Agilent 33250A
Function/Arbitrary Waveform Generator
Quick Reference Guide

• Square brackets ([ ]) indicate optional keywords or parameters.
• Braces ({ }) enclose parameters within a command. Default parameters are shown in bold.
• Triangle brackets (< >) enclose parameters for which you must substitute a value.
• A vertical bar (|) separates multiple choices.

The APPLy Commands
(see page 144 in User’s Guide)

APPLY
 :SINUsoid [<frequency> [,<amplitude> [,<offset>]] ]
 :SQUAre [<frequency> [,<amplitude> [,<offset>]] ]
 :RAMP [<frequency> [,<amplitude> [,<offset>]] ]
 :PULSe [<frequency> [,<amplitude> [,<offset>]] ]
 :NOISe1 [<frequency][DEF] [,<amplitude> [,<offset>]] ]
 :DC [<frequency][DEF] [,<amplitude> [,<offset>]] ]
 :USER [<frequency> [,<amplitude> [,<offset>]] ]

APPLY?

1 This parameter has no effect for this command but you MUST specify a value or “DEFault”.

State Storage Commands
(see page 209 in User’s Guide)

*SAV {0|1|2|3|4}
*RCL {0|1|2|3|4}

MEMory:STATe
 :NAME {0|1|2|3|4} [,<name>]
 :NAME? {0|1|2|3|4}
 :DELete {0|1|2|3|4}
 :RECall:AUTO {OFF|ON}
 :RECall:AUTO?
 :VALID? {0|1|2|3|4}

MEMory:NSTates?
**Output Configuration Commands**

(see page 153 in User's Guide)

FUNCTION {SINu|SQU|RAMP|PULSe|NOISe|DC|USER}
FUNCTION?
FREQuency {<frequency>|MINimum|MAXimum}
FREQuency? [MINimum|MAXimum]
VOLTage {<amplitude>|MINimum|MAXimum}
VOLTage? [MINimum|MAXimum]
VOLTage:OFFSet {<offset>|MINimum|MAXimum}
VOLTage:OFFSet? [MINimum|MAXimum]
VOLTage:HIGH {<voltage>|MINimum|MAXimum}
VOLTage:HIGH? [MINimum|MAXimum]
VOLTage:LOW {<voltage>|MINimum|MAXimum}
VOLTage:LOW? [MINimum|MAXimum]
VOLTage:RANGe:AUTO {OFF|ON|ONCE}
VOLTage:RANGE:AUTO?
VOLTage:UNIT {VPP|VRMS|DBM}
VOLTage:UNIT?
FUNCTION:SQUare:DCYCle {<percent>|MINimum|MAXimum}
FUNCTION:SQUare:DCYCle? [MINimum|MAXimum]
FUNCTION:RAMP:SYMMetry {<percent>|MINimum|MAXimum}
FUNCTION:RAMP:SYMMetry? [MINimum|MAXimum]
OUTPut {OFF|ON}
OUTPut?
OUTPut:LOAD {<ohms>|INFinity|MINimum|MAXimum}
OUTPut:LOAD? [MINimum|MAXimum]
OUTPut:POLarity {NORMal|INVerted}
OUTPut:POLarity?
OUTPut:SYNC {OFF|ON}
OUTPut:SYNC?

**Pulse Configuration Commands**

(see page 166 in User's Guide)

PULSe:PERiod {<seconds>|MINimum|MAXimum}
PULSe:PERiod? [MINimum|MAXimum]
PULSe:WIDTH {<seconds>|MINimum|MAXimum}
PULSe:WIDTH? [MINimum|MAXimum]
PULSe:TRANSition {<seconds>|MINimum|MAXimum}
PULSe:TRANSition? [MINimum|MAXimum]
Modulation Commands

(see page 169 in User's Guide)

AM Commands

AM: INTERNAL
  :FUNCTION {SIN|SQU|RAMP|NRAMP|TRI|NOISE|USER}
  :FUNCTION?

AM: INTERNAL
  :FREQUENCY {<frequency>|MINimum|MAXimum}
  :FREQUENCY? [MINimum|MAXimum]

AM: DEPTH {<depth in percent>|MINimum|MAXimum}

AM: SOURCE {INTERNAL|EXTERNAL}

AM: STATE {OFF|ON}

AM: STATE?

FM Commands

FM: INTERNAL
  :FUNCTION {SIN|SQU|RAMP|NRAMP|TRI|NOISE|USER}
  :FUNCTION?

FM: INTERNAL
  :FREQUENCY {<frequency>|MINimum|MAXimum}
  :FREQUENCY? [MINimum|MAXimum]

FM: DEVIATION {<peak deviation in Hz>|MINimum|MAXimum}

FM: DEVIATION? [MINimum|MAXimum]

FM: SOURCE {INTERNAL|EXTERNAL}

FM: STATE {OFF|ON}

FM: STATE?
Sweep Commands

(see page 179 in User’s Guide)

FREQuency
  :START (<frequency>|MINimum|MAXimum)
  :START? [MINimum|MAXimum]
  :STOP (<frequency>|MINimum|MAXimum)
  :STOP? [MINimum|MAXimum]
FREQuency
  :CENTER (<frequency>|MINimum|MAXimum)
  :CENTER? [MINimum|MAXimum]
  :SPAN (<frequency>|MINimum|MAXimum)
  :SPAN? [MINimum|MAXimum]
SWEep
  :SPACing {LINear|LOGarithmic}
  :SPACing?
  :TIME (<seconds>|MINimum|MAXimum)
  :TIME? [MINimum|MAXimum]
SWEep:STATe {OFF|ON}
SWEep:STATe?
TRIGger:SOURce {IMMediate|EXTer nal|BUS}
TRIGger:SOURce?
TRIGger:SLOPe {POSitive|NEGative}
TRIGger:SLOPe?
OUTPut
  :TRIGger:SLOPe {POSitive|NEGative}
  :TRIGger:SLOPe?
  :TRIGger {OFF|ON}
  :TRIGger?
MARKer:FREQuency (<frequency>|MINimum|MAXimum)
MARKer:FREQuency? [MINimum|MAXimum]
MARKer {OFF|ON}
MARKer?

Triggering Commands

(see page 195 in User’s Guide)

These commands are used for Sweep and Burst only.

TRIGger:SOURce {IMMediate|EXTer nal|BUS}
TRIGger:SOURce?
TRIGger
  *TRG
TRIGger:DELa y (<seconds>|MINimum|MAXimum)
TRIGger:DELa y? [MINimum|MAXimum]
TRIGger:SLOPe {POSitive|NEGative}
TRIGger:SLOPe?
BURSt:GATE:POLarity {NORMal|INVerted}
BURSt:GATE:POLarity?
OUTPut
  :TRIGger:SLOPe {POSitive|NEGative}
  :TRIGger:SLOPe?
  :TRIGger {OFF|ON}
  :TRIGger?
**Burst Commands**

*(see page 187 in User’s Guide)*

BURST:MODE {TRIggered|GATed}
BURST:MODE?
BURST:NCYCles {<# cycles>|INfinity|MINimum|MAXimum}
BURST:NCYCles? [MINimum|MAXimum]
BURST:INTernal:PERiod {<seconds>|MINimum|MAXimum}
BURST:INTernal:PERiod? [MINimum|MAXimum]
BURST:PHASe {<angle>|MINimum|MAXimum}
BURST:PHASe? [MINimum|MAXimum]
BURST:STATe {OFF|ON}
BURST:STATe?
UNIT:ANGLe {DEGree|RADian}
UNIT:ANGLe?
TRIGger:SOURce {IMMediate|EXTernal|BUS}
TRIGger:SOURce?
TRIGger:DELay {<seconds>|MINimum|MAXimum}
TRIGger:DELay? [MINimum|MAXimum]
TRIGger:SLOPe {POSitive|NEGative}
TRIGger:SLOPe?
BURST:GATE:POLarity {NORMal|INVerted}
BURST:GATE:POLarity?

**System-Related Commands**

*(see page 213 in User’s Guide)*

SYSTem:ERRor?
*IDN?
DISPLAY (OFF|ON)
DISPLAY?
DISPLAY
 :TEXT <quoted string>
 :TEXT?
 :TEXT:CLEar
*RST
*TST?
SYSTem:VERSion?
SYSTem
 :BEEPer
 :BEEPer:STATe {OFF|ON}
 :BEEPer:STATe?
*LRN?
*OPC
*OPC?
*WAI
**Arbitrary Waveform Commands**

(see page 198 in User’s Guide)

DATA VOLATILE, <value>, <value>, ...
DATA
:DAC VOLATILE, {<binary block>|<value>, <value>, ...}
FORMAT:BORDer {NORMAL|SWAPped}
FORMAT:BORDer?
DATA:COPY <destination arb name> [,VOLATILE]
FUNCTION:USER {<arb name>|VOLATILE}
FUNCTION:USER?
FUNCTION USER
FUNCTION?
DATA
:CATALOG?
:NVOLatile:CATalog?
:NVOLatile:FREE?
DATA:DELETE <arb name>
DATA:DELETE:ALL
DATA
:ATTRIBUTE:AVERAGE? [<arb name>]
:ATTRIBUTE:CFACtor? [<arb name>]
:ATTRIBUTE:POINTS? [<arb name>]
:ATTRIBUTE:PTPeak? [<arb name>]

1 The names of the built-in arb waveforms are:
   EXP_RISE, EXP_FALL, NEG_RAMP, SINC, and CARDIAC.

**Interface Configuration Commands**

(see page 218 in User’s Guide)

SYSTem:INTerface {GPIB|RS232}
SYSTem:LOCal
SYSTem:RWSLock

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**Status Reporting Commands**

*(see page 235 in User’s Guide)*

*STB?
*SRE <enable value>*
*SRE?*

`STATus:QUEStionable:CONDition?`
`STATus:QUEStionable[:EVENt]?`
`STATus:QUEStionable:ENABle <enable value>*
`STATus:QUEStionable:ENABle?`

*ESR?
*ESE <enable value>*
*ESE?*
*CLS*

`STATus:PRESet`
`*PSC (0|1)`
`*PSC?`
`*OPC`

**SCPI Status System**

*(see page 225 in User’s Guide)*
**Phase-Lock Commands**

*(see page 223 in User’s Guide)*

```
PHASE <angle>|MINimum|MAXimum
PHASE? [MINimum|MAXimum]
PHASE:REFERENCE
PHASE:UNLock:ERROR:STATE {OFF|ON}
PHASE:UNLock:ERROR:STATE?
UNIT:ANGLE {DEGree|Radian}
UNIT:ANGLE?
```

**Calibration Commands**

*(see page 239 in User’s Guide)*

```
CALibration?
CALibration
 :SECure:STATE {OFF|ON},<code>
 :SECure:STATE?
 :SECure:CODE <new code>
 :SETup <0|1|2|3|...|115>
 :SETup?
 :VALUE <value>
 :VALUE?
 :COUNT?
 :STRING <quoted string>
 :STRING?
```

**IEEE 488.2 Common Commands**

```
*CLS
*ESR?
*ESE <enable value>
*ESE?
*IDN?
*LRN?
*OPC
*OPC?
*PSC (0|1)
*PSC?
*RST
*SAV (0|1|2|3|4)
*RCL (0|1|2|3|4)
*STB?
*SRE <enable value>
*SRE?
*TRG
*TST?
```
**Simplified Programming Overview**

**Using the APPLy Command**
The APPLy command provides the most straightforward method to program the function generator over the remote interface. For example, the following command string sent from your computer will output a 3 Vpp sine wave at 5 kHz with a -2.5 volt offset.

```
APPL:SIN 5.0E+3, 3.0, -2.5
```

**Using the Low-Level Commands**
Although the APPLy command provides the most straightforward method to program the function generator, the low-level commands give you more flexibility to change individual parameters. For example, the following command strings sent from your computer will output a 3 Vpp sine wave at 5 kHz with a -2.5 volt offset.

```
FUNC SIN
FREQ 5000
VOLT 3.0
VOLT:OFFS -2.5
```

**Reading a Query Response**
Only the query commands (commands that end with "?") will instruct the function generator to send a response message. Queries return internal instrument settings. For example, the following command string sent from your computer will read the function generator’s error queue and retrieve the response from the most recent error.

```
dimension statement
SYST:ERR?
enter statement
```

**Selecting a Trigger Source**
When Sweep or Burst is enabled, the function generator will accept an immediate internal trigger, a hardware trigger from the rear-panel Trig In connector, a manual trigger from the key, or a software (bus) trigger. By default, the internal trigger source is selected. If you want to use an external or a software trigger source, you must first select that source. For example, the following command strings sent from your computer will output a 3-cycle burst each time the rear-panel Trig In connector receives the rising edge of a TTL pulse.

```
BURS:NCYC 3
TRIG:SLOP POS
TRIG:SOUR EXT
BURS:STAT ON
```
### Factory Default Settings

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<td>Sine wave</td>
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<tr>
<td>Frequency</td>
<td>1 kHz</td>
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<td>Amplitude / Offset</td>
<td>100 mVpp / 0.000 Vdc</td>
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<td>1 Second</td>
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<td>1 kHz</td>
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<td>Burst Count</td>
<td>1 Cycle</td>
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<td>Burst Period</td>
<td>10 ms</td>
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<td>Burst Starting Phase</td>
<td>0°</td>
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<td>Error Queue</td>
<td>Errors are Cleared</td>
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Parameters marked with a bullet (*) are stored in non-volatile memory.