

Operation Manual

ShockLine™

MS46522B, MS46524B Series

Performance Vector Network Analyzers

MS46522B-010 VNA, 50 kHz to 8.5 GHz, 2-Port

MS46522B-020 VNA, 50 kHz to 20 GHz, 2-Port

MS46522B-040 VNA, 50 kHz to 43.5 GHz, 2-Port

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Chapter Descriptions

Chapter 1 — Overview

Prior to using this equipment, review the Safety Section of this document. This chapter provides an overview of the ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series Vector Network Analyzer (VNA). It describes the instrument's major functions and identifies product documentation. It also identifies available precision component kits including mechanical calibration kits and verification kits.

Chapter 2 — Front and Rear Panels

The chapter provides an overview of the MS46522B/524B Series VNA hardware user interface including front panel buttons, front panel connectors, and back panel connectors. Each front panel item is described with its function and a cross reference to the menu it activates on the user interface display. Each port, connector type and their function is described along with a detailed connector pin-out diagram.

Chapter 3 — Software Installation

This chapter provides information for the initial inspection and preparation for use of the ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA and includes information on instrument installation, required operating environment, power requirements, and initial inspection. After power up, the various power modes are described with general warm-up and calibration time intervals. The preventive maintenance section includes information on cleaning along with preparation for storage or shipment. General set up procedures are provided for remote programming control over Ethernet networks.

Chapter 4 — User Interface Display

The chapter provides orientation to the ShockLine application user interface for the ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNAs. It also provides general descriptions and procedures for trace graph setup, marker setup, and limit line setup.

Appendix A — Vector Network Analyzer Primer

This chapter describes the basic functions of a Vector Network Analyzer (VNA) and how it measures magnitude and phase characteristics of networks, amplifiers, attenuators, and antennas. It also defines scattering parameters (S-parameters).

Appendix B — Security and Maintenance

Appendix C — Abbreviation Glossary

This glossary defines the abbreviations and terms that appear on the connectors, hard keys, menus, and buttons of the MS46522B/524B Series VNA. In some cases, due to space limitations, multiple abbreviations are used for the same term or the same abbreviation is used with different punctuation.

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Chapter 1 — Overview

1-1 Introduction

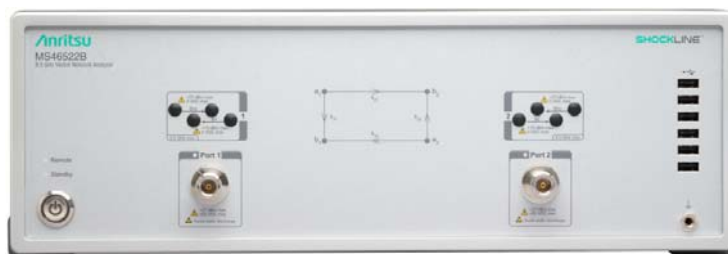
Prior to using this equipment, review the Safety Section of this document. This chapter provides an overview of the ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series Vector Network Analyzer (VNA). It describes the instrument's major functions and identifies product documentation. It also identifies available precision component kits including mechanical calibration kits and verification kits.

1-2 ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA Description

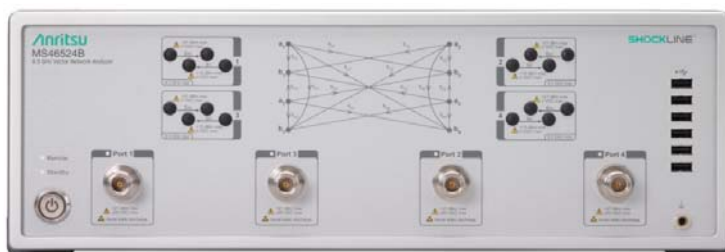
The ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B are instrument systems that contains a built-in source, test set, and network analyzer. Designed for manufacturing applications, the MS46522B/524B series VNA supports remote test programming through LAN communications. Test results can be displayed real time on an external video monitor. Screen captures can be printed or saved in common graphic file formats. Available models are:

- MS46522B-010, 50 kHz to 8.5 GHz, 2-Port
- MS46522B-020, 50 kHz to 20 GHz, 2-Port
- MS46522B-040, 50 kHz to 43.5 GHz, 2-Port
- MS46522B-082, 55 GHz to 92 GHz, 2-Port
- MS46524B-010, 50 kHz to 8.5 GHz, 4-Port
- MS46524B-020, 50 kHz to 20 GHz, 4-Port
- MS46524B-040, 50 kHz to 43.5 GHz, 4-Port

All instruments provide a maximum of 20,001 points on up to 16 separate channels. Each channel can be configured with up to 16 separate trace displays. Each trace can have up to 12 standard markers and one reference marker.



MS46522B-010 2-Port ShockLine™ Performance VNA



MS46524B-010 4-Port ShockLine™ Performance VNA

Figure 1-1. ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B VNAs

1-3 ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA Models

Table 1-1 lists the basic models:

Table 1-1. ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA Models

| VNA Model Number | Name | Specifications | Test Port Connectors |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---|
| MS46522B-010 | Vector Network Analyzer | 50 kHz to 8.5 GHz | N(f) Connector Test Ports (2) |
| MS46522B-020 | Vector Network Analyzer | 50 kHz to 20 GHz | K(m) Connector Test Ports (2) |
| MS46522B-040 | Vector Network Analyzer | 50 kHz to 43.5 GHz | K(m) Connector Test Ports (2) |
| MS46522B-082 | Vector Network Analyzer | 55 GHz to 92 GHz | WR12 waveguide on the tethered module (2) |
| MS46524B-010 | Vector Network Analyzer | 50 kHz to 8.5 GHz | N(f) Connector Test Ports (4) |
| MS46524B-020 | Vector Network Analyzer | 50 kHz to 20 GHz | K(m) Connector Test Ports (4) |
| MS46524B-040 | Vector Network Analyzer | 50 kHz to 43.5 GHz | K(m) Connector Test Ports (4) |

For additional technical specifications and configuration data, see the following publications:

- ShockLine™ MS46522B Series VNA Technical Data Sheet – 11410-00858
- ShockLine™ MS46524B Series VNA Technical Data Sheet – 11410-00860

1-4 ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B VNA Instrument Controls

The VNA can be controlled either through the ShockLine application software's graphical user interface GUI or by program commands over an Ethernet LAN. ShockLine automatically runs when the instrument is first powered on. Using the ShockLine GUI requires a touchscreen or video monitor, USB keyboard, and USB mouse. When the touchscreen video monitor is used, the main user controls are on-screen. There are no other user controls on the front panel aside from the main power switch and its indicators.

Note

When the VNA is operated through remote programming, it disables the graphical user interface video controls. To return to screen control capability, press the keyboard **Esc** key, or send the RTL command. For more information about remote programming, refer to the **ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA Programming Manual**.

The ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA does not support Microsoft's Remote Desktop interface.

The ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA is equipped with internal non-volatile memory for storing and recalling operating and calibration setups, along with measurement information and data.

Graphical User Interface

The graphical user interface (GUI) provides a combination of a menu command bar, icon task bar, and right-side navigation menu for most system functions. All of the on-screen navigation elements can be accessed by the attached touchscreen or USB mouse/keyboard and display.

1-5 System Identification and Computer Name

All Anritsu instruments are assigned a unique six-digit identification (ID) number such as "080101." This number is affixed to a decal on the back panel of each unit. Please use this number in any correspondence with Anritsu Customer Service.

1-6 Calibration and Verification Kits

Precision Component and Calibration Kits

Two types of precision-component kits are available: calibration and verification. Calibration kits contain components used to identify and separate error sources inherent in microwave test setups. Verification kits consist of components with characteristics traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and are used as the most dependable means of checking system accuracy. Each of these kits contains a USB memory device that provides coefficient, characterization, or measurement data for each component. Refer to the instrument data sheet for detailed specifications on automatic calibrators, mechanical calibration kits, and verification kits.

Mechanical Calibration Kits

The mechanical calibration kits provide 50 ohm calibrations for N devices.

Verification Kits

Verification kits can be used with the provided software and data to verify the calibration and resulting performance of the ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA. The applicable calibrations are Short-Open-Load-Thru (SOLT) using the Mechanical Cal kits.

1-7 User Documentation

The following ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series Vector Network Analyzers documentation is available on the Anritsu web site. For updates to any of the MS46522B/524B Series VNA documentation, visit the Anritsu web site at: <http://www.anritsu.com>, or contact Anritsu Customer Service at: ShockLineVNA.support@anritsu.com.

Product Information, Compliance, and Safety

- ShockLine™ Vector Network Analyzers, SmartCal™ and Site Master™ Cable and Antenna Analyzers – 10100-00067

ShockLine Vector Network Analyzers

- MS46522B Series VNA Technical Data Sheet – 11410-00858
- MS46524B Series VNA Technical Data Sheet – 11410-00860
- MS46522B/524B Series VNA Operation Manual – 10410-00743
- MS46522B/524B Series VNA User Interface Reference Manual – 10410-00744
- MS46522B/524B Series VNA Programming Manual – 10410-00746

Documentation Conventions

The following conventions are used throughout the entire MS46522B/524B Series VNA documentation set:

Instrument Identification

Throughout this manual, the following term definitions are used:

- ShockLine™ VNA refers to any ShockLine™ VNA module or system.
- VNA refers to any ShockLine™ VNA module.
- MS46522B refers to the MS46522B Series VNA
- MS46524B refers to the MS46524B Series VNA.
- When required to identify a specific VNA model and option, the specific model option number is used, such as MS46522B-010.

Note

Many of the images in this document are used as typical representations of the product or of the product features. Your instrument and instrument displays may vary slightly from these images.

Instrument Connectors

Panel connectors are denoted with a bold Sans Serif font such as **10 MHZ IN**.

User Interface, Menu, and Soft Buttons

The ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA user interface consists of menus, button lists, sub-menus, toolbars, and dialog boxes. All of these elements are denoted with a special font. Generally, the top level menu items are denoted with a **BOLD SANS SERIF** font and capital letters and the subordinate items are denoted with a regular Sans Serif font, such as **Frequency** menu button.

User Interface Navigation

Elements in navigation shortcuts or paths are separated with the pipe symbol (“|”). Menu and dialog box names are distinctive Sans Serif font in CAPITALS. Button names are in Title Case. For example, the path to the Manual Cal menu is:

- MAIN | Calibration | CALIBRATION | Calibrate | CALIBRATE | Manual Cal | MANUAL CAL

User Input

User input such as entering values or other information is denoted in a mono-spaced font such as:

This font denotes a string of user input.

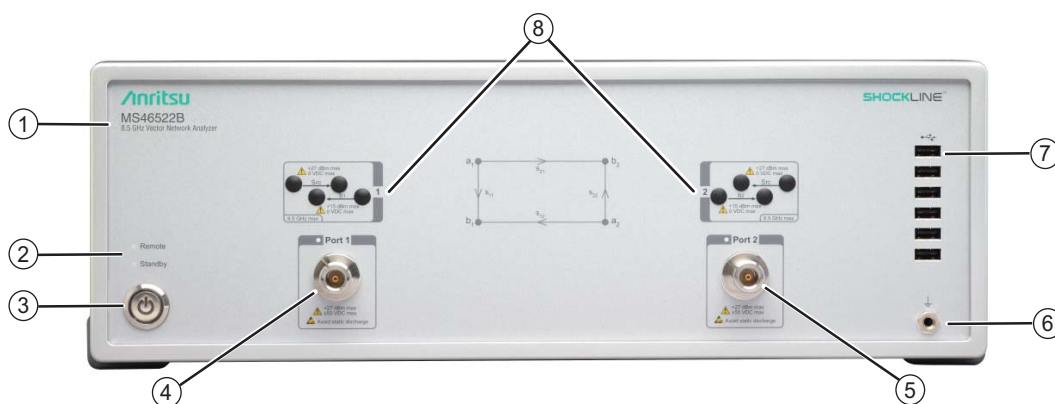
Chapter 2 — Front and Rear Panels

2-1 Chapter Overview

The chapter provides an overview of the MS46522B/524B Series VNA hardware user interface including front panel buttons, front panel connectors, and back panel connectors. Each front panel item is described with its function and a cross reference to the menu it activates on the user interface display. Each port, connector type and their function is described along with a detailed connector pin-out diagram.

2-2 MS46522B/524B Front Panel and Connectors

The MS46522B Series VNA front panel and port connectors are identified below in [Figure 2-1](#)



1. ID Plate – Instrument model number identification
2. Remote/Standby LEDs
3. Remote/Standby Switch
4. Test Port 1 – N(f)
5. Test Port 2 – N(f)
6. Ground – Chassis Ground Port Banana connector
7. USB Ports – Six USB 2.0 Connector Ports
8. Ports 1-2 Source and Receiver Access Loops (Only available with Option 10)

Source Path:

- k(f) for MS46522B and MS46524B
- Damage Input Levels: +27 dBm max, 0 VDC max

Receiver Path:

- k(f) for MS46522B and MS46524B
- Damage Input Levels: +15 dBm max, 0 VDC max

Figure 2-1. MS46522B-010 Front Panel

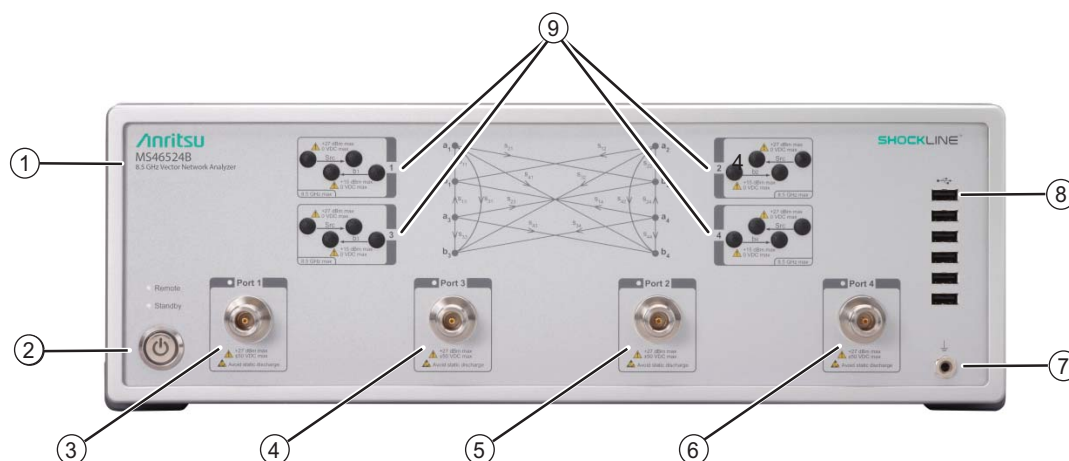
The MS46522B Series VNA front panel with option 082 (MS46522B-082) and port connectors are identified below in [Figure 2-1](#).



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|--|--|
| 1. ID Plate – Instrument model number identification | 4. Ground Port Connector |
| 2. Operate/Standby Switch | 5. USB Ports – Six USB 2.0 Connector Ports |
| 3. Module Storage | 6. WR12 waveguide Test Port Modules (2) |

Figure 2-2. MS46522B-082 VNA Front Panel ID Plate, Ports, and Operation Control Switch

The MS46524B Series VNA front panel and port connectors are identified below in [Figure 2-3](#)



1. ID Plate – Instrument model number ID
2. Operate/Standby Switch
3. Test Port 1 – N(f)
4. Test Port 3– N(f)
5. Test Port 2– N(f)
6. Test Port 4 – N(f)
7. Ground Port Connector
8. USB Ports – Six USB 2.0 Connector Ports
9. Ports 1-4 Source and Receiver Access Loops (Only available with Option 10)

Source Path:

- K(f) for MS46522B and MS46524B
- Damage Input Levels: +27 dBm max, 0 VDC max

Receiver Path:

- K(f) for MS46522B and MS46524B
- Damage Input Levels: +15 dBm max, 0 VDC max

Figure 2-3. MS46524B-010 Front Panel

2-3 Rear Panel Components and Connectors

The MS46522B/524B Series VNA rear panel connectors are shown below in [Figure 2-4](#) which provides identification of each connector and port.

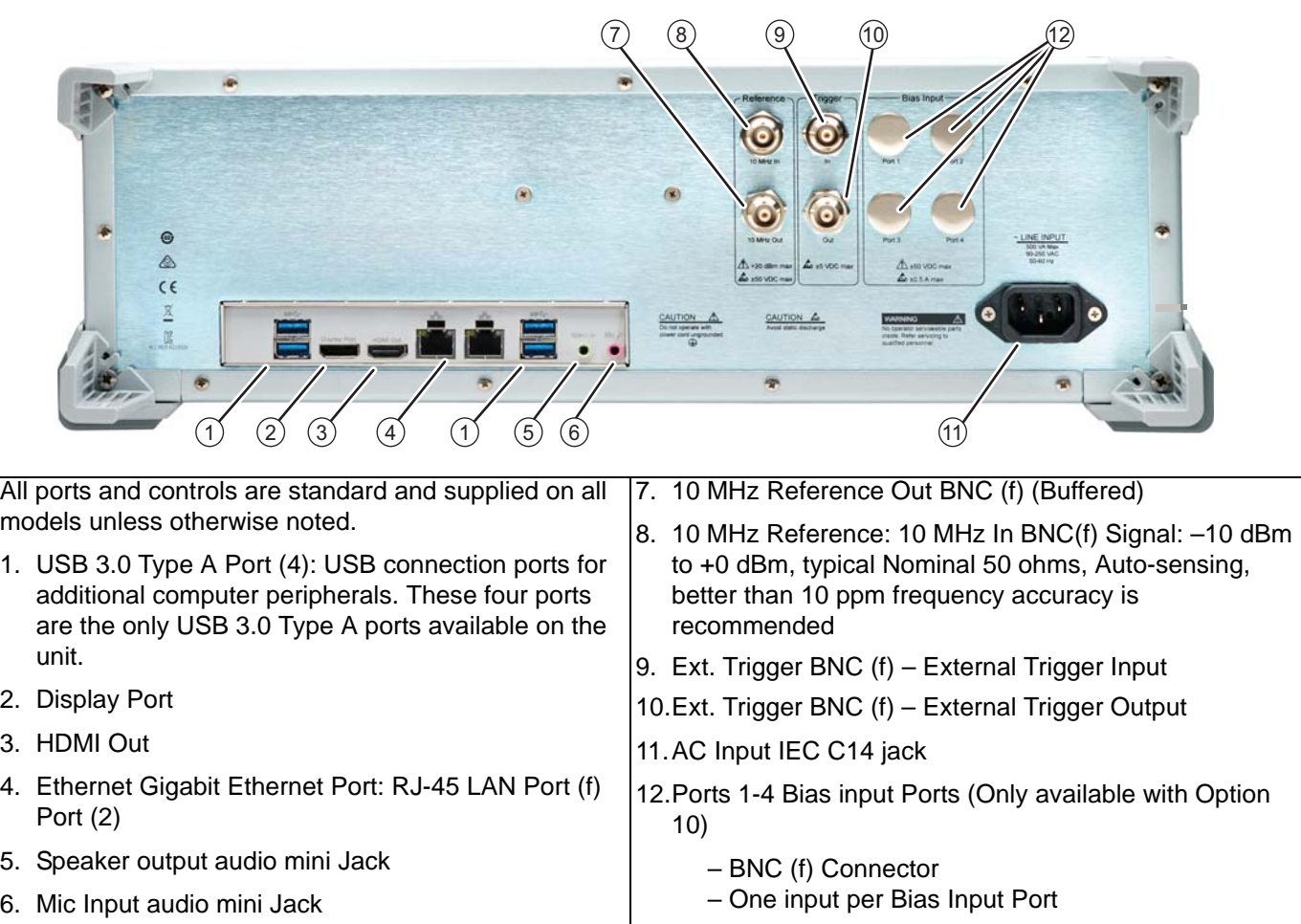


Figure 2-4. MS46522B/524B Series VNA Rear Panel Ports and Connectors

Chapter 3 — Software Installation

3-1 Introduction

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3-2 Unpacking the Product

Initial Inspection

Inspect the shipping container for damage. If shipping container or cushioning material is damaged, retain until the contents of the shipment have been checked against the packing list and the instrument has been checked for mechanical and electrical operation. If the ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA is physically damaged, notify your local sales representative or Anritsu Customer Service. If the container or cushioning material show signs of damage or stress, notify the carrier as well as Anritsu, and retain the shipping materials for the carrier's inspection.

Preparation for Use

The MS4652xB ShockLine operating software comes preloaded in the internal hard disk of the VNA. To interface with the ShockLine MS4652xB Series VNA through direct manual control, a keyboard, mouse, monitor or touchscreen, and interfacing cables are required. For more information on connecting the external peripherals to the MS4652xB VNA, see [Section 3-5 "Connecting External Devices" on page 3-5](#)

3-3 Operating Environment and Power Requirements

Before installing the ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA in its operating environment, ensure that all airflow passages at the sides and rear of the instrument are clear. Proper ventilation is of particular importance whenever the unit is being rack mounted. Keep the cooling fan ventilation holes unobstructed. Ensure that the instrument is not exposed to water. A blocked fan can cause the instrument to overheat and shut down. Ensure that the instrument is not exposed to water. The ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA can be operated within the following environmental limits:

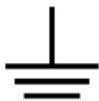
Table 3-1. Operational Environmental and Power Requirements

| Parameter | Specification |
|---|--|
| Environmental Requirements (per MIL-PRF-28800F; class 4) | |
| Operating Temperature Range: | 0 to +40 degrees Celsius |
| Relative Humidity: | 5 % to 95 % at +45 degrees Celsius, non-condensing |
| Power Requirements | |
| Voltages: | 90 to 264 VAC maximum (single phase) |
| Power: | 47 to 63 Hz (power factor controlled) |
| Power: | 550 VA maximum |
| Installation Category: | The ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA is intended for Installation Category (Over-voltage Category) II |

Warning



or



When supplying power to this equipment, connect the accessory 3-pin power cord only to a 3-pin grounded power outlet connected in turn to local AC Mains. If a grounded 3-pin outlet is not available, use a conversion adapter and ground the green wire, or connect the equipment frame to a suitable ground. If power is supplied without grounding the equipment, there is a risk of receiving a severe or fatal electric shock.

3-4 Power-On/Power-Off Procedures

The power-on procedure involves connecting the instrument to AC Mains, using the front panel **AC Power** switch to turn the instrument on, and then using the instrument software to toggle the instrument into operate mode. The power-off procedure involves using the front panel **AC Power** switch to turn the instrument off.

Note Do not unplug the instrument when it is in operate mode. Doing so may cause the Windows application to improperly close. Do not shut down Windows from the Start menu as this will not properly power off the instrument. Switching the power off from the front panel causes the computer to shut down Windows and properly power off the instrument.



Figure 3-1. Rear Panel Power Connection to AC Mains Power

Procedure – Power-On to Standby Mode

To turn the instrument on:

1. Connect the supplied AC power cord to local AC mains power.
2. Connect the other end of the power cord to the rear panel **IEC C14 Chassis AC Power Socket** located in the right corner of the rear panel. See item 1 in [Figure 3-1](#)

Procedure – Standby Mode to Operate Mode

To set the instrument to operate mode, press the power switch on the front panel.

- When fully in operate mode, with an attached monitor, the ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA displays the main trace display with the application menus on the right side. See [Figure 4-1, “User Interface - Four Traces - Main Menu”](#) for a typical full screen display.

Note When placing the ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA in operation, allow at least 45 minutes of warm-up time in the operate mode before using the VNA to assure stable operation and the highest possible accuracy.



Figure 3-2. ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA Startup Splash Screen

Procedure – Power-Off

To turn the instrument off:

1. Turn off the instrument by pressing the front panel **AC Power** switch. **Do not** shut the instrument down from the Windows Start menu.
2. If necessary, the instrument can now be disconnected from the AC power mains.

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| Note | After turning off the instrument, you must wait at least 15 seconds before turning the instrument back on again. This delay is required to allow the internal power supplies to discharge and to assure a reliable cold start. |
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3-5 Connecting External Devices

The ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA is ready for use out of the box, although it is strongly recommended that you connect an external touchscreen or keyboard, mouse, and display to facilitate use of the ShockLine™ VNA application and operating system. The VNA supports connection of external devices including printers, HDMI monitors, and other Windows-based peripherals. EMC compliance is only guaranteed when using an AWM STYLE 20276 80C 30V VW-1 HDMI cable with ferrite cores, Dell keyboard model SK-8135, and Microsoft mouse model 1113. Most peripherals are rated as plug-and-play with no driver installation or further configuration required.

Connecting USB Mouse and Keyboard

The VNA provides USB 2.0 Type A ports for keyboard and mouse connections. USB 2.0 Type A connectors are available on both the front and rear panels.

When connecting either a keyboard and/or mouse, ensure that the instrument is set to standby mode before connecting them. When the ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA is powered on, the keyboard and mouse should be automatically detected by the operating system and be ready for use. To use any advanced features of your external keyboard and mouse, follow the manufacturers installation instructions.



1. Ethernet RJ-45 (f) Port (1)

Figure 3-3. Rear Panel Keyboard and Mouse Connections

Note

Advanced keyboard and mouse features may not be supported in the analyzer application, but should function as expected in the Windows environment.

Connecting an External HDMI Monitor

The rear panel video port external monitor interface is a standard HDMI connector. When connecting an external monitor, ensure that the instrument is in standby mode and that the monitor is disconnected from its power source. Once the monitor is connected, turn on its power and then set the VNA to Operate. The monitor should be automatically detected by the operating system and be ready for use.

Connecting an External Printer

The external printer interface is typically connected through an available front or rear panel **USB Type-A Port**. Many printers will be recognized by the Windows operating system and require no further installation.

If installation and configuration is required, install your printer driver according to the manufacturer's directions. The hardware connection should be made when the VNA is in Standby or Off mode to allow for proper initialization of the hardware during boot-up of the operating system.

If you attempt to print from the VNA application before a printer is installed, a dialog box appears prompting you to install a printer driver.

Connecting Other USB Peripherals

Use any available USB 2.0 Type A Port for connecting other USB devices such as a scanner, external drive, camera, or USB memory device (a “memory stick”). A USB-connected monitor can be used with the ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA, with the proper vendor-supplied driver. The USB interface offers the same behavior that is typically experienced in the Windows operating system environment. When connecting multiple USB devices, consider employing a powered USB hub.

3-6 Ethernet LAN TCP/IP and USB Setup

The ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA supports Gigabit Ethernet. The instrument connected directly to the LAN via the rear panel RJ-45 Ethernet Port using a standard CAT-5 Ethernet cable.

Plug-and-Play Configuration

The ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA and its Windows operating system come pre-configured and ready to connect with an existing Ethernet network. The Ethernet network must provide DNS/DHCP and be configured with a gateway.

Connect the VNA to the network with an Ethernet cable between the VNA rear panel RJ-45 Ethernet Port and your local network port.

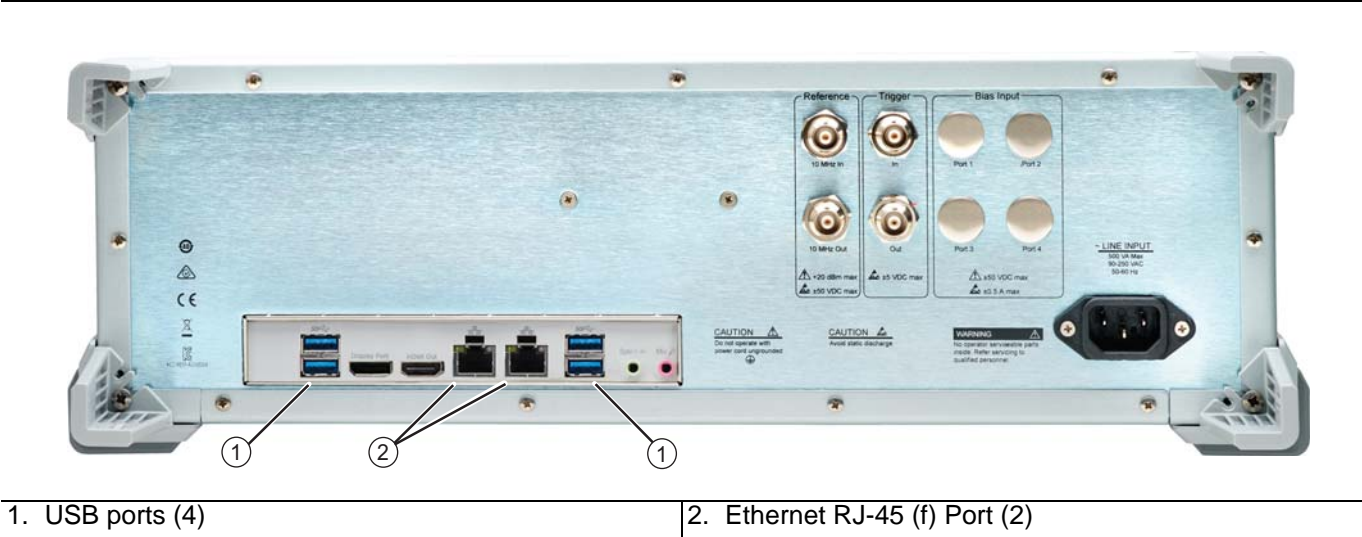


Figure 3-4. ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA Network Connections

The ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNAs have one Ethernet RJ45 (f) connector and four USB 3.0 Type A port connectors on the rear panel. There are six additional USB 2.0 Type A ports on the instrument front panel. Use the Ethernet port to connect to a LAN (Local Area Network). Windows 7 will automatically detect the network settings and configure the network connection.

Manually Configuring TCP/IP Ethernet LAN Settings

Note

This section is provided for general information about manually configuring an Ethernet connection. Consult your local network administrator for the exact requirements and settings that are required for your network installation.

To see the current network settings for your ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA, navigate to the NETWORK INTERFACE menu in the ShockLine™ Application Software shown in [Figure 3-5](#).

- MAIN | System | SYSTEM | Ntwk Interface | NETWORK INTERFACE

Operation of the NETWORK INTERFACE menu is described in the **User Interface Reference Manual**.

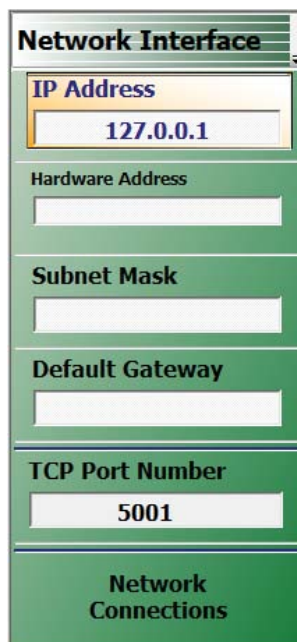


Figure 3-5. NETWORK INTERFACE Menu

The five display buttons provide information about the current network settings. Changes to these settings are made using Microsoft Windows 7 NETWORK CONNECTIONS control panel, shown in [Figure 3-6](#), accessed by clicking the Network Connections button.

The NETWORK CONNECTIONS dialog box shows currently available local networks and provides access to network configuration setup tools.

Note

You may need to consult your network documentation or network administrator for assistance in manually configuring your network setup. The **Network Connections Help** system provides information related to computer networking. If an Internet connection is present, links to Microsoft and other URLs are also provided.

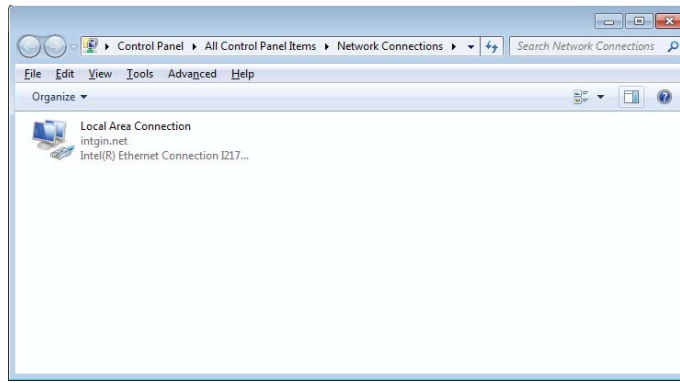


Figure 3-6. NETWORK CONNECTIONS Dialog Box

For information on the programming command sets, refer to the ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA Programming Manual.

3-7 Starting the GUI Application

There are two ways that the MS4652xB can be controlled:

1. Locally through the Graphical User Interface (GUI)
2. Remotely, via SCPI or IVI-C.

Locally

1. Connect the user provided external monitor to the HDMI port of the MS4652xB, refer to [Figure on page 3-5](#).
2. Power up the MS4652xB.
 - Once powered up, you should see a GUI interface screen as [Figure 4-1 on page 4-1](#).

Remotely

1. Connect the user provided external monitor to the HDMI port of the MS4652xB. Refer to [Figure on page 3-5](#).
2. Connect the EJ-45 connector to the rear panel EJ-45 port, refer to [Figure 3-4 on page 3-6](#).
3. Power up the MS4652xB
 - You should see a GUI interface screen as [Figure 4-1 on page 4-1](#).
4. Use SCPI, TCP/IP protocol with SOCKETS. For more information on setting up the SCPI, TCP/IP protocol with SOCKETS, refer to [Section 3-5 “Connecting External Devices” on page 3-5](#). The user will have to download a development tool to setup the socket and there are many open source development tools for this purpose. Sockets will run SCPI with or without NI VISA.
5. Download the IVI-C driver from the ShockLine website:
<https://www.anritsu.com/search/en-US/default?q=ms46522b+software&sort=date:D:L:d1>

3-8 Simulation Mode

Simulation Mode provides the same ShockLine VNA GUI as when hardware is detected, but is run from a user provided external pc without connecting to a VNA or external hardware, Simulation Mode provides the user testing scenarios with the benefits of real testing, except there are no real measurements resulting from a hardware test setup.

Benefits of Simulation Mode include:

- Import .SnP files to manipulate waveforms to be differential or time domain.
- Rework programming scenarios to check commands or setups
- Gain familiarity with the ShockLine GUI menus.

The following simple step-by-step procedure will setup the ShockLine VNA software in Simulation Mode.

Download onto your user provided external pc and launch the ShockLine Program available from the Anritsu ShockLine VNA Software library located at:

<https://www.anritsu.com/en-US/test-measurement/support/downloads/software/dwl011051>

1. Download the ShockLine VNA Software and launch the software.

- Once the ShockLine Software is loaded onto your PC, the initial startup screen will appear as shown in [Figure 3-7](#).



Figure 3-7. ShockLine GUI Initialization Screen

2. From the No Hardware Found dialog box, [Figure 3-8](#), select yes to run in Simulation Mode.
- No hardware will be detected if running the software on an independent computer for simulation

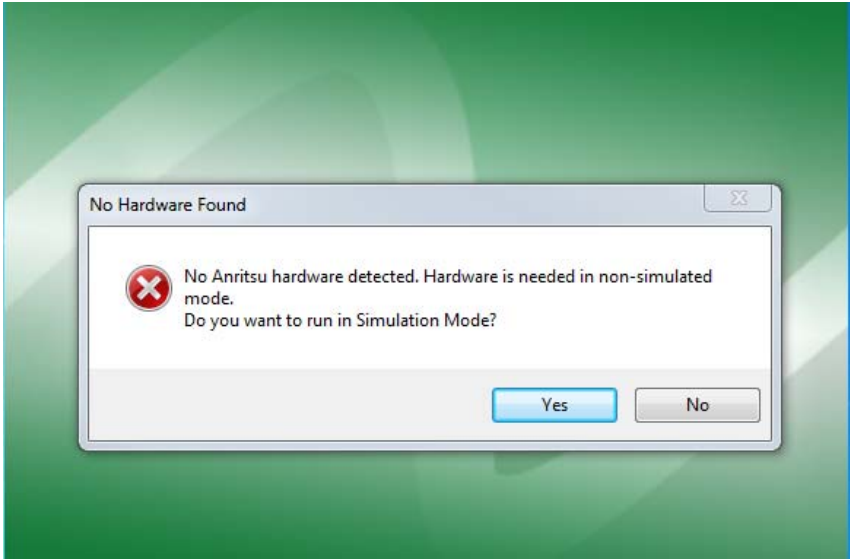


Figure 3-8. ShockLine GUI Initialization Screen

3. Once Simulation Mode is selected, the default menu screen appears, see [Figure 3-9](#).
4. Select the menu/option configuration that you wish to simulate.

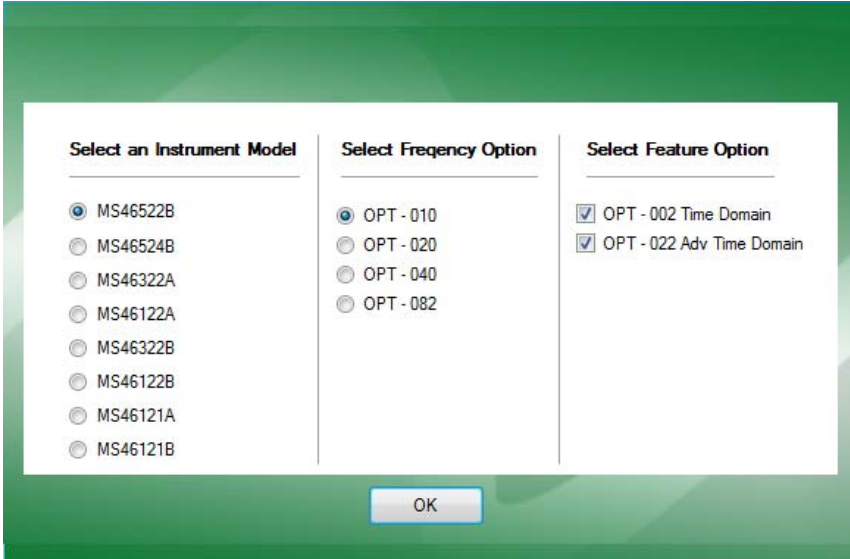


Figure 3-9. Simulator Select Instrument

5. See [Figure 3-10](#) to view the ShockLine model/option configurations available. There is a separate menu for each VNA series with choices for available frequency and other options.



Figure 3-10. Simulator Mode Model/Option Configurations Available

Once the ShockLine VNA model/configuration has been selected, press Ok. The menus within the simulated program will provide the appropriate menu screens for the selected model/option configurations selected.

To learn more about the User Interface, see [Chapter 4, “User Interface Display”](#).

3-9 Calibration/Verification Interval

If the ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA requires service or calibration, the system may be returned to factory specifications and re-imaged with a standard software configuration. User installed applications and data may be lost and unable to be retrieved. It is advised that user data be backed up, copied, and retained by the user. Applications will need to be reinstalled from their original installation disks. A complete system restore from a previous user backup is not advised after service or calibration as this will result in the new calibrations being overwritten, thus voiding the calibration accuracy.

Chapter 4 — User Interface Display

4-1 Chapter Overview

The chapter provides orientation to the ShockLine application user interface for the ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNAs. It also provides general descriptions and procedures for trace graph setup, marker setup, and limit line setup.

4-2 User Interface Main Screen

The main screen is shown below in [Figure 4-1](#). The key areas of the main screen are the MENU BAR, ICON TOOLBAR, and MAIN MENU right-side function menus. These are identified in [Figure 4-2, “User Interface Display Areas”](#) on page 4-2.

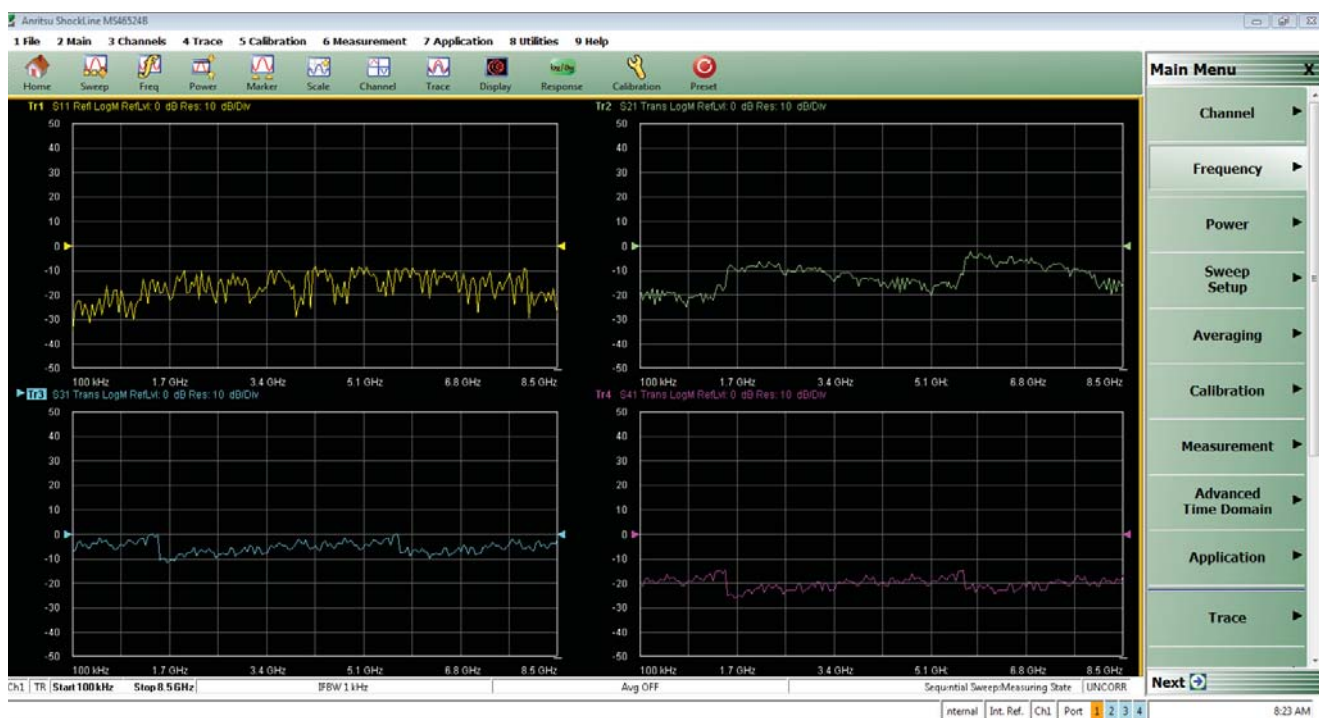
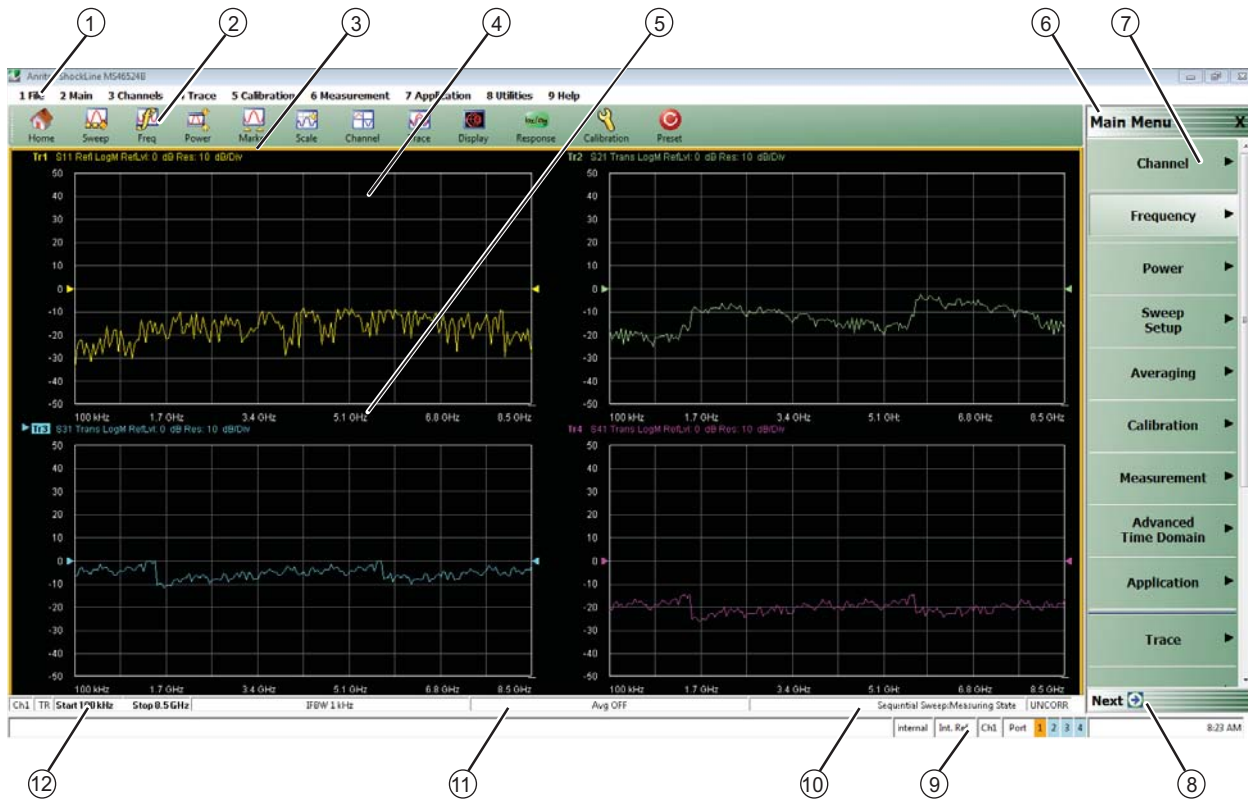


Figure 4-1. User Interface - Four Traces - Main Menu

User Interface Control and Display Areas

Figure 4-2 below illustrates the general display areas and shows a single channel set up with four graphical traces.



1. Menu Bar – Displays nine (9) drop down menus: File, Main, Channels, Trace, Calibration, Measurement, Application, Utilities, and Help.
2. Icon Toolbar – User-configured with user-selected quick access icons.
3. Field Toolbar – Appears only when field button is clicked for input. Display field for value, with one or more units (such as dB, dBm, or Hz), an Enter button, and an X close button.
4. Display Area – Displays from one to 16 trace display graphs. Each trace display can optionally have from one to 12 markers, a reference marker, and an upper and lower limit line.
5. Frequency – Displays frequency range linearly across X axis of display
6. Menu Title – Displays the name of the displayed right-side menu. Menu titles are unique to each menu.
7. Menu Buttons – Used to set parameters, make configuration selections, read result values, start processes, toggle between two or more values, and display sub-menus and dialog boxes.
8. Menu Navigation Buttons – The navigation buttons always appear at the bottom of the right-side menu and allow browser-like forward and backward navigation through the user's history. Back returns to previous selected higher-level menu, Next returns to a previously selected lower-level menu, and Home returns to the Main Menu.
9. System Status Bar – Displays status messages, and configuration status that affects the entire instrument.
10. Trace Status Bar – Provides status for active trace near the bottom of the screen.
11. Dialog Box Display Area – Most dialog boxes, whether from the VNA or from the underlying operating system, appear in the center of the display area.
12. Tableau Data Display/Input Area – The tableau area only appears when the appropriate menu button is selected. When selected, the display shrinks upwards and the tabular data area expands.

Figure 4-2. User Interface Display Areas

All ShockLine™ VNA models support using up to 16 graphical traces. Figure 4-3 below shows an instrument set up with four displayed windows, each with four traces. The displayed trace display layout shown below is user-defined as a 2 × 2 configuration trace display.



Figure 4-3. User Interface - 16 Traces (simulated data)

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| 1. Arrow Pointing to Selected Trace | 3. Trace Menu |
| 2. 2x2 Trace Display | 4. # of Traces Selected For Viewing |

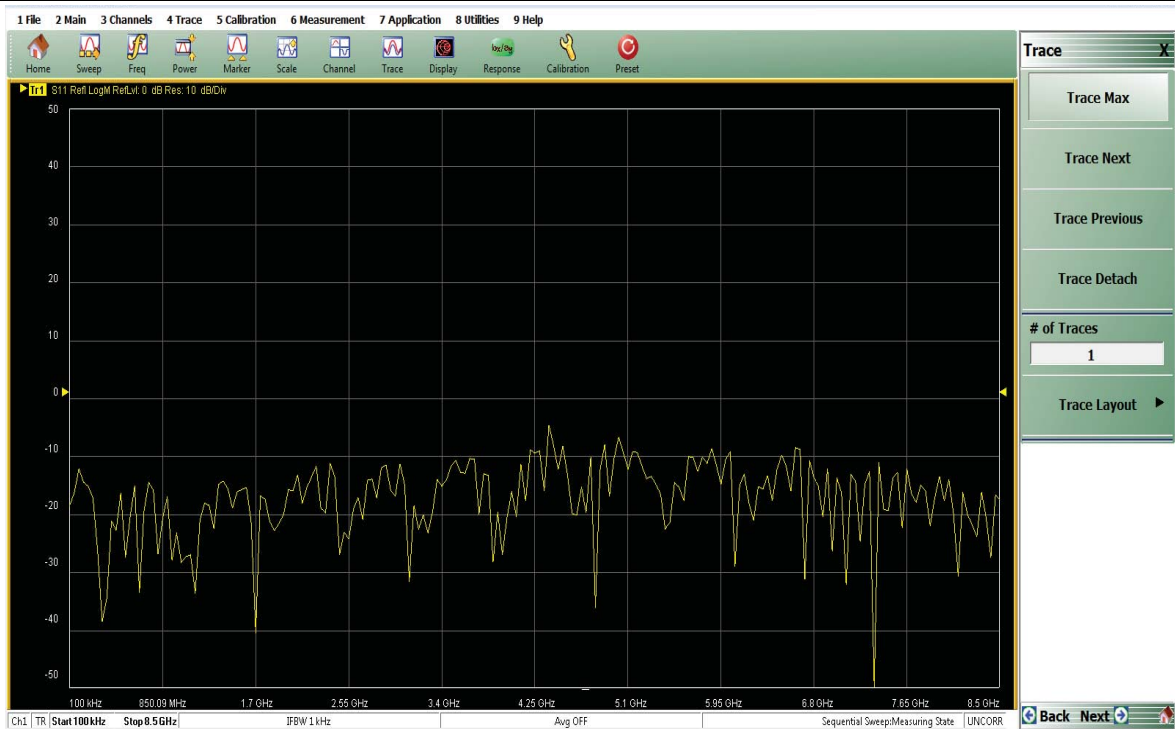


Figure 4-4. Single Trace Displayed (simulated data)

Function Access

The ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA provides access to the menus and functions through a touchscreen or an attached USB mouse and keyboard. These are used to manipulate the instrument through the five major user interface areas on the main display:

- The top MENU BAR with its drop-down menus and menu commands.
- The ICON TOOLBAR with up to 10 single-click functions, available as a default configuration or as a user-definable configuration of icon functions.
- The right side MAIN MENU system that provides access to function menus, sub-menus, dialog boxes, and configuration options.
- For some parameters, selecting a button displays a FIELD TOOLBAR that appears just below the icon toolbar allowing input of parameter values and units.
- For some parameters, selecting a button displays a CONFIGURATION or SETUP TABLEAU below the main display area for input of complex parameter sets such as segmented frequency or power sweeps.

Instrument setup begins at the Channel menu. where the user can choose how many channels to use and designate their screen layout. Next, select a channel for operation and configure it. The following explains how to do basic channel setup. Once that is done, you can select sweep type and other parameters for each channel.

To Select a Channel

1. Select a channel in a multi-channel display by doing one of the following:
 - Click anywhere inside the desired channel box.
 - From the keyboard, enter **ALT + 3**, then **3** to view the previous channel or **ALT + 3**, then **4** to view the next channel.
 - On the top menu bar, select MENU BAR | Channels | Channel Prev or MENU BAR | Channel | Channel Next.
 - On the right side menu, select MAIN | Channels | CHANNELS | Chan Next or Chan Previous.
2. The selected channel border changes from gray to white. (Figure 4-3, “User Interface - 16 Traces (simulated data)” on page 4-3 shows Channel 2 (Ch2) selected.)

Note

The **Ch->Max**, **Ch->Next**, and **Ch-Prev** icons are available for the icon toolbar. These icons provide one click access to channel maximum, channel next, and channel previous functions. They can be added to the icon toolbar for a custom configuration and saved as part of a preset configuration.

To Maximize a Channel Display

1. Use one of the methods above to select the desired channel.
2. Do one of the following to maximize the selected channel:
 - From the keyboard, enter **CTRL + 1** or **ALT + 3**, then **2**.
 - On the main display, double-click the channel border box.
 - On the top menu bar, select MENU BAR | Channel | Channel Max
 - On the right side menu, select MAIN | Channel | CHANNEL | Chan. Max
3. The selected channel now fills the display area.
 - Maximize a channel display to review the channel status information at the bottom of its screen.

To Make the Display Area Larger

1. The top icon toolbar and the right side menus can be removed to make the display area larger.
2. Remove the icon toolbar by doing one of the following:
 - From the keyboard, select **ALT + 8**, then **2**.
 - On the top menu bar, select MENU BAR | Utilities | Toolbar Off.
3. The icon toolbar disappears. Repeat **Step #2** to make the icon toolbar reappear.

4. Remove the right side menus by doing one of the following:
 - From the keyboard, enter **ALT + 8**, then **7**.
 - On the top menu bar, select MENU BAR | Utilities | Clear.
5. The right side menu disappears. Repeat **Step #4** to make the menu reappear.

To Select Traces with a Channel

1. Use one of the methods above to maximize the channel display.
2. Select a trace in a multi-trace display by doing one of the following:
 - With a mouse, single click the trace title.
 - If you double-click either the trace title or anywhere within the trace, the trace is both selected and maximized.
 - From the keyboard, enter **ALT + 4**, then **7** to view the previous trace or **ALT + 4**, then **8** to view the next trace.
 - On the top menu bar, select MENU BAR | Trace | Trace Prev or MENU BAR | Trace | Trace Next.
 - On the right side menu, select MAIN | Trace | TRACE | Trace Previous or Trace Next.
 - The selected trace number is highlighted and a left arrow appears.

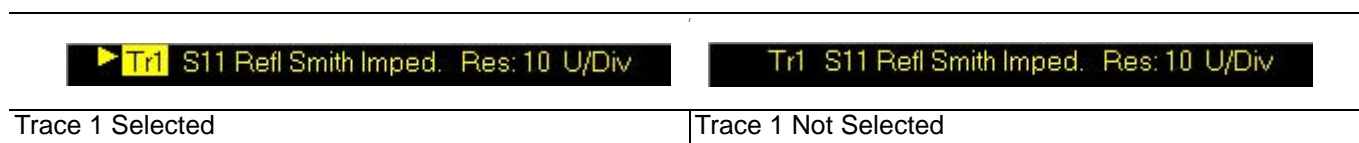


Figure 4-5. Trace Selection Indicator

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| Note | The Tr->Max , Tr->Next , and Tr->Previous icons are available for the icon toolbar. These icons provide one click access to trace maximum, trace next, and trace previous functions. They can be added to the icon toolbar for a custom configuration and saved as part of a preset configuration. |
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To Maximize a Trace Display

1. Use one of the methods above to select the desired trace.
2. For a maximum display, make sure the trace's channel is maximized.
3. Do one of the following to maximize the selected trace:
 - From the keyboard, select **ALT + 4**, then **6**.
 - On the main display, double-click anywhere in the trace display title.
 - On the top menu bar, select MENU BAR | Trace | Trace Max.
 - On the right side menu, select MAIN | Trace | TRACE | Trace Max.
4. The selected trace now fills the display area.
 - Maximize a trace display to review the trace status information at the bottom of trace screen.
5. Repeat the actions above to return the trace to its normal size.

4-3 Using the Menu Bar Interface

Menu Bar Overview

The menu bar at the top of the screen provides eight drop-down menus for quick access to major ShockLine™ VNA menu functions and dialogs. The configuration is fixed. The figure below shows all of the available MENU BAR functions and command menus.

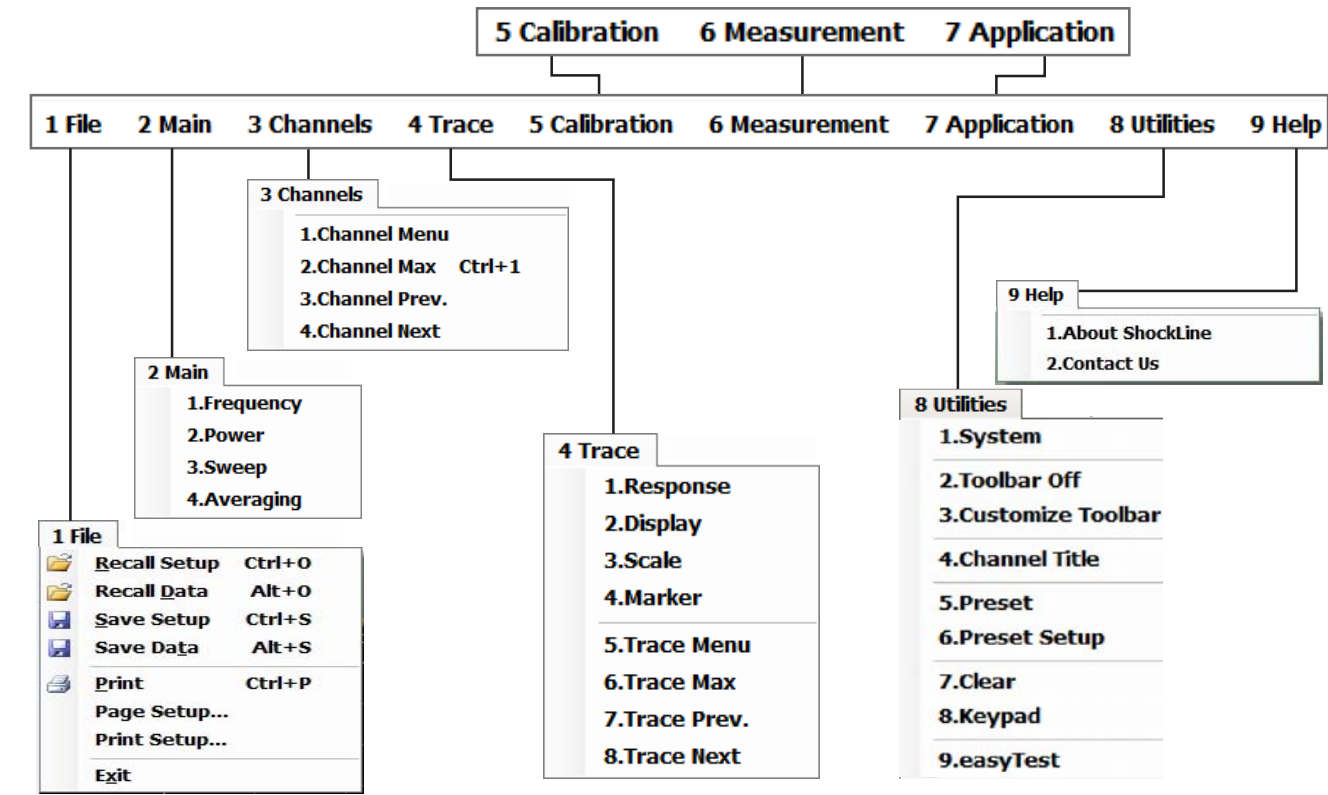


Figure 4-6. MENU BAR Major Functions, Drop-Down Menus, and Commands

Menu Bar General Operation

The MENU BAR drop-down menus and commands can be accessed by clicking on the menu bar and required command. The keyboard can be used to enter the menu and/or command short cut, most of which use the **ALT (ALTERNATE)** key. To access a menu from the keyboard, press and hold the **ALT (ALTERNATE)** key and the number in front of the menu name.

- For example, **ALT + 1** opens the FILE menu.
- For example, **ALT + 8** opens the UTILITY menu.

To access most commands listed on the drop-down menus, follow the **ALT +** sequence with the menu command number. For example:

- To access the Preset command on the UTILITIES menu, enter **ALT + 8**, then **5**.
- To access the right side SYSTEM menu, enter **ALT + 8**, then **1**.

Some MENU BAR menu commands can also be accessed by using the keyboard **Control (CTRL)** key. Press and hold the **CTRL** key and then the letter key. For example:

- To recall a previously saved setup, enter **CTRL + O** (letter O).
- To print the current display screen, enter **CTRL + P**.

Menu Bar Drop-Down Menus and Commands

The menu bar appears at the top of the instrument display and provides direct access to system menus and some button functions.

The table below summarizes all menu bar drop down commands and provides cross references to sections that describe the resultant menu or command in greater detail.

Table 4-1. Menu Bar Drop-Down Menu Descriptions (1 of 9)

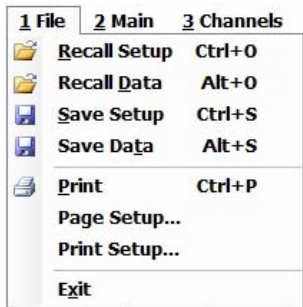
| Menu and Command Name | Menu and Command Descriptions |
|-----------------------------|---|
| FILE Drop-Down Menu |  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: ALT + 1 • MENU BAR File • MAIN File FILE |
| Recall Setup Command | <p>Select displays the RECALL SETUP dialog box and allows the recall of previously saved setup and/or calibration files:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Active Channel Setup and Calibration (.chx) File – Active Channel Setup (.stx) File – All Channel Setup (.sta) File <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: CTRL + O (letter O) • MENU BAR File Recall Setup • MAIN File FILE Recall Setup RECALL SETUP Dialog Box |
| Recall Data Command | <p>Select displays the RECALL DATA dialog box and allows the recall of a previously saved active channel and/or active trace data file of these types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Active Channel S1P (.s1p), S2P (.s2p), S3P (.s3p), S4P (.s4p) Files – Formatted Data into Active Trace (.tdf) File – Unformatted Data into Active Trace (.tdu) File – Formatted Data into Active Trace Memory (.tdf) File – Unformatted Data into Active Trace Memory (.tdu) File <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: ALT + O (letter O) • MENU BAR File Recall Data • MAIN File FILE Recall Data RECALL DATA Dialog Box |
| Save Setup Command | <p>Select displays the Save Setup dialog box and allows the user to save the currently applied system presets configuration file.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: CTRL + S • MENU BAR File Save Setup • MAIN File FILE Save Setup SAVE SETUP Dialog Box |

Table 4-1. Menu Bar Drop-Down Menu Descriptions (2 of 9)

| Menu and Command Name | Menu and Command Descriptions |
|-----------------------|---|
| Save Data Command | <p>Select displays the SAVE DATA (Active Channel.txt) dialog box. Use this dialog to save the current channel data file.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: ALT + S • MENU BAR File Save Data • MAIN File FILE Save Data SAVE DATA Dialog Box |
| Print Command | <p>Select displays the Windows PRINT dialog box to print the current main display.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: CTRL + P • MENU BAR File Print • MAIN File Print PRINT Dialog Box |
| Page Setup Command | <p>Select displays the Windows PAGE SETUP dialog box with controls for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper size • Paper source tray at printer • Orientation as Portrait or Landscape • Margins for Left, Right, Top, and Bottom |
| Print Setup Command | <p>Select displays PRINT SETUP dialog box. The controls allow the print output to be customized as required. The following parameters can be set:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Output Format - Can be set as Bitmap with Page Setup, 4 Trace Graphical, or 4 Trace Tabular • Header Output - Include Header - The header configuration set in the fields below can be included or left off print reports. Each field can be separately configured to be included or not. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Header Output - Model - Provides an input field for model number information such as the DUT or VNA model. • Header Output - Operator Name - Provides an input field for operator name or other identification. • Header Output - Device ID - Provides an input field for the DUT identification. • Header Output - Operator Comment - Provides a large free form input field for comments about the DUT or test. • Lego Setup - Include Logo - The logo set in the fields below can be included or left off print reports. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select Logo Type - Anritsu - The default selection set an Anritsu logo or user defined logo in BMP graphics format. • Select Logo Type - User - If a user logo is selected, the graphic file must be copied onto the VectorStar™ VNA in a known location. The use the Browse button to navigate to the logo file. |
| Exit Command | <p>Select displays a confirmation dialog box. Click OK to exit the ShockLine™ application and return to the Windows 7 desktop. Click Cancel to remain in the ShockLine™ application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MENU BAR File Exit |

Table 4-1. Menu Bar Drop-Down Menu Descriptions (3 of 9)

| Menu and Command Name | Menu and Command Descriptions |
|-----------------------|--|
| MAIN Drop-Down Menu | <div><div><div>2 Main</div><div>1.Frequency</div><div>2.Power</div><div>3.Sweep</div><div>4.Averaging</div></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keyboard: ALT + 2• MENU BAR Main</div></div> |
| Frequency | Select displays the right-side FREQUENCY menu. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Front Panel Key: Frequency• Keyboard: ALT + 2, then 1• MENU BAR Channel Frequency• MAIN Frequency FREQUENCY |
| Power | Select displays the right-side POWER menu. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Front Panel Key: Power• Keyboard: ALT + 2, then 2• MENU BAR Channel Power• MAIN Power POWER |
| Sweep | Select displays the right-side SWEEP SETUP menu. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Front Panel Key: Sweep• Keyboard: ALT + 2, then 3• MENU BAR Channel Sweep• MAIN Sweep Setup SWEEP SETUP |
| Averaging | Select displays the right-side AVERAGING menu. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Front Panel Key: Avg (Average)• Keyboard: ALT + 2, then 4• MENU BAR Channel Averaging• MAIN Averaging AVERAGING |

Table 4-1. Menu Bar Drop-Down Menu Descriptions (4 of 9)

| Menu and Command Name | Menu and Command Descriptions |
|--------------------------|---|
| CHANNELS Drop-Down Menu | <div> <div>3 Channels</div> <div> 1.Channel Menu 2.Channel Max Ctrl+1 3.Channel Prev. 4.Channel Next </div> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keyboard: ALT + 3 MENU BAR Channels MAIN Channels CHANNELS |
| Channel Menu Command | <p>Select displays the right-side CHANNEL menu.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prerequisites: Instrument must be in 25,000 point mode. Keyboard: ALT + 3, then 1 MENU BAR Channels Channel Menu MAIN Channels CHANNELS |
| Channel Max Command | <p>Select maximizes the display of the active channel. Select again returns to the previous multi-channel display.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keyboard: ALT + 3, then 2 Keyboard: CTRL + 1 MENU BAR Channels Channel Max MAIN Channels CHANNELS Chan. Max |
| Channel Previous Command | <p>Selects the next lower channel number. If channel 1 was previously selected, selects the highest numbered channel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keyboard: ALT + 3, then 3 MENU BAR Channels Channel Prev. MAIN Channels CHANNELS Chan. Previous |
| Channel Next Command | <p>Selects the next higher channel number. If the highest numbered channel was previously selected, selects channel 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keyboard: ALT + 3, then 4 MENU BAR Channels Channel Next MAIN Channels CHANNELS Chan. Next |

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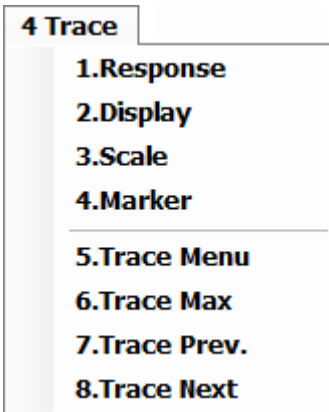
| Menu and Command Name | Menu and Command Descriptions |
|-----------------------------|---|
| TRACE Drop-Down Menu |  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: ALT + 4 • MENU BAR Trace • MAIN Trace TRACE |
| Response Command | <p>Select displays the right-side RESPONSE menu.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: ALT + 4, then 1 • MENU BAR Trace Response • MAIN Response RESPONSE |
| Display Command | <p>Select displays the right-side DISPLAY menu.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: ALT + 4, then 2 • MENU BAR Trace Display • MAIN Display DISPLAY |
| Scale Command | <p>Select displays the right-side SCALE menu. The name of the SCALE menu (and the buttons on it) depend on the display type selected such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Scale (Log Mag) – Scale (Lin Mag) – Scale (Phase) – Scale (Real) – Scale (Imag) – Scale (SWR) • Keyboard: ALT + 4, then 3 • MENU BAR Trace Scale • MAIN Scale SCALE |
| Marker Command | <p>Select displays the right-side MARKERS [1] menu.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: ALT + 4, then 4 • MENU BAR Trace Marker • MAIN Marker MARKER [1] |
| Trace Menu Command | <p>Select displays the right-side TRACE menu.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: ALT + 4, then 5 • MENU BAR Trace Trace Menu • MAIN Trace TRACE |

Table 4-1. Menu Bar Drop-Down Menu Descriptions (6 of 9)

| Menu and Command Name | Menu and Command Descriptions |
|------------------------|--|
| Trace Max Command | <p>Select maximizes the active trace to full screen display. Selecting again, returns the trace to the standard multi-trace display.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keyboard: ALT + 4, then 6 MENU BAR Trace Trace Max MAIN Trace TRACE Trace Max |
| Trace Previous Command | <p>Selects the next lower trace number on the active channel. If Trace 1 is currently selected, the highest numbered trace is selected. If the current trace is not maximized, the previous trace will not be maximized. If the current trace is maximized, the previous trace will be maximized.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keyboard: ALT + 4, then 7 MENU BAR Trace Trace Prev. MAIN Trace TRACE Trace Previous |
| Trace Next Command | <p>Selects the next higher trace number on the active channel. If the highest numbered trace is currently displayed, the Trace 1 is displayed. If the current trace is not maximized, the next trace will not be maximized. If the current trace is maximized, the next trace will be maximized.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keyboard: ALT + 4, then 8 MENU BAR Trace Trace Next MAIN Trace TRACE Trace Previous |

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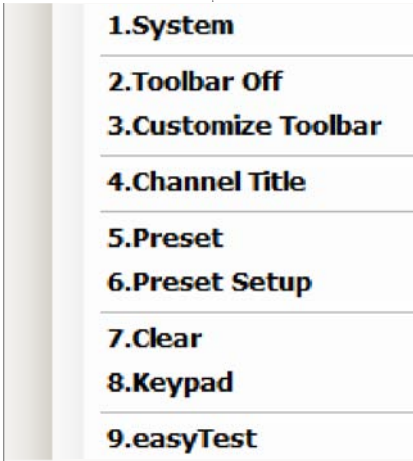
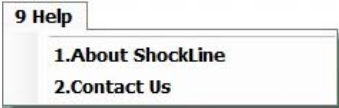
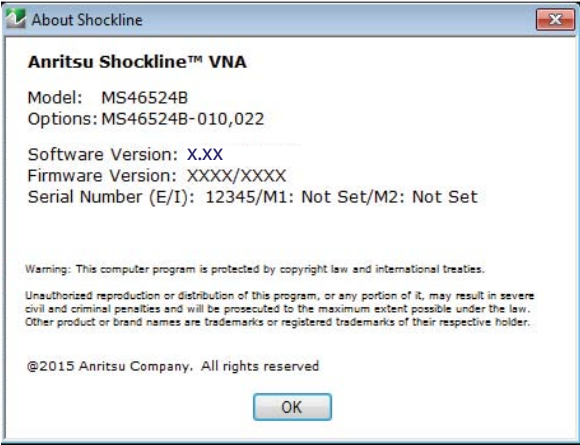
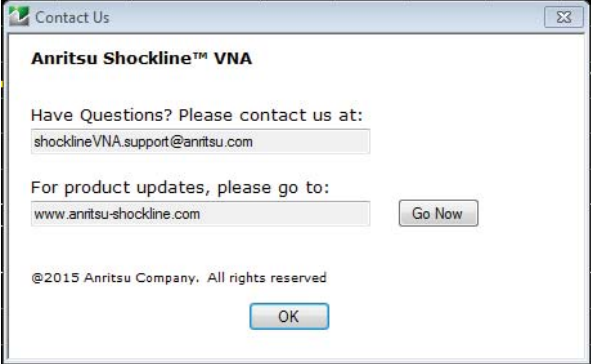
| Menu and Command Name | Menu and Command Descriptions |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| CALIBRATION Drop-Down Menu | <div>5 Calibration</div> <p>The CALIBRATION drop-down menu has one command that selects the right-side CALIBRATION menu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: ALT + 5 • MENU BAR Calibration • MAIN Calibration CALIBRATION |
| MEASUREMENT Drop-Down Menu | <div>6 Measurement</div> <p>Select displays the right-side MEASUREMENT menu.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: ALT + 6 • MENU BAR Measurement • MAIN Measurement MEASUREMENT |
| APPLICATION Drop-Down Menu | <div>7 Application</div> <p>The APPLICATION menu/command selects the right-side APPLICATION menu.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: ALT + 7 • MENU BAR Application • MAIN Application APPLICATION |
| UTILITIES Drop-Down Menu |  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: Alt + 8 • MENU BAR Utilities |
| System Command | <p>Select displays the right-side SYSTEM menu.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: Alt + 8, then 1 • MENU BAR Utilities System • MAIN System SYSTEM |

Table 4-1. Menu Bar Drop-Down Menu Descriptions (8 of 9)

| Menu and Command Name | Menu and Command Descriptions |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Toolbar Off Command | <p>Toggles the ICON TOOLBAR, immediately below the MENU BAR, on and off.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: Alt + 8, then 2 • MENU BAR Utilities Toolbar Off |
| Customize Toolbar Command | <p>Select displays the CUSTOMIZE TOOLBAR dialog box and allows the user to select which icons are to be displayed in the toolbar. Up to 10 icons can be displayed at one time and there are a total of 24 available icons. The Icon Toolbar configuration is saved when a Preset Save is completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: Alt + 8, then 3 • MENU BAR Utilities Customize Toolbar |
| Channel Title Command | <p>Select displays the DISPLAY SETUP menu and allows a user-defined title to be applied to and displayed above the active channel. Each channel can have a different or the same title.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: Alt + 8, then 4 • MENU BAR Utilities Channel Title • MAIN Display DISPLAY Display Area Setup DISPLAY SETUP Edit Chan. Title EDIT CHANNEL TITLE Dialog Box |
| Preset Command | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Returns the instrument to its prior saved state which can be either the factory-default preset, or a user-defined setup. The PRESET SETUP menu selection defines which is used. • Keyboard: Alt + 8, then 5 • MENU BAR Utilities Preset • No right-side menu available to preset the instrument: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Use the Menu Bar Function above. |
| Preset Setup Command | <p>Select displays the PRESET SETUP menu and allows user-defined preset parameters to be applied during a preset command.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: Alt + 8, then 6 • MENU BAR Utilities Preset Setup |
| Clear Command | <p>Select toggles the displayed right-side menu off and on. When toggled back on, the previously selected menu is displayed. For example, if the CALIBRATE function menu was displayed when the display was cleared, the CALIBRATE function menu is again displayed when Clear is selected a second time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: Alt + 8, then 7 • MENU BAR Utilities Clear Command |
| KeyPad Off Command | <p>Select toggles the display of the keypad dialog window off and on. The keypad allows for easier entry of input parameters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: Alt + 8, then 8 • MENU BAR Utilities KeyPad Off Command |
| easyTest | <p>Allows browsing to select an EasyTest file and invoke EasyTest with it.</p> |

Table 4-1. Menu Bar Drop-Down Menu Descriptions (9 of 9)

| Menu and Command Name | Menu and Command Descriptions |
|-----------------------|--|
| HELP Drop-Down Menu | <div></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keyboard: ALT + 9• MENU BAR Help</div> |
| About Anritsu Command | <div>Select displays the About ShockLine MS46522B/524B dialog box with typical information as shown below.</div> <div></div> <div>The dialog box provides the following instrument information:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Model– Options– Software Version– Firmware Version– Serial Number– Copyright Information</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keyboard: ALT + 9, then 1• MENU BAR Help About Anritsu• Click OK to close the dialog box.</div> |
| Contact Us | <div>Select displays the Contact Us dialog box with the information as shown below.</div> <div></div> <div>The dialog box provides contact information for questions and product updates.</div> |


4-4 Icon Toolbar

Overview

The Icon Toolbar is located immediately below the Menu Bar and allows single-click access to many menus and functions. The icon toolbar is user-configurable and up to 10 icons can be displayed in any configuration.

Using the Icon Toolbar Interface

The default Icon Toolbar is shown below:



| | |
|---|---|
| <p>The definitions and functions of the default icons are (from left to right):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Home Icon – Select displays the right-side Main menu.• Sweep Icon – Select displays the right-side Sweep menu.• Freq Icon – Select displays the right-side FREQUENCY menu.• Marker Icon – Select displays the right-side MARKERS [1] menu.• Scale Icon – Select displays the right-side SCALE menu.• Channel Icon – Select displays the right-side Channel menu. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trace Icon – Select displays the right-side TRACE menu.• Display Icon – Select displays the right-side DISPLAY menu.• Response Icon – Select displays the right-side RESPONSE menu.• Calibration Icon – Select displays the right-side CALIBRATION menu.• Preset Icon – Select returns the system to its prior preset status at the time of the last preset save. All available icons are described in the in Table 4-2. |
|---|---|

Figure 4-7. Icon Toolbar with Factory Default Function Icons

Available Icon Functions

The available icon functions that can be added to a user-defined icon toolbar are listed in table below. Once configured, a preset save allows the toolbar configuration to be recalled at any time.

The procedures for changing the icon toolbar are described following the icon table and uses the [“CUSTOMIZE \(ICON\) TOOLBAR Dialog Box”](#) on page 4-22 below. When a user-defined toolbar is configured, the first selected icon goes to the left-most position on the toolbar. The tenth selected icon goes to the right-most position on the toolbar.

Table 4-2. Icon Descriptions - Listed Alphabetically (1 of 5)








| Icon Name | Icon | Description |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| <i>Icon Description Definitions</i> | Keyboard – If available, the keyboard shortcut to access this menu or function. Menu Bar – If available, navigation path to access this menu or function. Navigation – To navigate to this menu or function from the MAIN menu. Description – If available, where this menu, dialog box, or function is described in greater detail in this document. | |
| Advanced Time Domain |  | Select opens Advanced Time Domain menu. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAIN Advanced Time Domain |
| Calibration Icon |  | Select displays the right-side CALIBRATION menu. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keyboard: ALT + 5 MENU BAR Calibration MAIN Calibration CALIBRATION |
| Continue Icon |  | After a system pause or hold with the Hold icon, the Continue icon resumes operation with all prior settings in effect. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAIN Sweep Setup SWEEP SETUP Hold Functions HOLD FUNCTIONS Continue |
| Channel Icon |  | Select displays the right-side CHANNEL menu. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Front Panel Key: Channels MAIN Channels Channels Menu |
| Ch->Max Icon |  | When multiple channels are used, select activates and displays the channel with the maximum trace value. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAIN Channels CHANNELS Channel Max |
| Ch->Prev Icon |  | When multiple channels are used, select activates and displays the next lower channel number. If channel 1 (one) is currently active, the highest numbered channel is activated and displayed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAIN Channels CHANNELS Channel Prev. |
| Ch->Next Icon |  | When multiple channels are used, select activates and displays the next higher channel number. If the highest channel number is currently active, channel 1 (one) is activated and displayed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAIN Channels CHANNELS Channel Next |

Table 4-2. Icon Descriptions - Listed Alphabetically (2 of 5)








| Icon Name | Icon | Description |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Icon Description Definitions | | Keyboard – If available, the keyboard shortcut to access this menu or function. Menu Bar – If available, navigation path to access this menu or function. Navigation – To navigate to this menu or function from the MAIN menu. Description – If available, where this menu, dialog box, or function is described in greater detail in this document. |
| Display Icon |  Display | Select displays the right-side DISPLAY menu. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: Alt + 4, then 2 • MENU BAR Trace Display • MAIN Trace TRACE |
| EasyTest Icon |  Easy Test | Select displays the Easy Test dialog box for loading EasyTest work instruction (ETT) files. These scripts can be generated with the separate <i>EasyTest Tools</i> PC application. The installer for this application is available for download from the Anritsu website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard ALT + 8 then 9 • Menu Bar Utilities EasyTest |
| File Icon |  File | Select displays the right-side FILE menu. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: ALT + 1 • MAIN File FILE |
| Freq Icon |  Freq | Select displays the right-side FREQUENCY menu. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAIN Frequency FREQUENCY |
| Help Icon |  Help | Select displays the help menu from the MENU BAR |
| Hold Icon |  Hold | Select pauses the system operation, retaining all system presets and current configuration settings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAIN Sweep Setup SWEEP SETUP Hold Functions HOLD FUNCTIONS Hold |
| Home Icon |  Home | Select displays the MAIN menu. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main |
| Marker->Max Icon |  Marker->Max | Displays marker with maximum value. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAIN Marker MARKER [1] Marker Search MARKER SEARCH Max |

Table 4-2. Icon Descriptions - Listed Alphabetically (3 of 5)

| Icon Name | Icon | Description |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| Icon Description Definitions | | Keyboard – If available, the keyboard shortcut to access this menu or function. Menu Bar – If available, navigation path to access this menu or function. Navigation – To navigate to this menu or function from the MAIN menu. Description – If available, where this menu, dialog box, or function is described in greater detail in this document. |
| Marker->Min Icon |  | Select displays the marker with minimum value. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAIN Marker MARKER [1] Marker Search MARKER SEARCH Min |
| Marker->Off Icon |  | Select turns all marker displays off. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAIN Marker MARKER [1] Marker Setup MARKER SETUP All Markers Off |
| Marker->Peak Icon |  | Select displays marker with the highest peak value. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAIN Marker MARKER [1] Marker Search MARKER SEARCH Peak PEAK Search Peak |
| Marker->Pk Lft Icon |  | Select displays the next peak value marker to the left of current selected marker. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAIN Marker MARKER [1] Marker Search MARKER SEARCH Peak PEAK Search Left |
| Marker->Pk Rt Icon |  | Select moves the current active marker to the next trace peak value to the right of its current position. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAIN Marker MARKER [1] Marker Search MARKER SEARCH Peak PEAK Search Right |
| Marker Icon |  | Select displays the right-side MARKERS [1] menu. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keyboard: Alt + 4, then 4 MENU BAR Trace Marker MAIN Marker MARKER [1] |
| Measurement Icon |  | Select displays the right-side MEASUREMENT menu. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keyboard: ALT + 6 MENU BAR Measurement MEASUREMENT MAIN Measurement |
| Power Icon |  | Select displays the right-side POWER menu. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAIN Power POWER |

Table 4-2. Icon Descriptions - Listed Alphabetically (4 of 5)












| Icon Name | Icon | Description |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Icon Description Definitions | | Keyboard – If available, the keyboard shortcut to access this menu or function. Menu Bar – If available, navigation path to access this menu or function. Navigation – To navigate to this menu or function from the MAIN menu. Description – If available, where this menu, dialog box, or function is described in greater detail in this document. |
| Preset Icon |  Preset | Select returns the system to its prior preset status which is the status at the time of the last preset save. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: Alt + 8, then 5 • MENU BAR Utilities Preset |
| Print Icon |  Print | Select displays the PRINT dialog box, usually to print a copy of the main display. Once the dialog box appears, click OK to print; click Cancel to abort. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: ALT + 1, then P • MENU BAR File Print • MAIN File FILE Print PRINT Dialog Box |
| Response Icon |  Response | Select displays the right-side RESPONSE menu. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: Alt + 4, then 1 • MENU BAR Trace Response • MAIN Response RESPONSE |
| Scale Icon |  Scale | Select displays the right-side SCALE menu. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: Alt + 4, then 3 • MENU BAR Trace Scale • Main Scale SCALE |
| Sweep Icon |  Sweep | Select displays the right-side SWEEP SETUP menu. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAIN Sweep Setup SWEEP SETUP |
| System Icon |  System | Select displays the right-side SYSTEM menu. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: Alt + 8, then 1 • MENU BAR Utilities System • MAIN System SYSTEM |
| Time Domain Icon |  Time Domain | Select opens Time Domain menu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAIN Time Domain TIME DOMAIN |
| Tr->Max Icon |  Tr->Max | Select maximizes the display with the currently active trace. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: Alt + 4, then 6 • MENU BAR Trace Trace Max • MAIN Trace TRACE Trace Max |

Table 4-2. Icon Descriptions - Listed Alphabetically (5 of 5)

| Icon Name | Icon | Description |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| Icon Description Definitions | | Keyboard – If available, the keyboard shortcut to access this menu or function. Menu Bar – If available, navigation path to access this menu or function. Navigation – To navigate to this menu or function from the MAIN menu. Description – If available, where this menu, dialog box, or function is described in greater detail in this document. |
| Tr->Next Icon |  Tr->Next | Select displays the next higher trace number. When the highest trace number is reached, the next click displays trace number 1 (one). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: Alt + 4, then 8 • MENU BAR Trace Trace Next • MAIN Trace TRACE Trace Next |
| Tr->Previous Icon |  Tr->Previous | Select displays the next lower trace number. When the lowest trace number 1 is reached, the next click displays the highest numbered trace. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: Alt + 4, then 7 • MENU BAR Trace Trace Prev. • MAIN Trace TRACE Trace Previous |
| Trace Icon |  Trace | Select displays the right-side TRACE menu. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyboard: Alt + 4, then 5 • MENU BAR Trace Trace Menu • MAIN Trace TRACE |

CUSTOMIZE (ICON) TOOLBAR Dialog Box

Use the CUSTOMIZE TOOLBAR dialog box to setup the Icon Toolbar with the icons you need for quick access to commands and functions. Once configured, and after a Preset Configuration save, the Icon Toolbar settings can be recalled with the other preset configuration parameters.

Previous

- [“UTILITIES Drop-Down Menu” on page 4-13](#)

Keyboard

- **ALT + 7**, then **3**

Navigation

- MENU BAR | Utilities | Customize Toolbar | CUSTOMIZE TOOLBAR Dialog Box

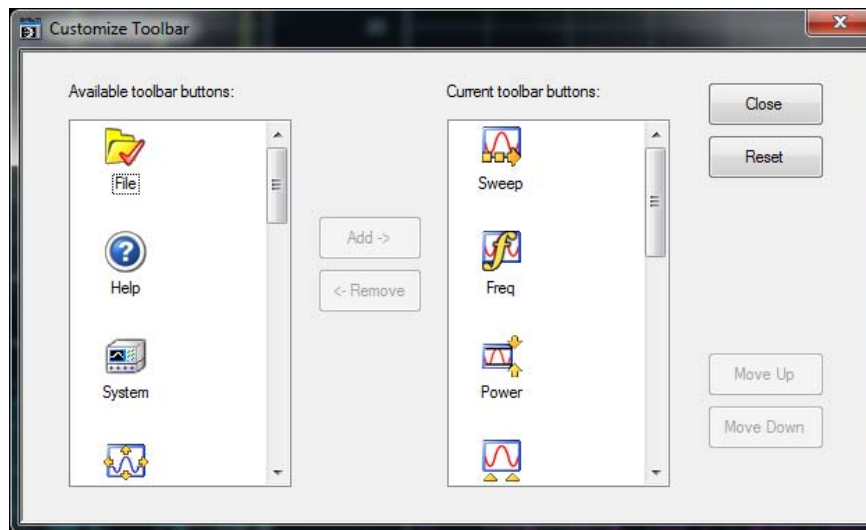


Figure 4-8. CUSTOMIZE TOOLBAR Dialog Box

Procedure

With the CUSTOMIZE TOOLBAR dialog box open, the left-side Available Toolbar Buttons area shows icons that are not in use on the current toolbar, while the right-side Current Toolbar Buttons area shows the current in-use icons.

Removing Icons

1. To change the icons in the current icon toolbar, in the right side Current button area, select an icon to remove. When selected, the Add-> and <-Remove buttons become available.
2. Remove unwanted icons as required by selecting the icon and then clicking the <-Remove button.
3. Removed icons appear at the bottom of the Available Toolbar Buttons list.

Adding Icons

1. Scroll through the Available Toolbar Buttons list and select an icon to add, then click the Add-> button. The selected icon appears in the right side Current Toolbar Buttons area.
2. Repeat the selection process until all required icons listed in the right side Current Toolbar Buttons area or you have reached the maximum of 10 icons.
3. In the Current Toolbar Button display, the icon displayed at the top of the list will appear on the extreme left of the toolbar. The tenth icon displayed at the bottom of the list will appear on the extreme right of the toolbar.

Moving Icons

To change the left to right sequence of the current icons, select an icon, and click the Move Up/Move Down buttons until the icons are correctly positioned left to right.

Saving the Configuration

When the icons are in the correct sequence. Click the **Close** button to apply the icons to the icon toolbar. It is recommended that a **Preset Save** be preformed to save the icon toolbar configuration. If the icon toolbar needs adjustment, re-open the **Customize Toolbar** dialog box and repeat the steps above.

Reset to Factory Default

To return the icon toolbar to its factory default state, click the **Reset** button.

4-5 MAIN Menu and Application Menus

This section summarizes the MAIN menu which is the home menu for all right-side menu interface menus, dialog boxes, and functions.

Below each menu button name is a link to the individual chapter/help topic that describes that menu and its related submenus in greater detail. For example, the **Frequency** button which calls the FREQUENCY related menus, toolbars, and dialog boxes links to the detailed descriptions in the **User Interface Reference Manual** under the description of each menu set.

Note that the actual instrument MAIN menu is longer than the display height and is accessed through the use of side scroll-bars.

MAIN Menu

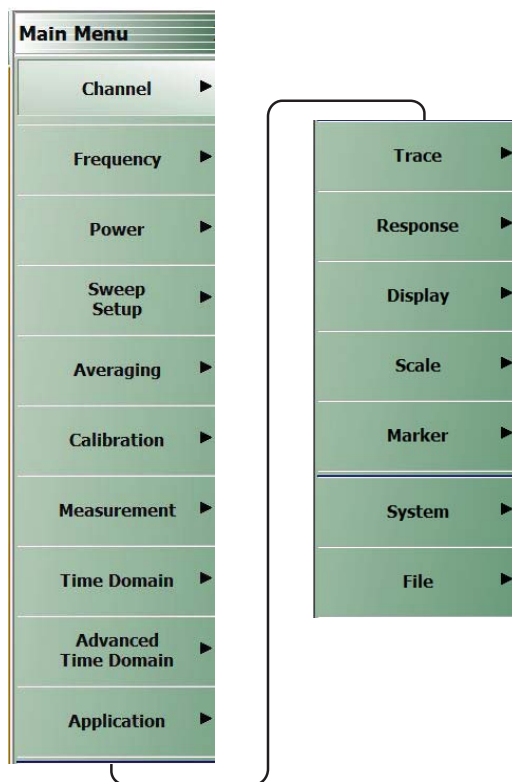


Figure 4-9. MAIN Menu

Channels. Select displays the CHANNELS menu.

Frequency. Select displays the FREQUENCY menu.

Power. Select displays the POWER menu. The POWER menus change depending both the sweep type selected and whether the VNA in 2-Port mode or in 4-Port mode.

Sweep Setup. Select displays the SWEEP SETUP menu.

Averaging. Select displays the AVERAGING menu.

Calibration. Select displays the CALIBRATION menu. The menu version displayed depends on whether the VNA is in 2-Port or 4-Port Mode.

Measurement. Displays the MEASUREMENT menu.

Time Domain. Displays the TIME DOMAIN menu.

Advanced Time Domain. Displays the Advanced Time Domain menu.

Application. Displays the APPLICATION menu.

Trace. Displays the TRACE menu.

Response. Displays the RESPONSE menu. The menu version displayed depends on whether the VNA is in 2-Port or 4-Port Mode.

Display. Displays the DISPLAY menu.

Scale. Displays the SCALE menu. The SCALE menu has variants depending on the trace type selected.

Marker. Select displays the MARKER [1] menu.

System. Select displays the SYSTEM menu.

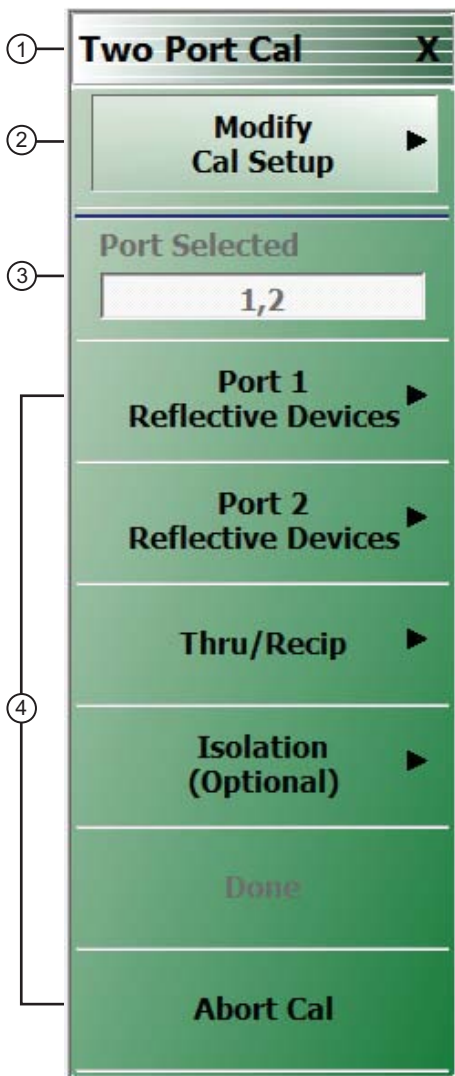
File. Select displays the FILE menu.

The rest of this chapter describes the operation of the interface.

4-6 Using the Main Menu Interface

Types of Menus, Menu Buttons, and Menu Toolbars

The Main Menu (or MAIN) is the right-side navigation function for the instrument. The Main Menu has multiple types of menus, menu buttons, and menu toolbars that allow the user to configure and control the operation of the VNA. Each menu consists of the elements shown in the figure below.



| | |
|--|---|
| 1. Menu Title | 3. Field Button – Selection displays field toolbar; button shows current value. |
| 2. Selected Menu Button - Highlight indicates selection. | 4. Menu Buttons – Selection displays submenu or dialog box. |

Figure 4-10. Menu and Button Components

Menu Title

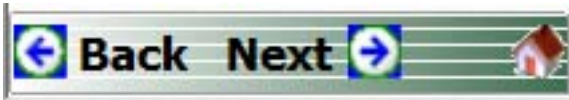
At the top of the menu, a unique menu title, which is not repeated on any other menu. For space reasons, menu names are often abbreviated. For definitions, see [Appendix C, “Abbreviation Glossary”](#).

Menu Buttons

One or more menu buttons that either call a sub-menu, allow for a field value to be specified, toggle a function off or on, or allow a selection to be made from a group of choices. If the menu is longer than one screen, a scroll box and scroll arrows appear on the right side of the menu.

Menu Navigation Buttons

The menu navigation area buttons appear at the bottom of each menu.



Back Button

The Back button returns the menu display to last selected higher-level menu.

Next Button

The Next button returns the menu display to the next deeper sub-menu that has already been selected. The availability of the Back and Next buttons (above) depends on the user's navigation path. The Home button (below) always appears.

Home Button

The Home button returns the menu display to the MAIN menu.

Menu Buttons

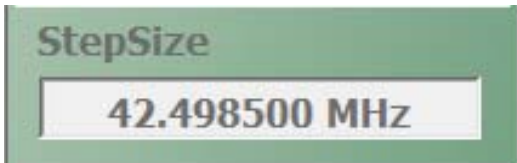
Menu buttons call lower-level menus.



For example, the Measurement button on the MAIN menu calls the MEASUREMENT menu. Most button names show the name of the called sub-menu.

Display Button

Read-only display buttons show system values based on other settings and parameters.



For example, the Step Size display button shows the step size for each point based on a frequency span of 8.5 GHz using 201 measuring points.

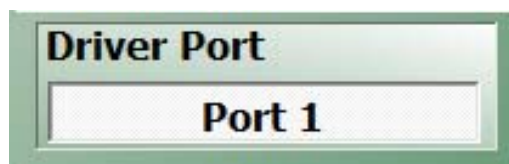
Plain Buttons

Plain buttons start a process or display an operating system dialog box. If they start a process, the button is usually dimmed while the process is running, and when complete, the button is returned to normal brightness.

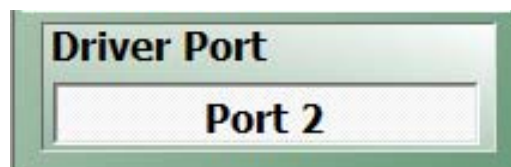


Toggle Buttons

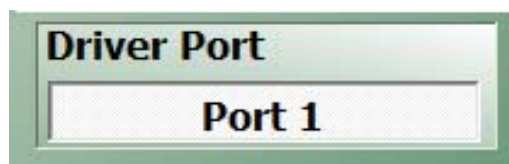
Toggle buttons cycle through two or more values with each click of the button and display their current setting in the button field. For example, in the Main Menu | Response | Driver Port menu, the Driver Port Selection button displays an initial setting of Driver Port 1.



Clicking the Driver Port Selection button selects Port 2.



Clicking the Driver Port Selection button a second time returns the setting to Port 1.



Field Selection Buttons

Field selection buttons display a user-defined parameter or value. Clicking a field selection button such as the Start button on the FREQUENCY menu displays a field toolbar (described below) that allows the user to specify parameter values and units.

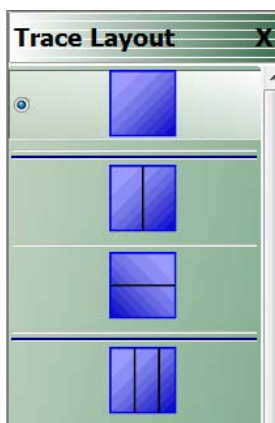


Button Selection Icon

The button select icon identifies a selected option.



In the example below, the Trace Layout menu shows that the Single Screen option has been selected.



After selection, depending on the menu, the user either clicks the **Back** button navigation icon to return to the prior menu, or once selected, the system auto-returns to the prior menu.

Navigation

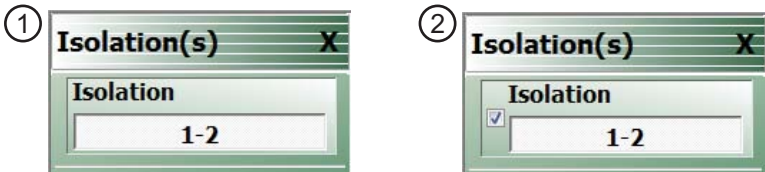
- Main Menu| Trace | Trace Layout | Trace Layout

Completion Checkmark Button

In the **Calibration** menus, some buttons list the required tasks for each calibration type. The completion checkmark icon indicates that a calibration task has been completed.



For example, in a Full 2 Port Calibration, an option for better performance is an isolation measurement.



The button above left shows the test has not been started. The user makes the necessary physical connections between the VNA and the required connector/adaptor, and then clicks the button to begin the test. The button dims while the test is performed. After the test is successfully completed, the completion icon appears on the left side of the button as shown above right.

4-7 Using Dialog Boxes

Most dialog boxes are standard Microsoft dialog boxes and appear in the center of the display area.



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|---|--|
| 1. SELF TEST dialog before Test (left). | 2. SELF TEST dialog after Test, with Self Test Passed message and activated Print and Save As buttons (right). |
|---|--|

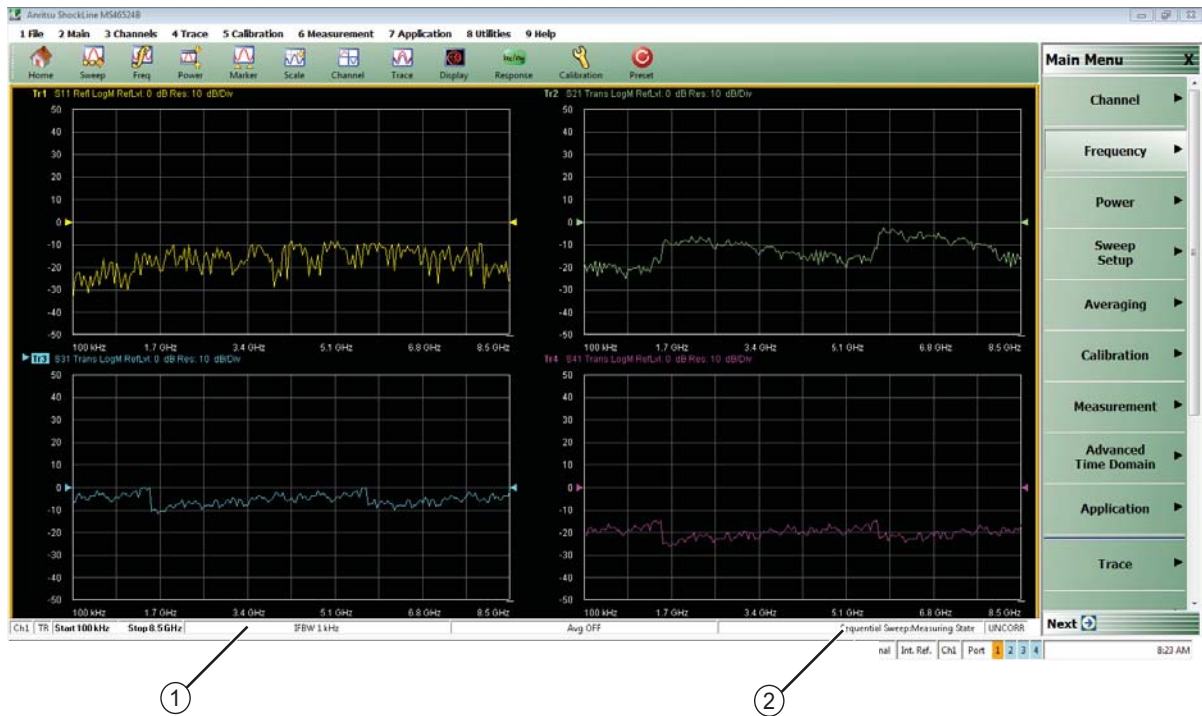
Figure 4-12. Dialog Box Example

Standard Dialog Box Buttons

Most dialog boxes also have some combination of standard buttons for OK, Cancel, and Save. Other buttons and types of buttons may be present. Within dialog boxes are **Dialog Box Areas** that are usually named for the options that can be selected or the information that is displayed. For example, in the figure above, test status and completion messages are displayed in the **Self Test Message** area. Most **Dialog Box Areas** are delimited by a line, box, or shadowbox that contains the information or settings for a series of common attributes. If the area is named in the dialog box, that name is used in any related procedures. If the area is not named, the area is named for the first data or input field. Some dialog boxes have links that call sub-dialog boxes.

4-8 Instrument Status Display Area

At the bottom of the instrument display is the status bar where instrument states and conditions are reported.



- 1. Instrument Status Area.
- 2. Channel Status Area. If a multichannel display has been set, each channel has a separate status bar. Maximizing the channel display provides readability.

Figure 4-13. Typical Instrument Status Display

Instrument Status Messages

Table 4-3. Instrument Status Display Abbreviations

| Status Display | Description |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Warning Messages | If warning messages occur, they appear on the left side of the Instrument Status Area. For example: Target Value not found for Mkr3. |
| Internal Manual External | Defines the status of the system triggering. |
| Ext. 10 MHz | Indicates that an external 10 MHz reference is in use. |
| Int. 10 MHz | Indicates that an internal 10 MHz reference is in use. |
| Port 1/Port 2/Port 3/Port 4 | Highlights the port that is being driven. 2-Port VNAs cycle between Port 1 and 2. 4-Port VNAs cycle between 1 and 4. |
| Time | Displays the system time. |

4-9 Instrument Status Display Area

At the bottom of the display is the instrument status bar where the following information is reported. The displayed parameters are context and setting dependent. Not all parameters are displayed all the time. In a multi-channel display, the display may be truncated. To maximize the channel display, select any of the following:

- Keyboard: **CTRL + 1**
- Keyboard: **ALT + 3**, then **2**
- MAIN | Channels | CHANNELS | Chan. Max

Table 4-4. Status Bar Abbreviations

| Status Display | Description |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| TR | Displays the measurement mode as transmission/reflection. |
| Ch# | Displays the channel number. For example, Ch2 means that the display is for Channel 2. |
| [Start] | In general, the left-side parameters define the starting position of distance, frequency, time, or power. |
| [End] | In general, the right-side parameters define the ending position of distance, frequency, time, or power. |
| CW Frequency # Units | From the FREQUENCY menu, if CW Mode is set to on, displays the current CW Frequency value with units of kHz, MHz, or GHz. |
| Start # Units | From the FREQUENCY menu, if CW Mode is set to off, displays the current Start Frequency value with units of kHz, MHz, or GHz. |
| Stop # Units | From the FREQUENCY menu, if CW Mode is set to off, displays the current Stop Frequency value with units of kHz, MHz, or GHz. |
| # Units | From the AVERAGING menu, reports the Frequency setting with units of Hz, kHz, or MHz. |
| Avg OFF | From the AVERAGING menu, reports that Averaging is off, or if values are present, Averaging is on. |
| Avg # | If Averaging is on, and the Averaging Type is Per-Point, reports the Averaging factor. |
| # / # | If Averaging is on, and the Averaging Type is Per-Sweep, the left-side number reports the number of average sweeps; the right-side number displays the Averaging Factor. |
| Measuring State Calibrating State | Indicates whether the instrument is measuring or being calibrated. |
| UNCORR CORRECTED | UNCORR (with a dark gray background) indicates that a calibration is not being applied. CORRECTED (with a green background) indicates that the calibration for the active channel is being applied. |

4-10 Working with Channels

Each VNA channel is like a separate VNA, with its own frequency list, calibrations, power setup and other parameters. Each channel can display up to 16 individual trace graph displays. The number of VNA channels is user-definable up to a maximum of 16 channels.

Channel Menu

Navigation to the Channel Menu:

MAIN MENU | Channel | CHANNEL |



Figure 4-14. Channel Menu

To Select a Channel

1. Select a channel in a multi-channel display by doing one of the following:
 - Click anywhere inside the desired channel box.
 - From the keyboard, enter **ALT + 3**, then **3** to view the previous channel or **ALT + 3**, then **4** to view the next channel.
 - On the top menu bar, select MENU BAR | Channels | Channel Prev or MENU BAR | Channel | Channel Next.
 - On the right side menu, select MAIN | Channels | CHANNELS | Chan Next or Chan Previous.
2. The selected channel border changes from gray to white. (Figure 4-3, “User Interface - 16 Traces (simulated data)” on page 4-3 shows Channel 2 (Ch2) selected.)

To Maximize a Channel Display

1. Use one of the methods above to select the desired channel.
2. Do one of the following to maximize the selected channel:
 - From the keyboard, enter **CTRL + 1** or **ALT + 3**, then **2**.
 - On the main display, double-click the channel border box.
 - On the top menu bar, select MENU BAR | Channel | Channel Max.
 - On the right side menu, select MAIN | Channel | CHANNEL | Chan. Max.
3. The selected channel now fills the display area.
 - Maximize a channel display to review the channel status information at the bottom of its screen.

To Make the Display Area Larger

1. The top icon toolbar and the right side menus can be removed to make the display area larger.
2. Remove the icon toolbar by doing one of the following:
 - From the keyboard, select **ALT + 8**, then **2**.
 - On the top menu bar, select MENU BAR | Utilities | Toolbar Off.
3. The icon toolbar disappears. Repeat **Step #2** to make the icon toolbar reappear.
4. Remove the right side menus by doing one of the following:
 - From the keyboard, enter **ALT + 8**, then **7**.
 - On the top menu bar, select MENU BAR | Utilities | Clear.

The right side menu disappears. Repeat **Step #4** to make the menu reappear.

4-11 Working with Traces

For each channel defined above, from 1 (one) to 16 trace graphs (called “traces”) can be defined where each trace is a data display within a specific channel. Each trace is defined by a response parameter (such as S11), a graph type display (such as a rectilinear graph, a polar display or Smith chart), a scale, and possibly post-processing elements such as time domain and smoothing.

Trace Menu

Navigation to the Trace Menu:

MAIN MENU | Trace | TRACE |



Figure 4-15. Trace Menu

To Select Traces

1. Use one of the methods above to maximize the channel display.
2. Select a trace in a multi-trace display by doing one of the following:
 - With a mouse, single click the trace title.
 - If you double-click either the trace title or anywhere within the trace, the trace is both selected and maximized.
 - From the keyboard, enter **ALT + 4**, then **7** to view the previous trace or **ALT + 4**, then **8** to view the next trace.
 - On the top menu bar, select MENU BAR | Trace | Trace Prev or MENU BAR | Trace | Trace Next.
 - On the right side menu, select MAIN | Trace | TRACE | Trace Previous or Trace Next.
 - The selected trace number is highlighted and a left arrow appears.

▶ **Tr1** S11 Refl Smith Imped. Res: 10 U/Div

Tr1 S11 Refl Smith Imped. Res: 10 U/Div

Figure 4-16. Trace Selection Indicator

| | |
|------------------|----------------------|
| Trace 1 Selected | Trace 1 Not Selected |
|------------------|----------------------|

Figure 4-16. Trace Selection Indicator

Note

The **Tr->Max**, **Tr->Next**, and **Tr->Previous** icons are available for the icon toolbar. These icons provide one click access to trace maximum, trace next, and trace previous functions. They can be added to the icon toolbar for a custom configuration and saved as part of a preset configuration.

To Maximize a Trace Display

1. Use one of the methods above to select the desired trace.
2. For a maximum display, make sure the trace’s channel is maximized.
3. Do one of the following to maximize the selected trace:
 - From the keyboard, select **ALT + 4**, then **6**.
 - On the main display, double-click anywhere in the trace display.
 - On the top menu bar, select MENU BAR | Trace | Trace Max.
 - On the right side menu, select MAIN | Trace | TRACE | Trace Max.
4. The selected trace now fills the display area.
 - Maximize a trace display to review the trace status information at the bottom of trace screen.

Repeat the actions above to return the trace to its normal size.

4-12 Working with Traces

Types of Trace Displays

There are four general graph types available and within each general type are multiple sub-types:

- Rectilinear single graph
- Rectilinear dual graph
- Smith chart
- Polar plot graph

Trace Data Types

The data types generated by the VNA (real, imaginary, magnitude, phase) are used in the display graph to show the possible ways in which S-Parameter data can be represented. For example, complex data, that is data in which both phase and magnitude are graphed, may be displayed in any of the following ways:

- **Complex Impedance**
Displayed on a Smith chart graph as impedance or as admittance.
- **Real and Imaginary**
If simultaneous displays are required, displayed on a real and imaginary rectilinear (a Cartesian plot) graph. If only one type is required, a single rectilinear real graph or single rectilinear imaginary graph.
- **Phase and Magnitude**
Displayed on a single rectilinear graph, as paired rectilinear graphs, or as a polar graph.
- **Group Delay**
Defined as the frequency span over which the phase change is computed at a given frequency point. The quantity group delay is displayed using a modified rectilinear-magnitude format. In this format, the vertical scale is in linear units of time (either ps, ns, us, or ms). With one exception, the reference value and reference line functions operate the same as they do with a normal magnitude display.

Trace Display Graphs

A separate graph can be assigned to each active channel and display area. The following available display graph types are listed in Table 4-5 below.

Table 4-5. Available Trace Display Types (1 of 3)

| Menu Name | Definition and Display Options | Y-Axis Dependent Variable | X-Axis Independent Variable | Measurement Applications |
|----------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|---|
| Rectilinear Single Graphs | | | | |
| Log Mag | Log magnitude rectilinear format graph Magnitude | | Y = dB | Return loss measurement Insertion loss measurement Gain measurement |
| Linear Mag | Linear magnitude rectilinear format graph | Magnitude | Linear units | Reflection coefficient measurement |
| Phase | Phase rectilinear format graph | Phase displayed in range from -180 to + 180 degrees | Degrees | Linear phase deviation measurements |
| Imaginary | Imaginary rectilinear format graph | Imaginary part of measured complex parameter | Linear units | |
| Real | Real rectilinear format graph | Real part of measured complex parameter | Linear units | |
| SWR | Standing Wave Ratio rectilinear format graph | $SWR = \frac{1 + \rho}{1 - \rho}$ where ρ = Reflection Coefficient | Linear units | Standing wave measurements Antenna analysis |
| Impedance | Impedance rectilinear format graph Four options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real • Imaginary • Magnitude • Real & Imaginary • Inductance • Capacitance | | | |

Table 4-5. Available Trace Display Types (2 of 3)

| Menu Name | Definition and Display Options | Y-Axis Dependent Variable | X-Axis Independent Variable | Measurement Applications |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|--|---|
| Polar Graphs | | | | |
| Linear Polar | <p>Linear polar plot graph</p> <p>The polar graph format traces are used to display one magnitude value and phase on the same chart.</p> <p>Plot options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lin/Phase • Real/Imag. | | <p>Chart mode options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magnitude/Phase • Magnitude/Swap Position | |
| Log Polar | <p>Plot options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Log/Phase • Real/Imag. | | <p>Chart mode options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magnitude/Phase • Magnitude/Swap Position | |
| Smith Chart Graphs | | | | |
| Smith (R + jX) | <p>Smith Chart graphs with impedance (circuit resistance and reactance)</p> <p>Four read out style options are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lin/Phase • Log/Phase • Real/Imag. • Impedance | | <p>The impedance is the measure of a circuit's opposition to alternating current which consists of the circuit resistance and the circuit reactance, together they determine the magnitude and phase of the impedance.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflection measurements |
| Rectilinear Paired Graphs | | | | |
| Log Magnitude and Phase | Paired graphs with Log Magnitude on top and Phase on bottom | As above | As above | Same as having one trace with a Log Magnitude display and a second trace with a Phase rectilinear display. |
| Linear Magnitude and Phase | Paired graphs with Linear Magnitude on top and Phase on bottom | As above | As above | Same as having one trace with a Linear Magnitude display and a second trace with a Phase rectilinear display. |

Table 4-5. Available Trace Display Types (3 of 3)

| Menu Name | Definition and Display Options | Y-Axis Dependent Variable | X-Axis Independent Variable | Measurement Applications |
|---------------------------|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Real and Imaginary | Paired graphs with Real on top and Imaginary on bottom | As above | As above | Same as having one trace with a Real rectilinear display and a second trace with an Imaginary rectilinear display. |

Group Delay/Power Graphs

| | | | | |
|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Group Delay | Displays the time lag through a DUT measured in ps, ns, us, or ms. | Time measured in ps, ns, us, or ms. | Frequency | Bandpass filter design Transmission studies |
|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-----------|--|

Max Efficiency Display Type

When using Max Efficiency response type, a new set up Display types are available. They can be displayed as both Rectilinear Single graph or Rectilinear Paired graph

| Menu Name | Definition and Display Options | Y-Axis Dependent Variable | X-Axis Independent Variable | Measurement Applications |
|-----------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|-----------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|

Rectilinear Single Graphs

| | | | | |
|--------------|--|--------------------|----------------------|---|
| kQ | Displays the kQ product of the coupling coefficient k and the Quality factor Q | Dependent Variable | Independent Variable | Frequency Measurement Applications Wireless power transfer |
| n Max | Displays the maximum efficiency Y-Axis Dependent Variable | Dependent Variable | Independent Variable | Frequency Measurement Applications Wireless power transfer |

Rectilinear Paired Graphs

| | | | | |
|--------------|--|--------------------|----------------------|---|
| kQ | Displays the kQ product of the coupling coefficient k and the Quality factor Q | Dependent Variable | Independent Variable | Frequency Measurement Applications Wireless power transfer |
| n Max | Displays the maximum efficiency Y-Axis Dependent Variable | Dependent Variable | Independent Variable | Frequency Measurement Applications Wireless power transfer |

Each graph type is described in greater detail below with sample graphs and explanations of supporting trace displays.

Trace Labels

Each trace (i.e. each graph display) is labeled with information such as its trace number, the graph type, scaling, reference delay, and S-parameter associated with that trace. Depending on the trace settings and the graph type, other information may be displayed. The Trace number field can be edited for a custom trace name.

The general format of trace label consists of the following parameters and their associated abbreviations appearing from left to right in the trace label. Some parameters may not appear depending on the instrument settings.

- Trace Number
- Measurement Type
- Time Domain
- Graph Type
- Reference Level
- Resolution Units
- Trace Memory Statistics

Trace Label Abbreviations

The trace label abbreviations are described in the three tables below:

- [Table 4-6, "Trace Labels - Trace Number, Measurement Type"](#)
- [Table 4-7, "Trace Labels - Abbreviation, Type and Name, Reference Level Units, Resolution Units"](#)

Table 4-6. Trace Labels - Trace Number, Measurement Type

| Abbreviation | Definition | Description |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Trace Number Abbreviation | | |
| Tr# | Trace number | Trace 1 through Trace 16. |
| Measurement Type Abbreviations | | |
| S11 Refl | S11 Port 1 forward reflection | S-parameters are selected on the RESPONSE menu. |
| S12 Trans | S12 Port 1 reverse transmission | |
| S21 Trans | S21 Port 2 forward transmission | |
| S22 Refl | S22 Port 2 reverse reflection | |
| NN/DD Port # | NN is user-defined numerator value. DD is user-defined denominator value. Port number | User-defined numerator, denominator, and driver port are selected on the RESPONSE User-defined USER-DEFINED menu. Numerator and denominator options are A1, B1, A2, B2, or 1. Port number selection options are Port 1 or Port 2. |

Table 4-7. Trace Labels - Abbreviation, Type and Name, Reference Level Units, Resolution Units

| Graph Abbreviation | Graph Name and Type | Reference Level (RefLvl) | Resolution Units (Res) |
|---|---|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Rectilinear Single Graph | | | |
| LogM | Log Mag (Log Magnitude) rectilinear | dB | dB/Div |
| LinM | Linear Mag (Linear Magnitude) rectilinear | U | U/Div |
| Phase | Phase rectilinear with units in degrees (°) | ° | °/Div |
| Real | Real rectilinear | U | U/Div |
| Imag | Imaginary rectilinear | U | U/Div |
| SWR | SWR rectilinear | U | U/Div |
| Imped Real | Impedance Real rectilinear with units in Ohms (Ω) | Ω | Ω / Div |
| Imped Imag | Impedance Imaginary rectilinear | Ω | Ω / Div |
| Imped Mag | Impedance Magnitude rectilinear | Ω | Ω / Div |
| Imped R + I | Impedance Real and Imaginary rectilinear. A rectilinear paired graph. | Ω | Ω / Div |
| Smith Charts with Impedance | | | |
| Smith Imped | The display can be one of four possible Smith Chart with impedance displays: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smith (R+jX) Linear/Phase Smith Chart • Smith (R+jX) Log/Phase Smith Chart • Smith (R+jX) Real/Imaginary Smith Chart • Smith (R+jX) Impedance Smith Chart | — | U/Div |
| Polar Graphs | | | |
| Lin Pol | Linear Polar, Linear/Phase polar | U | U/Div |
| Lin Pol, RI | Linear Polar, Real/Imaginary polar | U | U/Div |
| Log Pol | Log Polar, Log/Phase polar | dB | dB/Div |
| Log Pol, RI | Log Polar, Real/Imaginary polar | dB | dB/Div |
| Rectilinear Paired Graphs | | | |
| LogM + P | Log Magnitude and Phase rectilinear paired graphs. | dB | ° Res: dB/Div, °/Div |
| LinM + P | Linear Magnitude and Phase rectilinear paired graphs | dB | ° Res: dB/Div, °/Div |
| R + I | Real and Imaginary rectilinear paired graphs | U | Res: U/Div, U/Div |
| Group Delay and Power Rectilinear Graphs | | | |
| Grp Dly | Group Delay rectilinear with units of seconds | s | Res: s/Div |

Rectilinear Single Graph

A rectilinear graph is a display of a Cartesian coordinate system or plan consisting of an X-axis and a Y-axis. The X-axis displays the independent variable (such as frequency or time) and the Y-axis displays the dependent value.

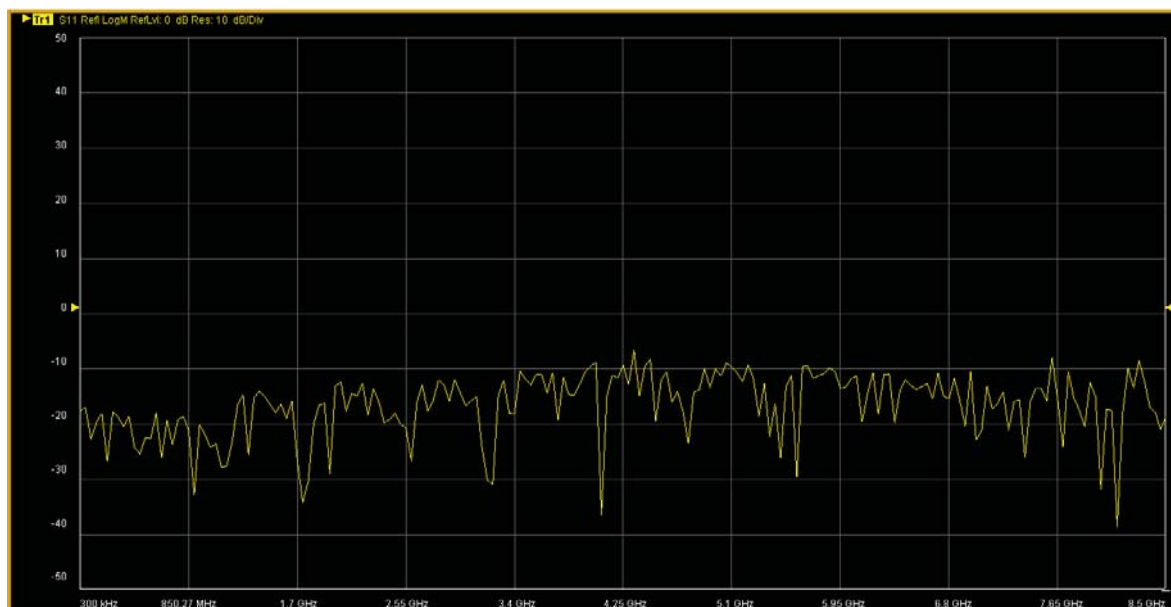


Figure 4-17. Trace Graph - Rectilinear Single - Log Magnitude (Log Mag) Trace Display Graph

Rectilinear Paired Graphs

As above, but paired with a phase rectilinear graph below. Useful to save a channel, or provide immediate comparison with a function value and its phase.

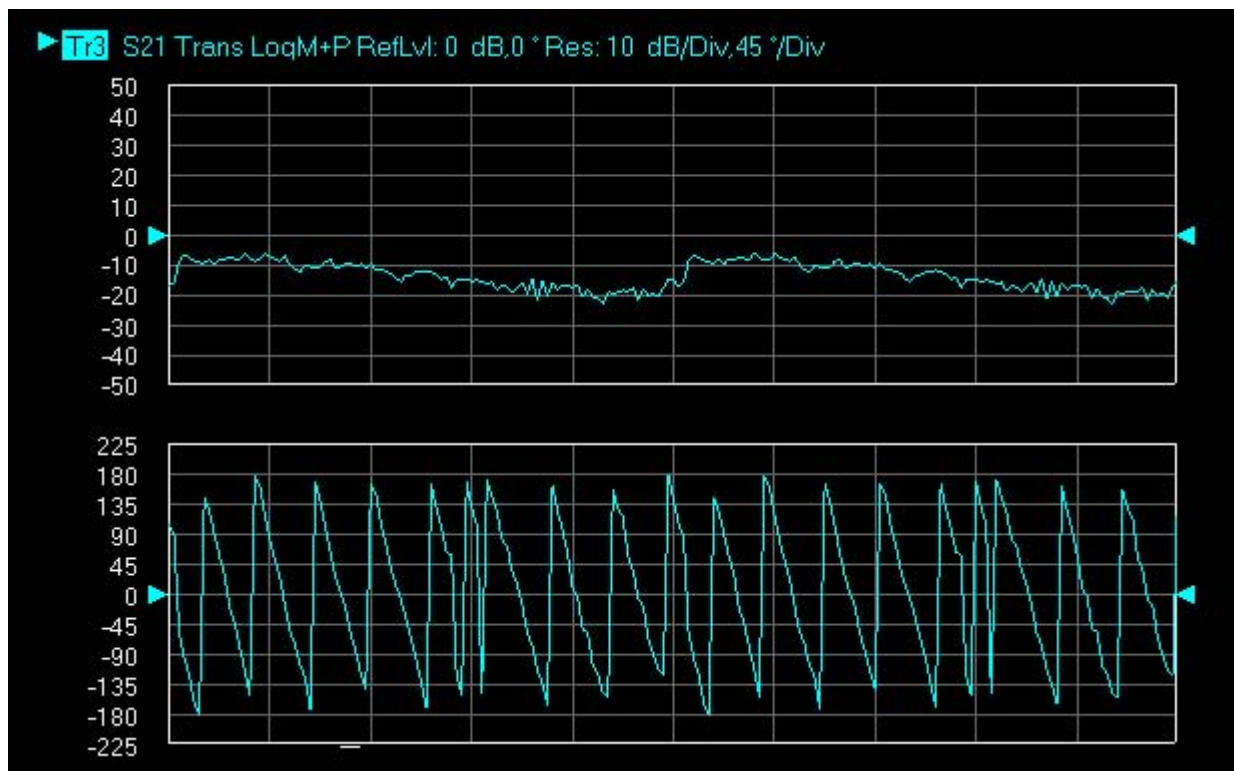


Figure 4-18. Trace Graph - Rectilinear Paired - Trace Log Magnitude and Phase Trace Display

Smith Charts

The power reflected from a DUT has both magnitude and phase because the impedance of the device has both a resistive and a reactive term of the form $r+jx$. We refer to the r as the real or resistive term, while we call x the imaginary or reactive term. The j , which we sometimes denote as i , is an imaginary number. It is the square root of -1 . If x is positive, the impedance is inductive, if x is negative the impedance is capacitive. The size and polarity of the reactive component x is important in impedance matching. The best match to a complex impedance is the complex conjugate which means an impedance with the same value of r and x , but with x of opposite polarity. This term is best analyzed using a Smith Chart, which is a plot of r and x .

To display all the information on a single S-parameter requires one or two traces, depending upon the format we want. A very common requirement is to view forward reflection on a Smith Chart (one trace) while observing forward transmission.

Smith Chart with Impedance (Circuit Resistance and Reactance)

The Smith Chart with impedance (Smith $R + jX$) has four display options:

- Lin/Phase
- Log/Phase
- Real/Imag.
- Impedance

The impedance is the measure of a circuit's opposition to alternating current which consists of the circuit resistance and the circuit reactance, together they determine the magnitude and phase of the impedance.

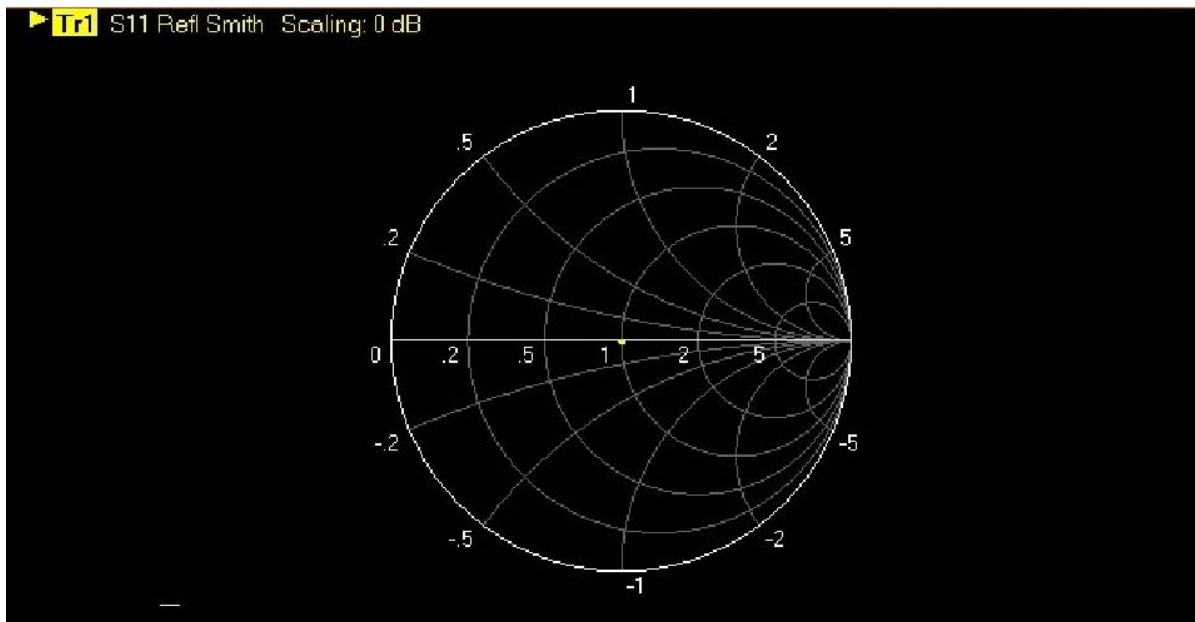


Figure 4-19. Smith Chart with Impedance ($R+jX$)

Group Delay Graphs

The quantity group delay is displayed using a modified rectilinear-magnitude format. In this format the vertical scale is in linear units of time (ps, ns, us, ms). With one exception, the reference value and reference line functions operate the same as they do with a normal magnitude display. The exception is that they appear in units of time instead of magnitude.

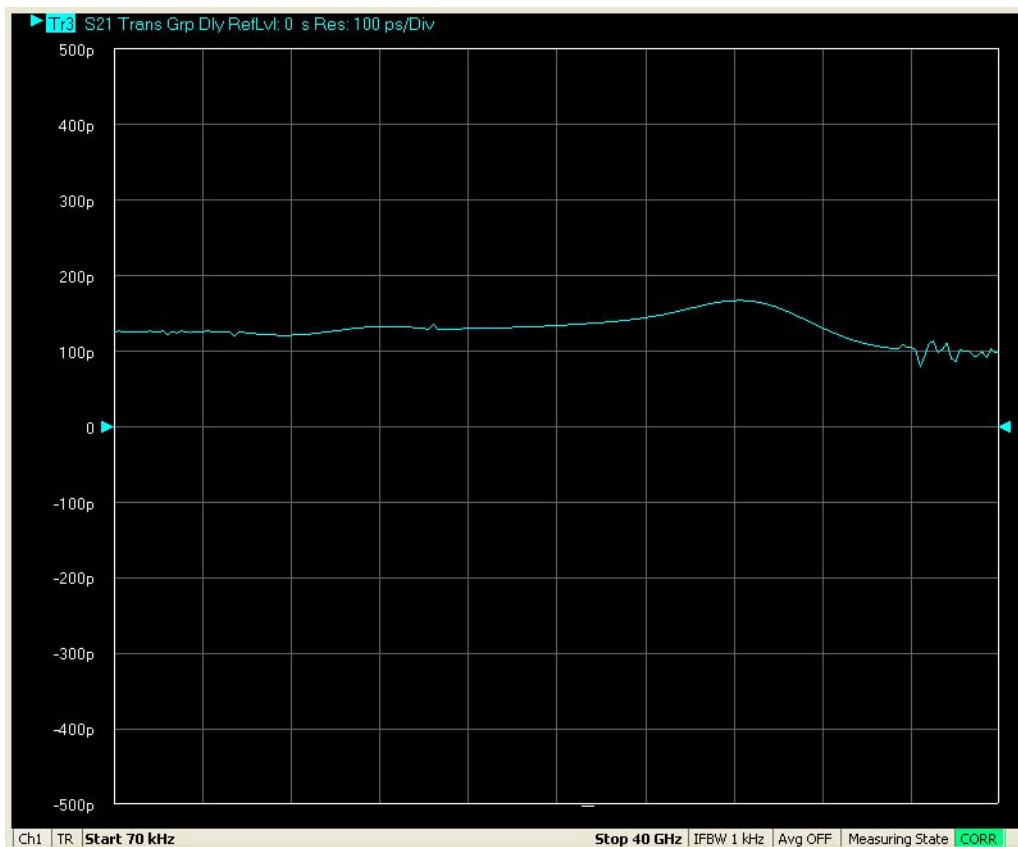


Figure 4-20. Group Delay Trace Graph Example

Polar Graphs

A polar graph represents a two-dimensional coordinate system where each point is determined by an angle and a distance. The polar coordinate system is especially useful in situations where the relationship between two points is most easily expressed in terms of angles and distance such as in phase relationships in antenna and feed-line design. The magnitude parameter can use either a linear or log scale. As the coordinate system is two-dimensional, each point is determined by two polar coordinates: the radial coordinate (distance from the center) and the angular coordinate (degrees counterclockwise from the right edge). Polar displays are used for transmission measurements, especially for cascaded devices in series. The transmission result is the addition of the phase and log magnitude (dB) information in the polar display of each device.

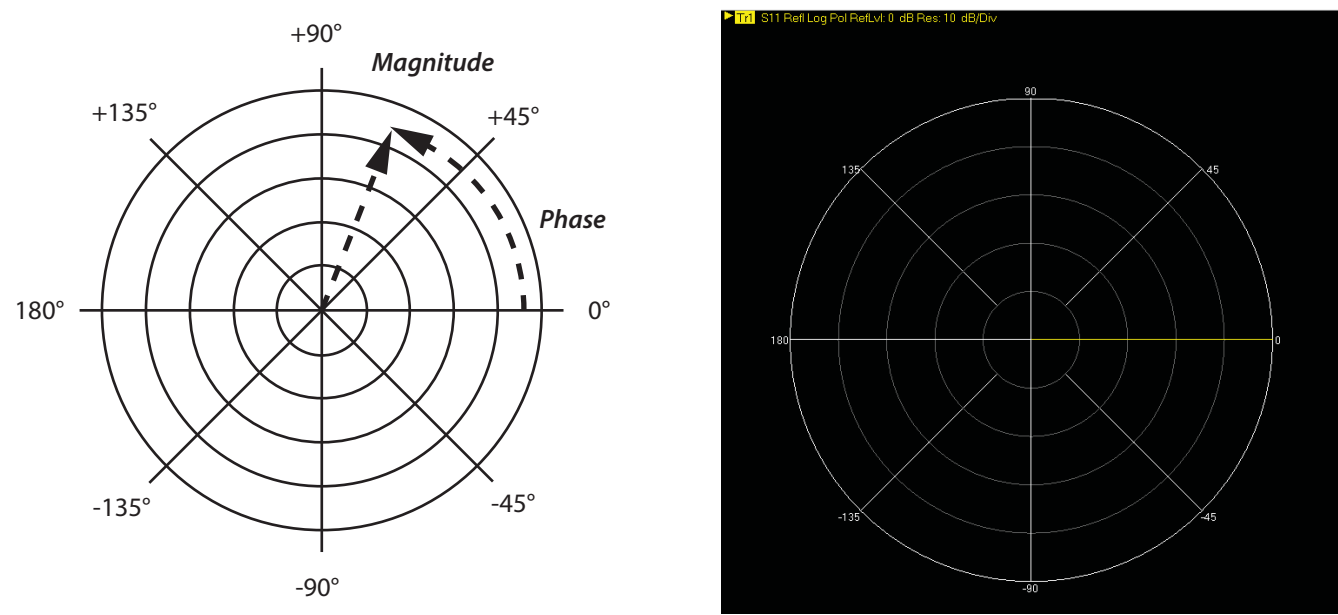
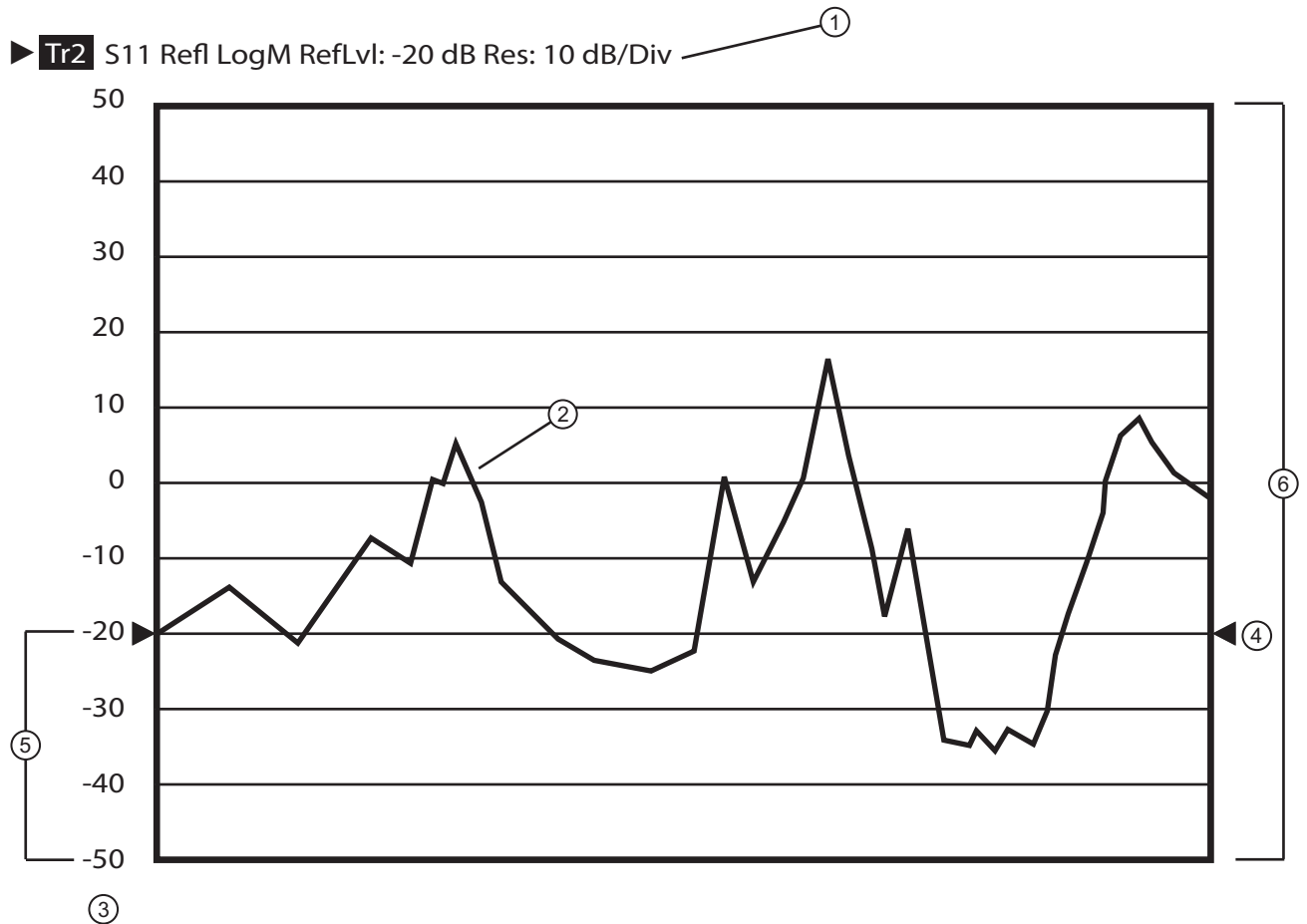


Figure 4-21. Log Polar Diagram and Trace Graph Example

4-13 Working with Reference Lines and Reference Position

You can manipulate the display elements in a rectilinear trace graph from either the trace itself or from the right-side menus.



- | | |
|--|--|
| <p>1. Trace Label – The trace label appears above the trace graph. The example above shows Trace 2 measuring S11, displayed on a Log Magnitude graph, with a Reference Level of -20 dB, and a graph resolution of 10 dB per vertical division.</p> <p>2. Response Graph – A typical S11 response graph.</p> <p>3. Resolution in Units per Division – The example shows 10 dB per division.</p> | <p>4. Reference Line Pointers – Reference lines are only available in rectilinear trace graphs and are indicated by the paired arrows on the trace graph display and show the position of the reference value on the Y-axis scale. The example Reference Value is set to -20 dB. Click-hold-and-drag the line pointers to change the reference line value.</p> <p>5. Reference Position – The example Reference Position is set to 3. Click-hold-and-drag the reference position scale to change the position of the graph on the Y-axis up or down. The value of the Reference Line Points does not change.</p> <p>6. Number of Vertical Divisions – The example number of vertical divisions is set to 10.</p> |
|--|--|

Figure 4-22. Trace Display Controls and Settings

4-14 Working with Markers

The ShockLine VNA GUI display provides up to thirteen markers per trace of which twelve are direct markers and one a reference marker. Each marker data array can be repositioned by a drag/drop anywhere within the signal response trace display. Each marker can be individually controlled on/off and positioned as required on the signal response display.

If the reference marker is off, each marker provides measurement data based on its display position. If the reference marker is on, each marker provides differential measurement data based on its position relative the reference. Figure 4-23, is an overview of the marker menu.

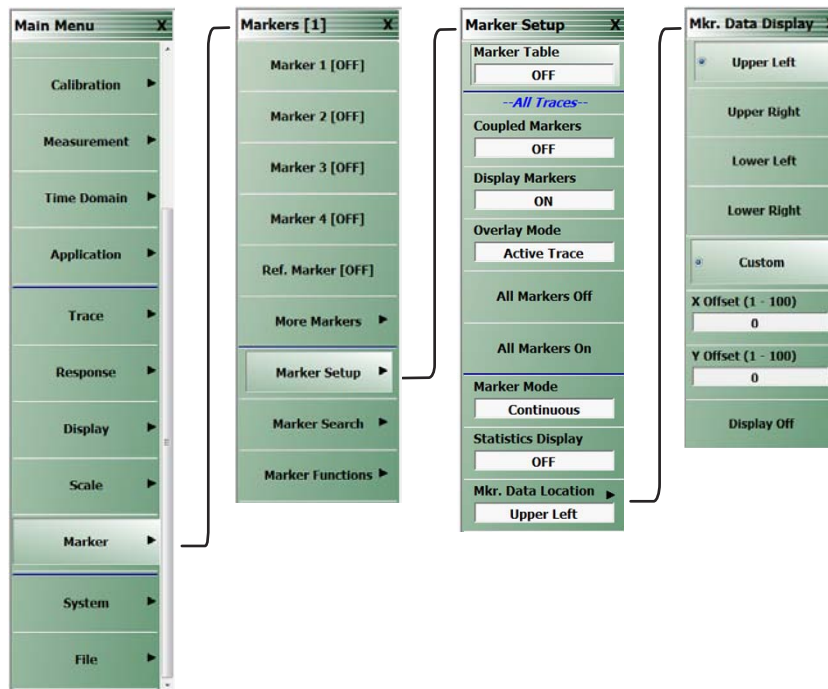
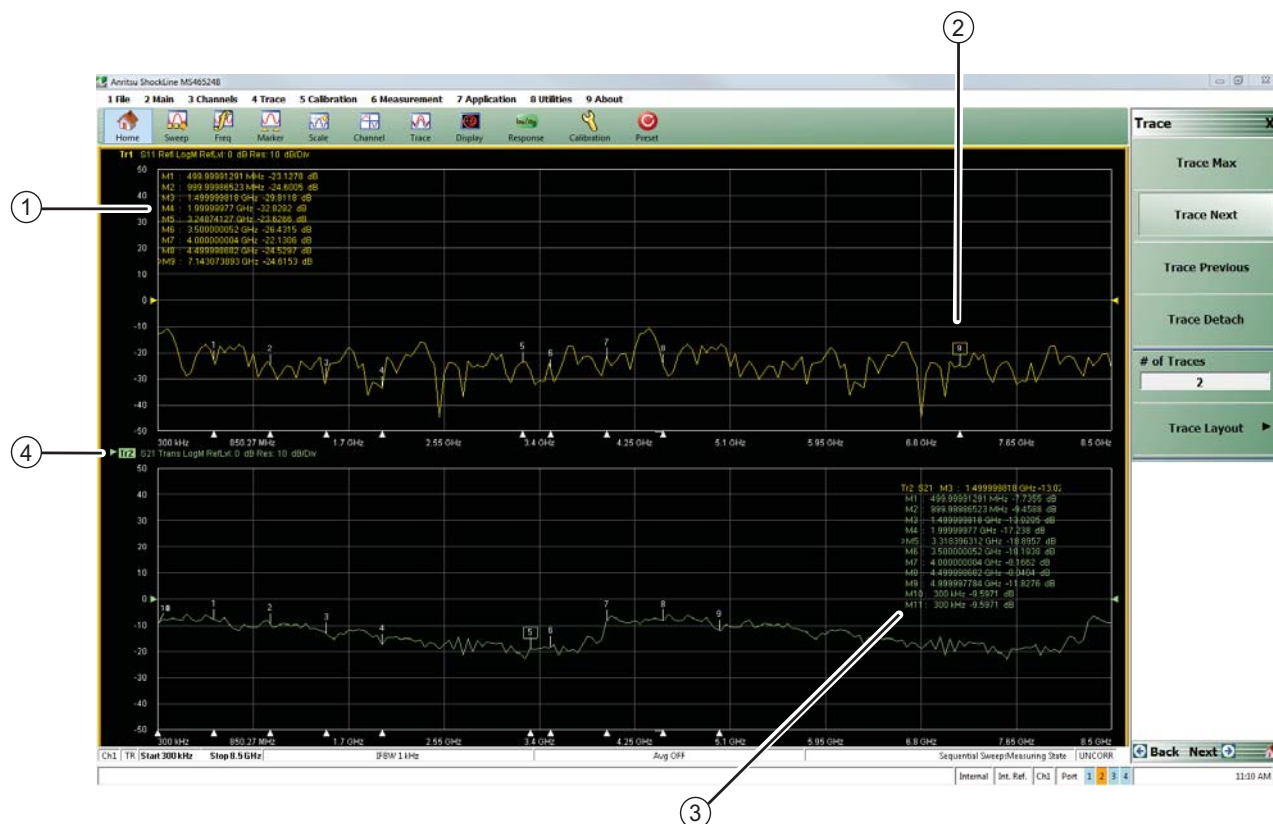


Figure 4-23. Marker Menus

Markers

- Can be set between Discrete and Continuous Modes
- Can be set to Statistics Display.
- Can be set to Coupled mode on or off.
- Can be set to be repositioned within the display.
- Can be set to search Bandwidth Loss field and Notch Loss field.
- Can set Tableau Display to view all active markers.
- Can set Marker Labels.
- Can search Target Markers.
- Can search range units depending on the Sweep Types selected.

The example below Figure 4-24, depicts a two trace display. On the top trace display, the individual marker [9] is selected, and repositioned. In the bottom trace, the marker data display is repositioned. The marker(s) can be repositioned while using any parameter setup menu. Note that the marker data display placement area on the main display window may be limited if the detachable trace view windows in use are smaller in size than then the main display window.



1. Trace 1 marker data display with nine active markers
2. Trace 1 marker with a single selected marker [9] repositioned by click-drag-drop
3. Trace 2 marker data display with 11 active markers repositioned by click-drag-drop
4. Highlighted active trace.

Figure 4-24. Marker Data Display Drag-Drop

4-15 Working with Limit Lines

Limit lines are a powerful tool to help compare a set of measured DUT data against specifications or expectations. Figure 4-25 shows basic menu navigation to reposition markers through the Marker Display Menu.

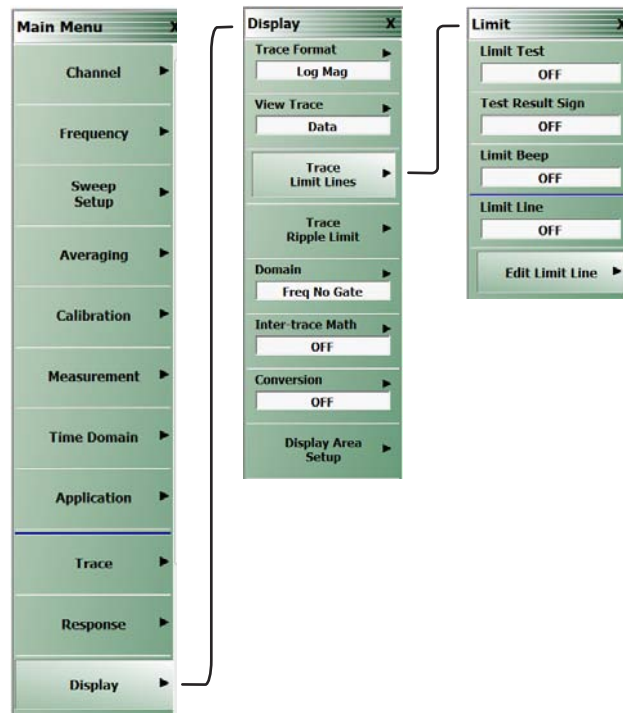


Figure 4-25. Display Trace Limit Line Menu

Limit lines

- Can be configured as settable maximum and/or minimum indicators for the value of displayed data on a per-trace basis.
- Can be rescaled automatically and maintains their correct value if the trace display is rescaled.
- Are settable in the basic units of each trace.
- Are limited to a total of 50 segments (upper and lower combined) per-trace.
- Are available only for ShockLine rectilinear and polar displays.
- Are not available for ShockLine Smith charts.
- For dual displays, such as the Log Mag And Phase display, the segment limit is 50 segments for the top display and 50 segments for the bottom display.

4-16 Working with Ripple Limit Lines

Limit lines are a powerful tool to help evaluate the ripple of a DUT against specifications or expectations.

Figure 4-26 shows basic menu navigation to reposition markers through the Marker Display Menu.

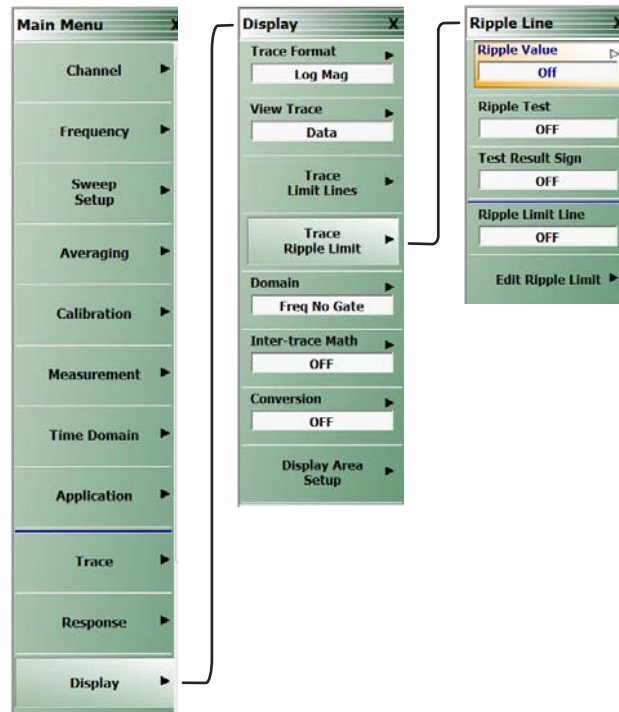


Figure 4-26. Display Trace Ripple Lines Menu

Ripple Limit lines

- Are settable tolerance indicators for the specified ripple value based on Absolute Value or Margin of displayed data on a per-trace basis.
- Are settable in the basic units of each trace.
- Are limited to a total of 50 segments (upper and lower combined) per-trace.
- Are available only for ShockLine rectilinear and polar displays.
- Are not available for ShockLine Smith charts.
- Can be used simultaneously with trace limit lines.
- Can be rescaled automatically and maintain their correct value if the trace display is rescaled.
- When used with trace limit lines and the Test Result sign functions, a logical OR is used as the result.

For dual displays, such as the Log Mag And Phase display, the segment limit is 50 segments for the top display and 50 segments for the bottom display.

Appendix A — Vector Network Analyzer Primer

A-1 Appendix Overview

This chapter describes the basic functions of a Vector Network Analyzer (VNA) and how it measures magnitude and phase characteristics of networks, amplifiers, attenuators, and antennas. It also defines scattering parameters (S-parameters).

This section provides operating and measurement application information and data. It includes discussions on the following topics:

- System description
- General discussion about network analyzers
- Basic measurements and how to make them
- Error correction
- General discussion on test sets

A-2 General Description

The ShockLine™ Series Vector Network Analyzer (VNA) System measures the magnitude and phase characteristics of RF network components such as amplifiers, attenuators, and antennas. It compares the incident signal that leaves the analyzer with either the signal that is transmitted through the test device or the signal that is reflected from its input. [Figure A-1](#) and [Figure A-2](#) illustrate the types of measurements that the MS46522B/524B Series VNA can make.

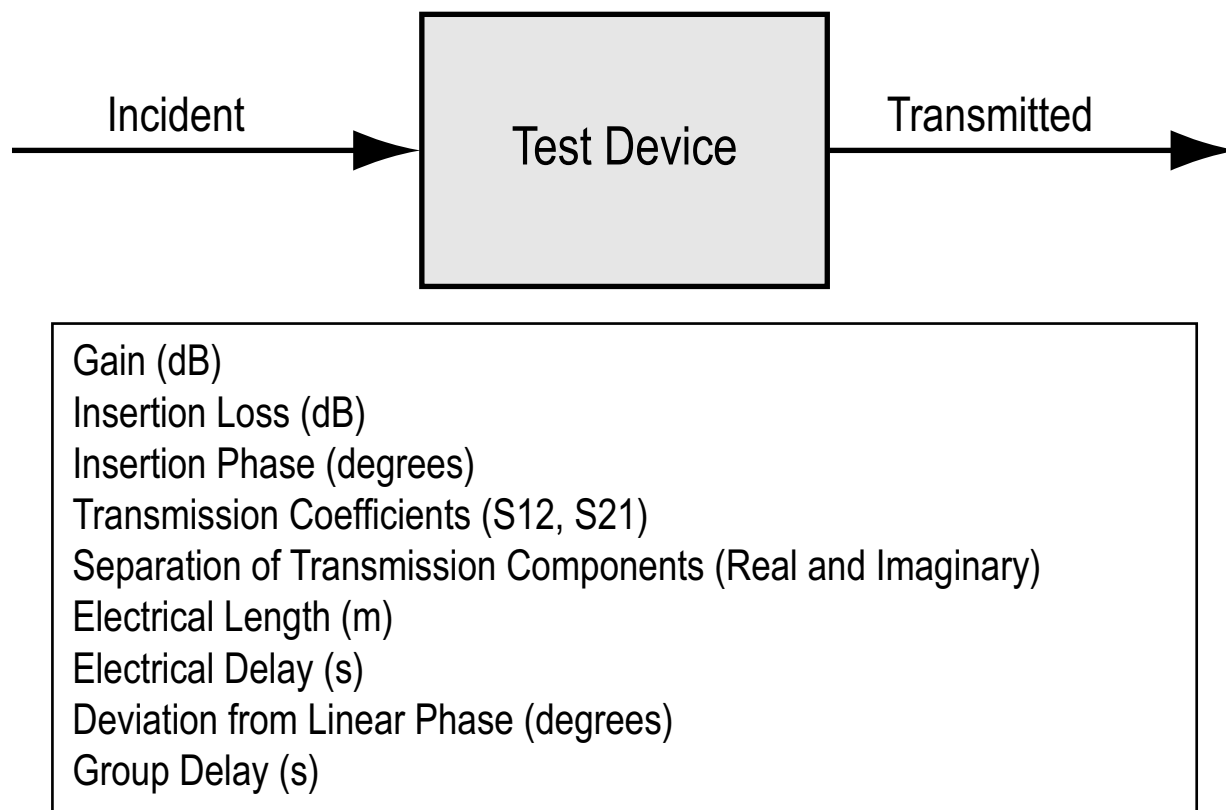


Figure A-1. Transmission Measurements

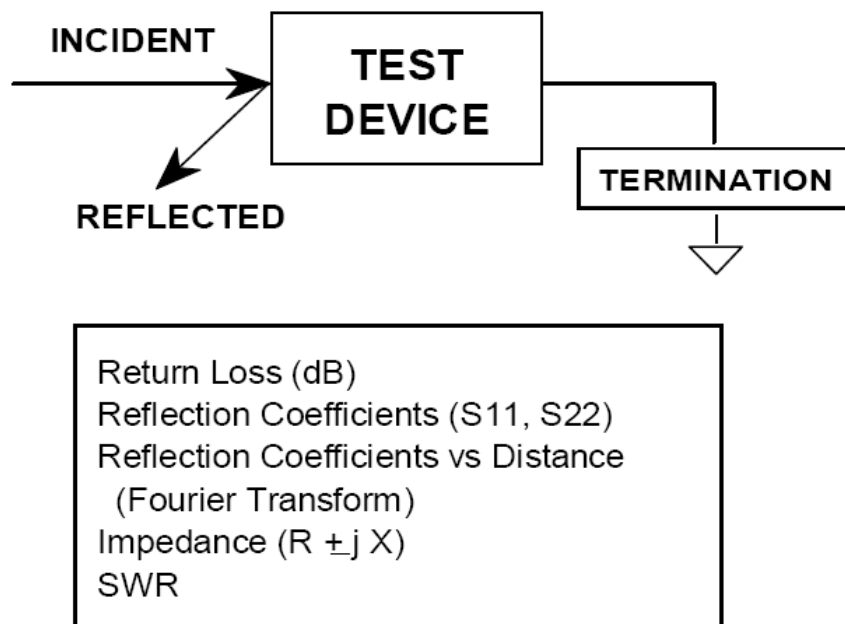


Figure A-2. Reflection Measurements

A-3 Instrument Description

The ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA is a self-contained, fully integrated measurement system that includes an optional time domain capability.

The ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA includes the following internal system modules:

Source Module

This module provides the stimulus to the device under test (DUT). The frequency range of the source and test set modules establish the frequency range of the system.

Test Set Module

The test set module routes the stimulus signal to the DUT and samples the reflected and transmitted signals. The type of connector used is important, as is the “Auto Reversing” feature. Auto Reversing means that it applies the stimulus signal in both the forward and reverse direction. The direction is reversed automatically. This saves you from having to reverse the test device physically to measure all four scattering parameters (S-parameters). Frequency conversion occurs in the test set module.

Analyzer Module

The analyzer module receives and interprets the 3rd IF signal for phase and magnitude data, and displays the results of this analysis on the user-supplied monitor, showing all four S-parameters simultaneously.

A-4 Network Analyzers

We begin this discussion with a subject familiar to most Anritsu customers, scalar network analysis, and then proceed to covering fundamentals of network analyzer terminology, techniques, and concepts including the following:

- Reference Delay
- S-parameters: what they are and how they are displayed
- Complex Impedance and Smith Charts

Scalar Analyzer Comparison

SCALAR NETWORK ANALYZERS

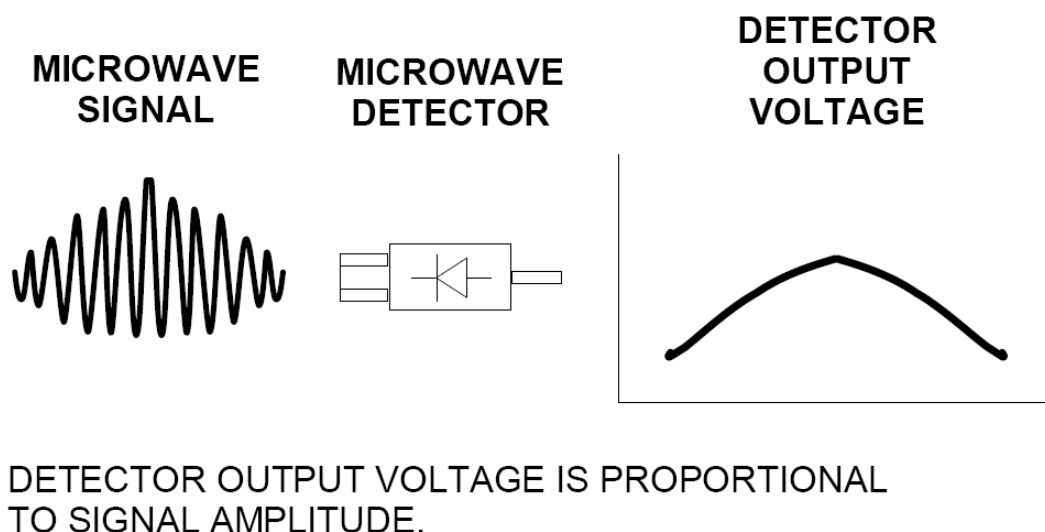


Figure A-3. Scalar Analyzer Detection

Network Analyzers do everything that scalar analyzers do except display absolute power, although absolute power can be displayed on a network analyzer through the use of a receiver calibration. In addition, they add the ability to measure the phase characteristics of microwave devices and allow greater dynamic range.

If all a Network Analyzer added was the capability for measuring phase characteristics, its usefulness would be limited. While phase measurements are important in themselves, it is the availability of this phase information that unlocks many new features for complex measurements. These features include Smith Charts, Time Domain, and Group Delay. Phase information also allows greater accuracy through *vector error correction* of the measured signal.

First, let us look at scalar network analyzers (SNAs). SNAs measure microwave signals by converting them to a DC voltage using a diode detector (Figure A-3). This DC voltage is proportional to the magnitude of the incoming signal. The detection process, however, ignores any information regarding the phase of the microwave signal.

In a vector network analyzer, access is needed to both the magnitude and phase of a microwave signal. There are several different ways to perform the measurement. The method Anritsu employs (called Harmonic Sampling or Harmonic Mixing) is to down-convert the signal to a lower intermediate frequency (IF). This signal can then be measured directly by a tuned receiver. The tuned receiver approach gives the system greater dynamic range. The system is also much less sensitive to interfering signals, including harmonics.

Vector Network Analyzer Basics

The vector network analyzer is a tuned receiver (Figure A-4). The microwave signal is down converted into the pass band of the IF. To measure the phase of this signal, we must have a reference to compare it with. If the phase of a signal is 90 degrees, it is 90 degrees different from the reference signal (Figure A-5). The network analyzer would read this as -90 degrees, since the test signal is delayed by 90 degrees with respect to the reference signal.

This phase reference can be obtained by splitting off some of the microwave signal before the measurement (Figure A-7).

A NETWORK ANALYZER IS A TUNED RECEIVER

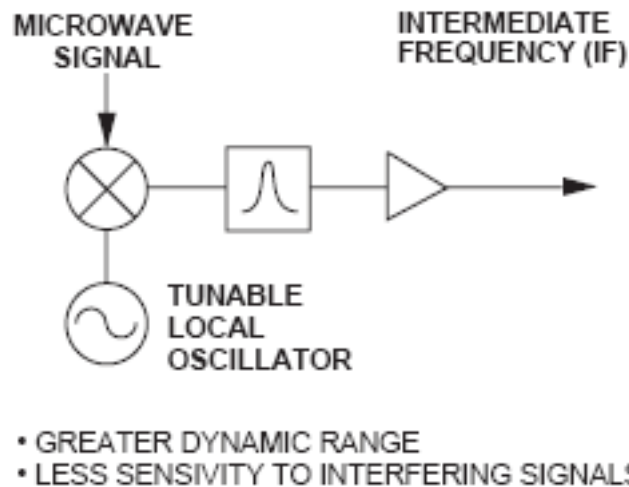


Figure A-4. Network Analyzer as a Tuned Receiver

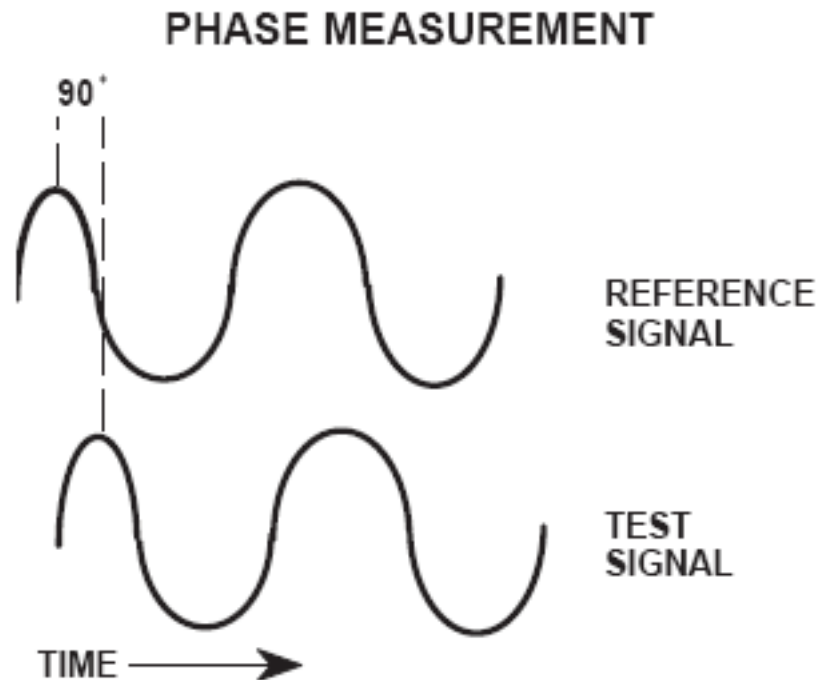


Figure A-5. Signals with a 90 Degree Phase Difference

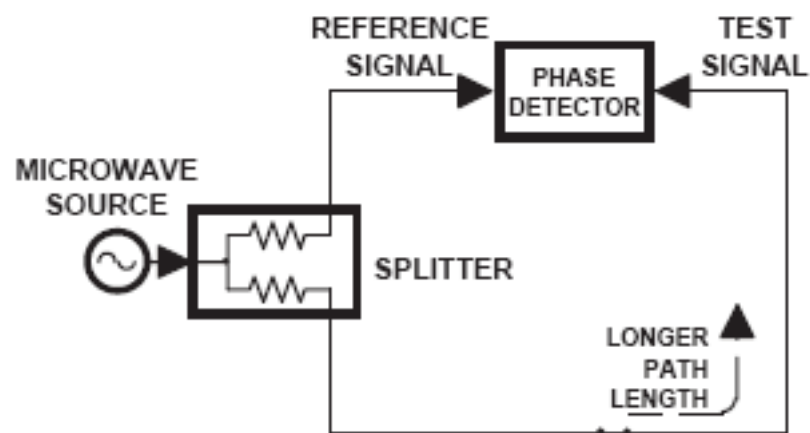


Figure A-6. Split Signal where a Length of Line Replaces the DUT

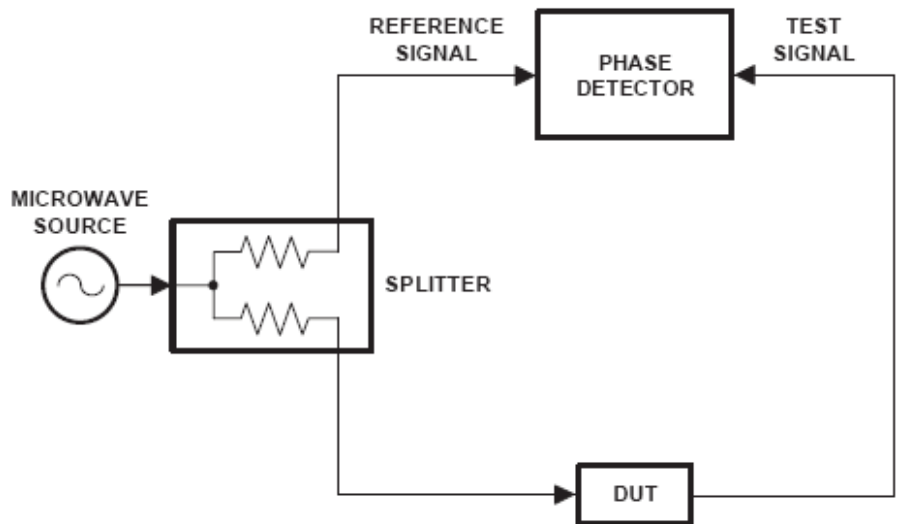


Figure A-7. Splitting the Microwave Signal

The phase of the microwave signal after it has passed through the device under test (DUT) is then compared with the reference signal. A network analyzer test set automatically samples the reference signal, so no external hardware is needed.

Let us consider for a moment that you remove the DUT and substitute a length of transmission line (Figure A-6). Note that the path length of the test signal is longer than that of the reference signal. Now let us see how this affects our measurement.

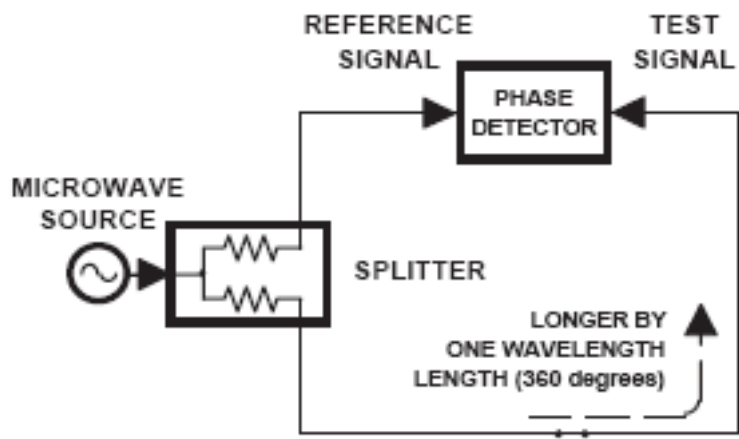


Figure A-8. Split Signal where Path Length is Different by Exactly One Wavelength

Assume that we are making a measurement at 1 GHz and that the difference in path-length between the two signals is exactly 1 wavelength. This means that test signal is lagging the reference signal by 360 degrees (Figure A-8). We cannot really tell the difference between one sine wave maxima and the next (they are all identical), so the network analyzer would measure a phase difference of 0 degrees.

Now consider that we make this same measurement at 1.1 GHz. The frequency is higher by 10 percent so therefore the wavelength is shorter by 10 percent. The test signal path length is now 0.1 wavelength longer than that of the reference signal (Figure A-9). This test signal is:

$$1.1 \times 360 = 396 \text{ degrees}$$

This is 36 degrees different from the phase measurement at 1 GHz. The network analyzer will display this phase difference as -36 degrees. The test signal at 1.1 GHz is delayed by 36 degrees more than the test signal at 1 GHz.

You can see that if the measurement frequency is 1.2 GHz, we will get a reading of -72 degrees, -108 degrees for 1.3 GHz, etc. (Figure A-10). There is an electrical delay between the reference and test signals. For this delay we will use the common industry term of reference delay.

You also may hear it called phase delay. In older network analyzers you had to equalize the length of the reference arm with that of the test arm to make an appropriate measurement of phase vs. frequency.

To measure phase on a DUT, we want to remove this phase-change-vs.-frequency due to changes in the electrical length. This will allow us to view the actual phase characteristics. These characteristics may be much smaller than the phase change due to electrical length difference.

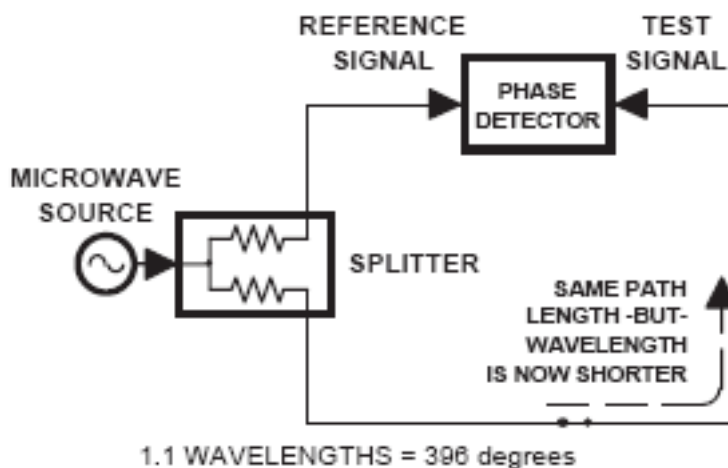


Figure A-9. Split Signal where Path Length is Longer than One Wavelength

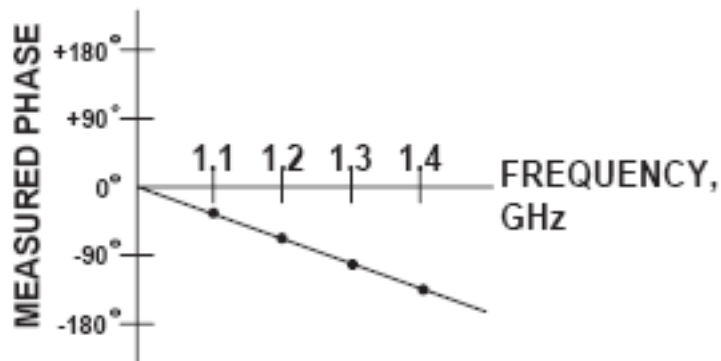


Figure A-10. Electrical Delay

There are two ways of accomplishing this. The most obvious way is to insert a length of line into the reference signal path to make both paths of equal length (Figure A-11). With perfect transmission lines and a perfect splitter, we would then measure a constant phase as we change the frequency. The problem using this approach is that we must change the line length with each measurement setup.

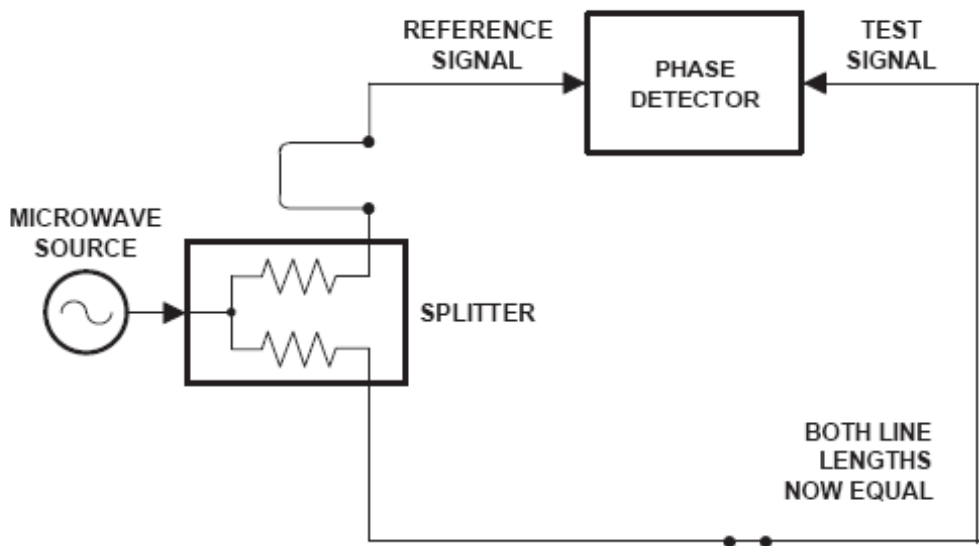


Figure A-11. Split Signal where Paths are of Equal Length

Another approach is to handle the path length difference in software. Figure A-12 displays the phase-vs.-frequency of a device. This device has different effects on the output phase at different frequencies. Because of these differences, we do not have a perfectly linear phase response. We can easily detect this phase deviation by compensating for the linear phase. The size of the phase difference increases linearly with frequency so we can modify the phase display to eliminate this delay.

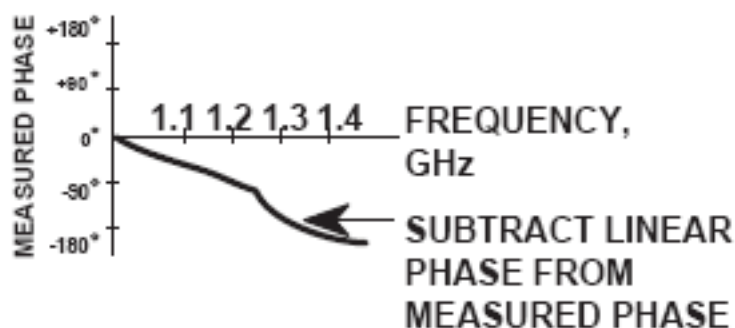


Figure A-12. Phase Difference Increases Linearly with Frequency

The ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA offers automatic reference delay compensation. Figure A-13 shows the resultant measurement when we compensate path length. In a system application you can usually correct for length differences; however, the residual phase characteristics are critical.

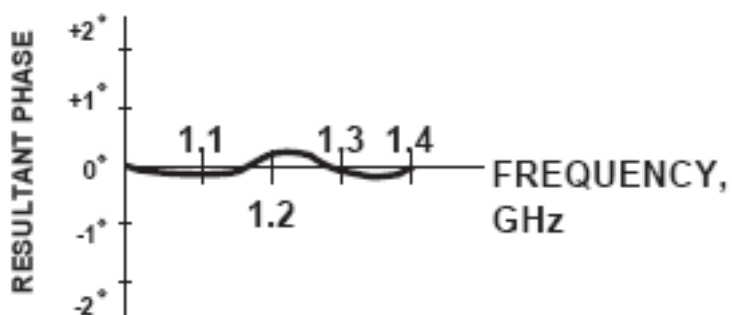


Figure A-13. Resultant Phase with Path Length

Now let us consider measuring the DUT. Consider a two port device; that is, a device with a connector on each end. What measurements would be of interest?

First, we could measure the reflection characteristics at either end with the other end terminated into 50-ohms. If we designate one end as the normal place for the input that gives a reference, we can then define the reflection characteristics from the reference end as forward reflection, and those from the other end as reverse reflection (Figure A-14).

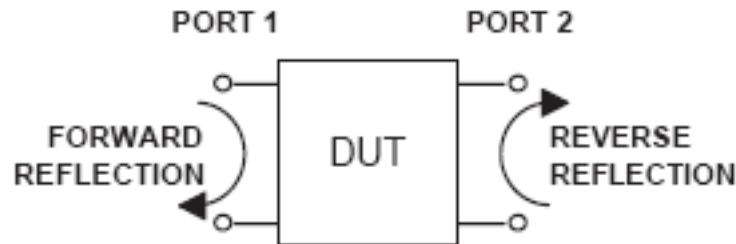


Figure A-14. Forward and Reverse Measurements

Second, we can measure the forward and reverse transmission characteristics. However, instead of saying “forward,” “reverse,” “reflection,” and “transmission” all the time, we use a shorthand. That is all that S-parameters are, a shorthand! The “S” stands for scattering. The second number is the device port that the signal is being injected into, while the first is the device port that the signal is leaving. S11, therefore, is the signal being injected into port 1 relative to the signal leaving port 1. The four scattering parameters (Figure A-15) are:

- S11: Forward Reflection
- S21: Forward Transmission
- S22: Reverse Reflection
- S12: Reverse Transmission

S-parameters can be displayed in many ways. An S-parameter consists of a magnitude and a phase. We can display the magnitude in dB, just like a scalar network analyzer. We often call this term log magnitude. We can display phase as “linear phase” (Figure A-15). As discussed earlier, we cannot tell the difference between one cycle and the next. Therefore, after going through 360 degrees, we are back to where we began. We can display the measurement from -180 to $+180$ degrees. The -180 to $+180$ degree approach is more common. It keeps the display discontinuity removed from the important 0 degree area used as the phase reference.



Figure A-15. Linear Phase with Frequency Waveform

There are several ways in which all the information can be displayed on one trace.

A-5 Polar Display

One method is a polar display (Figure A-16). The radial parameter (distance from the center) is magnitude. The rotation around the circle is phase. We sometimes use polar displays to view transmission measurements, especially on cascaded devices (devices in series). The transmission result is the addition of the phase and log magnitude (dB) information of each device's polar display.

Resistive and Reactive Terms

As we have discussed, the signal reflected from a DUT has both magnitude and phase. This is because the impedance of the device has both a resistive and a reactive term of the form $r+jx$. We refer to the r as the real or resistive term, while we call x the imaginary or reactive term. The j , which we sometimes denote as i , is an imaginary number.

It is the square root of -1 . If x is positive, the impedance is inductive; if x is negative, the impedance is capacitive.

The size and polarity of the reactive component x is important in impedance matching. The best match to a complex impedance is the complex conjugate. This complex-sounding term simply means an impedance with the same value of r and x , but with x of opposite polarity.

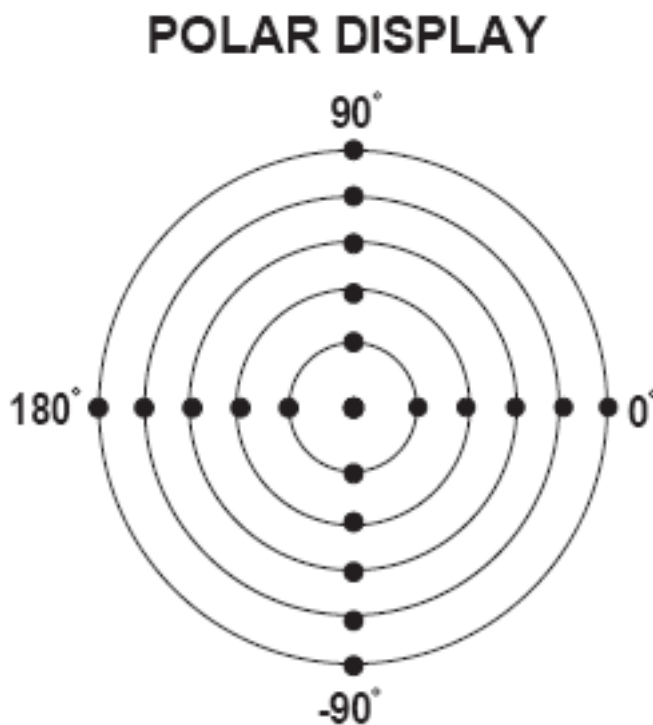


Figure A-16. Polar Display

A-6 Smith Chart

The complex conjugate is best analyzed using a Smith Chart (Figure A-17), which is a plot of r and x . To display all the information on a single S-parameter requires one or two traces, depending upon the format we want. A very common requirement is to view forward reflection on a Smith Chart (one trace) while observing forward transmission in Log Magnitude and Phase (two traces). Let us see how to accomplish this in the ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA.

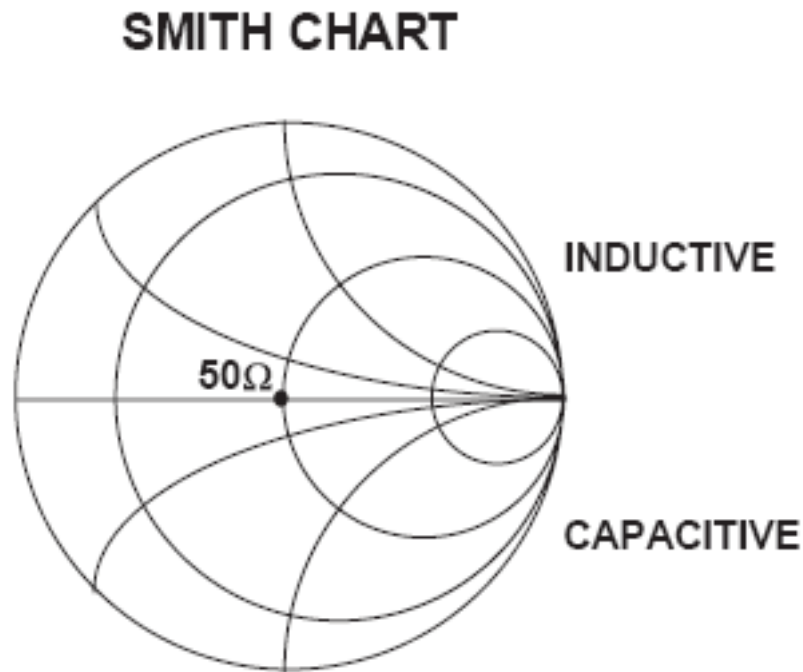


Figure A-17. Smith Chart

An important parameter we can measure when phase information is available is group delay. In linear devices, the phase change through the DUT is linear-with-frequency. Thus, doubling the frequency also doubles the phase change. An important measurement, especially for communications system users, is the rate of change-of-phase-vs.-frequency (group delay). If the rate of phase-change-vs.-frequency is not constant, the DUT is nonlinear. This nonlinearity can create distortion in communications systems.

Measurement Error Correction

Since we can measure microwave signals in both magnitude and phase, it is possible to correct for six major error terms:

- Source Test Port Match
- Load Test Port Match
- Directivity
- Isolation
- Transmission Frequency Response
- Reflection Frequency Response

We can correct for each of these six error terms in both the forward and reverse directions, hence the name 12-term error correction. Since 12-term error correction requires both forward and reverse measurement information, the test set must be *reversing*. “Reversing” means that it must be able to apply the measurement signal in either the forward or reverse direction.

MAGNITUDE AND PHASE OF EACH ERROR SIGNAL IS MEASURED



THEN THE RESULTANT VECTOR IS
APPLIED MATHEMATICALLY, HENCE
VECTOR ERROR CORRECTION

Figure A-18. Magnitude and Phase

To accomplish this error correction, we measure the magnitude and phase of each error signal (Figure A-18). Magnitude and phase information appear as a vector that is mathematically applied to the measurement signal. This process is termed *vector error correction*.

Appendix B — Security and Maintenance

B-1 Information Security

Storage and Memory Overview

Considering secure environments, the internal memories of the ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA uses DRAM (Dynamic Random Access Memory) in its CPU board and Flash Memory in its DSP (Digital Signal Processing) board. The internal storage drive is a SATA Solid State Drive (SSD).

- **DRAM:** Information stored in DRAM and used by the ShockLine™ CPU is temporary; this data is lost when the ShockLine™ instrument is powered off.
- **Flash Memory:** Flash Memory is used to save instrument factory calibrations and settings. No user application information is stored in Flash Memory and the memory space is not user-accessible. Since this memory space is not used by the user, nor by the instrument to store user application settings, it does not require cleansing after it has entered a secure location.
- **Solid State Drive:** The Solid State Drive (SSD) persistently stores configuration data and measurements including instrument saved setups, custom presets, last used setups, and similar information.

B-2 Maintaining Operating System Integrity

The Microsoft® Windows® 7 Embedded operating system for the ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA is configured for optimum performance when the instrument leaves the factory. To maintain the system's operating integrity, follow proper Windows shutdown procedures and DO NOT modify the operating system configuration, the firewall settings, the system registry, the internal drive partitions, or the Anritsu user accounts.

Antivirus Protection

The ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA is tested with antivirus software, but stability is not guaranteed with all antivirus software. Anritsu recommends connecting the instrument only to a secure network. The user assumes the responsibility to provide virus protection because this is not supplied with the instrument. Contact your network administrator for information about your network security and antivirus protection policies.

Windows Updates

Not all Microsoft updates are compatible with the ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA and, if installed, may affect the performance of the instrument.

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| Caution | Changing some of the default Windows settings may cause a loss of instrument control or undesired instrument behavior. Changing the Windows Regional and Language Options settings may cause unstable menu operation. These settings must be maintained as English (United States) as is set at the factory by default. |
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As such, the ability of the VNA to automatically receive and install updates has been turned off. Operating system updates should only be installed from an Anritsu Website at <https://www.anritsu.com/en-US/>. Anritsu recommends not installing updates from Microsoft. Ensure that the Windows update feature of the operating system remains off. Consult Anritsu customer service for procedures on how to safeguard the instrument from undesired conditions that could result from Windows updates.

B-3 Operating System Restore

The ShockLine™ VNA is shipped with a “Master Disk” restore point. Additional restore points are created when the ShockLine™ application is updated, other user applications are installed, when new or updated hardware drivers are installed, or when restore points are created manually. Restore points are saved for a limited time, so the system should be restored as soon as problems are discovered.

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| Note | For detailed information about system restore and additional restore tasks, refer to the Windows 7 Operating System Help and Support as detailed in the procedure below. |
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In the event that the ShockLine™ operating system or application becomes corrupt or inoperable, the instrument must be returned to a qualified service center for repair.

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| Caution | <p>Do not use a Microsoft Windows® 7 DVD to restore the ShockLine™ VNA internal drive. Using this disc to restore the VNA's operating system will remove the ShockLine™ VNA applications.</p> <p>Restoring the system software may adversely affect some user data or programs that are loaded onto the internal drive. The instrument operating system will be configured as it was on the selected restore date, including the original option configuration. Before starting the system restore procedure, back up all user data, applications, and ensure that the installation files of any additional software or instrument options are available for reinstallation.</p> |
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Procedure

The following procedure should be performed with a mouse attached to the instrument.

1. Close the ShockLine™ application and reveal the operating system desktop by clicking:

File | Exit
2. To access the Operating System Help and Support for additional information on System Restore, move the mouse pointer to the bottom of the desktop to reveal the Windows Task Bar and click:

Start | Help and Support

Search for topics on “System Restore.”
3. Open System Restore by moving the mouse pointer to the bottom of the desktop to reveal the Windows Task Bar and clicking:

Start | Programs | Accessories | System Tools | System Restore
4. If you are prompted for an administrator password or confirmation, enter the password or provide confirmation.
5. Follow the on-screen instructions to restore your computer to an earlier restore point shown on the calendar. The most recent known good restore point should be used to restore the instrument operating system.
6. Do not interrupt the restoration process once it has been started.

B-4 Optional Rack Mount Installation

Instruments that are ordered from the factory with a rack mount option arrive with the rack mount hardware pre-installed. Alternatively, the rack mount option may be ordered at a later time and installed whenever required by the user. The general procedure to install the rack mount kit is described below:

1. Disconnect the line cord and any other attachments from the instrument.
2. Carefully place the instrument on a secure and stable work surface.
3. Using a Phillips screwdriver, remove the front shroud, feet, and handles from the instrument (see [Figure B-1](#)). Save the screws for later use.

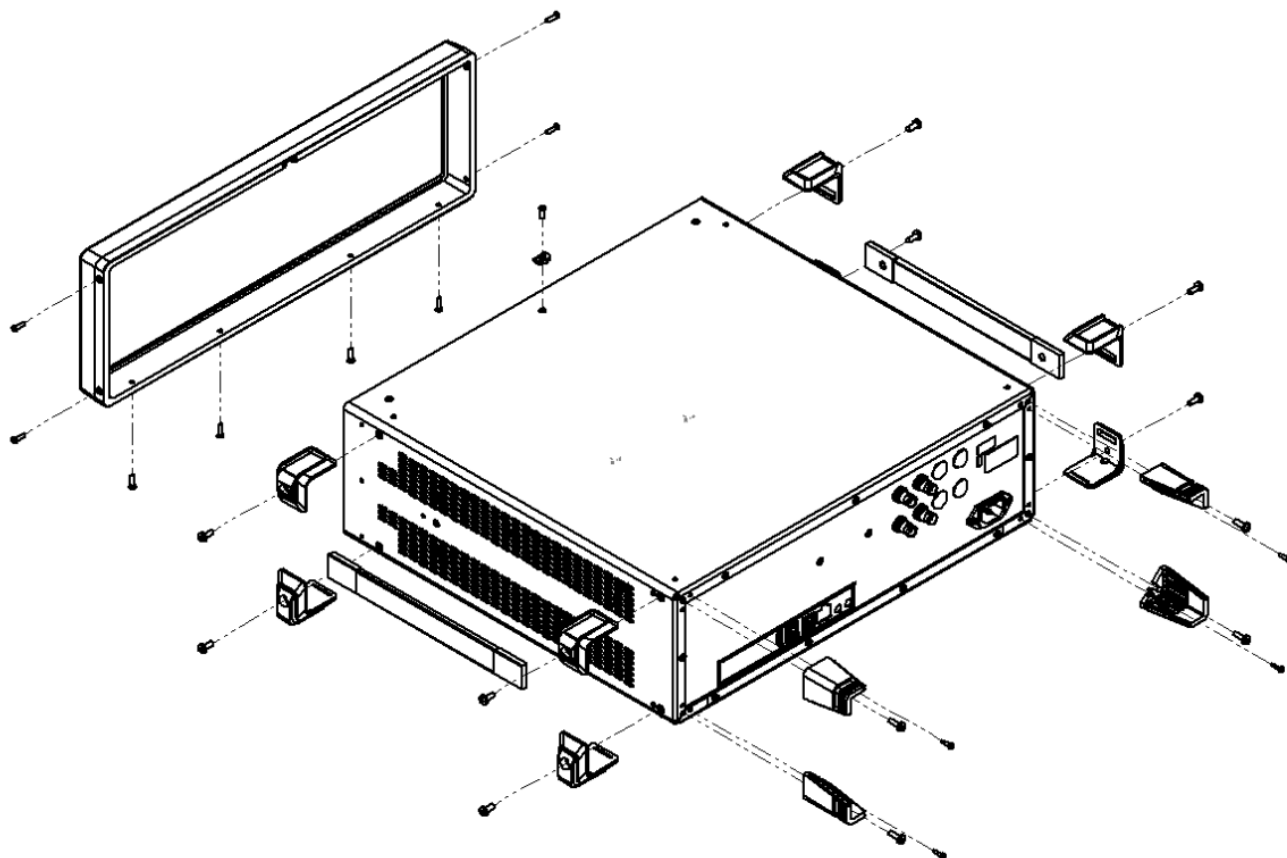


Figure B-1. Removing Instrument Handles and Feet for Rack Mount

Note The rack installation figures are for generic instruments and may differ in general appearance.

4. Install the rack mount brackets onto the instrument sides using the screws supplied with the brackets (see [Figure B-2](#)). The figure shows the bracket positioning for both front and rear facing rack mount installation.
 5. Re-install the screws that previously secured the front shroud.
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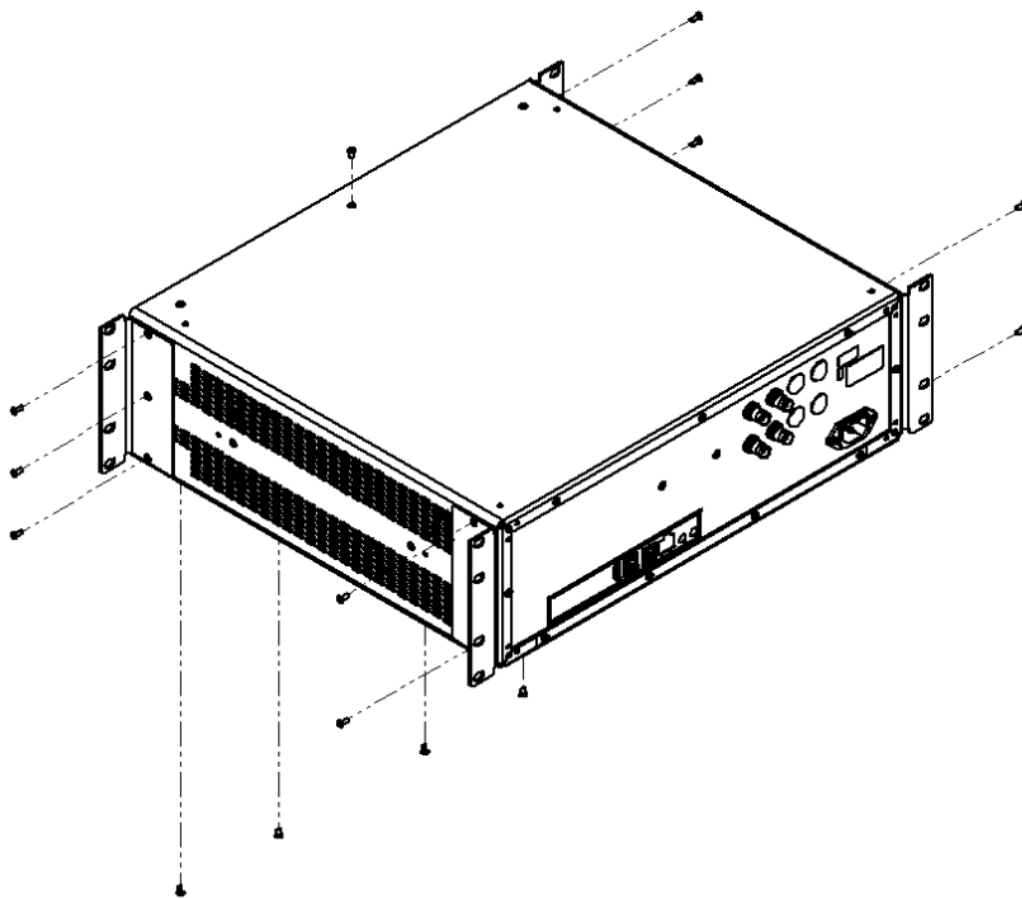


Figure B-2. Attaching Rack Mount Brackets to the Instrument

6. This completes the installation of the rack mount handles.

B-5 Preparation for Storage or Shipment

Use the following information for preparing the ShockLine™ MS46522B/524B Series VNA for storage or shipment.

Preparation for Storage

Preparing the VNA for storage consists of cleaning the unit, packing it inside of the storage container with moisture-absorbing desiccant crystals, and storing the unit in a temperature-controlled environment that is maintained between –40 °C and +75 °C.

Preparation for Shipment

To provide maximum protection against damage in transit, the VNA should be repackaged in the original shipping container. If this container is not available and the unit is being returned to Anritsu for repair, advise Anritsu Customer Service to inquire about obtaining a suitable container. In the event these options are not possible, instructions for packaging and shipment are given below:

Remove Attached Equipment and Connectors

1. Remove any user-supplied connectors or adapters. If installed, remove the rack mounting ears and related hardware.

Use a Suitable Container

2. Obtain a corrugated cardboard carton with at least 125 kg test strength. This carton should have inside dimensions of no less than 15 cm (6.0") larger than the instrument unit dimensions to allow for cushioning.

Dimensions

3. The instrument body dimensions are:

- **Height:** 152 mm
- **Width:** 445 mm
- **Depth:** 442 mm

Protect the Instrument

4. Surround the unit with polyethylene sheeting to protect the finish. A sealed bag is recommended as a best practice.

Cushion the Instrument

5. Cushion the instrument on all sides by tightly packing dunnage or urethane foam between the carton and the unit. Provide at least 8 cm (3.0") of dunnage on all sides; best practices recommend completely filling the space between the carton and instrument with dunnage.

Seal the Container

6. Seal the carton by using either shipping tape or an industrial stapler.

Address the Container

7. If the instrument is being returned to Anritsu for service, mark the address of the appropriate Anritsu service center and your return address on the carton in one or more prominent locations.

Contact information for all worldwide Anritsu Service Centers is available on the web site at:

<http://www.anritsu.com/Contact.asp>

Appendix C — Abbreviation Glossary

C-1 Appendix Overview

This glossary defines the abbreviations and terms that appear on the connectors, hard keys, menus, and buttons of the MS46522B/524B Series VNA. In some cases, due to space limitations, multiple abbreviations are used for the same term or the same abbreviation is used with different punctuation.

C-2 Glossary

| Abbreviation or Term | Meaning/Definition (1 of 14) |
|----------------------|--|
| % | Percentage |
| # | Number |
| (1:2):3 | One differential pair and one singleton. Trace and dialog labeling for Mixed-mode with one differential pair and one singleton. In this example, The DUT port differential is measured from 1 to 2 and 3 is the singleton. |
| (1:2):3:4 | One differential pair and two singletons. Trace and dialog labeling for Mixed-mode with one differential pair and two singletons. In this example, the DUT port differential is measured from 1 to 2 while 3 and 4 are the singletons. |
| (4:1):(2:3) | Two differential pairs. Trace and dialog labeling for Mixed-mode with two differential pairs. In this example, the first port pair is measured from 4 to 1 and the second port pair is measured from 2 to 3. |
| (4:2):1 | One differential pair and one singletons. Trace and dialog labeling for Mixed-mode with one differential pair and one singleton. The DUT port differential is measured from 4 to 2 and 1 is the singleton. |
| (4:2):1:3 | One differential pair and two singletons. Trace and dialog labeling for Mixed-mode with one differential pair and two singletons. In this example, the DUT port differential is measured from 4 to 2 while 1 and 3 are the singletons. |
| (1:2):(3:4) | Two differential pairs. Trace and dialog labeling for Mixed-mode with two differential pairs. In this example, the first port pair is measured from 1 to 2 and the second port pair is measured from 3 to 4. |
| 1P2PF | Abbreviation for one-path two-port calibration forward direction. Used in the SCPI command :SENSe{1-16}:CORRection:COLLect[:METHod]:1P2PF to simulate the calibration. |
| 1P2PR | Abbreviation for one path two port calibration reverse direction. Used in the SCPI command :SENSe{1-16}:CORRection:COLLect[:METHod]:1P2PR to simulate the calibration. |
| A1 a1 | Reference 1 or Reference a |
| A2 a2 | Reference 2 or Reference b |
| Actv. | Active |
| Addr. | Address |
| ALC | Automatic Level Control |

| Abbreviation or Term | Meaning/Definition (2 of 14) |
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| ALRM A-LRM™ | Calibration menu. Advanced-Line-Reflect-Match calibration algorithm and method. A-LRM is a trademark of Anritsu Company. |
| Auto-Return Auto-return | User interface. After a button selection, the instrument automatically returns to previous menu where the user selection is usually displayed on a field button. Auto-return buttons are usually a member of a button selection group ("a radio button" group) described below. |
| Avg. | Average |
| B1 b1 | S-Parameter. Test 1 or Test a |
| B2 b2 | S-Parameter. Test 2 or Test b |
| Bal. | Balance |
| BB | Broadband |
| BeginningSwp | Beginning sweep |
| Button Selection Group | Popular name is "radio button" group. A group of two or more soft buttons where selection of one button de-selects all other button members of the group. Often combined with auto-return function (described above) where the interface automatically returns to previous menu after the button selection is made. |
| Button Buttons | Individual elements of the right-side user interface menus. Button come in a variety of types such as toggle buttons, or menu buttons. See also "Soft buttons." Compare with "hard keys." |
| C(P) C(S) C(S)-L(P) C(P)-L(S) | Abbreviation for LC circuit primitives. Capacitance (Parallel), Capacitance (S), Capacitance (Series)-Inductor (Parallel), and Capacitance (Parallel)-Inductor (Series). |
| CAL (.CAL) File | File type extension. |
| Cal. Eff. Pwr | Calculated effective power |
| Cal Cal. | Calibrate Calibration |
| Cals Cals. | Calibrations |
| CCKTFour | A four-node capacitance C circuit. Port assignments are defined in separate commands. Available if the instrument is in 4-Port VNA mode. |
| Charac. | Characterize Characterization |
| cm | Distance units abbreviation. Centimeter. |
| Cnt | Count |
| Coax | Coaxial cable |
| Coef. | Coefficient |
| Comm. | Communication |
| Compress | Compression |
| Config. | Configure Configuration |

| Abbreviation or Term | Meaning/Definition (3 of 14) |
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| CPLS | Parallel capacitance with series inductance. Available if the instrument is in 2-Port VNA mode. |
| CSLP | Series capacitance with parallel inductance. For capacitance only, set L to zero. Available if the instrument is in 2-Port VNA mode. |
| CW | Continuous Wave |
| D1S0 | D One S Zero. In 4-Port VNAs, one differential pair and no singletons. Used in the MXP SETUP dialog box and the :CALCulate{1-16}:MXP SCPI commands. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAIN System SYSTEM Setup SETUP Misc. Setup MISC. SETUP MnP Files Setup MXP SETUP Dialog Box |
| D1S1 | D One S One. In 4-Port VNAs, one differential pair and one singleton. Used in the MXP SETUP dialog box and the :CALCulate{1-16}:MXP SCPI commands. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAIN System SYSTEM Setup SETUP Misc. Setup MISC. SETUP MnP Files Setup MXP SETUP Dialog Box |
| D1S2 | D One S Two. In 4-Port VNAs, one differential pair and two singletons. Used in the MXP SETUP dialog box and the :CALCulate{1-16}:MXP SCPI commands. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAIN System SYSTEM Setup SETUP Misc. Setup MISC. SETUP MnP Files Setup MXP SETUP Dialog Box |
| D2S0 | D Two S Zero. In 4-Port VNAs, two differential pairs and no singletons. Used in the MXP SETUP dialog box and the :CALCulate{1-16}:MXP SCPI commands. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAIN System SYSTEM Setup SETUP Misc. Setup MISC. SETUP MnP Files Setup MXP SETUP Dialog Box |
| DAC | Digital to Analog Converter |
| Data/Mem | Data value divided by the memory value. |
| Data+Mem | Data value plus the memory value. |
| DataMem | Data value times the memory value. |
| Data-Mem | Data value minus the memory value. |
| DataMemMath | Data and memory mathematical equations. |
| dB | Decibels |
| dB/Div | SCALE menu toolbar function. Decibels per trace display division. |
| DDS | Direct Digital Synthesis |
| De-embed De-Embed Deembed | De-embedding. Process where calibration parameters for a test fixture are removed from the calibrated instrument and connection cables. |
| Deg Degs | Degree Degrees |
| Degs/Div | SCALE menu toolbar function. Degrees per trace display division. For circular Polar or Smith Chart displays only. |
| Diff. | Differential |
| Div. | Division |
| DTF | Distance to fault |
| DUT | Device under test |

| Abbreviation or Term | Meaning/Definition (4 of 14) |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| E/DE EDE Embed Embedding | Embedding/De-Embedding. Process where known calibration parameters for a test fixture are added to the instrument calibration consisting of just the instrument and connection cables. |
| EMC | Electromagnetic Compatibility |
| Eqn | Equation |
| Ext. | External |
| Ext. Src. Addr. | External source address |
| Extrap | Extrapolation |
| Fctry | Factory |
| Field Toolbar | When some buttons are selected, the field toolbar that appears near the top of the screen display just below the icon toolbar. The toolbar provides user control to select the value of the required input such as a frequency, attenuation level, or device address. Some toolbar fields allow the selection of units; for example, frequency field toolbars allow selection of Hz, kHz, MHz, or GHz units. Some field toolbars appear at the bottom of the display area when editing table information such as for Segmented Sweep operations. |
| Flash drive | See USB Memory Device. |
| Freq-Base | Frequency-Based |
| Freq Freq. | Frequency |
| FreqIniTable.ini | File type. |
| FreqTable.mft | File type. |
| Full 2-port Full Two port | Calibration method. Also called "12 Term Calibration." |
| FULL1 | Abbreviation for full one port calibration. Used in the SCPI command :SENSe{1-16}:CORRection:COLLect[:METHod]:FULL1 to simulate the calibration. |
| FULL2 | Abbreviation for full two port calibration. Used in the SCPI command :SENSe{1-16}:CORRection:COLLect[:METHod]:FULL2 to simulate the calibration. |
| FULLB | Abbreviation for full one port reflection calibration both ports. Used in the SCPI command :SENSe{1-16}:CORRection:COLLect[:METHod]:FULLB to simulate the calibration. |
| GHz | Gigahertz. 10E9 Hertz. |
| GPiB | IEEE-488.2 General Purpose Interface Bus. GPIB Command. |
| GUI | Graphical User Interface |
| HDD | Hard Disk Drive |
| Het. | Heterodyne |
| ID | Identification number |
| IEC | International Electrotechnical Commission |
| IEEE | Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers |
| IEEE-488.2 | IEEE Specification 488.2 for General Purpose Interface Bus (GPIB) |

| Abbreviation or Term | Meaning/Definition (5 of 14) |
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| IF | Intermediate Frequency |
| IFBW | Intermediate Frequency Bandwidth |
| Imag. | Imaginary |
| IMD | Intermodulation distortion |
| Imped. | Impedance |
| Imped. Transf. | Impedance transformation |
| Indep. | Independent |
| Inter. | Interface Interference |
| IntraTrace | Mathematical operations within the same trace display. As opposed to inter-trace operations. |
| IP | Internet Protocol |
| j | Imaginary number |
| jX | Reactance term in Ohms |
| K Connector | Connector type. Compatible with SMA, WSM and 3.5 mm connectors, it has a rated frequency range from DC to 40 GHz. K Connector is a trademark of Anritsu Company. |
| kHz | Kilohertz. 10E3 Hertz. |
| km | Distance units abbreviation. Kilometer. |
| L(P) L(S) L(P)-C(S) L(S)-C(P) | Abbreviation for LC circuit primitives. Inductor (Parallel), Inductor (Series), Inductor (Series)-Capacitance (Parallel), and Inductor (Parallel) and Capacitance (Series). |
| Lang. | Language |
| LCD | Liquid Crystal Display |
| LCKTFour | A four-node inductance L circuit. Port assignments are defined in separate commands. Available if the instrument is in 4-Port VNA mode. |
| Lft | Left |
| Lin | Linear |
| LO | Local Oscillator |
| Log | Logarithmic |
| LogMag | Logarithmic Magnitude |
| LRL/LRM | Calibration method. Line-reflect-line calibration algorithm. Line-reflect-match calibration algorithm. |
| LSCP | Series inductance with parallel capacitance. For inductance only, set C to zero. Available if the instrument is in 2-Port VNA mode. |
| LSCS | Parallel inductance with series capacitance. Available if the instrument is in 2-Port VNA mode. |
| LVD | Low Voltage Directive |
| m | Distance unit abbreviation. Meter. |
| Mag Mag. | Magnitude |
| max Num | Maximum Number |

| Abbreviation or Term | Meaning/Definition (6 of 14) |
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| Max max | Maximum |
| MB/s | Megabytes per second |
| Mb Mbit | Megabit. 1 megabit equals 10E6 bits or 1,000,000 bits. |
| MB Mbyte | Megabyte. In SI decimal units, 1 megabyte equals 1000E3 bytes or 1,000,000 bytes. In IEC binary units, a “mebibyte or Mi” equals 1024E3 bytes or 1,048,576 bytes, but is also commonly called a “megabyte.” |
| Mem Mem. | Memory |
| Memory stick | See USB Memory Device. |
| menu | Available menus in the top level menu-bar command interface. |
| Menu command | Individual commands listed on a drop-down menu from the top menu bar. For example, on the File menu, the first command is Recall. |
| MFT (.mft) Files | File type extension. |
| MG | Anritsu Measurement Guide |
| MHz | Megahertz. 10E6 Hertz. 1,000,000 Hertz |
| Micr. | Microporous Teflon dielectric type |
| Min Min. | Minimum |
| Misc. | Miscellaneous |
| Mkr # [OFF] | Marker number with the Reference Marker function toggled off and the marker also toggled off; for example, Mkr 1 [OFF] for Marker 1. |
| Mkr # [ON] | Marker number with the Reference Marker function toggled off and the marker toggled on; for example, Mkr 1 [ON] for Marker 1. |
| Mkr#-Ref [OFF] | Marker number with the Reference Marker function toggled on and the marker toggled off; for example, Mkr1-Ref [OFF] for Marker 1. |
| Mkr#-Ref [ON] | Marker number with the Reference Marker function toggled on and the marker also toggled on; for example, Mkr1-Ref [ON] for Marker 1. |
| Mkr Mkrs | Marker, Markers |
| mm | Units abbreviation. Millimeter. |
| MM | Anritsu Maintenance Manual |
| mmWave mm-Wave | Millimeter wavelength |
| Model# | Model Number |
| ms | Time units abbreviation. Millisecond. |
| MS46522B Series VNA | The function or feature refers to any VNA model in the series: MS46522B, or MS46524B. |

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| Navigation paths | Navigation to a menu or dialog box of interest is entered using navigation notation where the pipe (“ ”) symbol is used to separate elements. The starting menu is usually the MAIN Menu. The general format is with menu and dialog boxes in ALL CAPS and buttons in Title Case; both use this distinctive Sans Serif Font in the general format: MAIN Button MENU Button DESTINATION MENU/DIALOG BOX For example, the navigation path to the REFERENCE PLANE menu is: MAIN Measurement MEASUREMENT Reference Plane REFERENCE PLANE |
| NIST | National Institute of Standards and Technology. |
| ns | Time units abbreviation. Nanosecond. |
| Ntwk Ntwk. | Network |
| Ohms/Div | SCALE menu toolbar function. Ohms (Ω) per trace display division. |
| OM | Anritsu Operations Manual |
| Op. | Operand Operation Operations |
| Out. | Output |
| P2P | Pulse-to-Pulse |
| Param. | Parameter Parameters |
| PDF | Proprietary Portable Document Format from Adobe Corporation. |
| PG | Pulse Generator |
| PIP | Point-in-Pulse |
| PM | Anritsu Programming Manual |
| Prev Prev. | Previous |
| PRF | Pulse Repetition Frequency |
| PRI | Pulse Repetition Interval |
| Profile | Pulse Profile |
| ps | Time units abbreviation. Picosecond. |
| Pwr Pwr. | Power |
| R | Resistance |
| R(P), R(S) | Parallel Resistance, Series Resistance |
| R-Circuit | Resistive element of an L-C circuit |
| RCKTFour | A four-node resistive R circuit. Port assignments are defined in separate commands. Available if the instrument is in 4-Port VNA mode. |
| Rcvr Rcvr. | Receiver |

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| Rect. | Reactance Rectangle Rectangular |
| Ref.Mkr | Reference Marker |
| Ref Ref. | Reference |
| RESP1 | Abbreviation for one-port response calibration. Used in the SCPI command :SENSe{1-16}:CORRection:COLLect[:METHod]:RESP1 to simulate the calibration. |
| RESPB | Abbreviation for one-port response calibration both ports. Used in the SCPI command :SENSe{1-16}:CORRection:COLLect[:METHod]:RESPB to simulate the calibration. |
| RF | Radio Frequency |
| RP | Resistive parallel network. Available if the instrument is in 2-Port VNA mode. |
| RS | Resistive series network. Available if the instrument is in 2-Port VNA mode. |
| Rt | Right |
| s | Time units abbreviation. Second. |
| S11 | S-Parameter. Used in text for S-parameter measurement of input reflection coefficient. In text written as "S11". Mathematical version uses subscripts as S_{11} . Available in 2-Port and 4-Port VNAs. |
| S12 | S-Parameter. Used in text for S-parameter measurement of reverse transmission coefficient. Mathematical version uses subscripts as S_{12} . Available in 2-Port and 4-Port VNAs. |
| S13 | S-Parameter. Used in test for S-parameter measurement. Mathematical version used subscripts as S_{13} . Available only in 4-Port VNAs. |
| S14 | S-Parameter. Used in test for S-parameter measurement. Mathematical version used subscripts as S_{14} . Available only in 4-Port VNAs. |
| S21 | S-Parameter. Used in text for S-parameter measurement of forward transmission coefficient. Mathematical version uses subscripts as S_{21} . Available in 2-Port and 4-Port VNAs. |
| S22 | S-Parameter. Used in text for S-parameter measurement of output reflection coefficient. Mathematical version uses subscripts as S_{22} . Available in 2-Port and 4-Port VNAs. |
| S23 | S-Parameter. Used in test for S-parameter measurement. Mathematical version used subscripts as S_{23} . Available only in 4-Port VNAs. |
| S24 | S-Parameter. Used in test for S-parameter measurement. Mathematical version used subscripts as S_{23} . Available only in 4-Port VNAs. |

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| s2p | File extension. Abbreviation for S-parameter 2-Port configuration file. The general type of file extension is referred to an “.snp” file where the “n” refers to the number of ports, such as “.s1p” for an S-parameter 1-Port configuration file. |
| S2Pfile | Allows an S2P calibration file to be used. Available if the instrument is in 2-Port VNA mode. |
| S31 | S-Parameter. Used in test for S-parameter measurement. Mathematical version used subscripts as S_{31} . Available only in 4-Port VNAs. |
| S32 | S-Parameter. Used in test for S-parameter measurement. Mathematical version used subscripts as S_{32} . Available only in 4-Port VNAs. |
| S33 | S-Parameter. Used in test for S-parameter measurement. Mathematical version used subscripts as S_{33} . Available only in 4-Port VNAs. |
| S34 | S-Parameter. Used in test for S-parameter measurement. Mathematical version used subscripts as S_{34} . Available only in 4-Port VNAs. |
| S41 | S-Parameter. Used in test for S-parameter measurement. Mathematical version used subscripts as S_{41} . Available only in 4-Port VNAs. |
| S42 | S-Parameter. Used in test for S-parameter measurement. Mathematical version used subscripts as S_{42} . Available only in 4-Port VNAs. |
| S43 | S-Parameter. Used in test for S-parameter measurement. Mathematical version used subscripts as S_{43} . Available only in 4-Port VNAs. |
| S44 | S-Parameter. Used in test for S-parameter measurement. Mathematical version used subscripts as S_{44} . Available only in 4-Port VNAs. |
| S4Pfile | Allows an S4P calibration file to be used. Available if the instrument is in 4-Port VNA mode. |
| SC1C1 | Two differential pairs. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with two differential pairs. S-parameter for common-mode reception at Pair 1 and common-mode drive at Pair 1. |
| SC1C2 | Two differential pairs. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with two differential pairs. S-parameter for common-mode reception at Pair 1 and common-mode drive at Pair 2. |
| SC1D1 | Two differential pairs. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with two differential pairs. S-parameter for common-mode reception at Pair 1 and differential drive at Pair 1. |
| SC1D2 | Two differential pairs. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with two differential pairs. S-parameter for common-mode reception at Pair 1 and differential drive at Pair 2. |
| SC2C1 | Two differential pairs. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with two differential pairs. S-parameter for common-mode reception at Pair 2 and common-mode drive at Pair 1. |

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| SC2C2 | Two differential pairs. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with two differential pairs. S-parameter for common-mode reception at Pair 2 and common-mode drive at Pair 2. |
| SC2D1 | Two differential pairs. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with two differential pairs. S-parameter for common-mode reception at Pair 2 and differential drive at Pair 1. |
| SC2D2 | Two differential pairs. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with two differential pairs. S-parameter for common-mode reception at Pair 2 and differential drive at Pair 2. |
| SCC | <p>One differential pair and one singleton. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with common-mode reception at Pair 1 and common-mode drive at Pair 1. S-Parameter for common-mode reception at Pair 1 and common-mode drive at Pair 1.</p> <p>One differential pair and two singletons. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode for Pair 1 common-mode reception and Pair 1 drive. S-Parameter for common-mode reception at Pair 1 and common-mode drive at Pair 1.</p> <p>Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with common-mode reception at Pair 1 and common-mode drive at Pair 2. S-Parameter for common-mode reception at Pair 1 and common-mode drive at Pair 1.</p> |
| SCD | <p>One differential pair and one singleton. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode for Pair 1 reception and Pair 1 drive. S-Parameter for common-mode reception at Pair 1 and differential drive at Pair 1.</p> <p>One differential pair and two singletons. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with common-mode reception at Pair 1 and differential drive at Pair 2. S-Parameter for common-mode reception at Pair 1 and differential drive at Pair 1.</p> |
| SCX | <p>One differential pair and one singleton. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with Pair 1 common-mode reception and singleton drive. S-Parameter for common-mode reception at Pair 1 and singleton drive.</p> <p>One differential pair and two singletons. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with common-mode reception at Pair 1 and drive at first singleton. S-Parameter for common-mode reception at Pair 1 and first singleton drive.</p> |
| SCY | One differential pair and two singletons. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with common-mode at Pair 1 and drive at second singleton. S-Parameter for common-mode reception at Pair 1 and second singleton drive. |
| SD1C1 | Two differential pairs. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with two differential pairs. S-parameter for differential reception at Pair 1 and common-mode drive at Pair 2. |
| SD1C2 | Two differential pairs. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with two differential pairs. S-parameter for differential reception at Pair 1 and common-mode drive at Pair 2. |
| SD1D1 | Two differential pairs. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with two differential pairs. S-parameter for differential reception at Pair 1 and differential drive at Pair 2. |

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| SD1D2 | Two differential pairs. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with two differential pairs. S-parameter for differential reception at Pair 1 and differential drive at Pair 2. |
| SD2C1 | Two differential pairs. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with two differential pairs. S-parameter for differential reception at Pair 2 and common-mode drive at Pair 1. |
| SD2C2 | Two differential pairs. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with two differential pairs. S-parameter for differential reception at Pair 2 and common-mode drive at Pair 2. |
| SD2D1 | Two differential pairs. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with two differential pairs. S-parameter for differential reception at Pair 2 and differential drive at Pair 1. |
| SD2D2 | Two differential pairs. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with two differential pairs. S-parameter for differential reception at Pair 2 and differential drive at Pair 2. |
| SDC | One differential pair and one singleton. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode for Pair 1 reception and Pair 1 drive. S-Parameter for differential reception at Pair 1 and common-mode drive at the port pair. One differential pair and two singletons. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with differential reception at Pair 1 and common-mode drive at Pair 1. S-Parameter for differential reception and common-mode drive at Pair 1. |
| SDD | One differential pair and one singleton. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode for Pair 1 reception and Pair 1 drive. S-Parameter for differential reception and differential drive. One differential pair and two singletons. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with differential reception at Pair 1 and differential drive at Pair 1. S-Parameter for differential reception and differential drive at Pair 1. |
| SDX | One differential pair and one singleton. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode for Pair 1 reception and singleton drive. S-Parameter for differential reception at Pair 1 and singleton drive. One differential pair and two singletons. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with differential reception at Pair 1 and drive at first singleton. S-Parameter for differential reception at Pair 1 and first singleton drive. |
| SDY | One differential pair and two singletons. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with differential reception at Pair 1 and drive at second singleton. S-Parameter for differential reception at Pair 1 and second singleton drive. |
| Seg. | Segment Segmented |
| SerNum | Serial Number |
| Set. | Settings |
| SI | International System of Units |
| Single Offset | Calibration method |

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| Soft buttons | Buttons that appear in the right side menu interface on the MS46522B Series VNA screen. In text, the name of the menu is formatted with a distinctive font in capitals, such as the FREQUENCY menu. Soft buttons on each menu, such as the Select Port toggle button are formatted in the same font with initial capitals. |
| SOLT/SOLR | Calibration methods. Short-open-load-thru or short-open-load-reciprocal calibration algorithm. |
| Sparam | S-Parameters or scattering parameters |
| S-Parameters s-parameters | Scattering parameters. |
| Src Src. | Source |
| SRPRP SRR SXR SRX SXX | General button format for mixed mode settings. In 4-port VNA mixed mode settings, this is the name format of the selectable button names. For buttons with five letters, "S" indicates a mixed mode S-Parameter, "R" is the selected response type of either "D" for differential or "C" for common mode, and "P" is the Port number between 1 and 4. For buttons with three letters, "S" indicates a mixed-mode S-Parameter, "R" is the selected response type of either "D" for differential or "C" for common mode, and "X" is the singleton drive. |
| SSD | Solid State Drive |
| SSLT/SSLR | Calibration methods. Short-short-load-thru or short-short-load-reciprocal calibration algorithm |
| SSST/SSSR | Calibration methods. Short-short-short-thru or short-short-short-reciprocal calibration algorithm. Also called "Triple Offset Short". |
| Swp | Sweep |
| SWR | Standing Wave Ratio |
| SXC | One differential pair and one singleton. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with first singleton reception and common-mode drive at Pair 1. S-Parameter for first singleton reception and common-mode drive at Pair 1. One differential pair and two singletons. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with singleton reception and differential drive. S-Parameter for singleton reception and common-mode drive at Pair 1. |
| SXD | One differential pair and one singleton. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with singleton reception and Pair 1 drive. S-Parameter for singleton reception and differential drive at Pair 1. One differential pair and two singletons. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with first singleton reception and differential drive at Pair 1. S-Parameter for first singleton reception and differential drive at Pair 1. |
| SXX | One differential pair and one singleton. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with singleton reception and singleton drive. S-Parameter for singleton reception and singleton drive. One differential pair and two singletons. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with first singleton reception and first singleton drive. S-Parameter for first singleton reception and first singleton drive. |

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| SXY | One differential pair and two singletons. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with first singleton reception and first singleton drive. S-Parameter for first singleton reception and second singleton drive. |
| SYC | One differential pair and two singletons. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with second singleton reception and common-mode drive at Pair 1. S-Parameter for second singleton reception and common-mode drive at Pair 1. |
| SYD | One differential pair and two singletons. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with second singleton reception and differential drive at Pair 1. S-Parameter for second singleton reception and differential drive at Pair 1. |
| SYX | One differential pair and two singletons. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with second singleton reception and first singleton drive. S-Parameter for second singleton reception and first singleton drive. |
| SY Y | One differential pair and two singletons. Trace labeling for Mixed-mode with second singleton reception and second singleton drive. S-Parameter for second singleton reception and second singleton drive. |
| TCP | Transmission Control Protocol. Part of the Ethernet network communication protocol. |
| TDS | Anritsu Technical Data Sheet. Document location of the most recent instrument performance specifications. |
| TFRB | Abbreviation for transmission frequency response calibration both directions. Used in the SCPI command :SENSe{1-16}:CORRection:COLLect[:METHod]:TFRB to simulate the calibration. |
| TFRF | Abbreviation for transmission frequency response calibration forward direction. Used in the SCPI command :SENSe{1-16}:CORRection:COLLect[:METHod]:TFRF to simulate the calibration. |
| TFRR | Abbreviation for transmission frequency response calibration reverse direction. Used in the SCPI command :SENSe{1-16}:CORRection:COLLect[:METHod]:TFRR to simulate the calibration. |
| TLine | A defined transmission line with specifications for Impedance (Ohms), Length (meters), Loss (dB/mm), @ Frequency (GHz), and Dielectric Value. Note that programmatically, length is entered in meters. From the user interface, length is usually entered in millimeters. Available if the instrument is in 2-Port VNA mode. |
| T-Line | Transmission line |
| TLINELFour | Allows two separate through ("thru") lines to be used. In separate commands, each link is defined by Length (meters), @ Frequency (GHz), Z0-Odd (Ohms), Loss-Odd (dB/mm), Dielectric Odd (unitless number), Z0Even (Ohms), Loss-Even (dB/mm), and Dielectric Even (unitless number). Note that programmatically, length is entered in meters. From the user interface, length is usually entered in millimeters. Available if the instrument is in 4-Port VNA mode. |
| TMS | True Mode Stimulus |
| Toggle Button | A software button that toggles between two or more states such as ON and OFF or Port 1 and Port 2. |

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| TR | Instrument mode. Transmission/reflection mode. |
| Transf Transf. | Transfer Transformation |
| Triple Offset Short | Calibration method. Short-short-short-thru. Commonly abbreviated as "SSST." |
| TRL | Thru Reflect Line Calibration method. See LRL. |
| TRM | Thru Reflect Match Calibration method. See ALRM. |
| Tr Tr. | Trace |
| TS | Troubleshooting |
| TS Mode | Troubleshooting Mode |
| TTL | Transistor-Transistor Logic |
| U | Units |
| um | Distance units abbreviation. Micrometer. |
| Units/Div | SCALE menu toolbar function. Measurement units per trace display division. |
| us | Time units abbreviation. Microsecond. |
| USB | Universal Serial Bus |
| USB Memory Device | <p>Also called a "USB flash drive", "USB stick", "thumb drive", or "memory stick." In the context of Anritsu documentation, a USB memory device is used to transfer calibration, certification, and/or operating system updates to the MS46x20A instrument.</p> <p>When the instrument interface or hardware uses another term such as "Calibration Memory Device," its first use is always followed by the "USB Memory Device" in parenthesis.</p> <p>For example: "...use the Calibration Memory Device (USB Memory Device) to load the characterization parameters for the calibration kit..."</p> |
| USB stick | See USB Memory Device. |
| UTF | Universal Test Fixture |
| V | Volts Voltage |
| V AC | Volts Alternating Current. |
| V Connector™ | <p>Anritsu Company trademarked connector name.</p> <p>Connector type. A 1.85 mm coaxial connector with a rated frequency range from DC to 65 GHz. V Connector is a trademark of Anritsu Company.</p> |
| V DC | Volts Direct Current |
| VCO | Voltage Control Oscillator |
| VISA | Virtual Instrument System Architecture |
| VNA | Vector Network Analyzer |
| VSWR | Voltage Standing Wave Ratio |

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