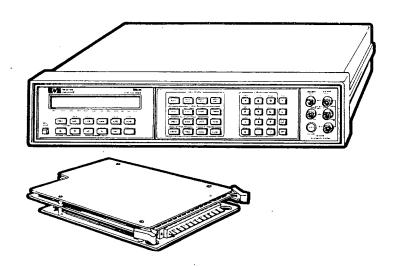


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Syntax Rules

- Command headers must be entered in upper case.
- Parameters can be entered in upper case, lower case, or as a numeric value. Numeric parameters can be in either integer, floating point, or exponential format. Numbers in floating point format are rounded to the nearest integer if the command requires an integer.
- To default a parameter, either omit it or replace it with -1 (minus 1). From remote only, you can default a parameter by using two commas.
- Use a space or comma delimiter to separate elements in a command string. From remote, you can replace any comma delimiter with a space. When a comma and space(s) are used together (e.g. OUTPUT 722;DCV 3, .001"), the HP 3457 ignores the space(s) and executes the command as if the spaces did not exist.
- The <CR > (carriage return), <LF > (line feed), or ; (semicolon) delimiters indicate the end of a message to the HP 3457.
- To regain control of the bus and the computer immediately after sending a command, suppress < CR>, < LF>, or both when sending the command. The example below shows how to use image specifiers (#, K) to suppress both < CR> and < LF> when sending the TEST command.

OUTPUT 722 USING "#,K"; "TEST;"

• Multiple commands separated by semicolons (;) can be used in one command string. For example:

OUTPUT 722;"DCV 3,.0001;NPLC 10;TRIG AUTO"

Commands by Functional Group

A/D Converter

LFREO LFREQ? LINE? **NPLC** NPLC?

Math Functions

MATH MATH? **SMATH RMATH**

Beeps and Tones

BEEP TONE

Measurements

ACDCI **ACDCV** ACI **ACV** DCI DCV F10 - F58 **FREQ FUNC** OHM **OHMF** PER

Buffers

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ADDRESS ID? SRQ

Display DISP **NDIG**

Measurement Related

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Error Registers

EMASK ERR? **AUXERR?**

Input Terminals

TERM TERM?

Keyboard

LOCK

Commands by Functional Group

Memory

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SUB SUBEND PAUSE CALL SCRATCH SSTATE RSTATE

Plug-In Cards

OPT? CRESET CHAN CHAN? OPEN CLOSE SLIST SLIST? SADV

Predefined States

RESET PRESET

Range

R RANGE ARANGE RANGE?

Status Register

RQS STB? CSB

Test/Calibration

TEST CALNUM? SECURE CAL ACAL

DIAGNOSTIC

REV?

Triggering

TARM?
TARM?
TBUFF
TRIG?
TRIG?
NRDGS
NRDGS?
DELAY
DELAY?
TIMER
TIMER?

?

Power-on, RESET & PRESET States

Item	State
ACBAND	20
ARANGE	ON
AZERO	ON -
BEEP	ON (RESET), last value
CHAN	(PRESET) None connected
DELAY	Automatic
DISP	ON
EMASK	2047
END	OFF
ERROR register	
FIXEDZ	OFF
FSOURCE	ACV
FUNC HP-IB ADDRESS	DCV
INBUF	Not changed OFF
LOCK	OFF
MATH	OFF,OFF
Math registers	,
set to 0, except:	
PERC	1
REF	1
RES SCALE	50
DEGREE	1 20
MEM	OFF
MFORMAT	SREAL
MSIZE	Not changed
NDIG	5

Item	State
NPLC 10	(power-on & RESET), 1 (PRESET)
NRDGS	1,AUTO
OCOMP	OFF
OFORMAT	ASCII
PROGRAM	
MEMORY	Clear
RANGE	AUTO
READING	
MEMORY	Clear
RQS	Power-on bit unchanged, the
CADV	rest cleared
SADV SLIST	HOLD
	Empty list
STATE STORAGE	States 0 - 10 intact (power- on) All states intact (RESET & PRESET)
STATUS register	Power-on bit + self-test
J	results (power-on) Self-test
	results (RESET & PRESET)
TARM	AUTO
	OFF
TERM	FRONT panel
TIMER	1 sec.
TRIG	AUTO (power-on & RESET),
	SYN (PRESET)

Command Summary

In the following command summary, command headers are shown in upper case print and parameter names are in italics. Unless otherwise noted, the default value for a parameter is shown in bold print.

ACAL type

Performs automatic calibration.

type: ALL (1), AC (2), OHMS (3).

ACBAND frequency

Selects the slow or fast AC measurement mode.

frequency: <400 = slow mode, ≥ 400 = fast mode.

ACDCI max. input, % resolution

Selects AC + DC current measurements, range, and resolution.

max. input: AUTO or 0 - 1.

% resolution: percentage of max. input (default set by NPLC command).

ACDCV max. input, % resolution

Selects AC + DC voltage measurements, range, and resolution.

max. input: **AUTO** or 0 - 300.

% resolution: percentage of max. input (default set by NPLC command).

ACI max. input, % resolution

Selects AC current measurements, range, and resolution.

max. input: AUTO or 0 through 1.

% resolution: percentage of max. input (default set by NPLC command).

ACV max. input, % resolution

Selects AC voltage measurements, range, and resolution.

max. input: AUTO or 0 - 300.

% resolution: percentage of max. input (default set by NPLC command).

ADDRESS value (local only)

Sets the HP 3457's HP-IB address.

value: 0 through 31 (default = none; parameter required).

ARANGE control

Enables or disables autorange.

control: OFF (0), ON (1).

Command Summary

AUXERR?

Returns the weighted sum of all set bits in the auxiliary error register and clears the register.

Weighted Value	Bit Number	Description
1 2	0	Isolation error
2	_. 1	Slave processor self-test failure
4	2 3	Isolation self-test failure
8	3	Integrator convergence error
16	4	Front end zero measurement error
32	5,	Current source, gain, input divider failure
64	6	Amps self-test failure
128	7	AC amplifier's DC offset
,	•	test failure
256	8	AC flatness check
512	9	Ohms precharge failure
		during autocal
1024	10	32k ROM checksum
		failure
2048	11	8k ROM checksum
		failure
4096	12	Non-volatile RAM failure
8192	13	Volatile RAM failure
16384	14	Calibration RAM
		protection failure

AZERO control

Enables or disables the autozero function.

control: OFF (0), ON (1), ONCE (2).

AZERO?

Returns a number indicating the autozero mode: l = ON, 0 = OFF or ONCE.

BEEP control

Controls the HP 3457's beeper.

control: OFF (0), ON (1), ONCE (2).

CAL

Service related command. Refer to the HP 3457 service manual for details.

CALL name

Executes a stored subprogram.

name: 0 - 19.

CALNUM?

Returns a decimal count showing the number of calibrations.

CHAN channel

Selects a plug-in card input channel for measurements.

channel: 0 - 13 (HP 44491), 0 - 9 (HP 44492).

CHAN?

Returns the channel number of any presently selected plug-in card input channel (no channels returns -1).

CLOSE actuator channel

Closes actuator channel 8 or 9 on the HP 44491 plugin card.

actuator channel: 8 or 9.

CRESET

Opens all channels on a plug-in card.

CSB

Clears (sets to 0) all bits in the status register.

DCI max. input, % resolution

Selects DC current measurements, range, and resolution.

max. input: **AUTO** or 0 - 1.5.

% resolution: percentage of max. input (default set by NPLC command).

DCV max. input, % resolution

Selects DC voltage measurements, range, and resolution.

max. input: AUTO or 0 - 300.

% resolution: percentage of max. input (default set by NPLC command).

DELAY time

Specifies the time interval inserted before a measurement.

time: 1E-6 through 2100 (seconds). Default *time* = automatic.

DELAY?

Returns the present delay time, in seconds.

DIAGNOSTIC

Service related command. Refer to the HP 3457 service manual for details.

DISP control, message

Enables or disables display and can send a message to the display.

control: OFF (0), **ON** (1), MSG (2).

message: message for display.

EMASK value

Designates which error conditions will set the error bit (bit 5) in the status register.

value	Bit Number	Enables Error Condition
1	0	Hardware error
2	1	Error in the CAL or
_		ACAL process
4	2	Trigger too fast
8	3	Syntax error
16	4	Unknown command
		received
32	5	Unknown parameter
		received
64	6	Parameter out of range
128	7	Required parameter
0		missing
256	8	Parameter ignored
512	9	Out of calibration
1024	10	Autocal required

(default value = 2047—all enabled).

Command Summary

END control

Enables or disables the HP-IB End Or Identify (EOI) function.

control: OFF (0), ALWAYS (2).

ERR?

Returns the weighted sum of all set bits in the error register, clears the register, and shuts off the ERR annunciator.

Weighted Value	Bit Number	Error Conditions
1	0	Hardware error—use AUXERR?
2	1	Error in the CAL or ACAL process
4	2	Trigger too fast
8	3	Syntax error
. 16	4	Unknown command received
32	5	Unknown parameter received
64	6	Parameter out of range
128	7	Required parameter missing
256	8	Parameter ignored
512	9	Out of calibration
1024	10	Autocal required

(default value = 2047—all enabled).

F10 - F58

Select DC voltage, 2-wire ohms, or 4-wire ohms measurements and the measurement range.

Command	Selects Function	Selects Range
F10 F11 F12 F13 F14 F15	DC Voltage DC Voltage DC Voltage DC Voltage DC Voltage DC Voltage	Autorange 30 mv 300 mV 3 V 30 V 300 V
F40 F41 F42 F43 F44 F45 F46 F47 F48	2-Wire Ohms	Autorange 30 Ω 300 Ω 3 kΩ 30 kΩ 300 kΩ 3 MΩ 30 MΩ 3 GΩ
F50 F51 F52 F53 F54 F55 F56 F57 F58	4-Wire Ohms	Autorange 30 Ω 300 Ω 3 kΩ 30 kΩ 300 kΩ 3 MΩ 30 MΩ 3 GΩ

FIXEDZ control

Enables or disables the fixed input impedance function for DC voltage measurements.

control: OFF (0), ON (1).

FIXEDZ?

Returns a number indicating whether fixed input impedance is on or off; 1 = ON, 0 = OFF.

FREQ max. input

Selects frequency measurements and amplitude range.

max. input:

For AC or AC+DC voltage: **AUTO** or 0 - 300. For AC or AC+DC current: **AUTO** or 0 - 1.

FSOURCE source

Configures the HP 3457 to accept either AC voltage, AC+DC voltage, AC current, or AC+DC current as the input signal for frequency or period measurements.

source: ACV (2), ACDCV (3), ACI (7), ACDCI (8).

FUNC function, max. input, % resolution

Selects measurement type (AC voltage, DC current, etc.), range, and resolution.

function: **DCV** (1), ACV (2), ACDCV (3), OHM (4), OHMF (5), DCI (6), ACI (7), ACDCI (8), FREQ (9), PER (10).

max. input:

For voltage measurements: **AUTO** or 0 - 300. For AC current measurements: **AUTO** or 0 - 1. For DC current measurements: **AUTO** or 0 - 1.5. For ohms measurements: **AUTO** or 0 - 3E9.

For onms measurements: AUTO or 0 - 3E9.

% resolution: percentage of max. input (default set by the NPLC command).

ID?

Returns the response "HP3457A".

INBUF control

Enables or disables the HP 3457's input buffer.

control: OFF (0), **ON** (1).

ISCALE?

Returns the scale factor for a particular reading.

LFREQ value

Changes the A/D converter's line frequency reference.

value: 50 or 60 (Hz). Default = present value.

LFREQ?

Returns the value of the A/D converter's line frequency reference.

LINE?

Measures and returns the AC line power frequency.

LOCK control

Enables or disables the HP 3457's keyboard.

control: OFF (0), ON (1).

MATH operation a, operation b

Enables or disables math operations.

operation a/ operation b: **OFF (0)**, CONT (1), CTHRM (3), DB (4), DBM (5), FILTER (6), FTHRM (8), NULL (9), PERC (10), PFAIL (11), RMS (12), SCALE (13), STAT (14).

Command Summary

MATH?

Returns two numbers indicating the enabled math functions. The functions and their numbers are:

OFF = 0, CTHRM = 3, DB = 4, DBM = 5, FILTER = 6, FTHRM = 8, NULL = 9, PERC = 10, PFAIL = 11, RMS = 12, SCALE = 13, STAT = 14.

MCOUNT?

Returns the total number of stored readings.

MEM mode

Enables or disables reading memory and designates the storage mode.

mode: OFF (0), LIFO (1), FIFO (2), CONT (3).

MFORMAT format

Clears reading memory and designates the storage format for new readings.

format	Description
ASCII (1)	ASCII—14 characters followed by <cr> <lf> (16 bytes per reading)</lf></cr>
SINT (2)	Single Integer—16 bits 2's
DINT (3)	complement (2 bytes per reading) Double Integer—32 bits 2's
SREAL (4)	complement (4 bytes per reading) Single Real—(IEEE-754) 32 bits (4 bytes per reading)

MSIZE reading memory, subprogram memory

Clears reading and subprogram memory and allocates memory for reading, subprogram, and state storage.

reading memory/subprogram memory: the number of bytes of memory you want for each (remaining memory is allocated to state storage). Default reading memory = 1000, subprogram memory = 100.

MSIZE?

Returns reading and subprogram memory sizes.

NDIG value

Designates how many digits are shown in the HP 3457's display.

value: 3, 4, 5, 6.

NPLC power line cycles

Designates the integration time for the A/D converter.

power line cycles: 0 - .0005, .005, .1, 1, 10, 100.

NPLC?

Returns the present number of power line cycles (PLCs) of integration time used by the A/D converter.

NRDGS count, event

Designates the number of readings made per trigger and the event that initiates each reading.

count: 1 - 32767.

event: AUTO (1), EXT (2), SYN (5), TIMER (6).

NRDGS?

Returns the specified number of readings per trigger and the sample event.

OCOMP control

Enables or disables the offset compensated ohms function.

control: OFF (0), ON (1).

OCOMP?

Returns a number indicating whether offset compensation is on or off; 1 = ON, 0 = OFF.

OFORMAT format

Designates the output format for measured readings.

format	Description
ASCII (1)	ASCII—14 characters followed by <cr> <lf> (16 bytes per reading)</lf></cr>
SINT (2)	Single Integer—16 bits 2's
	complement (2 bytes per reading)
DINT (3)	Double Integer—32 bits 2's
	complement (4 bytes per reading)
SREAL (4)	Single Real—(IEEE-754) 32 bits, (4
` ,	bytes per reading)

OHM max. input,% resolution

Selects 2-wire ohms measurements, range, and resolution.

max. input: AUTO or 0 - 3E9.

% resolution: percentage of max. input (default set by the NPLC command).

OHMF max. input,% resolution

Selects 4-wire ohms measurements, range, and resolution.

max. input: AUTO or 0 - 3E9.

% resolution: percentage of max. input (default set by the NPLC command).

OPEN actuator channel, control

Opens actuator channel 8 or 9 on the HP 44491 plugin card with or without delay.

actuator channel: 8 or 9.

control (controls delay): OFF (0), ON (1).

OPT?

Returns a number representing the type of device in the HP 3457's rear slot. The possible numbers are:

0 = rear terminals or nothing in rear slot 44491 = HP 44491 General Purpose Card 44492 = HP 44492 Multiplexer Card

PAUSE

Suspends subprogram execution. Subprogram execution is resumed when the HP-IB Group Execute Trigger (GET) is received.

PER max. input

Selects period measurements and the amplitude range.

max. input:

For AC and AC+DC voltage: **AUTO** or 0 - 300. For AC or AC+DC current: **AUTO** or 0 - 1.

PRESET

Configures the HP 3457 to a predefined state for remote operation.

R max. input,% resolution

Abbreviation of the RANGE command. Refer to RANGE for details.

RANGE max. input,% resolution

Selects a measurement range or the autorange mode.

max. input:

For AC or DC voltage measurements: **AUTO** or 0 - 300. For AC current measurements: **AUTO** or 0 - 1. For DC current measurements: **AUTO** or 0 - 1.5. For ohms measurements: **AUTO** or 0 - 3E9.

% resolution: percentage of max. input (default set by the NPLC command).

RANGE?

Returns a number representing the present measurement range.

RESET

Sets the HP 3457 to the power-on state.

REV?

Service related command. Refer to the HP 3457 service manual for details.

RMATH register

Reads and returns the contents of a math register.

register: **DEGREE** (1), LOWER (2), MAX (3), MEAN (4), MIN (5), NSAMP (6), OFFSET (7), PERC (8), REF (9), RES (10), SCALE (11), SDEV (12), UPPER (13), HIRES (14).

RMEM first,count,record

Returns the value of a particular reading or group of readings from reading memory but does not clear the readings.

first: designates the beginning reading (default = 1).

count: designates the number of readings to be recalled, starting with first (default = 1).

record: designates the record from which to recall readings (default = 1).

RQS value

Designates which status register conditions will set the SRQ line on the HP-IB bus.

value	Bit Number	Enables Condition
1	0	Program Memory
		Execution Completed
2	1	Hi or Lo Limit Exceeded
4	2	Front Panel SRQ
8	3	Power-On SRQ
16	4	Ready
32	5	Error (Consult Error
		Register)
64	6	Service Requested
128	7 .	Not Used

Default value = 0 (no conditions enabled).

RSTATE name

Recalls a stored state from memory and configures the HP 3457 to that state.

name: 0, 1 - 30.

SADV event

Designates the event that causes an advance to the next channel in a plug-in card's scan list.

event: HOLD (0), SGL (1), AUTO (2).

SCRATCH

Clears all subprograms from subprogram memory.

SECURE

Service related command. Refer to the HP 3457 service manual for details.

SLIST channel 1, channel 2, . . . channel n

Designates a series of plug-in card channels to scan and advances to the first channel in the list.

channel: 0 - 19 (HP 44491), 0 - 9 (HP 44492). Default re-uses the previous list and selects the first channel in that list.

SLIST?

Returns the total number of channels in a scan list when executed from remote or the actual channels in the list when executed from the keyboard.

SMATH register, number

Places a number in a math register.

register: **DEGREE** (1), LOWER (2), MAX (3), MEAN (4), MIN (5), NSAMP (6), OFFSET (7), PERC (8), REF (9), RES (10), SCALE (11), SDEV (12), UPPER (13), HIRES (14).

number: value to place in the register (default = last reading).

SRQ

Sets bit 6 in the HP 3457's status register and sets the HP-IB SRQ line true.

SSTATE name

Stores the present state into a numbered memory location.

name: 0, 1 - 30.

STB?

Returns the weighted sum of all set bits in the status register.

Decimal Weight	Bit Number	Status Register Condition
1	0	Program Memory Execution Completed
2	1	Hi or Lo Limit Exceeded
4	2	Front Panel SRQ
8	3	Power On SRQ
16	4	Ready
32	5	Error (Consult Error
		Register)
64	6	Service Requested
128	7	Not Used

SUB name

Stores a subprogram into a numbered subprogram memory location.

name: 0 - 19.

SUBEND

Signals the end of a subprogram.

T event

Abbreviation of the TRIG command. Refer to TRIG for details.

Command Summary

TARM event, number arms

Designates the event that enables (arms) the trigger event. Can also be used to perform multiple measurement cycles.

event: **AUTO** (1), EXT (2), SGL (3), HOLD (4), SYN (5).

number arms: 0, 1 - 32767.

TARM?

Returns a number representing the trigger arm event. The events and their numbers are:

$$\begin{array}{lll} AUTO = 1 & HOLD = 4 \\ EXT = 2 & SYN = 5 \end{array}$$

TBUFF control

Disables the TRIGGER TOO FAST error and stores the first external trigger that occurs during a measurement.

$$control = OFF(0), ON(1)$$

TERM source

Selects the HP 3457's input source for making measurements.

source: OPEN (0), FRONT (1), REAR (2), SCANNER (2).

TERM?

Returns a number representing the selected input terminals. The possible numbers are:

0 = all input terminals disconnected

1 = front terminals

2 = rear terminals or plug-in card

TEST

Performs a series of internal self-tests.

TIMER time

Defines the time interval for the TIMER sample event in the NRDGS command.

time: 600E-6 - 2100 (seconds). Default = 1 (second).

TIMER?

Returns the present time interval, in seconds, for the NRDGS timer event.

TONE frequency, duration

Generates a tone from the HP 3457's beeper.

frequency: 0 - 3000 (Hz). Default = 2048 (Hz).

duration: 0 - 32767 (ms). Default = 512 (ms).

TRIG event

Designates the event that enables a measurement.

event: AUTO (1), EXT (2), **SGL** (3), HOLD (4), SYN (5).

TRIG?

Returns a number representing the trigger event. The events and their numbers are:

$$\begin{array}{l} AUTO = 1 \\ EXT = 2 \end{array}$$

HOLD = 4SYN = 5

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When the HP 3457 is properly configured the ? command generates a single trigger.

The following commands configure the HP 3457 to accept ?:

TARM AUTO NRDGS 1,AUTO TRIG HOLD or SGL

HP-IB Command Summary

ABORTIO 7 (IFC)

Clears the HP 3457's interface circuitry.

CLEAR (DCL or SDC)

Clears the HP 3457 preparing it to receive a command.

LOCAL (GTL)

Removes the HP 3457 from the remote state and enables its keyboard (provided the keyboard has not been disabled with the LOCK command from the HP 3457's command set).

LOCAL LOCKOUT (LLO)

Disables the HP 3457's LOCAL key.

REMOTE

Sets the HP-IB REN line true.

SPOLL (Serial Poll)

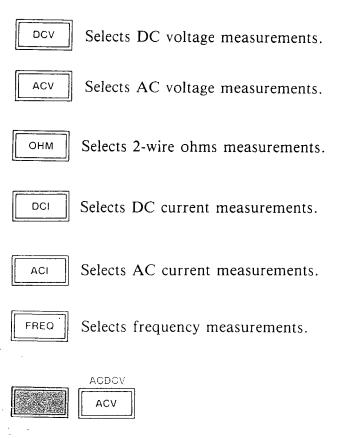
Returns a number representing the set bits in the status register (status byte). The returned number is the weighted sum of all set bits.

Bit Number	Decimal Weight	Description
0	1	Program memory execution completed
1	2	Hi or lo limit exceeded
2	4	Front panel SRQ key
		pressed
3	8	Power-on SRQ occurred
4	16	Ready
5.	32	Error (consult error register)
6	64	Service requested
7	128	Not used

TRIGGER (GET)

If triggering is armed (see TARM command), the TRIGGER command (Group Execute Trigger) triggers the HP 3457 once, then holds triggering. If subprogram memory execution is suspended by the PAUSE command (HP 3457 command set), the TRIGGER command resumes subprogram execution.

Measurement Function Keys



Selects AC + DC voltage measurements.



Selects 4-wire ohms measurements.



Selects AC + DC current measurements.



Selects period measurements.

System Control & Scrolling Keys

Scrolls to higher range (measurement mode).

Scrolls through command and parameter menus (command entry mode).

Scrolls to lower range (measurement mode).

Scrolls through command and parameter menus (command entry mode).

Scrolls display characters to the right (if more than 12 characters).

Scrolls display characters to the left (if more than 12 characters). Enters a space in command entry mode.

LOCAL Removes HP 3457 from remote state.

Accesses shifted functions.



Selects autorange.



Shuts off autorange, holds present range.



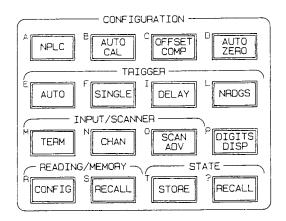
Runs a series of internal self-tests.



Returns the HP 3457 to the power-on state.



Displays the present HP-IB device address.



Directory Contents:

ACAL ACBAND	FUNC ID?	RESET REV?
ADDRESS	INBUF	RMATH
ARANGE	ISCALE?	RMEM
AUXERR?	LFREQ	RQS
AZERO	LINE?	RSTATE
BEEP	LOCK	SADV
CAL	MATH	SECURE
CALNUM?	MCOUNT?	SLIST
CHAN	MEM	SMATH
CLOSE	MFORMAT	SSTATE
CRESET	MSIZE	STB?
CSB	NDIG	T
DELAY	NPLC	TARM
DIAGNOSTIC	NRDGS	TBUFF
DISP	OCOMP	TERM
EMASK	OFORMAT	TEST
END	OPEN	TIMER
ERR?	OPT?	TONE
FIXEDZ	PRESET	TRIG
FSOURCE	RANGE	

Query Commands in the Directory:

AUXERR?

CALNUM?

ERR?

ID?

ISCALE?

LINE?

MCOUNT?

OPT?

REV?

STB?

Queries Made by Appending ?:

AZERO?

CHAN?

DELAY?

FIXEDZ?

LFREQ?

MATH?

MSIZE?

NPLC?

NRDGS?

OCOMP?

RANGE?

SLIST?

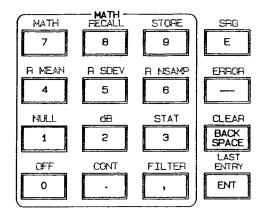
TARM?

TERM?

TIMER?

TRIG?

Numeric & Math Keys



For exponential notation.

For entering negative values.

BACK SPACE Deletes a display character (command entry mode).

ENT Executes a command (command entry mode)



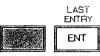
Generates front panel SRQ.



Reads individual error descriptions.



Clears the display (command entry mode).



Recalls last command.