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85 to 132 V	5A
170 to 250 V	5A

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SECTION 1

OVERVIEW

1.1 Outline

The MW9040B Optical Time Domain Reflectometer enables measurement automation by building a system bus in combination with an external controller using the GP-IB interface bus (IEEE std 488.2-1987).

The GP-IB is a standard digital interface bus for programmable measurement equipment established in 1975 by IEEE (Institute of Electric and Electronics Engineers). Its original version was announced in 1975 as IEEE std 488 (hereafter called IEEE488). The IEEE std 488-1978 presented several problems because it only stipulated the hardware specifications of the bus. To solve the problems, IEEE std 728-1982 (hereafter called IEEE728) was additionally formulated in 1982 to stipulate the software specifications of the connected devices. The IEEE std 728-1982, however, did not fully support a software-sharing concept based on the part of users. To overcome this shortcoming, a modified version of IEEE-728 was introduced in 1987 under the name of IEEE std 488.2-1987 (hereafter called IEEE488.2). This latest version is enhanced in the standardization of the message exchange protocol, message data code, device input/output format, and common commands. As a result of this development, the first version IEEE488 is renamed the IEEE std 488.1-1987 (hereafter called IEEE488.1).

Table 1-1 summarizes the historical transition of the GP-IB standards described above.

Table 1-1 Historical Transition of GP-IB Standards

New Standard	Old standard	Subject of standardization	Remarks
1EEE488.1	1EEE488	Hardware	Contents are the same.
1EEE488.2	1EEE728	Software	—

The equipment that conforms to IEEE488.2 must also conform to IEEE488.1. On the contrary, not all equipment based on IEEE488.1 is guaranteed of conformance to IEEE488.2.

The MW9040B Optical Time Domain Reflectometer has the following GP-IB functions:

1. **Control of each function**
2. **Read of measurement conditions**
3. **Interrupt function and serial polling operation**

Sample programs in this manual are produced assuming the use of the Packet V Personal Technical Computer (Anritsu) as the controller and assuming that the MW9040B GP-IB address is 1.

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SECTION 2

INTERFACE FUNCTIONS AND DEVICE MESSAGE LIST

2.1 GP-IB Interface Function

Among the GP-IB interface functions stipulated in IEEE488.1, IEEE488.2 prescribes the absolute minimum subset required for each measurement instrument to enable system configuration with any particular measurement instrument without problems.

The MW9040B Optical Time Domain Reflectometer has the interface functions shown in Table 2-1.

Table 2-1 GP-IB Interface Functions

No.	Symbol	Function
1	S H 1	All source handshake functions provided.
2	A H 1	All accept handshake functions provided.
3	T 6	Basic talker function provided. Talk-only function not provided. MLA-based talker release function provided.
4	L 4	Basic listener function provided. Listener-only function not provided. MTA-based listener release function provided.
5	S R 1	All service request and status byte functions provided.
6	R L 1	All remote/local functions provided.
7	P P 0	Parallel poll function not provided.
8	D C 1	All device clear functions provided.
9	D T 1	All device trigger functions provided.
10	C 0	Controller function not provided.
11	E 2	Tri-state

2.2 Device Message List

Device messages are sent and received between the controller and device (measurement instrument) via GP-IB. These messages include program messages and response messages.

Consisting of ASCII code, program messages are transferred from the controller to the device. These program messages come in two types: command messages (control messages) and query messages (inquiry messages). Command messages are used to control the device and consist of the common commands stipulated in IEEE488.2 and dedicated command messages for the MW9040B Optical Time Domain Reflectometer. Query messages are used to read device status, and also consist of IEEE-based common commands and dedicated query messages for the MW9040B Optical Time Domain Reflectometer.

Response messages are transferred from the device to the controller. More specifically, these messages are the ones that are returned from the device to the controller when query messages are received from the controller.

2.2.1 Suffix Code

The program or response messages sent and received between the controller and device can have a suffix (unit) added to them.

Note, however, that the MW9040B Optical Time Domain Reflectometer does not use this suffix. With the MW9040B, all numeric values are expressed in fixed units. Table 2-2 lists the numeric units used in the MW9040B.

Table 2-2 Numeric Units Handled by MW9040B

Item	Unit
Length (distance)	1 m; 1 cm for binary notation (IOR is handled as 1.5 on all occurrences.)
Pulse width	1 μ s
Wavelength	1 μ m
Level (waveform data, attenuator)	0.001dB for binary notation 1 dB for others

2.2.2 Status Messages

Device status is indicated by using a status byte register. The controller determines device status and establishes synchronization by reading values from this status byte register. Each bit of the status byte register functions as a summary bit for the register structure present behind it (i.e., each bit indicates a specific event inherent in it among various events.).

Figure 2-1 shows the configuration of status byte.

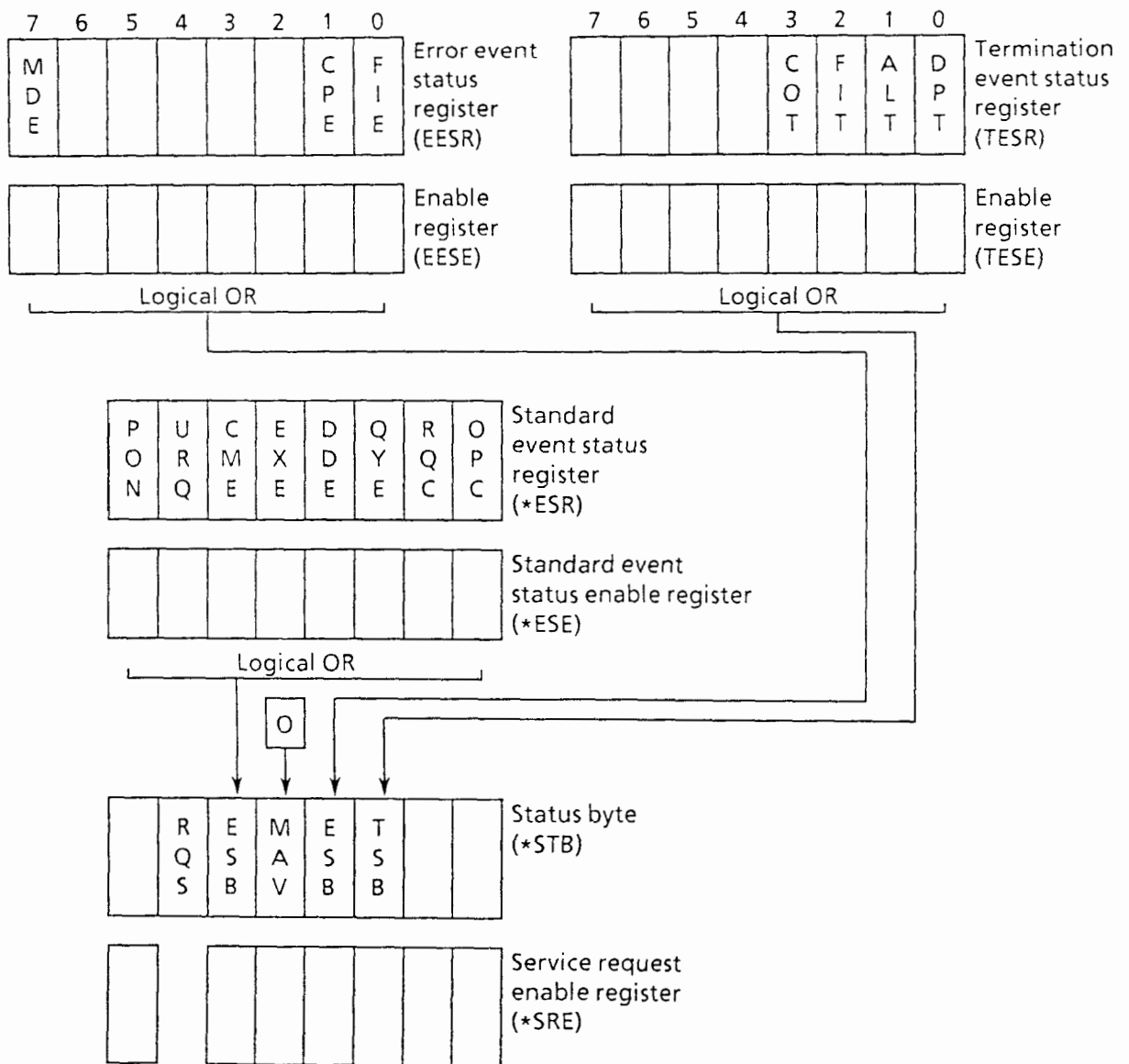


Fig. 2-1 Configuration of Status Byte

Table 2-3 Bit Definition of Status Byte

Bit	Event name	Description
7	—	Always 0 for the MW9040B.
6	R Q S (Request Service)	Indicates whether the device is requesting service. This bit is returned during serial poll. RQS is reset to 0 after being read by the controller through serial poll.
5	E S B (Event Status Bit)	Indicates whether any condition set in the standard event status register is enabled.
4	M A V (Message Available)	Indicates whether there is response in the output queue.
3	E R S B (Error Summary Bit)	Indicates that an error event inherent in the MW9040B has occurred.
2	T S B (Termination Summary Bit)	Indicates an event that has been terminated.
1	—	Always 0 for the MW9040B.
0	—	Always 0 for the MW9040B.

Table 2-4 Bit Definition of Standard Event Status Register

Bit	Event name	Description
7	P O N (Power on)	Indicates that the power is on.
6	U R Q (User Request)	Requests local control (rtl). This bit is generated regardless of the device's remote/local mode. This bit is always 0 for the MW9040B.
5	C M E (Command Error)	Indicates a syntax-error program message, misspelled command, or reception of Group Execution Trigger command (GET) during program message execution.
4	E X E (Execution Error)	Indicates that a program message is received which, although syntax is correct, cannot be executed because parameters are out of range.
3	D D E (Device Dependent Error)	Indicates that an error inherent in the device has occurred.
2	Q Y E (Query Error)	Indicates non-conformance such as reading data while no data is present in the output queue and losing data in the output queue for some reason (e.g., overflow) to the query protocol.
1	R Q C (Request Control)	Indicates that the device is requesting control right of the bus to become the active controller itself. This bit is always 0 for the MW9040B.
0	O P C (Operation Complete)	Indicates whether the device has completed all pending operations. This bit only responds to the *OPC command.

Table 2-5 Bit Definition of Error Event Status Register

Bit	Event name	Description
7	M D E (Measurement Data Error)	0 : No error detected. 1 : Set when DAT?, LOS?, SPL?, or AUT? is received while no waveform data is present, for example, immediately after power-on or immediately after average reset.
6		0 : Not used
5		0 : Not used
4		0 : Not used
3		0 : Not used
2		0 : Not used
1	C P E (Copy Error)	0 : No error detected. 1 : Indicates all errors that occur when COPY is executed while paper is used up or the target device is not connected.
0	F I E (File Error)	0 : No error detected. 1 : Indicates all errors that occur when FILE is executed while the format is incorrect, no media is set into place, or the PMC battery has run down.

Table 2-6 Bit Definition of Termination Event Status Register

Bit	Event name	Description
7	—	0 : Not used
6	—	0 : Not used
5	—	0 : Not used
4	—	0 : Not used
3	C O T (Copy Termination)	0 : Not used 1 : Indicates that COPY operation is terminated. When an error occurs, the error event status register is set to prevent this bit from being affected.
2	F I T (File Termination)	0 : Not used 1 : Indicates that FILE operation is terminated. When an error occurs, the error event status register is set to prevent this bit from being affected.
1	A L T (Average Limit Termination)	0 : No reports 1 : Set when averaging the average limit set values is terminated.
0	D P T (Data Prepare Termination)	0 : No reports 1 : Indicates that preparation for measurement results is completed. This bit is set when waveform is prepared by executing laser-on or by recalling a waveform.

2.2.3 Device Messages

Tables 2-7 and 2-8 list the common commands available with and the commands inherent in the MW9040B Optical Time Domain Reflectometer, as well as query and response messages.

Table 2-7 Common Commands

␣ denotes a space.

No.	Control item	Command	Query	Response message	Remarks
1	Clear Status	*CLS	—	—	
2	Event Status Enable	*ESE␣ <Register value>	*ESE?	<Register value>	
3	Event Status Register	—	*ESR?	<Register value>	
4	Identification Number	—	*IDN?	ANRITSU, MW9040 A,0,<Equipment version>	
5	Operation Complete	*OPC	*OPC?	1	
6	Reset	*RST	—	—	
7	Service Request Enable	*SRE␣ <Register value>	*SRE?	<Register value>	
8	Read Status Byte Query	—	*STB?	<Register value>	
9	Trigger	*TRG	—	—	
10	Self-Test Query	—	*TST?	0	
11	Wait to Complete	*WAI	—	—	

Table 2-8 Inherent Commands

Control commands (measurement control)

␣ denotes a space.

No.	Control item	Command	Query	Response message	Remarks
1	Laser	LD␣{011}	LD?	LD␣{011}	1: ON 0: OFF
2	Average	AVG␣{011}	AVG?	AVG␣{011}	1: ON 0: OFF
3	Marker Select	MKS␣<Marker No.>	MKS?	MKS␣<Marker No.>	<Marker No.> (i) For LOSS 0: * marker 1: x ₁ marker (ii) For SPLICE 0: * marker 1: x ₁ marker 2: x ₂ marker 3: x ₃ marker 4: x ₄ marker (iii) For AUTO 1 ~ 3 max.
4	Marker Position	MKP␣<Marker No.><Distance>	MKP? ␣ <Marker No.> MKP?	MKP␣<Distance> MKP␣<Number of markers><Distance>, ..., <Distance>	<Marker No.> is the same as Marker Select.
5	Vertical Shift	VSF␣<Vertical axis shift value>	VSF?	VSF␣<Vertical axis shift value>	
6	Horizontal Shift	HSF␣ <Horizontal	HSF?	HSF␣<Horizontal axis shift value>	
7	Vertical Scale	VSC␣<Vertical axis scale value>	VSC?	VSC␣<Vertical axis scale value>	
8	Horizontal Scale	HSC␣ <Horizontal axis scale value>	HSC?	HSC␣<Horizontal axis scale value>	
9	Function	FNC␣ <Measurement item>	FNC?	FNC␣<Measurement item>	<Measurement item> 0: LOSS 1: SPLICE 2: AUTO 3: RETURN LOSS
10	Sampling Start/End/Res.	—	SMP?	SMP␣<SS>,<SE>, <SR>	<SS> Sampling start <SE> Sampling end <SR> Sampling resolution
11	Ready	—	RDY?	RDY␣{011}	1: Ready 0: Not ready
12	Connector	—	CON?	CON␣{011}	1: Connected 0: Unconnected
13	Wavelength Select (λ Select)	WLS␣ <Wavelength>	WLS? [␣0] WLS? ␣1	WLS␣<Wavelength> WLS␣<No. of wavelengths>, <Wavelength>, ----- <Wavelength>	

Table 2-8 Inherent Commands (Continued)

Control commands (CONDITION)

␣ denotes a space.

No.	Control item	Command	Query	Response message	Remarks
1	Distance Range	DSR_ <Distance range>	D S R ?	DSR_ <Distance range>	
2	Pulse Width	PLS_ <Pulse width>	P L S ?	PLS_ <Pulse width>	
3	Auto. Attenuator	ATA_{0:1}	A T A ?	ATA_{0:1}	1: ON (AUTO) 0: OFF (MANUAL)
4	Attenuator	ATT_ <Attenuator value>	A T T ?	ATT_ <Attenuator value>	
5	Mask Position	MSP_ <Mask No.> <Distance>	M S P ? ␣ <Mask No.> M S P ?	MSP_ <Distance> MSP_ <Number of masks>, <Distance>, ... , <Distance>	
6	NMSK	NMSK_ <Deviation>	NMSK?	NMSK_ <Deviation>	
7	LD Output Power	PWR_ <Output power>	P W R ?	PWR_ <Output power>	Output power:0 to 127

Control commands (MEASURE)

␣ denotes a space.

No.	Control item	Command	Query	Response message	Remarks
1	Approximate Method (Linear approximation)	APR_ <Linear approximation>	A P R ?	APR_ <Linear approximation>	<Linear approximation> 0: 2PA 1: LSA (ALL) 2: LSA (DISP)
2	Threshold	THR_ <Threshold value>	T H R ?	THR_ <Threshold value>	
3	Average Limit	AVL_ <NT>, <NS> AVL_ <NT>, <TS>	A V L ?	AVL_ <NT>, <NS> <TS>, <NTC>	<NT> Count or time 0: Count 1: Time <NS> Set value of count <TS> Set value of time <NTC> Counter value of count or time
4	IOR	IOR_ <IOR value>	I O R ?	IOR_ <IOR value>	
5	Return Loss Parameter	RTP_ <Set value 1>, ... , <Set value 4>	R T P ?	RTP_ <Set value 1>, ... , <Set value 4>	Set value 1: RSL Set value 2: N1 Set value 3: N2 Set value 4: Ne
6	Return Loss Parameter Back Scattered Level	BSL_ <Set value>	B S L ?	BSL_ <BSL value>	

Table 2-8 Inherent Commands (Continued)

Control commands (DISPLAY)

␣ denotes a space.

No.	Control item	Command	Query	Response message	Remarks
1	Title	TIT␣<Title> TIT	T I T ?	TIT␣<Title>	
2	Unit of Length	UNL␣<Unit>	U N L ?	UNL␣<Unit>	<Unit> 0: Meter 1: Foot 2: Mile

Control commands (FILE)

␣ denotes a space.

No.	Control item	Command	Query	Response message	Remarks
1	Media	MED␣<Media>	M E D ?	MED␣<Media>	<Media> 0: INT MEMORY 1: INT PMC 2: EXT PMC1 3: EXT PMC2 4: EXT FDD
2	Save	SAV␣<Memory No.> SAV␣<File name>	—	—	
3	Save Range	RNG␣{1 2}	R N G ?	RNG␣{1 2}, <SVS>, <SVE>, <SVR>	1: All measured 2: Disp range <SVS> Save start <SVE> Save end <SVR> Save resolution
4	Recall	RCL␣<Memory No.> RCL␣<File name>	R C L ?	RCL␣<Memory No.> RCL␣<File name>	
5	File Delete	FDL␣<Memory No.> FDL␣<File name>	—	—	
6	Format	FMT	—	—	

Table 2-8 Inherent Commands (Continued)

Control commands (COPY)

␣ denotes a space.

No.	Control item	Command	Query	Response message	Remarks
1	Copy	CPY␣{011}	C P Y ?	CPY␣{011}	1 : ON 0 : OFF
2	Target	TGT␣<Target>	T G T ?	TGT␣<Target>	<Target> 0 : Group 1 1 : Group 2 50 : Group 3 51 : Group 4 52 : Data Storage Unit MCS104A
3	Copy item	CIT␣<Print item>	C I T ?	CIT␣<Print item>	<Print item> 0 : All items 1 : Wave form only

Control commands (COMPARE)

␣ denotes a space.

No.	Control item	Command	Query	Response message	Remarks
1	Compare Recall ON/OFF	CMP␣{011}	C M P ?	CMP␣{011}	1 : ON 0 : OFF

Control commands (SYSTEM)

␣ denotes a space.

No.	Control item	Command	Query	Response message	Remarks
1	Date	DATE␣<Year>, <Month>,<Day>	D A T E ?	DATE␣<Year>, <Month>,<Day>	
2	Time	TIME␣<Hour>, <Minute>	T I M E ?	TIME␣<Hour>, <Minute>	
3	Interface Setting	IFS␣<Slot>,<Set item>,<Set value>	I F S ? ␣ <Slot>, <Set item>	IFS␣<Slot>,<Set item>,<Set value>	

Control commands (SWEEP MODE)

␣ denotes a space.

No.	Control item	Command	Query	Response message	Remarks
1	Sweep Mode	SWP␣{011}	S W P ?	SWP␣{011}	0 : Normal mode 1 : Fast mode

Table 2-8 Inherent Commands (Continued)

Control commands (Other OTDR control)

␣ denotes a space.

No.	Control item	Command	Query	Response message	Remarks
1	Initialize	INI	—	—	
2	Plug-in unit	—	P L G ?	PLG␣ <Plug-in unit model name >	
3	Terminator	TRM␣ {0 1}	T R M ?	TRM␣ {0 1}	0: LF 1: CR,LF
4	Time out	TIM␣ <Timeout time >	T I M ?	TIM␣ <Timeout time >	
5	Error Event Status Enable Register	ESE3␣ <Register value >	E S E 3 ?	ESE3␣ <Register value >	
6	Error Event Status Register	—	E S R 3 ?	ESR3␣ <Register value >	
7	Termination Event Status Enable Register	ESE2␣ <Register value >	E S E 2 ?	ESE2␣ <Register value >	
8	Termination Event Status Register	—	E S R 2 ?	ESR2␣ <Register value >	

Table 2-8 Inherent Commands (Continued)

Measurement result request commands

␣ denotes a space.

No.	Control item	Command	Query	Response message	Remarks
1	Loss Measurement Data	—	LOS?	LOS␣ <Loss between 2 points>,<Distance between 2 points>,<Transmission loss>	
2	Splice Loss Measurement Data	—	SPL?	SPL␣<Splice loss>	
3	Auto Measurement Data	—	AUT? AUT?␣ <Faulty point No.>	AUT?␣<Number of faulty points> AUT␣<N> <SPLICE>,<LOSS_L>,<LENG_L>,<TRLOSS_L>,<LOSS_R>,<LENG_R>,<TRLOSS_R>	<N> Faulty point No. <SPLICE> Splice loss at faulty point <LOSS_L> Fiber loss (Left side of faulty point) <LENG_L> Fiber length (Left side of faulty point) <TRLOSS_L> Transmission loss (Left side of faulty point) <LOSS_R> Fiber loss (Right side of faulty point) <LENG_R> Fiber length (Right side of faulty point) <TRLOSS_R> Transmission loss (Right side of faulty point)
4	Return Loss Measurement Data	—	RTL?	RTL␣<Return loss value>	
5	Data	—	DAT?␣ <START>,<RES>,<NUMBER> [,<TYPE>]	<START>,<RES>,<NUMBERn>,0,<1st data>,...,<n'th data>	<START> Data start distance <RES> Data resolution <NUMBER> Number of data entries <TYPE> 0: ASCII 1: Binary

2.2.4 Bus Commands

The MW9040B has the following bus command functions:

1. Interface clear (IFC)

The interface clear command (IFC) stops all bus functions. It clears the address specification of all listeners and talkers and disables serial poll on all devices before returning control to the system controller.

2. Device clear (DCL, SDC)

Device clear (DCL) and selective device clear (SDC) initialize message exchange between devices on the GP-IB bus.

Message-exchange initialization is done to prepare a device for new commands to be sent from the controller when the message exchange-related internal parts of the device are not in an appropriate state for control by the controller (e.g., as a result of execution of some other program) although equipment settings need not be changed. The MW9040B clears the input and output buffers upon reception of device clear (DCL) or selective device clear (SDC) and all pending commands are thereby cleared.

3. Group Execution Trigger (GET)

The MW9040B turns laser and average on when Group Execution Trigger (GET) is received.

2.3 Parameters

The MW9040B checks the validity of input parameters in two ways. It first checks the allowable range of parameters; then, it checks whether the input parameter is appropriate as the parameter of each header message.

When an error is found by one of these checks, the following action is taken:

1. When the allowable range of parameters is exceeded

The command error (bit 5) of the standard event status register is set.

2. When inappropriate as the parameter of each header message

The execution error (bit 4) of the standard event status register is set.

The following shows decision criterion for each.

1. Input range

The allowable range of parameters received by the MW9040B are defined as shown below. When a parameter value exceeds the range of these values, an error is assumed.

Integer : - 2 1 4 7 4 8 3 6 4 8 to 2 1 4 7 4 8 3 6 4 7
Real number : - 2 1 4 7 4 8 3 6 4 8 to 2 1 4 7 4 8 3 6 4 7
Exponent : -9.9E+37 to 9.9E+37

2. Determination of qualification for parameter to each header message

Before determining whether the parameter is appropriate for a header message, its value is rounded off first. The following shows how values are rounded off and how they are determined to be an error or not.

<Rounding-off of continuous values>

If the parameter is a continuous value representing, for example, distance or IOR; a number in the place one digit below the minimum effective digit is rounded to the nearest whole number.

For parameters (where resolution is not constant as in the case of vertical-axis or horizontal-axis shift because it is affected by other conditions such as the CRT screen resolution), the value is rounded to the nearest value with the current-minimum-resolution increment.

Also, if the value is subject to a range of values, its rounded value is checked to see if it is within the range of values. When within the range, the value is handled as normal.

Example : The range of IOR is 1.400 000 to 1.699 999.

Therefore, value 1.399 999 5 is normal because it is rounded to 1.400 000.
Value 1.699 999 49 is also normal because it is rounded to 1.699 999.

<Rounding-off of discrete values>

If a parameter consists of a discrete value to represent an ON or OFF state as in the case of 1/0 or pulse width, a number in the place one digit below the minimum effective digit is rounded off to the nearest whole number.

If the rounded value is not a reasonable value, an error results.

Example : Assume a pulse width of 50 ns. A pulse width parameter in messages is expressed as $1 = 1$ ns.

Therefore, value 50.4 is normal because it is rounded to 50, indicating a pulse width of 50 ns. Value 50.5 results in an error because it is rounded to 51.

2.4 Rules and Definition of Notation

The following rules are used in this manual to describe remote operation.

- < > Characters enclosed with these brackets indicate a word or phrase representing a program code parameter or bus command.
- :: = This means "defined by xxx". For example, A:: = B means that A can be expressed by B in any statement which contains A.
- | Means "or" and selects one element from a list. For example, A | B means A or B, but not both.
- [] These brackets mean that an item enclosed with them is omissible.
- { } When multiple items are enclosed with these brackets, one element is selected from them.

2.5 Protocol

The MW9040B clears the input buffer and output queue when the power is turned on or the device clear command is received.

When the MW9040B operates as a device, the MW9040B and controller communicate by exchanging complete <program message> and <response message>. This means that the controller must always terminate <program message> before it can attempt to read a response. The MW9040B terminates <response message> at any time other than outputting hardcopy.

When a query message is sent from the controller, the next message that passes the bus is always a <response message>. The controller must read the <response message> for the query message before sending another <program message> to the MW9040B.

The controller can send two or more queries in one query message. This is called a "compound query" transfer. Multiple queries in one query message are divided by semicolons. Response for each query is also divided by a semicolon.

Commands are executed in order they are received. The same applies when Group Execution Trigger command (GET) is received. Group Execution Trigger command (GET) cannot be sent in a <program message>.

[Exceptions to the protocol]

(1) When addressed for the talker while there is no information to send

When the MW9040B has no information to send and is addressed for the talker before receiving a query, a query error results and no information is output to the bus. When the MW9040B cannot send any information because the requested query cannot be executed due to error for some reason, the MW9040B simply waits for the next message from the controller without indicating query error to it.

(2) When addressed for the talker while listener is nonexistent on the bus

When the MW9040B is addressed for the talker while the listener is nonexistent on the bus, the MW9040B waits until there is a listener or for control from the controller.

(3) Command error

When the MW9040B discovers a syntax error or undefined command header, it sends a command error to the controller.

- The message is nullified.
- The error command bit of the status byte is set to 1.
- An error message is displayed after ringing a buzzer.
- A service request is generated.

(4) Execution error

When the parameter is out of the range or the requested command or query cannot be executed with the current set value, an execution error is reported.

(5) Device-dependent error

When the MW9040B cannot execute a command for reasons inherent to the device, it sends a device-dependent error. Note, however, that the present MW9040B does not have conditions under which device-dependent errors are generated.

(6) Query error

When the appropriate query-read protocol is not followed, a query error is reported. This includes the interrupt and non-termination conditions described below.

(7) Non-termination condition

When the controller attempts to read a <response message> before terminating a <program message>, a query error is generated.

(8) Interrupt condition

When the controller attempts to send another <program message> before reading all <response messages> created by a query message, a query error is generated. In this case, the responses that have not been read are discarded. The <program message> on the interrupt side is not affected.

(9) Buffer deadlock

When both input buffer and output queue are full, a deadlock results. This state tends to occur when a very long <program message> (containing a query that creates a large amount of response data) is sent to the MW9040B. The MW9040B can receive no more of data, and the controller cannot read response data until <program message> is completely transferred. When this state is encountered, the deadlock is released by clearing the output queue and discarding all responses till the end of that <program message>. Also, the query error bit is set.

SECTION 3

PREPARING FOR USE OF GP-IB

Remote control for the instruments connected via the GP-IB system interface is exercised by specifying the address set for each instrument. This section describes how to connect the GP-IB cables and how to set addresses as a preparatory step before the GP-IB can be used.

3.1 Connecting Devices with GP-IB Cable

Before remote control can be applied, connect the GP-IB cable first. The GP-IB connector is located on the GP-IB interface board fitted in SLOT0 on the rear panel. Note that the MW9040B does not operate as a device with the GP-IB interface fitted in SLOT1.

Before connecting the cable, turn off the power to all devices connected to the bus line.

Also turn off the power while an interface board is being inserted to the SLOT 0.

3.2 Confirming and Setting Addresses

Each device on the GP-IB has its own address. These devices are specified for the listener or talker by MLA (My Listen Address) or MTA (My Talk Address) from the controller.

Sets the MW9040B GP-IB address by key operation, as described below. When settings are completed, it immediately starts operation as a device with that address. Once its address is set, the address is retained by a backup battery so that the setting does not change regardless of whether the power is on or off.

To confirm the currently set GP-IB address, follow the procedure described below.

- ① Press [PRIOR] two times to bring the soft key hierarchy to the first layer (1/2).
- ② Press soft key [etc.] to bring the soft key hierarchy to the first layer (2/2).
- ③ Press soft key [SYSTEM] to bring the soft key hierarchy to the second layer SYSTEM.
- ④ Press soft key [INTERFACE] to bring the soft key hierarchy to the third layer INTERFACE.
When this is done, the CRT screen displays the interface setting screen shown below. In this display example, the MW9040B's GP-IB address is 1.

	SLOT 0	SLOT 1
INTERFACE	GP-IB	GP-IB
- GP-IB -		
ADDRESS	01	02
CONTROLLER/DEVICE	DEVICE	CONTROLLER
- PERIPHERAL ADDRESS -		
DATA STORAGE UNIT	--	19
PRINTER	--	16
PLOTTER	--	15

Input values by turning the rotary knob and then press the [SET] key.

To change the GP-IB address, turn the rotary knob on this interface screen while the item ADDRESS on SLOT0 is reversed. When the desired address is reached, press soft key [SET].

SECTION 4 INITIALIZATION

4.1 Initializing Bus with IFC Message

For the MW9040B Optical Time Domain Reflectometer to be controlled via GP-IB, the GP-IB bus must be set to the designated state by initializing it before starting control. To do this, insert the interface clear command at the beginning of the program.

For details on interface clear, refer to the item for bus commands.

Example :

```
IFC @1
```

4.2 Initializing Message Exchange with DCL and SDC Bus Commands

When controlling the MW9040B Optical Time Domain Reflectometer via GP-IB, its parts related to GP-IB message exchange must also be initialized. To do this, execute device clear or selective device clear before starting GP-IB control.

For details on device clear (DCL) and selective device clear (SDC), refer to the paragraph 2.2.4 for bus commands.

Example :

DCL @1

DCL @101

4.3 Initializing Equipment with *RST Command

The *RST command is one of the common commands under IEEE488.2. This command initializes each parameter of the MW9040B Optical Time Domain Reflectometer itself.

For the contents of initialization, refer to the section 7 for *RST among common commands.

Example :

```
WRITE @101: "*RST"
```

4.4 Initializing Equipment with INI Command

The INI command corresponds to the [INITIALIZE] key of the MW9040B. Its contents of processing are the same as those of *RST command.

For the contents of initialization, refer to the section 7 for *RST among common commands.

Example :

```
WRITE @101: "INI"
```

4.5 Equipment State immediately after Power-on

The state of the MW9040B Optical Time Domain Reflectometer (when its power is turned on) is the same as when the power was turned off last.

However, when the power is turned on after replacing a plug-in unit by turning the power off, each parameter is initialized. The initialized items and initial values are the same as those of the *RST command message. Refer to the detailed description on section 7 for the *RST command message.

4.6 Activating Equipment

To activating the instruments connected to the GP-IB bus simultaneously; use a bus command, Group Execution Trigger (GET).

When Group Execution Trigger (GET) is received, the MW9040B starts measurement after turning laser and average on.

Example :

```
TRG @1
```

To start measurement with an MW9040B's device message, use the laser-on command.

Example :

```
WRITE @101: "LD 1"
```

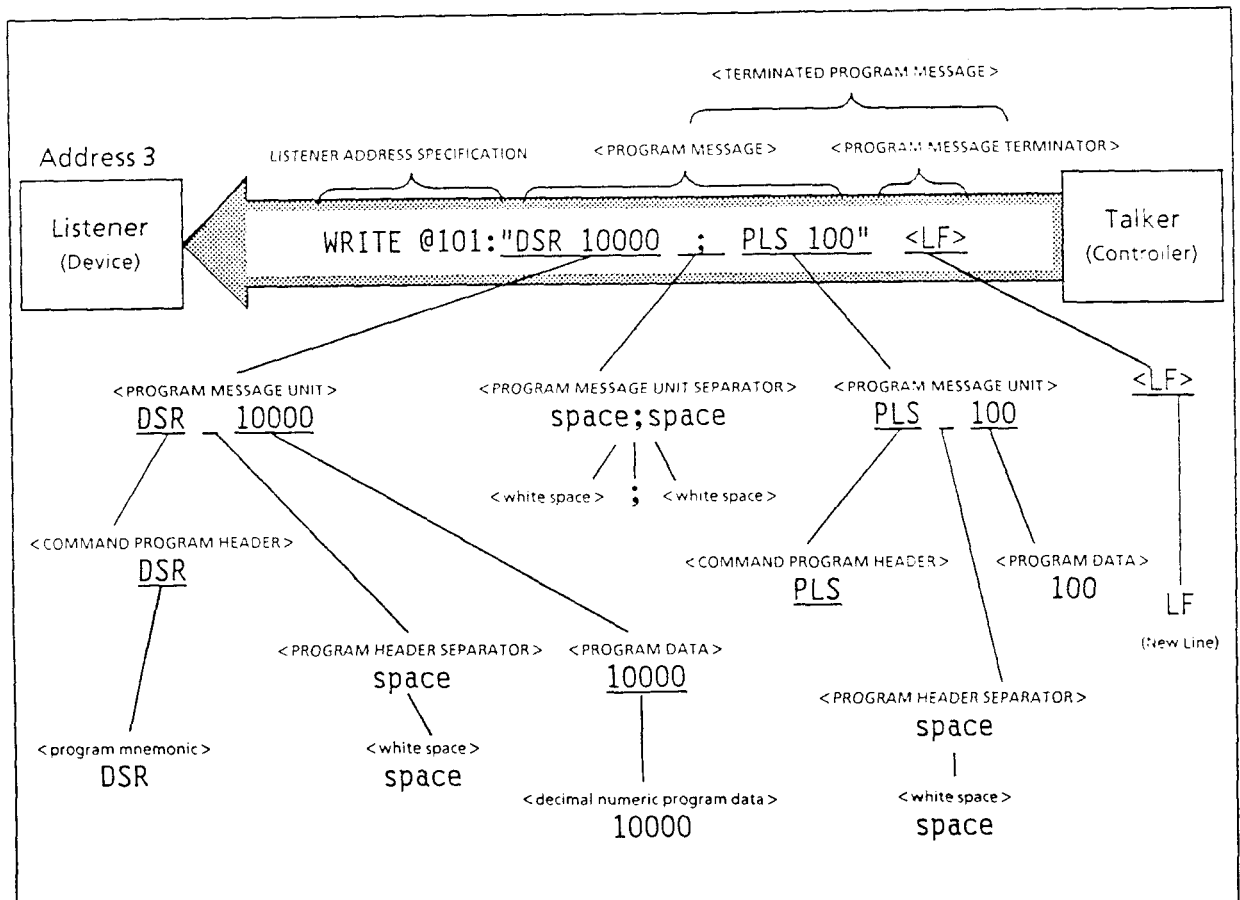
SECTION 5

LISTENER INPUT FORMAT

Data messages come in two types: program messages and response messages. This section describes the format of the program messages received by the listener.

Program messages consist of a sequence of program message units, with each unit comprised of program command or program query.

The diagram below shows one program message being transmitted from controller to device. It consists of two program message units intended to set the distance range to 10 Km and the pulse width to 100 ns, i.e., DSR 10000 and PLS 100, which are connected via a program message unit separator.



The program message format consists of a sequence of "functional elements" which are minimum dividable units of function. The upper-case alphabetic characters enclosed with brackets < > in the above diagram are examples of functional elements. Functional elements may further be divided into what are called "encoded elements." The lower-case alphabetic characters enclosed with brackets < > in the above diagram are examples of encoded elements.

A diagram indicating selection of functional elements in a specific path is called a functional syntax diagram. Similarly, a diagram indicating selection of encoded elements in a specific path is called

an encoded syntax diagram. The following pages describe the program message format using these functional and encoded syntax diagrams.

Encoded elements represent the encoded element of the actual bus necessary to send functional element data bytes to the device. Upon reception of functional element data bytes, the listener checks whether each individual element conforms correctly to the rules of encoding procedure. If any element does not conform to the rules, the listener generates a command error without interpreting it as a functional element.

5.1 Program Message Notation

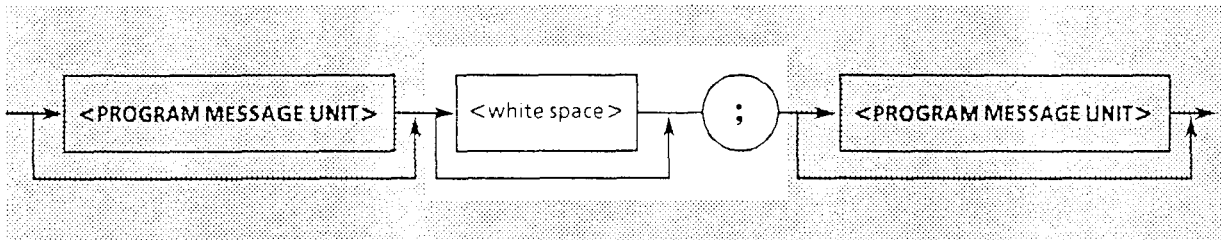
The following shows the formats of program-message functional elements and program data. (Compound and common commands are omitted.)

5.1.1 Separator, Terminator and Space Preceding Header

(1) PROGRAM MESSAGE UNIT SEPARATOR

Multiple program message units are linked using “zero or more spaces + semicolon.”

Example 1 : General format linking two program message units

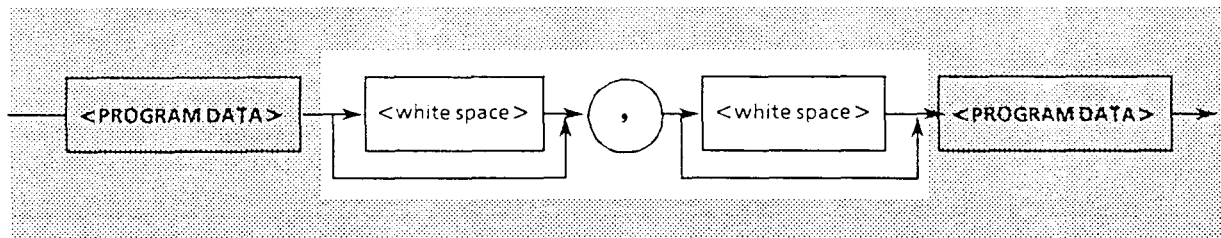


Example 2 : One space + semicolon `AVG_1 ;LD_1`

(2) PROGRAM DATA SEPARATOR

Multiple items of program data are divided by “zero or more spaces + comma + zero or more spaces.”

Example 1 : General format dividing two items of program data



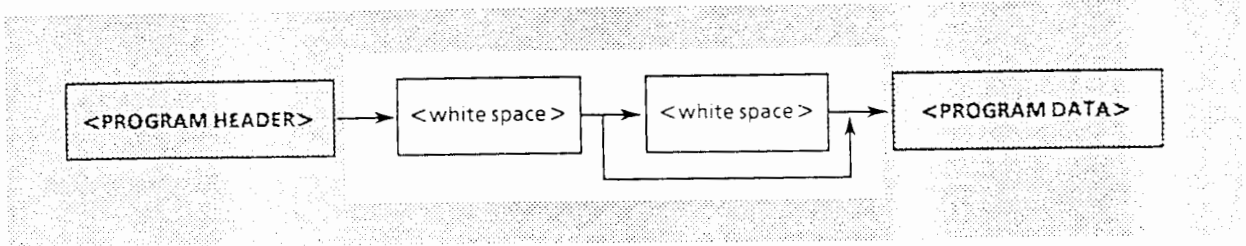
Example 2 : Comma only `TIME 10,15`

Example 3 : Comma + one space `TIME 10, 15`

(3) PROGRAM HEADER SEPARATOR

The interval between the program header and program data is divided by "one space + zero or more spaces."

Example 1: General format with single command program header



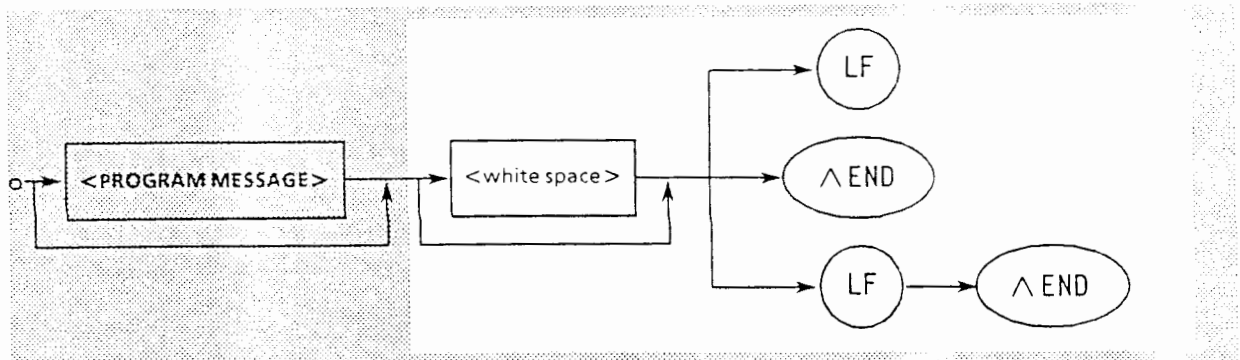
Example 2: One space

FNC 0

(4) PROGRAM MESSAGE TERMINATOR

A program message is suffixed by "zero or more spaces + any of LF, EOI, or LF + EOI."

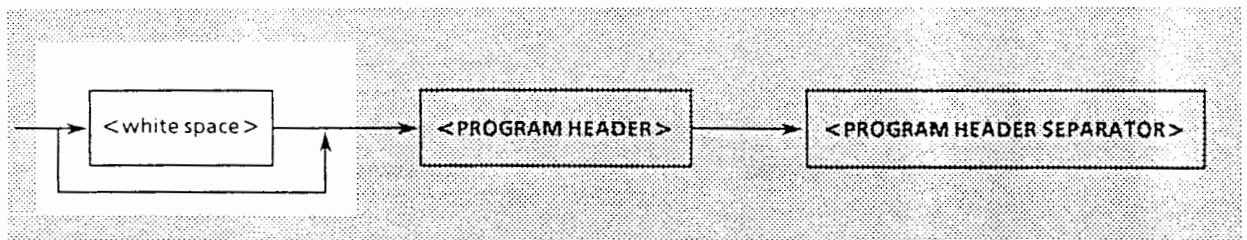
<General format >



(5) SPACE PRECEDING THE HEADER

The program header may be preceded by "zero or more spaces."

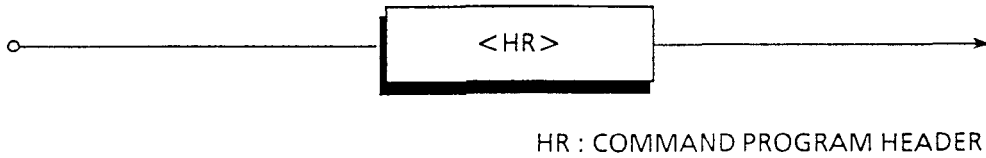
<General format >



Example: One space before the second program header SPF DSR 25000 ; PLS 100

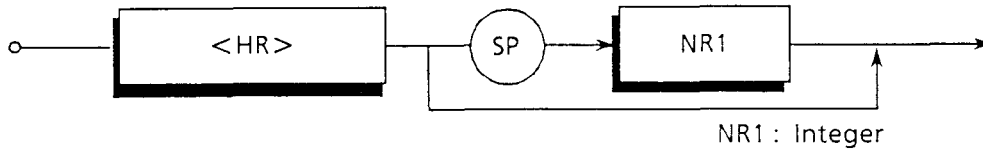
5.1.2 General Format of Program Command Messages

(1) Message not accompanied by any data



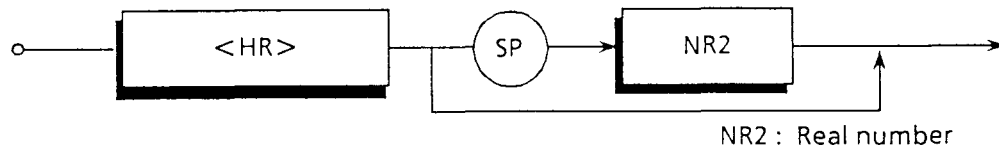
Example : INI Initialization

(2) Message accompanied by integer data



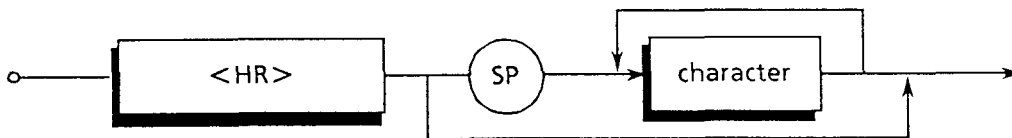
Example : DSR_50000 Sets distance range

(3) Message accompanied by real number



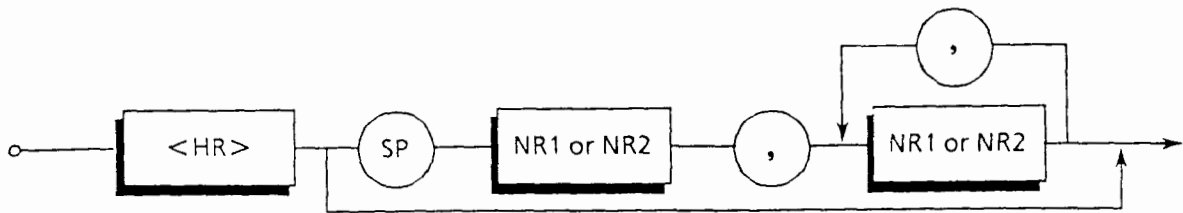
Example : IOR_1,500 Sets IOR

(4) Message accompanied by fixed or arbitrary character string data



Example : RCL_TESTDATA.DAT Recalls memory data.

(5) Message accompanied by multiple program data

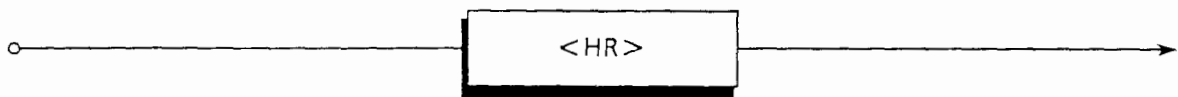


Example : DATE_90,10,10 Sets date to October 10, 1990.

5.1.3 General Format of Query Messages

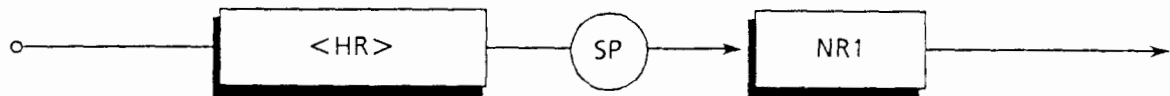
The query program header is represented by suffixing the command program header with "?."

(1) Message not accompanied by query data



Example : LOS? Requests measured results of transmission loss.

(2) Message accompanied by query data



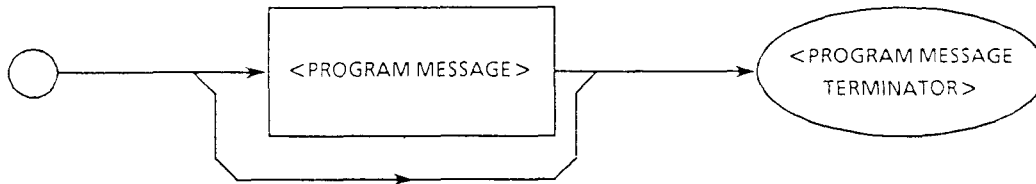
Example : MSP?_1 Requests set distance of mask 1.

5.2 Functional Elements of Program Messages

The device accepts a program message after detecting the terminator placed at the end of the program message. The following describes each functional element of this program message.

5.2.1 <TERMINATED PROGRAM MESSAGE>

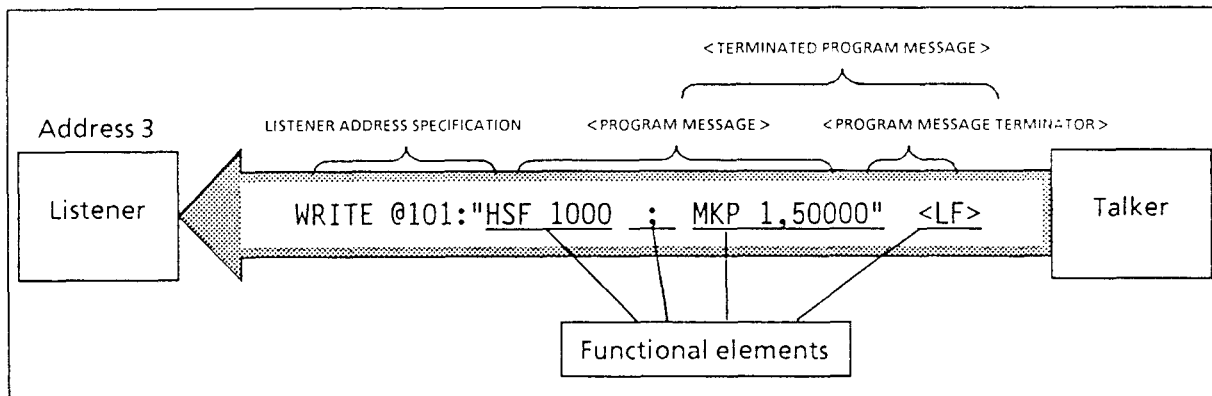
<TERMINATED PROGRAM MESSAGE> is defined as follows:



<TERMINATED PROGRAM MESSAGE> is a data message that satisfies all functional elements necessary for transmission from the controller to the listener device.

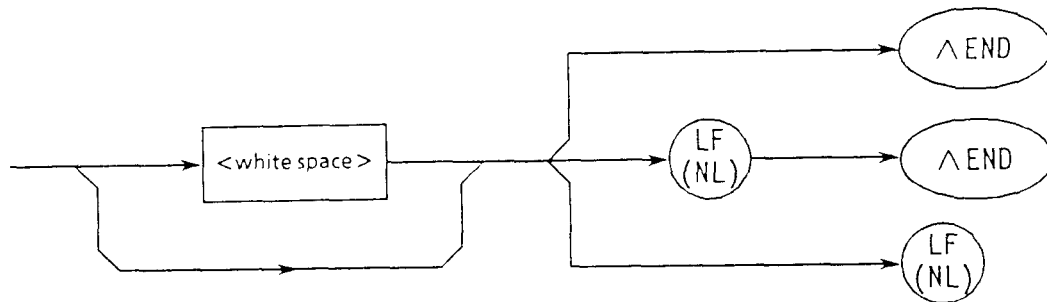
<PROGRAM MESSAGE TERMINATOR> is added after <PROGRAM MESSAGE> to complete transfer of <PROGRAM MESSAGE>.

Example: <TERMINATED PROGRAM MESSAGE> to send two commands with a WRITE statement.



5.2.2 <PROGRAM MESSAGE TERMINATOR>

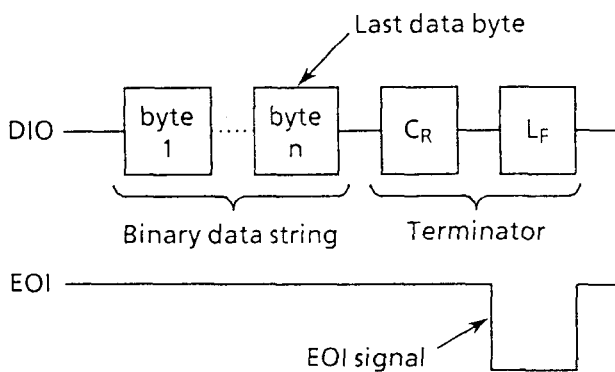
<PROGRAM MESSAGE TERMINATOR> is defined as follows:



<PROGRAM MESSAGE TERMINATOR> terminates the sequence of one or more <PROGRAM MESSAGE UNIT> elements of a certain length.

LF Defined as a single ASCII code byte 0A (10 in decimal). It is ASCII control code LF (Line Feed), used to return the carriage and bring the print position to the beginning of the next line. Therefore, it is also called NL (New Line). When sending <PROGRAM MESSAGE> with a WRITE@ statement using PACKET V, there is no need to include a description to generate the CR-LF code when creating program because the WRITE@ statement automatically transmits the CR-LF code. In this case, when you want to generate LF code only, execute the following statement at the beginning of the program.
 TERM IS CHR\$(10)

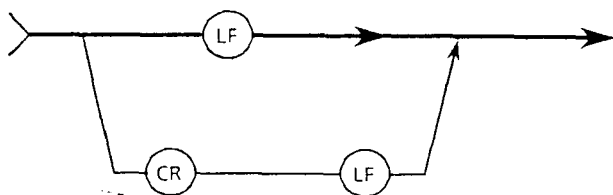
END The EOI signal can be generated by asserting the EOI line TRUE (LOW level). (The EOI line is one of the GP-IB management buses.)



One of the statements of PACKET V to control the EOI line is a EOI ON/OFF statement. The default is the same state as EOI OFF is executed and the EOI line is not controlled. By executing EOI ON beforehand, it is possible to send the EOI signal simultaneously with terminator LF when sending the last data byte of the WRITE@ statement.

<PROGRAM MESSAGE> may be terminated by the EOI signal alone without sending LF.

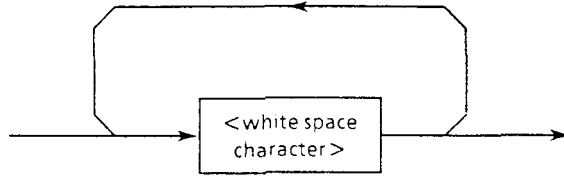
NOTE



The CR code returns the print position to the beginning of the same line, but is generally ignored on the listener side. However, because many products available on the market use the CR-LF code, most controllers are designed to output the LF code following the CR code.

5.2.3 <white space>

<white space> is defined as follows:

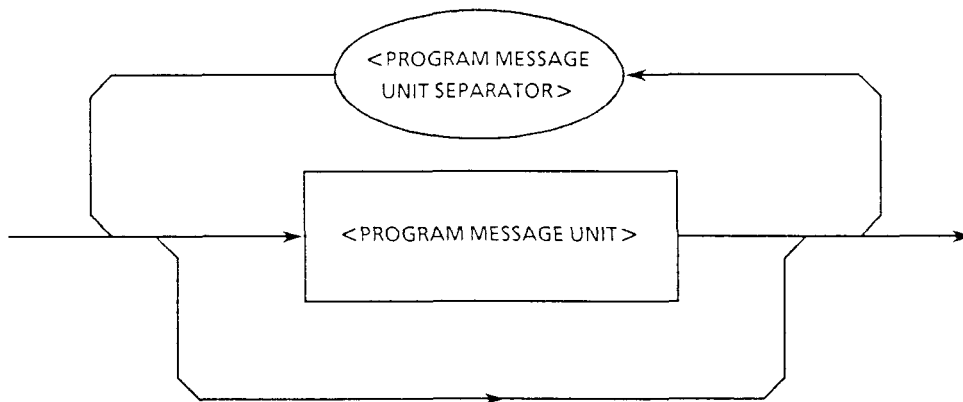


<white space> is defined as a single ASCII code byte in the range of ASCII code bytes 00 to 09, 0B to 20 (0 to 9, 11 to 32 in decimal).

Except the LF, although the range includes ASCII control and space signals, the device simply processes them as spaces or skips them over without interpreting them as ASCII control signals.

5.2.4 <PROGRAM MESSAGE>

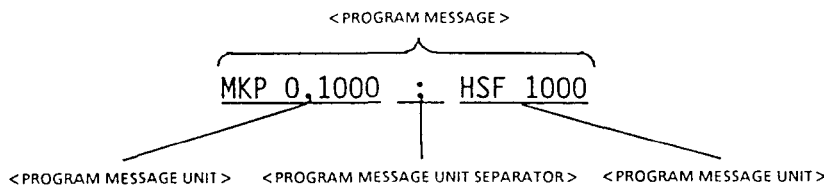
<PROGRAM MESSAGE> is defined as follows:



<PROGRAM MESSAGE> is a sequence of zero or one <PROGRAM MESSAGE UNIT> element or more <PROGRAM MESSAGE UNIT> elements. <PROGRAM MESSAGE UNIT> elements represent programming commands or data sent from controller to device. The <PROGRAM MESSAGE UNIT SEPARATOR> element is used as a separator to divide multiple <PROGRAM MESSAGE UNITs>.

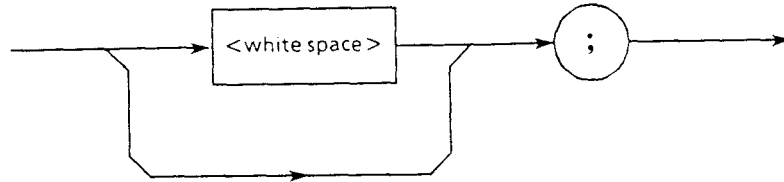
Example 1: Program message to set *marker to 1 km.
MKP 0,1000

Example 2: Program message to set horizontal shift to 1 km following the above setting of the example 1.
HSF 1000

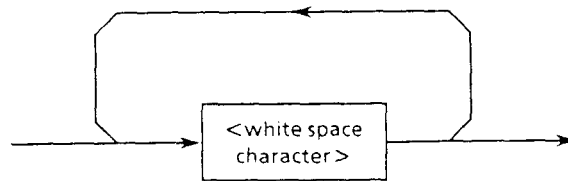


5.2.5 <PROGRAM MESSAGE UNIT SEPARATOR>

<PROGRAM MESSAGE UNIT SEPARATOR> is defined as follows:



<white space> is defined as follows:

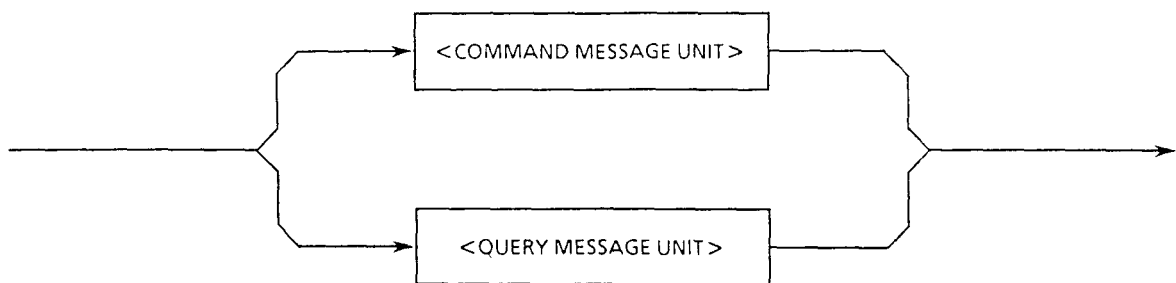


<PROGRAM MESSAGE UNIT SEPARATOR> divides the sequence of <PROGRAM MESSAGE UNIT> elements into each element of <PROGRAM MESSAGE>.

The device interprets the semicolon “;” as the separator of <PROGRAM MESSAGE UNIT>. Therefore, <white space characters> before and after the semicolon are skipped over. However, <white space characters> are effective in that they make the program easy to read. Note that if a semicolon is followed by a <white space>, it is the <white space> for the following program header.

5.2.6 <PROGRAM MESSAGE UNIT>

<PROGRAM MESSAGE UNIT> is defined as follows:

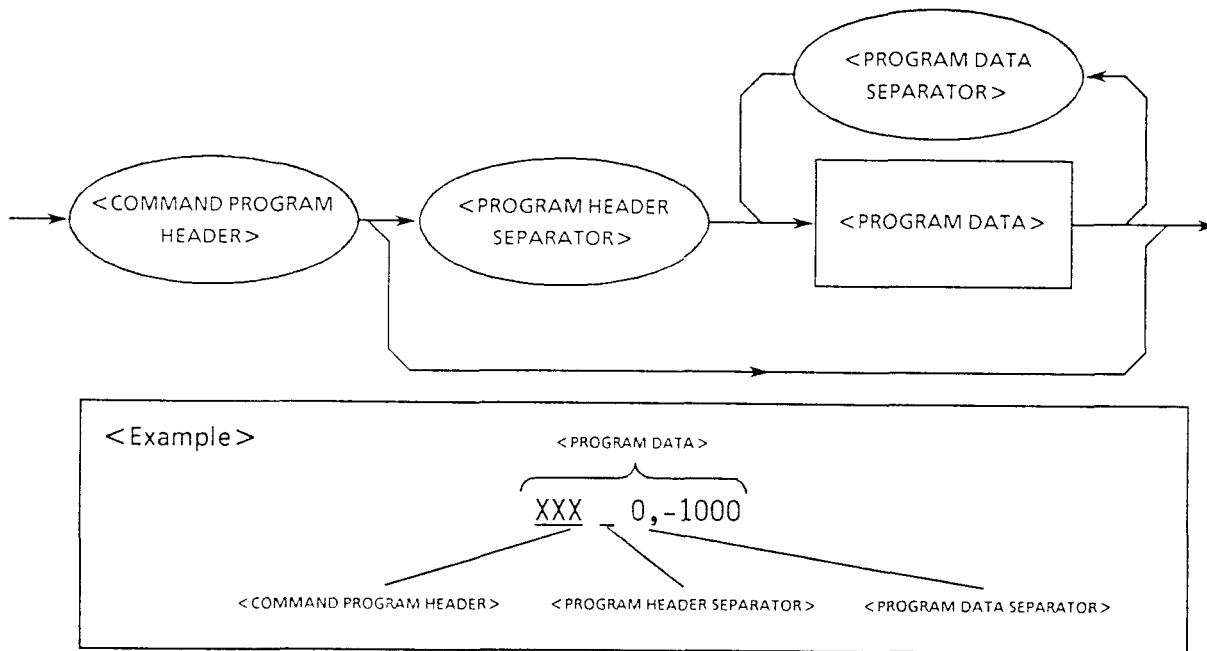


<PROGRAM MESSAGE UNIT> consists of a single command message <COMMAND MESSAGE UNIT> or a single query message <QUERY MESSAGE UNIT> received by the device.

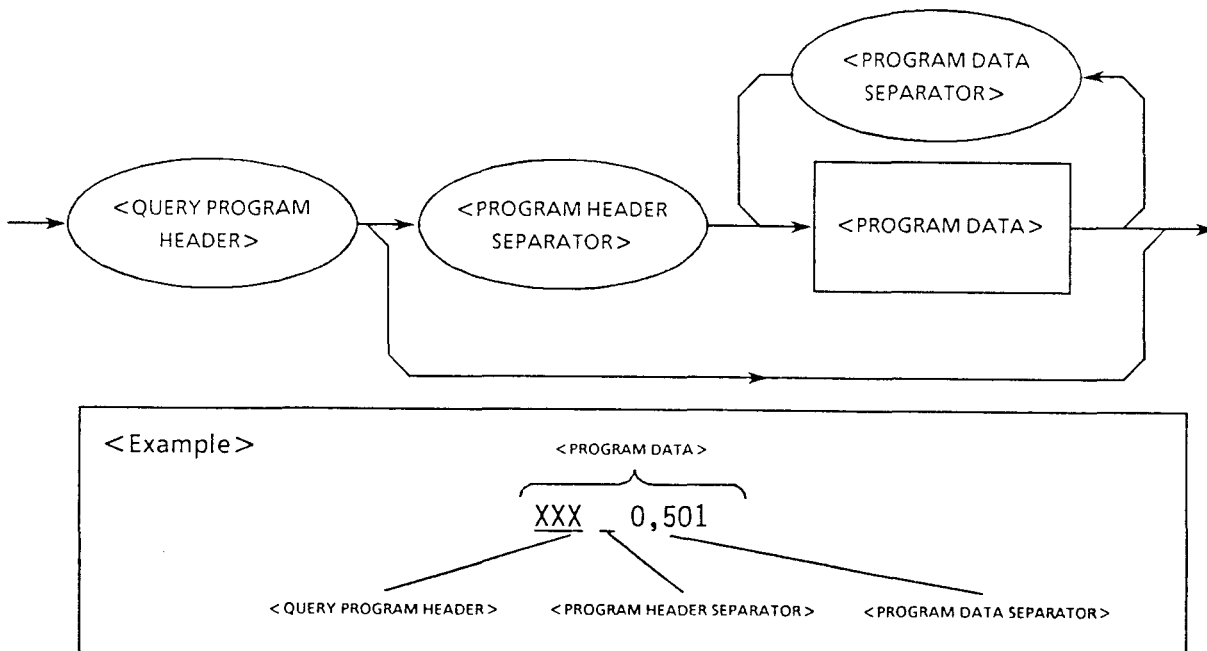
<COMMAND MESSAGE UNIT> and <QUERY MESSAGE UNIT> are described in detail in paragraph 5.2.7.

5.2.7 <COMMAND MESSAGE UNIT> and <QUERY MESSAGE UNIT>

1. <COMMAND MESSAGE UNIT> is defined as follows:



2. <QUERY MESSAGE UNIT> is defined as follows:



If <COMMAND MESSAGE UNIT> or <QUERY MESSAGE UNIT> is followed by program data after its program header, there is always one space between them as a separator. The program

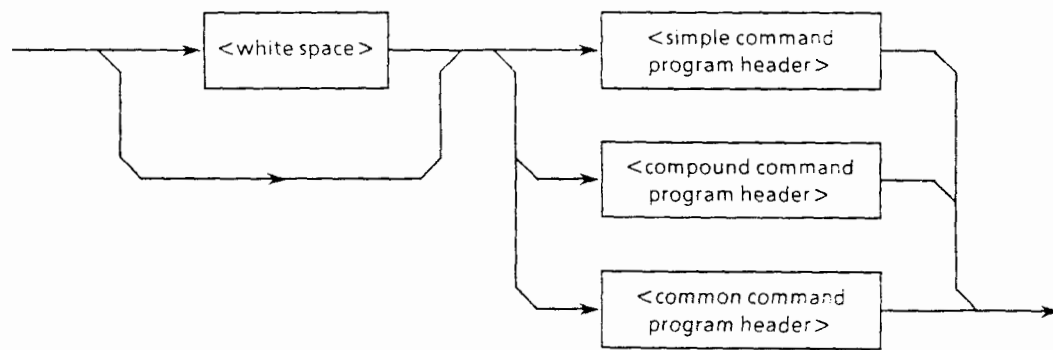
header tells the use, function, and operation of program data. If program data is not included, the use, function, and operation to be executed in the device are indicated by the header alone.

<COMMAND PROGRAM HEADER> in the program header is a command to control the device from the controller. <QUERY PROGRAM HEADER> is a query command sent from the controller to the device in advance for response messages from the device to be received by the controller. This header is unique in that it is always suffixed by “?” as a query indicator.

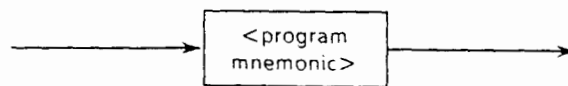
5.2.8 <COMMAND PROGRAM HEADER>

<COMMAND PROGRAM HEADER> is defined as follows:

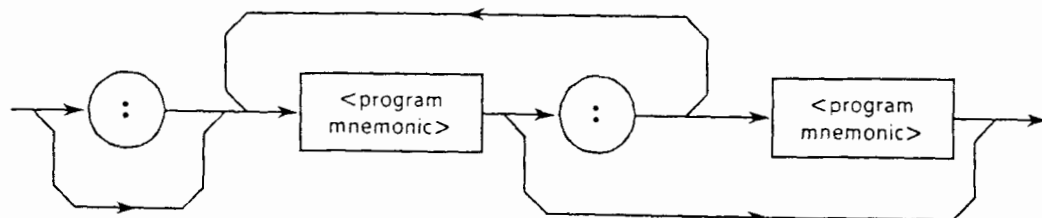
Each header may be preceded by < white space > .



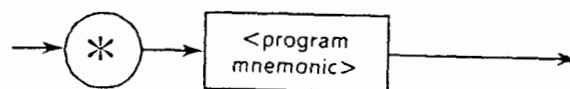
1. <simple command program header> is defined as follows:



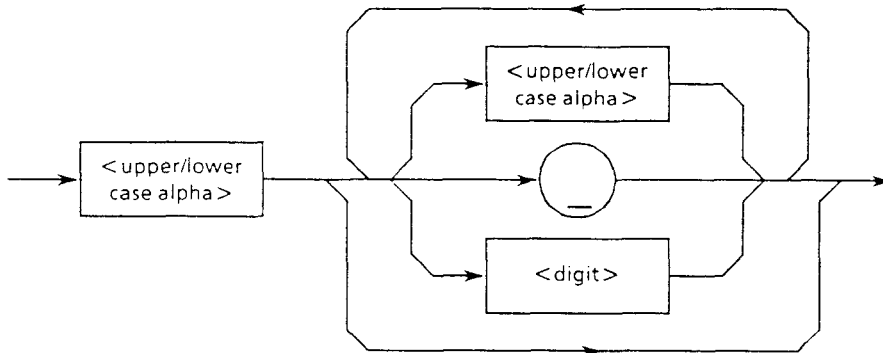
2. <compound command program header> is defined as follows:



3. <common command program header> is defined as follows:



4. <program mnemonic> is defined as follows:



■ <COMMAND PROGRAM HEADER>

Indicates the use, function, and operation of the program data executed by the device. If program data is not included; the use, function, and operation to be executed in the device are indicated by the header alone.

<program mnemonic> indicates these meanings with ASCII code characters. The following describes the definition of mnemonic and the definitions in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 above.

■ <program mnemonic>

The mnemonic always begins with an upper-case or lower-case alphabet. This is followed by a combination of upper-case alphabets (A to Z), lower-case alphabets (a to z), under line (_), and numbers (0 to 9). Mnemonic can be up to 12 characters long, but it normally consists of three to four upper-case alphabets. No space is included between characters.

- <upper/lower case alpha> Defined as a single ASCII code byte in the range of ASCII code bytes 41 to 5A and 61 to 7A (65 to 90 and 97 to 122 in decimal = uppercase alphabets A to Z and lower-case alphabets a to z). The header may be accepted by the device regardless of whether it is sent in upper-case or lower-case characters.
- <digit> Defined as a single ASCII code byte in the range of ASCII code bytes 30 to 39 (48 to 57 in decimal = numeric values 0 to 9).
- (_) Indicates ASCII code byte 5F (95 in decimal = underline), and is defined as a single ASCII code byte.

■ <simple command program header>

The definition of <program mnemonic> described above is applied directly as is. For example, the MW9040B uses "INI" as a "mnemonic to mean initialization," and it becomes a "simple command program header" to mean the execution of initialization without program data. "DSR" is a "mnemonic to mean distance range," and it becomes a "simple command program header" to execute the distance range setting only when it is accompanied by program data indicating the distance range.

■ **<compound command program header>**

<compound command program header> is a command program header to execute compound functions. <program mnemonic> is always preceded by a colon ":" as the separator of <compound command program header>. If only one of this header is used, the following ":" can be omitted.

Although the MW9040B does not support this compound command program header now, this header is described here assuming expansion in the future.

- **Function** This header is used for complex devices to theoretically configure a device command set by assigning it with compound functions.

Example 1 : When using all device commands of other equipment MSXXXX (provisional name) in the MW9040B.

:MSXXXX

Example 2 : When using the WXYZ command among the device commands of other equipment MSXXXX (provisional name) in the MW9040B.

MSXXXX:WXYZ or :MSXXXX:WXYZ

Example 3 : A white male rabbit living in a forest (FOREST) is named WHITE. A white female rabbit living in a forest (GROVE) is also named WHITE. If WHITE only is used as a command, it does not distinguish between these two rabbits. Therefore

FOREST:WHITE or : FOREST:WHITE Indicates the male rabbit.

GROVE:WHITE or : GROVE:WHITE Indicates the female rabbit.

■ **<common command program header>**

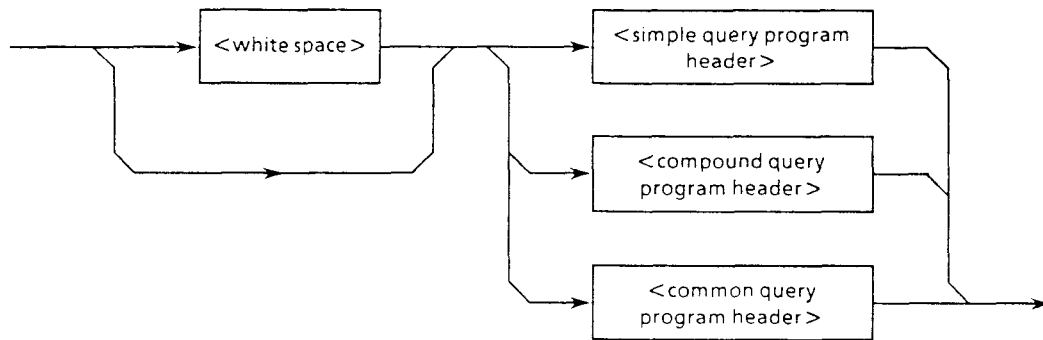
<common command program header> always has its <program mnemonic> preceded by an asterisk "*". This command is named "common" because it is one of the common commands applied in common to all other IEEE 488.2 compatible measurement instruments connected via the bus.

Example: When making the end of operation (in the device of address 8 connected to the GP-IB interface of select code 1) idle, and resetting each device to its designated inherent state.

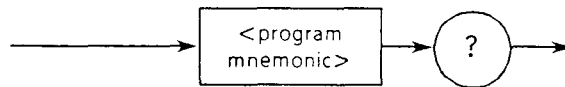
WRITE @108:"*RST" The above is executed by *RST, a IEEE 488.2 common command, enclosed with quotations " ".

5.2.9 <QUERY PROGRAM HEADER>

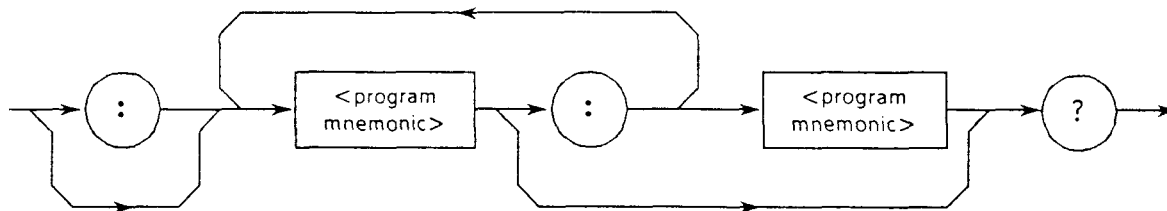
<QUERY PROGRAM HEADER> is defined as follows:
 Each header may be preceded by <white space>.



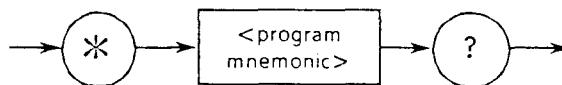
1. <simple query program header> is defined as follows:



2. <compound query program header> is defined as follows:



3. <common query program header> is defined as follows:

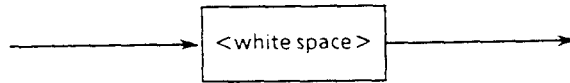


■ <QUERY PROGRAM HEADER>

<QUERY PROGRAM HEADER> is a query command sent from the controller to the device in advance for response messages from the device to be received by the controller. This header is unique in that it is always suffixed by "?" as a query indicator.

5.2.10 <PROGRAM HEADER SEPARATOR>

<PROGRAM HEADER SEPARATOR> is defined as follows:



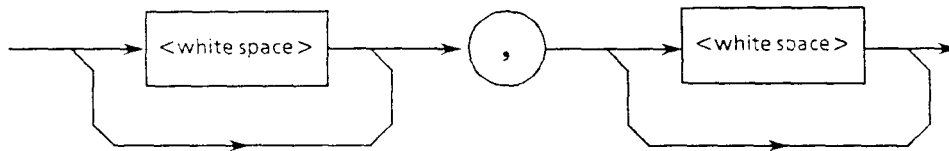
<PROGRAM HEADER SEPARATOR> is used as a separator between <COMMAND PROGRAM HEADER> or <QUERY PROGRAM HEADER> and <PROGRAM DATA>.

If there are multiple <white space characters> between the program header and program data, the first <white space character> is interpreted as the separator, with all other <white space characters> skipped over. However, <white space characters>, are effective in that they make the program easy to read.

Thus, there is always one header separator between the header and data, indicating the end of the program header as well as the beginning of program data.

5.2.11 <PROGRAM DATA SEPARATOR>

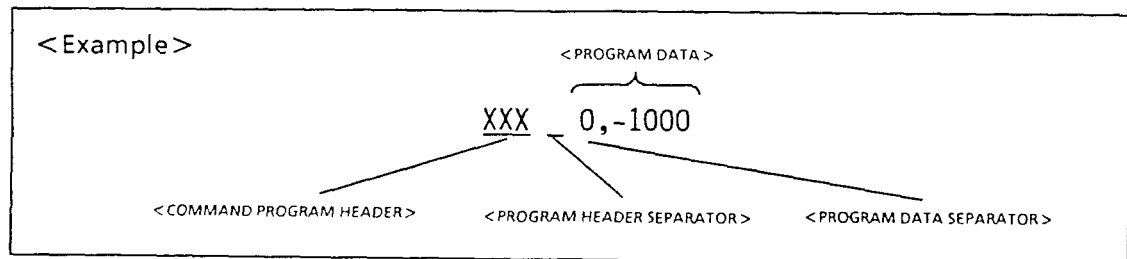
<PROGRAM DATA SEPARATOR> is defined as follows:



When <COMMAND PROGRAM HEADER> or <QUERY PROGRAM HEADER> has multiple parameters, <PROGRAM DATA SEPARATOR> is used to divide them.

When using this data separator, always use a comma, but need not necessarily use <white space character>.

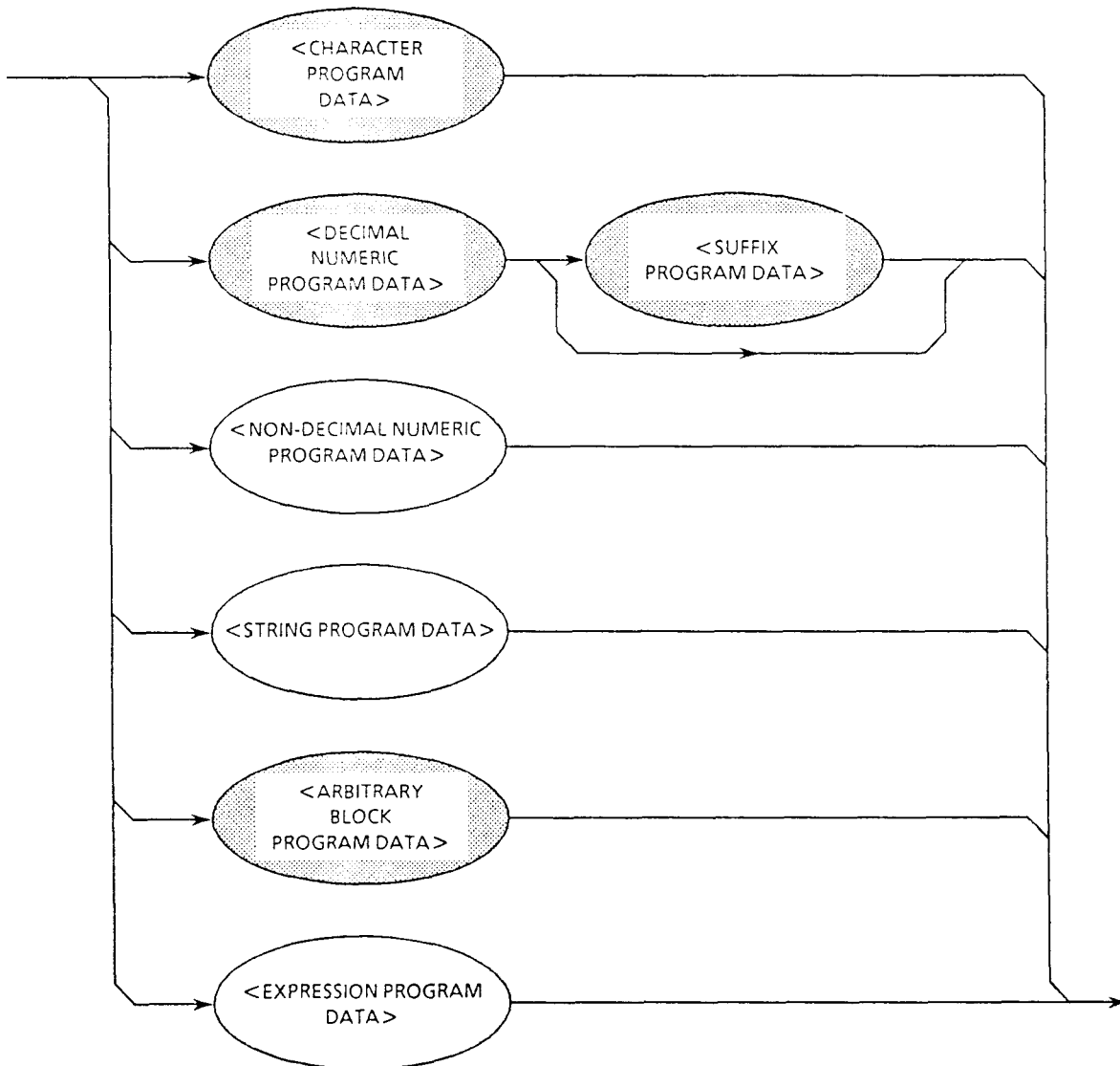
<white space characters> before or after the comma are skipped over. However, <white space characters> are effective in that they make the program easy to read.



5.3 Program Data Format

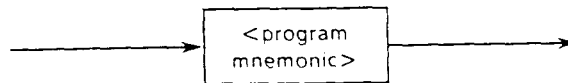
The following describes the format of <PROGRAM DATA> indicated in function syntax diagrams.

<PROGRAM DATA> functional elements are used to transmit various types of parameters related to the program header. The diagram below shows the types of these program data. Among these types of program data, the MW9040B accepts those which are indicated on white background in the shaded ovals. The program data not used with the MW9040B shown here are for reference purposes.

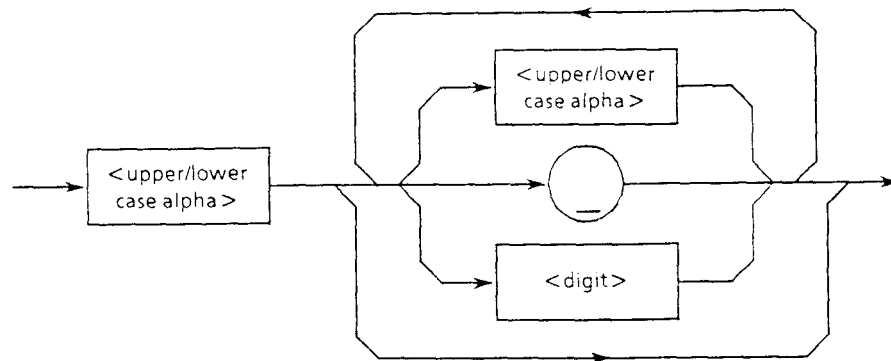


5.3.1 <CHARACTER PROGRAM DATA>

<CHARACTER PROGRAM DATA> elements are used for remote control by transmitting abbreviated alphabetic or alphanumeric data, and is defined as follows:



The contents of character data are the same as those of program mnemonic. Although control data is normally comprised mainly of numeric data, control can also be exercised using this character program data. Shown below is its encoded syntax diagram.



The data always begins with an upper-case or lower-case alphabet. This is followed by a combination of upper-case alphabets (A to Z), lower-case alphabets (a to z), underline (_), and numbers (0 to 9). This combination of alphanumeric characters are used as symbols as for mnemonic. The data can be up to 12 characters long, with no space included between characters.

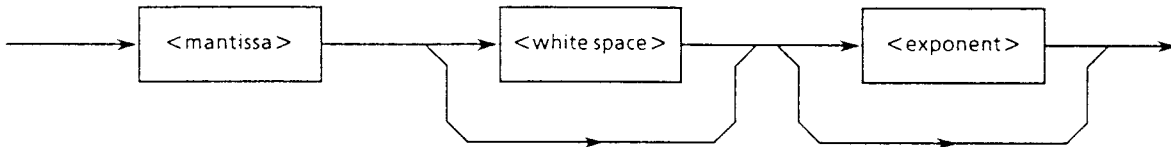
- <upper/lower case alpha> Defined as a single ASCII code byte in the range of ASCII code bytes 41 to 5A and 61 to 7A (65 to 90 and 97 to 122 in decimal = upper-case alphabets A to Z and lower-case alphabets a to z).
The header may be accepted by the device regardless of whether it is sent in upper-case or lower-case characters.
- <digit> Defined as a single ASCII code byte in the range of ASCII code bytes 30 to 39 (48 to 57 in decimal = numeric values 0 to 9)
- (_) Indicates ASCII code byte 5F (95 in decimal = underline), and is defined as a single ASCII code byte.

Thus, <CHARACTER PROGRAM DATA> is a program data intended to send alphanumeric symbols of a relatively short mnemonic type.

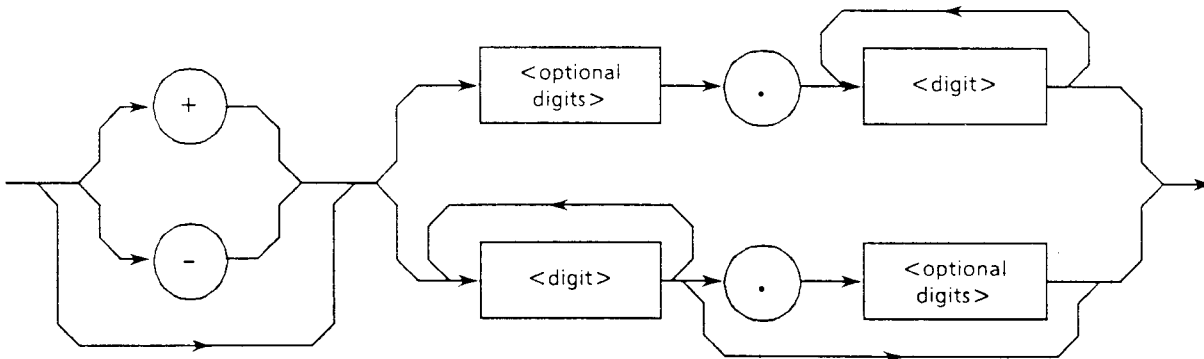
5.3.2 <DECIMAL NUMERIC PROGRAM DATA>

<DECIMAL NUMERIC PROGRAM DATA> is a program data to transmit numeric constants expressed by decimal notation. Decimal numbers may be expressed as an integer type, fixed-point type, or floating-point type.

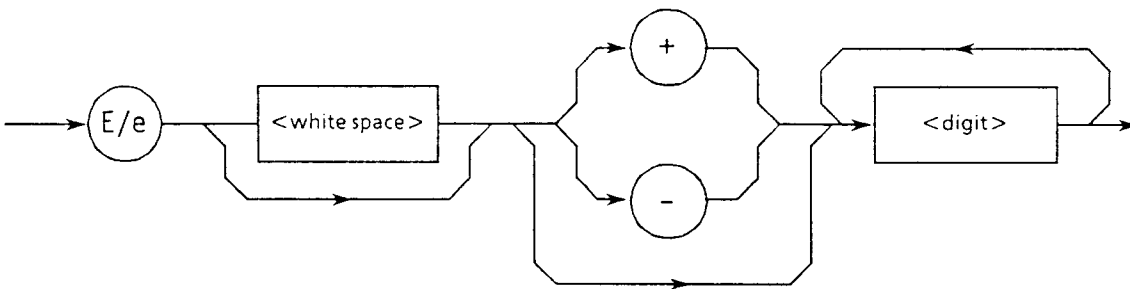
These three types of numeric notation are used to enable NRF (flexible numeric representation) of program data consisting of decimal numbers, and are defined as shown by the encoded syntax diagram below.



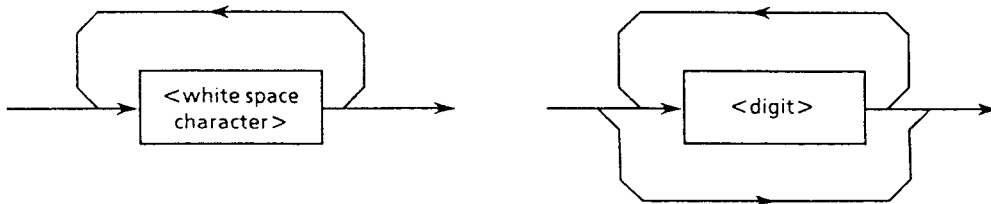
<mantissa> is defined as follows:



<exponent> is defined as follows:



<white space> and <optional digit> are defined as follows:



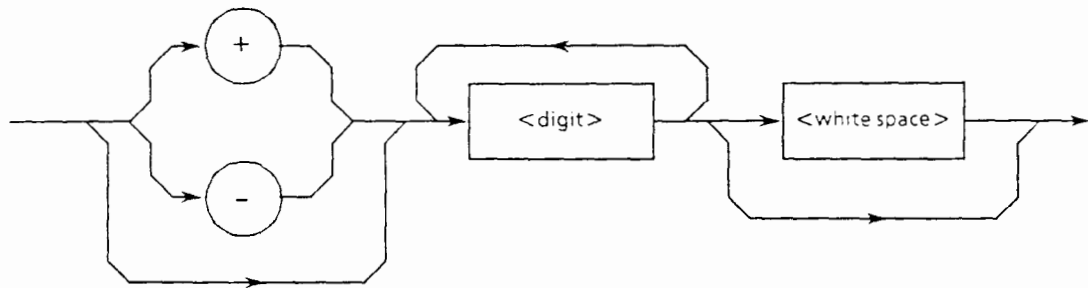
The encoded syntax diagram of decimal number program data described above will now be explained separately for the integer, fixed-point, and floating-point types when transmitting these program data.

Note that in any type of transmission, the following processes are performed.

- Rounding-off of numeric elements When the device receives a <DECIMAL NUMERIC PROGRAM DATA> element consisting of more digits than can be handled internally, it rounds off the element to the nearest whole number while ignoring its sign (\pm).
- Off-range data If the value of a <DECIMAL NUMERIC PROGRAM DATA> element is out of the allowed range, an execution error is reported.

(1) Integer type – NR1 transmission

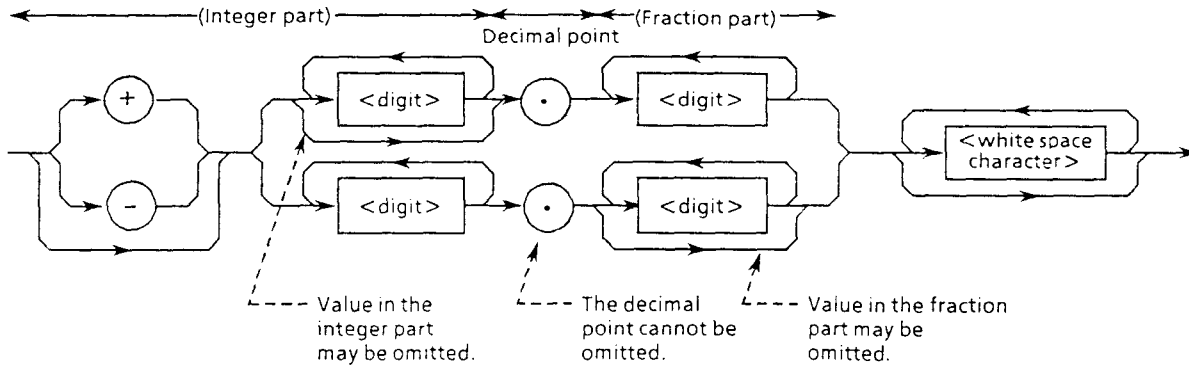
The example below transmits integer (NR1), that is, a decimal number without containing any decimal point or exponential expression.



- Zero (0) can be inserted at the beginning.
Example: 005, + 000045
- No space can be inserted between sign (+ or -) and the number.
Example: + 5, + _ 5 (invalid)
- Space (s) can be inserted after the number.
Example: + 5 _ _ _
- Sign "+" may be or need not be added.
Example: + 5, 5
- A comma cannot be used to divide digits.
Example: 1,234,567 (invalid)

(2) Fixed-point type - NR2 transmission

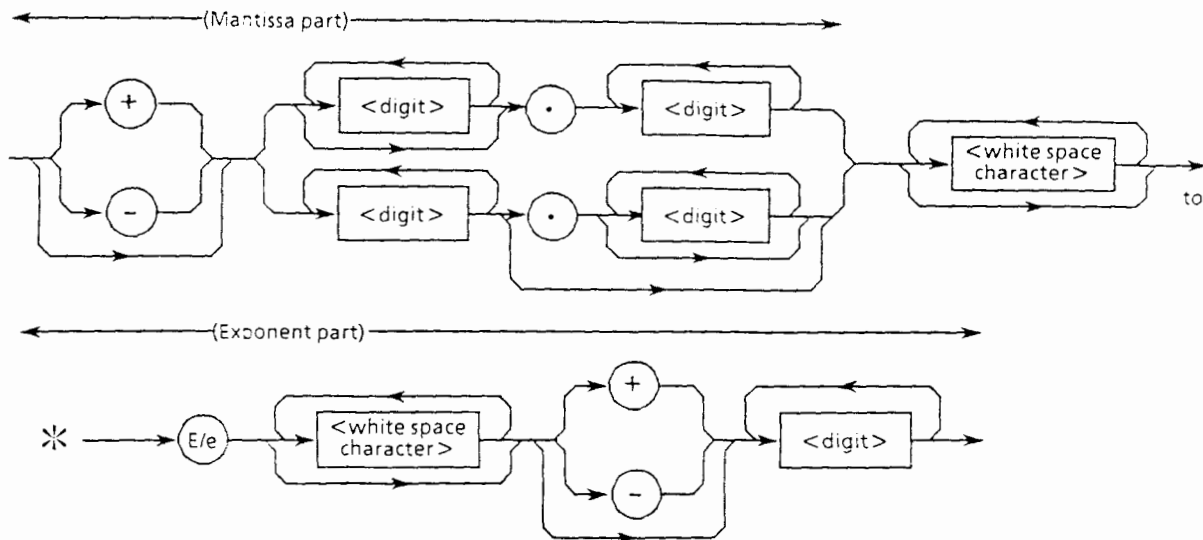
The example below transmits real number (NR2), that is, a decimal number containing digits below the decimal point, except an integer or exponential expression. The syntax diagram consists of (integer part), decimal point, and (fraction part).



- The numeric representation of the integer type is applied to the (integer part).
- No space can be inserted between the number and decimal point.
Example: +753 .123 (invalid)
- Space (s) can be inserted after the number in the (fraction part).
Example: +753.123 _ _ _ _
- The decimal point need not always be preceded by a number.
Example: .05
- A sign can be placed before the decimal point.
Example: +.05, -.05
- A number can be ended with the decimal point.
Example: 12.

(3) Floating-point type – NR3 transmission

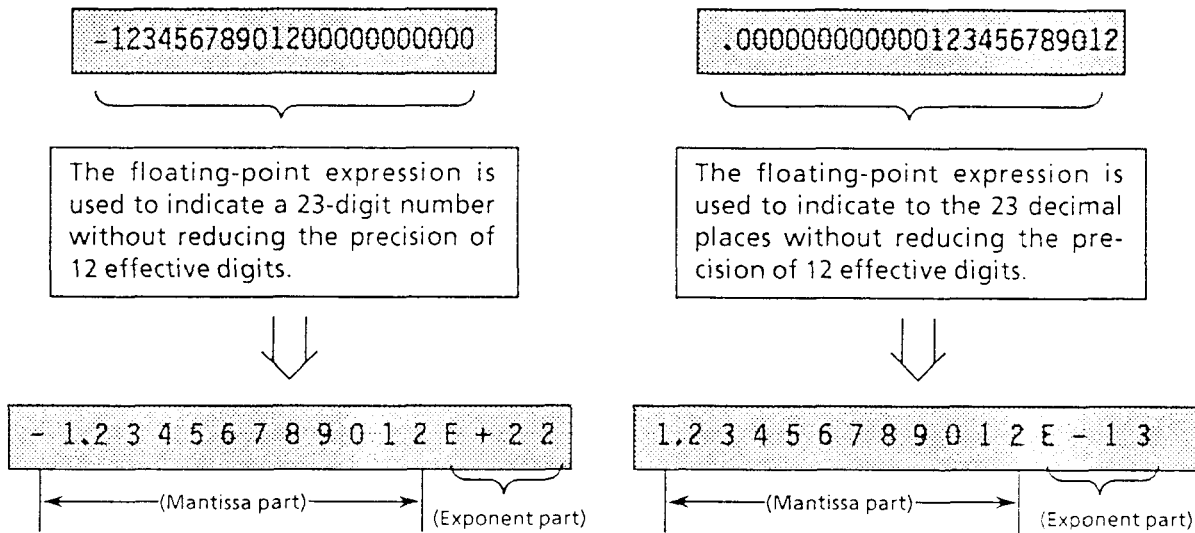
The example below transmits real number (NR3) expressed by a floating-point format, that is, a decimal number containing digits of exponential expression. The syntax diagram consists of (mantissa part) and (exponent part). The mantissa part is expressed by the integer or fixed-point format to indicate the precision of the value. The exponent part begins with E, followed by a value indicating the power of 10.



- E denotes the power of 10, and indicates the beginning of the exponent part.
- E may be entered in either the upper or lower case.
Example: 1.234E + 12, 1.234e + 12
- A space can be placed before and after or either before or after E (or e).
Example: 1.234 E + 12
- Preceding zeros must be omitted in the exponential expression.
Example: 1.234E + 4, 1.234E + 04 (invalid)
- If the sign is +, the sign + in both the mantissa and exponent parts can be omitted.
Example: +1.234E + 4, 1.234E4
- Numbers in the mantissa part cannot be omitted.
Example: -1E2, -E2 (invalid), -.E2 (invalid)

■ Floating-point notation

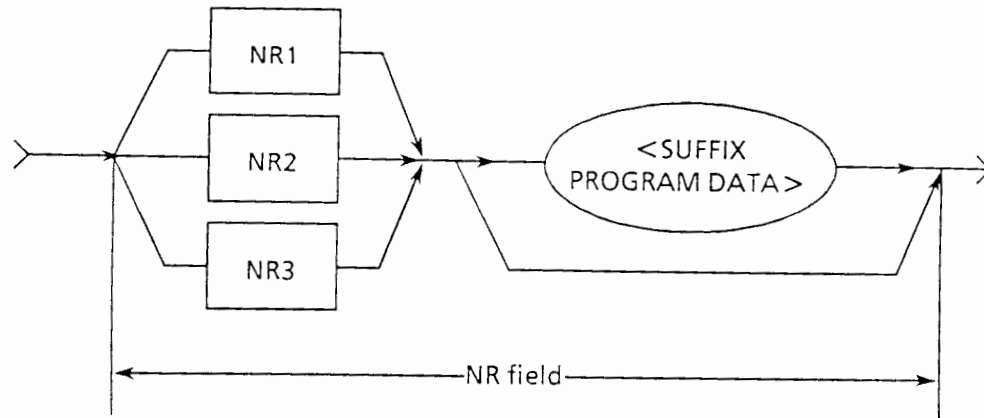
The following describes range restrictions, etc. applicable to the mantissa and exponent parts using a number consisting of 12 effective digits as an example.



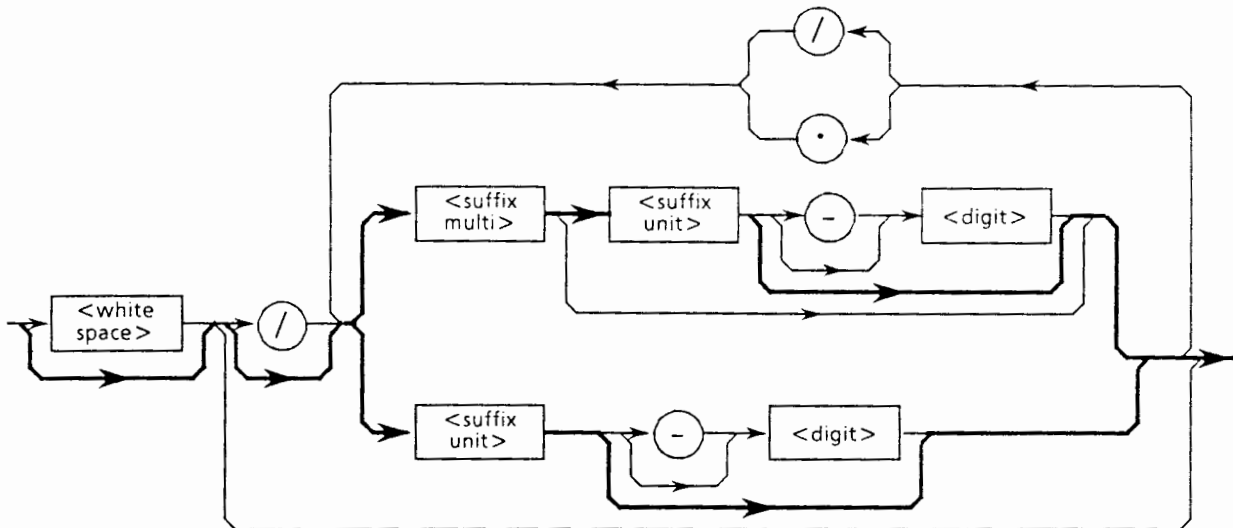
- Sign of the value If the value is negative, the negative sign (–) is placed before the effective number at the left of the mantissa part. If the value is positive, the positive sign (+) may be omitted.
- Mantissa part Indicates the effective number in the effective digit part, that is, the precision of the value.
The value in the mantissa part does not exceed 255 without leading 0s. If this range is exceeded, a command error results. If, when expressing a value by the integer or fixed-point notation, the precision of the value cannot be expressed within its effective digits, the mantissa part makes it possible.
- Exponent part Indicates the number of shiftings of unit position. The number of the exponent is in the range of –32000 to +32000. If this range is exceeded, a command error results. Leading zeros are omitted. The sign may be either + or –. The sign + may be omitted.
 - + sign E is followed by positive sign (+), with (exponent value + 1) indicating the number of digits of the value.
 - sign E is followed by negative sign (–), indicating the decimal place at which the effective number begins.

5.3.3 < SUFFIX PROGRAM DATA >

< SUFFIX PROGRAM DATA > is used following the < DECIMAL NUMERIC PROGRAM DATA > (integer type NR1, fixed-point type NR2, or floating-point type NR3) described above, allowing each type of numeric representation to be suffixed as necessary.



The suffix is added for decimal number program data when the unit of measurement is required for that data. It is used independently as suffix unit or as a combination of suffix unit and suffix multipliers. Its syntax diagram is as shown below. The generally used routes are indicated by thick lines.



- A suffix multiplier is expressed with upper-case or lower-case alphabets. For example, 1E3HZ is expressed as 1 KHZ where 1E3 = 1 K.
- A suffix unit is expressed with upper-case or lower-case alphabets.
- < SUFFIX PROGRAM DATA > cannot be preceded by letter E because it may be confused with the E that is used in floating-point numeric representation.

The following shows suffix multipliers and suffix units. (These are not used on the MW9040B.)

(1) Suffix multipliers

Table 5-1 Suffix Multipliers

Multiplier	Mnemonic	Name
1 E 1 8	EX	E X A
1 E 1 5	PE	P E T A
1 E 1 2	T	T E R A
1 E 9	G	G I G A
1 E 6	MA (Note)	M E G A
1 E 3	K	K I L O
1 E - 3	M (Note)	M I L L I
1 E - 6	U	M I C R O
1 E - 9	N	N A N O
1 E - 1 2	P	P I C O
1 E - 1 5	F	F E M T O
1 E - 1 8	A	A T T O

Note: According to conventional tradition, 10^6 of HZ is represented by MHZ (megahertz) and 10^6 of OHM is represented by MOHM (megohm). These are listed in the table of suffix units in Table 5-2, and not included in the above table of suffix multipliers.

(2) Relative units (dB)

- dB value for 1 μ V DBUV
- dB value for 1 μ W DBUW
- dB value for 1 mW DBMW

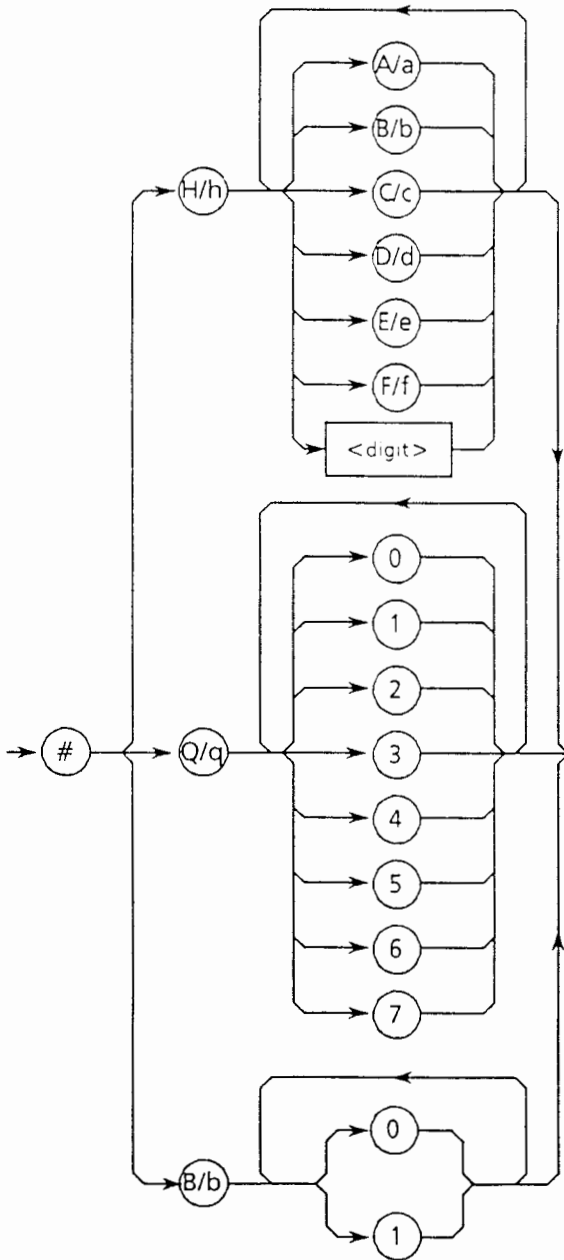
(3) Suffix units

Table 5-2 Suffix Units

Item	Recommended unit mnemonic	Quasi used unit mnemonic	Name
Current	A		Ampere
Atmospheric pressure	ATM		Atmosphere
Charge	C		Coulomb
Luminous intensity	CD		Candela
Decibel	DB		Decibel
Power	DBM		Decibel milliwatt
Capacitance	F		Farad
Mass		G	Gram
Inductance	H		Henry
Frequency (hertz)	HZ		Hertz
Mercury column	INHG		Inches of mercury
Joule	J		Joule
Temperature	K		Degree Kelvin
		CEL	Degree Celsius
		FAR	Degree Fahrenheit
Volume	L		Liter
Luminous intensity	LM		Lumen
Luminous intensity	LX		Lux
Length (meter)	M		Meter
		FT	Feet
		IN	Inch
Frequency (1E6Hz)		MHZ	Megahertz
Resistance		MOHM	Megohm
Force	N		Newton
Resistance	OHM		Ohm
Pressure	PAL		Pascal
Ratio (percent)	PCT		Percent
Angle (radian)	RAD		Radian
Angle (degree)		DEG	Degree
		MNT	Minute (of arc)
Time (second)	S	SEC	Second
Conductance	SIE		Siemens
Automatic speed	T		Tesla
Pressure	TORR		Torr
Voltage	V		Volt
Power (watt)	W		Watt
Hourly speed	WB		Weber
Luminous intensity	LM		Lumen

5.3.4 <NON-DECIMAL NUMERIC PROGRAM DATA>

<NON-DECIMAL NUMERIC PROGRAM DATA> is non-decimal numeric program data used to transmit hexadecimal, octal, and binary numeric data. Non-decimal data always begins with the # mark. It is defined as the encoded syntax diagram shown on the left below. However, the MW9040B handles only the decimal number. Transmitting row of character string other than those specified results in a command error.



The characters following #H or #h are accepted by the device as an unsigned hexadecimal. Figures in () indicate corresponding decimal numbers.

- #Habc1230 (11,256,099D)
- #hAbc123
- #H2DC3 (11.715D)
- #h2dc3
- #H8301 (33,537D)
- #h8301

The characters following #Q or #q are accepted by the device as an unsigned octal.

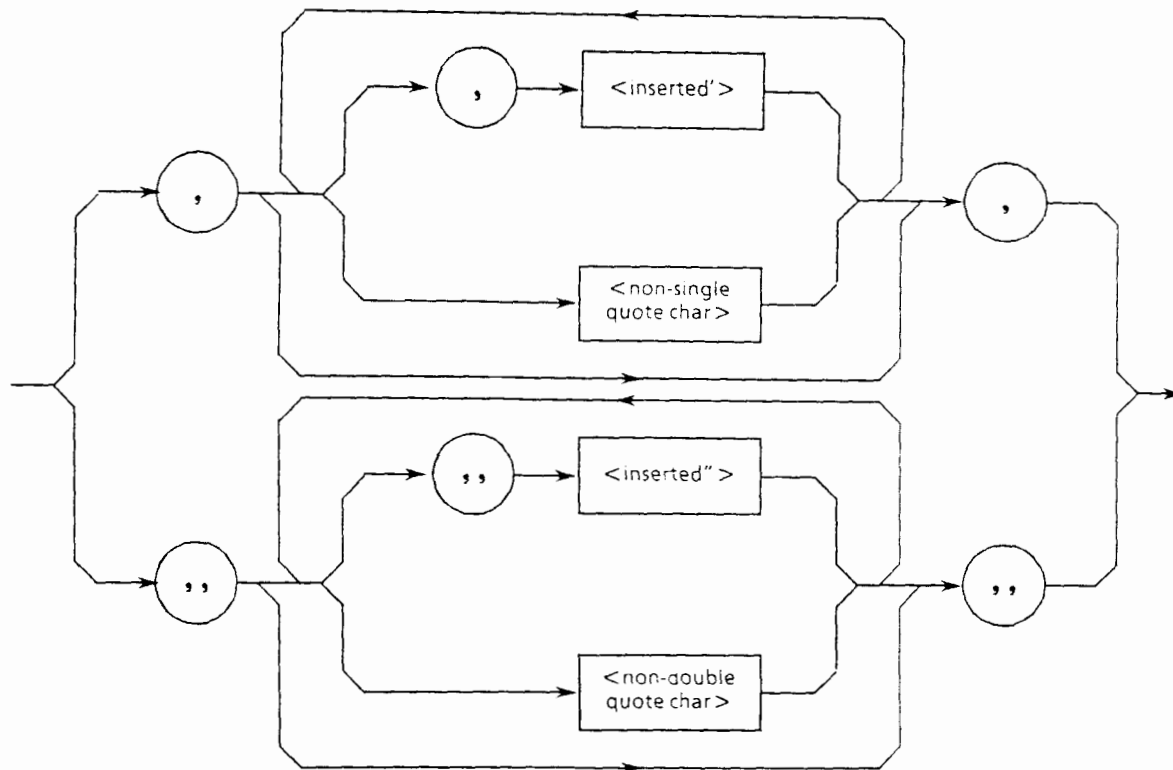
- #Q37 (31D)
- #q37
- #Q26703 (11.715D)
- #q26703
- #q26703

The characters following #B or #b are accepted by the device as an unsigned binary.

- #B101010111100000100100011 (11,256,099D)
- #b0010110111000011 (11,715D)

5.3.5 <STRING PROGRAM DATA>

<STRING PROGRAM DATA> is the program data exclusively used for character strings. All of ASCII 7-bit codes can be used. However, single and double quotations used in a character string must always come as a pair of the same type, one immediately following the other.



- Both ends of a character string must be enclosed with single or double quotations regardless of whether quotations are used within the character string. For example,

It's a nice day → "It's a nice day."

 → 'It's a nice day.'
- When both ends of a character string are enclosed with single quotations, the single quotations used within the character string must be repeated (i.e., '). Other characters, including double quotations, may be described as are. For example,

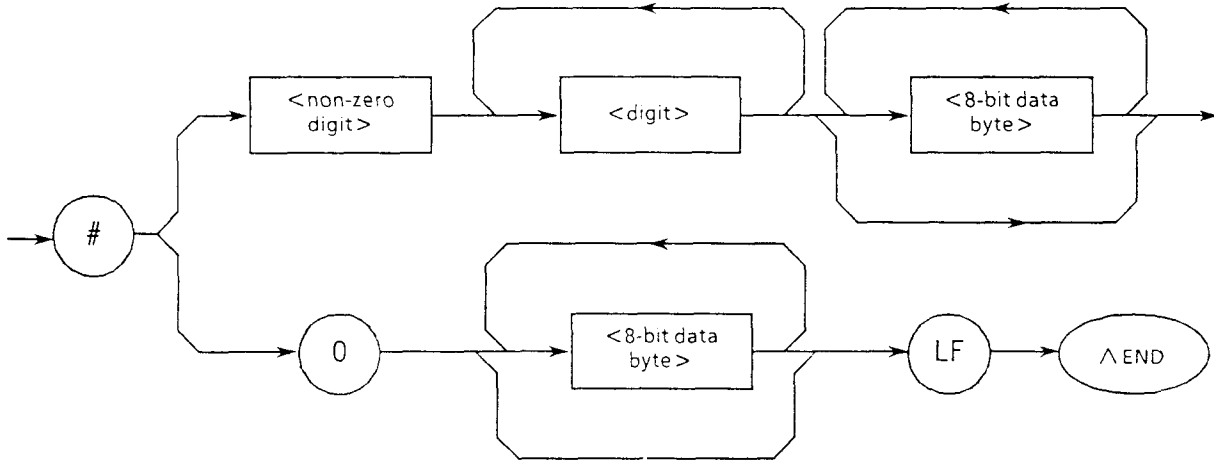
"I shouted, 'Shame'." → "'I shouted, ''Shame''.'"
- When both ends of a character string are enclosed with double quotations, the double quotations used within the character string must be repeated (i.e., "). Other characters, including single quotations, may be described as are. For example,

"I shouted, 'Shame'." → ""I shouted, 'Shame'.""
- <inserted'> is a single ASCII symbol of ASCII code byte 27 (39 in decimal = symbol '); <inserted"> is a single ASCII symbol of ASCII code byte 22 (34 in decimal = symbol "). <non-single quote char> and <non-double quote char> are respectively single ASCII symbols other than single and double quotations.

5.3.6 <ARBITRARY BLOCK PROGRAM DATA>

<ARBITRARY BLOCK PROGRAM DATA> is a non-decimal program data that begins with the # mark. It directly transmits binary data using 1 byte = 8 bits as a minimum block without changing the data format. The differences with the <NON-DECIMAL NUMERIC PROGRAM DATA> described earlier are:

- It handles both character string data and numeric data without being limited to numeric data.
- It has information indicating the number of data bytes, etc. sent, between # and first data.



Thus, this non-decimal data allows the data bytes to be transferred to be specified as necessary, and is defined as follows:

- <digit> Is a number in the range of ASCII code bytes 30 to 39 (48 to 57 in decimal = numbers 0 to 9) and defined as a single ASCII code byte.
- <non-zero digit> Is a number in the range of ASCII code bytes 31 to 39 (49 to 57 in decimal = numbers 1 to 9) and defined as a single ASCII code byte.
- <8-bit data byte> Is an 8-bit byte in the range of 00 to FF (0 to 255 in decimal).

(1) When the number of data bytes to be sent is known

This applies to the upper-right route in the above syntax diagram. The number of bytes in <8-bit data byte> to be transferred is specified at the position of <digit> in the diagram, that is, immediately before the beginning of writing data. Then, the number of digits in the specified number of bytes is written between # and <digit>, that is, at the position of <non-zero digit>. For example, 4-byte data bytes (DAB) to be sent may be described as follows:

Specify 4 at the position of <digit> because 4 bytes are sent.

↓

#14<DAB><DAB><DAB><DAB>

↑

The value of <non-zero digit> is 1 because 4 at the position of <digit> on the right is one digit.

Specify 4 at the position of <digit> because 4 bytes are sent. May also be specified with leading zeros.

↓

#3004<DAB><DAB><DAB><DAB>

↑

The value of <non-zero digit> is 3 because 4 at the position of <digit> on the right is three digits (i.e., 004).

(2) When the number of data bytes to be sent is unknown

This applies to the lower-right route shown in the syntax diagram in the preceding page. Place #0 before the first data. The last data is terminated with LF^END.

#0<DAB>DAB><DAB><DAB><DAB>LF^END

LF^END is such that when the statement shown below is executed beforehand in the beginning part of the program, the EOI signal is sent out as the END signal simultaneously with terminator LF when the last data byte is transmitted.

- For LF TERM IS CHR\$(10)
- For END EOI ON

(3) Handling of integer-precision binary data

Integer-precision binary data is used as transfer data of the <ARBITRARY BLOCK> format for both program data and response data. Its specification is as shown below. Negative numbers are processed as a two's-complement form.

Number of bytes transferred	1, 2, 4, or 8 bytes
Sequence of transfer	Transferred sequentially beginning with the most significant bit.
Signed binary code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LSB Right-aligned from the right edge ● MSB Sign bit ● When the data length is smaller than the field, the remaining space in the field is filled with MSB.
Unsigned binary code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LSB Right-aligned from the right edge ● MSB Not a sign bit ● Unused high-order bits are filled with 0.

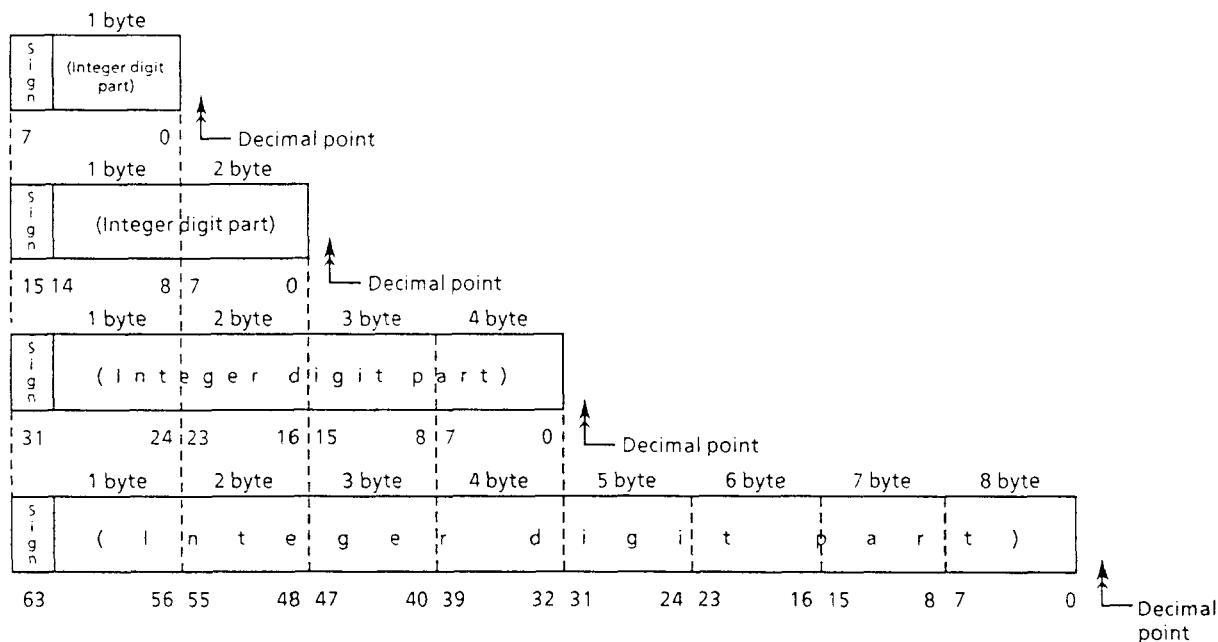
The following shows the range of typical 1 byte (8 bits) and 2 bytes (16 bits) integer data with and without signs.

8-Bit Binary	With Sign	No Sign
10000000	-128	128
10000001	-127	129
10000010	-126	130
11111101	-3	253
11111110	-2	254
11111111	-1	255
00000000	0	0
00000001	1	1
00000010	2	2
00000011	3	3
01111101	125	125
01111110	126	126
01111111	127	127

16-Bit Binary	With Sign	No Sign
1000000000000000	-32768	32768
1000000000000001	-32767	32769
1000000000000010	-32766	32770
1111111111111101	-3	65533
1111111111111110	-2	65534
1111111111111111	-1	65535
0000000000000000	0	0
0000000000000001	1	1
0000000000000010	2	2
0000000000000011	3	3
0111111111111101	32765	32765
0111111111111110	32766	32766
0111111111111111	32767	32767

The following shows the internal representation of signed 1, 2, 4, and 8-byte integer data. The sign bit is such that when 0, it indicates positive data; when 1, it indicates negative data.

Because the decimal point is placed at a fixed position on the right of the LSB bit, this type of representation is referred to as fixed-point binary. Because the position of the decimal point is fixed as such, when data contains numbers below the decimal point, these numbers are discarded and only the integer data is stored in the integer digit part. For unsigned data, all bits are set in the integer digit part.



(4) Handling of floating-point binary data

Floating-point binary data is used as transfer data of the <ARBITRARY BLOCK> format for both program data and response data. Note that floating-point binary data is not used in the devices manufactured by Anritsu. The following describes general specifications of this type of data for your reference.

A numeric value of this format must be comprised of the following three fields:

- ① Sign field (sign bit)
- ② Exponent field (exponent bit)
- ③ Mantissa field (mantissa bit)

The values handled here are the numeric data that contains fractions, with its numeric precision available as single or double precision. The following shows the field structure and transfer sequence of this type of numeric data. The symbols in the diagram below are: S = sign bit, EM = MSB exponent bit, EL = LSB exponent bit, FM = MSB mantissa bit, and FL = LSB mantissa bit.

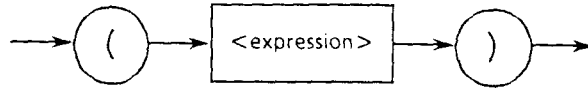
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5.3.7 < EXPRESSION PROGRAM DATA >

The < EXPRESSION PROGRAM DATA > element is used to send an expression for calculating scalar, vector, matrix, or string value to the device so that the device can calculate the expression and obtain a value in place of the controller.

Note: The MW9040B does not have the function of < expression >, described below. When calculation of an expression is required, therefore, the value of that expression is obtained by the controller in advance and the calculated numeric data is transferred to the device as program data.

<EXPRESSION PROGRAM DATA> is defined as follows:



- <expression> <expression> uses ASCII characters in the range of ASCII code bytes 20 to 7E (32 to 126 in decimal) in sequence. However, the six characters enclosed with [] below are not used: [", #, ', (,), ;]. That is, a double quotation, number symbol, single quotation, left-side parenthesis, right-side parenthesis, and semicolon.

When <expression> is given as a + b + c for example, the above syntax diagram becomes as follows:

(a+b+c)

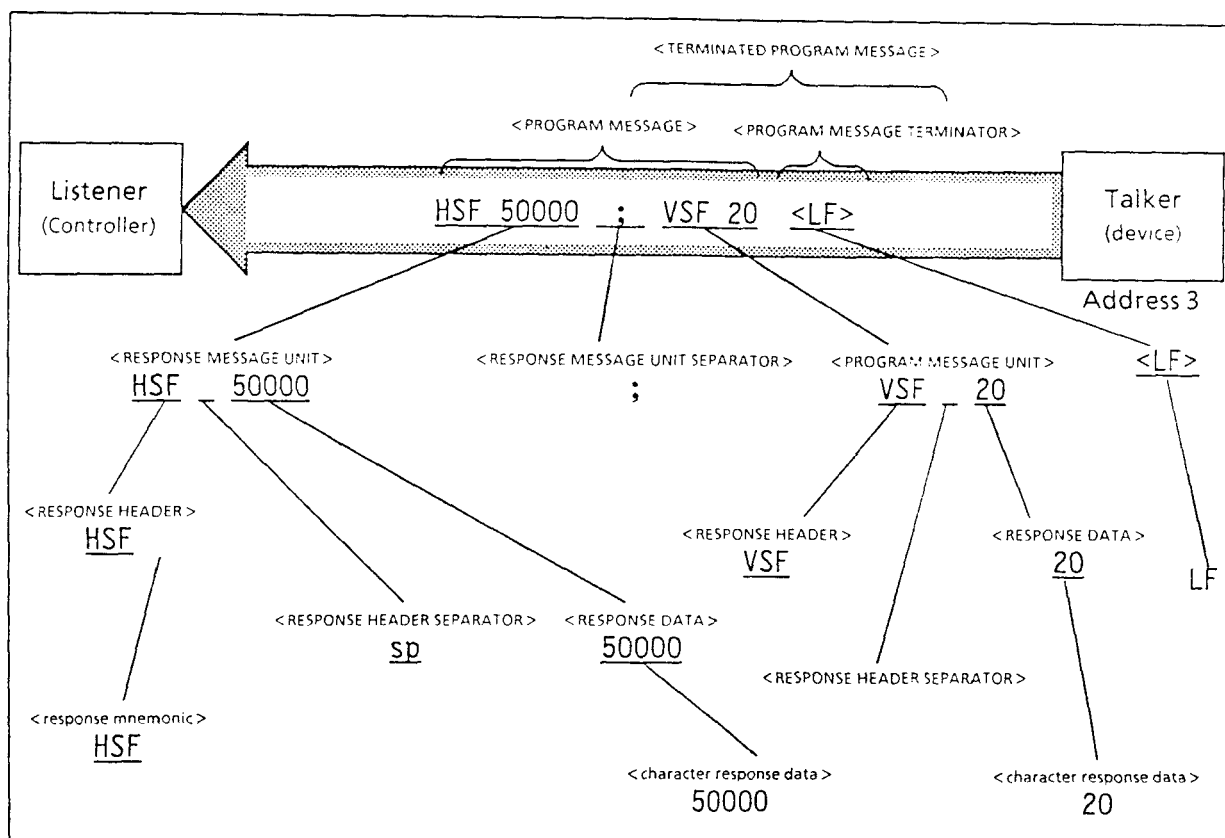
These expressions can be transferred to the device using any program data format described hitherto, except the indefinite format of <ARBITRARY BLOCK PROGRAM DATA>. When <expression> is received, the device executes processing to calculate the expression and obtain its value.

SECTION 6 TALKER OUTPUT FORMAT

Data messages come in two types: program messages and response messages. This section describes the format of response messages sent from the talker device to the controller.

Response messages include such messages as measurement results, setting conditions, and status information. These response messages may be returned with or without the header.

The diagram below shows response messages sent from device to controller as ASCII character strings with header in return for horizontal-shift query message HSF? and vertical-shift query message VSF?



The program below shows the operation part of the above.

```
100 WRITE @101:"HSF? ; VSF?"
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110 READ @101:A$! ← When the terminator LF is detected, response messages  
                  HSF 50000;VSF 20 are read into A$.
```

The response message format is configured by a sequence of functional elements (where function is divided into units of minimum level of function) as in the case of program messages. The upper-case alphabet characters enclosed with brackets < > in the above diagram are the examples of functional elements. A functional element may further be divided into what is called encoded elements. The lower-case alphabet characters enclosed with brackets < > in the above diagram

are the examples of encoded elements. Consequently, the syntax diagram notation is the same for both talker and listener.

The following pages describe the response message format centering on the differences from the program message format.

6.1 Differences in Format Syntax between Program and Response Messages

The greatest differences in format syntax between program and response messages are as follows:

- Program message format Flexible program creation is intended to enable the device to easily accept program messages from the controller. Consequently, although there may be some difference in message description between program messages, these program messages can perform the same function. For example, <white space> can be inserted in separators or terminators as many as desired, it is possible to create easy-to-read programs.
- Response message format Output messages are sent out by following the strict rules of syntax to enable the controller to easily accept response messages from the device. Therefore, contrary to the above, the response message syntax allows only one notation for one function.

The table below summarizes the differences between the program message and response message formats. Note that “zero or one or more spaces” described in the table indicates <white space>.

Characteristics	Program message syntax	Response message syntax
Program description	(Flexible)	(Strict)
Alphabetic characters	Both upper-case and lower-case characters can be used for the same effect.	Upper-case characters only.
Before and after E in NR3 exponent part	Zero or more spaces + E/e + zero or more spaces.	Upper-case character E only.
+ sign in NR3 exponent part	May be omitted.	Cannot be omitted.
<white space>	Two or more spaces can be placed before and after separator as well as before the terminator.	Not used.
Message unit	① Header with program data ② Header without program data	① Data with header ② Data without header
Unit separator	Zero or more spaces + semicolon	Semicolon only.
Space placed before header	Zero or more spaces + header	Header only.
Header separator	Header + one or more spaces	Header + one #20*
Data separator	Zero or more spaces + comma + zero or more spaces	Comma only.
Terminator	Zero or more spaces + any of LF, EOI, or LF + EOI	LF + EOI

* ASCII code byte 20 (32 in decimal = ASCII character space: sp)

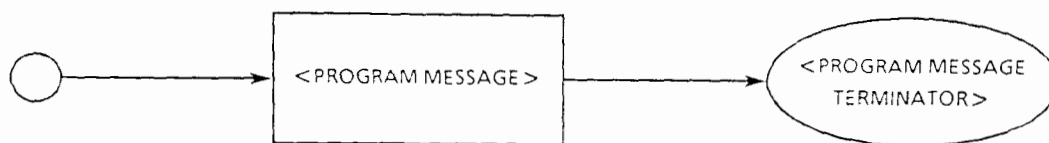
6.2 Functional Elements of Response Messages

A response message output by the talker is accepted by the controller as it is terminated by the LF^END signal. The following describes each functional element of this response message.

The rules of syntax diagram notation are the same as for program messages. For details, refer to Section 5. Also note that the description of functional and encoded elements here is omitted wherever they are the same as those of program messages. For this part of description, refer to Section 5 as necessary.

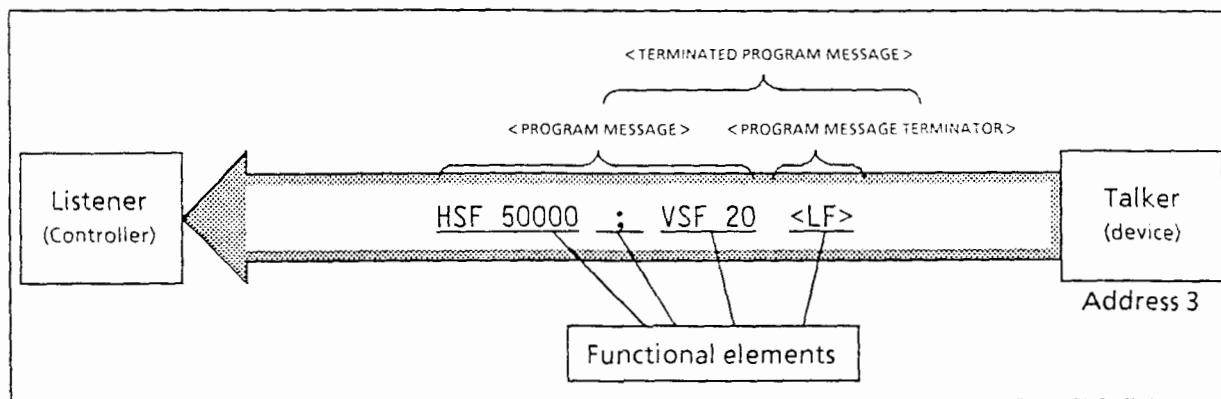
6.2.1 < TERMINATED RESPONSE MESSAGE >

< TERMINATED RESPONSE MESSAGE > is defined as follows:



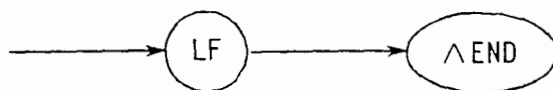
< TERMINATED RESPONSE MESSAGE > is a data message that satisfies all functional elements required for transmission from the talker device to the controller. < RESPONSE MESSAGE > is appended with < RESPONSE MESSAGE TERMINATOR > at its end to complete the transfer of < RESPONSE MESSAGE >.

Example: < TERMINATED RESPONSE MESSAGE > linking two message units



6.2.2 < RESPONSE MESSAGE TERMINATOR >

< RESPONSE MESSAGE TERMINATOR > is defined as follows:



< RESPONSE MESSAGE TERMINATOR > is placed next to the last < RESPONSE MESSAGE UNIT > to terminate the sequence of one or more < RESPONSE MESSAGE UNIT > elements of a certain length.

LF^END is such that when the statement shown below is executed beforehand in the beginning part of the program, the EOI signal is sent out as the END signal simultaneously with terminator LF when the last data byte is transmitted.

- For LF TERM IS CHR\$(10)
- For END EOI ON

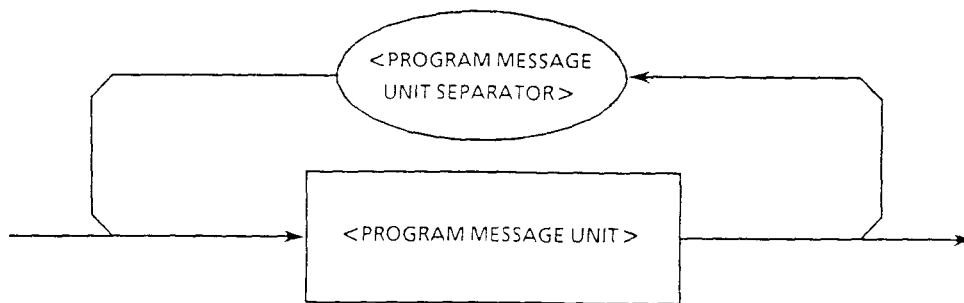
Example: Reading the currently set horizontal shift.

```

10 TERM IS CHR$(10)! ..... LF is assigned as terminator code.
20 EOI ON! ..... The EOI signal is output that asserts the EOI line TRUE when
                    sending the last data byte.
30 WRITE @101:"HSF?"! ... Query for reading the horizontal shift.
40 READ @101:A$! ..... Response data read is terminated by EOI signal.
  
```

6.2.3 <RESPONSE MESSAGE>

<RESPONSE MESSAGE> is defined as follows:



<RESPONSE MESSAGE> is a sequence of one or more <RESPONSE MESSAGE UNIT> elements.

The <RESPONSE MESSAGE UNIT > element means a single message sent from device to controller. The <RESPONSE MESSAGE UNIT SEPARATOR> element is used as a separator to divide multiple <RESPONSE MESSAGE UNITS>.

6.2.4 <RESPONSE MESSAGE UNIT SEPARATOR>

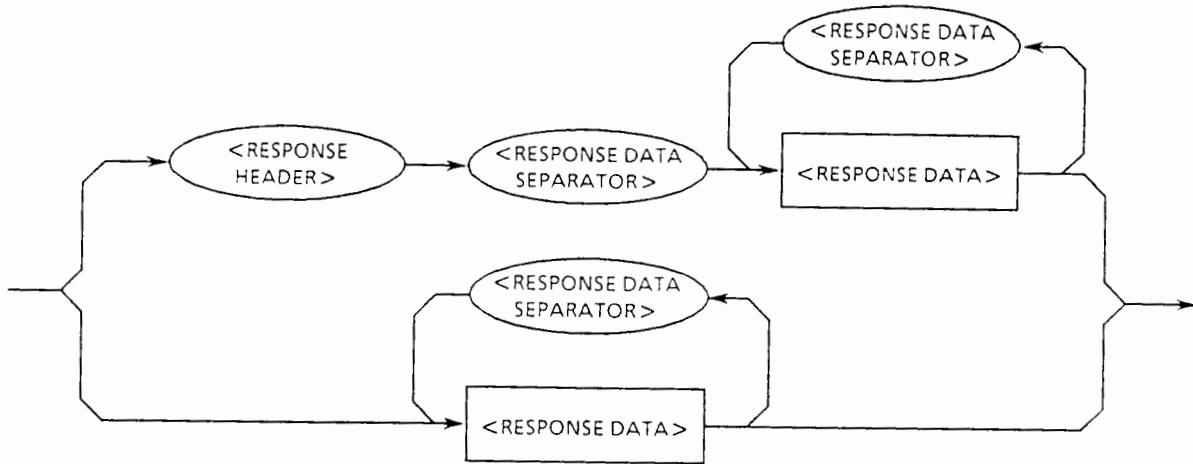
<RESPONSE MESSAGE UNIT SEPARATOR> is defined as follows:



<RESPONSE MESSAGE UNIT SEPARATOR> is used when outputting a sequence of multiple <RESPONSE MESSAGE UNIT> elements as a single <RESPONSE MESSAGE> by dividing the <RESPONSE MESSAGE UNIT> elements with <UNIT SEPARATOR> semicolon “;.”

6.2.5 < RESPONSE MESSAGE UNIT >

< RESPONSE MESSAGE UNIT > is defined as follows:



< RESPONSE MESSAGE UNIT > has two types of syntaxes. One is a response message unit with the header, which returns the exact results of processing done for the information set by a program message. The other is a response message unit without the header, which returns only the measurement results data.

6.2.6 < RESPONSE HEADER SEPARATOR >

< RESPONSE HEADER SEPARATOR > is defined as follows:



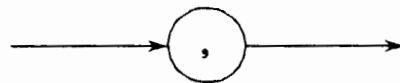
< RESPONSE HEADER SEPARATOR > separates < RESPONSE HEADER > and < RESPONSE DATA > by inserting one space immediately after < RESPONSE HEADER >.

Space SP is ASCII code byte 20 (32 in decimal).

Consequently, response messages with the header always contain one space between the header and data as a response header separator. It indicates the end of the response header as well as the beginning of response data.

6.2.7 < RESPONSE DATA SEPARATOR >

< RESPONSE DATA SEPARATOR > is defined as follows:



< RESPONSE DATA SEPARATOR > is used when outputting multiple < RESPONSE DATAs >, to divide them by inserting it between one and following data.

6.2.8 <RESPONSE HEADER>

<RESPONSE HEADER> is the same in format representation as <COMMAND PROGRAM HEADER> described in paragraph 5.2.8 except the following three points.

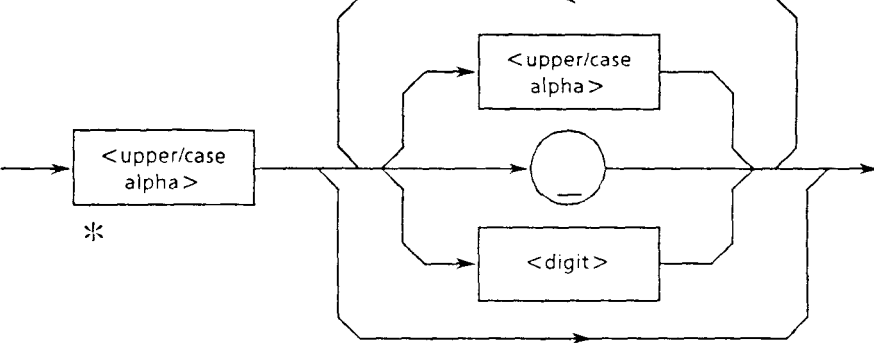
1. The characters usable in <response mnemonic> are stipulated so that for alphabetic characters, only upper-case characters can be used. Others are the same as with <program mnemonic>.
2. Although a space can be inserted before the program header, the response header cannot be preceded by a space.
3. Although multiple spaces can be inserted after the program header, the response header can only be followed by one space.

The next page collectively shows <RESPONSE HEADER> from <simple response header> through <response mnemonic>.

Note: For usable characters, <response mnemonic> is the same as with <program mnemonic> except that only upper-case alphabets can be used in <response mnemonic>. For others, refer to paragraph 5.2.8.

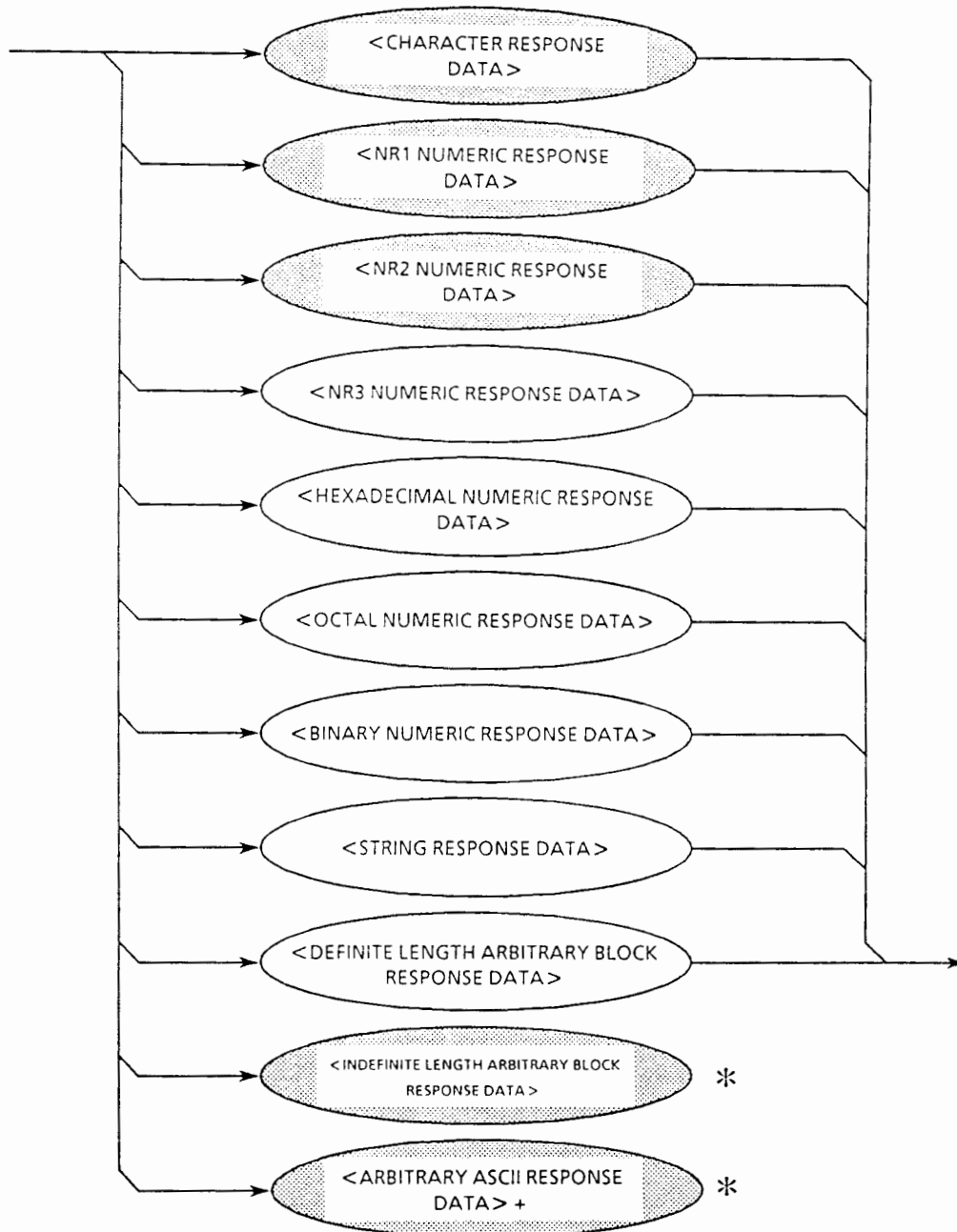
Element	Function
RESPONSE HEADER	<p data-bbox="576 414 1429 548">The header represents the function of response data. Its meaning is indicated by <response mnemonic> which consists of up to 12 characters (upper-case alphabets, numbers, or underlines, or a combination of the foregoing) beginning with an upper-case alphabet.</p> <div data-bbox="690 593 1299 862"> </div> <p data-bbox="576 918 1234 952">1. <simple response header> is defined as follows:</p> <div data-bbox="738 996 1258 1086"> </div> <p data-bbox="576 1142 1274 1176">2. <compound response header> is defined as follows:</p> <div data-bbox="568 1220 1461 1422"> </div> <p data-bbox="576 1478 1250 1512">3. <common response header> is defined as follows:</p> <div data-bbox="738 1556 1234 1646"> </div>

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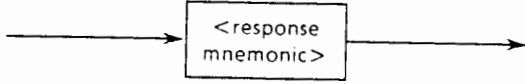
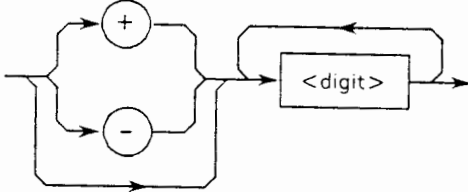
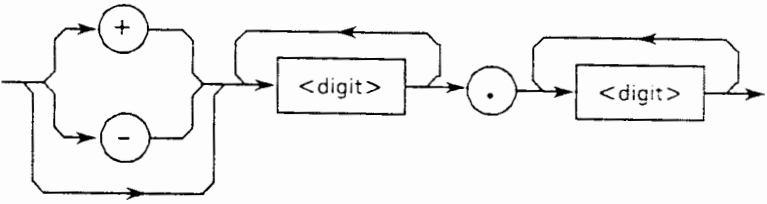
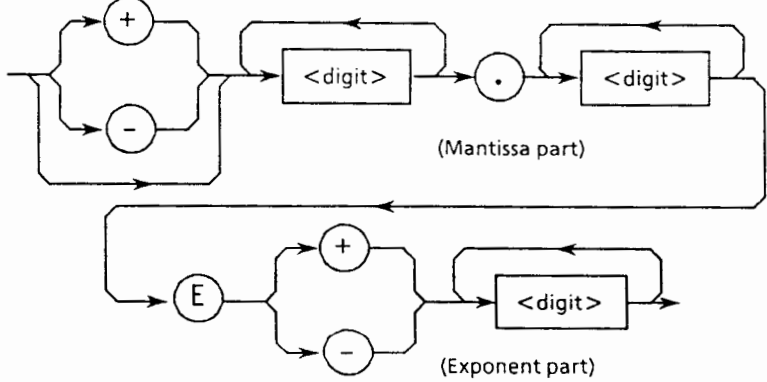
Element	Function
RESPONSE HEADER (Cont.)	<p>4. <response mnemonic> is defined as follows:</p>  <p>* <upper-case alpha> ASCII code bytes 41 to 5A (65 to 90 in decimal = upper-case alphabets A to Z)</p>

6.2.9 <RESPONSE DATA>

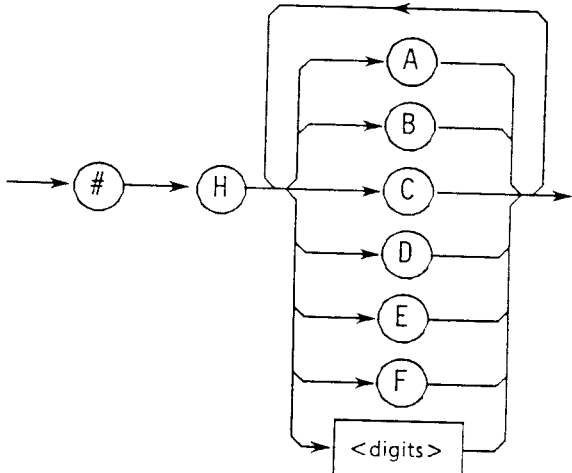
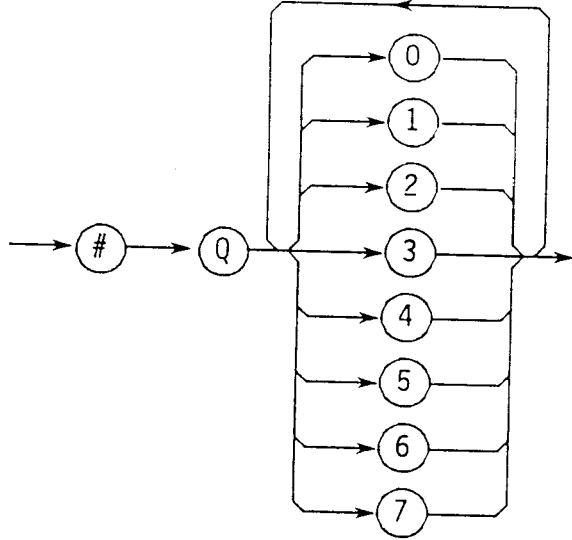
<RESPONSE DATA> comes in 11 types, of which the response data types enclosed in shaded ovals can be sent to the controller with the MW9040B. Which response data is returned to the controller is determined by the query message sent to the device.



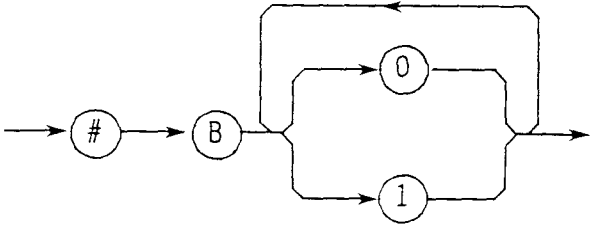
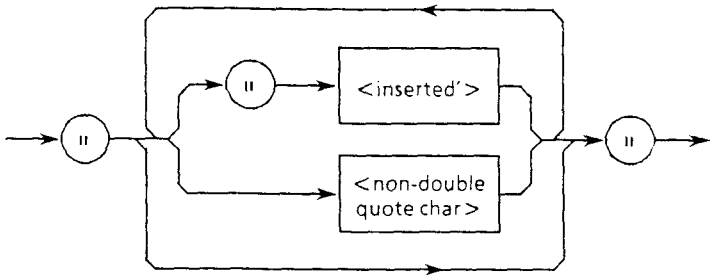
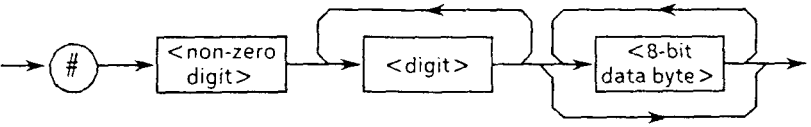
* <INDEFINITE LENGTH ARBITRARY BLOCK RESPONSE DATA> and <ARBITRARY ASCII RESPONSE DATA> are terminated by LFAEND immediately after their own last data byte.

Element	Function
<p>(1) CHARACTER RESPONSE DATA</p> <p><Example> SAVE TRACE1</p>	<p>Data consisting of the same character string as in <response mnemonic>. Therefore, its character string always begins with an upper-case alphabet and is 12 characters long at maximum. Do not use numeric parameters because they are inappropriate.</p> 
<p>(2) NR1 NUMERIC RESPONSE DATA</p> <p><Example> 123 +123 -1234</p>	<p>Integer data, that is, a decimal number of integer without the decimal point or exponential representation.</p> 
<p>(3) NR2 NUMERIC RESPONSE DATA</p> <p><Example> 12.3 +12.34 -12.345</p>	<p>Fixed-point data, that is, a decimal number other than integer and exponential representation.</p> 
<p>(4) NR3 NUMERIC RESPONSE DATA</p> <p><Example> 1.23E+4 +12.34E-5 -12.345E+6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower-case alphabets cannot be used for E. • No spaces can be inserted before or after E. • "+" in the exponent part cannot be omitted. • "+" in the mantissa part may be omitted. 	<p>Floating-point data, that is, a decimal number with digits of exponential representation.</p>  <p>(Mantissa part)</p> <p>(Exponent part)</p>

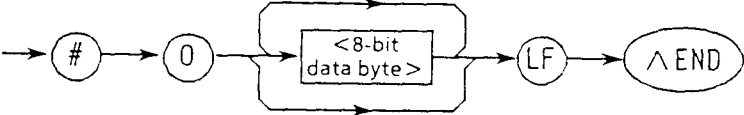
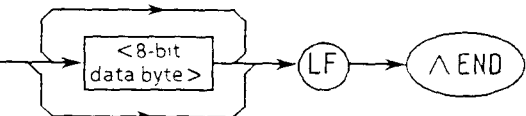
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Element	Function
<p>(5) HEXADECEMAL NUMERIC RESPONSE DATA</p> <p><Example> #HABC123 #H2DC3 #H8301</p>	<p>Hexadecimal numeric data</p>  <p>The diagram shows a flow starting with an arrow pointing to a circle containing '#'. An arrow then points to a circle containing 'H'. From 'H', an arrow points to a vertical stack of six circles labeled 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', and 'F'. Each circle has an arrow pointing to the right. A larger arrow loops from the top of the stack back to the 'H' circle. Below the stack is a rectangular box containing the text '<digits>'. An arrow points from the right side of the stack to the right.</p>
<p>(6) OCTAL NUMERIC RESPONSE DATA</p> <p><Example> #Q37 #Q26703 #Q30562</p>	<p>Octal numeric data</p>  <p>The diagram shows a flow starting with an arrow pointing to a circle containing '#'. An arrow then points to a circle containing 'Q'. From 'Q', an arrow points to a vertical stack of eight circles labeled '0', '1', '2', '3', '4', '5', '6', and '7'. Each circle has an arrow pointing to the right. A larger arrow loops from the top of the stack back to the 'Q' circle. An arrow points from the right side of the stack to the right.</p>

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Element	Function
<p>(7) BINARY NUMERIC RESPONSE DATA</p> <p>< Example > #B011101 #B1011 #B1011</p>	<p>Binary numeric data</p> 
<p>(8) STRING RESPONSE DATA</p> <p>< Example > "This is a text" "Say, ""Hello""."</p>	<p>All of ASCII 7-bit code can be used. Both ends of the character string are always enclosed with double quotations. Double quotations within the character string are repeated in succession with the same type of quotation on each occurrence. Because CR, LF, and space can be used, this type of data is suited for outputting text to a printer or CRT.</p> 
<p>(9) DEFINITE LENGTH ARBITRARY BLOCK RESPONSE DATA</p> <p>< Example > Transferring 11256099D in 4 bytes ↓ #1400ABC123</p>	<p>8-bit binary block data of fixed length. This type of data is suited for transferring large amounts of data, 8-bit extended ASCII code, or non-display data.</p> 

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Element	Function
<p>(10) INDEFINITE LENGTH ARBITRARY BLOCK RESPONSE DATA</p> <p><Example> Transferring -250, -50, 120, ... in indefinite length ↓ #0FF06FFCE0078</p>	<p>8-bit binary block data of indefinite length. For this reason, the first data is preceded by #0. Also, the last data is terminated by LF^END.</p>  <p>This diagram illustrates the structure of indefinite length arbitrary block response data. It starts with a '#' character, followed by a '0' character. The data itself is represented by a rounded rectangle containing '<8-bit data byte>' with a double-headed arrow above and below it, indicating an indefinite number of bytes. This is followed by a 'LF' character and finally an '^END' character in an oval.</p>
<p>(11) ARBITRARY ASCII RESPONSE DATA</p> <p><Example-1> <ASCII Byte> <ASCII Byte> LF^END</p> <p><Example-2> LF^END</p>	<p>This type of data consists of ASCII data bytes, except LF, which are transmitted without dividing each byte. Therefore, the last data is terminated by LF^END.</p>  <p>This diagram illustrates the structure of arbitrary ASCII response data. It consists of a rounded rectangle containing '<8-bit data byte>' with a double-headed arrow above and below it, followed by a 'LF' character in a circle, and finally an '^END' character in an oval.</p>

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SECTION 7

COMMON COMMANDS

This section describes the common commands set forth in IEEE488.2.

The common commands control such basic functions as identifying and resetting the equipment, as well as how status is read and cleared and how commands and queries are received and processed by the MW9040B Optical Time Domain Reflectometer.

Each status register has a status enable register associated with it. Desired status information can be selected by masking the status bits with the appropriate pattern. The masked status bits are not used in status summary information reports.

For details on how to read status registers and how to use the status information obtained from the MW9040B Optical Time Domain Reflectometer, refer to Section 8 in this manual.

[1] *CLS (Clear Status)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : *CLS

■ Example

WRITE @101:*CLS

■ Description

The *CLS command clears all event status registers, queues, and data structure including a device definition error queue and status byte. When the *CLS command follows immediately after <program message terminator>, the output queue and MAV (Message Available) bit are cleared.

[2] *ESE/*ESE? (Event Status Enable)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : *ESE <register value>

Query syntax : *ESE?

where

<Register Value> ::= indicated by a number from 0 to 255 (integer).

■ Example

- To set bits 4 and 5 of the standard event status enable register to “1”

```
WRITE @101: “*ESE 48”
```

- To read the settings of the standard event status enable register

```
10 DIM ESE$*20
20 WRITE @101:”*ESE?”
30 READ @101:ESE$
40 PRINT ESE$
50 END
```

■ Description

The *ESE command sets the bits of the standard event status enable register. The standard event status enable register masks the bits of the standard event status register. When enabling the particular bit of the standard event status register, set it to “1”; when disabling the particular bit of the standard event status register, set it to “0”. For details on the standard event status enable register, see the table below.

The *ESE? query returns the current contents of the enable register.

Standard Event Status Enable Register

Bit	Weight	Bit name	Enable conditions
7	1 2 8	PON	Power on
6	6 4	URQ	User request
5	3 2	CME	Command error
4	1 6	EXE	Execution error
3	8	DDE	Device dependent error
2	4	QYE	Query error
1	2	RQC	Bus control request
0	1	OPC	Operation completed

■ Response message format

Return format : <register value> <LF | CR,LF>

[3] *ESR? (Event Status Register)

■ Syntax

Query syntax : *ESR?

■ Example

- To read the N value of the standard event status register

```
10 DIM SESR$:*20
20 WRITE @101:"*ESR?"
30 READ @101:SESR$
40 PRINT SESR$
50 END
```

■ Description

The *ESR? query returns the contents of the standard event status register. The standard event status register is cleared when it is read by the controller.

Standard Event Status Register

Bit	Weight	Bit name	Conditions
7	1 2 8	PON	0 = Register read – Not startup mode 1 = Startup
6	6 4	URQ	0 = User request – Not used (always 0)
5	3 2	CME	0 = No command error detected 1 = Command error detected
4	1 6	EXE	0 = No execution error detected 1 = Execution error detected
3	8	DDE	0 = No device-dependent error detected 1 = Device-dependent error detected
2	4	QYE	0 = No query error detected 1 = Query error detected
1	2	RQC	0 = Bus control – right request – Not used (always 0)
0	1	OPC	0 = Operation not terminated 1 = Operation terminated (completed)

■ Response message format

Return format : <register value> <LF | CR,LF>

where

<register value> ::= Indicated by a number from 0 to 255 (integer)

[4] *IDN? (Identification Number)

■ Syntax

Query syntax : *IDN?

■ Example

- To read the character string for identification

```
10 DIM IDN$:*50
20 WRITE @101:"*IDN?"
30 READ @101:IDN$
40 PRINT IDN$
50 END
```

■ Description

When the *IDN? query is issued, the character string that allows an external controller to identify the equipment is returned. This character string consists of <manufacturer's name>, <equipment name>, <manufacturing No.>, and <equipment version>. For <manufacturing No.>, the MW9040B always returns 0 because it does not have the corresponding <manufacturing No.>.

■ Response message format

Return format : ANRITSU, MW9040B, 0, <equipment version> <LF | CR,LF>

where

<equipment version> ::= A 4-digit integer indicating the current equipment version.

Item	Character string	Number of characters
Manufacturer's name	ANRITSU	7 characters
Equipment name	MW9040B	7 characters
Manufacturing No.	0	1 characters
Equipment version	0001	4 characters

[5] *OPC/*OPC? (Operation Complete)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : *OPC
Query syntax : *OPC?

■ Example

- To specify that the operation complete bit of the standard event status register be set when pending processing of an overlap command is completed

```
WRITE @101:"*OPC"
```

- To wait until pending processing of an overlap command is completed

```
10 DIM OPC$*20  
20 WRITE @101:"*OPC?"  
30 READ @101:OPC$  
40 PRINT OPC$  
50 END
```

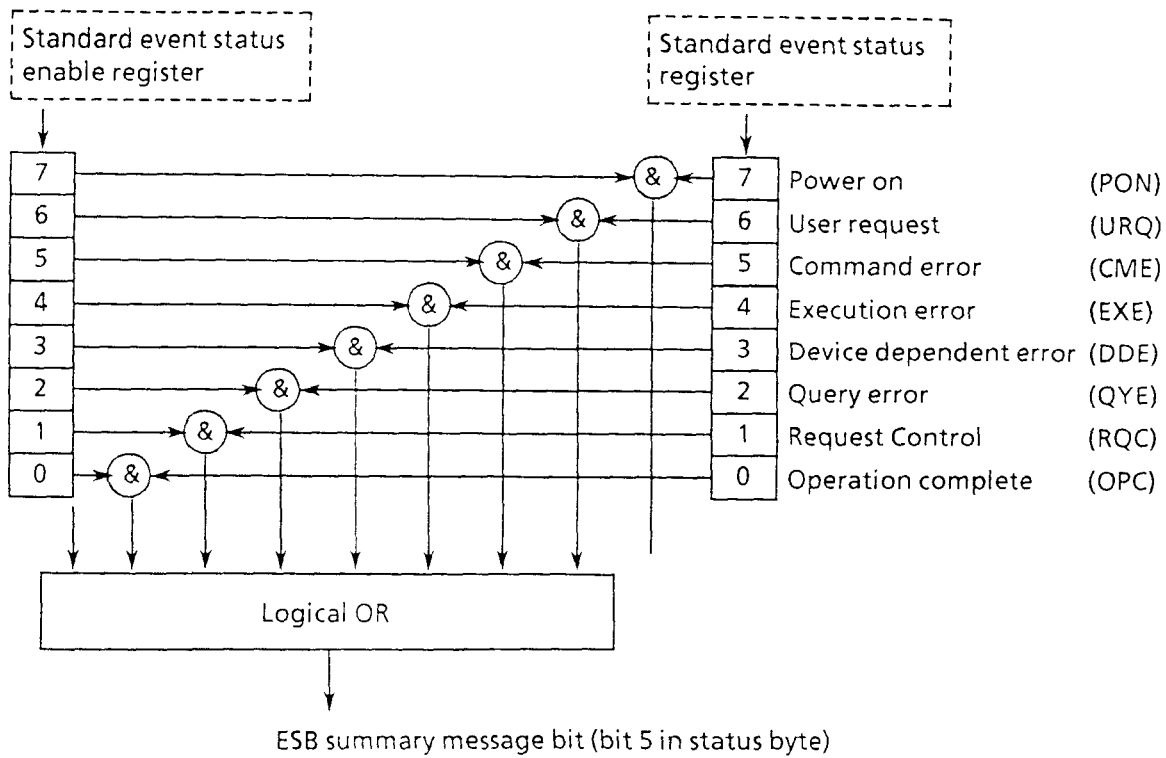
■ Description

*OPC and *OPC? do not have any effect with the MW9040B.

The *OPC command sets the operation complete bit of the standard event status register when all processing is terminated for a command that has been accepted but remained incomplete of processing.

Such a processing-incomplete state occurs for overlap commands. An overlap command means a command that executes the next command even when device operation initiated by that command is in progress. The MW9040B does not have such overlap commands.

The *OPC? query returns ASCII character "1" when all pending processing in device operation is completed.



■ Response message format

Return format : 1<LF | CR,LF>

[6] *RST (Reset)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : *RST

■ Example

- To initialize

```
WRITE @101:"*RST"
```

■ Description

The *RST command resets various settings of the MW9040B to their initial states. This command initializes many more settings than in the case of initialization described earlier in Section 4.

The following lists the items initialized by this command.

- ① The device's inherent functions or states are set to certain known states regardless of how they have been set until now. The contents of settings are shown in the tables in the next pages.
- ② The macro defined by the *DDT command is set to a state defined for the device.
- ③ Macro operations are disabled and the MW9040B is placed in the macro command reject mode. Also, the macro definition is returned to the state indicated by the equipment designer.
- ④ The device is placed in the OCIS state (Operation Complete Command Idle State). As a result, the operation complete bit cannot be set to the SESR (Standard Event Status Register).
- ⑤ The device is placed in the OQIS state (Operation Complete Query Idle State). As a result, operation complete bit 1 cannot be set to the output queue.

Initial Values Set by *RST Command

No.	Item	Initial value	
		With plug-in unit	Without plug-in unit
1	Soft key hierarchy	First hierarchical layer L1: (1/2) (This state is recovered when returned to the Local state.)	First hierarchical layer L1: (1/2) (This state is recovered when returned to the Local state.)
2	HELP	Off	Off
3	Laser	Off	Off
4	Hold	Off	Off
5	Average	Off	Off
6	Horizontal axis scale	Initial value of plug-in unit data	Not initialized
7	Vertical axis scale	5 dB/div	5 dB/div
8	Horizontal axis shift	0 km	0 km
9	Vertical axis shift	10 dB	10 dB
10	Function	LOSS function	LOSS function
11	AUTO	Off	Off
12	Marker Selected MARKER * MARKER X1 MARKER X2 MARKER X3 MARKER X4 MARKER	Marker Marker initial state Marker initial state Marker initial state Marker initial state Marker initial state	Marker Marker initial state Marker initial state Marker initial state Marker initial state Marker initial state
13	Distance range	Initial value of plug-in unit data	Not initialized
14	Pulse width	Initial value of plug-in unit data	Not initialized
15	Attenuator	Initial value of plug-in unit data	Not initialized
16	Auto attenuator	On	Not initialized
17	Selected mask No.	No. 1	No. 1
	Mask No. 1 distance	0 km	0 km
	Mask No. 2 distance	0 km	0 km
	Mask No. 3 distance	0 km	0 km
	Mask No. 4 distance	0 km	0 km
	Mask No. 5 distance	0 km	0 km

Initial Values Set by *RST Command (Continued)

No.	Item	Initial value	
		With plug-in unit	Without plug-in unit
18	Near-end mask width	NEAR END mode:Off	
19	Setting value of near-end mask width	Initial value of plug-in unit data	Not initialized.
20	λ -SELECT	Initial value of plug-in unit data for switchable plug-in unit; otherwise, not initialized.	Not initialized.
21	Linear approximation	2PA	2PA
22	Average limit count/time	Count	Count
	Time	12 hours (43,200 seconds)	12 hours (43,200 seconds)
	Count	50,000 times	50,000 times
23	IOR	Initial value of plug-in unit of data	Not initialized
24	Rotary knob	Marker shift mode	Marker shift mode
25	Threshold	1.0 dB	1.0 dB
26	WAVE COMPARE	Off	Off
27	D/A converter for LD current (power)	0 for D/A value	Not initialized.
28	Panel lamp	COARSE: Off λ SELECT: On/Off	

[7] *SRE/*SRE? (Service Request Enable)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : *SRE_ <register value>

Query syntax : *SRE?

where

<Register Value> ::= Indicated by an integer number from 0 to 255

■ Example

- To set bits 4 and 5 of the service request enable register to "1"


```
WRITE @101: "*SRE 48"
```
- To read the settings of the standard event status enable register

```
10 DIM SRE$*20
20 WRITE @101:"*SRE?"
30 READ @101:SRE$
40 PRINT SRE$
50 END
```

■ Description

The *SRE command sets the designated bits of the service request enable register. The service request enable register, in turn, masks the designated bits of the status byte register. To enable the service request register, set the corresponding bit to "1"; to disable the service request register, set the corresponding bit to "0". For details on the service request enable register, see the table below.

The *SRE? query returns the current value of the enable register.

MW9040B Service Request Enable Register

Bit	Weight	Bit name	Enable conditions
7	1 2 8		Not used
6	6 4	MSS	Master summary status
5	3 2	ESB	Event status
4	1 6	MAV	Message available
3	8	ESB	Error summary
2	4	TSB	Termination (Completed) summary
1	2		Not used
0	1		Not used

■ Response message format

Return format : <register value> <LF | CR,LF>

[8] *STB? (Read Status Byte)

■ Syntax

Query syntax : *STB?

■ Example

- To read the value of the status byte

```
10 DIM STB$*20
20 WRITE @101:"*STB?"
30 READ @101:STB$
40 PRINT STB$
50 END
```

■ Description

The *STB? query returns the current value of the status byte. The MSS (master summary status) bit and RQS (request service) bit are reported to bit 6. MSS indicates whether the device has at least one cause of request for service.

MW9040B Status Byte Register

Bit	Weight	Bit name	Conditions
7	1 2 8		0 Not used
6	6 4	MSS	0 = Service not requested 1 = Service being requested
5	3 2	ESB	0 = No event status occurs 1 = Enabled event status occurred
4	1 6	MAV	0 = Output message not prepared 1 = Output message prepared
3	8	ERSB	0 = MW9040B-specific error not detected 1 = MW9040B-specific error detected
2	4	TSB	0 = No termination report 1 = Termination report present
1	2		0 Not used
0	1		0 Not used

■ Response message format

Return format : <register value> <LF | CR,LF>

where

<Register Value> ::= Indicated by an integer number from 0 to 255

[9] *TST? (Self-Test)

■ Syntax

Query syntax : *TST?

■ Example

- To read the results of self-test

```
10 DIM TEST$*20
20 WRITE @101:"*TST?"
30 READ @101:TEST$
40 PRINT TEST$
50 END
```

■ Description

The *TST? query is not supported for the MW9040B. Therefore, it always returns "0".

■ Response message format

Return format : <result> <LF | CR,LF>

where

<result> ::= Always value 0 (integer) is returned.

[10] *TRG? (Trigger)

■ Syntax

Command Syntax : *TRG

■ Example

- To use the *TRG command to start measurement

WRITE @101: "*TRG"

■ Description

The *TRG command has the same function as a bus command, Group Execution Trigger (GET). For this command, the subject of execution varies depending on the availability of the *DDT command. The MW9040B does not support the *DDT command. Therefore, when the *TRG command is received, the MW9040B operates as follows:

- Laser ON
- Average ON

[11] *WAI (Wait to Complete)

■ Syntax

Command Syntax : *WAI

■ Example

- To keep the device waiting until the operation of an overlap command is completed

WRITE @101: "*WAI"

■ Description

The *WAI command does not have any effect with the MW9040B. Although this command is accepted by the MW9040B, nothing is affected by it.

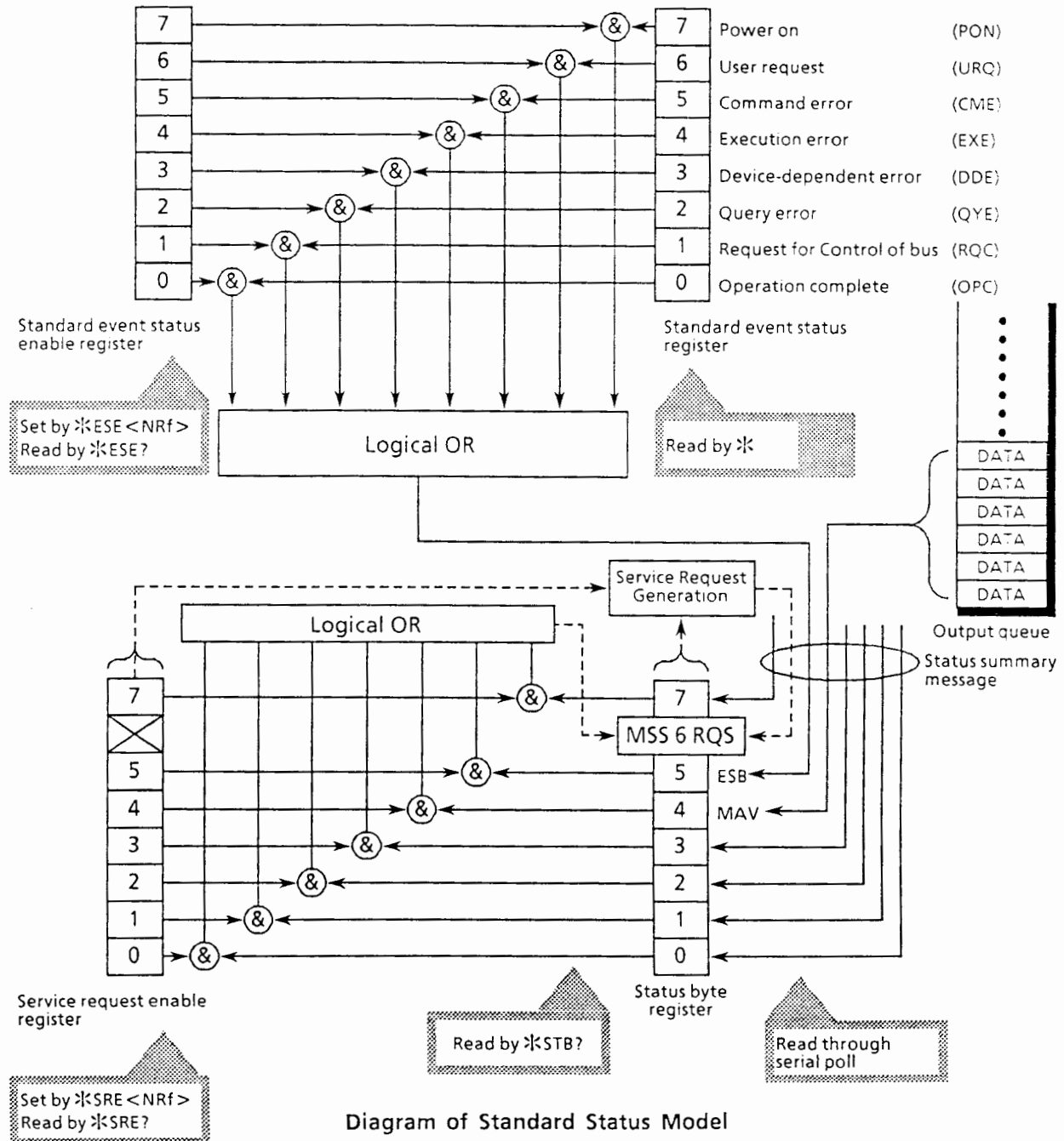
The *WAI command keeps the device waiting until the overlap command completes execution of all operations before executing the next command or query. An overlap command means a command that executes the next command even when device operation initiated by that command is in progress. The MW9040B does not have such overlap commands.

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SECTION 8 STATUS BYTE AND SYNCHRONIZATION TECHNIQUE

8.1 Standard Status Model of IEEE488.2

The diagram below shows the standard model of the status data structure stipulated in IEEE 488.2.



The status model uses the IEEE 488.1 status byte. This status byte consists of seven summary message bits supplied from status data structure. To generate these summary message bits, the status data structure is configured by two models: a register model and a queue model.

Register model	Queue model
A register model is comprised of one pair of registers to record events encountered by the device and its conditions. Specifically, this pair consists of an event status register and event status enable register. When the AND of the two is not 0, the corresponding status bit is set to 1; otherwise, the bit is 0. Then, when the logical OR of each of these bits results in 1, the corresponding summary message bit is set to 1; otherwise, the summary message bit is 0.	Called a queue model, this queue sequentially records waiting status value or information. The queue structure is such that only when there is data in the queue, the corresponding bit is set to 1; when the queue is empty, the bit is 0.

Based on the register and queue models described above, the standard model of the IEEE 488.2 status data structure consists of two register models and one queue model.

- ① Standard event status register and standard event status enable register
- ② Status byte register and service request enable register
- ③ Output queue

Standard Event Status Register	Status Byte Register	Output Queue
This register has the structure of the register model described above. Among the events encountered by the device, it covers eight events ①Power on, ②User request, ③Command error, ④Execution error, ⑤Device-dependent error, ⑥Query error, ⑦Request for control of bus, and ⑧Operation complete, and sets these event bits in the standard event status register. The logical OR output bit is summarized and represented by bit 5 (DIO6) of the status byte register as Event Status Bit (ESB) summary message.	The status byte register allows the RQS bit and the seven summary message bits from the status data structure to be set. It is used in combination with the service request enable register, and when OR of the two is not 0, SRQ is turned on. To indicate this, bit 6 (DIO7) of the status byte register is system-reserved as the RQS bit. This bit indicates to external controller that a service is requested. This mechanism of SRQ conforms to the IEEE 488.1 standard.	This queue has the structure of the queue model described above. When data is present in the output buffer, this is summarized and indicated by bit 4 (DIO5) of the status byte register as a Message Available (MAV) summary message.

8.2 Status Byte (STB) Register

The STB register consists of the device's STB and RQS (or MSS) messages. Under IEEE 488.1, although the method to report the STB and RQS messages is defined, the protocol to set and clear the message bits and the meaning of STB are not defined. IEEE 488.2 defines the device's status summary messages and the Master Summary Status (MSS) that is sent to bit 6 along with STB in response to the *STB? common query.

8.2.1 ESB and MAV Summary Messages

The following describes the ESB and MAV summary messages.

(1) ESB summary message

The ESB (Event Summary Bit) is a message defined under IEEE 488.2 and represented by bit 5 of the STB register. The state of this bit indicates whether at least one or more event defined under IEEE 488.2 have occurred while the service request enable register is set to allow occurrence of events after the standard event status register is last read or cleared. The ESB summary message bit is turned TRUE when any one of the events entered in the standard event status register is set TRUE while settings are made to allow occurrence of events. Conversely, the ESB summary bit is turned FALSE where none of the entered events occurs even while settings are made to allow occurrence of events.

(2) MAV summary message

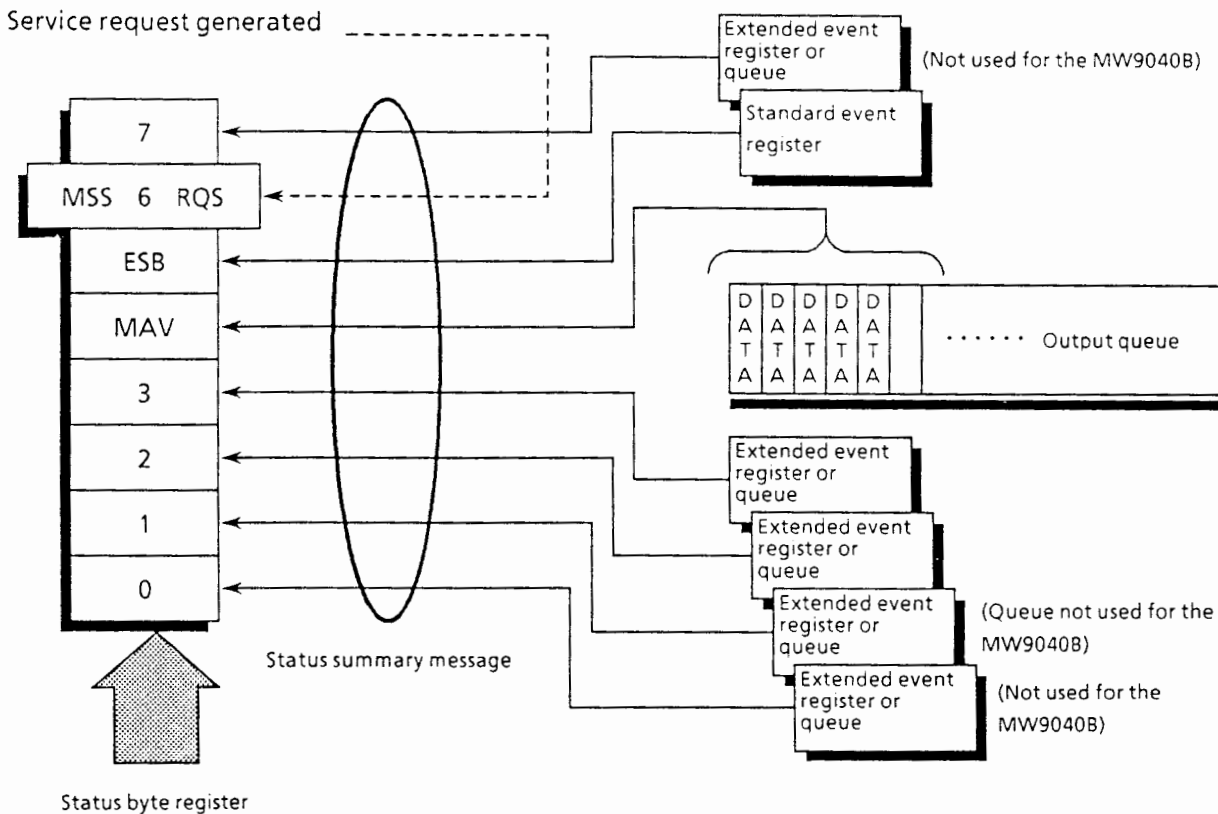
The MAV (Message Available) summary bit is a message defined under IEEE 488.2 and represented by bit 4 of the STB register. The state of this bit indicates whether the output queue is empty. The MAV summary message bit is set to 1 (TRUE) when the device is ready to accept response-message send-requests from the controller, or reset to 0 (FALSE) when the output queue is empty. This message is used to synchronize information exchange with the controller. For example, it may be used to have the controller wait until MAV becomes TRUE after transmitting a query command to the device. While waiting for a response from the device, the controller can process other jobs. On the other hand, if the controller begins reading the output queue without checking MAV first, all system bus operations must be kept waiting until the device responds.

8.2.2 Device Specific Summary Messages

IEEE 488.2 does not specify whether bit 7 (DIO8), bit 3 (DIO4) to bit 0 (DIO1) of the status byte register may be used as status register summary bits or as the bits to inform of the presence of data in queue. These bits can be used as device-specific summary messages.

The device-specific summary messages have the respective status data structures of the register and queue models. That is to say, these status data structures may be a pair of registers to report events and status in parallel or one queue to sequentially report status and information. The summary bit indicates the summarized current state of the corresponding status data structure. In the case of a register model, the summary message becomes TRUE when there is an event that is set to enable one or more occurrences of TRUE; in the case of a queue model, it becomes TRUE when the queue is not empty.

Because the MW9040B uses two bits (bits 2 and 3) as status register summary bits while leaving bits 7, 1, and 0 unused as shown below, there is a total of four kinds of register models (two kinds of extended) and one kind of queue model, i.e., an output queue, without extension.



8.2.3 Reading and Clearing STB Register

The contents of the STB register are read through serial poll or using the *STB? Common query. In either case, the STB message of IEEE 488.1 is read, but the value sent to bit 6 varies with the method of read.

The contents of the STB register can be cleared by the *CLS common command.

(1) Reading through serial poll

When serially polled under IEEE 488.1, the device must return a 7-bit status byte and the RQS message bit under IEEE 488.1. According to IEEE 488.1, the RQS message indicates whether the device is sending SRQ TRUE. The value of the status byte is not changed by serial poll. Immediately after polling, the device must set the rsv message FALSE. Therefore, the RQS message is FALSE when the device is polled again before a new cause of service request occurs.

(2) Reading with *STB? common query

The *STB? common query demands the device to send the contents of the STB register and one <NR1 NUMERIC RESPONSE DATA> from the MSS (Master Summary Status) summary message. The response value represents the sum of the binary-weighted value of the STB register and the value of the MSS summary message. Bits 0 to 5 and 7 of the STB register are respectively weighted to 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32 and 128, and the MSS bit is weighted to 64. Thus, the response to *STB? is the same as that for serial poll except that the bit 6 represents the MSS summary message in place of the RQS message.

(3) Definition of MSS (Master Summary Status)

Indicates that the device has at least one cause of service request. In the device's response to the *STB? query, the MSS message is indicated by bit 6, but not generated as a response to serial poll. It is not a part of the status byte stipulated by IEEE 488.1, either. MSS is configured as an overall OR of a combination of STB register and SRQ enable (SRE) register bits. Concretely, MSS can be defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\text{STB Register bit 0 AND SRE Register bit 0}) \\ & \quad \text{OR} \\ & (\text{STB Register bit 1 AND SRE Register bit 1}) \\ & \quad \text{OR} \\ & \quad \quad \quad \vdots \\ & \quad \quad \quad \vdots \\ & (\text{STB Register bit 5 AND SRE Register bit 5}) \\ & \quad \text{OR} \\ & (\text{STB Register bit 7 AND SRE Register bit 7}) \end{aligned}$$

In MSS definition, the states of bit 6 in both STB and SRQ enable registers are ignored. Therefore, when calculating the MSS value, the status byte can be handled as an 8-bit value where bit 6 is always 0.

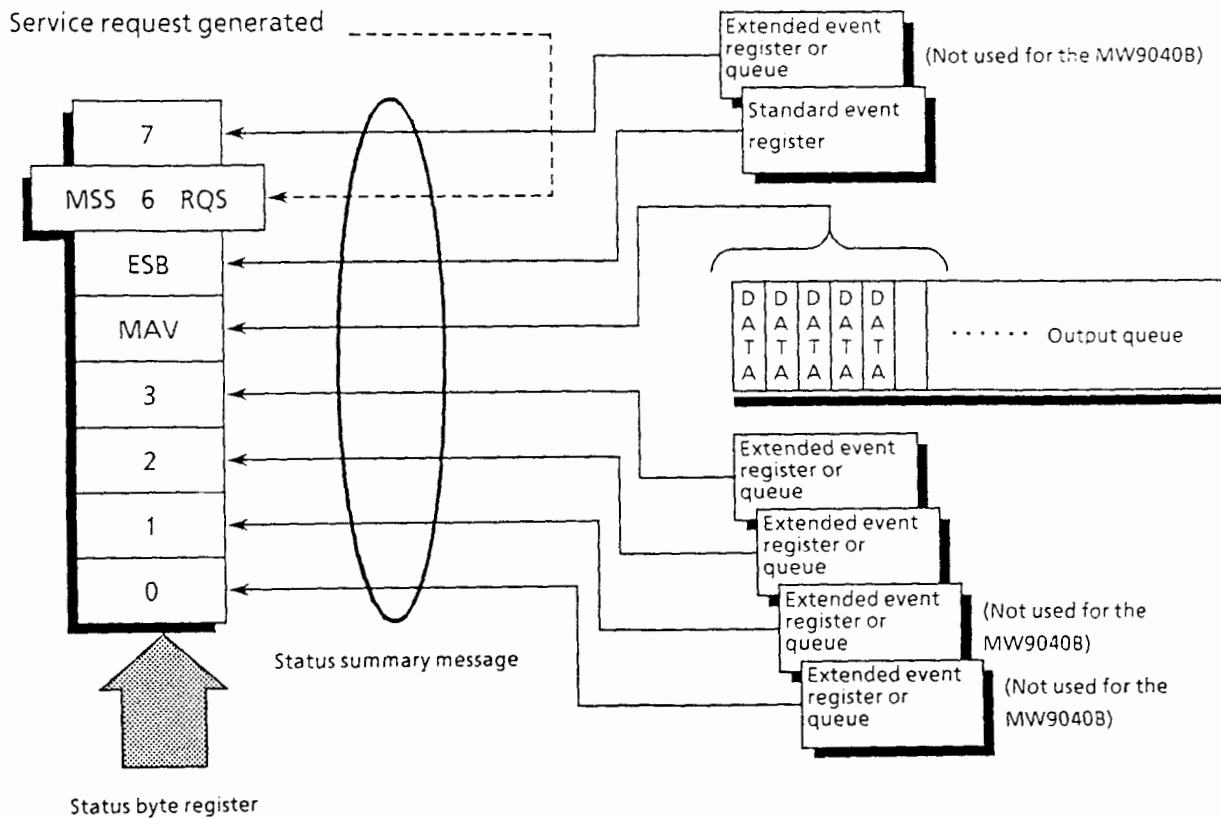
(4) Clearing STB register with *CLS common command

The *CLS common command clears all status data structures (that is, status event registers and queues) except output queues and their MAV summary messages. Accordingly, it also clears the summary messages corresponding to each of these registers and queues.

Output queues and their MAV summary messages are also cleared in the following case:

```
10 WRITE @103 : "IOR 1.5058 ; HSF 1000"
20 WRITE @103 : "*CLS ; IOR?"
30 END
```

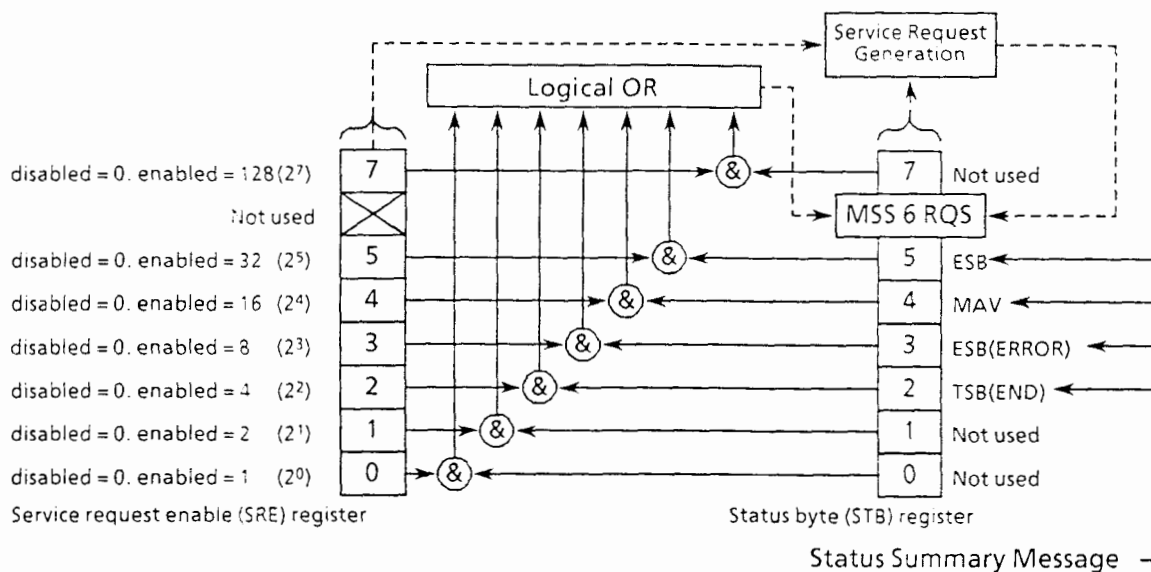
In other words, when the *CLS common command is sent after <PROGRAM MESSAGE TERMINATOR> or before <QUERY MESSAGE UNIT> element, all status bytes are cleared. In this way, all pending messages in an output queue (messages not read) are cleared and the MAV message is set FALSE. When responding to *STB?, the MSS message is also set FALSE. Note that the settings of each enable register are unaffected by *CLS.



8.3 Enabling SRQ

Enabling SRQ makes it possible to select which summary message in the STB register to be enabled or disabled for service requests. The service request enable (SRE) register shown below is used to select such summary messages.

The bits in the service request enable register correspond to the bits in the status byte register one to one. When a bit in the status byte register corresponding to the enabled bit of the service request enable register is set to 1, the device sets the RQS bit to 1 to request service to the controller. For example, if bit 4 of the service request enable register is enabled, service will be requested to the controller each time the MAV bit is set to 1 when there is data in the output queue.



(1) Reading SRE register

The contents of the SRE register can be read using the `*SRE?` common query. The response message to this query is `<NR1 NUMERIC RESPONSE DATA> = integer of 0 to 255`, representing the sum of the weighted values of each service request enable register bit digit value. Bits 0 to 5 and 7 of the service request enable register are respectively weighted to 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, and 128. The unused bit 6 must always be 0.

(2) Updating SRE register

The SRE register is written using the `*SRE` common command. The `*SRE` common command is followed by a `<DECIMAL NUMERIC PROGRAM DATA>` element. `<DECIMAL NUMERIC PROGRAM DATA>` is rounded to the nearest integer number, expressed in binary with a base of 2, and represents the sum of the weighted values of each SRE register bit digit value. This bit value indicates an enabled state when it is 1 or a disabled state when 0. The value of bit 6 must always be ignored.

(3) Clearing SRE register

The SRE register can be cleared using the *SRE common command or turning the power on again.

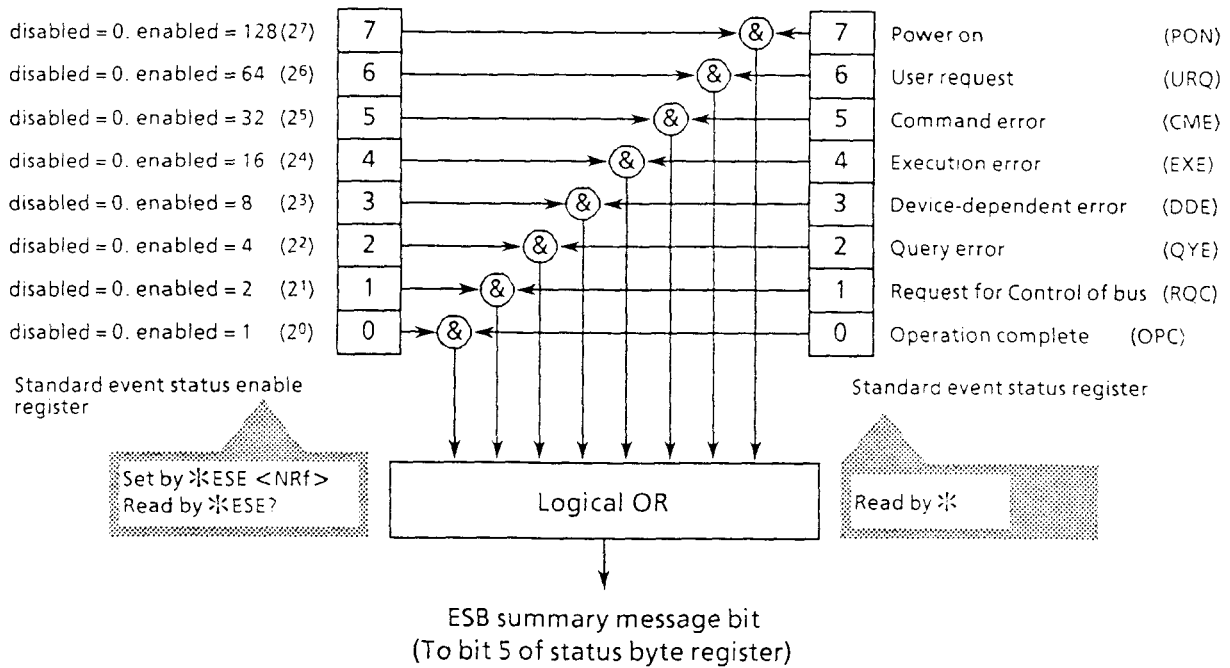
When using the *SRE common command, the SRE register can be cleared by resetting the value of <DECIMAL NUMERIC PROGRAM DATA> element to 0. When the register is cleared, the rsv local message can be inhibited from being generated by status information, so that service requests will no longer be generated.

When powering on again, if the power-on status clear flag is TRUE and clearing is not blocked because of no *PSC command, the SRE register is cleared when the power is turned on again. The *PSC command is used to set the power-on-status clear flag.

8.4 Standard Event Status Register

8.4.1 Bit Definition of Standard Event Status Register

The standard event status register must be included in all devices as long as they are IEEE 488.2 compatible. The diagram below shows the operation of the standard event status register model. The register model operation itself is the same as described hitherto, so the description here is made of the IEEE 488.2 definition about the meaning of each bit in the standard event status register.



Bit	Event name	Description
7	PON (Power on)	The power is turned on.
6	URQ (User Request)	Local control (RTL) is requested. This bit is generated regardless of whether the device is in remote or local mode. This is always 0 for the MW9040B because not used.
5	CME (Command Error)	An illegal program message, misspelled command, or GET command in program message is received.
4	EXE (Execution Error)	A legal but unexecutable program message is received.
3	DDE (Device-dependent Error)	An error occurred due to causes other than CME, EXE, or QYE.
2	QYE (Query Error)	An attempt is made to read data from the output queue while no data is present in the output queue. Or, data in the output queue is lost for overflow or some other reason.

(Continued)

Bit	Event name	Description
1	RQC (Request Control)	Requesting to become the active controller itself. This bit is always 0 for the MW9040B because not used.
0	OPC (Operation Complete)	The device has completed the specified operation that was pending and is ready to accept new commands. This bit responds only to the *OPC command, and sets the operation complete bit.

8.4.2 Details of Query Errors

No.	Item	Description
1	Incomplete program message	If the device receives MTA from the controller before receiving the program message terminator during program message reception, the device abandons the incomplete program message input to it up to that time and waits for the next program message. When abandoning an incomplete program message, the device clears the input/output buffers, tells a query error to the status report part, and sets bit 2 of the standard event status register for query error.
2	Interruption of response message output	If the device receives MLA from the controller before finishing transferring the response message terminator during response message transmission, the device automatically interrupts response message output and waits for the next program message. When interrupting response message output, the device clears the output buffers, tells a query error to the status report part, and sets bit 2 of the standard event status register for query error.
3	When next program message is sent without reading response message	If the device could not output a response message because the controller transmitted the next program message immediately after sending a program message containing a query message, the device abandons the response message and waits for the next program message. It tells a query error to the status report part as in 2 above.
4	Output queue overflow	When a program message containing a number of query messages is executed, response messages may be generated beyond the capacity of the output queue (256 bytes). If still another query message is input and a response message for it must be output when the output queue is already full, the output queue may overflow. When the output queue overflows, the device clears the output queue and resets the response message generating part. Also, it sets bit 2 of the standard event status register for query error in the status report part.

8.4.3 Reading, Writing, and Clearing Standard Event Status Register

Read	The register is destructively read by the *ESR? common query. That is, the bits in the register are cleared after read. The response message is <NR1> obtained by converting a binary-weighted value of event bit into a decimal number.
Write	The register cannot be written from external devices except clearing it.
Clear	The register is only cleared in the following cases : ① When the *CLS command is received. ② When the power is turned on while the power-on-status clear flag is TRUE. While executing the power-on sequence, the device first clears the standard event status register and then records events occurring during this sequence (e.g., setting the PON event bit). ③ When an event is read for the *ESR? query command.

8.4.4 Reading, Writing, and Clearing Standard Event Status Enable Register

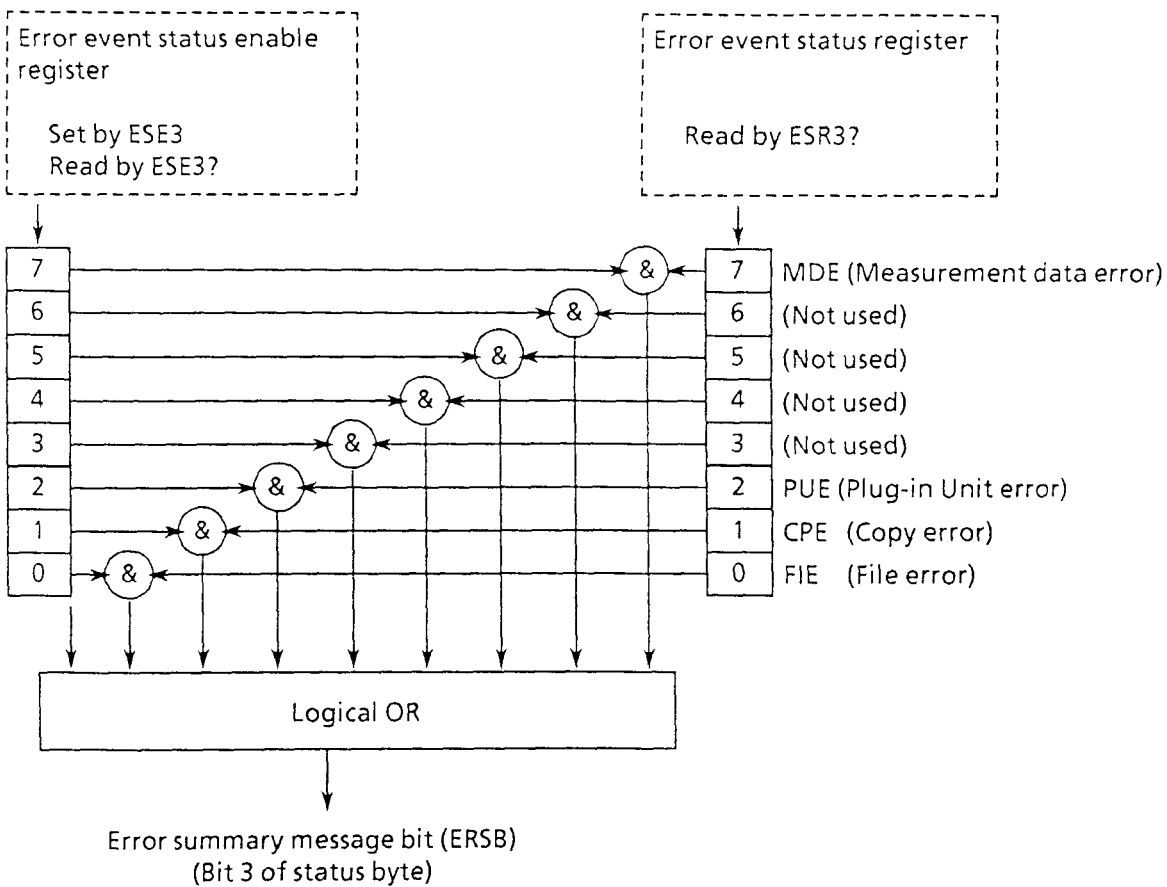
Read	The register is non-destructively read by the *ESE? common query. That is, the bits in the register are not cleared after read. The response message is returned with <NR1> obtained by converting a binary-weighted value into a decimal number.
Write	The register is written by the *ESE common command. Because bits 0 to 7 of the register are respectively weighted to 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, and 128, the written data is sent by <DECIMAL NUMERIC PROGRAM DATA>, the sum of bit digit values selected from the bits.
Clear	The register is only cleared in the following cases : ① When the *ESE common command with data value of 0 is received. ② When the power is turned on while the power-on-status clear flag is TRUE or while the *PSC common command is not available. The standard event status enable register is not affected by the following : ① Change in IEEE 488.1 device clear function status ② Reception of *RST common command ③ Reception of *CLS common command

8.5 Extended Event Status Register

The MW9040B is provided with two registers (error event status register and termination event status register) for the extended event status register.

8.5.1 Bit Definition of Error Event Status Register

This register indicates errors specific to the MW9040B. This error event status register is cleared by a read with ESR3?, followed by clearing of bit 3 in the status byte.

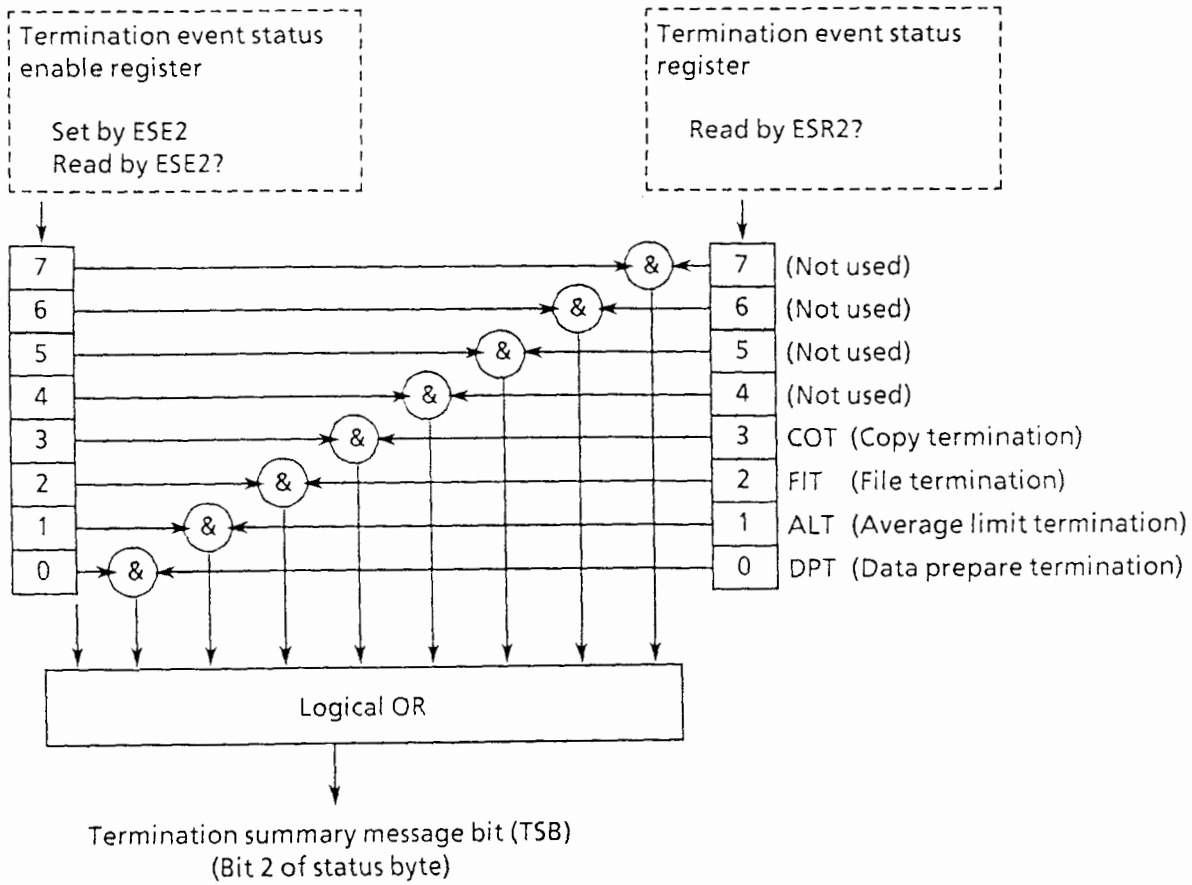


The following shows the definition of each event in the error event status register.

Bit	Event name	Description
7	MDE (Measurement data error)	0 : No error 1 : Set when DAT?, LOS?, SPL?, or AUT? is received while no waveform data is present, for example, immediately after power-on or immediately after average reset.
6		0 : Not used
5		0 : Not used
4		0 : Not used
3		0 : Not used
2	PUE (Plug-in Unit error)	0 : No error 1 : Plug-in Unit READ error that occurs when the return-loss parameter of the plug-in unit is abnormal at power on.
1	CPE (Copy error)	0 : No error 1 : Indicates all errors that occur when COPY is executed while paper is used up or the target device is not connected.
0	FIE (File error)	0 : No error 1 : Indicates all errors that occur when FILE is executed while the format is incorrect, no media is set into place, or the PMC battery has run down.

8.5.2 Bit Definition of Termination Event Status Register

This register indicates termination of measurement or other operation. This termination event status register is cleared by a read with ESR2?, followed by clearing of bit 2 in the status byte.



The following shows the definition of each event in the termination event status register.

Bit	Event name	Description
7		0 : Not used
6		0 : Not used
5		0 : Not used
4		0 : Not used
3	COT (Copy termination)	0 : Not used 1 : Indicates that COPY operation is terminated. When an error occurs, the error event status register is set to prevent this bit from being affected.
2	FIT (File termination)	0 : Not used 1 : Indicates that FILE operation is terminated. When an error occurs, the error event status register is set to prevent this bit from being affected.
1	ALT (Average limit termination)	0 : No reports 1 : Set when averaging the average limit set values is terminated.
0	DPT (Data prepare termination)	0 : No reports 1 : Indicates that preparation for measurement results is completed. This bit is set when waveform is prepared by executing laser-on or recall after a waveform-absent state.

8.5.3 Reading, Writing, and Clearing Extended Event Status Registers

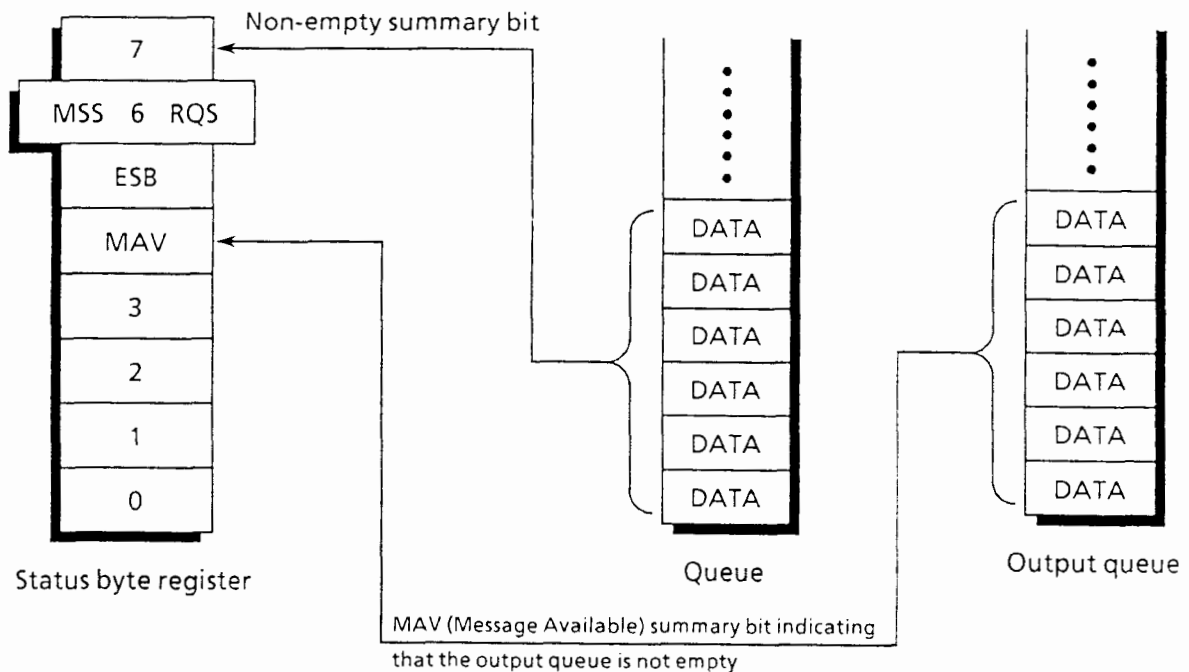
Read	The register is destructively read by a query. That is, the register is cleared after read. The END and ERROR event status registers are respectively read by the ESR2? and ESR3? queries. The read value is <NR1> obtained by converting the sum of binary-weighted values of event bits into a decimal number.
Write	The register cannot be written from external devices except clearing it.
Clear	The register is cleared in the following cases : ① When the *CLS command is received. ② When the power is turned on while the power-on-status clear flag is TRUE. ③ When an event is read for a query command.

8.5.4 Reading, Writing, and Clearing Extended Event Status Enable Register

Read	The register is non-destructively read by a query. That is, the register is not cleared after read. The END and ERROR event status registers are respectively read by the ESE2? and ESE3? queries. The read value is returned with <NR1> obtained by converting the sum of binary-weighted values of event bits into a decimal number.
Write	The END and ERROR event status registers are respectively written by the ESE2 and ESE3 program commands. Because bits 0 to 7 of the register are respectively weighted to 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, and 128, the write data is sent by <DECIMAL NUMERIC PROGRAM DATA>, the sum of bit digit values selected from the bits.
Clear	The register is cleared in the following cases : ① When the ESE2 or ESE3 program command with data value of 0 is received for the END or ERROR event status register. ② When the power is turned on while the power-on-status clear flag is TRUE or while the *PSC command is not available. The extended event status enable register is not affected by the following : ① Change in IEEE 488.1 device clear function status ② Reception of *RST common command ③ Reception of *CLS common command

8.6 Queue Model

A queue model of the status data structure is shown on the right-hand side of the diagram below. A queue provides a means of reporting sequential status and other information with a data structure including a sequentially arranged information list. The presence of such information in the queue is indicated in a summary message. The contents of the queue are read through handshake when the device is in a talker active state (TACS).



A queue that outputs the MAV summary message, one of summary messages, to bit 4 of the status byte register is called the “output queue,” and must always be included. A queue that can output the MAV summary message to any one of bits 0 to 3 or 7 of the status byte register is called simply a “queue,” and is an optional facility. Because summary messages from register models can also be connected to bits 0 to 3 or 7 of the status byte register, the types of summary messages vary with each device.

For the Anritsu devices, bit 7 of the status byte register is assigned for use as the summary message from a “queue,” but when the “output queue” can suffice, a “queue” is not used. Therefore, bit 7 of the status byte register is left unused.

The next page compares the “output queue” and a general queue.

Comparison between output Queue and General Queue

Item	Output queue	General queue
Data input/output type	FIFO (first-in first-out)	Need not always be the FIFO (first-in first-out)
Read	Can only be read through the protocol defined in Section 6. The type of response message unit read is determined by the query.	Read by a device-dependent query command. The response message unit read must be of the same type.
Write	<PROGRAM MESSAGE> element is not directly written to the output queue. Messages can only be transferred to and from the system interface through the protocol defined in Section 6.	<PROGRAM MESSAGE> element is not directly written to this queue. Indicates encoded device information.
Summary message	Becomes TRUE (1) when the output queue is not empty or FALSE (0) when the output queue is empty. The MAV summary message is used to synchronize information exchange between device and controller.	Becomes TRUE (1) when this queue is not empty or FALSE (0) when the queue is empty.
Clear	This queue is cleared in the following cases : ① When all items in the queue are read ② When the DCL bus command is received for message exchange initialization ③ When PON becomes TRUE at power-on ④ When operation is unterminated or interrupted	This queue is cleared in the following cases : ① When all items in the queue are read ② When the *CLS command is received ③ When cleared by other device-dependent means

8.7 Technique to Synchronize Device and Controller

There are three methods to synchronize operation between the device and controller.

- ① Forced sequential execution (by the *WAI command)
- ② Wait for device's output queue response (by the *OPC? query)
- ③ Wait for service request (by the *OPC command/*OPC? query)

8.7.1 Forced Sequential Execution

The device-dependent commands may be classified into two types : sequential commands and overlap commands.

- Sequential command A command or query sent from the controller which does not start executing the next command while the device is executing something.
- Overlap command A command or query sent from the controller which starts executing the next command even when the device is executing something.

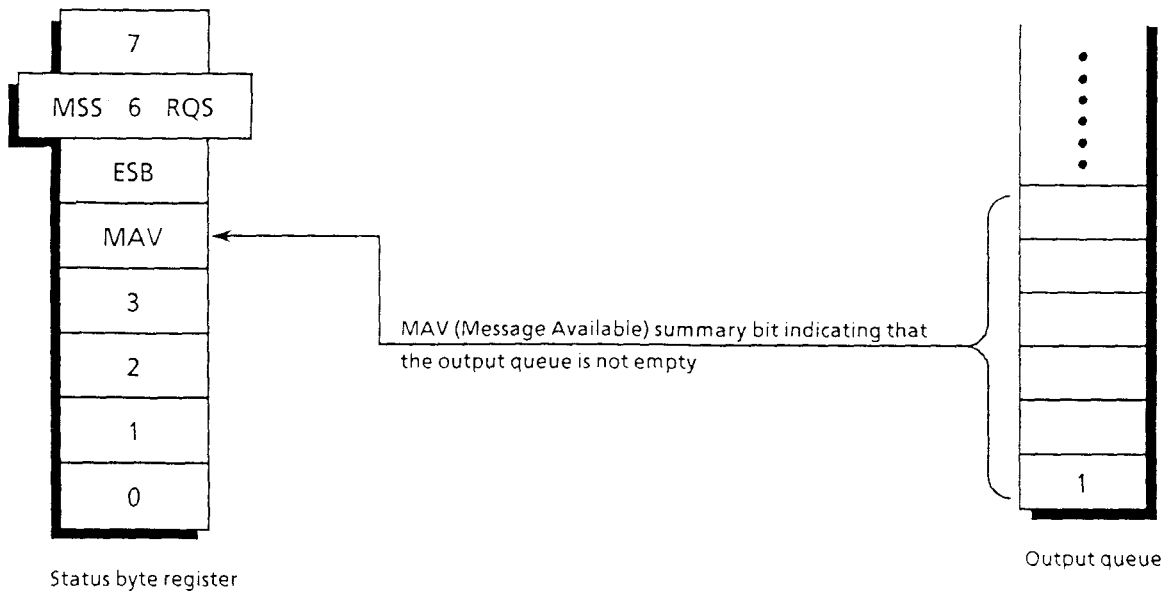
Forced sequential execution is a synchronization technique that forces a command which otherwise functions as an overlap command to operate sequentially, so that when one processing is completed, the next processing is initiated. The *WAI command is used for this synchronization technique. Note, however, that because all commands available with the MW9040B are sequential commands, results are the same regardless of whether or not the *WAI command is executed.

8.7.2 Wait for Device's Output Queue Response

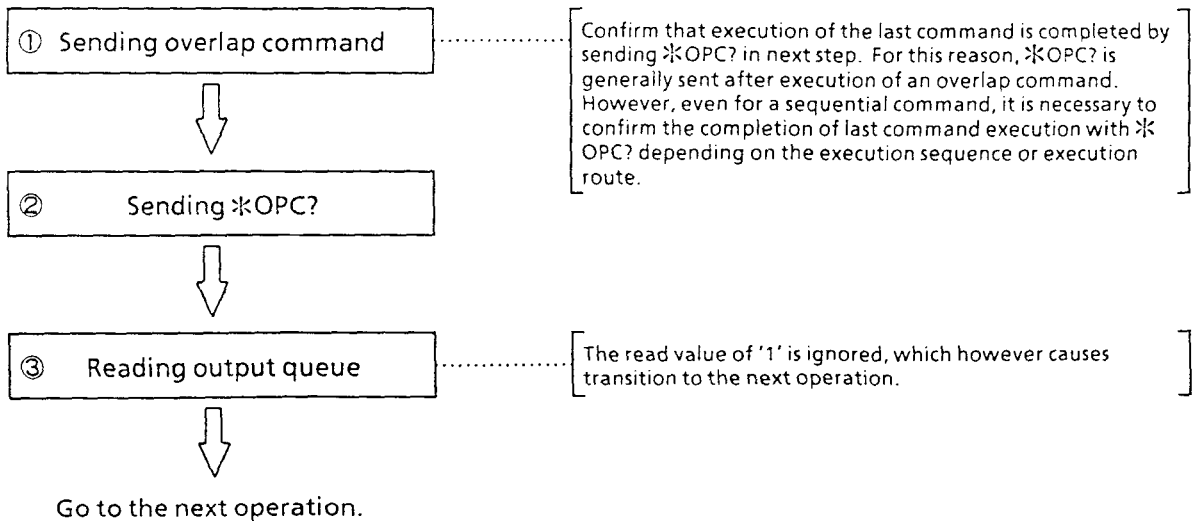
When the *OPC? query is executed, '1' is set in the output queue to generate the MAV summary message when the device completes all specified operations that have been pending.

Synchronization by a wait for output queue response is a method to synchronize operation between the device and controller by reading data 1 in the output queue or MAV summary message bit thus generated.

The method using the MAV summary message bit belongs to the method of synchronizing by a "Wait for service request," so details on it are described in paragraph 8.7.3. Description here is made of the method of synchronization by "reading the output queue."



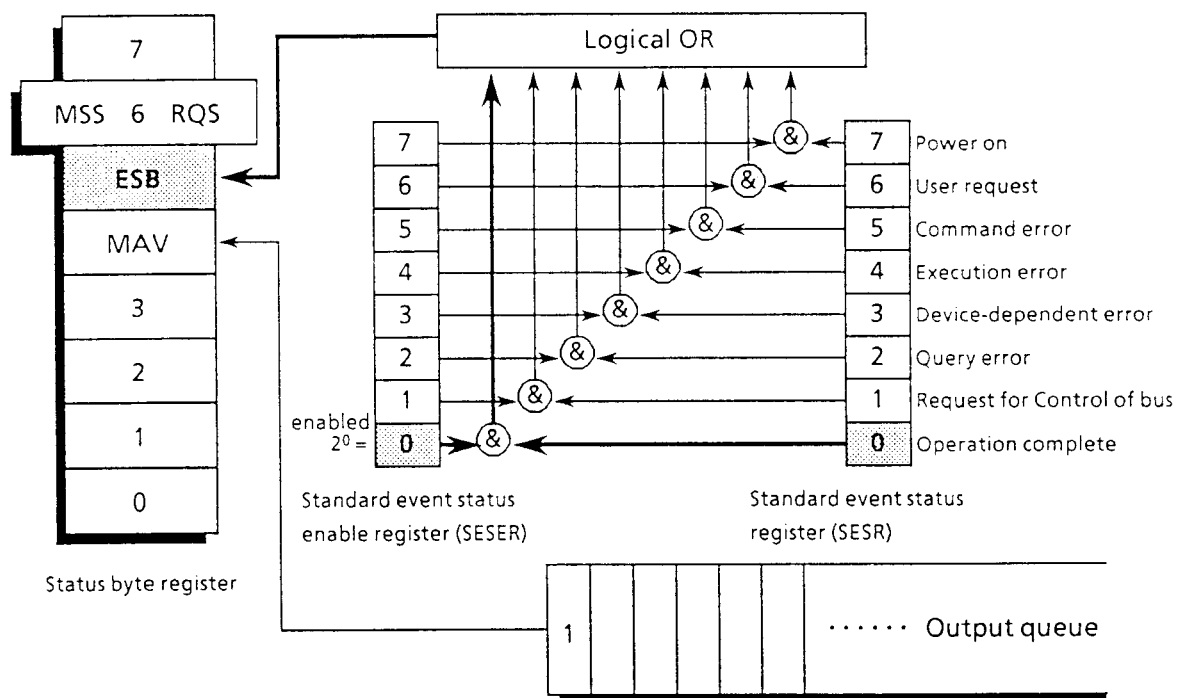
<Output queue read sequence>



8.7.3 Waiting for Service Request

Wait for service request means that when the controller is interrupted by the SRQ signal from the device while executing normal processing, it temporarily stops that processing and begins another processing corresponding to the conditions of the device's status message.

In usual interruption handling, the device sends a request to the controller at any time regardless of what processing the controller is doing. In device and controller synchronization techniques, however, the controller sends the *OPC command or *OPC? query to the device to confirm whether the device operation is terminated before responding to the request. While waiting for the SRQ signal generated by an operation complete event, the controller proceeds with some other processing and, when the operation complete event is detected, begins the designated processing. This is a technique of synchronization by a wait for service request.

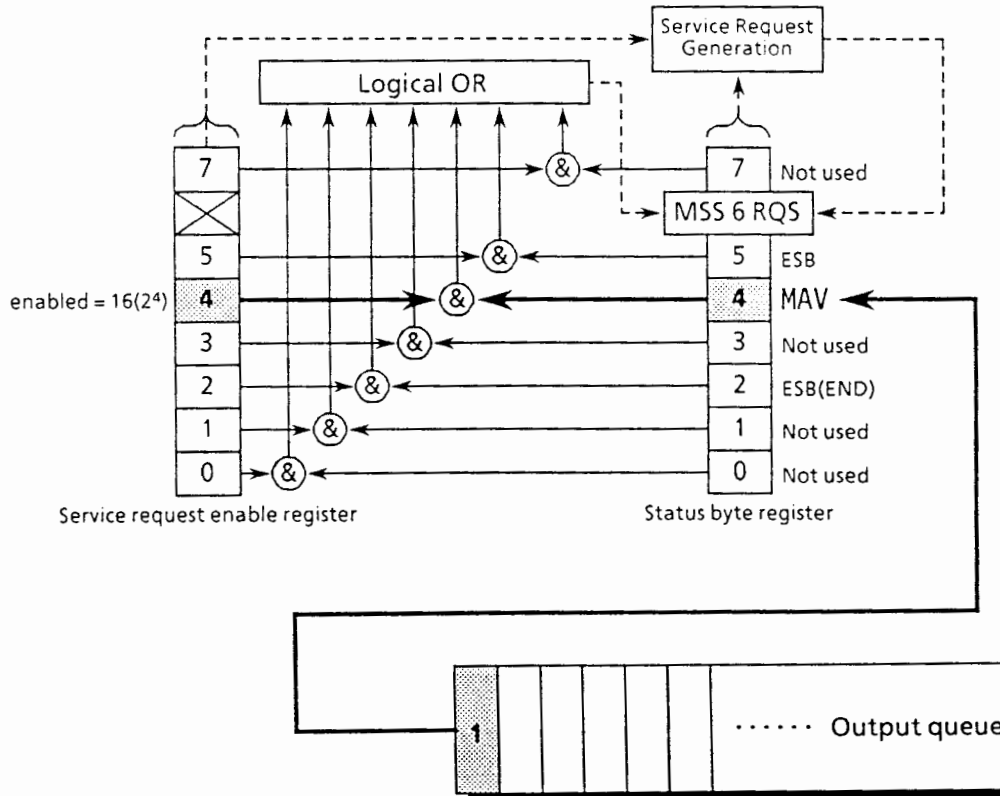


■ <Synchronization method by *OPC command>

- ① Enable the 2⁰ bit (1) of the standard event status enable register. WRITE @101:"*ESE 1"
- ② Enable the 2⁵ bit (32) of the service request enable register. WRITE @101:"*SRE 32"
- ③ Cause the device to execute the designated operation. WRITE @101:<PROGRAM MESSAGE>
- ④ Execute the *OPC command (next is also executed because of an overlap command). WRITE @101:"*OPC"
- ⑤ Wait for SRQ interrupt (ESB summary message). Value of status byte is 2⁶ + 2⁵ = 96.

■ <Synchronization method by *OPC?query>

- ① Enable the 2⁴ bit (16) of the service request enable register. WRITE @101:"*SRE 16"
 - ② Cause the device to execute the designated operation. WRITE @101:<PROGRAM MESSAGE>
 - ③ Send the *OPC? query (waiting until operation ② is completed.) WRITE @101:"*OPC?"
 - ④ Read ASCII character '1' from output queue and abandon it.
 - ⑤ Wait for SRQ interrupt (MAV summary message). Value of status byte is 2⁶ + 2⁴ = 80.
- Go to the next operation.



SECTION 9
DETAILS OF DEVICE MESSAGES

[1] APR/APR? (Approximate Method)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : APR_ <linear approximation>

Query syntax : APR?

where

<linear approximation> ::= Number corresponding to the linear approximation method

0 : 2PA

1 : LSA (ALL)

2 : LSA (DISP)

■ Example

- To set linear approximation to 2PA (2-point approximation)

```
WRITE @101: "APR 0"
```

- To read the settings of linear approximation

```
10 DIM APPROX$*20
20 WRITE @101:"APR?"
30 READ @101:APPROX$
40 PRINT APPROX$
50 END
```

■ Description

The APR command changes the linear approximation method. When the command is not accompanied by an argument, the state of linear approximation then set is unaffected.

The query returns the current linear approximation method.

■ Response message format

Return format : APR_ {0|1|2} <LF|CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① When the APR command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an execution error results.
- ② When the APR command is not accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the state of linear approximation is unaffected.

[2] ATA/ATA? (Auto Attenuator)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : ATA_ {1|0}

Query syntax : ATA?

where

1 : ON (AUTO)

0 : OFF (MANUAL)

■ Example

- To set auto attenuator ON

```
WRITE @101:"ATA 1"
```

- To read the settings of auto attenuator

```
10 DIM AUTO__ATT$*20
20 WRITE @101:"ATA?"
30 READ @101:AUTO__ATT$
40 PRINT AUTO__ATT$
50 END
```

■ Description

The ATA command specifies whether the automatic adjustment (auto attenuator) of attenuator value is valid or not. When this command is not accompanied by an argument, the state of auto attenuator then set is unaffected.

The query returns the current state of auto attenuator.

■ Response message format

Return format : ATA_ {1|0} <LF|CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① When the ATA command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an execution error results.
- ② When the ATA command is not accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the state of auto attenuator is not affected.

[3] ATT/ATT? (Attenuator)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : ATT_ <attenuator value>

Query syntax : ATT?

where

<attenuator value> ::= Attenuator value (expressed by an integer, in units of dB)

■ Example

- To set the attenuator to 25 dB

```
WRITE @101:"ATT 25"
```

- To read the settings of the attenuator

```
10 DIM ATTS*20
20 WRITE @101:"ATT?"
30 READ @101:ATT$
40 PRINT ATTS
50 END
```

■ Description

The ATT command changes the attenuator value. When the auto attenuator is on, it sets the specified attenuator value after turning it off.

The attenuator value is handled as a numeric value where 1 represents 1 dB. Note, however, that usable attenuator values differ with the plug-in unit used.

The query returns the current attenuator value. The attenuator value specified by the auto attenuator can be read by the query. The state of auto attenuator then set is unaffected by the query.

■ Response message format

Return format : ATT_ <attenuator value> <LF | CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① When the ATT command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an execution error results.
- ② When the ATT command is not accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the state of the attenuator is not affected.

[4] AUT? (Auto Measurement Data)

■ Syntax

Query syntax	: AUT?	Reads the number of faulty points
Query syntax	: AUT?_ <faulty point No.>	Reads the measurement results of the faulty point

■ Example

- To read the number of faulty points detected during automatic measurement

```
10 DIM AUT$*20
20 WRITE @101:"AUT?"
30 READ @101:AUT$
40 PRINT AUT$
50 END
```

- To read the measurement results of the first faulty point

```
10 DIM AUT__MEAS$*100
20 WRITE @101:"AUT? 1"
30 READ @101:AUT__MEAS$
40 PRINT AUT__MEAS$
50 END
```

■ Description

The AUT? query reads the number of faulty points detected by an automatic faulty point detector and measurement results for the specified faulty point. The <fiber length> indicates a value where $IOR = 1.5$ with length expressed in units of meter. When no faulty points are found during a read, 0 is returned as the number of faulty points.

When a faulty point is assigned a No. as parameter, the measured value for that faulty point is returned.

When laser is on, auto measurement results are updated every sweep. Therefore, after changing the marker selection, wait until one sweep is made before reading measurement results with the AUT? query. When laser is off, measurement results are updated each time the marker selection is changed. In this case, therefore, you can read measurement results immediately after changing the marker selection.

When the AUT? query is received while measurement item is not AUTO, error results.

■ Response message format

- ① When reading the number of faulty points

Return format : AUT_ <total number of faulty points> <LF | CR, LF>

where

<total number of faulty point> ::= Indicated by a number 1 to 5. 0 is returned when no faulty points are detected.

② When reading the measurement results of faulty point

Return Format: AUT_ <faulty point No.>, <splice loss at faulty point>, <fiber loss (L)>, <fiber length (L)>, <transmission loss (L)>, <fiber loss (R)>, <fiber length (R)>, <transmission loss (R)>, <LF | CR,LF>

where

<faulty point No.> ::= Indicated by a number 1 to 5. 0 is error. Specifying a value greater than the total number of faulty points also results in an error.

<splice loss at faulty point> ::= Measured value of splice loss at faulty point. When the loss is unmeasurable (* *. * *. * *) is displayed on the CRT screen) as in the case where the faulty point is located at the far end of the fiber, 900.000 is returned.

<fiber loss> ::= Loss in fiber connected to the right or left side of the faulty point. When the fiber loss cannot be measured because the faulty point No. is 1 or equal to the total number of faulty points, 900.000 is returned.

<fiber length> ::= Length of fiber connected to the right or left side of the faulty point. When unmeasurable, 000000.00 is returned.

<transmission loss> ::= Transmission loss in fiber connected to the right or left side of the faulty point. When unmeasurable (* *. * *. * *) is displayed on the CRT screen), 900.000 is returned.

Note: (L) and (R) respectively denote the left side and right side of the screen.

■ Errors

- ① When the measurement item is not AUTO, an error is assumed and the execution error bit (bit 4) of the standard event status register is set.
- ② When AUT? is received while no waveform data is present, an error is assumed and the MDE bit (bit 7) of the error event status register is set.
- ③ When the AUT? message is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an execution error results.

[5] AVG/AVG? (Average)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : AVG_ {1|0}

Query syntax : AVG?

where

1 : ON
0 : OFF

■ Example

- To set average ON

```
WRITE @101: "AVG 1"
```

- To read the settings of average

```
10 DIM AVERAGE$*20  
20 WRITE @101:"AVG?"  
30 READ @101:AVERAGE$  
40 PRINT AVERAGE$  
50 END
```

■ Description

The AVG command switches on or off measurement-waveform average processing. When this command is not accompanied by an argument, the state of average then set is unaffected.

Use the [AVG LIMIT] key (GP-IB command, AVL) to set the average limit. Averaging is started when average is turned on and, when averaging reaches the average limit, laser is automatically turned off. The query returns the settings of average.

■ Response message format

Return format : AVG_ {1|0} <LF|CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① When the AVG command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an execution error results.
- ② When the AVG command is not accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the state of average is not affected.

[6] AVL/AVL? (Average Limit)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : AVL_ <count or time>, <set value>

Query syntax : AVL?

where

<count or time> :: = A value corresponding to the averaging count or time.

0 : Count

1 : Time

<set value> :: = Set value of the selected item

Count : 1 = 1 time

Time : 1 = 1 second

■ Example

- To set the averaging count to 100 times

```
WRITE @101:"AVL 0,100"
```

- To read the settings of average limit

```
10 DIM AVG_LIMIT$*50
20 WRITE @101:"AVG?"
30 READ @101:AVG_LIMIT$
40 PRINT AVG_LIMIT$
50 END
```

■ Description

The AVL command changes the set value of average limit. When the settings of a limit item (time or count as selected) are changed, average is reset. The set value of an unchanged item (time or count) is not affected by this command.

When averaging reaches the set value, the AVL bit (bit 1) of the termination event status register is set.

The query returns the currently set value of the average limit. The current averaging count/averaging time is also returned.

■ Response message format

Return format : AVL \sqsubset <count or time>, <set value of count>, <set value of time>, <counter value of count or time>, <LF | CR, LF>

where

<counter value of count or time> ::= Current averaging count/time indicated by the counter

■ Errors

- ① When the AVL command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an execution error results.
- ② When the AVL command is not accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the state of average limit is not affected.

[7] BSL/BSL? (Return-Loss Backscattered Level)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : BSL_ <Backscattered level setting value>

Query syntax : BSL?

where

<Backscattered level setting value> ::= Backscattered level expressed by a real number with the units of 1 dB.

■ Example

- To set the backscattered level to -30 dB

```
WRITE @101: "BSL -30 "
```

- To read the settings of backscattered level

```
10 DIM SCATTER$*20
20 WRITE @101:"BSL?"
30 READ @101:SCATTER$
40 PRINT SCATTER$
50 END
```

■ Description

The BSL command sets the backscattered level for return-loss measurement.

The backscattered level set value is the value with the units of 1 dB.

■ Response message format

Return format : BSL_ <backscattered level setting value> <LF | CR, LF>

[8] CIT/CIT? (Copy Item)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : CIT_ {0|1}

Query syntax : CIT?

where

0 : All items
1 : Waveform only

■ Example

- To set COPY items to waveform only

```
WRITE @101:"CIT 1"
```

- To read the settings of COPY items

```
10 DIM COPY_ITEM$*20  
20 WRITE @101:"CIT?"  
30 READ @101:COPY_ITEM$  
40 PRINT COPY_ITEM$  
50 END
```

■ Description

The CIT command selects the items for hard copy to be produced. When the command is not accompanied by an argument, the select state then set is unaffected by this command.

The query returns information of which items are selected.

■ Response message format

Return format : CIT_ {0|1} <LF|CR,LF>

■ Errors

- ① When the CIT command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an execution error results.
- ② When the CIT command is not accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the state of COPY item is not affected.

[9] CON? (Connector)

■ Syntax

Query syntax : CON?

■ Example

- To read information on whether fiber is connected to the output connector

```
10 DIM CON$*20
20 WRITE @101:"CON?"
30 READ @101:CON$
40 PRINT CON$
50 END
```

■ Description

The CON? query returns information on whether fiber is currently connected to the output connector. When the plug-in unit is not fitted in place, 0 is always returned.

■ Response message format

Return format : CON_ {1|0} <LF|CR,LF>

where

- 1 : Fiber is connected to the output connector
- 0 : Fiber is not connected to the output connector

[10] CMP/CMP? (Compare Recall ON/OFF)

■ Syntax

Command Syntax : CMP_ {0|1}
Query syntax : CMP?

where

0 : Waveform compare recall-ON
1 : Waveform compare recall-OFF

■ Example

- To compare waveform after reading TRACE 1 file in INT PMC

```
10 WRITE @101:"MED 1"  
20 WRITE @101:"CMP 1"  
30 WRITE @101:"RCL TRACE 1"  
40 END
```

- To read information on whether waveform-compare-recall is ON or OFF

```
10 DIM CMP$:*20  
20 WRITE @101:"CMP?"  
30 READ @101:CMPS  
40 PRINT CMPS  
50 END
```

■ Description

The CMP command performs waveform comparison. After compare-recall is turned ON, execute the RCL command to become the waveform-comparison state. Even if in waveform comparison state at local mode, execute the CMP command to turn the compare-recall ON and then execute the RCL command.

Query returns the state of waveform-comparison recall.

■ Response message format

Return format : CMP_{0|1} <LF|CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① When the CMP command is received without a plug-in unit, an execution error results.
- ② When the CMP command is receive without argument, a command error results. Then, the waveform-comparison-recall state does not change.

[11] CPY/CPY? (Copy)

■ Syntax

Command Syntax : CPY_ {1|0}

Query syntax : CPY?

where

1 : Start

0 : Stop

■ Example

- To start generating hard copy

```
WRITE @101: "CPY 1"
```

- To read information on whether hard copy is being produced

```
10 DIM CPY$*20
20 WRITE @101:"CPY?"
30 READ @101:CPY$
40 PRINT CPY$
50 END
```

■ Description

The CPY command outputs data to produce CRT-screen hard copy from an external interface.

The query returns information on whether hard copy data is currently output.

■ Response message format

Return format : CPY_ {1|0} <LF|CR, LF>

where

1 : Being output

0 : Not output

■ Errors

- ① When the CPY command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an execution error results.
- ② When the CPY command is not accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the copy state is not affected.

[12] DAT? (Data)

■ Syntax

Query syntax : DAT?_ <start distance of data>, <data interval>, <data quantity n> [, <data type>]

where

<start distance of data> ::= Distance of first data to be read. Specify a distance that fits data resolution within the sampling range. Specify the distance in units of meter using a value expressed as 1 = 1m. IOR is 1.5.

<data interval> ::= Interval of data to be read. Specify a distance that is an integer multiple of the sampling resolution. Specify the distance in units of meter using a value expressed as 1 = 1m. IOR is 1.5.

<data quantity n> ::= Number of data entries to be read. Specify an integer number so that data at the n'th entry is not larger than the sampling end.

<data type> ::= Specify the return format with a value indicating whether it is the binary or ASCII format. When this specification is omitted, 0 is assumed.

0 : ASCII format
1 : Binary format

■ Example

- When reading 200 points beginning from a 10 km point with 10 m data resolution (interval)

```
10 DIM DATA (1000)
20 WRITE @101:"DAT? 10000,10,200"
30 TERM IS ","
40 READ @101:START_DISTANCE
50 READ @101:DATA_RES
60 READ @101:NUMBER
70 READ @101:DUMMY
80 FOR N = 1 TO NUMBER-1
90 READ @101:DATA (N)
100 PRINT DATA (N)
110 NEXT N
120 TERM IS CHR$(10)
130 READ @101:DATA (NUMBER)
140 PRINT DATA (NUMBER)
150 END
```

■ Description

The DAT? query reads measured waveforms by specifying the start distance of data to be read, data interval (resolution), and data quantity. Waveforms are values in the range of 0 to 50 dB. <start distance of data> and <data interval> are values where IOR = 1.5 and length indicated in units of meter.

The return format of waveform data does not have a header message.

When two waveforms are displayed on the screen in a compare state, information on the selected waveform is output.

■ Response message format

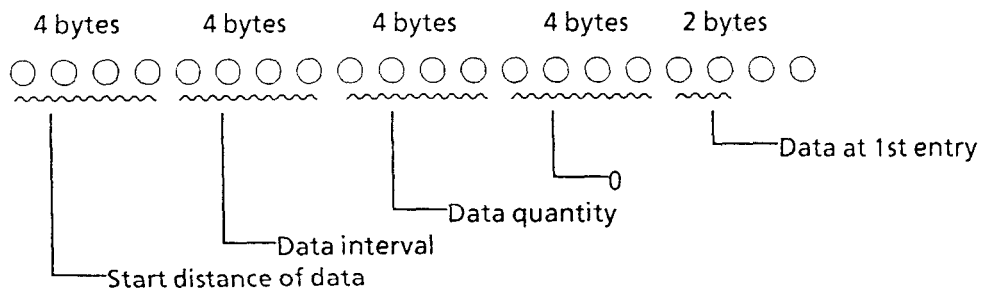
Return format : <start distance of data>, <data interval>, <data quantity n>, <0>, <data at 1st entry>, <data at 2nd entry><data at n'th entry> <LF | CR, LF>

where

- <start distance of data> ::= Indicates the distance of <data at 1st entry>. When in ASCII format, it is indicated by 1 = 1 m. In binary format, it is indicated by 1 = 1 cm. IOR is 1.5. In binary format, it consists of 4 bytes.
- <data interval> ::= Interval between data entries. When in ASCII format, it is indicated by 1 = 1 m. In binary format, it is indicated by 1 = 1 cm. IOR is 1.5. In binary format, it consists of 4 bytes.
- <data quantity n> ::= Number of waveform data entries. This number does not include <start distance of data>, <data interval>, <data quantity n>, and <0>.
- <0> ::= Always 0.
- <data at n'th entry> ::= Indicates the waveform level. When in ASCII format, it is indicated by 1 = 1 dB. In binary format, it is indicated by 1 = 0.001 dB. In binary format, it consists of 2 bytes.

<<binary format>>

Binary-format data are not separated with comma.



<start distance of data>, <data interval>, <data quantity n>, and <0> are expressed by 32 bits (4 bytes). 32 bits in one data entry are divided into four, and data is sent in units of 8 bits beginning with the MSB byte. The data of <start distance of data> and <data interval> are multiplied by 100.

One data entry for the waveform is expressed by 16 bits (2 bytes). 16 bits in one data entry are divided into two (high order 8 bits and low order 8 bits), and data is sent in units of 8 bits beginning with the MSB byte. The waveform data is multiplied by 1000.

■ Errors

- ① If DAT? is received while no waveform data is present, an error is assumed and the MDE bit (bit 7) of the error even status register is set.
- ② If the DAT? message is received while no plug-in unit is fitted into position, an error results.
- ③ If a distance smaller than the sampling start is specified for <start distance of data>, an execution error results. Also, if a distance is specified that does not fit the data resolution, an execution error results.
- ④ If a distance is specified for <data resolution> that is not a integer multiple of sampling resolution, an execution error results.

[13] DATE/DATE? (Date)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : DATE_ <year>, <month>, <day>

Query syntax : DATE?

where

<year> ::= Indicates a calendar year specified by a value from 0 to 99. The internal clock automatically processes leap years.

<month> ::= Indicates a month specified by a value from 1 to 12.

<day> ::= Indicates a day specified by a value from 1 to 31.

Note: Enter the correct date; taking 30-day month, 31-day month, and leap year into consideration.

■ Example

- To set the date to September 11, 1990

```
WRITE @101: "DATE 90,9,11"
```

- To read the date

```
10 DIM DATE$*20
20 WRITE @101: "DATE?"
30 READ @101: DATE$
40 PRINT DATE$
50 END
```

■ Description

The DATE command sets the date of the internal clock. When it is received without being accompanied by an argument, the clock conditions then set are not affected.

The query returns the date set in the internal clock.

■ Response message format

Return format : DATE_ <year>, <month>, <day> <LF | CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① If the DATE command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted into position, an execution error results.

- ② If the DATE command is received without being accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the clock conditions then set are not affected.
- ③ If the values of <year>, <month>, and <day> exceed the setting range of each, an execution error results.

[14] DSR/DSR? (Distance Range)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : DSR_ <distance range>

Query syntax : DSR?

where

<distance range> ::= Indicates distance range. Specify it using a value where distance is expressed in units of meter by an integer. IOR is 1.5.

■ Example

- To set the distance range to 25 km

```
WRITE @101: "DSR 25000"
```

- To read the settings of distance range

```
10 DIM DISTANCE$*20
20 WRITE @101:"DSR?"
30 READ @101:DISTANCE$
40 PRINT DISTANCE$
50 END
```

■ Description

The DSR command changes distance range. When sent without being accompanied by an argument, the distance range conditions then set are not affected. Use a value where IOR = 1.5, with length expressed in units of meter.

The value that can be assigned for distance range is discrete. Also, the usable distance range differs with the plug-in unit used. If the DSR command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted into position, an error results.

The query returns the currently set distance range.

■ Response message format

Return format : DSR_ <distance range> <LF | CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① If the DSR command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted into position, an execution error results.

- ② If the DSR command is received without being accompanied by an argument, a command error results.
In this case, the distance range conditions then set are not affected.

[15] ESE2/ESE2? (Termination Event Status Enable)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : ESE2_ <register value>
 Query syntax : ESE2?

where

<register value> ::= Indicated by an integer value from 0 to 255.

■ Example

- To disable all bits in the termination event status enable register


```
WRITE @101: "ESE2 0"
```
- To read the settings of the termination event status enable register


```
10 DIM ESE2$:*20
20 WRITE @101:"ESE2?"
30 READ @101:ESE2$
40 PRINT ESE2$
50 END
```

■ Description

The ESE2 command sets (or resets) the bits of the termination event status enable register, one of the MW9040B's extended event status enable registers.

When an event is reported by the termination even status register, the termination event status enable register enables or disables the interrupt bit corresponding to the reported event. For details of conditions on which bits are masked, see the table below.

The ESE2? query returns the current contents of the termination event status enable register.

Table Termination Event Status Enable Register

Bit	Weight	Bit name	Enable conditions
7	1 2 8		Not used
6	6 4		Not used
5	3 2		Not used
4	1 6		Not used
3	8	CPT	End of COPY operation
2	4	FIT	End of FILE operation
1	2	ALT	End of averaging
0	1	DPT	End of measurement result preparation

■ Response message format

Return format : ESE2_ <register value> <LF|CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① If the ESE2 command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted into position, an execution error results.
- ② If the ESE2 command is received without being accompanied by an argument, a command error results.
In this case, the termination event status enable register conditions then set are not affected.

[16] ESE3/ESE3? (Error Event Status Enable)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : ESE3_ <register value>

Query syntax : ESE3?

where

<register value> ::= Indicated by an integer number from 0 to 255.

■ Example

- To disable all bits of the error event status enable register

```
WRITE @101:"ESE3 0"
```

- To read the settings of the error event status enable register

```
10 DIM ESE3$*20
20 WRITE @101:"ESE3?"
30 READ @101:ESE3$
40 PRINT ESE3$
50 END
```

■ Description

The ESE3 command sets (or resets) the bits of the error event status enable register which is one of extended event status enable registers.

When a given error event in the error event status register is reported, the error event status enable register enables or disables an interrupt for that error. For details on how each bit is masked, see the table below.

The ESE3? query returns the current contents of the enable register.

Error Event Status Enable Register

Bit	Weight	Bit name	Enable conditions
7	1 2 8	MDE	Measurement result read error
6	6 4		Not used
5	3 2		Not used
4	1 6		Not used
3	8		Not used
2	4		Not used
1	2	CPE	COPY operation error
0	1	FIE	FILE operation error

■ Response message format

Return format : ESE3_ <register value> <LF | CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① When the ESE3 command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an execution error results.
- ② When the ESE3 command is not accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the state of the termination event status enable register is not affected.

[17] ESR2? (Termination Event Status Register)

■ Syntax

Query syntax : ESR2?

■ Example

- To read the termination event status register

```
10 DIM ESR2$:K20
20 WRITE @101:"ESR2?"
30 READ @101:ESR2$
40 PRINT ESR2$
50 END
```

■ Description

The ESR2? query returns the contents of the termination event status register which is one of extended event status registers. The termination event status register is cleared by a read, followed by clearing of bit 2 in the status byte.

Termination Event Status Register

Termination Event Status Register

(0 = False = Low, 1 = True = High)

Bit	Weight	Bit name	Conditions
7	1 2 8		0: Not used
6	6 4		0: Not used
5	3 2		0: Not used
4	1 6		0: Not used
3	8	CPT	0: No termination event 1: COPY operation terminated
2	4	FIT	0: No termination event 1: FILE operation terminated
1	2	ALT	0: No termination event 1: Averaging terminated
0	1	OPT	0: No termination event 1: Preparation for measurement results terminated

■ Response message format

Return format : ESR2_ <register value> <LF | CR, LF>

where

<register value> ::= Indicated by an integer number from 0 to 255

[18] ESR3? (Error Event Status Register)

■ Syntax

Query syntax : ESR3?

■ Example

- To read the error event status register

```
10 DIM ESR3$:*20
20 WRITE @101:"ESR3?"
30 READ @101:ESR3$
40 PRINT ESR3$
50 END
```

■ Description

The ESR3? query returns the contents of the error event status register which is one of extended event status registers. The error event status register is cleared by a read, followed by clearing of bit 3 in the status byte.

Error Event Status Register

(0 = False = Low, 1 = True = High)

Bit	Weight	Bit name	Conditions
7	1 2 8	MDE	0 : No error 1 : Measurement result read error
6	6 4		0 : Not used
5	3 2		0 : Not used
4	1 6		0 : Not used
3	8		0 : No error
2	4		0 : No error
1	2	CPE	0 : No error 1 : COPY operation error
0	1	FIE	0 : No error 1 : FILE operation error

■ Response message format

Return format : ESR3_ <register value> <LF | CR, LF>

where

<register value> ::= Indicated by an integer number from 0 to 255

[19] FDL (File Delete)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : FDL_ {<memory No.> | <file name>}

where

<memory No.> ::= Memory No. of INT MEMORY indicated by a number 1 to 32

<file name> ::= MS-DOS format file name

■ Example

- To erase a file named "TRACE2" stored in INT PMC

```
10 WRITE @101:"MED 1"  
20 WRITE @101:"FDL TRACE 2"  
30 END
```

- To memory No. 10 in INT MEMORY

```
10 WRITE @101:"MED 0"  
20 WRITE @101:"FDL 10"  
30 END
```

■ Description

The FDL command erases specified measurement data stored in the specified media. When this command is not accompanied by an argument, any stored data is unaffected.

■ Errors

- ① When the FDL command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an execution error results.
- ② When the FDL command is not accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, no files are erased.

Note: MS-DOS is a registered trademark of Microsoft Corporation.

[20] FMT (Format)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : FMT

■ Example

- To format INT PMC

```
10 WRITE @101:"MED 1"  
20 WRITE @101:"FMT"  
30 END
```

- To erase all contents stored in INT MEMORY

```
10 WRITE @101:"MED 0"  
20 WRITE @101:"FMT"  
30 END
```

■ Description

The FMT command formats the specified media. When the media is formatted, all data stored on it is erased.

■ Errors

When the FMT command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an execution error results.

[21] FNC/FNC? (Function)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : FNC_ <measurement item>

Query syntax : FNC?

where

<measurement item> ::= Number corresponding measurement items

0 : LOSS
1 : SPLICE
2 : AUTO
3 : RETURN LOSS

■ Example

- To set the measurement item to LOSS

```
WRITE @101: "FNC 0"
```

- To read the settings of a measurement item

```
10 DIM FUNCTION$*20  
20 WRITE @101:"FNC?"  
30 READ @101:FUNCTION$  
40 PRINT FUNCTION$  
50 END
```

■ Description

The FNC command changes the measurement items (LOSS/SPLICE/AUTO/RETURN LOSS). When this command is not accompanied by an argument, the state of the measurement item then set is unaffected. The query returns the current measurement item.

■ Response message format

Return format : FNC_ <measurement item> <LF | CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① When the FNC command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an execution error results.
- ② When the FNC command is not accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the state of the measurement item then set is not affected.

[22] HSC/HSC? (Horizontal Scale)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : HSC_ <horizontal scale value>

Query syntax : HSC?

where

<horizontal scale value> ::= Distance expressed in units of meter and specified by an integer

■ Example

- To set 250 m/div as horizontal scale

```
WRITE @101:"HSC 250"
```

- To read the setting of horizontal scale

```
10 DIM H_SCALE$*20
20 WRITE @101:"HSC?"
30 READ @101:H_SCALE$
40 PRINT H_SCALE$
50 END
```

■ Description

The HSC command changes the horizontal scale value (amount of one scale division (m/div) in horizontal direction relative to waveform screen). When this command is not accompanied by an argument, the state of horizontal scale then set is unaffected.

The query returns the horizontal scale value. The value that can be assigned to the horizontal scale is discrete. It is expressed by a value where IOR = 1.5 with length indicated in units of meter. Also, the usable horizontal scale differs with the distance range.

■ Response message format

Return format : HSC_ <horizontal scale value> <LF | CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① When the HSC command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an error results.
- ② When the horizontal scale is specified that cannot be used for the fitted plug-in unit, an error is assumed and the execution error bit (bit 4) of the standard event status register is set.

- ③ When the HSC command is received without argument, a command error results. Then, the horizontal scale value does not change.

[23] HSF/HSF? (Horizontal Shift)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : HSF_ <horizontal shift value>

Query syntax : HSF?

where

<horizontal shift value> ::= Distance expressed in units of meter and specified by an integer

■ Example

- To set horizontal shift to 100 m

```
WRITE @101: "HSF 100"
```

- To read the set value of horizontal shift

```
10 DIM H_SHIFT$*[20]
20 WRITE @101:"HSF?"
30 READ @101:H_SHIFT$
40 PRINT H_SHIFT$
50 END
```

■ Description

The HSF command changes the horizontal shift value (amount of movement in horizontal direction relative to waveform screen). When the rotary knob input item is other than horizontal shift, it is changed to horizontal shift. When this command is not accompanied by an argument, the state of horizontal shift value then set is unaffected. In this case, no change is made even when the rotary knob input item is other than horizontal shift.

The query returns the horizontal shift value. It is expressed by a value where IOR = 1.5 with length indicated in units of meter.

■ Response message format

Return format : HSF_ <horizontal shift value> <LF | CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① When the HSF command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an execution error results.
- ② When the HSF command is not accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the horizontal shift state then set is not affected.

[24] IFS/IFS? (Interface Setting)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : IFS_ <slot>, <set item>, <set value>

Query syntax : IFS? <slot>, <set item>

where

<slot> ::= Value corresponding to the slot

0 : SLOT0

1 : SLOT1

<set item> ::= Value corresponding to the set item

0 : GP-IB address of that slot (0 to 30)

1 : Printer output address (0 to 30)

2 : Plotter output address (0 to 30)

3 : MC8104A Data Storage Unit output address (0 to 30)

Note: Numbers in () indicate the range of <set value> of each item.

<set value> ::= Set value of each set item

■ Example

- To set 10 as the plotter output address

```
WRITE @101: "IFS 1, 2, 10"
```

- To read the output address of the MC8104A Data Storage Unit

```
10 DIM IFS$:20
20 WRITE @101:"IFS? 1,3"
30 READ @101:IFS$
40 PRINT IFS$
50 END
```

■ Description

The IFS command sets the interface. When this command is not accompanied by an argument, the interface settings then set are unaffected.

The same value cannot be set for <GP-IB address of that slot (SLOT0)>, <printer output address>, <plotter output address>, and <MC8104A Data Storage Unit output address>.

■ Response message format

Return format : IFS_ <slot>, <set item>, <set value> <LF|CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① When the IFS command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an error results.
- ② When an uninstalled slot is specified, the execution error bit (bit 4) of the standard event status register is set.
- ③ When the printer output address, plotter output address, or MC8104A Data Storage Unit output address is specified for the device-side slot (SLOT 0) as the set item, an execution error results regardless of whether the control message or query message.
- ④ When the IFS command is not accompanied by augment, a command error results. In this case, the state of the measurement item then set is not affected.
- ⑤ When a command is received that sets the same value for <GP-IB address of that slot (SLOT0)>, <printer output address>, <plotter output address>, and <MC8104A Data Storage Unit output address>, an execution error results.

[25] INI (Initialize)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : INI

■ Example

- To initialize

```
WRITE @101: "INI"
```

■ Description

The INI command initializes the MW9040B. This command performs the same functions as the [INITIALIZE] key except that it is executed in the remote mode.

■ Errors

When the INI command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an execution error results.

[26] IOR/IOR? (IOR)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : IOR_ <IOR>

Query syntax : IOR?

where

<IOR> ::= Index of refraction. The setting range is 1.400 000 to 1.699 999.

■ Example

- To set 1.45 as IOR

```
WRITE @101: "IOR 1.45"
```

- To read the settings of IOR

```
10 DIM IOR$*20
20 WRITE @101:"IOR?"
30 READ @101:IOR$
40 PRINT IOR$
50 END
```

■ Description

The IOR command changes the setting of refractive index. When this command is not accompanied by an argument, the value of refractive index then set is unaffected.

Changing the IOR setting by the IOR command only results in changing the value indicated on the CRT screen. In GP-IB, calculation is always made assuming a IOR value of 1.5. The value (where IOR=1.5) can be converted to a value based on the IOR (that you set) using the following equation

$$\langle \text{desired distance} \rangle = \langle \text{distance read via GP-IB} \rangle \times \frac{1.5}{\text{Set value of IOR}}$$

The query returns the currently set value of refractive index.

■ Response message format

Return format : IOR_ <IOR> <LF | CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① When the IOR command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an execution error results.
- ② When the IOR command is not accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the state of IOR then set is not affected.

[27] LD/LD? (Laser)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : LD_ {1|0}

Query syntax : LD?

where

1 : ON
0 : OFF

■ Example

- To turn laser on

```
WRITE @101:"LD 1"
```

- To read the settings of laser output

```
10 DIM LD$*20  
20 WRITE @101:"LD?"  
30 READ @101:LD$  
40 PRINT LD$  
50 END
```

■ Description

The LD command switches laser output on and off. When this command is not accompanied by an argument, the laser output state then set is unaffected.

Laser output is automatically turned off when fiber is removed from the output connector or laser temperature control gets out of range.

The query returns the current state of laser output.

■ Response message format

Return format : LD_ {1|0} <LF|CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① When the LD command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an execution error results.
- ② When the LD command is not accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the laser output state then set is not affected.
- ③ When a command is received that turns LD on while fiber is not connected to the output connector, an execution error results.

- ④ When a command is received that turns LD on while the laser ready lamp is off, an execution error results.

[28] LOS? (Loss Measurement Data)

■ Syntax

Query syntax : LOS?

■ Example

- To read the LOSS measurement results

```
10 DIM LOSS$*50
20 WRITE @101:"LOS?"
30 READ @101:LOSS$
40 PRINT LOSS$
50 END
```

■ Description

The LOS? query reads the measured values of loss between two points, distance between two points, and transmission loss. When the measurement item is not LOSS, an error results. The length (used in distance between two points and in transmission loss) is expressed in units of meter. When laser is on, the measurement results of loss between two points and transmission loss are updated every sweep. Therefore, when reading measurement results with the LOS? query, wait until one sweep is made after moving the marker.

When laser is off, measurement results are updated each time the marker is moved. Therefore, measurement results can be read immediately after moving the marker.

■ Response message format

Return format : LOS_ <loss between two points>, <distance between markers>, <transmission loss> <LF | CR, LF>

where

<loss between two points>	::= Difference in waveform levels between two markers set during LOSS measurement. When unmeasurable (**.*** is displayed on the CRT screen.), 900.000 is returned.
<distance between markers>	::= Distance between two markers set during LOSS measurement
<transmission loss>	::= <loss between 2 points> divided by <distance between markers> When unmeasurable (**.*** is displayed on the CRT screen.), 900.000 is returned.

■ Errors

- ① When the measurement item is not LOSS, an error results and execution error (bit 4) of the standard event status register is set.
- ② When the LOS? is received without a waveform data, a error results and the MDE (bit 7) of the error event status register is set.
- ③ When the LOS? message is received without a plug-in unit, an execution error results.

[29] MED/MED? (Media)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : MED_ <media >
Query syntax : MED?

where

<media > ::= A number corresponding to media.
0 : INT MEMORY
1 : INT PMC
2 : EXT PMC1
3 : EXT PMC2
4 : EXT FDD

■ Example

- To set the media to INT PMC
WRITE @101: "MED 1"
- To read the settings of media
10 DIM MEDIA\$*20
20 WRITE @101:"MED?"
30 READ @101:MEDIA\$
40 PRINT MEDIA\$
50 END

■ Description

The MED command changes the settings of media (storage media). If sent without being accompanied by an argument, the media settings then set are not affected.

The query returns the current settings of media.

■ Response message format

Return format : MED_ <media > <LF | CR,LF >

■ Errors

- ① If the MED command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted into position, an execution error results.
- ② If the MED command is received without being accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the media settings then set are not affected.

[30] MKP/MKP? (Marker Position)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : MKP_ <marker No. >, <distance >

- (1) When specifying marker

Query syntax : MKP?_ <marker No. >

- (2) When not specifying marker

Query syntax : MKP?

where

<marker No. > ::= Marker No. is defined depending on measurement item as follows:

- (a) For LOSS measurement

0 : * marker
1 : X1 marker

- (b) For SPLICE measurement

0 : * marker
1 : X1 marker (X marker at the leftmost position)
2 : X2 marker (X marker at the second position from the left)
3 : X3 marker (X marker at the second position from the right)
4 : X4 marker (X marker at the rightmost position)

- (c) For AUTO measurement

1 : Fault point at the first position from the left
2 : Fault point at the second position from the left
3 : Fault point at the third position from the left
4 : Fault point at the fourth position from the left
5 : Fault point at the fifth position from the left

<distance > ::= Specify the distance using a value where it is expressed in units of meter as 1 = 1 m. IOR is 1.5.

■ Example

- To set X1 marker to 2 km

```
WRITE @101:"MKP 1,2000"
```

- To read the distance where * marker is set

```
10 DIM POSITION$*20  
20 WRITE @101:"MKP? 0"  
30 READ @101:POSITION$  
40 PRINT POSITION$  
50 END
```

■ Description

The MKP command moves the marker position. The range of marker movement is within the sampling range as in local mode. If movement beyond the range is specified, the limit value that can then be assumed is set. If the input item of the rotary knob was not MARKER, it is changed to MARKER.

If a distance is specified that may cause the marker to leave an adjacent marker behind, the adjacent marker is also moved.

When moved, a marker is assumed to have been selected and becomes a selected marker. Consequently, the cursor line moves onto this marker.

Since the * and X1 to X4 markers move simultaneously, set the * marker at first before setting the X1 to X4 markers.

When the command is received without being accompanied by an argument, the marker position then set is not affected. Also, even when the input item of the rotary knob was not MARKER, it is not changed to MARKER.

The query returns the marker position in terms of distance.

The distance is indicated in units of meter by a value where IOR = 1.5.

■ Response message format

- (1) When specifying a marker

Return format : MKP_ <distance> <LF | CR, LF>

Note: If the measurement item is AUTO, Markers cannot be moved.

- (2) When not specifying a marker

Return format : MKP_ <number of markers n>, <distance of No. 1 marker> ...
<distance of No. n marker> <LF | CR, LF>

Note: If there is no fault point when the measurement item is AUTO, <number of markers> is set to 0 and no parameters are appended after it. If there is any fault point, <number of markers> is changed to the number of fault points and the fault point distance is returned as a marker distance.

■ Errors

- ① If the MKP command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted into position, an execution error results.
- ② If a parameter is received that would set the marker out of the sampling range, an error is assumed and the execution error bit (bit 4) of the standard event status register is set.
- ③ When the MKP command is received while the measurement item is AUTO, the execution error bit (bit 4) of the standard event status register is set.
- ④ If the MKP command is received without being accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the marker position then set is not affected.

[31] MKS/MKS? (Marker Select)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : MKS_ <marker No.>

Query syntax : MKS?

where

<marker No.> ::= Marker No. is defined depending on measurement item as follows:

(a) For LOSS measurement

0 : * marker

1 : X1 marker

(b) For SPLICE measurement

0 : * marker

1 : X1 marker (X marker at the leftmost position)

2 : X2 marker (X marker at the second position from the left)

3 : X3 marker (X marker at the second position from the right)

4 : X4 marker (X marker at the rightmost position)

(c) For AUTO measurement

1 : Fault point at the first position from the left

2 : Fault point at the second position from the left

3 : Fault point at the third position from the left

4 : Fault point at the fourth position from the left

5 : Fault point at the fifth position from the left

■ Example

- To select the X4 marker

```
WRITE @101:"MKS 4"
```

- To read the selected marker No.

```
10 DIM SELECT$*20
20 WRITE @101:"MKS?"
30 READ @101:SELECT$
40 PRINT SELECT$
50 END
```

■ Description

The MKS command selects a marker. The cursor line is displayed on the selected marker. If the command is received without being accompanied by an argument, the marker select conditions then set are not affected. Even in this case, however, if the input item of the rotary knob was not MARKER, it is changed to MARKER.

The query returns information on which marker is selected.

If the fault point cannot be detected when the measurement item is AUTO, 0 is returned as <number of markers> to the MKS? query.

■ Response message format

Return format : MKS_ <marker No.> <LF | CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① If the MKS command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted into position, an error results.
- ② If a marker that cannot be selected is specified, an error is assumed and the execution error bit (bit 4) of the standard event status register is set.
- ③ If the MKS command is received without being accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the marker select conditions then set are not affected.

[32] MSP/MSP? (Mask Position)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : MSP_ <mask No.>, <distance>

- (1) When specifying mask

Query syntax : MSP?_ <mask No.>

- (2) When not specifying mask

Query syntax : MSP?

where

<mask No.> ::= A number (0 to 4) corresponding to the mask

<distance> ::= Distance is specified in units of meter by a integer

■ Example

- To set mask 0 to 15 km

```
WRITE @101: "MSP 0,15000"
```

- To read the set position of mask 2

```
10 DIM MASK__POSITION$*100
20 WRITE @101:"MSP? 2"
30 READ @101:MASK__POSITION$
40 PRINT MASK__POSITION$
50 END
```

■ Description

The MSP command changes a mask position. If the command is received without being accompanied by an argument, the mask position then set is not affected. If an argument is 0 km, the mask is turned off.

Masks cannot be set within an adjacent distance of 1 m from a previously set marker.

If the MSP command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted into position, an error results. Also, if the MSP command is received while a plug-in unit that does not have mask functions is used, an error results.

The query returns the current mask position. For masks not set, 0 km is returned.

■ Response message format

- (1) When specifying a mask

Return format : MSP_ <distance> <LF|CR, LF>

(2) When not specifying a mask

Return format : MSP_ <number of masks n>, <distance of No. 1 mask>, ...,
<distance of No. n mask> <LF | CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① If the MSP command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted into position, an execution error results.
- ② Masks must be set 2 m or more apart from each other. (However, setting masks to the same distance is possible). If a parameter is received that would set the mask within 1 m from a previously set mask, the execution error bit (bit 4) of the standard event status register is set.
- ③ When the MSP command is received without argument, a command error results. Then, the mask setting state does not change.

[33] NMSK/NMSK? (Near End Mask)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : NMSK_ <deviation>

Query syntax : NMSK?

where

<deviation> ::= An integer (-10 to 500) in units of meter, which is a deviated distance from the specific distance of the plug-in unit used.

Note: The specific distance is the near-end mask width specific to each plug-in unit. The distance is initialized by the *RST or INI command.

■ Example

- To widen the near-end mask width by 10 m

```
10 WRITE @101:"NMSK 10"
```

- To read the set deviation

```
10 DIM NEAR_MASK$*20
20 WRITE @101:"NMSK?"
30 READ @101:NEAR_MASK$
40 PRINT NEAR_MASK$
50 END
```

■ Description

The NMSK command changes the deviation value of the near-end mask width. If the command is sent without being accompanied by an argument, the near-end mask width then set is not affected.

If an argument is 0 m, the NEAR END mask mode is turned off.

If the NMSK command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted into position, an error results.

These commands are effective only to the plug-in unit which uses a E/O switch as an optical switch.

If the NMSK command is received while any other type than the effective plug-in unit is fitted into position, an error results.

The query returns the current deviation (difference between the set near-end mask width and the specific value).

■ Response message format

Return format : NMSK_ <deviation> <LF | CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① If the NMSK command is received while no plug-in unit or any plug-in unit without a E/O switch is fitted into position, an error results to set the execution error (bit 4) of the Standard Event Status Register.
- ② If the parameter (which does not satisfy the following two conditions) is received, the execution error (bit 4) of the Standard Event Status Register is set.
 1. The deviation value is in the range of -10 to 500 .
 2. The set value of the near-end mask width (= the specific value + deviation value) is an integer (more than 0).

[34] PLG? (Plug-in Unit)

■ Syntax

Query syntax : PLG?

■ Example

- To read the type of the currently fitted plug-in unit

```
10 DIM PLUGIN$*20
20 WRITE @101:"PLG?"
30 READ @101:PLUGIN$
40 PRINT PLUGIN$
50 END
```

■ Description

The PLG? query returns the type of the current plug-in unit.

■ Response message format

Return format : PLG_ <name of plug-in unit> <LF | CR, LF>

where

<name of plug-in unit> ::= Name of plug-in unit is defined by 16-character ASCII character string.

When no plug-in unit is fitted, the following character string is returned.

"NO_UNIT_____"

Also, if the fitted plug-in unit is not a plug-in unit for the MW9040B, the following character string is returned.

"UNDEFINED_UNIT_ _"

[35] PLS/PLS? (Pulse Width)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : PLS_ <pulse width>

Query syntax : PLS?

where

<pulse width> ::= Value of pulse width (n units of ns, integer)

■ Example

- To set 1 μ s as pulse width

```
WRITE @101: "PLS 1000"
```

- To read the settings of pulse width

```
10 DIM PULSE$*20
20 WRITE @101: "PLS?"
30 READ @101: PULSE$
40 PRINT PULSE$
50 END
```

■ Description

The PLS command changes the pulse width. When this command is not accompanied by an argument, the pulse width state then set is unaffected.

The pulse width is set by an integer in units of ns. The usable pulse width depends on the plug-in unit.

When the PLS command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted, an error results.

The query returns the current pulse width.

■ Response message format

Return format : PLS_ <pulse width> <LF | CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① When the PLS command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an execution error results.
- ② When the PLS command is not accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the pulse width state then set is not affected.

[36] PWR/PWR? (LD Power)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : PWR_ <LD output power>

Query syntax : PWR?

where

<LD output power> ::= A value expressed by a number from 0 to 127

■ Example

- To set the LD output power to 123

```
WRITE @101:"PWR 123"
```

- To read the LD output power

```
10 DIM LD_POWER$*20
20 WRITE @101:"PWR?"
30 READ @101:LD_POWER$
40 PRINT LD_POWER$
50 END
```

■ Description

The PWR command changes the optical output power of the OTDR. When this command is sent without an argument, the LD-output-power state is unaffected.

When the PWR command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted, an error results.

The query returns the current LD output power.

■ Response message format

Return format : PWR_ <LD output power> <LF | CR, LF>

■ Error

When the PWR command/query is received without any plug-in unit or when the command is sent to a unit which cannot vary the output power, an execution error results.

In this case, the execution error bit (bit 4) of the standard event status register is set.

[37] RCL (Recall)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : RCL_ {<memory No.> | <file name>}

Query syntax : RCL?

where

<memory No.> ::= Memory No. of INT MEMORY expressed by a number from 1 to 32

<file name> ::= MS-DOS format file name

■ Example

- To recall a file named "TRACE1"

```
WRITE @101: "RCL TRACE1"
```

- To read the recalled file name

```
10 DIM RECALL$*20
20 WRITE @101:"RCL?"
30 READ @101:RECALL$
40 PRINT RECALL$
50 END
```

■ Description

The RCL command reads the measurement data stored in a media, and displays it on the screen. Select the media by the MED command before executing the RCL command. In the waveform-compare-recall-ON state with the CMP command, execute the RCL command to compare waveforms.

Query returns the current-readout measurement-data file name. If data is not read out, 0 is returned.

■ Response message format

Return format : RCL_ {<memory No.> | <file name>} <LF | CR, LF>

■ Error

- ① When the RCL command is received without a plug-in unit, an execution error results.
- ② The measurement data (specified to read by a RCL command) does not correspond to the current-installed plug-in unit, an error results.
- ③ When the RCL command is received without argument, a command error results.

④ If specified file name does not exist, an error results.

⑤ When the RCL command is executed on the waveform-comparison state at local mode, an execution error results.

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[38] RDY? (Ready)

■ Syntax

Query syntax : RDY?

■ Example

- To read information on whether the laser temperature control is within the range

```
10 DIM READY$*20
20 WRITE @101:"RDY?"
30 READ @101:READY$
40 PRINT READY$
50 END
```

■ Description

The RDY? query returns information on whether the laser-temperature control is currently possible. Laser output does not turn ON when the control is not possible. When no plug-in unit is fitted in place, 0 is always returned.

■ Response message format

Return format : RDY_ {1 | 0} <LF | CR, LF>

where

- 1 : Temperature control with in range (possible) (Ready)
- 0 : Temperature control out of range (impossible) (Not ready)

[39] RNG/RNG? (Save Range)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : RNG_ {1 | 2}

Query syntax : RNG?

where

- 1 : All measured range
- 2 : Displayed range only

■ Example

- To set all measured range as the range to save data

```
WRITE @101: "RNG 1"
```

- To read the settings of save range

```
10 DIM RANGE$*50
20 WRITE @101:"RNG?"
30 READ @101:RANGE$
40 PRINT RANGE$
50 END
```

■ Description

The RNG command sets the range of data to be saved (save range). When this command is not accompanied by an argument, the save range then set is unaffected.

The query returns the current set value of save range.

■ Response message format

Return format : RNG _ {1 | 2} <save start>, <save end>, <save resolution>
<LF | CR, LF>

where

- <save start> ::= Distance of data at the beginning of the data to be saved. Expressed by a value where IOR = 1.5 with length indicated in units of meter.
- <save end> ::= Distance of data at the end of the data to be saved. Expressed by a value where IOR = 1.5 with length indicated in units of meter.
- <save resolution> ::= Data resolution of the data to be saved. Expressed by a value where IOR = 1.5 with length indicated in units of meter.

■ Errors

- ① When the RNG command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an execution error results.
- ② When the RNG command is not accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the save range state then set is not affected.
- ③ When All Range is specified with INT MEMORY media selection, a execution error results.

[40] RTL? (Return-Loss Measurement Data)

■ Syntax

Query syntax : RTL?

■ Example

- To read the return-loss measurement results

```
10 DIM LOSS:*20
20 WRITE @101:"RTL?"
30 READ @101:LOSS$
40 PRINT LOSS$
50 END
```

■ Description

The RTL? query reads the measured results of return loss.

When the measurement item is not RETURN LOSS, an error results.

■ Response message format

Return format : RTL_ <return loss> <LF | CR, LF >

where

<return loss> ::= Return-loss measurement value expressed by a real number with the units of 1 dB.
When unmeasurement (**.*) is displayed on the CRT screen, 900.000 is returned.

■ Error

- ① When the measurement item is not RETURN LOSS, an error is assumed and the execution error bit (bit 4) of the standard event status register is set.
- ② When RTL? is received while no waveform data is present, an error is assumed and the MDE bit (bit 7) of the error event status register is set.

[41] RTP/RTP? (Return-Loss Parameter)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : RTP_ <set value 1>, ..., <set value 4>

Query syntax : RTP?

where

<Set value X> ::= A value corresponding to the parameter.
In the setting order, the value means as follows.

	Range	Unit
Set value 1 : RSL value	0.005 to 9.999	dB/km
Set value 2 : N1 value	1.0000 to 1.9999	None
Set value 3 : N2 value	1.0000 to 1.9999	None
Set value 4 : Ne value	1.0000 to 1.9999	None

RSL : Rayleigh Scattering Loss

N1 : Refractive index of the optical fiber's core

N2 : Refractive index of the optical fiber's clad

Ne : Group refractive index of the optical fiber

■ Example

- To set RSL: 0.35 dB/km, N1: 1.4666, N2: 1.4616, Ne: 1.4650

```
WRITE @101:"RTP 0.35, 1.4666, 1.4616, 1.4650"
```

- To read the parameter of return-loss measurement

```
10 DIM PARAMETER$*30
20 WRITE @101:"RTP?"
30 READ @101:PARAMETER$
40 PRINT PARAMETER$
50 END
```

■ Description

The RTP command sets the parameter of return-loss measurement.

The query returns the parameter of return-loss measurement.

When *.*:* is displayed, the previous value (before setting) is returned.

■ Response message format

Return format : RTP□ <set value 1>, ..., <set value 4> <LF|CR, LF>

Set value 1 ::= RSL

Set value 2 ::= N1

Set value 3 ::= N2

Set value 4 ::= Ne

■ Error

When the set value is over the range, an error is assumed and the value is not renewed.

[42] SAV (Save)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : SAV_ {<memory No.> | <file name>}

where

<memory No.> ::= Memory No. of INT MEMORY expressed by a number from 1 to 32

<file name> ::= MS-DOS format file name

■ Example

- To save data in the file name of "TRACE1" in INT PMC

```
10 WRITE @101:"MED 1"  
20 WRITE @101:"SAV TRACE 1"  
30 END
```

- To save data in INT MEMORY No. 7

```
10 WRITE @101:"MED 0"  
20 WRITE @101:"SAV 7"  
30 END
```

■ Description

The SAV command saves (stores) measured data in the specified media.

■ Errors

- ① When the SAV command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an error results.
- ② When an error occurs in the target media, the corresponding media bit of the error event status register is set.
- ③ If the waveform data to be saved is less than 5 points, an execution error results.
- ④ When the file name is inappropriate, an execution error results.

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[43] SMP? (Sampling Start/End/Resolution)

■ Syntax

Query syntax : SMP?

■ Example

- To read the sampling range

```
10 DIM SAMPLING$*50
20 WRITE @101:"SMP?"
30 READ @101:SAMPLING$
40 PRINT SAMPLING$
50 END
```

■ Description

The SMP? query returns the currently set values of sampling start, end, and resolution.

■ Response message format

Return format : SMP ␣ <sampling start>, <sampling end>, <sampling resolution>
<LF | CR, LF>

where

<sampling start> ::= Distance of data at the beginning of the waveform data being sampled. Expressed by a value where IOR = 1.5 with length indicated in units of meter.

<sampling end> ::= Distance of data at the end of the waveform data being sampled. Expressed by a value where IOR = 1.5 with length indicated in units of meter.

<sampling resolution> ::= Resolution of the waveform data being sampled. Expressed by a value where IOR = 1.5 with length indicated in units of meter.

[44] SPL? (Splice Loss Measurement Data)

■ Syntax

Query syntax : SPL?

■ Example

- To read the SPLICE measurement results

```
10 DIM SPLICE$*20
20 WRITE @101:"SPL?"
30 READ @101:SPLICE$
40 PRINT SPLICE$
50 END
```

■ Description

The SPL? query reads the measured values of splice loss measurement. When the measurement item is not SPLICE, an error results.

When laser is on, the measurement results of splice loss are updated every sweep. Therefore, when reading the measurement results with the SPL? query, wait until one sweep is made after moving the marker.

When laser is off, the measurement results are updated each time the marker is moved. Therefore, you can read the measurement results immediately after moving the marker.

■ Response message format

Return format : SPL_ <splice loss> <LF | CR, LF>

where

<splice loss> ::= Measured value of splice loss. When unmeasurable (* *. * * * is displayed on the CRT screen.), 900.000 is returned.

■ Errors

- ① When the measurement item is not SPLICE, an error is assumed and the execution error (bit 4) of the standard event status register is set.
- ② When SPL? is received while no waveform data is present, an error is assumed and the MDE bit (bit 7) of the error event status register is set.

[45] SWP/SWP? (Sweep Mode)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : SWP_ {1|0}

Query syntax : SWP?

where

1 : FAST mode
0 : NORMAL mode

■ Example

- To set the sweep speed to FAST mode

```
WRITE @101:"SWP 1"
```

- To read the setting status of sweep speed

```
10 DIM SWEEP$*20  
20 WRITE @101:"SWP?"  
30 READ @101:SWEEP$  
40 PRINT SWEEP$  
50 END
```

■ Description

The SWP command sets the sweep speed. When this command is sent without an argument, the sweep-speed state is unaffected.

The query returns the setting state of the sweep speed.

■ Response message format

Return format : SWP_ {1|0} <LF|CR, LF>

[46] TGT/TGT?(Target)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : TGT_ <target>

Query syntax : TGT?

where

<target> ::= A value corresponding to each printer or plotter

- 0 : HP-GL (PL 1)
- 1 : GP-GL (PL 2)
- 50 : VP800, FP-850, CTM-800 (Epson, Japan) (PR 1)
- 51 : HP2225 (PR 2)
- 52 : MC8104 Data Storage Unit (DSU)

■ Example

- To set the MC8104 Data Storage Unit as the target
(equipment to produce hard copy)

```
WRITE @101: "TGT 52"
```

- To read the settings of target

```
10 DIM TARGET$:*20  
20 WRITE @101:"TGT?"  
30 READ @101:TARGET$  
40 PRINT TARGET$  
50 END
```

■ Description

The TGT command specifies the printer or plotter (i.e., target) to which data is output to produce hard copy. When this command is not accompanied by an argument, the target then selected is unaffected.

The query returns information on which target is selected.

■ Response message format

Return format : TGT_ <target> <LF | CR, LF >

■ Errors

- ① When the TGT command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an execution error results.
- ② When the TGT command is not accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the target state then set is not affected.

[47] THR/THR? (Threshold)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : THR_ <threshold value>

Query syntax : THR?

where

<threshold value> ::= Threshold value expressed in units of dB by a discrete number among 0.05, 0.10, 0.30, 1.00, 3.00, and 5.00

■ Example

- To set 1.0 dB as the threshold value

```
WRITE @101: "THR 1.0"
```

- To read the threshold settings

```
10 DIM THRESHOLD$*20
20 WRITE @101:"THR?"
30 READ @101:THRESHOLD$
40 PRINT THRESHOLD$
50 END
```

■ Description

The THR command sets the criterion (threshold value) to determine faulty points when making AUTO measurement. This setting is valid even when the measurement item is not AUTO.

When this command is not accompanied by an argument, the threshold value then set is unaffected.

The query returns the current threshold value.

■ Response message format

Return format : THR_ <threshold value> <LF | CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① When the THR command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an execution error results.
- ② When the THR command is not accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the threshold value then set is not affected.

[48] TIM/TIM? (Time Out)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : TIM_ <time-out time>

Query syntax : TIM?

where

<time-out time> ::= Set in units of seconds. The setting range is from 1 to 999 seconds.

■ Example

- To set 5 seconds as the time-out time

```
WRITE @101:"TIM 5"
```

- To read the settings of time-out time

```
10 DIM TIMEOUT$*:20
20 WRITE @101:"TIM?"
30 READ @101:TIMEOUT$
40 PRINT TIMEOUT$
50 END
```

■ Description

The TIM command sets the time-out time. When this command is not accompanied by an argument, the time-out time then set is unaffected.

The query returns the currently set time-out time. The time-out time is defaulted to 20 seconds.

■ Response message format

Return format : TIM_ <time-out time> <LF | CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① When the TIM command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an execution error results.
- ② When the TIM command is not accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the time-out time then set is not affected.

[49] TIME/TIME? (Time)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : TIME_ <hour>, <minute>

Query syntax : TIME?

where

<hour> ::= Hour data of the time. Specified by a number from 0 to 23 using the 24-hour system.

<minute> ::= Minute data of the time. Specified by a number from 0 to 59.

■ Example

- To set the built-in clock to 3:25 p.m.

```
WRITE @101: "TIME 15,25"
```

- To read the time.

```
10 DIM TIME$:*20
20 WRITE @101:"TIME?"
30 READ @101:TIME$
40 PRINT TIME$
50 END
```

■ Description

The TIME command sets the time of the built-in clock. When this command is not accompanied by an argument, the clock state then set is unaffected.

The query returns the time.

■ Response message format

Return format : TIME_ <hour>, <minute> <LF | CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① When the TIME command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an execution error results.
- ② When the TIME command is not accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the clock state then set is not affected.
- ③ When the values of <hour> and <minute> exceed the set values, a execution error results.

[50] TIT/TIT? (Title)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : TIT_ <title>

Query syntax : TIT?

where

<title> ::= Character string with equal to or less than 40 characters. The same characters as those of the local state are used except single quotation mark (').

■ Example

- To set title "TOKYO_OSAKA"

```
WRITE @101: "TIT TOKYO_OSAKA"
```

- To delete the title

```
WRITE @101: "TIT "
```

- To read the title

```
10 DIM TITLE$*50
20 WRITE @101:"TIT?"
30 READ @101:TITLE$
40 PRINT TITLE$
50 END
```

■ Description

The TIT command changes the title. When the command is not accompanied by an argument, it deletes the title. When the title thus set consists of less than 40 characters, the title is filled up from the top and the remainder is filled with blank spaces. Conversely, if the title consists of more than 40 characters, the characters in up to the 40th place are set as valid and the rest is ignored.

If any invalid character is included in the parameter, an error results. Invalid characters included in the ignored portion of the title (in places over the 40th character) do not have effect.

The query returns the current title. If the title has been deleted, a response consisting of 40 blank spaces is returned.

The TIT command does not discriminate between upper-case and lower-case characters. The title is set entirely with upper-case characters even when received in lower-case characters. Conversely, the title set in lower-case characters is output in upper-case characters.

■ Response message format

Return format : TIT_ <title> <LF | CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① When the TIT command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an error results.

Note: The syntax of the TIT command does not conform to the IEEE 488.2 standard.

[51] TRM/TRM? (Terminator)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : TRM_ {1|0}

Query syntax : TRM?

where

0 : LF
1 : CR, LF

■ Example

- To set "LF" as the terminator

```
WRITE @101: "TRM 0"
```

- To read the terminator settings

```
10 DIM TERMINATOR$*20  
20 WRITE @101:"TRM?"  
30 READ @101:TERMINATOR$  
40 PRINT TERMINATOR$  
50 END
```

■ Description

The TRM command specifies the query terminator marker. When this command is not accompanied by an argument, the terminator then set is unaffected.

The query returns information on which terminator is currently selected.

The terminator is defaulted to "LF".

■ Response message format

Return format : TRM_ {1|0} <LF|CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① When the TRM command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an error results.
- ② When the TRM command is not accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the terminator then set is not affected.

[52] UNL/UNL? (Unit Of Length)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : UNL_ {0|1|2}

Query syntax : UNL?

where

0 : Meter
1 : Foot
2 : Mile

■ Example

- To set MILE as the unit of distance displayed on screen

```
WRITE @101: "UNL 2"
```

- To read the settings for the unit of distance displayed on screen

```
10 DIM UNL$*20  
20 WRITE @101:"UNL?"  
30 READ @101:UNL$  
40 PRINT UNL$  
50 END
```

■ Description

The UNL command changes the unit of length shown on screen. It does not affect the unit of wavelength (μm), however. The unit of length handled by GP-IB is always METER and is not affected by the UNL command. The MW9040B uses the following equations to convert FOOT and MILE to and from METER.

1 mile = 1609.3440 meters

1 foot = 0.3048 meter

The query returns the current unit of length.

■ Response message format

Return format : UNL_ {0|1|2} <LF|CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① When the UNL command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an error results.

- ② When the UNL command is not accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the unit of length then set is not affected.

[53] VSC/VSC? (Vertical Scale)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : VSC_ <vertical scale value >

Query syntax : VSC?

where

<vertical scale value > ::= Value of vertical scale expressed in units of dB by a discrete number among 0.1, 0.25, 0.5, 1.0, 2.5, and 5.0.

■ Example

- To set 1 dB/div as the vertical scale

```
WRITE @101: "VSC 1"
```

- To read the set value of vertical scale

```
10 DIM V_SCALE$*20
20 WRITE @101: "VSC?"
30 READ @101: V_SCALE$
40 PRINT V_SCALE$
50 END
```

■ Description

The VSC command changes the vertical scale value (amount of one scale division (dB/div) in the vertical direction relative to waveform screen). When this command is not accompanied by an argument, the state of vertical scale then set is unaffected.

The query returns the vertical scale value.

■ Response message format

Return format : VSC_ <vertical scale value> <LF | CR, LF >

■ Errors

- ① When the VSC command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an execution error results.
- ② When the VSC command is not accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the vertical scale then set is not affected.

[54] VSF/VSF? (Vertical Shift)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : VSF_ <vertical shift value>

Query syntax : VSF?

where

<vertical shift value> ::= Amount of vertical shift

■ Example

- To set 5 dB as the value of vertical shift

```
WRITE @101: "VSF 5"
```

- To read the set value of vertical shift

```
10 DIM V_SHIFT$*20
20 WRITE @101:"VSF?"
30 READ @101:V_SHIFT$
40 PRINT V_SHIFT$
50 END
```

■ Description

The VSF command changes the vertical shift value (amount of movement in the vertical direction relative to waveform screen). The range of vertical shift values is from 0.000 to 50.000 dB. However, the upper limit is a value obtained by subtracting (vertical scale × 8) from 50 dB. When the rotary knob input item is other than vertical shift, it is changed to vertical shift. When this command is not accompanied by an argument, the vertical shift value then set is unaffected. In this case, no change is made for the rotary knob input item even when it is other than vertical shift.

The query returns the vertical shift value.

■ Response message format

Return format : VSF_ <vertical shift value> <LF | CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① When the VSF command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an execution error results.
- ② When the VSF command is not accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the vertical shift state then set is not affected.

[55] WLS/WLS? (Wavelength Select : λ Select)

■ Syntax

Command syntax : WLS_ <wavelength>

Query syntax : WLS? {[0] | 1}

where

<wavelength> ::= Wavelength expressed by a value in units of μm

0 : Requests the current wavelength. If omitted, 0 is assumed.

1 : Requests all wavelengths of plug-in unit.

■ Example

- To set the wavelength to 1.55 μm for a plug-in unit which has wavelengths of 1.31 μm and 1.55 μm

```
WRITE @101: "WLS 1.55"
```

- To read the currently used wavelength

```
10 DIM WAVELENGTH$*20
20 WRITE @101:"WLS?"
30 READ @101:WAVELENGTH$
40 PRINT WAVELENGTH$
50 END
```

- To read the wavelengths that the currently used plug-in unit has

```
10 DIM WAVELENGTH$*50
20 WRITE @101:"WLS? 1"
30 READ @101:WAVELENGTH$
40 PRINT WAVELENGTH$
50 END
```

■ Description

The WLS command selects between the wavelengths of the plug-in unit when the fitted unit is a switchable unit (which incorporates two wavelengths). When this command is not accompanied by an argument, the wavelength state then set is unaffected.

The query returns the wavelength value. If the parameter is 0 or omitted, the current wavelength is returned. If the parameter is 1, the wavelengths that the currently used plug-in unit has are returned.

The wavelength value is not affected by the UNL or IOR command.

■ Response message format

- (1) When current wavelength is returned

Return format : WLS_ <wavelength> <LF | CR, LF>

- (2) When plug-in unit's wavelengths are returned

Return format : WLS_ <number of wavelength> ,<wavelength> ,...,
<wavelength> ,<LF | CR, LF>

■ Errors

- ① When the WLS command is received while no plug-in unit is fitted in place, an error is assumed and the execution error bit (bit 4) of the standard event status register is set.
- ② When the WLS command is not accompanied by an argument, a command error results. In this case, the wavelength state then set is not affected.

SECTION 10

PROGRAM EXAMPLES

10.1 Precautions on Creating GP-IB Control Programs

Observe the following precautions when creating GP-IB control programs:

1. Initialize the device.

The devices used for measurement are not necessarily in an appropriate state when you actually begin measurement because their settings may have been changed by panel operation on the device itself or execution of other programs. Therefore, be sure to initialize each device before using it. For the MW9040B, execute the following commands to initialize it.

- ① Interface clear (IFC)
- ② Device clear (DCL) or selective device clear (SDC)
- ③ INI or *RST

2. Place the device in a local lockout state.

When the [LOCAL] key is accidentally pressed while in a ordinary remote mode, the device is set into the local mode. If a panel key is pressed in this state, the device's automatic measurement may not function correctly and the reliability of measured data is lost. Therefore, place the device in a local lockout state to prevent it from being accidentally set into the local mode.

3. Always read the response after sending a query message.

After sending a query message to the device, always read the response for it before sending any other command.

Otherwise, the response message may be lost.

4. Avoid protocol exception processing.

The above case 3. is one of protocol exception processing. Other exception processing cases are described in the last part of Section 6 of this manual. Read this part carefully and avoid causing exception processing. Also, insert exception handling routines in your program to avoid stopping program execution for exception handling.

5. Confirm the interface functions of each device.

If the device does not have the required subset, it cannot execute the program. Therefore, be sure to confirm the subset of each device before executing the program.

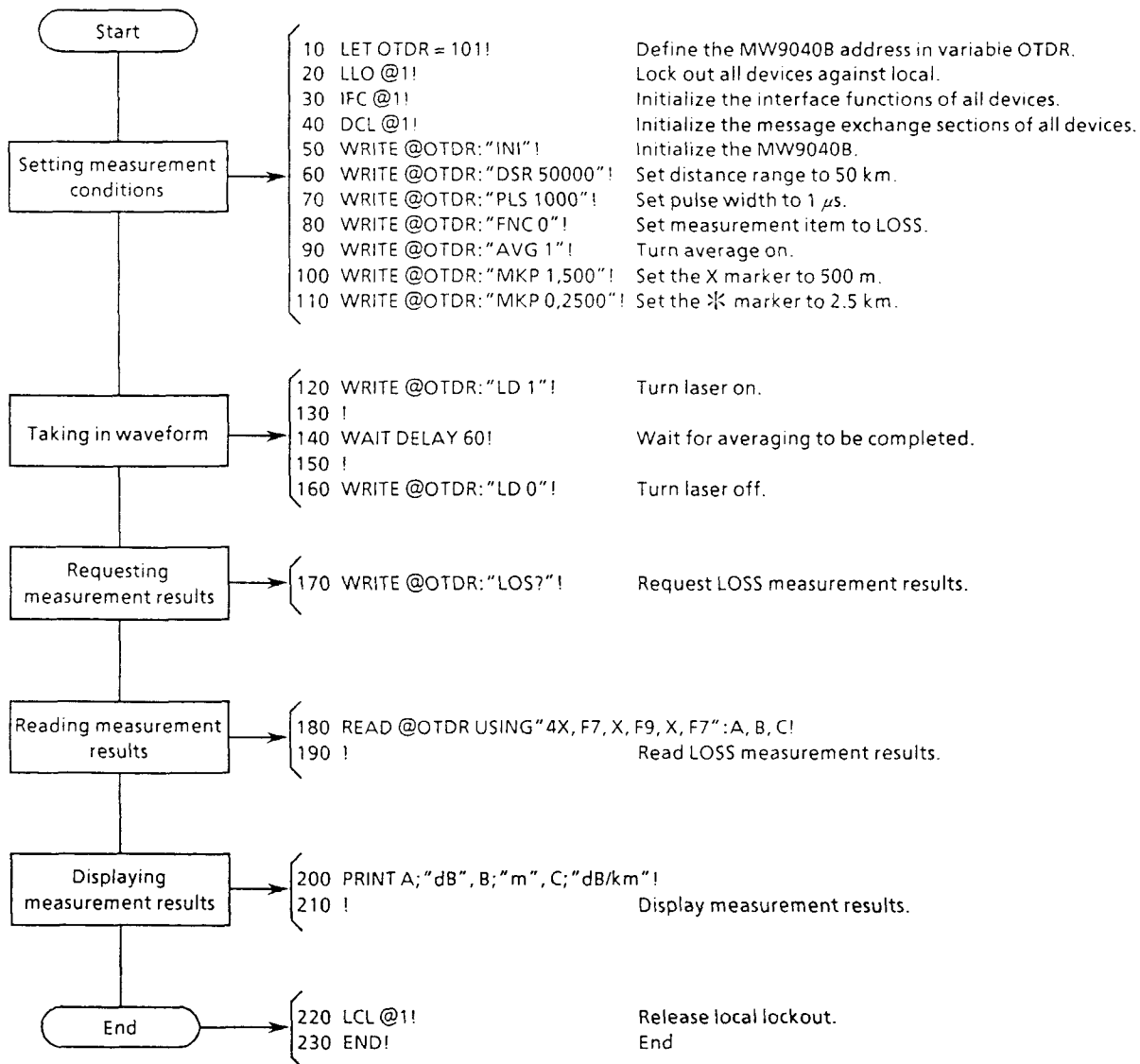
10.2 Basic Programming

10.2.1 Measuring Loss between Two Arbitrary Points

■ Description

Measure loss (LOSS) between two points.

■ Flowchart and sample program



10.2.2 Measuring Loss during Sweep

■ Description

When performing waveform sweep while laser is on, measurement results are not immediately updated by moving the marker. Measurement results are updated every waveform sweep end. Therefore, when laser is on, confirm that waveform sweep is completed after moving the marker before reading measurement results.

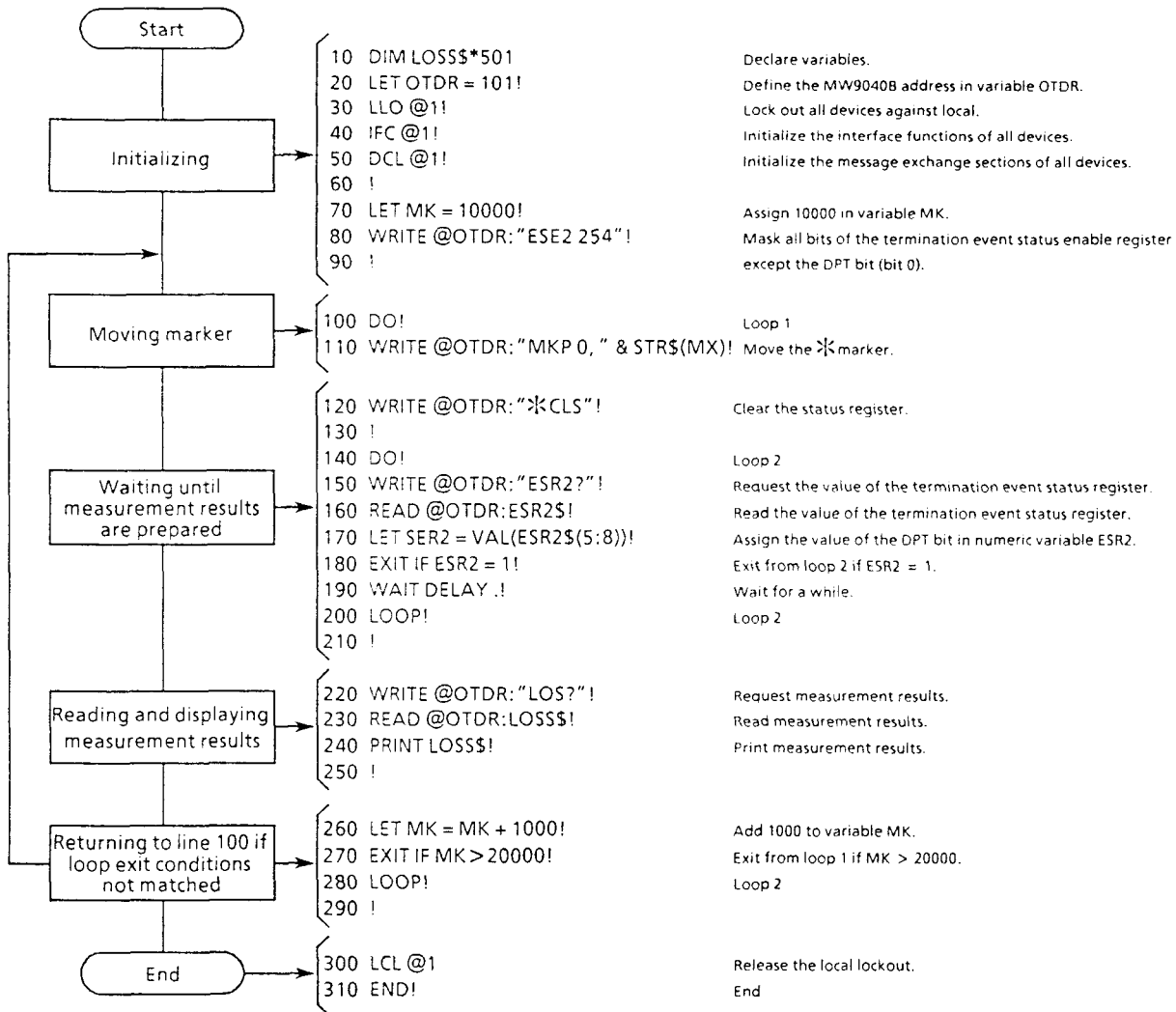
Here, as a method to confirm that waveform sweep is completed, we check the DPT bit (bit 0) of the termination event status register which is one of extended event status registers.

The wait on line 190 is provided to prevent the internal measurement processing of the MW9040B from being stopped by continuous execution of line 150 and line 160.

The sample program below measures loss while moving *marker from 10 km to 20 km in 1-km spacing with laser-on.

■ Flowchart and sample program

It is assumed here that the device is in a sweep state with laser on.

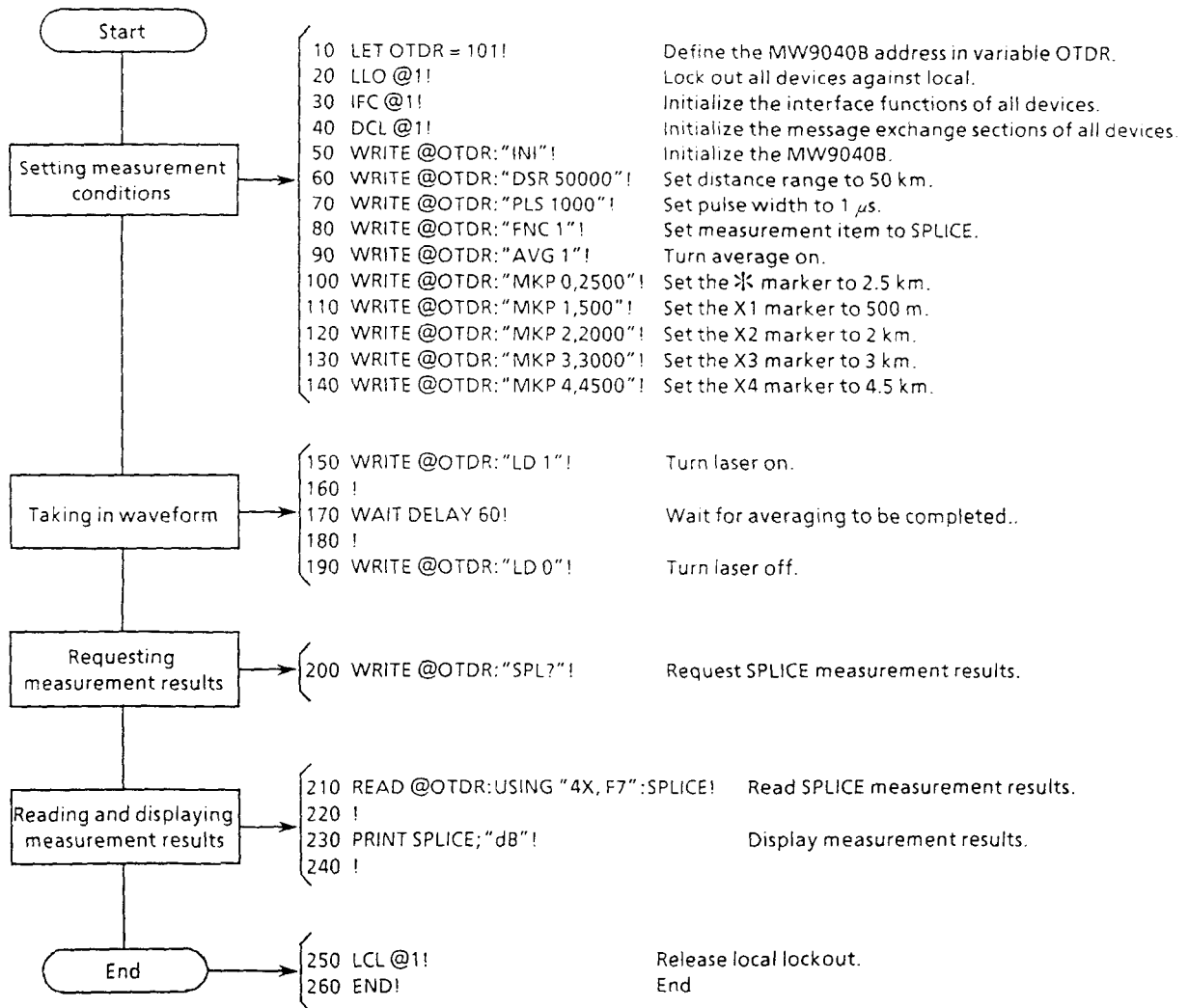


10.2.3 Measuring Splice Loss

■ Description

Measure splice loss (SPLICE).

■ Flowchart and sample program

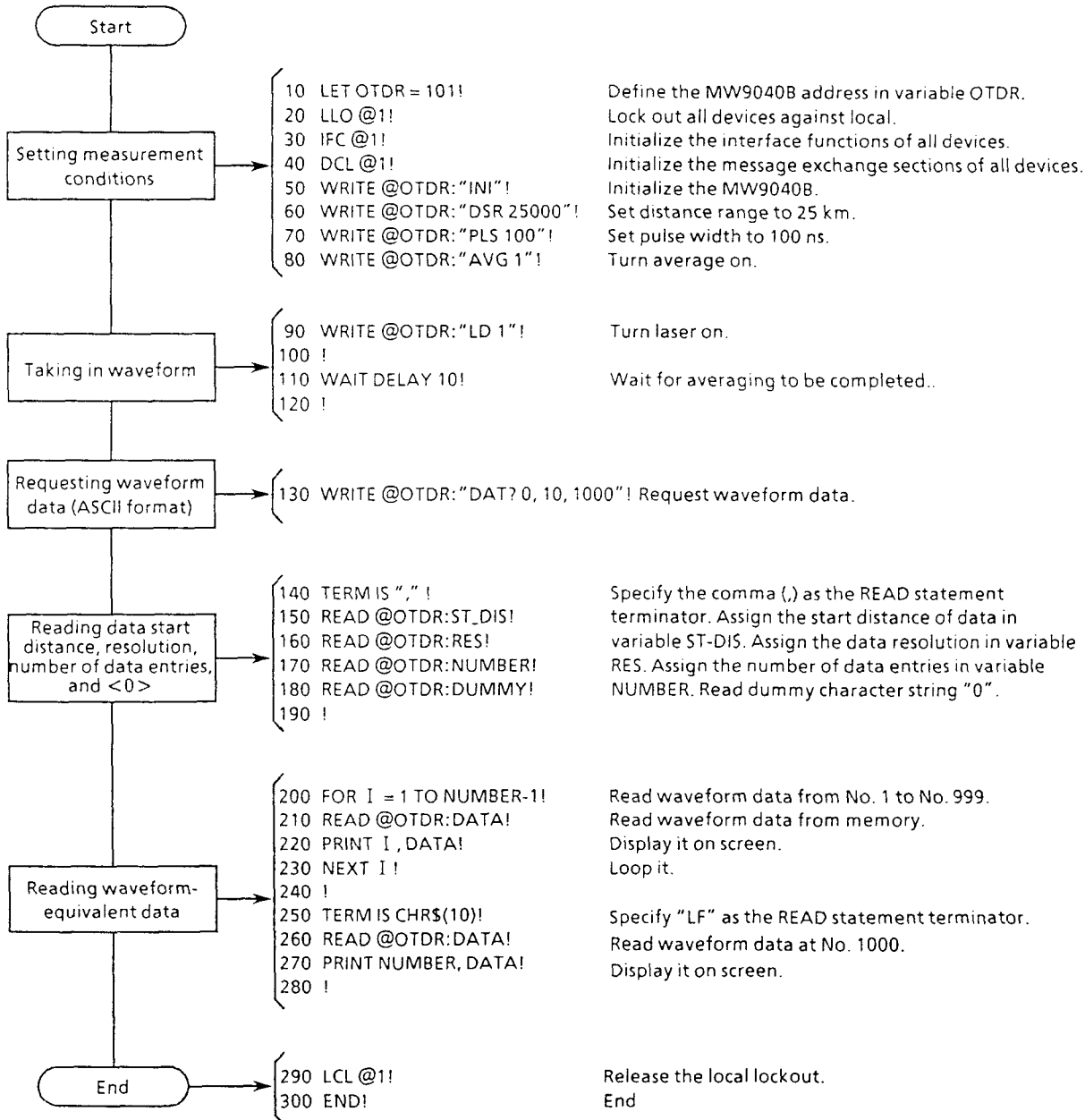


10.2.4 Reading Waveform Data (ASCII Format)

■ Description

Read 1000-point waveform data beginning from 0 km with a 10 m resolution.

■ Flowchart and sample program

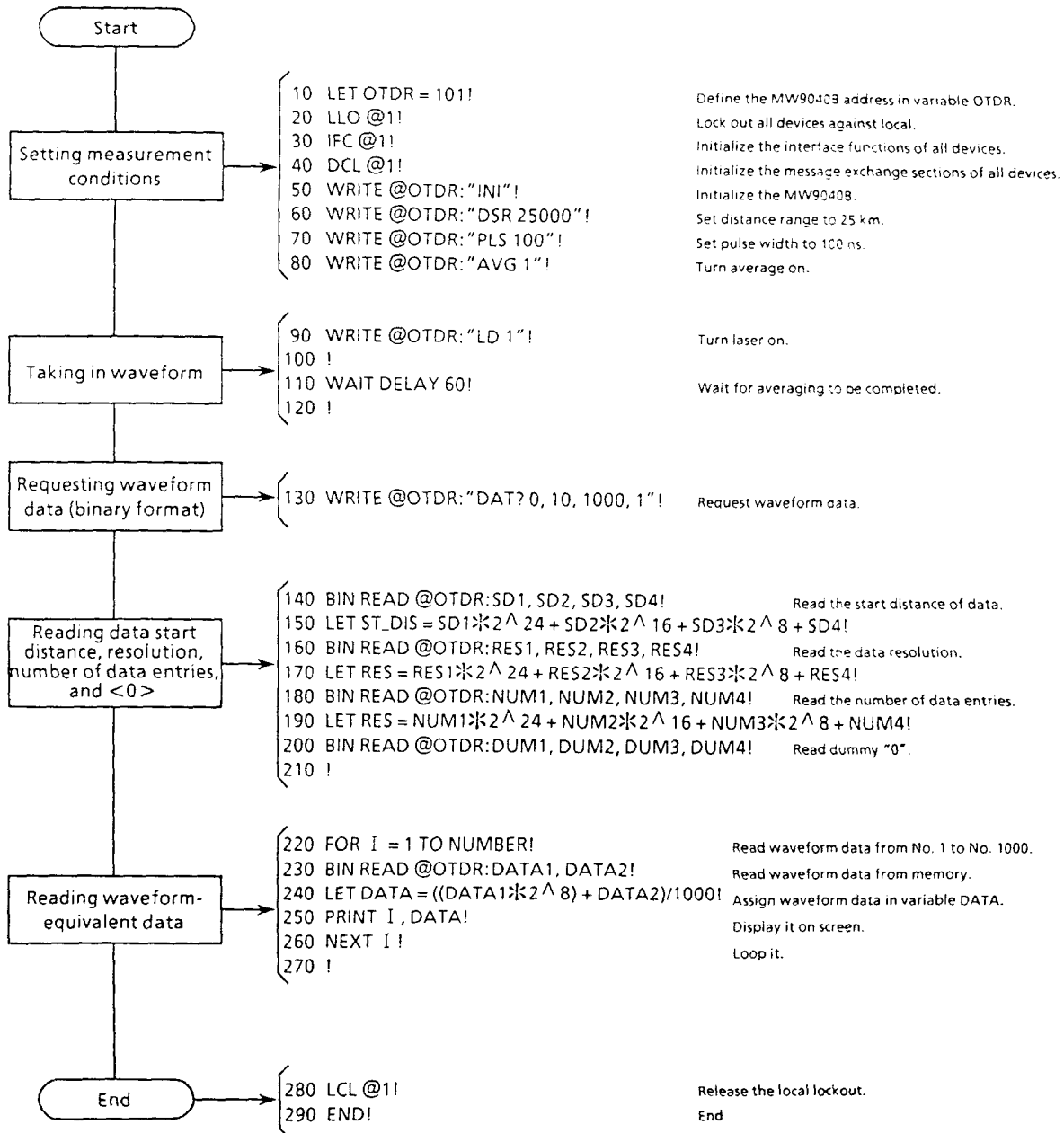


10.2.5 Reading Waveform Data (Binary Format)

■ Description

Data in the binary format can be read with a shorter transfer time than in the ASCII format. Read 1000-point waveform data beginning from 0 km with a 10 m resolution.

■ Flowchart and sample program



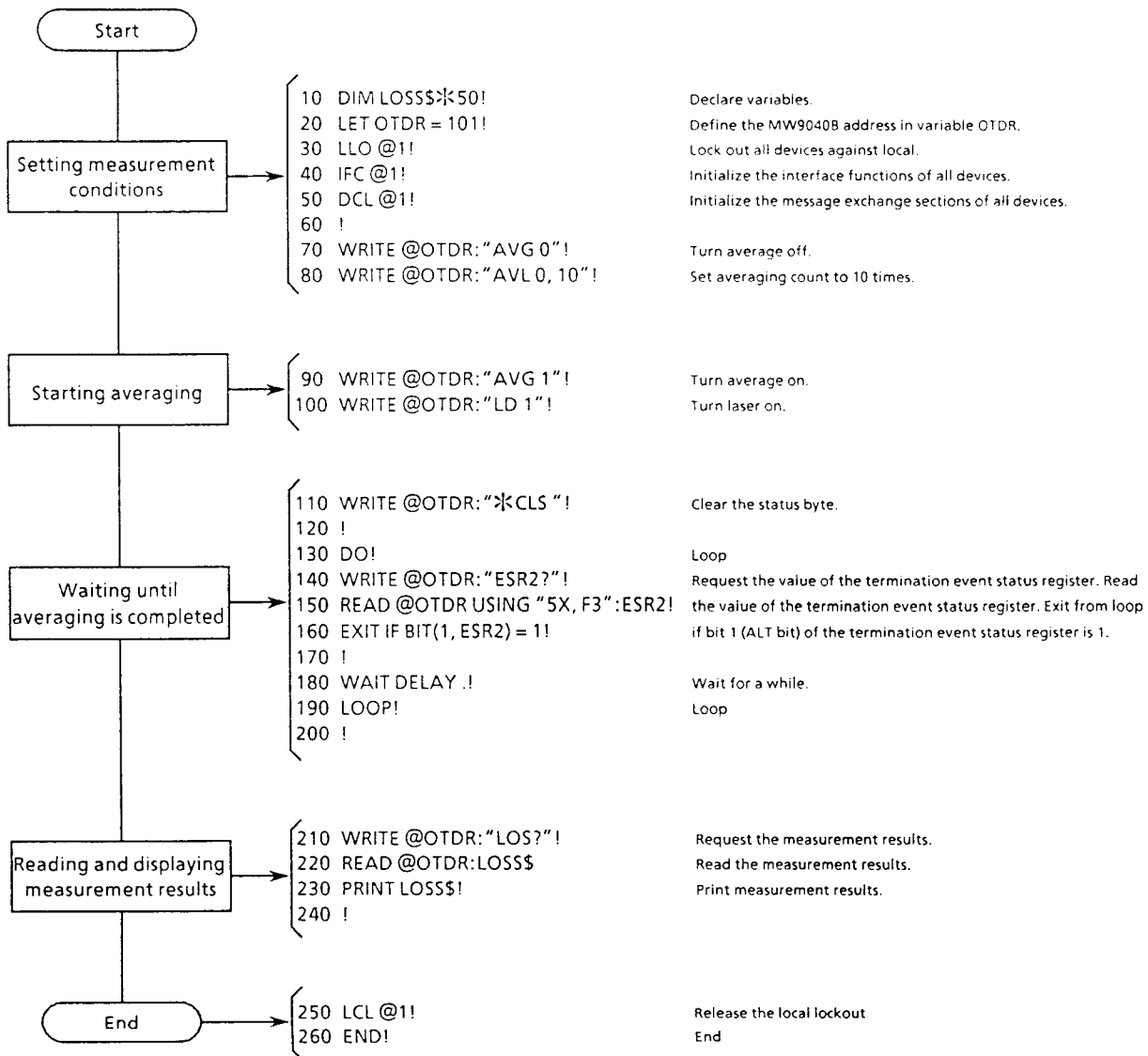
10.2.6 Wait for Average Termination

■ Description

This program specifies an averaging count (number of samples to be averaged) and reads measurement results when the specified averaging count is reached. In this example, whether the specified averaging count is reached is determined by checking the ALT (Average Limit Termination) bit of the termination event status register which is one of extended event status registers.

The wait on line 180 is provided to prevent the internal measurement processing of the MW9040B from being stopped by continuous execution of line 140 and line 150.

■ Flowchart and sample program



APPENDIX A

COMPARISON OF MESSAGES BETWEEN MW9040B AND MW910C

Table A-1 compares the GP-IB messages used by the MW9040B and MW910C. Table A-2 compares the measurement result read commands between the MW9040B and MW910C. For details on messages used by the MW910C, refer to its user's manual.

Table A-1 GP-IB Message Comparison

No.	Function	Message		Remarks	
		MW910C	MW9040B		
1	Distance range	Command	DSRm	DSR_ <distance range>	
		Query	DSRR	DSR?	
		Response	m	DSR_ <distance range>	
2	Horizontal scale	Command	HSCm	HSC_ <horizontal scale>	
		Query	HSCR	HSC?	
		Response	m	HSC_ <horizontal scale>	
3	Pulse width	Command	PLSm	PLS_ <pulse width>	
		Query	PLSR	PLS?	
		Response	m	PLS_ <pulse width>	
4	Horizontal shift (1)	Command	HSFℓ	HSF_ <horizontal shift value>	
		Query	HSFR	HSF?	
		Response	ℓ	HSF_ <horizontal shift value>	
5	Horizontal shift (2)	Command	HIFℓ	_____	
		Query	HIFR	_____	
		Response	ℓ	_____	
6	MASK (1)	Command	MSKm : ℓ	MSP_ <mask No.>, <distance>	
		Query	MSKmR	MSP?_ <mask No.>	
		Response	ℓ	MSP_ <distance>	
7	MASK (2)	Command	MIKmℓ	_____	
		Query	MIKmR	_____	
		Response	ℓ	_____	

Table A-1 GP-IB Message Comparison (Continued)

No.	Function	Message		Remarks	
		MW910C	MW9040B		
8	Average	Command	AVRn	AVG_{0 1}	
		Query	AVRR	AVG?	
		Response	n	AVG_{0 1}	
9	Function	Command	FNCn	FNC_{<measurement item>}	
		Query	FNCR	FNC?	
		Response	n	FNC_{<measurement item>}	
10	Approx method	Command	APRn	APR_{<linear approximation>}	
		Query	APRR	APR?	
		Response	n	APR_{<linear approximation>}	
11	Hold	Command	HLDn	_____	
		Query	HLDR	_____	
		Response	n	_____	
12	Marker select	Command	MKS _m	MKS_{<marker No.>}	
		Query	MKSR	MKS?	
		Response	m	MKS_{<marker No.>}	
13	Marker initialize	Command	MKI	_____	
		Query	_____	_____	
		Response	_____	_____	
14	Marker shift (1)	Command	MSm _ℓ	MKP_{<marker No.>}, <distance>	
		Query	MSmR	MKP?<marker No.>	
		Response	ℓ	MKP_{<distance>}	
15	Marker shift (2)	Command	MIm _ℓ	_____	
		Query	MImR	_____	
		Response	ℓ	_____	
16	Vertical scale	Command	VSC _m	VSC_{<vertical scale value>}	
		Query	VSCR	VSC?	
		Response	m	VSC_{<vertical scale value>}	

Table A-1 GP-IB Message Comparison (Continued)

No.	Function	Message		Remarks	
		MW910C	MW9040B		
17	Vertical shift	Command	VSF ℓ	VSF $_ <vertical\ shift\ value >$	
		Query	VSFR	VSF?	
		Response	ℓ	VSF $_ <vertical\ shift\ value >$	
18	Laser	Command	LDRn	LD $_ \{0\ 1\}$	
		Query	LDRR	LD?	
		Response	n	LD $_ \{0\ 1\}$	
19	Initialize	Command	IST1	INI	
		Query	_____	_____	
		Response	_____	_____	
20	Attenuator	Command	ATT ℓ	ATT $_ <attenuator\ value >$	
		Query	ATTR	ATT?	
		Response	ℓ	ATT $_ <attenuator\ value >$	
21	Attenuator auto	Command	ATAn	ATA $_ \{0\ 1\}$	
		Query	ATAR	ATA?	
		Response	n	ATA $_ \{0\ 1\}$	
22	Averaging number	Command	AVH ℓ	AVL $_ <NT>, <NS>$	
		Query	_____	AVL?	
		Response	_____	AVL $_ <NT>, <NS>, <TS>, <NTC>$	
23	Mask clear	Command	MSC1	_____	
		Query	_____	_____	
		Response	_____	_____	
24	IOR	Command	IOR ℓ	IOR $_ <IOR\ value >$	
		Query	IORR	IOR?	
		Response	ℓ	IOR $_ <IOR\ value >$	
25	Memory save	Command	MESm	SAV $_ <memory\ No. >$	
		Query	_____	_____	
		Response	_____	_____	

Table A-1 GP-IB Message Comparison (Continued)

No.	Function	Message		Remarks	
		MW910C	MW9040B		
26	Memory recall	Command	MERm	RCL_ <memory No.>	
		Query	_____	RCL?	
		Response	_____	RCL_ <memory No.>	
27	Title	Command	TTL displayed character	TIT_ <title>	
		Query	TTLR	TIT?	
		Response	Displayed character	TIT_ <title>	
28	Date/Time	Command	TDEm0-m1-m2-m3-m4	DATE_ <year>, <month>, <day> TIME_ <hour>, <minute>	
		Query	TDER	DATE? TIME?	
		Response	m0-m1-m2-m3-m4	DATE_ <year>, <month>, <day> TIME_ <hour>, <minute>	
29	Meter/Feet	Command	MFTm	UNL_ <unit>	
		Query	MFTR	UNL?	
		Response	m	UNL_ <unit>	
30	Trace	Command	TRCn	_____	
		Query	TRCR	_____	
		Response	n	_____	
31	LED Light source	Command	LEDn	_____	
		Query	LEDR	_____	
		Response	n	_____	
32	Print	Command	PRIR	CPY_{0 1}	
		Query	_____	CPY?	
		Response	_____	CPY_{0 1}	
33	Feed	Command	FED?	_____	
		Query	_____	_____	
		Response	_____	_____	

Table A-1 GP-IB Message Comparison (Continued)

No.	Function		Message		Remarks
			MW910C	MW9040B	
34	Plug-in unit	Command	_____	_____	
		Query	UNTR	PLG?	
		Response	Type of unit	PLG_ < name of plug-in unit >	
35	Auto/Manual	Command	AUTn	_____	
		Query	AUTR	_____	
		Response	n	_____	
36	λ-Select	Command	WAVn	WLS_ < wavelength >	
		Query	WAVR	WLS?[_0]	
		Response	n	WLS_ < wavelength >	

Table A-2 GP-IB Message (Measurement Result Read) Comparison

No.	Function	Message		Remarks	
		MW910C	MW9040B		
1	Loss data	Command	_____	_____	
		Query	LSDR	LOS? SPL?	
		Response	ℓ1, ℓ2, ℓ3, ℓ4	LOS_ <loss between 2 points>, <distance between 2 points>, <transmission loss> SPL_ <splice loss>	
2	Measuring data (1)	Command	_____	_____	
		Query	DPDRℓ	DAT?_ <START>? <RES>, <NUMBER> [, <TYPE>]	
		Response	ℓ1, ℓ2	<START>, <RES>, <NUMBER>, 0, <1st data>, ..., <n'th data>	
3	Measuring data (2)	Command	_____	_____	
		Query	DPIRℓ	_____	
		Response	ℓ1, ℓ2	_____	
4	Display data	Command	_____	_____	
		Query	DADR	_____	
		Response	x, y	_____	



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