

Model 2461-SYS SourceMeter®

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Version 1.6.7c Firmware Release Notes

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General Information

Supported models

This firmware is intended for use on the following Keithley Instruments product models:

2461-SYS

Firmware upgrade instructions

NOTE: 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 to a USB flash drive. The file is: ki 1642 v1 6 7c.upg.
- 2. Verify that the upgrade file is in the root subdirectory of the flash drive and that it is the only firmware upgrade file in that location. 2461-SYS firmware files end with the file extension .upg. (for example: ki_1642_v1_6_7c.upg).
- 3. Disconnect any input and output terminals that are attached to the instrument.
- 4. Turn the instrument power off. Wait a few seconds.
- 5. Turn 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 of firmware: Select **Downgrade to Older**.
- 10. If the instrument is controlled remotely, a message is displayed. Select Yes to continue.
- 11. When the upgrade is complete, reboot the instrument.

NOTE: A message is displayed while the upgrade is in progress. Do not remove power until the upgrade message shows complete. It should take less than 7 minutes.

For additional information about upgrading the firmware, refer to the "How do I Upgrade Firmware?" topic in the "Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)" section of the *Model 2461 Interactive SourceMeter® Instrument Reference Manual* (document number 2461-901-01). This manual is available online at http://www.tek.com/support, Search for "2461 Reference Manual".

Upgrade considerations for the Model 2461-SYS.

No special considerations at this time.

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

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.

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

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:

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 2461-SYS models, the voltage range maximum value is 105 V and for current it is 1.05 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.store('mList')
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:

NS525 2461 allows settings outside of power limits.

Models affected:

All 2461 models

Symptom:

Using TSP commands, it is possible to configure the settings to exceed the power limits supported by the instrument.

Example steps to reproduce:

```
reset()
smu.measure.range = 7
smu.source.ilimit.level = 7
smu.source.func = smu.FUNC_DC_VOLTAGE
smu.source.level = 105.
```

This attempts to configure the instrument for source 105 V with a 7 A source limit. This is outside the power limits, but does not generate an error.

Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

NS560 SCPI voltage pulse sweep commands use incorrect default values.

Models affected:

All 2461 models

Symptom:

The default values <code>xBiasLimit</code> and <code>xPulseLimit</code> are incorrect for the following SCPI commands:

```
:SOURce[1]:PULSe:SWEep:VOLT:LINear.
:SOURce[1]:PULSe:SWEep:VOLT:LINear:STEP.
:SOURce[1]:PULSe:SWEep:VOLT:LOG.
```

This problem can result in unexpected errors being generated.

Resolution:

NS1119 Voltage source level not achieving full resolution.

Models affected:

All 2461-SYS models

Symptom:

The source level fine adjustment was not being set correctly due to a rounding error.

Resolution:

Version v1.6.6s Release

Overview

Version 1.6.6s is the initial firmware release for the Model 2461-SYS. 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.

Compatibility concerns

N/A

Critical fixes

N/A

Enhancements

N/A

Noncritical fixes

N/A

Known issues

N/A