



## INSTRUCTION MANUAL

# BTPRO-1000

## *QAM/8VSB/Analog Signal Analyzer*

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## Section 1 — General & Safety Instructions



The STOP sign symbol is intended to alert you to the presence of REQUIRED operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions that if not followed, may result in product failure or destruction.



The YIELD sign symbol is intended to alert you to the presence of RECOMMENDED operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions.



The LIGHTNING flash symbol is intended to alert you to the presence of uninsulated "dangerous voltage" within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electrical shock.

**TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRICAL SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE COVER FROM THIS UNIT.  
 NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.**

**WARNING: TO PREVENT FIRE OR SHOCK HAZARD, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS UNIT TO RAIN OR MOISTURE**

### NOTE TO CATV SYSTEM INSTALLER

This reminder is provided to call the CATV System Installer's attention to Article 820-40 of the NEC that provides guidelines for proper grounding and, in particular, specifies that the cable ground shall be connected to the grounding system of the building, as close to the point of cable entry as practical.

## Safety Instructions



**YOU SHOULD ALWAYS FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS TO HELP ENSURE  
 AGAINST INJURY TO YOURSELF AND DAMAGE TO YOUR EQUIPMENT.**

**Elevated Operating Ambient** - If installed in a closed or multi-unit rack assembly, the operating ambient temperature of the rack environment may be greater than room ambient. Therefore, consideration should be given to installing the equipment in an environment compatible with the maximum ambient temperature per Section 2.3.

**Reduced Air Flow** - Installation of the equipment in a rack should be such that the amount of air flow required for safe operation of the equipment is not compromised.

**Mechanical Loading** - Mounting of the equipment in the rack should be such that a hazardous condition is not achieved due to uneven mechanical loading.

**Circuit Overloading** - Consideration should be given to the connection of the equipment to the supply circuit and the effect that overloading of the circuits might have on overcurrent protection and supply wiring. Appropriate consideration of equipment nameplate ratings should be used when addressing this concern.

**Reliable Earthing** - Reliable earthing of rack-mounted equipment should be maintained. Particular attention should be given to supply connections other than direct connections to the branch circuit (e.g. use of power strips).

Read all safety and operating instructions before you operate the unit.

Retain all safety and operating instructions for future reference.

Heed all warnings on the unit and in the safety and operating instructions.

## Safety Instructions - continued

Follow all installation, operating, and use instructions.

Unplug the unit from the AC power outlet before cleaning. Use only a damp cloth for cleaning the exterior of the unit.

Do not use accessories or attachments not recommended by Blonder Tongue, as they may cause hazards, and will void the warranty.

Do not operate the unit in high-humidity areas, or expose it to water or moisture.

Do not place the unit on an unstable cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table. The unit may fall, causing serious personal injury and damage to the unit. Install the unit only in a mounting rack designed for 19" rack-mounted equipment.

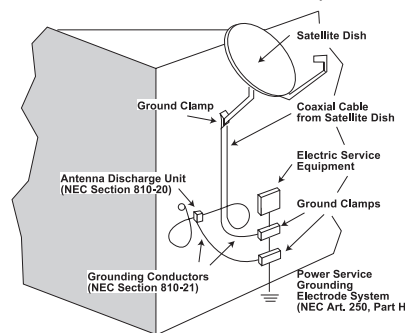
Do not block or cover slots and openings in the unit. These are provided for ventilation and protection from overheating. Never place the unit near or over a radiator or heat register. Do not place the unit in an enclosure such as a cabinet without proper ventilation. Do not mount equipment in the rack space directly above or below the unit.

Operate the unit using only the type of power source indicated on the marking label. Unplug the unit power cord by gripping the plug, not the cord.

The unit is equipped with a three-wire ground-type plug. This plug will fit only into a ground-type power outlet. If you are unable to insert the plug into the outlet, contact an electrician to replace the outlet. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the ground-type plug.

Route power supply cords so that they are not likely to be walked on or pinched by items placed upon or against them. Pay particular attention to cords at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the unit.

Be sure that the outdoor components of the antenna system are grounded in accordance with local, federal, and National Electrical Code (NEC) requirements. Pay special attention to NEC Sections 810 and 820. See the example shown in the following diagram:



We strongly recommend using an outlet that contains surge suppression or ground fault protection. For added protection during a lightning storm, or when the unit is left unattended and unused for long periods of time, unplug it from the wall outlet and disconnect the lines between the unit and the antenna. This will prevent damage caused by lightning or power line surges.

Do not locate the antenna near overhead power lines or other electric light or power circuits, or where it can fall into such power lines or circuits. When installing the antenna, take extreme care to avoid touching such power lines or circuits, as contact with them can be fatal.

Do not overload wall outlets or extension cords, as this can result in a risk of fire or electrical shock.

Never insert objects of any kind into the unit through openings, as the objects may touch dangerous voltage points or short out parts. This could cause fire or electrical shock.

Do not attempt to service the unit yourself, as opening or removing covers may expose you to dangerous voltage and will void the warranty. Refer all servicing to authorized service personnel.

Unplug the unit from the wall outlet and refer servicing to authorized service personnel whenever the following occurs:

- The power supply cord or plug is damaged;
- Liquid has been spilled, or objects have fallen into the unit;
- The unit has been exposed to rain or water;
- The unit has been dropped or the chassis has been damaged;
- The unit exhibits a distinct change in performance.

When replacement parts are required, ensure that the service technician uses replacement parts specified by Blonder Tongue. Unauthorized substitutions may damage the unit or cause electrical shock or fire, and will void the warranty.

Upon completion of any service or repair to the unit, ask the service technician to perform safety checks to ensure that the unit is in proper operating condition.

### Returning Product for Repair (or Credit)

**A Return Material Authorization (RMA) Number is required on all products returned to Blonder Tongue, regardless if the product is being returned for repair or credit.** Before returning product, please contact the Blonder Tongue Service Department at 1-800-523-6049, Ext. 4256 or visit our website: [www.blondertongue.com](http://www.blondertongue.com) for further information.

## Section 2 — Product Summary

### 2.1 Revision History & Reason

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This is the third issue of the Instruction Manual. Update for F/W Version 3.0 with additional test patterns in the Pro:Idiom™ Recovery Option (section 8.5).

The second issue of the Instruction Manual updated the Pro:Idiom™ Recovery Option section 8.5.

### 2.2 Product Application & Description

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#### Application:

The BTPRO-1000 is a versatile CATV test instrument for measuring both digital and analog CATV and Broadcast TV signals. Robust and easy to use, BTPRO-1000 provides hours of operating time from its high capacity battery. The instrument comes complete with a soft carrying case, AC main and automotive chargers.

An optional Pro:Idiom™ Key Recovery feature is available for Hospitality applications that employ Pro:Idiom™ television sets. The option consists of a built-in frequency agile QAM modulator that connects directly to an affected Pro:Idiom™ TV to provide new encryption key information.

#### Features:

- QAM/8VSB/NTSC Measurements
- Extended frequency range of 4-1000 MHz
- MER, aBER, bBER, Noise Margin and Level/Power measurements plus Spectrum Analysis
- Automatic quality analysis: FAIL-MARGINAL-PASS
- Auto Seek & Store Function - an essential feature for creating custom memory channel plans. Scans receivable signals, determines signal type (QAM,8VSB or analog) and stores only those channels having signal levels above user defined values
- Ingress and Leakage Modes
- Data Logger Function: Steps through each channel in the “Active” memory plan and stores all related measurements
- Alpha-numeric keypad
- Optional TV Key Recovery for Hospitality Pro:Idiom™ systems

**Description:**



	Main Function	Secondary Function (press and hold for 2s)
<b>A</b>	Main switch (ON/OFF):	Level/Ch. Power meas. (press once) RESET (press and hold for 10s)
<b>B</b>	LEFT:	PLAN SELECTION
<b>C</b>	ENTER:	
<b>D</b>	Pro:Idiom™ Rekey Option:	
<b>E</b>	PLAN:	
<b>F</b>	MEAS:	
<b>G</b>	LCD (dot matrix)	
<b>H</b>	INGRESS MODE:	
<b>L</b>	LEAKAGE MODE:	METER CONFIGURATION
<b>M</b>	SPECIAL FUNCTIONS MENU:	
<b>N</b>	RIGHT:	

**NOTE:** The keys labeled through a number can be used for direct frequency input, direct numerical input or alphabetical input (logger files name).

**NOTE:** Use the  [P] key to enter the comma.

	Side Body Panel Descriptions	Location
<b>RF IN</b>	RF input (no C.M. signals)	Upper side, left
<b>R.K.</b>	Pro:Idiom™ Recovery Option	Upper side, right
<b>USB</b>	USB 2.0 connector	Right side
<b>PWR</b>	External Power inlet	Lower side



## 2.3 Product Specification

### Level Measurement & Spectrum Analysis

<b>Frequency Range:</b>	TV, CATV & Radio 4-1000 Mhz
<b>Frequency Resolution:</b>	25 kHz
<b>RF Input Impedance:</b>	75 $\Omega$ (interchangeable "F" connector)
<b>Dynamic Range:</b>	-59 to +65 dBmV
<b>Measurement Resolution:</b>	0.1 dB
<b>Level Measurement Accuracy:</b>	1 dB typ, (2 dB max)
<b>A/V Ratio:</b>	up to 22 dB, +/-1.5 dB (2 dB max)
<b>C/N Ratio:</b>	up to 45 dB +/-1.5 dB Max; 45-50 dB +/- 2 dB
<b>Resolution Filter Bandwidth:</b>	100 kHz @ -3 dB
<b>Custom Channel Plans:</b>	25 (199 ch. per plan)

### Pro:Idiom™ Key Recovery Option

<b>RF Output</b>	
<b>Connector:</b>	1x "F" Female
<b>Modulation:</b>	QAM 64 or 256 (user selectable)
<b>Standard:</b>	ITU-T J.83 Annex B
<b>Channel Range:</b>	CATV 2 to 158; Broadcast 2 to 69
<b>Output Level:</b>	20 dBmV

### Power & Digital Measurements

<b>Frequency Band:</b>	4-1000 MHz
<b>Power Measurement:</b>	-45 to 65 dBmV
<b>BER Measurement:</b>	(pre) bBER up to $1 \times 10^{-9}$ (post) aBER up to $1 \times 10^{-9}$
<b>MER Measurement:</b>	up to 40 dB (1dB typ., 2dB max)
<b>Constellation Display:</b>	16-32-64-128-256 QAM

### Ingress & Spectrum Measurements

<b>Frequency:</b>	5 - 65 MHz
<b>Level:</b>	-55 dBmV to 65 dBmV
<b>Accuracy:</b>	+/- 2 dB
<b>BW:</b>	100 kHz @ -3dB

### Leakage Measurements

<b>Frequency Range:</b>	115 -140 MHz
<b>Resolution:</b>	25 kHz
<b>Antenna Type:</b>	selectable

### General

<b>Power Supply:</b>	Built in NiMH rechargeable battery, external power supply
<b>Battery Duration at 25°:</b>	4 hours
<b>Size:</b>	8.5" x 5.0" x 2.4" (215 x 125 x 60 mm)
<b>PC Interface:</b>	USB
<b>Front Panel:</b>	Alpha numeric keypad
<b>Power Save:</b>	TFT backlight timer, brightness adj

## Section 3 – Installation & Power-up

### 3.1 Unpacking


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You will find the following items in the box:

- BTPRO-1000 Meter (QTY=1)
- AC Adapter (QTY=1)
- 12 V Automotive Adapter (QTY=1)
- USB 2.0 Cable (QTY=1)
- F-81 Connector (QTY=2)
- Soft Carry Case and Strap (QTY=1)


### 3.2 Turning the Meter On

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Press and release the HOME  [A] key.

### 3.3 Turning the Meter Off

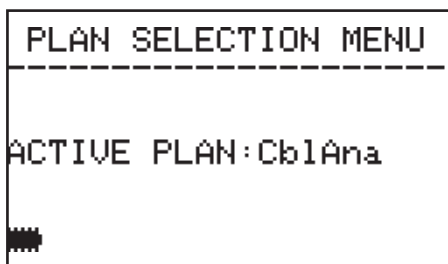
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Press and hold for 2s the HOME  [A] key.

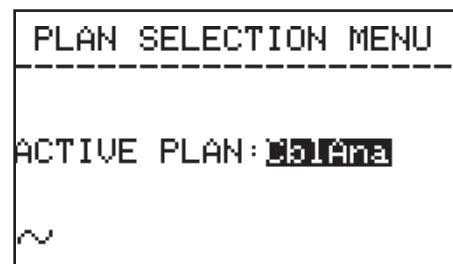
### 3.4 Check the Battery Charge Status

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When the meter is on, in the lower left corner of the LCD display [G] an icon is showing the current power source of the meter: built-in battery or mains/12V DC external feed. When the built-in battery icon is displayed, same icon represents the charging status of the built-in battery (Full,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ , poor).



Power from built-in battery



External power adaptor

Connect the supplied AC adaptor or the supplied cigarette lighter adaptor to the [x] inlet (located on the lower side of the meter) to recharge the built-in battery.



**Never leave the instrument in LOW BATTERY conditions (1/4 charge or less) for more than 2 months to preserve the capabilities of the built-in battery. Should the instruments be stored for longer periods, it is required to periodically charge its battery.**

### 3.5 Standard Navigation Mode

Navigate into the various functions and menus of the BTPRO-1000 is quick and easy. Three keys, located in the middle of the keyboard allows the user to surf all the meter functions, easily selecting the required function and quickly setting the desired values.



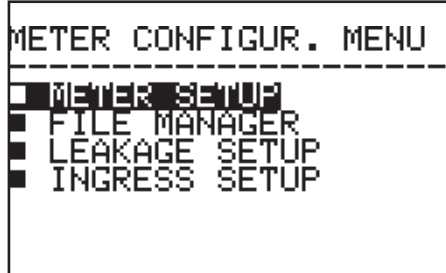
The position of the cursor is indicated on the LCD display [G] by black-highlighting the item currently selected. When an item in the LCD [G] is black-highlighted, pressing the LEFT [B] key once will move the cursor to (and highlight) the previous item; pressing the RIGHT [N] key once will move the cursor to (and highlight) the next item.

Once selected (black-highlighted) the desired item, press once and release the ENTER [C] key, and the black highlight will start blinking. When the black highlight is blinking, pressing the LEFT [B] key once will decrease the value of the selected (highlighted) item; pressing the RIGHT [N] key once will raise the value of the selected (highlighted) item. Once set the appropriate value, just press and release the ENTER [C] key, and the black highlight will stop blinking, allowing you to move to a different item through the LEFT [B] and RIGHT [N] keys.

These features will from now on be referred to as “Standard Navigation Mode”.

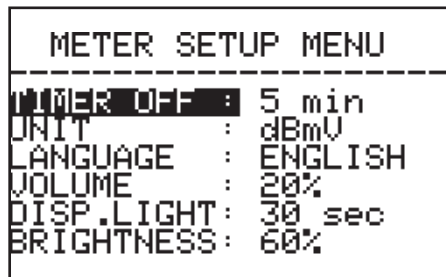
## Section 4 – Meter Configuration

Press and hold for 2s the SPECIAL [M] key.



### 4.1 Meter Main Setup

In the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the item METER SETUP, then press once and release the ENTER [C] key to enter the setup menu.



#### 4.1.1 Battery Saving - Self Power Off (Timer Off)

If no key of the meter is pressed within the self power off time herein specified, the meter automatically turns itself off in order to save battery life. To set the auto power off time, in the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the item TIMER OFF and select: OFF (meter always on), 5 min (meter turns off in 5 minutes), 10 min (meter turns off in 10 minutes).

#### 4.1.2 Field and Channel Power Measurement Unit (Unit)

In the Standard Navigation Mode, highlight the item UNIT and select the requested measurement unit: dBm, dBuV (dBmicrovolt), dBmV (dBmillivolt).

#### 4.1.3 Language

In the Standard Navigation Mode, highlight the item LANGUAGE and select the language of your choice. In some versions of the meter, English language only is available.

#### 4.1.4 Keys Beep Volume Setup

In the Standard Navigation Mode, highlight the item VOLUME and adjust the volume level of the keys beep from the built-in loudspeaker: you can highlight one level among: 0% (loudspeaker off), 20%, 40%, 60%, 80%, 100% (max. volume).

#### 4.1.5 Display Backlight (Disp. Light)

If no key on the meter is pressed within the backlight power off time setting, the display backlight automatically turns itself off in order to save battery life. To set the auto backlight power off time, in the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the item DISP.LIGHT and select FullON (backlight always on) or 30 sec (backlight turns off within 30 sec).

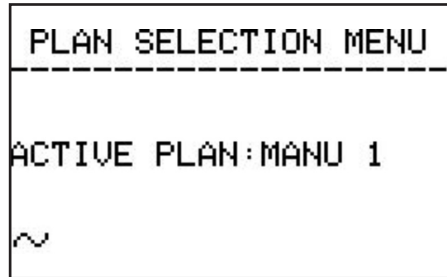
#### 4.1.6 LCD Backlight Brightness Adjustment

In the Standard Navigation Mode, highlight the item BRIGHTNESS and adjust the backlight brightness of the LCD [G] display of the meter: you can highlight one level among: 0% (LCD backlight off), 20%, 40%, 60%, 80%, 100%.

## Section 5 – Signal Tuning

Connect the signal cable to the RF inlet [RFin] on the upper left side of the meter.

Press and release the PLAN  [E] key.

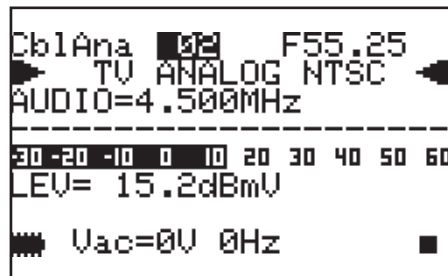


With the Standard Navigation Mode select the active Memory Plan.

Press once and release the MEAS  [F] key to enter the measurement mode.

### 5.1 Navigate Into the Selected Memory Plan

On the LCD [G] top row it will be displayed (from left to right): the selected Memory Plan, the channel currently tuned, and the corresponding frequency (in MHz).



#### 5.1.1 Surfing the Channels

With the Standard Navigation Mode, highlight the current channel ID and select the desired channel. Each pulse of the LEFT [B] and of the RIGHT [N] key moves the channel ID one step upward or (resp.) downwards. To rapidly move the channel ID up- or downwards, press and hold the LEFT [B] or (resp.) RIGHT [N] key.



The meter will tune only the channels included into the selected custom channel plan.

#### 5.1.2 Modify and Fine-Tune the Reception Frequency

To manually modify or to fine-tune the reception frequency, with the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the value of the current frequency and set the desired value. You can also directly dial the desired frequency value in through the meter numerical keyboard, then pressing the ENTER [C] key to confirm your selection.

#### 5.1.3 Modify the Signal Type

To manually modify the signal type (FM, ANALOG TV, QAM, ...), with the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the value of the current signal type and set the desired value. Press the ENTER [C] key to confirm your selection.

#### **5.1.4 Modify the Audio Frequency (Analog Signals)**

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To manually modify the audio carrier frequency, with the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the value of the current audio carrier frequency and set the desired value. Press the ENTER [C] key to confirm your selection.

#### **5.1.5 Modify the QAM Modulation Type (QAM Signals)**

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To manually modify the QAM modulation type, with the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the value of the current QAM type and set the desired value. Press the ENTER [C] key to confirm your selection.

#### **5.1.6 Modify the Symbol Rate (QAM Signals)**

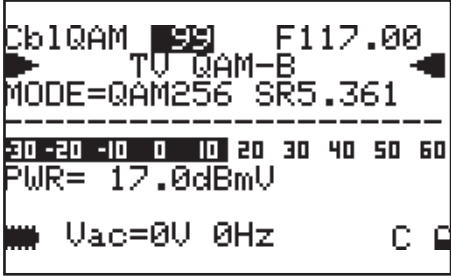
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To manually modify the Symbol Rate, with the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the value of the current S.R. and set the desired value. Press the ENTER [C] key to confirm your selection.

## Section 6 – Performing Measurements: MEAS

### 6.1 The Selected Channel Carrier On A Digital CATV Signal (QAM)

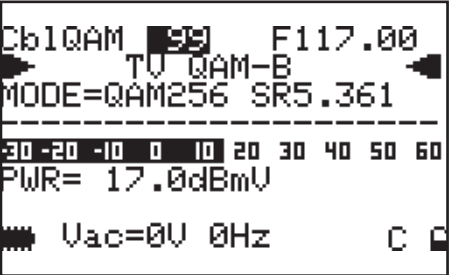
In the second row (from the top) the meter LCD will display, TV QAM and the relevant standard (e.g.: B). In the LCD bottom row a C (= cable) appears close to the right corner.




In the third row (from the top) the meter LCD will display the QAM mode (QAM order) and the Symbol Rate of the tuned signal. In the LCD bottom row a C (= cable) appears close to the right corner. Also in the LCD bottom row the voltage and frequency at the RF input is displayed.

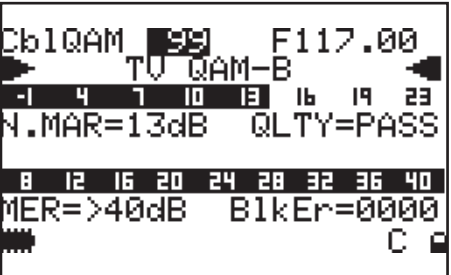
#### 6.1.1 Channel Power Measurement

On the display the current channel power (together with the relevant measurement unit) will be displayed. The channel power real time value is also displayed on a level bar with peak level memory.



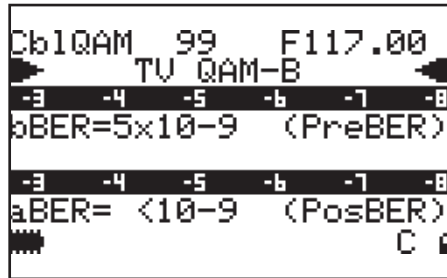
#### 6.1.2 Noise Margin, Quality Test, MER and Block Error Measurements

From the previous measurement step, press once and release the MEAS  [F] key. The Noise Margin (N.MAR), the Quality test (QLTY: possible values FAIL, MARGIN, PASS), the MER measurement and the BLOCK ERROR measurement will be displayed. The NOISE MARGIN and MER real time values are also displayed on level bars with peak level memory.



### 6.1.3 BER Measurement Before and After Error Correction

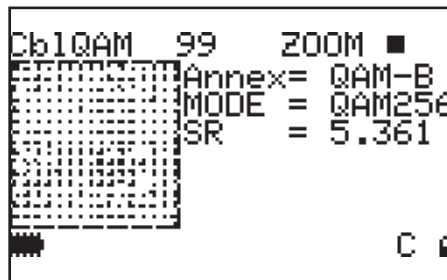
From the previous measurement step press once and release the MEAS [F] key. The meter will display the BER measurement before error correction (bBER or PreBER) and after error correction (aBER or PosBER).



The bBER and aBER real time values are also displayed on level bars with peak level memory

### 6.1.4 Carriers Constellation and QAM Parameters Display

From the previous measurement step press once and release the MEAS [F] key. The current carriers constellation will be displayed, together with the QAM major parameters of the locked signal:



- Transmission standard (and the relevant Annex as well)
- QAM modulation (MODE)
- Signal Symbol Rate (SR)

#### 6.1.4a Zooming the Constellation IN/OUT

To zoom-in/out the carrier constellation displayed, highlight the item ZOOM, press the ENTER [C] key, and then press and release the LEFT [B] key or RIGHT [N] key to zoom-in and (resp.) zoom out the constellation displayed. A square icon on the right of the ZOOM item will graphically display the current zoom value. Only the constellation part where both I and Q are positive can be zoomed in.

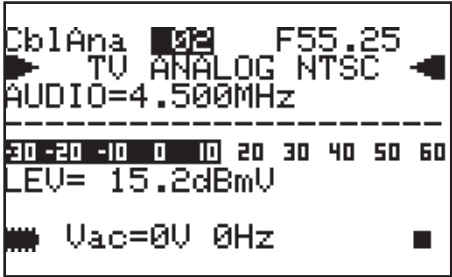
### 6.1.5 Spectrum Analysis of the Tuned Channel

Proceed as describer in Section 7 - Spectrum Analyzer Mode



**6.2 The Selected Channel Carrier On an Analog TV/CATV Signal**

In the second row (from the top) the meter LCD will display TV ANALOG and the relevant standard (e.g.: NTSC). In the LCD bottom row a black filled quadrangle will appear in the right corner.



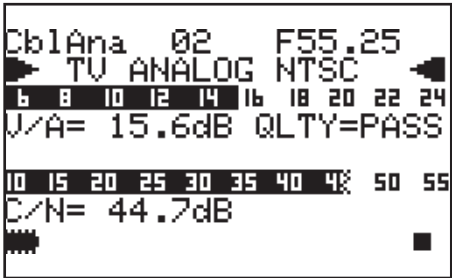
The LCD bottom row displays the voltage and frequency at the RF input.

**6.2.1 Video Signal Peak Level Measurement**

On the display the current video signal peak level (together with the relevant measurement unit) will be displayed. The video signal peak level real time value is also displayed on a level bar with peak level memory.

**6.2.2 Video vs. Audio Peak Level Ratio and Signal To Noise Ratio**

From the previous measurement step press and release the  MEAS [F] key.



The meter will display the Video peak level Vs. Audio peak level Ratio (V/A, in dB) and the Carrier to Noise Ratio (C/N, in dB). Both real time Ratios are also displayed on level bars with peak level memory. The result of the Quality Test (QLTY) is displayed on the same row of the V/A Ratio.

**6.2.3 Spectrum Analysis of the Tuned Channel**

Proceed as described in Section 7 - Spectrum Analyzer Mode

**6.3 FM Audio Measurement (included FM Radio 87.5 - 108.00 MHz)**

Connect an antenna system capable to receive the desired frequency range to the meter. With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the signal type and select FM RADIO. Then highlight the frequency value and set the desired frequency value.

**6.3.1 Audio Level Measurement**

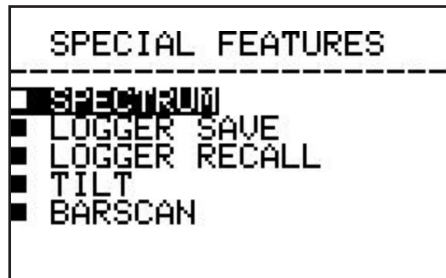
The meter will display the FM level measurement, together with the relevant measurement unit. The real time FM level is also displayed on a level bar with peak level memory.

**6.3.2 Spectrum Analysis of the Tuned Channel**

Proceed as described in Section 7 - Spectrum Analyzer Mode

## Section 7 – Spectrum Analyzer Mode

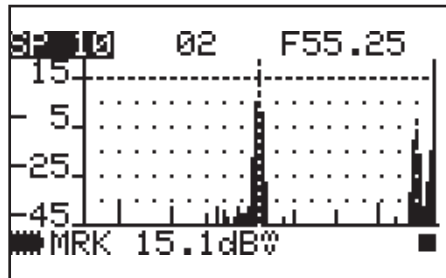
Tune the desired frequency or signal. Press the SPECIAL [M] key.



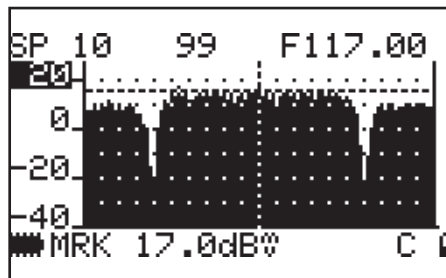
With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the SPECTRUM item and press the ENTER [C] key.

The meter LCD will display the spectrum content of the tuned channel.

In case the tuned signal is analog, the marker will be positioned by default on the frequency value corresponding to the analog Video signal peak level. The relevant power is displayed in the LCD bottom row (MRK), together with the relevant measurement unit.



In case the tuned signal is digital, the marker will be positioned by default on the centre-band frequency of the tuned signal. The relevant level is displayed in the LCD bottom row (MRK), together with the relevant measurement unit.



### 7.1 Surfing the Channels

With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the currently tuned channel and set the desired channel.



The meter will allow you to select ONLY a channel included into the channel plan currently in use. To select a different channel plan, proceed as described in Section 5 - Signal Tuning.

**7.2 Moving the Marker (Frequency Value)**

With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the current frequency value and modify the marker position (current frequency value). To rapidly move the frequency value LEFT- or RIGHT, press and hold the LEFT [B] or (resp.) RIGHT [N] key. The meter LCD will at any time display the current frequency value (first row, top right) and the relevant signal level measurement (bottom row, MRK).

**7.3 Editing the Signal Level End of Scale**

With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the top level (end of scale) value on the y-axis and increase or decrease the end of scale value.

**7.4 Editing the Span Value**

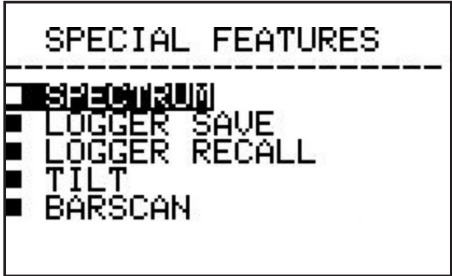
With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the item span (SP...) and increase or decrease the span value. Only pre-defined span values (from 2 MHz to FULL) can be set. No fine adjustment is possible.

**7.5 Full Band Mapping**

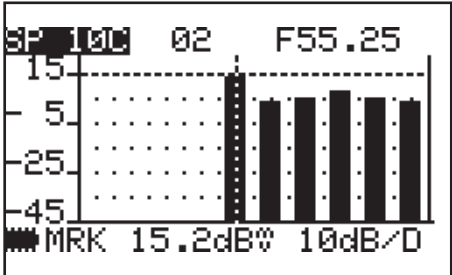
The meter can display a bar diagram in which each bar displays the signal level detected on a specific channel into the selected memory plan. The bar diagram, the marker, and the display bottom row can display several parameters, depending from the meter configuration.

**7.5.1 Wide Band Mapping Display Configuration**

Press the SPECIAL [M] key.



With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the BARSCAN item and press the ENTER [C] key.



Each bar displays the signal level measured in the relevant channel. A dotted bar represents a digital (QAM) signal, a fully shaped bar represents an analog signal. The marker (the vertical dotted line) is positioned on the channel which is currently displayed in the centre field of the LCD top line and whose frequency is displayed in the LCD top right edge. The LCD bottom row displays the signal level measured in the currently selected channel (MRK) together with the measurement unit currently set for the meter. A horizontal dotted line shows the real time signal level value measured in the currently selected channel.

### 7.5.1a Surfing the Channels

With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the channel number which is currently displayed in the centre field of the LCD top line, press the ENTER [C] key and move the marker on the desired channel.

### 7.5.1b Editing the End-of-Scale Value

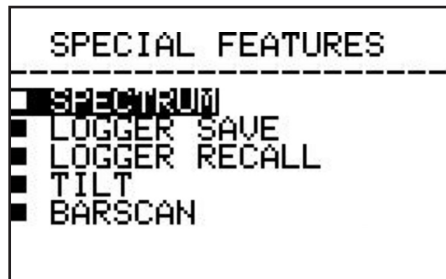
With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the top level (end of scale) value on the y-axis and select the desired end of scale value.

### 7.5.1c Editing the dB/DIV Value

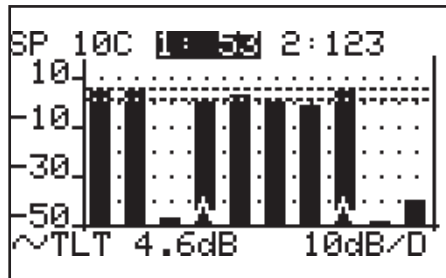
With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the dB/DIV value on the bottom right corner of the LCD, and set 5 dB/DIV or 10 dB/DIV.

### 7.5.2 Signal Level Comparison (Tilt) Between Two User-Defined Channels

Press the SPECIAL [M] key.



With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the TILT item and press the ENTER [C] key.



In this mode the meter will display the signal level difference between two user-defined channels. These two channels can be directly set while this measurement function is running

Each bar displays the signal level measured in the relevant channel.

The LCD top row displays the two channels (1: and 2:) whose signal level has to be compared. The LCD bottom row displays (TLT, tilt) the difference between the signal value measured in channel 1: and the one measured in channel 2:.

To select the channels whose signal level has to be compared use the Standard Navigation Mode

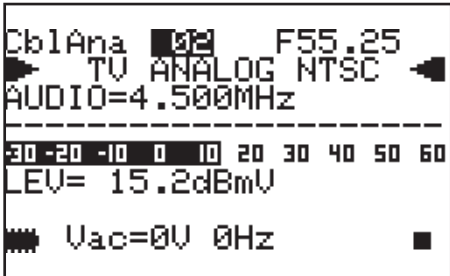
On the x-axis, two triangle shapes locate the two channels whose signal level is under comparison.

To edit the signal level end-of-scale value, with the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the top level (end of scale) value on the y-axis and select the requested end of scale value.

## Section 8 – Cable System Measurements

### 8.1 Voltmeter Mode (AC Measure at RF Test Point)

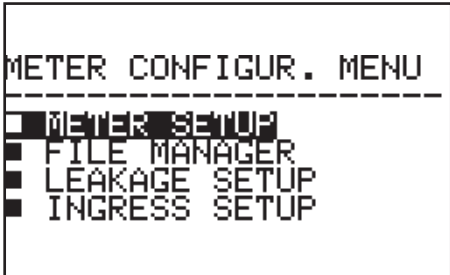
The meter automatically senses line frequency AC that may be present at the test point. Connect the meter to the selected test point in question, then press and release the MEAS [F] key.



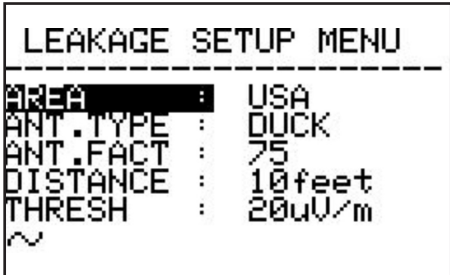
Whichever the tuned signal is, the LCD will display the relevant measured voltage and frequency in the bottom row.

### 8.2 Cable Leakage Setup

Press and hold for at least 2s the SPECIAL [M] key.



With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the item LEAKAGE SETUP and press the ENTER [C] key.



#### 8.2.1 Area and Measurement Unit Standard Setup

With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the field AREA and select the appropriate area. The meter will automatically set the standard measurement units and the antenna sets.

### 8.2.2 Antenna Type Setup

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With the Standard Navigation highlight the field ANT.TYPE and select the appropriate antenna type.

### 8.2.3 Antenna Factor Setup

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With the Standard Navigation highlight the field ANT.FACT. and select the appropriate antenna factor.

### 8.2.4 Distance Setup

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With the Standard Navigation highlight the field DISTANCE and select the appropriate distance.


### 8.2.5 Threshold Setup

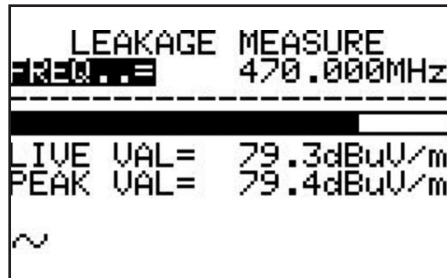
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With the Standard Navigation highlight the field THRESH and select the appropriate threshold value in the measurement unit displayed on the LCD.

## 8.3 Cable Leakage Measurement

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Press and release the LEAKAGE  [L] key to activate a cable leakage measurement session using the parameters set as per Section 8.2 - Cable Leakage Setup

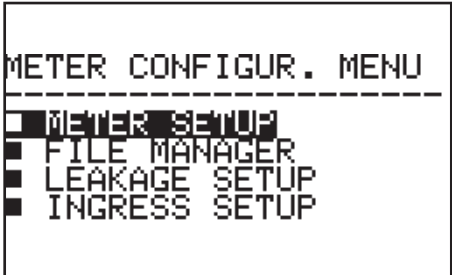


Use the Standard navigation Mode to edit the test frequency. The meter will display both the real time cable leakage factor (LIVE VAL) and the maximum leakage factor detected during the same measurement session (PEAK VAL). A measurement session does get stopped when editing the test frequency, therefore the PEAK VAL displays the maximum value of the cable leakage factor detected by the meter on all the test frequencies set on the meter by the user while performing the same measurement session.

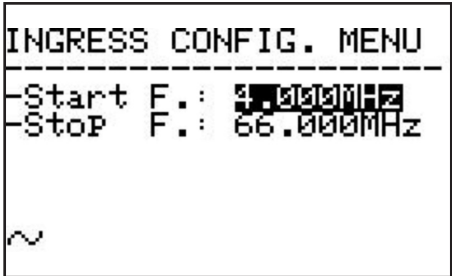
Press and release the MEAS [F] key to stop the current measurement session; this will also quit the Cable Leakage measurement.

**8.4 Ingress Mode Setup (Measurements on the Frequency Range 4 - 66 MHz)**

Press and hold for at least 2s the SPECIAL  [M] key.




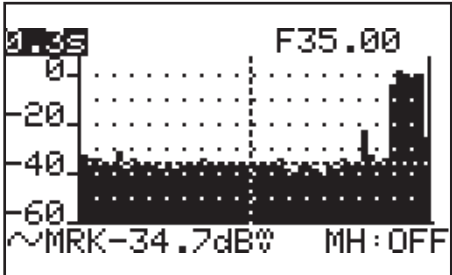
With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the item INGRESS SETUP and press the ENTER [C] key.



With the Standard Navigation Mode select the appropriate Start Frequency and Stop Frequency.

**8.4.1 Ingress Mode Measurements**

Press once and release the INGRESS  [H] key to enter the Ingress Mode. The LCD will display the real time spectrum monitoring in the frequency band 4 - 66 MHz, within the frequency interval specified while in INGRESS SETUP mode.



A dotted vertical line (marker) displays the frequency value whose signal level is currently displayed in the LCD bottom row (MRK) together with the relevant measurement unit. In the top right edge the LCD displays frequency value corresponding to the current marker position (F, highlighted in the above screenshot, in MHz). A horizontal dotted line shows the real time signal level value at the current marker position (current frequency value).

### 8.4.1a Moving the Marker (Frequency Value)

With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the current frequency value and modify the marker position (current frequency value). To rapidly move the frequency value LEFT- or RIGHT, press and hold the LEFT [B] or (resp.) RIGHT [N] key. The meter LCD will at any time display the current frequency value (first row, top right) and the relevant signal level measurement (bottom row, MRK).

### 8.4.1b Editing the Sweep Time

With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the sweep time in the LCD top left edge and select the appropriate sweep time. Only pre-defined sweep times (from 50 ms to 50 s) can be set.


### 8.4.1c Editing the Signal Level End of Scale

With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the top level (end of scale) value on the y-axis and set the appropriate end of scale value.

### 8.4.1d Maxhold

With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the item MH at the right bottom corner of the LCD, and set the MAXHOLD feature to ON or (resp.) to OFF.

## 8.5 Pro:Idiom™ Recovery Option

Press and release the Recovery Pro:Idiom™  key to enter into the recovery mode. On meters that do not have this option installed the LCD screen will show “Option Not Available”.

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PROIDIOM MENU
PLAN      : Cable
CHANNEL  : 2
MODE     : QAM64
COMMAND  : Restore
SET PARAMETERS?
SEND COMMAND
STATUS   : Ready
    
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### 8.5.1 Plan Setup

With the Standard Navigation highlight the PLAN field and select the desired modulator channel plan (CABLE or Broadcast) and press the ENTER [c] key.

### 8.5.2 Channel Setup

Using the Standard Navigation highlight the CHANNEL field and select the desired modulator output channel. Allowable selections are 2-158 for CABLE and 2-69 for Broadcast. Press the ENTER [c] key.

### 8.5.3 Mode Setup

Using the Standard Navigation highlight the MODE field and select the desired QAM output (QAM64 or QAM256). Press the ENTER [c] key.

### 8.5.4 Set Parameters?

After the Plan, Channel and Mode settings have been done, highlight the SET PARAMETERS? field and press the ENTER [c] key. The internal modulator is now providing a RF output based on the previous settings. Connect the RF output to the TV. The TV should now lock on to the RF output channel from the modulator.

### 8.5.5 Command Setup

Using Standard Navigation methods, highlight the COMMAND field and select the desired action of:

**Restore:** Refreshes the TV's Pro:Idiom key providing a color bar test pattern with “Production Renewal Key” text once completed.

**PI Key Test:** PI encrypted color bar test pattern with “Production Keys” text for testing TV PI reception capability.

**MPEG-2/AC3:** Non-encrypted MPEG-2 video test pattern with AC3 audio for testing TV receiving capability.

**MPEG2/MPEG1 Layer 2:** Non-encrypted MPEG-2 video test pattern with MPEG-1 Layer 2 audio for testing TV receiving capability.

**H.264/AC3:** Non-encrypted H.264 video test pattern with AC3 audio for testing TV receiving capability. Press the ENTER [c] key.

### 8.5.6 Send Command


Select the SEND COMMAND field and press the ENTER [c] key to transmit the command. Confirm the command action on the TV as described above. The test pattern duration is approximately 30 seconds.

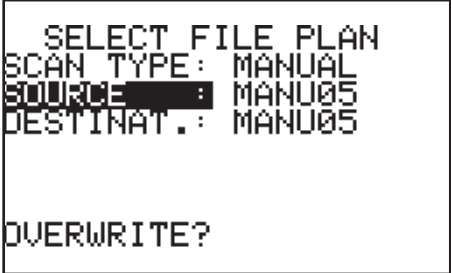
### 8.5.7 Status

This indicates the current state of the internal modulator. The two states are Ready and Sending.



**Section 9 – Creating Memory Plans**

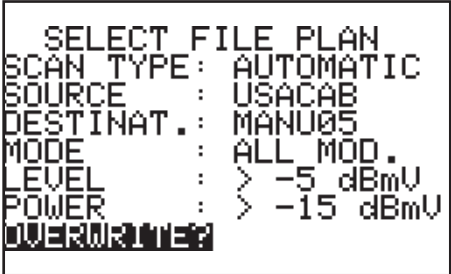
Press and hold for 2 s the PLAN  [E] key.  
2"MODIFY



**9.1 Creating a Memory Plan by Auto Seek & Store of Receivable Signals**

Your meter is capable to automatically detect all the signals whose signal level (analog channels) or channel power (digital channels) is above a user defined threshold value, and to store them into a specified memory plan. The threshold levels for analog channels and for digital channels can be from time to time individually set by the user. You can also create a new memory plan by manually selecting the desired channels from a previously stored memory plan.

With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight SCAN TYPE and select AUTOMATIC.



This Auto Seek&Store is performed on the sole channels of the SOURCE plan currently set. The meter will scan each channel included into the SOURCE memory plan to test its compliance with the specified thresholds. All the compliant channels will be stored to the DESTINAT. memory plan.

**9.1.1 Select a Source Memory Plan**

With the Standard Navigation Mode select the item SOURCE and set the desired memory plan. The meter will perform the Auto Seek&Store only on the channels included into this memory plan.

**9.1.2 Select a Target AutoMemory Plan**

The target destination plan is the channel plan where the result of the seek&store operation will be stored. With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the item DESTINAT. and select the name of the current target AutoMemory channel plan.

If the current target plan is void, the LCD bottom row will display STORE?. In case the current target plan already exists and contains data, the LCD bottom row will display OVERWRITE?. In this case any new scan will result in previous data overwriting.

**9.1.3 Select the Signal Type**

To allow a faster auto seek, it is possible to limit the seek only to QAM A, QAM B or 8VSB signals. With the Standard Navigation Mode select MODE and set the desired standard. In case you need to scan both signal types select ALL MOD.

### 9.1.4 Analog Signals: Video Signal Level Threshold Setup

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With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the item LEVEL and set the video level threshold. Only the channels whose video signal level is above this threshold will be saved to the target AutoMemory plan.

### 9.1.5 Digital Signals: Channel Power Level Threshold Setup

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With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the item POWER and set the channel power threshold. Only the channels whose channel power is above this threshold will be saved to the target AutoMemory plan.

### 9.1.6 Seek&Store Start

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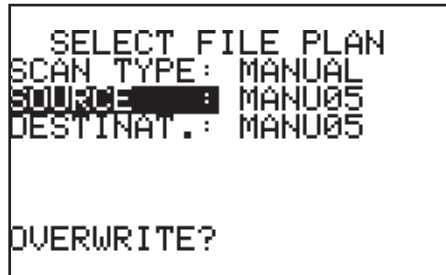
With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the display bottom row. If STORE? appears a brand new memory plan will be stored. Should OVERWRITE? appear, the selected target AutoMemory plan already contains data, and will be overwritten without further notice.

Press and release the ENTER [C] key. The auto seek & store will start. When finished, the total number of both analog and digital found and stored channels will be displayed.

## 9.2 Manually Creating a Memory Plan

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With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight SCAN TYPE and select MANUAL.



After selecting the SOURCE and target (DESTINAT.) memory plans, the user will be prompted to manually select which channels from the SOURCE plan have to be stored into the target (DESTINAT.) memory plan.

### 9.2.1 Select a Source Memory Plan

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With the Standard Navigation Mode select the item SOURCE and set the desired memory plan. The user will be prompted to manually select which channels have to be stored into the target (DESTINAT.) memory plan meter ONLY from the channels included into the SOURCE memory plan.

### 9.2.2 Select a Target AutoMemory Plan

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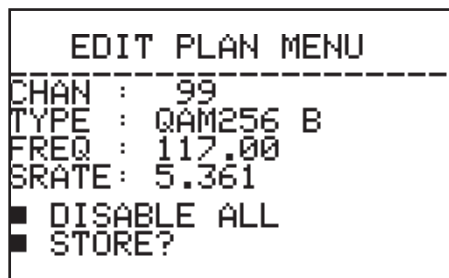
The target destination plan is the channel plan where the user selected channels will be stored. With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the item DESTINAT. and select the name of the current target AutoMemory channel plan.

If the current target plan is void, the LCD bottom row will display STORE?. In case the current target plan already exists and contains data, the LCD bottom row will display OVERWRITE?.

### 9.2.3 Create a Brand New Memory Plan

With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the display bottom row. If STORE? appears a brand new memory plan will be stored. Should OVERWRITE? appear, the selected target AutoMemory plan already contains data, and will be overwritten without further notice.

Press and release the ENTER [C] key.



Each channel from the SOURCE memory plan can be individually disabled or included in the target memory plan. For any included channel it is possible to individually set the signal standard, the frequency, and the Symbol Rate (digital signals only).

#### 9.2.3a Channel Selection

With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the item CHAN and select the desired channel number.

#### 9.2.3b Disable/Specify Standard

With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the item TYPE and select the appropriate signal type. To bypass a channel, set the item TYPE to DISABLE MODE.

#### 9.2.3c Frequency

For any selected combination of both channel and standard, the meter provides the user with the corresponding (and appropriate) frequency value. The user can manually modify the frequency valued suggested by the meter. With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the item FREQ and set the desired frequency value.

#### 9.2.3d Symbol Rate (Digital Signals Only)

For any selected combination of the previous parameters, the meter provides the user with the corresponding typical symbol rate. The user can manually modify the symbol rate suggested by the meter. With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the item SRATE and set the desired value.

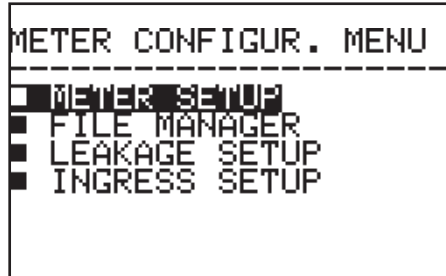
To reset any previous setting in the current target memory plan (without saving the results into the meter), with the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the item DISABLE ALL and press the ENTER [C] key.

To save the the current settings and values into the target memory plan with the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the item STORE? and press the ENTER [C] key.

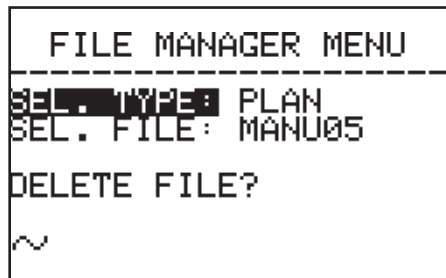
### 9.3 Deleting a Memory Plan

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Press and hold for 2s the SPECIAL [M] key.



With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the item FILE MANAGER and press the ENTER [C] key.



#### 9.3.1 Deleting a Memory Channel Plan

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With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the item SEL. TYPE and select PLAN. Then highlight the item SEL. FILE and select the memory plan to be deleted (MANU 1, MANU 2, ...).



**The memory plan currently in use cannot be deleted.**

To switch the memory plan currently in use, proceed as described in Chapter 8 SIGNAL TUNING at page 12.

Highlight the item DELETE FILE? and press the ENTER [C] key to permanently delete the above selected memory plan.

The meter will confirm the selected plan has been deleted (DELETED!). The warning message VOIDED! means you have tried to delete a permanent and not erasable memory plan (e.g.: EUROPE).

#### 9.3.2 Deleting a Logger File (Logger Memory Plan)

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When an auto Meas&Store procedure has been completed (see paragraph 14 AUTO MEAS&STORE ON THE CHANNELS INCLUDED IN A CUSTOM MEMORY PLAN (DATA LOGGER)), the relevant data are stored into a user defined target Logger Memory Plan.

To delete a Logger memory plan, with the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the item SEL. TYPE and select LOGGER. Then highlight the item SEL. FILE and select the Logger file to be deleted (LOG.01, LOG.02,...).

Then highlight the item DELETE FILE? and press the ENTER [C] key to delete the selected Logger memory Plan.

The LCD will confirm the delete action (DELETED!).

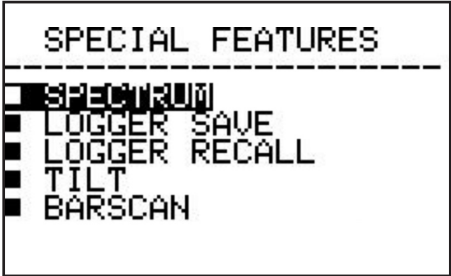
## Section 10 – Auto MEAS&STORE on the Channels Included in a Custom Memory Plan (Data Logger)

This meter can automatically tune all of the channels included in any memory plan (whichever the type) and therefore automatically perform all the available measurements on each of the tuned channels. The measurements results are stored into a user selected target file (LOGGER files).

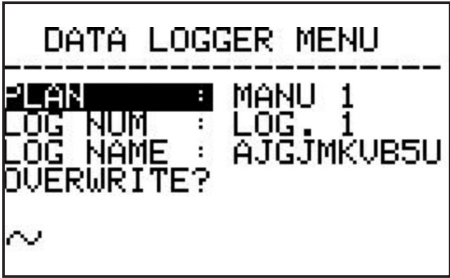
Any LOGGER file can be downloaded to a PC in MS Excel® format using SMART® connection software.

### 10.1 Auto MEAS&STORE

Press and release the SPECIAL [M] key.



With the Standard Navigation Mode, highlight the item LOGGER SAVE and then press the ENTER [C] key.



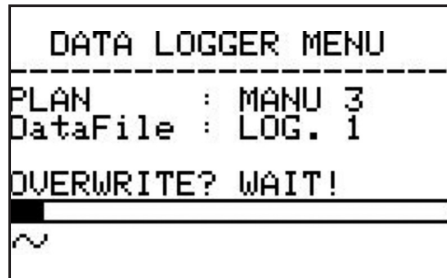
In the second row from the top, the LCD will display [PLAN] the Memory Plan whose channels will be automatically tuned to perform the auto Meas&Store. With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the item PLAN and set the required SOURCE Memory Plan.

In the LCD third row from the top the current target LOGGER file [LOG NUM] is displayed. Into this LOGGER file the measurements data will be stored. To edit the target LOGGER file, with the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the item LOG NUM and select the appropriate target file.

The user can assign a custom name to any LOGGER file. With the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the item LOG NAME and then press the ENTER [C] key. The first digit of the name currently assigned to the selected LOGGER file will be black-highlighted. If necessary select the digit to be modified navigating with the LEFT [B] and RIGHT [N] key. Press once and release the ENTER [C] key. When the black-highlight is blinking, select the letter to assign to the currently selected digit with the LEFT [B] and RIGHT [N] key. Move from one digit to another with the Standard Navigation Mode.

In case the current target Logger file is void, the LCD bottom row will display STORE?. In case the current target Logger file already contains data from a previous auto Meas&Store, the LCD bottom row will display OVERWRITE?. In this case, should you proceed to a new Meas&Store, the former data will be deleted without further notice.

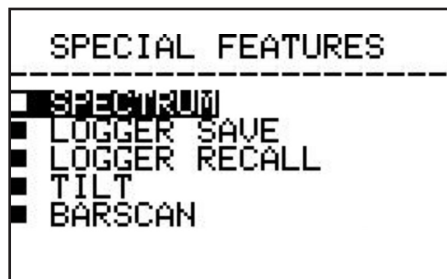
To start the auto Meas&Store, with the Standard Navigation Mode highlight the item STORE? or, resp., OVERWRITE? press the ENTER [C] key. In the lowest part of the LCD a progress bar will display the status of the running Meas&Store and the message WAIT!.



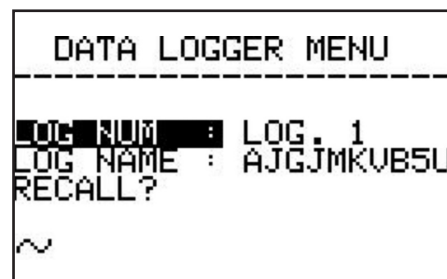
When the auto Meas&Store is completed the LCD will display STORED!

## 10.2 Recall a Previously Stored Logger Memory Plan

Press and release the SPECIAL [M] key.



With the Standard Navigation Mode, highlight the item LOG NUM and then press the ENTER [C] key.



With the Standard Navigation Mode, highlight the item LOG NUM and select the desired LOGGER file to be recalled. Only previously created logger files can be recalled. The item LOG NAME will display the user defined name assigned to currently selected LOGGER file.

Then highlight the item RECALL? And press the ENTER [B] key to recall the selected file.

The LCD will display a resume screen showing the stored measurement data for each channel.

Press and release the LEFT [B] or RIGHT [N] key to scroll the channel list downward or (resp.) upward.

## Section 11 – Maintaining the Meter

### 11.1 Cleaning the Meter

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Cleaning the meter from dust and dirt is easy and helps to maintain it in optimal working conditions. The cleaning procedure is simple and quick and requires only minor attention.

Never use chemical aggressive products (diluent) and/or abrasive or rough clothes which may damage plastics and displays.

Always use a soft cloth, dampened with a simple water and alcohol solution or a de-greasing not abrasive liquid soap.

Keyboard and display should be gently cleaned. Rubbing the keyboard and/or the display(s) may seriously damage their functions.

### 11.2 Maintenance and Care of the Meter

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This meter has been designed to withstand severe conditions of use. Even so, its life may be prolonged by respecting some simple and effective rules:

- The meter has not been designed to withstand high temperatures (over 60°C or 140°F). Those temperatures can be easily reached when the meter is left in a car, especially behind the windshield, or in the trunk. The LCD display and/or other details may easily be damaged by the extreme temperature.
- The internal battery may rapidly lose its efficiency if exposed to high or low temperatures. This will result in reduced autonomy of the meter when powered by internal battery.
- When recharging the internal battery, allow good air circulation around the meter and the adapter.
- The meter is not waterproof, even if it is protected against incidental water drops. In case of contact with water, when electronic circuits may be damaged, allow the meter to dry thoroughly before trying to turn it on. Do not use a hairdryer or other strong heating sources.
- The graphic display is protected by a special glass screen. If hit, this protective screen may adhere to the actual display, causing a stain effect. The result will be a reduced visibility and blind spots on the screen. It is possible to solve this inconvenience by applying a strip of mild paper-masking tape to the display and gently pulling it out. Do not use any kind of strong adhesive tape (electrical tape, duct tape or even scotch tape) which may leave glue stains on the display. In case of doubt, please contact the Blonder Tongue Technical Solutions Department.

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