

R&S® NGE100B

Power Supply

User Manual



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This manual describes the following R&S®NGE100B models with firmware version 1.55 and higher:

- R&S®NGE102B 2-Channel PSU (5601.3800.02)
- R&S®NGE103B 3-Channel PSU (5601.3800.03)

In addition to the base unit, the following options are described:

- R&S®NGE-K101 Ethernet Remote Control (5601.2204.03)
- ¹R&S®NGE-K102 Wireless LAN Remote Control (5601.2210.03)
- R&S®NGE-K103 Digital Trigger I/O (5601.2227.03)

¹ Only available for instrument with serial number below 110000

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The following abbreviations are used throughout this manual: R&S®NGE100B is abbreviated as R&S NGE100B. R&S® is abbreviated as R&S.

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1 Safety and regulatory information

The product documentation helps you use the product safely and efficiently. Follow the instructions provided here and in the following chapters.

Intended use

The product is intended for the development, production and verification of electronic components and devices in industrial, administrative, and laboratory environments by personnel familiar with the potential risks of measuring electrical quantities.

Use the product only for its designated purpose. Observe the operating conditions and performance limits stated in the data sheet.

Target audience

Only connect, set up and use a power supply if you are an electrically skilled person. Electrically skilled persons have the relevant education and experience to enable them to perceive risks and to avoid hazards that electricity can cause.

This document targets at all users, including installers, operators, technicians, maintenance and service personnel.

Follow the safety instructions provided in [Chapter 1.1, "Safety instructions"](#), on page 9 and the additional information provided during setup or operation procedures.

Where do I find safety information?

Safety information is part of the product documentation. It warns you of potential dangers and gives instructions on how to prevent personal injury or damage caused by dangerous situations. Safety information is provided as follows:

- In [Chapter 1.1, "Safety instructions"](#), on page 9. The same information is provided in many languages as printed "Safety Instructions". The printed "Safety Instructions" are delivered with the product.
- Throughout the documentation, safety instructions are provided when you need to take care during setup or operation.

1.1 Safety instructions

Products from the Rohde & Schwarz group of companies are manufactured according to the highest technical standards. To use the products safely, follow the instructions provided here and in the product documentation. Keep the product documentation nearby and offer it to other users.

Use the product only for its intended use and within its performance limits. Intended use and limits are described in the product documentation such as the data sheet, manuals and the printed "Safety Instructions". If you are unsure about the appropriate use, contact Rohde & Schwarz customer service.

Only people skilled in electrical work should connect, set up and use the product. Such persons have the education and experience needed to recognize risks and avoid hazards of working with electricity. These users also need sound knowledge of at least one of the languages in which the user interfaces and the product documentation are available.

Reconfigure or adjust the product only as described in the product documentation or the data sheet. Any other modifications can affect safety and are not permitted.

Never open the casing of the product. Only service personnel authorized by Rohde & Schwarz are allowed to repair the product. If any part of the product is damaged or broken, stop using the product. Contact Rohde & Schwarz customer service at <https://www.rohde-schwarz.com/support>.

Lifting and carrying the product

Look up the maximum weight in the data sheet. A single person can only carry a maximum of 18 kg safely depending on age, gender and physical condition. If your product is heavier than 18 kg, do not move or carry it by yourself.

To move the product safely, you can use lifting or transporting equipment such as lift trucks and forklifts. Follow the instructions provided by the equipment manufacturer.

Choosing the operating site

Only use the product indoors. The product casing is not waterproof. Water that enters can electrically connect the casing to live parts, which can lead to electric shock, serious personal injury or death if you touch the casing.

Unless otherwise specified, you can operate the product up to an altitude of 2000 m above sea level. The product is suitable for pollution degree 2 environments where nonconductive contamination can occur. For more information on environmental conditions such as ambient temperature and humidity, see the data sheet.

Setting up the product

Always place the product on a stable, flat and level surface with the bottom of the product facing down. If the product is designed for different positions, secure the product so that it cannot fall over.

If the product has foldable feet, always fold the feet completely in or out to ensure stability. The feet can collapse if they are not folded out completely or if the product is moved without lifting it. The foldable feet are designed to carry the weight of the product, but not an extra load.

If stacking is possible, keep in mind that a stack of products can fall over and cause injury.

If you mount products in a rack, ensure that the rack has sufficient load capacity and stability. Observe the specifications of the rack manufacturer. Always install the products from the bottom shelf to the top shelf so that the rack stands securely. Secure the product so that it cannot fall off the rack.

Connecting to power

The product is an overvoltage category II product. Connect the product to a fixed installation used to supply energy-consuming equipment such as household appliances and similar loads. Keep in mind that electrically powered products have risks, such as electric shock, fire, personal injury or even death. Replace parts that are relevant to safety only by original parts, e.g. power cables or fuses.

Take the following measures for your safety:

- Before switching on the product, ensure that the voltage and frequency indicated on the product match the available power source. If the power adapter does not adjust automatically, set the correct value and check the rating of the fuse.
- If a product has an exchangeable fuse, its type and characteristics are indicated next to the fuse holder. Before changing the fuse, switch off the product and disconnect it from the power source. How to change the fuse is described in the product documentation.
- Only use the power cable delivered with the product. It complies with country-specific safety requirements. Only insert the plug into an outlet with protective conductor terminal.
- Only use intact cables and route them carefully so that they cannot be damaged. Check the power cables regularly to ensure that they are undamaged. Also ensure that nobody can trip over loose cables.
- Only connect the product to a power source with the safety fuse specified in the data sheet.
- Ensure that you can disconnect the product from the power source at any time. Pull the power plug to disconnect the product. The power plug must be easily accessible. If the product is integrated into a system that does not meet these requirements, provide an easily accessible circuit breaker at the system level.

Working with hazardous voltages

Voltages higher than 30 V RMS, or 42 V peak, or 60 V DC are regarded as hazardous contact voltages. Direct contact with them can cause serious injuries.

When working with hazardous contact voltages, use protective measures to preclude direct contact with the measurement setup:

- Before each measurement, inspect all components for damage and replace them if necessary.
- Do not touch exposed connections and components when power is applied.
- Casing, chassis and all measuring terminals are connected to a grounding connection. Never disconnect a grounding connection on the product.
- Switch off the power before connecting or disconnecting the terminal block to the rear panel connector. Tighten all wires connected to the terminal block.
- Only use the wires and terminal blocks delivered with the product.
- Only use insulated wires, not stripped wires, for the terminal connections.
- Turn the mains switch off when the product is not in use.

- When operating measuring accessories, only use the cables delivered with the accessory. If you have to use cables from other manufacturers, make sure that they are of the required overvoltage category.

Do not operate the product in series or parallel unless that setup is supported. If accessories are provided for a product, only use them for that product. See the data sheet.

In series or parallel setups, protect yourself against electric shock before connecting access ports such as the Ethernet port or the USB port using one of the following measures:

- Ensure that all products are grounded by connecting them to the AC power.
- Disconnect all power connections to the product, including outputs.

Measurement categories

IEC 61010-2-030 defines measurement categories that rate products on their ability to resist short transient overvoltages that occur in addition to the working voltage.

This product is designed for measuring within measurement category 0 only. Measurements in this category are performed on circuits not directly connected to mains, such as electronics, battery powered circuits, and specially protected secondary circuits. This measurement category is also known as CAT I.

Cleaning the product

Use a dry, lint-free cloth to clean the product. When cleaning, keep in mind that the casing is not waterproof. Do not use liquid cleaning agents.

Meaning of safety labels

Safety labels on the product warn against potential hazards.

	Potential hazard Read the product documentation to avoid personal injury or product damage.
	Electrical hazard Indicates live parts. Risk of electric shock, fire, personal injury or even death.
	Hot surface Do not touch. Risk of skin burns. Risk of fire.
	Protective conductor terminal Connect this terminal to a grounded external conductor or to protective ground. This connection protects you against electric shock if an electric problem occurs.

1.2 Labels on R&S NGE100B

Labels on the casing inform about:

- Personal safety, see "[Meaning of safety labels](#)" on page 12.

- Product and environment safety, see [Table 1-1](#).
- Device information is provided on a sticker attached to the [rear panel](#) of R&S NGE100B. The sticker contains a barcode and the device ID. The device ID is a combination of the order number and the serial number.

Table 1-1: Labels regarding R&S NGE100B and environment safety

	Labeling in line with EN 50419 for disposal of electrical and electronic equipment after the product has come to the end of its service life. For more information, see " Disposing electrical and electronic equipment " on page 133.
	Grounding terminal (earth ground contact)
	ON (supply voltage)
	OFF (supply voltage)
	Chassis grounding terminal

1.3 Warning messages in the documentation

A warning message points out a risk or danger that you need to be aware of. The signal word indicates the severity of the safety hazard and how likely it will occur if you do not follow the safety precautions.

DANGER

Imminently hazardous situation. Will result in death or serious injury if not avoided.

WARNING

Potentially hazardous situation. Could result in death or serious injury if not avoided.

CAUTION

Potentially hazardous situation. Could result in minor or moderate injury if not avoided.

NOTICE

Potential risks of damage. Could result in damage to the supported product or to other property.

1.4 Korea certification class A



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2 Documentation overview

This section provides an overview of the R&S NGE100B user documentation.

2.1 Manuals

You find the documents on the R&S NGE100B product page at:

www.rohde-schwarz.com/product/nge100b

Getting started

Introduces the R&S NGE100B power supply series and describes how to set up and start working with the instrument. The printed document is delivered with the instrument.

User manual

Contains the description of all instrument modes and functions. It also provides an introduction to remote control, a complete description of the remote control commands with programming examples, and information on maintenance and instrument interfaces. Includes the contents of the getting started manual.

The *online version* of the user manual provides the complete contents for immediate display on the internet.

Basic safety instructions

Contains safety instructions, operating conditions and further important information. The printed document is delivered with the instrument.

2.2 Data sheet

The datasheet contains the technical specifications of the R&S NGE100B power supply series. It also lists all options with their order numbers and accessories.

See www.rohde-schwarz.com/brochure-datasheet/nge100b

2.3 Calibration certificate

The document is available on <https://gloris.rohde-schwarz.com/calcert>. You need the device ID of your instrument, which you can find on a label on the rear panel.

2.4 Release notes, open source acknowledgment (OSA)

The release notes list new features, improvements and known issues of the current firmware version, and describe the firmware installation. The open source acknowledgment document provides verbatim license texts of the used open source software. It can also be downloaded from the instrument.

See www.rohde-schwarz.com/firmware/nge100b.

3 Conventions used in the documentation

3.1 Typographical conventions

The following text markers are used throughout this documentation:

Convention	Description
"Graphical user interface elements"	All names of graphical user interface elements on the screen, such as dialog boxes, menus, options, buttons, and softkeys are enclosed by quotation marks.
[Keys]	Key and knob names are enclosed by square brackets.
Filenames, commands, program code	Filenames, commands, coding samples and screen output are distinguished by their font.
<i>Input</i>	Input to be entered by the user is displayed in italics.
Links	Links that you can click are displayed in blue font.
"References"	References to other parts of the documentation are enclosed by quotation marks.

3.2 Notes on screenshots

When describing the functions of the product, we use sample screenshots. These screenshots are meant to illustrate as many as possible of the provided functions and possible interdependencies between parameters. The shown values may not represent realistic usage scenarios.

The screenshots usually show a fully equipped product, that is: with all options installed. Thus, some functions shown in the screenshots may not be available in your particular product configuration.

4 Welcome to R&S NGE100B

The two or three-channel power supply series are based on a classical transformer concept with high efficiency electronic pre-regulators and secondary linear regulators. This concept allows the instrument to achieve the high output power within a minimum space, high efficiency and lowest residual ripple.

The R&S NGE100B power supply series feature galvanically isolated, floating overload and short-circuit proof outputs with adjustable power ratings. The outputs can be connected in series or in parallel, thus making high currents and voltages available.

Multi-purpose protection functions are available for each channel which you can set separately, such as overcurrent protection (FUSE), overvoltage protection (OVP), over-power protection (OPP) and overtemperature protection (OTP). If such a limit is reached, the affected output channel is automatically turned off and an indicator message (FUSE, OVP, OPP or OTP) is displayed. The overcurrent protection can be linked to other channel (FuseLink function). In this case, all linked channels are turned off when the set channel reaches its limit.

The EasyArb function allows channel 1 (Ch 1) to have freely definable voltage and current sequences with a timeframe as short as 10 ms. It allows you to vary the voltage or current limit during a test sequence, for example to simulate different charging conditions of a battery. With EasyRamp function, the R&S NGE100B provides the operating condition to simulate the continuous rise of the supply voltage within a defined timeframe of 10 ms to 10 s.

Four data lines of the digital I/O interface are mutually independent and can be used as trigger input or trigger output separately. Various trigger conditions (e.g. fuse tripped, voltage, current, indicator messages) can be used to turn off, on or invert the output state when the trigger condition is met.

All R&S NGE100B power supply series are equipped with a color LCD display (320 x 240 pixels resolution). The R&S NGE100B comes with a USB interface and optional LAN (LXI) interface.

This user manual contains a description of the functionalities that the instrument provides. The latest version is available for download at the product homepage (<http://www.rohde-schwarz.com/product/nge100b>).

5 Getting started

5.1 Preparing for use

Here, you can find basic information about setting up the product for the first time.

5.1.1 Lifting and carrying

See ["Lifting and carrying the product"](#) on page 10.

5.1.2 Unpacking and checking

1. Unpack the R&S NGE100B carefully.
2. Retain the original packing material. Use it when transporting or shipping the R&S NGE100B later.
3. Using the [delivery package](#) list, check the equipment for completeness.
4. Check the equipment for damage and loose parts.

If the delivery is incomplete or equipment is damaged, contact Rohde & Schwarz.

See also [Chapter 10, "Transport"](#), on page 132.

5.1.2.1 Delivery package

The delivery package contains the following items:

- R&S NGE100B power supply preloaded with two 230 V fuses
- Four power cables
- Two 115 V fuses (replace the preloaded fuses with these fuses depending on the mains voltage, see ["Replacing the power fuse"](#) on page 24 for more information)
- One 5-pin plug (P/N: 3643.6463.00) for digital I/O port connections
- One Getting Started manual
- One document folder with multilingual safety instruction and CE certificate

5.1.3 Choosing the operating site

Specific operating conditions ensure proper operation and avoid damage to the product and connected devices. For information on environmental conditions such as ambient temperature and humidity, see the data sheet.

See also ["Choosing the operating site"](#) on page 10.

Electromagnetic compatibility classes

The electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) class indicates where you can operate the product. The EMC class of the product is given in the data sheet.

- Class B equipment is suitable for use in:
 - Residential environments
 - Environments that are directly connected to a low-voltage supply network that supplies residential buildings
- Class A equipment is intended for use in industrial environments. It can cause radio disturbances in residential environments due to possible conducted and radiated disturbances. It is therefore not suitable for class B environments. If class A equipment causes radio disturbances, take appropriate measures to eliminate them.

5.1.4 Setting up the R&S NGE100B

Adequate air circulation must be ensured during operation. For continuous operation, a horizontal or inclined position (integrated stand) is preferable.

See also:

- ["Setting up the product"](#) on page 10
- ["Intended use"](#) on page 9

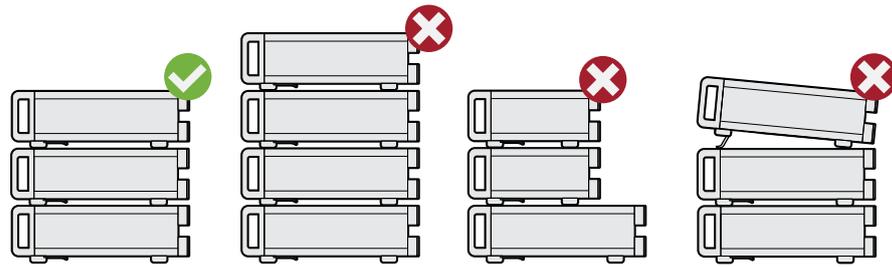
5.1.4.1 Placing the R&S NGE100B on a bench top

To place the product on a bench top

1. Place the product on a stable, flat and level surface. Ensure that the surface can support the weight of the product. For information on the weight, see the data sheet.
2. **CAUTION!** Foldable feet can collapse. See ["Setting up the product"](#) on page 10. Always fold the feet completely in or out. With folded-out feet, do not place anything on top or underneath the product.
3. **WARNING!** A stack of products can fall over and cause injury. Never stack more than three products on top of each other. Instead, mount them in a rack.

Stack as follows:

- If the products have foldable feet, fold them in completely.
- All products must have the same dimensions (width and length).
- Do not exceed a total load of 50 kg placed on the product at the bottom of the stack.



- Left = Stacked correctly
 Middle left = Stacked incorrectly, too many products
 Middle right = Stacked incorrectly, different dimensions
 Right = Stacked incorrectly, folded-out feet

4. **NOTICE!** Overheating can damage the product.

Prevent overheating as follows:

- Keep a minimum distance of 10 cm between the fan openings of the product and any object in the vicinity to provide sufficient airflow and ventilation.
- Do not place the product next to heat-generating equipment such as radiators or other products.

5.1.4.2 Mounting the R&S NGE100B in a rack

To prepare the rack

1. Observe the requirements and instructions in "[Setting up the product](#)" on page 10.
2. **NOTICE!** Insufficient airflow can cause overheating and damage the product.

The heat produced inside the instrument is guided to the exterior via temperature-controlled fan. The R&S NGE100B has multiple temperature sensors which check the heat generation in the instrument and control the fan speed.

It is necessary to ensure that there is sufficient space around the instrument sides for heat exchange. Ensure that fan openings and ventilation holes are unobstructed and airflow vents are unimpeded.

If the temperature inside the instrument increases more than the allowed limit, over-temperature protection is triggered and the affected outputs are switched off automatically.

To mount the R&S NGE100B in a rack

1. Use an adapter kit that fits the dimensions of the R&S NGE100B to prepare the R&S NGE100B for rack mounting.
 - a) Order the rack adapter kit designed for the R&S NGE100B. For the order number, see data sheet.
 - b) Mount the adapter kit. Follow the assembly instructions provided with the adapter kit.
2. Lift the R&S NGE100B to shelf height.

3. Push the R&S NGE100B onto the shelf until the rack brackets fit closely to the rack.
4. Tighten all screws at the rack brackets with a tightening torque of 1.2 Nm to secure the R&S NGE100B at the rack.

To unmount the R&S NGE100B from a rack

1. Loosen the screws at the rack brackets.
2. Remove the R&S NGE100B from the rack.
3. If placing the R&S NGE100B on a bench top again, unmount the adapter kit from the R&S NGE100B. Follow the instructions provided with the adapter kit.

5.1.5 Considerations for test setup

The product is built in compliance with DIN EN 61010-1 (VDC 0411 part 1), EN 61010-1 and IEC 61010-1. It is designed with the regulations of protection class 1, for supplying power-on circuits that are only indirectly connected to the low voltage mains or not connected at all.

The instrument is not intended for measurements within the measurement categories II, III or IV; the maximum potential against earth generated by the user must not exceed 150 VDC in this application.

See also "[Measurement categories](#)" on page 12.

General instrument specification

See [Table 5-1](#) for the general data on the instrument specification. Refer to the instrument datasheet for details.

Table 5-1: General data on instrument specification

Mains nominal voltage	AC	115 V / 230 V ($\pm 10\%$) 50 Hz / 60 Hz
Power consumption	Maximum input power	180 W
Mains fuses (fuse size: 5 mm x 20 mm)	115 V AC	IEC 60127-2/5 T 5 A 250 V
	230 V AC	IEC 60127-2/5 T 2.5 A 250 V
Temperature	Operating temperature range	0 °C to + 40 °C
	Storage temperature range	- 20 °C to + 70 °C
Humidity	Non-condensing	5 % to 80 %
Display		3.5 " (QVGA)
Rack mount capability	½ 19 "	R&S HZC95 option
Dimensions	W x H x D	222 mm x 88 mm x 280 mm (8.74 in x 3.46 in x 11.02 in)

Weight	NGE102B	4.9 kg (10.80 lb)
	NGE103B	5.0 kg (11.02 lb)

Operating limits

The R&S NGE100B is equipped with a protective overload feature. The protective overload feature prevents damage to the instrument and is intended to protect against a possible electrical shock. The maximum values for the instrument must not be exceeded. The protection limits are listed on the front panel of the R&S NGE100B to ensure safe operation of the instrument.

See [Table 5-2](#) for protection limits of the R&S NGE100B.

Table 5-2: Protection limits for R&S NGE100B

Specification	Limits
Maximum output voltage	32 VDC
Maximum output current	3 A (max 33.6 W per channel)
Maximum voltage against earth	150 VDC
Maximum reverse voltage	33 VDC
Maximum inverse voltage	0.4 VDC
Maximum permitted current in case of inverse voltage	3.01 A
Power supply	115 VAC or 230 VAC (tolerance $\pm 10\%$)
Frequency	50 Hz / 60 Hz
Maximum power output	100 W (NGE103B), 66 W (NGE102B)

Cable selection and electromagnetic interference (EMI)

Electromagnetic interference (EMI) can affect the measurement results.

To suppress electromagnetic radiation during operation:

- Use high-quality shielded cables, for example double shielded USB and LAN cables.
- Use at least a CAT6+ LAN cables with a length ≤ 3 m and passive USB cable with a length ≤ 1 m.
- Use insulated wires for output supply/terminal connections
- Always terminate open cable ends.
- Ensure that connected external devices comply with EMC regulations.
- Check regularly that all cables, including power cables are in perfect conditions.

Signal input and output levels

Information on voltage levels is provided in the data sheet. Keep the voltage levels within the specified ranges to avoid damage to the product and connected devices.

5.1.6 Connecting to power

For safety information, see "[Connecting to power](#)" on page 11.

Before connecting the instrument to the mains, check whether the mains voltage conforms to the mains voltage range specified on the label located at the left of the [AC power connector](#).

Check also that the mains voltage corresponds to the [voltage selector](#) at the rear panel.

The power supply module covers a wide power supply range and normally does not require adjustment. See [Table 5-1](#) for the supported mains voltage and the corresponding fuse types and ratings. If the power supply exceeds the permissible range, contact Rohde & Schwarz customer service.

1. Ground the R&S NGE100B using the ground terminal on the rear panel. See "[Ground terminal](#)" on page 25.
2. Plug the AC power cable into the AC power connector.
Use power cable that complies with the IEC 60320-1 standard.
3. Plug the AC power cable into a power outlet with ground contact.
The required ratings are listed next to the AC connector and in the data sheet.

Replacing the power fuse

By default, the R&S NGE100B is preloaded with two time lag fuses (IEC 60127-2/5 T2.5A250V). The fuse holder is located below the AC power connector.

1. Disconnect the product from the power source by removing the power cable from the power plug on the rear panel of the R&S NGE100B.

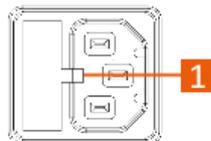


Figure 5-1: AC power connector

1 = Small notch of the fuse holder

2. Insert a flathead screwdriver in the small notch at the top of the fuse holder.
3. Lever out the fuse holder with the screwdriver.
4. Check the fuse rating on the caps of both fuses that you want to replace.
5. Once verified, insert the fuse into the groove of the fuse holder.
6. Return the fuse holder to its position in the panel.
The fuse holder is inserted against the spring pressure until it locks into place.

Ground terminal

If necessary, ground the instrument using the grounding connection  located at the [rear panel](#):

1. Unscrew the screw of the ground terminal using a cross-recess screw driver.
2. Attach a ground cable with a ring terminal and pass the screw through it.
3. Fasten the screw with a tightening torque of 1.2 Nm.
4. Connect the cable to ground.

5.1.7 Switching on or off



Specifications with tolerance data apply after a warm-up period of at least 30 minutes at a temperature of 23 °C (tolerance -3 °C / +7 °C).

Before switching on the instrument, check that the [voltage selector](#) corresponds to the mains voltage. See [Table 5-1](#) for the available mains voltage.

See also [Chapter 5.1.6, "Connecting to power"](#), on page 24.

Switching on the product

The product is off but connected to power.

- ▶ Press the [Power] key on the [front panel](#) of the R&S NGE100B.

The instrument performs a system check, boots the operating system and starts the R&S NGE100B firmware.

By default, the output channel is turned off when the instrument is switched on to prevent connected loads from being damaged unintentionally.

During startup, the R&S NGE100B is loaded with the last saved instrument settings from memory location "M1" and auto saved parameters. See [Chapter 7.8, "Store and recall"](#), on page 69 in the user manual.

Shutting down and disconnecting R&S NGE100B from power



For safety reason, switch off at the mains switch when the instrument is not in use.

1. Press [Power] key.
The operating system shuts down.
2. Disconnect the AC power cable from the socket outlet.

5.1.8 Connecting to LAN

Establishing the LAN connection



Instrument option

R&S NGE-K101 (P/N: 5601.2204.03) option is required to connect the R&S NGE100B to a network via LAN connection.

The R&S NGE100B provides Ethernet (LAN) connectivity. Provided the corresponding rights are assigned, you can use these interfaces for remote control and data transfer from a controller PC. The controller PC must also be connected in the network.

The LAN connector is at the [rear panel](#) of R&S NGE100B.

To connect R&S NGE100B to the LAN:

1. **NOTICE!** Recommendation on secure operation. The R&S NGE100B is designed to operate at local workplaces or in secured networks (LAN). It should not be accessible from the internet because of a potential security risk, e.g. attackers could misuse or damage your device.

Please always install the latest firmware.

By default, the R&S NGE100B configuration uses DHCP that assigns the IP address automatically.

2. Connect the LAN socket using an RJ-45 cable to the LAN.
3. **NOTICE!** If the R&S NGE100B cannot obtain an IP address automatically, or cannot establish the connection, the status shows "Disconnected" in the [Figure 5-2](#). Possible reasons are that the LAN does not support DHCP or requires a specific TCP/IP configuration, or that the connection is missing.

To troubleshoot the problem, proceed as follows:

- a) Check if you have connected both, the R&S NGE100B and the controller PC to the LAN.
- b) Consult your network administrator to request support for an IP address, if necessary.
- c) If necessary, assign the IP address manually as described in [Chapter 7.9.1.1, "LAN connection"](#), on page 71.

If switched on and connected, the R&S NGE100B indicates the address information and LAN parameters in the Ethernet setting dialog. See [Figure 5-2](#).

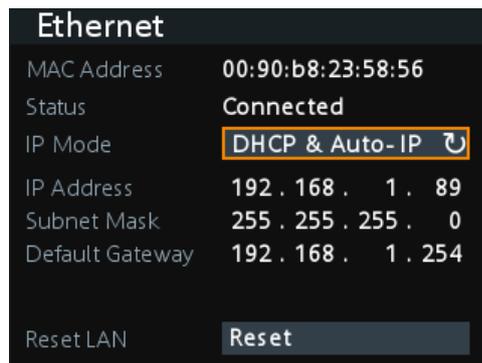


Figure 5-2: Ethernet settings dialog

5.1.9 Connecting USB devices

The USB Type-A connector is at the [front panel](#). You can connect or disconnect all USB devices from the R&S NGE100B during operation. But do not remove an external USB memory stick while the instrument is performing firmware update and storing of screen captures, since it leads to unsuccessful updates and loss of data.

To connect USB storage devices

USB storage devices, such as memory sticks, allow easy data transfer from or to the R&S NGE100B. You can also use them for firmware updates.

- ▶ Connect the USB storage device to the USB type A connector.
If you use the front panel connectors, connect the USB storage device directly, without connecting cable. Connecting cables can cause electromagnetic radiation and impair the measurement result.

5.2 Instrument tour

The following sections help you to get familiar with the instrument and perform the first steps:

- [Chapter 5.2.1, "Front panel"](#), on page 28
- [Chapter 5.2.2, "Rear panel"](#), on page 29

These sections explain the controls and connections on the front, rear and bottom of the R&S NGE100B. For specifications of the interfaces, see the data sheet.

The meanings of the labels on the R&S NGE100B are described in [Chapter 1.2, "Labels on R&S NGE100B"](#), on page 12.

5.2.1 Front panel

The front panel of the R&S NGE100B is as shown in [Figure 5-3](#). The function keys and navigation controls are located at the right side of the display. The various connectors are located below the display and function keys.

Table 5-3: Power supply models

Models	Number of output channels
R&S NGE102B (0 V - 32 V/3 A)	2 (maximum 66 W)
R&S NGE103B (0 V - 32 V/3 A)	3 (maximum 100 W)

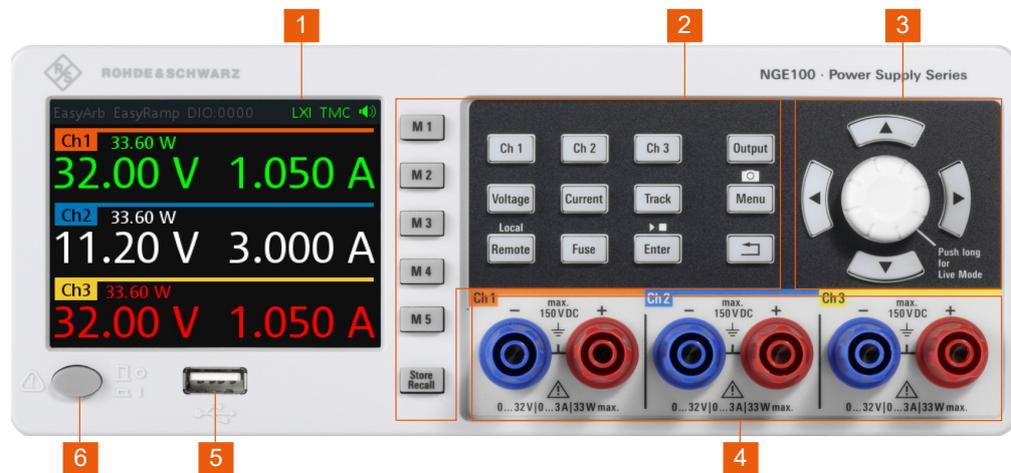


Figure 5-3: Front panel of R&S NGE100B with three channels

- 1 = Display
- 2 = Function keys
- 3 = Rotary knob and arrow keys
- 4 = Output channels (see [Table 5-3](#))
- 5 = USB connector
- 6 = Power key

Display (1)

The display is a color LCD screen. Depending on the instrument models, up to three channels are shown on the screen. The respective measurement settings and functions are displayed in the individual channel section. There is a status bar above the channel section to indicate the function used and operation mode of the instrument.

For a detailed description on-screen layout, see [Chapter 5.4.2.1, "Understanding the display information"](#), on page 34.

Function keys (2)

Function keys are means of input for manual operation of the instrument functions. When a function key is pressed, all the related keys are also illuminated.

For detailed description on function keys, see [Chapter 6.1.1, "Function keys"](#), on page 43.

Rotary knob and arrow keys (3)

Rotary knob and arrow keys are means of navigation and adjustment. When pressed or rotated, they perform tasks like navigation around the screen, adjustment of parameter values or confirmation of entries.

For detailed description on rotary knob and arrow keys, see [Chapter 5.4.2, "Means of manual interaction"](#), on page 34.

Output channels (4)

Depending on the instrument models, up to three output channels are available for output of power to the connected load. See [Table 5-3](#).

USB connector (5)

USB Type-A connector is provided for connecting a USB flash drive to perform firmware update and store screen captures.

The USB flash drive file system supports FAT32 only. See also [Chapter 5.1.9, "Connecting USB devices"](#), on page 27.

Power key (6)

The [Power] key switches the instrument on and off, see [Chapter 5.1.7, "Switching on or off"](#), on page 25.

5.2.2 Rear panel

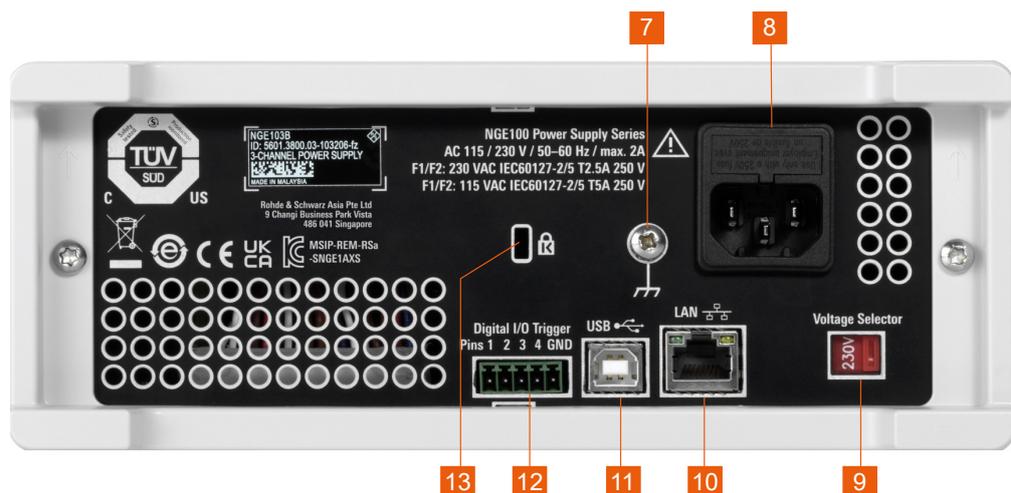


Figure 5-4: Rear panel of R&S NGE100B

- 7 = Ground terminal
- 8 = AC inlet with fuse holder
- 9 = Voltage selector
- 10 = Ethernet (LAN) connector
- 11 = USB connector
- 12 = Digital I/O connector
- 13 = Kensington lock

Ground terminal (7)

Protective ground terminal to secure the R&S NGE100B, e.g. with a ground external conductor, see [Chapter 1.2, "Labels on R&S NGE100B"](#), on page 12.

AC inlet with fuse holder (8)



Main supply cord

Use a detachable mains supply cord according to IEC60320-1 standard.
Never use the product if the power cable is damaged.

Main power supply with fuse holder and IEC socket.

- Fuse holder
Socket for the fuse securing the line voltage. The fuse is factory fitted. See ["Replacing the power fuse"](#) on page 24.
- IEC socket
Power supply connector for connecting the R&S NGE100B to the mains, see [Chapter 5.1.6, "Connecting to power"](#), on page 24.

Voltage selector (9)

NOTICE

Setting voltage selector

On your first power-on connection, a yellow label sticker is attached over the [AC inlet](#). Before peeling off the yellow label sticker, make sure that the correct fuse rating is used for the mains voltage.

To set the correct fuse rating, slide the selector according to the voltage selector label.

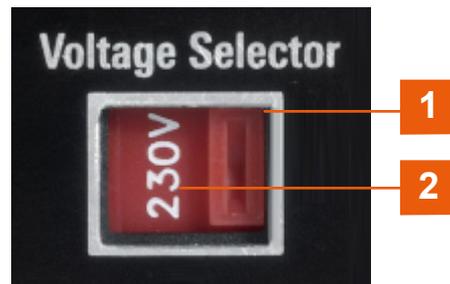


Figure 5-5: Voltage selector

1 = Voltage selector

2 = Voltage selector label

The voltage selector selects the mains voltage between 115 V and 230 V. See [Table 5-1](#) for the fuse rating.

Ethernet connector (10)

This connector is used for establishing remote control via SCPI or LXI. For more information on the connection setup, see [Chapter 5.1.8, "Connecting to LAN"](#), on page 26.

The Ethernet option R&S NGE-K101 must be installed for this function to be available in the instrument.

USB connector (11)

The USB connector is a Type-B connector for remote control operation via USB TMC or USB VCP.

For more information, see [Chapter 7.9.2, "USB connection"](#), on page 77.

Digital I/O connector (12)

NOTICE

Risk of instrument damage

Do not exceed the maximum voltage rating of the Digital I/O pins (5.25 V max) when supplying voltages to the pins.

The Digital I/O is a 5-pin terminal block for external trigger input or output.

Measurement control for Digital I/O can be achieved with an external input signal or as an output signal to trigger other instruments for measurements.

The Digital Trigger I/O option (R&S NGE-K103) must be installed for this function to be available in the instrument.

For more information, see [Chapter 7.6, "Digital trigger I/O"](#), on page 60.

Kensington security slot (13)

A Kensington lock can be anchored to the R&S NGE100B power supply housing to secure it to a workstation mechanically.

5.3 Trying out the instrument

This chapter describes some basic functions that you can perform with the R&S NGE100B.

5.3.1 Selecting the channels

To select a channel, press the corresponding channel key. The selected channel key illuminates.

5.3.2 Setting the output voltage and current limit

To set the output voltage and current limit via live-mode:

1. Long press the rotary knob to enter into editing mode.
By default, the voltage at channel 1 is selected.
2. Use arrow keys to select the desired parameter (voltage or current).
3. Rotate the rotary knob to adjust value.
4. To exit live-mode, press the rotary knob.

Alternatively:

1. Press [Voltage] or [Current] key on the front panel.
2. Press the desired channel key to activate the respective voltage or current limit setting of that channel. The value on the respective channel becomes editable and is positioned by a blue cursor.
3. Press the [Left] / [Right] arrow key to move the cursor.
4. Press the [Up] / [Down] arrow key to change the value.
Alternatively, turn the rotary knob to change the value.
The new value registers immediately.

5.3.3 Activating the channel output

The output voltages can be switched on or off regardless of the operating mode of the instrument.

To activate the channel output, press the [Output] key on the front panel followed by the desired channel key or vice versa.

Depending on the instrument operating mode, the display font color changes to green in CV (constant voltage) mode and red in CC (constant current) mode.

By default, the output is turned off when the instrument is switched on.

See also "[Operating mode](#)" on page 37.

5.3.4 Storing/Recalling of instrument settings

The instrument settings can be stored in the instrument memory by long pressing the [Store Recall] key followed by the desired memory location key ([M1] to [M5]). The previous saved settings are overwritten.

To retrieve the settings, press [Store Recall] key and select the desired memory location key ([M1] to [M5]).

5.4 Instrument control

This chapter provides an overview on how to work with the R&S NGE100B. It introduces the possibilities for operating the instrument and describes the basic functionality of the control elements. If a measurement configuration requires specific operating steps, the corresponding settings description in the user manual points it out separately.

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- [Remote control](#)..... 42

5.4.1 Ways to operate the instrument

You can operate an R&S NGE100B in two ways:

- **Manual operation**
Use the front panel controls to configure the R&S NGE100B settings.
See [Chapter 5.4.2, "Means of manual interaction"](#), on page 34 for basic information on manual operation of the instrument.
- **Remote control**
Create programs to automatize repeating settings, tests and measurements. A controller PC with remote access to the instrument runs the programs.
See [Chapter 5.4.3, "Remote control"](#), on page 42 for an overview of the interfaces provided for remote control.

5.4.2 Means of manual interaction

For manual interaction with the R&S NGE100B, you have several methods that you can use as an alternative to perform a task:

- **Memory, menu and function keys**
The front panel function keys provide all the functions and controls needed to operate the instrument.
You can access to the different instrument functions and parameters settings, operating modes and configure general instrument settings.
- **Navigation controls**
The navigation controls include a rotary knob and arrow keys ([Up], [Down], [Left], [Right]).
The arrow keys allow you to navigate on the channel display screen or dialogs to set parameters.

For basic instructions on how to control the R&S NGE100B, see [Chapter 5.4.2.2, "Accessing the functionality"](#), on page 39.

5.4.2.1 Understanding the display information

The initial display screen shows the [channel display area](#), [status bar information](#) and [historical channel information](#). The channel area displays the voltage, current values and [operating mode](#) of the output.

For detailed information, see [Chapter 6.3, "Operation modes"](#), on page 50.

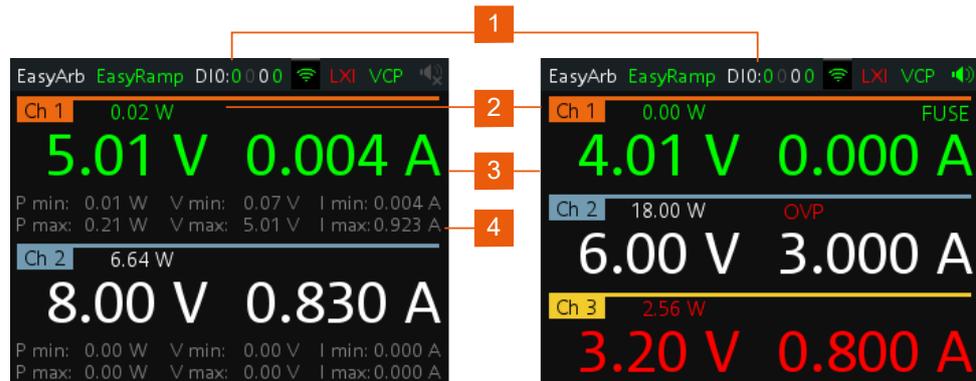


Figure 5-6: Example of screen display

- 1 = Device status bar
- 2 = Channel status bar
- 3 = Channel display area
- 4 = Historical channel information

The following sections explain the information areas as labeled.

Status bar information

There are two types of status bar information located at the top of the screen layout:

- Device status
- Channel status

Device status

The device status displays the state of the functions activated in the device.



Figure 5-7: Device status bar

Table 5-4: Device status bar information

Function	Description
EasyArb	Arbitrary output sequences on Ch 1. If in use, the icon is highlighted in green. If enabled, the icon is highlighted in white else it shows gray.
EasyRamp	Output voltage to ramp continuously within a 10 ms to 10 s until set voltage, V_{set} . If in use for any channel, the icon is highlighted in green else it shows gray.

Function	Description
DIO:xxxx	Digital Trigger I/O (Digital Trigger I/O option R&S NGE-K103 must be installed). The "xxxx" refers to I/O status for DIO1, DIO2, DIO3, DIO4. If in use, the icon is highlighted in green. If enabled, the icon is highlighted in white. If disabled or option not installed, the icon is highlighted in gray.
	Wireless LAN connection (WLAN option R&S NGE-K102 must be installed). Available only with instrument serial number below 110000. If connected to access point, the icon is highlighted in green. It shows yellow when connecting to access point. If disconnected or disabled, the icon is highlighted in gray.
LXI	Wired LAN connection with LXI service for remote control operation. Ethernet option R&S NGE-K101 must be installed. If LAN/LXI is in operation, the icon is highlighted in green If LAN/LXI is in fault or option not installed, the icon is highlighted in gray
TMC/VCP	USB connection with USB-VCP or USB-TMC setting. If TMC or VCP is selected, the icon is highlighted in green.
	Indicate buzzer state ("Disabled", "Fault Events", "Any Events"). If speaker is enabled, the icon is highlighted in green, else it shows gray.

Channel status

The channel status displays the state of the indicators available in the device channel.



Figure 5-8: Channel status bar

Table 5-5: Channel status bar information

Indicator	Description
Channel number	Channel number indication.
Power	Display output power in watt.
OVP / OPP / OTP	Indicator to show that the overload voltage, power or temperature protection is triggered. When triggered, the indicator shows flashing and displays in red.
Fuse	Indicator to show the fuse status (on or off). When triggered, the indicator shows flashing and displays in red.

Channel display area

Three channels are shown on the channel display area for NGE103B, and two channels for the NGE102B.

The channel display area shows the voltage and current values and the corresponding operating mode (CC, CV) of the R&S NGE100B when the device output is turned on. See ["Operating mode"](#) on page 37 for the different operating modes that the R&S NGE100B supported.

Historical channel information

Available only in the 2-channel instrument.

The historical information at the bottom of the channel display area shows the maximum and minimum values for power ("W"), voltage ("V") and current ("A").

To reset the historical channel information, long press on the  [BACK] key.

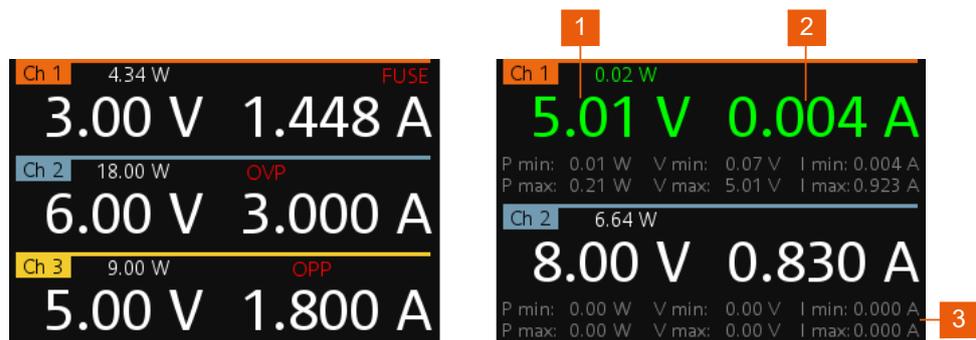


Figure 5-9: Channel display area for 3-channel and 2-channel instrument

- 1 = Output voltage displays in volt. The display resolution for voltage is two digits after the decimal point
- 2 = Output current displays in ampere. The display resolution for current is three digits after the decimal point
- 3 = [Historical channel information](#) available only in the 2-channel instrument.

To change the voltage or current value, see ["To correct value in the channel display area"](#) on page 41.

Operating mode

Different font colors on the screen are used to differentiate the various output status and operating conditions of the instrument. It is easy to know and confirm the different output status and operating conditions of the instrument by looking at the colors.



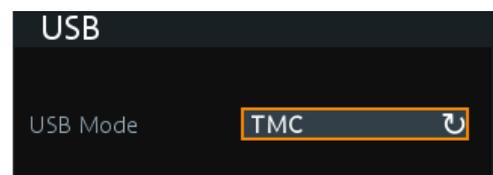
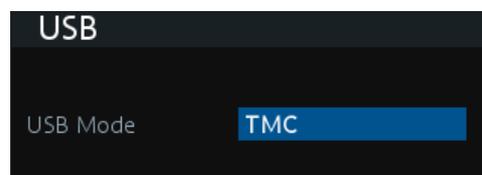
Figure 5-10: Color coding of difference operating conditions

Color	Operating mode	Description
□	OFF mode	Output is OFF
■	Editing mode	A solid blue cursor is shown when an item is selected. All cursor keys are also lit up.
■	CV mode	Active outputs are operated in a constant voltage mode.
■	CC mode	Active outputs are operated in a constant current mode.

Additional display characteristics

The following section provides a short insight on the indication of the screen in general in dialogs or settings.

- Appearance of active elements
 - Elements selected have a blue background. In channel display area, the selected element (Voltage or Current) is in editing mode.
 - Selected element pending for editing are highlighted in orange frame with a rotary icon and selection of data is via the rotary knob.



- Menus and dialogs

Other than the corresponding hardkey functions located at the instrument front panel, all other functions are accessed via the [MENU] key. When pressed, the R&S NGE100B displays the menu.

The instrument functions are grouped into the various menus based on the categories of "Output", "Interface", "Device" and "Utilities". For more information, see [Chapter 6.1.3, "Menu key"](#), on page 46.

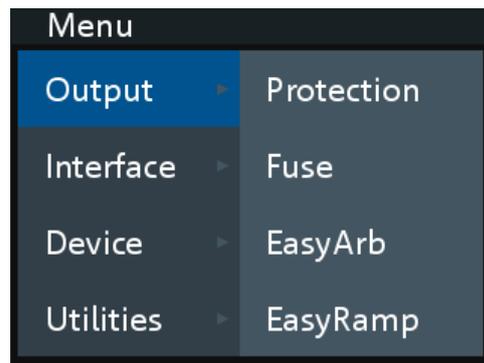


Figure 5-11: Example of a menu selection

The term dialog refers to the views that cover the parameters of a certain function.

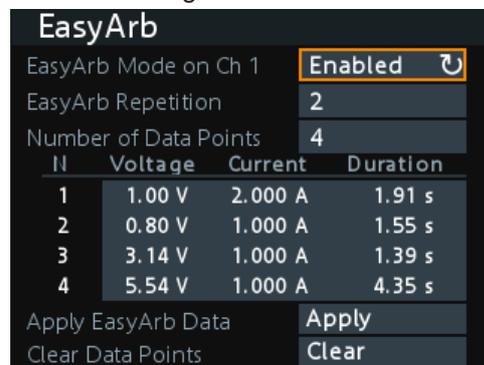


Figure 5-12: Example of a dialog

- On-Screen keypad

The on-screen keypad appears if alphanumeric entry field is required. See "[Entering alphanumeric parameters](#)" on page 41.



Figure 5-13: On-screen keyboard

5.4.2.2 Accessing the functionality

All functionalities of the R&S NGE100B are provided by the corresponding functions keys on the front panel. This section provides an overview of the accessing methods. For detailed information, see [Chapter 6.1.1, "Function keys"](#), on page 43.

Apart from the main menu, we use the term "dialog" to refer the editable windows in the instrument.

To open the menu

1. Press [Menu] key at the front panel.
The main menu of the instrument is displayed.
2. Rotate the rotary knob or press the [UP] / [DOWN] arrow key to navigate the menu.
3. Press the rotary knob or [Enter] key on the front panel to confirm the selection.
The selected dialog is opened for setting.

To close or exit a dialog or menu

- ▶ Press  [Back] key at the front panel.
The instrument returns to previous menu level or exit the menu mode if it is already at the main menu level.

To select a parameter in a dialog

All except the arbitrary editor dialogs have its parameters fixed in a single view. For arbitrary editor dialog, the number of data points indicate the available rows of data for selection:

1. Rotate the rotary knob or press the [UP] / [DOWN] arrow key to navigate.
2. Press the rotary knob or [Enter] key to confirm your selection.

To go into live-mode

In live-mode, the instrument automatically sets the voltage to editing mode. Duration of the live-mode depends on the key fallback time. Set a longer key fallback time if you need more time in this mode.

For information, see [Chapter 7.10, "General instrument settings"](#), on page 83.

For more information on live-mode operation, see [Chapter 5.3.2, "Setting the output voltage and current limit"](#), on page 32.

5.4.2.3 Entering data

Data can be entered using one of the following methods:

- Using the navigation controls on the front panel, e.g. rotary knob, arrow keys
 - The rotary knob acts like the [ENTER] key when it is pressed.
 - Long press on the [UP] / [DOWN] arrow key to increase or decrease the value to maximum or minimum value.
Press rotary knob to stop.
- Using on-screen keyboard for alphanumeric input field in the dialog

Entering numeric parameters

If the input field requires numeric input, you can use either the rotary knob or arrow keys on the front panel to adjust to required values.

To correct value in a dialog

1. Rotate the rotary knob to increase (clockwise direction) or decrease (counter-clockwise direction) to the required value.
2. Alternatively, use the [Up] arrow key to increase and [Down] arrow key to decrease to the required value.

To correct value in the channel display area

1. Select the corresponding function key at the front panel, e.g. select [Voltage] key for voltage setting.
2. Press the [Left] / [Right] arrow key to position at the entry point for correction.
3. Rotate the rotary knob to increase (clockwise direction) or decrease (counter-clockwise direction) to the required values.
4. Alternatively, use the [Up] arrow key to increase and [Down] arrow key to decrease to the required value.

To complete the entry

- ▶ Press the rotary knob and returns to the previous screen.

Entering alphanumeric parameters

If a field requires alphanumeric input, you can use the on-screen keyboard to enter letters and (special) characters.

To correct an entry

1. To delete an entry, set the cursor to the right of the entry you want to correct.
2. Press rotary knob to display on-screen keyboard.
3. Use the arrow keys or rotate the rotary knob to go to the desired character on the on-screen keyboard.
4. Select  to delete the entry to the left of the cursor. Alternatively, select "CLR" to delete the current entry.
5. Enter your correction.

To complete the entry

To confirm the entry:

- ▶ On the on-screen keyboard, select "OK" to confirm the input.
The dialog closes with changes to the settings.

Pressing the rotary knob also confirms the action and returns to the previous screen.

To abort the entry

- ▶ On the on-screen keypad, select "ESC".

The dialog closes without changing the settings.

To alternate between lowercase and uppercase

- ▶ On the on-screen keypad, select .

5.4.3 Remote control

In addition to operating the R&S NGE100B directly on the instrument, it is also possible to operate and control it from a remote PC.

Remote control interfaces

The R&S NGE100B provides several interfaces for remote control:

- Ethernet (LAN) interface
- USB standard interface

For detailed information on how to configure the remote control interfaces, see [Chapter 7.9, "Interfaces and protocols"](#), on page 71.

See [Chapter 5.1.8, "Connecting to LAN"](#), on page 26 for an example of how to set up LAN connection for remote control.

6 Operating basics

6.1 Front panel keys

For an overview of the front panel keys, see [Chapter 5.2, "Instrument tour"](#), on page 27.

6.1.1 Function keys

The following keys can be categorized based on their functions.

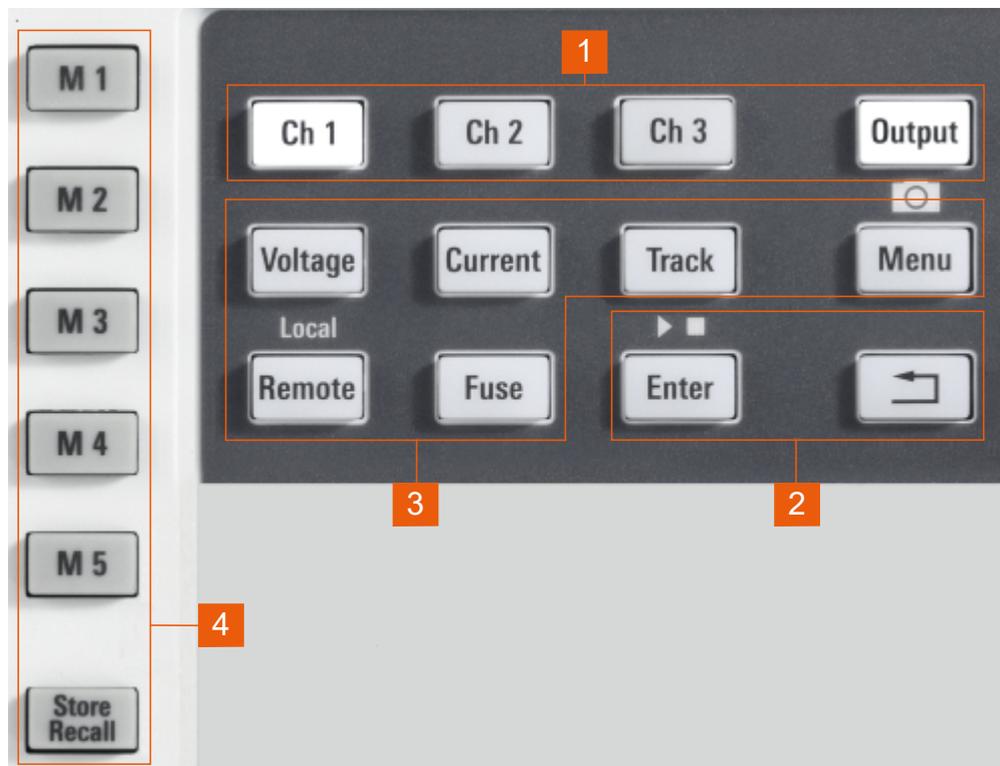


Figure 6-1: Function keys of R&S NGE100B

- 1 = Output and channel controls
- 2 = Navigation keys
- 3 = Instrument functions
- 4 = Memory functions

6.1.1.1 Output and channel controls



These keys control the channel output settings of the instrument.

[Ch 1] / [Ch 2] / [Ch 3]

Selects the respective channel for output.

See [Chapter 7.1, "Setting the voltage and current"](#), on page 52.

Remote command:

`INSTRument:NSElect` on page 100

`INSTRument[:SElect]` on page 100

[Output]

The [Output] key controls the channel output settings of the instrument.

It is the master output switch which turns on or off the channel output.

See [Chapter 5.3.3, "Activating the channel output"](#), on page 33

Remote command:

`OUTPut:GENeral` on page 105

`OUTPut[:STATe]` on page 104

`OUTPut:SElect` on page 106

6.1.1.2 Navigation keys

These keys provide navigation control in the instrument.

[Enter] 	44
[Back] 	44

[Enter] 

Confirms menu selection or entry in dialog boxes.

It also starts or stops (long press) the EasyArb function. See [Chapter 7.7.1, "EasyArb"](#), on page 65.

[Back] 

Returns to the previous menu level or exit the menu mode.

In menu dialog, press the [Back] key to discard changes and restore the previous value.

In channel display area, press the [Back] key to exit editing mode and keep the changes made.

In a 2-channel instrument, long press on the [Back] key resets the channel history information. See ["Historical channel information"](#) on page 37.

6.1.1.3 Instrument functions

These keys control the channel output settings and instrument functions.

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[Current]	45
[Track]	45
[Menu]	45
[Remote]	45
[Fuse]	45

[Voltage]

Sets the output voltage for the channel. See [Chapter 7.1, "Setting the voltage and current"](#), on page 52.

Remote command:

[\[SOURCE:\]VOLTage\[:LEVel\]\[:IMMediate\]\[:AMPLitude\]](#) on page 101
[APPLY](#) on page 103

[Current]

Sets the output current limit for the channel. See [Chapter 7.1, "Setting the voltage and current"](#), on page 52.

Remote command:

[\[SOURCE:\]CURRent\[:LEVel\]\[:IMMediate\]\[:AMPLitude\]](#) on page 102
[APPLY](#) on page 103

[Track]

Configures the tracking function. See [Chapter 7.4, "Tracking function"](#), on page 57.

Remote command:

n.a.

[Menu]

Main menu of the instrument. See [Chapter 6.1.3, "Menu key"](#), on page 46.

Long press on the [Menu] key to capture screenshot on the USB stick.

The default screenshot filename starts with a prefix `nge100_scr_` followed by an ascending index 000-999 (e.g. `nge100_scr_001.bmp`).

[Remote]

Long press on the [Remote] key to switch from remote to local control mode.

Remote command:

[SYSTEM:LOCaL](#) on page 96
[SYSTEM:REMOte](#) on page 96
[SYSTEM:RWLOCK](#) on page 96

[Fuse]

Toggles the fuse on/off. See [Chapter 7.3.1, "Activating fuse"](#), on page 54.

Remote command:

[FUSE\[:STATe\]](#) on page 111

6.1.1.4 Memory functions

These keys are dedicated for a specific preprogrammed function.

[\[M1\] / \[M2\] / \[M3\] / \[M4\] / \[M5\]](#)..... 45
[\[Store Recall\]](#).....46

[M1] / [M2] / [M3] / [M4] / [M5]

Five memory keys to save or recall instrument settings.

Remote command:

*[SAV](#) on page 95

*[RCL](#) on page 95

[Store Recall]

Saves/loads instrument settings.

See [Chapter 7.8, "Store and recall"](#), on page 69.

Remote command:

*[SAV](#) on page 95

*[RCL](#) on page 95

6.1.2 Navigation controls

Navigation and value settings are done via the rotary knob and arrow keys.

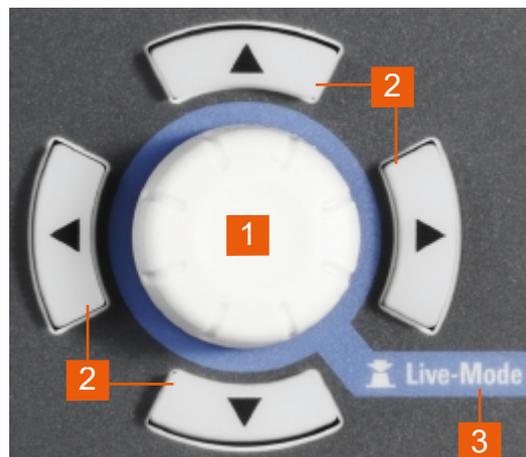


Figure 6-2: Navigation control

1 = Rotary knob

2 = Arrow keys

3 = Live-mode

For more information on how to navigate menus, dialogs and data entry in the instrument, see [Chapter 5.4.2.2, "Accessing the functionality"](#), on page 39 and [Chapter 5.4.2.3, "Entering data"](#), on page 40.

To go into live-mode of the instrument, see ["To go into live-mode"](#) on page 40.

6.1.3 Menu key

The R&S NGE100B [Menu] key provides access to instrument's functions and general instrumental settings. You can also obtain the instrument and service information via the [Menu] key.

Access:

1. Press [Menu] key on the front panel. The main menu screen appears.

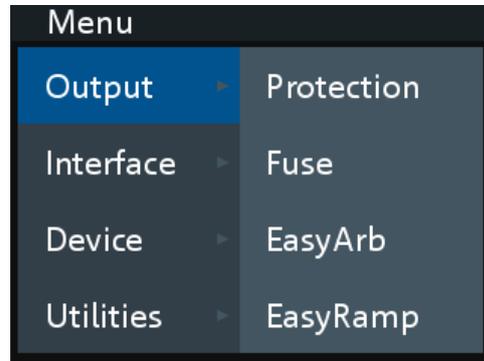


Figure 6-3: Main menu

2. Navigate the menu via the rotary knob or arrow keys.
3. Press the rotary knob or [Enter] key to enter the submenu.
4. Press  key to return to the previous menu level or exit the menu mode if it is already at the main menu level. Alternatively, press [Menu] key to exit the menu mode from any menu level.

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L WLAN.....	48
L Digital IO.....	48
L USB.....	48
Device.....	48
L Information.....	48
L General.....	49
L License.....	49
L Reset.....	49
Utilities.....	49
L System Test.....	49
L Update.....	49
L Service.....	49
L Help.....	49

Output

Provides menu items related to the instrument's output functions.

Protection ← Output

Configures the OVP and OPP protection settings for the instrument. See [Chapter 7.5, "Protection"](#), on page 58.

Fuse ← Output

Configures the fuse delay and fuse linking function of the channel. See [Chapter 7.3.2, "Fuse delay, fuse linking"](#), on page 55.

EasyArb ← Output

Programs the waveform of the instrument voltage and current settings. See [Chapter 7.7.1, "EasyArb"](#), on page 65.

EasyRamp ← Output

Configures the ramping time of the voltage for selected channel. See [Chapter 7.7.2, "EasyRamp"](#), on page 67.

Interface

Provides menu items related to connection setup.

Ethernet ← Interface

Configures the Ethernet interface. See [Figure 7-15](#).

The Ethernet option R&S NGE-K101 must be installed for this function to be available in the instrument.

WLAN ← Interface

Configures the WLAN interface. See [Figure 7-16](#).

The WLAN option R&S NGE--K102 must be installed for this function to be available in the instrument.

Available only with instrument serial number below 110000.

Digital IO ← Interface

Configures the Digital Trigger I/O settings. See [Figure 7-9](#).

The Digital Trigger I/O option R&S NGE-K103 must be installed for this function to be available in the instrument.

USB ← Interface

Configures the USB connection. See [Figure 7-18](#).

Requires restart of the instrument to apply the setting.

Device

Provides menu items related to the instrument's general settings, reset function and information about the instrument.

Information ← Device

Displays instrument information. See [Chapter 7.10.1, "Instrument information"](#), on page 83.

General ← Device

Configures general instrument settings. [Chapter 7.10.2, "General instrument settings"](#), on page 84.

License ← Device

Displays license information and install license options. See [Chapter 7.10.3, "License management"](#), on page 85.

Reset ← Device

Resets instrument to factory default settings. See [Chapter 7.10.4, "Reset instrument"](#), on page 87.

Utilities

Provides menu items such as system test, firmware update function and information for service.

System Test ← Utilities

Provides self-test function for display screen, keypad backlight, beeper and fan. See [Chapter 7.10.5, "System test"](#), on page 88.

Update ← Utilities

Performs firmware update on the instrument. See [Chapter 7.10.6, "Updating the firmware"](#), on page 89.

Service ← Utilities

This function is restricted for service personnel only.

Help ← Utilities

Provides help information for the instrument. See [Chapter 7.10.7, "Help"](#), on page 91.

6.2 Power derating

The NGE103B includes three identical channels with a continuous voltage range of 0 V to 32 V. The instrument provides a source of up to 3 A at 11.2 V and at 32 V it provides up to 1.05 A using the sophisticated power management.

Similar to NGE103B, the NGE102B provides an output power of 33.6 W for Ch 1 and Ch 2 respectively.

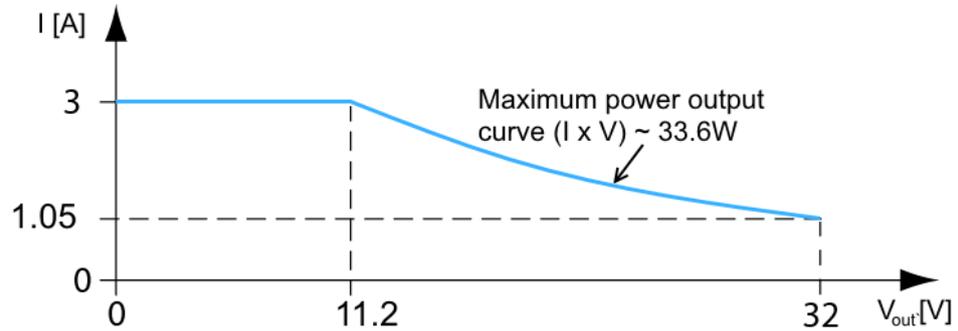


Figure 6-4: Output performance graph

According to the basic electrical formula for power ($P = I \times V$), the following results for the maximum power per channel:

- NGE102B: 33.6 W per channel (66 W max for the combination of two channels)
- NGE103B: 33.6 W per channel (100 W max for the combination of three channels)

For more information on the combination of channels, see [Chapter 12.1, "Parallel and series mode"](#), on page 135.

6.3 Operation modes

The R&S NGE100B operates in two different modes, i.e. CV and CC. The instrument switches automatically between CV and CC depending on the connected load.

CV mode

[Figure 6-5](#) shows that if the instrument is in the range of voltage regulation, the output voltage V_{out} remains constant while the current may increase to its maximum value I_{max} when the connected load is increasing. In CV mode, the font text in the channel display area changes to green.

See "[Operating mode](#)" on page 37.

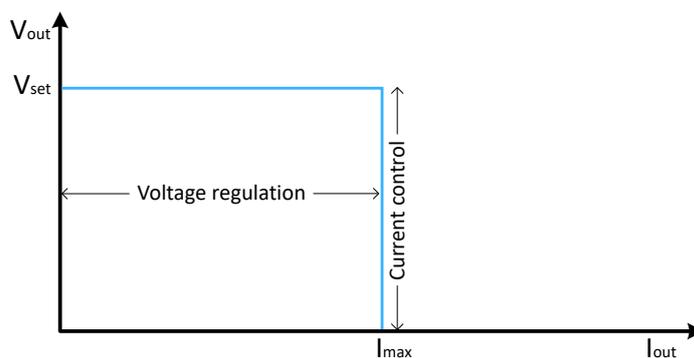


Figure 6-5: Current limit

CC mode

The current I_{max} corresponds to the current setting adjustable in the instrument.

If I_{out} reaches I_{max} , the instrument switches to CC mode, i.e. the output current remains constant and limited to I_{max} even if the load increases. Instead, the output voltage V_{out} decreases below V_{set} . In a short circuit, the output voltage drops towards zero. In CC mode, the font text in the channel display area changes to red.

See "[Operating mode](#)" on page 37.

7 Instrument functions

7.1 Setting the voltage and current

The R&S NGE100B comes with the following instrument models:

Models	Channels
R&S NGE102B	Ch 1, Ch 2
R&S NGE103B	Ch 1, Ch 2, Ch 3

Toggle the respective channel key ([Ch 1], [Ch 2] or [Ch 3]) on the front panel to select these channels. When a channel is selected, the respective channel key illuminates. See [Figure 7-1](#).

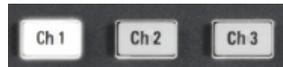


Figure 7-1: Ch 1 key illuminates when selected



Voltage, current settings

If "Arbitrary" function of a Ch 1 is enabled, the channel voltage or current setting is disabled. See ["EasyArb function"](#) on page 65.

The R&S NGE100B adjust voltage values between 0 V to 32.2 V with a step size of 0.01 V and current values between 0.003 A to 3.025 A with a step size of 0.001 A.

The setting of current value corresponds to the I_{\max} of the respective channel. It is advisable to set the current limit before operating the instrument to prevent damage to the load and instrument in the case of malfunction like short-circuit.

Access:

1. Press [Voltage] or [Current] key.
The previous set channel is selected.
The channel font changes to blue and all the navigation controls illuminate.
Selected [Voltage] or [Current] key and the channel key are also illuminated.
2. Press the desired channel key to switch to that channel.
Selected channel key ([Ch 1], [Ch 2], [Ch 3]) illuminates.
3. Enter the desired voltage or current value.
4. Press the rotary knob, [Voltage] / [Current] or [Enter] key to confirm the value.
The selected channel font text changes to yellow.
For more information on the operation modes, see [Chapter 6.3, "Operation modes"](#), on page 50.



Figure 7-2: Voltage and current settings in the instrument

See ["To go into live-mode"](#) on page 40 for alternative way to configure the voltage and current values.

See also ["Keypad"](#) on page 85 for setting the keypad fallback time.

Set output voltage and current

See details in ["\[Voltage\]"](#) on page 45 and ["\[Current\]"](#) on page 45.

Remote command:

[\[SOURCE:\]VOLTage\[:LEVel\]\[:IMMediate\]\[:AMPLitude\]](#) on page 101

[\[SOURCE:\]CURRent\[:LEVel\]\[:IMMediate\]\[:AMPLitude\]](#) on page 102

[APPLY](#) on page 103

7.2 Activating the channel output

Depending on the instrument models, the outputs of the channels (Ch 1, Ch 2, Ch 3) can be switched on or off by toggling the [Output] key on the front panel.

By default, the output is turned off when the instrument is switched on. The output is also automatically turned off when no channel is selected. This design prevents a connected load from being damaged unintentionally.

Access:

1. Press the required channel key.
Selected channel key ([Ch 1], [Ch 2], [Ch 3]) illuminates.
2. Press [Output] key.
The R&S NGE100B outputs the set voltage of the selected channel.
Depending on the operating modes, the font text in the channel display area shows green in CV mode and red in CC mode.
See [Chapter 6.3, "Operation modes"](#), on page 50.
See also [Chapter 6.2, "Power derating"](#), on page 49.

Multiple outputs can be turned on or off at the same time. See more information in [Chapter 12, "Applications"](#), on page 135.



Figure 7-3: Output of Ch 3 in CV and CC mode

Activating the channel output

See details in "[Output]" on page 44.

Remote command:

[OUTPut:GENeral](#) on page 105

[OUTPut\[:STATe\]](#) on page 104

[OUTPut:SElect](#) on page 106

7.3 Electronic fuse

To protect a connected, sensitive output in general, the R&S NGE100B power supply includes an electronic fuse which can be switched on individually for each channel.

A fuse delay can be applied to each channel and individual electronic fuses can be logically linked to switch off the interlinked channels if a fuse triggers.

For more information, see [Chapter 7.3.2, "Fuse delay, fuse linking"](#), on page 55 for fuse delay and fuse linking configuration.

7.3.1 Activating fuse

The following shows the steps to activate the electronic fuse in the instrument.

Access:

1. Turn off the output before activating the fuse for each channel.
2. Press [Fuse] key.
The R&S NGE100B activates the fuse function and the [Fuse] key illuminates.
Activated fuses are illuminated on channel keys.
3. Press the desired channel to activate or deactivate the fuse.
Selected channel key ([Ch 1], [Ch 2], [Ch 3]) illuminates.
On the channel display area, the "FUSE" is indicated on selected channels.
4. Repeat step 1 and step 2 to disable the fuse function.

[Fuse]

Activates fuse function.



Figure 7-4: Fuse indicator on respective channel

Remote command:

[FUUSE : TRIPped?](#) on page 110

[FUUSE \[: STATE\]](#) on page 111

7.3.2 Fuse delay, fuse linking

The fuse delay and fuse linking functions provide the flexibility to handle a fuse tripped event when it occurs. When the current for a channel exceeds the value I_{max} and the fuse tripped event triggered, the affected channels are turned off according to the settings configured in the fuse delay and fuse linking.

With fuse delay function, it allows you to ignore the current peaks set above the current limit that occurs during the time set in the fuse delay. This prevents the fuse to be triggered in case of a capacitive load.

With fuse linking function, it allows you to logically interlink channels with their electronic fuses. If a fuse trips during operation, all channels interlinked with this channel are turned off.

See [Chapter 7.3.1, "Activating fuse"](#), on page 54 for more information.

Access:

1. Press [Menu] key.
2. Select "Output" > "Fuse" menu item.
The R&S NGE100B displays the "Fuse" dialog. See [Figure 7-5](#).



Figure 7-5: Fuse dialog

3. Set "Fuse Delay" to a desired value.
You can set a value from 0 s to 10 s in a 0.01 s step size.
4. Configure the "Fuse Linking" setting.
The R&S NGE100B provides the following options:
Example for "Ch 1", the available options are as follows:
 - "Ch 2": "Ch 2" is linked to "Ch 1". If "Ch 1" fuse tripped, "Ch 2" is turned off.
 - "Ch 3": "Ch 3" is linked to "Ch 1". If "Ch 1" fuse tripped, "Ch 3" is turned off.
 - "Ch 2 & 3": "Ch 2" and "Ch 3" are linked to "Ch 1". If "Ch 1" fuse tripped, "Ch 2" and "Ch 3" are turned off.
 - "Disabled": "Ch 1" is not linked to any other channels.

Fuse

Sets fuse delay and fuse linking function for selected channel.

Ch 1 / Ch 2 / Ch 3 ← Fuse

Selected channel for fuse delay and fuse linking function.

Remote command:

See "[Ch 1] / [Ch 2] / [Ch 3]" on page 44.

Fuse Delay ← Fuse

Time taken before fuse tripped event occurs.

Remote command:

`FUSE:DElay` on page 109

Fuse Linking ← Fuse

Sets fuse linking for the previous selected channel.

"Ch 1"	"Ch 1" is linked to selected channel. If selected channel fuse tripped, "Ch 1" is turned off.
"Ch 2"	"Ch 2" is linked to selected channel. If selected channel fuse tripped, "Ch 2" is turned off.
"Ch 3"	"Ch 3" is linked to selected channel. If selected channel fuse tripped, "Ch 3" is turned off.

"Ch 1 & 2"	"Ch 1" and "Ch 2" are linked to selected channel. If selected channel fuse tripped, "Ch 1" and "Ch 2" are turned off.
"Ch 1 & 3"	"Ch 1" and "Ch 3" are linked to selected channel. If selected channel fuse tripped, "Ch 1" and "Ch 3" are turned off.
"Ch 2 & 3"	"Ch 2" and "Ch 3" are linked to selected channel. If selected channel fuse tripped, "Ch 2" and "Ch 3" are turned off.
"Disabled"	Selected channel is not linked to any other channels.

Remote command:

[FUSE:LINK](#) on page 109

[FUSE:UNLink](#) on page 110

7.4 Tracking function

For power supplies with multiple channels, the channels can be linked such that changes made on the selected tracked channel are applied to other channels.

Example:

For example, the Ch 1 output supplies 6 V, intended for digital logic. The other two channels (Ch 2 & Ch 3) supply 20 V, which can be used with bipolar analog circuitry. The tracking adjustments are applied to the two 20 V supplies so that the ± 20 V supplies can be adjusted together.

1. Press [Track] key.
The R&S NGE100B activates the tracking function and the [Track] key illuminates. Previous selected channel and [Voltage] keys are also illuminated.
2. Press the channel keys of the channels to be tracked.
The selected tracked channel key ([Ch 1], [Ch 2] or [Ch 3]) illuminates.
3. Press [Current] or [Voltage] key if current or voltage values should be tracked.
The selected channels are highlighted in blue and all the navigation controls illuminate.
Selected [Voltage] or [Current] key is also illuminated.
4. Set the desired voltage or current value.
Use the arrow keys or rotary knob to enter the value. All tracked channels voltage or current are changed by the same amount.



Figure 7-6: Tracking dialog

[Track]

Activates tracking function.

Remote command:

n.a.

7.5 Protection

The R&S NGE100B provides individual overvoltage protection (OVP) and overpower protection (OPP) settings for each channel. With both functions activated, the R&S NGE100B protects itself and the load in case of voltage or power overloads.

If protection is tripped, a red flashing OVP or OPP indicator is displayed on the respective channel. See [Figure 7-7](#).

A beep is sounded if buzzer is enabled. See [Figure 7-23](#).



Figure 7-7: Indicator of OVP/OPP when tripped

Access:

1. Press [Menu] key.
2. Select "Output" > "Protection" menu item.
The R&S NGE100B displays the "Protection" dialog. See [Figure 7-8](#).

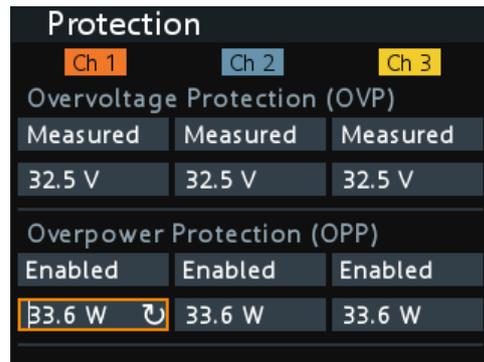


Figure 7-8: Protection dialog

3. Set the desired mode and voltage for OVP protection.
The R&S NGE100B turns off the output channel when the measured voltage exceeded the preset value.
4. Set the desired mode and power for OPP protection.
The R&S NGE100B turns off the output channel when the measured power exceeded the preset value.

Protection

Sets overvoltage and overpower protection for selected channel.

Ch 1 / Ch 2 / Ch 3 ← Protection

Selected channel for overvoltage and overpower protection function.

Remote command:

See "[Ch 1] / [Ch 2] / [Ch 3]" on page 44.

Overvoltage Protection (OVP) ← Protection

Sets OVP mode and level for overvoltage protection.

Remote command:

[SOURCE:]VOLTage:PROTection[:STATe] on page 113

[SOURCE:]VOLTage:PROTection:TRIPped? on page 113

[SOURCE:]VOLTage:PROTection:CLEar on page 114

<Mode> ← Overvoltage Protection (OVP) ← Protection

Sets OVP protection mode.

"Measured" If the measured value exceeds the set limit, the output is switched off. Switching on the channels triggered the OVP if the condition remains.

"Protected" If the setting exceeds the set limit, the output is disabled.

"Disabled" OVP is set to maximum value supported by hardware. See the R&S NGE100B brochure for the instrument specification.

Remote command:

[SOURCE:]VOLTage:PROTection:MODE on page 113

<Level> ← Overvoltage Protection (OVP) ← Protection

Sets OVP voltage level.

You can set a value from 0 V to 32.5 V.

The R&S NGE100B turns off the respective channel when the measured voltage exceeded the preset value.

Remote command:

[\[SOURce:\]VOLTage:PROTection:LEVel](#) on page 114

Overpower Protection (OPP) ← Protection

Sets OPP mode and level for overpower protection.

Remote command:

[\[SOURce:\]POWer:PROTection:TRIPped?](#) on page 116

[\[SOURce:\]POWer:PROTection:CLEar](#) on page 117

<Mode> ← Overpower Protection (OPP) ← Protection

Sets OPP protection mode.

"Enabled" The channel is turned off if the measured power exceeds OPP value.

"Disabled" Output power is limited to maximum value of 33.6 W.

Remote command:

[\[SOURce:\]POWer:PROTection\[:STATe\]](#) on page 116

<Level> ← Overpower Protection (OPP) ← Protection

Sets OPP power level.

You can set a value from 0 W to 33.6 W.

The R&S NGE100B turns off the respective channel when the measured power exceeded the preset value.

Remote command:

[\[SOURce:\]POWer:PROTection:LEVel](#) on page 115

7.6 Digital trigger I/O

CAUTION

Digital I/O Pins Voltage Rating

Do not exceed the maximum voltage rating of the Digital I/O pins (5.25 V max) when supplying voltages to the pins.



R&S NGE-K103 (order number: 5601.2227.03) option is required for the Digital Trigger I/O.

The four data lines of the digital I/O interface are mutually independent and can be used as trigger input or trigger output separately. See [Figure 5-4](#).

- **Trigger input**
The data lines of the digital I/O interface receive external trigger signal. The external trigger signal triggers the selected channel (Ch 1, Ch 2, Ch 3) with the set response when the trigger condition ("Active High" or "Active Low") is met.
- **Trigger output**
The data lines of the digital I/O interface output an "Active Low" or "Active High" signal when the trigger condition of the selected channel is met.

Table 7-1: Trigger in parameters and conditions

Trigger in parameters	Trigger conditions		Description
Channel	Ch 1, Ch 2, Ch 3		Target output channel selected for trigger response.
Response Trigger	Output On	Level	Selected channel [Output] is enabled when the selected logic level is met.
	Output Off	Level	Selected channel [Output] is disabled when the selected logic level is met.
	Output Toggle	Pulse	Selected channel [Output] is toggled when the selected logic pulse is met.
	Output Inhibit	Level	Selected channel [Output] is inhibited when the selected logic level is met. When the selected channel [Output] is put to inhibit state, manual or remote operation on selected channel [Output] is no longer possible. To reverse the inhibit state, remove the source of the trigger signal. You can either disable the affected DIO interface or remove the source from the affected DIO interface at the rear panel.
	Start EasyArb (Only for Ch 1)	Level	Activates the EasyArb function on channel 1 when the selected logic level is met. The EasyArb is deactivated when the level changes (i.e from active high to active low) See Chapter 7.7.1, "EasyArb" , on page 65.
Pulse		Activates the EasyArb function on channel 1 when the selected pulse is met. See Chapter 7.7.1, "EasyArb" , on page 65.	
Logic	Active High		Set the logic level of the trigger in signal.
	Active Low		

Table 7-2: Trigger out parameters and conditions

Trigger out parameters	Trigger conditions		Description
Channel	Ch 1, Ch 2, Ch 3		Output channel selected to monitor for trigger condition.
Condition Trigger	Output On		Output the selected logic level when the [Output] is turned on at the selected channel.

Trigger out parameters	Trigger conditions		Description
	Output Off		Output the selected logic level when the [Output] is turned off at the selected channel.
	Fuse Tripped		Output the selected logic level when a fuse tripped event occurs on the selected channel. See Chapter 7.3, "Electronic fuse" , on page 54.
	CC Mode		Output the selected logic level when the selected channel operates in the CC mode. See "CC mode" on page 51.
	Voltage Level	>= "set value"	Output the selected logic level when the voltage level of the selected channel is greater or equal to the set level.
	Current Level	>= "set value"	Output the selected logic level when the current level of the selected channel is greater or equal to the set level.
	Critical Event	OVP	Output the selected logic level when the selected critical event (OVP, OPP, OTP) occurs on the selected channel. See Chapter 7.5, "Protection" , on page 58.
		OPP	
		OTP	
	EasyArb Active		Output the selected logic level when the EasyArb function is running on channel 1. See Chapter 7.7.1, "EasyArb" , on page 65. Note: For a reliable DIO trigger output, the EasyArb waveform needs to be at least 200 ms.
Logic	Active High		Set the logic level of the trigger out signal.
	Active Low		



After a recall function, the "Master Enable" is disabled. See ["Recall instrument settings"](#) on page 70.



Enable the required DIO and "Master Enable" parameters to set up the Digital IO for usage.

Access:

1. Press [Menu] key.
2. Select "Interface" > "Digital IO" menu item.
The R&S NGE100B displays the "Digital IO" dialog. See [Figure 7-9](#).

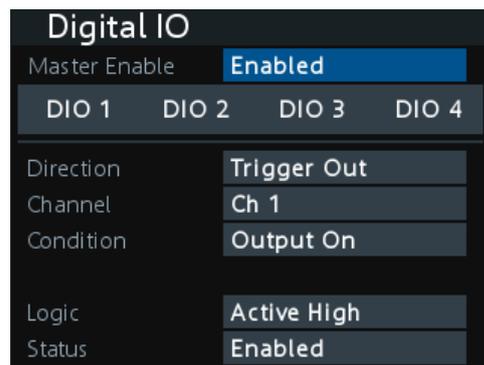


Figure 7-9: Digital IO dialog

3. Select the desired DIO interface for configuration.
For configuration details, see "Digital IO" on page 63.

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Digital IO

Settings for Digital IO interface.

Master Enable ← Digital IO

Master control for all the Digital IO interfaces. The state is disabled when any settings are changed in the Digital IO settings. Thus it is required to set it when all settings are configured.

"Enabled" "Master Enable" state is activated for all Digital IO interfaces.

"Disabled" "Master Enable" state is deactivated for all Digital IO interfaces.

Remote command:

`TRIGger:MASTer[:STATe]` on page 125

DIO 1 / DIO 2 / DIO 3 / DIO 4 ← Digital IO

Sets the selected Digital I/O line settings.

Direction ← DIO 1 / DIO 2 / DIO 3 / DIO 4 ← Digital IO

Sets trigger direction for the specified Digital I/O line.

"Trigger Out" Output trigger signal.

"Trigger In" Accept external trigger signal.

Remote command:

`TRIGger:DIRection:DIO<IO>` on page 122

Channel ← DIO 1 / DIO 2 / DIO 3 / DIO 4 ← Digital IO

Sets channel for DIO settings.

Remote command:

[TRIGger:IN:SOURce:DIO<IO>](#) on page 124

[TRIGger:OUT:SOURce:DIO<IO>](#) on page 126

Condition ← DIO 1 / DIO 2 / DIO 3 / DIO 4 ← Digital IO

Sets trigger condition for the selected Digital I/O line.

See [Table 7-1](#) and [Table 7-2](#) for the list of trigger conditions.

Remote command:

[TRIGger:IN:ARBitrary:DIO<IO>](#) on page 123

[TRIGger:IN:RESPonse:DIO<IO>](#) on page 123

[TRIGger:OUT:CONDition:DIO<IO>](#) on page 125

[TRIGger:OUT:CRITevent:DIO<IO>](#) on page 125

[TRIGger:OUT:CURRlevel:DIO<IO>](#) on page 126

[TRIGger:OUT:VOLTlevel:DIO<IO>](#) on page 127

Logic ← DIO 1 / DIO 2 / DIO 3 / DIO 4 ← Digital IO

Sets trigger logic of the selected Digital I/O line.

"Active High" Trigger logic is set to active high for the selected Digital I/O line.

"Active Low" Trigger logic is set to active low for the selected Digital I/O line.

Remote command:

[TRIGger:LOGic:DIO<IO>](#) on page 124

Status ← DIO 1 / DIO 2 / DIO 3 / DIO 4 ← Digital IO

Sets the state of the specified Digital I/O line.

The state is disabled when any settings are changed.

"Enabled" Enabled the selected DIO interface and monitor or feedback the trigger condition on the selected channel.

"Disabled" Disabled the selected DIO interface state.

Remote command:

[TRIGger\[:ENABLE\]:DIO<IO>](#) on page 123

7.7 Advanced functions

The following chapters provide information about the [EasyArb](#) and [EasyRamp](#) menu items found in the [Menu] key.

Access:

1. Press [Menu] key.
2. Select the "Output" menu item.
The R&S NGE100B displays the respective menu item dialog.

7.7.1 EasyArb



EasyArb function

The arbitrary function is available only in Ch 1.

See "[Voltage, current settings](#)" on page 52.



LabVIEW driver

The arbitrary functions in LabVIEW driver rshmc804x do not support the EasyArb feature in the R&S NGE100B.

The R&S NGE100B series allows you to generate freely programmable waveforms which can be reproduced within the limits set by the instrument for voltage and current of the respective channel. To configure a waveform, you can use the control panel or an externally created waveform, see "[HMExplorer](#)" on page 79.

Access:

1. Select "EasyArb" menu item.

The R&S NGE100B displays the "EasyArb" dialog. See [Figure 7-10](#).

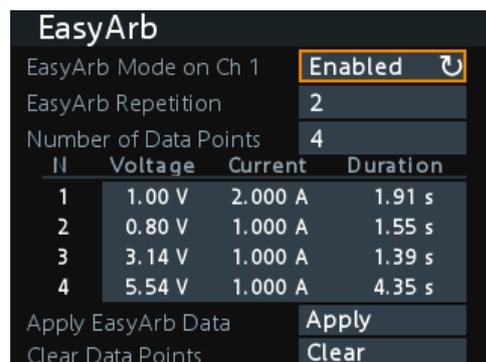


Figure 7-10: EasyArb dialog

2. Set the desired EasyArb settings to generate the waveform.
For details, see "[EasyArb](#)" on page 66
3. Press [Menu] key to return to the [Channel display area](#).
The [Enter] key is illuminated.
4. Press [Output] key to enable the R&S NGE100B output.
5. Press [Enter] key to start the EasyArb function.
6. Long press on the [Enter] key to stop the EasyArb function.

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L Clear Data Points.....	67

EasyArb

Settings for EasyArb waveform generator.

EasyArb Mode on Ch 1 ← EasyArb

Sets EasyArb mode on the output channel.

"Enabled" Enable the EasyArb function on the output channel.

"Disabled" Disable the EasyArb function on the output channel. The corresponding output channel is also disabled.

Remote command:

[ARbitrary\[:STATe\]](#) on page 121

EasyArb Repetition ← EasyArb

Sets the number of times the waveform is output in the EasyArb table. If this is set to "0", the waveform is output continuously.

Remote command:

[ARbitrary:REPetitions](#) on page 120

Number of Data Points ← EasyArb

Sets the number of data points in the EasyArb table. Each data point contains the settings for "Voltage", "Current" and "Duration".

Remote command:

[ARbitrary:POINTs?](#) on page 121

EasyArb List table ← EasyArb

Configures the EasyArb data table. Use the arrow keys on the [navigation control](#) to navigate the "Voltage", "Current" and "Duration" settings.

N ← EasyArb List table ← EasyArb

Indexing of the table list.

Remote command:

[ARbitrary:DATA](#) on page 120

Voltage ← EasyArb List table ← EasyArb

Sets the voltage level for the EasyArb point.

Remote command:

[ARbitrary:DATA](#) on page 120

Current ← EasyArb List table ← EasyArb

Sets the current level for the EasyArb point.

Remote command:

[ARbitrary:DATA](#) on page 120

Duration ← **EasyArb List table** ← **EasyArb**

Sets the duration taken between two data points.

Remote command:

[ARbitrary:DATA](#) on page 120

Apply EasyArb Data ← **EasyArb**

Saves EasyArb configuration.

The EasyArb data points are sent to Ch 1.

Remote command:

[ARbitrary:DATA](#) on page 120

[ARbitrary:START](#) on page 121

[ARbitrary:STOP](#) on page 121

Clear Data Points ← **EasyArb**

Reset all the data points in the EasyArb table to default values for [Voltage](#), [Current](#) and [Duration](#) respectively.

Remote command:

[ARbitrary:CLEAr](#) on page 119

7.7.2 EasyRamp

With EasyRamp, the R&S NGE100B provides you the operating condition to output a constant rise of the supply voltage. The output voltage can be increased continuously within a 10 ms to 10 s timeframe. See [Figure 7-11](#).

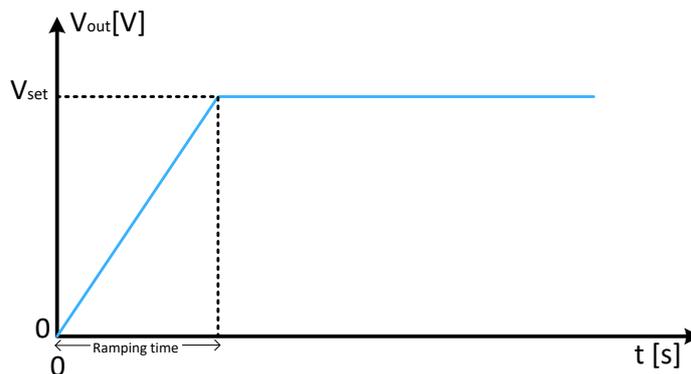


Figure 7-11: Ramping voltage output

Access:

1. Select "EasyRamp" menu item.

The R&S NGE100B displays the "EasyRamp" dialog. See [Figure 7-12](#).

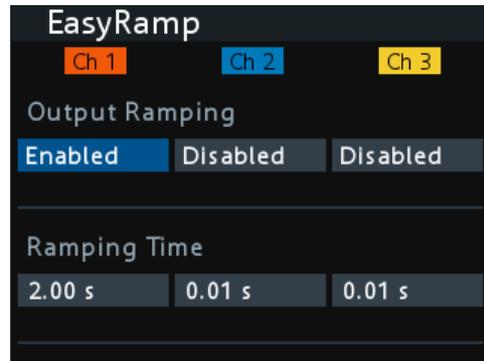


Figure 7-12: EasyRamp dialog

2. Set the desired EasyRamp settings.
For details, see "EasyRamp" on page 68.
3. Press [Enter] key to confirm the settings.

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EasyRamp

Settings for EasyRamp function.

Ch 1 / Ch 2 / Ch 3 ← EasyRamp

Selected channel for EasyRamp function.

Remote command:

See "[Ch 1] / [Ch 2] / [Ch 3]" on page 44.

Output Ramping ← EasyRamp

Sets output ramping mode.

"Enabled" EasyRamp function is activated.

"Disabled" EasyRamp function is deactivated. The output channel state is also disabled.

Remote command:

[SOURce:] VOLTage:RAMP[:STATe] on page 122

Ramping Time ← EasyRamp

Duration taken for the voltage to rise to V_{set} .

Remote command:

[SOURce:] VOLTage:RAMP:DURation on page 122

7.8 Store and recall



The [Store Recall] function is disabled when the instrument is in editing mode. See "[Operating mode](#)" on page 37.



Upon power-up, the instrument loads the stored settings from memory location M1 with the exception on EasyArb parameters. Auto saved parameters are also applied during startup.

The R&S NGE100B output state of all channels (Ch 1, Ch 2, Ch 3) is disabled when the recall function is activated.



Auto save instrument settings

Auto save of instrument settings are applied when any of the following parameters changed:

- [General instrument settings](#)
- [USB connection mode](#)
- [WLAN settings](#) (only with instrument serial number below 110000)
 - "Module"
 - "SSID"
 - "Password"
- [Ethernet settings](#)

Instrument settings

The instrument settings can be stored or recalled from memory locations M1 to M5.

The following instrument settings are stored or recalled in the memory location:

- [Fuse settings](#)
- [Protection settings](#)
- [EasyRamp settings](#)
- [Set voltage and current levels](#)
- ¹[EasyArb settings](#)
- ¹[Digital IO settings](#)

¹The EasyArb or DIO settings can only be saved in the respective dialog environment and all other above instrument settings are not saved when a store function is made. Similarly, when a recall function is made on the same-stored memory location, only the EasyArb or DIO settings are recalled.

Store instrument settings

Access:

1. Long press [Store Recall] key to store instrument settings.
The R&S NGE100B displays a message "Store device settings: select any [Mx] key" in the status bar.

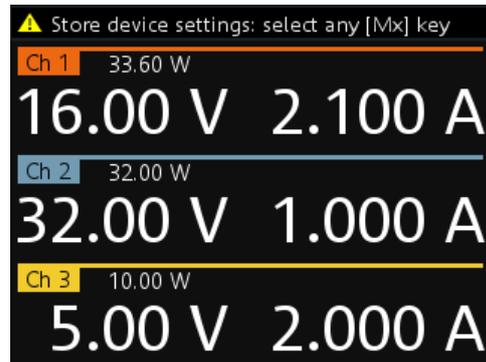


Figure 7-13: Store instrument settings

2. Press any of the memory keys ([M1], [M2], [M3], [M4], [M5]) to store the instrument settings.
The R&S NGE100B stores the instruments settings in the selected memory location.

Recall instrument settings

Access:

1. Press [Store Recall] key to recall instrument settings.
The R&S NGE100B displays a message "Recall device settings: select any [Mx] key" in the status bar.

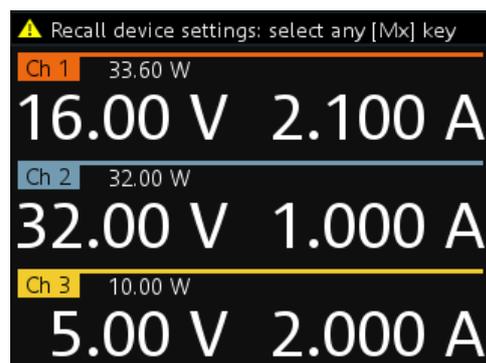


Figure 7-14: Recall instrument settings

2. Press any of the memory keys ([M1], [M2], [M3], [M4], [M5]) to recall the instrument settings.

The R&S NGE100B recalls the instruments settings from the selected memory location.

[Store Recall]

Saves/loads instrument settings.

In the EasyArb and DIO dialog environment, only the EasyArb or DIO settings are saved or loaded, the instrument settings are not saved or loaded. See "[Instrument settings](#)" on page 69.

Remote command:

*[SAV](#) on page 95

*[RCL](#) on page 95

[ARbitrary:SAV](#) on page 121

[ARbitrary:RCL](#) on page 120

[TRIGger:SAV](#) on page 127

[TRIGger:RCL](#) on page 127

7.9 Interfaces and protocols

There are various of ways how the R&S NGE100B can be remotely accessed and controlled.

Access:

1. Press [Menu] key.
2. Select "Interface" menu item to configure the required interface.
The R&S NGE100B displays the available interface options.

7.9.1 Network connection

To establish a local area network (LAN) connection with the R&S NGE100B for remote control operation.

- [LAN](#)
- [Wireless LAN](#)

7.9.1.1 LAN connection



Instrument option

R&S NGE-K101 (P/N: 5601.2204.03) option is required to connect the R&S NGE100B to a network via LAN connection.

The R&S NGE100B is equipped with a network interface and can be connected to an Ethernet LAN (local area network). A LAN connection is necessary for remote control of the instrument, and for access from a computer using a web browser.

NOTICE**Risk of network failure**

Before connecting the instrument to the network or configuring the network, consult your network administrator. Errors may affect the entire network.



To establish a network connection, connect a commercial RJ-45 cable to the LAN port of the instrument and to a PC or network switch.

Depending on the network capacities, the TCP/IP address information for the instrument can be obtained in different ways.

- If the network supports dynamic TCP/IP configuration using the dynamic host configuration protocol (DHCP), and a DHCP server is available, all address information can be assigned automatically.
- Otherwise, the address must be set manually. Automatic private IP addressing (APIPA) is not supported.

By default, the instrument is configured to use dynamic TCP/IP configuration and obtain all address information automatically. This means that it is safe to establish a physical connection to the LAN without any previous instrument configuration.

NOTICE**Risk of network errors**

Connection errors can affect the entire network. If your network does not support DHCP, or if you choose to disable dynamic TCP/IP configuration, you must assign valid address information before connecting the instrument to the LAN. Contact your network administrator to obtain a valid IP address.

Access:

1. Connect a LAN cable to the [LAN port](#).
2. Configure the connection settings manually or have the network configure the settings for you via menu. By default, automatic configuration is set in the instrument. For manual configuration, select "Ethernet" menu item.
The R&S NGE100B displays the Ethernet dialog.

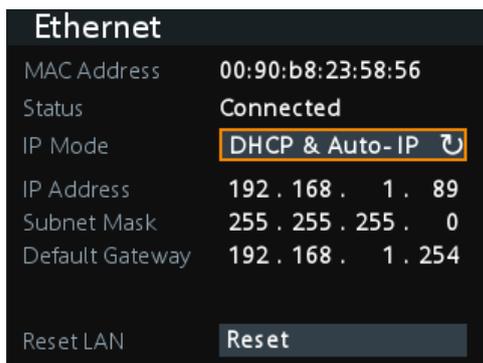


Figure 7-15: Ethernet dialog

3. Configure the required Ethernet settings.
See details in "Ethernet" on page 73.
4. Select "Apply" to complete the configuration.
5. Press [Menu] key to exit the dialog.

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Ethernet

Sets the Ethernet settings for LAN connection.

MAC Address ← Ethernet

Displays the MAC address of this instrument.

Remote command:
n.a.

Status ← Ethernet

Displays the LAN connection status.

"Connected" LAN connection is up.
"Disconnected" LAN connection is down.

Remote command:
`SYSTEM:COMMunicate:SOCKET:DHCP[:STATE]` on page 97

IP Mode ← Ethernet

Sets IP mode for LAN connection.

"Static & Manual" Manually configure an IP address for the instrument.

"DHCP & Auto- IP" Automatically assign an IP address to the instrument.
IP"

Remote command:

[SYSTem:COMMunicate:SOCKet:DHCP\[:STATe\]](#) on page 97

IP Address ← Ethernet

Address used in communication with the network. This address is manually configured if "IP Mode" is set to "Static & Manual".

Remote command:

[SYSTem:COMMunicate:SOCKet:IPAddress?](#) on page 97

Subnet Mask ← Ethernet

Secondary address used in communication with the network. This address is manually configured if "IP Mode" is set to "Static & Manual".

Remote command:

n.a.

Default Gateway ← Ethernet

Gateway address to connect to the network. This address is manually configured if "IP Mode" is set to "Static & Manual".

Remote command:

n.a.

Reset LAN ← Ethernet

Restores the LAN settings to factory default.

It also removes the LXI web password.

Remote command:

n.a.

Apply ← Ethernet

Apply static IP settings.

Remote command:

n.a.

7.9.1.2 Wireless LAN connection



Wi-Fi transmitter performance

Frequency range: 2412 MHz to 2484 MHz

Power: 19.5 dBm typical



Instrument option

R&S NGE-K102 (order number: 5601.2210.03) option is required to connect the R&S NGE100B to a network via WLAN connection.

Wireless LAN option is only available for instrument with serial number below 110000.



WLAN connection

The LAN connection has a higher priority over WLAN.

If LAN is connected, the WLAN connection will be disconnected. When LAN is disconnected, WLAN reconnects automatically.

An alternative to connection in local area network is wireless LAN connection. With the presence of an authenticated Wi-Fi signal, the R&S NGE100B automatically connects to a network and navigation can be made via the web browser according to the WLAN IEEE 802.11 b/g/n standards.

1. **WARNING!** Risk of RF exposure. This is a class A product. In a domestic environment, this product may cause radio interference in which case the user may be required to take adequate measures.
 - When WLAN is active, a minimum separation distance of 20 cm from front panel of the instrument must be observed at all times.
 - When WLAN is active, no operation of antenna or transmitter should be co-located with the instrument.
2. Select "WLAN" menu item.
The R&S NGE100B displays the "WLAN" dialog.

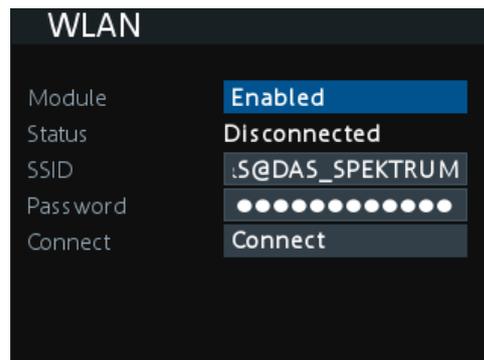


Figure 7-16: WLAN dialog

3. Configure the required WLAN settings.
See details in "WLAN" on page 76.
4. Select the "Connect" button.
If connection is successful, the "Status" shows "Connected". See [Figure 7-17](#).
When the connection is alive, the WLAN icon turns green on the status bar. See [Figure 5-7](#).

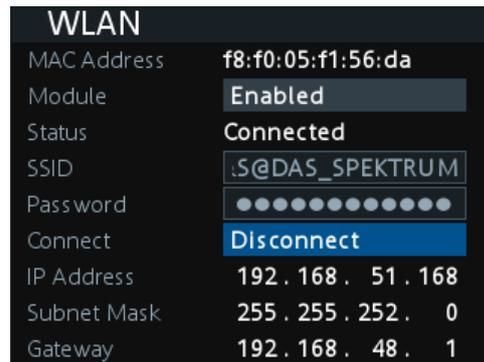


Figure 7-17: WLAN connected

- To disconnect, select "Disconnect" in the WLAN dialog.

WLAN

Settings for WLAN connection.

MAC Address ← WLAN

Displays MAC address of the R&S NGE100B.

Remote command:

n.a.

Module ← WLAN

Activates/deactivates the wireless interface.

Remote command:

[SYSTem:COMMunicate:WLAN\[:STATe\]](#) on page 98

Status ← WLAN

Displays WLAN connection status.

Remote command:

[SYSTem:COMMunicate:WLAN\[:STATe\]](#) on page 98

SSID ← WLAN

Sets SSID string of the access point if the wireless interface works as client.

SSID - Service Set Identifier, a unique ID

Remote command:

[SYSTem:COMMunicate:WLAN:SSID](#) on page 99

Password ← WLAN

Sets password of the access point if the wireless interface works as client.

Remote command:

[SYSTem:COMMunicate:WLAN:PASSword](#) on page 98

Connect ← WLAN

Connects or disconnects the connection to the wireless access point.

Remote command:

`SYSTem:COMMunicate:WLAN:CONNect` on page 97

`SYSTem:COMMunicate:WLAN:DISConnect` on page 98

IP Address ← WLAN

See "IP Address" on page 74.

Remote command:

`SYSTem:COMMunicate:WLAN:IPADdress?` on page 98

Subnet Mask ← WLAN

See "Subnet Mask" on page 74.

Remote command:

n.a.

Gateway ← WLAN

See "Default Gateway" on page 74.

Remote command:

n.a.

7.9.2 USB connection



Change of USB class

If a change in "USB Class" is detected (i.e. from "TMC" to "VCP" or vice versa), the rebooting of instrument is necessary to load the correct USB driver.

Alternatively, connect a USB cable between the [USB port](#) and PC for a USB connection. The R&S NGE100B supports "USB TMC" and "USB VCP" connection.

Access:

1. Select "USB" menu item.
The R&S NGE100B displays the "USB" dialog.

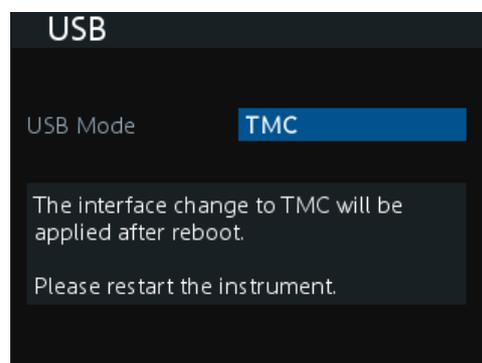


Figure 7-18: USB dialog

2. Set the desired "USB Mode".
See details in "USB Mode" on page 79.
3. Press [Enter] key to confirm the settings.
The R&S NGE100B displays message to prompt the user to restart the instrument to apply the changes.
4. Restart the R&S NGE100B to apply changes.

USB VCP



The following requirements for USB-VCP driver installation are necessary:

- A PC with operating system Windows XP, VISTA, Windows 7, Windows 8 (32Bit or 64Bit), Windows 10 or Windows 11.
- Administrator rights are necessary for the installation of the driver.

The USB virtual COM port (USB-VCP) is a software interface that allows the communication to the R&S NGE100B using any terminal program (e.g. HMEexplorer) via SCPI commands once the corresponding Windows drivers have been installed. The actual USB-VCP driver and software HMEexplorer can be downloaded for free from the product homepage (<http://www.rohde-schwarz.com/product/nge100b>).

If a connection between PC and the instrument has been established and no R&S NGE100B USB-VCP driver is installed, the PC operating system displays a "Found New Hardware" wizard. In this case, the R&S NGE100B USB-VCP driver must be installed.

The HMEexplorer window application provides the R&S NGE100B a terminal function and also the option to create screenshots and editor function to create the EasyArb table.

For more information of the driver installation and HMEexplorer window application, see the installation guide of the driver file and the internal HMEexplorer help.

USB TMC

The USB Test & Measurement class (USB-TMC) is a protocol that allows GPIB-like communication via USB interfaces and is a separate instrument class of the USB specification. The USB-TMC protocol supports service queries, triggers, and other GPIB-specific instructions.

VISA drivers are installed and that it can be used directly in the corresponding environments. The driver is included in the NI-VISA package and can be downloaded at <http://www.ni.com/downloads/ni-drivers/>.

A major benefit of the USB TMC class is that by sampling specific registers, the controlling software can determine if commands have been terminated and if they have been processed correctly. With USB-VCP, communication with instrument requires analysis and polling mechanisms within the controlling software which may significantly strain the interface of the measurement instruments. The TMC status registers solve this problem with the USB TMC in the same manner as in the case with the GPIB interface for the hardware via the corresponding control lines.



HMEplorer

The window application supports the communication via LAN, USB VCP and WLAN only.

For more information of the VISA driver installation, see the installation guide of the VISA driver file.

Once the driver is installed, the "USB Test and Measurement Device (IVI)" is displayed in the "Device Manager" window, see [Figure 7-19](#).

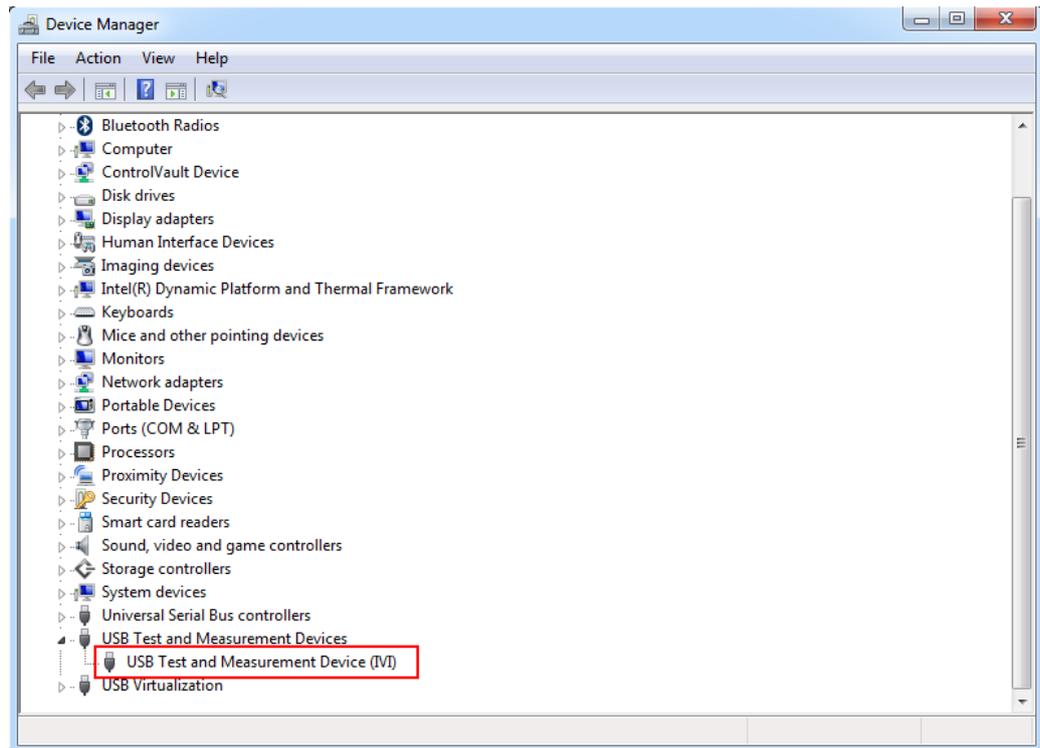


Figure 7-19: Device manager

USB Mode

Sets USB mode for USB connection.

"VCP" USB virtual COM port, see ["USB VCP"](#) on page 78.

"TMC" USB Test & Measurement class, see ["USB TMC"](#) on page 78.

Remote command:

See ["USB"](#) on page 81.

7.9.3 LXI

LAN extension for instrumentation (LXI) is a platform for measuring devices and test systems based on standard Ethernet technology. LXI is to be the LAN-based successor to GPIB and combine the advantages of Ethernet with the simple and familiar features of the GPIB. This standard provides a new standard for network configuration of

front panel devices via a WEB interface. The central tool for this type of configuration is a browser.

LXI-compatible devices are divided into three classes, A, B and C, where the functionality of the classes is based on each other hierarchically:

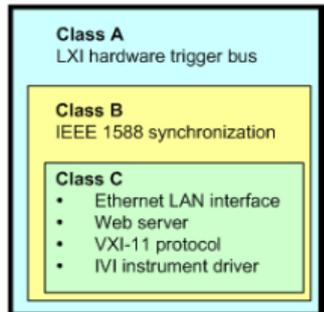


Figure 7-20: LXI classes

- Class C devices are characterized by a uniform LAN implementation including an ICMP ping responder for diagnostic purposes. Devices can be configured with a WEB browser.
A LAN Configuration Initialize (LCI) mechanism resets the LAN configuration. Class C LXI devices are also intended to support automatic detection in a LAN via VXI-11 discovery protocol and programming using IVI drivers.
- Class B adds the IEEE 1588 Precision Time Protocol (PTP) and peer-to-peer communication to base class C. With IEEE 1588, all devices within a network can automatically synchronize to the most accurate available clock, and then provide time-stamps or synchronization signals for all devices with exceptional accuracy.
- Class A devices also contain the eight-channel hardware trigger bus (LVDS interface) according to the LXI standard.

Class A and B devices can send and receive software triggers through LAN messages and communicate with each other without using the controller.

The power supplies of the R&S NGE100B series meet the general requirements of the LXI Class C and correspond to the version 1.5 (LXI Core 2016). Advanced features are not supported.

A key component of an LXI certification is the IVI device driver (Interchangeable Virtual Instrument). Here IVI.NET drivers are provided, which are based on the .NET framework 4 of Microsoft. LabView and LabWindows/CVI drivers built on LabWindows/CVI 2012 are also available. The latest copy of the IVI.NET driver is available for download from the product homepage <http://www.rohde-schwarz.com/product/nge100b>.

In addition to the features described above, the device provides the following LXI-related functions:

- Displays the current device settings
- Remote control of the device within the WEB-Browser

The Ethernet interface has an integrated web server, you can access the instrument with its corresponding IP address in the address line of the browser (i.e. <http://172.25.57.65>). See [Figure 7-21](#).

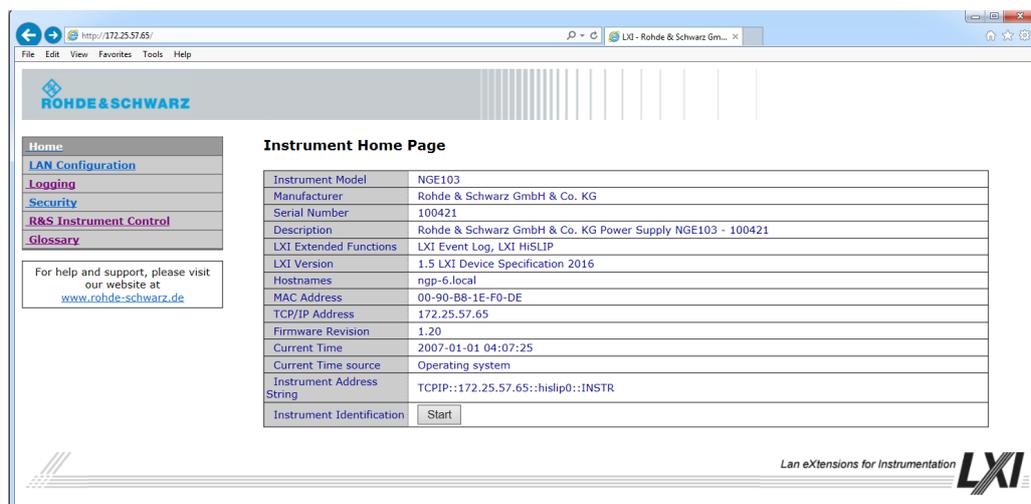


Figure 7-21: Instrument web browser view

7.9.4 SCPI

SCPI (Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments) commands - messages - are used for remote control. Commands that are not taken from the SCPI standard follow the SCPI syntax rules. The instrument supports the SCPI version 1999. The SCPI standard is based on standard IEEE 488.2 and aims at the standardization of device-specific commands, error handling and the status registers. The tutorial "Automatic Measurement Control" - A tutorial on SCPI and IEEE 488.2" from John M. Pieper (R&S order number 0002.3536.00) offers detailed information on concepts and definitions of SCPI.

The requirements that the SCPI standard places on command syntax, error handling and configuration of the status registers are explained in detail in the following sections. For more information, see [Chapter 8, "Remote control commands"](#), on page 92 and [Chapter A, "Additional basics on remote control"](#), on page 138.

7.9.5 VISA

VISA is a standardized software interface library providing input and output functions to communicate with instruments. The I/O channel (LAN or USB) is selected at initialization time by means of a channel-specific resource string. For more information about VISA, refer to its user documentation.

7.9.6 Setting up remote control connection

USB

The following shows the resource string format used when setting up a remote connection via the USB interface:

- **USB TMC**
 USB0::0x0AAD::
 0x0197::5601.1414<device_variant>-<device_serial_number>::
 INSTR where k03 is used for 3-ch device, k02 for 2-ch device. (e.g.
 USB0::0x0AAD::0x0197::5601.1414k03-100689::INSTR)
- **USB VCP**
 ASRL<COM>::INSTR, where "COM" refers to the COM port number shown on the
 controlling PC. (e.g. ASRL15::INSTR)

LAN/WLAN

See [Chapter 7.9.1, "Network connection"](#), on page 71 for configuring the LAN and WLAN parameters.

To set up the connection the IP address of the instrument is required. It is part of the resource string used by the program to identify and control the instrument. The resource string has the form:

```
TCPIP::< IP_address >::INST
```

Example: If the instrument has the IP address 192.1.2.3; the valid resource string is:

```
TCPIP::192.1.2.3::INST
```

High-Speed LAN Instrument Protocol (HiSLIP) is a TCP/IP-based protocol for remote instrument control of LAN-based test and measurement instruments. It was specified by the IVI Foundation and is intended to replace the older VXI-11 protocol. To start remote control session with HiSLIP, the valid resource string is:

```
TCPIP::192.1.2.3::HISLIP
```



The end character must be set to line feed (LF).

[Remote] key

Access:

1. Press [Remote] key to unlock the instrument from the remote control mode. In the remotes mode, all front panel keys on the instrument are disabled and the [Remote] key is illuminated.
2. To switch back to the local mode, press [Remote] key to release the remote control mode.

[Remote]

Toggles remote/local instrument control mode.

Remote command:

[SYSTem:LOCa1](#) on page 96

[SYSTem:RWLock](#) on page 96

[SYSTem:REMote](#) on page 96

7.10 General instrument settings

The following chapters provide the general instrument information and utilities services in R&S NGE100B.

Access:

1. Press [Menu] key.
2. Select "Device" menu item to configure the required instrument settings.
3. Select "Utilities" menu item to configure the utilities services.

7.10.1 Instrument information

The "Information" dialog provides the general instrument information of R&S NGE100B.

- ▶ Select "Information" menu item.
The R&S NGE100B displays the "Information" dialog. See [Figure 7-22](#).

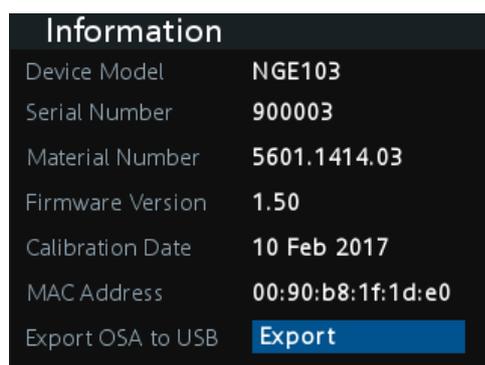


Figure 7-22: Information dialog

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Information

Displays instrument information.

Device Model ← Information

Model of the instrument, i.e. NGE102B or NGE103B.

Remote command:

*[IDN?](#) on page 93

Serial Number ← Information

Unique identification number for the instrument.

Remote command:

*[IDN?](#) on page 93

Material Number ← Information

Instrument orderable part number.

Remote command:

*[IDN?](#) on page 93

Firmware Version ← Information

Software version that is installed in the instrument.

Remote command:

*[IDN?](#) on page 93

Calibration Date ← Information

The last registered date when calibration was carried out on the instrument.

Remote command:

n.a.

MAC Address ← Information

MAC address of the network interface.

Remote command:

n.a.

Export OSA to USB ← Information

The open-source acknowledgment (OSA) of the R&S NGE100B can be exported to USB stick for reference.

Remote command:

n.a.

7.10.2 General instrument settings

General instrument settings such as keypad fallback time, screen display brightness and buzzer setting are provided.

Access:

- ▶ Select "General" menu item.
The R&S NGE100B displays the "General" dialog. See [Figure 7-23](#).

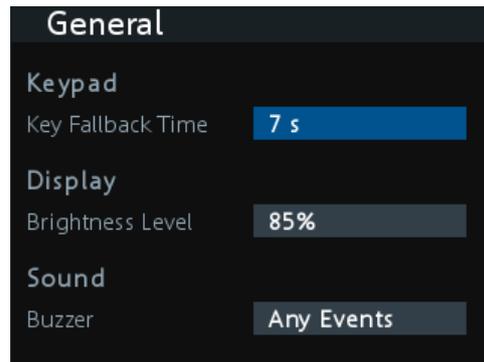


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General

General instrument settings.

Keypad ← General

Selects the wait time before the instrument automatically leaves the editing mode. Select "Off" to disable the automatic switching back.

Remote command:

n.a.

Display ← General

Selects the specific screen intensity to control the screen brightness. Setting is applied immediately.

Remote command:

n.a.

Sound ← General

Selects the event where sound is generated.

- "Fault Events": Sounds on faulty events only
- "Any Events": Sounds on faulty events and key press events
- "Disabled": No sound is generated

Remote command:

[SYSTEM:BEEPper\[:IMMEDIATE\]](#) on page 95

7.10.3 License management

Options are enabled by entering a registered license key code.

You may choose to install from an XML file on USB or by manually entering the key code.

For unregistered license key code, see also the supplement note delivered together with the unregistered key code.

- ▶ Select "License" menu item.

The R&S NGE100B displays the "License" dialog. See [Figure 7-24](#).

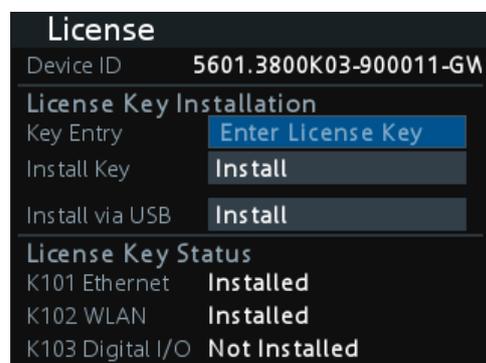


Figure 7-24: License dialog

Install via USB

To install from an XML file, proceed as follows:

1. Copy the XML file containing the registered key code into the USB flash drive.
2. Connect the USB flash drive to the USB port of the instrument.
3. Select "Install via USB" > "Install".
If the installation is successful, the option is marked as "Installed" under "Installation Status".

Install via key entry

To manually enter the key code, proceed as follows:

1. Press [Enter] key to invoke the [On-screen keyboard](#).
2. Enter the key code (30-digit number) of the option in the entry box.
3. Select "Install key" > "Install".
If the correct key code is entered, the option is marked as "Installed".
If an invalid key code is entered, an error message is displayed. Re-enter the correct key code.

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License

Installation of instrument license key and information display.

Device ID ← License

Displays of instrument device ID.

Remote command:

n.a.

License Key Installation ← License

Installation of license key settings.

Remote command:

n.a.

Key Entry ← License Key Installation ← License

Key entry for license key. See ["Install via key entry"](#) on page 86.

Remote command:

n.a.

Install Key ← License Key Installation ← License

License key installed using key entry.

Remote command:

n.a.

Install via USB ← License Key Installation ← License

License key installed using USB stick. See ["Install via USB"](#) on page 86

Remote command:

n.a.

License Key Status ← License

Displays installed license key status.

<Key Option Status> ← License Key Status ← License

Displays of instrument key option status.

- "Installed": Instrument key option installed.
- "Not Installed": Instrument key option not installed.

Remote command:

[SYSTEM:OPTion?](#) on page 96

[*OPT?](#) on page 93

7.10.4 Reset instrument

This function resets the instrument to factory default settings.

The following settings are reset to default:

- ▶ Select "Reset" menu item.

The R&S NGE100B displays the "Reset" dialog. See [Figure 7-25](#).



Figure 7-25: Reset dialog

Reset

Resets instrument to factory default settings.

Remote command:

n.a.

7.10.5 System test

This function provides a system test to check the instrument working conditions for screen color display, key backlight, beeper and cooling fan.

Access:

- ▶ Select "System Test" menu item.
The R&S NGE100B displays the "System Test" dialog. See [Figure 7-26](#).

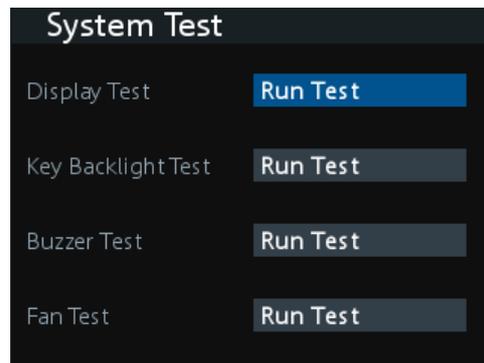


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System Test

Lists the system test for instrument.

Display Test ← System Test

System test to check if display is working. RGB and a list of supported colors should appear on the screen during the test.

Remote command:

`SYSTem:TEST:SCReen` on page 97

Key Backlight Test ← System Test

System test to check if key backlight is working.

During the test, all keys on the front panel illuminate except ([M1], [M2], [M3], [M4], [M5]) and [Store Recall].

Remote command:

`SYSTem:TEST:KEYBacklight` on page 97

Buzzer Test ← System Test

System test to check if instrument sound is working. Three beep sounds should be heard during the test.

Remote command:

`SYSTem:TEST:BEEPer` on page 96

`SYSTem:BEEPer[:IMMediate]` on page 95

Fan Test ← System Test

System test to check if cooling fan is working.

Remote command:

`SYSTem:TEST:FANCtrl` on page 96

7.10.6 Updating the firmware

The latest firmware file can be found from the product homepage <http://www.rohde-schwarz.com/product/nge100b>.

For firmware update using SCPI command, see "[Firmware update via SCPI command for version 1.3 and above](#)" on page 90.



Do not power off or operate the instrument during a firmware update.

Do not rename the firmware filename `NGE100FWRelease.tar.gz.enc` and `NGE100FWRelease.fwp`.

1. Download the firmware file from the product homepage.
2. Unzip the firmware to the root directory of a USB flash drive.
There are two files after unzipping the firmware file, do not rename these files.
3. Connect the USB flash drive to the USB port of the instrument and wait for ten seconds.

4. Press [Menu] key.
5. Select "Utilities" > "Update" menu item.
If firmware file is found, the R&S NGE100B displays the "Update" dialog. See [Figure 7-27](#).

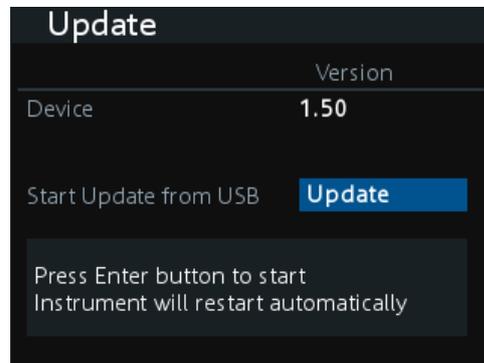


Figure 7-27: Update dialog

6. Press [Enter] key to start firmware update process.
The R&S NGE100B reboots automatically as part of the update process.
7. Press [Enter] key to confirm the update when prompt.
8. Alternatively, you can press [Back] key to cancel the firmware update process.
9. Wait for the completion of the update process.
It takes a few minutes to complete the firmware update process.

Firmware update via SCPI command for version 1.3 and above

1. Download the firmware file from the product homepage.
2. Unzip the firmware to the root directory of a USB flash drive.
There are two files after unzipping the firmware file, do not rename these files.
3. Connect the USB flash drive to the USB port of the instrument and wait for ten seconds.
4. Connect to the instrument via [USB](#), [LAN](#) or [WLAN](#).
5. Send `DIAGnostic:SERvice:FWUP "NGE100FWRelease.tar.gz.enc"` to start firmware update remotely.
The R&S NGE100B reboots automatically as part of the update process.
6. Wait for the completion of the update process.
It takes a few minutes to complete the firmware update process.

Update

Displays instrument firmware update information.

Device ← Update

Displays the instrument firmware version to be updated.

Remote command:
n.a.

Start Update from USB ← Device ← Update

Displays the firmware update status from USB.

Remote command:

[DIAGnostic:SERVice:FWUP](#) on page 128

7.10.7 Help

The "Help" dialog provides the internet link and QR code for the latest R&S NGE100B information.

1. Select "Help" menu item.

The R&S NGE100B displays the "Help" dialog. See [Figure 7-28](#).



Figure 7-28: Help dialog

2. Use a QR code reader to scan the QR code to link to the online product home page.

Alternatively, you could enter the address: <http://www.rohde-schwarz.com/product/nge100b> into a browser to access the latest help information.

8 Remote control commands

This chapter provides the description of all remote commands available for the R&S NGE100B series. The commands are sorted according to the menu structure of the instrument. A list of commands in alphabetical order is given in the "List of Command"s at the end of this documentation.

For more information on [Messages and SCPI command structure](#), see the "Annex" at the end of this documentation.

8.1 Common setting commands

Common commands are described in the IEEE 488.2 (IEC 625-2) standard. These commands have the same effect and are employed in the same way on different devices. The headers of these commands consist of "*" followed by three letters.

Many common commands are related to the Status Reporting System.

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*CLS

Clear status

Sets the status byte (STB), the standard event register (ESR) and the `EVENT` part of the `QUESTIONABLE` and the `OPERATION` registers to zero. The command does not alter the mask and transition parts of the registers. It clears the output buffer.

Usage: Setting only

*ESE <Value>

Event status enable

Sets the event status enable register to the specified value. The query returns the contents of the event status enable register in decimal form.

Parameters:

<Value> Range: 0 to 255

***ESR?**

Event status read

Returns the contents of the event status register in decimal form and then sets the register to zero.

Return values:

<Contents> Range: 0 to 255

Usage: Query only

***IDN?**

Identification

Returns the instrument identification.

Return values:

<ID> "Rohde&Schwarz,<device type>,<part number>,<serial number>,<firmware version>"

Example: Rohde&Schwarz, NGE103B, 5601.1414k03/100421, 1.20

Manual operation: See "[Device Model](#)" on page 83
 See "[Serial Number](#)" on page 84
 See "[Material Number](#)" on page 84
 See "[Firmware Version](#)" on page 84

***OPC**

Operation complete

Sets bit 0 in the event status register when all preceding commands have been executed. This bit can be used to initiate a service request. The query writes a "1" into the output buffer when all preceding commands have been executed, which is useful for command synchronization.

The R&S NGE100B does not support parallel processing of remote commands. If the query *OPC? returns a „1“, the device is able to process new commands.

***OPT?**

Option identification query

Queries the options included in the instrument. For a list of all available options and their description, refer to the data sheet.

Usage: Query only

Manual operation: See "[<Key Option Status>](#)" on page 87

***RST**

Reset

Sets the instrument to a defined default status. The default settings are indicated in the description of commands.

We recommend to start a program by *RST in order to set the instrument to a defined status prior to starting a program.

Usage: Setting only

***SRE <Contents>**

Service request enable

Sets the service request enable register to the indicated value. This command determines under which conditions that a service request is triggered.

The SRE is an enable register. Consequently, there are no denotations about the bits. This register conduce for the "OR" combination of the bits in the status byte.

Parameters:

<Contents> Contents of the service request enable register in decimal form.
Bit 6 (MSS mask bit) is always 0.
Range: 0 to 255

***STB?**

Status byte query

Reads the contents of the status byte in decimal form.

Usage: Query only

***TST?**

Self-test query

Initiates self-tests of the instrument and returns an error code.

Return values:

<ErrorCode> **integer > 0 (in decimal format)**
An error occurred.
0
No errors occurred.

Usage: Query only

***WAI**

Wait to continue

Prevents servicing of the subsequent commands until all preceding commands have been executed and all signals have settled (see also command synchronization and *OPC).

Usage: Event

***SAV** <Number>

Save

Stores the current instrument settings under the specified number in an internal memory. The settings can be recalled using the command *RCL with the associated number.

Parameters:

<Number> Range: 0..4

Manual operation: See "[M1] / [M2] / [M3] / [M4] / [M5]" on page 45
 See "[Store Recall]" on page 46
 See "[Store Recall]" on page 71

See also "Store instrument settings" on page 70.

***RCL** <Number>

Recall

Loads the instrument settings from an internal memory identified by the specified number. The instrument settings can be stored to this memory using the command *SAV with the associated number.

Parameters:

<Number> Range: 0..4

Manual operation: See "[M1] / [M2] / [M3] / [M4] / [M5]" on page 45
 See "[Store Recall]" on page 46
 See "[Store Recall]" on page 71

See also "Recall instrument settings" on page 70.

8.2 System commands

The SYSTem commands perform the various system functions and configure the communication interface (LAN, WLAN) for the instrument.

SYSTem:BEEPer[:IMMEDIATE]

Returns a single beep immediately.

Usage: Event

Manual operation: See "Sound" on page 85
 See "Buzzer Test" on page 89

SYSTem:LOCa1

Sets the system to front panel control. The front panel control is unlocked.

Usage: Event

Manual operation: See "[Remote]" on page 45
See "[Remote]" on page 82

SYSTem:REMOte

Sets the system to remote state. The front panel control is locked. By pressing **Remote**, the front panel control will be activated.

Usage: Event

Manual operation: See "[Remote]" on page 45
See "[Remote]" on page 82

SYSTem:RWLock

Sets the system to remote state. The front panel control is locked. You are only able to unlock the front panel control via SCPI command `SYSTem:LOCa1` on page 96.

Usage: Event

Manual operation: See "[Remote]" on page 45
See "[Remote]" on page 82

SYSTem:OPTion?

Returns the list of options installed on the instrument.

Return values:
<arg0>

Usage: Query only

Manual operation: See "<Key Option Status>" on page 87

SYSTem:TEST:BEEPer

Runs the system test: Beeper Test.

Usage: Event

Manual operation: See "Buzzer Test" on page 89

SYSTem:TEST:FANCtrl

Runs the system test: Fan Control Test.

Usage: Event

Manual operation: See ["Fan Test"](#) on page 89

SYSTem:TEST:KEYBacklight

Runs the system test: Keypad Backlight Test.

Usage: Event

Manual operation: See ["Key Backlight Test"](#) on page 89

SYSTem:TEST:SCReen

Runs the system test: Screen Color Test.

Usage: Event

Manual operation: See ["Display Test"](#) on page 89

SYSTem:COMMunicate:SOCKet:DHCP[:STATe] <arg0>

Sets or queries LAN interface mode. ON: automatic IP address from DHCP server; OFF: manually set IP address.

Parameters:

<arg0>

Options: R&S NGE-K101

Manual operation: See ["Status"](#) on page 73
See ["IP Mode"](#) on page 73

SYSTem:COMMunicate:SOCKet:IPADdress?

Queries IP address of the LAN interface.

Return values:

<arg0>

Usage: Query only

Options: R&S NGE-K101

Manual operation: See ["IP Address"](#) on page 74

SYSTem:COMMunicate:WLAN:CONNect

Connects to the predefined wireless access point.

Usage: Event

Options: R&S NGE-K102
Instrument with serial number below 110000

Manual operation: See ["Connect"](#) on page 76

SYSTem:COMMunicate:WLAN:DISConnect

Stops the connection to the predefined wireless access point.

Usage: Event

Options: R&S NGE-K102
Instrument with serial number below 110000

Manual operation: See "[Connect](#)" on page 76

SYSTem:COMMunicate:WLAN:IPAdDress?

Queries the IP address of the device when the wireless interface works as a client.

Return values:

<arg0>

Usage: Query only

Options: R&S NGE-K102
Instrument with serial number below 110000

Manual operation: See "[IP Address](#)" on page 77

SYSTem:COMMunicate:WLAN[:STATe] <arg0>

Activates / deactivates or queries the enable state of the wireless interface.

Parameters:

<arg0>

Options: R&S NGE-K102
Instrument with serial number below 110000

Manual operation: See "[Module](#)" on page 76
See "[Status](#)" on page 76

SYSTem:COMMunicate:WLAN:PASSword <arg0>

Defines the password string of the Access Point when the wireless interface works as a client.

Parameters:

<arg0>

Usage: Setting only

Options: R&S NGE-K102
Instrument with serial number below 110000

Manual operation: See "[Password](#)" on page 76

SYSTem:COMMunicate:WLAN:SSID <arg0>

Defines or queries the SSID string of the access point when the wireless interface works as a client.

Parameters:

<arg0>

Options:

R&S NGE-K102

Instrument with serial number below 110000

Manual operation: See "[SSID](#)" on page 76

8.3 Configuration commands

The following subsystems contain the commands for channel selection, voltage and current settings for the instrument.

8.3.1 Channel selecting

The `INSTRument:Select` subsystem contains the commands for selecting the output channels.

Each channel of the power supply is considered as separate "instrument", which is required by the SCPI standard. Therefore, the SCPI commands use the `INSTRument` node to select a channel.



You can only address the number of channels a device is equipped with, e.g. two channels for the NGE102 and three channels for the NGE103.

Example: Selecting a channel

You can select a channel either with an `OUTput` parameter, or just by the channel number. This example lists all ways how you can select and query a selected channel.

```
// *****
// Select a channel
// *****
// selects channel 1
INST OUT1
// queries the channel selection
INST?
// response: "OUTPut1"
// *****
// Select a channel by its number
// *****
// selects channel number 1
INST:NSEL 1
// queries number of the channel selection
INST:NSEL?
// response: 1
```

INSTRument:NSElect <arg0>

Defines or queries the numeric selection of a channel. Each channel of the power supply is considered as separate "instrument", which is required by the SCPI standard.

Parameters:

<arg0> {1 | 2 | 3}

Example:

```
INSTRument:NSElect 1
```

Selects the output channel as Ch 1.

Note: Channel 3 is only valid for NGE103B.

```
INSTRument:NSElect? -> 1
```

Return the numeric channel selection.

Manual operation: See "[Ch 1] / [Ch 2] / [Ch 3]" on page 44

INSTRument[:SElect] <arg0>

Defines or queries the channel selection. Each channel of the power supply is considered as separate "instrument", which is required by the SCPI standard.

Parameters:

<arg0> OUTPut1 | OUTPut2 | OUTPut3 | OUTP1 | OUTP2 | OUTP3 |
OUT1 | OUT2 | OUT3

OUTPut1 | OUTP1 | OUT1

Ch 1

OUTPut2 | OUTP2 | OUT2

Ch 2

OUTPut3 | OUTP3 | OUT3

Ch 3

Example: INSTrument OUTPut1
 INSTrument OUTP1
 Selects the output channel as Ch 1.
 INST? -> 2
 Return the output channel as Ch 2.

Manual operation: See "[Ch 1] / [Ch 2] / [Ch 3]" on page 44

8.3.2 Voltage setting

The SOURce:VOLTage subsystem contains the commands for setting the voltage of the output channel. The default unit is V.

Example: Configuring the output voltage

This example contains all commands to configure and query the output voltage.

```
// *****
// Select the channel
// *****
INST OUT1
// *****
// Set the voltage value
// *****
// selects a channel and sets the voltage
VOLT 10
// queries the output voltage of a channel
VOLT?
// response: 10.000
// sets the voltage to maximum or minimum respectively
VOLT MAX
VOLT MIN
// *****
// Query the range of the voltage values
// *****
// queries the upper and lower limit of the output voltage
VOLT? MIN
// response: 0.000
VOLT? MAX
// response: 32.20
```

[SOURce:]VOLTage[:LEVel][:IMMediate][:AMPLitude] <Voltage>

Defines or queries the voltage value of the selected channel.

Parameters:

<Voltage> {<Voltage> | MINimum | MAXimum | DEFault}
 <Voltage>
 0.0 V to 32.2 V (adjustable in 10 mV steps)
 MINimum
 0.000E+00

MAXimum

32.200E+01

Default unit: V

Example:

VOLT 10

Set the voltage value to 10 V.

VOLT? -> 10

Return the voltage value of the selected channel.

Manual operation:

See "[Voltage]" on page 45

See "Set output voltage and current" on page 53

8.3.3 Current setting

The `SOURCE:CURRENT` subsystem contains the commands for setting the current limit of the output channel. The default unit is A.

Example: Configuring the current output

```
// *****
// Select the channel
// *****
INST OUT1
// *****
// Set the current value
// *****
// selects a channel and sets the current
CURR 2
// queries the current of the selected channel
CURR?
// response: 2.000
// *****
// Query the range of the current values
// *****
// queries the upper and lower limit of the current
CURR? MIN
// response: 0.003
CURR? MAX
// response: 3.025
```

[SOURCE:]CURRENT[:LEVEL][:IMMEDIATE][:AMPLITUDE] <Current>

Defines or queries the current value of the selected channel.

Parameters:

<Current>

<Current>

Set the selected channel to a current range of 3 mA to 3.025 A.

Default unit: A

Example: CURR 2
 Set the selected channel current to 2 A.
 CURR? -> 2
 Return current value of the selected channel.

Manual operation: See "[Current]" on page 45
 See "Set output voltage and current" on page 53

8.3.4 Combined voltage and current settings

The APPLy subsystem provides a command that enables you to set the current and voltage of a channel in one step.

APPLy <arg0>

Defines or queries the voltage and current value of the selected channel.

Parameters:

<arg0> {<Voltage> | DEF | MIN | MAX} [, {<Current> | DEF | MIN | MAX}]

<Voltage>

Set voltage in the range of 0 V to 32.20 V.

DEF

Set voltage to default.

MIN

Set voltage to minimum.

MAX

Set voltage to maximum.

<Current>

Set current in the range of 3 mA to 3.025 A.

DEF

Set current to default.

MIN

Set current to minimum.

MAX

Set current to maximum.

Example: INST OUT1
 APPLY "6,2"
 Set channel 1 to output 6 V and 2 A.
 APPLY? -> 6, 2
 Return voltage and current value of the selected channel.

Manual operation: See "[Voltage]" on page 45
 See "[Current]" on page 45
 See "Set output voltage and current" on page 53

8.3.5 Output setting

The `OUTPut` subsystem contains the commands for activating the output channels.

Example: Activating the channels

You can activate a selected channel and turn on or off the outputs either individually or all outputs simultaneously. This example lists all ways how you can activate and query the outputs.

```
// *****
// Activate a channel
// *****
INST OUT1
// activates the selected channel
OUTP:SEL 1
// activates channel 1 and its output
OUTP 1
// queries the output state
OUTP?
// response: 1
// *****
// Turn on all selected channels simultaneously
// *****
// selects channels 1 and 2
// sets the voltage and current values for both channels
// activates both channels
INST:OUT1
VOLT 6
CURR 0.1
OUTP:SEL 1
INST:OUT2
VOLT 12
CURR 0.2
OUTP:SEL 1
// turns on the output of both channels
OUTP:GEN 1
```

OUTPut[:STATe] <arg0>

Defines or queries for output state for the previous selected channel.

Parameters:

<arg0> {OFF | ON | 0 | 1}
 ON | 1
 Output state will be turned on.
 OFF | 0
 Output state will be turned off.
 *RST: OFF | 0

- Example:** INST OUT1
 OUTP ON
 Ch 1 and output state will be activated; i.e. **Ch 1** and **Output** key on the front panel will be illuminated.
 OUTP? -> 1
 Return the output state.
- Manual operation:** See "[Output]" on page 44
 See "Activating the channel output" on page 54

OUTPut:GENeral <arg0>

Sets or queries the instrument master output state.

If the master output state is activated, the [Output] key on the front panel will be illuminated.

Parameters:

<arg0> {OFF | ON | 0 | 1}
 ON | 1
 Output state will be activated
 OFF | 0
 Output state will be deactivated

- Example:** INST OUT1
 OUTP:SEL ON
 VOLT 12
 CURR 0.1
 Ch 1 is activated.
- INST OUT2
 OUTP:SEL ON
 VOLT 12
 CURR 0.2
 Ch 2 is activated.
- OUTP:GEN ON
 Ch 1 and Ch 2 and Output state are activated.
 OUTP:GEN? -> 1
 Return output state of the channel.

- Manual operation:** See "[Output]" on page 44
 See "Activating the channel output" on page 54

OUTPut:MODE <arg0>

Sets and queries the output operating mode of the specified channel

Parameters:

<arg0> {OFF | CV | CC}
 OFF
 Output is turned off.

CV

Output mode changed to constant voltage mode.

CC

Output mode changed to constant current mode.

*RST: OFF

Example:

OUTP:MODE CV

OUTP:MODE? -> CV

Output mode has changed to constant voltage mode.

OUTPut:SElect <arg0>

This command activates or queries the instrument channel state of the previous selected channel.

If the selected channel is activated, the respective channel key (i.e. **Ch 1**, **Ch 2**, **Ch 3**) on the front panel will be illuminated.

Parameters:

<arg0> {OFF | ON | 0 | 1}

ON | 1

Selected channel will be activated.

OFF | 0

Selected channel will be deactivated.

*RST: OFF | 0

Example:

INST OUT1

OUTP:SEL ON

Ch 1 is activated.

Manual operation: See "[Output]" on page 44
See "Activating the channel output" on page 54

OUTP:SEL? -> 1

Return the state of the selected channel.

OTP:TRIPped?

Queries the overtemperature protection (OTP) tripped state of the previous selected channel.

It is tripped if an OTP event occurs. Available from V1.50

Return values:

<arg0> {OFF | ON | 0 | 1}

ON | 1

OTP event occurs.

OFF | 0

OTP event not occurs.

*RST: OFF | 0

Example: `OUTP:TRIP? -> 1`
 OTP event occurs.

Usage: Query only

8.3.6 Fuse setting

The `FUSE` subsystem contains the commands for overcurrent protection parameters such as activating fuses and setting fuse parameters of the output channels. The default unit is A.

Example: Configuring fuses

This example contains all commands to configure and query the fuse states and settings.

```
// *****
// Activate a fuse
// *****
INST OUT1
// selects a channel and activates the overcurrent protection
FUSE 1
// queries the state of the overcurrent protection in the selected channel
FUSE?
// response: 1
// *****
// Set a delay time for the overcurrent protection. The delay time
// takes effect when the channel output is turned on.
// *****
// sets 0.05 s delay for the overcurrent protection
FUSE:DEL 0.05
// queries the currently set delay time of the overcurrent protection
// in the selected channel
FUSE:DEL?
// response: 0.05
// sets the delay time to maximum, minimum respectively
FUSE:DEL MAX
FUSE:DEL MIN
// *****
// Query the range of the overcurrent protection delay time
// *****
// queries the upper and lower limit of the
// overcurrent protection delay time in s
FUSE:DEL? MIN
// response: 0
FUSE:DEL? MAX
// response: 10
// *****
// Query a tripped overcurrent protection
// *****
INST OUT1
//queries whether the OCP in channel 1 has tripped
FUSE:TRIP?
//response: 1 OCP is tripped
//response: 0 OCP is not tripped
//resets a tripped OCP in the selected channel
FUSE:TRIP:CLEAR
// *****
// Link the electronic overcurrent protection of the channels logically
// *****
INST OUT1
// links the overcurrent protection of channel 1 with channel 2
```

```

FUSE:LINK 2
// queries the combined overcurrent protection of the selected channel
FUSE:LINK? 2
// response 1
// *****
// Unlink linked overcurrent protection
// *****
FUSE:UNLink 2
// queries the combined overcurrent protection of the selected channel
FUSE:LINK? 2
// response 0

```

FUSE:DElAy <Delay>

Defines and queries the fuse delay for the previous selected channel.

Parameters:

<Delay> {<Delay> | MIN | MAX}

<delay>
0 s to 10 s (adjustable in 0.010 s steps e.g. FUSE:DEL 0.010 = 0.01 s)

MIN
Set fuse delay to minimum.

MAX
Set fuse delay to maximum.

Default unit: s

Example:

```

INST OUT1
FUSE:DEL 0.050
Set fuse delay of channel 1 to 50 ms.
FUSE:DEL? -> 0.05
Return the fuse delay time of the selected channel.

```

Manual operation: See "[Fuse Delay](#)" on page 56

FUSE:LINK <arg0>

Defines or queries the channel fuses (fuse linking) for the previous selected channel.

Parameters:

<arg0> **1**
Channel 1.

2
Channel 2.

3
Channel 3.

Example: INST OUT1
 FUSE:LINK 2
 Fuse Ch 1 is linked with Ch 2.
 FUSE:LINK? 2 -> 1
 If the fuse of Ch 1 is linked with Ch 2, a "1" is returned.
 FUSE:LINK? 3 -> 0
 If the fuse of Ch 1 is not linked with Ch 3, a "0" is returned.

Manual operation: See "[Fuse Linking](#)" on page 56

FUSE:TRIPped?

Queries the fuse tripped of the previous selected channel.

Return values:

<arg0> **ON**
 Fuse is tripped.
 OFF
 Fuse is not tripped.

Example: INST OUT1
 FUSE:TRIP? -> 0
 Fuse of Ch 1 has not tripped.

Usage: Query only

Manual operation: See "[\[Fuse\]](#)" on page 55

FUSE:UNLink <arg0>

Unlinks the channel fuses (fuse linking) for the previous selected channel.

Parameters:

<arg0> **1**
 Channel 1.
 2
 Channel 2.
 3
 Channel 3.

Example: INST OUT1
 FUSE:LINK 2
 FUSE:UNL 2
 Fuse Ch 1 is unlinked with Ch 2.

Usage: Setting only

Manual operation: See "[Fuse Linking](#)" on page 56

FUSE[:STATe] <arg0>

Defines or queries the fuse for the previous selected channel.

Parameters:

<arg0> {0 | 1}
1
Fuse is activated.
0
Fuse is deactivated.
***RST:** OFF | 0

Example:

```
INST OUT1
FUSE ON
Fuse of Ch 1 is activated.
FUSE? -> 1
Return fuse state of the selected channel.
```

Manual operation: See "[Fuse]" on page 45
See "[Fuse]" on page 55

8.3.7 OVP setting

The `VOLTage:PROTection` subsystem contains the commands for setting the over-voltage protection parameters for the output channels. The default unit is V.

Example: Configuring the overvoltage protection

```

// *****
// Set the overvoltage protection value
// *****
INST OUT1
//activates the OVP of the previous selected channel
VOLT:PROT 1
// selects a channel and sets the OVP
VOLT:PROT:LEV 5
// queries the output overvoltage value of a channel
VOLT:PROT:LEV?
// response: 5
// queries the OVP state of the previous selected channel
VOLT:PROT?
// response: 1
// sets the overvoltage protection to maximum,
// or minimum respectively
VOLT:PROT:LEV MAX
VOLT:PROT:LEV MIN
// *****
// Query the range of the overvoltage protection values
// *****
// queries the upper and lower limit
VOLT:PROT:LEV? MIN
// response: 0.100
VOLT:PROT:LEV? MAX
// response: 32.2
// *****
// Query a tripped overvoltage protection
// *****
INST OUT1
// queries whether the OVP in channel 1 has tripped
VOLT:PROT:TRIP?
// response: 1 OVP is tripped
// response: 0 OVP is not tripped
// resets a tripped OVP in the selected channel
VOLT:PROT:CLEAr
// *****
// Set the overvoltage protection mode
// *****
INST OUT1
// sets OVP protected mode for channel1
VOLT:PROT:MODE PROT
// queries the OVP mode
VOLT:PROT:MODE PROT?
// response: "protected"

```

[SOURce:]VOLTage:PROTection:MODE <arg0>

Defines or queries the OVP mode for the previous selected channel.

Parameters:

<arg0> MEASured | PROTected

MEASured

The OVP switches off if the measured value exceeds the threshold.

PROTection

If the adjusted threshold is exceeded the output of the instrument will be not switched on; additionally the measured value is monitored (please also refer to function MEASured).

Example:

```
INST OUT1
VOLT:PROT:MODE PROT
Sets OVP protected mode for Ch 1.
VOLT:PROT:MODE? -> PROTected
Return the selected channel OVP mode.
```

Manual operation: See "[Mode](#)" on page 59

[SOURce:]VOLTage:PROTection:TRIPped?

Queries the OVP tripped status of the previous selected channel.

Return values:

<arg0> ON | OFF
ON
OVP is tripped
OFF
OVP is not tripped

Example:

```
INST OUT1
VOLT:PROT:TRIP? -> OFF
OVP of Ch 1 has not tripped.
```

Usage: Query only

Manual operation: See "[Overvoltage Protection \(OVP\)](#)" on page 59

[SOURce:]VOLTage:PROTection[:STATe] <arg0>

Defines or queries the OVP state for the previous selected channel.

Parameters:

<arg0> 1 | 0
1
OVP is activated.
0
OVP is deactivated.

Example: INST OUT1
 VOLT:PROT ON
 OVP of Ch 1 is activated.
 VOLT:PROT? -> 1
 Return the OVP state of the selected channel.

Manual operation: See "[Overvoltage Protection \(OVP\)](#)" on page 59

[SOURce:]VOLTage:PROTection:LEVel <Voltage>

Defines or queries the OVP value of the previous selected channel.

Parameters:

<Voltage> {<Voltage> | MIN | MAX}
<Voltage>
 Set the OVP value in the range of 0 mV up to 32.2 V (adjustable in 100 mV steps)
MIN
 Set the OVP value to minimum.
MAX
 Set the OVP value to maximum.
 Default unit: V

Example: INST OUT1
 VOLT:PROT:LEV 5
 Set the OVP value of Ch 1 to 5 V.
 VOLT:PROT:LEV?
 Return the selected channel OVP value.

Manual operation: See "[<Level>](#)" on page 60

[SOURce:]VOLTage:PROTection:CLEar

Resets the OVP state of the selected channel. If the OVP has tripped, the OVP message on the display will be cleared for the selected channel.

Usage: Event

Manual operation: See "[Overvoltage Protection \(OVP\)](#)" on page 59

8.3.8 OPP setting

The POWer:PROTection subsystem contains the commands for setting the over-power protection parameters for the output channels. The default unit is W.

Example: Configuring the overpower protection

```
// *****
// Set the overpower protection value
// *****
INST OUT1
//activates the OPP of the previous selected channel
POW:PROT 1
// selects a channel and sets the OPP
POW:PROT:LEV 5
// queries the output overvoltage value of a channel
POW:PROT:LEV?
// response: 5
// queries the OPP state of the previous selected channel
POW:PROT?
// response: 1
// sets the overvoltage protection to maximum,
// or minimum respectively
POW:PROT:LEV MAX
POW:PROT:LEV MIN
// *****
// Query the range of the overpower protection values
// *****
// queries the upper and lower limit
POW:PROT:LEV? MIN
// reponse: 0.0
POW:PROT:LEV? MAX
// reponse: 32.0
// *****
// Query a tripped overpower protection
// *****
INST OUT1
// queries whether the OPP in channel 1 has tripped
POW:PROT:TRIP?
// response: 1 OPP is tripped
// response: 0 OPP is not tripped
// resets a tripped OPP in the selected channel
POW:PROT:CLEAr
```

[SOURCE:]POWER:PROTECTION:LEVEL <Power>

Defines or queries the OPP value of the previous selected channel.

Parameters:

<Power>

{<Voltage> | MIN | MAX}

<Voltage>

Set the OPP value in the range of 0 W up to 32 W (adjustable in 100 mW steps).

MIN

Set the OPP value to minimum.

MAX

Set the OPP value to maximum.

Default unit: W

Example:

```
INST OUT1
```

```
POW:PROT:LEV 5
```

Set the OPP value of channel 1 to 5 W.

```
POW:PROT:LEV? -> 5
```

Return the selected channel OPP value.

Manual operation: See "[<Level>](#)" on page 60

[SOURce:]POWER:PROTECTION:TRIPped?

Queries the OPP tripped status of the previous selected channel

Return values:

<arg0> 1 | 0

1

OPP is tripped.

0

OPP is not tripped.

Example:

```
INST OUT1
```

```
POW:PROT:TRIP? -> 0
```

OPP state of Ch 1 has not tripped.

Usage:

Query only

Manual operation: See "[Overpower Protection \(OPP\)](#)" on page 60

[SOURce:]POWER:PROTECTION[:STATE] <arg0>

Defines or queries the OPP state for the previous selected channel.

Parameters:

<arg0> ON | OFF | 1 | 0

ON | 1

OPP is activated.

OFF | 0

OPP is deactivated.

Example:

```
INST OUT1
```

```
POW:PROT ON
```

OPP of Ch 1 is activated.

```
POW:PROT?
```

Return the OPP state of the selected channel.

Manual operation: See "[<Mode>](#)" on page 60

[SOURce:]POWer:PROTection:CLEAr

Resets the OPP state of the selected channel. If the OPP has tripped, the red blinking OPP message on the display will be cleared for the selected channel.

Usage: Event

Manual operation: See "[Overpower Protection \(OPP\)](#)" on page 60

8.4 Measurement commands

The MEASure subsystem provides commands to query the voltage and current values of a channel.

MEASure[:SCALar]:CURRent[:DC]?

Queries the measured current value of the previous selected channel.

Return values:

<Current> **<numeric_value>**
Return the measured current.
Default unit: A

Example: MEAS:CURR? -> 1.000

Usage: Query only

MEASure[:SCALar]:POWer?

Queries the measured power value of the previous selected channel.

Return values:

<Power> **<Numeric_value>**
Return the measured power value.
Default unit: W

Example: MEAS:POW? -> 3.00E+00
Return the measured power value of the selected channel.

Usage: Query only

MEASure[:SCALar][:VOLTage][:DC]?

Queries the measured voltage value of the previous selected channel.

Return values:

<Voltage> **<numeric_value>**
Return the measured voltage.
Default unit: V

Example: MEAS? -> 1.000E+00

Usage: Query only

8.5 Advanced operating commands

The following shows the subsystem that contains the commands for configuring the arbitrary function, EasyRamp and Digital I/O functions.

8.5.1 Arbitrary commands

The `ARBitrary` subsystem contains the commands for configuring an arbitrary sequence for the output channels.

Example: Configuring an arbitrary sequence

This programming example generates an arbitrary sequence for a selected channel. The sequence starts at 1 V and 1 A for 1 sec, and both values are incremented each second by 1. The generated arbitrary waveform is transferred to Ch 1. When activated, the R&S NGE100B provides the arbitrary waveform at the output of the selected channel, and repeats it 10 times.

```
// *****
// Define and start the EasyArb sequence
// *****
// selects channel 1
INST OUT1
// defines the sequence, i.e. starting at 1V, 1A for 1sec,
// and increments the voltage and current each second by 1
ARB:DATA "1,1,1,0,2,2,1,0,3,3,1,0"
// sets the repetition rate
ARB:REP 10
// ARB:REP? queries the set number of repetitions
// ARB:POIN? queries the number of arbitrary points of EasyArb waveform
// Enable the arbitrary sequence
ARB 1
// starts the sequence in channel 1
// ARB 0 stops the sequence in the selected channel
// turns on the output
OUTP ON
// *****
// Save and recall an arbitrary sequence
// *****
// saves the sequence into the internal memory, e.g. M1
ARB:SAV 1
// recalls a previously saved sequence from the internal memory
ARB:RCL 1
// atarts the previous transferred EasyArb waveform in channel 1
ARB:START
// atops the EasyArb waveform in channel 1 if EasyArb is running
ARB:STOP
// clears the arbitrary table data for the selected channel
ARB:CLEAR
```

ARbitrary:CLEar

Clears the previous defined arbitrary waveform data for channel 1.

Usage: Event

Manual operation: See "[Clear Data Points](#)" on page 67

ARbitrary:DATA <arg0>

Defines or queries the arbitrary points for channel 1. The dwell time between two points is from 10 ms to 600 s.

Parameters:

<arg0> <Voltage1, Current1, Time1, Voltage2, Current2, Time2,..., Voltage128, Current128, Time128>

Voltage1 ... Voltage128

Defines the arbitrary points of the voltage.

Current1 ... Current128

Defines the arbitrary points of the current.

Time1 ... Time128

Defines the arbitrary points of the time (The unit for time is ms).

Example:

```
ARB:DATA "10.5,3,10,20,2,1000,15,2.1,10000"
```

Manual operation:

See "[N](#)" on page 66

See "[Voltage](#)" on page 66

See "[Current](#)" on page 66

See "[Duration](#)" on page 67

See "[Apply EasyArb Data](#)" on page 67

ARbitrary:RCL <arg0>

Recalls EasyArb settings and previous defined arbitrary points from the respective memory locations M1-M5.

Parameters:

<arg0> Range: 0..4

Usage:

Setting only

Manual operation:

See "[\[Store Recall\]](#)" on page 71

ARbitrary:REPetitions <Repetitions>

Defines or queries the repetition of the defined arbitrary waveform for channel 1.

Note: If the repetition is set to "0", the arbitrary waveform repeats continuously.

Parameters:

<Repetitions> 0..255

Example:

```
ARB:REP 10
```

Set the repetition rate of the defined arbitrary waveform as 10.

```
ARB:REP? -> 10
```

Return the defined repetition rate of the selected channel.

Manual operation:

See "[EasyArb Repetition](#)" on page 66

ARbitrary:POINTS?

Returns the number of arbitrary points of EasyArb waveform.

Return values:

<arg0>

Usage: Query only

Manual operation: See "[Number of Data Points](#)" on page 66

ARbitrary[:STATe] <arg0>

Sets or queries the EasyArb state ON, i.e. Ch 1 is ready to run arb waveform.

Parameters:

<arg0> {OFF | ON}

ON

EasyArb state is activated.

OFF

EasyArb state is deactivated.

Manual operation: See "[EasyArb Mode on Ch 1](#)" on page 66

ARbitrary:SAV <arg0>

Saves EasyArb settings and previous defined arbitrary points into the respective memory locations M1-M5.

Parameters:

<arg0> Range: 0..4

Example:

```
INST 1
ARB:DATA 10,1,0,5,0
ARB:REP 10
ARB:SAV 1
```

Usage: Setting only

Manual operation: See "[\[Store Recall\]](#)" on page 71

ARbitrary:START

Starts the previous transferred EasyArb waveform in channel 1 if EasyArb is enabled.

Usage: Event

Manual operation: See "[Apply EasyArb Data](#)" on page 67

ARbitrary:STOP

Stops the EasyArb waveform in channel 1 if EasyArb is running.

Usage: Event

Manual operation: See ["Apply EasyArb Data"](#) on page 67

8.5.2 EasyRamp commands

The `VOLTage:RAMP` subsystem contains the commands for configuring the ramp function for the output channels.

[SOURce:]VOLTage:RAMP:DURation <Time>

Sets or queries the EasyRamp duration of the previous selected channel in seconds. 0.01 s to 10 s in steps of 0.01 s.

Parameters:

<Time>	Range:	0.010 to 10
	*RST:	0.010
	Default unit:	s

Manual operation: See ["Ramping Time"](#) on page 68

[SOURce:]VOLTage:RAMP[:STATe] <arg0>

Defines or queries the EasyRamp state for the previous selected channel.

Parameters:

<arg0>	{OFF ON}
	ON
	EasyRamp function is activated.
	OFF
	EasyRamp function is disabled.

Manual operation: See ["Output Ramping"](#) on page 68

8.5.3 DIO commands

The `DIO` subsystem contains the commands for configuring a Digital I/O function for the output channels.

TRIGger:DIRection:DIO<IO> <arg0>

Sets or queries the specified Digital I/O line to function as Trigger Input or Trigger Output.

Suffix:

<IO>	1..4
------	------

Parameters:

<arg0>	OUTPut INPut
--------	----------------

Example: TRIG:DIR:DIO2 OUT

Manual operation: See ["Direction"](#) on page 63

TRIGger[:ENABLE]:DIO<IO> <arg0>

Sets or queries the state of the specified Digital I/O line.

The state is disabled when any setting has been changed.

Suffix:

<IO> 1..4

Parameters:

<arg0> {OFF | ON}

ON

Enable the state for Digital I/O line.

OFF

Disable the state for Digital I/O line.

*RST: OFF

Manual operation: See "[Status](#)" on page 64

TRIGger:IN:ARbitrary:DIO<IO> <arg0>

Sets or queries the operation mode when starting EasyArb by Trig IN.

Suffix:

<IO> 1..4

Parameters:

<arg0> PULSe | LEVeL

PULSe

Starts EasyArb when trigger signal activated.

LEVeL

Starts EasyArb when trigger signal activated and stops when trigger signal de-activated.

*RST: PULSe

Example: TRIG:IN:ARB:DIO1 PULS

Manual operation: See "[Condition](#)" on page 64

TRIGger:IN:RESPonse:DIO<IO> <arg0>

Sets or queries the output response of the trigger input of the specified Digital I/O line.

Suffix:

<IO> 1..4

Parameters:

<arg0> ON | OFF | TOGGle | INHibit | ARbitrary

ON

Output is switched on.

OFF

Output is switched off.

TOGGle

Output state is toggled.

INHibit

Output state remains off as long as the TRIG IN signal is activated.

ARBitrary

Starts the EasyArb function. If level signal is selected, the EasyArb function is stopped when TRIG IN signal is deactivated.

*RST: OFF

Manual operation: See "[Condition](#)" on page 64

TRIGger:IN:SOURce:DIO<IO> <arg0>

Sets or queries the source under control of the trigger input of the specified Digital I/O line.

Suffix:

<IO> 1..4

Parameters:

<arg0> **CH1**
Trigger input source from Ch 1.
CH2
Trigger input source from Ch 2.
CH3
Trigger input source from Ch 3.
*RST: CH1

Manual operation: See "[Channel](#)" on page 64

TRIGger:LOGic:DIO<IO> <arg0>

Sets or queries the trigger logic (Active High/Active Low) of the specified Digital I/O line.

Suffix:

<IO> 1..4

Parameters:

<arg0> LOW | HIGH
*RST: HIGH

Manual operation: See "[Logic](#)" on page 64

TRIGger:MASTer[:STATe] <arg0>

Defines or queries the master enable state for the Digital I/O interface. The state is disabled when any setting has been changed.

Parameters:

<arg0> {OFF | ON}
ON
 "Master Enable" state is activated for all DIO interfaces.
OFF
 "Master Enable" state is deactivated for all DIO interfaces.
 *RST: OFF

Manual operation: See "[Master Enable](#)" on page 63

TRIGger:OUT:CONDition:DIO<IO> <arg0>

Sets the trigger condition of the trigger output of the specified Digital I/O line.

The line triggers when the output of the specified control source is turned off or on

Suffix:

<IO> 1..4

Parameters:

<arg0> ON | OFF | FUSetrip | CCMoDe | VOLTlevel | CURRlevel | CRITevent | ARBitary
ON
 Trigger output is turned on.
OFF
 Trigger output is turned off.
FUSetrip
 Trigger output is linked to fuse tripped event.
VOLTlevel
 Trigger output is linked to a set voltage level event.
CURRlevel
 Trigger output is linked to a set current level event.
CRITevent
 Trigger output is linked to a critical triggered event.
ARBitary
 Trigger output is linked to a EasyArb event.
 *RST: ON

Manual operation: See "[Condition](#)" on page 64

TRIGger:OUT:CRITevent:DIO<IO> <arg0>

Sets or queries the critical event of the trigger output of the specified Digital I/O line.

Suffix:

<IO> 1..4

Parameters:

<arg0> OVP | OPP | OTP

OVP

Trigger output is linked to the OVP event.

OPP

Trigger output is linked to the OPP event.

OTP

Trigger output is linked to the OTP event.

*RST: OVP

Manual operation: See "[Condition](#)" on page 64**TRIGger:OUT:CURRlevel:DIO<IO> <Current>**

Sets or queries the threshold current level of the trigger output of the specified Digital I/O line.

Triggers when output current level exceeds or equals to the set level.

Suffix:

<IO> 1..4

Parameters:<Current> *RST: 3.000
Default unit: A**Manual operation:** See "[Condition](#)" on page 64**TRIGger:OUT:SOURce:DIO<IO> <arg0>**

Sets or queries the control source of the trigger output of the specified Digital I/O line.

Suffix:

<IO> 1..4

Parameters:<arg0> **CH1**
Trigger output source from Ch 1.
CH2
Trigger output source from Ch 2.
CH3
Trigger output source from Ch 3.
*RST: CH1**Manual operation:** See "[Channel](#)" on page 64

TRIGger:OUT:VOLTlevel:DIO<IO> <Voltage>

Sets or queries the threshold voltage level of the trigger output of the specified Digital I/O line.

Triggers when output voltage level exceeds or equals to the set level.

Suffix:

<IO> 1..4

Parameters:

<Voltage> *RST: 0.0
Default unit: V

Manual operation: See "[Condition](#)" on page 64

TRIGger:RCL <arg0>

Recalls DIO settings from the respective memory locations M1-M5.

Parameters:

<arg0> Range: 0..4

Example: TRIG:RCL 1

Usage: Setting only

Manual operation: See "[\[Store Recall\]](#)" on page 71

TRIGger:SAV <arg0>

Saves DIO settings into the respective memory locations M1-M5

Parameters:

<arg0> Range: 0..4

Example: TRIG:SAV 1

Usage: Setting only

Manual operation: See "[\[Store Recall\]](#)" on page 71

8.6 Data and file management commands

The `HCOPY` subsystem contains commands for managing the output of the screen environment.

HCOPY:DATA?

Queries current screen content. BMP format is supported.

Return values:

<arg0>

Usage: Query only

HCOPY:SIZE:X?

Returns the horizontal expansion of the screenshots.

Return values:

<arg0>

Usage: Query only

HCOPY:SIZE:Y?

Returns the vertical expansion of the screenshots.

Return values:

<arg0>

Usage: Query only

8.7 Firmware update

The following shows the subsystem that contains the commands for firmware update function.

DIAGnostic:SERvice:FWUP <arg0>

Starts instrument firmware update remotely.

For more information, see [Chapter 7.10.6, "Updating the firmware"](#), on page 89.

Parameters:

<arg0>

Example: `DIAGnostic:SERvice:FWUP "NGE100FWRelease.tar.gz.enc"`

Usage: Setting only

Manual operation: See "[Start Update from USB](#)" on page 91

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9.1 Displaying status information

The R&S NGE100B displays notifications to inform you on current settings and states. It distinguishes between status, information, and warning and error notifications.

9.2 Problems during firmware update

The firmware update is described in [Chapter 7.10.6, "Updating the firmware"](#), on page 89.

Solutions for potential problems that can occur during firmware update are described in the following sections.

Firmware update was interrupted

If for example, a power cut happened during the firmware update, problems can occur.

1. Perform the firmware update again. Sometimes, a further update fixes the problems.
2. If you nevertheless cannot update the R&S NGE100B, contact the local service representative, see [Chapter 9.4, "Contacting customer support"](#), on page 130.

Firmware update was aborted

If there is not enough free memory space, the firmware update aborts. The instrument displays an error message.

- ▶ Start the firmware update again.

9.3 Problems with remote control over LAN

9.3.1 Cannot establish a LAN connection

If you have problems to establish a LAN connection as described in [Chapter 7.9.1.1, "LAN connection"](#), on page 71:

1. Check if the TCP/IP address information is valid.
2. Assign the IP address manually, e.g. if the network does not support DHCP configuration.

9.3.2 Cannot communicate over LAN

If you have problems to establish the LAN communication:

1. Refer to the application note [1SL374: How to communicate with R&S devices using VISA](#), that provides comprehensive information on configuring the interfaces, required drivers, and testing the communication.
2. If you still have problems, contact the customer support.

9.4 Contacting customer support

Technical support – where and when you need it

For quick, expert help with any Rohde & Schwarz product, contact our customer support center. A team of highly qualified engineers provides support and works with you to find a solution to your query on any aspect of the operation, programming or applications of Rohde & Schwarz products.

Contact information

Contact our customer support center at www.rohde-schwarz.com/support, or follow this QR code:



Figure 9-1: QR code to the Rohde & Schwarz support page

10 Transport

Lifting and carrying

See "[Lifting and carrying the product](#)" on page 10.

Packing

Use the original packaging material. It consists of antistatic wrap for electrostatic protection and packing material designed for the product.

If you do not have the original packaging, use similar materials that provide the same level of protection.

Securing

When moving the product in a vehicle or using transporting equipment, make sure that the product is properly secured. Only use items intended for securing objects.

Transport altitude

Unless otherwise specified in the data sheet, the maximum transport altitude without pressure compensation is 4500 m above sea level.

11 Maintenance, storage and disposal

The product does not require regular maintenance. It only requires occasional cleaning. It is however advisable to check the nominal data from time to time.

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11.1 Cleaning

How to clean the product is described in "[Cleaning the product](#)" on page 12.

Do not use any liquids for cleaning. Cleaning agents, solvents, acids and bases can damage the front panel labeling, plastic parts and display.

11.2 Changing fuses

If the product does not start, it is possible that a blown fuse is the cause. The fuse is located in the socket of the power supply.

For details on changing fuses, see "[Replacing the power fuse](#)" on page 24.

11.3 Storage

Protect the product against dust. Ensure that the environmental conditions, e.g. temperature range and climatic load, meet the values specified in the data sheet.

11.4 Disposal

Rohde & Schwarz is committed to making careful, ecologically sound use of natural resources and minimizing the environmental footprint of our products. Help us by disposing of waste in a way that causes minimum environmental impact.

Disposing electrical and electronic equipment

A product that is labeled as follows cannot be disposed of in normal household waste after it has come to the end of its service life. Even disposal via the municipal collection points for waste electrical and electronic equipment is not permitted.



Figure 11-1: Labeling in line with EU directive WEEE

Rohde & Schwarz has developed a disposal concept for the eco-friendly disposal or recycling of waste material. As a manufacturer, Rohde & Schwarz completely fulfills its obligation to take back and dispose of electrical and electronic waste. Contact your local service representative to dispose of the product.

12 Applications

12.1 Parallel and series mode

WARNING

It is assumed that only qualified and trained personnel service the power supplies and the connected loads.

NOTICE

Use only the R&S NGE100B power supply series when operating the channels in a series or parallel mode to increase the output voltage and current.

DANGER

Series connection

A series connection may cause dangerous voltages.

To increase output voltage and currents, it is possible to operate the channels in series or parallel mode. In general, the output voltages of R&S NGE100B to be combined are independent.

12.1.1 Series mode

This type of interconnection adds the individual output voltages. The same current flows through all outputs. The current limits for the outputs wired in series should be set to the identical value. If one of the outputs exceeded the current limit, the total voltage will naturally collapse. See [Chapter 6.3, "Operation modes"](#), on page 50.

It is advisable to set the voltages of all connected channels voltages to a similar value to distribute the loads evenly (not absolutely necessary). When all three channels are connected in a series mode and if a (low resistance) load is connected; there is a chance of damaging a channel when that channel is switched off. This is due to the protection diode working as a bypass to connect the other channel in a series mode. Once the protection diode is shorted, the channel will be defective.

Therefore, it is necessary to always have all channels or no channel at all switched on.



If the instrument switches to constant current output mode (CC) during a series connection, the voltage display becomes inaccurate.

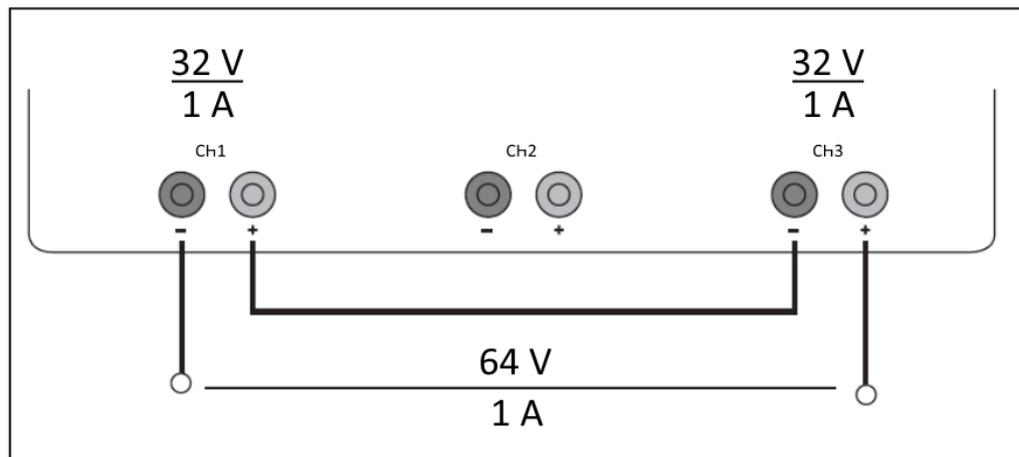


Figure 12-1: Example of series connection

12.1.2 Parallel mode

If it is necessary to increase the total current, the power supply outputs must be wired in parallel. The maximum total current is the sum of the individual currents of all sources connected in parallel. The output voltages for the individual outputs should be set to the same voltage value as precisely as possible. For slight voltage differences, it is common in this operating mode to first charge a voltage output up to the current limit; the other voltage output provides the remaining current. See "[Principles of operation in parallel mode](#)" on page 137.

For power supplies that are connected in parallel, it is possible that compensating currents flow within the power supplies. The use of power supplies by other manufacturers, which are potentially not overload proof, can cause destruction of these units as currents may be distributed unevenly.

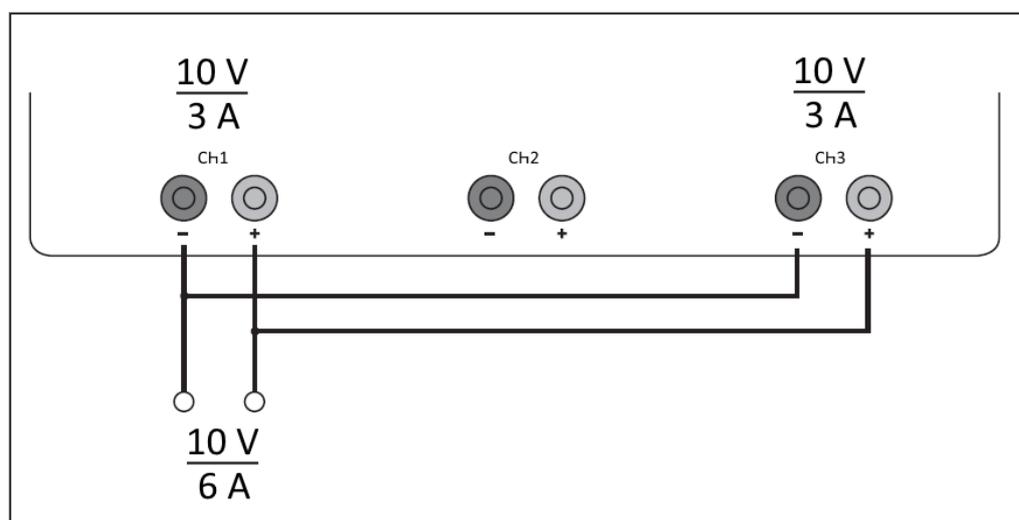


Figure 12-2: Example of parallel connection

Principles of operation in parallel mode

Generally, a higher current is first supplied from the channel with the higher output voltage. Once this channel reaches its power limit, the remaining current is made available by the channel that is connected in parallel. In this scenario, it is unpredictable which channel supplies the higher current because it is also possible for channels with identical voltage values to display a low voltage difference.

By increasing the voltage slightly, the load distribution can be manipulated. If the voltage for a channel is to be increased by 50 mV, for instance (by a set of identical cables), the current will initially be provided by this channel.

If you wish to distribute the load to multiple channels, it is recommended to set the current limit of the channel that is to supply the main current to a fraction of the current. This approach handles the semiconductor with care and improves the heat dissipation, as the power loss is distributed more evenly.

Annex

A Additional basics on remote control

A.1 Messages and SCPI command structure

A.1.1 Messages

Instrument messages are employed in the same way for all interfaces, if not indicated otherwise in the description.

- Structure and syntax of the instrument messages: [Chapter A.1.2, "SCPI command structure"](#), on page 139
- Detailed description of all messages: [Chapter 8, "Remote control commands"](#), on page 92

There are different types of instrument messages:

- Commands
- Instrument responses

Commands

Commands (program messages) are messages which the controller sends to the instrument. They operate the instrument functions and request information. The commands are subdivided according to two criteria:

Effects on the instrument:

- Setting commands cause instrument settings such as a reset of the instrument or setting the output voltage.
- Queries return data for remote control, e.g. for identification of the instrument or polling a parameter value. Queries are formed by appending a question mark to the command header.

Applied standards:

- The function and syntax of the common commands are precisely defined in standard IEEE 488.2. If implemented, they are used identically on all instruments. They refer to functions such as management of the standardized status registers, reset and self-test.
- Instrument control commands refer to functions depending on the features of the instrument such as voltage settings. Many of these commands have also been standardized by the SCPI committee. These commands are marked as "SCPI compliant" in the command reference chapters. Commands without this SCPI label

are device-specific, however, their syntax follows SCPI rules as permitted by the standard.

Instrument responses

Instrument responses (response messages and service requests) are messages which the instrument sends to the controller after a query. They can contain measurement results, instrument settings and information on the instrument status.

A.1.2 SCPI command structure

SCPI commands consist of a so-called header and, usually, one or more parameters. The header and the parameters are separated by a whitespace. The headers can consist of several mnemonics (keywords). Queries are formed by appending a question mark directly to the header. The commands can be either device-specific or device-independent (common commands). Common and device-specific commands differ in their syntax.

Syntax for common commands

Common (= device-independent) commands consist of a header preceded by an asterisk (*) and possibly one or more parameters.

Table A-1: Examples of common commands

Command	Command name	Description
*RST	Reset	Resets the instrument.
*ESE	Event Status Enable	Sets the bits of the event status enable registers.
*ESR?	Event Status Query	Queries the content of the event status register.
*IDN?	Identification Query	Queries the instrument identification string.

Syntax for device-specific commands

For demonstration purposes only, assume the existence of the following commands for this section:

- MEASure:CURRent[:DC]?
- MEASure:VOLTage[:DC]?
- FUSE[:STATe] {0 | 1}
- FUSE[:STATe]?

Long and short form

The mnemonics feature a long form and a short form. The short form is marked by uppercase letters, the long form corresponds to the complete word. You can enter either the short form or the long form; other abbreviations are not permitted.

Example:

MEASure:CURRent? is equivalent to MEAS:CURR?

**Case-insensitivity**

Uppercase and lowercase notation only serves to distinguish the two forms in the manual, the instrument itself is case-insensitive.

Numeric suffixes

If a command can be applied to multiple instances of an object, e.g. specific channels or sources, the required instances can be selected by a suffix added to the command. Numeric suffixes are indicated by angular brackets (<1...4>, <n>, <i>). They are replaced by a value without brackets in the command.

SCPI prescribes that suffix counting starts with 1. Suffix 1 is the default state and used when no suffix is specified.

Example:

Definition: CHANnel<n>:LIMit<n>:SOURCE?

Command: CHAN:LIM2:SOUR?

This command queries the 2nd limit in channel1.

Optional mnemonics

Some command systems permit inserting or omitting certain mnemonics in the header. These mnemonics are marked by square brackets. The instrument must recognize the long command to comply with the SCPI standard. Some commands are shortened by these optional mnemonics.

**Optional mnemonics with numeric suffixes**

Do not omit an optional mnemonic if it includes a numeric suffix that is relevant for the effect of the command.

Example:

CHANnel<n>[:ACQuisition]:MODE?

CHAN:ACQ:MODE? is equivalent to CHAN:MODE?

Note that an optional mnemonic with a numeric suffix automatically selects 1 if you omit the optional part of the command, e.g.:

Definition: CHANnel<n>:MEASurement:FUNCTions? [<n>]

Command: CHAN:MEAS:FUNC? queries the list of all function names in channel 1.

To query a single function, e.g. at index 3 in channel 2, include the optional CHANnel suffix and the index of the function.

Command: CHAN2:MEAS:FUNC? 3.

FUSE[:STATe] { ON }

FUSE:STAT ON is equivalent to FUSE ON

A.1.3 SCPI parameters

Many commands are supplemented by a parameter or a list of parameters. The parameters must be separated from the header by a whitespace (ASCII code 0 to 9, 11 to 32 decimal, e.g. blank). If several parameters are specified in a command, they are separated by a comma ",".

Allowed parameters are:

- Numeric values
- Special numeric values
- Boolean parameters
- Text
- Character strings
- Block data

The required parameters and the allowed value range are specified in the command description.

Numeric values

You can enter numeric values either with sign, decimal point or exponentially ("E" or "e"). The mantissa range is up to 255 characters, the value range of the exponent is -32000 to 32000. Values exceeding the resolution of the instrument are rounded up or down.

Example:

```
VOLT 10V = VOLT 10
VOLT 100mV = VOLT 0.1
VOLT 500mV is equivalent to VOLT 500e-3.
```

Special numeric values

The text listed below are interpreted as special numeric values. In the case of a query, the numeric value is provided.

- MIN/MAX
- MINimum and MAXimum denote the minimum and maximum value.

Example:

```
VOLT:PROT? MAX
```

Returns the maximum numeric value.

Boolean parameters

Boolean parameters represent two states:

- **On** (logically true), is represented by "On" or the numeric value "1"
- **Off** (logically false), is represented by "Off" or the numeric value "0"

The instrument returns the numerical value when queried.

Example:

```
OUTP:STAT ON
OUTP:STAT?
Response: 1
```

Text

Text parameters observe the syntactic rules for key words, i.e. they can be entered using a short or long form. Like any parameter, they have to be separated from the header by a white space.

Example:

```
ARBitrary:TRIGgered:MODE
ARBitrary:TRIGgered:MODE SING
ARBitrary:TRIGgered:MODE?
Response: "SINGle"
```

Character strings

Strings must always be entered in quotation marks (' or ").

Example:

```
SYSTem:COMMunicate:SOCKet:IPADdress "192.168.1.128"
SYSTem:COMMunicate:SOCKet:IPADdress '192.168.1.128'
```

Block data

Block data is a transmission format which is suitable for the transmission of large amounts of data. A command using a block data parameter has the following structure:

Example:

```
HEADer:HEADer #45168xxxxxxxx
```

ASCII character # introduces the data block. The next number indicates how many of the following digits describe the length of the data block. In the example, the four following digits indicate the length to be 5168 bytes. The data bytes follow. During the transmission of these data bytes all end or other control signs are ignored until all bytes are transmitted.

#0 specifies a data block of indefinite length. The use of the indefinite format requires a `NL^END` message to terminate the data block. This format is useful when the length of the transmission is not known or if speed or other considerations prevent segmentation of the data into blocks of definite length.

A.1.4 Overview of syntax elements

The following tables provide an overview of the syntax elements and special characters.

Table A-2: Syntax elements

:	A colon separates the mnemonics of a command.
;	The semicolon separates two commands within a program message. It does not alter the path.
,	A comma separates several parameters of a command.
?	A question mark forms a query.
*	An asterisk marks a common command.
"	Quotation marks introduce a string and terminate it.
	A whitespace (ASCII-Code 0 to 9, 11 to 32 decimal, e.g. blank) separates the header from the parameters.

Special characters

Table A-3: Special characters

	A vertical stroke in parameter definition indicates alternative possibilities in the sense of "or". The effect of the command differs, depending on the used parameter. Example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FUSE:LINK {1 2 3} FUSE:LINK 1 sets the fuse link CH 1 for the selected channel FUSE:LINK 2 sets the fuse link of CH 2 for the selected channel
[]	Mnemonics in square brackets are optional and can be inserted into the header or be omitted. Example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FUSE[:STATe] { ON } FUSE:STAT ON is equivalent to FUSE ON
{ }	Parameters in curly brackets are optional and can be inserted once or several times, or be omitted. Example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VOLTage[:LEVel][:IMMediate][:AMPLitude] {<voltage> MIN MAX UP DOWN } <p>The following are valid commands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VOLT MAX - VOLT MIN - VOLT 10

A.1.5 Responses to queries

A query is defined for each setting command unless otherwise specified. The query is set by the question mark at the end of the header. According to SCPI, the responses to some query commands are subject to stricter rules than in defined standard IEEE 488.2.

- The requested parameter is transmitted without a header.
ARBitrary:TRIGgered:MODE?
Response: "SINGle"
- Maximum values, minimum values and all other quantities that are requested via a special text parameter are returned as numeric values.
VOLT:PROT? MAX
Response: 32.500
- Boolean values are returned as 0 (for Off) and 1 (for On).
OUTPut:STATe?

Response: 1

A.2 Command sequence and synchronization

A sequential command finishes the execution before the next command is starting. To make sure that commands are actually carried out in a certain order, each command must be sent in a separate command line.



As a general rule, send commands and queries in different program messages.

A.2.1 Preventing overlapping execution

To prevent an overlapping execution of commands the commands `*OPC`, `*OPC?` or `*WAI` can be used. All three commands cause a certain action only to be carried out after the hardware has been set. The controller can be forced to wait for the corresponding action.



The R&S NGE100B series does not support parallel processing of remote commands. If `*OPC?` returns a "1", the device is able to process new commands.

Table A-4: Synchronization using `*OPC`, `*OPC?` and `*WAI`

Command	Action	Programming the controller
<code>*OPC</code>	Sets the Operation Complete bit in the ESR after all previous commands have been executed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting bit 0 in the ESE Setting bit 5 in the SRE Waiting for service request (SRQ)
<code>*OPC?</code>	Stops command processing until 1 is returned. It occurs after the Operation Complete bit has been set in the ESR. This bit indicates that the previous setting has been completed.	Sending <code>*OPC?</code> directly after the command whose processing should be terminated before other commands can be executed.
<code>*WAI</code>	Stops further command processing until all commands have been executed before <code>*WAI</code> .	Sending <code>*WAI</code> directly after the command whose processing should be terminated before other commands are executed

Command synchronization using `*WAI` or `*OPC?` is a good choice if the overlapped command takes only little time to process. The two synchronization commands simply block overlapped execution of the command. Append the synchronization command to the overlapping command, for example:

```
SINGLE; *OPC?
```

For time consuming overlapped commands, you can allow the controller or the instrument to do other useful work while waiting for command execution. Use one of the following methods:

***OPC with a service request**

1. Set the OPC mask bit (bit no. 0) in the ESE: *ESE 1
2. Set bit no. 5 in the SRE: *SRE 32 to enable ESB service request.
3. Send the overlapped command with *OPC .
4. Wait for a service request.

The service request indicates that the overlapped command has finished.

***OPC? with a service request**

1. Set bit no. 4 in the SRE: *SRE 16 to enable MAV service request.
2. Send the overlapped command with *OPC?.
3. Wait for a service request.

The service request indicates that the overlapped command has finished.

Event status register (ESE)

1. Set the OPC mask bit (bit no. 0) in the ESE: *ESE 1
2. Send the overlapped command without *OPC, *OPC? or *WAI.
3. Poll the operation complete state periodically (with a timer) using the sequence: *OPC; *ESR?

A return value (LSB) of 1 indicates that the overlapped command has finished.

***OPC? with a short timeout**

1. Send the overlapped command without *OPC, *OPC? or *WAI.
2. Poll the operation complete state periodically (by means of a timer) using the sequence: (short timeout); *OPC?.
3. A return value (LSB) of 1 indicates that the overlapped command has finished. In case of a timeout, the operation is ongoing.
4. Reset timeout to former value
5. Clear the error queue with SYStem:ERROR? to remove the "-410, Query interrupted" entries.

Using several threads in the controller application

Provided the programming environment of the controller application supports threads, you can use separate threads for the application GUI and for controlling the instrument

using SCPI commands. A thread waiting for an `*OPC?` response does not block the GUI or the communication with other instruments.

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