
Magtrol 4618B User's Manual

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1. Introduction

ABBREVIATIONS

Please note: For the balance of this reference manual the following terms are used:

- LED refers to the Light Emitting Diode indicators on the push button switches of the 4618B.
- The term GPIB (General Purpose Interface Bus) is interchangeable between HPIB and IEEE-488.

UNPACKING

Your Model 4618B is adequately packaged for shipping. We recommend that all cartons and packing material be saved until the unit has been checked operationally.

If there is any evidence of shipping damage, notify the carrier and Magtrol Customer Service as soon as possible. Please be sure to sort through the carton and packing material carefully for cord sets and other loose items.

INSTRUMENT POWER

Warning! *Please check the line voltage setting.*

The Model 4618B operates from either a 120V/60Hz or 240V/50Hz power source. If the point-of-destination line power is 240/50Hz, please check that the voltage is set properly. Adjustment is made with a switch contained in the line cord receptacle on the rear panel.

The line cord is a detachable NEMA Standard 3 wire. All Magtrol Dynamometer and Electronic Products require that the cabinets and fixturing be earth grounded for proper equipment operation and personnel safety.

OPERATIONAL CHECK

In order to check the 4618B it will be necessary to have a Magtrol Dynamometer, a 14 Pin/14 Pin Ribbon Connector Cable. This cord set is supplied with the dynamometer. Please install it before turning on any equipment.

1. Turn on the Power Switch (left side).
2. Spin the dynamometer shaft by hand.
You should see both the Torque and Speed displays respond.

3. Depress the HI-RES Push Button.
The torque reading decimal point should move one digit to the left.

If the above checks out satisfactorily, it's a pretty good bet that the equipment has survived shipping and is working satisfactorily.

2. Operation

If the 4618B is used in conjunction with a Magtrol Model 4629B controller, please refer to your Dynamometer User's Manual interconnection diagram. The Dynamometer should connect directly to the Model 4629B, with the 4618B serviced from the '29B with a 7Pin Din/14 Pin Ribbon cable Magtrol P.N. 88CS09.

TORQUE DISPLAY

Dynamometer torque is displayed with 4 digits, in floating point notation. Preceding the MSD is a "±" sign indicating shaft direction. The plus sign indicates clockwise *torque application*, minus = counter clockwise.

When you first interconnect the dynamometer, before a motor is coupled to the shaft, the torque display may not indicate zero. Assuming that you have removed the the load cell restraining (shipping) bolt - please proceed with the dynamometer rear panel ZERO and CALIB procedure covered in your Dynamometer User's Manual, in Chapter 1 - Calibration.

SPEED DISPLAY

Shaft RPM is indicated on 5 digits, to the nearest 1.0 RPM. The update rate on both the speed and torque display is 0.5 seconds. The resolution and basic accuracy of the Speed reading is fixed. See Chapter 4. for additional technical information.

PUSHBUTTON FUNCTIONS

Save

The first time you press the SAVE button, the LED will go on and stay on. If you turn the 4618B off - then on again - the SAVE LED will come on again indicating there is data in memory. To lose it, you must erase it.

Each time you press the button, data *currently displayed* is snapshot and appended to memory. You have 380 complete display test values before you run out of memory. In the unlikely event you should, the display will momentarily flash "HELP" to signal the condition.

Clear

To clear the memory and also minimize accidental erasure, the SAVE and RECALL push buttons must be pressed simultaneously.

If you have nothing in memory worth saving - try it - you will find that you have to be fairly synchronized when pressing both buttons. You will know, while pressing the buttons, if the memory is cleared: all three - SAVE-RESET-RECALL LEDs will go ON.

Recall

If the SAVE LED is on, when you depress RECALL, the SAVE LED goes off, the RECALL LED goes ON placing the display in RECALL mode with the *first data point saved* displayed.

If you press the RECALL button again, the display advances to the next data values saved - and so on. When you have advanced through all of the contents of memory, the last reading will remain unchanged, but the RESET LED will flash ON-OFF four times indicating you have reached the last item in memory. If you press the SAVE LED while in RECALL mode nothing happens except the RESET LED flashes four times in protest. (It is not logical to *save* data already saved.)

Reset

This is active in RECALL mode only. It does two things: First, the RECALL mode is exited, restoring the display to immediate data. Second, the memory data pointer is reset to the beginning of the data memory stack (for future RECALL mode). Of course the SAVE LED will go back on because there is still data in memory. (If no data were in memory, you would not have been able to enter the RECALL mode in the first place!)

If you wish to simply *hold* a single reading, freezing the display, the memory must be clear. Simply tap the SAVE button, then RECALL.

Hi-Res

This pushbutton operates as a toggling function, effecting *only* the torque reading. When the resolution is less than 1 part in 1000, the decimal point will shift one digit to the left. The torque resolution will be increased by a factor of 5. The least significant digit scales by 2. (0-2-4-6-8)

3. Computer Interfacing

INSTALLATION

GPIB (IEEE-488)

Please be sure that the computer and the 4618B are both turned off when you install the GPIB connector cable.

If you have completed the equipment check-out as outlined in Chapter 1, the 4618B- Dynamometer interconnection is complete. If a Model 4629B controller is used in conjunction with the 4618B Digital Readout, the computer interface should be connected to the 4629B only. Please refer to your 4629B User's Manual.

GPIB-Computer Installation

On most computers, the GPIB interface is not a standard item. An interface card must be installed in the computer and the driver software made resident on disc. There are several manufacturers of these products, but some systems exchange data more rapidly than others. In motor testing, usually the test rate and speed of data acquisition is very important.

One recommendation, is National Instruments Corp., PN GPIB-PC2A, for IBM® or compatible PCs.

It will be necessary to install a IEEE-488 Cable between the computer and the 4618B.

All of this equipment is available from Magtrol, along with installation assistance and software help if you require it. For additional information contact: Magtrol Technical Sales.

Software Installation

There are usually a number of formatting questions to be answered the first time that the GPIB interface control software is installed. The following items pertain to the 4618B.

All GPIB data acquisition systems require the use of data termination characters. The 4618B uses the Hewlett Packard - HPIB standard termination characters "Carriage Return (CR)-Line Feed (LF)," in that order. The 4618B looks for these instructions to terminate communication, reset the interface and continue with normal program execution.

PRIMARY ADDRESS

All instruments serviced on the GPIB have a separate primary address code. On the rear panel, next to the GPIB connector, there is an opening providing access to the code selection switch. The default setting (from the factory) on the 4618B is eight (08). If you wish to change the code, the chart will help in obtaining the setting you want. Please note that the MSB is to the right. Switch segment identification resulted in the binary code notation reversed from the standard convention where the *LSB* is normally on the right.

Some PC interfaces (National GPIB-PC2A) will access 0 to 16 (4 Bit) primary address numbers only. Others, may access up to 31 (5 Bit) codes; even though the GPIB capability is limited to 16 instruments. The 4618B Primary Address uses the 5 bit format. Before selecting a value greater than 15, check to be sure that your particular interface code range capability is within range of the address you wish to select.

4618B INSTRUCTION SET

There are two instructions:

H (CR-LF) will set Hi - Resolution operation.

S (CR-LF) will set Standard Resolution.

Memory control of the 4618B is not GPIB addressable since the same data is accessible to the computer via the bus. Generally, the computers memory resources are much more extensive, and more readily managed, than the 4618B via the bus.

For your reference, the following is a programming example to output a HI-RES instruction. It is given in Microsoft Quick Basic® using a National Instruments Corp., GPIB-PCIIA, P.N. 320043-01 IEEE-488 Interface.

```
*****
CLS
N$ = DEV8" 'Assign the primary address, .
wrt$ = H +CHR$(13)+CHR$(10)
CALL IBFIND(N$, BD%) 'Subrtn Call - Init. Pri Addr.
CALL IBWRT(BD%, wrt$) 'Subrtn Call, output data
END
*****
```

DATA ACQUISITION

The 4618B requires no specific *input* instruction in order to *output* immediate torque and speed data. Simply follow your Computer/GPIB interface instructions, and issue a data input command.

If your primary address is set and addressed correctly, the 4618B will respond. It will probably be necessary to dimension your input variable to 15 (13 characters plus CR-LF).

Speed - Torque data, from the 4618B, is in ASCII format and rigidly structured (with leading zeros) as follows:

SddddTdddd.L

Where:

d = Decimal digit, 0 thru 9.

“S” indicating that the following 5 digits are RPM,

“T” indicating that the next 4 digits + D.P., is Torque.

The last character, (shown "L") may be either "L" or "R".

"L" = CCW dynamometer *torque application*

"R" = CW.

The following is a simple - single input instruction - source program written in Microsoft Quick Basic® using a National Instruments Corp., GPIB-PCIIA, P.N. 320043-01 IEEE-488 Interface. It will access the 4618B, fetch immediate data and display it exactly as received.

CLS

N\$ = DEV8" 'Assign the primary address, (assume) 08.

rd\$ = SPACE\$(15) 'Make room for the data.

CALL IBFIND(N\$, BD%) 'Subrtn Call - Init. Pri Addr.

CALL IBRD(BD%, rd\$) 'Subrtn Call, Input data to rd\$

PRINT rd\$

END

DATA ACQUISITION PROBLEMS

Usually a failure to communicate is a result of improper computer input variable (word) size, none or incorrect termination characters (CR-LF).

You may save time by contacting Magtrol Customer Service; ask for GPIB software assistance.

4. Circuit Description

TACHOMETER

Mounted on the end of the Dynamometer shaft is an encoding disc divided into 60 opaque and clear segments. A Lamp-Photocell, in combination with the disk, produces a pulse train of 60 Bits/revolution for RPM indication.

This frequency data is applied to a counter where the time base, read and reset functions are under control of an MPU. The elements comprising the counter and time base, shown in the following block diagram, are contained on PC Bd., TSC-1. Q1 is the input detector, U1a,b and c are buffers. The basic counter is comprised of elements U8 and U9. The time base is composed of elements U5, U6 and U7. The time base input frequency is 1.0MHz, reduced to a precise 1/2 second period. Additionally, there are buffers and “hand-shaking” elements U10 and U11.

TORQUE TRANSDUCING

All Magtrol load cell equipped dynamometers produce an analog torque signal, where the signal level is exactly equal to the torque value in millivolts. For example; an HD-400-6 with 43.42 Oz.In., of torque applied, will output a voltage of ± 0.4342 volts.

Connector J2 on PC Bd No. TSC-1 receives this signal and applies it to operational amplifier U2a and U2b. The output of U2b is used by the MPU to establish the CW and CCW, applied torque direction indication \pm on the digital readout. U2a output is applied to U2c, a buffer for the torque signal output applied to the ACCESSORY TORQUE-SPEED OUTPUT connector on the rear panel of the 4618B. This same signal is also applied to two V/F converters, U3 and U4. The frequency output is converted to digital, using an integration period identical to the speed conversion time. This results in concurrent integration of both torque and speed for dynamic tracking accuracy. U13 and U14 are the counting elements, their outputs buffered by U15 and U16.

SIGNAL PROCESSING

The primary MPU and GPIB controlling electronic functions are contained on the PC Bd., MCI-2. On this assembly, U5 is the Microprocessor, U9 is the Programmable Read Only Memory containing the 4618B operating system. There is a 2K disc emulation RAM device identified as U10. U11 and U12 are Peripheral Interface Adapters. U1, U2, and U3 are the GPIB interface control elements. U6 and U7 are the LED segmented digital readout drivers. The balance of the components are buffer and timing control devices.

There is a power supply PC Bd., PSB-5 providing +5 logic power, ± 15 Volts for the analog elements.

If you have questions, or require more detailed information, please contact Magtrol Customer Service Dept., - Technical Information.

5. Calibration and Balancing

There are calibration and offset adjustment controls for most of the analog elements in the 4618B. Normally, no adjustment of these elements is anticipated for the life of the instrument. However, all or part of the calibration and balancing procedures may be indicated if any of the following conditions exist:

- A torque difference between CW and CCW full scale readings of greater than 2 least significant digits - in standard resolution.
- Inability to zero the Torque reading with the ZERO control located on the back panel of the dynamometer.

There is no calibration for the digital speed reading accuracy. Please refer to MODEL 4618B SPECIFICATIONS in this chapter.

PROCEDURE

Routine Torque calibration and zero offset adjustments should always be done on the Dynamometer. The torque signal offset and calibration controls within the 4618B are there to permit standardization to precise and known value inputs.

Warning!

The following requires removal of the 4618B top cover. All connections and trimpot adjustments must be made only as specified herein and with *caution*. There is an **electrical shock hazard** inside the 4618B.

All calibration and balancing potentiometers are contained on the circuit board identified TSC-1, located in the upper right corner of the 4618B chassis, facing from the front. The sketch shows that portion of the board where the trimpots are located and their identification.

TORQUE ZERO ADJUSTMENT

1. Remove any couplings from the dynamometer shaft.
2. Place a precision voltmeter resolving at least .1 millivolt (D.C.) between pins 13 and 14 on the DYNAMOMETER ribbon connector, pin 13 negative. You may have to remove the connector cap on the cable, or obtain access from inside the dynamometer rear panel.
3. Adjust the dynamometer zero control for best zero (dynamometer torque signal output) on your voltmeter.

The object of the following steps is to alternate between the - and + **Q Bal** trimpots, until you know that each is adjusted such that your output torque reading is *just* at zero - *on both* trimpots.

While observing the 4618B Output Torque Reading:

1. Adjust the +**Q Bal** trimpot slowly - try both CW and CCW rotation until the indicated torque value reads slightly higher, then back off very slowly until the reading is zero, *or* returns to the original value. Repeat this procedure on the -**Q Bal** trimpot - work back and forth and set zero with a 1 flashing occasionally.

FULL SCALE TORQUE CALIBRATION

1. Complete the zero adjustment procedure outlined in the preceding paragraph. Install the Dynamometer Torque Calibration beam, as shown in the sketch on the next page.
2. Rotate the TORQUE control on your power supply, full CW for maximum applied torque. With a precision weight, apply a known torque at - or close to full scale - in the CCW direction. Maintain the beam exactly horizontal and perfectly still.
3. Observe the voltage reading on the voltmeter (Across Pins 13 and 14). Adjust the TORQUE CALIB, on the rear panel of the dynamometer, for a *voltmeter* (millivolt reading) exactly equal to the true torque applied.
4. Adjust the - **Q Cal** trimpot until the 4618B torque reading is equal to the voltmeter reading and the true torque applied.
5. Place the weight on the opposite side of the beam, adjust the +**Q Cal** trimpot to match the 4618B Torque reading to the true torque applied.

ACCESSORY TORQUE OUTPUT CALIBRATION

With zero torque on the dynamometer - nothing connected to the shaft:

1. While reading the 4618B Torque Value, adjust the Dynamometer ZERO Control for best zero reading.
2. With a voltmeter resolving at least .1 millivolt D.C., connected between pins 2 and 4 on the ACCESSORY TORQUE-SPEED OUTPUT connector, adjust trimpot **Qo Bal** for best zero reading.
3. Attach a Calibration beam, energize the brake to hold the beam, attach a weight to apply an amount of torque close to the dynamometer full scale rated value. Adjust **Qo Cal** for the correct torque reading on the voltmeter.

MODEL 4618B SPECIFICATIONS

Speed Accuracy: 0.05% of the SPEED reading, ± 1.0 RPM.

Torque: Basic torque accuracy is controlled by the Dynamometer ZERO and CALIBRATION controls, by the level of care and frequency of adjustment. The Torque conversion elements within the 4618B contribute no more than a temperature related drift of up to $\pm 0.005\%/^{\circ}\text{C}$ of ambient change, of reading .

Please refer to your Magtrol Dynamometer User's manual for additional information on Torque accuracy.



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