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Version 1.7.18 Firmware Release Notes

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GENERAL INFORMATION

SUPPORTED MODELS

This firmware is used on the following Keithley Instruments product models:

Model 2460 High-Current Interactive SourceMeter® Instrument
2460-NFP
2460-RACK
2460-NFP-RACK

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Firmware upgrade and downgrade instructions

NOTE

If you are upgrading from a firmware version earlier than 1.7.10, use the **Downgrade to older** option from the front panel or use the downgrade remote commands. See "Upgrading the firmware" in your instrument's Reference Manual for more information. When upgrading from a firmware version earlier than 1.7.10, system messages will display the firmware version as 1.7.1. This is a cosmetic issue and does not affect instrument performance.

If you are upgrading your instrument from version 1.7.10, follow the "Installation Instructions" in the **General Information** section of this document.

CAUTION

Do not turn off power or remove the USB flash drive until the upgrade process is complete.

From the front panel:

1. Copy the firmware upgrade file (.upg file) to a USB flash drive.
2. Verify that the upgrade file is in the root subdirectory of the flash drive and that it is the only firmware file in that location.
3. Disconnect any terminals that are attached to the instrument.
4. Turn the instrument power off. Wait a few seconds.
5. Turn the instrument power on.
6. Insert the flash drive into the USB port on the front panel of the instrument.
7. From the instrument front panel, press the **MENU** key.
8. Under System, select **Info/Manage**.
9. Choose an upgrade option:
 - To upgrade to a newer version of firmware: Select **Upgrade to New**.
 - To return to a previous version of firmware: Select **Downgrade to Older**.
10. When the upgrade is complete, reboot the instrument.

A message is displayed while the upgrade is in progress.

For additional firmware installation instructions, refer to the "Upgrading the firmware" topic in the "Maintenance" section of the *Model 2460 High-Current Interactive SourceMeter Instrument Reference Manual* (document number 2460-901-01). This manual is available online at tek.com/keithley.

VERSION 1.7.18 RELEASE

OVERVIEW

Version 1.7.18 provides several critical fixes.

CRITICAL FIX

Reference number:	CESK-320
Symptom:	Lengthy scans can hang when exporting data to USB after each scan.
Resolution:	This issue has been resolved.
Reference number:	CESK-506
Symptom:	If a single-channel scan is aborted and the data is saved, only the first point of the scan is saved to the USB drive on export.
Resolution:	This issue has been resolved.
Reference number:	CESK-507
Symptom:	If the file name is set to use the date and time, instead of saving a new file every time you run a new scan, the file is overwriting the existing file.
Resolution:	This issue has been resolved.
Reference number:	CESK-508
Symptom:	When you export scan data in channel columns, the column headers include an extra comma which causes the headers to be off by a column.
Resolution:	This issue has been resolved.
Reference number:	CESK-566
Symptom:	Updating the system time on the instrument to align with the PC causes the data-returned to display an incorrect channel and the timestamps jump.
Resolution:	This issue has been resolved.

VERSION 1.7.16 RELEASE

OVERVIEW

Version 1.7.16 provides fixes and enhancements.

ENHANCEMENTS

Category:	General changes
Reference number:	SK-2828 Support was added for a new serial number format. A serial number can now be assigned using a standard format of four alphanumeric and six numeric characters.
Category:	General changes
Reference number:	SK-2764 Updated the End User License Agreement (EULA) to the current revision.
Category:	General changes
Reference number:	SK-1718 Added a command to read the revision number of the analog board: <code>localnode.analogrevision</code> (TSP). This information is not available when using the SCPI command set. Usage examples: <pre>'revisionno = localnode.analogrevision'</pre> <pre>'print(localnode.analogrevision)'</pre>

CRITICAL FIX

Reference number:	SK-1761
Symptom:	When users were interacting with the SMU, under rare circumstances a 5072 error was generated that required a power cycle to fix.
Resolution	This issue has been resolved.

VERSION 1.7.12 RELEASE

OVERVIEW

Version 1.7.12 provides a fix.

CRITICAL FIX

Reference number:	NS-2105
Symptom:	Saving numerous configuration scripts or system setups may lead to an out of memory error message depending on the time since the instrument has been restarted.
Resolution:	This issue has been resolved.

VERSION 1.7.10 RELEASE

NOTE

When you load the 1.7.10 firmware into your instrument, system messages will display the firmware version as 1.7.1. This is only a cosmetic issue and does not impact the performance of the unit. Subsequent firmware upgrades will display a two-digit firmware version number.

To install firmware version 1.7.10 on your instrument, use the **Downgrade to older** option from the front panel or use the downgrade remote commands. See "Upgrading the firmware" in your instrument's Reference Manual for more information.

OVERVIEW

Version 1.7.10 provides fixes and enhancements.

CRITICAL FIXES

Reference number:	NS-2070
Symptom:	Heavy script processing can interfere with the timely generation of an SRQ as the result of setting the MAV bit in the Status Byte Register. This interference affects both the bus and the front panel display.
Resolution:	This issue has been resolved.

Reference number:	NS-2072
Symptom:	After changing the group number of a node to be the group number previously used for another node, the instrument may generate errors when trying to start a test on that node using the <code>execute()</code> command, even after using <code>waitcomplete()</code> to make sure the previous tests have finished. Subsequently, performing a <code>waitcomplete()</code> on the previous group number may cause the instrument to wait for tests to complete on that node even though the node is in a new group.
Resolution:	This issue has been resolved.
Reference number:	NS-2074
Symptom:	The MAV bit may be set in the status byte indicating that there is data to be read from the instrument, but the subsequent read operation to pull that data from the instrument fails and times-out. This may occur when rapidly generating data and enabling the MAV bit to be set in the status model to indicate when data is available to read from the instrument.
Resolution:	This issue has been resolved.

ENHANCEMENTS

Category:	System commands
Reference number:	NS-1946 New commands have been added: TSP: <code>lan.dstprotection = lan.ON or lan.OFF</code> SCPI: <code>SYSTem:COMMunication:LAN:DST:PROTection <ON (1) or OFF(0)></code> OFF is the default command state. When DST protection is turned OFF, a simple open-and-close on the DST port (5030) will close any and all open LAN connections. When DST protection is turned ON, the DST port will need to be opened and the system login and password entered followed by closing the DST port to close any open LAN connections, including the DST port. Turning DST protection ON prevents LAN connections from being inadvertently closed by your IT department performing a port scan across the corporate network.

VERSION 1.7.7 RELEASE

OVERVIEW

Version 1.7.7 provides fixes.

CRITICAL FIXES

Reference number:	NS-2025
Symptom:	While running a test loop in an application that sends the <code>reset()</code> command as part of the code, a blue screen appears after running the test for several days.
Resolution:	The issue has been resolved.
Reference number:	NS-2043
Symptom:	While remotely communicating with the instrument, if a new error is displayed on the front panel shortly after a previous error is being cleared from the front panel, the instrument may become unresponsive or inoperative.
Resolution:	The issue has been resolved.

VERSION 1.7.5 RELEASE

OVERVIEW

Version 1.7.5 provides fixes and enhancements.

CRITICAL FIXES

Reference number:	NS-1978
Symptom:	Unable to set voltage protection level with the SCPI command <code>SOUR:VOLT:PROT:LEV</code> and query the setting when the source function is set to current.
Resolution:	This issue has been resolved.
Reference number:	NS-1981
Symptom:	When measuring in local mode with sense mode set to 4-wire or output off mode set to High Z, and turning output on, measurement readings do not automatically begin. Instead, you must turn continuous measurements on manually after turning the output on.
Resolution:	The issue has been resolved to automatically start continuous measurements in these configurations.

ENHANCEMENTS

Category:	General settings
Reference number:	The "Branch to Block" setting on various branch blocks on the Trigger Flow screen on the front panel now allows a minimum value of 0.

VERSION 1.7.3 RELEASE

OVERVIEW

Version 1.7.3 provides fixes and enhancements.

CRITICAL FIXES

Reference number:	NS-1923
Symptom:	When measuring resistance in local mode, the SMU does not switch from <code>INACTive</code> to <code>CONTinuous</code> measurement when output is turned on.
Resolution:	This issue has been corrected.
Reference number:	NS-1927
Symptom:	The LXI identification web page shows the incorrect LXI version and web page links.
Resolution:	This issue has been corrected.
Reference number:	NS-1944
Symptom:	Source and Limit values do not update correctly when exiting the quick edit method (not live edit) with the navigation control.
Resolution:	This issue has been corrected.

ENHANCEMENTS

Category	Remote commands
Reference number:	NS-1931: Added a TLS (transport layer security) option when using the <code>tspnet.connect()</code> command. <pre>connectionID = tspnet.connect(ipAddress, portNumber, initString, useTLS)</pre> <i>ipAddress</i>: A string that indicates the IP address or host name to connect to. <i>portNumber</i>: Default 5025. <i>initString</i>: Sends a string to <i>ipAddress</i>. <i>useTLS</i>: 0 or 1; 0: Do not use TLS with the connection (default) 1: Use TLS with the connection. When <i>useTLS</i> is set to 1, the instrument negotiates the security protocol when connecting to the host or IP address that is used. This security protocol is used when using <code>tspnet.write()</code> to send data or <code>tspnet.read()</code> to receive data. The following is an example of how to use a host name with the TLS option: <pre>connectionID = tspnet.connect("hostname.domain.com", 443, "", 1)</pre>
Category	Remote commands
Reference number:	NS-1960: The <code>localnode.gettimewithfractional()</code> TSP command is available to retrieve the number of seconds elapsed since January 1, 1970, with fractional seconds appended to the returned response.

VERSION 1.7.2 RELEASE

OVERVIEW

Version 1.7.2 provides fixes and required support.

CRITICAL FIXES

Reference number:	NS-1902
Symptom:	After using a pulse or sweep command that specifies a user-created buffer instead of a default buffer, the configuration of the instrument is saved in a setup or configuration script. Recalling this setup or running this script causes an error that says a parameter expecting a certain reading buffer type but instead finding an unknown type.
Resolution:	This issue has been corrected.

NONCRITICAL FIXES

Reference number:	NS-1915
Symptom:	When running a Test Script Processor® (TSP) script application with a custom user interface that has an End App button, the custom user interface may not close properly when “End App” is selected.
Resolution:	This issue has been corrected. This fix also introduces a behavior change from previous firmware versions. If you are running a nested script (scripts running within a script), the user interface only displays the first running script. Previously, the user interface displayed name changes between nested scripts.

VERSION 1.7.1 RELEASE

OVERVIEW

Version 1.7.1 provides minor fixes and required support for the I-V Tracer TSP™ Application. You must install the new firmware to use the Application, available from:

https://www.tek.com/en/keithley-i-v_tracer.

The support changes for the Application do not impact normal instrument operation.

CRITICAL FIXES

Reference number:	NS-1846
Symptom:	Pressing the Function key repeatedly while running a script or trigger model generates several messages stating that the key is disabled. This may cause the instrument to stop functioning, depending on the number of messages generated.
Resolution:	This issue has been corrected.

ENHANCEMENTS

Category	Applications
	Changes have been made to the Apps Manager view to state whether or not an Application is supported on an instrument and the required firmware version.

VERSION 1.7.0 RELEASE

OVERVIEW

Version 1.7.0 is a significant maintenance firmware release for the 2460 that brings numerous updates along with stability and reliability improvements. See the *Model 2460 High-Current SourceMeter Reference Manual* (document number 2460-901-01) for more information.

CRITICAL FIXES

Reference number:	AR41750, AR41769, AR42131, AR42243, AR42807, AR50058, AR50059, NS-422
Symptom:	The effective source limit of the SMU is the lesser of either the programmed source limit or 105% of the active measure range. If you use fixed measure ranges, the instrument prevents you from selecting different limit and measure ranges. However, if measure autorange is selected, it is possible for the autorange process to cause the ranges to differ because the instrument may go down to a range that is lower than the one on which the source limit is programmed. This causes the effective source limit to drop to 105% of the newly selected measure range. The source limit will remain at this value until either you make another measurement that causes a range change or you explicitly select another range. If you take no action to change the measure range before you change the source level, or perhaps test a new device, you may find that the output voltage or current level is less than expected due to the reduced source limit. This may prevent your device from properly turning on or otherwise operating as expected.
Resolution:	These issues have been addressed. The front panel display now indicates if the SMU output is limited by the programmed source limit or by the active measure range. A new autorange mode was added to automatically set the measure range equal to the source limit range after a measurement is completed (see "Enhancements").
Reference number:	AR55036, AR62150, NS-339
Symptom:	Repeated creation and deletion of user-defined buffers may cause out-of-memory errors. Error messages indicating the maximum size for buffers being created are wrong and provide misleading guidance.
Resolution:	Reading buffer memory management now allows users to easily allocate the largest size available when creating a reading buffer. Documentation has been clarified to explain the creation process. Improved buffer memory management also greatly reduces the possibility of getting out-of-memory errors.

Reference number:	AR56349, AR60259, NS-929
Symptom:	USB communication issues.
Resolution:	To better accommodate the variety of VISA installation options available to users, the STALLing USBTMC is not active as it had been before.
Reference number:	AR61116, AR62660, NS-529, NS-1558
Symptom:	Repeatedly saving a buffer to a file on a USB flash drive using the <code>buffer.saveappend</code> command eventually causes Error 2203, "Cannot open file."
Resolution:	This issue has been corrected.
Reference number:	AR62310
Symptom:	Exercising various combinations of front panel settings for the Event Log may cause the front panel to lock up.
Resolution:	This issue has been corrected.

KNOWN ISSUES

Reference number:	AR62218, NS-1241
Symptom:	Rapidly changing the Quickset performance slider between medium and fast settings can result in the slider becoming unresponsive.
Workaround:	Switch to another screen and back to Quickset.

ENHANCEMENTS

Category	Reading buffers - Reading buffer memory management now allows users to easily allocate the largest size available when creating a reading buffer. - Additional options are now available when saving data to a USB flash drive. - Buffer statistics and options for accessing data from reading buffers have been added. - Added reading buffer math and unit support. - Added formatting options for writable buffers. - Added a method to clear the active buffer by pressing the MENU + EXIT keys. - When selecting the active buffer, an option now exists to create a new user buffer. - Added the <code>display.activebuffer</code> TSP command and <code>DISPlay:BUFFer:ACTive</code> SCPI command to specify the active buffer for the instrument using remote commands.
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Category	Configuration lists - Enhanced user interface screen for accessing configuration list settings. - Added the ability to use remote commands to store inactive source and measure function settings in a configuration list index. - Added the ability to use remote commands to query or configure inactive source and measure function attributes.
Category	Trigger model - The Measure and Digitize trigger blocks have been combined into a single Measure and Digitize block. The new trigger block either measures or digitizes based on the active function. When used with a Measure Configuration list, this trigger block lets you make sequential measurements with the analog-to-digital converter and the digitizer (when available) in the same trigger model. - The SCPI command is <code>:TRIGger:BLOCK:MDIGitize</code>. The TSP command is <code>trigger.BLOCK_MEASURE_DIGITIZE</code>. Digitized measurements are not a feature on the 2460. - The remote commands for the original Measure and Digitize trigger blocks are still accepted to provide compatibility with existing test programs and scripts. However, the trigger models generated with the original commands automatically use the new, combined Measure and Digitize block. - The <code>:TRIGger:PAUSE</code> and <code>:TRIGger:RESume</code> SCPI commands have been added. The TSP commands are <code>trigger.model.pause()</code> and <code>trigger.model.resume()</code>.
Category	LXI - The instrument is now compliant with LXI version 1.5. - An LXI/LAN ID indicator has been added to the System Communications screen. - To discover the instrument, use the LXI Discovery Tool.
Category	Apps When applications are available, the APPS Manager screen displays the apps for the instrument.

Category	New commands and options - Added an interlock on and off setting to the user interface and remote commands, <code>:OUTPut[1]:INTerlock:STATe</code> (SCPI) and <code>smu.interlock.enable</code> (TSP). When enabled, the SMU will not allow the output to be turned on when the interlock is not engaged. - The interlock base behavior has also changed. The SMU output will turn off whenever the interlock is engaged or disengaged. - Added an autorange rebound setting to the user interface and the remote commands <code>[:SENSe[1]] :<function>:RANGe:AUTO:REBound</code> (SCPI) and <code>smu.measure.autorangerebound</code> (TSP). If autorange rebound is enabled, then after an autoranged measurement is completed, the measure range is restored to match the limit range. - Added a method to automatically install any scripts to internal storage memory that reside in an autoinstall directory on the USB drive when inserted into the instrument. - Added <code>fs.*</code> TSP commands for accessing and managing file system settings. - Added an option to show a Processing screen in the user interface to increase test execution speeds when screen updates are not required. - Added remote commands to set continuous measurement.
Category	Ease of use - Numerical entries on the user interface now support Minimum, Maximum, and Infinite options when applicable to the setting. - Option to display the virtual front panel in low resolution to improve communication speed with the instrument. The default screen display resolution of 800 x 480 is reduced to 400 x 240 resolution. - Graph and Histogram settings are now shared for ease of viewing data between the two screens. Also added other graphing enhancements.
Category	General changes - The maximum TSP node ID is now 63. The previous maximum was 64. - The Access Mode option on the front panel has been changed to Interface Access. - The user swipe screen is only displayed if user text is defined. - The home screen indication of source limiting has been enhanced to show whether the source limit setting or the measure range is limiting the instrument output.

VERSION V1.6.7C RELEASE

Overview

Version 1.6.7c is an audited minor release which fixes several different bugs all listed below.

[RELEASED 12-NOV-2018](#)

Critical Fixes

PR61513 Better timer accuracy for times greater than 65 ms.

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

Symptom:

Using a constant delay block in a TriggerFlow™ takes slightly more time than specified when the delay is greater than 65.5 ms.

Resolution:

The delay time before the extra time is seen has been increased to 1.024 seconds.

PR61508 Restore SmartScale™ button on graph screen after pan/zoom.

AR60539

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

Symptom:

Steps to reproduce:

1. View the graph screen.
2. Pan or zoom the graph.
3. The SmartScale button no longer appears.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

NIHK6042 Trigger models hangs with fast NPLC setting.

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

Symptom:

Setting up a TriggerFlow™ model using the TSP-Link™ trigger lines for synchronization with a fast measurement in a loop can hang waiting for the trigger.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

NIHK4274 TSP-Link performance improvements.

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

Symptom:

TSP-Link connection can generate errors if the unit is performing high sample rate or low NPLC measurements.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

NIHK6106 TSP-Link initialization memory leak.

NIHK6239

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

Symptom:

Performing a `tsplink.initialize()` command would reduce the amount of available memory slightly each time it executed. This occurred because the firmware was not correctly clearing the group leaders, which led to extra memory allocation. Eventually this problem can result in an out of memory condition.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

NIHK6320 TSP-Link node number 64 is no longer selectable.

NIHK6306

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

Symptom:

Using TSP-Link node number 64 could cause compatibility issues with older TSP-Link products.

Resolution:

The maximum TSP-Link node number has been limited to 63.

SYS42 Creating a script on a remote TSP-Link node causes a "Node inaccessible" error.

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

Symptom:

Steps to reproduce:

1. Use `tsplink.initialize()` to create the TSP-Link network.

2. Send the script source to the remote node via the dataqueue
`node[remoteNode].dataqueue.add(myScript.source)`
3. Create the script on the remote node
`node[remoteNode].execute(myScript.name ..
"= script.new(dataqueue.next(), [{" .. myScript.name .."}]))"`
4. The remote node becomes unresponsive and a node inaccessible error is generated.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

SYS535 Using a 2600S, 2600AS, 2600BS, 3706, or a 3706A product as the TSP-Link master results in errors for some commands.

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

Symptom:

Using a 2600S, 2600AS, 2600BS, 3706, or a 3706A product as the TSP-Link master will generate errors when attempting to use functions or attributes that accept enumeration types.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

NS1131 Sending data to TCP/IP socket is too slow.

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

Symptom:

The TCP/IP socket interface can experience long delays before the acknowledge packet is sent from the instrument for large data packets.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

NS1115 Trigger timer does not generate the event at the correct time for long delay settings.

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

Symptom:

Steps to reproduce:

```
trigger.timer[1].reset()  
trigger.timer[1].delay = delay_time  
trigger.timer[1].start.generate = trigger.ON
```

The event should be generated immediately but will not be generated if `delay_time` is greater than 65.5 ms.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR61512 Limit level set incorrectly on function change.

AR60483

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models

Symptom:

The source limit level could be set incorrectly after changing measure function. This can lead to unexpected source limit conditions, depending on the load and other settings.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

NS284 Source range limit checking should generate error on invalid value.

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

Symptom:

Setting the source range to a value greater than the maximum value would select the highest range but would not generate an error. For 2460 models, the voltage range maximum value is 105 V and for current it is 7.35 A.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

NS967 Output is still ON after turning it OFF and output light is off.

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

Symptom:

Under certain conditions, creating a configuration list with the output OFF and then recalling it during the execution of a TriggerFlow™ can result in the output state showing as OFF even when the output is still ON.

Steps to reproduce:

```
reset()

smu.measure.func = smu.FUNC_DC_CURRENT
smu.measure.configlist.create('mList')
smu.source.configlist.create('sList')
```

```
smu.measure.configlist.store('mList')
smu.source.configlist.store('sList')
smu.source.func = smu.FUNC_DC_CURRENT
smu.source.output = smu.ON
trigger.model.load('ConfigList', 'mList', 'sList', 0.1)
trigger.model.initiate()
waitcomplete()
smu.measure.func = smu.FUNC_RESISTANCE
print("Expect OFF, found: "..smu.source.output)
smu.source.output = smu.OFF
print("Expect OFF, found: "..smu.source.output)
```

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

VERSION V1.6.4C RELEASE

Overview

Version 1.6.4c is an audited minor release which fixes a number of different bugs all listed below.

[RELEASED 23-JUN-2017](#)

Critical Fixes

AR55151 Problem with Abort on Limit. When sweeping voltage, the unit stops prematurely and never reaches the
AR55431 current limit.

AR55767 **Models affected:**
PR61306

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

Symptom:

This bug was introduced with firmware revision v1.6.1a and is fixed with firmware revision v1.6.4c.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

AR55671 Problem with Abort on Limit. Fail warning message 2733 "TM path #1 block #12 ended due to source
PR61306 limit exceeded" is displayed even though the true source limit was not reached.

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

Symptom:

This bug was introduced with firmware revision v1.6.3d and is fixed with firmware revision v1.6.4c.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

VERSION V1.6.3D RELEASE

Overview

Version 1.6.3d is an audited minor release which fixes a number of different bugs all listed below.

[RELEASED 18-APR-2017](#)

Critical Fixes

AR54361 2450 Measure Configuration Lists do not save Auto Range setting.

PR60339

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

Symptom:

The Auto Range attribute was not being saved correctly when Config Lists were created. Auto Range was always set to "Off".

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

AR54920 Trigger timer does not work correctly for counts > 65535

AR60477

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

Symptom:

Before this enhancement, the TTI products had a limit of 65,535 points for the trigger timer. This limit has been increased to 1,048,575 to match how the 26xx products behave. The trigger timer will now work up to 1,048,575 points.

Resolution:

This enhancement has been made.

PR60362 Output button cannot turn off the output without a power cycle.

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

Symptom:

Under certain conditions, when in Ohm Meter mode and changing source values, the instrument will display +0.00000GV or !DispNAN!V and the output button cannot turn off the output without a power cycle.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR60377 **ENHANCEMENT:** Add firmware version and program counter to blue screen information.

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

Symptom:

Whenever a rare system crash occurs and displays a blue screen, valuable information such as firmware revision and program counter (PC) will be displayed to help pinpoint the exact location of the crash.

Resolution:

This enhancement has been made.

PR60504 Trigger model based upon trigger timer sometimes hangs during a long-term test

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

Symptom:

Under certain conditions, creating a trigger model based upon the trigger timer will hang right in the middle of a test that runs for many minutes or longer. This bug was introduced in firmware revision 1.5.0.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

VERSION V1.6.1A RELEASE

Overview

Version 1.6.1a is a Hot Fix against Service Pack 6 firmware v1.6.0i. Only one critical fix was made and no other changes were introduced.

[RELEASED 25-JUL-2016](#)

Critical Fixes

PR59438 HF1: Cannot graph digitizer with track group

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

Symptom:

When customers enable track groups on the graph, data is either wrong or completely missing. This is especially problematic for graphing digitized data and for Demo mode.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

VERSION V1.6.0I RELEASE

Overview

Version 1.6.0i is the fifth official firmware release for the Model 2460. Known Issues, Usage Notes, and Upcoming Enhancements are listed below in this document.

[RELEASED 18-JUL-2016](#)

Compatibility concerns

n/a

Critical Fixes

PR57048 Instrument not reliably responding to NI VISA “go to local” function

PR57905

AR50675

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

Symptom:

Under certain conditions customers are not able to reconnect to the 2460 after remote operation and manually placing the 2460 into local mode.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected. The instrument will now go into “local mode” after issuing the “logout” command.

PR58210 Buffer file contains extra NULL values.

AR52304

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

Symptom:

When saving a databuffer on the DMM7510 form the internal webpage the databuffer will insert NULL values into the CSV file. When saving a buffer from the front panel of the instrument there are no NULL values inserted for the same data set.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected. Extra NULL characters are no longer generated.

PR58329 There are complaints about swipe screen performance.

AR52702

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

Symptom:

Most swipe screens appear to move more slowly than in previous firmware revisions.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected. Swipe screen action has been restored to previous versions of firmware and has been slightly sped up.

PR58384 Downgrading from firmware revision v1.5.0 to v1.3.0 will cause the unit to reboot unnecessarily.

AR52713

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

Symptom:

When downgrading firmware from v1.5.0 to v1.3.0, a warning message window instructing the user to remove existing scripts will display and then the unit will reboot unconditionally.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected with version v1.6.0 and later. The unit will only reboot if the user proceeds with the downgrade.

PR58469 Pressing the <HOME> button 2 times behavior changes from v1.3.0 to v1.5.0.

AR52717

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

Symptom:

Feature definition on FW 1.3.0s or earlier is push HOME key once goes to last swipe screen on the home screen. Pushing HOME key a 2nd time takes you back to home swipe on the home screen. FW1.5.0g does not do that 2nd HOME key action.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected. Previous behavior has been restored.

PR56812 TTI Instruments do not work well when TSP-Linked to a Model 26xx.

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

Symptom:

When hooking up (4) 26xx-X SMUs to each other in series (one of which is the master) and then putting a TTI Instrument on the end, the box will lock up after the 3rd tsplink.reset(). The problem gets worse if you start hooking instruments in parallel.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR58964 Timing problem with Autoexec scripts.

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

Symptom:

Certain scripts that have been designated as 'default' or Autoexec scripts will start running before the system has completely booted up. This may cause the Autoexec script to get skipped and not executed at all upon first boot up.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

Enhancements

PR56495 **Models affected:**

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

Enhancement:

When turning on REL, the units on the graph should not change. This behavior has been implemented.

PR58734 **Models affected:**

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

Enhancement:

The reading tables have been enhanced to visually differentiate between OVERFLOW and LIMITS. Overflow readings will now be set to RED TEXT and Limits will be set to YELLOW

Noncritical Fixes

PR58864 Swipe screen content disappears after pressing the home key on large reading screen.

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

Symptom:

Under certain sequences of events, after minimizing the default swipe screen and then pressing the HOME button, certain content on the swipe screen will be missing.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

Known issues

PR49308 `Trigger.BLOCK_BRANCH_COUNTER` loop without a measure or delay block causes hang.

SCPI: `:TRIGger:BLOCK:BRANch:COUNter`

TSP: `trigger.model.setblock()` with `trigger.BLOCK_BRANCH_COUNTER`

Models affected:

All 2460 models

Symptom:

When running a tight trigger loop without a measurement or delay in the sequence, the 2460 will be unresponsive until the loop ends.

Workaround: Simply add any measurement or short delay in the trigger loop and the 2460 will perform normally. A future firmware release will work around this problem automatically.

VERSION V1.5.0G RELEASE

Overview

Version 1.5.0g is the fourth official firmware release for the Model 2460. Known Issues, Usage Notes, and Upcoming Enhancements are listed below in this document.

[RELEASED 11-MAR-2016](#)

Compatibility concerns

Firmware revision v1.5.0g can be installed on any vintage 2460. After upgrading to v1.5.0g, be advised that in order to downgrade back to previous versions of firmware, you **MUST** archive and remove all saved scripts before the downgrade will be allowed.

Critical Fixes

PR56630 Problem with Trigger Model not waiting.

AR50775

Models affected:

All 2460 models

Symptom:

Under certain conditions when an SMU is connected to a digitizing instrument (2461 or DMM7510) the digitizer will start digitizing before the trigger has been sent to start it.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR57148 Generating Sweep parameters does not save correctly in the Config List.

AR51367

Models affected:

All 2460 models

Symptom:

When creating a new Source Config List and then immediately saving this Config List to a script, the instrument will hang.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR56931 Throw an error is auto-range low is set and the source and measure function match.

Models affected:

All 2460 models

Symptom:

Certain command sequences will cause the SMU to display an error and this error is not consistent between the 2450, 2460, and 2461.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected and the error message between the 2450, 2460, and 2461 now match.

PR56930 Throw an error is auto-range low is set and the source and measure function match.

Models affected:

All 2460 models

Symptom:

Certain command sequences will cause the SMU to display an error and this error is not consistent between the 2450, 2460, and 2461.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected and the error message between the 2450, 2460, and 2461 now match.

PR56941 Sort binning template's constant limit blocks are jumping to the wrong blocks.

Models affected:

All 2460 models

Symptom:

When the SortBinning template was originally ported to the 2460, it correctly moved the notify block for external output. However, it did not correctly renumber the constant limit block's branch to block value.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR57013 Memory corruption when using a Config List over 60,000 indexes.

Models affected:

All 2460 models

Symptom:

When creating a Config List of greater than 60,000 indexes, when trying to retrieve values above index 60,000, the wrong index was retrieved and the number of indexes over-flowed.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected. The maximum number of indexes is correctly supported up to 1,000,000.

PR57206 Incorrect source value after using OCOMP ohms.

Models affected:

All 2460 models

Symptom:

Under certain conditions, after running OCOMP ohms and immediately switching ranges while digitizing, an incorrect source value is returned.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR57264 Certain scripts cause error code 5093 "Cannot change the source function, range, level, or limit when using the Resistance measure function."

Models affected:

All 2460 models

Symptom:

Certain scripts cause the "createconfigscript()" function to put a source function call after the measure resistance function.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR57391 Auto-Range limits do not match the 2450 Auto-Range limits.

Models affected:

All 2460 models

Symptom:

Certain Auto-Range limits on the 2460 do not match the 2450.

Resolution:

The Auto-Range limits FOR "AUTO OHMS" ONLY (measure function = RESISTANCE) have been changed to used 10/100% to match 2450 auto-ohms mode.

PR57512 Cursor statistics don't display if $x1 > x2$.

Models affected:

All 2460 models

Symptom:

Notice that the stats are displayed as long as $x2$ is to the right of $x1$. As soon as they cross, hash marks are displayed for all stats.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR57650 Virtual front panel scrolling issue.

Models affected:

All 2460 models

Symptom:

When using the virtual front panel, the user is unable to scroll up and down in the system settings menu. Using the web interface, the user should be allowed to at least scroll through the system settings.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

Enhancements

No PR **Models affected:**

All 2460 models

Enhancement:

The behavior of the command `display.waitevent()` has changed. When the example below is run, a dialog will be shown. If Yes or No is not pressed within 1 second, then `display.waitevent()` will time out. The `buttonId` will now contain `display.BUTTON_SELF` instead of 0 (zero). It will also return `display.BUTTON_SELF` if the prompt is removed with `display.delete()`.

```
display.prompt(display.BUTTONS_YESNO, "Press Yes or No...")
objectId, buttonId = display.waitevent(1)
```

PR57905 **Models affected:**

AR50675 All 2460 models

Enhancement:

Add a command to put the instrument into LOCAL mode.

The command `logout` can be used to log out of remote mode and force the instrument into LOCAL mode. This command was previously failing in certain situations. This command is now fully supported.

Noncritical Fixes

n/a

Known issues

n/a

VERSION V1.3.0S RELEASE

Overview

Version 1.3.0s is the third official firmware release for the Model 2460. Known Issues, Usage Notes, and Upcoming Enhancements are listed below in this document.

[RELEASED 10-JUN-2015](#)

Compatibility concerns

N/A

Critical Fixes

PR55188 **Models affected:**
AR42592 All 2460 models

Symptom:

:READ? Query always returns the last reading at the end of the continuous buffer.
For example, if a basic measurement is set up to defbuffer1 (size 10000) and then takes 11000 readings, the last 1000 readings will all return the same value. This should act as a circular buffer.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR55433 **Models affected:**
AR42690 All 2460 models

Symptom:

2460 locks up when programming a certain voltage step.
When programming a voltage step from 1V to 5V in 1V increments and the performance is set to 1700 readings per second, after pressing the TRIGGER button and waiting for approximately one minute, the instrument begins to slow down and eventually locks up.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR55600 *TRG command trigger source does not work in SCPI mode trigger model.

Models affected:

All 2460 models

Symptom:

Using a trigger model .wait block with the command event in SCPI does not work when *TRG is sent. Instead, it generates the following error ==> Error 2713 - "No trigger model engine available".

Resolution:

This issue has been resolved. Now, the *TRG command will satisfy the wait block when sent if waiting for a command event.

PR55749 Reads overflow instead of the compliance current on the 100uA range and below

Models affected:

All 2460 models

Symptom:

Under a very specific sequence of events, the front panel of the 2460 will report OVERFLOW on the 100uA and lower ranges.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR55867 1uA Current Source error when using Config List

AR43082

Models affected:

All 2460 models

Symptom:

Under a very specific sequence of events, setting the Source Config List source value to 1.0uA will revert to 0uA after pressing the Trigger button on the front panel.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR56135 QuickSet Performance Setting does not work on fastest setting
AR50078

Models affected:

All 2460 models

Symptom:

On the QuickSet Menu, when editing the Performance Slide bar, if you choose the fastest speed, the dial indicates a speed of ~1700/sec. However, the actual speed is only 10/sec no matter how much the other settings are optimized. The only way to achieve this speed is to create a simple trigger model configuration that sources, measures, and loops back continuously, then manually set NPLC to .01, turn auto ranging for source and measure off, and set source delay to 0.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected and the Performance Slide bar works correctly for all settings.

Enhancements

GENERAL Models affected:

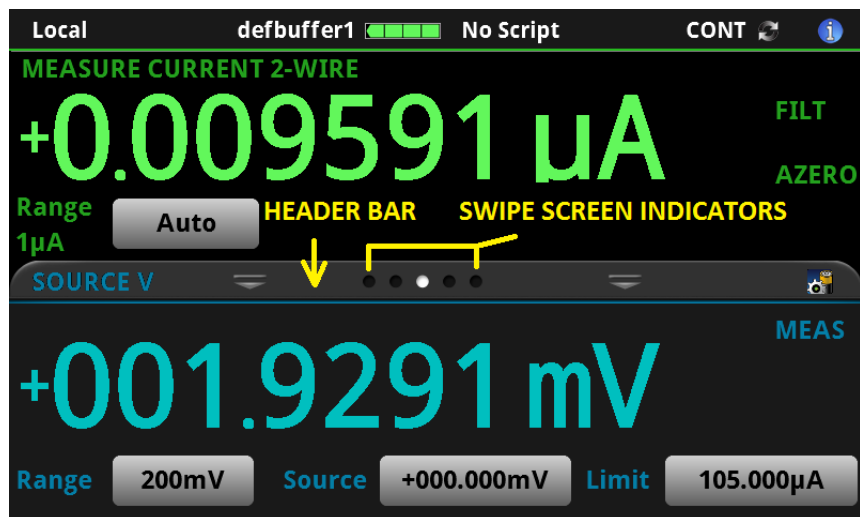
All 2460 models

Enhancement:

A number of improvements have been made to the overall Graphical User Interface as follows:

1. Screen Colors: All screen colors have been modified for better contrast and easier readability.
2. Pinch-to-Zoom Performance: Throughout the user interface, the “Pinch-to-zoom” touch screen motion has been improved and is more responsive.
3. Improve Swiping:
 - a. The swipe user interface gesturing has been dramatically improved and is more responsive.
 - b. Added Vertical Swiping in various screens in the GUI.
 - c. Horizontal swiping has been made more smooth and is consistent with Vertical Swiping.
 - d. “Fling” swiping has been implemented where faster swiping actions result in rapid scrolling followed by decay based on the velocity of the “fling.”
 - e. Swipe Down on the Home screen will display larger readings.

4. Tabs and Buttons: Throughout the user interface multiple data display options have been made available through tabs (header bars) with swipe screen indicators to show how many different display options are available and which display tab is active.



5. Graphing:
 - a. New Auto Scale Options (X-Axis) → Track Latest, Track Group
 - b. New Auto Scale Options (Y-Axis) → y-swim lanes, y-shared, y-per trace
 - c. Multi-Trace Line Plots
 - d. Multi-Trace Scatter Plots
 - e. Various refresh and performance improvements
6. Histogram:
 - a. New Auto-Scale, Auto-Bin, and Fit
 - b. SmartScale choose best scaling option
 - c. Various refresh and performance improvements
7. TTI Synchronization: All Touch, Test, Invent™ Keithley Models including the 2450, 2460, and 7510 have been carefully updated so that they are all consistent in look, feel, and general navigation.

8. Updated Reading Table: Added new reading table features and a new Reading Preview Graph. Please see the Reference Manual for further details.

READING TABLE			
Buffer	Active (defbuffer1)		
Buffer Index	Time	Reading	Source
78824	06/10 07:16:22.174568	+0.009484 μ A	+001.9090 mV
78825	06/10 07:16:22.845109	+0.009590 μ A	+001.9310 mV
78826	06/10 07:16:23.515734	+0.009564 μ A	+001.9228 mV
78827	06/10 07:16:24.186322	+0.009647 μ A	+001.9427 mV
78828	06/10 07:16:24.856892	+0.009639 μ A	+001.9420 mV
78829	06/10 07:16:25.527470	+0.009541 μ A	+001.9195 mV
78830	06/10 07:16:26.198087	+0.009517 μ A	+001.9151 mV
78831	06/10 07:16:26.868617	+0.009631 μ A	+001.9391 mV
78832	06/10 07:16:27.539214	+0.009617 μ A	+001.9381 mV
78833	06/10 07:16:28.209799	+0.009630 μ A	+001.9398 mV

PR56127 Models affected:

All 2460 models

Enhancement:

Add an API command to mark the start of a group for writable buffers.

A status optional parameter has been added to the following TSP and SCPI commands:

SCPI

```
TRACe:WRITe:REaDing <standard writable reading buffer>, <reading value>,
[<time sec>, <time nsec>, [<status>]]
```

```
TRACe:WRITe:REaDing <full writable reading buffer>, <reading value>,
<extra value>, [<time sec>, <time nsec>, [<status>]]
```

TSP

```
buffer.write.reading(<standard writable reading buffer>, <reading value>,
[<time sec>, <time nsec>], [<status>])
```

```
buffer.write.reading(<full writable reading buffer>, <reading value>,
<extra value>, [<time sec>, <time nsec>], [<status>])
```

The optional status parameter indicates if the reading being added is start of group for plotting on the graph. The default is 0. Set this to 0 if not start of group or set to 256 if start of group. This parameter only accepts 0 or 256 - any other value generates an error

For TSP, `buffer.STAT_START_GROUP` can be used to set it. You would set status to 256 to help graph a family of curve traces on the graph.

PR53815 Models affected:

All 2460 models

EnhancementAdd a `:TRIGger:LOAD` command that takes a template name as a first argumentOld Command

```
:TRIGger:LOAD:EMPTY
:TRIGger:LOAD:CONFIguration:LIST
:TRIGger:LOAD:TRIGger:EXternal
:TRIGger:LOAD:LOOP:SIMple
:TRIGger:LOAD:LOOP:DURation
<not present>
<not present>
<not present>
```

New Command

```
:TRIGger:LOAD "Empty"
:TRIGger:LOAD "ConfigList", <parameter list as before>
:TRIGger:LOAD "LogicTrigger", <parameter list as before>
:TRIGger:LOAD "SimpleLoop", <parameter list as before>
:TRIGger:LOAD "DurationLoop", <parameter list as before>
:TRIGger:LOAD "LoopUntilEvent", <parameter list as before>
:TRIGger:LOAD "GradeBinning", <parameter list as before>
:TRIGger:LOAD "SortBinning", <parameter list as before>
```

Example:

before:

```
:TRIGger:LOAD:LOOP:DURation <duration>, <delay>, "<reading buffer>"
```

after:

```
:TRIGger:LOAD <duration>. <delay>, "<readingBuffer>"
```

Usage Notes:

- The template name is not case-sensitive
- The template name needs to be in quotes
- This makes the SCPI command more like the TSP equivalent `trigger.model.load()` command
- See the Reference Manual for more details

AR42567 Models affected:

PR55190 All 2460 models

Enhancement:

Add a direct shortcut from the HOME view measurement line to the measurement settings menu.

A shortcut icon has been added to the swipe bar on the HOME source/measurement tab.

**Noncritical Fixes**

N/A

Known issues

N/A

VERSION V1.1.0C RELEASE

Overview

Version 1.1.0c is the second official firmware upgrade release for the Model 2460. Known Issues, Usage Notes, and Upcoming Enhancements are listed below in this document.

[RELEASED 4-FEB-2015](#)

Compatibility concerns

N/A

Critical Fixes

PR53544 **Models affected:**

AR41757 All 2460 models

Symptom:

2460 sinks wrong current value after range change.

In certain cases when the 2460 is connected to a power supply AND the power supply is sourcing positive voltage and the 2460 is sinking current, the 2460 will occasionally sink the wrong current value. This error happens only when changing to/from the 1A range AND the source level is a very small value.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR54745 **Models affected:**

AR42806 All 2460 models

Symptom:

Problem with source read back with voltages less than 1 (rounding problem).

When the source read back is turned off, the programmed voltages should be returned. However, when the programmed values are less than 1V, incorrect values are returned. This is due to a floating point rounding problem. The numbers will appear correct in the data sheet, however, the numbers returned via the bus are incorrect.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR54626 Models affected:

All 2460 models

Symptom:

Hardware in wrong state after setting auto-range low.

Changing the measure low range setting (used for auto-range) could result in incorrect operation if the new range is higher than the active measure range.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

Enhancements

N/A

Noncritical Fixes**PR53474 Models affected:**

All 2460 models

Symptom:

In some cases, the display will show XXX's in the measure area of the display.

When the source function is Resistance and Measure offset compensation is on, the display will sometimes display XXX.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR54455 Models affected:

All 2460 models

Symptom:

Under very rare conditions, the Ohm symbol on the display will get cut off.

Resolution:

This cosmetic issue has been corrected.

PR54941 Models affected:

All 2460 models

Symptom:

Certain *.tsp file names cannot be processed on the "Scripts→Manage" menu.

Trying to access a 32 character (or longer) script name from a flash drive on the front panel generates an error when trying to move or run the script file.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected. The 32 character limit is now better enforced.

Known issues

PR48636 Model 2460 does not respect a USB Flash drive that is read only.
[REPAIRED in v1.3.0s](#)

Models affected:

2460

Symptom:

The 2460 will write over read-only files on flash drives. Specifically, if the 2460 attempts to write to file aaa.txt and aaa.txt is marked read-only, the 2460 will rewrite file aaa.txt without warning. This problem does NOT suggest the 2460 randomly overwrites arbitrary files on a flash drive.

Workaround:

There is no known workaround for this issue at this time.

PR49308 `trigger.BLOCK_BRANCH_COUNTER` loop without a measure or delay block causes hang.
SCPI: `:TRIGger:BLOCK:BRANch:COUNter`
TSP: `trigger.model.setblock()` with `trigger.BLOCK_BRANCH_COUNTER`

Models affected:

2460

Symptom:

When running a tight trigger loop without a measurement or delay in the sequence, the 2460 will be unresponsive until the loop ends.

Workaround: Simply add any measurement or short delay in the trigger loop and the 2460 will perform normally. A future firmware release will work around this problem automatically.

PR55364 When executing the Resistor Demo immediately after the LED Demo, the Demo gets stuck.
[REPAIRED in v1.1.0c](#)

Models affected:

2460

Symptom:

When executing the Resistor Demo immediately after the LED Demo, the Demo will appear to be stuck and will not execute.

Workaround:

If this problem occurs, simply navigate to the Data tab of the Graph view and clear the default buffer (`defbuffer1`). The test will then continue as expected. This issue will be repaired in the next firmware release.

VERSION V1.0.0F RELEASE

Overview

Version 1.0.0f is the initial firmware release for the Model 2460. No fixes are listed since this is the very first firmware release. Known Issues, Usage Notes, and Upcoming Enhancements are listed below in this document.

[RELEASED 10-OCT-2014](#)

Compatibility concerns

N/A

Critical fixes

N/A

Enhancements

N/A

Noncritical fixes

N/A

Known issues

N/A