

The Story Behind DPO

# See a world others don't



## A DPO Shows You a World Others Don't

Imagine a world where your oscilloscope lets you see a signal anomaly, pinpoint the nature of the fault, and trigger on the event to isolate it—all in a matter of minutes. Imagine debugging your design in minutes, not hours. Imagine having total confidence and trust that you're accurately capturing the details of an entire signal, and viewing a true representation of what it really looks like.

That world exists. Tektronix created it.

It's called the **Digital Phosphor Oscilloscope (DPO)**.

For more information about digital phosphor oscilloscopes, please contact your local authorized Tektronix representative or visit [www.tektronix.com/dpo](http://www.tektronix.com/dpo).

## Speed Design and Troubleshooting With a DPO

Tektronix digital phosphor oscilloscopes show you a world others don't with the speed, precision, and insight needed to quickly verify, characterize, and debug even the most sophisticated designs.

### Unique Acquisition Architecture Speeds Measurement and Analysis

The power of a digital phosphor oscilloscope (DPO) lies in its parallel-processing architecture. The DPO uses this unique architecture to dramatically shrink signal-processing time and proportionally increase the time spent capturing valuable signal information. The result – fast waveform capture rates that significantly increase the probability of capturing intermittent and elusive events and provide you with more data for in-depth analysis.

Some oscilloscope vendors claim high waveform capture rates for short bursts of times, but only a DPO can deliver these fast waveform capture rates on a sustained basis – saving minutes, hours, or even days by quickly revealing the nature of faults so powerful triggering modes can be applied to isolate them.

### Three Dimensions of Signal Information Provide Unmatched Insight

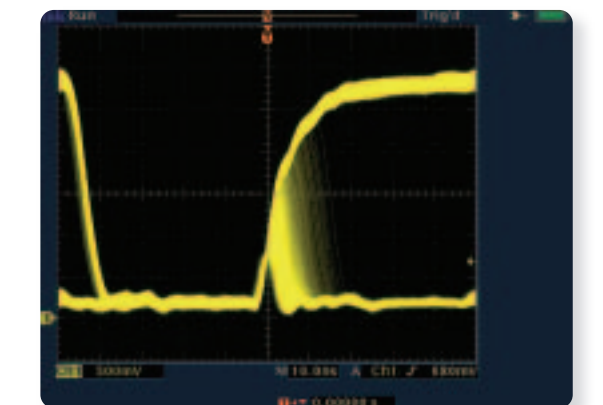
A DPO also offers unmatched insight into critical signal behavior by acquiring, storing, and displaying complex signals in real-time using three dimensions of signal information – amplitude, time, and distribution of amplitude over time. The subsequent real-time intensity-graded display makes it easy to pinpoint infrequent signals and anomalies, and allows you to characterize dynamic, complex signals and subtle behavior patterns much more quickly.



► DSO



► DPO



► High waveform capture rate combined with intensity grading reveals unmatched insight into complex signal behavior, such as metastable events.

## Benefits of a DPO

### Capture Elusive Glitches In Minutes, Not Hours

The DPO's fast waveform capture rate finds even the most elusive glitches, allowing you to detect and analyze aberrant events in logic circuits. Frequency-of-occurrence information provides relative information about how often aberrant events occur.

### Characterize Dynamic, Complex Signals In Record Time

Because the DPO captures more data about the signal than other oscilloscopes, it better addresses the need to capture and analyze dynamic, complex signals, like Quadrature Amplitude Modulated (QAM) signals, asynchronous packetized data, and analog video signals, to name a few. The DPO acquires detailed information about such signals much more quickly, delivering a live-time display that duplicates the feature-rich nature of the signal and revealing the subtle modulation and dynamic characteristics of the signal with eye diagrams, IQ patterns, vector and constellation diagrams.

### Quickly Acquire and Analyze I and Q Signals

The DPO simplifies Inphase (I) and Quadrature (Q) alignment, allowing you to quickly detect phase and offset in I and Q signals. The DPO also permits acquisition of qualitative and quantitative information on signal distribution in the XY mode. In addition, the XYZ mode allows you to focus on the symbols that are essential for Quadrature alignment of wireless communication signals.

### Detect Subtle Signal Patterns Over Long Time Intervals

The abundance of data captured by the DPO allows you to detect subtle patterns of signal behavior over long time intervals. Nanosecond signal variations within a 1 ms window can be viewed in disk drive applications, providing a window into signal details, down to the bit-level, for entire sectors of a disk track.

### Evaluate Jitter With Ease

The DPO allows you to gain visual and statistical insight, in real-time, into the distribution of edge jitter. In communication signal applications, it is possible to "see" jitter in the picosecond range, allowing you to observe real-time updates of jitter while adjusting the circuit.<sup>†</sup>

### Easily Analyze Noise Distribution

The DPO helps solve noise problems by providing qualitative and quantitative feedback on signal noise distribution. Histograms can be used in real-time to analyze video signal noise characteristics.

### Observe Amplitude Modulated Signals With Confidence

The DPO accurately displays amplitude modulated signals in a familiar, analog-oscilloscope-like format. Intensity grading and an abundance of waveform data show the details within the signal envelope.



## TDS3000B Series Oscilloscopes

More Powerful. More Portable. Still Affordable.

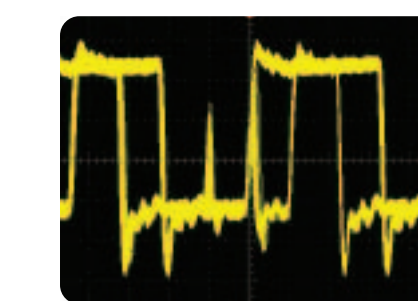
The TDS3000B Series oscilloscopes pack the power of a DPO, digital real-time (DRT) sampling technology, WaveAlert™ automatic anomaly detection, OpenChoice™ documentation and analysis solutions and five application-specific modules into a lightweight, battery-capable design. Its fast waveform capture rate – 3,600 wfms/s – makes it easier to capture and display infrequent waveforms or waveform variations, while its intensity-graded display helps you locate and characterize waveform anomalies that can be elusive on traditional digital storage oscilloscopes.

### Specifications

- Up to 600 MHz bandwidth
- 2 and 4 channels
- 5 GS/s real-time sample rate on all channels
- 3,600 wfms/s waveform capture rate
- Up to 10 kB record length
- 25 automatic measurements
- Multi-language user interface

### Features

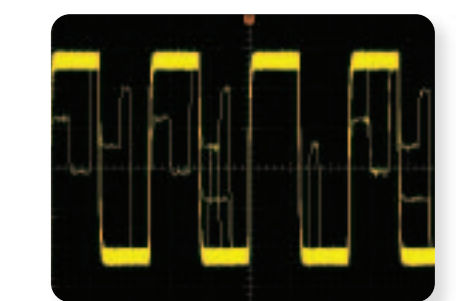
- Real-time acquisition
- Three-dimensional waveform intensity grading
- Anti-aliasing
- Ultra portable with 3 hours continuous operation at 7.0 lbs
- Wide array of application-specific modules



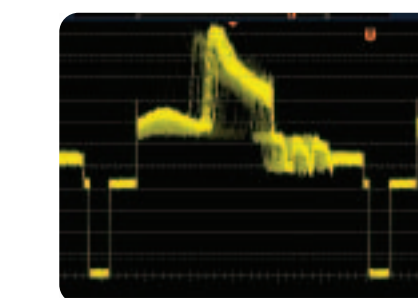
► Setup and hold violation



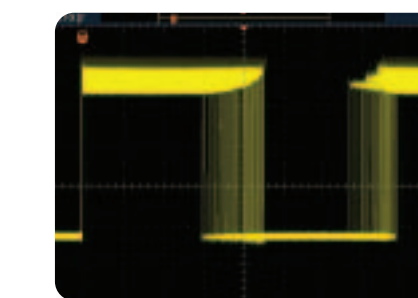
► Random metastability in a digital clock



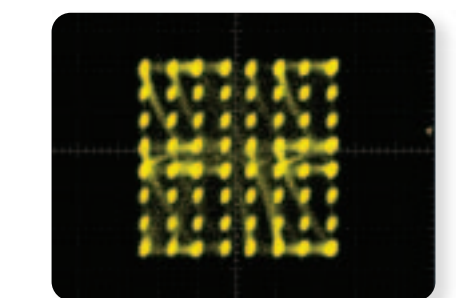
► Random anomalies in a digital signal



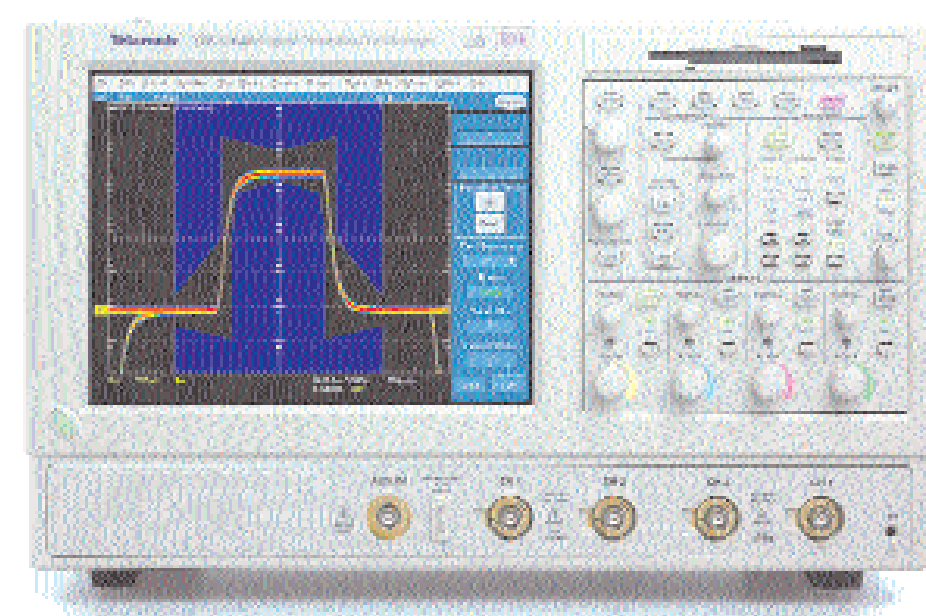
► Component video signal



► Clock modulation



► Each level of a 64QAM signal, using XY mode



## TDS5000B Series Oscilloscopes

The World's Easiest-to-Use Midrange Oscilloscope.

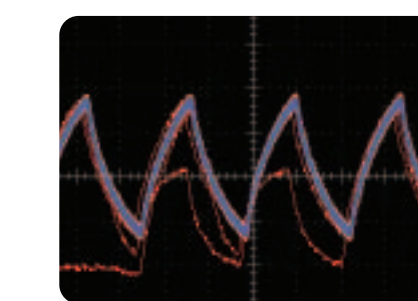
The TDS5000B Series oscilloscopes deliver up to 1 GHz bandwidth, 5 GS/s real-time sample rate, 16 MB record length, and a suite of advanced triggers, enabling you to capture and characterize even your most demanding signals. Powered by Tektronix proprietary DPX® acquisition technology, the TDS5000B DPO delivers greater than 100,000 wfms/s continuous waveform capture rate, delivering unsurpassed measurement and analysis throughput.

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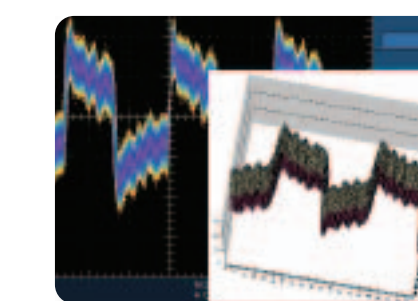
- Up to 1 GHz bandwidth
- 2 and 4 channels
- 5 GS/s real-time sample rate on all channels
- 100,000 wfms/s waveform capture rate
- Up to 16 MB record length
- MyScope™ custom control windows enhance productivity
- Right mouse click menus for exceptional efficiency

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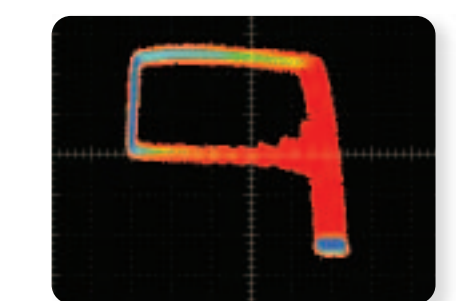
- Unsurpassed measurement and analysis throughput
- Industry-leading suite of powerful triggers
- Open Windows platform
- Comprehensive range of application software



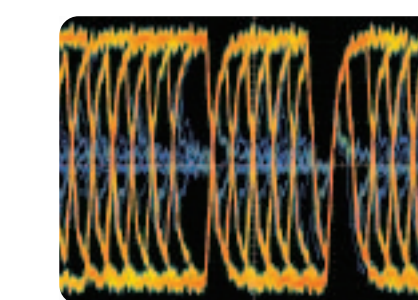
► Digital signal with random dropout pulses



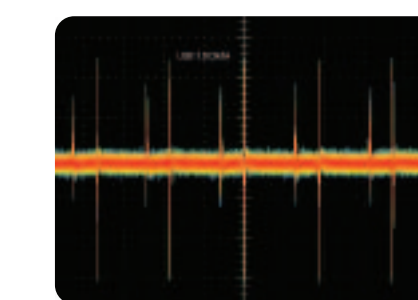
► DPO's 21-bit, 3-dimensional database plotted using Excel



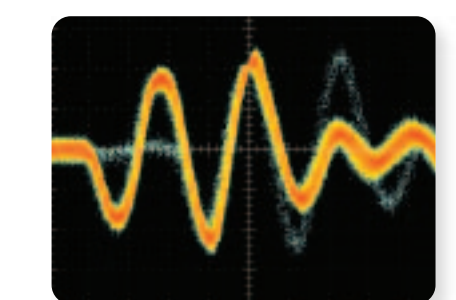
► Power supply safe operating area, plotted using TDSPOWER3 power software



► Communications signal



► Universal Serial Bus (USB) 1.0 signal



► Ground bounce

<sup>†</sup> TDSJIT3 jitter and timing analysis software, available with the TDS5000B Series, also allows you to decompose jitter into its random and deterministic components to track down and eliminate jitter sources.  
TDS5000B Series oscilloscopes may not be available through all distributors.