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VX4351
40-Channel, 10 Amp, SPST Switch Module

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Ground the Product. This product is indirectly grounded through the grounding conductor of the mainframe power cord. To avoid electric shock, the grounding conductor must be connected to earth ground and the screws in the front of the module must be secure. Before making connections to the input or output terminals of the product, ensure that the product is properly grounded.

Observe All Terminal Ratings. To avoid fire or shock hazard, observe all ratings and markings on the product. Consult the product manual for further ratings information before making connections to the product.

The common terminal is at ground potential. Do not connect the common terminal to elevated voltages.

Do not apply a potential to any terminal, including the common terminal, that exceeds the maximum rating of that terminal.

Do Not Operate Without Covers. Do not operate this product with covers or panels removed.

Use Proper Fuse. Use only the fuse type and rating specified for this product.

Avoid Exposed Circuitry. Do not touch exposed connections and components when power is present.

Do Not Operate With Suspected Failures. If you suspect there is damage to this product, have it inspected by qualified service personnel.

Do Not Operate in Wet/Damp Conditions.

Do Not Operate in an Explosive Atmosphere.

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WARNING. *Warning statements identify conditions or practices that could result in injury or loss of life.*



CAUTION. *Caution statements identify conditions or practices that could result in damage to this product or other property.*

Terms on the Product. These terms may appear on the product:

DANGER indicates an injury hazard immediately accessible as you read the marking.

WARNING indicates an injury hazard not immediately accessible as you read the marking.

CAUTION indicates a hazard to property including the product.

Symbols on the Product. The following symbols may appear on the product:



WARNING
High Voltage



Protective Ground
(Earth) Terminal



CAUTION
Refer to Manual



Double
Insulated

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Service Safety Summary

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Do Not Service Alone. Do not perform internal service or adjustments of this product unless another person capable of rendering first aid and resuscitation is present.

Disconnect Power. To avoid electric shock, disconnect the main power by means of the power cord or, if provided, the power switch.

Use Care When Servicing With Power On. Dangerous voltages or currents may exist in this product. Disconnect power, remove battery (if applicable), and disconnect test leads before removing protective panels, soldering, or replacing components.

To avoid electric shock, do not touch exposed connections.

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Preface

This manual assumes you are familiar with VXIbus instruments and operation and with the purpose and function of this instrument.

Please read and follow all instructions for installation and configuration. Use the Installation Checklist to ensure proper installation and to record your initial settings.

The *Operating Basics* section gives a summary of VXIbus operation and presents an overview of the operation of this instrument.

The *Syntax and Commands* section provides a summary of all the commands followed by detailed descriptions of each command.

The *Status and Events* section contains an explanation of the Status and Event Reporting System and lists the system messages.

Appendix C: Examples contains example programs that demonstrate the programmable features of this instrument.

Conventions

The names of all switches, controls, and indicators appear in this manual exactly as they appear on the instrument.

Specific conventions for programming are given in the sections *Syntax and Commands* and *Appendix C: Examples*.

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Getting Started

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Getting Started

This section begins with a brief description of the VX4351 40-Channel, 10 Amp, SPST Switch Module and its supporting VXI*plug&play* software. The topics discussed in this section include the following:

- An explanation of how to configure and install the module in a VXIbus mainframe
- A quick functional check to assure that the instrument operates properly
- A review and explanation of the VXI*plug&play* software, including the Soft Front Panels (SFPs) and the *plug&play* instrument driver function calls
- An explanation of the controls and indicators on the module
- A description of the module configuration
- Module installation procedures
- VXI*plug&play* software installation procedure

Module Description

The VX4351 40-Channel, 10 Amp, SPST Switch Module is a printed circuit board assembly for use in a mainframe conforming to the VXIbus Specification, such as the VX1410 Intelliframe. The VX4351 contains 40 SPST (form A) relays. Each relay may be controlled independently. The contacts of each relay are connected to one of three 30-pin high current connectors which are mounted on the module's front panel. Circuitry is included on the VX4351 to verify the control signals that are applied to each relay coil driver.

The VX4351 provides the following features:

- 10 A maximum switching current per contact
- 30 VDC, 250 VAC maximum switching voltage per contact
- 300 W, 2500 VA maximum switching power per contact
- 40 SPST (form A) relays
- verification of the control signal applied to each relay coil driver.
- three 30-pin high current front panel connectors
- optional installation of the low-cost VXI local bus slave interface

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The Option 01 Interface

The Option 01 interface enables the VX4351 to control up to 11 additional relay modules from the Tektronix SurePath™ family of relay modules. These modules are controlled via the VXI P2 local bus. The VX4351 acts as a local bus slave relay module when it is not equipped with option 01.

Option 01 provides a VXI word serial protocol servant interface to the SurePath™ family of VXI relay modules. The Option 01 is a circuit board assembly measuring approximately $3'' \times 9''$ that is installed as an optional daughter board on one of the SurePath™ C-size VXI switching modules.

The daughter board accepts SCPI-compatible commands from its commander using VXI word serial protocol. The daughter board controls the relay module on which it is installed, and controls additional relay modules installed in adjacent slots to its right via the VXI P2 local bus. The daughter board is capable of controlling from one to 12 relay modules of the SurePath™ family.

NOTE. *For the daughter board to control additional relay modules, a firmware upgrade may be required. In this document, these modules will be referred to as "local bus slaves."*

VXI Interface Module Features. The VXI Interface Module includes the following features:

- CPU:

  Zilog Z88C00 Microcontroller with 20 MHz Clock

  64 Kb of EPROM and 32 Kb of RAM

- VXI Interface:

  VXI Rev 1.4 Message Based Device

  Supports Fast Handshake word serial protocol data transfers

  IEEE-488.2 device

  Logical Address selectable with two rotary hexadecimal switches

  Interrupter level selectable with a rotary hexadecimal switch. Selects one of seven levels or disables interrupt generation

  Command programmable control of one of eight VXI TTL triggers

  Command programmable monitoring of one to eight VXI TTL triggers

As part of the self test, SurePath™ modules automatically verify the control logic every time a relay operation is performed.

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Socketed Relays

Experience shows that high current switching can be more prone to relay failure than low current switching applications. These failures are most often caused by a Unit Under Test (UUT) fault resulting in excessive draw.

Socketed relays are used in the VX4351 Module for easy on-site replacement of defective relays. This reduces the downtime that may be experienced when switching high currents.

Figure 1–1 shows the contact arrangement (1 of 40 relays) of the VX4351. Figure 1–2 shows a typical SurePath™ configuration.

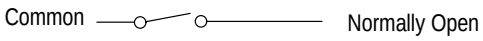


Figure 1–1: VX4351 Contact Arrangement (1 of 40 Relays)

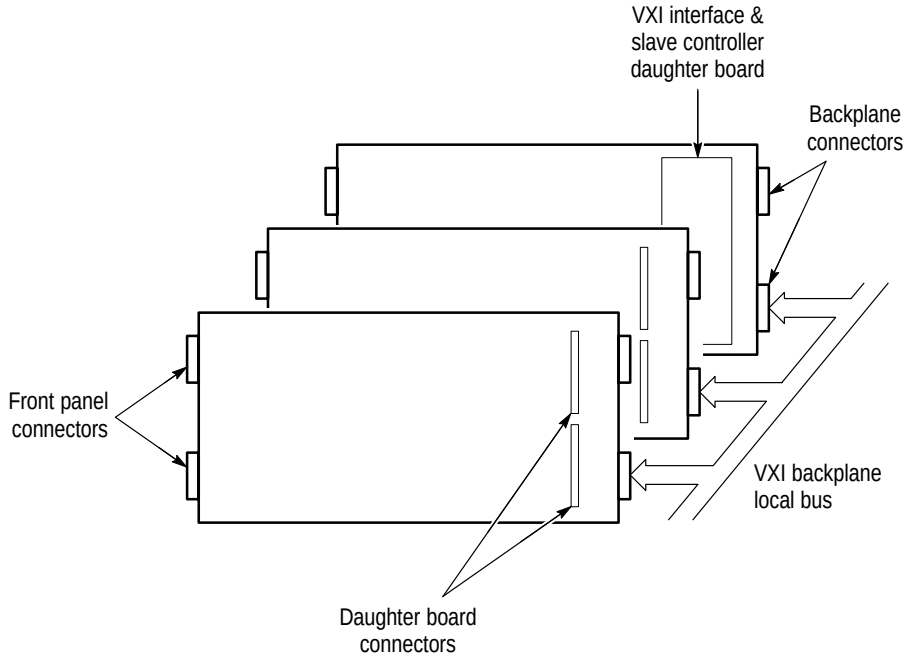


Figure 1–2: Typical SurePath Configuration

Fuses

The VX4351 has one 2 A fast-acting fuse on the +5 V line, and one 2 A fast acting fuse on the +24 V line.

Each relay module that the Option 01 Module controls has a fuse that limits the amount of current that the module can draw from the VXI backplane +5 V power pins. This fuse protects the module in case of an accidental shorting of the power bus or any other situation where excessive current might be drawn.

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The Option 01 Module monitors the state of the fuses of each of the relay modules that it controls. If a fuse opens on one of these modules, the Option 01 Module will assert SYSFAIL* on the VXIbus.

If the +5 V fuse on the module on which the Option 01 Module is installed opens, the VXIbus Resource Manager will be unable to assert SYSFAIL INHIBIT on the Option 01 to disable SYSFAIL*.

If a +5 V fuse opens, remove the fault before replacing the fuse. Replacement fuse information is given in the *Specifications* section of the user manual for the appropriate relay module.



CAUTION. *This instrument can cause electric shocks. Please refer all servicing to qualified personnel.*

BITE (Built-in Test Equipment)

Built-in Test Equipment (BITE) is provided by extensive self tests that are automatically invoked on power-on and can also be invoked on command. Circuitry tested includes the CPU and all memory, and the relay control circuitry on each relay module controlled by the Option 01.

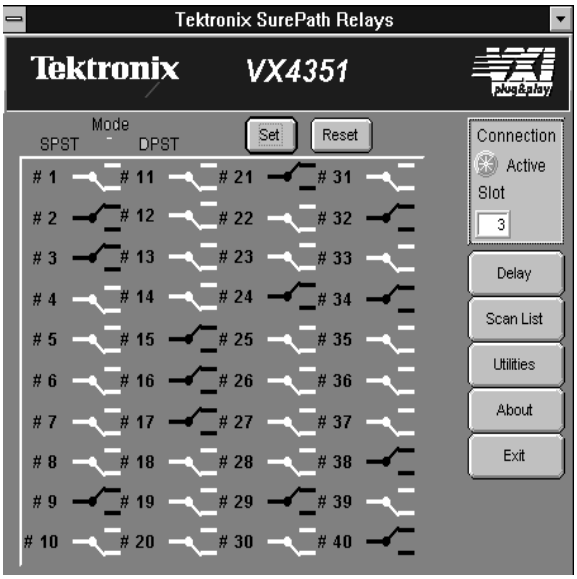
VXI*plug&play* Software Description

VXI*plug&play* Soft Front Panels (SFPs) provide interactive control of VXI instruments using software virtual instruments and instrument drivers that are controller independent. SFPs are graphical user interfaces that emulate the physical controls and displays typically found on monolithic instruments. The instrument drivers call a common set of I/O control functions that are independent of instrument types, interface types, operating systems, programming languages, and networking mechanisms.

The installation program installs the VXI*plug&play* drivers as defined by the VXI*plug&play* Alliance for the framework appropriate for your processing environment, as follows:

- WIN
- WinNT
- Win95

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When the installation is complete, double clicking on the icon launches the Soft Front Panel, which displays a representation of the traditional controls and indicators for an instrument. By selecting the appropriate controls on the SFP, you can verify that the instrument has been correctly installed and is functional, and performs nearly all of the functions of the instrument. The soft front panel software will:

- Control the instrument
- Display data
- Provide command line query and response (Talk/Listen)
- Provide error and event reporting

See *Installation* for instructions on installing and running the SFP and using the C driver for program control. Detailed descriptions of the VXI*plug&play* drivers are given in on-line help and text files on the media shipped with the instrument.

Accessories

Table 1–1 lists the standard accessories included with the VX4351:

Table 1–1: Standard Accessories

Accessory	Part Number
VX4351 User Manual	070-9724-XX
VX4351 Reference	070-9726-XX
3 ea Mating Connectors	204-1176-XX

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Table 1–1: Standard Accessories (Cont.)

Accessory	Part Number
90 ea Connector Pins	131-6194-XX
VXI*plug&play* media	063-2355-XX and 063-2762-XX

Table 1–2 lists the options available for the VX4351.

Table 1–2: Optional Accessories

Option	Part Number
01 VXI Interface Kit	040-1510-XX
1 ea. Mating Connector	204-1176-XX
1 ea. Crimp, Female Gold Pins	131-6194-XX
1 ea. Hand Crimp Tool	003-1673-XX
1 ea. Turret Head	003-1674-XX
1 ea. Contact Insertion Tool	003-1671-XX
1 ea. Contact Extraction Tool	003-1672-XX

Controls

The following controls are provided to select the functions of the VX4351 operating environment. Figures 1–3 and 1–4 illustrate the physical location of these controls.

Switches

The Logical Address switches and VMEbus Interrupt Level Select switch must be correctly set to ensure proper operation. See *Configuration* for details on how to set the switches.

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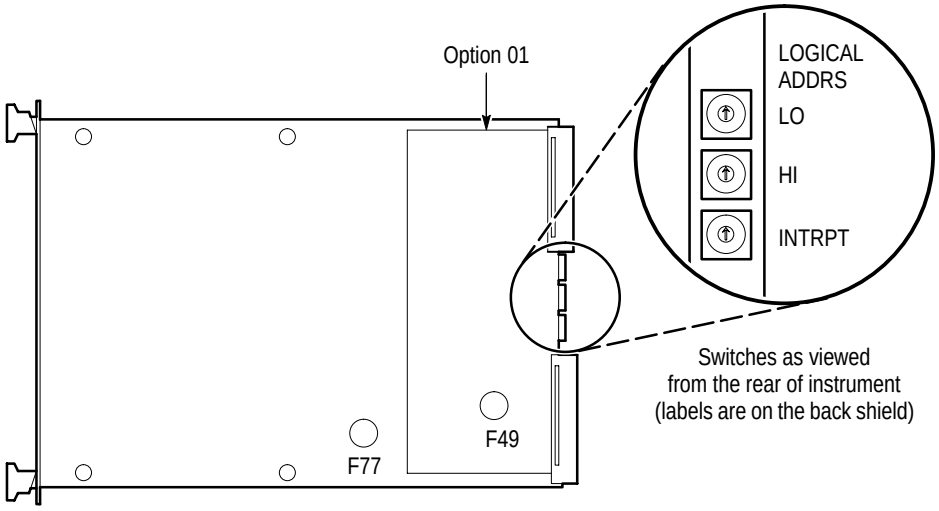


Figure 1–3: VX4351 Fuse

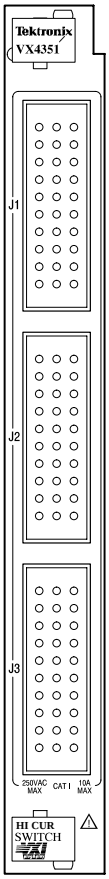


Figure 1–4: VX4351 Front Panel

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Configuration

The following switches must be correctly set to ensure proper operation. Refer to Figure 1–3 for their physical locations.

Logical Address Switches

Each functional module in a VXIbus System must be assigned a unique logical address, from 1 to decimal 255 (hexadecimal FF). The base VMEbus address of the VX4351 is set to a value between 1 and hexadecimal FF (FF_{16}) by two hexadecimal rotary switches. Align the desired switch position with the arrow on the module shield.

The physical address of the instrument is on a 64 byte boundary. If the Logical Address switch representing the most significant digit (LA-HI) of the logical address is set to position X and the switch representing the least significant digit (LA-LO) of the logical address is set to position Y, then the base physical address of the VX4351 will be $[(40_{16} \times XY_{16}) + C000_{16}]$. For example:

			Base Physical Address	
LA	**HI**	**LO**	**decimal**	**hex**
A_{16}	0_{16}	A_{16}	(64 * 10) + 49152 = 49792	$(40_{16} * A_{16}) + C000_{16} = C280_{16}$
15_{16}	1_{16}	5_{16}	(64 * 21) + 49152 = 50496	$(40_{16} * 15_{16}) + C000_{16} = C540_{16}$

LA is the Logical Address

IEEE-488 Address

In order to use and program the VX4351 Module in an IEEE-488 environment you must know the IEEE-488 address of the module. Different manufacturers of IEEE-488 interface devices might have different algorithms for equating a logical address with an IEEE-488 address. Consult the operating manual of the IEEE-488 Interface Module being used.

VMEbus Interrupt Level Select Switch

Each function module in a VXIbus system can generate an interrupt at a specified level on the VMEbus to request service from the interrupt handler located on its commander. Set the interrupt level to the same level as the interrupt handler on that commander. The VMEbus interrupt level on which the VX4351 Module generates interrupts is set by a rotary switch. Align the desired switch position with the arrow on the module shield.

Valid VMEbus Interrupt Level Select switch settings are one through seven, with setting one equivalent to level one, and so on. The level chosen should be the same as the level set on the VX4351 interrupt handler, typically the module commander. Setting the switch to zero or eight will disable the module interrupts. Do not use switch settings nine through f.

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Interrupts are used by the module to return VXIbus Protocol Events to the module commander. Refer to the *Operating Basics* section for more information on interrupts. The VXIbus Protocol Events supported by the module are listed in *Appendix A: Specifications*.

Module Installation

This section describes how to install the VX4351 module in the mainframe.



CAUTION. *Verify that the mainframe is able to provide adequate cooling and power with this module installed. Check* Thermal Considerations *in this section for cooling requirements. Refer to the mainframe Operating Manual for further instructions. If the mainframe cannot cool the unit adequately, the unit may not operate properly and may be damaged. Only qualified personnel should preform service procedures.*

Tools Required

A slotted screwdriver set is required for proper installation.

Requirements and Cautions

The VX4351 Module is a C-size VXIbus instrument module and therefore may be installed in any C- or D-size VXIbus mainframe slot other than slot 0. To install the module in a D-size mainframe, consult the operating manual for the mainframe. Refer to *Configuration* for information on selecting and setting the Logical Address switch of the module. This switch defines the programming address of your module. To avoid confusion, it is recommended that the slot number and the logical address be the same.

NOTE*. Note that there are two printed ejector handles on the card. To avoid installing the card incorrectly, make sure the ejector marked "VX4351" is at the top.*

If the VX4351 is inserted in a slot with any empty slots to the left of the module, the VME daisy-chain jumpers must be installed on the backplane in order for the VXI Module to operate properly. Check the manual of the mainframe being used for jumpering instructions. Jumpers are not necessary for autoconfiguring backplane designs.

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CAUTION. *Verify that the mainframe is able to provide adequate cooling and power with this module installed. Insufficient cooling can damage the module. Refer to the mainframe Operating Manual for instructions.*

If the module is used in a Tektronix mainframe, all cooling requirements are met.

Thermal Considerations

Most VXI modules have very modest cooling requirements, and most VXI mainframes have large airflow capacities. These circumstances combine to make cooling considerations completely adequate in most installations. However, this is not the case with the VX4351 40-Channel, 10 Amp, SPST Switch Module. Although the VX4351 dissipates only 20 W of mainframe supply power, it is possible for it to dissipate up to an additional 120 W of external power when all 40 switches are closed and loaded with 10 A of current.

If sufficient cooling air is not available from the VXI mainframe to guarantee a 20° C rise under all circumstances, then the operation of the module must be planned to control the power dissipation. In any case, the use of a Tektronix VX1410 Option 1M Mainframe is recommended, both for its high cooling capacity, and for its ability to monitor and alarm the temperature of the module in each slot. The required airflow for a given operational condition may be closely approximated by the following method:

1. Calculate the airflow requirements for each switch to be closed. This is given by the equation:

   (required airflow in liters/second) =~ .00216 x ((current in amperes)^2)

2. Sum the airflow requirements.

3. Add 1.44 liters/second

Examples

In the following example, all 40 channels of the VX4351 are to be closed, but only 7 A of current are to be controlled on each channel:

Airflow per channel =~ .00216 x (7^2) = .106 liters/second

Airflow for 40 channels =~ 40 x .106 = 4.24 liters/second

Total airflow =~ 4.24 + 1.44 = 5.68 liters/second

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The following graph illustrates the required airflow at different atmospheric pressures and temperatures:

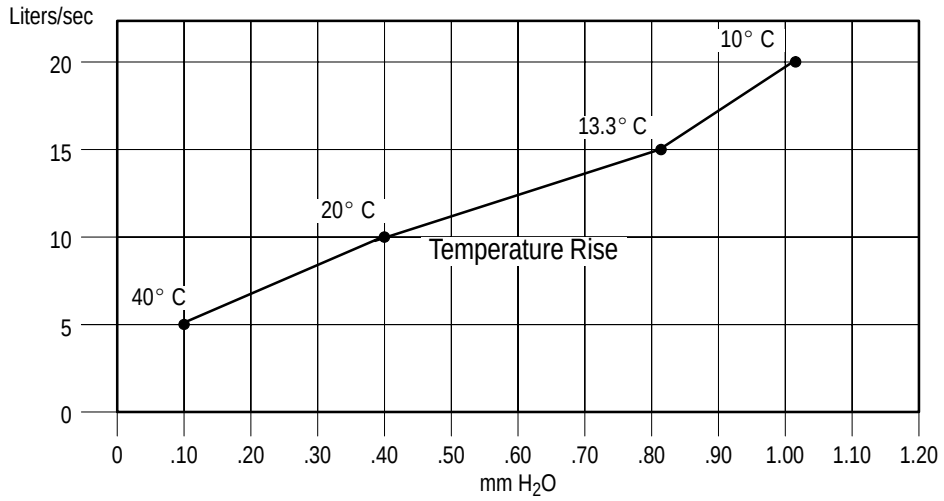


Figure 1–5: VX4351 Airflow Rate

By using this method, the chart of airflow rate versus pressure for the VX4351, and the airflow data furnished with the VXI mainframe, operations may be easily planned to ensure that the operating temperatures for the VX4351 are not exceeded.

Installation Procedure

Follow these steps to install the VX4351. If the module has Option 01, first refer to the Option 01 User Manual for instructions on mounting the option.



CAUTION. *The VX4351 Module is a piece of electronic equipment and therefore has some susceptibility to electrostatic damage (ESD). ESD precautions must be taken whenever the module is handled. Only qualified personnel should preform service procedures.*

1. Record the revision level, serial number (located on the label on the shield of the VX4351), and switch settings on the *Installation Checklist*.
2. Verify that the switches are set to the correct values. Refer to *Configuration* for more information on setting switches.
3. Make sure that the mainframe power is off.
4. Insert the module into one of the instrument slots of the mainframe (see Figure 1–6).

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5. Secure the module to the mainframe using the hold-down screws, and cover all unused slots.

6. Connector Installation: Use the correct cable to interface between the module I/O connector and the Unit Under Test (UUT). The recommended connector is listed in *Appendix A: Specifications.*

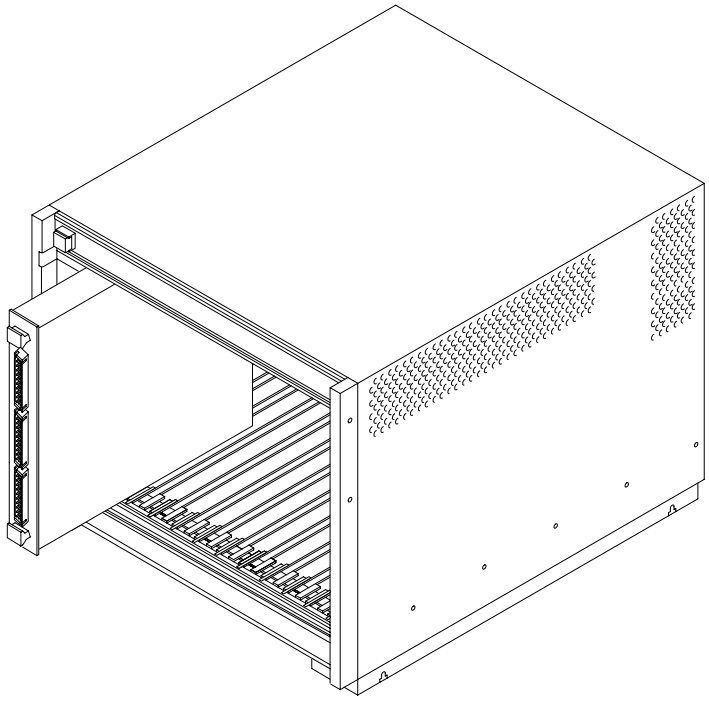


Figure 1–6: Module Installation

VXI*plug&play* Software Installation

Each VXI*plug&play* instrument includes storage media containing stand-alone, executable Soft Front Panels (SFPs) to control the instrument. You can use the soft front panels immediately after installing the software just as you would use physical front panel controls. No particular application development environment (ADE) is necessary. The soft front panels and the supporting software were developed in conformance with the guidelines of the VXI*plug&play* Systems Alliance.

All VXI*plug&play* products are classified within a particular framework according to guidelines of the VXI*plug&play* Systems Alliance to categorize operating systems, programming languages, and I/O software libraries. The framework supported by the driver distributed with this VXI module is printed on the label of the media.

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The source code, as well as the dynamic link library, are distributed so that you have the flexibility of using either of them in the end application.

The instrument driver distributed with the Tektronix VX4351 is also VXI-*plug&play* compliant. The driver uses VISA calls that are portable across platforms and development environments. Tektronix uses only the ANSI C implementation in instrument driver source code. No platform-specific libraries are included in the driver. The driver source code will compile using MSVC, Borland, Symantec or Watcom compilers without having to use foreign libraries other than the VISA Dynamic Link Library.

The MSVC and Borland import libraries for visa.dll are located in the following directory:

VXIPNP\<Framework>\LIB\MSC and *VXIPNP\<Framework>\LIB\BC* respectively.

All driver .dll files are located in the following directory:

VXIPNP\<Framework>\BIN

Installation Procedure

Use the following procedure to install the VXI*plug&play* software:

1. Insert the media containing the driver files in the appropriate drive.
2. Locate the file *setup.exe*, as follows:
   - On a 3 1/2 inch floppy disk, the file is on disk 1
   - On a CD ROM, the file will be in the *tkvx4351* directory.
3. Launch *setup.exe* as follows:
   - In Windows NT/3.xx, use the File menu and select Run. Then, browse to find *setup.exe* or type the drive letter and program name.
   - In Windows 95, use Start and select Run. Browse to locate *setup.exe* and click on OK.
4. Follow the directions of the installation program.

Following installation, driver files (see list below) will be found in locations defined by the VXI*plug&play* Alliance. Where required, modifications to your autoexec.bat and system.ini files may be automatically completed.

Driver Files

The instrument drivers for the VX4351 is distributed with a number of C source code files, header files, dynamic link libraries and other supporting files. A breakdown of the modules that the files control are as follows:

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VX43x0. These files make up the high level “controller” portion of the driver. This part of the driver does the actual communication with the instrument. The tkvx43x0.c or tkvx43x0.dll have functions which perform VISA function calls. The other modules, making up the total driver, call functions to get system configuration information and to communicate to each specific instrument.

Device-Specific Files. Files controlling the SurePath™ family have the prefix *tkvx43x0*.

File Locations. For the VX43x0 driver, the following files will be in the VXIPNP\<Framework>\TKVX43x0 directory:

tkvx43x0.fp
tkvx43x0.mak
tkvx43x0.def
tkvx43x0.hlp
tksf43x0.exe

Several *.uir (User Interface Resource) files will support the graphic user interface (GUI) executables (CVI files). The following files are installed in the VXIPNP\<Framework>\INCLUDE directory:

tkvx43x0.h
tkvx43x0.bas

The VXIPNP\<Framework>\BIN directory includes the following file:

tkvx43x0.dll

The VXIPNP\KB directory includes the following files:

tkvx4320.kb
tkvx4330.kb
tkvx4350.kb
tkvx4351.kb
tkvx4380.kb
tkvx4381.kb

The VXIPNP\<Framework>\LIB\MSC\ directory includes the following file:

tkvx43x0.lib

The .DLL files are tested in LabWindows/CVI, LabView, HPVEE, Visual Basic, MSVC/C++ and Borland C/C++ before distribution. If you want to modify the driver algorithms, all files are distributed to facilitate rebuilding the .DLL files with the modifications.

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NOTE. *Tektronix recommends that you back up your original source files before modifying the driver files*



CAUTION. *The Soft Front Panel (SFP) distributed with this driver is built using the distributed .DLL files. Any modification to the .DLL files used by the SFP could make it unusable. Re-installing the driver will write over any modified files with the original files and restore SFP operation.*

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Installation Checklist

Installation parameters will vary depending on the mainframe being used. Be sure to consult the mainframe operating manual before installing and operating the module.

Revision Level:

Serial No.: _____

Mainframe Slot Number:

Switch Settings:

VXIbus Logical Address Switch: _____

Interrupt Level Select Switch:

Cable Installed (if any):

VXI*plug&play* software installed:

Performed by: _____ Date: _____

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Functional Check

In addition to the self tests, you can also perform an operational check of the VX4351.

Self Test

The VX4351 Module executes a self test at power-on, on direction of a VXIbus hard or soft reset condition or on command. The power-on self test consists of an interface self test and an instrument self test. The self test requested by command performs only the instrument self test. A VXIbus hard reset occurs when another device, such as the VXIbus Resource Manager, asserts the backplane line SYSRESET*. A VXIbus soft reset occurs when another device, such as the VX4351 commander, sets the Reset bit in the VX4351 Control register.

During power-on, or a hard or soft reset, the following actions take place:

1. The SYSFAIL* (VME system-failure) line is set active, indicating that the module is executing a self test, and the Failed LED is lighted. For a soft reset, SYSFAIL* is set. All Tektronix commanders will simultaneously set SYSFAIL INHIBIT to prevent the resource manager from prematurely reporting the failure of a card.
2. On completion of the interface self test, SYSFAIL* is de-asserted. If the test fails, the SYSFAIL* line remains active. If the interface self test passed, the SYSFAIL* line is released, and the module enters the VXIbus PASSED state (ready for normal operation). If it failed, the module enters the VXIbus FAILED state.
3. The instrument self test, as described in the *TST? command description, is then executed. This tests the Option 01 VXI Interface daughter board and any relay modules under its control. If the self test fails, the module makes an internal record of the failure(s) that occur.

The default condition of the Option 01 Module after the completion of power-on self test is as follows:

> All relays on modules controlled by the Option 01 (except VX4320 Modules) are set to the normally open position.

You can run the self test at any time during normal operation by using the *TST? command. At the end of a self test initiated by this command, the module is restored to its pre-test state.

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During a commanded self test:

1. SYSFAIL* is not asserted.
2. The module executes the same instrument self test as is executed upon power on.
3. When the self test is completed, the modules controlled by the Option 01 are restored to their pre-test state.

Operational Check

Perform an operational check of the VX4351 by using a low-impedance (50 kΩ/volt) ohmmeter or a test light to check the continuity of the relay closures. The operational check includes the following procedures:

- Opening the relays
- Closing the relays

Opening the Relays. Perform the following steps to open the relays of the VX4351.

1. When the Option 01 Module is installed, issue the following command to open all relays on the VX4351:

```
ROUTE:OPEN:ALL M1
```

2. Verify that there is no continuity between the contacts, using a test light or and ohmmeter, by measuring the resistance of each path.

   As an example, for relay 1, test between pins 1 and 2 of J1. For relay 2, test between pins 3 and 4 of J1.

3. Using the connector pin-out table in *Appendix B: Input/Output Connections*, continue this procedure for relays 3 through 40.

Closing the Relays. Perform the following steps to close the relays of the VX4351.

1. Issue the following command to close all 40 relays of the VX4351:

```
ROUTE:CLOSE (@M1(1:40))
```

2. Using the ohmmeter or test light, verify that there is continuity between the contacts.

   As an example for relay 1, test between pins 1 and 2 of J1. For relay 2, test between pins 3 and 4 of J1.

3. Using the connector pin-out table in Appendix B*: Input/Output Connections*, continue this procedure for relays 3 through 40.

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SYSFAIL* Operation

SYSFAIL* becomes active during power-on, hard or soft reset, self test, or if the module loses any of its power voltages. When the mainframe Resource Manager detects SYSFAIL* set, it will attempt to inhibit the line. This causes the VX4351 40-Channel, 10 Amp, SPST Switch Module to deactivate SYSFAIL* except when +5 V power is lost on the relay module on which it is installed.

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Operating Basics

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Operating Basics

The VX4351 40-Channel, 10 Amp, SPST Switch Module is a VXIbus message-based instrument and communicates using the VXIbus Word Serial Protocol. The module is programmed by issuing ASCII characters from the system controller to the VX4351 via the module VXIbus commander and the VXIbus mainframe backplane. Refer to the manual for the VXIbus device that will be the VX4351 Module commander for details on the operation of that device.

If the module commander is a Tektronix IEEE-488 Interface Module, refer to the operating manual for the module and *Appendix C: Examples* in this manual for information on how the system controller communicates with the commander being used.

Functional Overview

The VX4351 provides 40 independent single-pole single-throw relays. These may also be operated under program control in pairs as 20 double-pole single-throw relays. These relays are capable of switching very high power levels, and are easily replaceable.

Power-on

The instrument runs its self test and is ready for programming five seconds after power-on. The VXIbus Resource Manager can add an additional delay. The default condition of the module after power-on is listed in the *RST command description. Self-test failures are described in the SYSTem:ERRor command description.

The format and syntax for the command strings are described in the *Command Syntax* section. A complete description of each command in alphabetical order is in the *Command Descriptions* section.

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Instrument I/O: VXIbus Basics

This section discusses the basic architecture and functionality of the VX4351 Module.



CAUTION. *If the user's mainframe has other manufacturers' computer boards operating in the role of VXIbus foreign devices, the assertion of BERR* (as defined by the VXIbus Specification) may cause operating problems on these boards.*

About the Option 01 Interface Module

The Option 01 is a circuit board assembly measuring approximately $3'' \times 9''$ that is installed as an optional daughter board on one of the SurePath™ C-size VXI switching modules. The Option 01 interface enables the VX4351 to control up to 11 additional relay modules from the Tektronix family of relay modules. These modules are controlled via the VXI P2 local bus. The VX4351 acts as a local bus slave relay module when it is not equipped with Option 01.

The Option 01 interface module is neither a VXIbus commander nor a VMEbus master; therefore it does not have a VXIbus Signal register. The Option 01 interface is a VXIbus message-based servant. It is possible to install the VX4351 *with or without* the Option 01 Module.

Installation without the Option 01 interface. When the Option 01 interface is not installed, the VX4351 Interface Module becomes a slave to another Option 01-equipped master module. As many as 11 slave modules not equipped with Option 01 may be installed to the right of a single Option 01-equipped master module. Slave modules are operated by the master module using the SurePath™ local bus protocol.

NOTE*. You must install slave modules to the right of the module equipped with Option 01, with no intervening empty slots, and with no intervening modules of the SurePath™ family.*

Installation with the Option 01 interface. When the Option 01 interface is installed on the VX4351 Module it becomes a VXIbus Message-Based Word Serial instrument. It uses the A16, D16 VME interface available on the backplane P1 connector and does not require any A24 or A32 address space. The module is a D16 interrupter.

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NOTE. *It is possible for all modules in the mainframe to have an Option 01 interface. In that case, the modules all operate independently of one another.*

The module supports the Normal Transfer Mode of the VXIbus using the Write Ready, Read Ready, Data In Ready (DIR), and Data Out Ready (DOR) bits of the module Response register.

A Normal Transfer Mode read of the Option 01 proceeds as follows:

1. The commander reads the Option 01 Response register and checks if the Write Ready and DOR bits are true. If they are, the commander proceeds to the next step. If not, the commander continues to poll these bits until they become true.
2. The commander writes the Byte Request command (hexadecimal 0DEFF) to the Data Low register of the Option 01.
3. The commander reads the Option 01 Response register and checks if the Read Ready and DOR bits are true. If they are, the commander proceeds to the next step. If not, the commander continues to poll these bits until they become true.
4. The commander reads the Option 01 Data Low register.

A Normal Transfer Mode write to the Option 01 proceeds as follows:

1. The commander reads the Option 01 Response register and checks if the Write Ready and DIR bits are true. If they are, the commander proceeds to the next step. If not, the commander continues to poll the Write Ready and DIR bits until they are true.
2. The commander writes the Byte Available command which contains the data (hexadecimal 0BCXX or 0BDXX, depending on the End bit) to the Data Low register of the Option 01.

About Fast Handshake Mode

The module also supports the Fast Handshake Mode during readback. In this mode, the module is capable of transferring data at optimal backplane speed without needing the commander to test any of the handshake bits. The Option 01 asserts BERR* to switch from Fast Handshake Mode to Normal Transfer Mode, per VXI Specification. The Option 01 Read Ready, Write Ready, DIR and DOR bits react properly, in case the commander does not support the Fast Handshake Mode.

A Fast Handshake Transfer Mode read of the Option 01 proceeds as follows:

1. The commander writes the Byte Request command (hexadecimal 0DEFF) to the Option 01 Data Low register.

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2. The commander reads the Option 01 Data Low register.

A Fast Handshake Transfer Mode write of the Option 01 proceeds as follows:

The commander writes the Byte Available command which contains the data (hexadecimal 0BCXX or 0BDXX, depending on the End bit) to the Data Low register of the Option 01. The commander may immediately write another Byte Available command without having to check the Response register.

The module has no registers beyond those defined for VXIbus message based devices. All communications with the module are through the Data Low register, the Response register, or the VXIbus interrupt cycle. Any attempt by another module to read or write to any undefined location of the Option 01 address space may cause incorrect operation of the module.

As with all VXIbus devices, the Option 01 has registers located within a 64 byte block in the A16 address space. The base address of the Option 01 device registers is determined by the device unique logical address and can be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Base Address} = V_{16} * 40_{16} + C000_{16}$$

where V is the device logical address as set by the Logical Address switches.

Configuration Registers

Table 1–3 contains a list of the Configuration registers and a complete description of each register. The offset is relative to the module base address.

Table 1–3: Register Definitions

Register	Address (hexadecimal)	Type	Value (Bits 15-0)
ID Register	0000	RO	1011 1111 1111 1101 (hexadecimal BFFD)
Device Type	0002	RO	See Device Type definition below
Status	0004	R	Defined by state of interface
Control	0004	W	Defined by state of interface
Offset	0006	WO	Not used
Protocol	0008	RO	1111 0111 1111 1111 (hexadecimal F7FF)
Response	000A	RO	Defined by state of the interface
Data High	000C		Not used
Data Low	000E	W	Not fixed; command-dependent

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Table 1–3: Register Definitions (Cont.)

Register	Address (hexadecimal)	Type	Value (Bits 15-0)
Data Low	000E	R	Not fixed; command-dependent

RO is Read Only

WO is Write Only

R is Read

W is Write

The Register Bit definitions are listed in Tables 1–4 and 1–5:

Table 1–4: Register Bit Definitions

Register	Bit Definition
ID	hexadecimal BFFD
Protocol	hexadecimal F7FF

The contents of the Device register of the Option 01 Module depend on the model number of the relay module on which it is installed.

Table 1–5: Device Register Bit Definitions

Relay Model No.	Device Register Contents
VX4320	hexadecimal F6BF
VX4330	hexadecimal F6B5
VX4350	hexadecimal F6A1
VX4351	hexadecimal F682
VX4380	hexadecimal F683
VX4381	hexadecimal F6A0

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Syntax and Commands

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Command Syntax

Command protocol and syntax for the VX4351 Module are as follows:

- A command string consists of a string of ASCII-encoded characters terminated by a <program message terminator>. The <program message terminator> is optional white space, followed by any one of the following command terminations:

  a line feed <LF> or new line <NL> character (hexadecimal 0A, decimal 10)

  the END bit set

  the END bit with a line feed <LF> or new line <NL>

  The command string is buffered until the terminator is encountered, at which time the entire string is processed.

- In addition to terminating a command, the semi-colon character directs the SCPI command parser to interpret the next command with the assumption that all characters up to and including the last colon in the previous command have just been parsed. In the following example, the Option 01 is installed on a VX4351 Module. Two additional VX4351 Modules are installed in consecutive slots to the right of the first VX4351. Under these conditions, the commands

  ```
  route:open:all m1<LF>

  route:open:all m2<LF>

  route:open:all m3<LF>
  ```

  cause all relays on all three modules to open. Note that each command is terminated by a line feed. An equivalent method of sending these commands using the semi-colon character as a terminator is

  ```
  route:open:all m1; all m2; all m3<LF>
  ```

  After a line feed or END bit is used to terminate a command, the parser no longer makes the assumption described above. Thus, after the command

  ```
  route:open:all m1; all m2<LF>
  ```

  is parsed, the command

  ```
  all m2<LF>
  ```

  is no longer valid.

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In the next example, the Option 01 is installed on a VX4330 Module. Two additional VX4330 Modules are installed in consecutive slots to the right of the first VX4330. The commands

```
route:configure:join m2,(1:2)<LF>

route:configure:join m3,(1:4)<LF>
```

connect the commons of sections 1 through 6 on the first VX4330, sections 1 and 2 on the second VX4330 and sections 1 through 4 on the third VX4330. An equivalent way to send these commands using the semi-colon as a terminator is

```
route:configure: join m2,(1:2); join m3(1:4)<LF>
```

Note that <LF> in these examples represents a single line feed character.

- White space characters can be used to make a command string more readable. These characters are ASCII-encoded bytes in the range hexadecimal 00-09 and 0B-20 (decimal 0-9 and 11-32). This range includes the ASCII control characters and the space, but excludes the line feed <NL>.

  White space characters are ignored when legally encountered in a command string. White space is allowed anywhere in a command string, *except* for the following:

  - Within a program mnemonic (for example RO UTE)
  - Around a colon (:) mnemonic separator (for example ROUTE: CLOSE or ROUTE :CLOSE)
  - Between a mnemonic and a (?) (for example CLOSE ?)
  - Following an asterisk (*) (for example * STB?)
  - Within a number (for example 12 34)
  - Within a module name specified in a [ROUTe:]MODule[:DEFine] command (for example ROUTE:MODULE:DEFINE RFM UX, 1).

  At least one white space character is required between a command/query header and its associated arguments. For example in the command

  ```
  route:configure:join m1,(1:6)
  ```

  the command header is the string “route:configure:join.” The arguments associated with this command are the module name “m1” and the section list “(1:6).” At least one white space character must be sent before the first argument.

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In the query

```
route:close? (@m1(1:64))
```

the query header is the string “route:close?.” The argument associated with this query is the channel list “(@m1(1:64)).” At least one white space character must be sent before the channel list argument.

- All characters in a command can be sent in either upper or lower case form.
- Multiple data parameters passed by a command are separated by a comma (,).
- A question mark (?) following a command indicates that a response will be returned. All responses from the module are terminated with a carriage return <CR> and a line feed <LF> (hexadecimal 0A) character.
- In the command descriptions, the following special characters are used. These characters are not part of the command and should not be sent. If an optional field is omitted, the default for the command is applied.

  [ ] Brackets indicate an optional field

  | A bar indicates a logical OR choice

  < > Field indicator

Syntax Example

Capital letters indicate the minimum required characters which need to be sent. Lower case letters are optional. For example, the syntax of the trigger source command is given as

```
TRIGger[:SEQuence]:SOURce BUS | HOLD | IMMediate | TTLTrg<n>
```

Each of the following is a valid form of this command:

```
trigger:sequence:source bus

trig:seq:sour hold

Trig:SOUR IMM

Trig:Sour TTLTRG1

Trig:Sour TTLT1

Trigger:Source Immediate
```


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SCPI/IEEE 488.2 Command Elements

The definition of elements used in SCPI/IEEE 488.2 commands and command descriptions is as follows:

<NR1> ASCII integer representation of a decimal number.

<NRf> ASCII integer, fixed point or floating point representation of a decimal number.

<module_name> A user-defined ASCII string to be associated with the local bus address of a relay module. <module_name> strings must start with a letter and may consist of alphanumeric characters, underscores, and digits. The maximum length of a <module_name> is 12 characters.

<channel_spec> One or more <NR1> ASCII strings separated by "!" characters that specify a relay on a relay module. The format of a <channel_spec> field for each of the SurePath™ relay modules is:

- VX4320 RF Multiplexer: <NR1> ! <NR1>

  The range of the first <NRf> field is 1 to 4. This field specifies a relay within one of the sections of the VX4320. The range of the second <NRf> field is 1 to 8. This field specifies a section of the VX4320. A one-dimensional <channel_spec> may also be used to specify a channel on a VX4320 Module. The one-dimensional <channel_spec> is given by the formula:

  $$((\text{section} - 1) \times 4) + \text{relay}.$$

  where variables "section" and "relay" are section and relay numbers specified in a two-dimensional <channel_spec>.

- VX4330 Scanner/Multiplexer: <NR1> ! <NR1>

  The first <NR1> field specifies a relay within the specified section. The range of this <NR1> field depends on the current configuration of the section of the VX4330 specified in the second <NR1> field. The range of the second <NR1> field is 1 to 6. This field specifies a section of the VX4330.

1 - 10	4-wire
1 - 20	4-wire independent
1 - 20	2-wire
1 - 40	1-wire

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- VX4350 General Purpose Switching module: <NR1>

  The range of this field is 1 to 64. It specifies one of 64 relays on the VX4350.

- VX4351 High Current Switching Module: <NRI>

  The range of this field is 1 to 40, specifying one of the 40 relays on the module. If the module is placed in two-wire mode, then the range of the field becomes 1 to 20, specifying one of the twenty relay pairs available on the module.

- VX4380 Matrix: <NR1> ! <NR1> ! <NR1>

  The range of the first <NR1> field is 1 to 4. It specifies the row of a relay in one of the sections of the VX4380. The range of the second <NR1> field is 1 to 16. It specifies the column of a relay in one of the sections of the VX4380. The range of the third <NR1> field is 1 to 4. It specifies a section of the VX4380. A one dimensional <channel_spec> may also be used to specify a channel on a VX4380 Module. The one dimensional <channel_spec> is given by the formula:

  $$((\text{section} - 1) \times 64) + ((\text{row} - 1) \times 16) + \text{column}$$

  where variables “section” and “row” and “column” are section, row, and column numbers specified in a three-dimensional <channel_spec>.

- VX4381 High Current Matrix: <NR1> ! <NR1> ! <NR1> or <NR1> ! <NR1>

  By default, the VX4381 is configured as two 4×4 matrices. In this case, the first <NR1> field has a range of 1 to 4 and specifies the row of a relay in one of the two sections. The second <NR1> also has a range of 1 to 4, but specifies the column of a relay in one of the two sections. The third <NR1> field of a three-dimensional <channel_spec> can have the value of 1 or of 2, referring to the first or second matrix.

  If the module is placed in two-wire mode, the second matrix is operated parallel with the first matrix. Therefore, a two-dimensional <channel spec> is required. The first <NR1> field in this case has a range of 1 to 4, and specifies relays on the numbered row of both matrices. The second <NR1> field also has a range of 1 to 4, and specifies relays on the numbered column of both matrices.

  In either mode, a one-dimensional <channel_spec> may also be used to specify a channel on a VX4381 module. In one-wire mode, this is given by the formula:

  $$((\text{section} - 1) * 16) + ((\text{row} - 1) * 4) + \text{column}$$

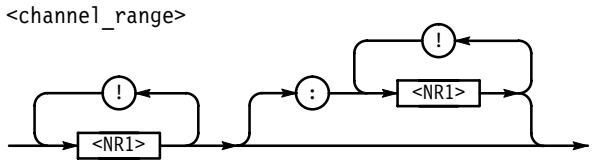
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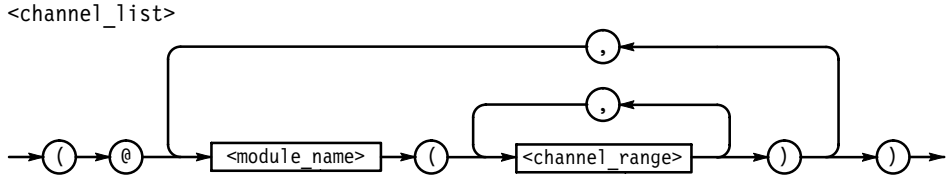
In two-wire mode, the one-dimensional <channel_spec> is given by the formula:

((row–1) * 4) + column

<channel_list> A list of channel numbers on one or more relay modules.

The limits on the channel numbers in a <channel_list> depend on the model number of the relay module(s) specified in the <channel_list>. The syntax of a <channel_list> is shown in the following diagram:





A module_name is an ASCII string that has been associated with a relay module in a ROUTe:MODule:DEFine command. A channel_range may consist of a single <channel_spec> or a range of <channel_spec>s. A range of <channel_spec>s is indicated by two <channel_spec>s separated by a colon (:) character. A <channel_spec> may have one, two or three dimensions depending on the architecture of the relay module it applies to.

The following are examples of valid <channel_list>s for Tektronix VX4320, VX4330, VX4350, VX4351, VX4380, and VX4381 relay modules. In these examples it is assumed that the Option 01 is installed on a VX4320 Module. A VX4330, VX4350, VX4351, VX4380, and VX4381 are installed in consecutive slots to the right of the VX4320. The default module names for the VX4320, VX4330, VX4350, VX4351, VX4380 and VX4381 in this example are m1, m2, m3, m4, m5, and m6 respectively. These module names may be overridden by specifying new module names with the [ROUTe:]MODule[DEFine] command. It is also assumed in these examples that all sections on the VX4330 Module have been configured as 10-to-1 4-wire scanners.

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<channel_list>	Channels Specified
(@m1(1!2))	Channel number 1 of section 2 on the VX4320 Module.
(@m1(4!1,3!8))	Channel number 4 in section 1 and relay number 3 in section 8 of the VX4320 Module.
(@m1(4!1:4!8))	Channel number 4 in sections 1 through 8 on the VX4320 Module.
(@m1(4!1,4!2,4!3,4!4, 4!5,4!6,4!7,4!8))	Channel number 4 in sections 1 through 8 on the VX4320 Module.
(@m2(1!6))	Channel 1 in section 6 of the VX4330 Module.
(@m2(1!1:10!6))	All channels on the VX4330 Module in the following order: 1!1, 1!2, 1!3, 1!4, 1!5, 1!6, 2!1, 2!2, 2!3, 2!4, 2!5, 2!6, ... , 10!1, 10!2, 10!3, 10!4, 10!5, 10!6.
(@m2(1!3:10!3))	All 10 channels in section 3 of the VX4330.
(@m3(1:64))	All 64 channels on the VX4350
(@m4(1,2,3,10,11, 20:13))	Channels 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, and 20 through 13 on the VX4351.
(@m4(1:5))	Channels 1 through 5 of the VX4351.
(@m5(2!3!1))	Row 2, column 3, section 1 of the VX4380
(@m6(1!2!2))	The channel that connects row 1 to column 2 in section 2 of the VX4381.
(@m6(17))	The channel that connects row 1 to column 1 in section 2 of the VX4381.
(@m6(1!1!2))	Same as the previous example.
(@m6(1:16))	All relays in section 1 of the VX4381.
(@m6(1!1!1:4!4!1))	Same as the previous example.

As the <channel_list> syntax diagram shows, channels on more than one relay module may be specified in a <channel_list>. The next example specifies channels on three different relay modules.

<channel_list>	Channels Specified
(@m1(1!1), m2(4!6), m6(3!3!2))	Channel 1 of section 1 on the VX4320, Channel 4 of section 6 of the VX4330, and the channel on the VX4380 that connects row 3 to column 3 in section 2.

As mentioned above, the module names used in <channel_list>s may be specified with a [ROUTe:]MODule[:DEFine] command. The command

```
route:module:Define rfmux, 1
```


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changes the module name assigned to the VX4320 to “rfmux”. The following <channel_list> can then be used to specify channels on the VX4320.

```
(@rfmux(3!1,2!2))
```

specifies channel 3 in section 1 and channel 2 in section 2 of the VX4320.

The order in which channels are specified is important in the [ROUTe:] CLOSE? <channel_list> and [ROUTe:]OPEN? <channel_list> queries. The states of the channels are returned in the same order that the channels are specified in the <channel_list>.

The order in which channels are specified is also important in the [ROUTe:]SCAN <channel_list> command. This determines the order in which the relays will be closed each time a trigger event is detected.

The order in which channels are specified in a <channel_list> is important in the [ROUTe:]CLOSe <channel_list> command when channels in the same section of a VX4320 or a VX4330 are specified. A VX4320 can close only one channel in a section. If a [ROUTe:]CLOSE <channel_list> command specifies more than one relay in a section of a VX4320, the last channel in the <channel_list> will be closed.

For example, the command

```
close (@m1(1!1,2!1))
```

will close channel 2 of section 1 of the VX4320.

A VX4330 can close only one channel in a group of joined sections that have been specified in a [ROUTe:]CLOSe:MODe SCAN,<module_name>,<section_list> command. If more than one channel in such a group of sections is specified in a [ROUTe:]CLOSe <channel_list> command, the last channel specified will be closed. For example, the commands

```
route:configure:join m2,(1:6)

route:close:mode scan,m2,(1:6)
```

join the commons of all six sections of the VX4330 Module and set the mode of the [ROUTe]:CLOSE <channel_list> to scan mode for all six sections of the VX4330.

The command

```
route:close (@m2(1!1,1!6))
```

will then result in channel 1 of section 6 being closed and all other channels on the module being opened.

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output queue The Output queue of the Option 01 VXI Interface is used to return replies to queries received by the interface. Bit 4 (the MAV bit) of the Status Byte register is set to indicate that this queue is not empty. The DOR bit in the VXI Response register is also set to indicate that this queue is not empty. The commander of the Option 01 VXI Interface monitors the DOR bit to determine when it may read a message from the Output queue.

<section_list> One or more <nr1> fields separated by comma (,) or colon (:) characters and enclosed in left and right parentheses. A <section_list> is used to specify the sections of a relay module to be acted upon by a [ROUTe:]CONFigure or [ROUTe:]CLOSe:MODE command. The following are examples of valid <section list>s:

For commands directed to a VX4330 which has six scanner sections:

<section_list>	Sections Specified
(1:6)	Sections 1 through 6
(1,2,3)	Sections 1, 2 and 3
(1:3,5:6)	Sections 1 through 3 and 5 and 6
(1:3,5,6)	Same as previous example
(3)	Section 3

error/event queue When the command parser detects a syntax error or data range error, it places an error message describing the error in the Error/Event queue. Bit 2 of the Status Byte Register is set to indicate that this queue is not empty. Bit 5 of the Standard Event Status Register (the Command Error bit) is set if the parser detects a syntax error. Bit 4 of the Standard Event Status register (the Execution Error bit) is set if the parser detects a numeric argument that is out of range. When a SYSTem:ERRor? query is received, an error message is removed from the Error/Event queue and placed in the Output queue.

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Functional Command Groups

This section lists the VX4351 system and module commands.

System Commands

The following low-level commands are typically sent by the module's commander, and are transparent to the user of the module. (An exception is the Read STB command, which is sent whenever a Serial Poll on an IEEE-488 system is performed.) Most commanders or Slot 0 devices have specific ASCII commands that cause the commander to send one of these low-level commands to a specified instrument. Refer to the operating manual of the commander or Slot 0 device for information on these commands.

Command	Effect
Begin Normal Operation	The module begins operation if it has not already done so.
Byte Available	Transfers module commands to this module.
Byte Request	Requests the module to return a byte of data from the output queue.
Clear	The module clears its VXIbus interface and any pending commands. Current module operations are unaffected.
Clear Lock	Clears the Lock bit of the Response register.
Read Protocol	The module returns its protocol to its commander.
Read STB	The module returns its VXI status byte to its commander.
Set Lock	Set the Lock bit of the Response register.
Trigger	Close the next relay in a scan list that has been defined by a ROUTe:SCAN <channel_list> command. A VXI Trigger command is enabled as a trigger source by a ROUTe:SEQuence:SOURce BUS command.

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Module Commands

A summary of the VX4351-specific and IEEE-488.2 Common Commands is listed in Tables 1–6 and 1–7 below. The next section, *Command Descriptions*, includes detailed descriptions of each command. *Appendix C: Examples* shows examples of command usage.

Table 1–6: Summary of VX4351-Specific SCPI Commands

Subsystem Command	Functions Controlled
CLOSe	Close specified relays; DWELl
ID?	Return model numbers of modules controlled by the Option 01
MODule	Module name functions: DEFine, CATalog?, DELete
OPEN	Open specified relays: ALL, DWELl
STATus	Status register functions: OPERation, QUEStionable
SYSTem	System-level functions: ERRor?, PRESet, VERSion?
CONFigure	Configure for two- or one-wire operation

Table 1–7: Summary of IEEE-488.2 Common Commands

Command/Syntax	Description
Clear Status *CLS	Clears the SCPI and IEEE 488.2 event registers and the SCPI error/event queue, and the output queue.
Standard Event Status Enable *ESE <NRf>	Sets the contents of the Standard Event Status Enable register.
Standard Event Status Enable Query *ESE?	Returns the current value of the Standard Event Status Enable register in <nr1> format.
Standard Event Status Register Query *ESR?	Returns the current value of the Standard Event Status register in <nr1> format, then sets the contents of this register to 0.
Identification Query *IDN?	Returns an ASCII string in the output queue which identifies the board.
Operation Complete *OPC	Sets bit 0 (the Operation Complete bit) of the Standard Event Status register when all pending device operations have been completed.
Operation Complete Query *OPC?	Places the ASCII character 1 in the output queue when all pending device operations have been completed.
Reset* *RST	The Option 01 VXI interface is placed in its power-up state with some exceptions.

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Table 1–7: Summary of IEEE-488.2 Common Commands (Cont.)

Command/Syntax	Description
Service Request Enable *SRE <NRf>	Sets the contents of the Service Request Enable register.
Service Request Enable Query *SRE?	Returns the current value of the Service Request Enable register in <nr1> format.
Read Status Byte Query *STB?	Returns the current value of the Status Byte register in <nr1> format.
Trigger *TRG	Equivalent to a VXI Trigger command.
Self-Test Query *TST?	Performs a self test of the Option 01 VXI Interface daughter board and any relay modules under its control. Place a “0” or “1” into the output queue to indicate whether the self test passed or failed.
Wait-to-Continue *WAI	Does not execute any further commands or queries until all pending operations have been completed.

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Command Descriptions

This section lists the VX4351-specific SCPI commands and queries in alphabetic order. The IEEE-488.2 Common Commands are listed in the next section. A summary listing of the SCPI command set for the VX4351 is as follows:

[ROUTe:]CLOSe <channel_list>
[ROUTe:]CLOSe:DWELl <module_name>,<nrf>

[ROUTe:]CONFig OWIRE | TWIRE

[ROUTe:]ID?

[ROUTe:]MODule[:DEFine] <module_name>,<nrf>
[ROUTe:]MODule:CATalog?
[ROUTe:]MODule:DELete[:NAME] <module_name>
[ROUTe:]MODule:DELete:ALL

[ROUTe:]OPEN <channel_list>
[ROUTe:]OPEN:ALL [module_name]
[ROUTe:]OPEN:DWELl <module_name>,<nrf>

OUTPut:TTLTrg<n>[:STATe] ON | OFF | <nrf>

STATus:OPERation:CONDition?
STATus:OPERation:ENABle
STATus:OPERation[:EVENt?]
STATus:QUEStionable:CONDition?
STATus:QUEStionable:ENABle
STATus:QUEStionable[:EVENt?]

SYSTem:ERRor?
SYSTem:PRESet
SYSTem:VERSion?

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CLOSe

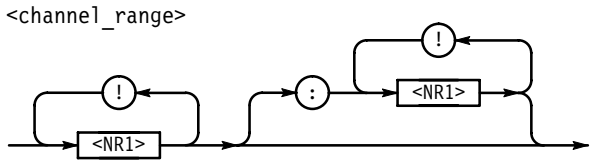
Command Syntax `[ROUTe:]CLOSe<channel_list>`

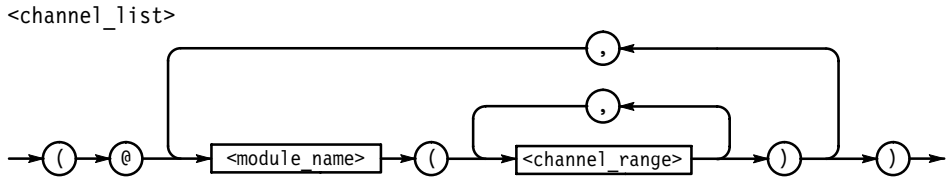
Query Syntax `[ROUTe:]CLOSe?<channel_list>`

Query Response Indicates which relays are closed.

***RST Value** All relays on all modules are set to the open position.

Limits The syntax of a <channel_list> is described by the following diagram:





A module_name is an ASCII string that has been associated with a relay module in a [ROUTe:]MODule[:DEFine] command. A channel_range may consist of a single <channel_spec> or a range of <channel_spec>s. A range of <channel_spec>s consists of two <channel_specs> separated by a colon (:) character. For the VX4351, a <channel_spec> is defined as an ASCII-encoded integer in the range of 1 to 40.

Related Commands [ROUTe:]OPEN <channel_list>
[ROUTE:]CLOSe:DWELl
[ROUTe:]MODule:DEFine

Description This command closes the relays specified in the <channel_list> portion of this command. After these relays are closed, a delay specified in a previously issued [ROUTe:]CLOSe:DWELl command is generated. The DWELl command is used

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to assign a close delay to each module controlled by an Option 01 daughter board module. If more than one module is specified in the <channel_list> argument of the [ROUTe:]CLOSe command, the longest dwell time assigned to any of the specified modules is used.

Examples

In this example, the Option 01 is installed on a VX4351 Module. Two additional VX4351 Modules are installed in consecutive slots to the right of the first VX4351. The default module names for these three modules are m1, m2, and m3. These module names may be altered with the [ROUTe:]MODule[:DEFine] command.

Command	Response
route:close:dwell m1,.1	Assign a close dwell time of 0.1 seconds to the first VX4351.
route:close:dwell m2,.2	Assign a close dwell time of 0.2 seconds to the second VX4351.
route:close:dwell m3,.5	Assign a close dwell time of 0.5 seconds to the third VX4351.
route:close (@m1(1:10))	Close channels 1 through 10 on the first VX4351, then wait 0.1 seconds.
route:close (@m2(15))	Close channel 15 on the second VX4351, then wait 0.2 seconds.
close (@m1(20),m2(30), m3(40))	Close channel 20 on the first VX4351, channel 30 on the second VX4351, and channel 40 on the third VX4351. Wait 0.5 seconds.

Command Syntax

```
[ROUTe:]CLOSe
    :DWELl<module_name>,<nrf>
```

Query Syntax

N/A

***RST Value**

The close dwell time of all modules is set to 0 seconds.

Limits

The value of the time specified in this command must be between 0 and 6.5535 seconds.

Related Commands

[ROUTE:]CLOSe
[ROUTe:]OPEN

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Description Set the time to wait after closing a relay before proceeding. The dwell time is applied to the command rather than to individual relays in the <channel_list>. Relays in the <channel_list>. Relays in the channel_list are operated simultaneously.

Examples In this example the Option 01 is installed on a VX4351 Module.

Command	Response
route:close:dwell m1,.25	Set the close dwell time for the VX4351 to 0.25 seconds.
route:open:dwell m1,0.5	Set the open dwell time for the VX4351 to 0.5 seconds.
route:close (@m1 (1;10))	Close relays 1 through 10 and wait .25 seconds.
route:open (@m1 (6))	Open relay 6 and wait .5 seconds

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CONFig

Command Syntax [ROUTe:]CONFig [OWIRE | TWIRE], <module name>, 1

Query Syntax N/A

***RST Value** The configuration of the module is set to OWIRE.

Limits Subsequent <channel list>s are limited to a maximum value of 20 in TWIRE.

Related Commands [ROUTe]:CLOSE
[ROUTe]:OPEN

Description This command causes relays numbered 21 through 40 to be operated in parallel with relays number 1 through 20, when TWIRE configuration is selected. The range of <channel_lists>s in subsequent commands are limited to 1 through 20. All relays are opened when this command is issued.

***NOTE**. The trailing "1" of the command is a dummy argument, but is required by SCPI syntax.*

Examples In this example, the Option 01 is installed on a VX4351 module. The default module name is "m1."

Command	Response
route:close (@m1(23:25))	Relays 23, 24, and 25 are closed.
route:conf twire, m1,1	All relays opened, VX4351 placed in two-wire mode.
route:close (@m1(3:5))	Relays 3, 4, 5, 23, 24, and 25 are closed.
route:close (@m1(1:20))	Close query returns 00111000000000000000
route:conf owire, m1, 1	All relays opened, VX4351 returned to single-wire mode.

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ID?

Command Syntax `[ROUTe:]ID?`

***RST Value** N/A

Limits N/A

Related Commands [ROUTe:]MODule:CATalog?

Description This query returns a list of the model numbers of the modules controlled by the Option 01. The first model number returned is that of the module that the Option 01 is installed on. Subsequent model numbers are those of modules in consecutive slots to the right of the first module.

Examples In these examples the Option 01 is installed on a VX4351 Module. A VX4381, VX4330, and VX4320 are installed in consecutive slots to the right of the slot containing the VX4351. The default module names for the VX4351, VX4381, VX4330 and VX4320 in this configuration are m1, m2, m3, and m4 respectively. These module names may be altered with the [ROUTe:]MODule:DEFine command.

Command	Response
route:id?	VX4351, VX4381, VX4330, VX4320
route:module:Catalog?	“M1”, “M2”, “M3”, “M4”
route:close (@m1(1))	Close relay number 1 on the VX4351.
route:open:all m2	Open all relays on the VX4381.
route:close (@m3(1!6))	Close relay number 1 in section 6 of the VX4330
route:close (@m4(3!1:3!8))	Close relay number 3 in all eight sections of the VX4320.

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MODule

Command Syntax

```
[ROUTe:]MODule
    [:DEFine] <module_name>,<nrf>
```

Query Syntax

```
[ROUTe:]MODule
    [:DEFine]? <module_name>
```

Query Response See examples.

***RST Value** Default module names are assigned as follows:

The module that has an Option 01 VXI Interface daughter board installed is assigned module name “M1”.

Modules without the Option 01 VXI Interface daughter board in consecutive slots to the right of module “M1” are assigned module names “M2”, “M3”, ..., “M11”.

Limits A module name may consist of up to 12 characters. The name must start with a letter and may consist of alphanumeric characters, underscores, and digits.

Related Commands

[ROUTe]:MODule:DELete[:NAME]
[ROUTe]:MODule:DELete[:ALL]
[ROUTe:]MODule:CATalog?

Description This command assigns a module name to a relay switching module. This name is used to identify the module in channel lists in [ROUTe:]OPEN, [ROUTe:]CLOSe, and [ROUTe:]SCAN commands.

Examples In these examples the Option 01 is installed on a VX4351 Module.

Command	Response
route:module:define hi_current,1	Assign module name “hi_current” to the VX4351.
route:close (@hi_current(1:40))	Close all 40 relays on the VX4351.
route:module:define? hi_current	1

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Command Syntax

```
[ROUTe:]MODule
    :CATalog?
```

***RST Value** N/A

Limits N/A

Related Commands [ROUTe]:MODule:DEFine[:NAME]
[ROUTe]:MODule:DELete[:NAME],
[ROUTe]:MODule:DELete[:ALL]

Description This command returns a list of defined module names.

Examples In these examples the Option 01 is installed on a VX4351 Module. Two additional VX4351 Modules are installed in consecutive slots to the right of the slot containing the first VX4351.

Command	Response
route:module:catalog?	“M1”, “M2”, “M3”
route:module:define hi_current,2	Assign module name “hi_current” to the second VX4351.
route:module:catalog?	“M1”, “hi_current”, “M3”
route:module:define? hi_current	2
route:module:delete hi_current	Delete module name “hi_current”
route:module:catalog?	“M1”, “M3”

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Command Syntax

```
[ROUTe:]MODule
    :DELete
        [:NAME] <module_name>
```

Query Syntax N/A

***RST Value** N/A

Limits N/A

Related Commands [ROUTe]:MODule:DEFine[:NAME]
[ROUTe]:MODule:CATalog?
[ROUTe:]MODule:DELete[:ALL]

Description This command deletes a module name definition. After this command is executed, the specified module name is no longer associated with a relay module.

Examples

Command	Response
route:module:catalog?	“M1”, “M2”, “M3”
route:module:delete m1	Delete module name “M1”
route:module:catalog?	“M2”, “M3”

Command Syntax

```
[ROUTe:]MODule
    :DELete
        :ALL
```

Query Syntax N/A

***RST Value** N/A

Limits N/A

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Related Commands

[ROUTe]:MODule:DEFine[:NAME]
[ROUTe]:MODule:CATalog?
[ROUTe:]MODule:DELete[:NAME]

Description

This command will delete all module name definitions.

Examples

Command	Response
route:module:catalog?	“M1”, “M2”, “M3”
route:module:delete:all	Delete all module names
route:module:catalog?	“ ”

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OPEN

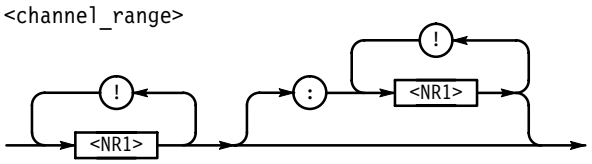
Command Syntax `[ROUTe:]OPEN <channel_list>`

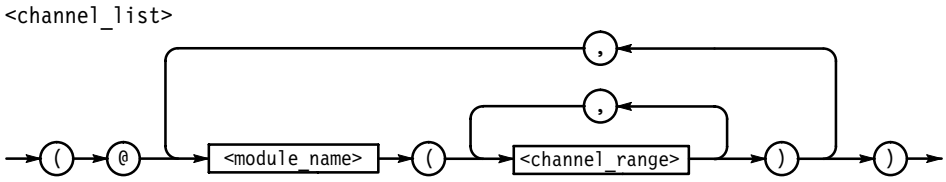
Query Syntax `[ROUTe:]OPEN? <channel_list>`

Query Response See examples.

***RST Value** All relays on all modules are set to the open position.

Limits The syntax of a <channel_list> is described by the following diagram:





A module_name is an ASCII string that has been associated with a relay module in a [ROUTe:]MODule[:DEFine] command. A channel_range may consist of a single <channel_spec> or a range of <channel_spec>s. A range of <channel_spec>s consists of two <channel_specs> separated by a colon (:) character. For the VX4351, a <channel_spec> is defined as an ASCII-encoded integer in the range of 1 to 40, or 1 to 20 when in two-wire mode.

Related Commands [ROUTe:]CLOSe <channel_list>
[ROUTe:]MODule:DEFine
[ROUTE:]OPEN:DWELl

Description This command opens the relays specified in the <channel_list> portion of this command. After these relays are opened, a previously specified delay is generated. The delay is applied to the command, rather than to the individual

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relays in the <channel_list>. Relays in the <channel_list> are operated simultaneously.

The [ROUTe:]OPEN:DWELl command assigns an open delay to each module controlled by an Option 01 Module. If more than one module is specified in the <channel_list> argument of the [ROUTe:]OPEN command, the longest dwell time assigned to any of the specified modules is used.

Examples

In the following example, the Option 01 VXI interface is installed on a VX4351 Module. Two additional VX4351 Modules are installed in consecutive slots to the right of this module.

Command	Response
route:open:dwell m1,.1	Assign an open dwell time of 0.1 seconds to the first VX4351.
route:open:dwell m2,.2	Assign an open dwell time of 0.2 seconds to the second VX4351.
route:open:dwell m3,.5	Assign an open dwell time of 0.5 seconds to the third VX4351.
route:open (@m1(1:10))	Open channels 1 through 10 on the first VX4351, then wait 0.1 seconds.
route:open (@m2(15))	Open channel 15 on the second VX4351, then wait 0.2 seconds.
open (@m1(20),m2(30), m3(40))	Open channel 20 on the first VX4351, channel 30 on the second VX4351, and channel 40 on the third VX4351, then wait 0.5 seconds.

Command Syntax

```
[ROUTe:]OPEN
    :ALL [module_name]
```

Query Syntax

N/A

***RST Value**

All relays on all modules are set to the open position.

Limits

N/A

Related Commands

[ROUTe:]CLOSe
[ROUTe:]MODule:DEFine

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Description If a module name is not specified in this command, open all relays on all modules controlled by the Option 01. If a module name is specified, open all relays on the specified module only. This command is not supported for VX4320 Modules. If a [ROUTe:]OPEN:ALL command is directed to a VX4320 Module, an error message will be placed in the Error/Event queue.

Examples

Command	Response
ROUTE:OPEN:ALL	Open all relays on all Modules controlled by the Option 01.
rout:open:all	Same as the first example.
route:open:all hi_current	Open all relays on the module that has been assigned module name “hi_current”. See the [ROUTe:]MODule:DEFine command.

Command Syntax

```
[ROUTe:]OPEN
    :DWELl <module_name>,<nrf>
```

Query Syntax N/A

***RST Value** The open dwell time of all modules is set to 0 seconds.

Limits The value of the time specified in this command must be between 0 and 6.5535 seconds.

Related Commands [ROUTE:]OPEN

Description This command sets the time to wait after opening a relay before proceeding.

Examples In this example the Option 01 is installed on a VX4351 Module.

Command	Response
route:close:dwell m1,.25	Set the close dwell time for the VX4351 to 0.25 seconds.
route:open:dwell m1,0.5	Set the open dwell time for the VX4351 to 0.5 seconds.
ROUTE:close (@m1(8))	Close channel 8 of the VX4351, then wait .25 seconds.
route:open (@m1(8))	Open channel 8 then wait .5 seconds.

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OUTPut

Command Syntax

```
OUTPut
    :TTLTrg<n>
        [:STATe] ON | OFF | <nrf>
```

Query Syntax

```
OUTPut
    :TTLTrg<n>
        [:STATe]?
```

Query Response Indicates whether a VXI TTL trigger is enabled.

***RST Value** All VXI TTL triggers are disabled.

Related Commands ROUTe:CLOSe

Description One or more VXI TTL triggers may be enabled. Triggers that are enabled are pulsed low for 3 µsec after a relay is closed by the Option 01 after a time specified by the ROUTe:CLOSe:DWELl command.

Examples

Command	Response
output:ttltrg1:state on	Enable driving VXI TTL trigger 1.
outp:ttlt2 off	Disable driving VXI TTL trigger 2.
outp:ttlt7:stat 1	Enable driving VXI TTL trigger 7.
output:ttltrg4:state?	1 This response indicates that VXI TTL trigger 4 is enabled.

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STATus

Command Syntax

```
STATus
    :OPERation
        :CONDition?
```

***RST Value** 0

Limits N/A

Related Commands N/A

Description This query returns the contents of the SCPI Status Operation Condition register. For the Option 01, the value of this register is always equal to 0.

Examples

Command	Response
status:operation: condition?	00000

Command Syntax

```
STATus
    :OPERation
        :ENABle
```

Query Syntax

```
STATus:
    OPERation
        :ENABle?
```

***RST Value** 0

Limits N/A

Related Commands N/A

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Description This command sets the contents of the SCPI Status Operation Event Enable register.

Examples

Command	Response
status:operation: enable 1	No response
stat:oper:enab?	00001

Command Syntax

```
STATus
    :OPERation
        [:EVENt?]
```

***RST Value** 0

Limits N/A

Related Commands N/A

Description This query returns the contents of the SCPI Status Operation Event register. For the Option 01, the value of this register is always equal to 0.

Examples

Command	Response
status:operation: event?	00000

Command Syntax

```
STATus
    :QUEStionable
        :CONDition?
```

***RST Value** 0

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Limits N/A

Related Commands N/A

Description This query returns the contents of the SCPI Status Questionable Condition register. For the Option 01, the value of this register is always equal to 0.

Examples

Command	Response
status:questionable: condition?	00000

Command Syntax

```
STATus
    :QUEStionable
        :ENABle
```

Query Syntax

```
STATus
    :QUEStionable
        :ENABle?
```

Query Response Indicates whether the Status Operation Event is enabled.

***RST Value** 0

Limits N/A

Related Commands N/A

Description This command sets the contents of the SCPI Status Operation Event Enable register.

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Examples

Command	Response
status:questionable: enable 1	No response
stat:ques:enab?	00001

Command Syntax

```
STATus
    :QUEStionable
        [:EVENt?]
```

***RST Value** 0

Limits N/A

Related Commands N/A

Description This query returns the contents of the SCPI Status Questionable Event register. For the Option 01, the value of this register is always equal to 0.

Examples

Command	Response
status:questionable: event?	00000

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SYSTem

Command Syntax

```
SYSTem
    :ERRor?
```

Query Response

Parameter “y” in these error messages represents the local bus address of the module that the error message applies to. A value of 1 indicates the module containing the Option 01 daughter board, a value of 2 indicates the module in the next slot to the right, and so on.

0,“No error”

-102, “Syntax error; 1 dimensional <channel_spec> invalid for VX4330 module”

-102, “Syntax error; 2 dimensional <channel_spec> invalid for VX4351 module”

-102, “Syntax error; 3 dimensional <channel_spec> invalid for VX43xx module”

-102, “Syntax error; channel dimension mismatch”

-102, “Syntax error; integer field greater than 10 characters”

-102, “Syntax error; Missing module name”

-102, “Syntax error; Module address not specified”

-102, “Syntax error; Module name already defined”

-102, “Syntax error; Module name length greater than 12 characters”

-102, “Syntax error; Non-contiguous section numbers”

-102, “Syntax error; ROUTe:CONFigure command invalid for VX43xx module”

-102, “Syntax error; ROUTe:DISJoin command invalid for VX43xx module”

-102, “Syntax error; ROUTe:JOIN command invalid for VX43xx module”

-102, “Syntax error; ROUTe:MODE command invalid for VX43xx module”

-102, “Syntax error; Undefined module name”

-102, “Syntax error; Unexpected x detected while ...”

-121, “Invalid character in number”

-123, “Exponent too large”

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-200, “Execution error; Reserved”

-200, “Execution error; Scan list undefined”

-211, “Trigger ignored”

-213, “Init ignored”

-222, “Data out of range; Channel number x on module y”

-222, “Data out of range; Channel number x!x on module y”

-222, “Data out of range; Channel number x!x!x on module y”

-222, “Data out of range; Invalid module address specified”

-222, “Data out of range; Invalid section number”

-222, “Data out of range; Invalid sequence count”

-222, “Data out of range; Invalid trigger delay”

-222, “Data out of range; Invalid VXI TTL Trigger level”

-222, “Data out of range; Maximum value for ESE command is 255”

-222, “Data out of range; Maximum value for SRE command is 255”

-222, “Data out of range; Invalid dwell time specified.”

-223, “Too much data; Channel list array overflow”

-223, “Too much data; Input buffer overflow”

-223, “Too much data; Output buffer full”

-223, “Too much data; Scan list array overflow”

-240, “Hardware error; Shift register verification error - module y”

-240, “Hardware error; Unrecognized module x, y”

-350, “Queue overflow; Error/event queue”

-350, “Queue overflow; Output queue”

***RST Value** The error/event queue is empty.

Limits N/A

Related Commands *ESR?,
*STB?

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Description If an error condition is detected by the Option 01, it places an error message describing the condition in the error/event queue. The SYSTem:ERRor? query requests the Option 01 to remove the oldest message in the error/event queue and place it into the output queue. If the error/event queue is empty, a "No error" message is placed in the output queue.

Examples

Command	Response
SYSTEM:ERROR?	0, "No error"
syst:err?	–222,"Data out of range; Invalid section number"

Command Syntax

```
SYSTem:
    PRESet
```

Query Syntax N/A

***RST Value** N/A

Limits N/A

Related Commands *RST

Description This command places the Option 01 daughter board and the switching modules that it controls in the power-on state. This command has the same effect as the *RST command, with the following exceptions: the SYSTem:PRESet command clears

the Output queue,

the Error/Event queue,

the Standard Event Status Enable register,

the SCPI Status Operational Enable register, and

the SCPI Status Questionable Enable register.

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Examples

Command	Response
system:preset	No response
syst:pres	No response

Command Syntax

```
SYSTem
    :VERSion?
```

***RST Value** N/A

Limits N/A

Related Commands None

Description This query returns the following ASCII string in the output queue:

"1994.0"

Examples

Command	Response
system:version?	"1994.0"
syst:vers?	"1994.0"

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IEEE-488.2 Common Commands

This section lists the IEEE-488.2 common commands and queries recognized by the VX4351.

*CLS

Clear Status. This commands clears the following:

Event Status register (ESR)
Error/Event queue
Output queue

*ESE <NRf>

Event Status Enable (ESE) command. This command defines the mask for setting the Event Status Summary bit (bit 5) in the Status Byte register (*STB?). The mask is logically ANDed with the Event Status register (*ESR?) to determine whether or not to set the Event Status Summary bit. The mask can be any numeric value from 0 to 255, corresponding to the encoded bits of the ESR register. A “1” in a bit position enables reporting of the function. A “0” disables it. The *ESE register is cleared at power-on, or by writing an *ESE 0 command only. If <mask> is not specified, it defaults to 0.

For example, the command *ESE 37 (hexadecimal 25, binary 00100101) enables setting the Event Status Summary bit whenever an operation is complete, a query error is detected, or an execution error is detected.

*ESE?

Event Status Enable (ESE) query. This command returns the value of the Event Status Enable register as a numeric value from 0 to 255. For example, a value of 32 (hexadecimal 20, binary 00100000) indicates that command error reporting is enabled.

*ESR?

Event Status Register (ESR) query. This command returns the value of the Event Status register. The *ESR command is destructively read (that is, read and cleared). The Event Status Summary bit in the Status Byte (*STB?) is also cleared by a read of the ESR. The ESR is set to 128 on power-on (bit 7) set. It is

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cleared by an *ESR? or *CLS command only. When converted to a binary number, the bits of the ESR correspond to:

bit	0 (LSB)	Operation Complete
	1	Request Control
	2	Query error
	3	Device Dependent error
	4	Execution error
	5	Command error
	6	User Request
	7 (MSB)	Power On

The Error bits are set whenever the module detects an error. The error values from -100 to -199 are Command errors. Error values from -200 to -299 are Execution errors. Error values from -300 to -399 are Device Dependent errors. Error values from -400 to -499 are Query errors (see the SYSTem:ERRor command description).

The Request Control and User Request bits are unused, and are always reported as zeroes.

The Operation Complete bit is set in response to an *OPC command. A “1” indicates that the module has completed all pending commands and queries.

*IDN?

Identification query. This returns a 4-field response. Field 1 is the manufacturer, field 2 the model, field 3 the serial number, and field 4 contains both the SCPI and the firmware version levels. For the VX4351, the serial number field is always a 0. The response syntax is:

```
TEKTRONIX,VX43xx,0,SCPI:94.0 FWX.X<LF>
```

where *X.X* indicates the firmware revision level and where *xx* indicates the model number of the relay module on which the Option 01 is installed:

Value of xx	Model Number
20	VX4320
30	VX4330
50	VX4350
51	VX4351
80	VX4380
81	VX4381

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*OPC

Operation Complete. This command causes the module to set the Operation Complete bit in the Event Status register (ESR) when all pending commands and queries are complete.

*OPC?

Operation Complete query. This command causes the module to place a “1” in the Output queue when all pending commands and queries are complete. All commands following *OPC are suspended until the pending operations are complete. The *OPC? command does not affect the OPC bit in the Event Status register.

*RST

Reset. This command causes the Option 01 to open all relays on all modules under its control. This command sets the Option 01 Module to its power-on state with the following exceptions: the Error/Event queue, Output queue, Standard Event Status Enable register, SCPI Status Operation Event Enable register and SCPI Status Questionable Event Enable register are not cleared.

The condition of the Option 01 daughter board and the switching modules that it controls after receipt of a *RST command is as follows:

Contents of the SCPI Status Operation Event register = 0
Contents of the SCPI Status Operation Condition register = 0
Contents of the SCPI Status Questionable Event register = 0
Contents of the SCPI Status Questionable Condition register = 0
All VXI TTL triggers are disabled
Trigger subsystem is in the idle state
Trigger source = IMMediate
Number of times to sequence through an entire scan list = 1
Time in seconds to wait after a trigger event is detected before sequencing to the Next relay in a scan list = 0
All relays on all modules are set to the open position
No scan list is defined
Default module names are assigned as follows:

The module that has a Option 01 VXI Interface daughter board installed is assigned module name “M1.”

Modules without the Option 01 VXI Interface daughter board in consecutive slots to the right of module “M1” are assigned module names “M2”, “M3”, ..., “M11.”

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All sections on all scanner modules are disjoined
All sections of all VX4330 Modules are set to operate in the mux mode
Close dwell time of all modules is set to 0 seconds
Open dwell time of all modules is set to 0 seconds
All relays on all modules are opened when power is removed from the VXI chassis

*SRE <mask>

Service Request Enable (SRE) register. This command defines a mask that is ANDed with the contents of the Status Byte register. If the result of this operation is non-zero, the Option 01 generates a VXI Request True interrupt. Bits 0, 1, 3, 6, and 7 of the SRE register are not used. Bits 2, 4, and 5 are set to enable VXI Request True interrupts to be generated under the conditions listed in the following table.

Bit No.	Meaning
bit0 (LSB)	Not used
1	Not used
2	The Error/Event queue contains one or more error messages.
3	Not used
4	The Output queue contains one or more query responses.
5	The contents of the Standard Event Status register ANDed with the contents of the Standard Event Status Enable register produces a non-zero result.
6	Not used
7	Not used

*SRE?

Service Request Enable (SRE) query. This command returns the value of the Service Request Enable register as a numeric value from 0 to 255. Bit 6 is unused, and is reported as zero.

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*STB?

Status Byte Query. This query returns the value of the Status Byte register as a numeric value between 0 and 255. The Status Byte register contents (with the exception of bit 6) are also returned in response to a VXI Read STB command. Bit 6 is read destructively in response to a VXI Read STB command. Bit 6 is not read destructively in response to a *STB? query. The Status Byte register is encoded as follows:

Bit No.	Meaning
bit 0 (lsb)	Not used
bit 1	Not used
bit 2	Set when the Error/Event queue contains one or more error messages.
bit 3	Not used
bit 4	Set when the Output buffer contains one or more query responses.
bit 5	Set when the contents of the Standard Event Status register ANDed with the contents of the Standard Event Status Enable register produces a non-zero result.
bit 6	Set when the contents of bits 0 through 5 and bit 7 of the Status Byte register ANDed with the contents of the Service Request Enable register produce a non-zero result. If bit 6 becomes set, the Option 01 will generate a VXI Request True interrupt on the VME interrupt level selected by its interrupt level select switch. If bit 6 becomes set and the Status Byte register is read using a VXI Read STB command, bit 6 will be reported as being set. In response to subsequent VXI Read STB commands, bit 6 will be reported as being cleared. If bit 6 becomes set and the Status Byte register is read using a *STB? query, bit 6 will be reported as being set. Bit 6 will continue to be reported as set in response to *STB queries until the contents of bits 0 through 5 and bit 7 of the Status Byte register ANDed with the contents of the Service Request Enable register is equal to 0.
bit 7	Not used.

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*TRG

Trigger Command. This command is equivalent to a VXI Trigger command. This command is valid only after the following commands have been received by the Option 01:

Command	Description
[ROUTe:]SCAN <channel_list>	Define a scan list
TRIGger [:SEQuence] :SOURce BUS	Select a VXI Trigger command as a trigger source.
INITiate[:IMMediate]	Initiate the scan list. This command places the trigger subsystem in the "ARM" state. The trigger subsystem remains in this state until the Option 01 has sequenced through the entire scan list "n" times, where "n" has been previously specified in a TRIGger[:SEQuence]:COUNT command. The trigger subsystem then returns to the IDLE state. The trigger subsystem also returns to the IDLE state if an ABORt command is received by the Option 01.

After these commands have been issued, a *TRG command will cause the Option 01 to take the following actions:

Generate a trigger delay that has previously been specified in a TRIGger [:SEQuence]:DELay command.

Open the currently closed channel.

Generate the open delay that has previously been specified in a [ROUTe:]OPEN:DWELl command.

Close the next channel in the scan list.

Generate the close delay that has previously been specified in a [ROUTe:]CLOSe:DWELl command.

Pulse one or more VXI TTL trigger signals that have been enabled by a previously issued OUTPut:TTLTRG<n>[:STATe] ON command.

If the module containing the channel is a scanner module, pulse the appropriate front panel encode signal.

If another *TRG command is received before this sequence is complete, a SCPI -211,"Trigger ignored" error message will be placed in the Error/Event queue. The *TRG command will continue to have this effect until the trigger subsystem is placed in the IDLE state. If additional *TRG commands are received after the

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trigger system is placed in the IDLE state, the Option 01 will place a SCPI -211,“Trigger Ignored” error message in the Error/Event queue.

The IEEE-488.2 Specification equates the *TRG command with an IEEE-488.1 Group Execute Trigger (GET) command. IEEE-488-to-VXI interface modules typically convert IEEE-488.1 GET commands to VXI Trigger commands. For this reason, the Option 01 equates the *TRG command with a VXI Trigger command.

*TST?

Self Test query. In response to this query, the Option 01 performs a self test of each of the switching modules under its control. During self test, the Option 01 verifies that it can properly control the relay drive circuitry of each switching module under its control. After the self test is complete, each module is restored to its pretest state. If all modules pass self test, an ASCII “0” is placed in the Output buffer. If one or more modules fail the self test, an ASCII “1” is placed in the Output buffer and error message(s) describing the failure are queued in the Error/Event queue. Issue a SYSTem:ERRor? query to read these error messages.

*WAI

Wait to Continue. This command causes the module to wait until all pending commands and queries are complete. All commands following *WAI are suspended until the pending operations are complete.

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Status and Events

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Status and Events

The Status and Event Reporting System reports asynchronous events and errors that occur in the VX4351 40-Channel, 10 Amp, SPST Switch Module. This system consists of four 8-bit registers and two queues that you access through the command language. You can use these registers and queues to query the instrument status and control the interrupts that report events.

In general, after an interrupt occurs, first conduct a serial poll, query the registers to see why the interrupt occurred, and then send the SYSTem:ERRor? query to see a descriptive error message.

This section describes the four registers and two queues of the Status and Event Reporting system. For each register, you are given a description, a table describing all of the bits, and an example of how to use the register.

The Status and Event Reporting process, synchronizing programming commands, and the system messages are also described in this section.

Status and Event Reporting System

The Status and Event Reporting system monitors and reports such events as an error occurring or the availability of a response to a query. This system includes descriptions of the following registers and queues:

- Status Byte register
- Service Request Enable register
- Standard Event Status register
- Event Status Enable register
- Output queue
- System Error and Event queue

Status Byte Register

The Status Byte register, shown in Table 2–1, summarizes information from other registers. Use a serial poll or a *STB? query to read the contents of the Status Byte register. The response is the sum of the decimal values for all bits set. When you use a serial poll, bit 6 shows Request Service information. When you use the *STB? query, bit 6, the Master Status Summary bit, indicates that bits 5, 4, or 2 may be set.

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Table 2–1: The Status Byte Register

Bit	Decimal Value	Function
0-1	–	Not used.
2	4	**Error/Event queue Not Empty** indicates that information is contained in the Error/Event queue and is waiting to be read.
3	–	Not used.
4	16	**Message Available** shows that output is available in the Output queue.
5	32	**Event Status Bit** indicates that one or more events have occurred and the corresponding bits in the Standard Event Status register have been set.
6	64	**Request Service** (obtained from a serial poll) shows that the VX4351 has requested service from the GPIB controller. **Master Status Summary** (obtained from *STB? query) summarizes the Event Status bit, Message Available bits, and Error/Event queue Not Empty bits in the Status Byte register.
7	–	Not used.

A common example of using the Status Byte register is to enable the Message Available bit. This is done by sending an *SRE 16 command to the Option 01 VXI Interface Module. If the *STB? query returns a value of 80, bit 4 (decimal value of 16) and bit 6 (decimal value of 64) have been set (giving a decimal sum of 80). Bit 4 indicates that a message is available in the output queue. Bit 6 indicates that a bit in the Status Byte register that has been enabled by setting the corresponding bit in the Service Request Enable register (in this case bit 4) has been set.

Service Request Enable Register

The Service Request Enable register, shown in Table 2–2, controls which bits in the Status Byte register will generate a service request. Use the *SRE command to set bits in the Service Request Enable register. Use the *SRE? query to see which bits in this register are enabled. The response from this query is the sum of the decimal values for all bits set.

Table 2–2: The Service Request Enable Register

Bit	Decimal Value	Function
0-1	–	Not used
2	4	**Error/Event queue Bit** indicates that a service request will be generated when a message is placed in the Error/Event queue.

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Table 2–2: The Service Request Enable Register (Cont.)

Bit	Decimal Value	Function
3	8	Not used
4	16	**Message Available Bit** indicates that a service request will be generated when a message is placed in the Output queue.
5	32	**Event Status Bit** indicates that events summarized in bit 5 of the Status Byte register will generate a service request.
6-7	–	Not used

If, for example, the *SRE? query returns a value of 48, bits 4 and 5 are set in the Service Request Enable register. Any event that causes the Message Available bit (bit 4) or Event Status bit (bit 5) to be set in the Status Byte register now generates an interrupt. If you want an interrupt to be generated only when the Event Status bit (bit 5) is set, use the *SRE 32 command.

Standard Event Status Register

The Standard Event Status register, shown in Table 2–3, records many types of events that can occur in the VX4351. Use the *ESR? query to read the contents of this register. The response is the sum of the decimal values for all bits set. Reading this register clears all bits so the register can accumulate information about new events.

Table 2–3: The Standard Event Status Register

Bit	Decimal Value	Function
0	1	**Operation Complete** shows that the operation is complete. This bit is set when all pending operations complete following a *OPC command.
1	–	Not used
2	4	**Query Error** shows that data in the Output queue was lost.
3	8	Not used
4	16	**Execution Error** shows that an error occurred while the VX4351 was executing a command or query. Table 2–6 on page 4–7 lists the execution error messages.
5	32	**Command Error** shows that an error occurred while the VX4351 was parsing a command or query. Table 2–5 on page 4–6 lists the command error messages.
6	–	Not used
7	128	**Power On** shows that the VX4351 was powered on.

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The following example assumes that all bits have been enabled using the Event Status Enable register (see the next section for information about this register). If a *ESR? query returns a value of 128, bit 7 (decimal value of 128) is set indicating that the instrument is in the initial power-on state.

Event Status Enable Register

The Event Status Enable register, shown in Table 2–4, controls which events are summarized in the Event Status bit (bit 5) of the Status Byte register. Use the *ESE command to set bits in the Event Status Enable register. Use the *ESE? query to see what bits in the Event Status Enable register are set. The response from this query is the sum of the decimal values for all bits summarized in the event status bit of the Status Byte register.

Table 2–4: The Event Status Enable Register

Bit	Decimal Value	Function
0	1	Set bit 5 of the Status Byte register when bit 1 (the Operation Complete bit) of the Standard Event Status register is set.
1	2	Not used
2	4	Set bit 5 of the Status Byte register when bit 2 (the Query Error bit) of the Standard Event Status register is set.
3	8	Not used
4	16	Set bit 5 of the Status Byte register when bit 4 (the Execution Error bit) of the Standard Event Status register is set.
5	32	Set bit 5 of the Status Byte register when bit 5 (the Command Error bit) of the Standard Event Status register is set.
6	64	Not used
7	128	Set bit 5 of the Status Byte register when bit 7 (the Power On bit) of the Standard Event Status register is set.

If, for example, the *ESE? query returns a value of 255, all bits are set, indicating that all events will set the event status bit (bit 5) of the Status Byte register.

The Output Queue

The VX4351 stores query responses in the Output queue.

The System Error and Event Queue

The VX4351 error and event messages are stored in the System Error and Event queue. Use the SYSTem:ERRor? query to get the event number and a text description of the event. Reading an event removes it from the queue. The Event queue stores detailed information for up to 10 events; the events are stored in first-in first-out order.

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Status and Event Reporting Process

Figure 2–1 shows how to use the Status and Event Reporting system. In the explanation that follows, numbers in parentheses refer to the circled numbers in Figure 2–1.

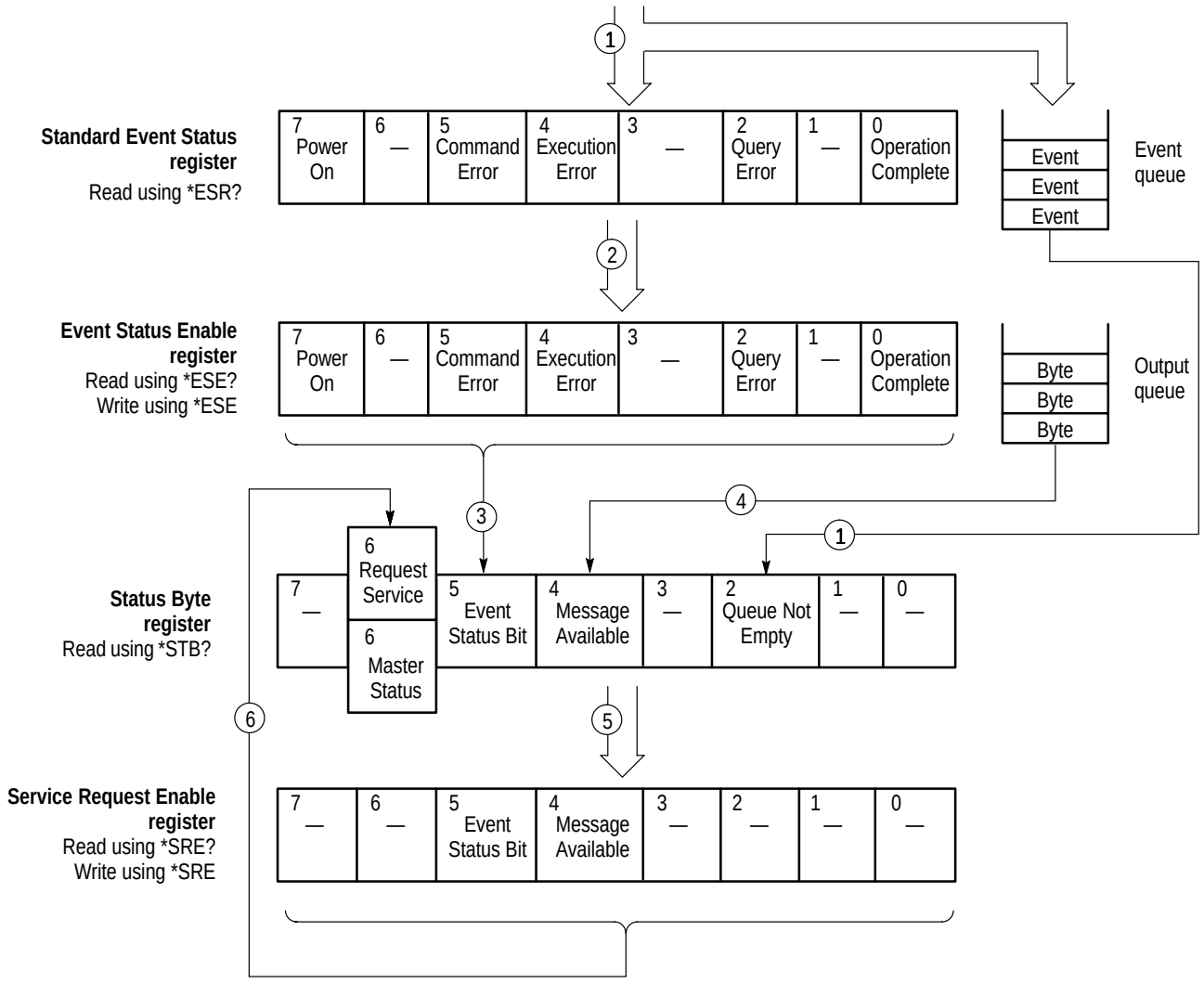


Figure 2–1: Status and Event Reporting Process

When an event occurs, the appropriate bit in the Standard Event Status register is set to one and the event is recorded in the Event queue (1). If the corresponding bit in the Event Status Enable register is also enabled (2), then the event status bit in the Status Byte register is set to one (3).

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When output from an event is sent to the Output queue (for example, a response to a query), the message available bit in the Status Byte register is set to one (4).

When a bit in the Status Byte register is set to one and the corresponding bit in the Service Request Enable register is enabled (5), the master status summary bit in the Status Byte register is set to one and a service request is generated (6).

Messages

The VX4351 generates error messages in response to events caused by commands or queries. Each type of event sets a specific bit in the Standard Event Status register. Thus, each message is associated with a specific Standard Event Status register bit. In the message tables that follow, the associated Standard Event Status register bit is specified in the table title. Not shown in the tables are secondary messages giving more detail about the cause of the error or the meaning of the message. These secondary messages are shown for each command and query in *Syntax and Commands*.

Table 2–5 shows the error messages generated by improper command syntax. Check to see that the command is properly formatted and that it follows the rules in *Syntax and Commands*.

Table 2–5: Command Error Messages
(Bit 5 in Standard Event Status register)

Code	Message
-102	Syntax error; 1 dimensional <channel_spec> invalid for VX4330 module
-102	Syntax error; 2 dimensional <channel_spec> invalid for VX4351 module
-102	Syntax error; 3 dimensional <channel_spec> invalid for VX43xx module
-102	Syntax error; channel dimension mismatch
-102	Syntax error; integer field greater than 10 characters
-102	Syntax error; Missing module name
	Syntax error; Module name already defined
-102	Syntax error; Module name already defined
-102	Syntax error; Module name length greater than 12 characters
-102	Syntax error; Non-contiguous section numbers
-102	Syntax error; ROUTe:CONFigure command invalid for VX43xx module
-102	Syntax error; ROUTe:DISJoin command invalid for VX43xx module
-102	Syntax error; ROUTe:JOIN command invalid for VX43xx module
-102	Syntax error; ROUTe:MODE command invalid for VX43xx module
-102	Syntax error; Undefined module name
-102	Syntax error; Unexpected x detected while ...

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Table 2–5: Command Error Messages (Bit 5 in Standard Event Status register) (Cont.)

Code	Message
-121	Invalid character in number
-123	Exponent too large

Table 2–6 lists the execution error messages that can occur during execution of a command. Parameter “y” in these error messages represents the local bus address of the module that the error message applies to. A value of “1” indicates the module containing the Option 01 daughter board, a value of “2” the module in the next slot to the right, and so on.

Table 2–6: Execution Error Messages (Bit 4 in Standard Event Status register)

Code	Message
-200	Execution error; Reserved
-200	Execution error; scan list undefined
-211	Trigger ignored
-213	Init ignored
-222	Data out of range; Channel number x on module y
-222	Data out of range; Channel number x!x on module y
-222	Data out of range; Channel number x!x!x on module y
-222	Data out of range; Invalid module address specified
-222	Data out of range; Invalid section number
-222	Data out of range; invalid sequence count
-222	Data out of range; invalid trigger delay
-222	Data out of range; Invalid VXI TTL Trigger level
-222	Data out of range; Maximum value for ESE command is 255
-222	Data out of range; Maximum value for SRE command is 255
-222	Data out of range; invalid dwell time specified.
-223	Too much data; channel list array overflow
-223	Too much data; Input buffer overflow
-223	Too much data; Output buffer full
-223	Too much data; scan list array overflow
-240	Hardware error; shift register verification error - module m
-241	Hardware error; Unrecognized module d, d

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Table 2–7 lists the device dependent error messages that can occur during VX4351 operation.

Table 2–7: Device Dependent Error Messages (Bit 3 in Standard Event Status register)

Code	Message
-350	Queue overflow; error/event queue
-350	Queue overflow; output queue

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Appendices

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Appendix A: Specifications

Table A–1: VXI Instrument Characteristics

Characteristics	Description
VXI General Characteristics	The instrument provides a VXI interface that complies with Revision 1.4. The VXI interface is defined by IEEE 1155
Interface Type	Message Based (1.4)
Protocols	Word Serial (WSP)
TTL Outputs	VXI TTLTRG* Lines TTLTRG0* through TTLTRG7* under program control.

Table A–2: Environmental/Reliability Characteristics

Characteristics	Description
Temperature	
Operating	Meets or exceeds MIL-T-28800E for Type III, 0 to 50° C external ambient, when operated in a mainframe providing Class 3 equipment. Airflow of at least 10.0 liters/sec at 0.4 mm H_2O air pressure, 0° C/50° C for 20° C (or less) temperature rise of internal air at full specified capacity of 10 A load per channel, as measured at the cooling air exit points, and with no heat transfer either to or from any adjacent VXI modules.
Non-operating	–40° C to +71° C.
Relative Humidity	
Operating	Up to 95% at up to 30° C, and up to 45%, at up to 50° C.
Non-operating	Up to 95%, at up to 50° C.
Altitude (1) Operating	10,000 ft. altitude.
Altitude Compliance	Meets or exceeds MIL-T-28800E for Type III, (operating to 10,000 ft., non-operating to 15,000 ft.).

***NOTE**. Temperature and cooling must be carefully calculated for this device. See Thermal Considerations for information on calculating cooling requirements*

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Table A–3: VX4351-Specific Characteristics

Characteristics	Description	
VME Interrupter Level	Switch selectable to a level between 1 and 7.	
VXI Logical Address	Switch selectable to a value between 0 and 255.	
VXI Dynamic Addressing	Not supported.	
Contents of device/manufacturer dependent VXI registers.	ID Register: BFFD hexadecimal Device Type: Set according to the model number of the slave module that the interface is installed on as specified in the following table. (Convert the last 3 digits of the model number to hex, take the one's complement, AND with F7FF.)	
Device Type	Set according to the model number of the slave module that the interface is installed on as specified in the following table. (Convert the last 3 digits of the model number to hex, take the one's complement, AND with F7FF.)	
	Slave Module Model No.	**Register Contents (hexadecimal)**
	VX4320	F6BF
	VX4330	F6B5
	VX4350	F6A1
	VX4351	F6A0
	VX4380	F683
	VX4381	F682
VXI TTL Trigger Outputs	All TTLTRG* outputs may be disabled.	
VXI TTL Trigger Inputs	One of the VXI TTLTRG* signals may be selected to be polled or to act as an interrupt source to the module's microprocessor.	
Configuration	40 SPDT (form A) relays	
Current		
Voltage	+5V	+24V
Maximum Average Current	1.25A	.6A
Fused	2A	2A

Table A–4: Relay Switching Characteristics

Characteristics	Description			
Maximum Switching Voltages	**DC**	**AC/RMS**	**V Peak**	
	125 (< 0.2A)	250 VAC CATI	354	
Maximum Switching Current (non-inductive)		**<30 VDC**	**<250 VAC/RMS**	
	per channel	10 A	10 A	
Maximum Switching Current (inductive)		**DC (L/R=7 msec)**	**AC (cosϕ=0.4)**	
	per channel	3A @30 VDC	10 A @125 VAC	
	per channel		5 A @250 VAC	

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Table A–4: Relay Switching Characteristics (Cont.)

Characteristics	Description		
Maximum Switching Power (non-inductive)		**@30 VDC**	**@250 VAC/RMS**
	per channel	300 W	2500 VA
Rated Switching Operations	**Loading**	**Operations**	
	No Load	5×10^7	
	30 VDC 10A	1×10^5	
	250 VDC 10A	1×10^5	

NOTE. *Temperature and cooling must be carefully calculated for this device. See Thermal Considerations for information on calculating cooling requirements*

Table A–5: Signal Path

Characteristics	Description
Path Resistance	**Contact Resistance**
	$< 0.1\ \Omega$
Insulation Resistance	$>5 \times 10^8\ \Omega$ @ +25° C, 40% RH $>5 \times 10^6\ \Omega$ @ +40° C, 95% RH

Table A–6: Power Distribution

Characteristics	Description
+5 VDC Current	1.25 A
+24 VDC Current	0.6 A

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Table A–7: Certifications and compliances

Characteristics	Description
EC Declaration of Conformity - EMC	Meets intent of Directive 89/336/EEC for Electromagnetic Compatibility. Compliance was demonstrated to the following specifications as listed in the Official Journal of the European Communities: EN 55011 — Class A Radiated and Conducted Emissions EN 50081-1 Emissions: EN 60555-2 — AC Power Line Harmonic Emissions EN 50082-1 Immunity: IEC 801-2 — Electrostatic Discharge Immunity IEC 801-3 — RF Electromagnetic Field Immunity IEC 801-4 — Electrical Fast Transient/Burst Immunity IEC 801-5 — Power Line Surge Immunity To ensure compliance with EMC requirements, this module must be installed in a mainframe which has backplane shields installed which comply with Rule B.7.45 of the VXIbus Specification.
Australian Declaration of Conformity - EMC	Conforms with the following standards in accordance with the Electromagnetic Compatibility Framework: AS/NZS 2064.1/2 — Class A Radiated and Conducted Emissions To ensure compliance with EMC requirements, this module must be installed in a mainframe which has backplane shields installed which comply with Rule B.7.45 of the VXIbus Specification.
EMC (USA)	Radiated and conducted emissions are within the limits of FCC CFR 47, Part 15, Subpart B, for Class A equipment.
EC Declaration of Conformity - Low Voltage	Meets intent of Low Voltage Directive 73/23/EEC as amended by 93/68/EEC, for Product Safety. Compliance was demonstrated to the following specification as listed in the Official Journal of the European Communities: EN 61010-1/A2:1995 — Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use.
Approvals	UL3111-1 - Standard for electrical measuring and test equipment CAN/CSA C22.2 No. 1010.1 - Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use.
Safety Certification of Plug-in or VXI Modules	For modules (plug-in or VXI) that are safety certified by Underwriters Laboratories, UL Listing applies only when the module is installed in a UL Listed product. For modules (plug-in or VXI) that have cUL or CSA approval, the approval applies only when the module is installed in a cUL or CSA approved product.
Conditions for Safety Certification	Operating temperature: +5 °C to +40 °C Max Operating Altitude: 2000 m Equipment Type: Test and measuring Safety Class: Class I, grounded product (IEC1010-1) Overvoltage Category: CAT I (IEC1010-1) Pollution Degree: Pollution Degree 2, rated for indoor use only (IEC-1010-1)

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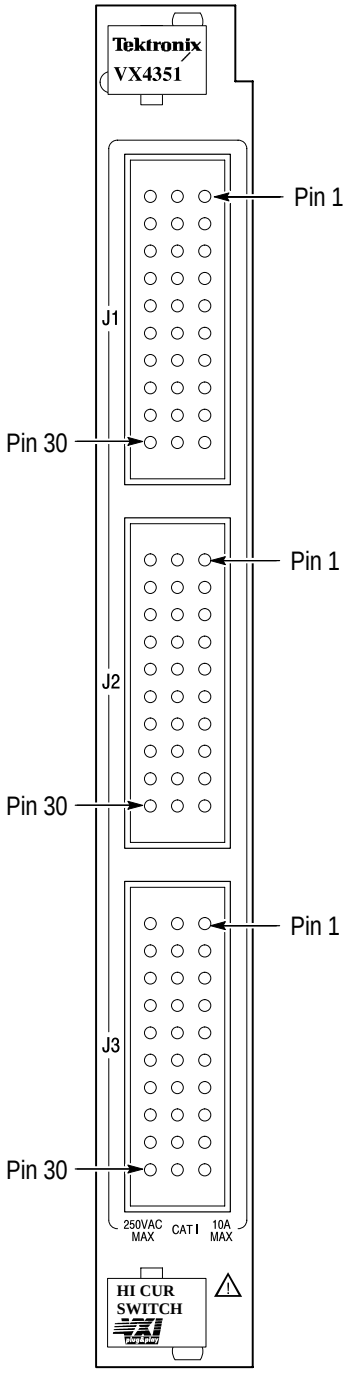
Table A–7: Certifications and compliances (cont.)

Characteristics	Description
Installation Category Descriptions	Terminals on this product may have different installation category designations. The installation categories are: CAT III Distribution-level mains (usually permanently connected). Equipment at this level is typically in a fixed industrial location. CAT II Local-level mains (wall sockets). Equipment at this level includes appliances, portable tools, and similar products. Equipment is usually cord-connected. CAT I Secondary (signal level) or battery operated circuits of electronic equipment.

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Appendix B: Input/Output Connections



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Table B–1: Input/Output Connections

Ref. Des.	Relay Number	Connector	Pin Number
K02	1	J1	1,2
K01	2		3,4
K12	3		5,6
K11	4		7,8
K22	5		9,10
K04	6		11,12
K03	7		13,14
K14	8		15,16
K13	9		17,18
K24	10		19,20
K05	11		21,22
K15	12		23,24
K25	13		25,26
K35	14		27,28
K21	15	J2	1,2
K31	16		3,4
K42	17		5,6
K41	18		7,8
K52	19		9,10
K23	20		11,12
K33	21		13,14
K32	22		15,16
K44	23		17,18
K43	24		19,20
K34	25		21,22
K45	26		23,34
K51	27	J3	1,2
K62	28		3,4
K61	29		5,6
K72	30		7,8
K71	31		9,10
K53	32	J3	11,12
K64	33		13,14
K63	34		15,16
K74	35		17,18

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Table B–1: Input/Output Connections (Cont.)

Ref. Des.	Relay Number	Connector	Pin Number
K73	36		19,20
K55	37		21,22
K54	38		23,24
K65	39		25,26
K75	40		27,38

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Appendix C: Examples

These example scripts demonstrate how the some of the various programmable features of the VX4351 are used to control from 1 to 12 relay modules. These modules can consist of any combination of VX4320, VX4330, VX4350, VX4351, VX4380, and VX4381 Relay Modules.

It is assumed the module has completed its power-on self test. For information on specific commands or syntax, please review the *Syntax and Commands* section.

Example 1

In this example the Option 01 is installed on a VX4320 Module. A VX4330, VX4350, and VX4380 are installed in consecutive slots to the right of the VX4320.

- Query the identity of the module that the Option 01 is installed on.

  WRITE `*IDN?`
  READ `TEKTRONIX,VX4320,0,SCPI:94.0 FW:1.3<CR><LF>`

- Query the card for any self-test errors.

  WRITE `*TST?`
  READ `0`

  Note that a response of “0” indicates that all modules controlled by the Option 01 daughter board passed the self test. A response of “1” indicates that one or more modules have failed the self test. In that case, SYSTem:ERRor? queries should be issued to determine which modules failed the self test.

- Query the identity of all the modules controlled by the Option 01

  WRITE `route:id?`
  READ `VX4320 VX4330 VX4350 VX4380`

- Query the module names assigned to each of the modules controlled by the Option 01.

  WRITE `route:module:catalog?`
  READ `"M1", "M2", "M3", "M4"`

  The names listed in the response to this query correspond to the modules in the response to the route:id? query.

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- Check the contents of the Standard Event Status register.

  ```
  WRITE     *ESR?
  READ      128
  ```

  This response indicates that the Power On bit of the Standard Event Status register is set. This indicates that this is the first time an *ESR? query has been sent to the Option 01 since power was applied to the module.

- Check the contents of the Standard Event Status register again.

  ```
  WRITE     *ESR?
  READ      000
  ```

  The content of the Standard Event Status register is equal to zero because this register is read destructively. That is, it is set to zero after its contents are reported following an *ESR? query.

- Enable VXI TTL trigger 1 to be pulsed low for 3 µsec after a channel is closed on any of the relay modules.

  ```
  WRITE     output:ttltrg1:state on
  ```

- Check to see if VXI TTL trigger 1 is enabled.

  ```
  WRITE     output:ttltrg1:State?
  READ      1
  ```

  A response of “1” indicates that VXI TTL trigger 1 is enabled. A response of “0” indicates that this trigger is disabled.

- Close channel 3 in section 5 of the VX4320 Module.

  ```
  WRITE     close (@m1(3!5))
  ```

- Configure the VX4330 as a 240-to-1 1-wire scanner.

  ```
  WRITE     route:conf:join m2,(1:6)
  WRITE     route:conf owire,m2,(1:6)
  WRITE     route:close:mode scan,m2,(1:6)
  ```

- Close channel 1 of section 1 of the VX4330.

  ```
  WRITE     route:close (@m2(1!1))
  ```

- Close channel 40 of section 2 of the VX4330.

  ```
  WRITE     route:close (@m2(40!2))
  ```

  Note that channel 1 of section 1 will be opened before channel 40 of section 2 is closed because sections 1 and 2 have been joined and both sections have been set to a close mode of “scan”.

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- Close channels 1 through 10 on the VX4350 Module.

  WRITE `close (@m3(1:10))`

- Open channels 11 through 20 on the VX4350 Module.

  WRITE `open (@m3(11:20))`

- Query the close state of channels 1 through 20 on the VX4350 Module.

  WRITE `close? (@m3(1:20))`
  READ `1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0`

  A query response of “1” indicates that the corresponding channel is closed, and a response of “0” indicates that the channel is open.

- Query the open state of channels 1 through 20 on the VX4350 Module.

  WRITE `open? (@m3(1:20))`
  READ `0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1`

  A query response of “1” indicates that the corresponding channel is open, and a response of “0” indicates that the channel is closed.

- Open all relays in section 4 of the VX4380 Module.

  WRITE `route:open (@M4(1!1!4:4!16!4))`

- Close the relay that joins row 3 to column 12 in section 4 of the VX4380 Module.

  WRITE `route:close (@m4(3!12!4))`

- Query the close state of the relays in section 4 of the VX4380.

  WRITE `route:close? (@m4(1!1!4:4!16!4))`
  READ
  ```
  0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
  0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0
  0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
  ```

  Note that the channel close states are returned in the following order:

  1!1!4, 1!2!4, 1!3!4, ..., 1!16!4,

  2!1!4, 2!2!4, 2!3!4, ..., 2!16!4,

  3!1!4, 3!2!4, 3!3!4, ..., 3!16!4,

  4!1!4, 4!2!4, 4!3!4, ..., 4!16!4

  which is the same order in which the channels were specified in the query.

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- Open all channels on all modules except the VX4320 Module. (Note that one channel is always closed in each section of the VX4320, so the OPEN command is not supported for this module.)

  WRITE `route:open:all m2; all m3; all m4`

- Disjoin all sections of the VX4330.

  WRITE `route:configure:disjoin m2`

- Configure sections 1 through 3 of the VX4330 to 4-wire configuration.

  WRITE `route:Conf fwire,m2,(1:3)`

- Define a list of channels to scan through. Define this list as channels 1 through 10 in section 1 of the VX4330, channels 1 through 10 in section 2 of the VX4330, channels 3 through 6 and 60 through 64 on the VX4350, and the channels that join row 2 to columns 1 through 16 in section 1 of the VX4380.

  WRITE
  ```
  route:Scan (@m2(1!1:10!1,1!2:10!2),
  m3(3:6,60:64),m4(2!1!1:2!16!1))
  ```

- Set the time to wait after closing a relay before pulsing a VXI TTL trigger to 0.1 seconds for each module in the scan list defined in the previous example.

  WRITE `clos:dwell m2,.1; dwell m3,.1; dwell m4,.1`

- Set the time to wait after opening a relay to 0.2 seconds for each module in the scan list defined above.

  WRITE `open:dwell m2,.2; dwell m3,.2; dwell m4,.2`

- Set the number of times to sequence through the defined scan list to 3.

  WRITE `trigger:Sequence:count 3`

- Set the trigger source for the scan list to “immediate.” This programs the Option 01 to generate an internal trigger after closing a channel in a scan list and waiting for the close dwell (assigned to the module containing the channel) to expire.

  WRITE `trigger:sequence:source immediate`

- Enable the Operation Complete bit of the Standard Event Status register to generate a VXI Request True interrupt to the commander of the Option 01 Module.

  WRITE `*SRE 32`
  WRITE `*ESE 1`

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- Sequence through the scan list 3 times and set the Operation Complete bit in the Standard Event Status register when finished.

```
WRITE       initiate:immediate
WRITE       *OPC
```

- After the Option 01 sequences through the scan list three times, it will generate a VXI Request True interrupt to its commander. When the commander of the Option 01 detects a Request True interrupt, check the contents of the Option 01's Status Byte register.

```
WRITE       *STB?
READ        096
```

  This response indicates that bits 5 and 6 of the Status Byte register are set. Bit 6 indicates that the Option 01 has generated a request true interrupt. Bit 5 indicates that the Operation Complete bit in the Standard Event Status register has been set. (This bit was enabled to set bit 5 of the Status Byte register by the previously issued *ESE 1 command.)

- Read the Standard Event Status register contents.

```
WRITE       *ESR?
READ        001
WRITE       *ESR?
READ        000
```

  Note that the second read of the Standard Event Status register is zero because this register is cleared each time an *ESR? query is received.

- Check the contents of the Status Byte register.

```
WRITE       *STB?
READ        000
```

  The *ESR? query caused the Operation Complete bit of the Standard Event Status register to be cleared. This caused bit 5 of the Status Byte register to be cleared, which caused bit 6 of the Status Byte register to be cleared.

Example 2

In this example an Option 01 daughter board is installed on a VX4351 Module. Two additional VX4351 Modules are installed in consecutive slots to the right of the first VX4351.

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- Reset the modules. This command places the VX4351 Modules in their power-on state. All channels on all VX4351 Modules are opened. This command also clears the Output queue, Error/Event queue, and the Standard Event Status register.

  ```
  WRITE       system:preset
  ```

- Reset the modules. Open all channels on all VX4351 Modules but do not clear the Output queue, the Error/Event queue, or the Standard Event Status register.

  ```
  WRITE       *RST
  ```

- Clear the Output queue, the Error/Event queue, and the Standard Event Status register but do not change the state of the VX4351 Modules.

  ```
  WRITE       *CLS
  ```

- Query the default module names assigned to the modules.

  ```
  WRITE       route:module:catalog?
  READ        "M1", "M2", "M3"
  ```

- Close channels 1, 5, 10, and 20 through 30 on the third VX4351.

  ```
  WRITE       close (@m3(1,5,10,20:30))
  ```

- Change the module name assignments of the relay modules to “hi_cur1”, “hi_cur2”, and “hi_cur3”.

  ```
  WRITE       mod:def hi_cur1,1; def hi_cur2,2; def hi_cur3,3
  ```

- Query the new module names.

  ```
  WRITE       route:module:catalog?
  READ        "hi_cur1", "hi_cur2", "hi_cur3"
  ```

- Enable VXI TTL trigger 3.

  ```
  WRITE       output:ttltrg3:State on
  ```

- Assign a close dwell time of 0.25 seconds to each of the VX4351 Modules.

  ```
  WRITE       close:dwell m1,0.25; dwell m2,0.25; dwell
              m3,0.25
  ```

  Note that this command is equivalent to the following three commands.

  ```
  WRITE       close:dwell m1,0.25
  WRITE       close:dwell m2,0.25
  WRITE       close:dwell m3,0.25
  ```


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- Open all relays on the first and second VX4351 Modules.

  WRITE `open:all hi_cur1; all hi_cur2`

- Close relays 1 through 10 on the first two VX4351 Modules.

  WRITE `close (@m1(1:10),m2(1:10))`

- Query the close state of the relays on the first VX4351.

  WRITE `close? (@hi_cur1(1:40))`
  READ `1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0`

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WARNING

The following servicing instructions are for use only by qualified personnel. To avoid injury, do not perform any servicing other than that stated in the operating instructions unless you are qualified to do so. Refer to all Safety Summaries before performing any service.

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Appendix D: Performance Verification

Verify the performance of the VX4351 by checking its path resistance for each relay. This procedure involves the following steps:

- Opening the relays
- Closing the relays

Equipment Required

An ohmmeter, voltmeter, and a power supply capable of 1A of current.

What You Should Know About

You should be familiar with the connector pin-outs in *Appendix B: Input/Output Connections*.

Opening the Relays

Use the following procedure to open the relays and measure the resistance for each path:

1. When the Option 01 Module is installed, issue the following command to open all relays on the VX4351:

   ```
   ROUTE:OPEN:ALL M1
   ```

2. Verify that there is no continuity between the contacts by measuring the resistance of each path with an ohmmeter.

   For example: for testing relay 1, test between pins 1 and 2 of J1. For relay 2, test between pins 3 and 4 of J1.

3. Using the connector pin-out table in *Appendix B: Input/Output Connections*, continue this procedure for relays 3 through 40.

Closing the Relays

Perform the following steps to close the relays and measure the voltage drop across the pins:

1. Issue the following command to close all 40 relays of the VX4351:

   ```
   ROUTE:CLOSE (@M1(1:40))
   ```

2. Using the connector pin-out table in Appendix B, apply 1A of current to the connector pins for each relay.

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3. Measure the voltage drop across the pins, and verify that each path drops less than 100 millivolts.

   As an example, for relay 1, test between pins 1 and 2 of J1. For relay 2, test between pins 3 and 4 of J1.

4. Using the connector pin-out table in *Appendix B: Input/Output Connections*, continue this procedure for relays 3 through 40.

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Appendix E: User Service

This appendix contains service-related information for the VX4351 that covers the following topics:

- Performance Verification
- Preventive maintenance
- Troubleshooting
- User-replaceable parts

Performance Verification

You may use the performance verification procedure listed in *Appendix D: Performance Verification* to verify that the module is operating correctly. The instrument has been fully tested before leaving the factory, and requires no calibration.

If the self test or diagnostic commands indicate a failure, contact your Tektronix field office or representative for assistance.

Preventive Maintenance

You should perform inspection and cleaning as preventive maintenance. Preventive maintenance, when done regularly, may prevent VX4351 malfunction and enhance reliability. Inspect and clean the VX4351 as often as conditions require by following these steps:

1. Turn off power and remove the VX4351 from the VXIbus mainframe.
2. Remove loose dust on the outside of the instrument with a lint-free cloth.
3. Remove any remaining dirt with a lint-free cloth dampened with water or a 75% isopropyl alcohol solution. Do not use abrasive cleaners.

Troubleshooting

If you suspect a malfunction, first double check connections to and from the VX4351. If the trouble persists, perform the *Functional Check*.

If the self test indicates a failure, contact your Tektronix field office or representative for assistance.

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User-Replaceable Parts

Refer to the *Appendix F: Replaceable Parts* for the part locations.

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Appendix F: Replaceable Parts

This section contains a list of the replaceable parts for the VX4351 Module. Use this list to identify and order replacement parts.

Parts Ordering Information

Replacement parts are available through your local Tektronix field office or representative.

Changes to Tektronix products are sometimes made to accommodate improved components as they become available and to give you the benefit of the latest improvements. Therefore, when ordering parts, it is important to include the following information in your order.

- Part number
- Instrument type or model number
- Instrument serial number
- Instrument modification number, if applicable

If you order a part that has been replaced with a different or improved part, your local Tektronix field office or representative will contact you concerning any change in part number.

Change information, if any, is located at the rear of this manual.

Module Servicing

Modules can be serviced by selecting one of the following three options. Contact your local Tektronix service center or representative for repair assistance.

Module Exchange. In some cases you may exchange your module for a reman-ufactured module. These modules cost significantly less than new modules and meet the same factory specifications. For more information about the module exchange program, call 1-800-TEK-WIDE, extension 6630.

Module Repair and Return. You may ship your module to us for repair, after which we will return it to you.

New Modules. You may purchase replacement modules in the same way as other replacement parts.

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Using the Replaceable Parts List

This section contains a list of the mechanical and/or electrical components that are replaceable for theVX4351 Module. Use this list to identify and order replacement parts. The following table describes each column in the parts list.

Parts List Column Descriptions

Column	Column Name	Description
1	Figure & Index Number	Items in this section are referenced by figure and index numbers to the exploded view illustrations that follow.
2	Tektronix Part Number	Use this part number when ordering replacement parts from Tektronix.
3 and 4	Serial Number	Column three indicates the serial number at which the part was first effective. Column four indicates the serial number at which the part was discontinued. No entries indicates the part is good for all serial numbers.
5	Qty	This indicates the quantity of parts used.
6	Name & Description	An item name is separated from the description by a colon (:). Because of space limitations, an item name may sometimes appear as incomplete. Use the U.S. Federal Catalog handbook H6-1 for further item name identification.
7	Mfr. Code	This indicates the code of the actual manufacturer of the part.
8	Mfr. Part Number	This indicates the actual manufacturer's or vendor's part number.

Abbreviations

Abbreviations conform to American National Standard ANSI Y1.1–1972.

Mfr. Code to Manufacturer Cross Index

The table titled Manufacturers Cross Index shows codes, names, and addresses of manufacturers or vendors of components listed in the parts list.

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Manufacturers Cross Index

Mfr. Code	Manufacturer	Address	City, State, Zip Code
80009	TEKTRONIX, INC.	P.O. BOX 500	BEAVERTON, OR, 97077-0001
0KB01	STAUFFER SUPPLY, CO	810 SE SHERMAN	PORTLAND, OR 97214–4657
0KB05	NORTH STAR NAMEPLATE, INC.	5750 NE MOORE COURT	HILLSBORO, OR 97124–6474
28198	POSITRONIC INDUSTRIES	423 N CAMPBELL ST PO BOX 8247	SPRINGFIELD, MO 65801–8247
30817	INSTRUMENT SPECIALTIES CO., INC.	EXIT 53, RT 80 BOX A	DELAWARE WATER GAP, PA 18327
61529	AROMAT CORPORATION	629 CENTRAL AVENUE	NEW PROVIDENCE, NJ 07974
62559	SCHROFF INC	170 COMMERCE DRIVE	WARWICK, RI 02886–2430
75915	LITTELFUSE INC	800 E NORTHWEST HWY	DES PLAINES, IL 60016–3049
80009	TEKTRONIX INC	14150 SW KARL BRAUN DR PO BOX 500	BEAVERTON, OR 97077–0001
93907	CAMCAR DIV OF TEXTRON, INC.	ATTN: ALICIA SANFORD 516 18TH AVE	ROCKFORD, IL 611045181
98003	NIELSEN HARDWARE CORPORATION	770 WETHERSFIELD AVE PO BOX 568	HARTFORD, CT 06141
TK0198	HAMILTON HALLMARK	9750 SW NIMBUS AVE	BEAVERTON, OR 97005
TK1943	NEILSEN MANUFACTURING, INC.	3501 PORTLAND RD NE	SALEM, OR 97303
TK2548	XEROX CORPORATION	DIV OF XEROX CORPORATION 14181 SW MILLIKAN WAY	BEAVERTON, OR 97005
TK2626	OPTIMA ELECTRONIC PACKAGING SYSTEMS	2166 MOUNTAIN INDUSTRIAL BLVD.	TUCKER, GA 30084–5088
TK2647	INSTRUMENT SPECIALTIES CO, INC.	C/O TEMCO NW 1336 SE 51ST STREET	HILLSBORO, OR 97123
28198	POSITRONIC INDUSTRIES	423 N CAMPBELL ST PO BOX 8247	SPRINGFIELD, MO 65801–8247
56708	ZILOG	5360 MANHATTAN CIRCLE SUITE 203	BOULDER, CO 80303
62559	SCHROFF, INC.	170 COMMERCE DRIVE	WARWICK, RI 02886–2430
TK1943	NEILSEN MANUFACTURING, INC.	3501 PORTLAND RD NE	SALEM, OR 97303

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Replaceable Parts List

Fig. & Index Number	Tektronix Part Number	Serial No. Effective	Serial No. Discont'd	Qty	Name & Description	Mfr. Code	Mfr. Part Number
F–1–1	441–2125–00			1	CHASSIS:1 WIDE VXI	98003	ORDER BY DESCRIPTION
–2	348–1434–00			4	GASKET,EMI:2.912 L	30817	97–613–17–029
–3	163–0906–XX			1	IC,DIGITAL:PRGM CMOS (REFERENCE DESIGNATOR ON CIRCUIT BOARD IS U68)	TK0198	163–0906–XX
–4	671–3965–XX			1	CIRCUIT BD ASSY:HIGH CURRENT SWITCH SPST CHANNELS	80009	671–3965–XX
–5	159–5014–00			2	FUSE,SMD:2.0A,125V,FAST BLOW,0.1 X 0.1 X 0.24,UL REG,CSA CERT (REFERENCE DESIGNATOR ON CIRCUIT BOARD IS F49, F77)	75915	R451 002
–6	163–0431–XX			1	IC,MEMORY:CMOS,EPROM,64K X 8,150NS PRGM 156–6547–00,27C512,PLCC 32	80009	163–0431–XX
–7	671–3286–XX			1	CKT BD ASSY:VXI INTERFACE CONTROL, OPTION 01	80009	671–3286–XX
–8	156–6652–XX			1	IC,PROCESSOR:CMOS,MICROCONTROLLER,8–BIT,20MHZ, ROMLESS,Z88C0020VZC,PLCC68, FOR OPTION 01 ONLY, (REFERENCE DESIGNATOR ON CIRCUIT BOARD IS U25)	56708	Z88C0020VSC
–9	160–9792–XX			1	IC,DIGITAL:CMOS,PLD,OTP,1810,35NS,48 MACROCELL,48 I/O,16 INPUTS,PRGM, FOR OPTION 01 ONLY, (REFERENCE DESIGNATOR ON CIRCUIT BOARD IS U45)	80009	160–9792–XX
–10	211–0373–00			13 5	SCREW,MACHINE:4–40 X 0.250,PNH, T–10 TORX DR ADDITIONAL SCREWS NEEDED FOR OPTION 01	93907	ORDER BY DESCRIPTION
–11	200–4231–00			1	COVER:VXI	TK1943	200–4231–00
–12	148–0294–00			40	RELAY:POWER,1 FORM A ,10A 250VAC/30VDC,COIL 24V,2880 OHM,ISOL 1000V	61529	DK1AE–24V
–13	136–1298–00			40	SOCKET,RELAY:PCB,ACCOM AROMAT DK1AE–24V,FEMALE,4 X 2,0.25 CTR,0.669 H X 0.134 TAIL	61529	DK1A–PS
–14	950–0952–00			1	92500–25011:COLLAR SCREW M 2.5 X 11 SL NICKEL92500–25011:COLLAR SCREW M 2.5 X 11 SL NICKEL	62559	950–0952–00
–15	950–4448–00			2	SCREW: M2.5X10 CHEESEHEAD	TK2626	409013905
–16	367–0410–00			1	HANDLE,EJECTOR:BOTTOM,SINGLE WIDE MODULE	62559	20817–327
–17	334–9370–00			1	MARKER,IDENT:MKD,TEKTRONIX	0KB05	ORDER BY DESCRIPTION
–18	950–3794–00			2	WASHER: WAVY 2.7MM	80009	950–3794–00
–19	950–4827–00			2	SCREW PHIL M 2.5 X 8 CSK	0KB01	950–4827–00
–20	348–1365–01			1	SHLD GSKT,ELEC:SYMETRICAL SLOTTED FINGER,0.350 W X 7.5 L	TK2647	0493–0069–01
–21	214–4692–01			1	KEY:KEY,VXI,TTL	80009	214–4692–01
–22	211–0391–00			2	SCR,ASSEM,WSHR:2–56 X 0.437, PNH,T–8 TORX DR	93907	ORDER BY DESCRIPTION
–23	334–9362–00			1	MARKER,IDENT:MARKED VXI & INSTRUMENT NAME	0KB05	ORDER BY DESCRIPTION
–24	367–0411–00			1	HANDLE,EJECTOR:TOP,SINGLE WIDE	62559	20817–328

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Replaceable Parts List (Cont.)

Fig. & Index Number	Tektronix Part Number	Serial No. Effective	Serial No. Discont'd	Qty	Name & Description	Mfr. Code	Mfr. Part Number
					STANDARD ACCESSORIES		
	070–9724–XX			1	MANUAL,TECH:USER MANUAL,VX4351	80009	070–9724–XX
	070–9726–XX			1	MANUAL,TECH:REFERENCE MANUAL,VX4351	80009	070–9726–XX
	204–1176–00			1	CONN,HSG RCPT:WIRE MT,FEMALE,STR,3 X 10,0.2 CTR,CABLE MNT HI CURRENT WITH HOOD	28198	PLC30F0050
	131–6194–00			90	CONN,CONTACT:CRIMP,POWR–LOK,FEMALE,STR,25 AMP,ACCOM 14–16 AWG,10 GOLD,FOR 204–1176–00	28198	FC114N2
					TOOLS		
	003–1671–00			1	HAND TOOL:CONTACT INSERTION TOOL,16 GA,131–6194–00,FC1114N2 PINS	28198	9099
	003–1672–00			1	HAND TOOL:CONTACT EXTRACTION TOOL,16 GA,131–6194–00,FC1114N2 PINS	28198	9081
	003–1673–00			1	TOOL,HAND:HAND CRIMP TOOL,REQUIRES TURRET HEAD ATTACHMENT P/N 003–1673–00 9502–1,USE W/131	28198	9501
	003–1674–00			1	TOOL,HAND:TURRET HEAD FOR 9501 003–1673–00 HAND CRIMP TOOL	28198	9502–1

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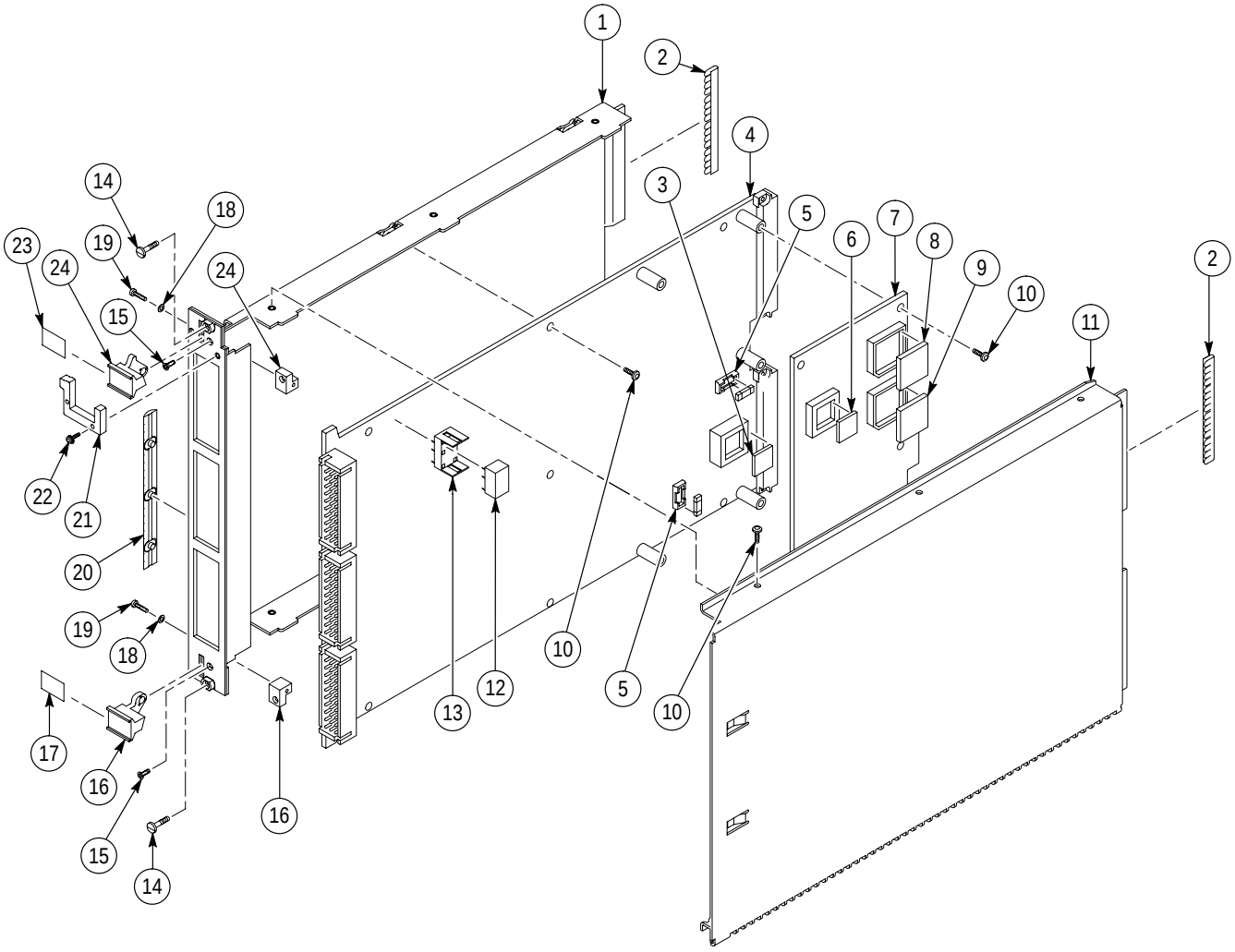


Figure F–1: VX4351 Replaceable Parts

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Glossary and Index

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Glossary

The terms in this glossary are defined as used in the VXIbus System. Although some of these terms may have different meanings in other systems, it is important to use these definitions in VXIbus applications. Terms which apply only to a particular instrument module are noted. Not all terms appear in every manual.

Accessed Indicator
An amber LED indicator that lights when the module identity is selected by the Resource Manager module, and flashes during any I/O operation for the module.

ACFAIL*
A VMEbus backplane line that is asserted under these conditions: 1) by the mainframe Power Supply when a power failure has occurred (either AC line source or power supply malfunction), or 2) by the front panel ON/STANDBY switch when switched to STANDBY.

Asynchronous Communication
Communications that occur outside the normal “command-response” cycle. Such communications have higher priority than synchronous communication.

Backplane
The printed circuit board that is mounted in a VXIbus mainframe to provide the interface between VXIbus modules and between those modules and the external system.

Bus Arbitration
In the VMEbus interface, a system for resolving contention for service among VMEbus Master devices on the VMEbus.

Bus Timer
A functional module that measures the duration of each data transfer on the Data Transfer Bus (DTB) and terminates the DTB cycle if the duration is excessive. Without the termination capability of this module, a Bus Master attempt to transfer data to or from a non-existent Slave location could result in an infinitely long wait for the Slave response.

Client
In shared memory protocol (SMP), that half of an SMP channel that does not control the shared memory buffers.

CLK10
A 10 MHz, ±100 ppm, individually buffered (to each module slot), differential ECL system clock that is sourced from Slot 0 and distributed to

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Slots 1–12 on P2. It is distributed to each module slot as a single source, single destination signal with a matched delay of under 8 ns.

Commander
In the VXIbus interface, a device that controls another device (a servant). A commander may be a servant of another commander.

Command
A directive to a device. There are three types of commands:

In Word Serial Protocol command, a 16-bit imperative to a servant from its commander.

In Shared Memory Protocol command, a 16-bit imperative from a client to a server, or vice versa.

In a Message command, an ASCII-coded, multi-byte directive to any receiving device.

Communication Registers
In word serial protocol, a set of device registers that are accessible to the commander of the device. Such registers are used for inter-device communications, and are required on all VXIbus message-based devices.

Configuration Registers
A set of registers that allow the system to identify a (module) device type, model, manufacturer, address space, and memory requirements. In order to support automatic system and memory configuration, the VXIbus standard specifies that all VXIbus devices have a set of such registers, all accessible from P1 on the VMEbus.

C-Size Card
A VXIbus instrument module that is 340.0 mm × 233.4 mm × 30.48 mm (13.4 in. × 9.2 in. × 1.2 in.).

Custom Device
A special-purpose VXIbus device that has configuration registers so as to be identified by the system and to allow for definition of future device types to support further levels of compatibility.

Data Transfer Bus
One of four buses on the VMEbus backplane. The Data Transfer Bus allows Bus Masters to direct the transfer of binary data between Masters and Slaves.

DC SUPPLIES Indicator
A red LED indicator that illuminates when a DC power fault is detected on the backplane.

Device Specific Protocol
A protocol for communication with a device that is not defined in the VXIbus specification.

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D-Size Card
A VXIbus instrument module that is 340.0 × 366.7 mm × 30.48 mm (13.4 in. × 14.4 in. × 1.2 in.).

DTB
See Data Transfer Bus.

DTB Arbiter
A functional module that accepts bus requests from Requester modules and grants control of the DTB to one Requester at a time.

DUT
Device Under Test.

ECLTRG
Six single-ended ECL trigger lines (two on P2 and four on P3) that function as inter-module timing resources, and that are bussed across the VXIbus subsystem backplane. Any module, including the Slot 0 module, may drive and receive information from these lines. These lines have an impedance of 50 Ω; the asserted state is logical High.

Embedded Address
An address in a communications protocol in which the destination of the message is included in the message.

ESTST
Extended STart/STop protocol; used to synchronize VXIbus modules.

Extended Self Test
Any self test or diagnostic power-on routine that executes after the initial kernel self test program.

External System Controller
The host computer or other external controller that exerts overall control over VXIbus operations.

FAILED Indicator
A red LED indicator that lights when a device on the VXIbus has detected an internal fault. This might result in the assertion of the SYSFAIL* line.

IACK Daisy Chain Driver
The circuit that drives the VMEbus Interrupt Acknowledge daisy chain line that runs continuously through all installed modules or through jumpers across the backplane.

ID-ROM
An NVRAM storage area that provides for non-volatile storage of diagnostic data.

Instrument Module
A plug-in printed circuit board, with associated components and shields, that

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may be installed in a VXIbus mainframe. An instrument module may contain more than one device. Also, one device may require more than one instrument module.

Interface Device
A VXIbus device that provides one or more interfaces to external equipment.

Interrupt Handler
A functional module that detects interrupt requests generated by Interrupters and responds to those requests by requesting status and identity information.

Interrupter
A device capable of asserting VMEbus interrupts and performing the interrupt acknowledge sequence.

IRQ
The Interrupt ReQuest signal, which is the VMEbus interrupt line that is asserted by an Interrupter to signify to the controller that a device on the bus requires service by the controller.

Local Bus
A daisy-chained bus that connects adjacent VXIbus slots.

Local Controller
The instrument module that performs system control and external interface functions for the instrument modules in a VXIbus mainframe or several mainframes. See Resource Manager.

Local Processor
The processor on an instrument module.

Logical Address
The smallest functional unit recognized by a VXIbus system. It is often used to identify a particular module.

Mainframe
Card Cage. For example, the Tektronix VX1410 Intelliframe, an operable housing that includes 13 C-size VXIbus instrument module slots.

Memory Device
A storage element (such as bubble memory, RAM, and ROM) that has configuration registers and memory attributes (such as type and access time).

Message
A series of data bytes that are treated as a single communication, with a well defined terminator and message body.

Message Based Device
A VXIbus device that supports VXI configuration and communication registers. Such devices support the word serial protocol, and possibly other message-based protocols.

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MODID Lines
Module/system identity lines.

Physical Address
The address assigned to a backplane slot during an access.

Power Monitor
A device that monitors backplane power and reports fault conditions.

P1
The top-most backplane connector for a given module slot in a vertical mainframe. The left-most backplane connector for a given slot in a horizontal mainframe.

P2
The bottom backplane connector for a given module slot in a vertical C-size mainframe; or the middle backplane connector for a given module slot in a vertical D-size mainframe.

Query
A form of command that allows for inquiry to obtain status or data.

READY Indicator
A green LED indicator that lights when the power-on diagnostic routines have been completed successfully. An internal failure or failure of +5 V power will extinguish this indicator.

Register Based Device
A VXIbus device that supports VXI register maps, but not high level VXIbus communication protocols; includes devices that are register-based servant elements.

Requester
A functional module that resides on the same module as a Master or Interrupt Handler and requests use of the DTB whenever its Master or Interrupt Handler requires it.

Resource Manager
A VXIbus device that provides configuration management services such as address map configuration, determining system hierarchy, allocating shared system resources, performing system self test diagnostics, and initializing system commanders.

Self Calibration
A routine that verifies the basic calibration of the instrument module circuits, and adjusts this calibration to compensate for short- and long-term variables.

Self Test
A set of routines that determine if the instrument module circuits will

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perform according to a given set of standards. A self test routine is performed upon power-on.

Servant
A VXIbus message-based device that is controlled by a commander.

Server
A shared memory device that controls the shared memory buffers used in a given Shared Memory Protocol channel.

Shared Memory Protocol
A communications protocol that uses a block of memory that is accessible to both client and server. The memory block operates as a message buffer for communications.

Slot 0 Controller
See Slot 0 Module. Also see Resource Manager.

Slot 0 Module
A VXIbus device that provides the minimum VXIbus slot 0 services to slots 1 through 12 (CLK10 and the module identity lines), but that may provide other services such as CLK100, SYNC100, STARBUS, and trigger control.

SMP
See Shared Memory Protocol.

STARX
Two (2) bi-directional, 50 Ω, differential ECL lines that provide for inter-module asynchronous communication. These pairs of timed and matched delay lines connect slot 0 and each of slots 1 through 12 in a mainframe. The delay between slots is less than 5 ns, and the lines are well matched for timing skew.

STARY
Two (2) bi-directional, 50 Ω, differential ECL lines that provide for inter-module asynchronous communication. These pairs of timed and matched delay lines connect slot 0 and each of slots 1 through 12 in a mainframe. The delay between slots is less than 5 ns, and the lines are well matched for timing skew.

STST
STart/STop protocol; used to synchronize modules.

SYNC100
A Slot 0 signal that is used to synchronize multiple devices with respect to a given rising edge of CLK100. These signals are individually buffered and matched to less than 2 ns of skew.

Synchronous Communications
A communications system that follows the “command-response” cycle

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model. In this model, a device issues a command to another device; the second device executes the command; then returns a response. Synchronous commands are executed in the order received.

SYSFAIL*
A signal line on the VMEbus that is used to indicate a failure by a device. The device that fails asserts this line.

System Clock Driver
A functional module that provides a 16 MHz timing signal on the Utility Bus.

System Hierarchy
The tree structure of the commander/servant relationships of all devices in the system at a given time. In the VXIbus structure, each servant has a commander. A commander may also have a commander.

Test Monitor
An executive routine that is responsible for executing the self tests, storing any errors in the ID-ROM, and reporting such errors to the Resource Manager.

Test Program
A program, executed on the system controller, that controls the execution of tests within the test system.

Test System
A collection of hardware and software modules that operate in concert to test a target DUT.

TTLTRG
Open collector TTL lines used for inter-module timing and communication.

VXIbus Subsystem
One mainframe with modules installed. The installed modules include one module that performs Slot 0 functions and a given complement of instrument modules. The subsystem may also include a Resource Manager.

Word Serial Protocol
A VXIbus word oriented, bi-directional, serial protocol for communications between message-based devices (that is, devices that include communication registers in addition to configuration registers).

Word Serial Communications
Inter-device communications using the Word Serial Protocol.

WSP
See Word Serial Protocol.

10-MHz Clock
A 10 MHz, ±100 ppm timing reference. Also see CLK10.

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488-To-VXIbus Interface

A message based device that provides for communication between the IEEE-488 bus and VXIbus instrument modules.

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