

#### OPERATION MANUAL

# MODEL MS1000

# SIGNAL LEVEL METER

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# MODEL MS1000

Introducing microSTEALTH

# INTRODUCTION

The MS1000 Signal Level Meter is a high performance instrument designed for cable television installers. The durable, waterproof MS1000 makes innovative use of a graphics LCD to simplify operation. The LCD backlight makes measurements easier in crawl spaces and behind TVs. The display is easy to see in bright sunlight.

A unique scan mode allows you to see the levels of up to six userdefined carriers on one screen with a pass/fail limit indication. You can also view level measurements at a single frequency or for a specific channel. When tuned to a channel, the display indicates the levels of the video and audio carriers, and the difference between the carrier levels.

When performing an installation, you can press the Installation Check key to quickly verify that all channels are within limits that you have defined. You can use this feature to determine whether or not a subscriber connection meets FCC or other government requirements.

A special channel plan building mode automatically determines which channels are active on your cable system.

The MS1000 tunes from 45 to 550 MHz with an option to extend the range to 890 MHz.



# **GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH THE KEYPAD**

The keypad consists of the following:

- three Soft keys
- a Power key
- four Mode Selection keys
- an Enter key
- eleven Alphanumeric keys
- a Shift key

#### 1. SOFT KEYS

There are three horizontally oriented soft keys located below the display. The function of each soft key changes depending on the particular operation being performed and is represented by an icon immediately above the key.

# 2. () POWER KEY - ON/OFF

Turns your microStealth on and off.

## **3. MODE SELECTION KEYS**

# INSTALLATION MODE

Easily check the channels that you have installed and verify that they are within limits.

## LEVEL MODE

Measure the signal level at a specific channel or frequency.

# |||||| SCAN MODE

View a spectrum graph of up to six carrier levels.



## NAVIGATOR

Instantly "travel" to any mode using the navigator.

# 4. **EIIII** ENTER KEY

Press this key to terminate your entry or selection.

#### 5. ALPHANUMERIC KEYS

You use the alphanumeric keys to enter data while operating your microStealth. Notice that these keys have a numeral and up to three alphabetic characters labeled on them. You can only access the characters when alphanumeric entry is allowed. In the alphanumeric entry mode, you sequence through each character and the numeral by repeatedly pressing the key. You can also access a set of special characters that do not appear on the keypad by using the up and down arrows. Once the desired character is displayed, move the cursor to the next position using the right arrow. Be sure to terminate your entry by pressing the **Lem** key.

#### 6. SHIFT KEY

Some keys perform more than one function. The secondary function of a key is represented by an icon printed next to it. Notice that the icons are color coded with the SHIFT key. You access the secondary function by first pressing the SHIFT key and then the associated key.

## 7. SECONDARY FUNCTIONS



## **CONFIGURE MODE**

Configure your microStealth for your own specific needs.



#### AUTO REFERENCE

Let microStealth automatically set the reference level for you.



#### **SNAP SHOT**

Hold the measurement. The measurement is retained even if the cable is disconnected from the input.



#### CLEAR

Clear-out your entry and start over again.

# **BACKLIGHT ON/OFF**

Quickly turn the backlight on when it is too dark to see the display.

## +/\_ POSITIVE/NEGATIVE

Enter positive and negative values (when allowed).

# HELP

View a description of each icon found in the current soft key menu.

#### Note:

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The following keys are not available on the MS1000:

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FILE

PRINT

# **GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH THE SCREEN**

There are certain elements of the screen that will become familiar to you as you use your microStealth.

## The Title Bar

Notice the title bar at the very top of the screen. It presents the title and icon for the current mode you are using.



## **Title Bar Indicators**

You may see indicators appear above the title bar from time to time. This is what they represent:



This indicator appears in the top right-hand corner of the screen when you press the SHIFT key. This means that microStealth will interpret the next key that you press to be a secondary function.

- This indicator is displayed to warn you that the battery is low. When you see this, recharge the battery or change to a fresh one as soon as possible.
- ••• This indicates that the RF synthesizer has become unlocked. If this condition persists, the unit may need repair.

#### The Status Bar

Look for the status bar in the lower portion of the screen. It displays a bar meter that indicates the charge remaining in your microStealth's battery. When the battery meter reads low, you will need to switch to a freshly charged battery soon.

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#### Soft Key Icons

There are three soft keys located immediately below the display. The function of a soft key is represented by the icon directly above it.

#### Note

If the soft key function is not currently available, the icon appears "grayed" or "dimmed".

#### Lists

Lists present several items for viewing and/or selecting. Notice that the currently chosen item is highlighted. You can scroll through the list using the up and down arrows.

| SELECT CHANNEL PLAN<br>VIDEO SIGNAL TYPE  |  |
|-------------------------------------------|--|
| CHANNEL SEQUENCE                          |  |
| EDIT CHANNEL PLAN<br>SELECT SCAN CHANNELS |  |
| CHANNEL PACKAGES                          |  |

A list can be either "active" or "inactive". You can tell by looking at the border. If the border is solid, the list is active and any keys that you press are directed toward it. If the border is dim, the list is inactive and is not affected by key presses. Usually you can make a list become active by pressing the En key.

When there are more items in the list than can be displayed at one time, a scroll bar appears along the right-hand edge of the list. You can use this to get an idea of where you are. When you have reached the first or last item, an arrow appears inside the scroll box pointing to the direction you can go.

#### The Edit Box

The edit box appears in the lower portion of the screen when it is necessary to enter values into your microStealth.

STOP FREQ: **SSO** MHz

An edit box can be either "active" or "inactive". You can tell by looking at the border. If the border is solid, the edit box is active and any keys that you press are directed toward it. If the border is dim, the edit box is inactive and is not affected by key presses. Usually you can make a list become active by pressing the en key. Be sure to press the en key again when you have finished making your entry.

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You can easily travel to any mode using the NAVIGATOR. To access the NAVIGATOR, press the + key.



An icon appears on the screen for each available mode. Use the up, down, left, and right arrows to highlight the icon that represents the mode you want to use. Notice that the name of the mode appears on the lower portion of the screen beneath the status bar. To get a description of the highlighted mode, press the SHIFT + ? key. To travel to the mode you have highlighted, press any one of the soft keys or the encoded to the screen beneath the status bar.

#### Tip

You can also use the numeric keys, 1 through 9 to highlight the desired icon in the NAVIGATOR screen. Each key corresponds to an icon in the 3 by 3 matrix.

# X CONFIGURING microSTEALTH

Before using your microStealth, you may want to configure it for your specific needs. The CONFIGURE mode allows you to select global and measurement related preferences and to build and edit a channel plan that matches your cable plant. To configure your microStealth, press the SHIFT +  $\mathbf{X}$  keys or choose the  $\mathbf{X}$  icon from the NAVIGATOR. The following screen appears:



Configuration settings are divided into three categories; GLOBAL, MEASUREMENTS, and CHANNEL PLAN. Use the up and down arrows to highlight the category you want and then press the end key.

#### Tip

You can also use the left-hand and right-hand soft keys to scroll through the CONFIGURE categories and then press the middle soft key to select the highlighted category.



## **Global Configuration**

#### CONTRAST LEVEL

Adjusts the contrast level of the LCD for optimum viewing.

#### SHUTOFF TIME-OUT

Sets the amount of inactive time allowed before your microStealth turns off automatically. This feature is useful for conserving battery life by preventing the microStealth from being left on accidentally when it is not in use. You can set the time-out period to 1, 3, or 5 minutes. There is also an "always on" setting that defeats the automatic shutoff feature if desired.

#### Note

You can manually turn off your microStealth at any time by pressing the  $\bigcirc$  button.

#### BACKLIGHT TIME-OUT

Sets the amount of inactive time allowed before the backlight turns off automatically. The backlight consumes significant power. This feature conserves battery life by minimizing the amount of time that the backlight is on. You can set the time-out period to; 5 or 10 seconds. There is an always off setting for when the backlight is not needed at all. There is also an always on setting that defeats the backlight time-out feature.

You can manually turn the backlight on or off at any time by pressing the SHIFT +  $\frac{1}{10}$  keys. When manually activated, the backlight remains on continuously until the unit shuts off.

#### Tip

You can tell when the backlight is on even in bright sunlight by looking for the backlight indicator at the left-hand edge of the Title Bar. The **\*** indicator means that the backlight is currently on and will turn off automatically. The **\*** indicator means that the backlight is on and will remain on continuously. If you see no indicator, the backlight is off.

#### DIAGNOSTICS

Performs hardware diagnostics and defaults stored preferences to factory presets. Press the end key to access the diagnostics options.

#### **Factory Default**

Sets all stored preferences to factory presets. Press the en key to initiate the default operation.

#### Important

All stored settings are lost when you perform this operation.

#### **Test Display**

Exercises all pixels on the LCD for test purposes. Repeated pressing of the exercises the display between all pixels "on", all pixels "off", and the display test screen.



## **Measurements Configuration**

#### SIGNAL LEVEL UNITS

Selects the units that will be used for all signal level measurements. You can select between; dBmV,  $dB\mu V$  and dBm.

#### PROBE COMPENSATION

This can be used to compensate for losses associated with probe points found on certain amplifiers. You can enter a value between -99.9 and +99.9 dB. Probe compensation is added directly to signal level measurements. The compensation value is indicated in the upper left-hand corner of the measurement screens. There is no indication, however, if the compensation value is zero.

#### Important

The PROBE COMPENSATION value will not affect INSTALLA-TION or CHANNEL PLAN BUILD mode. Level measurements made while checking an installation are uncompensated.

#### FREQUENCY TUNING STEP SIZE

This setting affects the increment/decrement step size when you are tuning the frequency using the left and right arrows. You can select a value between 25kHz and 100MHz in steps of 25kHz.

#### EDIT TEST POINTS

Your microStealth is capable of performing tests at various locations including; SUBSCRIBER DROP, GROUND BLOCK, TAP, and USER DEFINED (or CUSTOM). Each test point has its own set of limits that you can edit. Press the rest key to edit the test points. A list of available test points appears.



You can enable or disable each test point in the list. When a test point is disabled, you cannot use it when performing tests. Use the up or down arrow to highlight the desired test point. If the high-

lighted test point is disabled, you can enable it by pressing the soft key. A check mark appears in the left-hand column to indicate when a test point is enabled. If the test point is already enabled,

pressing the 🗹 soft key disables it.

#### Tip

You can change the name of the USER DEFINED (CUSTOM) test point. Notice that the edit box appears when this test point is highlighted. When you press the **Constant** key, the edit box becomes active and you can enter any name up to fifteen characters long. Be sure to press the **Constant** key when finished to terminate your entry.

You can edit the limits for the highlighted test point by pressing the soft key. The limits appear on the screen.



You can selectively enable or disable each individual limit. When a limit is disabled, your microStealth excludes it when checking limits. If the highlighted limit is disabled, you can enable it by

pressing the  $\blacksquare$  soft key. A check mark appears in the left-hand column to indicate when a limit is enabled. If the limit is already enabled, pressing the  $\blacksquare$  soft key disables it.

#### Note

If you disable all of the limits within a test point, the test point becomes disabled. You cannot enable a test point that has no enabled limits.

You can edit the value of the highlighted limit by pressing the enkey. When the edit box becomes active, enter the desired value. Be sure to press the enkey when finished to terminate your entry.

Press the **soft** key to return all limits in the test point to their factory preset values.



#### **Channel Plan Configuration**

#### VIDEO SIGNAL TYPE

Your microStealth is capable of measuring signal levels on NTSC or PAL video signals. You should make sure that the correct video type is selected.

#### CHANNEL SEQUENCE

You can specify whether channels are listed in numeric or frequency order. This setting also affects the sequence in which channels are tuned in the LEVEL screen when using the left and right arrows.

#### Note

The SCAN screen always displays channels in order of frequency regardless of the CHANNEL SEQUENCE setting.

#### **BUILD CHANNEL PLAN**

Your microStealth is capable of learning which channels are on your cable plant. This allows you to quickly and easily generate a customized channel plan. Press the en key and let microStealth learn your system.

#### Important

Be sure that your microStealth is connected to the cable system before initiating this procedure.

#### Step 1

You are asked to enter a name for the channel plan. Using the edit box, you can enter any name up to fifteen characters long. Be sure to terminate your entry with the **m** key.

Press the  $\Box K$  soft key to continue with the next step.

#### Step 2

There are several base channel plans to use as a foundation for building your plan. Use the up or down arrows to highlight the one that is appropriate for your system. Press

the  $\Box K$  soft key to continue with the next step.

#### Step 3

You can tell microStealth what frequency to stop searching for channels. This will save time when building the plan. The frequency you enter should be just above the highest channel on your system. If you are not sure what the frequency of your highest channel is, just use the default value that appears in the edit box. If you have entered a value, be sure to terminate your entry with the wey.

Press the  $\bigcirc$  soft key to begin building the plan.

Upon pressing the **DK** soft key, microStealth begins searching your system for active channels. A bar graph indicates the percentage of the channels searched. After the plan has been built, press the **J** soft key to return to the Channel Plan Configuration screen.

#### EDIT CHANNEL PLAN

You can edit various parameters for each channel. Press the environment was the channels. A list of all the channels in the plan appears.

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You must enable a channel in order to perform measurements on it. A check mark appears in the left-hand column when the channel is enabled. When you built the plan, microStealth automatically enabled all the channels it found to be active on your system. You may want to verify that all your channels have been correctly

enabled. Use the **Soft** key to enable/disable the channel highlighted in the list.

There are several parameters that you can specify for each channel. To do this, highlight the desired channel using the up or down arrow and press the soft key or the key. The parameters for that channel appear.



Use the up or down arrow to highlight the desired parameter. Press the **m** key to edit the selected parameter. After completing your entry, be sure to press the **m** key again.

#### Enabled

As mentioned earlier, a channel must be enabled in order for it to be measured. This is another place where you can enable or disable the channel.

#### Type

There are three channel types from which to choose:

- TV -the standard video and audio carriers
- DUAL -a video carrier with two independent audio carriers
- SNGL -a single carrier

#### Frequency

This is the frequency of the video carrier in MHz.

#### **Channel Number**

The channel number can range from 1 to 999.

#### Label

You can enter a label up to four characters in length for each channel. This label appears next to the channel number on most screens to help you to remember what programming is on that channel.

#### Package

You can organize channels into packages. In the edit box, you can select any package that is enabled (see the section on CHANNEL PACKAGES). When you are checking an installation, you can specify which packages the subscriber has ordered and your microStealth will verify that the channels are correctly installed.

#### Scrambled

If the channel is scrambled, select YES here so that accurate measurements can be made.

#### Important

microStealth supports several scrambling formats including the following:

Horizontal Sync Suppression

#### Audio Offset (TV and DUAL type only)

This is the offset between the video and audio carriers in MHz.

#### Audio Offset 2 (DUAL type only)

This is the offset between the video and second audio carriers in MHz.

When you are finished editing the channel, press the  $\Box K$  soft key to return to the channel list.

#### Tip

Notice that the selected channel number is displayed in the upper right-hand corner of the parameter list. When the list is active, you can use the left or right arrows to select the previous or next channel in the plan. You can also use the numeric keys to directly enter a specific channel number.

#### SELECT SCAN CHANNELS

Press the extreme key to specify which carriers will be measured on the SCAN screen. A list of all enabled channels in the current plan appears.



Up to six SCAN channels can be selected. To select a SCAN channel, use the up or down arrow to highlight the desired channel in the list, then press the  $\Box$  soft key. A check mark will appear in the left-hand column of the list indicating that this is now a SCAN channel. Also, the channel number will appear in one of the six boxes above the list. Press the  $\Box$  key a second time to deselect the SCAN channel.

#### Note

The SCAN channel numbers are displayed above the list in order of increasing frequency - not in the order in which they were selected.

When you are finished, press the **DK** soft key.

#### CHANNEL PACKAGES

Channel packages allow you to organize channels into groups or tiers. You can specify which channels you have installed for a subscriber when checking an installation. Your microStealth can then determine if the channels are installed properly.

Press the en key to display a list of channel packages.



These are the packages that will be available to you when you edit a channel. You will be able to select from one of these packages for each channel in the plan.

To enable a package, press the  $\square$  softkey. A check mark appears in the left-hand column to indicate that the package is enabled. If the package is already enabled, pressing the  $\square$  softkey disables it. You will be asked to verify your intention to disable the package.

#### Important

The number in the right-hand column of the package list indicates how many channels are currently using the package. When you disable a package, all channels using that package default to NONE (no package).

To edit the name of a package, use the up or down arrow to highlight the desired package and then press the two key. You can then use the edit box to change the name. Be sure to press the two key when you are finished to terminate the entry.

#### Tip

There is no minimum on the number of channels that a package can contain. If you want, you can create a package for only one channel.

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# INTRODUCTION

The best way to learn about microStealth is to use it. Section 2 discusses the individual measurements available with the MS1000. Each measurement mode discussion includes detailed descriptions on how to perform the measurement as well as operating controls and indicators.



The INSTALLATION mode allows you to easily check the channels that you have just installed and verify that they are within limits. If you have configured channel packages, you can tell your microStealth which packages the subscriber has ordered and it will display only those channels.

Press the  $\checkmark$  key to select the INSTALLATION mode or choose the  $\checkmark$  icon from the NAVIGATOR. Your microStealth will begin measuring all the enabled channels in the plan. A bar graph indicates the percentage of channels measured. When microStealth has finished, you can view the results and verify that all channels are within limits.

#### SELECTING CHANNEL PACKAGES

If you have configured channel packages, a list of available packages will appear. From this list, you can select the packages that the subscriber has ordered. The number to the right of the package name tells you how many channels are included in each package. Use the up or down arrows to highlight a package and then press the  $\boxed{}$  soft key to select it. A check mark appears in the left-hand column of the list indicating that the package is selected. If the highlighted package is already selected, pressing the  $\boxed{}$  soft key deselects it.

#### Tip

Select "ALL CHANNELS" if you want to include **all** the enabled channels in the plan.

Press the **DK** soft key or **Call** when you have finished. Now your microStealth will only evaluate the channels from the packages that you have selected.

#### Tip

You can return to this screen at any time to change your package selection by pressing the  $\textcircled{\mathbb{B}}$  soft key.

#### SELECTING THE TEST POINT

The next thing you should do is tell microStealth at which test point you are located. This determines which set of limits are used. Press the  $\boxed{r_{\pm}^{c_{\pm}}}$  soft key to sequence through the available test points. The test point that you have selected is represented in the upper portion of the screen by one of the following icons:



#### Note

Be sure that you have enabled all of the test points that you are interested in using. The  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}+1}$  soft key is only available if there is more than one enabled test point. (see EDIT TEST POINTS).

#### Important

Only the limits that are enabled in the selected test point are checked (see EDIT TEST POINTS).

#### INSTALLATION RESULTS SUMMARY

This is the overall limit check summary for all channels in the packages that you have selected.



To quickly determine the status of the overall limit check, look at the PASS/FAIL indicator located in the upper portion of the screen. This indicates FAIL if any channel is not within the required limits. For each limit, the worst case actual value is displayed along with a pass/fail status.

#### Note

Only the limits that are enabled in the selected test point appear on this screen. If there are no enabled test points, this screen will not be available. You can however, view the CHANNEL LIST and CHANNEL MEASUREMENT screens described below.

#### THE CHANNEL LIST

Press the soft key or to sequence to the channel list screen.

#### Tip

In addition to using the 2 and 2 we keys, you can also use the left and right arrows to sequence through the results screens.

The channel list provides essential information about each channel.



In the list you will find the channel number in the first column followed by the label. The level of the video carrier is in the next column. The package in which the channel is contained is displayed in the fourth column. Finally, the overall limits pass/fail result for the channel is found in the last column.

#### THE PASS/FAIL INDICATOR

Use the PASS/FAIL indicator located directly above the channel list to quickly determine whether the highlighted channel has passed the limits check. If the channel failed, you can identify the reason(s) for the failure by looking at the symbols that appear in this indicator.





This screen displays video and audio carrier level measurements along with the DVA for the selected channel. Use the up or down arrows to select the previous or next channel in the list.



Press the  $\_\_$  key to select LEVEL mode or choose the  $\_\_$  icon from the NAVIGATOR. Here you can measure the signal level of a specific channel or frequency. The level is indicated both numerically and on an analog meter.



#### ADJUSTING THE REFERENCE LEVEL

You can adjust the reference level setting of the analog bar meter using the up and down arrows. When you press the SHIFT +  $\Xi$  keys, your microStealth automatically sets the optimum reference level for you.

#### TUNING BY CHANNEL

When you are tuned to a channel, both the video and audio carriers of the channel are measured and displayed simultaneously. The difference between the video and audio carriers is also shown. The channel number, type and label for the channel that you are currently tuned to appear in the upper right-hand portion of the screen. You can use the left or right arrows to tune to the previous or next enabled channel in the plan. You can also use the numeric entry

keys to tune directly to the desired channel. Press the  $\searrow$  soft key to tune by frequency.

#### TUNING BY FREQUENCY

The Soft key toggles between frequency and channel tuning. When you choose frequency tuning, microStealth tunes to the video carrier frequency of the previously selected channel.



Use the left and right arrows to tune your microStealth. The frequency increments or decrements by the step size that you have specified in the Measurement configuration (see FREQUENCY TUNING STEP SIZE). You can also use the numeric entry keys to tune directly to the frequency desired.

#### MEASUREMENT HOLD

You can freeze the level measurement at any time by pressing the SHIFT + keys. The measurement is retained even if the cable is disconnected from the input port. Notice that the mode icon in the upper left-hand portion of the screen appears inverted while the measurement is on hold. Pressing the SHIFT + keys a second time releases the hold. The hold is also released when you tune to a different channel or frequency. The measurement is not retained when another mode is selected or the microStealth is shut off.

#### WARNING INDICATORS

If the current measurement is inaccurate due to an out-of-range condition or hardware failure, microStealth warns you by dimming the numeric measurement value and displaying one of the following warning indicators:

#### **Over-range**

The signal level is above the measurement range of the instrument.



#### **Under-range**

The signal level is below the measurement range of the instrument.



#### Error

A hardware problem exists. If this condition persists, the unit may need repair.

# SCAN

Press the <u>IIIIII</u> key to select SCAN mode or choose the <u>IIIII</u> icon from the NAVIGATOR. A spectral graph of the SCAN carriers appears.

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|          |      |        |           |       |                 |
| 0471     | 223  | .25 MF | iz        | +14   | 9 dBmV<br>85205 |
| <b>-</b> |      |        |           |       | Δ÷              |

#### Important

You can choose which carriers appear on this screen when you configure your channel plan (see SELECT SCAN CHANNELS).

#### MOVING THE MARKER

You can view up to six carriers. A vertical marker appears over the currently selected carrier. The channel number, type, and label for the selected carrier appear in the upper right-hand portion of the screen. The frequency and level of the selected carrier can be seen directly beneath the graph. You can use the left or right arrows to select the previous or next carrier.

#### ADJUSTING THE REFERENCE LEVEL

The current reference level setting is displayed above the graph. This is the level at the very top line. You can adjust the reference level using the up and down arrows. When you press the SHIFT + Exercise keys, your microStealth sets the optimum reference level for you.

#### ADJUSTING THE SCALE

The current scale setting is displayed above the graph. You can adjust the scale to provide the best view of the carrier levels by

pressing the soft key. A new set of soft keys appear. Use the

 $\blacktriangle$  and  $\bigtriangledown$  soft keys to increment and decrement the scale

value. Press the 🚔 soft key when you are finished.

#### CHECKING LIMITS

You can verify that the carrier levels are within limits. First you need to tell microStealth which test point you are checking. This determines which set of limits are used. Press the  $\boxed{r}$  soft key to sequence through the available test points. The test point that you have selected is represented in the upper portion of the screen by one of the following icons:

| 4        | Subscriber Drop |
|----------|-----------------|
| ÷        | Ground Block    |
| $\nabla$ | Tap             |
| **       | User Defined    |

Note

Be sure that you have enabled all of the test points that you are interested in using. The  $\frac{19}{\sqrt{7}+1}$  soft key is only available if there is more than one enabled test point. (see EDIT TEST POINTS).

When you have selected the proper test point, microStealth shows the minimum and maximum carrier level limits for that test point on the graph. The out-of-limit portion appears as diagonal "hash" areas. You can toggle the hash lines on and off by pressing the test key.



You can quickly check to see if all SCAN carriers are within limits by looking at the PASS/FAIL indicator above the graph.

#### MEASUREMENT HOLD

You can freeze the SCAN measurement at any time by pressing the SHIFT + keys. The measurement is retained even if the cable is disconnected from the input port. Notice that the mode icon in the upper left-hand portion of the screen appears inverted while the measurement is on hold. Pressing the SHIFT + keys a second time releases the hold. The measurement is not retained when another mode is selected or the microStealth is shut off.

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# **USING THE REFERENCE SECTION**

This section provides additional information concerning the use of the MS1000. Items to be discussed include; Help, Information, and Technical Support.



The HELP mode provides on-line user assistance by means of context-sensitive help screens. During normal operations, soft key icons appear at the bottom of the display. Each help screen describes the condition of the soft key icons at the time HELP was pressed.

Press the SHIFT + ? key to select the HELP mode.



Next to the icon is a brief description of the function that the soft key performs. If an icon is currently inactive "not available" is displayed.

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Choose the file icon from the NAVIGATOR. Here you can view information concerning your MS1000. The type of information includes; model, frequency range, serial #, firmware version, calibration date, and channel plan.



# **TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

Although we've worked hard to make the MS1000 as easy-to-use as possible, the wide range of cable television applications can make proper operation a difficult task. If you have a problem using your unit you can contact Wavetek's Technical Support for help. You can reach Wavetek's Technical Support, Monday through Friday between 8 am and 5 pm at (**317**) **788-5960**. Wavetek also maintains technical support on the Internet. You can leave messages and a Technical Support Specialist will get back to you at Internet address: CATVSUPPORT@wavetek.com.

If you received your unit and found it to be damaged or incomplete in any way, phone Wavetek immediately. Save the shipping carton and packing material in the event that you have to return it.

FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE call: <u>WAVETEK (800) 851-1198</u>, International Customers, contact your local Wavetek Representative.

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# **SPECIFICATIONS**

| Frequency             |                                                                               |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Range:                | 45 to 550 MHz; 45 to 890 MHz (optional)                                       |
| Accuracy:             | <u>+</u> 10kHz @ 25°C; ( <u>+</u> 20 kHz over temp.)                          |
| Tuning Resolution:    | 25 kHz                                                                        |
| Level Measurement     |                                                                               |
| Range:                | -20 to +45 dBmV                                                               |
| Resolution:           | 0.1 dB                                                                        |
| Accuracy:             | ±0.75 dB Flatness; ±0.75 dB Linearity                                         |
| Six Channel Mode      |                                                                               |
| Number of Channels:   | 6                                                                             |
| Scan Rate:            | < 1 second                                                                    |
| General               |                                                                               |
| Dimensions:           | 4.25" (W) x 10" (H) x 2.5" (D)                                                |
| Weight:               | 0.8 kg (1.75 lb.)                                                             |
| Operating Temp. Range | e: $-10 \text{ to } +50^{\circ}\text{C} (14 \text{ to } 122^{\circ}\text{F})$ |
| Water Resistance:     | Meets or exceeds MIL-STD-810D                                                 |
|                       | (Method 506.2)                                                                |

#### Powering

| Battery Life: | 3 hours continuous (backlight off), re |
|---------------|----------------------------------------|
|               | placeable battery cartridge            |
| Charge Time:  | 16 hours with unit off; 30 hours slow  |
|               | charge (with unit operating)           |

#### **Standard Accessories**

| 4010-00-0114: | microStealth AC/DC charger/adapter |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 1219-00-1223: | Battery cartridge for microStealth |

#### Options

MSUHF: Frequency extension to cover range: 45 to 890 MHz MSSUB: Frequency extension to include 5 to 45 MHz 1019-00-0476: microStealth Soft Carrying Case 1019-00-0470: Cloning Cable 1019-00-0480: Multiple battery cartridge charger 4010-00-0114: Charger/Adapter 120VAC to 18 VDC 1019-00-0473: Charger/Adapter 220VAC to 18 VDC 1219-00-0123: Field replaceable microStealth battery cartridge P-Stealth: Portable serial thermal fusion printer kit 1019-00-0468: P-Stealth printer cable 1019-00-0467: Generic serial printer cable - 25 pin male connector 1019-00-0469: microStealth to PC Cable

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Appendix B: Power Management and Battery

## **Battery Pack Location and Installation**

The MS1000 battery pack is located on the back of the unit. To remove or replace the battery pack, pull the notched tab downward, and lift up the battery pack.

To install the battery pack, insert the bottom of the pack into the groove and press down on the battery pack until it clicks into place.

## **Charging the Battery Pack**

To recharge the battery pack, plug the AC adapter into the unit. The unit will reach fully charged in 16 hours with unit off, and 30 hours with unit operating.

## **Battery Tips**

The MS1000 is shipped from the factory only with a light charge. You should recharge the battery upon receipt of your unit to ensure a full charge.

To maximize battery life, set Auto Shutoff to 1 minute and Backlight Shutoff to "always off". These items are described in the Global Configuration section.