of the crystal detector to the EXT ALC connector on the rear panel using an appropriate cable.
4.	Press System, then press Softkey System Menu.
5.	Select Softkey ALC Leveling.
6.	Use Softkey ALC Leveling or △ ▽ to select Positive Diode or Negative Diode. The choice depends on the type of detector used.
7.	Press CW.
8.	Select Softkey Frequency, and enter the desired CW frequency using the keypad, △ ▽, or ⊙.
9.	Select Softkey Power and enter the output level using the keypad, △ ▽, or ⊙. ***NOTE:*** When entering a new level setting using the keypad, use the dBm or dB Units buttons. Units are assumed to be in dBV.
10.	If the RF ON indicator is not lit, press the RF ON button to enable the RF output. The RF ON indicator is illuminated blue when the RF Output is enabled.
End of Procedure	

Table 29: External ALC Using a Power Meter

External ALC Using a Power Meter	
Step	**Action**
1.	Connect the sensor of the power meter to the appropriate port of the power splitter or directional coupler. See Figure 36 on page 71.
2.	Connect the Analog Out output of the power meter to the EXT ALC connector on the rear panel of the 2500B.
3.	Adjust the Analog Out range of the power meter from 0.0005 to 2 Volts.
4.	Press System, then select Softkey System Menu.
5.	Select Softkey ALC Leveling.
6.	Select the Power Meter setting using △ ▽ or by repeatedly pressing [ ] ALC Leveling.
7.	Press System.
8.	Select Softkey Frequency, and enter the desired CW frequency using the numeric keypad, △ ▽, or ◎.
9.	Select [ ] Level and enter the desired output level using the numeric keypad, △ ▽, or ◎. ***NOTE:*** When entering a new level setting using the numeric keypad, use the dBm or dB Units buttons. Units are assumed to be in dBV. Use the following formula to convert to Volts to dBV: $dBV = 20 \log_{10}(V)$ for a 50 Ohm system.
10.	If the RF ON indicator is not lit, press the RF ON button to enable the RF Output. When the RF Output is enabled, the RF ON indicator is illuminated blue.
End of Procedure	

6.3 Use the External Reference Input

Internally, the 2500B generates a 100 MHz reference signal for the instrument. This reference signal is normally phase-locked to a high-stability internal 10 MHz signal.

However, if an external 10 MHz or 100 MHz signal is connected to the rear EXT REF IN connector, the internal 100 MHz reference signal phase-locks to this external signal. When an external signal is connected to the EXT REF IN connector, the instrument detects and automatically routes it through the instrument.

Required Equipment

- External signal reference (see Table 39 on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.** for reference specifications)
- Cables and connectors to connect the equipment

NOTE 1: The example procedure in this section uses specific parameters to illustrate how to setup the 2500B. You can use this procedure for real-life situations by simply changing the parameters to fit your needs.

NOTE 2: If the external reference has excessive noise or drift, this will degrade the performance of the 2500B.

The procedure below describes how to use the EXT REF IN connector on the rear of the 2500B.

Table 30: Use an External Frequency Reference

Use an External Frequency Reference	
Step	**Action**
1.	Verify that the RF output is NOT energized by checking the RF on/off indicator on the front of the 2500B (see Figure 3 on page 11). If the indicator is lit, press the RF ON button to de-energize the RF output.
2.	Energize the external frequency reference and let it warm up according to the manufacturer's recommendations. ***NOTE 4:*** Observe Notes 1 and 2 above regarding the integrity and specifications of the reference signal.
3.	On the rear of the 2500B, locate the EXT REF IN connector (see Figure 6 on page 19).
4.	Connect the external frequency reference to the EXT REF IN connector on the rear of the 2500B. ***NOTE:*** The Ext Ref indicator on the front panel (see Figure 3 on page 11) illuminates when an energized, appropriate external frequency reference is connected to the EXT REF IN connector.
5.	Proceed to use the 2500B as you normally would.
End of Procedure	

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Chapter 7 System Menus

7.1 System Menus Description

The System menus gives you access to system-level settings, such as memory storage locations, GPIB address configuration, display contrast, and system volume control. System information, including the model number, serial number, firmware version, etc., can also be displayed.

Pressing the System menu button opens the main System menu, which consists of four submenus as shown in Figure 37. Any submenu can be opened by pressing the softkey next to the submenu's name. All parameters shown in the System menus can be modified once selected by their adjacent softkey.

Table 31 on page 76 describes the menu items of the System menus.

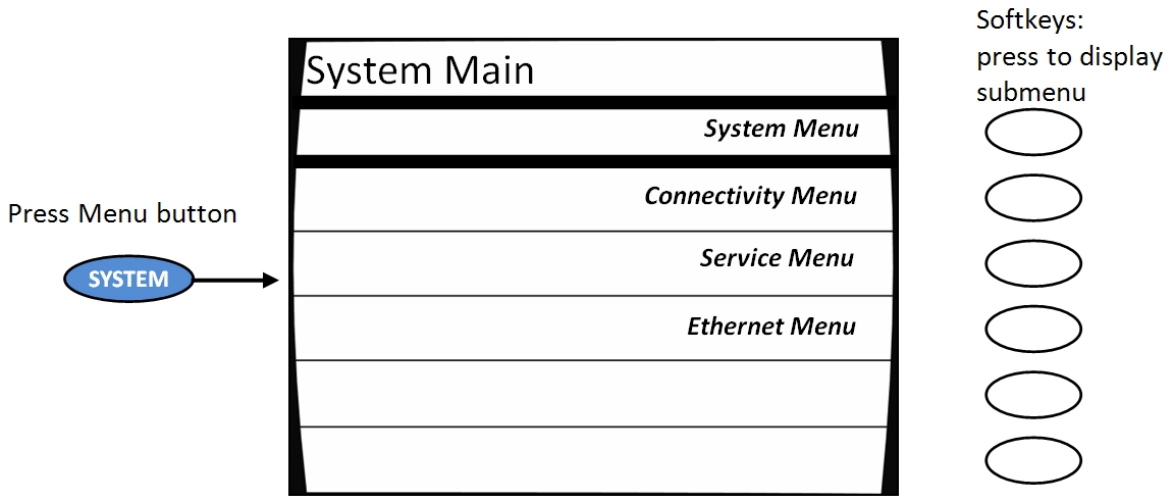


Figure 37: System Main Menu and Submenus

Note: The 2520B with option 20 System Menu will include the Power Boost ON/OFF selection.

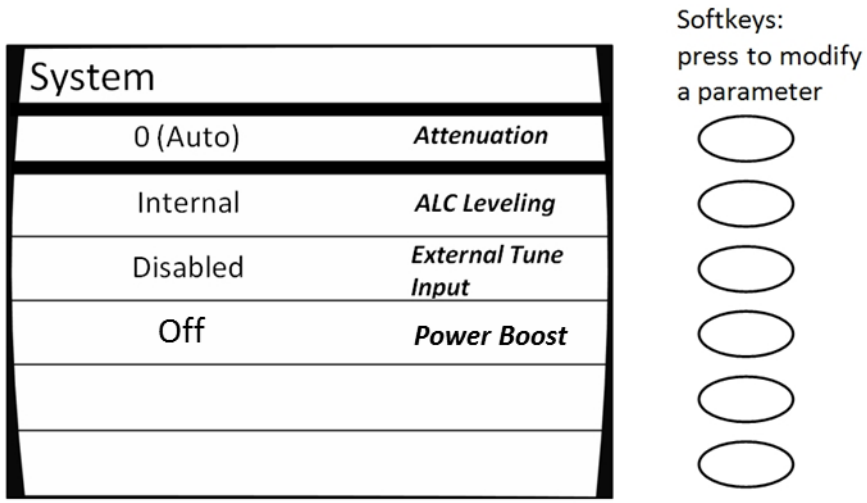


Table 31: System Menus

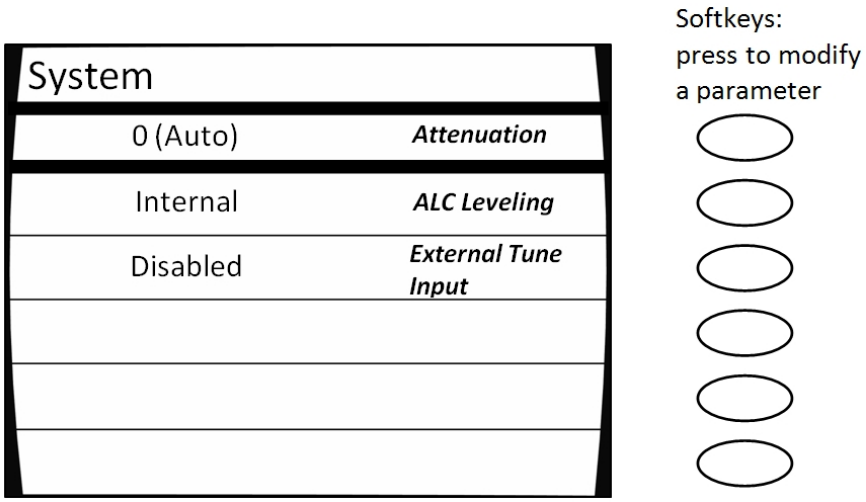
System Menus	
Submenu	**Action or Parameter**
	
	Figure 38: System Menu
System Menu (see Figure 38)	**Attenuation** Provides control of the step attenuator if it is installed in the instrument. • The step attenuator option can insert up to 90 dB of attenuation (110 dB with option 27) into the RF output path of the instrument. • It is switchable in 10 dB steps • Can be set to automatically switch as the instrument's power level is varied, or it can be manually set to insert a fixed amount of attenuation. **ALC Leveling** This menu item allows you to set the instrument's ALC input. The ALC input settings are; • Internal • Positive Detector • Negative Detector • Power Meter. External ALC enables the instrument to compensate for device transmission losses without user intervention. **External Tune Input** This function allows you to tune the output frequency of the 2500B over a range of approximately 20 ppm (2 ppm with option 28) using an analog tuning voltage of 0 to +10 Volts applied to the Ref Tune input on the rear panel. Pressing this softkey enables and disables this feature.

Table 32: System Menu - Connectivity

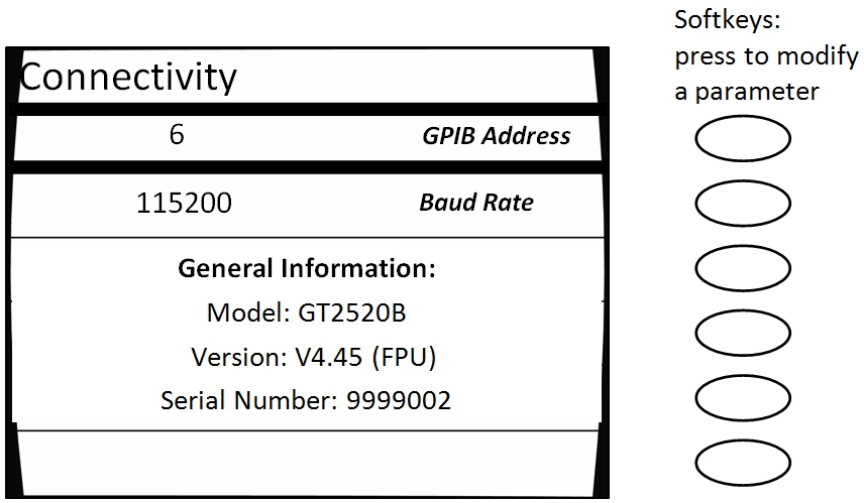
System Menu - Connectivity	
Submenu	**Action or Parameter**
	 **Figure 39: Connectivity Menu**
Connectivity Menu (see Figure 39)	**GPIB Address** Allows you to set the instrument's General-Purpose Interface Bus (GPIB) address. The GPIB address range is 1 to 30. **Baud Rate** Sets the data transfer rate over the RS-232 port on the rear panel of the 2500B. This menu item lets you can select from the following rates : • 1200 • 2400 • 4800 • 9600 • 19200 • 38400 • 115200

Table 33: System Menu – Service Submenu

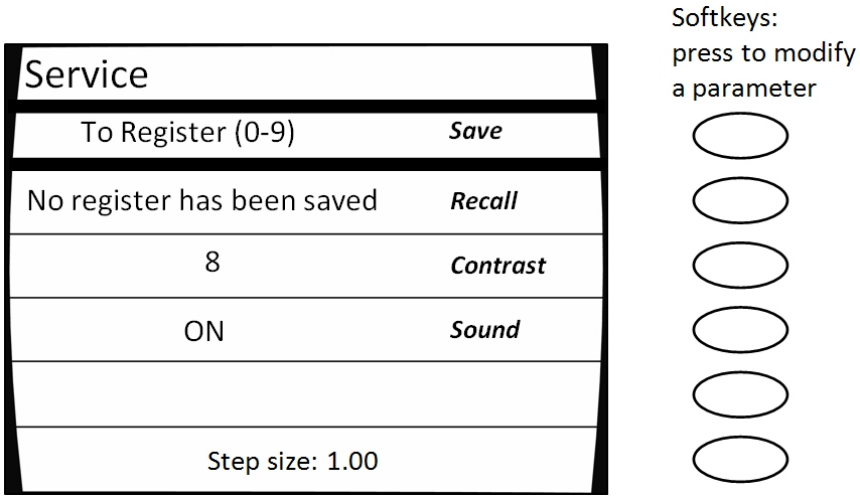
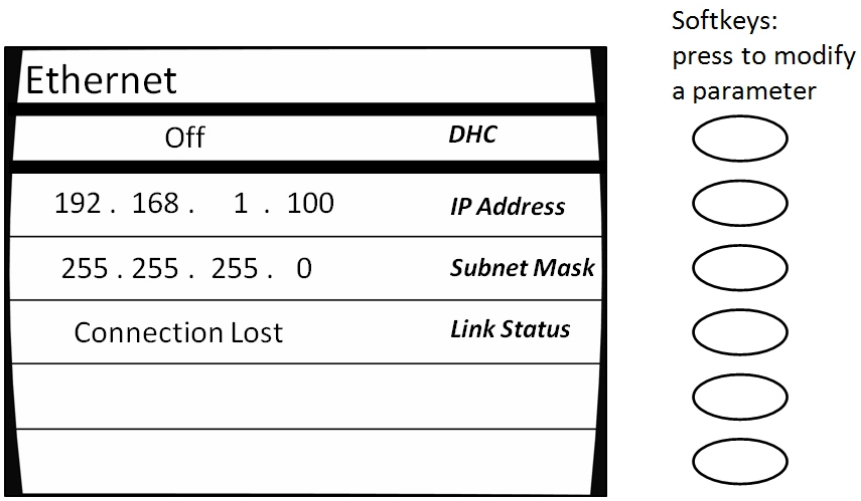
System Menu – Service Submenu	
Submenu	**Action or Parameter**
	
Service Menu (see Figure 40)	**Save** Allows you to save the current state of the instrument to non-volatile memory, so that the saved state can subsequently be restored. The 2500B contains ten registers, numbered 0 through 9, in which instrument states can be saved. Note that saving an instrument state to a given register overwrites any state that might have previously been stored in that register. To save the current instrument configuration to a given register; 1. Select the Save menu item 2. Use the numeric keypad to enter the number of the register into which you wish to save the configuration (the step up/step down buttons and rotary knob cannot be used for this). 3. Press any Units button. **Recall** This menu item allows you to recall a previously saved instrument state from any of the ten storage registers contained in the instrument's non-volatile memory. The parameter area in the display shows the following text: *From Register (X)* Where *X* is the list of registers, separated by commas that currently have an instrument state saved in them. For example, if instrument states are currently stored in registers 1, 2, and 5, the parameter area would read as follows: *From Register (1, 2, 5)* If none of the registers have instrument states saved to them, as would be the case after the instrument's memory is cleared, the following is displayed in the parameter area: *No register has been saved* To recall a previously saved instrument configuration, press the Recall softkey, enter the number of the register from which you wish to recall the configuration using the numeric keypad, and then press any units button. Only the numeric keypad can be used to enter a register number; the step up/step down buttons and rotary knob cannot be used.

Figure 40: Service Menu

System Menu – Service Submenu	
Submenu	**Action or Parameter**
Service Menu, Continued (see Figure 40)	**Contrast** This menu item allows you to set the contrast of the instrument's front panel display. The contrast range is 1 to 15, where 1 represents most contrast and results in the darkest display, and 15 represents least contrast and results in the lightest display. **Sound** This menu item allows you to enable or disable (mute) the system sound. The available selections are ON and MUTE. When Sound is set to ON, the instrument provides audio feedback whenever a button is pressed or the knob is rotated, and an operational error notification is emitted when an error condition occurs, such as when an improper button sequence is pressed, a parameter limit is exceeded.

Table 34: System Menu –Ethernet Submenu

System Menu – Ethernet Submenu	
Submenu	**Action or Parameter**
 Figure 41: Ethernet Menu	
Ethernet Menu (see Figure 41)	The Ethernet Menu allows you to set up the 2500B for remote operations using the LAN connection. Settable menu items: **DHCP** Allows you to configure the 2500B Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol to be set manually or allow a DHCP server to obtain the IP and Subnet Mask. When the DHCP is set to Off, the previously stored static IP address will be displayed. **IP Address** Allows you to set the instrument's IP (Internet Protocol) address. The range for each of the sections is 0 to 255. **Subnet Mask** Allows you to set the instrument's Subnet Mask. The range for each of the sections is 0 to 255. **Link Status** Indicates whether the 2500B Ethernet connection is established or disconnected.

7.2 Use the Ref Tune Function

Why use this procedure: Use this function when you want to phase-lock the output frequency of the 2500B with a stable, external frequency source. See Figure 42 below.

The Reference Tune (Ref Tune) function allows you to adjust the output frequency of the 2500B over a range of approximately 20 ppm (2 ppm with option 28) when the phase-lock loop with external source applies a 0 to +10 V control voltage to the REF TUNE input on the rear panel.

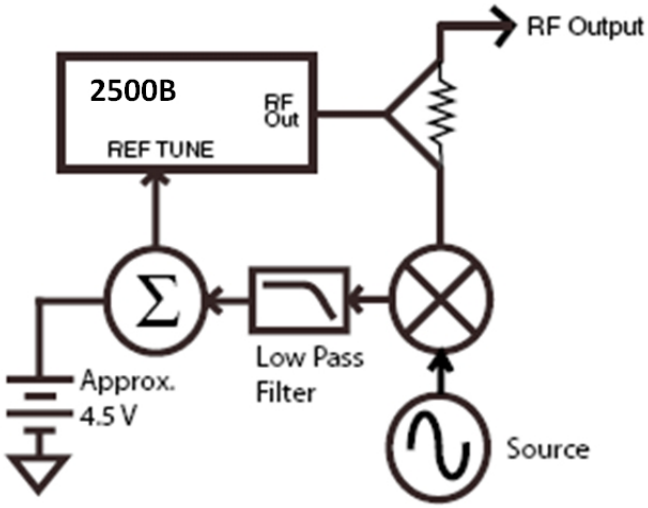


Figure 42: Reference Tune Setup

Note the following about the Ref Tune function:

- It is expected that the unlock (UNLK) message will appear in the upper right-side of the display when the Ref Tune function is enabled. The 2500B is “unlocked”. The user must determine the appropriate parameters necessary to lock the 2500B to the external frequency source.
- The tuning voltage must not exceed +15 Volts and must not go more negative than -1 Volt.
- The instrument's phase noise performance may be degraded when Ref Tune is enabled.
- The Ref Tune input is a high impedance input and has a 3 dB bandwidth of approximately 1 kHz that is set by a pole consisting of 150 Ω and 1 µF as shown in the Figure 43.

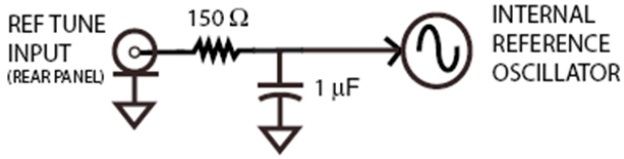


Figure 43: Ref Tune Input Circuit

Additional resistance in the driving source will lower the bandwidth accordingly. The tuning sensitivity at the instrument's output frequency is approximately 2 ppm/Volt (0.2 ppm/V with option 28) but should be carefully characterized for the specific DC Voltage range being applied. A nominal tuning voltage of 4.5 Volts corresponds to the instrument's nominal frequency setting.

Table 35: Use the Ref Tune Feature

Use the Ref Tune Feature	
Step	**Action**
1.	Connect a cable with a BNC connector between the REF TUNE connector on the rear panel of the 2500B and the controlling source.
2.	On the 2500B front panel, press .
3.	Select Softkey System Menu. External Tune Input will appear as one of the softkeys.
4.	Enable and disable the Reference Tune input by: • Toggling Softkey External Tune Input • Pressing △ ▽.
End of Procedure	

Chapter 8 Language Menus

There are three Language menus that allow you to choose the language to be used by the instrument during remote operation.

NOTE: Complete information for remotely programming the 2500B via a host computer is available in the 2500B Programming Manual, Part Number 34783.

Displaying the Language Menus

- ***In Local mode*** (front panel operation), access the Language menus at any time by pressing the LOCAL button.

NOTE: Pressing the LOCAL button when the instrument is in the remote operating mode returns it to local operating mode.

- You can leave the Language menus at any time by pressing any of the Menu buttons on the front panel, or by going in to Remote mode.
- You can navigate between the three Language menus by pressing the bottom softkey on the front panel. See Figure 44.

8.1 Language Menu Description

Figure 44 shows Language Menu 1. The following pages describe the settable items in the three Language menus.

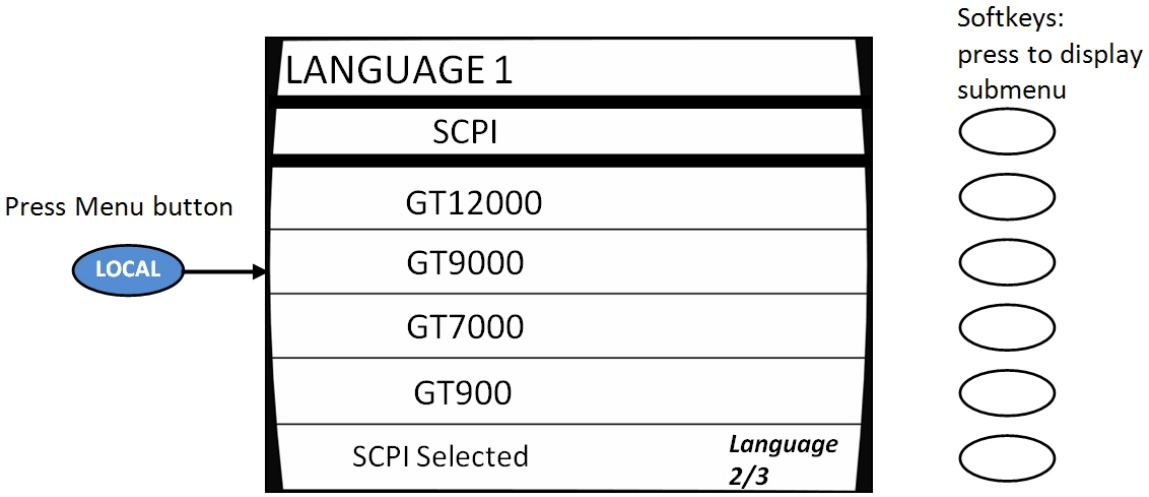


Figure 44: Language Menu 1

Press the bottom-right softkey to toggle between the three Language Menus.

Table 36: Language Menus

Language Menus	
Menu	**Parameter**
Press LOCAL on the front panel of the 2500B to display: **Language Menu 1** (see Figure 44)	Language Menu 1 and Language Menu 2 allow you to view and choose the language to be used by the instrument during remote operation. Some of the remote language choices are standard, and some are optional. The remote language that is used by the instrument corresponds to the Language menu item that is currently selected. Settable items in Language Menu 1 are: **SCPI** This menu item allows you to select Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments (SCPI) as the language to be used by the instrument during remote operations. SCPI is one of the standard remote language choices that are available. To choose SCPI as the remote language, select this menu item. **GT12000** This menu item allows you to select the Giga-tronics Series 12000A native command set as the language to be used by the instrument during remote operations. **GT9000** This menu item allows you to select GT 9000 command set as the remote control language to be used by the instrument using the instrument's GPIB or RS-232 port. **GT7000** This menu item allows you to select GT 7000 command set as the remote control language to be used by the instrument using the instrument's GPIB or RS-232 port. **GT900** This menu item allows you to select GT 900 command set as the remote control language to be used by the instrument using the instrument's GPIB or RS-232 port. **Language 2/3** Pressing this softkey invokes Language Menu 2 in the display. Language Menu 2 is described on the next page.

Language Menus	
Menu	**Parameter**

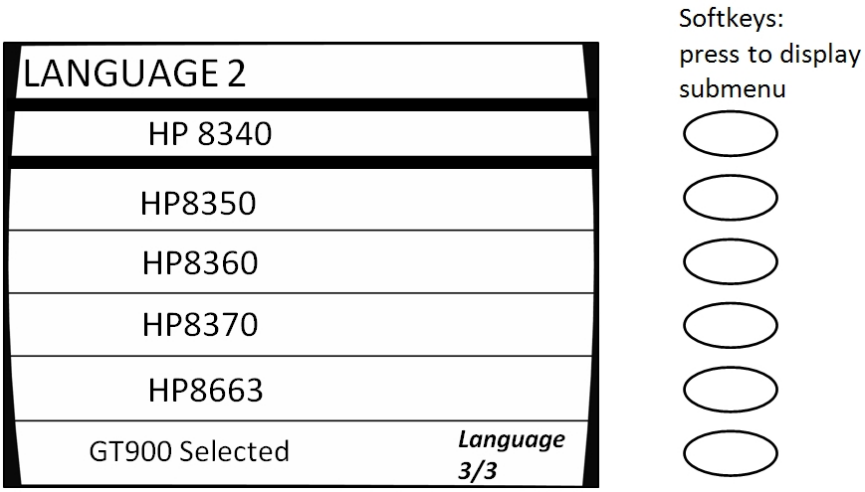
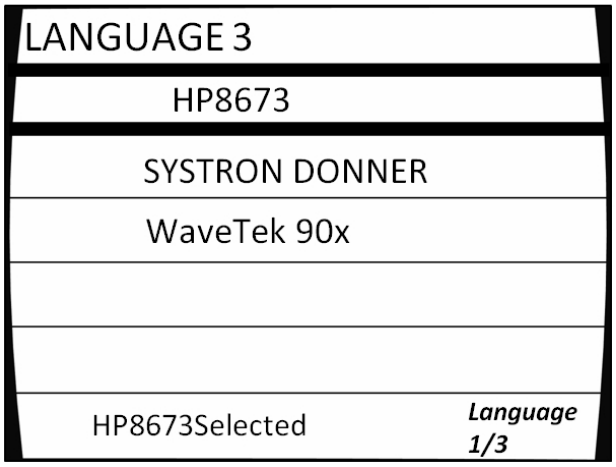


Figure 45: Language Menu 2

Press softkey *Language 2/3* to display: **Language Menu 2** (see Figure 45)	**HP8340** This menu item allows you to select HP 8340 command emulation as the language to be used by the instrument during remote operations. **HP8350** This menu item allows you to select HP 8350 command emulation as the language to be used by the instrument during remote operations. **HP8360** This menu item allows you to select HP 8360 command emulation as the language to be used by the instrument during remote operations. **HP8370** This menu item allows you to select HP 8370 command emulation as the language to be used by the instrument during remote operations. **HP8663** This menu item allows you to select HP 8663 command emulation as the language to be used by the instrument during remote operations. **Language 3/3** Pressing this softkey displays Language Menu 3. Language Menu 3 is described on the next page.

Language Menus	
Menu	**Parameter**
 Figure 46: Language Menu 3	
Press softkey *Language 3/*3 to display: **Language Menu 3** (see Figure 46)	Language Menu 3 allows you to view and choose the language to be used by the instrument during remote operation. The remote language that will be used by the instrument corresponds to the Language menu item that is currently selected. Settable items in this menu are: **HP8673** This menu item allows you to select HP 8673 command emulation as the language to be used by the instrument during remote operations. **Systron Donner** This menu item allows you to select Systron Donner command set as the remote control language to be used by the instrument using the instrument's GPIB or RS-232 port. **Wavetek 90X** This menu item allows you to select Wavetek 90X command set as the remote control language to be used by the instrument using the instrument's GPIB or RS-232 port.

Appendix A Accessories and Options

Giga-tronics offers many add-on options and accessories for extending the capabilities and enhancing the performance of the base model 2500B. These options and accessories are an economical way to maximize the flexibility and range of the 2500B. All accessories and options available for the 2500B are described in this section.

The label on the rear of the 2500B lists the accessories and options that were provided with the instrument at the factory.

A 2500B without any options can generate a CW signal only, without any modulation.

A.1 2500B Accessory & Option List

The table below lists the currently available options and add-ons for the 2500B. Please check the Giga-tronics website (www.gigatronics.com) for the latest add-ons and options available.

Table 37: 2500B Add-on Accessories and Options

2500B Add-on Accessories and Options	
Accessory/ Option Number	**Description**
A011	Ruggedized carrying case
EWS20	Add 3-year warranty (2-year extended warranty)
EWS40	Add 5-year warranty (4-year extended warranty)
17A	Add Internal and External Modulation Suite
17B	Add External Modulation Suite
18	Add 100 kHz to 2 GHz Frequency Range Extension (standard on the 2502B model)
20	Add High RF Output Power
22	Move RF Output Connector to Rear Panel (the type of connector will depend on the model of 2500B. See Table 38 on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**.)
23	Add Type-N RF connector (for 2520B only)
26A	Add 90 dB Mechanical Step Attenuator, for 2502B, 2508B, and 2520B
26B	Add 90 dB Step Attenuator for 2526B
26C	Add 90 dB Step Attenuator for 2540B
26D	Add 90 dB Step Attenuator for 2550B
27	Add 110 dB Electronic Attenuator (2502B and 2508B only)
28	Add Ultra-Low Close-In Phase Noise
29	Add Fast Switching Speed

2500B Add-on Accessories and Options	
Accessory/ Option Number	**Description**
32	Add minimum pulse width ≤ 100 ns pulse
44	Replace standard front panel with blank front panel (requires option #22)
46	Add Rack Slide Kit

Appendix B Error Messages

This appendix lists error and other messages that might be encountered during operation of the instrument. In some cases, encountered errors can be remedied by the user, while in other cases, you might need to contact Giga-tronics support. This appendix consists of the following sections:

- "Start-Up Error Messages" - This section lists the messages that might be encountered during the instrument's power-up sequence.
- "NVRAM Messages" - This section lists messages that might be encountered if the system detects problems with the internal non-volatile memory (NVRAM).
- "Remote Error Messages" - This section lists the messages that might be encountered during remote operation of the instrument.

B.1 Start-up Error Messages

If the system encounters any problems during the start-up sequence, a message is displayed after start-up is complete. Typically, you should contact Giga-tronics customer support if any start-up error messages are encountered. The message that is displayed has the following format:

Error code: *xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx*

Startup Failure, see manual

Where *xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx* is a 20-digit binary number representing the errors that have occurred. The right most digit corresponds to Error #1 in Table 83 on page 89, and the left most digit corresponds to Error #20. A "1" in a particular bit position indicates an error. For example, the following message displayed after start-up:

Error code: 00000000000000000111

Startup Failure, see manual

Indicates that Errors #1, 2, and 3 (shown in Table 83 on page 89) have been detected.

1 TIMEBASE_SET_ERROR

2 NVRAM_BATT_FAIL

3 CPU_FPGA_LOAD_FAIL

Table 38: Start-up Error Messages

Start-up Error Messages	
Error Number	**Error Description**
1	TIMEBASE_SET_ERROR
2	NVRAM_BATT_FAIL
3	CPU_FPGA_LOAD_FAIL
4	SYN_FPGA_LOAD_FAIL
5	ALC_SP_FPGA_LOAD_FAIL
6	ALC_PM_FPGA_LOAD_FAIL
7	RTOS_UTIL_ERROR
8	SYN_DSP_BOOT_LOAD_FAIL
9	ALC_DSP_BOOT_LOAD_FAIL
10	SYN_DSP_LOAD_FAIL
11	ALC_DSP_LOAD_FAIL
12	ALC_ZERO_FAIL
13	ALC_COMM_ERR
14	ALC_MEM_TEST_FAIL
15	ALC_ANALOG_TEST_FAIL
16	YIG_CAL_ERR
17	SYN_CAL_ERR
18	FPGA_CHECK_ERR
19	A1A2_CAL_ERR
20	*Bit position not currently used*

B.2 NV RAM Messages

The instrument uses non-volatile memory (NVRAM) to store user settings and configurations. In certain instances, user messages might be displayed that are related to NVRAM. The following paragraphs explain these instances.

B.2.1 NV RAM Reset Due to a Firmware Upgrade

If the instrument's firmware is upgraded, the start-up process detects the difference in firmware versions the next time it runs. In this case, the system resets the NVRAM, and displays the following message once the start-up process is complete:

Memory reset due to firmware upgrade. Please refer to release notes.

B.2.2 NV RAM Reset Due to Battery Failure

The 2500B circuitry contains a battery to maintain the contents of NVRAM when the instrument is not connected from the mains power source. On occasion, this battery might fail, which causes NVRAM corruption. In this case, the system resets the NVRAM, and displays the following message once the start-up process is complete:

Memory reset due to battery failure. Please contact the service center.

B.2.3 NV RAM Reset Due to a Checksum Failure

A checksum of the NVRAM is calculated as a means of ensuring the integrity of the contents of the memory. On occasion, a comparison of the current contents of NVRAM with the checksum might uncover a disparity in values, causing a checksum failure. Checksum failures might be caused by the following situations:

- A firmware defect is present (most likely)
- AC power loss occurred while the system was writing to NVRAM
- A partial battery failure has occurred

If these situations occur, the screen shown in Figure 57 might appear:

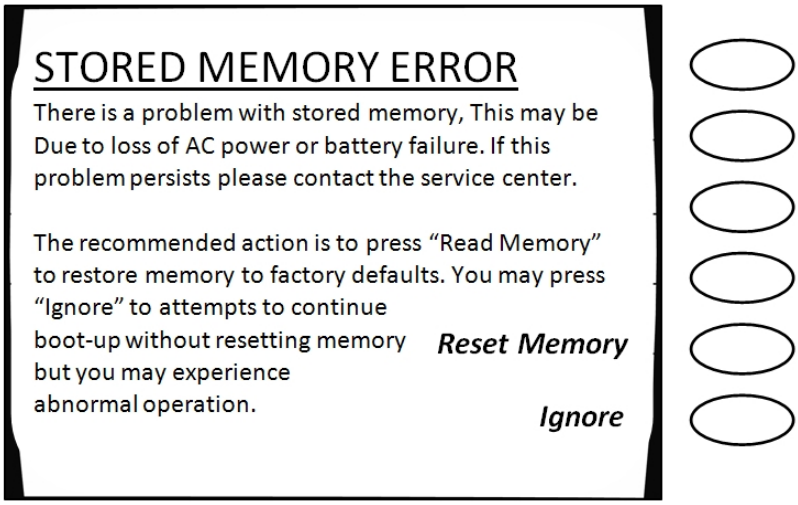


Figure 47: Checksum Test Failure Screen

When a checksum error occurs, you can take either of the following actions:

- Choose the interactive softkey that is adjacent to “Reset Memory.” In this case, NVRAM is reset.
- Choose the interactive softkey that is adjacent to “Ignore.” In this case, NVRAM is not reset, but the checksum is recalculated. This allows you to continue using the instrument with the current contents of NVRAM intact, but you might encounter abnormal instrument operation.

B.3 Remote Error Messages

Commands including SCPI, GPIB, or register commands issued to the 2500B may fail to execute. There are several reasons for the failure, such as wrong command string, wrong number of parameters, invalid parameter values, or invalid operation mode. This section defines the error codes and error strings for each possible failure. When an error occurs, the 2500B will queue the errors to an internal event buffer. When using the GPIB interface, a 2500B will send a service request to the controller, and the controller software is responsible for querying the status message. When using the RS232 interface, the controller software should poll the 2500B for the error condition. A user can also query the 2500B using the ERR? query (GT12000 language mode) or SYStem:ERR? (SCPI language mode).

The message structure is {error #, 2500B error message}.

The following table describes the 2500B remote error messages.

Table 39: 2500B Remote Error Messages

2500B Remote Error Messages	
Error Number	**Error Message**
1	Command syntax error.
2	Invalid register-based command.
3	Command data checksum error.
4	Invalid RF state (0=off, 1=on)
5	Invalid *SAV/*RCL register (0 - 9 supported).
6	CW or RAMP POWER frequency is out of range.
7	CW or RAMP FREQUENCY power is out of range.
8	List range editing error, start frequency is out of range.
9	List range editing error, stop frequency is out of range.
10	List range editing error, step frequency is out of range.
11	List range editing error, Power level is out of range.
12	List range editing error, start power is out of range.
13	List range editing error, stop power is out of range.
14	List range editing error, step power is out of range.
15	List range editing error, frequency is out of range.
16	List range editing error, dwell time is out of range.

2500B Remote Error Messages	
Error Number	**Error Message**
17	System out of list memory.
18	Invalid list point parameter.
19	List does not exist.
20	Invalid list trigger repeat type. Single Step, Single Sweep, and Continuous are supported.
21	Invalid list trigger type. BNC, GPIB GET, GPIB Command, and Immediate are supported.
22	Immediate trigger only works with Continuous trigger repeat type.
23	RAMP option is not enabled.
24	RAMP Power span is out of range.
25	RAMP start Power is out of range.
26	RAMP stop Power is out of range.
27	RAMP Frequency span is out of range.
28	RAMP start Frequency is out of range.
29	RAMP stop Frequency is out of range.
30	RAMP time is out of range.
31	Sweep frequency is out of range.
32	Sweep power is out of range.
33	Invalid internal PM polarity. RISing or FALLing are supported.
34	Invalid External PM polarity, NORmal or INVerted are supported.
35	Invalid PM source. INTernal or EXTernal are supported.
36	Invalid PM action. 0 - deactivate, 1 - activate, 2 - activate internal PM, 3 - activate external pulse negative true, 4 - Activate internal PM, external rising edge trigger, 5 - Activate internal PM, external falling edge trigger.
37	Invalid PM waveform. 0 - waveform off, 1 - waveform single, 2 - waveform double, 3 - waveform triple, 4 - waveform quadruple.
38	Modulation option is not enabled.
39	Internal modulation generator option is not enabled.
40	Scan option is not enabled.
41	Invalid AM action. 0 - Deactivate AM, 1 - Activate external AM, 2 - Activate internal AM with sine wave, 3 - Activate internal AM with square wave, 4 - Activate internal AM with triangle wave, 5 - Activate internal AM with positive ramp, 6 - Activate internal AM with negative ramp, 7 - Activate internal AM with noise, 8 - Activate internal AM, but set output to zero.
42	Invalid AM mode. LINear or LOGarithmic is supported.

2500B Remote Error Messages	
Error Number	**Error Message**
43	Invalid AM source. INTernal or EXTernal is supported.
44	Invalid AM scan mode. 0 - Deactivate AM, 1 - Activate external scan modulation, 2 - Activate internal scan modulation with sine wave, 3 - Activate internal scan modulation with square wave, 4 - Activate internal scan modulation with triangle wave, 5 - Activate internal scan modulation with positive ramp, 6 - Activate internal scan modulation with negative ramp, 7 - Activate internal scan modulation with noise, 8 - Activate internal scan modulation, but set output to zero.
45	Invalid FM source. INTernal or EXTernal is supported.
46	Invalid FM mode. 1 - FM Narrow, 2 - FM Wide.
47	Invalid FM action. 0 - Deactivate FM, 1 - Activate external FM, 2 - Activate internal FM with sine wave, 3 - Activate internal FM with square wave, 4 - Activate internal FM with triangle wave, 5 - Activate internal FM with positive ramp, 6 - Activate internal FM with negative ramp, 7 - Activate internal FM with zero output.
48	Invalid Boolean value is specified. 0 - OFF, 1 - ON.
49	List sync out delay is out of range.
50	Invalid list trigger direction: 0 – Forward (from first to last list point), 1 – Backward (from last to first list point).
51	Invalid list sequence number (some sequence numbers might be less than 0 or exceed available list index).
52	List has not been pre-computed before running. Pre-computing a list is required before running a list.
53	Running a list is not allowed due to an un-calibrated unit.
54	Index of the first dimension in characterization array is out of range.
55	Index of the second dimension in characterization array is out of range.
56	Index of the third dimension in characterization array is out of range.
57	Index of the fourth dimension in characterization array is out of range.
58	Invalid name for characterization variables.
59	No heap space is available for storing characterization data.
60	Heap is not allocated for storing characterization data.
61	A float variable has been viewed previously.
62	Unable to erase data in flash.
63	Checksum mismatches for characterization data in flash and heap.
64	Heap allocation has been done previously.
65	List RF off time is out of range.

2500B Remote Error Messages	
Error Number	**Error Message**
66	Incorrect password for setting minimum list step time.
67	Unable to update parameter block data.
68	List step time is out of range.
69	FM deviation is out of range.
70	FM sensitivity is out of range.
71	PM internal PRI is out of range.
72	PM internal width is out of range.
73	PM internal sync out delay is of out of range.
74	CW power slope is out of range.

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