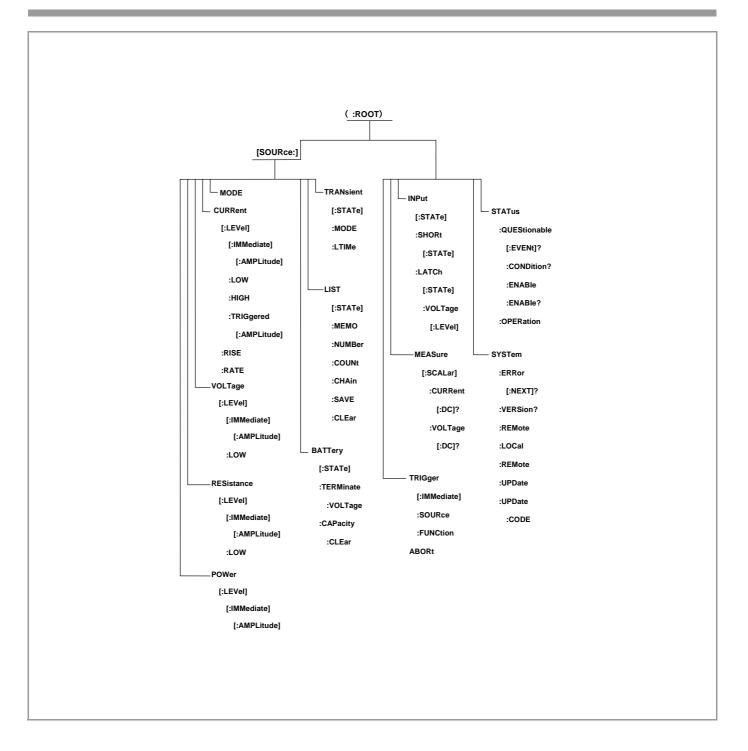


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SCPI Introduction

1.1 What is SCPI?

SCPI is the Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments based on the IEEE488.1 and IEEE488.2 Standards. It conforms to IEEE754 Standard for Floating-Point Arithmetic, ISO646 7-bit Coded Character Sets for Information Exchange, and other kinds of standards.

SCPI Commands for SPL Series Electronic Load can be divided into two types: one is IEEE488.2 common commands; the other is specific commands for the load.

Some generic commands and queries for instruments are defined by the IEEE488.2 common commands. All IEEE488.2 common commands consist of "*" and the mnemonic symbol of three characters. (For example: *IDN?, *SAV, *WAI etc.)

The specific commands are used to execute settings, testing, and measuring etc. functions of the load. These commands are organized in the form of the command tree. Each command contains several mnemonic symbols. The nodes are separated by the character ":", see figure 1-1. The top part of the command tree is called "ROOT". The entire path from "ROOT" to leaf node is a complete programming command.

1.2 Command Syntax

SCPI Commands for SPL Series Electronic Load carry on and expand IEEE488.2 Standards. The programming command consists of keywords, separators, parameters, and terminators etc. Take the following command as an example:

CURRent:PROTection:STATe ON

CURRent, PROTection, STATe are the keywords; ":" and spaces are separators; ON is the parameter (some commands have several parameters; they are separated by ","); the carriage return after the command is a terminator.

To make it easy to describe, the various follow-up symbols represent:

Square brackets ([]) represent the optional keywords or the parameter can be omitted.

Braces ({}) represent the parameter options in the command string.

Angle brackets (<>) represent that it is necessary to provide a numeric parameter.

Vertical line (|) is used to separate multiple parameter options.

1.2.1 SCPI Keywords

1.2.1.1 Forms of Keywords

Each keyword has two forms: long form and short form.

Long Form It consists of one word or a phrase. If it is a word, the long form keyword should be the complete word; if it is a phrase, the long form keyword should consist of the first letter of each word and the whole letters of the last word. The long form keyword for STATUS is STATUS; the long form keyword for LOW LEVEL is LLEVel.

Short Form The word contains only the first three or four letters of the long form. The short form keyword for STATUS is STAT; the short form keyword for LOW LEVEL is LLEV.

Short forms are constructed according to the following rules:

- If the keyword consists of four or fewer letters, then all the letters are used.
- If the keyword consists of five or more letters,

and the fourth letter is not a vowel,

then the first four letters are used;

and the fourth letter is a vowel,

then only the first three letters are used.

1.2.1.2 Keyword Conventions

The short form part of each keyword is emphasized in boldface uppercase letters to help you remember it.

- TRIGger
- IMMediate
- RESistance
- SHORt

The SCPI parser is not sensitive to case. It will accept Trig, trig, trigger, TRIGGER, etc. Regardless of which form you use, the load only recognizes the accurate long form and short form. For example, RESI or TRI will not be recognized as the right command.

1.2.2 Separators

The colon ":" is used to separate the keywords of two adjacent levels in command tree. For example: "INPut:PROTection:CLEar". The colon ":" can be regarded as the first character of the command to indicate this command is a root command.

The space " " is used to separate the command and the parameter.

The semicolon is used to separate multiple commands without changing the level of the present commands. For example: CURR:PROT:LEV 3;DEL 10. This command is equivalent of the following two commands:

CURR:PROT:LEV 3

CURR:PROT:DEL 10

Using semicolon and colon properly can simplify the description of command level. e.g. CURR 25;:VOLT 50. Please note that the maximum length of a command should not exceed 100 bytes. If a command exceeds this length, it will be given up by the load and a remote error "-521 Input buffer overflow" will occur.

The comma "," is used to separate multiple parameters.

1.2.3 Parameters

Parameters are data values or character strings, which follow behind certain keywords, and are separated by spaces from keywords.

1.2.3.1 Parameter Formats

The parameters formats have numerical data format, character data format and Bool format etc. The character format and Boolean format are similar to the keywords format, such as: ON, OFF and CONTinuos. All parameters are ASCII. See the list 1-1 for Parameter Formats.

Symbol	Description	Example
< NRI>	Digits with no decimal point. The decimal point is as- sumed to be to the right of the least-significant digit.	2730, 02730
< NR2>	Digits with a decimal point.	27.30, .02730。
< NR3>	Digits with a decimal point and an exponent.	2.730 E+2, 2.730E-2
< NRf>	Flexible decimal form that includes NR1 or NR2 or NR3.	2730, 27.30, 2.730E+2。
< NRf+>	Expanded decimal form that includes NRf and NRf and MIN, MAX. MIN and MAX are the minimum and maxi- mum limit values for the pa- rameter.	2730, 27.30, 2.730E-2, MIN, MAX
< Bool>	Bool data	ONIOFF
< crd >	Character data	CV
< aard >	Return ASCII data. It's al- lowed to return undelimited 7-bit ASCII. This data type is an implied terminator.	

List1-1 Parameter Formats

1.2.3.2 Data Unit

Numeric data may be followed by the unit. When no unit follows the numeric data, the data unit is the standard unit of this command. See list1-2 for Data Unit, and see list 1-3 for Most-Used Unit Multipliers.

Class	Preferred Unit	Secondary Unit	Referenced Unit
Current	A		Ampere
Resistance	OHM		Ohm
		MOHM	Megohm
Time	S		Second
Amplitude	V		Volt
Power	W		Watt

List1-2 Data Unit

Multiplier	Mnemonic	Definition
1E6	MA	Mega
1E3	К	Kilo
1E-3	М	milli
1E-6	U	micro
1E-9	Ν	nano

List1-3 Most-Used Unit Multipliers

1.2.4 Terminators

The command string sent to the load must be terminated by a <new line> symbol (carriage return character). IEEE-488 EOI (End Or Identify) can be regarded as <new line> symbol to be the terminator of the command. It is acceptable if there is a <new line> symbol after the <carriage return character>.

1.3 Examples

1.3.1 Simple Command Statements

The simple command statement consists of a command, or keyword, usually followed by a parameter:

VOLT 25 CURR 50 TRIG

1.3.2 Compound Command Statements

When two or more keywords are connected by colons, it creates a compound command statement. Usually, the last keyword is followed by a parameter, and is separated by a space:

VOLT:SLEW 1000

CURR:RANG 6

TRIG:SOUR BUS

If the compound command statement contains "[","]", the keyword of this part is dispensable.

CURRent:LEVel:TRIGgered 0.5

CURRent:TRIGgered 0.5

These two commands are the same.

1.3.3 Simple Command Queries

The simple command query consists of a keyword followed by a question mark (?): VOLT? CURR?

1.3.4 Compound Command Queries

When two or more keywords are connected by colons and followed by a question mark (?), it creates a compound query statement. VOLT:TRIG? CURR:PROT? MEAS:POW?

2 **SCPI Commands Descriptions**

2.1 IEEE488.2 Common Commands

Common commands are defined by the IEEE488.2 standard to perform some of the basic instrument functions, such as recalling. saving, and reset etc. IEEE488.2 Common Commands have no hierarchical structure.

*CLS

Clears the following registers:

- Standard Event register
- Questionable Status Event register
- Operation Status Event register
- Status Byte Event register
- Clears the Error Queue

Command Syntax: *CLS Parameters: None

*ESE

This command sets the condition of the Standard Event Status Enable register. A "1" in the bit position enables the corresponding event and report this even to the Status Byte register. Refer to the description about the Standard Event Status Enable register in Status Register Reporting

Command Syntax: *ESE <NRf>

Parameter: 0~255

Power-on Value: refers to *PSC command

Example: *ESE 100

Query Syntax: *ESE?

Returned Parameter: <NR1> 0-255

Related Commands: *PSC *STB?

*ESR?

This query reads the Standard Event register. Reading the register clears it. See the list below for the bit configuration of this register.

List 2-1 Bit Definition of Standard Event Register

						/		
Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Bit Name	PON	N.U	CME	EXE	DDE	QYE	N.U	OPC
the load N.U Null, CME Cor	Name PON Power On. This bit is set when the load is turned on. N.U Null, Reserved Bit. CME Command Error. EXE Execution Error.			QYE Que query, Q' N.U Null,	ice Depen ry Error. W YE bit will Reserved eration Cor	/hen an er be set. Bit.	Tor occurs	to the

Query Syntax: *ESR? Parameters: None Returned Parameter: <NRI> Related Commands: *CLS *OPC

*IDN?

Query the relevant information of the load. Query Syntax: *IDN? Parameters: None Returned Parameter: <aard>

*OPC

This command causes Bit 0 of the Standard Event Status Register to be set "1" when the load has completed all pending operations.

*OPC does not prevent processing of subsequent commands. All pending operations are complete including all pending trigger levels have triggered.

Command Syntax: *OPC

Parameters: None

Related Commands: *WAI *OPC?

*0PC?

This query causes the load to place an ASCII "1" in the Output Queue when all pending operations are completed. Unlike *OPC, *OPC? prevents processing of all subsequent commands. If there are triggers, and the trigger source has not been previously set to EXT at this time, in this case, the only programmable way to restore operation is by sending the load a GPIB DCL (Device Clear) command.

Query Syntax: *OPC?

Returned Parameter: <NR1>

Related Commands: *OPC TRIG:SOUR *WAI

*PSC

This command controls the request service at power turn-on. 1: When the load is power on, the settings of Status Byte Enable register and Standard Event Enable register are cleared to be 0. 0: The present settings of Status Byte Enable register and Standard Event Enable register are saved in nonvolatile memory. The next time the load is turned on, the Standard Event Enable register will be programmed according to the saved settings. Command Syntax: *PSC <bool>

Parameter: 0 | 1 Query Syntax:*PSC?

Returned Parameter: 0 | 1 Related Commands: *SRE *ESE

*RCL

This command recalls the saved parameters of the load. The recalled parameters need to be previously stored in memory. When the saved parameters are recalling, the specified location of these parameters must be used. *RCL also does the following:

- 1 Force an ABORt command before resetting any parameters. (This removes all pending trigger levels.)
- 2 After all parameter have been recalled, executes an INP:PROT:CLE to clear the load's protection status. At power turn-on, the equivalent of an *RCL 0 is executed. Recalling the unsaved location is defaulted to recall the location 0.

Command Syntax: *RCL <NR1> Parameter: 0~9 Example: *RCL 5

Related Commands: *RST *SAV

*RST

This command sets the load to its factor-defined state. Force an ABORt command before resetting any parameters. After all parameters have been reset, executes an INP:PROT:CLE to clear the load's protection status. Command Syntax: *RST Parameter: None

Related Commands: *RCL *SAV

*SAV

This command saves the parameters of the load in the nonvolatile memory. There are 10 storage space in total (locations 0 through 9). Command Syntax: *SAV <NR1>

Parameter: 0~9 Example: *SAV 5 Related Commands: *RCL *RST

*SRE

This command sets the condition of the Status Byte Enable register. The programming parameters determine whether or not a 0 to 1 transition in the Status Byte register will set the RQS bit of the Status Byte register. See *Status Reporting* for more details concerning the Status Byte register. Command Syntax: *SRE <NR1>

Parameter: 0~255

Query Syntax: *SRE?

Returned Parameter: <NR1>

Related Commands: *PSC

*STB?

This query reads the Status Byte register. The Status Byte register is cleared when this query has been executed. The *STB? query and a serial poll share the same returned parameter, but the service request bit (bit 6) of the Status Byte register will not be cleared when a serial poll is sent. See *Status Reporting* for more details concerning the Status Byte register.

Query Syntax: *STB? Parameter: None Returned Parameter: <NR1>

*TRG

This command which is essentially the same as the Group Execute Trigger (<GET>), generates a trigger to the load only if TRIG:SOUR is set to BUS. This command becomes effective only when the trigger source is set to BUS. Command Syntax: *TRG Parameter: None Related Commands: TRIG_TRIG:SOUR

*TST?

This query causes the load to go through a limited self-test. The testing does not alter the mode or parameter settings of the load. Command Syntax: *TST?

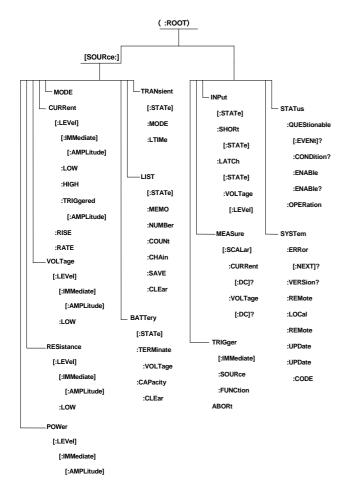
Returned Parameter: <NR1> 0 = test passed None0= a self-test failure

*WAI

This command instructs the load not process any further commands until all pending operations are completed. All pending operations are complete including all pending trigger levels have triggered. ***WAI** can be aborted only by sending the load a GPIB **DCL** (Device Clear) command.

Parameter: None

Related Commands: *OPC *OPC?



2.2.1 ABORt

This command cancels all pending [:LEVel]:TRIG operations (such as CURR:TRIG). As a result, subsequent triggers have no effect on the input level. ABORt has no effect on the Transient operation and List (Sequence) operation.

Command Syntax: ABORt

Parameter: None

Example: ABOR

Query Syntax: None

Related Commands: CURR[:LEVel]:TRIG, VOLT[:LEVel]:TRIG, RES[:LEV]:TRIG, STAT:OPER:COND?

2.2.2 CURRent Subsystem

[SOURce:]CURRent[:LEVel] [:IMMediate] [:AMPLitude]

Specifies the immediate current level for the load. CURR? MIN and CURR? MAX return the maximum and minimum current level for the present range. If the set level exceeds the range, an error will be generated.

Command Syntax: [SOURce:]CURRent [:LEVel] [:IMMediate] <NRf+>

Parameters: Digits |MIN|MAX

Unit: A|mA

Example: CURR 25A

Query Syntax: [SOURce:]CURRent[:LEVel] [:IMMediate] [:AMPLitude]? Parameter: None |MIN|MAX

Example: CURR? CURR? MIN CURR? MAX

Returned Parameter: <NR3>

Related Commands: CURR:LOW; CURR:TRIG, CURR:RISE:RATE

[SOURce:]CURRent[:LEVel]:TRIGgered [:AMPLitude]

Specifies the current trigger level for the load. It shares the same current range with the immediate current. The current trigger level becomes the immediate current level only when the trigger signal has been received.

Command Syntax: [SOURce:]CURRent [:LEVel]:TRIGgered [:AMPLitude] <NRf+>

Parameter: Digits |MIN|MAX

Unit: A|mA Example: CURR:TRIG 5A CURR:TRIG 50mA Query Syntax: [SOURce:]CURRent[:LEVel]:TRIGgered [:AMPLitude]? Parameter: None |MIN|MAX Example: CURR:TRIG? CURR:TRIG? MIN CURR:TRIG? MAX Returned Parameter: <NR3> Related Commands: INIT, INIT:CONT

[SOURce:]CURRent:PROTection[:LEVel]

Specifies the current limit at which software protection occurs. The current limit range is 0-30 A respective 0-40 A. When the current protection is enabled, the actual current exceeds or equals to the current limit for software protection, and the load enters into the current protection status. When the input current reaches the current limit for the specified delay period, the load input is turned off.

Command Syntax: [SOURce:]CURRent:PROTection[:LEVel] <NRf+>

Parameter: Digits |MIN|MAX

Unit: A|mA

Example: CURR:PROT 15A

Query Syntax: [SOURce:]CURRent:PROTection[:LEVel]?

Parameter: None |MIN|MAX

Example: CURR:PROT? CURR:PROT? MIN CURR:PROT? MAX Returned Parameter: <NR3>

Related Commands: CURR:PROT:STAT, CURR:PROT:DEL, INP:PROT:CLE

[SOURce:]CURRent:PROTection:DELay

Specifies time for which protection current limit may be exceeded. The delay period is calculated after the actual current reaches or exceeds the protection current limit. When the delay period is reached, the load input will be turned off.

Command Syntax: CURRent:PROTection:DELay <NRf+> Parameter: Digits |MIN|MAX

Unit: s/ms

Example: CURRent:PROTection:DELay 0.5

Query Syntax: [SOURce:]CURRent:PROTection:DELay? Parameter: None |MIN|MAX Example: CURR:PROT:DEL? ; CURR:PROT:DEL?MIN ; CURR:PROT:DEL? MAX Returned Parameter: <NR3>

Related Commands: INP:PROT:CLE, CURR:PROT

[SOURce:]CURRent:PROTection:STATe

Disables/Enables current protection function. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]CURRent:PROTection:STATe <bool> Parameter: ON|OFF Example: CURR:PROT:STAT ON Query Syntax: [SOURce:]CURRent:PROTection:STATe? Parameter: None Example: CURR:PROT:STAT? Returned Parameter: <NR1> Value 0=OFF, 1=ON Related Commands: CURR:PROT, INP:PROT:CLE

[SOURce:]CURRent:[LEVel]:LOW

Specifies the transient current low level, which shares the same range with the immediate current level. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]CURRent:[LEVel]:LOWI <NRf+> Parameter: Digits |MIN|MAX Unit: A|mA Example: CURR:LOW 3 Query Syntax: [SOURce:]CURRent:[LEVel]:LOW? Parameter: None |MIN|MAX Example: CURR:[LEVel]:LOW? CURR:[LEVel]:LOW? MIN CURR:[LEVel]:LOW? MAX Returned Parameter: <NR3> Related Commands: CURR:LOW

[SOURce:]CURRent:[LEVel]:HIGH

Specifies the transient current high level, which shares the same range with the immediate current level. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]CURRent:[LEVel]:HIGHI <NRf+> Parameter: Digits |MIN|MAX Unit: A|mA Example: CURR:HIGH 3 Query Syntax: [SOURce:]CURRent:[LEVel]:HIGH? Parameter: None |MIN|MAX Example: CURR:[LEVel]:HIGH? CURR:[LEVel]:HIGH? MIN CURR:[LEVel]:HIGH? MAX Returned Parameter: <NR3> Related Commands: CURR:HIGH

[SOURce:]CURRent:RISE:RATE

Specifies the current rise rate in CC mode. CURR:RISE:RATE? MIN and CURR:RISE:RATE? MAX return the maximum and minimum rise rate for the present range. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]CURRent:RISE:RATE <NRf+> Parameter: Digits |MIN|MAX Unit: A|mA/us Example: CURRent:RISE:RATE 3A Query Syntax: [SOURce:]CURRent:RISE:RATE? Parameter: None |MIN|MAX Example: CURR:RISE:RATE? CURR:RISE:RATE? MIN CURR:RISE:RATE? MAX Returned Parameter: <NR3> Related Commands: CURR:FALL:RATE

[SOURce:]CURRent:FALL:RATE

Specifies the current fall rate in CC mode, which shares the same range with the current rise rate. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]CURRent:FALL:RATE <NRf+> Parameter: Digits |MIN|MAX Unit: A|mA/us Example: CURR:FALL:RATE 3A Query Syntax: [SOURce:]CURRent:FALL:RATE? Parameter: None |MIN|MAX Example: CURR:FALL:RATE? CURR:FALL:RATE? MIN CURR:FALL:RATE? MAX Returned Parameter: <NR3> Related Commands: CURR:RISE:RATE

2.2.3 VOLTage Subsystem

[SOURce:]VOLTage[:LEVel][:IMMediate][:AMPLitude]

Specifies the immediate voltage level for the load. VOLT? MIN and VOLT? MAX return the maximum and minimum voltage level for the present range. If the set level exceeds the range, an error will be generated. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]VOLTage[:LEVel][:IMMediate][:AMPLitude]

<NRf+>
Parameter: Digits |MIN|MAX
Unit: V|mV
Example: VOLT 5V
Query Syntax: [SOURce:]VOLTage[:LEVel][:IMMediate][:AMPLitude]?
Parameter: None |MIN|MAX
Example: VOLT? VOLT? MIN VOLT? MAX
Returned Parameter: <NR3>
Related Commands: CURRent, RESistance

[SOURce:]VOLTage[:LEVel]:TRIGgered[:AMPLitude]

Specifies the voltage trigger level for the load. It shares the same range with the immediate voltage. The voltage trigger level becomes the immediate voltage level only when the trigger signal has been received. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]VOLTage[:LEVel]:TRIGgered[:AMPLitude] <NRf+> Parameter: Digits |MIN|MAX Unit: V|mV Example: VOLT:TRIG 5V Query Syntax: [SOURce:]VOLTage[:LEVel]:TRIGgered[:AMPLitude]? Parameter: None |MIN|MAX Example: VOLT:TRIG? VOLTage[:LEVel]:TRIGgered[:AMPLitude]? Parameter: None |MIN|MAX Example: VOLT:TRIG? VOLT:TRIG? MIN VOLT:TRIG? MAX Returned Parameter: <NR3> Related Commands: INIT, INIT:CONT, TRIG

[SOURce:]VOLTage:[LEVel]:LOW

Specifies the transient voltage low level, which shares the same range with the immediate voltage level. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]VOLTage:[LEVel]:LOW <NRf+> Parameter: Digits |MIN|MAX Unit: V|mV Example: VOLT:LOW 5V Query Syntax: [SOURce:]VOLTage:[LEVel]:LOW? Parameter: None |MIN|MAX Example: VOLT::LOW? VOLT::LOW? MAX VOLT::LOW? MIN Returned Parameter: <NR3> Related Commands: VOLT:HIGH, TRAN:LTIM

[SOURce:]VOLTage:[LEVel]:HIGH

Specifies the transient voltage high level, which shares the same range with the immediate voltage level. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]VOLTage:[LEVel]:HIGH <NRf+> Parameter: Digits |MIN|MAX Unit: V|mV Example: VOLT:HIGH 5V Query Syntax: [SOURce:]VOLTage:[LEVel]:HIGH!? Parameter: None |MIN|MAX Example: VOLT:HIGH? VOLT:HIGH? MIN VOLT:[LEVel]:HIGH? MAX Returned Parameter: <NR3> Related Commands: VOLT:LOW, TRAN:HTIM

2.2.4 RESistance Subsystem

[SOURce:]RESistance[:LEVel][:IMMediate][:AMPLitude]

Specifies the immediate resistance level for the load. RES? MIN and RES? MAX return the maximum and minimum resistance level for the present range. If the set level exceeds the range, an error will be generated.

Command Syntax: [SOURce:]RESistance[:LEVel][:IMMediate] [:AMPLitude] <NRf+> Parameter: Digits |MIN|MAX Unit: OHM|mOHM|kOHM Example: RES 10 OHM Query Syntax: [SOURce:]RESistance[:LEVel][:IMMediate]? Parameter: None |MIN|MAX Example: RES? RES? MIN RES? MAX Returned Parameter: <NR3> Related Commands: CURRent, VOLTage

[SOURce:]RESistance[:LEVel]:TRIGgered[:AMPLitude]

Specifies the resistance trigger level for the load. It shares the same range with the immediate resistance level. The resistance trigger level becomes the immediate resistance level only when the trigger signal has been received. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]RESistance[:LEVel]:TRIGgered [:AMPLitude] <NRf+> Parameter: Digits |MIN|MAX Unit: OHM|mOHM|kOHM Example: RES: TRIG 3 OHM Query Syntax: [SOURce:]RESistance[:LEVel]:TRIGgered[:AMPLitude]? Parameter: None |MIN|MAX Example: RES:TRIG? RES:TRIG? MIN RES:TRIG? MAX Returned Parameter: <NR3> Related Commands: INIT, INIT:CONT

[SOURce:]RESistance:[LEVel]:LOW

Specifies the transient resistance low level, which shares the same range with the immediate resistance level.

Command Syntax: [SOURce:]RESistance:[LEVel]:LOW <NRf+> Parameter: Digits |MIN|MAX Unit: OHM Example: RES:LOW 3 OHM Query Syntax: [SOURce:]RESistance:LOW? Parameter: None |MIN|MAX Example: RES:LOW? RES:LOW? MIN RES:LOW? MAX Returned Parameter: <NR3> Related Commands: RESistance:HIGH, TRAN:HTIMe

[SOURce:]RESistance:[LEVel]:HIGH

Specifies the transient voltage high level, which shares the same range with the immediate resistance level. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]RESistance:[LEVel]:HIGH <NRf+> Parameter: Digits |MIN|MAX Unit: OHM Example: RES:HIGH 3 OHM Query Syntax: [SOURce:]RESistance[:LEVEL]:HIGH? Parameter: None |MIN|MAX Example: RES:HIGH? RES:HIGH? MIN RES:HIGH? MAX Returned Parameter: <NR3> Related Commands: RESistance:HIGH, TRAN:HTIMe

2.2.5 POWer Subsystem

[SOURce:]POWer[:LEVel] [:IMMediate][:AMPLitude]

Specifies the power level. POW? MIN and POW? MAX return the maximum and minimum power level for the present range. If the set level exceeds the range, an error will be generated. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]POWer[:LEVel][:IMMediate] [:AMPLitude]<NRf+> Parameter: Digits |MIN|MAX Unit: W|mW Example: POW 10W Query Syntax: [SOURce:]POWer[:LEVel][:IMMediate][:AMPLitude]? Parameter: None |MIN|MAX Example: POW? POW? MIN POW? MAX Returned Parameter: <NR3> Related Commands: POWer:TRIGgered

[SOURce:]POWer[:LEVel]:TRIGgered[:AMPLitude]

Specifies the power trigger level. It shares the same range with the power level. The power trigger level becomes the power level only when the trigger signal has been received. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]POWer[:LE'Vel]:TRIGgered [:AMPLitude]<NRf+> Parameter: Digits |MIN|MAX Unit: W|mW Example: POW:TRIG 10w Query Syntax: [SOURce:]POWer[:LEVel]:TRIGgered[:AMPLitude]? Parameter: None |MIN|MAX Example: POW:TRIG? POW:TRIG? MIN POW:TRIG? MAX Returned Parameter: <NR3> Related Commands: INIT, INIT:CONT

2.2.6 INPut Subsystem

INPut[:STATe]

Enables/Disables the load input. Command Syntax: INPut[:STATe] <bool> Parameter: ON |OFF Example: INP ON Query Syntax: INPut[:STATe]? Parameter: None Example: INP? Returned Parameter: <NRI> Value:0(OFF) 1(ON) Related Commands: INP:SHOR

INPut:SHORt[:STATe]

Enables/Disables the short circuit of the load. Command Syntax: INPut:SHORt[:STATe] <bool> Parameter: ON |OFF Example: INP:SHOR ON Query Syntax: INPut:SHORt[:STATe]? Parameter: None Example: INP:SHOR? Returned Parameter: <NR1> Value:0(OFF) 1(ON) Related Commands: INP[:STAT]

INPut:PROTection:CLEar

Clears the protection status (OC, OV, OP, OT, RV) of the load. Command Syntax: INPut:PROTection:CLEar Parameter: None Example: INP:PROT:CLE Query Syntax: None Related Commands: INP

INPut:LATCh:VOLTage[:LEVEL]

Specifies the Von voltage point. If the load is power on, it will be enabled when the external input voltage reaches or exceeds the Von point.

Command Syntax: INPut:LATCh:VOLTage[:LEVEL] <NRf+> Parameter: Digits |MIN|MAX Unit: V|mV Example: INP:LATC:VOLT 2 Query Syntax:INPut:LATCh:VOLTage[:LEVEL]? Parameter: None |MIN|MAX Example: INP:LATC:VOLT?; INP:LATC:VOLT?MIN; INP:LATC:VOLT?MAX Returned Parameter: <NR3> Related Commands: INP:LATC

INPut:LATCh[:STATe]

Enalbes/Disables the Von Latch of the load. If the actual voltage is less than Von point after the load has been enabled, there are two circumstances for the load at this time: if the Von Latch is enabled, the load continues operating; if the Von Latch is disabled, the load is turned off. Command Syntax: INPut:LATCh[:STATe] <bool> Parameter: ON/OFF Example: INP:LATC ON Query Syntax: INPut:LATCh[:STATe]? Parameter: None Example: INP:LATC? Returned Parameter: <NRI> Value:0(OFF) 1(ON) Related Commands: INP:LATC:VOLT

INPut:LIMit[:CV]:CURRent

Sets the maximum current limit when the load is in the CV mode. Command Syntax: INPut:LIMit[:CV]:CURRent <NRf+>, Parameter: Digits |MIN|MAX Unit: A|mA Example: INP:LIM:CURR 20 Query Syntax: INPut:LIMit[:CV]:CURRent? Parameter: None |MIN|MAX Example: INP:LIM:CURR? INP:LIM:CURR? MIN INP:LIM:CURR? MAX Returned Parameter: <NR3> Related Commands: CURRent

2.2.7 TRANsient Subsystem

[SOURce:]TRANsient [:STATe]

Enables/Disables the transient operation. Command Syntax: TRANsient[:STATe] <bool> Parameter: ON|OFF Example: TRAN ON Query Syntax: TRAN[:STATe]? Returned Parameter: <NR1> Value:0 for OFF, 1for ON

TRANsient:MODE

Sets the transient operating mode. There are three transient operating modes: Continuous, Pulsed, and Toggled. Command Syntax: TRANsient:MODE <aard> Parameter: CONTinuous|PULSe|TOGGle Example: TRAN:MODE PULS Query Syntax: TRANsient:MODE? Returned Parameter: <aard>CONT, PULS, or TOGG Related Commands: TRIGger

TRANsient:HTIMe

Sets transient high level time. Command Syntax: TRANsient:HTIMe <NRf+> Parameter: Digits |MIN|MAX Unit: mS|uS Example: TRANsient:HTIMe 500ms Query Syntax: TRANsient:HTIMe? Parameter: None |MIN|MAX Example: TRAN:HTIMe? TRAN:HTIMe? MIN TRAN:HTIMe? MAX Returned Parameter: <NR3> Related Commands: TRAN:LTIM

TRANsient:LTIMe

Sets transient low level time. Command Syntax: TRANsient:LTIMe <NRf+> Parameter: Digits |MIN|MAX Unit: mS|uS Example: TRANsient:LTIMe 500ms Query Syntax: TRANsient:LTIMe? Parameter: None |MIN|MAX Example: TRAN:LTIMe? TRAN:LTIMe? MIN TRAN:LTIMe? MAX Returned Parameter: <NR3> Related Commands: TRAN:HTIM

TRANsient:RTIMe

Sets the time for transient rising edge. Command Syntax: TRANsient:RTIMe <NRf+> Parameter: Digits |MIN|MAX Unit: mS|uS Example: TRANsient:RTIMe 500ms Query Syntax: TRANsient:RTIMe? Parameter: None |MIN|MAX Example: TRAN:RTIMe? TRAN:RTIMe? MIN TRAN:RTIMe? MAX Returned Parameter: <NR3> Related Commands: TRAN:FTIM

TRANsient:FTIMe

Sets the time for transient falling edge. Command Syntax: TRANsient:FTIMe <NRf+> Parameter: Digits |MIN|MAX Unit: mS|uS Example: TRANsient:FTIMe 200ms Query Syntax: TRANsient:FTIMe? Parameter: None |MIN|MAX Example: TRAN:FTIMe? TRAN:FTIMe? MIN TRAN:FTIMe? MAX Returned Parameter: <NR3> Related Commands: TRAN:RTIM

2.2.8 LIST Subsystem

[SOURce:]LIST:CLEar

Initializes the list data of the present list. Command Syntax: LIST:CLEar Parameter: None Example: LIST:CLEar

[SOURce:]LIST[:STATe]

Enables/Disables the list operation. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]LIST[:STATe] <bool> Parameter: On|Off Example: LIST on LIST off Query Syntax: [SOURce:]LIST[:STATe]? Returned Parameter: <NR1> Value:0 for OFF, 1for ON Related Commands: LIST:NUMB, LIST:CONT

[SOURce:]LIST:MEMO

Sets the Memo of the list. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]LIST: MEMO "<aard>" Parameter: "0x20-0x7f" Example: LIST: MEMO "GMC" Query Syntax: [SOURce:]LIST:MEMO? Returned Parameter: <aard> Related Commands: LIST:NUMB, LIST:CONT

[SOURce:]LIST:NUMBer

Sets the list number for the list operation. Command Syntax: LIST:NUMBer <NR1> Parameter: 0~6 Example: LIST:NUMB 2 Query Syntax: [SOURce:]LIST:NUMBer? Returned Parameter: <NR1> 0~6 Related Commands: LIST:ADD, LIST:CONT

[SOURce:]LIST[:STEP]:ADD

Adds a new step. The values for each new step include operating mode, load value, operating time. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]LIST[:STEP]:ADD <aard>,<NRf>,<NRf> Parameter: CCL|CCH|CRL|CRM |CRH|CV, Digits |MIN|MAX, Digits |MIN|MAX Unit: None, Current Unit| Voltage Unit| Resistance Unit, s Example: LIST:ADD cch,1a,1s Related Commands: LIST:DEL, LIST:INS

[SOURce:]LIST[:STEP]:INSert

Inserts a new step at specified step. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]LIST[:STEP]:INSert <NR1>,<aard>,<NRf>,<NRf> Parameter: 1~50,CCL|CCH|CRL|CRM |CRH|CV, Digits |MIN|MAX, Digits |MIN|MAX Unit: None, None, Current Unit| Voltage Unit| Resistance Unit, s Example: LIST:INSert 2,cch,2a,1s Related Commands: LIST:DEL, LIST:ADD

[SOURce:]LIST[:STEP]:EDIT

Edits one specified step. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]LIST[:STEP]:EDIT <NR1>,<aard>,<NRf>,<NRf> Parameter: 1~50,CCL|CCH|CRL|CRM |CRH|CV, Digits|MIN|MAX, Digits|MIN|MAX Unit: None, None, Current Unit| Voltage Unit| Resistance Unit, s Example: LIST:EDIT 2,cch,3a,1s

[SOURce:]LIST[:STEP]:DELete

Deletes one specified step. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]LIST[:STEP]: DELete <NR1> Parameter: 1~50 Unit: None Example: LIST:DELete 2 Related Commands: LIST:ADD, LIST:INS

[SOURce:]LIST:CLEar

Deletes all steps for list operation. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]LIST:CLEar Parameter: None Example: LIST:SAVE Related Commands: LIST:CLE

[SOURce:]LIST:COUNt

Sets the cycle times (Count) for list operation. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]LIST:COUNt <NR1> Parameter: 0~65535 Unit: None Example: LIST:COUNt 10 Query Syntax: LIST:COUNt? Returned Parameter: <NR1> Related Commands: LIST:NUMB, LIST:EDIT

[SOURce:]LIST:CHAIn

Sets the chained list for the present list. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]LIST:CHAIn <NR1> Parameter: 0~6|OFF Example: LIST:CHA 2 Query Syntax: LIST:CHA? Returned Parameter: <NR1> Related Commands: LIST:NUMB, LIST:MEMO

[SOURce:]LIST:SAVe

Saves the list date according to the list number. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]LIST:SAVe Parameter: None Example: LIST:SAVE Related Commands: LIST:CLE

2.2.9 MODE

MODE Sets the basic test mode for the load. CC Mode CCL CCH CV Mode CV CP Mode CPC CPV CRM CR Mode CRL CRH Command Syntax: MODE <AARD> Parameter: CCL|CCH|CRL| CRM|CRH|CV|CPC|CPV Example: MODE CCL Query Syntax: [SOURce:]MODE? Returned Parameter: <AARD> CCL|CCH|CRL| CRM|CRH|CV|CPC|CPV

2.2.10 MEASure

MEASure[:SCALar]:VOLTage[:DC]?

Queries the input voltage of the load. Command Syntax: MEASure[:SCALar]:VOLTage[:DC]? Parameter: None Query Syntax: MEAS:VOLT? Returned Parameter: <NR3> Related Commands: MEAS:CURR?, MEAS:RES?, MEAS:POW?

MEASure[:SCALar]:CURRent[:DC]?

Queries the input current of the load. Command Syntax: MEASure[:SCALar]:CURRent[:DC]? Parameter: None Query Syntax: MEAS:CURR? Returned Parameter: <NR3> Related Commands: MEAS:VOLT?, MEAS:RES?, MEAS:POW?

MEASure[:SCALar]:POWer[:DC]?

Queries the input power of the load. Command Syntax: MEASure[:SCALar]:POWer[:DC]? Parameter: None Query Syntax: MEAS:POW? Returned Parameter: <NR3> Related Commands: MEAS:CURR?, MEAS:VOLT?, MEAS:RES?

MEASure[:SCALar]:RESistance[:DC]?

Queries the input resistance of the load. Command Syntax: MEASure[:SCALar]:RESistance[:DC]? Parameter: None Query Syntax: MEAS:RES? Returned Parameter: <NR3> Related Commands: MEAS:CURR?, MEAS:VOLT?, MEAS:RES?

2.2.11 STATus Subsystem

STATus:QUEStionable[:EVENt]?

This query reads the Questionable Status Event register, and returns a decimal value, which equals to the total weighted value of all binary bits. Reading this register resets it to zero. See Status Reporting for more details concerning the Questionable Status Event register.

Query Syntax: STATus:QUEStionable[:EVENt]? Parameter: None Returned Parameter: <NR1>

STATus:QUEStionable:CONDition?

This query reads the Questionable Status Condition register. Each 0 to 1 transition of the condition of the Questionable Condition register will set the corresponding bit of the Questionable Status Event register. See Status Reporting for more details concerning the Questionable Status Condition register. Query Syntax: STATus:QUEStionable:CONDition? Parameter: None

Returned Parameter: <NR1>

STATus:QUEStionable:ENABle

Sets the bits of the Questionable Status Enable register. The programming parameters determine whether or not a 0 to 1 transition in the Questionable Event register will set the QUES bit of the Status Byte register. See Status Reporting for more details concerning the Questionable Status Enable register. Command Syntax: STATus:QUEStionable:ENABle <NRf> Parameter: 0?65535 Power-on Value: refers to *PSC command Example: STATus:QUEStionable:ENABle 64 Query Syntax: STATus:QUEStionable:ENABle? Returned Parameter: <NR1> Related Commands: *PSC

STATus:OPERation[:EVENt]?

This query reads the Operation Event register. Reading this register resets it to zero. See Status Reporting for more details concerning the Operation Event register. Query Syntax: STATus:OPERation [:EVENt]? Parameter: None

Returned Parameter: <NR1>

STATus: OPERation: CONDition?

This query reads the Operation Status Condition register. Each 0 to 1 transition of the condition of the Operation Condition register will set the corresponding bit of the Operation Event register. See Status Reporting for more details concerning the Operation Status Condition register.

Query Syntax: STATus:OPERation:CONDition? Parameter: None Returned Parameter: <NR1>

STATus:OPERation:ENABle

Sets the bits of the Operation Status Enable register. The programming parameters determine whether or not a 0 to 1 transition in the Operation Event register will set the OPER bit of the Status Byte register. See Status Reporting for more details concerning the Operation Status Enable register. Command Syntax: STATus:OPERation:ENABle <NRf> Parameter: 0?255 Power-on Value: refers to *PSC command

Example: STATus:OPERation:ENABle 128 Query Syntax: STATus:OPERation:ENABle? Returned Parameter: <NR1> Related Commands: *PSC

2.2.12 SYSTem

SYSTem:ERRor[:NEXT]?

Queries the error code and error message of the load. When the "ERR" annunciator on the front panel is turned on, one or more errors have occurred to the load. At most 20 error records can be saved in the load. It will be not saved if the error records exceed 20.

- 1 The error queue operates in a FIFO (first-in, first-out) mode to save and read the error. The first returned error is the first saved error. When all errors have been read, the ""ERR" annunciator will be turned off automatically.
- 2 If the error records exceed 20, the last error in the error queue will be replaced by 350, "Too many errors". The load will not save any additional error message, unless you clear or read errors from the queue.
- 3 If there is no error occurs to the executing command, "No error" will be returned.

*CLS can clear the error queue, while *RST can not. All error records will be lost after the load is turned off. Command Syntax: SYST:ERR[:NEXT]? Parameter: None Returned Parameter: <NR1>?<AARD>

SYSTem:VERSion?

Queries the software version number, e.g. V1.00. Command Syntax: SYST:VERS? Parameter: None Returned Parameter: <AARD>?<NR2>

SYSTem:REMote

Sets the load in Remote status. An error message will be generated when the load is communicated via GPIB port. Command Syntax: SYSTem:REMote Parameter: None Returned Parameter: None Related Commands: SYSTem:LOCal

SYSTem:LOCal

Sets the load in Local status. An error message will be generated when the load is communicated via GPIB port. Command Syntax: SYSTem:LOCal Parameter: None Returned Parameter: None Related Commands: SYSTem:REMote

2.2.13 TRIGger Subsystem

TRIGger[:IMMediate]

This command generates a trigger signal to the load, regardless of which trigger source is currently in effect. It has the same function as the *TRG command. Command Syntax: TRIGger[:IMMediate] Parameter: None

Related Commands: TRIG:SOUR

TRIGger:SOURce

Selects the load trigger source. There are three trigger sources: BUS, EXTernal, HOLD. BUS: Accepts a GPIB <GET> signal or *TRG command as the trigger source. EXTernal: Selects the External trigger input terminal or key on the front panel as the trigger source. The input signal at the External trigger input terminal is TTL; the falling edge is triggered. HOLD: Only the TRIGger:IMMediate command causes a trigger in this mode. All others, including *TRG, are ignored. Command Syntax: TRIGger:SOURce <aard> Parameter: BUS| EXTernal| HOLD Example: TRIG:SOUR EXT Query Syntax: TRIGger:SOURce? Returned Parameter: <aard>

TRIGger:FUNCtion

Sets Transient (Tran) or List function for the trigger object. Command Syntax: TRIGger:FUNCtion <aard> Parameter: Tran| List Query Syntax: TRIGger:FUNCtion? Example: TRIG:FUNC LIST Returned Parameter: <aard>Tran| List

INITiate[:IMMediate]

Activates the trigger input terminal once. After a trigger signal has been received it is automatically deactivated again Command Syntax:INITiate [:IMMediate] Paramater: None Example: INIT Related Commands: *TRG

INITiate:CONtinuous

Activates the trigger input terminal permanently. Command Sytax: INITiate:CONtinuous 1 Parameter: ON(1) OFF(0) Example: INIT:CONT1 Returned Parameter: <NR1> Value: 0 for OFF, 1 for ON Related Commands: *TRG

2.2.14 ATTery Subsystem

[SOURce:]BATTery[:STATe]

Enables/Disables the Battery Discharge operation. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]BATTery[:STATe] <bool> Parameter: ON|OFF Example: BATT on; Query Syntax: [SOURce:]BATTery[:STATe]? Example: BATT? Returned Parameter: <NR1> Value:0(OFF) 1(ON) Related Commands: INP ON

[SOURce:]BATTery:TERMinate:VOLTage

Sets termination voltage value for the battery discharge operation. The battery voltage can not be less than the termination voltage value, or the battery discharge test will be stopped automatically. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]BATTery:TERMinal:VOLTage <NRf+> Parameter: Digits |MIN|MAX Unit: V|mV Example: BATT:TERM:VOLT 2V Parameter: None |MIN|MAX Query Syntax: [SOURce:]BATTery:TERMinal:VOLTage:? Example: BATT:TERM:VOLT? BATT:TERM:VOLT? MAX; BATT:TERM:VOLT? MIN Returned Parameter: <NR3> Related Commands: VOLT?

[SOURce:]BATTery:DIScharge:CURRent

Sets the battery discharge current. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]BATTery:DIScharge:CURRent <NRf+> Parameter: Digits |MIN|MAX Unit: A|mA Example: BATT:CURR 1A Query Syntax: [SOURce:]BATTery[:DIScharge]:CURRent? Parameter: None |MIN|MAX Returned Parameter: <NR3> Related Commands: BATT:VOLT

[SOURce:]BATTery:CAPAcity:CLEar

Queries the discharged capacity of the battery. Command Syntax: BATTery:CAPAcity:CLEar Parameter: None Example: BATT:CAPA:CLE Returned Parameter: <NR3>

[SOURce:]BATTery[:DISCharge]:TIME?

Queries the discharged time of the battery. Command Syntax: [SOURce:]BATTery[:DISCharge]:TIME? Example: BATT:TIME? Returned Parameter: <NR1>:<NR1>:(Hour: Minute: Second) Related Commands: BATT:VOLT

3 Error Messages

Table 3-1 lists the error numbers and associated error messages that apply to the electronic load.

Table 3-1. Summary of Error Messages

Error Number	Error Description			
-103	Invalid separator There is invalid separator existed in command string. You may use the comma to replace the colon, semicolon, or space; or you may use the space to replace the colon.			
-104	Data type error You may specify a digit where the character string is required, or yo may specify a character string where a digit is required.			
-108	Missing parameter, or Parameter not allowed. Received few parameters. One or more parameters are missing; Re- ceived too many parameters. You may have input extra parameters, or added the parameter into the command where no parameter is al lowed.			
-113	Undefined header You may have misspelled the command, or the command is invalid. If you use the command of short form, only four letters can be included at most.			
-123	Exponent too large			
-131	Invalid suffix You may misspell a wrong suffix.			
-170	Expression error You may start an expression with single quotation mark, and end it with a double quotation mark.			
-210	Command not allowed with GPIB			
-221	LIST out of range			
-222	Data out of range			
-223	Too much data Received the character string, but it can not be executed because the string length exceeds the allowed character numbers.			
-330	Self-test failed One or more errors are detected when it is self-testing.			
-350	Too many errors The existing errors exceed 20, and the error queue becomes full. The error queue cannot save any new error unless the existing errors have been deleted. Turning off the power or executing *CLS com- mand will clear the error queue.			
-410	Query INTERRUPTED Receive the command to send data to the output buffer, but the data sent by the previous command is contained in the output butter (the previous data is not covered). Turning off the power or executing *RST command will clear the output buffer.			
-440	Query UNTERMINATED Addressed to talk (sending data via the interface), but the command of sending data to the output buffer is not received.			

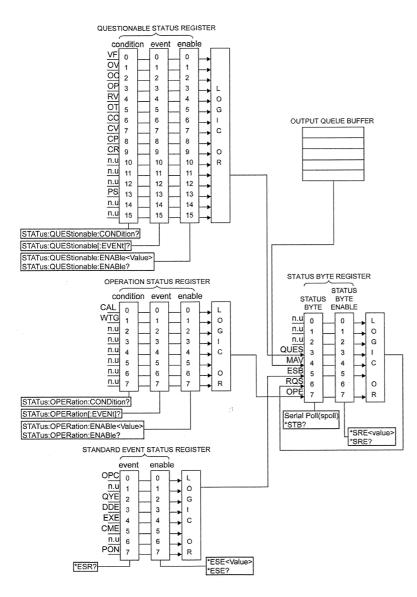
4 Status Register Reporting

SCPI Status Register

The electronic load has four status register to record its status. They are the Status Byte register, the Standard Event register, the Questionable Status register, and the Operation Status register. The Status Byte register summarizes all of the status events from all status registers. The list below is the description for all status registers.

BIT	Signal	Meaning
	_	Operation Status register
0	CAL	A calibration calculation is in progress.
1	WTG	Waiting for trigger.
		Questionable Status register
0	VF	Voltage Error It is caused by the reversed voltage or the over-voltage; VF remains set till the "INP:PROT:CLE" is received.
1	OV	Over-voltage When the Over-voltage occurs, the load is turned off, and OV/OF is set at the same time. OV/OF remain set till the over-voltage condition is removed and the "INP:PROT:CLE" is received.
2 3	OC OP	Over-current When the current exceeds the protection current limit, OC is set, and remains set till the over-current condition is re- moved. However, if OC remain set for the specified delay period, PS will be set, and the load is turned off. In this case, PS/OC remain set till the over-current condition is removed, and the "INP:PROT:CLE" is received. Over-power
		When over-power occurs, the load is turned off, and OP/ PS are set. OP/PS remain set till the over-power condition is removed, and the " INP:PROT:CLE " is received.
4	RV	Reverse Voltage on input When reverse voltage occurs, RV/VF are set. RV is reset after the reverse voltage is removed, but VF remains set till the "INP:PROT:CLE" is received.
5	OT	Over-temperature When over-power occurs, the load is turned off, and OP/ PS are set. OP/PS remain set till the temperature is re- duced by the fan and the "INP:PROT:CLE" is received.
6	CC	Constant Current mode
7	CV	Constant Voltage mode
8	CP	Constant Power mode
9	CR	Constant Resistance mode
13	PS	Protection Shutdown The electronic load is turned off due to over-current, over- power or over-temperature; the PS is set and remain set till the "INP:PROT:CLE" is received.
		Standard Event register
0	OPC	Operation Complete The load has completed all pending operations. Program- ming *OPC causes this bit to be set when the load com- pletes al pending operations.
2	QYE	Query Error The output queue was read when no data was present. Errors in the range of -499 to -400 can set QYE.
3	DDE	Device Dependent Error Memory was lost. Errors in the range of -399 to -300 can set DDE.
4	EXE	Execution Error A command parameter was outside the legal range or incon- sistent with the electronic load's operation, or the command could not be executed due to some operating condition. Er- rors in the range of -299 to -200 can set EXE.
5	CME	Command Error A syntax or semantic error has occurred. Errors in the range of -199 to -100 can set CME.
7	PON	Power On This bit is always set when the load is turned on. Status Byte register
3	QUES	Questionable If an enabled questionable status register is affected, the QUES is set.
4	MAV	Message Available If the Output Queue contains data, the MAV is set.
5	ESB	Event Status Bit If a Standard Event Enable register is affected, the ESB is set.
6	MSS RQS	During a serial poll, RQS (Request Service) is returned and cleared. For an *STB? query, MSS (Master Summary Status) is returned without being cleared.
7	OPER	Operation If an enabled Operation Status register is affected, the OPER is set.

The following diagram shows the relationship among the load's status registers.



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