

# CIRCUIT-TEST

## Switching Mode Power Supply

**PSC-6118**

1-18VDC @ 10A

**PSC-6136**

1-36VDC @ 5A

**PSC-6160**

1-60VDC @ 2.5A

# OPERATION MANUAL



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Keep this manual in a safe place for quick reference at all times.

This manual contains important safety and operation instructions for correct use of the power supply. Read through the manual and pay special attention to the markings and labels of this unit and equipment to be connected.

Pay special attention to these two types of notices used in this manual

**WARNING: Failure to observe this warning may cause injury to persons and damage to power supply or connected equipment.**

**CAUTION: Failure to observe this warning may result in damage to equipment and improper functioning of the power supply.**

## 1. Warning

- Do not use this power supply near water.
- Do not operate or touch this power supply with wet hands.
- Do not open the casing of the power supply when it is connected to AC mains.
- Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel only.
- Replace the AC fuse with the same type and rating as the original fuse.
- Do not touch the metal part of the output terminals.
- This power supply is designed for using in non-cascade environment. It is not recommended to connect two or more power supplies in parallel or in series.
- Analogue Remote Control or Remote Programming via USB function is only suitable for stand-alone one unit operation.
- Do not use this power supply with electrical motors, solenoid or inductive load that generates a back EMF and voltage transient which may damage the power supply

## 2. Caution

- Use a grounded 3 pin AC source.
- This unit is for indoor use only.
- Do not operate or place this unit in a humid, dusty, direct sunlight location or near any heat source.
- Before plugging into local AC mains, check the rating label at the back of the unit.
- Do not block any ventilation openings of the unit.
- This unit must be used within the specified rating, regular excessive continuous loading will damage the power supply.
- The gauge size of input power cable must be at least  $0.75\text{mm}^2$  and the total length of power cable must not exceed 3m.

### **3. Introduction**

This family of efficient, upgraded SMPS with small form factor, auto cross over CV CC, 3 VI presets, remote control offers unique solution for various loading conditions and applications.

The dual action (coarse/fine tune) rotary encoder tuning with MCU makes setting the voltage and current levels ever so smooth, precise and fast. Setting, changing, and checking the current limit level can be done easily without sparking the output poles.

The analogue remote control functionality allows the output power on/off, voltage & current can be adjusted without touching the front panel of the power supply.

The USB port is added for access to computer to run cyclical operation with max. 20 programmable sets of preset voltage and current with different time duration and up to 999 cycles.

It is suitable for a wide range of applications such as laboratory, telecommunication, production testing, field test of voltage critical distant load, powering of DC network, etc.

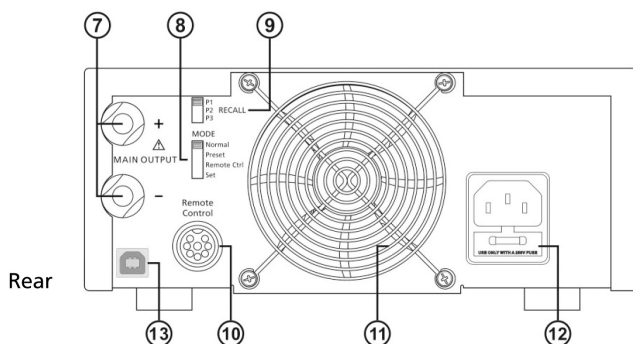
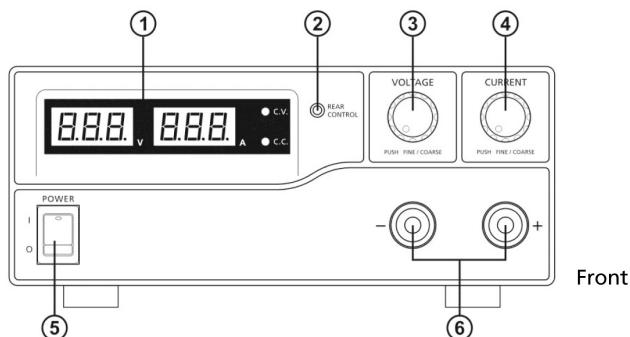
The 3 user defined presets facilitate quick access to frequently used VI settings.

### **4. Warranty**

Circuit-Test Electronics warrants to the original purchaser that this product be free of defect in material or workmanship for a period of 2 years from the date of purchase.

Any product which has been subjected to misuse or accidental damage is excluded from the warranty. Except as stated above, Circuit-Test Electronics makes no promises or warranties either expressed or implied including warranties of merchantability or the fitness for any particular purpose.

## 5. Controls and Indicators



- (1) LED panel meter display with CC/CV Indicator
- (2) Rear Control Indicator (**lights up when using Preset/ Remote Control/ Set mode**)
- (3) Output Voltage Control Knob (**control both the main and auxiliary output voltage**)
- (4) Output Current Control Knob (**control both the main and auxiliary output current limit**)
- (5) Power ON/OFF Switch
- (6) Aux. output terminal (max 5A)  
**Note: PSC-6118: The total rated current (Aux.+Main) is 10A**  
**PSC-6136: The total rated current (Aux.+Main) is 5A**  
**PSC-6160: The total rated current (Aux.+Main) is 2.5A**
- (7) Output Terminal (**Rated 10A for PSC-6118/ Rated 5A for PSC-6136/ Rated 2.5A for PSC-6160**)
- (8) Mode Selection Switch (**Normal, Preset, Remote Control, Set Modes**)
- (9) Recall Selection Switch

- (10) Remote Control Terminal
- (11) Cooling Fan Air Intake Grill
- (12) AC Input
- (13) USB port (for access to computer to run cyclical operation with programmable voltage, current, period time and cycle)

## 6. Control Mode Selection

There are 4 modes, Normal, Preset, Set and Remote Control mode for the power supply.

Slide the Mode Selection Switch (8) to your desired Mode.

The power supply is factory preset to Normal Mode with maximum current level CC.

### 6.1 Normal Mode

This is the factory preset mode and the power supply output V, I are controlled by the dual action tuning knobs. Push the knobs to toggle the coarse and fine tuning, notice the subtle changes in brightness of related LED. Adjust the knobs to your desired values by trying coarse and fine tuning. To check the preset current level, just turn the Current Knob slowly in any direction. The display will resume its normal brightness after few seconds to double confirm your adjustment.

### 6.2 Preset Mode

- a. In this mode, the Rear Control Light is ON to indicate panel V & I controls are de-activated.
- b. There are 3 preset output P1/ P2/ P3 at the Recall Selection Switch (9)
- c. The preset values are factory set as following table.
- d. End user can set his own output rating, please refer to paragraph 6.3

Recall No.	Output Voltage	Output Current
P1	5V	Maximum
P2	13.8V	Maximum
P3	PSC-6118: 15V PSC-6136: 25V PSC-6160: 55V	Maximum



### **6.3 Set Mode - First enter into the Set Mode by pushing Switch (8) to Set Mode slot.**

The power supply is then ready to be preset.

#### **6.3.1 To define the preset output P1/ P2/ P3.**

- a. Select the Recall Switch (9) to the position P1, P2 or P3 which you want to set
- b. Adjust the front panel voltage control knob to set your desired voltage value
- c. Adjust the front panel current control knob to set your desired current limit value
- d. Repeat the procedure for remaining recalls P1, P2, P3 if desired.
- e. Move Mode Switch (8) from Set to Preset position to confirm your settings.

NOTE:

All preset values will remain unchanged even after the power supply has been turned off. Always check output voltage of Presets before connecting to Load. To check the preset values, move Mode Switch (8) to preset position. Move the Recall Switch (9) to P1, P2 or P3. The V and I settings of corresponding RECALL P1, P2, P3 will be show on the panel meters.

#### **6.3.2 To reset the unit back to factory setting**

- a. Turn OFF the power supply
- b. Push and hold both front panel voltage and current control knobs at the same time
- c. Turn ON the power supply again
- d. Release front panel voltage and current control knobs

### **6.4 Analogue Remote Control Mode**

To control the output voltage and current by remote control connector (10)  
Please refer to Section 8.

## 7. Operating Instructions

**7.1** This series has 3 models. Make sure you have used the correct one. They have different output voltage range and current as following:














Model Number	Output Voltage Range	Total Rated Current
PSC-6118	1 ~ 18V	0 ~ 10A
PSC-6136	1 ~ 36V	0 ~ 5A
PSC-6160	1 ~ 60V	0 ~ 2.5A

**7.2** Check the rating label of the power supply and make sure it complies with your AC mains voltage. Connect the power supply to the AC Mains using the provided power cord.

Make sure the Mode Switch (8) is at Normal Position.

**7.3** The power supply will perform a series of self checks when it is switched ON. The LED and other indicators on the front panel will turn on. When the cooling fan is being checked, a high speed wind noise can be heard. After the self checks, the CV, V and A LED indicators are lit up displaying voltage and 0.0 current. To find out about the set CC current level, just turn the current control knob one click in either direction. The current display returns to 0.0 after a few seconds.

**Table indicating the self test sequence**

Self test display and Sequence	Test contents
	To show software version
	Segment check
 C.V.	C.V. Indicator check
 C.C.	C.C. Indicator check
 REAR CONTROL and  C.V.	Rear control indicator check
 C.V.	Return to C.V.
	Start to check
	Over voltage protection check
	Over load protection check
	Over temperature protection check
	Fan check
	Output off (remote control mode)

## 7.4 Using the control knobs

The rotary encoder control knobs have fine and coarse tuning with clicking movement. Push the knobs to toggle between coarse and fine tuning, notice the subtle changes in brightness of related LED. Adjust the knobs to your desired values by trying coarse and fine tuning. The display will resume its normal brightness after few seconds to confirm your adjustment.

**7.5** Connect the equipment to the power supply. Red (+) is connected to the positive polarity input of the equipment and Black (-) is connected to the negative polarity input of the equipment.

**7.6** Switch ON the power supply first and the panel meter & green CV Indicator should light up again.

**7.7** Switch ON the equipment and the panel meter & green CV Indicator should still remain in green.

**7.8** You can now operate the equipment. NOTE: When an operation is complete, switch off the equipment first and then switch off the power supply.

## 8. Analogue Remote Control Mode

There are two methods for remote control of current and voltage adjustment. NOTE: Both methods require both the current remote control part and the voltage remote control part to be set up and be in-use at the same time in order for analogue remote control mode to be functional. Otherwise unit will be in CC mode all the time and the analogue remote control will not be functional.

### 8.1 Method A: Using two external variable DC voltage sources

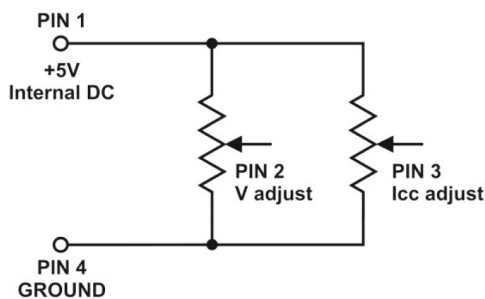
Remote Socket Pin Assignment for external variable voltage source		
PIN	FUNCTIONS	REMARKS
1	Internal DC +5V	Less then 50mA
2	Voltage Adjust	0 - 5V
3	Current Adjust	0 - 5V
4	Ground	
5	Output OFF	Short to Ground
6	N.A.	
7	N.A.	
8	N.A.	

CC current setting by remote control.  
 Short circuit the main output with 12AWG wire.  
 Adjust the CC current using external power supply connected to Pin 3.

Output voltage setting by remote control.  
 Check the output voltage range of the power supply by varying the external voltage source connected to Pin 2.

### 8.2 Method B: Using two 0 – 5K Ohm variable resistors

**Two variable resistors** must be set up at the same time in order for the remote control to be functional.



Remote Socket Pin Assignment for variable resistor		
PIN	FUNCTIONS	REMARKS
1	Internal DC +5V	Resistor end
2	Voltage Adjust	Variable part of resistor
3	Current Adjust	Variable part of resistor
4	Ground	Another resistor end
5	Output OFF	Short to Ground
6	N.A.	
7	N.A.	
8	N.A.	

CC current setting by remote control.  
 Short circuit the main output with **12AWG** wire.  
 Adjust the CC current setting using the 0-5k Ohm variable resistor.

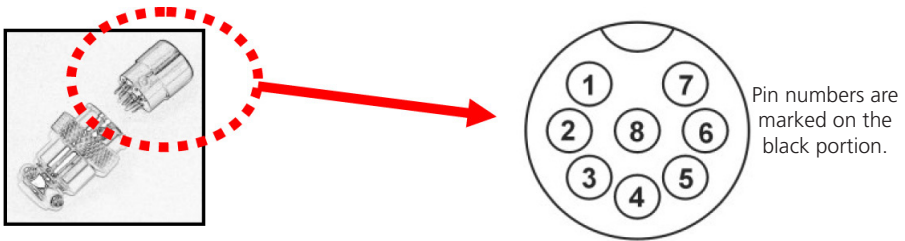
Output voltage setting by remote control  
 Check the output voltage range of the power supply by adjusting the 5Kohm variable resistor.

### 8.3 Remote Output ON/OFF Control

This remote output on/off control can be activated in any of the modes Normal, Preset, Remote and Set mode.

- A. By default, Pin 5 is open and output is ON.
- B. Shorting Pin 5 to Pin 4 (ground) and output is off.
- C. When output is off, the C.V. & C.C. LED will flash. The current output voltage and current setting will show on the panel meter.
- D. You also can adjust the output by voltage & current control knob to your desired value when output is off.

NOTE: using the 8pin remote plug provided and connect with 22AWG wires.



#### **CAUTION**

The allowable fastest switching On/Off frequency is two times per second. When the On/Off frequency is over two per second, the power supply may not work normally and protections may be triggered.

## 9. Faults and Trouble Shooting

### 9.1 OUP: Over Voltage Protection

This unit has a built-in tracking over voltage protection feature. In the event of output voltage becoming greater than the set value (see specified range from specifications table), protection will be triggered and the output power will be cut off and OUP warning appears as below.



To reset the warning, switch off the unit and remove all loading. Switch the unit back ON again and it should resume normal operation. If this problem persists, please contact and consult with your agent.

### 9.2 OTP: Over Temperature Protection

There is a thermo sensor inside the unit to monitor and to prevent the unit to get too hot inside. At OTP, there is no output and the following warning will appear on the LED display. When you get this warning, switch off the unit and remove all loading.



Check your load and output setting. Allow the unit to cool down for at least 30 minutes. Check if any of the ventilation is blocked, check enough clearance around power supply. Listen carefully for the short wind noise from the cooling fan when the unit is turned ON again. If you don't hear the self test wind noise, the fan is faulty. Do not use the power supply and contact your agent.

### 9.3 OLP: Over Load Protection

Normally the overload protection is sustained by the CC constant current mode. When the CC mode fails and goes undetected, it may cause serious damage to your test piece or load. The OLP is meant to minimize the extent of damage to your loads as power supplies do fail some day. Switch off your power supply as soon as you see this warning as shown below.



To reset this warning, switch off the unit and remove all loading. Switch the unit back ON again and double check with caution. If this problem cannot be fixed, please contact and consult with your agent.

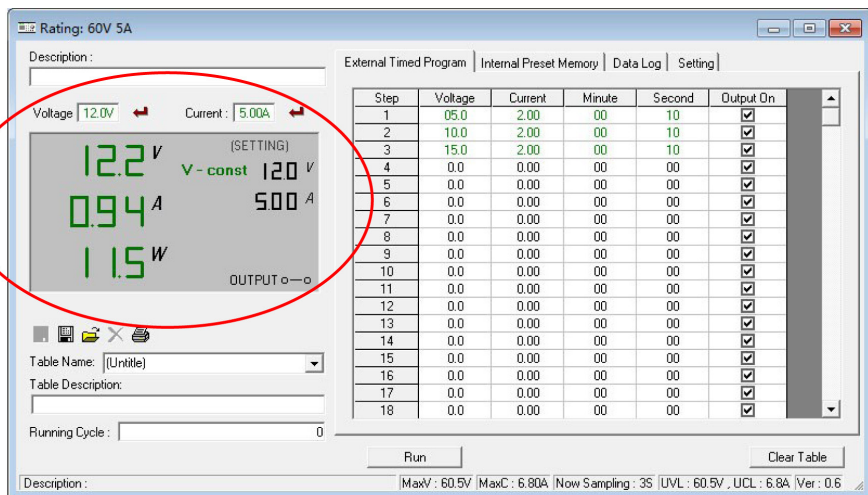



# 10. Specifications

MODELS	PSC-6118	PSC-6136	PSC-6160
Output			
Variable Output Voltage	1 - 18VDC	1 - 36VDC	1 - 60VDC
Variable Output Current	0 - 10A	0 - 5A	0 - 2.5A
Voltage Regulation			
Load (10-100% Load)	50mV		
Line (108-132VAC Variation)	20mV		
Current Regulation			
Load (10-90% Rated Voltage)	100mA	100mA	100mA
Line (108-132VAC Variation)	50mA		
Ripple & Noise			
Ripple & Noise (r.m.s.) Voltage	5mV		
Ripple & Noise (peak-peak) Voltage	50mV	50mV	50mV
Current Ripple & Noise (r.m.s.)	30mA	30mA	30mA
Meter Type & Accuracy			
Voltage Meter	3 Digit LED Display $\pm 0.2\%$ +3 counts		
Current Meter	3 Digit LED Display $\pm 0.2\%$ +3 counts		
Other			
Input Voltage	120VAC / 60Hz		
Full Load Input Current (120VAC)	2.4A	2.4A	2.2A
Efficiency (@ 120VAC)	80.5%	80.5%	81.5%
Switching Frequency	100 - 120Khz~	100 - 120Khz~	100 - 120Khz~
Tracking Over Voltage Protections	O/P 1-5V: set voltage +2V O/P 5-18V: set voltage +3V	O/P 1-5V: set voltage +2V O/P 5-20V: set voltage +3V O/P 20-36V: set voltage +4V	O/P 1-5V: set voltage +2V O/P 5-20V: set voltage +3V O/P 20-60V: set voltage +4V
Transient Response Time (50-100%Load)	1.5ms		
Power Factor Control	Power factor correction $>0.95$ at optimal load		
Cooling Method	Thermostatic Control Fan from Zero to full speed		
Protections	Overload, Short Circuit by Constant Current, Output Tracking Over Voltage, Over Temperature		
Fuse	T6A / 250V (5 x 20 mm)		
Special Features	3 User defined VI preset, Remote control V, I and output on-off		
Preset Cycle Programming	Max. 20 presets of V & I Max. preset time 99min. + 59sec. Max. preset cycle 999		
Accessory	User Manual, Application Software, USB cable		
Dimensions (WxHxD)	200 x 90 x 208 mm    7.9 x 3.5 x 8.2 inch		
Weight	2.4 kg    5.2 lbs		

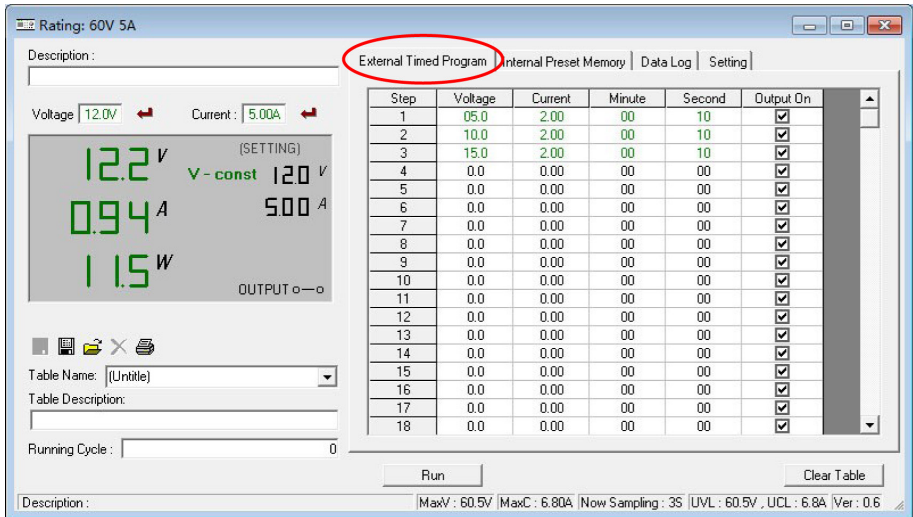
# 11. PC Interface Control

## A. General Functions and Display



1. You can directly type the desired output voltage & output current and then click enter symbol to set the value
2. The display shows the following readings and settings
  - a. Output voltage: To show the output voltage and you also can click the voltage reading to set your desired voltage
  - b. Output current: To show the output current and you also can click the current reading to set your desired current
  - c. Output Power: To show the output power in watt
  - d. CV & CC mode indication: To show V-const for CV mode or I-const for CC mode
  - e. Output Voltage and Current setting: To show the output voltage and current you currently set
  - f. Output ON/OFF **Output**  : To show the output ON or OFF status. You also can click the switch icon to set the unit output ON or OFF

## B. External Timed Program



External Timed Program is completely controlled by PC, PC counts the time and changes voltage and current of power supply.

Select External Timed Program tap to switch to the External Timed Program Page.

Select number of steps for the program: Enter the number of steps in the field of No. of Rows and press Enter (Maximum 20 Steps)

The operation principle of Saving, Exporting, Filing, Deleting and Printing are the same as the Data Log function.

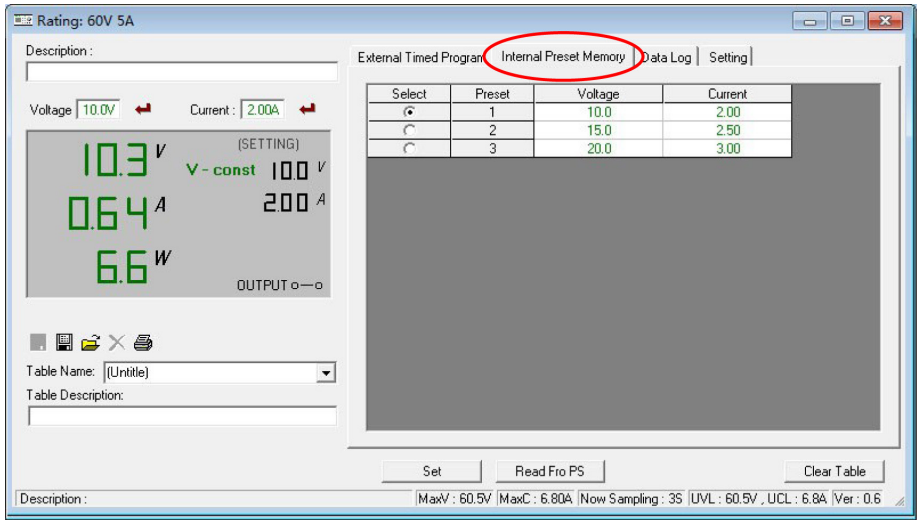
Clear Table -----Delete all data on the Display Table to ready for new data entry.

Run -----To run the timed program.

Running Cycle

Enter the number of desired running cycles here, **0 means infinity**.  
You can enter up to 999 running cycles.

## C. Internal Preset Memory



The PC interface remote mode really eliminates the tedious process of keying in groups of entries on the power supply. Because all the data are displayed together in the monitor, possibility of wrong entry is greatly reduced. Data of different groups can be classified, stored, exported and retrieved for use at any time. Furthermore, retrieved data will be in red color if they exceed the present preset limits of voltage in upper voltage level or current limiting value.

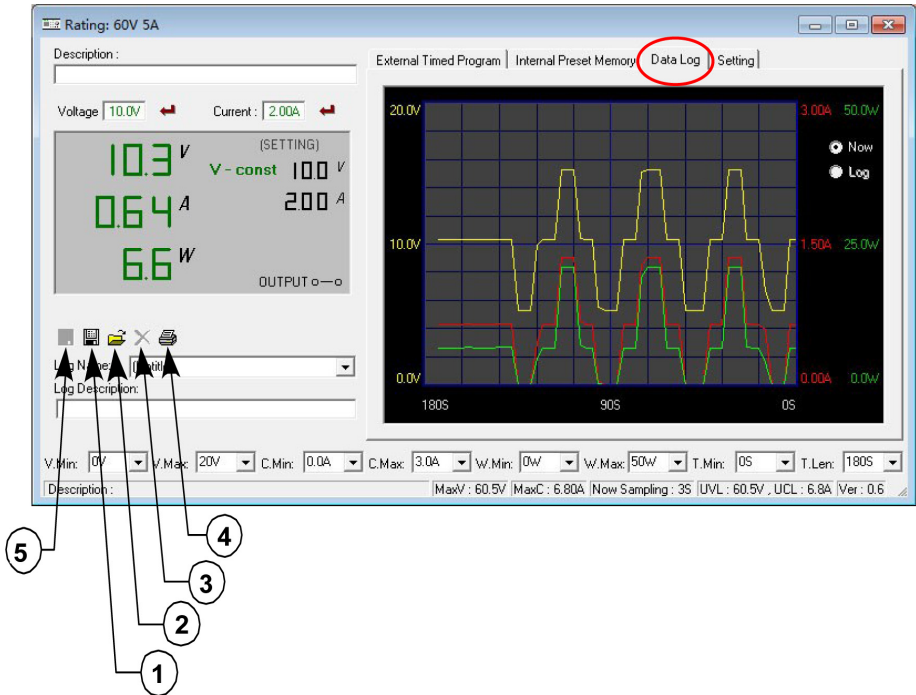
The operation principle of Saving, Exporting, Filing, Deleting and Printing are the same as the Data Log function.

Clear Table -----Delete all data on the Display Table to ready for new data entry.

Read for PS -----Get data from the Power Supply.

## D. Data Log

### Data Log window



- A) You can use the Data Log window to view present output data or stored data.
- B) All the parameters at the bottom of the window display can be changed by direct entry from the PC (with decimal point) and then confirm by the Enter key of the PC, or select the values from respective drop menu.

#### - Parameters at the bottom of the Data Log window:

- V Min. ----- Minimum voltage level.
- V Max. ----- Maximum voltage level.
- C Min. ----- Minimum current level.
- C Max. ----- Maximum current level.
- W Min. ----- Minimum power level in watt.
- W Max. ----- Maximum power level in watt.

- Log Name -----

Click cursor on "Untitled", type in a name for your log. Note how the icon ⑤ changes to solid color

## - Log Description

You can type in your detail description of your log.

## - Icon ①- Save Log

- This function (and the icon) becomes effective when a Log Name is entered to replace the "Untitled".
- Click on it will save the current data onto the PC.
- To retrieve the data, go to the drop menu at Log Description.

## - Icon ②- Export to a file of csv type

Click on this icon will export the collected data (in the Save Log) in csv format to your PC.

## - Icon ③- X Delete

Click on this icon will delete the current log or retrieved log on display at (3).

## - Icon ④- Print Log in CSV format

## The Time Frame Concept of Data Log

The data logging function starts when the software is started running. When **T Min** is set to zero second, it means the unit is on real time and the length of time lapsed is on the left hand side of the Time Minimum. **T Len** is the length of time lapsed starting from the Time Minimum. Both parameters are adjustable so that any time period of the log can be displayed for analysis.

**In the above example, T Min is set to 0 second and T length to 120 second, the display shows the output data starting at 0 second ago and ending at the 120 second mark.**

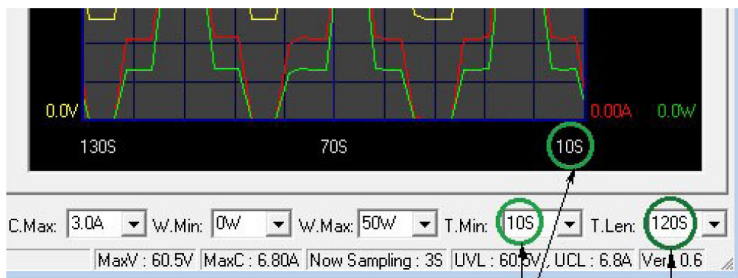
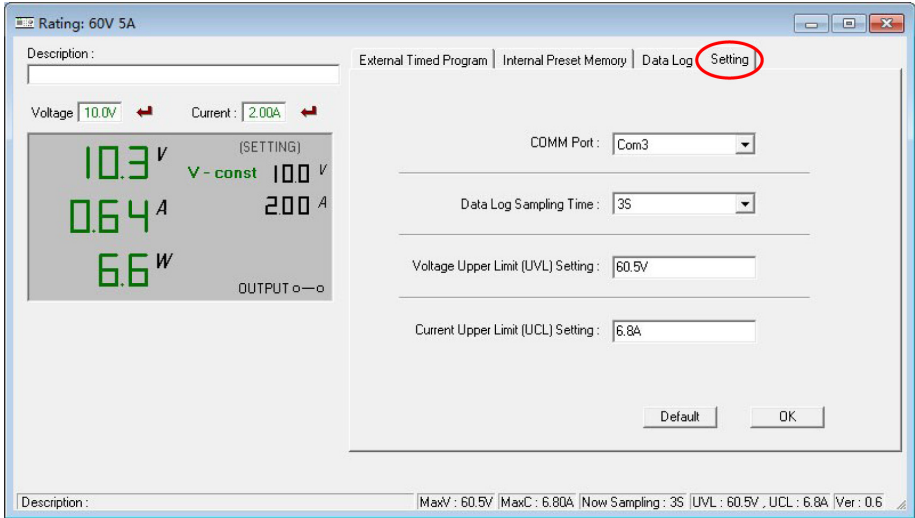


Figure. Bottom part of data log window

Time Minimum      Time Length

## E. Setting



You can input your desired sample time from 1 second up or select from the drop menu.

Data Log Sampling Time

You can set your output voltage upper limit (UVL) value to further safeguard your low voltage applications.

Voltage Upper Limit (UVL) Setting

You can set your output current upper limit (UCL) value to further safeguard your low current applications.

Current Upper Limit (UCL) Setting

## F. Command Set

### Command line format

**COMMAND<parameter1><parameter2>... [CR]**

#### NOTE:

**One decimal place for current value: PSC-6118, 6318, 6336**

**Two decimal places for current value: PSC-6136, 6160, 6360**

Command code & return value	Function	Example
Input Command: <b>GMAX</b> [CR]  Return value: <voltage><current>[CR] OK[CR]	Get PS maximum Voltage & Current value  <voltage>=??? <current>=???	Input command: <b>GMAX</b> [CR]  Return value: 180200[CR] OK[CR]  Meaning: Maximum Voltage is 18.0V Maximum Current is 20.0A
Input Command: <b>SOUT</b> <status>[CR]  Return value: OK[CR]	Switch on/off the output of PS <status>=0/1 (0=ON, 1=OFF)	Input command: <b>SOUT0</b> [CR]  Return value: OK[CR]  Meaning: Switch on the output of PS
Input Command: <b>VOLT</b> <voltage>[CR]  Return value: OK[CR]	Preset Voltage value <voltage>=000<??><Max-Volt  *Max-Volt value refer to product specification	Input command: <b>VOLT127</b> [CR]  Return value: OK[CR]  Meaning: Set Voltage value as 12.7V
Input Command: <b>CURR</b> <current>[CR]  Return value: OK[CR]	Preset Current value <current>=000<??><Max-Curr  *Max-Curr value refer to prod- uct specification	Input command: <b>CURR120</b> [CR]  Return value: OK[CR]  Meaning: Set Current value as 12.0A
Input Command: <b>GETS</b> [CR]  Return value: <voltage><current>[CR] OK[CR]	Get PS preset Voltage & Cur- rent value  <voltage>=??? <current>=???	Input command: GETS[CR]  Return value: 150180[CR] OK[CR]  Meaning: The Voltage value set at 15V and Current value set at 18A



Command code & return value	Function	Example
Input Command: <b>GETD</b> [CR]  Return value: <voltage><current><status>[CR] OK[CR]	Get PS Display values of Voltage, Current and Status of CC/CV  <voltage>=???? <current>=???? <status>=0/1 (0=CV, 1=CC)	Input command: <b>GETD</b> [CR]  Return value: 150016001[CR] OK[CR]  Meaning: The PS Display value is 15V and 16A. It is in CC mode.
Input Command: <b>PROM</b> <voltage0><current0> <voltage1><current1> <voltage2><current2>[CR]  Return value: OK[CR]	Save Voltage and Current value into 3 PS memory locations  <voltageX>=??? <currentX>=??? (X is memory location number start from 0 to 2)	Input command: PROM11111022122033133[CR]  Return value: OK[CR]  Meaning: Preset Memory 0 as 11.1V and 11.1A Preset Memory 1 as 2.2V and 12.2A Preset Memory 2 as 3.3V and 13.3A
Input Command: <b>GETM</b> [CR]  Return value: <voltage0><current0>[CR] <voltage1><current1>[CR] <voltage2><current2>[CR] OK[CR]	Get saved Voltage and Current value from 3 PS memory locations  <voltageX>=??? <currentX>=??? (X is memory location number start from 0 to 2)	Input command: <b>GETM</b> [CR]  Return value: 111111[CR] 122122[CR] 133133[CR] OK[CR]  Meaning: PS return following preset value from 3 memory locations; Memory 0 is 11.1V and 11.1A Memory 1 is 12.2V and 12.2A Memory 2 is 13.3V and 13.3A
Input Command: <b>RUNM</b> <memory>[CR]  Return value: OK[CR]	Set Voltage and Current using values saved in memory locations  <memory>=0/1/2	Input command: RUNM1[CR]  Return value: OK[CR]  Meaning: Set Voltage and Current using values saved in memory location 1

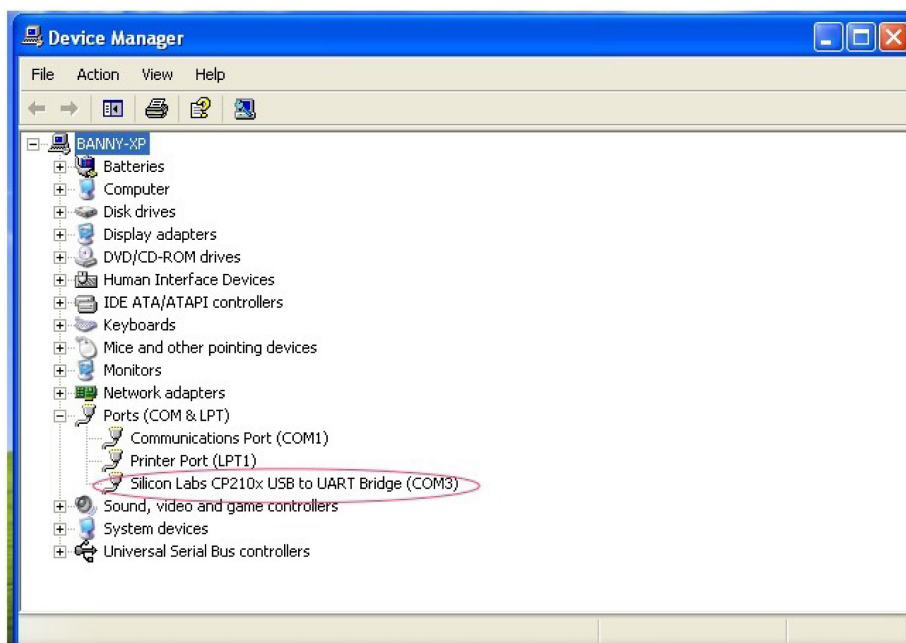
## 12. Appendix

### USB configuration for remote programming

This application note describes the procedure to configure the USB port for remote programming application.

The remote programmable power supply with USB can be connected to PC through USB cable.

USB to serial bridge design is used. When connected to PC, it will be converted as COM port shown in the following picture. e.g. COM3



If the COM port does not come up, please check if the USB driver has been probably installed. The USB driver comes with software CD. Make sure the CD has been loaded to computer first. Then it can program as standard COM port.

The default COM port setting;

    baud rate : 9600

    Data bits : 8 bit

    stop bit : 1

    Parity : None

The power supply then can be programmed for remote control etc. by the ASCII commands via the COM3. All the command sets are given in the user manual of the power supply.

Notes:

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