

Keithley Benchtop Multimeter SOP

Standard Operating Procedure for the Keithley 2700 Multimeter/Data acquisition system.

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Introduction

This guide will serve as an introduction to the Keithley 2700 Multimeter/Data Acquisition/Switch Systems. It will show the user how to use the all the basic functions of the machine.

Step 1 — Button layout



- Power switch and special keys
- Function and operation key (top row)
- Function and operation key (middle & bottom row)
- Range keys
- Display
- Input selector
- Probe inputs

Step 2



- Push the power switch to turn on the 2700.
- SHIFT Use to select a shifted function or operation.
- LOCAL Cancels GPIB remote mode.

Step 3 — Measuring Voltage



- Connect the probes as shown.
- Make sure the INPUT switch is in the F position.
- If the display shows a switching channel is closed, press OPEN to open it.
- Select the DCV for DC voltage or ACV for AC voltage.
- Use RANGE keys to select a range consistent with the expected voltage.

Step 4 — Measuring Current



- Connect the probes to the white and black inputs on the right.
- Make sure the INPUT switch is in the F position.
- If the display shows a switching channel is closed, press OPEN to open it.
- Select DCI for direct current or ACI for alternating current.
- Use the RANGE keys to select a measurement range consistent with the expected current or use AUTO.
- Insert the probes into the circuit such that current can flow through the machine and be measured.

Step 5 — Measuring Resistance (2 wire mode)



- (i) 2 wire mode is typically for >1k Ω measurements.
- Connect the probes to the red and black inputs on the right.
- If the display shows a switching channel is closed, press OPEN to open it.
- Select 2Ω for the 2 wire resistance function.
- Use the RANGE keys to select a measurement range consistent with the expected resistance, or press AUTO for auto-ranging.
- Resistance will be measured between the two probes.

Step 6 — Measuring Resistance (4 wire mode)



- (i) 4 wire mode is typically for $<=1k\Omega$ measurements.
- Traditional ohm meters (2Ω mode) usually apply a small current and measure the resulting voltage to calculate resistance. 4 wire mode utilizes a voltmeter in parallel with an ammeter to calculate resistance. This reduces the severity of the probes' internal resistance on measurement and is called a Kelvin connection.
- Connect probes in all four red and black inputs.
- If switching channel is presently closed (displayed), press OPEN to open it.
- Select 2Ω.
- Use the RANGE keys to select a measurement range consistent with the expected resistance, or press AUTO for auto-ranging.
- Measure the device with both red leads on one side and both black leads on the other.

Step 7 — Functions: Top Row (Unshifted)



- DCV DC voltage measurement function.
- ACV AC voltage measurement function.
- DCI Direct current measurement function.
- ACI Alternating current measurement function.
- Ω2/Ω4 2/4-wire resistance measurement function.
- FREQ Frequency measurement function.
- TEMP Temperature measurement function.

Step 8 — Functions: Top Row (Shifted)



- MATH Configures and controls mX+b, percent, or reciprocal (1/X) calculation.
- OUTPUT Configures and controls digital and audio (beeper) output for limits.
- RATIO Enables/disables channel ratio.
- CH-AVG Enables/disables channel average.
- CONT Configures and controls continuity test.
- OCOMP Enables/disables offset compensated ohms with Ω4 function selected.
- PERIOD Selects period measurement function.
- SENSOR Configures temperature measurements.

Step 9 — Functions: Middle Row (Unshifted)



- EX TRIG Selects external triggering (front panel, bus, trigger link) as the trigger source.
- TRIG Triggers a measurement when in external triggering (EX TRIG).
- STORE Sets the number of readings to store and enables the buffer.
- RECALL Displays stored readings and buffer statistics. Use the arrow keys to navigate through buffer.
- FILTER Enables/disables filter for selected function.
- REL Enables/disables relative for selected function.
- < and > Dual function—Manually scans switching channels. When in a menu, these keys control cursor position for making selections or change values.

Step 10 — Functions: Middle Row (Shifted)



- DELAY Sets user delay between trigger and measurement.
- HOLD Holds reading when the selected number of samples is within the selected tolerance.
- LIMITS Sets upper and lower limits for readings.
- ON/OFF Enables/disables limits.
- TYPE Configures and enables filter for selected function.
- MONITOR Selects and enable/disables monitor channel.
- CH-OFF Disables channel for a scan (must be in scan channel setup mode).
- CARD Identifies switching modules installed in mainframe. Set up switching modules that require configuration. View closed channels and channel settings for switching modules that require configuration.

Step 11 — Functions: Bottom Row (Unshifted)



- OPEN Opens closed channel.
- CLOSE Closes specified channel.
- STEP Steps through channels; sends a trigger after each channel.
- SCAN Scans through channels; sends a trigger after last channel.
- DIGITS Sets display resolution for all functions.
- RATE Sets measurement speed (fast, medium, or slow) for all functions.
- EXIT Cancels selection, moves back to measurement display.
- ENTER Accepts selection, moves to next choice or back to measurement display.

Step 12 — Functions: Bottom Row (Shifted)



- SAVE Saves up to four instrument setups for future recall, and selects power-on setup.
- SETUP Restores a default setup (factory or *RST) or a saved setup.
 Enables/disables buffer auto clear, auto scan, and auto channel configuration. Sets timestamp, date, and time. Displays serial number of Model 2700.
- CONFIG Selects and configures a simple scan or an advanced scan.
- HALT Disables step/scan.
- TEST Selects the calibration menu, display test or the key-press test.
- LSYNC Enables/disables line cycle synchronization. When enabled, noise induced by the power line is reduced at the expense of speed.
- GPIB Enables/disables GPIB and selects address.
- RS-232 Enables/disables RS-232 interface; selects baud rate, flow control, and terminator.

Step 13 — Range Keys



- ∆ and ⊽ Dual function. Selects the next higher/lower measurement range for the selected function.
 When in a menu, these keys make selections or change values.
- AUTO Enables/disables autorange for the selected function.

Step 14 — INPUT Switch



- Front panel inputs (out position)
- Switching module inputs (in position)

Step 15 — Front Panel Inputs



- INPUT HI and LO Used for DCV, ACV, Ω2, CONT, FREQ, PERIOD, and TEMP measurements.
- SENSE HI and LO Use with INPUT HI and LO for Ω4 and RTD TEMP measurements.
- AMPS Use with INPUT LO for DCI and ACI measurements.