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Handling Precautions for Electronic Devices Subject to Damage by Static Electricity

This instrument is susceptible to Electronic Static Discharge (ESD) damage. When transporting, place the instrument or module in conductive (anti-static) envelopes or carriers. Open only at an ESD-approved work surface. An ESD safe work surface is defined as follows:

- The work surface must be conductive and reliably connected to an earth ground with a safety resistance of approximately 250 kilo Ohms.
- The surface must NOT be metal. A resistance of 30–300 kilo Ohms per square inch is suggested.

Ground the frame of any line-powered equipment, chassis, test instruments, lamps, soldering irons, etc., directly to the earth ground. To avoid shorting out the safety resistance, ensure that the grounded equipment has rubber feet or other means of insulation from the work surface.

Avoid placing tools or electrical parts on insulators. Do NOT use any hand tool that can generate a static charge, such as a non-conductive plunger-type solder sucker. Use a conductive strap or cable with a wrist cuff to reliably ground to the work surface. The cuff must make electrical contact directly with the skin; do NOT wear it over clothing.

Note: Resistance between the skin and the work surface is typically 250 kilo Ohms to 1 mega Ohm using a commercially-available personnel grounding device.

Avoid circumstances that are likely to produce static charges, such as wearing clothes of synthetic material, sitting on a plastic-covered stool (especially when wearing woolen material), combing the hair, or making extensive pencil erasures. These circumstances are most significant when the air is dry.

When testing static sensitive devices, ensure DC power is ON before, during, and after application of test signals. Ensure all pertinent voltages are switched OFF while circuit boards or components are removed or inserted.

Revision History

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1	12/15/2006	All	Initial Release
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		10 V Range 30 MHz Filter 50 ohm		
	Sensitivity (% of full scale)	14.00% 12.00% 10.00% 8.00% 6.00% 4.00% 2.00% 0.00% 5.00 10		
		Frequency (Hz)	Default	Reset
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Introduction



Description

The ZT1428VXI-RT has additional features and capabilities. This manual is a supplement to the ZT1428VXI manual. It documents the additional functionality, commands and specifications.

Product Options and Part Numbers.

Affected Part Numbers		
ZT1428VXI-RT		

Table 1: Affected Part Numbers



Functionality

Sweep Controls

Sweep Reference Scenarios



Figure 1: Sweep Reference of Various Trigger Positions

In Window Trigger

In Window acquisition corresponds to the normal acquisition mode where the trigger event falls within the desired waveform window view as shown in figure 1. The waveform size is limited by the maximum sample points at the selected sample rate.

Post-Trigger Waveform

Post-trigger acquisition corresponds to an acquisition where the desired waveform window view is after the trigger event as shown in figure 1. Post-trigger acquisition is limited to a maximum delay of 655 seconds, but the trigger jitter will be improved when the trigger event falls within the memory window. The memory window is limited by the maximum sample points at the selected sample rate.

Pre-Trigger Waveform

Pre-trigger acquisition corresponds to an acquisition where the desired waveform window view is before the trigger event as shown in figure 1. Pre-trigger acquisition is limited by the maximum sample points at the selected sample rate.

Trigger and Arm Controls

Trigger A and B

Figure 2 depicts the trigger block diagram for the ZT1428VXI-RT. The holdoff by time and event counting functionalities are complete and independent for both trigger A and B.



Figure 2: Trigger Block Diagram

Analog Trigger Emulation

The ZT1428VXI uses a synchronous latch to qualify trigger events. Enhancements to the ZT1428VXI-RT enable a faster clock rate for the trigger latch circuitry. The fast trigger clock rate improves the trigger detection for short or intermittent pulsed waveforms. The trigger clock rates are listed in the specifications for each of the requested sample rates.

Function Controls

Time Domain Transform

This enables a low-pass filter or Time Domain Transform on a waveform. The digital filter algorithm uses a second-order Infinite Impulse Response (IIR) filter. The number of filter length data points (range of 3 to 40) used to calculate the Time Domain Transform can be adjusted. A higher filter length point number causes a lower cutoff frequency for the filter.

Measurement Controls

Invalid Measurement Reporting

Instead of returning an invalid measurement value of 9.9999E+37 in the event of any clipped or over-voltage waveform, the ZT1428VXI-RT will return the actual measurement results, and set status bits in a status register to indicate the invalid or questionable measurement. The cases that cannot perform the measurement will continue to return 9.9999E+37. All measurements will have the following reporting 16 bit status register. An additional query(MEASure:VALid?) will be added to support the read back of the status valid of the last measurement queried.

Measurement Valid Bit Status Definition:

Description: Measure Valid Bit Error bit mask definition Value: Bit 0: Waveform not yet captured

Bit 1: Waveform Overvoltage High Bit 2: Waveform Overvoltage Low Bit 3: selected Edge(s) not found Bit 4-15: Unused

Command Interface



Introduction

IEEE 488.2 commands that are different or unique to the ZT1428VXI-RT are presented in an alphabetic list below. See the ZT1428VXI Manual for all other commands.

IEEE 488.2 Common Commands

Name	Description
Identification Query *IDN?	The identification query returns the instruments identification information. The response contains four fields separated by commas in the form:
	<i>"ZTEC, ZT1428VXI-RT, serial number, firmware revision level"</i> Command Syntax None
	Query Syntax *IDN?
	Parameters <id string=""> Descriptions: Identification String Value: See above</id>

COMP Commands and Queries

COMP language commands that are different or unique to the ZT1428VXI-RT are presented in an alphabetic list below. See the ZT1428VXI Manual for all other commands. Each command parameter table includes parameter name, parameter type, and range of values.

Name	Description	I			
Acquisition Points Command Acquisition Points Query	The acquisition points command selects the number of samples for each acquisition record. The maximum number of sample points varies with the selected sample rates. Note: The Acquisition Points, Timebase interval Timebase Range and Timebase Delay are all interrelated. Any time one of these settings is entered the Acquisition Points will be coerced to the maximum points available at the setting desired. An error will be generated in the case the points are coerced. The Timebase Delay may also be coerced but it will not generate an error. The desired setting order should be as follows Timebase Interval or Timebase range followed by Acquisition Points and the Timebase Delay. Command Syntax ACQuire:POINts <points> Query Syntax ACQuire:POINts? <points></points></points>				
	Name	Туре	Range		
	<points></points>	U32	100 to Maximum Samples		
	See Specifications for Maximum Samples per channel.				
Acquisition Type Command Acquisition Type Query	 The Acquire Type command selects the type of waveform that will be acquired. In real-time sampling mode, the instrument must use NORMal acquisition. In repetitive sampling mode, all three acquisition types are available. In repetitive timebase sampling mode, the number of acquisitions used to create the waveform is defined with the ACQuire:COUNt command. See the Timebase Sample command for more details on selecting real-time or repetitive sampling. NORMal: In real-time sampling mode, normal acquisition enables the capture of an entire waveform with each acquisition. In repetitive sampling mode, normal acquisition enables a high sample rate reconstruction over multiple acquisitions, also referred to as equivalent-time sampling. In equivalent time sampling each point in the waveform reflects a 				
	data inter	i point (hi ∵val.	it) in a time bucket between the samp	ling clock	

Name	Descriptio	n				
	 AVERage: Used when reduction of signal noise and improved resolution are desired in repetitive timebase sampling mode. The waveform reflects multiple acquisitions averaged to form a combined waveform of averaged values for each sample point. 					
	o EN rep mir	 ENVelope: Used when measuring voltage or time jitter in repetitive timebase sampling mode. The waveform reflects the minimum and maximum values for each sample point. 				
	The Acquire	e Type que	ry returns the currently selected acquisition type.			
	Command ACQuire:T	Syntax ∕PE <mode< th=""><th>2></th></mode<>	2>			
	Query Syntax ACQuire:TYPE? Parameters:					
	Name	Туре	Range			
	<mode></mode>	Discrete	NORMal AVERage ENVelope			
Function Transform Time Command	Sets the instrument to perform a time transform on a waveform using a waveform math function channel. The time transform performs a second order IIR low pass filter operation on the data.					
	FUNCtion <n>: I RANsform: TIME <source/> Query Syntax None</n>					
	Parameters:					
	Name	Туре	Range			
	<n></n>	U16	 Function Channel 1 Function Channel 2 			
	<source/>	Discrete	CHANnel <n> Input channels, where <n> may be 1 or 2. Example: CHAN1.</n></n>			
			WMEMory <n> Waveform memory channels, where <n> may be 1, 2, 3, or 4. Example: WMEM1.</n></n>			
			FUNCtion <n> Function channels, where <n> may be 1 or 2. Example: FUNC1</n></n>			

Name	Description					
Function Transform Time Points Command Function Transform Time Points Query	 me Sets or queries the number of filter length points used to calculate the Time Transform within a waveform math function channel. A higher filter length point number causes a lower cutoff frequency for the filter. me Command Syntax FUNCtion<n>:TRANsform:TIME:POINts <points></points></n> Query Syntax FUNCtion<n>:TRANsform:TIME:POINts? → <points></points></n> Parameters: 					
	Name	Туре	Range			
	<n></n>	U16	 Function Channel 1 Function Channel 2 			
	<points></points>	U16	3 to 40 points MINimum 3 MAXimum 40			
Measure Valid Query	Queries the measurement valid register. The measurement valid register consists of 5 bits each indicating a possible issue with the last measurement requested. After a Measurement is requested the user can query the measurement valid status to identify if any of the following conditions could affect the measurement. Only the conditions that could affect a particular measurement will be reported in the query.					
	Query Synt MEASure:V	ax ALid? →	<valid></valid>			
	Parameters	:				
	Name	Туре	Range			
	<valid></valid>	U16	Bit 0: Invalid Waveform Bit 1: Wave Clipped High Bit 2: Wave Clipped Low Bit 3: Edge not found Bit 4-15: Unused			

Name	Description					
System Advanced Mode Command	System advanced mode is permanently enabled for the ZT1428VXI-RT configuration. The ZT1428VXI-RT will accept the command but it will have no effect.					
System Advanced Mode Query	The advanced mode query will always return 1.					
	Command Syntax SYSTem:ADVanced <mode></mode>					
	Query Syntax SYSTem:ADVanced? → <mode></mode>					
	Parameters:					
	Name Type Range					
	<mode 1="" on<="" th="" u16=""></mode>					

Name	Description					
Timebase Delay Command Timebase Delay Query	The time base delay command is used to set the time interval betw the trigger event and the active point. The delay reference point is to waveform delay reference the left, center, or right of the ac waveform using the TIMebase:REFerence command.					
	 Entering Time: When 0 is entered, the trigger event occurs at the delay reference point. Positive values set the trigger event to occur before the delay reference point (to capture post-trigger events). Negative values set the trigger event to occur after the delay reference point (to capture pre-trigger events). The range of acceptable DELay values is dependent on the current TIMebase:RANGe setting. If DELay is set to a value outside the allowable range, it will automatically be set to the nearest acceptable value without generating an error. 					
	Note: The Acquisition Points, Timebase interval Timebase Range and Timebase Delay are all interrelated. Any time one of these settings is entered the Acquisition Points will be coerced to the maximum points available at the setting desired. An error will be generated in the case the points are coerced. The Timebase Delay may also be coerced but it will not generate an error. The desired setting order should be as follows Timebase Interval or Timebase range followed by Acquisition Points and the Timebase Delay.					
	Command Syntax TIMebase:DELay <time></time>					
	Query Syntax TIMebase:DELay? → <time></time>					
	Parameters:					
	Name Type Range					
	<time></time>	time> Float Dependant on TIMbase:RANGe				
		1				

Name	Description			
Timebase Interval Command	The time base interval command selects the sampling interval for the instrument in seconds. The sample rate in samples per second can be calculated as the reciprocal of this sampling interval.			
Timebase Interval Query	Note: The Acquisition Points, Timebase interval Timebase Range and Timebase Delay are all interrelated. Any time one of these settings is entered the Acquisition Points will be coerced to the maximum points available at the setting desired. An error will be generated in the case the points are coerced. The Timebase Delay may also be coerced but it will not generate an error. The desired setting order should be as follows Timebase Interval or Timebase range followed by Acquisition Points and the Timebase Delay. Command Syntax TIMebase:INTerval <interval> Query Syntax TIMebase:INTerval? → <interval> Parameters:</interval></interval>			
	Name	Туре	Range	
	<interval></interval>	Float	20 ps to 1s with 1, 2, 4 sequence (non-exact values are rounded down) Additional interval of 500ps available MINimum 20ps MAXimum 1s	

Name	Description				
Timebase Range Command Timebase Range Query	The time base range command is used to define the full sca horizontal axis, or "X-axis" of the main sweep. This time base range specified for a 500-point waveform, even if the waveform size is not s to 500 points.				
	 Entering Range: Range values are entered in a 1, 2, 5 sequence. If a value is entered that is not in a 1, 2, 5 sequence, it is automatically rounded to the closest allowable value without generating an error. Effects on other timebase selections: A change in the range parameter may affect the current settings specified for TIMebase:DELay. The timebase range query returns a numeric value representing the current range setting for the horizontal axis. The value (in seconds) corresponds to the time for a 500-point waveform, even if the waveform size is not set to 500 points. Note: The Acquisition Points, Timebase interval Timebase Range and Timebase Delay are all interrelated. Any time one of these settings is entered the Acquisition Points will be coerced to the maximum points available at the setting desired. An error will be generated in the case the points are coerced. The Timebase Delay may also be coerced but it will not generate an error. The desired setting order should be as follows Timebase Interval or Timebase range followed by Acquisition Points and the Timebase Delay. Command Syntax 				
	Query Syntax TIMebase:RANGe? → <range></range>				
	Parameters	6:			
	Name	Туре	Range		
	<range> Float 10 ns to 500 s with 1, 2, 5 sequence (non-exact values are rounded down) Additional range of 250 ns available MINimum 10 ns MAXimum 500 s</range>				

Name	Description				
Timebase Reference Command	The time base reference command sets the delay reference to the left, right, or to the center of the active waveform.				
Timebase Reference Query	 Selecting Position: Position entered is used with the TIMebase:DELay command to set the time interval between the trigger event and the delay reference point. For example, if DELay is 0 seconds, and REFerence is CENTer, pre-trigger data is on the left and post-trigger data is on the right of the active waveform. The time base reference? query returns the currently selected delay reference point. The data is sent to the output buffer. Returns LEFT CENTer, or RIGHt depending on the current position selected. Command Syntax TIMebase:REFerence <position></position> Query Syntax TIMebase:REFerence? → <position></position> 				
	Name Type Range <position< td=""> String LEFT CENTer RIGHt</position<>				

Name	Description					
Timebase Sample Command	The timebase sample command is used to select the sampling mode of the oscilloscope. REALtime sampling mode causes a complete data record to be collected (or captured) on one trigger event. REPetitive sample mode accumulates a complete data record over one or more					
Timebase Sample Query	trigger ever		or more			
	• When in the repetitive mode, the acquisition points value must be 500. When in the real-time mode, acceptable acquisition points values are adjustable between 100 points and the maximum number of samples for the selected sample rate. See the Acquisition Points command for more details.					
	 The timebase sample mode is related to the acquisition type: When in the real-time mode, the acquisition type must be NORMal. When in repetitive mode, the acquisition type may be NORMal, AVERage or ENVelope. NORMal repetitive mode allows high sample rate reconstruction using many acquisitions, and is also referred to as equivalent-time sampling. The number of acquisitions used to reconstruct the waveform is defined with the ACQuire:COUNt command. See the Acquisition Type command for more details. 					
	Command Syntax TIMebase:SAMPle <mode></mode>					
	Query Syntax TIMebase:SAMPle? → <mode></mode>					
	Parameters:					
	Name	Range				
	<mode></mode>	node> Discrete Realtime REPetative				

Name	Description				
Trigger A Event Count Command Trigger A Event Count Query	The TRIG:A:EVEN command is used to set the trigger A hold-off valu in number of events. Event counting allows the trigger circuit to qualif a waveform capture based upon a specified number of trigger events The number of events can range from 1 to 65535. Trigger A hold-or can be used with EDGE, PATTern, STATe, or TV trigger modes. Command Syntax TRIGger:A:EVENt <event> Query Syntax TRIGger:A:EVENt? → <event> Parameters:</event></event>				
	Name	Туре	Range		
	<event></event>	U16	1 to 65535 MINimum 1 MAXimum 65535		
Trigger A Hold Off Command	Sets or queries the duration (in seconds) to hold off or ignore all other triggers before recognizing the next trigger A event.				
Trigger A Hold Off Query	Command Syntax TRIGger:A:HOLDoff <seconds> Query Syntax TRIGger:A:HOLDoff? → <seconds></seconds></seconds>				
	Parameters: Trigger A P	: <u>arame</u>	ters		
	Name	Туре	Range		
	<seconds></seconds>	Float	40 ns to 320 ms		
			MINimum 40 ns MAXimum 320 ms		
			Resolution: see table below		
	Resolution:				
	Resolution Time in Seconds				
	10 ns		40 ns to 655.36 µs		
	100 ns		655.36 μs to 6.5536 ms		
	1 µs		6.5536 ms to 65.536 ms		
	10 µs 65.536 ms to 320 ms				

Name	Description				
Trigger B Event Count Command	The TRIG:B:EVEN command is used to set the trigger B hold-off value in number of events. Event counting allows the trigger circuit to qualify a waveform capture based upon a specified number of trigger events.				
Trigger B Event Count Query	The number of events can range from 1 to 65535. Trigger B events occur after a qualified trigger A event. Trigger B hold-off can be used with EDGE trigger mode.				
	Command Syntax TRIGger:B:EVENt <event></event>				
	Query Syntax TRIGger:B:EVENt? → <event></event>				
	Parameters:				
	Name Type Range				
	<event></event>	U16	1 to 65535 MINimum MAXimum	1 65535	

Name	Description				
Trigger B Hold Off Command	Sets or queries the time duration (in seconds) after a qualified trigger A event to hold off before recognizing a valid trigger B event.				
Trigger B Hold Off Query	Command Syntax TRIGger:B:HOLDoff <seconds></seconds>				
	Query Syntax TRIGger:B:HOLDoff? → <seconds></seconds>				
	Parameters:				
	Name Type Range				
	<seconds></seconds>	Float	0 to 655mseconds		
			MINimum 0 s MAXimum 655 s		
	Resolution:				
	Resolution		Time in Seconds		
	10 ns		0 to 655.36 µs		
	100 ns		655.36 µs to 6.5536 ms		
	1 µs		6.5536 ms to 65.536 ms		
	10 µs	0 μs 65.536 ms to 655.36 ms			
	100 µs 655.36 ms to 6.5536s				
	1 ms 6.5536s to 65.536s 10 ms 65.536s to 655 s				

Specifications



Analog-to-Digital Converter

Real-Time Sample Rate	1 S/s to 1 GS/s (1, 2.5, 5 steps)
Interpolated Sample Rate	2.5 GS/s to 50 GS/s (1, 2.5, 5 steps) and 2.0 GS/s
Equivalent time Sample Rate	2.5 GS/s to 50 GS/s (1, 2.5, 5 steps) and 2.0 GS/s

Waveform Memory

Maximum Samples per Channel

Memory (Samples)
12.5E+3
3.2E+3
6.3E+3
12.5E+3
3.2E+3
6.3E+3
12.5E+3
3.2E+3
6.3E+3
12.5E+3
31.2E+3
62.5E+3
125.0E+3
31.3E+3
62.5E+3
125.0E+3
31.2E+3
62.5E+3
125.0E+3
31.3E+3
62.5E+3
125.0F+3
25.0E+3

50.0E+6	55.0E+3
100.0E+6	100.0E+3
250.0E+6	250.0E+3
500.0E+6	500.0E+3
> 1.0E+9	1.0E+6

Trigger

Trigger Rate

	Sample Rate (S/s)	Trigger Rate (S/s)					
	1.0E+0	1.0E+6					
	2.5E+0 to 100E+0	10.0E+6					
	>= 250.0E+0	1.0E+9					
Trigger A Holdoff	40 ns to 320 ms						
Trigger B Holdoff	0 to 655 s						
Trigger A Events	1 to 65535 events						

Pre-Trigger Delay

Sample Rate (S/s)	Pre-Trigger Delay (s)
1.0E+0	1.3E+04
2.5E+0 to 100.0E+0	1.3E+03
250.0E+0 to 10.0E+3	1.3E+01
25.0E+3 to 100.0E+3	1.3E+00
250.0E+3 to 1.0E+6	1.3E-01
>= 2.5E+6	1.0E-03

Ch 1-2 Level Accuracy Normal Low Sensitivity, HF Reject	±(2% setting +5% full-scale) ±(14% setting +10% full-scale)
Trigger Sensitivity	
Positive Normal	4.75%6.25% of full scale (DC to 100 MHz) 2.50%5.50% of full scale (100 MHz to 200 MHz) 5.00%16.00% of full scale (>200 MHz)
Negative Normal	3.00%4.50% of full scale (DC to 100 MHz) 2.00%3.50% of full scale (100 MHz to 200 MHz) 3.25%12.00% of full scale (>200 MHz)



Default Reset Conditions



Parameter	Default
Trigger B	Disable
Trigger B Events	1
Trigger B Holdoff	40E-9 seconds
Function Transform Points	40
Acquisition Points	500
Acquisition Type	Normal
System Advanced Mode	1 (now a constant)
Timebase Delay	0
Timebase Interval	2E-6 seconds
Timebase Range	1E-3 seconds
Timebase Reference	Center
Timebase Sample	Real-time

Error Codes



The following table lists the error codes. No error codes have been added or removed to support the ZT1428VXI-RT.

Code	Error Summary	Description

Commands Index



The following is an alphabetic list of the additional or modified commands and queries.

IEEE-488 Common Commands

Name	Command Syntax
Identification Query	*IDN?

Instrument Specific Commands

Name	Command Syntax
Acquisition Points Command/Query	ACQuire:POINts <points></points>
Acquisition Type Command/Query	ACQuire:TYPE <mode></mode>
Function Transform Time Command	FUNC <n>:TRAN:TIME <source/></n>
Function Transform Time Points Command/Query	FUNC <n>:TRAN:TIME:POIN <points></points></n>
Measure Valid Query	MEASure:VALid? \rightarrow <valid></valid>
System Advanced Mode Command /Query	SYSTem:ADVanced <mode></mode>
Timebase Delay Command/Query	TIMebase:DELay <time></time>
Timebase Interval Command/Query	TIMebase:INTerval <interval></interval>
Timebase Range Command/Query	TIMebase:RANGe <range></range>
Timebase Reference Command/Query	TIMebase:REFerence <points></points>
Timebase Sample Command/Query	TIMebase:SAMPle <value></value>
Trigger A Event Count Command/Query	TRIGger:A:EVENt <event></event>
Trigger A Hold Off Command/Query	TRIGger:A:HOLDoff <seconds></seconds>
Trigger B Event Count Command/Query	TRIGger:B:EVENt <event></event>
Trigger B Hold Off Command/Query	TRIGger:B:HOLDoff <seconds></seconds>

