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3.3GHz/8.5GHz Handheld Signal Analyzer

MSA538(E/TG)/MSA558(E)

Operating manual

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Before Using the Product

- Please use following the below notes described on the back panel.



• For safe use

- 1) When abnormal sound, abnormal smell or smoke is found, stop using and remove the battery and AC adapter.
- 2) Never use this product by wet hands, or the electric shock, a fire or the damage is caused.
- 3) Never use this product when thundering, or the damage by lightning may be caused.
- 4) Never use any AC adapter other than specified, or the damage is caused. And connect the power cable to three-terminal outlet for protecting from static electricity, or this product or a device under test may be damaged.
- 5) Never use any battery other than specified, or this product is damaged. When removing or installing the battery, do it after turning off the power and disconnecting AC adapter.
- 6) Be sure to charge the battery by the specified way.
Moreover, an explosion, a fire or smoking may happen if the handling of the battery is improper.
Please read the notes of the handling of battery.

• Set clock function

The time information is set at Japan standard time. Set the year, month, day and time when MSA500 series is used for the first time. (Refer to “24.4 Setting of clock” for the details.)

• **Quality assurance**

Warranty

If the defect by our responsibility occurs within one year after delivered, it shall be repaired free of charge. However, this warranty does not cover such defect that :

- 1) is caused by a fire or natural disasters.
- 2) is caused by inappropriate handling such as dropping while moving the unit delivered.
- 3) is caused by handling in contradiction to usage or precautions described in the operating manual.
- 4) is caused by modification or misuse.

We will not be responsible for direct or indirect damage caused by use or defect of this product.

Warm-up time

Warm up the product for ten minutes at least after turning on the power in order to stabilize the internal circuit.

Precautions for storage

- 1) Store this unit avoiding direct sunlight or dust.
- 2) Store this unit in a place where temperature is -20°C to 60°C, humidity is less than 60°C/70%RH and also variation of temperature and humidity is small.

After service

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1. Outline

1.1 Product outlines

MSA500 series signal analyzer offers both the real time system based on Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) and the conventional sweep system. Each strong point of both systems is effectively usable.

The features are as follows.

1) Real time plus Sweep system

In real time system, the spectrum which occurs in an instant won't be missed. It is optimum for analyzing a noise and a transitional phenomenon. On the other hand, the sweep system is suitable for observing at wide frequency range. Various applications can be covered by making good use of advantage of each system.

2) Sufficient analysis functions

In real time system, Spectrogram analysis and OverWrite analysis can be performed besides Spectrum analysis. Furthermore, time domain analysis is also available.

3) Time domain analysis expanding analyzer capability

In real time system, time domain analyses such as power vs. time, frequency vs. time, phase vs. time, IQ vs. time and Q vs. I are possible.

4) Fast OverWrite analysis of 720 frames/sec

Since OverWrite analysis in real time system is processed at high speed as 720 frames/sec, even unnecessary spectrum which appears rarely isn't missed.

5) Powerful trigger functions

In real time system, powerful trigger functions such as channel power trigger, power trigger, IF level trigger and external trigger can be used.

6) Real time operation by 20MHz maximum span

Since a signal can be observed with maximum span of 20MHz in real time system, the modulation signals of almost all of wireless communications can be captured.

7) Large memory of 16K frames and high speed USB communication

In real time system, data can be captured for a long time because the IQ memory is as large as 16K frames (64M bytes). Moreover, IQ data can be transmitted to PC at speed of 19ms/frame.

8) Average noise level -162dBm/Hz

The average noise level of -162dBm/Hz at [MSA538/538TG/538E] and -157dBm/Hz at [MSA558/558E] is achieved. At span 20kHz in real time mode, it is -140dBm and -135dBm respectively.

9) Compact and lightweight 1.8kg

The dimensions are as small as 162(W)x71(H)x265(D)mm, and the weight is only 1.8kg including the battery. It is very convenient for outdoor use and on business trip.

10) Four-hour battery operation

Lithium-ion battery MB400 (option) fully charged enables about four-hour battery operation at backlight off.

11) Data storage into USB memory

USB memory can be used as an external memory. The screen image is stored by BMP format. And the spectrum waveform, IQ data and setting parameters are stored by CSV format. Moreover, the screen image is copied on the optional USB printer as it is.

12) Functions comparable to a bench type

- Measuring functions : Channel power, Adjacent channel power, Occupied bandwidth, Electric field strength, Magnetic field strength and Noise measurement
- Calculation functions : MaxHold, MinHold, Averaging, OverWrite
- Marker measurement and peak search function

1.2 Standard accessories

1. AC adaptor MA400
2. Carrying case
3. Accessory pouch
4. Operating manual

1.3 Lineup of five models

Model	Contents
MSA538	20kHz to 3.3GHz The most popular model
MSA558	20kHz to 8.5GHz Covering almost all wireless systems
MSA538TG	20kHz to 3.3GHz With TG from 5MHz to 3.3GHz
MSA538E	20kHz to 3.3GHz With 3.3GHz EMI measurement
MSA558E	20kHz to 8.5GHz With 8.5GHz EMI measurement

2. Specifications

2.1 Performances

■ Frequency section

		MSA538/538E/538TG	MSA558/558E
Frequency range		20kHz to 3.3GHz	20kHz to 8.5GHz
Center frequency			
	Setting resolution	100Hz Allows rotary encoder, numeric key and function key.	
	Accuracy	Sweep mode : $\pm(30+20T)\text{kHz} \pm 1\text{dot} @ \text{span} \leq 10\text{MHz}$, ※1 $\pm(60+300T)\text{kHz} \pm 1\text{dot} @ \text{span} \geq 20\text{MHz}$, ※1 T: sweep time (s) Real time mode : $\pm 0.5\text{ppm} \pm 1\text{dot}$	
Frequency span			
	Setting range	Sweep mode: 0Hz (zero span), 100kHz to 2GHz (1-2-5 step) and 3.3GHz (full span) Real time mode: 20kHz to 20MHz (1-2-5 step)	Sweep mode: 0Hz (zero span), 100kHz to 5GHz (1-2-5 step) and 8.5GHz (full span) Real time mode: 20kHz to 20MHz (1-2-5 step)
	Accuracy	Sweep mode : $\pm 3\% \pm 1\text{dot} @$ one step slower sweep time than AUTO, ※1 Real time mode: $\pm 0.1\% \pm 1\text{dot}$	
Display dots		501dots	
Resolution bandwidth		※Valid only in sweep mode, 3dB bandwidth	
	Setting range	300Hz to 3MHz (1-3 step) and AUTO <MSA538/538TG/558> 300Hz to 3MHz (1-3 step) and AUTO, in addition 9kHz(6dB), 120kHz(6dB) and 1MHz(6dB) <MSA538E/558E>	
	Accuracy	$\pm 10\%$ (@excluding 3MHz), $\pm 20\%$ (@3MHz)	
	Selectivity	1 : 4.5 (typical)@3dB:60dB	
Video bandwidth		※Valid only in sweep mode, 3dB bandwidth	
	Setting range	100Hz to 3MHz (1-3 step) and AUTO	
SSB phase noise		-95dBc/Hz (typical)@100kHz offset	
Spurious response		less than -60dBc@sweep mode, applied to 5dB lower signal from REF level, spurious free mode at MSA558/558E less than -60dBc@real time mode, applied to 5dB lower signal from REF level, to be no signal of (REF-35dB) or more outside center frequency $\pm 200\text{MHz}$ at MSA558/558E	
Residual responses		-80dBm (typical)@REF level \leq -15dBm	
Harmonics		-40dBc (typical)@ $\geq 10\text{MHz}$	
Reference frequency			
	Temperature stability	$\pm 0.2\text{ppm} @ 0$ to 50°C	
	Aging rate	$\pm 0.5\text{ppm} @ 1$ year	

※1 : 23±5°C, less than 28°C/70%RH

Amplitude section

	MSA538/538E/538TG	MSA558/558E
Reference level		
Setting range	+10 to -60dBm, 1dB step	
Accuracy	$\pm 0.8\text{dB} \pm 1\text{dot}@CF 100\text{MHz}$, REF -15dBm ※1	
Unit	dBm, dBV, dBmV, dB μ V, dB μ V/m, dB μ A/m	
Average noise level	-162dBm/Hz (typical) @ 1GHz <Ref.>At real time mode, 1GHz and span 20kHz : -140dBm(typical)	-157dBm/Hz (typical) @ 1GHz <Ref.> At real time mode, 1GHz and span 20kHz : -135dBm(typical)
Frequency response	$\pm 2.6\text{dB} \pm 1\text{dot} @ < 10\text{MHz}$ $\pm 1.0\text{dB} \pm 1\text{dot} @ \geq 10\text{MHz}$	
Input impedance	50 Ω	
Input VSWR	2.0 (typical)	
Input attenuator		
Attenuation range	0 to 25dB (1dB step), coupled with reference level	
Switching error	$\pm 0.6\text{dB} @ 100\text{MHz}$	
Display scale		
Display dots	381 dots/10div	
Scale	Spectrum and OverWire: 2, 5, 10dB/div Power vs. time: 1, 2, 5, 10dB/div Frequency vs. time: 1, 2, 5, 10%/div of span (actually, displayed by “Hz/div” coupled with span) Phase vs. time: 5, 10, 20, 40° /div IQ vs. time: 0.02, 0.05, 0.1, 0.2V/div	
Accuracy	$\pm(0.1\text{dB}+1\text{dot})/2\text{dB}$, $\pm(0.2\text{dB}+1\text{dot})/5\text{dB}$, $\pm(0.4\text{dB}+1\text{dot})/10\text{dB}$, $\pm(0.9\text{dB}+1\text{dot})/83\text{dB}$	
Offset	Spectrum: $\pm 200\text{dB}$, resolution 0.1dB Power vs. time: $\pm 100\text{dB}$, resolution 1dB Frequency vs. time: $\pm(\text{span}/2)$, resolution (span/100) Phase vs. time: $\pm 200^\circ$, resolution 1° IQ vs. time: $\pm 1\text{V}$, resolution 10mV	
Input damage level	+27dBm(CW average power), 25VDC	
RF input connector	N(J) connector	

※1 : 23 \pm 5°C, less than 28°C/70%RH

■ Sweep section

		MSA538/538E/538TG	MSA558/558E
Sweep time		※Valid only in sweep mode	
	Setting range	10ms to 30s (1-3 step, span 0 to 2GHz) and AUTO 30ms to 30s (1-3 step, full span) and AUTO	10ms to 30s (1-3 step, span 0 to 2GHz) and AUTO 30ms to 30s (1-3 step, span 5GHz, full span) and AUTO
	Accuracy	±0.1%±1dot @excluding full span ±1.5%±1dot @full span	±0.1%±1dot @excluding full span ±2.5%±1dot @full span
Trigger		※Valid only in real time mode and zero span of sweep mode	
	Trigger mode	Free run, Trigger	
	Scan mode	Single, Continuous@ valid only in real time mode	
	Trigger source	Sweep mode: Internal and External Real time mode: Channel power, Power, IF level and External	
	Level setting range	Internal@ sweep mode: fixed Channel power: 0dB(ref. level) to -40dB, 1dB step Power: 0dB(ref. level) to -40dB, 1dB step IF level: 1 to 100% (full scale of A/D converter), 1% step	
	Slope	Rising, Falling@ valid only in real time mode	
	Pre-trigger	※Valid only in real time mode	
	Setting range	0 to 100%, 25% step	
	External trigger		
	Voltage range	1 to 10Vp-p	
	Frequency range	DC to 5MHz	
	Input RC	approx. 10kΩ // less than 15pF	
	Input coupling	DC coupling	
	Trigger level	approx. 0.56V(fixed)	
	Input damage level	±50V(DC+AC peak)	
	Input connector	SMA(J) connector	
	Time resolution	5 samples @channel power 1 sample @power 14.7ns @IF level	
Detection mode		Positive peak, Negative peak and Sample @valid only in sweep mode. ※As for MSA538E/558E, QP and AV are added further.	

Real time mode

		MSA538/538E/538TG/558/558E common
IQ memory size		64Mbytes
Number of frames		16,383 frames max
Frame time		30.1 μ s (span 20MHz) to 30.1ms (span 20kHz)
Analysis function		
	Spectrum analysis	Data of one frame is calculated and displayed as spectrum.
	Windows function	4-term Blackman-Harris window
	Equivalent noise band width	Span/301
	Spectrogram analysis	Three dimensional display of X axis: time (frame), Y axis: frequency and Z axis: power (magnitude is expressed by colors)
	OverWrite analysis	Spectrum waveform of each frame is accumulated.
	Overwriting frequency	Expressed in color
	Accumulation rate	720 frames/s
	Accumulation frame number	200, 500, 1000, 2000, 5000, ∞ frames
	Time domain analysis	Following five types of analyses based on IQ data are displayed.
	Power vs. time	Displayed as time on X axis and power on Y axis.
	Frequency vs. time	Displayed as time on X axis and frequency on Y axis.
	Phase vs. time	Displayed as time on X axis and phase on Y axis.
	IQ vs. time	Displayed with two traces as time on X axis and IQ data on Y axis.
	Q vs. I	Displayed with polar coordinates as I data on X axis and Q data on Y axis.

Common function

		MSA538/538E/538TG/558/558E common
Measuring function	Channel power (total power and average power), Adjacent channel power, Occupied bandwidth, Electric field strength (in addition, power density and magnetic field strength measurements, needs optional dipole antenna), Magnetic field strength (needs optional magnetic field probe) and Noise measurements	
Calculation function	Norm, MaxHold, MinHold, Averaging, OverWrite Sweep mode: number of sweeps is 2 to 1024 (power of 2) and infinite Real time mode: number of scans is 2 to 1024 (power of 2) and infinite ※Valid only in spectrum waveform	
Marker measurement	Single: displays frequency (8 digits max) and level (4 digits max) at one marker point. Dual: displays each frequency and level at two marker points. Delta: displays frequency difference and level difference between two markers. ※Invalid in OverWrite analysis	
Peak search function	Searches for peak level within all of 10 div (WHOLE) or within specified zone (ZONE) and displays frequency and level at peak level, and moreover NEXT peak search is possible at WHOLE mode. Available for unit conversion from dB to linear system. ※Invalid in OverWrite analysis	
Auto tuning	When pressing AUTO TUNE of function key, the spectrum of maximum level within full span is adjusted to the center, and is set to optimum reference level. Moreover, RBW, VBW and sweep time are also set to optimum parameters. ※Valid only in sweep mode	

Save/ Load	Save	Saves 200 spectrum waveforms and 200 setting parameters ※ Spectrogram waveform, OverWrite waveform, five kinds of time domain waveforms and IQ data cannot be stored in real time mode.
	Load	Loads one spectrum waveform and one setting parameter.

■ General

		MSA538/538E/538TG/558/558E common
Input connector		N(J) connector
Communication		
	Interface	Corresponding to USB 2.0
	Connector	B plug (device)
	Transfer rate	Full speed (12Mbps)
	Transfer data number	501points (spectrum) / 64Mbytes max (IQ data) @ real time mode 1001points @sweep mode
Hard copy		USB printer (option) connected to A plug (host) enables hard copy of screen image.
USB memory		Uses A plug (host), and stores spectrum waveform, IQ data, setting parameters and [(spectrum waveform or IQ data)+(setting parameters)]. ※Only [IQ data + setting parameters] is re-analyzable after loading.
Display		
	Display	5.7 inches and color LCD
	Backlight	LED backlight
	Number of dots	640(H) x 480(V) dots
Power supply		
	Source of power supply	External DC source (dedicated AC adaptor MA400) and Lithium-ion battery (MB400/option)
	Dedicated AC adaptor	Input : 100 to 240VAC Output : 9VDC/2.6A
	Lithium-ion battery	7.4V/5000mAh
	Charge function	Capable of charging only during power-off. Indicates 4 conditions with two colors LED (red and green).
	Remainder indication	5 levels indication

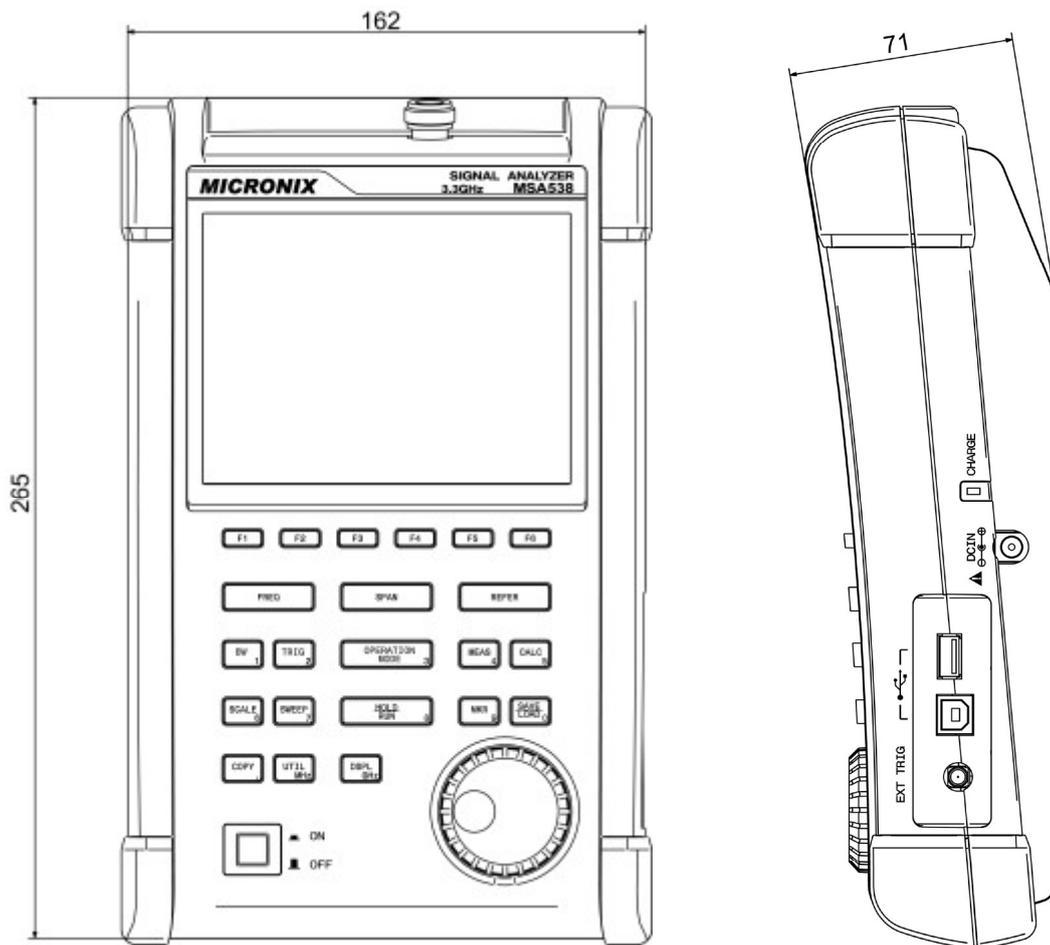
■ Other

		MSA538/538E/538TG/558/558E common
Operating temperature	0 to 50°C (guaranteed at 23±10°C but at 23±5°C as to items with ※1, without carrying case)	
Operating humidity	less than 40°C/80%RH (guaranteed at less than 33°C/70%RH but at less than 28°C/70%RH as to items with ※1, without carrying case)	
Storage temperature	-20 to 60°C, less than 60°C/70%RH	
Dimensions	162(W) x 71(H) x 265(D)mm (excluding projections, protection bumper and stand)	
Weight	approx. 1.8kg (including battery)	

※1 : 23±5°C, less than 28°C/70%RH

* Refer to 『22. Tracking Generator Mode』 for the specifications of MSA538TG.

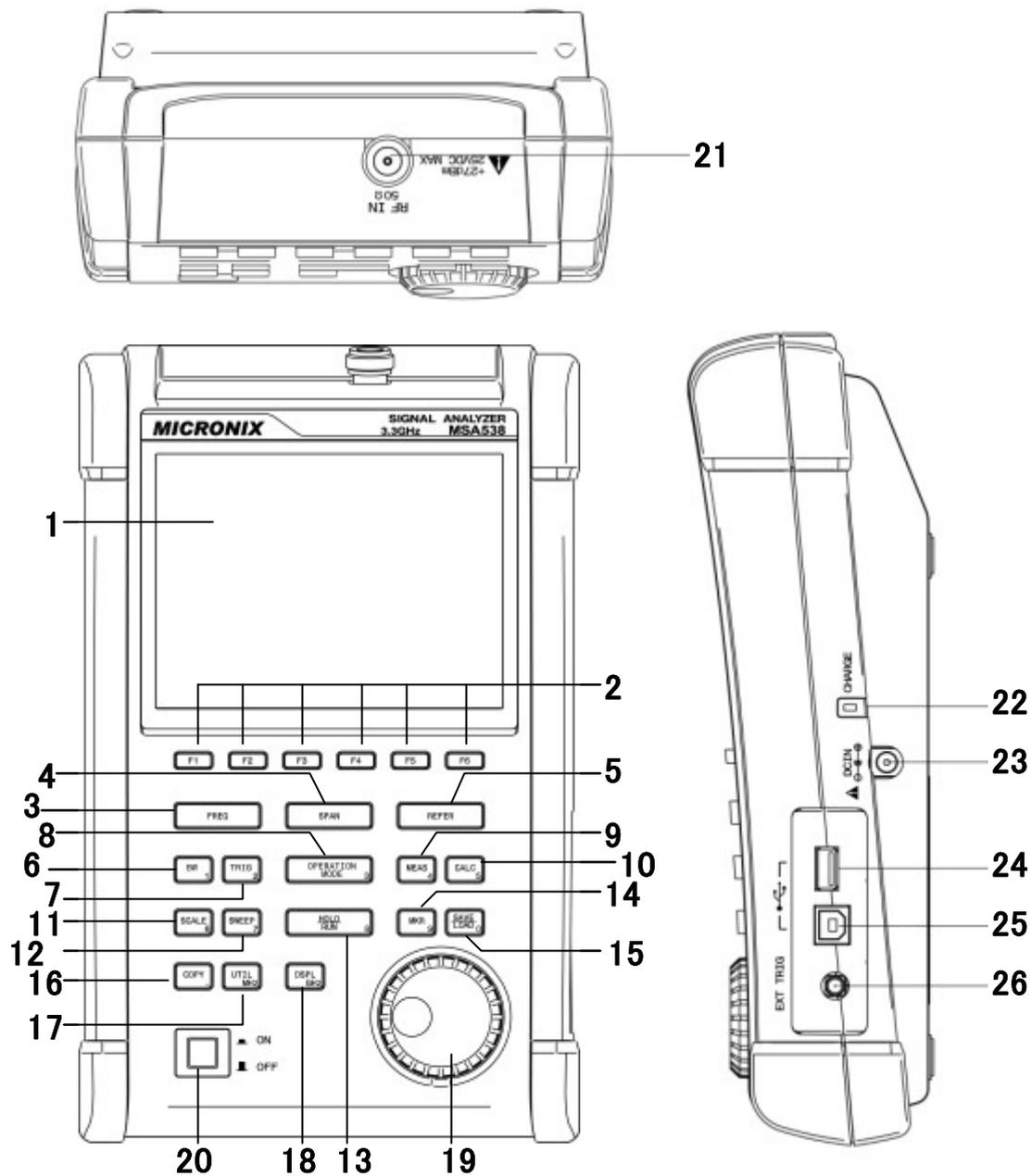
2.2 External view



[Unit : mm]

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3. Explanation of Panel



1) TFT display

This is a large liquid crystal display with 480 (V) × 640 (H) dots. It simultaneously displays spectrum (10div × 10div), various setting parameters, measured values and etc.

2) Function key (F1 to F6)

The function is changed according to the key operation.

3) Center frequency key

The center frequency is set with this key. The setting range is 0 to 3.3GHz(for MSA538, MSA538TG and MSA538E), and 0 to 8.5GHz(for MSA558 and MSA558E). The setting resolution is 100Hz.

4) Frequency span key

The frequency span is set with this key.

In sweep mode, for MSA538, MSA538TG and MSA538E, it is set in/to the range from 100kHz to 2GHz, ZERO SPAN and FULL SPAN (3.3GHz). For MSA558 and MSA558E, it is set in/to the range from 100kHz to 5GHz, ZERO SPAN and FULL SPAN (8.5GHz).

In real time mode, it is set in the range from 20kHz to 20MHz.

5) Reference level key

The reference level is set with this key. It can be set in the range from +10dBm to -60dBm by 1dB step.

6) Bandwidth key

The resolution or video bandwidth is set with this key. The resolution bandwidth can be set in the range from 300Hz to 3MHz and to AUTO. The bandwidth can be set in the range from 100Hz to 3MHz and to AUTO.

7) Trigger key

The trigger function in real time mode is set with this key.

8) Operation mode key

The sweep mode or the real time mode is set.

9) Measuring function key

Available for Channel power, Adjacent channel power, Occupied bandwidth, Electric field strength, Magnetic field strength and Noise measurements.

10) Calculation function key

Available for Norm, Max hold, Min hold, Averaging and OverWrite.

11) Display scale key

The display scale of an amplitude axis is selectable with this key.

12) Sweep key

The sweep time is set in the range from 10ms to 30s and to AUTO. And also the detection mode is selected.

13) Hold/Run key

The measurement is stopped or restarted.

14) Marker & peak search key

The setting and the operation of marker or peak search are performed.

15) Save/Load key

The spectrum or the setting parameters is saved or loaded.

16) Copy key

The screen image is printed on USB printer (option) or stored in USB memory.

17) UTIL key

The setting of subsidiary functions such as label entry, clock, buzzer and others are performed.

18) Display control key

Color, backlight ON/OFF or brightness of backlight is set.

19) Rotary encoder

This is used for the various setting. Please rotate slowly in operation.

20) Power switch

This is for power ON or OFF.

21) Input connector

N(J) connector

22) Indicator for charging condition

Two colors LED indicates the charging conditions of battery.

23) Input connector for DC power source

AC adaptor MA400 is connected.

24) USB A plug

USB printer (option) or USB memory is connected.

25) USB B plug

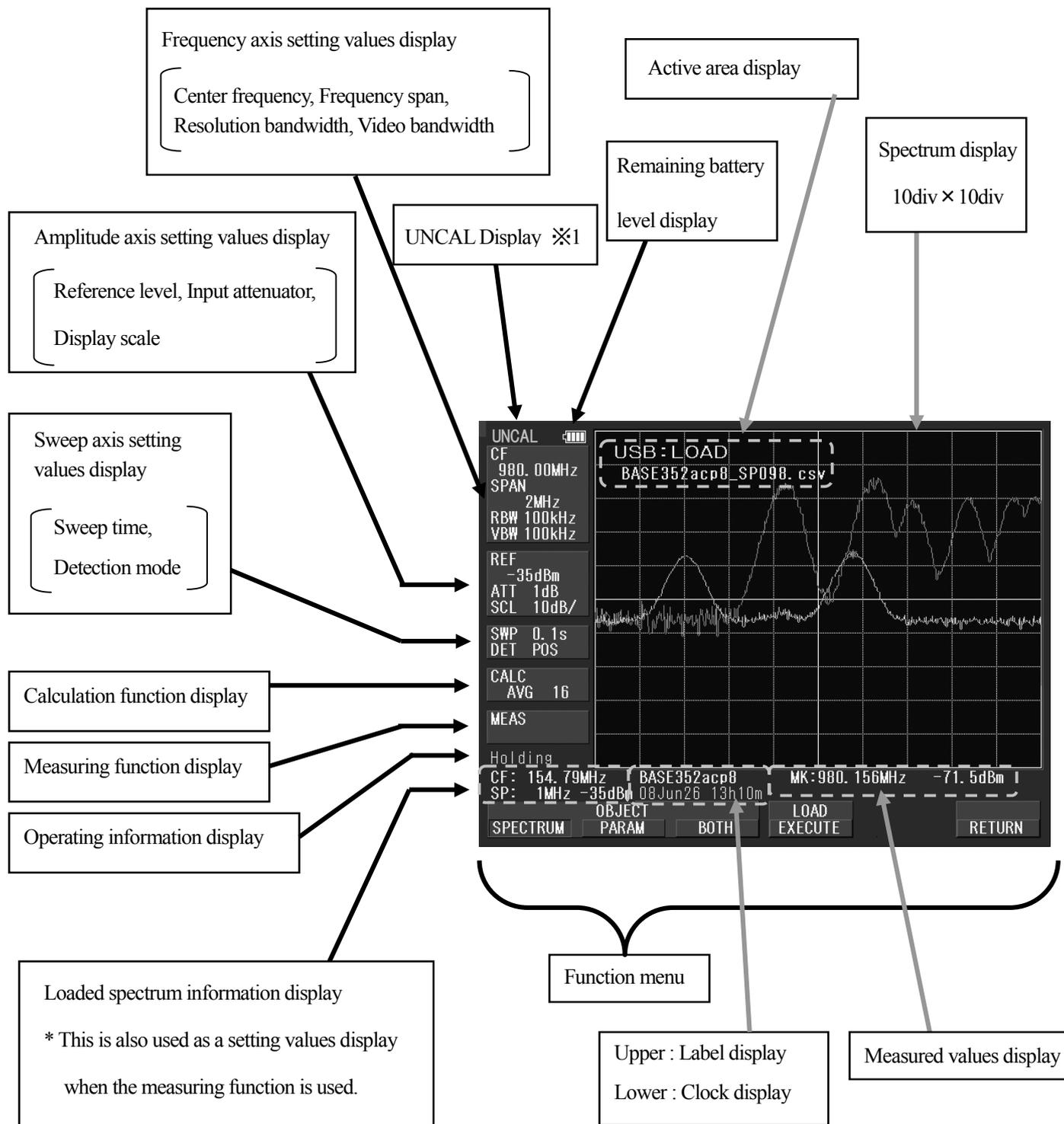
The PC through USB cable MI400(option) is connected.

26) External Trigger input

SMA(J) connector

4. Explanation of Screen

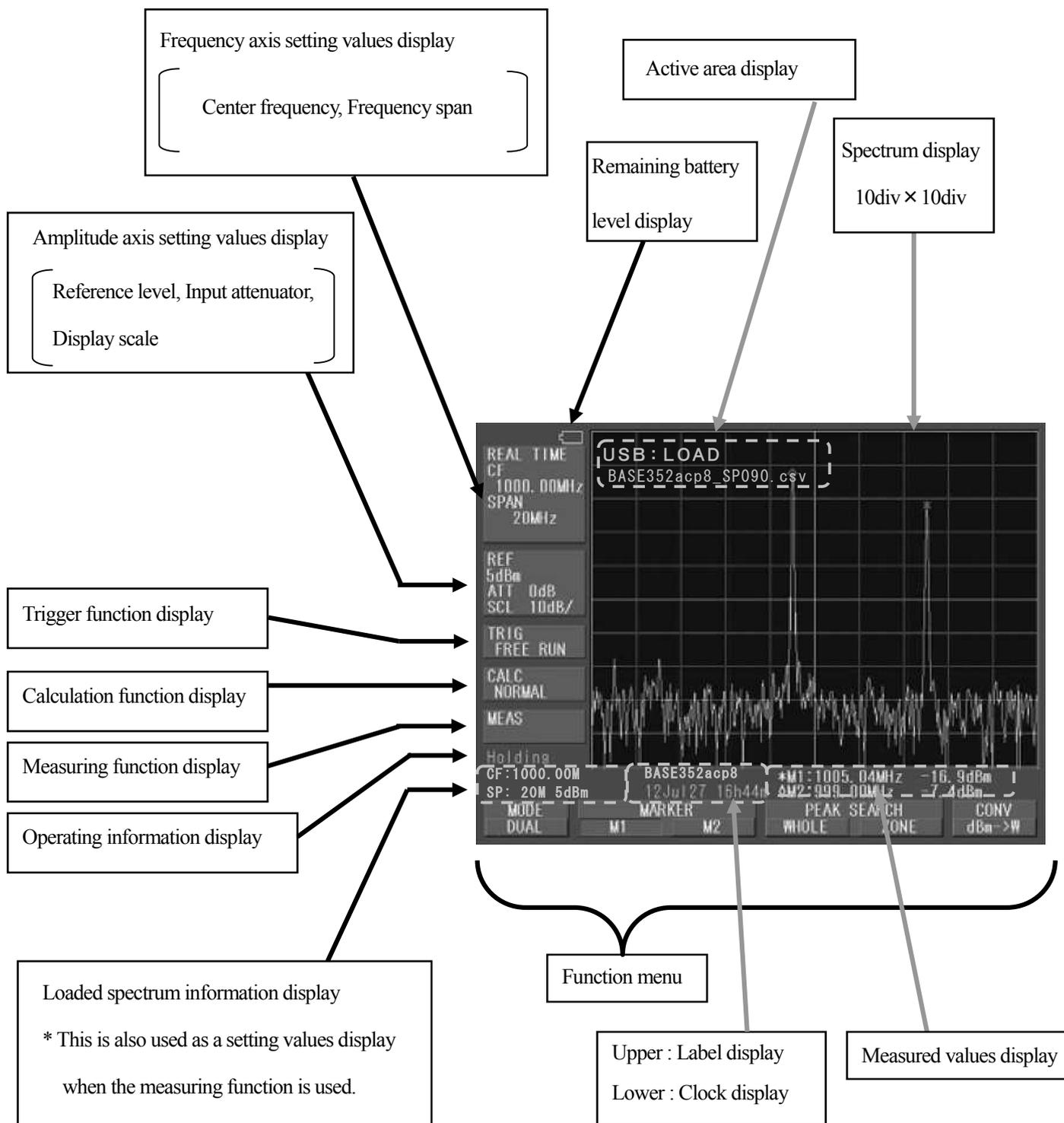
4.1 Sweep mode



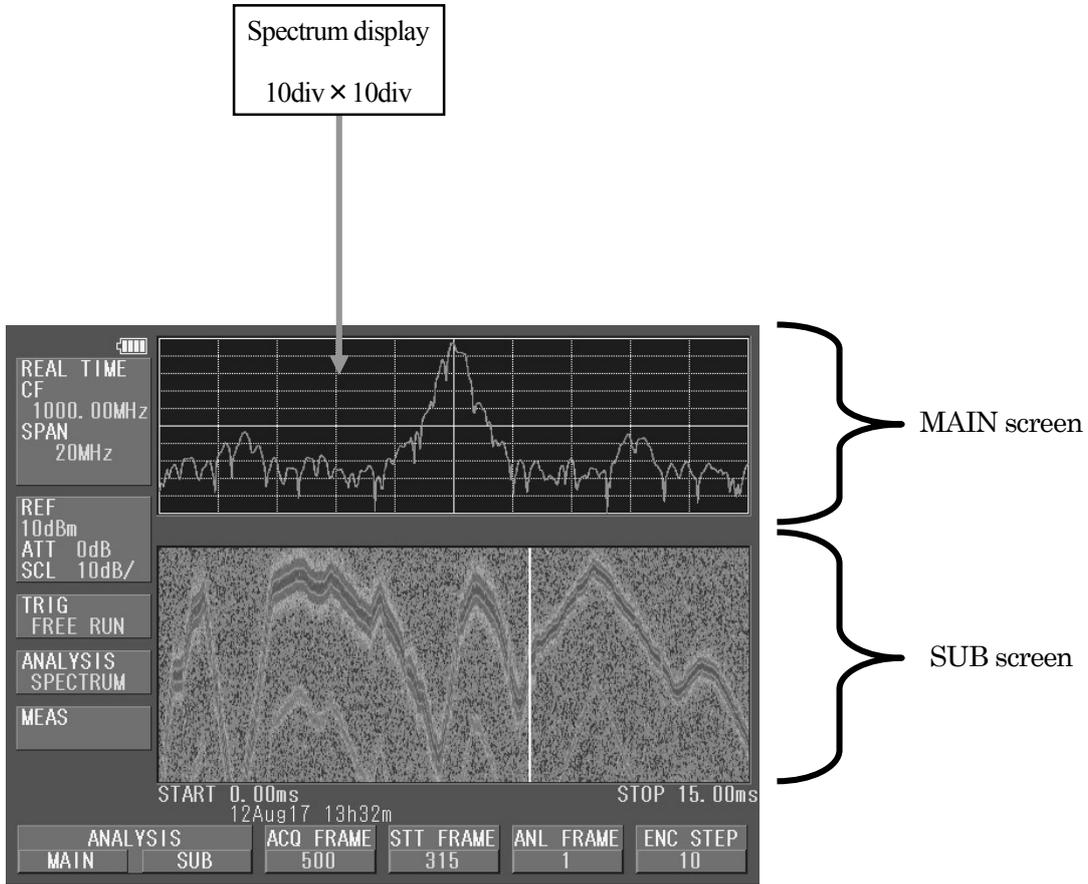
※1 : It is displayed when it is not possible to normal measurement for sweep time is too fast.

Please choose a slower sweep time.

4.2 REAL TIME MODE (Single view)



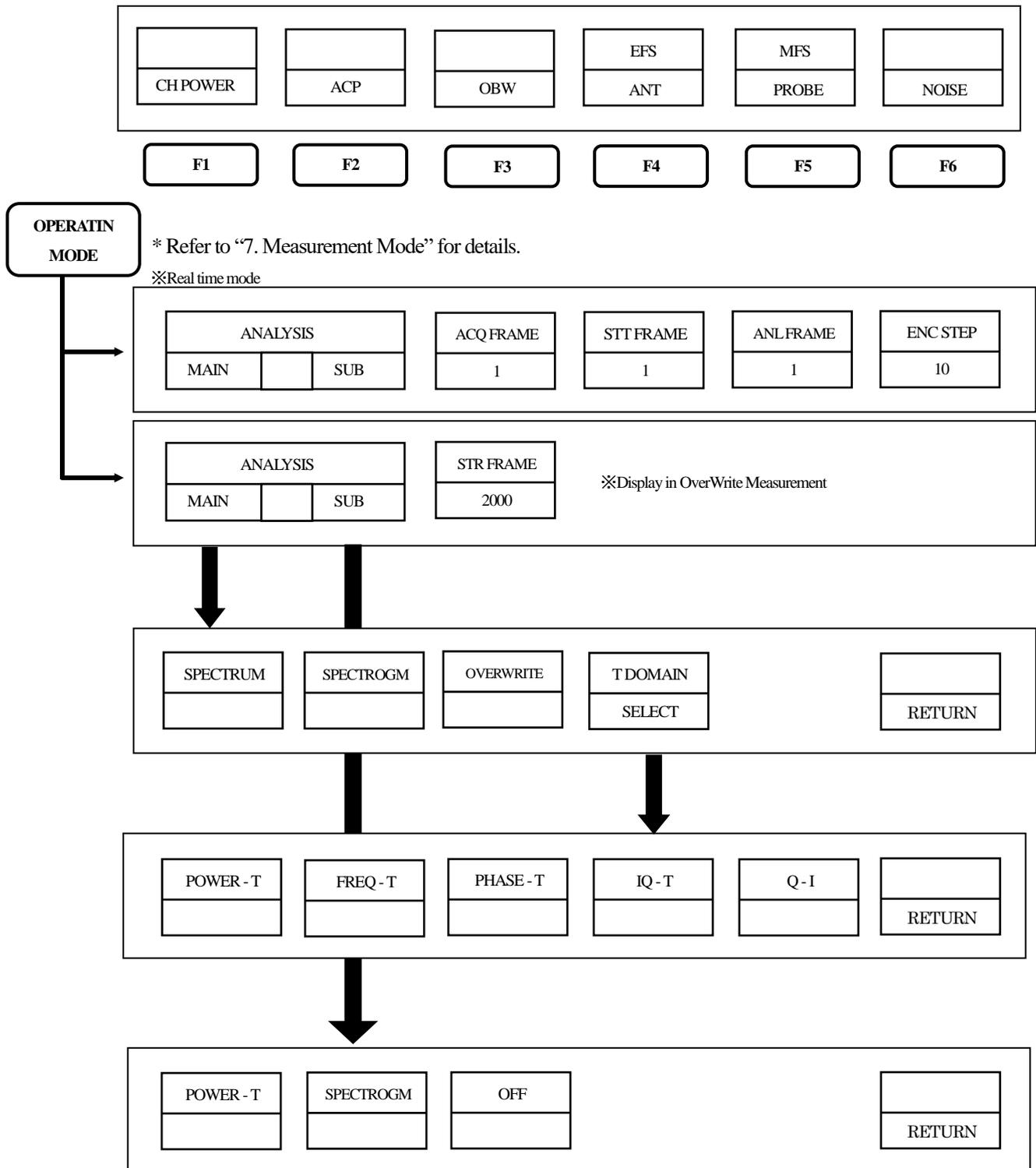
4.3 REAL TIME MODE (Dual view)



5. Function Menu

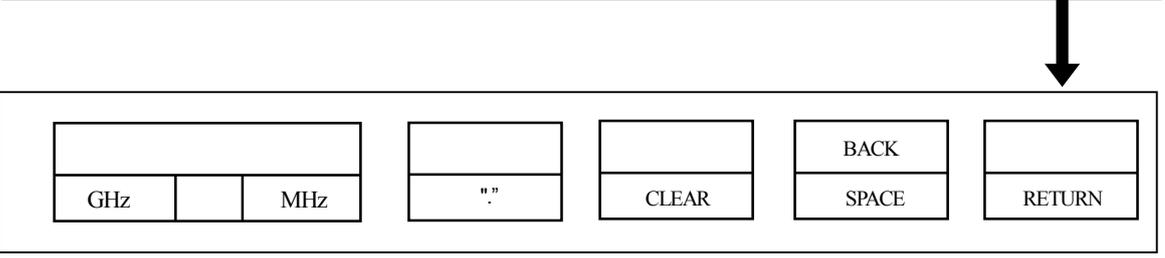
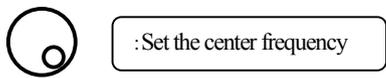
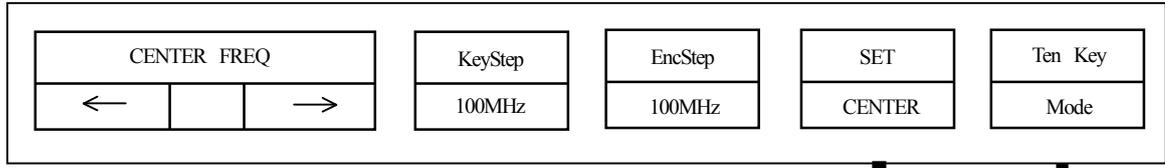
The following is the sequence of selection for the function menu.
The function menu corresponds to the function key of F1 to F6.

“Function menu”



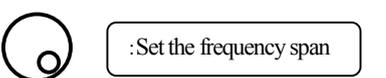
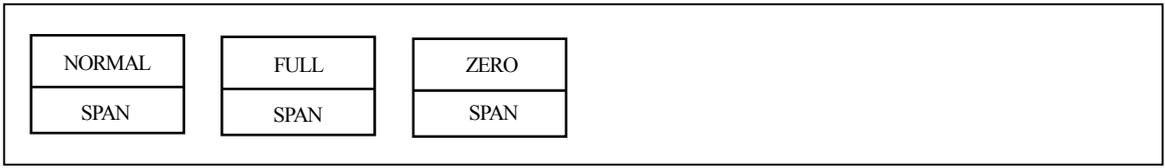
FREQ

* Refer to "8. Center Frequency" for details.



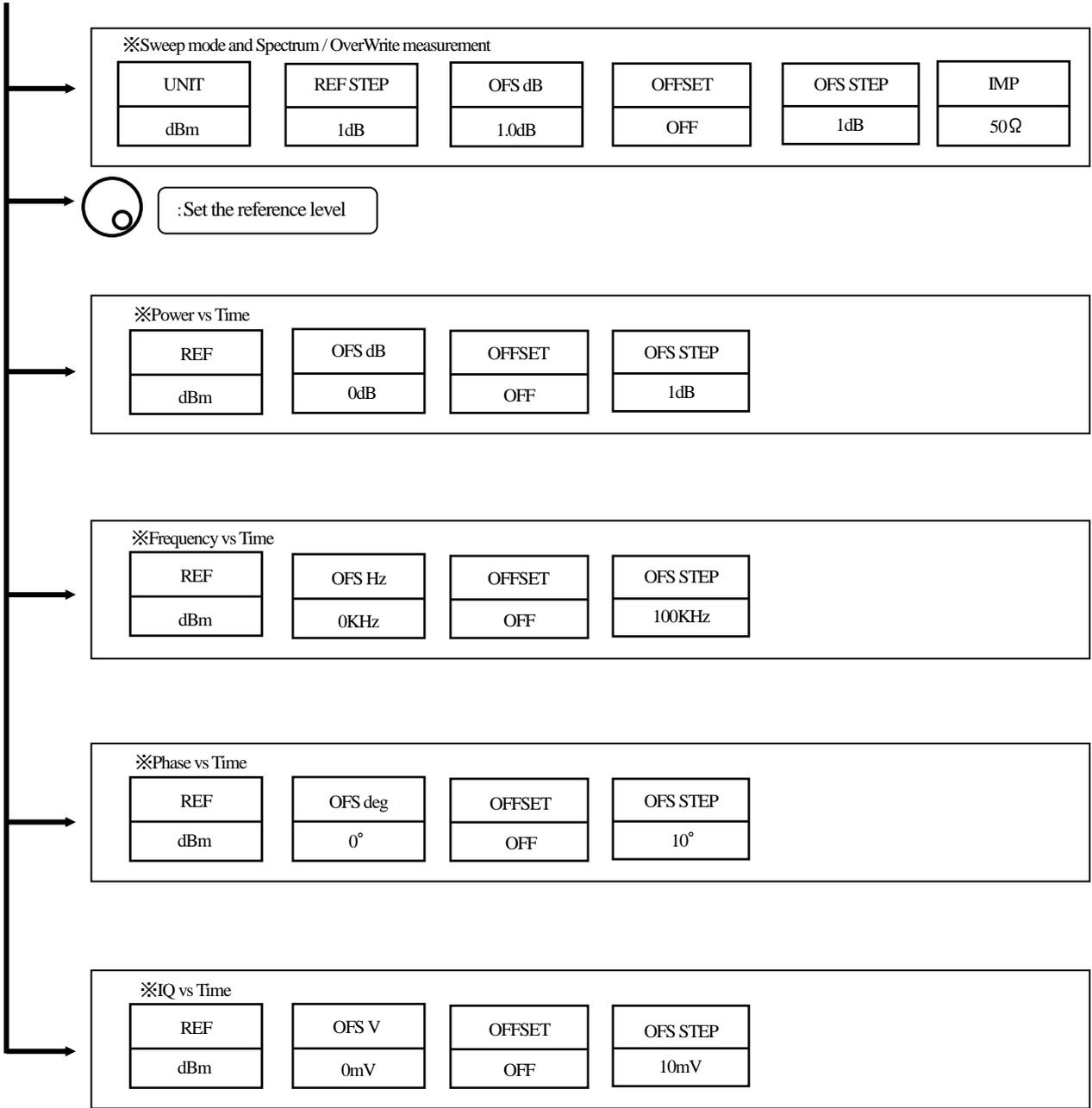
SPAN

* Refer to "9. Frequency Span" for details.



REFER

* Refer to “10. Reference Level” for details.



SCALE

* Refer to “11. Display scale” for details.

※Sweep mode and Spectrum / OverWrite measurement

SCALE					
10dB/		5dB/		2dB/	



:Set the display scale

※Power vs Time

SCALE							
10dB/		5dB/		2dB/		1dB/	

※Frequency vs Time

SCALE					
2MHz/		1MHz/		400kHz/	200kHz/

※Phase vs Time

SCALE					
40°/		5dB/		2dB/	1dB/

SCALE

0.2V/		0.1V/		0.05V/	0.02V/
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BW

* Refer to “12. Resolution/Video Bandwidth” for details.

RBW		
MANUAL		AUTO

VBW		
MANUAL		AUTO

ALLAUTO

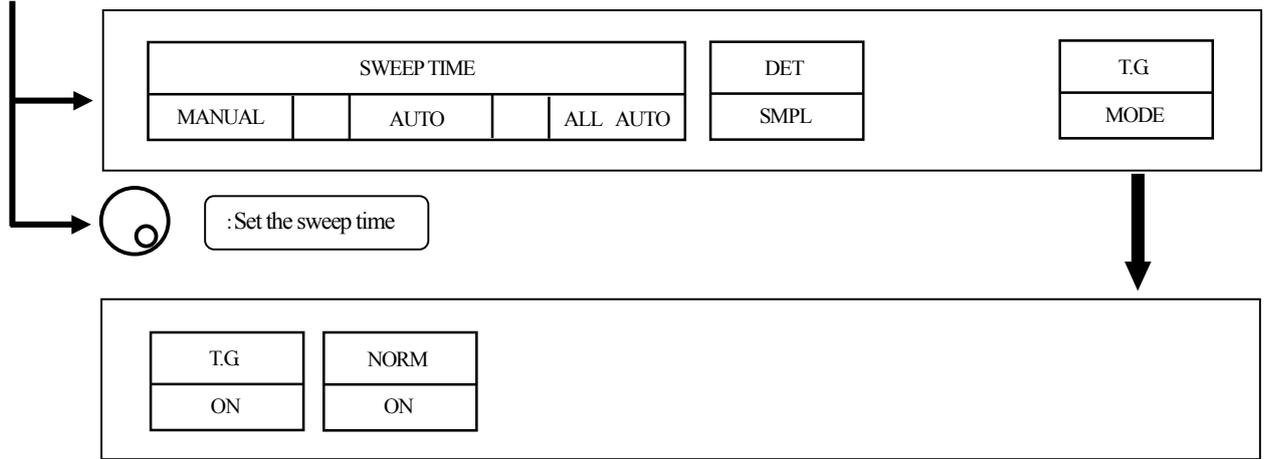


:Set the BW

SWEEP

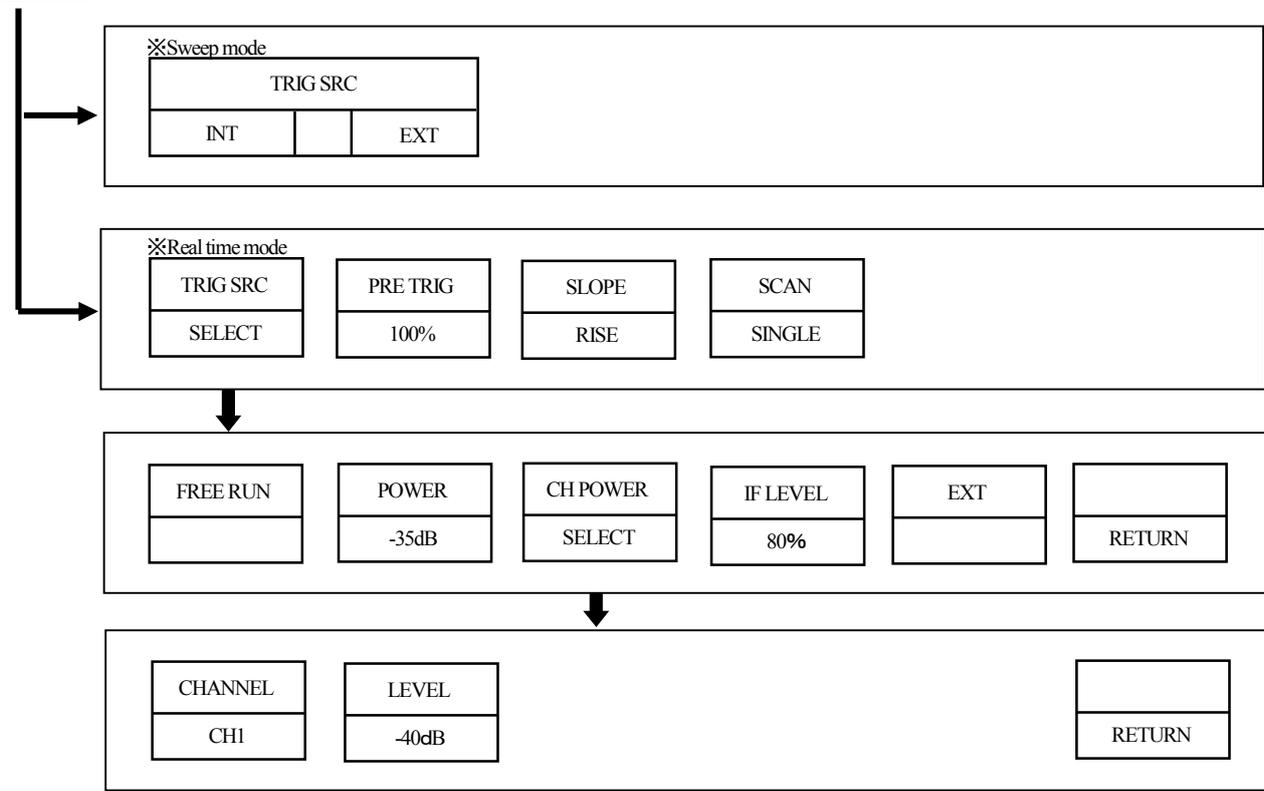
* Refer to “13. Sweep axis / Detection mode” for details.

* T.G. MODE is only for MSA538TG



TRIG

* Refer to “14. Trigger Function” for details.



CALC

* Refer to "16. Calculation Function" for details.
* "SPR. FR" is only for MSA558/558E.

NORMAL	MAX HLD	MIN HLD	AVG	OVRWR	SPR. FR
	256	256	256	256	OFF

 :Set the number

MKR

* Refer to "17. Marker & peak search Function" for details.

MARKER	PEAK SEARCH	UNIT CONV
SINGLE	WHOLE <input type="checkbox"/> ZONE	dBm→W

 :Set the marker position (NORMAL mode)

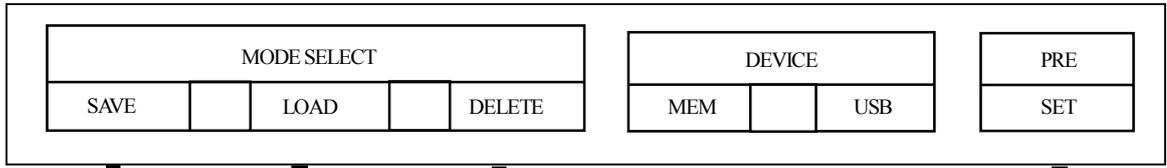
MARKER	MARKER SELECT
IQ TRACE	I <input type="checkbox"/> Q

 :Set the marker position (I/Q vs. Time measurement of REAL TIME MODE)

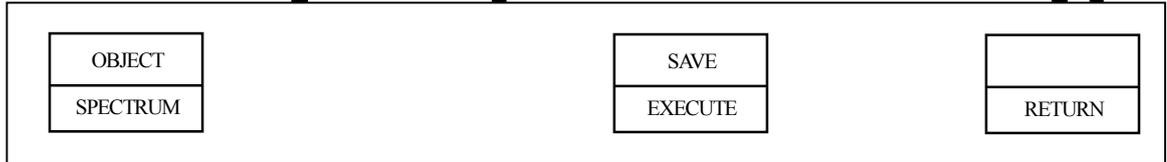
SAVE/LOAD

* Refer to "18. Save / Load" for details.

Main menu

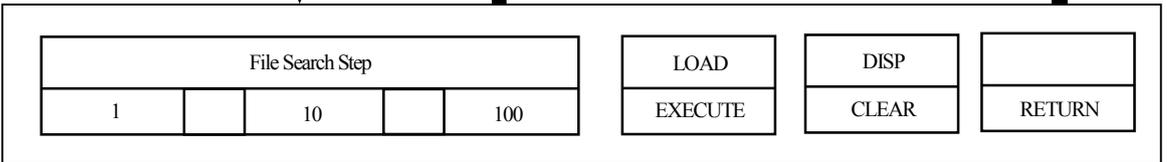


Save menu



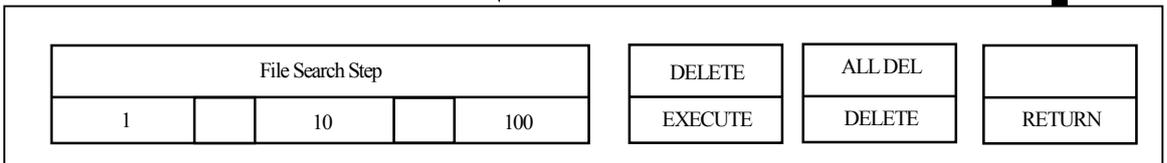
:Set the address to store the file.

Load menu



:Set the address to call the file.

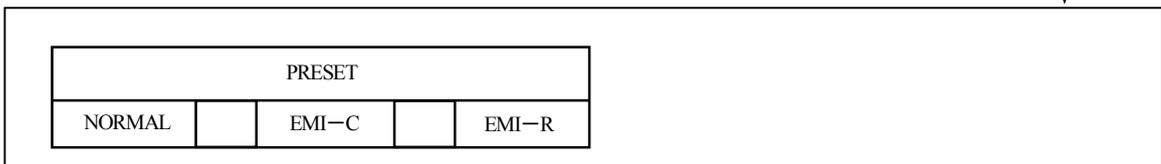
Delete menu



:Set the address to eliminate the file.

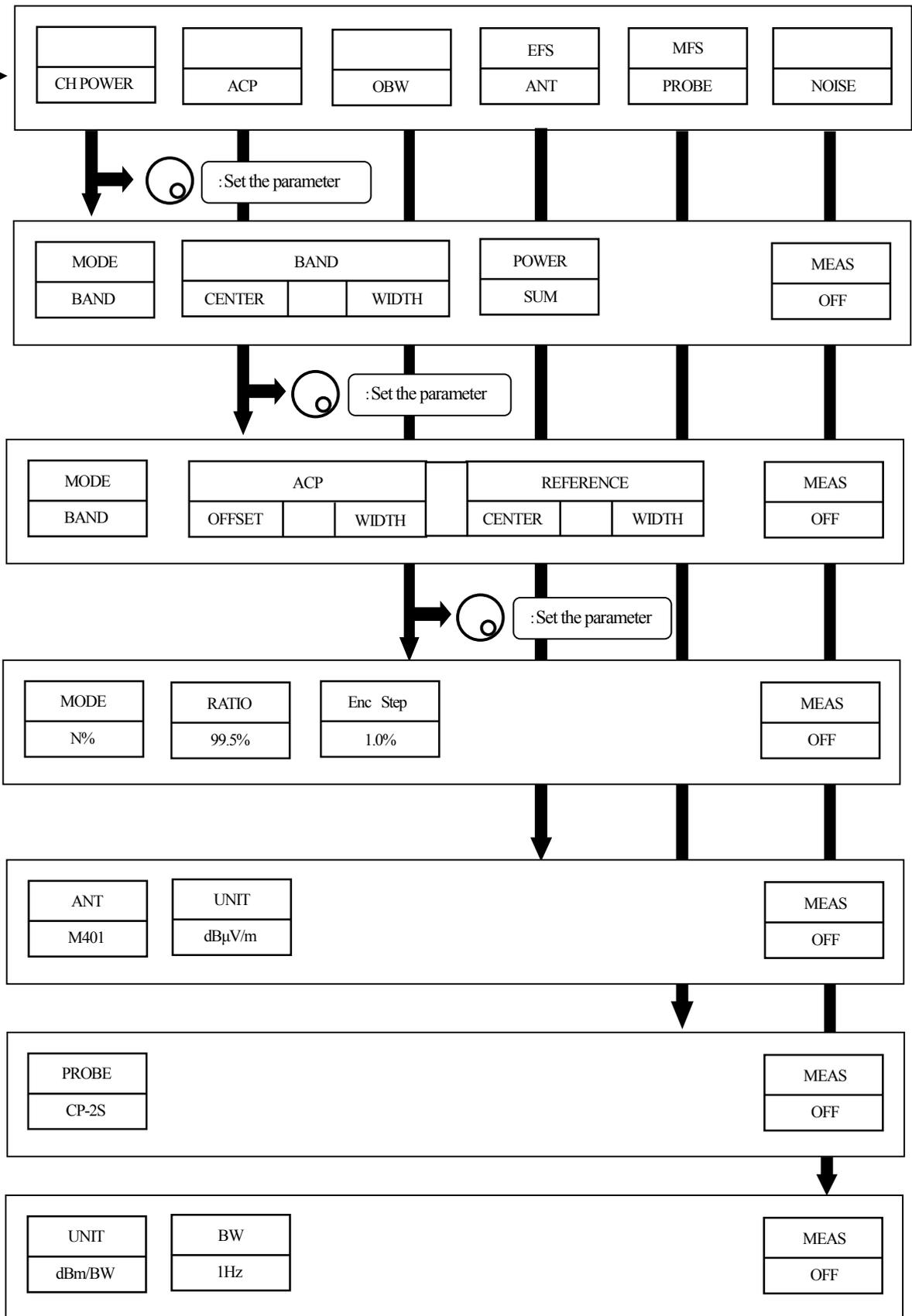
In case of MSA538E/558E

Preset menu for MSA538E/558E



MEAS

* Refer to "19. Measuring Function" for details



DSPL

* Refer to "21. Screen Control" for details

COLOR	BACK LT	BRIGHT
COLOR1	ON	80

COPY

* Refer to "23. Storage and print of screen image" for details

AREA	PRINT	Bmp->USB	MEM->USB
WHOLE	EXECUTE	COPY	EXECUTE

UTIL

* Refer to "24. Utility Function" for details

LABEL	MENU	BUZZR	CLOCK	SYSTEM
	OFF	ALWAYS	CONFIG	INFO

012	abc	ABC	@%*	BACK SP	ENTER
				←	→



:Select the character

YEAR	MONTH	DATE	HOUR	MIN	ENTER
08	4	30	23	50	

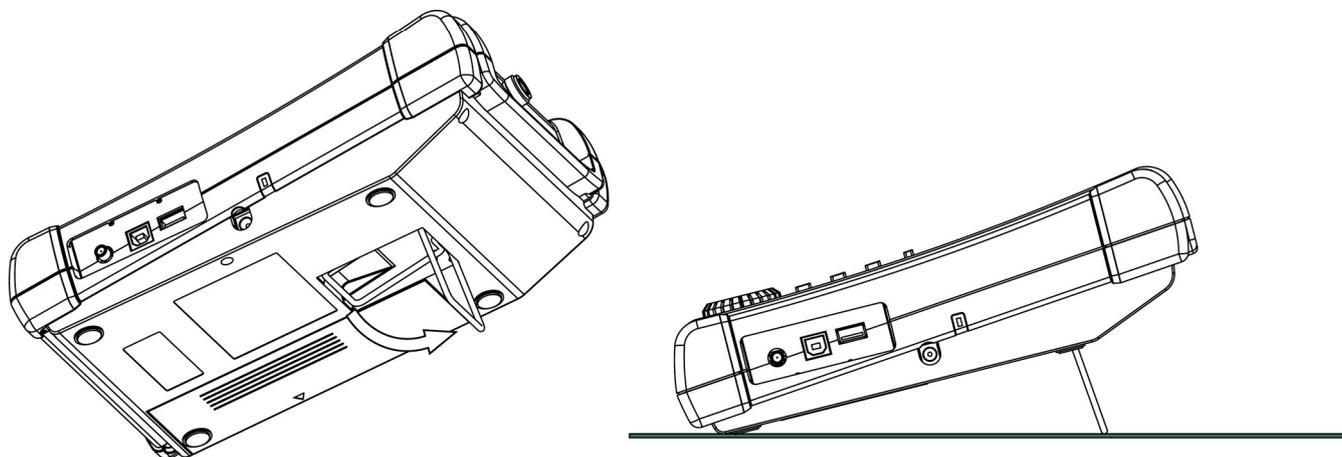


:Select the numeric value

6. Preparing for Operation

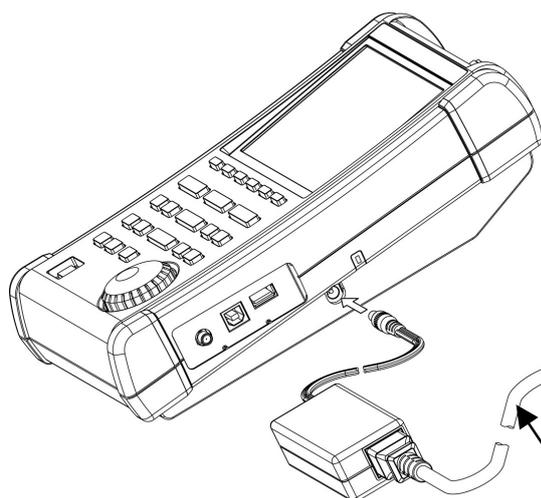
6.1 Stand

Utilize the stand on the back to use the screen in an easier-to-see angle on the desk.



6.2 Connection to power supply

The MA400 AC adapter is both for the use with AC power supply and for charging the MB400 built-in battery (optional). (Charge is started automatically if AC adapter is connected and power-off.) Connect the adapter as in the figure below and connect the AC plug to the power line (100-240 VAC, 50/60 Hz). For static electricity protection, ground the unit by connecting the three cores if possible. Not grounding the unit can damage it and the object measured. Do not use an AC adapter other than the MA400 supplied with the unit. Using an AC adapter other than the MA400 may cause damage to the unit.



Battery full charge time: approx. 4 hours
Battery operating time: 4 hours maximum
(backlight OFF)

*In case of non-operating, at normal temperature, and setting parameters are an initialization.

← Please make sure to connect to ground.

← Connect to 100 to 240 VAC, 50/60Hz

The battery remainder is divided into five levels and displayed on the screen.

When the mark of the battery remainder is displayed like , the buzzer is sounded even if the setting of buzzer is OFF, and the power is turned off within a few minutes.

Do the necessary work such as a protection of data promptly so that any problem should not be caused even if the power is turned off.

6.3 Battery charge

Under the conditions of power-off and connecting the AC adaptor MA400 of a standard accessory, the battery is charged. The charging conditions are indicated by two colors LED on the right side as shown in the table below.

Charging condition	Color of LED
On charge	red
Completion of charge	green
No battery	green
Abnormal	blinking in red

Good usage of battery
Remove the battery when this unit is used with the AC adaptor. Otherwise, the number of charging increases and the battery life might be shortened.

※LED is turned off at power-on.

※ Please charge it at the operating temperature of 0°C to 40°C.

The abnormal condition means that the charging time is more than the time decided beforehand, or that the battery voltage becomes too high.

Caution

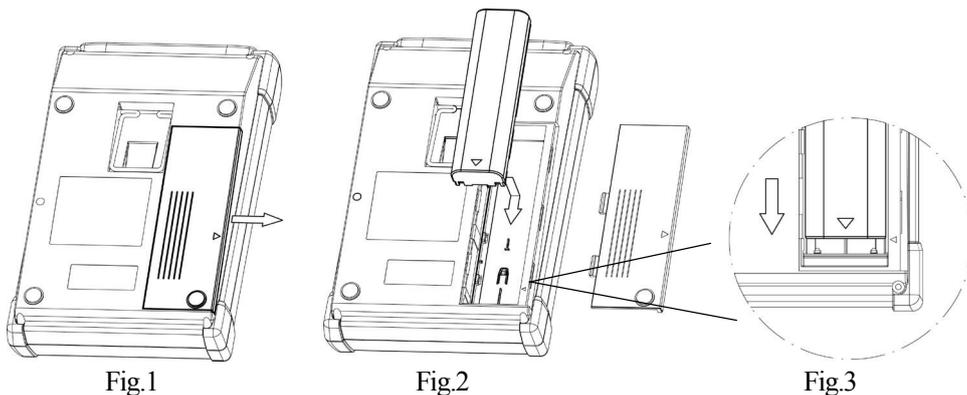
Misuse of the battery may cause leaks, abnormal heats, firing or explosion. For safe use, please observe the following precautions fully.

- * Be not short-circuited of the terminal of the removed battery.
- * Do not have an impact shock due to throwing, dropping or striking.
- * Do not disassemble or remodel the battery.
- * Do not throw into a fire or heat the battery.
- * Do not leave the battery in the place of the high temperature.
- * Do not wet the terminal of the battery.
- * Do not cool the battery, and do not charge it in cold outdoor. It causes the performance and battery life to be decreased.
- * Do not charge the battery by the methods other than the specification.
- * When you keep the battery, please keep it as much as possible in the cool dark place where humidity is low. Moreover, please keep it in the place where child cannot get. The battery not used for a long time might not be charged enough.
- * Please exchange the battery for new one (MB400) when operating time shortens extremely.

6.4 Installation of battery

When the battery is installed, remove the battery cover on the back as shown in Fig.1 after turning off power and removing the AC adaptor.

Next, put the battery as shown in Fig.2, move it in the direction of the arrow show in Fig.3, and install it surely. Use the specified battery MB400. Otherwise, the breakdown and the accident might be caused.



7. Measurement Mode <OPERATION MODE>

By pushing **OPERATION MODE**, SWEEP MODE and REAL TIME MODE can be changed.

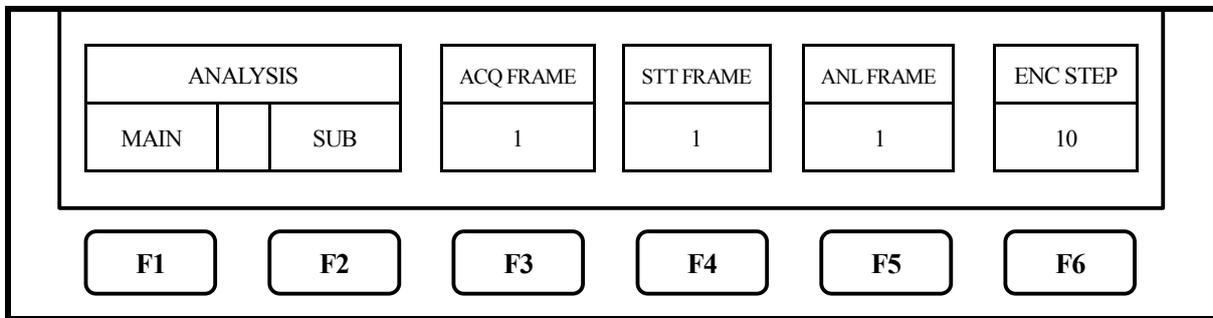
* In SWEEP MODE, screen menu does not change.

* In REAL TIME MODE, the following real time mode menu is displayed.

* In REAL TIME MODE, by pushing **OPERATION MODE**, it can be changed to SWEEP MODE.

Even if the power is turned OFF, the setup of measurements made at the end on each of SWEEP MODE and REAL TIME MODE is remembered. However, when the power is turned ON, starting mode is always SWEEP MODE.

Real Time Mode Menu



1. By pushing **F1**, main-measurement mode select menu is displayed.

(Refer to 7.1 MAIN-MEASUREMENT mode)

2. By pushing **F2**, sub-measurement mode select menu is displayed.

(Refer to 7.3 SUB-MESUREMENT mode)

1 frame consists of 1024 sample on time domain.

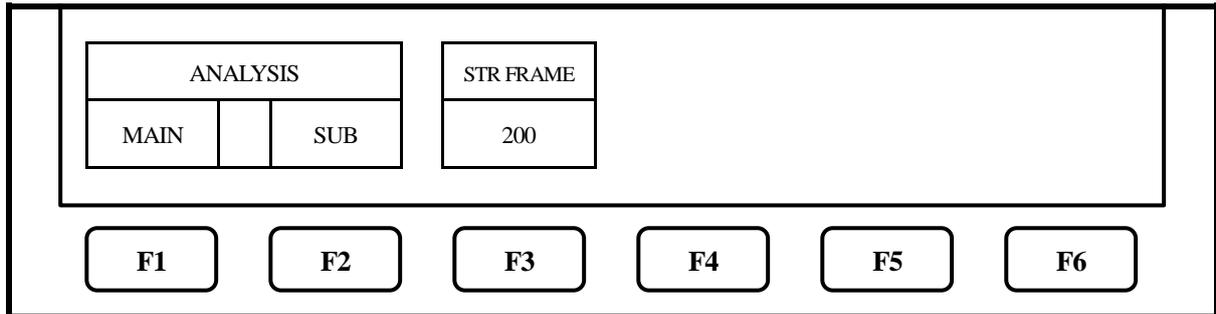
Sample/Frame time and maximum acquisition time depends on the span setting as follows.

Span	Sample Time	Frame Time	Maximum Acquisition Time
20 MHz	29.4 ns	30.1 us	0.4935 s
10 MHz	58.8 ns	60.2 us	0.9869 s
5 MHz	118 ns	121us	1.973 s
2 MHz	294 ns	301 us	4.935 s
1 MHz	588 ns	602 us	9.869 s
500 kHz	1.18 us	1.21 ms	19.73 s
200 kHz	2.94 us	3.01 ms	49.35 s
100 kHz	5.88 us	6.02 ms	98.69 s
50 kHz	11.8 us	12.1 ms	197.3 s
20 kHz	29.4 us	30.1 ms	493.5 s

3. By operating **F3** → , the number of analysis frames can be set.
4. By operating **F4** → , the analysis start frame can be set.
5. By operating **F5** → , the analyzed frame number can be set.
6. By pushing **F6**, the encoder step value can be changed as follows.

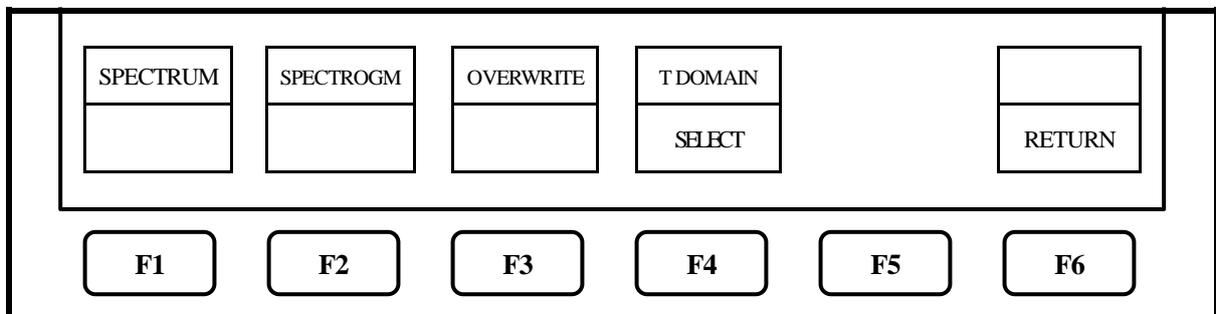


Real Time Mode Menu (in OVERWRITE measurement)



7. By pushing **F3** → , the stored frame number can be changed as follows.
- 200 ↔ 500 ↔ 1000 ↔ 2000 ↔ 5000 ↔ * * (infinite)

7.1 MAIN-MEASUREMENT mode



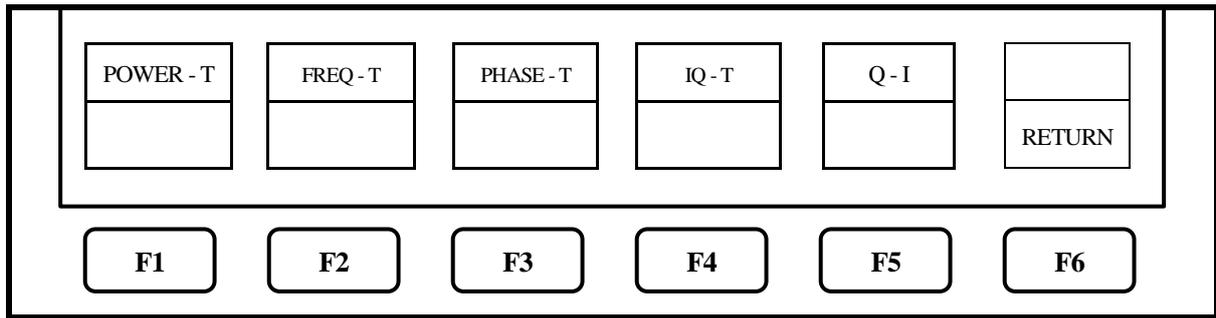
1. By pushing **F1**, SPECTRUM measurement is displayed.
2. By pushing **F2**, SPECTROGRAM measurement is displayed.
3. By pushing **F3**, OverWrite measurement is displayed.

Then, it is not possible to set the sub-measurement mode.

4. By pushing **F4**, Time Domain measurement select menu is displayed.

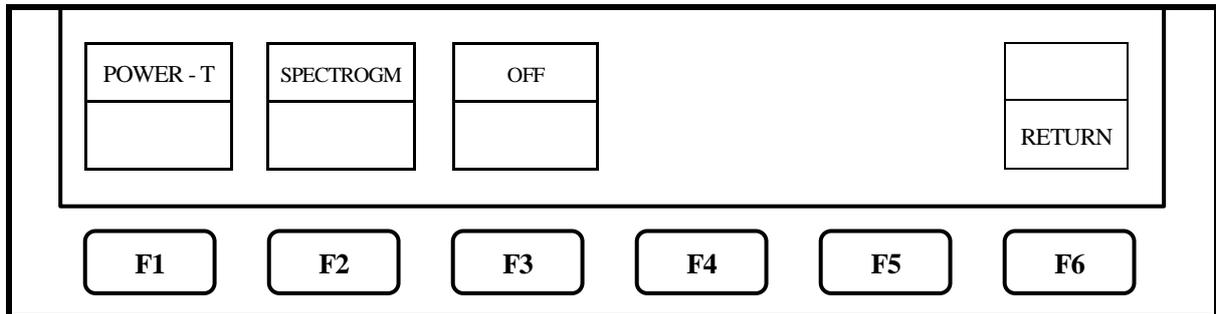
(Refer to 7.2 Time Domain MEASUREMENT Mode)

7.2 Time Domain MEASUREMENT mode



1. By pushing **F1**, Power vs. Time measurement is displayed.
2. By pushing **F2**, Frequency vs. Time measurement is displayed.
3. By pushing **F3**, Phase vs. Time measurement is displayed.
4. By pushing **F4**, IQ vs. Time measurement is displayed.
5. By pushing **F5**, Q vs. I measurement is displayed.

7.3 SUB-MEASUREMENT mode

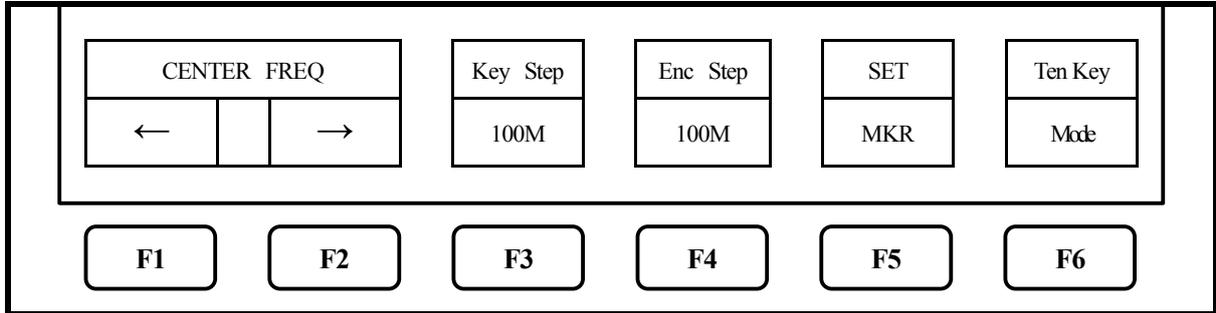


1. By pushing **F1**, Power vs. Time measurement is displayed.
2. By pushing **F2**, Spectrogram measurement is displayed.
3. By pushing **F3**, measurement is not performed on a sub screen.

Note: In a sub screen, the setting of offset level is invalid, and the display scale is fixed at 10dB/dev.

8. Center Frequency <FREQ>

When **FREQ** is pushed, the following function menu is displayed.



* Center frequency setting range: 0 to 3.3GHz@MSA538(E/TG), 0 to 8.5GHz@MSA558(E)

* The center frequency may shift for a while (up to 10 sec.), after setting is changed.

8.1 Setting with step keys ([F1], [F2])

1. When **F1** is pushed, the center frequency decreases in the set step size.
2. When **F2** is pushed, the center frequency increases in the set step size.
3. Setting step size:

When **F3** is pushed, the step size is changed according to the following.



AUTO: The step size is 1/10 of the frequency span.

AUTO is recommended in normal use.

8.2 Setting with encoder

1. By rotating , the center frequency is changed in the set step size.
2. Setting step size:

When **F4** is pushed, the step size is changed according to the following.



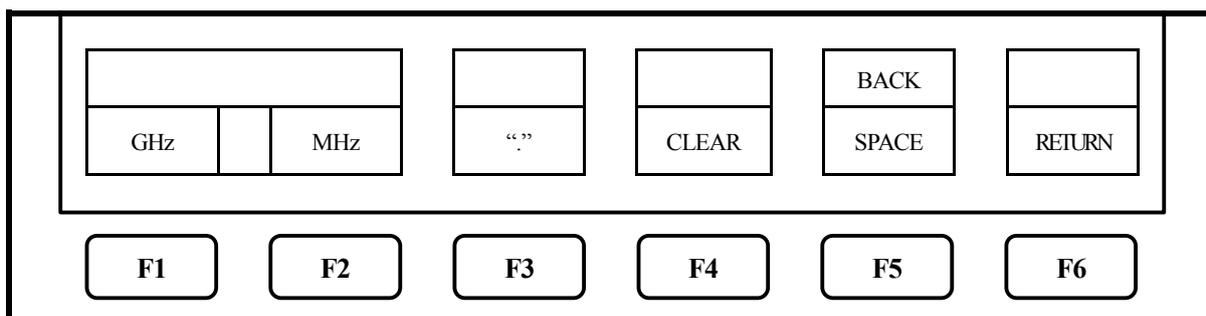
AUTO: The step size is 1/500 of the frequency span.

However, if the frequency span is less than 50kHz, the step size is set to 100Hz.

AUTO is recommended in normal use.

8.3 Setting with numeric key

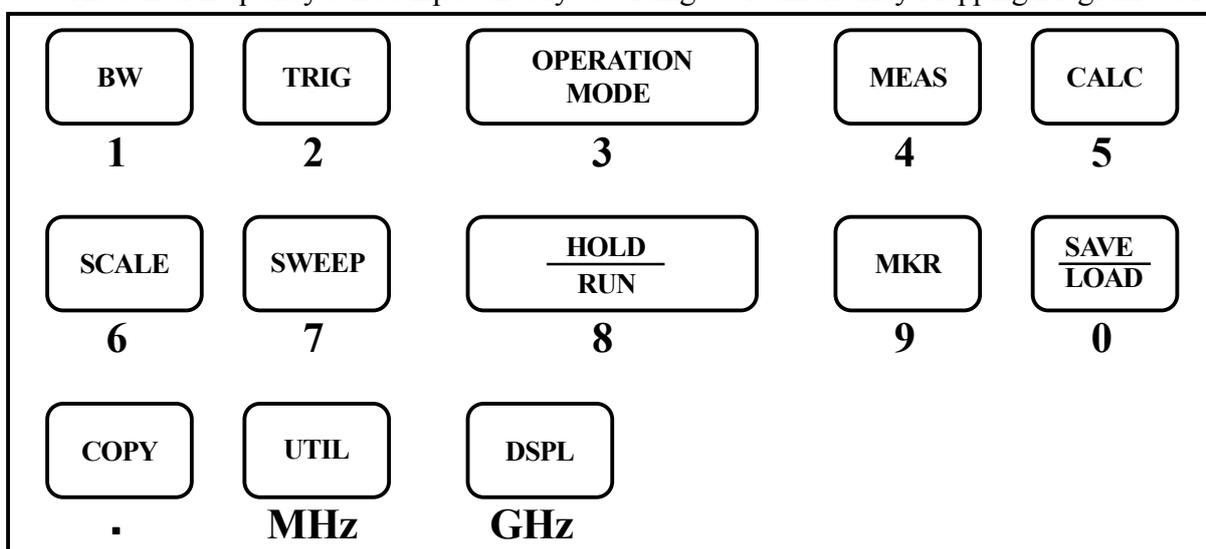
1. When **F6** is pushed, the following function menu is displayed.



2. **F1** , **F2** and **F3** correspond to <GHz>, <MHz> and <. >
F4 and **F5** correspond to <CLEAR> and <BACK SPACE>.

Changing of center frequency by encoder is available in Ten Key Mode.

3. The center frequency can be input directly according to “Numeric Key Mapping Diagram” as follows.



4. The center frequency is determined by inputting of the unit of frequency.

For inputting of the unit, **UTIL** and **DSPL** are available.

(**F1** and **F2** are also available.)

* Any figures below the setting resolution (100Hz) will be truncated.

5. Change of setting

The setting values can be changed before pushing the unit key.

F4 : The setting values are cleared.

F5 : The last input digit is deleted.

6. Cancel of Ten Key Mode

By pushing **FREQ** or **F6**, the function menu is returned.

8.4 Set to marker position

By pushing **F5** → **F1**, the center frequency is set according to the frequency of current marker position.

- * Any figures below the setting resolution (100Hz) will be truncated.
- * When the marker is not displayed, this operation is invalid. (The function menu disappears.)

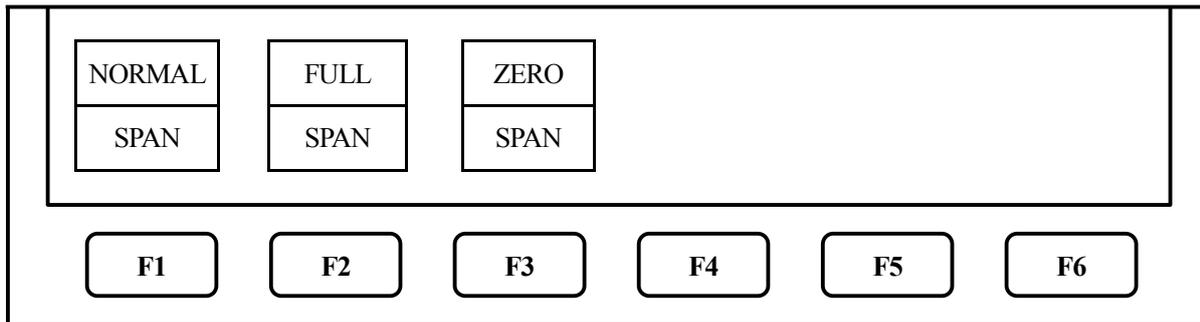
8.5 AUTO Tuning

By pushing **F5** → **F2**, the spectrum with the maximum level is searched within full span, and then it is adjusted to the center of the screen, and the optimum setting parameters are set.

- * Set the frequency span before setting AUTO tuning.
- * AUTO tuning starts with the push of AUTO TUNE key. (The function menu is not displayed.)
- * The auto tuning does not operate normally in the following conditions.
 - 1) Zero span
 - 2) Full span
 - 3) The signal level is -40dBm or lower.
 - 4) The signal frequency is 50MHz or lower.

9. Frequency Span

When **SPAN** is pushed, the following function menu is displayed.



By operating **SPAN** → , the frequency span is set.

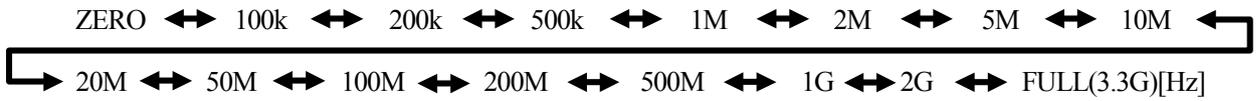
1. By rotating , the frequency span is changed in the specified step size as follows.

Real time mode

20k ↔ 50k ↔ 100k ↔ 200k ↔ 500k ↔ 1M ↔ 2M ↔ 5M ↔ 10M ↔ 20M [Hz]

Sweep mode

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2. By pushing **F2**, the frequency span is set to FULL SPAN.

Under such a condition, it returns to former span when  is turned by rotation.

3. By pushing **F3**, the frequency span is set to ZERO SPAN.

4. When **F1** is pushed and then the setting is FULL or ZERO span, the frequency span is returned to the last setting.

■ Switching frequency band

MSA558 and MSA558E have three frequency bands.

Frequency band	Measured frequency range
Base band	20kHz to 3.50GHz
Band 1-	3.30GHz to 6.19GHz
Band 1+	5.99GHz to 8.50GHz

The frequency band is automatically set to the appropriate band based on the center frequency and span.

(At the span less than 200MHz, only one band is used.)

When the setting frequency range belongs to two bands, the lower band has a priority.

The frequency connection point of two bands is fixed as follows.

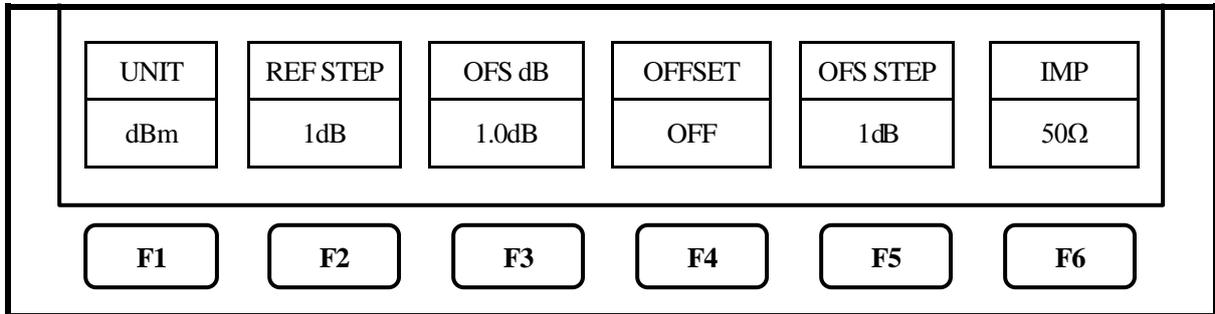
Two bands	Frequency connection point
Base band and Band 1-	3.30GHz
Band 1- and Band 1+	6.19GHz

Note: The amplitude of spectrum may not display correctly at the frequency connection point.

For the accurate measurement, center frequency and span should be set as the measured frequency range is in one band.

10. Reference Level <REFER>

In SWEEP MODE and Spectrum/OverWrite measurement of REAL TIME MODE, when **REFER** is pushed, the following function menu is displayed.



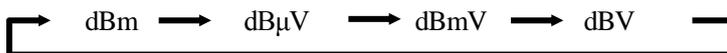
10.1 Setting of reference level

By rotating , the reference level is changed.

(Refer to “10.7 Reference level setting range for each unit” for details.)

10.2 Change of unit of amplitude axis

When **F1** is pushed, the unit is set as follows.



10.3 Setting of step size of reference level

By pushing **F2**, the step size is changed to 10dB or 1dB.

10.4 On-off setting of offset

By pushing **F4**, the on-off setting is changed.

ON/OFF : The setting of offset is valid / invalid.

10.5 Setting of offset level

1. By operating **F3** , the offset of reference level is set.

When external amplifier or attenuator is used, the display level can be matched by the offset.

The setting range is -50.0 to 50.0dB.

The reference level is displayed including the offset.

* If the offset is set, “OFS” is displayed in Amplitude axis setting values display area.

Furthermore, the level at the marker point is displayed including the offset.

* If the unit is changed to dBμV, dBmV, dBV or W, the offset is automatically changed.

2. By pushing **F5**, the step size of offset is changed. (10dB, 1dB, 0.1dB)

10.6 Setting of input impedance

By pushing **F6**, the input impedance (50Ω /75Ω) is selected.

The conversion of reference level is automatically executed.

When the input impedance is set to 75Ω with adapter MA308 (50Ω/75Ω impedance converter), the reference level is displayed including offset and conversion of 75Ω.

* When “75Ω” is selected, “75Ω” is displayed in Amplitude axis setting values display area, and the offset is set to 5.7dB (insertion loss of MA308). Moreover, the offset can be changed.

When the unit at marker point is set to W, V, V/m or other, it is converted correctly from dBm.

* Be sure to attach adapter MA308(50Ω /75Ω impedance converter), when “75Ω” is selected.

10.7 Reference level setting range for each unit

Unit	dBm	dBμV	dBmV	dBV
Maximum	10	117	57	-3
Minimum	-40	67	7	-53
Minimum (shifted spectrum data)	-60	47	-13	-73

“Available unit in measuring function”

Unit	dBμV/m (Electric field strength measurement)							dBμA/m (Magnetic field strength measurement)
	M401	M402	M403	M404	M405	M406	M407	
Setting								CP-2S
Maximum	143	146	149	151	138	159	141	160~203
Minimum	93	96	99	101	88	109	91	110~153
Minimum (shifted spectrum data)	73	76	79	81	68	89	71	90~133

* When the reference level is set between “Minimum” and “Minimum (shifted spectrum data)”, the spectrum of “Minimum” is shifted and displayed on the screen.

* When the reference level is set below “Minimum”, “S/W AMP” is displayed in Amplitude axis setting values display area on the screen.

Calculating formula (conversion from dBm)

- $A[\text{dB}\mu\text{V}] = 107 + X[\text{dBm}]$
- $B[\text{dBmV}] = 47 + X[\text{dBm}]$
- $C[\text{dBV}] = -13 + X[\text{dBm}]$
- $D[\text{dB}\mu\text{V}/\text{m}] = 68.8/\lambda \times \sqrt{X/\text{Gar}}[\text{dBm}]$ λ : Wavelength[m] Gar : Antenna absolute gain[times]
- $E[\text{dB}\mu\text{A}/\text{m}] = 107 + X + F[\text{dBm}]$ F : Probe calibration coefficient[dB] ※ changes depending on the frequency.

10.8 Relation between reference level and ATT/AMP (at dBm)

Internal input attenuator (ATT) and IF amplifier (AMP) are automatically set to the optimum values based on the reference level (REFER). (The input attenuator cannot be set independently.)

REFER (dBm)	ATT (dB)	AMP (dB)	REFER (dBm)	ATT (dB)	AMP (dB)	REFER (dBm)	ATT (dB)	AMP (dB)	REFER (dBm)	ATT (dB)	AMP (dB)
10	25	0	-3	12	0	-16	0	1	-29	7	21
9	24	0	-4	11	0	-17	0	2	-30	6	21
8	23	0	-5	10	0	-18	0	3	-31	5	21
7	22	0	-6	9	0	-19	0	4	-32	4	21
6	21	0	-7	8	0	-20	0	5	-33	3	21
5	20	0	-8	7	0	-21	15	21	-34	2	21
4	19	0	-9	6	0	-22	14	21	-35	1	21
3	18	0	-10	5	0	-23	13	21	-36	0	21
2	17	0	-11	4	0	-24	12	21	-37	0	22
1	16	0	-12	3	0	-25	11	21	-38	0	23
0	15	0	-13	2	0	-26	10	21	-39	0	24
-1	14	0	-14	1	0	-27	9	21	-40	0	25
-2	13	0	-15	0	0	-28	8	21			

* When the input signal level is higher than the proper level for 1st mixer’s terminal, harmonics distortion and spurious are generated.

This product is designed so that the input signal level of 1st mixer is determined to proper level based on the reference level.

10.9 Reference level function menu in TIME DOMAIN measurement

In TIME DOMAIN measurement (Power vs. Time, Frequency vs. Time, Phase vs. Time, IQ vs. Time) of REAL TIME MODE, when **REFER** is pushed, the following function menu is displayed.

Power vs. Time measurement

REF	OFS dB	OFFSET	OFS STEP
dBm	0dB	OFF	1dB

F1 F2 F3 F4 F5 F6

Frequency vs. Time measurement

REF	OFS Hz	OFFSET	OFS STEP
dBm	0kHz	OFF	100kHz

F1 F2 F3 F4 F5 F6

Phase vs. Time measurement

REF	OFS deg	OFFSET	OFS STEP
dBm	0°	OFF	10°

F1 F2 F3 F4 F5 F6

IQ vs. Time measurement

REF	OFS V	OFFSET	OFS STEP
dBm	0mV	OFF	10mV

F1 F2 F3 F4 F5 F6

10.10 Setting of reference level in TIME DOMAIN measurement

By operating **F1** → , the reference level is changed.

10.11 Setting of offset level in TIME DOMAIN measurement

1. By operating **F2** → , the offset of reference level is set.
2. By pushing **F4**, the step size of offset is changed.

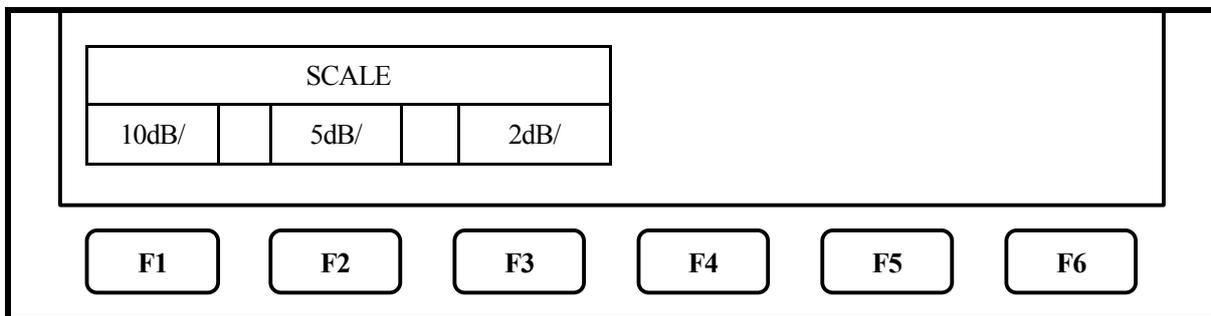
10.12 On-off setting of offset in TIME DOMAIN measurement

By pushing **F3**, the on-off setting is changed.
ON/OFF : The setting of offset is valid/invalid.

11. Display Scale <SCALE>

11.1 Setting with function key

When **SCALE** is pushed, the following function menu is displayed.

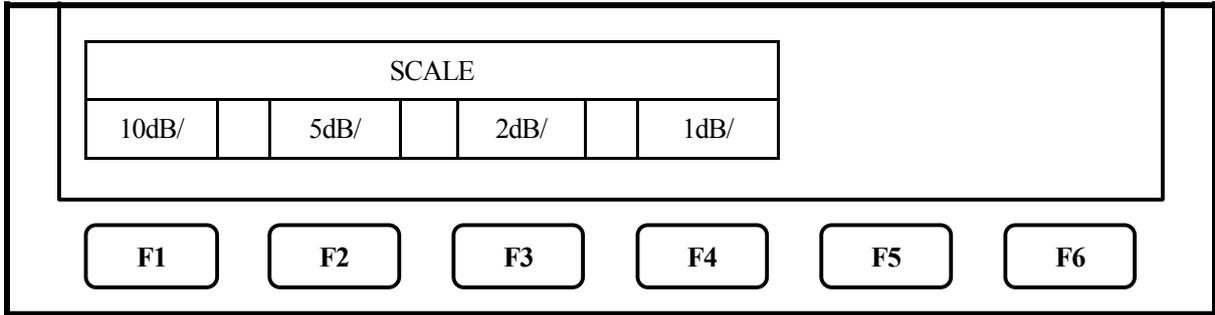


1. By pushing **F1**, 10dB/div display scale is set.
2. By pushing **F2**, 5dB/div display scale is set.
3. By pushing **F3**, 2dB/div display scale is set.

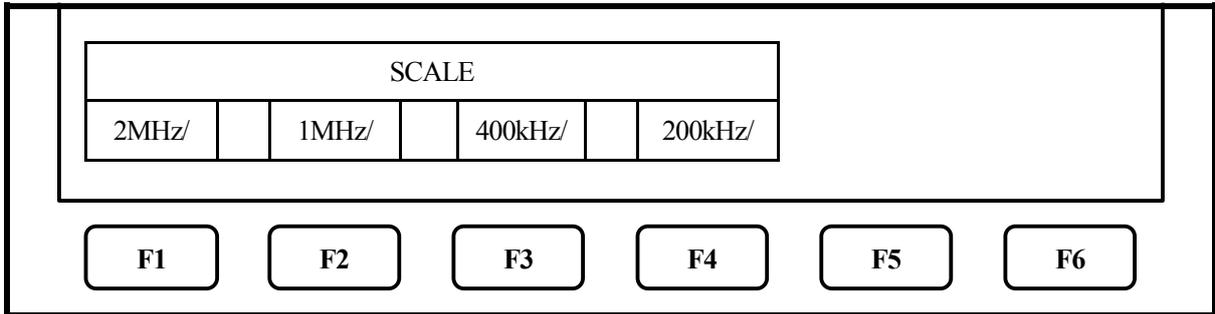
11.2 Display Scale function menu in TIME DOMAIN measurement

In TIME DOMAIN measurement (Power vs. Time, Frequency vs. Time, Phase vs. Time, IQ vs. Time) of REAL TIME MODE, when **SCALE** is pushed, the following function menu is displayed.

Power vs. Time measurement

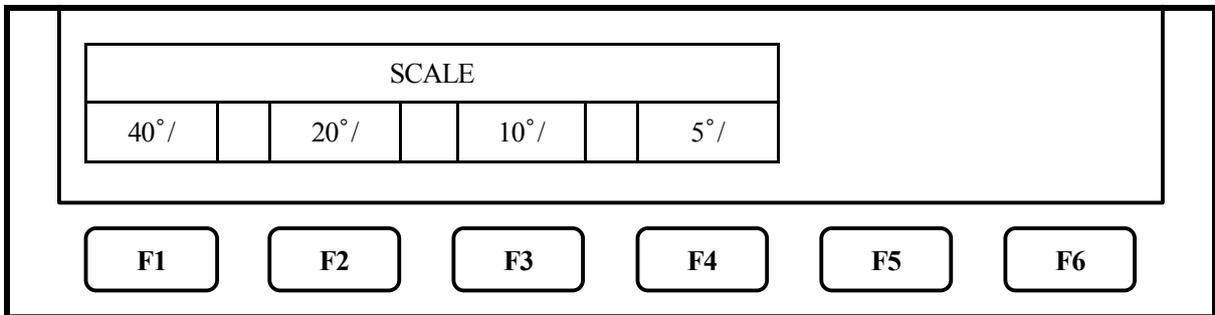


Frequency vs. Time measurement

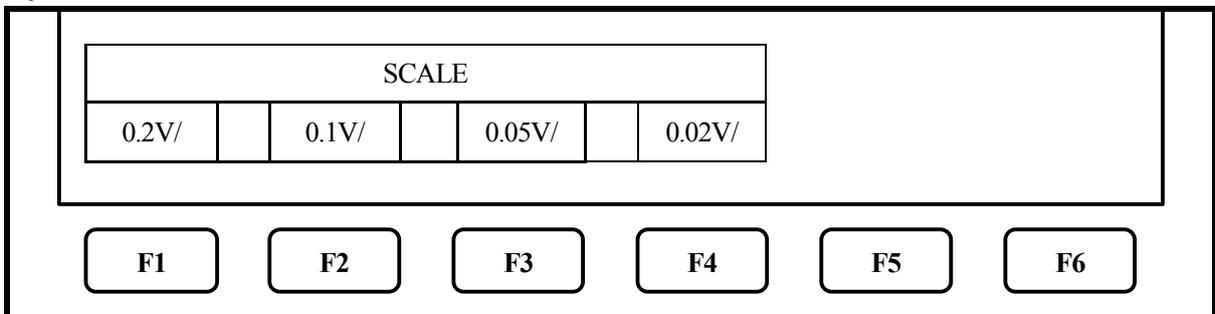


10, 5, 2, 1%/div of span. Actually, displayed by “Hz/dev” coupled with span.

Phase vs. Time measurement



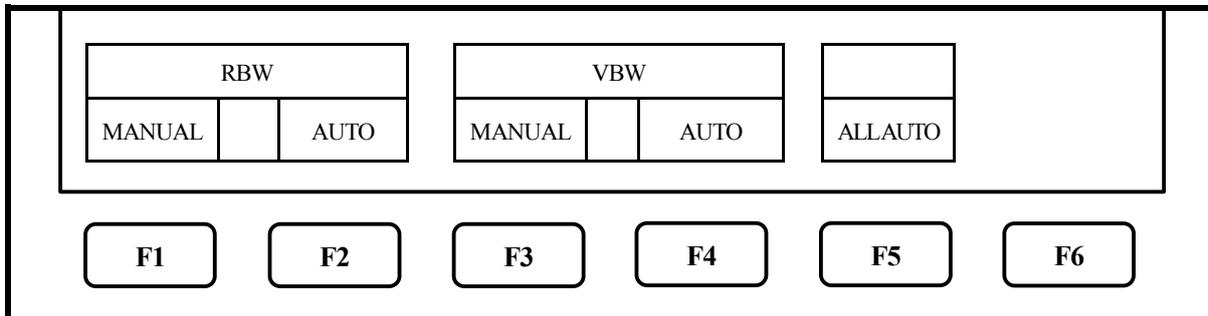
IQ vs. Time measurement



By pushing ~ or , specified display scale is set.

12. Resolution/Video Bandwidth <BW>

When **BW** is pushed, the following function menu is displayed.



12.1 RBW MANUAL mode

By pushing **F1**, MANUAL mode is set.

By rotating , RBW is set as follows.

MSA538/538TG/558 : 300Hz ↔ 1kHz ↔ 3kHz ↔ 10kHz ↔ 30kHz ↔ 100kHz ↔ 300kHz
↔ 1MHz ↔ 3MHz

MSA538E/558E : 300Hz ↔ 1kHz ↔ 3kHz ↔ 10kHz ↔ 30kHz ↔ 100kHz ↔ 300kHz ↔ 1MHz ↔ 3MHz
↔ 9kHz(6dB) ↔ 120kHz(6dB) ↔ 1MHz(6dB) (※A value becomes orange color in case of 6dB.)

12.2 RBW AUTO mode

By pushing **F2**, the optimum RBW is set based on the frequency span and sweep time.

* When AUTO mode is set, "*" is displayed on the right end of RBW setting value display.

12.3 VBW MANUAL mode

By pushing **F3**, MANUAL mode is set.

By rotating , VBW is set as follows.

100Hz ↔ 300Hz ↔ 1kHz ↔ 3kHz ↔ 10kHz ↔ 30kHz
↔ 100kHz ↔ 300kHz ↔ 1MHz ↔ 3MHz

12.4 VBW AUTO mode

By pushing **F4**, the optimum VBW is set based on the frequency span and sweep time.

* When AUTO mode is set, "*" is displayed on the right end of VBW setting value display.

12.5 ALL AUTO mode

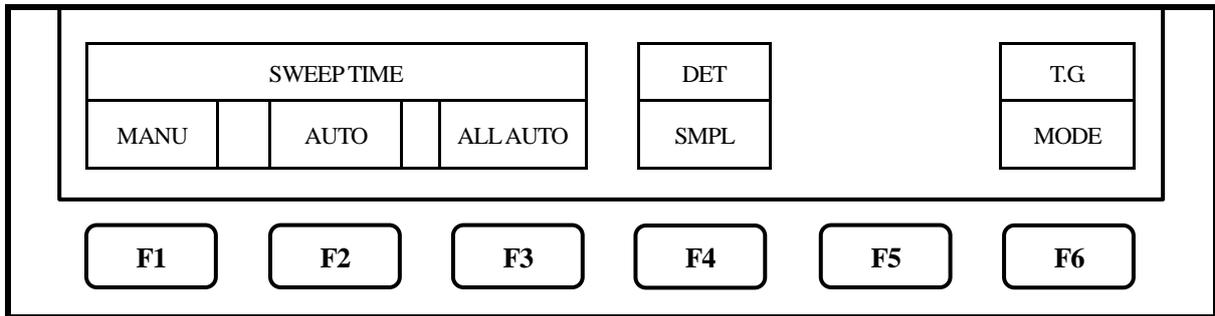
By pushing **F5**, the optimum RBW, VBW and sweep time are set based on the frequency span.

* When ALL AUTO mode is set, “*” is displayed on the right end of each setting value display.

* When RBW is set to 100kHz or less, the selectivity at 60dB becomes larger than an actual value due to SSB phase noise.

13. Sweep Axis / Detection Mode <SWEEP>

When **SWEEP** is pushed, the following function menu is displayed.



* T.G MODE [F6] is only for MSA538TG. This menu is not displayed on MSA538, MSA538E, MSA558 and MSA558E. For the details, refer to “22. Tracking Generator Mode”.

13.1 MANUAL mode

By pushing **F1** or rotating , MANUAL mode is set.

By rotating , sweep time is set as follows.

10ms ↔ 30ms ↔ 0.1s ↔ 0.3s ↔ 1s ↔ 3s ↔ 10s ↔ 30s

* For MSA538, MSA538E and MSA538TG, when setting to FULLSPAN, it cannot be set to 10ms.

* For MSA558 and MSA538E, when setting to 5GHz SPAN or FULLSPAN, it cannot be set to 10ms.

* When RBW is setting to 300Hz or 1kHz, it cannot be set to 10ms or 30ms.

13.2 AUTO mode

By pushing **F2**, the optimum sweep time is set based on the frequency span and RBW.

* When AUTO mode is set, “*” is displayed on the right end of SWEEP setting value display.

13.3 ALL AUTO mode

By pushing **F3**, the optimum RBW, VBW and sweep time are set based on the frequency span.

* When ALL AUTO mode is set, “*” is displayed on the right end of each setting value display.

13.4 Setting of Detection mode (For MSA538E and MSA558E, refer to “20. EMI test”)

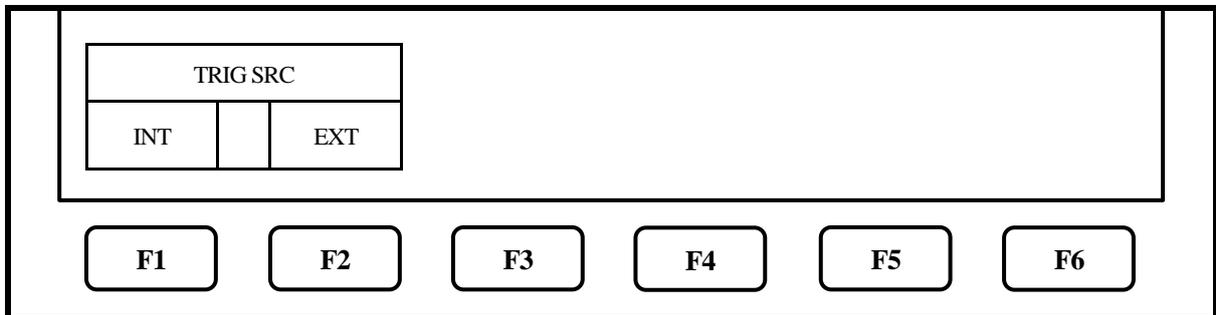
By pushing **F4**, the detection mode is set.



- POS (Positive Peak) : The maximum value of the sample points is detected.
- SMPL (Sample) : The momentary value of the sample points is detected.
- NEG (Negative Peak) : The minimum value of the sample points is detected.

14. Trigger Function <TRIG>

In SWEEP MODE, when **TRIG** is pushed, the following function menu is displayed.

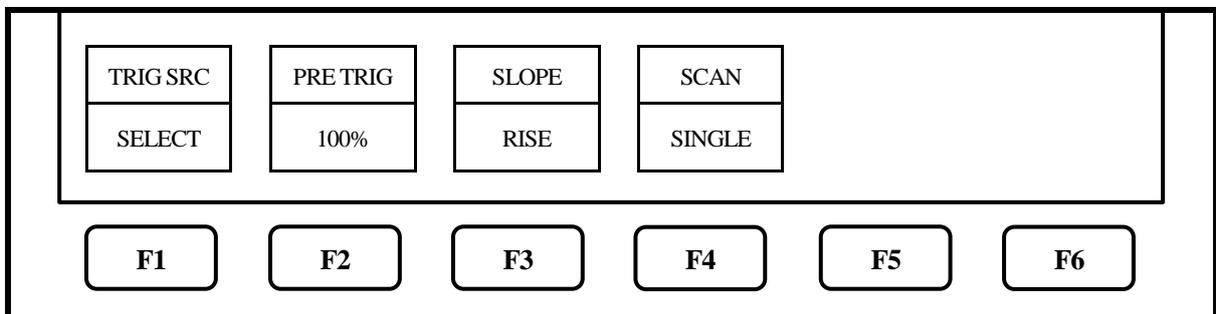


14.1 Setting of Trigger source (SWEEP MODE)

1. By pushing **F1**, the sweep is automatically repeated. This setting is normally used.
2. By pushing **F2**, when the signal over the trigger level (0.56V) is input to external trigger input, the sweep starts. (Available only for zero span.)

14.2 Setting of Trigger source (REAL TIME MODE)

In REAL TIME MODE, when **TRIG** is pushed, the following function menu is displayed.



1. By pushing **F1**, trigger source select menu is displayed.
(Refer to 14.3 Trigger source select menu)

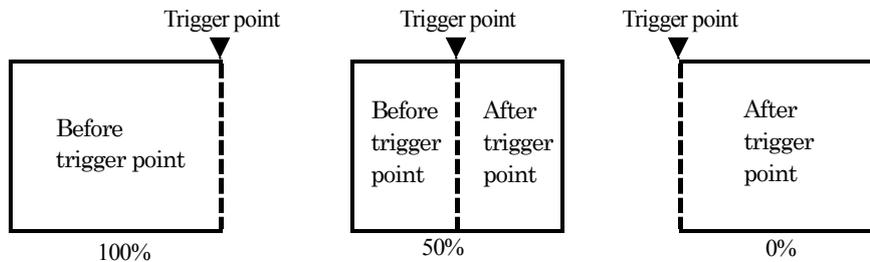
- By pushing **F2**, trigger position can be set. It can be only set when the number of analysis frames is 4 or more.

100% : The portion before the trigger point and the trigger point is displayed.

0% : The portion after the trigger point and the trigger point is displayed.

It can be set in step of 25% between 0 to 100% .

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- By pushing **F3**, trigger slope is set.



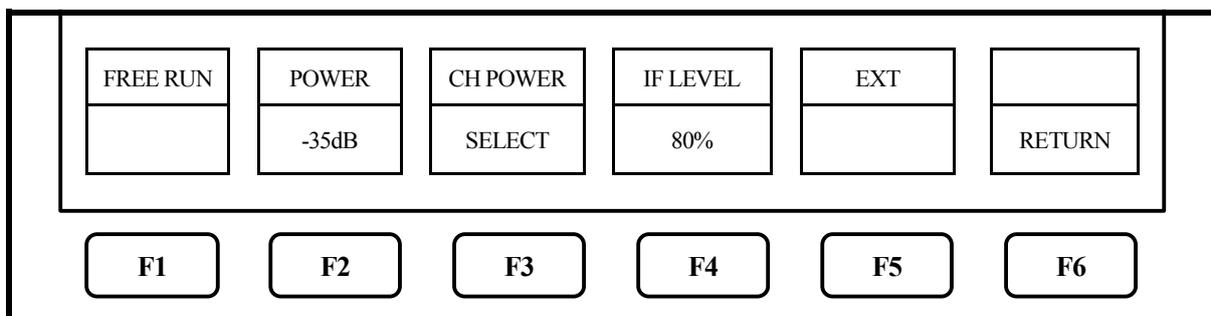
- By pushing **F4**, trigger motion is set.



SINGLE: When a trigger event occurs, the scan is performed one time.

CONTINUE: The scan is performed, whenever a trigger event occurs.

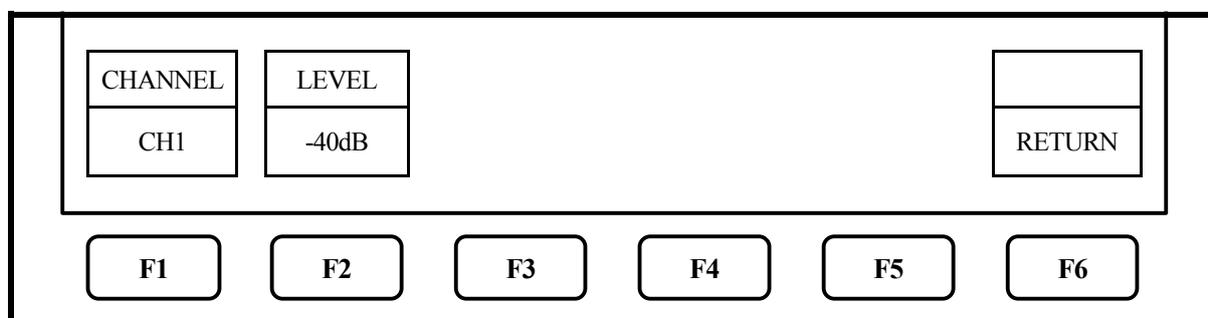
14.3 Trigger source select menu



- By pushing **F1**, FREE RUN is selected. The measurement is performed continuously.
- By pushing **F2**, power of an input is selected as for a trigger. By rotating , the power value is set. Trigger condition is defined as the total power within the span. Trigger level is described as the relative value against the reference level . When the trigger slope is set to “RISE”, if the signal power exceeds the trigger level, the waveform is updated. When the trigger slope is set to “FALL”, if the signal power is lower than the trigger level, the waveform is updated. The trigger level is set to -40 to 0 dB (1dB Step).

3. By pushing **F3**, channel power is selected as for a trigger, and channel power select menu is displayed. (Refer to 14.4 Channel power trigger select menu)
4. By pushing **F4**, internal IF level is selected as for a trigger. Trigger condition is defined as the ratio between the instantaneous signal level and the full scale of IF signal path. If the signal level exceeds the trigger level, the waveform is updated. The trigger level is set to 1 to 100 % (1% Step).
5. By pushing **F5**, external trigger is set. Trigger condition is defined as the external trigger input voltage. When the trigger slope is set to “RISE”, if the input level exceeds the fixed threshold (0.56V), the waveform is updated. When the trigger slope is set to “FALL”, if the input level is lower than the fixed threshold(0.56V), the waveform is updated.

14.4 Channel power trigger select menu

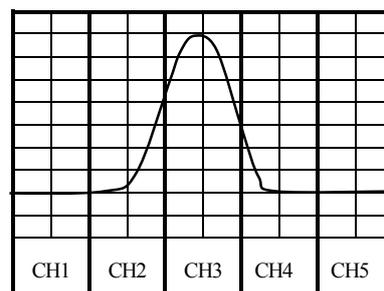


Trigger condition is defined as the total power within the channel. The span is divided into 5 then each piece is defined as the channel. 1 is the lowest frequency, 3 is the center and 5 is the highest frequency. Choice of the one of 5 channels is to be used as the trigger source. Trigger level is described as the relative value against the reference level. The trigger slope setting works as same as Power trigger.

By pushing **F1**, channel as for a trigger source is set.



By rotating , the value is set.



The comparison table is shown in below. Please refer to the table at page 26 for the sample time.

Trigger Source	Time Resolution	Slope	Level Range
IF Level	14.7 ns	RISE only	1 to 100 % (1% Step)
Power	1 sample	RISE/FALL	-40 to 0 dB (1dB Step)
Channel Power	5 sample	RISE/FALL	-40 to 0 dB (1dB Step)
External	Analog bandwidth DC-5MHz	RISE/FALL	0.56V Fixed

15. Hold / Run <HOLD/RUN>

By pushing **HOLD/RUN**, the sweep is switched to halt and continuance.

16. Calculation Function <CALC>

When **CALC** is pushed, the following function menu is displayed.



* By pushing **HOLD/RUN**, the sweep is restarted.

* By pushing **F1** ~ **F5**, the calculation functions is selected.

By rotating , the sweep count can be set.

16.1 NORMAL mode

1. When **F1** is pushed, the normal mode is set. The calculation is not performed in this mode.

The number of times of the sweep is infinite. This mode is normally used.

* When this mode is set, "NORMAL" is displayed in the CALC area on the screen.

(Refer to "4. Explanation of Screen" for the details.)

16.2 MAX HOLD mode

1. By the operation of **F2** → , the number of times of the sweep in MAX HOLD mode is set.

2. The update spectrum data is compared with the data left last time at each point, and the larger one is retained and displayed.

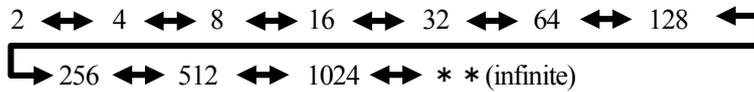


* When this mode is set, "MAX --- (number of times)" is displayed in the CALC area on the screen.

(Refer to "4. Explanation of Screen" for the details.)

16.3 MIN HOLD mode

1. By the operation of  → , the number of times of the sweep in MIN HOLD mode is set.
2. The update spectrum data is compared with the data left last time at each point, and the smaller one is retained and displayed.



- * When this mode is set, “MIN --- (number of times)” is displayed in the CALC area on the screen.
(Refer to “4. Explanation of Screen” for the details.)

16.4 AVERAGE mode

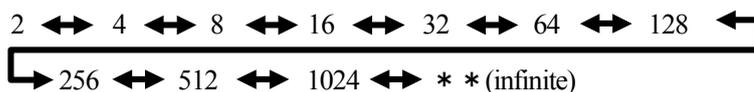
1. By the operation of  → , the number of times of the sweep in AVERAGE mode is set.
2. The simple averaging processing is executed at each sweep.



- * When this mode is set, “AVG --- (number of times)” is displayed in the CALC area on the screen.
(Refer to “4. Explanation of Screen” for the details.)

16.5 OVER WRITE mode

1. By the operation of  → , the number of times of the sweep in OVER WRITE mode is set.
2. The image on the screen is not cleared at each sweep, and the overwriting display is executed.



- * When this mode is set, “OVER WR” is displayed in the CALC area on the screen.
(Refer to “4. Explanation of Screen” for the details.)

- * Only the last spectrum is saved.

16.6 SPURIOUS FREE mode (MSA558/558E)

1. By pushing , the SPURIOUS FREE mode, by which the spurious response peculiarly caused at band 1- and band 1+ is simply deleted, is selected.

- * “SPR” is displayed in CALC area on the screen.
(Refer to “4. Explanation of Screen” for the details.)

- * Differing from base band at which the up-conversion of input frequency is done with a frequency mixer, the spurious response peculiar to band 1- and band 1+ is generated because the down-conversion is done at those two bands.

* About SPURIOUS FREE mode

1. SPURIOUS FREE mode is a mode by which the spurious response peculiarly caused at band 1- and band 1+ is simply deleted.
2. SPURIOUS FREE mode is especially effective in the measurement of a stationary wave.
3. If SPURIOUS FREE mode is used in measurement of a signal with level change or frequency change, the phenomenon that the level goes down is caused.
4. The noise level goes down a little in case of a noise changing at random. In short, the same phenomenon as MIN HOLD function happens.

* How to judge SPURIOUS response at band 1- and band 1+

The procedure for judging SPURIOUS response at band 1- and band 1+ is as follows.

1. Set the center frequency to $< (\text{current setting value}) + f >$.
 2. The spectrum shifting left by f is a correct spectrum, but another spectrum shifting such as left by $2f$, left by $3f$, right by f , right by $2f$ or right by $3f$ is a spurious response.
- * “ f ” should be changed according to SPAN for easy judgment. For reference;
 $f = \text{SPAN} / (10 \text{ to } 50)$ (corresponding to 0.2 to 1 div)

Example: judging a spectrum displayed at 6.92GHz

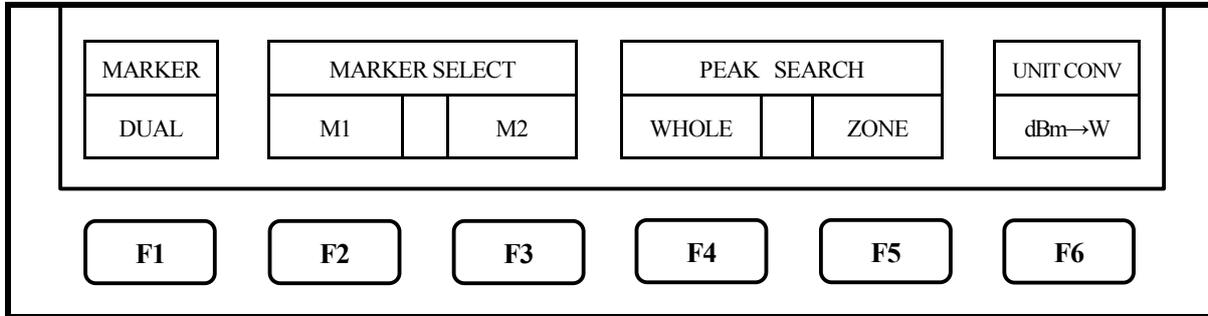
(setting : center frequency 6.92GHz and SPAN 500MHz)

1. Set the center frequency to $< 6.92\text{GHz} + 500\text{MHz}/25 > = 6.94\text{GHz}$.
 2. A spectrum at 6.92GHz (shifting left by f from 6.94GHz) is correct. A spectrum at 6.98GHz (shifting right by $2f$ from 6.94GHz) is spurious.
- Additionally, a spurious response mentioned above shifting right by $2f$ at band 1+ is largest, and other spurious response are about 25 to 50dB smaller than that.

17. Marker & peak search <MKR>

When **MKR** is pushed, the following function menu is displayed.

- Main menu of marker function



17.1 Setting of marker

1. By pushing **F1**, the marker mode is selected.



SINGLE: One marker is displayed.
 DUAL: Two markers are displayed.
 DELTA: Delta marker is displayed.
 OFF: Marker is not displayed.

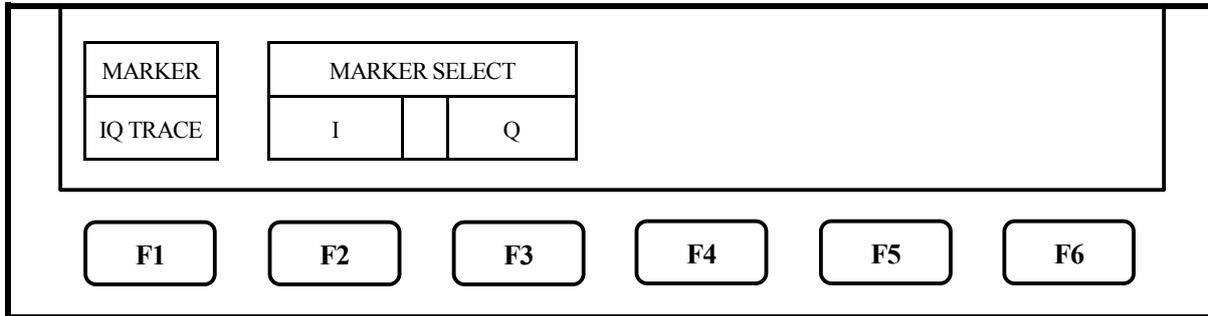
2. By pushing **F2** and **F3**, an active marker is selected.

The displayed content is different according to setting by **F1**.

SINGLE MODE Marker select key is not displayed because of one marker.
 DUAL MODE:
 M1: 1st marker is active.
 M2: 2nd maker is active.
 DELTA MODE:
 REF: reference maker is active.
 DELTA: another maker is active.
 OFF: Marker select key is not displayed.

17.2 Setting of marker for I/Q vs. Time measurement of REAL TIME MODE

- Main menu of marker function for I/Q vs. Time measurement of REAL TIME MODE



1. By pushing **F1**, the marker mode is selected.



IQ TRACE: Two markers (I & Q) are displayed.

OFF: Marker is not displayed.

2. By pushing **F2** and **F3**, an active marker is selected.

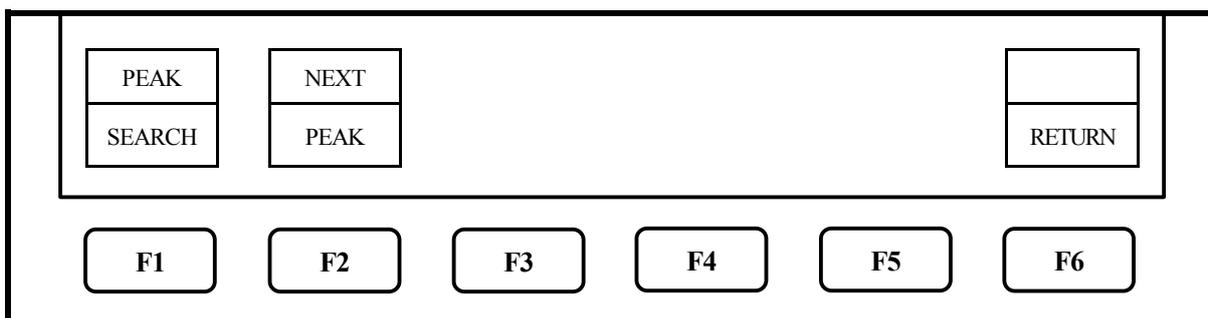
I: A marker on the trace data of I is active.

Q: A marker on the trace data of Q is active.

17.3 Normal peak search

- Menu of normal peak search

When **F4** is pushed, the following function menu is displayed.



1. When **F1** is pushed, the marker moves to the maximum peak position of spectrum.

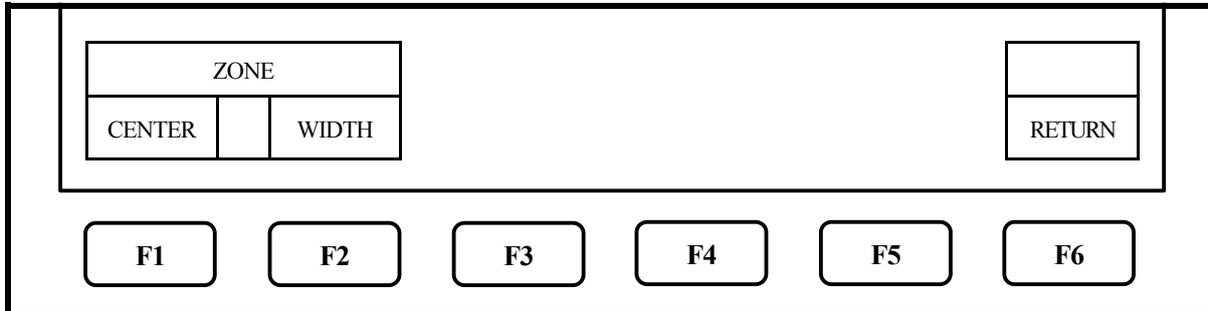
2. When **F2** is pushed, the marker moves to the next higher peak of the peak on which the marker is attached. Fifty or less peaks are available.

3. When **F6** is pushed, the function menu is returned to the main menu of maker function.

17.4 Zone peak search

• Menu of Zone mode

When **F5** is pushed, the following function menu is displayed.



At the Zone mode, the marker automatically moves to the maximum peak point within the range beforehand set.

When entering this mode, the zone is displayed with light blue shadow in the spectrum display area.

The marker moves to maximum level within this zone at each sweep.

By the operation of **F1** → , the center of the zone is decided.

By the operation of **F2** → , the width of the zone is decided.

※The marker doesn't move in HOLD.

17.5 Change for unit at marker level

When **F6** is pushed, the unit at marker level is changed.

If the unit of the reference level is dBm, it is changed like [dBm] ↔ [W].

If the unit of the reference level is dBμV, dBmV or dBV, it is changed like [dBμV, dBmV, dBV] ↔ [V].

If the unit of the reference level is dBμV/m, it is changed like [dBμV/m] ↔ [V/m].

If the unit of the reference level is dBμA/m, it is changed like [dBμA/m] ↔ [A/m].

Moreover, the sub-unit is attached as follows according to the level.

[W] → [W, mW, μW, nW, pW, fW]

[V] → [V, mV, μV, nV]

[V/m] → [V/m, mV/m, μV/m, nV/m]

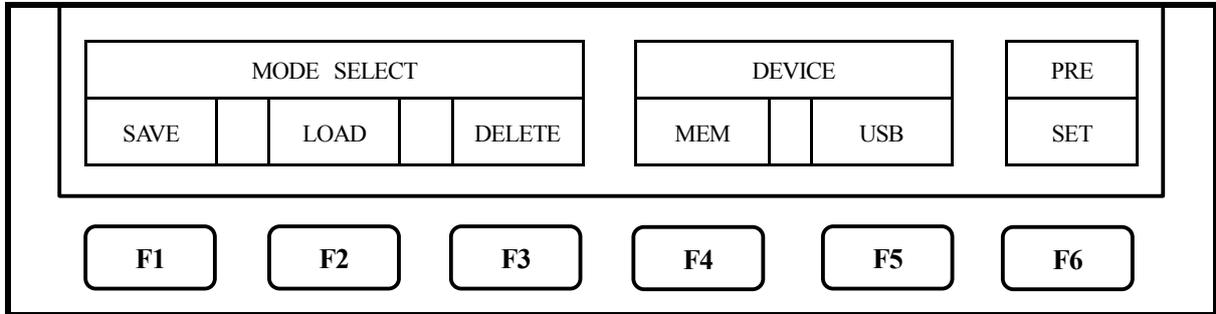
[A/m] → [A/m, mA/m, μA/m, nA/m]

"V/m" is displayed only when the electric field strength measurement is selected.
(Refer to "19.4 Electric field strength measurement".)

"A/m" is displayed only when the magnetic field strength measurement is selected.
(Refer to "19.5 Magnetic field strength measurement".)

18. Save / Load <SAVE/LOAD>

When **SAVE/LOAD** is pushed, SAVE/LOAD menu is displayed as follows.



18.1 Selection of storage device

1. When **F4** is pushed, the built-in flash memory is selected as a storage device.

※ IQ data cannot be saved in the built-in flash memory.

2. When **F5** is pushed, the external USB memory is selected as a storage device.

※ Install the USB memory in USB A plug on the right side firmly. Refer to the figure below.

※ The “FAT” or “FAT32” format USB memory is only available.

※ If the USB memory is installed again after it is installed once and then removed, the MSA500 series cannot normally recognize it. In that case refer to the following operation.

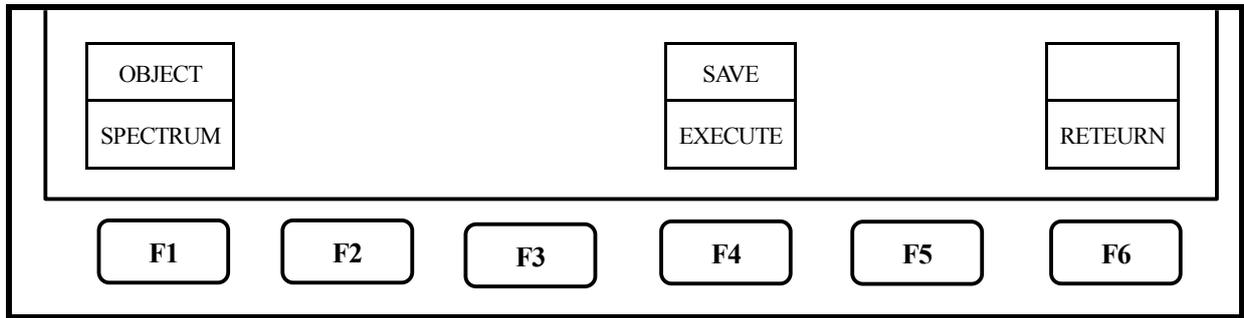
Method of recognition:

By the operation of **SAVE/LOAD** → **F5**, the USB memory is recognized.



18.2 Save function

When **F1** is pushed, SAVE menu is displayed as follows.



1. In this function, the data is stored in the built-in memory or USB memory by CSV format. The data stored in USB memory can be used with a personal computer as a CSV file. "SVLD" which is a folder for storage is automatically generated and the data is stored in it as a file.
2. By pushing **F1**, the object to be stored is selected.



SPECTRUM : The current spectrum on the screen is stored.

PARAMETER : The setting parameters are stored.

IQ DATA : IQ data in current analysis area is stored.

SPEC + PARA : The spectrum and the setting parameters are stored as one file.

IQ + PARA : IQ data in current analysis area and the setting parameters are stored as one file.

IQ FULL : IQ data in current acquisition area and the setting parameters are stored as one file.

IQ data can be saved when following conditions are satisfied.

- (1) On real-time mode, the acquisition is completed.
- (2) Time domain is selected on Analysis Main menu.
- (3) Start Frame and Analysis Frame are specified.

※IQ data can be saved only in USB memory. IQ data cannot be saved in the built-in flash memory.

IQ data is a big volume. It takes 50 or more minutes when 16K frames are saved.

3. When **F4** is pushed, SAVE is executed. The data is stored by the file name displayed in the active area (refer to "4. Explanation of screen"). As for the file name, refer to "18.3 File name". 200 or less files can be stored in the built-in memory. 1000 or less files can be stored in USB memory.
4. When **F6** is pushed, the former menu is displayed.

18.3 About file name

- The file name is attached to the file stored using this function as follows.

$$\frac{\text{LABEL_SP001.csv}}{\text{①} \quad \text{②③} \quad \text{④}}$$

- ① The named label is pasted. Refer to “24.1 Label function”.
- ② S :The object stored is the spectrum (SPECTRUM).
 P :The object stored is the setting parameters (PARAMETER).
 I :The object stored is the IQ data in current analysis area(IQ DATA).
 SP :The object stored is both of spectrum and setting parameters (SPEC + PARA).
 IP :The object stored is both of IQ data in current analysis area and setting parameters (IQ + PARA).
 IF :The object stored is both of IQ data in current acquisition area and setting parameters (IQ + PARA).
- ③ The consecutive three digit number from “000” is automatically attached if ① and ② are same.
- ④ This is the extension showing CSV format and is automatically attached.

- If the label is not named, “MSA” instead of it is attached and the file name becomes below.

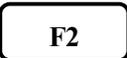
MSA__SP001.csv

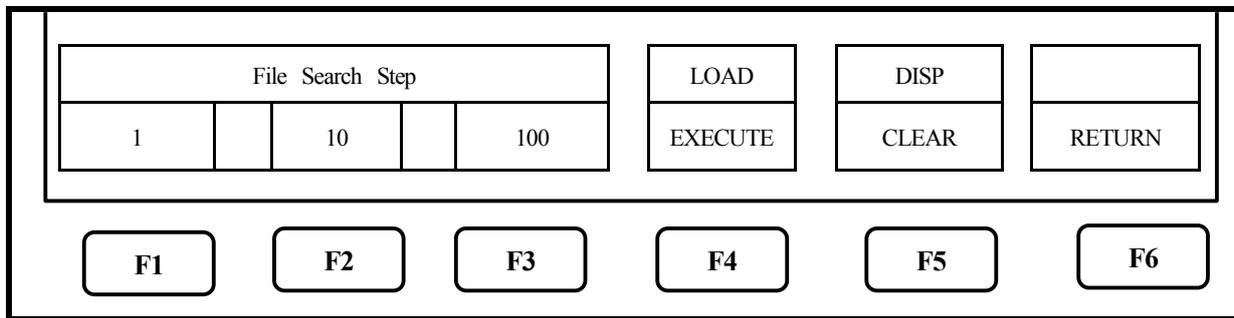
- About file name at the time of storage

When SAVE is selected, a candidate of file name is displayed in the active area following above-mentioned regulations.

When SAVE is executed as it is, the data is stored with that file name. If the file exists in the storage device and  is rotated left before SAVE is executed, those file names are displayed one by one. If SAVE is executed with an existing file name displayed, the data is overwritten on it.

18.4 Load function

When  is pushed, LOAD menu is displayed as follows.



- When  is rotated right and left, the stored file name is displayed one by one from the specified storage device in the active area as follows.
 - ① USB : LOAD
 - ② MSA__SP012.csv
 - ③ 12

① The storage device in which the file is stored is displayed.

(USB: USB memory, MEM: built-in memory)

② The file name selected.

③ Number attached to file

The files in the specified folder of the storage device are sorted in alphabetical order. And this shows that number.

2. Selection of number of skips of files to be searched

By → , the file is displayed in order of the number attached to it in the active area.

The number skips each 10 by and each 100 by as well.

Select it according to the number of stored files.

3. When is pushed, LOAD is executed.

※ When setting parameters are loaded, they are displayed in the loaded spectrum information display area. [Refer to “4. Explanation of screen” for details.]

※ When the spectrum is loaded, the MSA500 series enters HOLD state and a current spectrum disappears. And then the loaded spectrum is displayed.

When is pushed after then, a loading spectrum and a current spectrum are displayed together.

※ When the IQ data or IQ data with setting parameters is loaded, MSA500 enters HOLD state and a current waveform data disappears. Then the loaded data is shown with the analysis type specified in the IQ file. The setting parameters shall be set as follows.

Operation Mode: Real Time

Center Frequency: The value recorded in IQ file.

Span: The value recorded in IQ file.

Ref. Level: The value recorded in IQ file.

Acquisition Frame: The value recorded in IQ file.

Start Frame: 1

Analysis Frame: Same as the acquisition frame

Main Measurement: The type recorded in IQ file.

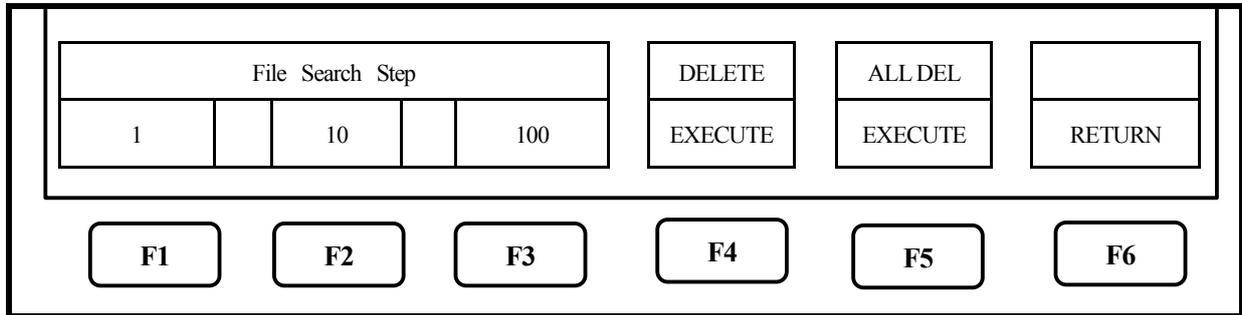
Sub Measurement: Off

Display Scale: 10 dB/div

4. When is pushed, the loaded spectrum can be non-displayed.

18.5 Delete function

When **F3** is pushed, DELETE menu is displayed as follows.



1. The file name to be deleted is selected from the specified device with , and then display it in the active area. As for the number of skips, it is the same as “18.4 Load function”.
2. When **F4** is pushed, DELETE is executed. The file displayed in the active area is deleted at this time.
3. Repeat 1. and 2. operation, and more than one file can be deleted one by one.
4. When **F5** is pushed, all files are deleted at once.

18.6 Presetting (Initialization) (For MSA538E/558E, refer to “20. EMI test”.)

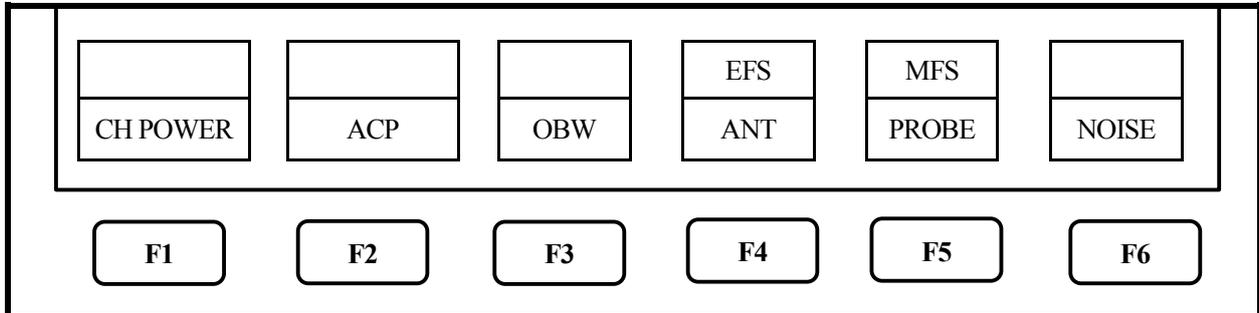
When **F6** is pushed, the setting parameters are reset to the initialization shown below.

“Initialization”

Items	Parameters
Center frequency	1GHz
Frequency span	20MHz
Reference level	10dBm
Offset	0.0dB
Impedance	50 Ω
Sweep time	30ms
Detection mode	Sample mode (SMPL)
RBW	100kHz
VBW	30kHz
Display scale	10dB/div

19. Measuring Function <MEAS>

When **MEAS** is pushed, the following function menu is displayed.



The measuring function can be selected as follows.

F1	CH POWER -----	Channel power measurement
F2	ACP -----	Adjacent channel leakage power measurement
F3	OBW -----	Occupied bandwidth measurement
F4	EFS ANT -----	Electric field strength measurement
F5	MFS PROBE -----	Magnetic field strength measurement
F6	NOISE -----	Noise measurement

- * Once the measuring function is set, when **MEAS** is pushed, the function menu is directly returned to the last setting of the measuring function. In order to stop the measuring function or to select the other measuring function, push [F6] key (MEAS OFF), then the function menu is returned to the main menu of the measuring function.
- * Each of the four functions (Channel power, Adjacent channel leakage power, Occupied bandwidth and Noise) and the marker function cannot be used at the same time. When **MKR** is pushed while each of the four functions is selected, the measuring function is stopped.
Similarly, when the measuring function is selected while using the marker function, the marker function is stopped.
- * Although 501 points are displayed on its screen, the number of points calculated in the instrument is all of 1001 points.

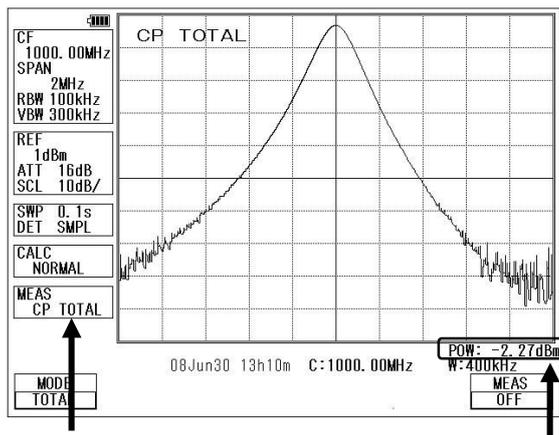
19.1 Channel power measurement <CH POWER> F1

The total power in the specified frequency band is measured.

Two modes, TOTAL and BAND, are available.

● **TOTAL mode** [By pushing F1 (MODE), TOTAL mode is selected.]

The sum of power or the average of power in the displayed spectrum specified by center frequency and frequency span are measured.



[Measuring mode]

[Measured value]

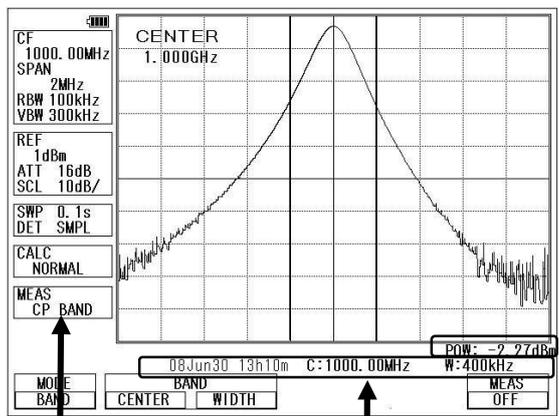
* “CP TOTAL” is displayed in MEAS area on the screen.

* The measured value is displayed at the lower right corner on the screen.

By pushing F4 (POWER), the sum of power and the average of power are switched.

● **BAND mode** [By pushing F1 (MODE), BAND mode is selected.]

The sum of power or the average of power in the band specified by band center and bandwidth are measured.



[Measuring mode]

[Setting parameter]

[Measured value]

* “CP BAND” is displayed in MEAS area on the screen.

* The measured value and the setting parameter are displayed at the lower on the screen.

1. By F2 (BAND CENTER) → , the band center is set.

2. By F3 (BAND WIDTH) → , the band width is set.

3. By pushing F4 (POWER), the sum of power and the average of power are switched.

19.2 Adjacent channel leakage power measurement <ACP> F2

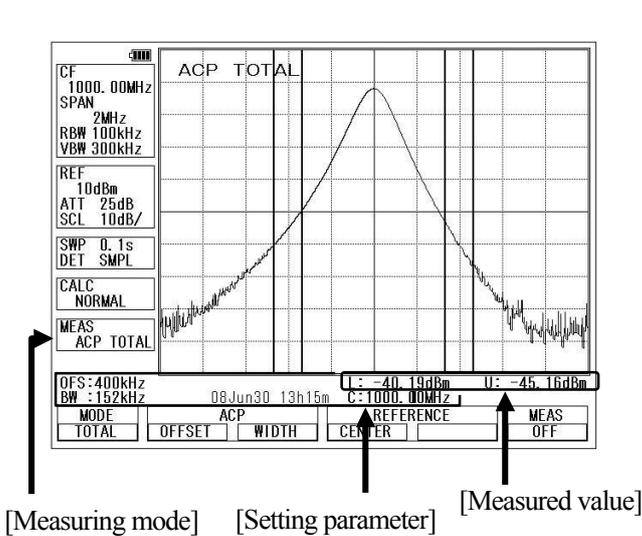
The adjacent channel leakage power is measured as the ratio of power in the range specified by offset frequency and bandwidth to carrier power. Both of leakage power at the upper and lower side are measured. Furthermore, the method for measurement is selected out of three methods based on the classification of definition of carrier power; total power method, reference level method and in-band method.

● Mode selection and measurement

[By pushing F1 (MODE), TOTAL, BAND or PEAK mode is selected.]

* “ACP TOTAL”, “ACP BAND” or “ACP PK” is displayed in MEAS area on the screen.

* The measured value and the setting parameter are displayed at the lower on the screen.



1. By F2 (ACP OFFSET) → , the offset frequency of adjacent channel is set.

* The offset is from the center frequency of the reference carrier.

2. By F3 (ACP WIDTH) → , the band width of adjacent channel is set.

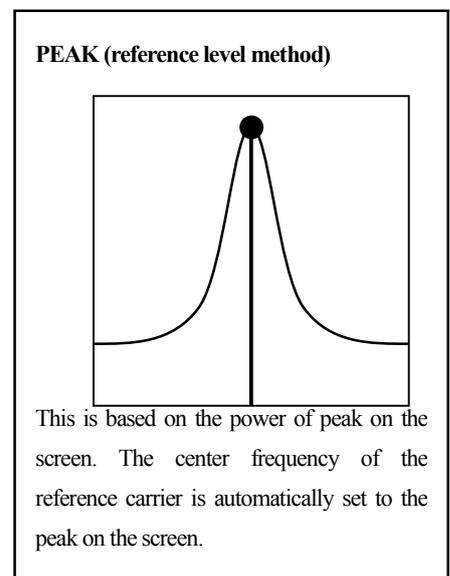
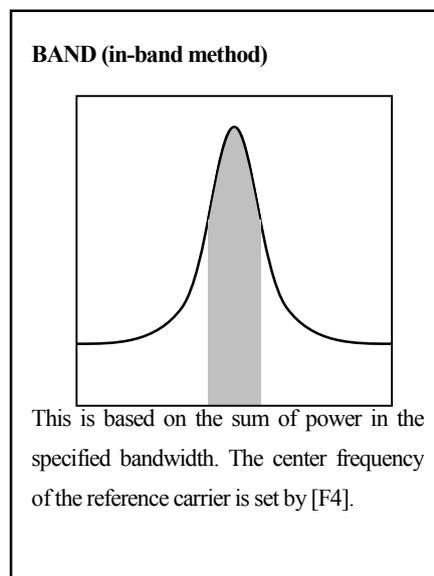
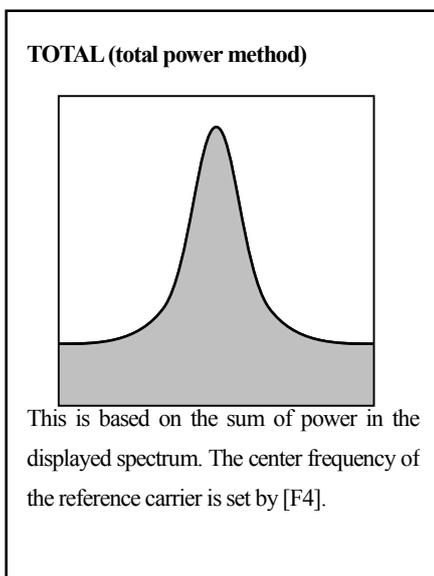
3. By F4 (REFERENCE CENTER) → , the center frequency of the reference carrier is set.

* [F4] is only for TOTAL and BAND mode.

4. By F5 (REFERENCE WIDTH) → , the band width of reference carrier is set.

* [F5] is only for BAND mode.

● Definition of reference carrier for each mode

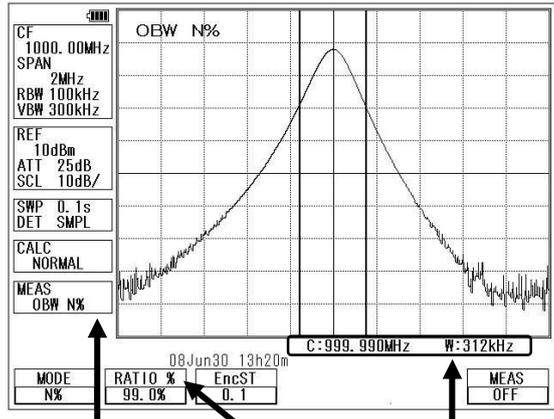


19.3 Occupied bandwidth measurement <OBW> F3

It is possible to measure the occupied frequency bandwidth defined as the width of points at N(%) of the total power (N% POWER), or as the width of points that are X(dB) lower than the peak level (XdB DOWN).

● **N% POWER mode** [By pushing F1 (MODE), N% POWER mode (N%) is selected.]

The bandwidth of points at N(%) of the total power is measured.

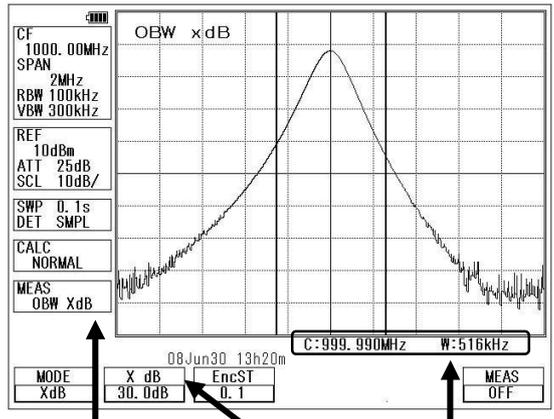


[Measuring mode] [Setting parameter] [Measured value]

- * “OBW N%” is displayed in MEAS area on the screen.
- * The measured value is displayed at the lower right corner on the screen.
- 1. By F2 (RATIO %) → , the percentage of the total power is set.
- * Setting range : 80.0 to 99.9%
- 2. By F3 , the step size of RATIO % can be set to 1% or 0.1%.

● **XdB DOWN mode** [By pushing F1 (MODE), XdB DOWN mode (X dB) is selected.]

The bandwidth of points that are X(dB) lower than the peak level is measured.



[Measuring mode] [Setting parameter] [Measured value]

- * “OBW XdB” is displayed in MEAS area on the screen.
- * The measured value is displayed at the lower right corner on the screen.
- 1. By F2 (XdB) → , the down level from the peak level is set.
- * Setting range : 0.1 to 80.0dB
- 2. By F3 , the step size of XdB can be set to 1dB or 0.1dB.

19.4 Electric field strength measurement <EFS ANT> F4

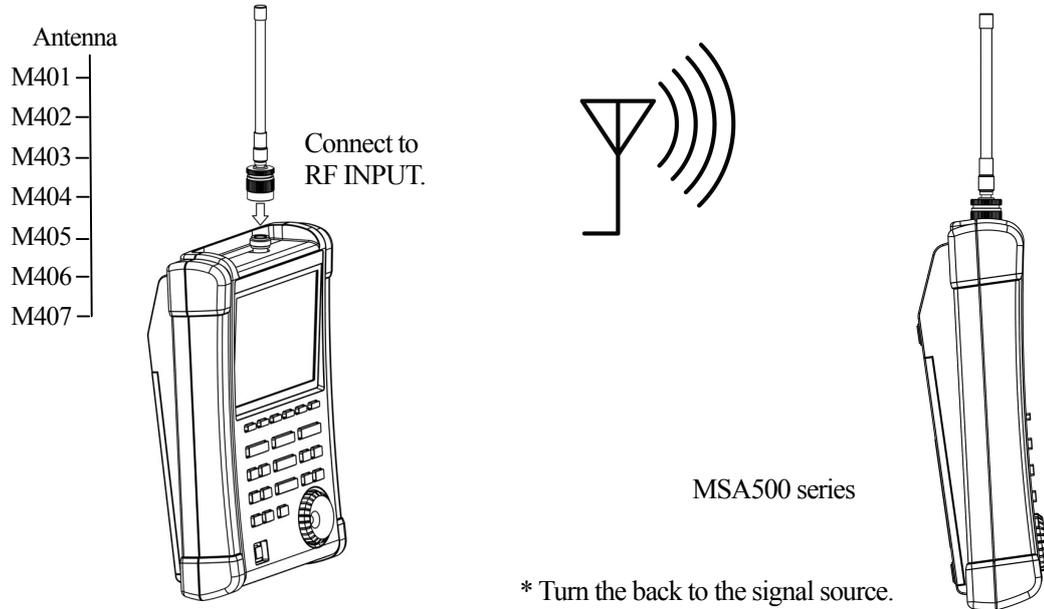
Connecting a dipole antenna (option) to the RF input enables the measurement of the electric field strength.

Other than the optional antenna is also available by creating the original compensation data.

(Refer to “25.7 Writing of original compensation data” for the details.)

[Antenna connection]

[Measurement environment]



[Specifications of dipole antenna (The antenna gain and VSWR are specified at the center of frequency range.)]

Items	M401	M402	M403	M404	M405	M406	M407
Type	Sleeve	Sleeve	Sleeve	Sleeve	1/4 λ whip	Sleeve	1/4 λ whip
Frequency range	0.8 to 1GHz	1.25 to 1.65GHz	1.7 to 2.2GHz	2.25 to 2.65GHz	300 to 500MHz	4.7 to 6.2GHz	470 to 770MHz
Antenna gain	>1dBi	>1dBi	>1dBi	>1dBi	>1dBi	>1dBi	>1dBi
VSWR	<1.5	<1.5	<1.8	<1.8	<1.5	<1.8	<1.5
Dimensions	7.5 φ × 280mm	7.5 φ × 280mm	7.5 φ × 210mm	7.5 φ × 210mm	8.0 φ × 212mm	7.5 φ × 152mm	8.0 φ × 138mm
Weight	Approx. 65g	Approx. 65g	Approx. 65g	Approx. 65g	Approx. 62g	Approx. 65g	Approx. 56g
Reference level setting range (except for the minimum value in screen shift)	93 to 143 dBμV/m	96 to 146 dBμV/m	98 to 148 dBμV/m	100 to 150 dBμV/m	87 to 137 dBμV/m	109 to 159 dBμV/m	91 to 141 dBμV/m

* When M405 ,M407 is used, the measurement errors will occur due to how to hold of instrument and influence of human body, because M405 ,M407 is 1/4 λ whip antenna. The error value will be several dB or more. In order to reduce the error, separate MSA500 series from human body as much as possible.

● Mode selection and measurement

By pushing **F1** (ANT), the antenna (M401/M402/M403/M404/M405/M406/M407/USER) can be selected. The measurement starts as soon as the antenna is selected.

* “EFS M40X” or “EFS USER” is displayed in MEAS area on the screen.

* “USER” is the original compensation data which is created by the user.

(Refer to “25.8 Writing of original compensation data” for the details.)

* The spectrum may exceed the area on the screen depending on the antenna gain compensation.

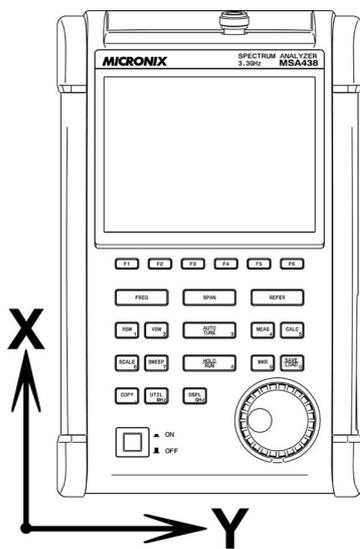
* The optimum center frequency and frequency span are automatically set according to the antenna.

In addition, a spectrum other than the frequency range of the antenna is not displayed.

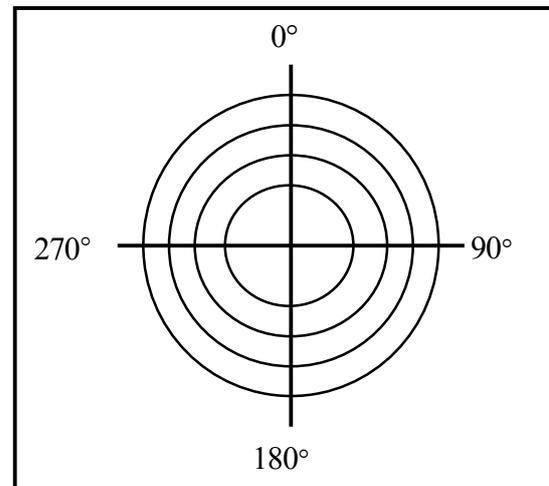
By pushing **F2** (UNIT), the unit of measurement can be set.



● Directivity of antenna (reference data)



E plane : X-Y axis (X direction=0°)

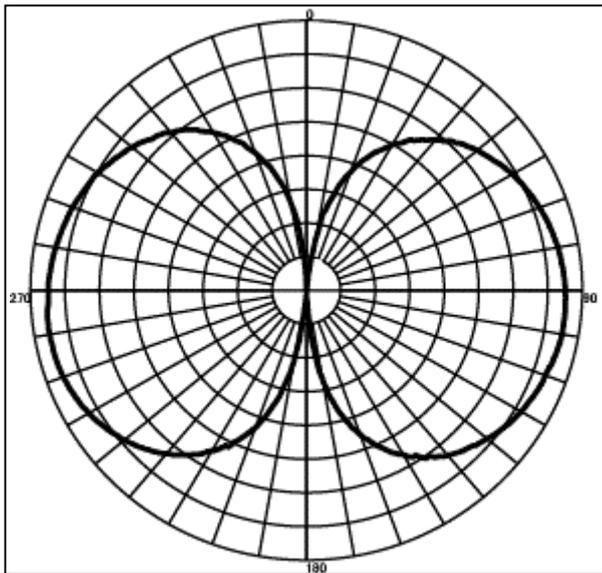


* The following are the data when the antenna is connected to RF input directly with no obstacles around.

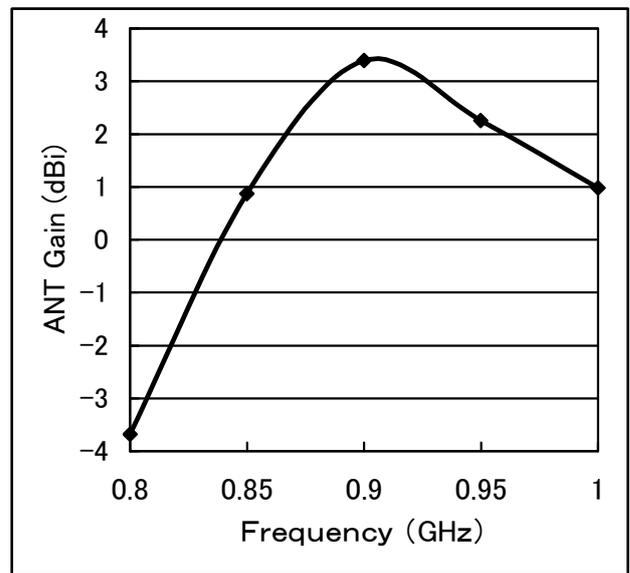
Actually, the directivity changes due to the human body when handling the unit.

* The data of M405 and M407 are the reference data which is included the influence of the human body.

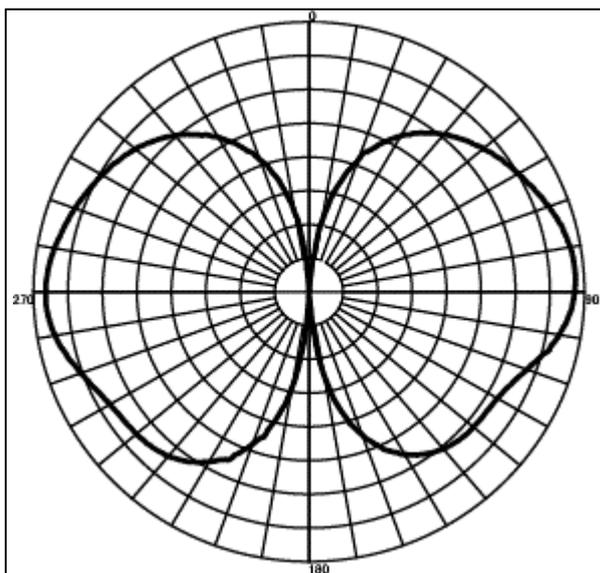
M401 (900MHz, E plane)



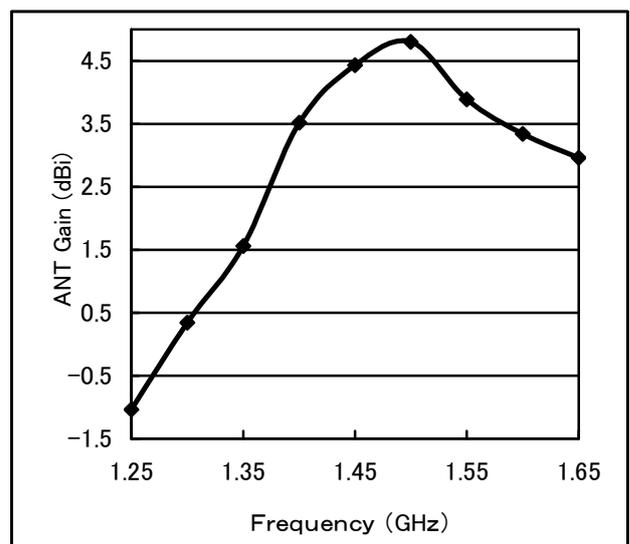
Antenna gain vs. Frequency



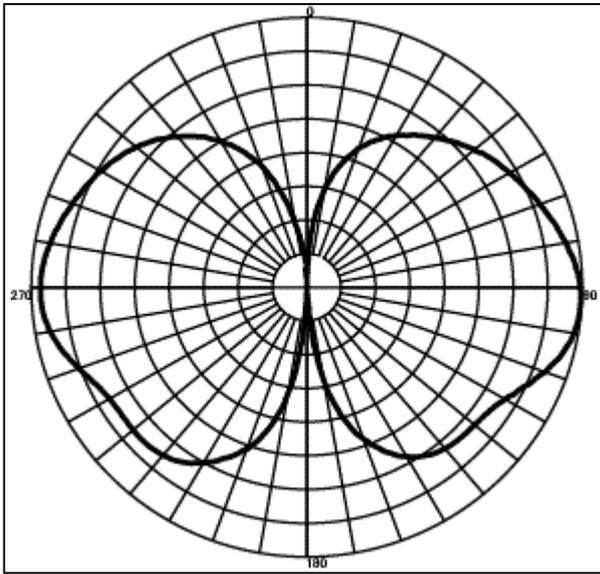
M402 (1.5GHz, E plane)



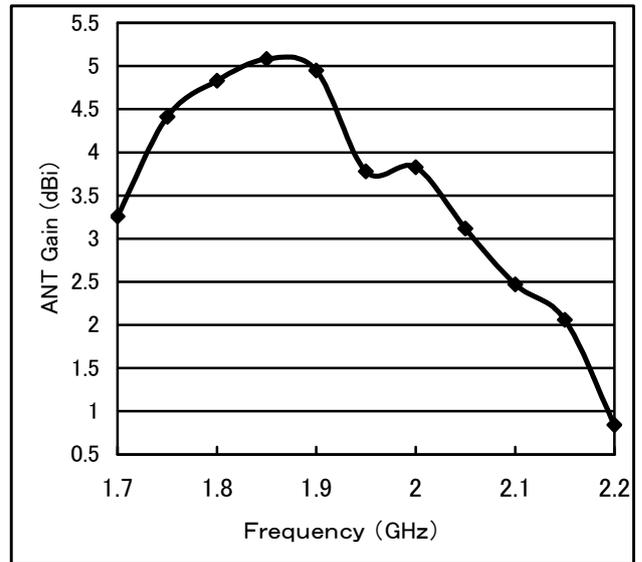
Antenna gain vs. Frequency



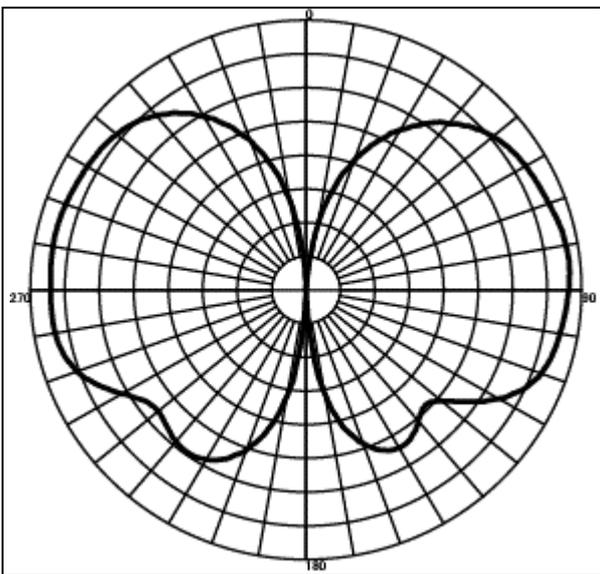
M403 (2GHz, E plane)



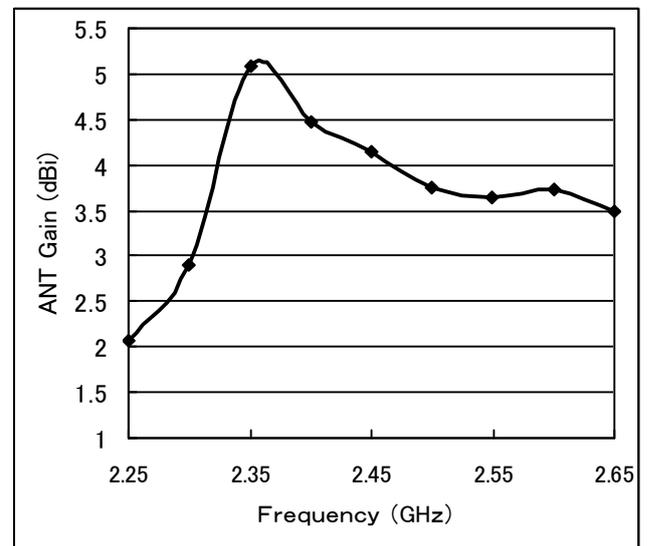
Antenna gain vs. Frequency



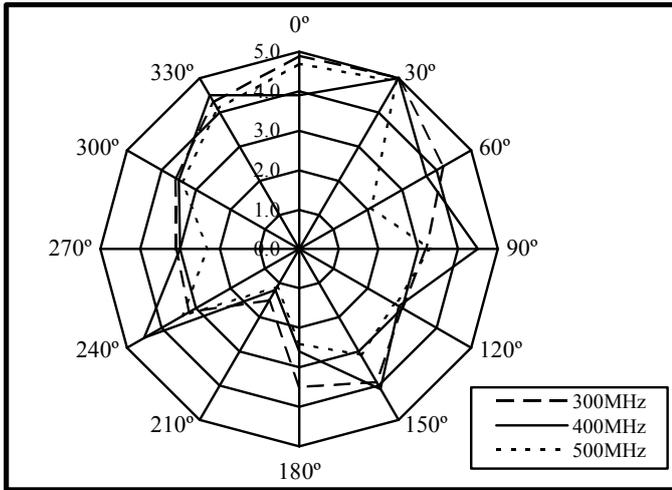
M404 (2.4GHz, E plane)



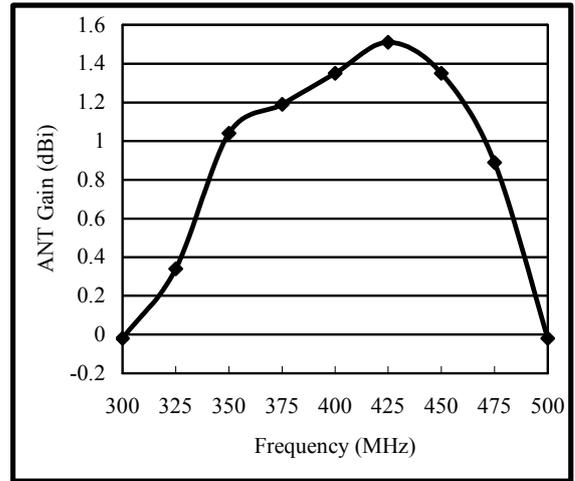
Antenna gain vs. Frequency



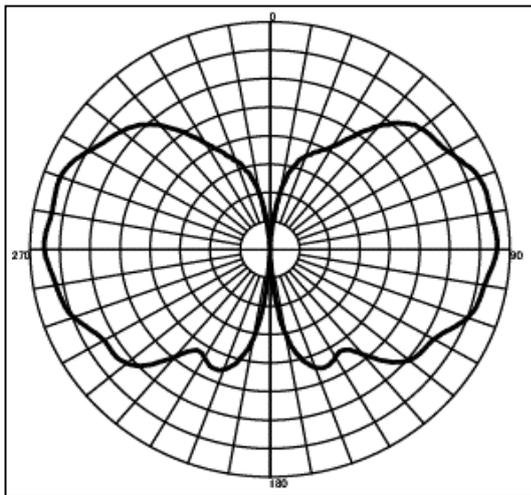
M405 (horizontal plane)



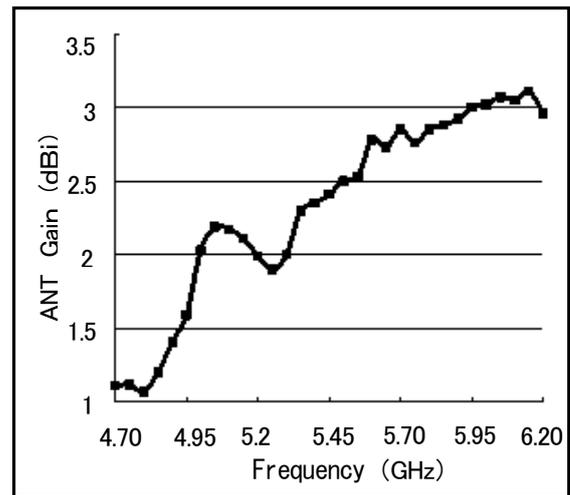
Antenna gain vs. Frequency



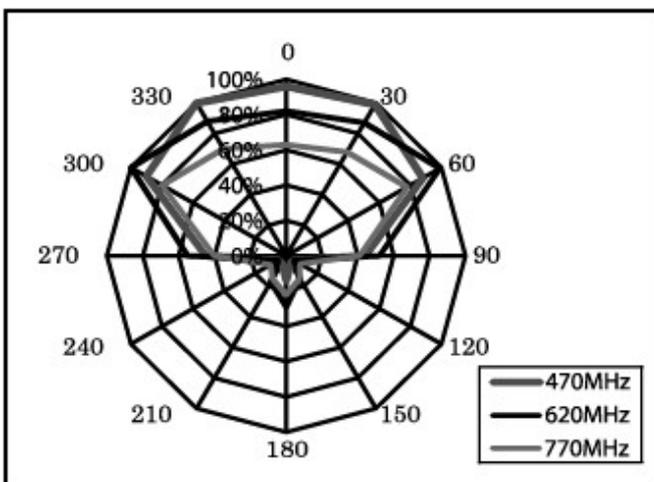
M406 (5.4GHz, E plane)



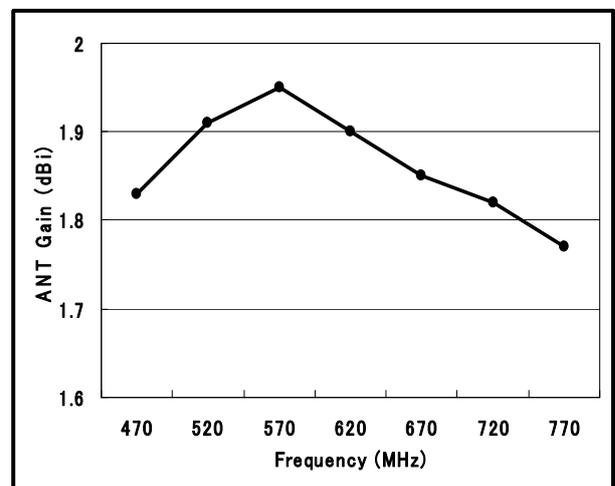
Antenna gain vs. Frequency



M407 (horizontal plane)



Antenna gain vs. Frequency

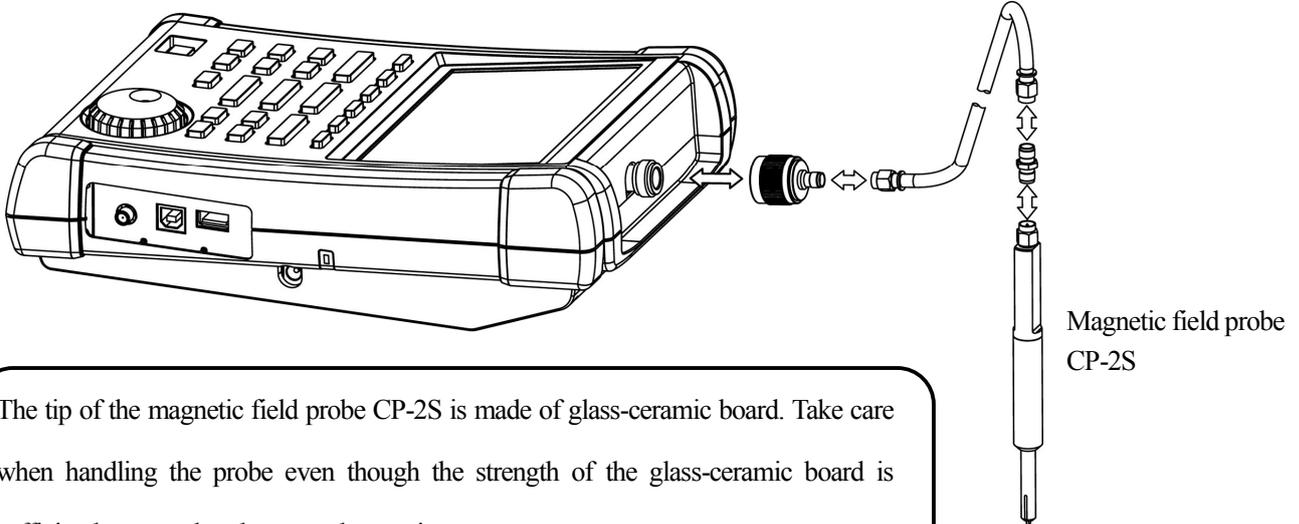


19.5 Magnetic field strength measurement <MFS PROBE>

F5

The magnetic field distribution can be measured by using the magnetic field probe CP-2S (option).

[Magnetic field probe connection]



“Specifications of magnetic field probe CP-2S” (Refer to the operating manual for CP-2S for the details.)

Item	Specifications
Frequency range	10MHz to 3GHz
Space resolution (-6dB)	approx. 0.25mm (depending on objects)
Reference level setting range: maximum	160 to 203dB μ A/m
Reference level setting range: minimum (except for the minimum value in screen shift)	110 to 153dB μ A/m
Measurement error	approx. \pm 1dB (probe simple substance)

● Mode selection and measurement

By pushing **F1** (PROBE), CP-2S or USER mode is selected.

The measurement starts as soon as the probe is selected.

* “MFS CP2S” or “MFS USER” is displayed in MEAS area on the screen.

* “USER” is the original compensation data which is created by the user.

(Refer to “25.8 Writing of original compensation data” for the details.)

The unit of amplitude axis is automatically changes into [dB μ A/m].

* A spectrum other than the frequency range of the probe is not displayed.

19.6 Noise measurement <NOISE>

F6

By pushing **F6** (NOISE), the noise measurement can be performed.

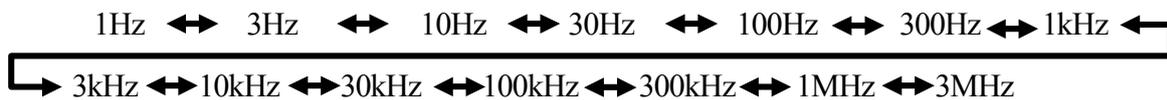
●Unit of measurement and band width selection

By pushing **F1** (UNIT), the unit of measurement can be set.



By pushing **F2** (BW), the band width can be set.

By rotating , the band width is changed in the set step size.



20. EMI Test (MSA538E/558E)

20.1 Additional function for EMI test

- Detection mode (Refer to “13. Setting the Detection mode”)

By pushing **SWEEP** → **F4**, the detection mode can be set.



In MSA538E/558E, QP detection and AV detection are added for EMI measurement.

- POS (Positive Peak) : The spectrum of the maximum value between the sample points
- SMPL (Sample) : The spectrum of the momentary value between the sample points
- NEG (Negative Peak) : The spectrum of the minimum value between the sample points
- QP (Quasi Peak) : The spectrum of the quasi peak value between the sample points
- AV (Average) : The spectrum of the average value between the sample points

As for QP detection, the following characteristics are chosen according to the setting of RBW.
(based on CISPR16)

RBW	charging time constant	dis-charging time constant	meter time constant
9kHz	1ms	160ms	160ms
120kHz	1ms	550ms	100ms

- Preset (Initialization) (Refer to “18. Save/Load”)

In MSA538E/558E, the radiated emission measurement and the conducted emission measurement are added to the preset as a default setting.

By pushing **SAVE/LOAD** → **F6**, the menu is displayed

- F1** NORMAL : The initial parameters of normal mode are set.
- F2** EMI-C : The initial parameters of conducted emission measurement are set.
- F3** EMI-R : The initial parameters of radiated emission measurement are set

In the radiated mission measurement, “USER” is selected as an antenna.

It is necessary to input the compensation data of antenna beforehand.

20.2 EMI test

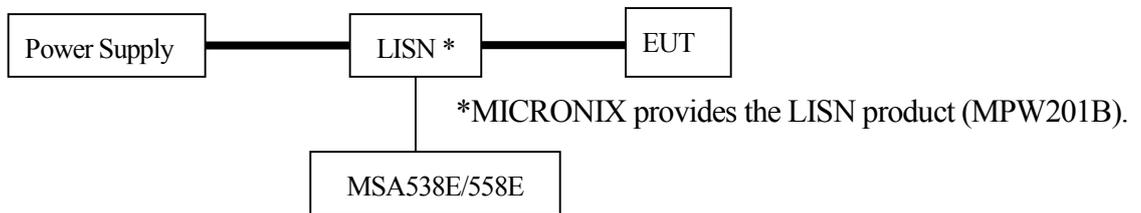
The limits of conducted disturbance and radiated disturbance are standardized by QP detection and AV detection. However, it takes long time for QP detection and AV detection. Therefore, the measurement time can be shortened by using them in the final measurement to the spectrums narrowed by the PK detection.

- Conducted emission measurement

The conducted emission discharged through the power supply line is measured.

In this measurement, LISN* (Line Impedance Stabilization Network) device is needed.

The connection is shown in the figure below. Please refer to the manual of LISN for details of the connection and notes.



1. Turn on the power of MSA538E/558E after the connection.

2. Set the initial parameters of conducted emission measurement by pushing **SAVE/LOAD** → **F6** → **F2**. The setting parameters are as follows.

Center Frequency	: 25.5MHz
Frequency span	: 50MHz
RBW	: 9kHz
VBW	: 1MHz
Sweep time	: 3sec
Detection mode	: Positive peak mode

3. Confirm whether the connection and the operation are correct by supplying the power to the EUT and measuring.

4. Set the number of times of the sweep in the MAX HOLD mode by operating **CALC** → **F2** → **⊙**. For example, it is set to 256 times.

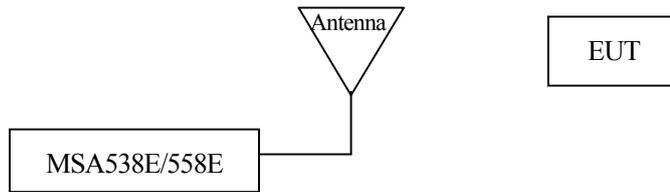
5. Search the frequency of disturbance noise that exceeds the AV or QP limits by using the marker function.

6. Set the center frequency to the point that exceeds the limits, the SPAN to 2MHz and the SWEEP to 0.1sec. And measure the frequency accurately.

7. Moreover, measure the frequency detected in the above with QP or AV detection, then the SPAN is 200kHz and the SWEEP is 10sec.

● Radiated emission measurement

The electric field strength of disturbance noise that EUT radiates in the air is measured.



1. Set the compensation data of the antenna beforehand.

Refer to " 25.7 Writing original compensation data" for the details.

2. Turn on the power of MSA538E/558E after connection.

3. Set the initial parameters of radiated emission measurement by pushing

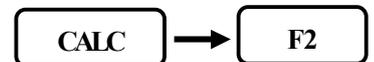


→ **F3** . The setting parameters are as follows.

- Center Frequency : 515MHz
- Frequency span : 1GHz
- RBW : 120kHz
- VBW : 1MHz
- Sweep time : 0.3sec
- Detection mode : Positive peak mode

4. Confirm whether the connection and the operation are correct by supplying the power to the EUT and measuring.

5. Set the number of times of the sweep in the MAX HOLD mode by operating



→  . For example, it is set to 256 times.

6. Search the frequency of disturbance noise that exceeds the QP limits by using the marker function.

7. Set the center frequency to the point that exceeds the limits, the SPAN to 50MHz and the SWEEP to 30msec. And measure the frequency accurately.

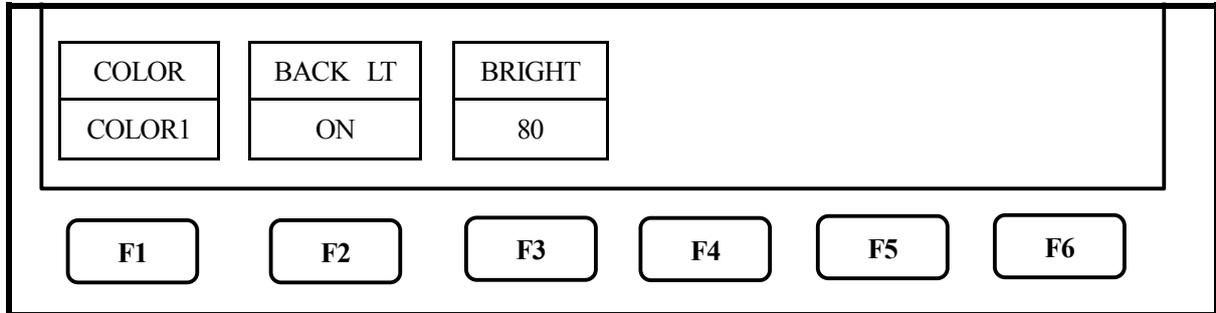
8. Moreover, measure the frequency detected in the above with QP detection, then the SPAN is 1MHz and the SWEEP is 30sec.

	Frequency	Quasi Peak	Average	
CISPR22 class A Limits of conducted disturbance at mains ports	0.15MHz to 0.50MHz 0.50MHz to 30MHz	79dBuV 73dBuV	--- ---	
CISPR22 class B Limits of conducted disturbance at mains ports	0.15MHz to 0.50MHz 0.50MHz to 5MHz 5MHz to 30MHz	66 to 56dBuV 56dBuV 60dBuV	56 to 46dBuV 46dBuV 50dBuV	Decreasing linearly with the logarithm of the frequency
CISPR22 class A Limits of radiated disturbance	30MHz to 230MHz 230MHz to 1000MHz	40dBuV/m 47dBuV/m	--- ---	Measurement distance 10 m
	1000MHz to 3000MHz 3000MHz to 6000MHz	76dBuV/m 80dBuV/m	56dBuV/m 60dBuV/m	Measurement distance 3 m
CISPR22 class B Limits of radiated disturbance	30MHz to 230MHz 230MHz to 1000MHz	30dBuV/m 37dBuV/m	--- ---	Measurement distance 10 m
	1000MHz to 3000MHz 3000MHz to 6000MHz	70dBuV/m 74dBuV/m	50dBuV/m 54dBuV/m	Measurement distance 3 m
VCCI class A Limits of conducted disturbance at mains ports	0.15MHz to 0.50MHz 0.50MHz to 30MHz	79dBuV 73dBuV	66dBuV 60dBuV	
VCCI class B Limits of conducted disturbance at mains ports	0.15MHz to 0.50MHz 0.50MHz to 5MHz 5MHz to 30MHz	66 to 56dBuV 56dBuV 60dBuV	56 to 46dBuV 46dBuV 50dBuV	Decreasing linearly with the logarithm of the frequency.
VCCI class A Limits of radiated disturbance	30MHz to 230MHz 230MHz to 1000MHz	40dBuV/m 47dBuV/m	--- ---	Measurement distance 10 m
	1000MHz to 3000MHz 3000MHz to 6000MHz	76dBuV/m 80dBuV/m	56dBuV/m 60dBuV/m	Measurement distance 3 m
VCCI class B Limits of radiated disturbance	30MHz ~ 230MHz 230MHz ~ 1000MHz	30dBuV/m 37dBuV/m	--- ---	Measurement distance 10 m
	1000MHz to 3000MHz 3000MHz to 6000MHz	70dBuV/m 74dBuV/m	50dBuV/m 54dBuV/m	Measurement distance 3 m
FCC part15 subpartB class A Limits of conducted disturbance at mains ports	0.15MHz to 0.50MHz 0.50MHz to 30MHz	79dBuV 73dBuV	66dBuV 60dBuV	
FCC part15 subpartB class B Limits of conducted disturbance at mains ports	0.15MHz to 0.50MHz 0.50MHz to 5MHz 5MHz to 30MHz	66 to 56dBuV 56dBuV 60dBuV	56 to 46dBuV 46dBuV 50dBuV	Decreasing linearly with the logarithm of the frequency.
FCC part15 subpartB class A Limits of radiated disturbance	30MHz to 88MHz 88MHz to 216MHz 216MHz to 960MHz over 960MHz	39.1dBuV/m 43.5dBuV/m 46.4dBuV/m 49.5dBuV/m	--- --- --- ---	Measurement distance 10 m
FCC part15 subpartB class B Limits of radiated disturbance	30MHz to 88MHz 88MHz to 216MHz 216MHz to 960MHz over 960MHz	40dBuV/m 43.5dBuV/m 46dBuV/m 54dBuV/m	--- --- --- ---	Measurement distance 3 m

(Attention) This table is a background information. Micronix is not liable to you for any damages due to the mistake of the content of the description.

21. Screen Control <DSPL>

When **DSPL** is pushed, the following function menu is displayed.



21.1 Setting of color of screen display

When **F1** is pushed, the color of screen display can be selected.



- COLOR1 : For normal use
- COLOR2 : For print of screen
- MONO : Monochrome

21.2 ON/OFF switching of LCD backlight

When **F2** is pushed, the LCD backlight is alternately switched to ON or OFF.

21.3 Adjustment of brightness of LCD backlight

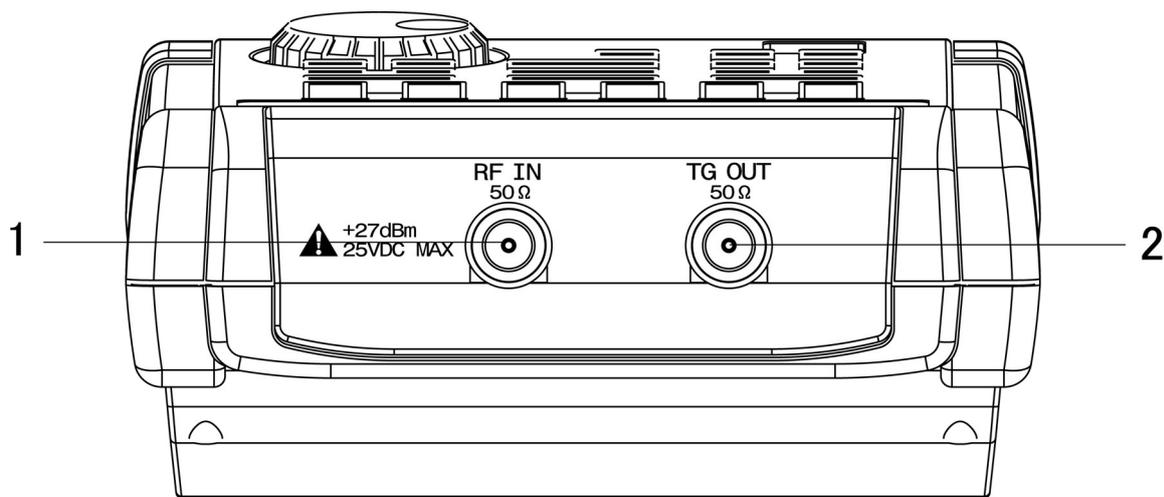
Use **F3** →  to set the brightness. It can be set in 100 steps.

22. Tracking Generator Mode (MSA538TG)

22.1 Specification of T.G. function

Item	Specification
Frequency range	5MHz to 3.3GHz
Output Level	-10dBm \pm 1dB @1GHz(Fixed value)
Output flatness	\pm 1.5dB
Output impedance	50 Ω
Output VSWR	2.0 or less
Output connector	N(J) connector

22.2 Description of I/O connector



1) Input connector

N (J) connector

Input for an external signal

Make sure that the total power of input signals does not exceed +27dBm.

2) Output connector

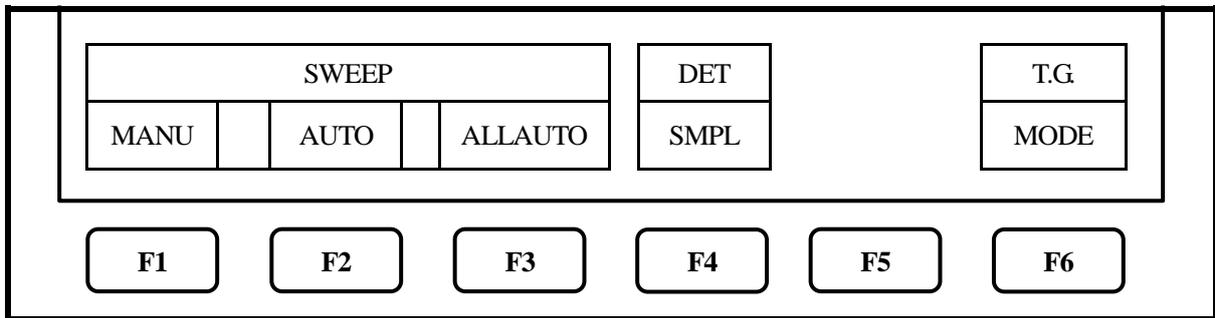
N (J) connector

It is an output terminal of Tracking Generator.

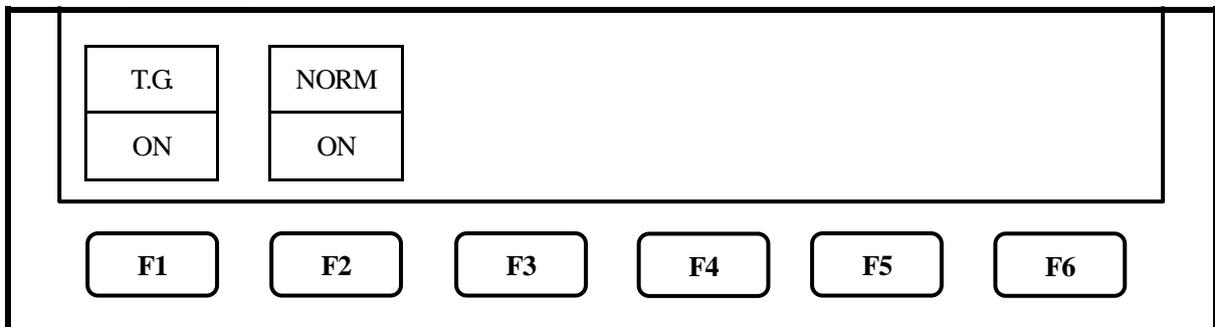
※ Please set to "TG:OFF" to prevent the influence of the leak from the Tracking Generator in case of disuse of the T.G. function.

22.3 ON/OFF Switching of TG function

When **SWEEP** is pushed, the following function menu is displayed.



1. When **F6** is pushed, TG MODE is set.



2. Each time **F1** is pushed, TG output is alternately switched to ON or OFF.

22.4 Normalizing function

NORM ON : The input level is made flat to the red line on the screen.

1. When **SWEEP** is pushed, the same function menu as the previous item is displayed.
2. When **F6** is pushed, TG MODE is set.
3. Each time **F2** is pushed, the normalizing function is alternately switched to ON or OFF.

If the normalizing function is switched to ON, "NORM ON" is displayed on the screen.

* If the setting is changed as follows, the normalizing function is automatically turned off.

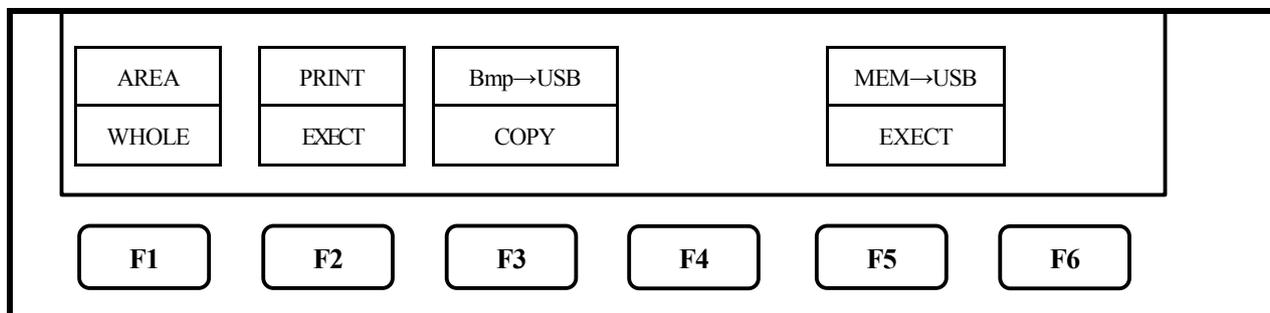
- The span is expanded. •The center frequency is changed beyond the range normalized.
(When SPAN is changed from FULL SPAN according to center frequency, it is turned off.)
- The magnetic field strength measurement is selected.
- The AUTO tuning is executed. •The power supply is turned off. •The presetting is executed.

* When the scale is 2dB or 5dB, the normalizing function does not operate correctly if the spectrum level is not displayed at a proper position on the screen.

* When this function is used, the marker moves to the position of the minimum value in the peak search. (Firmware version 1.013 or later)

23. Storage and print of screen image <COPY>

The following function menu is displayed when is pushed.



23.1 Selection of image area

When is pushed, the image area to be stored or printed can be selected.

WHOLE : the whole screen image is stored or printed.

SPECT : only the spectrum display area is stored or printed.

23.2 Print on printer

When pushing after connecting the printer (option), the area selected in 23.1 is printed.

23.3 Storage into USB memory

When pushing after connecting USB memory (user's) to this unit, the area selected in 23.1 is stored in USB memory by BMP (bit map) format. As for the file name, the number is automatically put such as "MSA001.bmp". In case that some characters is written in the label area, the file name consists of it and the number put automatically such as "LABEL001.bmp". The folder "MSAIMG" is automatically generated and these files are recorded there.

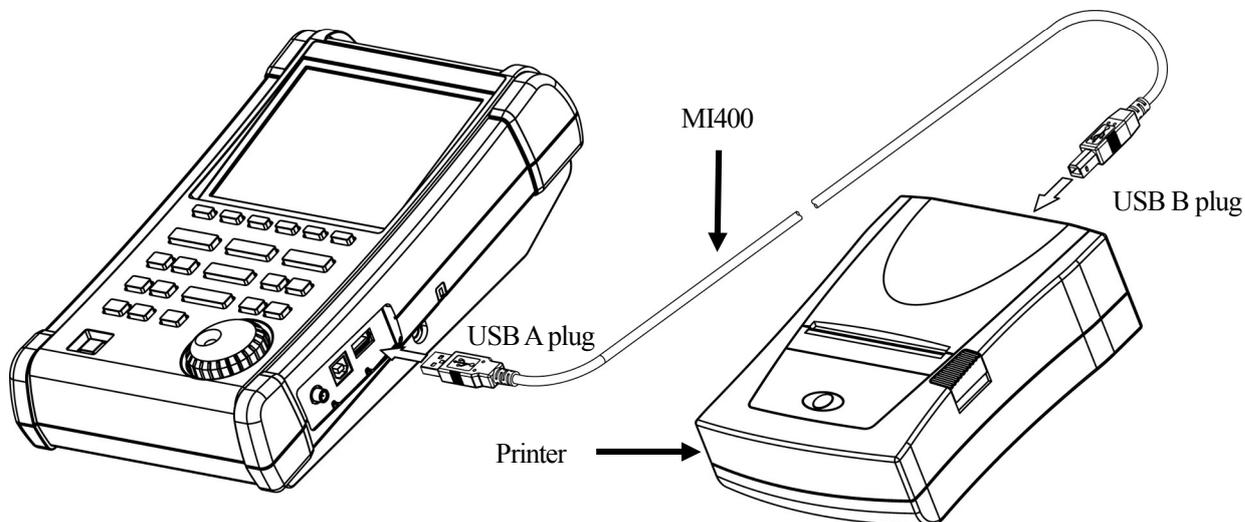
As for setting such as color or monochrome display, refer to "21.Screen control".

23.4 Transferring internal data to USB memory in a lump sum

When pushing after connecting USB memory (user's) to this unit, the data stored in the internal memory with SAVE/LOAD function are transferred to USB memory in a lump sum. The folder "MSASVLDI" is automatically generated and these files are recorded there.

23.5 USB printer (option)

The MSA500 series enables a hard copy of the screen by connecting USB printer (option) to USB A plug with USB cable MI400 (option).



* Turn on the power of the MSA500 series unit first. After that, turn on the power of USB printer. Otherwise, it doesn't work normally.

23.6 USB memory

USB memory can be used as a removable storage.



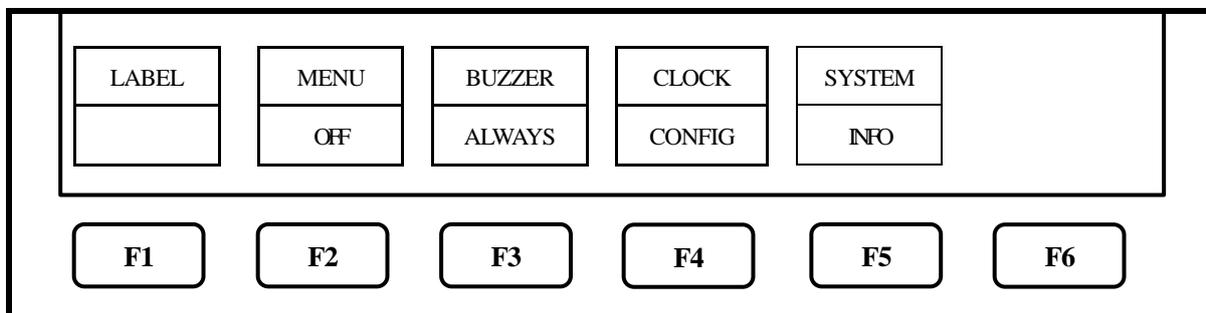
※ If the USB memory is installed again after it is installed once and then removed, the MSA500 series cannot normally recognize it. In that case refer to the following operation.

Method of recognition:

By the operation of **SAVE/LOAD** → **F5**, the USB memory is recognized.

24. Utility Function <UTIL>

When **UTIL** is pushed, the following function menu is displayed.

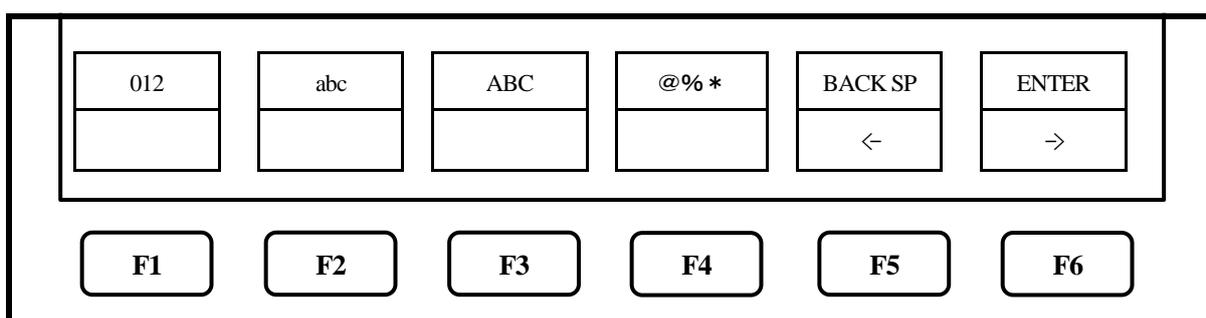


- The subsidiary function is selected.

- | | | |
|-----------|------------------------|--|
| F1 | Label function | : The specified characters are written in the label display area (MAX 16 characters). |
| F2 | Menu off | : The display of function menu and active area is erased. |
| F3 | Buzzer setting | : The condition on which a buzzer is sounded is set. |
| F4 | Clock function setting | : The built-in clock is set. |
| F5 | System information | : Firmware version, DSP version, serial number and internal temperature are displayed. |

24.1 Label function

When **UTIL** → **F1** is pushed, the following function menu is displayed.



1. The kind of character to be written is selected with **F1** to **F4**.

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|-----------|-----|---|
| F1 | 012 | : 0 to 9 (numeral) |
| F2 | abc | : a to z (small letter alphabet) |
| F3 | ABC | : A to Z (capital letter alphabet) |
| F4 | @%* | : !”#% &'() +-. /: ; <=>? @ [¥] ^_ (mark) |

2. One character in the label display area becomes reverse display.

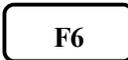
By rotating , one reversed character is replaced with a numeral, a small letter alphabet, a capital letter alphabet or a mark.

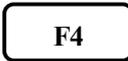
3. When  is pushed, the reversed part moves right by one character. And the previous character is decided.

4. When  is pushed, the reversed part moves left by one character. The previous part becomes a space.

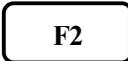
And the character can be deleted one after another by consecutively pushing this key.

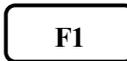
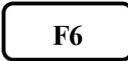
5. The position where the character is input can be decided by moving the reversed part right and left with

 and .

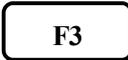
And after then, if either of keys from  to  is pushed, the character can be input in the reversed part.

24.2 Menu off

By pushing , the display of the function menu and the active area can be erased temporarily.

After then, they are displayed as usual the moment any other keys excepting  to  are pushed.

24.3 Buzzer setting

By pushing , the condition of the buzzer sound at the operation of the key and the rotary encoder can be set.

whenever this key is pushed, the following three conditions are displayed one by one, and one of those can be selected.

OFF : The buzzer is not sounded.

ALARM : The buzzer is sounded in an incorrect setting for a warning and is not sounded in a correct setting.

ALWAYS : The buzzer is sounded whenever a key or the rotary encoder is operated.

※ When the battery voltage becomes low at the battery operation, the buzzer is sounded.
(Even if OFF is selected, it is sounded.)

24.4 Setting of clock

When **UTIL** → **F4** is pushed, the following function menu is displayed.

YEAR	MONTH	DATE	HOUR	MIN	ENTER
08	1	30	23	50	

F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6
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The year, month, day and time are displayed below the screen. (Refer to “4. Explanation of screen”)

Set the year, month, day and time when MSA500 series is used for the first time.

The time information is updated even if the power is turned off after then.

1. By rotating , the value of the menu which is selected by the key from **F1** to **F4** changes and is displayed by the numeral or / in the lower of each menu.
2.

F1	The year is input. Two last digits at the Christian era are displayed. It is possible to set them within the range from 00 to 99.
F2	The month is input.
F3	The day is input.
F4	The hour is input. It is displayed by twenty-four hour notation.
F5	The minute is input.
3. By pushing **F6**, the values which are input in item 2. are decided. The values are not updated if this key is not pushed.

※ The clock function of MSA500 series is driven with a dedicated LSI, and the power is supplied by a built-in lithium battery.

25. USB device Function

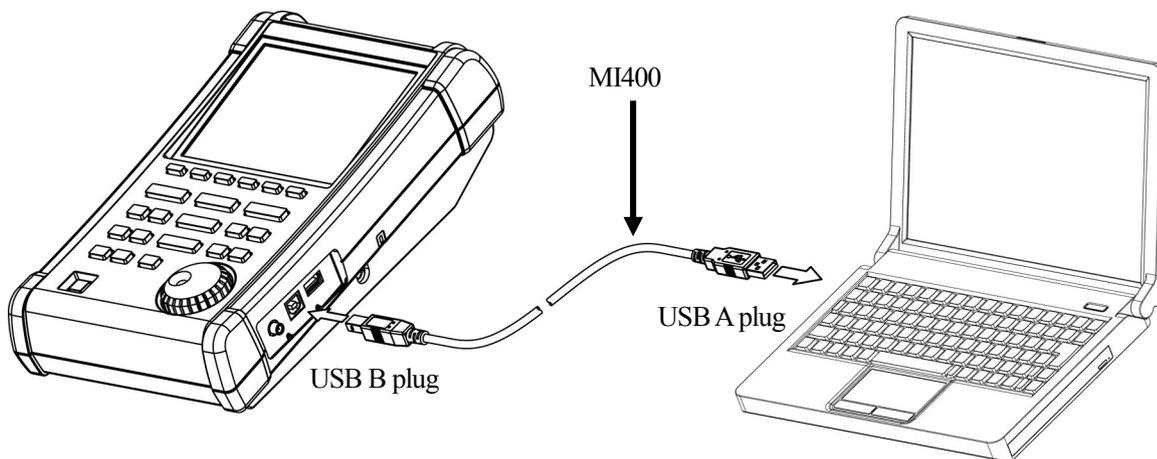
25.1 Outline

The MSA500 series is equipped with two kinds of USB connectors of A and B plugs. The A plug is for USB host and is connected to USB devices such as USB memory and printer. On the other hand, the B plug is for USB device and is connected to USB host such as a personal computer. The device function is explained in this chapter.

As for the host function using USB A plug, refer to “23. Storage and printer of screen image”.

25.2 How to connect

When you use USB interface, connect with USB cable MI400 (option) as follows.



25.3 Installation of driver

The specified driver is necessary in order to control the MSA500 series with a PC through USB interface, and should be installed in the PC to be used in advance.

As for the installation of the driver, first of all, the USB driver is downloaded. Download it from “DOWNLOAD” site in our website.

Download the file for USB driver on the following download site.

<http://www.micronix-jp.com/Products/download/download.html>

Next, unzip the Zip file.

After the downloaded file is unzipped, the MSA500 series is connected to a PC with the USB cable and then the power is turned on. The detection wizard for the USB driver starts on the PC screen the moment the power of the MSA500 series is turned on, and install it following this wizard.

25.4 Explanation of Command

- * “CR(0D[HEX])+LF(0A[HEX])” is added to the end of every command. When the command is sent from PC, MSA538 (E/TG) and MSA558(E) return some responses, which include “OK” + CR + LF, “ERR” + CR + LF and “(response to command)” + CR + LF.
- * By inputting “?” instead of “* *” for each command, the current setting parameters are responded. (Except for “---- Request” command and the command for inputting corrected data.)

1) Setting of center frequency

Command : `FREQ * * * * *`
 (* * * * * : Refer to “25.5 Input of frequency”)

2) Request of set marker

Command : `FREQSETMKR`
 * The center frequency is set according to the frequency of current marker position.

3) Setting of frequency span

Command : `SPAN * * * *`
 Real time mode : (* * * * =20K, 50K, 100K, 200K, 500K, 1M, 2M, 5M, 10M, 20M [unit : Hz])
 Sweep mode
 MSA538(E/TG) :
 (* * * * =ZERO, 100K, 200K, 500K, 1M, 2M, 5M, 10M, 20M, 50M, 100M, 200M, 500M, 1G, 2G, FULL [unit : Hz])
 MSA558(E) :
 (* * * * =ZERO, 100K, 200K, 500K, 1M, 2M, 5M, 10M, 20M, 50M, 100M, 200M, 500M, 1G, 2G, 5G, FULL [unit : Hz])

4) Setting of reference level

Command : `REF * * *`
 (* * * =-60 to 10[1 step, unit : dBm])

* When the unit is other than dBm, convert into dBm by using calculating formula in “10.7 Reference level setting range for each unit”.

5) Setting of unit of reference level

Command : `UNIT * * *`
 (* * * =DBM, DBUV, DBMV, DBV)

Command	Unit
DBM	dBm
DBUV	dB μ V
DBMV	dBmV
DBV	dBV

6) Setting of RBW

Command : `RBW * * * *`
 MSA538/538TG/558 :
 (* * * * =300, 1K, 3K, 10K, 30K, 100K, 300K, 1M, 3M, AUTO, ALL [unit : Hz])
 MSA538E/558E :
 (* * * * =300, 1K, 3K, 10K, 30K, 100K, 300K, 1M, 3M, 9KE, 120KE, 1ME, AUTO, ALL [unit : Hz])
 * ALL : The optimum RBW, VBW and sweep time are set based on the frequency span.
 * AUTO : The optimum RBW is set based on the frequency span.

7) Setting of VBW

Command : `VBW * * * *`
 (* * * * =100, 300, 1K, 3K, 10K, 30K, 100K, 300K, 1M, 3M, AUTO, ALL [unit : Hz])
 * ALL : The optimum RBW, VBW and sweep time are set based on the frequency span.
 * AUTO : The optimum VBW is set based on the frequency span.

8) Start and Stop of measuring function

Command : MEAS * * *

(* * * * =CP, ACP, OBW, EF, MF, OFF)

Command	Measuring function
CP	Channel power measurement
ACP	Adjacent channel power measurement
OBW	Occupied bandwidth measurement
EF	Electric field strength measurement
MF	Magnetic field strength measurement
OFF	OFF

9) Request of measuring result

Command : MEASRES

* Example of measuring result

Channel power measurement ----- POW : - 25.5dBm

Adjacent channel power measurement ----- L : - 47.7dBc U : - 48.3dBc

Occupied bandwidth measurement ----- C : 1.45G W : 20.00k

10) Setting of mode for channel power measurement

Command : CPMODE * * * * *

(* * * * * =TOTAL, BAND)

Command	Mode
TOTAL	The sum of power on the screen is measured.
BAND	The sum of power in the band specified is measured.

11) Setting of zone center frequency for channel power measurement

Command : CPCNTR * * * * *

(* * * =0~500: Screen position, center=250)

12) Setting of zone width for channel power measurement

Command : CPWIDTH * * * * *

(* * * =0~500: Screen position, center=250)

13) Setting of target for channel power measurement

Command : CPPOWER * * *

(* * * =SUM, AVG)

14) Setting of mode for adjacent channel power measurement

Command : ACPMODE * * * * *

(* * * * * =TOTAL, BAND, PEAK)

Command	Mode
TOTAL	TOTAL (total power method)
BAND	BAND (in-band method)
PEAK	PEAK (reference level method)

15) Setting of band offset for adjacent channel power measurement

Command : ACPOFS * * * * *

(* * * =0~500: Screen position, center=250)

16) Setting of bandwidth for adjacent channel power measurement

Command : ACPCHBW * * * * *

(* * * =0~500: Screen position, center=250)

17) Setting of reference band center frequency for adjacent channel power measurement

Command : ACPREF * * * * *

(* * * =0~500: Screen position, center=250)

18) Setting of reference bandwidth for adjacent channel power measurement

Command : ACPREFBW * * * * *
 (* * * =0~500:Screen position, center=250)

19) Setting of mode for occupied bandwidth measurement

Command : OBWMODE * * *
 (* * : N%/DB)

Command	Mode
N%	N% POWER mode
DB	XdB DOWN mode

20) Setting of N% RATIO for occupied bandwidth measurement

Command : OBWRATIO * * *
 (* * * : 80.0 to 99.9 [0.1 step , unit : %])

21) Setting of XdB DOWN for occupied bandwidth measurement

Command : OBWDB * * *
 (* * * : 0.1 to 80.0 [0.1 step , unit : dB])

22) Setting of antenna for electric field strength measurement

Command : EFANT * * * * *
 (* * * * : M401 / M402 / M403 / M404
 / M405 / M406 / M407 / USER)

Command	Antenna
M401	Setting data for M401
M402	Setting data for M402
M403	Setting data for M403
M404	Setting data for M404
M405	Setting data for M405
M406	Setting data for M406
M407	Setting data for M407
USER	Setting data for user's original antenna

23) Transfer of user-compensation data for electric field strength measurement

Command : EFUSER * * * * *
 (Refer to "25.7 Writing of original compensation data" for the details.)

24) Setting of probe for magnetic field strength measurement

Command : MFPROBE * * * * *
 (* * * * : CP2S / USER)

Command	Probe
CP2S	Setting data for CP-2S
USER	Setting data for user's original probe

25) Transfer of user-compensation data for magnetic field strength measurement

Command : MFUSER * * * * *
 (Refer to "25.7 Writing of original compensation data" for the details.)

26) Start and Stop of calculation function

Command : CALC * * * * *
 (* * * * : OFF / MAX / MIN / AVE / OVR)

Command	Calculation
OFF	OFF
MAX	MAX HOLD
MIN	MIN HOLD
AVR	AVERAGE
OVR	OVER WRITE

27) Setting of number of times of sweep for MAX HOLD

Command : MAXNO * * * *

(* * * * : 2 / 4 / 8 / 16 / 32 / 64 / 128 / 256 / 512 / 1024 / 0) * 0 = unlimited

28) Setting of number of times of sweep for MIN HOLD

Command : MINNO * * * *

(* * * * : 2 / 4 / 8 / 16 / 32 / 64 / 128 / 256 / 512 / 1024 / 0) * 0 = unlimited

29) Setting of number of times of sweep for AVERAGE

Command : AVENO * * * *

(* * * * : 2 / 4 / 8 / 16 / 32 / 64 / 128 / 256 / 512 / 1024)

30) Setting of number of times of sweep for OVERWRITE

Command : OVWNO * * * *

(* * * * : 2 / 4 / 8 / 16 / 32 / 64 / 128 / 256 / 512 / 1024 / 0) * 0 = unlimited

31) Setting of display scale

Command : SCALE * * *

(* * : 2 / 5 / 10)

Command	Display scale
2	2dB/div
5	5dB/div
10	10dB/div

32) Setting of sweep time

Command : SWEEP * * * *

(* * * * : 10M / 30M / 0.1S / 0.3S / 1S / 3S / 10S / 30S / AUTO / ALL)

Command	Sweep time
10M	10ms
30M	30ms
0.1S	0.1s
0.3S	0.3s
1S	1s

Command	Sweep time
3S	3s
10S	10s
30S	30s
AUTO	AUTO
ALL	ALLAUTO

33) Setting of detection mode

Command : DET * * *

(* * * : POS / NEG / SMP)

Command	Detection mode
POS	Positive peak mode
NEG	Negative peak mode
SMP	Sample mode
QP	QP mode (only for MSA538E/558E)
AVG	AVG mode (only for MSA538E/558E)

34) Setting of trigger source

Command : TRG * *

(* * : INT / EXT)

Command	Trigger source
INT	Internal
EXT	External

35) Request of AUTOTUNE

Command : AUTO

* The response is returned after tuning.

36) Request of action

Command : HOLD / RUN

37) Request of active marker position

Command : MKRRES

38) Setting of marker mode

Command : MKR * * * * *

(* * * * * : NORM / DELTA / DUAL / OFF)

Command	Marker mode
NORM	Normal marker
DELTA	Delta marker
DUAL	Dual marker
OFF	OFF

39) Setting of active marker frequency (spectrum)

The position of active marker is set by frequency.

Command : NORMMKR * * * * * *

(* * * * * * : Refer to “25.5 Input of frequency”)

40) Setting of marker position by number of points on horizontal axis

The position of active marker is set by number of points on horizontal axis.

Command : MKRPOSI * * *

(* * * : 0 to 500 (Q vs. I : 0 to 102400) 0 = far left, 500/102400 = far right)

41) Setting of active marker

Command : MKRSEL * * * * *

(* * * * * : REF / DELTA / M1 / M2 / I / Q)

42) Setting of peak search mode

Command : PEAK * * * *

(* * * * * : NORM / ZONE)

Command	Peak search mode
NORM	Normal peak search
ZONE	Zone peak search

43) Request of peak search

Command : PKSEARCH * *

(* * : 01 / 02 / 03 / 04 / 05 / 06 / 07 / 08 / 09 / 10 / 11)

Command	Destination of marker
01	The maximum peak on the screen
02	The 2nd peak on the screen
...	...
11	The 11th peak on the screen

44) Setting of zone center frequency for peak search

Command : PKCNTR * * * * * *

(* * * * * * : Refer to “25.5 Input of frequency”)

45) Setting of zone width for peak search

Command : PKWIDTH * * * * * *

(* * * * * * : Refer to “25.5 Input of frequency”)

46) Setting of unit of marker

Command : CONV * * *

(* * * : DBM / W / DBV / V / DBUVM / VM)

Command	Unit of marker
DBM	dBm
W	W
DBV	dBV
V	V
DBUVM	dB μ V/m
VM	V/m

47) Request of print on printer

Command : PRT *

(* =S/W)

USB printer connected to USB A plug prints.

48) Request for transfer of spectrum

Command : SRS * * * *

(* * * * : CURR / 000 to 199)

Command	Transferred spectrum
CURR	Current spectrum
000	Spectrum data of 000
...	...
199	Spectrum data of 199

* The number of the command is given to the saved file.

* Refer to “25.6 Transfer of spectrum data” for the returned data.

49) Request for transfer of spectrum in USB memory

Command : SRSU * * * *

(* * * * : 000 to 199)

Command	Transferred spectrum
000	Spectrum data of 000 in USB memory
...	...
999	Spectrum data of 999 in USB memory

* The number of the command is given to the saved file.

* Refer to “25.6 Transfer of spectrum data” for the returned data.

50) Request for transfer of spectrum data of 1001 points

Command : SRSF

* Refer to “25.6 Transfer of spectrum data” for the returned data.

51) Request of preset

Command : PRESET

Command	Remote control
ON	Operation by function key and encoder cannot be done. Control the unit with USB commands.
OFF	Operation by function key and encoder can be done. USB commands are available

52) Setting of remote control

Command : REMOTE * * *

(* * * : ON / OFF)

* When the remote control is ON, “REMOTE” is displayed in the operating information area on the screen.

(Refer to “4. Explanation of screen” for the details.)

53) Single sweep

Command : CAPT

* It sweeps only once and will be in a HOLD state.

54) Setting of offset level

Command : OFFSET * * * * *

(* * * * * : -50.0 to 50.0 [0.1 step, unit: dB])

55) Setting input impedance

Command : IMP * * *

(* * : 50 / 75)

Command	Offset level
50	Offset level is set to 0dB.
75	Offset level is set to 5.7dB.

* When the input impedance is selected, the offset level is set as described above.

* When “75” is selected, attach the adapter MA308 (option) to the input connector.

56) Clearing of spectrum data and parameter

Command : MCLR * * *

(* * * : ALL / 000 to 199)

Only an internal memory is effective.

Command	Cleared data
ALL	All of data
000	Data of 000
...	...
199	Data of 199

57) Setting of character for label

Command : LBL * * *

(* * *: The number of characters is 16 or less)

58) Setting of clock

Command : CLC * * *

(* * *: aabbccdd ; aa: two last digits of year, bb: month (01 to 12), cc: hour (00 to 23), dd: minute (00 to 59)

59) Setting of tracking generator

Command : TG * *

(* * *: ON / OFF)

60) Setting of normalizing function

Command : NORM * * *

(* * *: ON / OFF)

61) Toggle HOLD/RUN

Command : HOLDRUN

62) Setting of SAVE/LOAD device

Command : DEV * * *

(* * *: MEM/USB)

63) Setting of SPRIIOUS FREE mode

Command : SPR * * *

(* * *: ON / OFF)

64) Setting of unit in noise measurement

Command : NHUNIT * * * *

(* * * *: DBM / DBUV / DBMV / DBV)

65) Setting of bandwidth in noise measurement

Command : NHBW * * * *

(* * * *: 1 / 3 / 10 / 30 / 100 / 300 / 1K / 3K / 10K / 30K / 100K / 300K / 1M / 3M)

66) Request of ATT value

Command : ATT

67) Request of temperature

Command : TEMP

68) Request of firmware version number

Command : VER

69) Request of signal analyzer type

Command : TYPE

70) Setting of SWEEP MODE or REAL TIME MODE

Command : SPA_MODE_ * * *

(* * *: SWP / RT)

71) Setting of trigger source in REAL TIME MODE

Command : RT_TRG_SRC_ * * *
(* * * : FREERUN / IF / POW / EXT)

72) Setting of trigger slope in REAL TIME MODE

Command : RT_TRG_SLOPE_ *
(* : P / M) * P : plus, M : minus

73) Setting of trigger position in REAL TIME MODE

Command : RT_TRG_POSIT_ * * *
(* * * : 0 / 25 / 50 / 75 / 100 [25 step, unit: %])

74) Setting of IF trigger level in REAL TIME MODE

Command : RT_TRG_IF_ * * *
(* * * : 1 to 100 [1 step, unit: %])

75) Setting of power trigger level in REAL TIME MODE

Command : RT_TRG_POW_ * * *
(* * * : -40 to 0 [1 step, unit: dB])

76) Setting of trigger channel in REAL TIME MODE

Command : RT_TRG_CH_ * * *
(* * * : ALL / 1 / 2 / 3 / 4 / 5)

77) Setting of Single scan or Continuous scan by trigger in REAL TIME MODE

Command : RT_TRG_SCAN_ * * * * *
(* * * * * : SINGLE / CONT)

78) Request of analyzed frame IQ data sending in REAL TIME MODE

Command : RIQ_ANL

79) Request of acquisition frame IQ data sending in REAL TIME MODE

Command : RIQ_ACQ

80) Setting of MAIN-MEASUREMENT mode in REAL TIME MODE

Command : ANL_MAIN_ * * *
(* * * : SPEC / SPGM / OVR / PWT / FQT / PHT / IQT / QVI)

Command	Mode
SPEC	SPECTRUM measurement
SPGM	SPECTROGRAM measurement
OVR	OverWrite measurement
PWT	Power vs. Time in Time Domain MEASUREMENT
FQT	Frequency vs. Time in Time Domain MEASUREMENT
PHT	Phase vs. Time in Time Domain MEASUREMENT
IQT	IQ vs. Time in Time Domain MEASUREMENT
QVI	Q vs. I in Time Domain MEASUREMENT

81) Setting of SUB-MEASUREMENT mode in REAL TIME MODE

Command : ANL_SUB_ * * *
 (* * * : SPGM / PWT)

Command	Mode
SPGM	SPECTROGRAM measurement
PWT	Power vs. Time in Time Domain MESUREMENT

82) Setting of number of analysis frames in REAL TIME MODE

Command : ACQ_FRM_ * * *
 (* * * : 1 to 16383 [1 step, unit: frame])

83) Setting of analysis start frame in REAL TIME MODE

Command : STT_FRM_ * * *
 (* * * : 1 to 16383 [1 step, unit: frame])

84) Setting of analyzed frame number in REAL TIME MODE

Command : ANL_FRM_ * * *
 Q vs. I mode (* * * : 1 to 100 [1 step, unit: frame])
 Except for Q vs. I mode (* * * : 1 to 500 [1 step, unit: frame])

85) Setting of OVERWRITE stored frame number in REAL TIME MODE

Command : OVR_FRM_ * * * *
 (* * * * : 200 / 500 / 1000 / 2000 / 5000 / 0) * 0 : infinite

86) IQ data SAVE of analyzed frame into USB memory

Command : SAVEIQ_ANL

87) IQ data SAVE of acquisition frame into USB memory

Command : SAVEIQ_ACQ

88) IQ data LOAD from USB memory to analyzed frame

Command : LOADIQ_ANL

89) Status request of whether the save complete of the IQ data

Command : RT_STORE
 * "0 : Completion", "1 : During Save" for the returned data.

25.5 Input of frequency

The frequency is input as follows.

- * * * * * : 0.0k to 999.9k (0.1 step, unit: Hz)
- : 0.0000M to 999.9999M (0.0001 step, unit: Hz)
- : 0.0000000G to 3.3G (0.0000001 step, unit: Hz) ---- MSA538 (E/TG)
- : 0.0000000G to 8.5G (0.0000001 step, unit: Hz) ---- MSA558(E)

* The offset frequency and the zone width can be input only in the range decided by the center frequency and frequency span. If the value out of the range is input, an error occurs.

* The offset frequency and the zone width change when the frequency span is changed.

25.6 Transfer of spectrum data

The spectrum data is output as a numeric string divided by “, (comma)”. [**.**, **.**,, **.**]

The unit is dBm, and it is available to two places of decimals.

●Description

String	Explanation	Example
SPECT	The data which follows the string "SPECT" is the spectrum data.	SPECT
* *, * *, ...	It is the spectrum data. This string consists of all data points separated by a comma “,” after each data value, and the string can have a total of ten data points per line. For example, transferring spectrum data of 1001 points require a total of 101 lines	-102.01, -102.03, ..., ..., -110.12,

25.7 Writing of original compensation data

When antennas or probes other than the option is used in electric field strength measurement or magnetic field strength measurement, it is necessary to write each original compensation data into the unit.

Please write the data into the unit according to the following description.

There are two methods for writing, the method of using PC software MAS500 (option) and the method of using original program which is prepared by user.

1) Preparation items

- * USB cable MI400
- * Windows PC (with USB interface) [The writing cannot be done with MSA500 series unit only.]
- * PC software MAS500 (in case of “3) Method of using PC software MAS500 for writing”)

2) Example of writing data

As an example, the compensation data (antenna gain) of antenna M405 and the compensation data (compensation coefficient) of magnetic field probe CP-2S are shown below.

* Compensation data (antenna gain) of antenna M405

Frequency	300MHz	350MHz	400MHz	450MHz	500MHz
Antenna gain	0.0dBi	1.0dBi	1.4dBi	1.4dBi	0.0dBi

* Compensation data (compensation coefficient) of magnetic field probe CP-2S

Frequency	10MHz	100MHz	1GHz	2GHz	3GHz
Compensation coefficient	86.7dB	69.2dB	50.7dB	44.9dB	40.1dB

* The data of ten points or less can be written. The data cannot be written in 0Hz.

3) Method of using PC software MAS500 for writing

1. Create the text file of compensation data.

Create a new text file by new creation of a personal computer, and open by the text editor.

Write the frequency and compensation data in the following format.

* Format

“frequency”:”compensation data”, “frequency”: “compensation data”, ...

Example of M405

300M:0.0DBI,350M:1.0DBI,400M:1.4DBI,450M:1.4DBI,500M:0.0DBI

* Write the unit with a capital letter. G(GHz) is also available.

2. Write the text file into the unit with PC software MAS500.

Connect the PC to MSA500 series with USB cable MI400, and turn on the power of MSA500 series.

From the upper menu of PC software MAS500,

select [File] → [Write E/F User Data] in case of electric field strength measurement, or

select [File] → [Write M/F User Data] in case of magnetic field strength measurement.

When the text file created beforehand is selected, the data is written.

* Install the specified USB driver in the personal computer to be used in advance.

(Refer to “25.3 Installation of driver”)

4) Method of using original program for writing

1. Prepare the USB communication software.

Connect the PC to MSA500 series with USB cable MI400, and turn on the power of MSA500 series.

2. Write the data into the unit.

Transfer the data in the following format with the USB communication software.

* Format

In case of electric field strength measurement;

EFUSER “frequency”:”compensation data”, “frequency”: “compensation data”, ...

In case of magnetic field strength measurement;

MFUSER “frequency”:”compensation data”, “frequency”: “compensation data”, ...

Example of CP-2S

MFUSER10M:86.7DB,100M:69.2DB,1G:50.7DB,2G:44.9DB,3G:40.1DB

* Write the unit with a capital letter.

3. When the writing ends correctly, “OK” is returned.

5) How to use

Set the measuring function of MSA500 series to electric field strength measurement mode or magnetic field strength measurement mode.

By pushing [MEAS] → [EFS ANT], electric field strength measurement mode is set.

By pushing [MEAS] → [MFS PROBE], magnetic field strength measurement mode is set.

Select "USER" from antennas or probes on the display by pushing [F1].

Then, the measurement by the written data is started.

* The written data remains even if it turns off power.

* The measuring mode returns to a usual measurement when turning off power.

6) About antenna gain

In this contents, the antenna gain means an absolute gain.

When the antenna gain is a relative gain, it can change into an absolute gain by adding +2.15dB.

$$\text{Absolute gain [dBi]} = \text{Relative gain [dBd]} + 2.15\text{dB}$$

As reference, the conversion formula to electric field strength is using the following.

$$E = \sqrt{(480\pi^2 \times Pa \div (Ga \times \lambda^2))}$$

E: Electric field strength [V/m] Pa: Received electric power [W]

Ga: Antenna gain [times] = $10^{(\text{antenna gain [dBi]} \div 10)}$

λ : Wavelength [m] = $(3 \times 10^8) \div \text{frequency [Hz]}$

26. Option

■ PC software MAS500

MAS500 is software that controls the signal analyzers of five models by the PC and displays the spectrum waveform on PC screen.

The screen image is stored by BMP format and the spectrum waveform is stored by CSV format.

Furthermore, the IQ data in real time mode can be transferred to PC at a rate of 19ms/frame.

■ Logging software MAS510

MAS510 is a logging software that collects the measurement data by uninhabited. It is optimum for watching an abnormal signal at night and recording the data by uninhabited for a long time.

- Logging at specified frequency band, sampling interval and measurement time.
- Makes it possible to fast-forward and fast-rewind the images in the file like a video recorder, and moreover, to jump to the image with spectrum exceeding the limit line.
- ERROR is automatically displayed when the signal exceeding the limit line is input.

■ VSWR bridge MVS300B

Specification	
Frequency range	: 5 to 3000MHz
Directivity	: more than 40dB @ 50 to 3000MHz more than 25dB @ 5 to 50MHz
Insertion loss	: Less than 7dB @ SOURCE to DUT Less than 8dB @ DUT to REFLECTED
Dimensions	: 50(W)×32(H)×113(D)mm
Weight	: Approx. 240g
Connectors	: SMA(J) (for three ports)

■ Dipole antenna M401 to M407

Connector : N(P)

Refer to “19.4 Electric field strength measurement” for the details.

■ Magnetic field probe CP-2S

Refer to “19.5 Magnetic field strength measurement” for the details.

Specification	
Frequency range	: 10MHz to 3GHz
Space resolution	: approx.0.25mm (depending on objects)
Dimensions	: outside 12φ×135mm probe tip 2mm(W)×1mm(T)
Connectors	: SMA(P)

■ USB printer

With AC adaptor and one roll paper

Refer to “23. Storage and print of screen image” for the details.

Specification

Printing method	:	Thermal line dot method
Paper	:	80mm width thermal paper
Power source	:	internal : AA-sized alkaline battery (4 pcs) external : 7.5VDC/3A (dedicated AC adapter)
Dimensions	:	134(W)×60(H)×180(D)mm
Weight	:	approx.450g (mainframe only)
Interface	:	USB 2.0

■ Roll printer (10 rolls)

For USB printer

■ Lithium-ion battery MB400

7.4V/5000mAh Refer to “6.4 Installation of battery” for the details.

■ USB cable MI400

Connector : A plug/ B plug Length : 1m

■ Coaxial attenuator MG-XXdB

Model	Attenuation error		VSWR	Rated power
	DC to 12.4GHz	12.4GHz to 18GHz		
MG-1dB, 2dB, 3dB, 4dB	<±0.5dB	<±1dB	<1.15@DC to 4GHz <1.2@4 to 12.4GHz <1.3@12.4 to 18GHz	1W
MG-5dB, 6dB, 7dB, 8dB	<±0.7dB	<±1.2dB		
MG-9dB, 10dB, 12dB, 13dB	<±1.0dB	<±1.25dB		
MG-14dB, 15dB, 20dB	<±1.2dB	<±1.3dB		
MG-30dB	<±1.2dB@DC to 8GHz			

※ Connector, impedance : SMA(P)/SMA(J), 50Ω

■ Terminator

Model	Freq. range	VSWR				Rated power	Connector
		DC to 4GHz	4 to 8GHz	8 to 12.4GHz	12.4 to 18GHz		
MG-50S	DC to 18GHz	<1.08	<1.10	<1.15	<1.20	0.25W	SMA(P)
MG-50N	DC to 8GHz	<1.2@DC to 8GHz				2W	N(P)

※ Impedance : 50Ω

■ Coaxial cable

Model	Connector	Length	Freq. range
MC102	SMA (P)/BNC (P)	1.5m	DC to 2GHz
MC201	SMA (P)/SMA (P)	0.5m	DC to 18.5GHz
MC202	SMA (P)/SMA (P)	3m	DC to 18.5GHz
MC203	SMA (P)/SMA (P)	4m	DC to 18.5GHz
MC204	SMA (P)/SMA (P)	1.5m	DC to 12.4GHz
MC301	SMA (P)/SMA (P)	0.5m	DC to 10GHz
MC302	SMA (P)/SMA (P)	1m	DC to 10GHz
MC303	SMA (P)/SMA (P)	1.5m	DC to 10GHz
MC304	SMA (P)/N (J)	0.2m	DC to 4GHz
MC305	SMA (P)/N (P)	0.2m	DC to 4GHz
MC306	SMA (P)/BNC (J)	0.2m	DC to 2GHz
MC307	SMA (P)/BNC (P)	0.2m	DC to 2GHz
MC308	N (P)/N (P)	0.5m	DC to 10GHz
MC309	N (P)/N (P)	1m	DC to 10GHz
MC310	N (P)/N (P)	1.5m	DC to 10GHz
MC311	N (P)/SMA (J)	0.2m	DC to 10GHz
MC312	N (P)/BNC (J)	0.2m	DC to 2GHz
MC313	N (P)/BNC (P)	0.2m	DC to 2GHz
MC314	BNC (P)/BNC (P)	1.5m	DC to 2GHz

※ Impedance : 50Ω

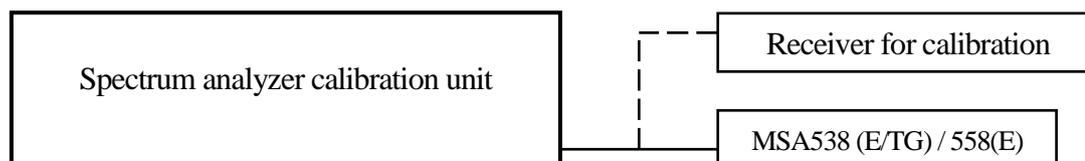
■ Adapter

Model	Connector	Impedance	Freq. range
MA301	BNC (P)/BNC (J)	50Ω/75Ω	DC to 2GHz
MA302	BNC (P)/N (J)	75Ω/75Ω	DC to 1.8GHz
MA303	BNC (P)/N (P)	75Ω/75Ω	DC to 1.8GHz
MA304	BNC (P)/F (J)	75Ω/75Ω	DC to 1.8GHz
MA305	BNC (P)/F (P)	75Ω/75Ω	DC to 1.8GHz
MA306	N (P)/SMA (J)	50Ω/50Ω	DC to 12.4GHz
MA307	N (P)/BNC (J)	50Ω/50Ω	DC to 2GHz
MA308	N (P)/BNC (J)	50Ω/75Ω	DC to 2GHz
MA309	N (J)/BNC (P)	50Ω/50Ω	DC to 2GHz

27. Basis Performance Test (MSA538/538E/538TG/558/558E)

To keep the quality of the unit, regular performance testing is recommended. This section describes a method and specification of basic performance testing. If a problem is found in the results of basic performance testing, or formal testing is needed, please contact the agency where you purchased the product, or contact us.

[Connection diagram]



27.1 Frequency characteristics

Adjust the output level of the spectrum analyzer calibration unit (thereafter, “calibration unit”) so that the displayed power value is -15dBm at each frequency for this unit, and measure the absolute value with a receiver for calibration (microwave power meter, etc.).

Setting of MSA538 (E/TG) /558(E)			Specifications	Measurement value	Judgment
Center frequency	Frequency span	RBW			
10MHz	10MHz	3MHz	Within Reference±1.0dB±1 dot		
100MHz	10MHz	3MHz	Reference		
1GHz	10MHz	3MHz	Within Reference±1.0dB±1 dot		
2GHz	10MHz	3MHz	Within Reference±1.0dB±1 dot		
3.3GHz	10MHz	3MHz	Within Reference±1.0dB±1 dot		
6.2GHz *1	10MHz	3MHz	Within Reference±1.0dB±1 dot		
8.5GHz *1	10MHz	3MHz	Within Reference±1.0dB±1 dot		

*1 MSA558(E) only

· Setting of MSA538 (E/TG) /558(E)

Reference level : -15dBm
 VBW : 1MHz
 Sweep time : 1s
 Detection mode : SMPL
 Display scale : 2dB/div

· Setting of calibration unit

Frequency : Same as a center frequency of MSA538 (E/TG) /558(E).
 Output power : Adjust the power indication of MSA538 (E/TG) /558(E) to -15dBm.

27.2 Accuracy of reference level

Adjust the output level of the calibration unit so that the displayed value of this unit is the 0th div from the top, and calibrate the absolute value with the receiver for calibration (microwave power meter, etc.).

Setting of MSA538 (E/TG) /558(E)	Specifications	Measurement value	Judgment
Reference level			
+10dBm	within $\pm 1.4\text{dB} \pm 1\text{dot}$		
0dBm	within $\pm 1.4\text{dB} \pm 1\text{dot}$		
-10dBm	within $\pm 1.4\text{dB} \pm 1\text{dot}$		
-15dBm	within $\pm 0.8\text{dB} \pm 1\text{dot}$		
-20dBm	within $\pm 1.4\text{dB} \pm 1\text{dot}$		
-30dBm	within $\pm 1.4\text{dB} \pm 1\text{dot}$		
-40dBm	within $\pm 1.4\text{dB} \pm 1\text{dot}$		

* Input attenuator switching error is included at the reference level other than -15dBm.

· Setting of MSA538 (E/TG) /558(E)

Center frequency : 100MHz
 Frequency span : 10MHz
 RBW : 3MHz

VBW : 1MHz
 Sweep time : 1s
 Detection mode : SMPL
 Display scale : 2dB/div

· Setting of calibration unit

Frequency : 100MHz
 Output power : Adjust it so that the indicated value of MSA538 (E/TG) /558(E) is at the 0th div from the top.

27.3 Display accuracy of center frequency

Measure the frequency with the peak search function of MSA538 (E/TG) /558(E).

Setting of MSA538 (E/TG) /558(E)			Specifications	Measurement value	Judgment
Center frequency	Frequency span	RBW			
100MHz	200kHz	3kHz	within $\pm 50\text{kHz} \pm 1\text{dot}$		
100MHz	10MHz	30kHz			
100MHz	20MHz	100kHz			
100MHz	200MHz	100kHz	within $\pm 360\text{kHz} \pm 1\text{dot}$		
1GHz	20MHz	100kHz			
2GHz	20MHz	100kHz			
3.3GHz *1	20MHz	100kHz			
6.1GHz *2	20MHz	100kHz			
8.5GHz *2	20MHz	100kHz			

*1 MSA438 (E/TG) only *2 MSA458 only

· Setting of MSA538 (E/TG) /558(E)

Reference level : -15dBm
 VBW : AUTO
 Sweep time : 1s
 Detection mode : SMPL
 Display scale : 10dB/div

· Setting of calibration unit

Frequency : Same as a center frequency of MSA538 (E/TG) /558(E).
 Output power : -15dBm
 * However, calibrate the signal generator in advance.

27.4 Display accuracy of frequency span

Adjust the frequency of the calibration equipment so that the peaks are at the positions of f_1 and f_9 , and measure the frequencies of f_1 and f_9 . Calculate from f_1 and f_9 the display accuracy of the frequency span.

* f_1 : 1st div from the left on the spectrum display f_9 : 9th div from the left on the spectrum display

Setting of MSA538 (E/TG) /558(E)			Specifications	f_1 Measurement value	f_9 Measurement value	$(f_9 - f_1)$	Judgment
Frequency span	Center Frequency	RBW					
200kHz	1GHz	3kHz	within $\pm 160\text{kHz} \times 3\% \pm 1\text{dot}$				
10MHz	1GHz	100kHz	within $\pm 8\text{MHz} \times 3\% \pm 1\text{dot}$				
20MHz	1GHz	300kHz	within $\pm 16\text{MHz} \times 3\% \pm 1\text{dot}$				
200MHz	1GHz	3MHz	within $\pm 160\text{MHz} \times 3\% \pm 1\text{dot}$				
500MHz	1GHz	3MHz	within $\pm 400\text{MHz} \times 3\% \pm 1\text{dot}$				
2GHz	1GHz	3MHz	within $\pm 1.6\text{GHz} \times 3\% \pm 1\text{dot}$				
FULL(3.3GHz)*1	1.65GHz	3MHz	within $\pm 2.64\text{GHz} \times 3\% \pm 1\text{dot}$				
2GHz *2	4.8GHz	3MHz	within $\pm 1.6\text{GHz} \times 3\% \pm 1\text{dot}$				
2GHz *2	7.4GHz	3MHz	within $\pm 1.6\text{GHz} \times 3\% \pm 1\text{dot}$				
FULL(8.5GHz)*2	4.25GHz	3MHz	within $\pm 6.8\text{GHz} \times 3\% \pm 1\text{dot}$				

*1 MSA538 (E/TG) only *2 MSA558(E) only

· Setting of MSA538 (E/TG) /558(E)

Reference level : -15dBm
 VBW : AUTO
 Sweep time : One step slower than AUTO
 Detection mode : SMPL
 Display scale : 10dB/div

· Setting of calibration unit

Frequency : Adjust it to the positions of f_1 and f_9 .
 Output power : -15dBm

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