

KickStart Instrument Control Software

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Version 2.4.0 Software release notes

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GENERAL INFORMATION

SUPPORTED MODELS

This software is intended for use with the following Keithley Instruments and Tektronix product models using USB, LAN (ethernet), or GPIB interfaces. The use of RS-232 (serial) is not supported.

Product category

DAQ					
2700	2701	2750	3706A	3706A-NFP	DAQ6510*
*Includes DAQ	6510-US				
DMM					
2000	2010	2100	2110	DMM6500*	DMM7510*

^{*}Includes DMM6500-US, DMM-7510-US, DMM-7510-NFP, DMM7510-NFP-US, DMM7510-RACK, DMM7510-RACK-US, DMM7510-NFP-RACK, DMM7510-RACK-US



Product category

SMU					
2400	2400-C	2401	2410	2410-C	2420
2420-C	2425	2425-C	2430	2430-C	2440
2440-C	2450	2460	2461	2470	2601A
2601B	2602A	2602B	2604B	2606B	2611A
2611B	2612A	2612B	2614B	2634B	2635B
2636A	2636B	2651A	2657A	2601B-PULSE	
Sensitive					
6430	6485	6487	6514	6517A	6517B
Power Supply					
222x	223x	2280S-32-6	2280S-60-3	2281S-20-6	
Oscilloscope					
DPO3012	DPO3014	DPO3032	DPO3034	DPO3052	DPO3054
DPO4014B	DPO4032	DPO4034	DPO4034B	DPO4054	DPO4054B
DPO4102B	DPO4102B-L	DPO4104	DPO4104B	DPO4104B-L	MDO3012
MDO3014	MDO3022	MDO3024	MDO3032	MDO3034	MDO3052
MDO3054	MDO3102	MDO3104	MDO32	MDO34	MDO4014-3
MDO4014B-3	MDO4024C	MDO4034-3	MDO4034B-3	MDO4034C	MDO4054-3
MDO4054-6	MDO4054B-3	MDO4054B-6	MDO4054C	MDO4104-3	MDO4104-6
MDO4104B-3	MDO4104B-6	MDO4104C	MSO3012	MSO3014	MSO3032
MSO3034	MSO3052	MSO3054	MSO4012B	MSO4012B-L	MSO4032
MSO4034	MSO4034B	MSO4054	MSO4054B	MSO4104	MSO4104B
MSO4012B-L	TBS1000C	TBS1022	TBS1032B	TBS1032B-EDU	TBS1042
TBS1052B	TBS1052B-EDU	TBS1052C	TBS1062	TBS1064	TBS1072B
TBS1072B-EDU	TBS1072C	TBS1102	TBS1102C	TBS1104	TBS1152
TBS1152B	TBS1154	TBS1202B	TBS1202C	TBS2072B	TBS2074B
TBS2102B	TBS2104B	TBS2202B	TBS2204B		

Product category

Oscilloscope					
TBS1202B-EDU	TBS2000B	TBS2072	TBS2074	TBS2102	TBS2104
TBS2202	TBS2204	TDS210	TDS220	TDS224	TDS1001
TDS1001B	TDS1001C-SC	TDS1002	TDS1002B	TDS1002C-SC	TDS1012
TDS1012B	TDS1012C-SC	TDS2001C	TDS2002	TDS2002B	TDS2002C
TDS2004	TDS2004B	TDS2004C	TDS2012	TDS2012B	TDS2012C
TDS2014	TDS2014B	TDS2014C	TDS2022	TDS2022B	TDS2022C
TDS2024	TDS2024B	TDS2024C			
Switch cards					
2000-SCAN	2001-TCSCAN	3720	3721	3722	3723
3724	7700	7701	7702	7703	7706
7707	7708	7710			

SUPPORTED OPERATING SYSTEMS

KickStart is supported on the following operating systems:

Windows® 10, 64-bit (Creator's update)

Windows® 8, 64-bit Windows® 7, 64-bit

SUPPORTED COMMUNICATION INTERFACES

USB LAN GPIB

PC REQUIREMENTS

Processor: Dual-core processor 2 GHz or better

NTFS file system RAM: 8GB

Display resolution: Minimum 1920 x 1080 recommended

Disk drive space required: 8 GB of free space

SOFTWARE PREREQUISITES:

NI VISA™ 17.5 Runtime Engine or later (installation package included in KickStart installer)
Microsoft® Visual Studio® C++ 2013 x64 Redistributable Package
Microsoft® Visual Studio® C++ 2017 x64 Redistributable Package
.NET Framework 4.7.

When installing KickStart without an internet connection, make sure that the last three software prerequisites are installed on your computer before installing. The NI VISA 17.5 Runtime Engine is packaged with the KickStart installer.

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Download the KickStart 2.4.0 installer from $\underline{\text{tek.com/keithley-kickstart}}$. Unzip the file and run $\underline{\text{KickStartSetup.exe}}$.

Follow the installation instructions and accept all default settings.

The installer installs the required files into the following default location: C:\Program Files\Keithley Instruments\KickStart.

KickStart version 2.4.0 requires a software license. You can install a one-time 60-day free trial with most KickStart apps. For more information on licenses available for KickStart version 2.4.0, please visit tek.com/keithley-kickstart.

For more information on KickStart, see the *KickStart Quick Start Guide* (document number: KKS-903-01), available online at tek.com/keithley-kickstart.

KICKSTART INSTRUMENT CONTROL SOFTWARE HISTORY

Version	Release date
2.0.0	April 2018
2.0.1	July 2018
2.0.2	July 2018
2.0.3	August 2018
2.0.4	October 2018
2.0.5	November 2018
2.0.6	February 2019
2.1.0	June 2019
2.1.1	September 2019
2.2.0	November 2019
2.2.1	February 2020
2.3.0	April 2020
2.4.0	November 2020

VERSION 2.4.0 RELEASE NOTES

VERSION 2.4.0 KNOWN ISSUES

Issue number: KS-3667 **Description:** In the I-V Characterizer App, if the graph is visible while running a pulsed I-V test, the graph may stop updating. Workaround: To correct this issue, press the autoscale button. KS-3730 Issue number: **Description:** When using a 2461 with version 1.7.2b firmware, the sheet and graph will not display the first pulse in the "IV Characterizer Pulse" test. This only occurs with complete pulse measurements and not pulse measurements. To display the first pulse, configure one more pulse than you need. Issue number: KS-3751. NS-1952 **Description:** Current pulse list sweep tests in the I-V Characterizer do not produce the correct results. Issue number: KS-3783 **Description:** In a Pulse test with the I-V Characterizer and the model 2461, the sample rate can automatically change when switching from Complete Pulse to Top of Pulse and vice versa. The number of pulses * (pulse delay + pulse width + pulse off time) * Sample Rate can: 1. Produce too much data for the five million instrument reading buffer. 2. Increase test time due to the enormous amount of data. Due to these issues, the App will change the sample rate attempting to alleviate the issues. Consequently, reducing the sample rate means some pulses may not show the measurement level accurately since the reading is taken during the rising or falling edge of the pulse.

VERSION 2.4.0 ENHANCEMENTS

Issue number:	KS-2550
Improvement:	Added support for configuring LineSync in the DataLogger app.
Issue number:	KS-2870
Improvement:	Improved speed of running large sweeps with SMU instruments 26xx, 2450, 2460, and 2461 in the I-V Characterizer by increasing number of readings transferred with each query of the instrument (from 500 to 20,000).
Issue number:	KS-2905
Improvement:	The PowerSupply app now supports multiple-channel power-supply instruments, and an improved graphical user interface. The newly-supported models are:
	Two-channel models: 2220-30-1, 2220J-30-1, 2220G-30-1, 2220GJ-30-1
	Three-channel models: 2230-30-1, 2230J-30-1, 2230G-30-1, 2230GJ-30-1, 2230G-30-3, 2230G-30-6, 2230G-60-3

Issue number: KS-3053 Improvement: Added sup Issue number: KS-3085 Improvement: Time to co been redu Issue number: KS-3452	ng a DAQ6510 in the DataLogger app, the time delay between the run button and actual start of a scan is now shorter. Sport for configuring AutoZero in the DataLogger app. Solution of the DataLogger app. Solution of the DataLogger app has ceed from 2 minutes to less than 30 seconds.
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Oscillosco	kStart support for the TBS1000C and TBS2000B Digital Storage pes.
Issue number: KS-3514,	KS-3515
measure ii Additionall	Resistivity app has been added to KickStart 2.4.0. This app allows the user to insulation resistivity according to the procedure stated in ASTM D257. It is supports Keithley's alternating polarity technique for improving accuracy in resistivity measurements.
Issue number: KS-3633	
Improvement: Added sup	pport for the Model 6517B in the DMM app.
Issue number: KS-3646	
the Identify	oport to change selected scanner-card configuration for the DMM6500 using y Instruments button located in the right-click context menu of the instrument in art instrument manager.
Issue number: KS-3656	
Improvement: Time is no Complete	w the default X-axis source in the I-V Characterizer Graph when measuring Pulse.
Issue number: KS-3739	
	est, Invent™" SMUs now switch to the processing screen when digitizing in aximize data transfer throughput.
Issue number: KS-3744	
Improvement: Added a to instrument	oggle switch to the Scope app to control continuous polling to synchronize t settings.
Issue number: KS-3793	
Improvement: The DMM operations	app now has the ability to set customized units of measure for math
Issue number: KS-3821	
	d help text about viewing data and comparing multiple runs has been added to story button and the Run history pop-up.
Issue number: KS-3830	
	nd Y axis settings panels more discoverable in the graph by showing them hover over the Legend.

Issue number:	KS-3837
Improvement:	Added tooltips to the buttons in the graph legend.
Issue number:	KS-3839
Improvement:	Improved graph log scaling; labels and gridlines are spaced in log format.
Issue number:	KS-3958, KS-3959, KS-3962, KS-4004
Improvement:	New perpetual and annual licensing options are now supported in KickStart.
	New and improved app-based trial licensing has been implemented that allows you to try any KickStart app independently and on demand.
	Made user interface changes to the app cards to show license information.
	Manage Licenses window can now be accessed directly from the KickStart main window.
	Made user experience improvements to the Manage Licenses window to show sufficient details about the installed licenses and also make the transfer of floating licenses simpler.

VERSION 2.4.0 USAGE NOTES

Issue number: KS-3912

Description: When using a 6517B in the DMM app, if mX+b is selected as the math function, the

instrument displays Poly as the function even though the performed math operation is

actually mX+b.

VERSION 2.4.0 RESOLVED ISSUES

Issue number:	KS-2071
Resolution:	Resolved an issue where instrument errors may occur when stopping a pulse test using the Model 2461.
Issue number:	KS-2611, 2612
Resolution:	Resolved an issue where the instrument selector window was empty after opening a saved project when connected to an instrument operating in non-TSP command set.
Issue number:	KS-2947
Resolution:	Resolved an issue where the instrument pane lists an instrument as unsupported when using a Model 2450, 2461, DMM6500, or DAQ6510.
Issue number:	KS-2953
Resolution:	Resolved an issue where KickStart would become unresponsive when the Identify Instruments button is selected while the oscilloscope is busy or in use.
Issue number:	KS-2964
Resolution:	Resolved an issue where a dark-themed graph intermittently appeared when the light theme was selected in KickStart.
Issue number:	KS-3635
Resolution:	Resolved an issue where an incorrect measure range was being set on the instrument when using a Model 6430.

Issue number:	KS-3645, KS-3735
Resolution:	Fixed an issue with the reading table showing blank rows of data when using the DataLogger app connected to a Model DMM6500.
Issue number:	KS-3651
Resolution:	Fixed an issue with the graph log scale, where zooming in and out of the graph when configured for log scale would result in jitter and a crash of KickStart.
Issue number:	KS-3782
Resolution:	In the I-V Characterizer app during voltage or current pulsing, if the voltage or current readback setting was turned off, this setting would be turned back on when the project was saved. This has been resolved.
Issue number:	KS-3987
Resolution:	When operating in the measurements mode of the Scope app, sometimes CH1 was incorrectly shown as disabled even when it was turned on in the Scope app. This issue has been resolved
Issue number:	KS-3991
Resolution:	When using the I-V Characterizer app and selecting a previous run in the run history, a new run was created. This issue has been resolved.
Issue number:	KS-3995
Resolution:	Resolved an issue where 2600B Series SMU instruments would not turn off output immediately after finishing sweep or pulse. Resolving this issue reduces time between the completion of the sweep and the time that the output is turned off.
Issue number:	KS-4012
Resolution:	When a saved KickStart project containing an I-V Characterizer app using two dual-channel 26xx instruments is reopened, the following errors were noticed:
	1. Index was out of range; it must be non-negative and less than the size of the collection. Parameter name: index.
	2. App Alias Already Exist.
	This issue has been resolved.
Issue number:	KS-4038
Resolution:	Running the DataLogger app configured to collect Current measurements using the 3706A with the 3721 card resulted in a test being stopped without collecting any measurements. This issue has been resolved.
Issue number:	KS-4069
Description:	A VISA timeout exception was encountered in the I-V Characterizer when the Delay (time) setting is > 3 s. An issue was fixed with the 26xxB driver where the Run was timing-out for larger Source Delay over USB and LAN. This issue has been resolved.
Issue number:	KS-4074
Description:	When performing an Auto Export function with the DataLogger app when the scan setup contains a long scan interval (>= 360 s), the export may fail. This issue has been resolved.

Issue number: KS-4075

Description: When performing an Auto Export function with the DataLogger app when the scan setup

contains an excessively long scan interval (>= 3600 s), the export may include the Run

History description. This issue has been resolved.