

**SRG - 3**  
**SPINNING ROTOR GAUGE**  
**RS 232 INTERFACE**  
**Instruction Manual**

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 GENERAL

Remote control via the serial interface enables full access to all instrument resources and in addition provides a set of functions not available in manual operation. The interface is designed to be directly compatible to a personal computer serial port (COMx).

### 1.2 SCRIPTS

A powerful feature of the SRG-3 is the support of scripting. The instrument may be fully script-controlled, freeing the user from the burden of writing dialog programs. Scripts may be prepared using a normal text editor and then transmitted to the instrument by a simple terminal utility program which in turn logs the instrument replies. A number of formatting options allow logged data to be conveniently imported into spreadsheets. A *learn script* feature is included (see command LRN) to assist the user in writing his own scripts for instrument setup.

## 2 INTERFACE

### 2.1 CONNECTION

To connect the SRG-3 to a personal computer serial port, a 9-way *extension cable* (male to female) is required. A null modem cable will not work. The table below shows the pin assignment of the SRG-3 RS-232 connector (female). Note that only pins 2, 3 and 5 are used, the other pins are not connected.

Terminal	Function
1	not connected
2	RXD – data out
3	TXD – data in
4	not connected
5	GND
6	not connected
7	not connected
8	not connected
9	not connected

### 2.2 CONFIGURATION

The SRG-3 may operate at 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600 (default) and 19200 baud. To change the default setting, open parameter Baud in menu 13.1 and select the desired baud rate.

The computer interface must be configured for the same baud rate, 8 data bits, no parity, one stop bit, no handshake.

### 2.3 COMMUNICATION

After power-up, the SRG-3 prompts for commands by sending a '>' (62). Command input is buffered up to a maximum of 128 characters and must be terminated by a carriage return (13). An adjacent line feed (10) will be ignored. On receiving the CR, command processing starts. When all commands are processed, reply output is closed by emitting a CRLF, then the instrument prompts for new commands.

### 2.4 PROMPT OPTION

The parameter Prompt in menu 13.1 controls the prompt option. If set to Std (default), the instrument prompts for commands by emitting a '>' (positive acknowledge), or, if an error was encountered in the commands processed, by emitting a '?' (negative acknowledge). If set to Off, no prompt character is emitted. The parameters Ackn and Nack in menu 13.2 allow free assignment of the positive and negative acknowledge characters.

### 2.5 SPECIAL CHARACTERS

Incoming bytes are treated as 8-bit characters. The following control characters have a special function, all other control codes are ignored:

BS (8)	deletes last character
CAN (24)	deletes all characters / aborts command execution
CR (13)	terminates input
DEL (127)	deletes last character
EOT (4)	discards input / aborts command execution
ESC (27)	discards input / aborts command execution
ETX (3)	aborts command execution
HT (9)	treated as a single space character

### 2.6 REMOTE CONTROL STATE

On the first valid command, the SRG-3 enters *remote control state*, forces menu 0.0 and turns on the REMOTE LED. In remote control state, the control keys ENTER, ON and OFF are disabled and respond with the message **Key disabled!** when being activated.

The instrument can be reset to *local control state* either by sending the RTL command, or, manually, by selecting menu 5.0 and then pressing the OFF key.

In critical applications where manual control must be fully disabled, the keys may be locked out by sending the LLO (local lockout) command. In local-lockout mode, all keys respond with the message **Keys disabled!**.

## 3 INSTRUMENT COMMAND LANGUAGE

### 3.1 SYNTAX

#### 3.1.1 Commands

Command mnemonics are not case-sensitive and must be delimited by spaces or tabs. Redundant delimiters are ignored. Multiple commands may be written on a single line.

*Example:*   amu vis tco

#### 3.1.2 Arguments

Arguments (required or optional) must *precede* the command (postfix notation) and must be delimited by spaces or tabs. Redundant delimiters are ignored.

*Example:*   2008 10 16 dat

**Optional arguments** determine the type of operation. If the argument is omitted, the command is a read function and sends a reply. If the argument is present, the command is a write operator.

*Example:*   20 mti           'sets measure time to 20s  
              mti            'queries measure time

**Integer** arguments (*n*) are accepted in free format but must not contain a decimal point or an exponent character (E). Integers may be also entered as hex numbers if prefixed by dollar sign (\$). Characters are not case-sensitive.

*Example:*   0 123 -1 \$0D

**Real** arguments (*x*) are accepted in free format. Exponent characters are not case-sensitive.

*Example:*   123.45 10 -0.025 3.8e-5 -1 456.7E+00

**String** arguments (*str*) must be enclosed in double quotes ("). A string may be empty.

*Example:*   "UF6" " "

#### 3.1.3 Inline Text

Inline text (*txt*) follows the ECH command and may contain any character except backslash (\) which is treated as a delimiter. If not delimited by a backslash, the text extends to the end of line.

*Example:*   ech Ambient temperature [°C]\ in2

#### 3.1.4 Comments

Script text starting with a quotation mark (') is treated as a comment and skipped up to the matching unquote or to the end of line.

*Example:*   8 gas 'Uranium hexafluoride  
              'Ball diameter[mm]' 4.5 dia

## 3.2 INSTRUMENT REPLIES

### 3.2.1 Field Separators

Numbers and labels are padded with a space character to separate the output fields when commands are threaded.

*Example:* ech #\ num tim val ulb  
*Reply:* #122 13:56:07 3.4567E-05 mbar

### 3.2.2 Output Formats

**Integer** numbers are returned in free format. Positive numbers have no sign holder.

*Example:* 0 123 -1

**Real** numbers are returned in scientific format with four decimal places (may be changed using the FMT command). Positive numbers are preceded by a space.

*Example:* 1.2345E+02  
-2.5000E-02  
3.8000E-05

**Strings** are returned without delimiters to enable concatenation. If delimiting is required, quotation marks may be added using the QUO and UNQ commands.

*Example:* mbar User8 'SRG-3 V1.0.4 #500307 '

## 3.3 COMMAND EXECUTION

### 3.3.1 Command Mode

Interactive dialog runs in *command mode* (see also CMD). A number of commands (PRT, RST, STA, STP) start a background task and then terminate immediately, so other things can be done before the task is finished. The completion can be checked by polling the status (commands STS, RCS). This is the default mode after power-up or reset.

### 3.3.2 Script Mode

In *script mode* (see also SCR), all commands execute in foreground and remain busy until their task is finished. This ensures correct command sequencing. In case of premature termination due to an error message, all succeeding commands are discarded until a CMD statement is processed, which exits script mode and causes command execution to be resumed. In this way, the part of the script that may be rendered pointless by the unsuccessful step will be skipped. Entering script mode also enables talkative messages, so error messages will be included in the output log (see also MSG).

*Example:*

```
scr          'enter script mode
0 msg        'silent messages here
2 use        'recall setup #2
ech Date \ dat          'show date
ech Setup #\ use ech from \ sdt  'show setup used
ech Time      Press[\ ulb ech ]\  'show column titles
sta          'start measurement
5 rpt nxt tim val      'log 5 readings
stp          'stop rotor
cmd          'exit script mode, resume command
execution
msg          'show if successful
```

*Reply:*

```
Date 2008-10-16
Setup #2 from 2008-10-15
Time      Press[mbar ]
15:23:10  2.4530E-04
15:23:20  2.4531E-04
15:23:30  2.4531E-04
15:23:40  2.4532E-04
15:23:50  2.4531E-04
No message
```

### 3.3.3 Aborting Execution

Repeat loops (RPT), delays (DLY) and statements synchronizing with events (NXT) may be aborted any time by sending one of the codes ESC (27), ETX (3), EOT (4) or CAN (24). The command line being processed will then be discarded and the instrument returns to command mode.

## 4 COMMAND SET SUMMARY

Legend	
Symbol	Explanation
[ ]	Optional argument. If present, command is a write operator.
( )	Conditional reply, sent if command is a read function.
0 1..	Fixed argument denoting a command option
<i>c</i>	Ascii code
<i>file</i>	Text file
<i>h m s</i>	Hours, minutes, seconds
<i>i</i>	Channel index
<i>n</i>	Integer number
<i>str</i>	String
<i>txt</i>	Inline text
<i>x</i>	Real number
<i>y m d</i>	Year, month, day

Gas Parameters			
Argum	Cmd	Reply	Description
[ <i>x</i> ]	AMU	( <i>x</i> )	Atomic mass units
[ <i>n</i> ]	GAS	( <i>n</i> )	Gas type
[ <i>x</i> ]	TCO	( <i>x</i> )	Temperature coefficient of viscosity
[ <i>x</i> ]	TMP	( <i>x</i> )	Temperature
[ <i>x</i> ]	VIS	( <i>x</i> )	Viscosity

User Gas Definitions			
Argum	Cmd	Reply	Description
<i>n</i>	GLB	<i>str</i>	Query gas label
" <i>str</i> " <i>n</i>	GLB		Assign user-defined gas label
	USR	<i>file</i>	List user definitions
<i>n</i>	USR		Save as user gas type
0	USR		Reset user definitions

Sensor Parameters			
Argum	Cmd	Reply	Description
[ <i>x</i> ]	ACC	( <i>x</i> )	Accommodation factor
[ <i>n</i> ]	AUT	( <i>n</i> )	Automatic start
[ <i>n</i> ]	BGA	( <i>n</i> )	Background average
[ <i>x</i> ]	DEN	( <i>x</i> )	Ball density
[ <i>x</i> ]	DIA	( <i>x</i> )	Ball diameter
[ <i>x</i> ]	LSP	( <i>x</i> )	Lower speed limit
[ <i>x</i> ]	MTI	( <i>x</i> )	Measure time
[ <i>x</i> ]	OFS	( <i>x</i> )	Zero offset
[ <i>n</i> ]	SPC	( <i>n</i> )	Speed control mode
[ <i>x</i> ]	USP	( <i>x</i> )	Upper speed limit

Readout Settings			
Argum	Cmd	Reply	Description
<i>y m d</i>	DAT		Set date
[ <i>n</i> ]	DPL	( <i>n</i> )	Decimal places of pressure readout
[ <i>n</i> ]	DTO	( <i>n</i> )	Menu timeout
[ <i>n</i> ]	OPT	( <i>n</i> )	SI option
<i>h m s</i>	TIM		Set time
[ <i>n</i> ]	TSC	( <i>n</i> )	Temperature scale
[ <i>n</i> ]	UNT	( <i>n</i> )	Measurement unit



Printer Settings			
Argum	Cmd	Reply	Description
[ <i>n</i> ]	CNT	( <i>n</i> )	Maximum count
[ <i>n</i> ]	PDA	( <i>n</i> )	Printout data option
[ <i>n</i> ]	PEJ	( <i>n</i> )	Page eject option
[ <i>n</i> ]	PFT	( <i>n</i> )	Printout footer option
[ <i>n</i> ]	PHD	( <i>n</i> )	Printout header option
[ <i>n</i> ]	PIN	( <i>n</i> )	Printing interval
[ <i>n</i> ]	PPT	( <i>n</i> )	Printer port

Output Configuration			
Argum	Cmd	Reply	Description
[ <i>x</i> ]	AFS	( <i>x</i> )	Analog output full scale
[ <i>x</i> ]	ASP	( <i>x</i> )	Analog output span
[ <i>x</i> ]	HS1	( <i>x</i> )	SP1 hysteresis
[ <i>x</i> ]	HS2	( <i>x</i> )	SP2 hysteresis
[ <i>x</i> ]	SP1	( <i>x</i> )	SP1 trip point
[ <i>x</i> ]	SP2	( <i>x</i> )	SP2 trip point

Auxiliary Input Configuration			
Argum	Cmd	Reply	Description
[ <i>n</i> ]	AM1	( <i>n</i> )	Auxiliary channel 1 mode
[ <i>n</i> ]	AM2	( <i>n</i> )	Auxiliary channel 2 mode
[ <i>x</i> ]	AO1	( <i>x</i> )	Auxiliary channel 1 offset
[ <i>x</i> ]	AO2	( <i>x</i> )	Auxiliary channel 2 offset
[ <i>n</i> ]	APW	( <i>n</i> )	Auxiliary channels power supply
[ <i>x</i> ]	AS1	( <i>x</i> )	Auxiliary channel 1 scale factor
[ <i>x</i> ]	AS2	( <i>x</i> )	Auxiliary channel 2 scale factor

Serial Comm Settings			
Argum	Cmd	Reply	Description
[ <i>n</i> ]	BDR	( <i>n</i> )	Baud rate
[ <i>n</i> ]	PRO	( <i>n</i> )	Prompt option
<i>c1 c2</i>	PRO		User-defined prompt characters

Setup File Management			
Argum	Cmd	Reply	Description
	DEF	<i>n</i>	Query default status
0	DEF		Clear default status
1	DEF		Default settings and set status
	LRN	<i>file</i>	Send learn script
	SDT	<i>y-m-d h:m</i>	Timestamp of last setup change
<i>n</i>	STO		Store current settings as setup file <i>n</i>
	USE	<i>n</i>	Query setup file used
<i>n</i>	USE		Use setup file <i>n</i>

Sensor Control			
Argum	Cmd	Reply	Description
0	ARM		Disarm sensor control
1	ARM		Arm sensor control & perform sensor check
	DMT		Dismount sensor
	MNT		Mount sensor
	RST		Restart measurement
	SBY		Standby mode
	STA		Start measurement
	STP		Stop sensor

Measurement Readout			
Argum	Cmd	Reply	Description
	DCR	<i>x</i>	Deceleration rate (raw value)
	IN1	<i>x</i>	Auxiliary channel 1
	IN2	<i>x</i>	Auxiliary channel 2
	PRS	<i>x</i>	Pressure (raw value)
	REM	<i>x</i>	Remaining time until next readout
	VAL	<i>x</i>	Measured value
Zero Adjustment			
Argum	Cmd	Reply	Description
	ZAD	<i>x</i>	Return zero adjust value
1	ZAD		Do zero adjustment
0	ZAD		Undo zero adjustment
Status & Messages			
Argum	Cmd	Reply	Description
	MLG	<i>file</i>	List logged messages
0	MLG		Erase logged messages
	MSG	<i>str</i>	Read message
0	MSG		Clear pending message & set silent mode
1	MSG		Clear pending message & set talkative mode
	OPH	<i>n</i>	Operating hours
	RCS	<i>n</i>	Rotor control status
	STS	<i>n</i>	System status
0	STS		Clear system status
Script Flow Control			
Argum	Cmd	Reply	Description
	CMD		Command mode
	DLY		Delay 600ms
<i>n</i>	DLY		Delay <i>n</i> seconds
	NXT		Wait for next reading
	RPT		Repeat until interrupted
<i>n</i>	RPT		Repeat <i>n</i> times
	SCR		Script mode
Output Formatting			
Argum	Cmd	Reply	Description
	DAT	<i>y-m-d</i>	Date string
	ECH <i>txt</i>	<i>txt</i>	Echo text
[ <i>n</i> ]	FMT	( <i>n</i> )	Real number output format
	GLB	<i>str</i>	Gas label
	IDY	<i>str</i>	Identify instrument
	NUM	<i>n</i>	Return next number
<i>n</i>	NUM		Set number
	QUO	<i>'</i>	Quote
	SDT	<i>y-m-d h:m</i>	Timestamp of last setup change
	TIM	<i>h:m:s</i>	Time string
	TLB	<i>str</i>	Temperature scale label
	ULB	<i>str</i>	Unit label
	UNQ	<i>'</i>	Unquote

Front Panel & Power Control			
Argum	Cmd	Reply	Description
	DIS	<i>n</i>	Query menu number
<i>n</i>	DIS		Display menu
"str"	DIS		Display string immediate
	KEY	<i>n</i>	Return next key
<i>n</i>	KEY		Wait for key stroke
- <i>n</i>	KEY		Push key
	LLO		Local lock-out
	PWR	<i>n</i>	Query power state
1	PWR		Power up (operating mode)
0	PWR		Power down (stand-by mode)
	SLK	<i>n</i>	Query setup lock
1	SLK		Lock settings
0	SLK		Unlock settings
	RTL		Return to local control

Printer Control			
Argum	Cmd	Reply	Description
	PRT	<i>n</i>	Query print status
<i>n</i>	PRT		Start print function
0	PRT		Stop print function
"str"	PRT		Print string immediate

Direct Output			
Argum	Cmd	Reply	Description
<i>x</i>	OUT		Set analog output voltage
1	OVR		Output override mode
0	OVR		Normal output mode
	RCO	<i>n</i>	Query remote control outputs
<i>n</i>	RCO		Set remote control outputs
	RLY	<i>n</i>	Query relay status
<i>n</i>	RLY		Set relays

Diagnostics			
Argum	Cmd	Reply	Description
	ACL	<i>x</i>	Acceleration factor
	CAL	<i>x</i>	Calibration factor
	COR	<i>x</i>	Correction factor
	DMP	<i>x</i>	Damping level A+B
1	DMP	<i>x</i>	Damping level A
2	DMP	<i>x</i>	Damping level B
	IRS		Instrument reset
	ISP	<i>x</i>	Initial speed
	RDS	<i>n</i>	Rotor detection status
	RSP	<i>x</i>	Rotational speed
	SGL	<i>x</i>	Signal level
	TST	<i>n</i>	Query test mode
2	TST		Perform signal statistics
1	TST		Enter test mode
0	TST		Exit test mode

Head Adjustment			
Argum	Cmd	Reply	Description
	HDA	<i>y-m-d h:m</i>	Timestamp of last adjustment save
0	HDA		Reset adjustments
1	HDA		Levitation adjustment
2	HDA		Motor adjustment
9	HDA		Save adjustment in EEPROM

## 5 SRG-2CE COMPATIBILITY

The following SRG-2CE aliases are provided for compatibility:

Aliases			
Argum	Cmd	Reply	Description
[ <i>n</i> ]	CAP	( <i>n</i> )	Alias of BGA ( <i>n</i> = 0..2)
<i>n</i>	CPT		Alias of ZAD ( <i>n</i> = 0..2)
[ <i>x</i> ]	DB1	( <i>x</i> )	Alias of AO1
[ <i>x</i> ]	DB2	( <i>x</i> )	Alias of AO2
[ <i>x</i> ]	DF1	( <i>x</i> )	Alias of AS1
[ <i>x</i> ]	DF2	( <i>x</i> )	Alias of AS2
[ <i>n</i> ]	FN1	( <i>n</i> )	Alias of AM1
[ <i>n</i> ]	FN2	( <i>n</i> )	Alias of AM2
[ <i>n</i> ]	HDO	( <i>y-m-d h:m</i> )	Alias of HDA
[ <i>x</i> ]	SIN	( <i>x</i> )	Alias of MTI

The following SRG-2CE commands are recognized but not supported:

Unsupported Commands			
Argum	Cmd	Reply	Description
	BAT	0.0000E+00	Battery voltage
[ <i>n</i> ]	DS1	(0)	Display span aux channel 1
[ <i>n</i> ]	DS2	(0)	Display span aux channel 2
[ <i>x</i> ]	RF1	(1.0000E+01)	Reference voltage aux channel 1
[ <i>x</i> ]	RF2	(1.0000E+01)	Reference voltage aux channel 2

The following commands are formally compatible, but differ from their SRG-2CE counterparts:

Command Differences			
Argum	Cmd	Reply	Description
" <i>str</i> "	DIS		Flashing option not supported
[ <i>n</i> ]	KEY	( <i>n</i> )	Key codes not compatible
7	PRT		Histogram not supported
	RCS		Meaning of status bits 3..0 slightly different

**Note:** The SRG-3 uses a dollar sign (\$) as prefix for hexadecimal numbers, while the SRG-2CE uses an ampersand (&).

## 6 COMMAND REFERENCE

### Accommodation Factor

### ACC

**Syntax:** ACC Returns the accommodation factor.

x ACC Enter the accommodation factor  $x$  (0.1 to 2).

**Related:** DIA, DEN

**Example:** acc 'query accommodation factor  
1.012 acc 'change accommodation factor to 1.012

### Acceleration Factor

### ACL

**Syntax:** ACL Returns the acceleration factor [ $s^{-2}A^{-2}$ ] used for speed control.

**Related:**

**Example:** acl 'query acceleration factor

### Analog Output Full Scale

### AFS

**Syntax:** AFS Returns the analog output full scale value [*unit*].

x AFS Enter the value for analog output full scale in the selected unit:  
 $x = 10^{-5}$  to  $10^3$  Pa  
 $x = 10^{-7}$  to 10 mbar  
 $x = 7.5 \cdot 10^{-8}$  to 7.5 Torr  
 $x = 10^{-8}$  to  $0.1 s^{-1}$

Values entered in mbar or Torr are internally stored in Pa. The stored value is not converted if the unit is changed to or from  $s^{-1}$ . A zero value forces the analog output to full scale (10V). The output voltage  $V_{OUT}$  for a measured value  $p$  is calculated as:

ASP=0:  $V_{OUT} = 10V \cdot p/AFS$   
 ASP>0:  $V_{OUT} = 10V \cdot (1 + \log(p/AFS)/ASP)$

**Related:** ASP, OUT, OVR

**Example:** afs 'query analog output full scale  
2 unt 'select mbar  
0.1 afs 'set full scale to 0.1 mbar

## Auxiliary Channel 1 Mode **AM1**

**Syntax:** AM1 Returns the mode of auxiliary input channel 1.

*n* AM1 Selects the mode *n* of auxiliary input channel 1, determining the presentation of measured values:

- 0 raw value [V]
- 1 temperature [*tsca*]
- 2 pressure [*unit*]
- 3 special (no unit)

If set to mode 1, aux channel 1 will supply the gas temperature, thereby overriding the stored setting.

**Related:** AO1, AS1, TMP, TSC, UNT

**Example:** am1 'query mode of aux channel 1  
1 am1 'set up channel 1 for temperature

## Auxiliary Channel 2 Mode **AM2**

**Syntax:** AM2 Returns the mode of auxiliary input channel 2.

*n* AM2 Selects the mode *n* of auxiliary input channel 2, determining the presentation of measured values:

- 0 raw value [V]
- 1 temperature [*tsca*]
- 2 pressure [*unit*]
- 3 special (no unit)

**Related:** AO2, AS2, TMP, TSC, UNT

**Example:** am2 'query mode of aux channel 2  
2 am2 'set up channel 2 for pressure

## Atomic Mass Units **AMU**

**Syntax:** AMU Returns the mean molecular mass in u (atomic mass units).

*x* AMU Enter the mean molecular mass *x* (1 to 1000 u) and reset the gas type to 0 (User).

**Related:** GAS, TCO, USR, VIS

**Example:** amu 'query molecular mass  
44.1 amu 'change molecular mass to 44.1 u

### Auxiliary Channel 1 Offset      AO1

**Syntax:**      AO1      Returns the offset of auxiliary input channel 1.

                 x AO1      Enter the offset  $x$  (-1E30 to +1E30) for channel 1. This value biases the linear scaled input  $V_{IN1}$  ( $R$  displayed reading):

$$R = AS1 \cdot V_{IN1} + AO1.$$

**Related:**      AM1, AS1, IN1

**Example:**      ao1      'query aux channel 1 offset

                 1 am1      'temperature input

                 101 as1      'sensitivity 10 mV/K

                 -0.21 ao1      'adjust zero (0°C)

### Auxiliary Channel 2 Offset      AO2

**Syntax:**      AO2      Returns the offset of auxiliary input channel 2.

                 x AO2      Enter the offset  $x$  (-1E30 to +1E30) for channel 2. This value biases the linear scaled input  $V_{IN2}$  ( $R$  displayed reading):

$$R = AS2 \cdot V_{IN2} + AO2.$$

**Related:**      AM2, AS2, IN2

**Example:**      ao2      'query aux channel 2 offset

                 2 am2      'pressure input

                 0.1 as2      'full scale 1 Pa

                 -0.0002 ao2      'adjust zero

### Auxiliary Power      APW

**Syntax:**      APW      Returns the auxiliary power setting:

                 0      +/-15V supply off

                 1      +/-15V supply on

                 1 APW      Turns the auxiliary power on.

                 0 APW      Turns the auxiliary power off.

**Related:**

**Example:**      apw      'query aux power setting

                 1 apw      'turn on power for aux channels 1 & 2

**Arm Sensor Control****ARM**

<b>Syntax:</b>	ARM	Returns the state of the sensor control (0 = disarmed, 1 = armed).
	0 ARM	Disarms the automatic sensor control. When the sensor is mounted, nothing occurs.
	1 ARM	Arms the automatic sensor control and performs a sensor check by forcing the sensor to the lower and upper position. If present, the sensor is levitated and measurement starts, depending on the AUT setting. When the sensor is already mounted, nothing occurs.

**Related:** MNT, STA

**Example:**

```
arm      'query arm state
dmt      'drop sensor
0 arm    'disarm sensor control
```

**Auxiliary Channel 1 Scale****AS1**

<b>Syntax:</b>	AS1	Returns the scale factor of auxiliary input channel 1.
	x AS1	Enter the scale factor x (1E-30 to 1E30) for channel 1. In temperature mode (AM1 = 1), the factor must be entered in K/V; in pressure mode (AM1 = 2), the factor must be entered in Pa/V. The displayed value R for a measured input voltage $V_{IN1}$ is calculated as:

$$R = AS1 \cdot V_{IN1} + AO1$$

**Related:** AM1, AO1, IN1

**Example:**

```
as1      'query scale factor of aux channel 1
3 unt    'select Torr
2 am1    'chan 1 pressure input
133.33 as1 'scale 133.33 Pa/V = 10 Torr full scale
0 ao1    'zero offset
```

**Auxiliary Channel 2 Scale****AS2**

<b>Syntax:</b>	AS2	Returns the scale factor of auxiliary input channel 2.
	x AS2	Enter the scale factor x (1E-30 to 1E30) for channel 2. In temperature mode (AM1 = 1), the factor must be entered in K/V; in pressure mode (AM1 = 2), the factor must be entered in Pa/V. The displayed value R for a measured input voltage $V_{IN2}$ is calculated as:

$$R = AS2 \cdot V_{IN2} + AO2$$

**Related:** AM2, AO2, IN2



*Example:*

```
as2      'query scale factor of aux channel 2
1 unt    'select Pa
2 am2    'chan 2 pressure input
1 as2    '1 Pa/V = 10 Pa full scale
```

**Analog Output Span****ASP**

*Syntax:*

```
ASP      Returns the analog output span.
0 ASP    Selects linear scale.
n ASP    Selects logarithmic scale spanning n decades (1 to 10).
```

The output voltage  $V_{OUT}$  for a measured value  $p$  is calculated as:

ASP=0:  $V_{OUT} = 10V \cdot p/AFS$

ASP>0:  $V_{OUT} = 10V \cdot (1 + \log(p/AFS)/ASP)$

*Related:* AFS

*Example:*

```
asp      'query output span
0 asp    'select linear output
5 asp    'select log output (2 volt/decade)
```

**Automatic Start****AUT**

*Syntax:*

```
AUT      Returns the automatic start mode.
0 AUT    Disables automatic start on power-up.
1 AUT    Enables automatic start on power-up. Note that speed control should
         also be set to an automatic mode to allow continuous measurement
         (see SPC).
```

*Related:* SPC

*Example:*

```
aut      'query automatic start mode
1 aut    'enable automatic start
```

**Background Average****BGA**

**Syntax:** BGA Returns the selected background average span.

*n* BGA Sets the background average span to *n* readings ( $n = 0..50$ ). If  $n < 2$ , no averaging is performed and the current reading is used for zero adjustment.

**Note:** The moving background average is the mean value of the last *n* pressure (PRS) or DCR readings, depending on the selected unit. This mean value is used for zero adjustment by the command ZAD. Changing the unit will flush the buffer and reset the average value.

**Related:** OFS, ZAD

**Example:** bga 'query background average  
30 bga 'set span to 30 readings

**Baud Rate****BDR**

**Syntax:** BDR Returns the baud rate setting.

*n* BDR Selects baud rate *n* (1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200).

**Note:** The baud rate returned is the stored value and may differ from the actual baud rate. Changing the baud rate remotely causes the new setting to be stored, but switching of the baud rate is deferred until the next instrument reset. If the baud rate is to be changed immediately, an IRS command must follow the BDR on the same line.

**Related:**

**Example:** bdr 'query stored baud rate  
19200 bdr irs 'go to 19200 baud

**Calibration Factor****CAL**

**Syntax:** CAL Returns the calibration factor [*unit* s] for the selected unit. If DCR is selected (unit = 0), the value is returned in Pa•s.

**Note:** The calibration factor is calculated as:  $CAL = PRS / (DCR \cdot COR)$ .

**Related:** COR, DCR, PRS

**Example:** 1 unt 'select Pa  
10 gas 'select Argon  
nxt cal 'query calibration factor of next reading

**Reply:** 2.1455E+03

**Command Mode****CMD**

**Syntax:** CMD Exits script mode (see section 3.3.2), selects silent messages and resumes command execution.

**Related:** SCR

**Example:**

```
scr          'enter script mode
0 msg       'silent messages
2 use       'recall setup #2
ech Date \ dat          'show date
ech Setup #\ use ech from \ sdt 'show setup used
sta         'start measurement
30 rpt nxt tim val     'log 30 readings
stp         'stop rotor
cmd         'exit script mode, resume cmd execution
ech Message: \ msg     'show possible message
```

**Maximum Count****CNT**

**Syntax:** CNT Returns the maximum count for continuous printing.

*n* CNT Enter maximum count *n* (0 to 100) for continuous printing. On reaching the maximum count, continuous printing stops and the footer selected by the PFT option will be added to the printout. A zero count selects printing to be unlimited.

**Note:** The mode is also affected by the printing interval: If the interval is  $\leq 120$  min, the CNT value determines the total number of readings to be printed. If the interval is  $> 120$  min, the CNT value specifies a set of consecutive readings to be printed each time the interval expires (see also PIN). For example, setting CNT = 10 and PIN = 60 will result in a total of 10 readings being printed at one hour intervals, while setting PIN = 180 will result in 10 consecutive readings printed every 3 hours until stopped by operator action.

**Related:** PFT, PIN, PRT

**Example:**

```
cnt          'query maximum count
30 cnt       'set count to 30
```

**Correction Factor****COR**

**Syntax:** COR Returns the DCR correction factor linearizing the current pressure reading. The correction factor is calculated as:  $COR = PRS / (DCR \cdot CAL)$ .

**Related:** CAL, DCR, PRS

**Example:** `nxt val cor` 'query value and correction factor of next reading  
**Reply:** 1.5791E-03 1.0014E+00

**Date****DAT**

**Syntax:** DAT Returns a string with the current date formatted *yyyy-mm-dd*.

*y m d* DAT Sets the date to year *y* (2000 to 2099), month *m* (1 to 12) and day *d* (1 to 31).

**Related:** SDT, TIM

**Example:** `ech Measurement #\ num ech dated \ dat`

**Reply:** `Measurement #122 dated 2008-10-08`

**Example:** `2008 10 12 dat 'set date to 2008-10-12`

**Deceleration Rate****DCR**

**Syntax:** DCR Returns the measured deceleration rate [ $s^{-1}$ ] and clears system status bit 4 (Data available).

**Note:** DCR always returns the raw, ie non-offset, value. To read the zero-adjusted deceleration rate, the VAL command must be used.

**Related:** STS, CPT, VAL

**Example:** `1 unt 'select Pa`  
`rpt nxt dcr prs 'log pressure vs DCR`

**Default Settings****DEF**

**Syntax:** DEF Returns the value of status bit 6 (Backup failed/Setup defaulted).

0 DEF Clears status bit 6 (Backup failed/Setup defaulted).

1 DEF Defaults all settings, resets all user gas definitions, unlocks the setup and sets status bit 6 (Backup failed/Setup defaulted). The instrument is reset to the factory settings.

**Related:** STS

**Example:** `def 'check if setup has been defaulted`  
`1 def 'restore the default settings`

**Ball Density****DEN**

**Syntax:** DEN Returns the stored rotor ball density [ $\text{g cm}^{-3}$ ].

x DEN Enter the rotor ball density x (6 to  $10 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ )<sup>1</sup>.

**Note 1:** This is a formal range for the density value. There may be tighter limitations imposed by the instrument hardware.

**Related:** ACC, DIA

**Example:** den 'query ball density  
7.87 den 'change ball density to 7.87 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

**Ball Diameter****DIA**

**Syntax:** DIA Returns the stored rotor ball diameter [mm].

x DIA Enter the rotor ball diameter x (1 to 6 mm)<sup>1</sup>.

**Note 1:** This is a formal range for the diameter value. There may be tighter limitations imposed by the instrument hardware.

**Related:** ACC, DEN

**Example:** dia 'query ball diameter  
4.7 dia 'change ball diameter to 4.7 mm

**Display Control****DIS**

**Syntax:** DIS Returns the number of the menu displayed. The number returned corresponds to the menu number times 10, eg 60 stands for menu 6.0. To maintain compatibility with the SRG-2CE display options, there are two exceptions: 3 is returned instead of 10 and 6 is returned instead of 40.

n DIS Selects menu *n* (0 to 150), *n* being the menu number times 10. To maintain compatibility with the SRG-2CE display options, there are two additions: *n* = 3 to 5 selects menu 1.0 and *n* = 6 selects menu 4.0.

"str" DIS Displays *str* immediate. The string may be up to 32 characters. An empty string blanks the display. The menu number changes to 9.

**Related:** KEY

**Example:** dis 'query menu number  
2 dis 'show menu 0.2 (aux channel 2)  
3 dis 'show menu 1.0 (DCR)  
10 dis 'same as above  
"Test: ENTER" dis 'occupies 2 rows

**Delay****DLY**

**Syntax:** DLY Delays command processing for approx. 600 ms.  
 n DLY Delays command processing for *n* seconds (1 to 3600).

**Related:** DIS

**Example:** `rpt in1 60 dly 'log aux channel 1 once a minute`

**Damping Level****DMP**

**Syntax:** DMP Returns the output level [dB] of the sensor damping channels A+B.

1 DMP Returns the output level [dB] of damping channel A.

2 DMP Returns the output level [dB] of damping channel B.

**Note:** The value may serve as an indication of the level of mechanical interference the gauge head is exposed to.

**Related:** SGL

**Example:** `rpt dmp 1 dly 'check damping level every second`

**Dismount Sensor****DMT**

**Syntax:** DMT Turns off the levitation control, causing the sensor to drop.

**Caution:** DMT should only be commanded when the sensor is idle!

**Related:** MNT, STP

**Example:** `scr 'execute in foreground  
 stp dmt 'stop rotor and dismount  
 cmd 'exit foreground`

**Decimal Places****DPL**

<b>Syntax:</b>	DPL	Returns the number of decimal places for pressure readout.
	0 DPL	Selects auto-ranging mode:
	1	if $p < 10^{-3}$ Pa ( $10^{-5}$ mbar/Torr)
	2	if $10^{-3}$ Pa ( $10^{-5}$ mbar/Torr) $\leq p < 10^{-2}$ Pa ( $10^{-4}$ mbar/Torr)
	3	if $10^{-2}$ Pa ( $10^{-4}$ mbar/Torr) $\leq p < 10^{-1}$ Pa ( $10^{-3}$ mbar/Torr)
	4	if $p \geq 10^{-1}$ Pa ( $10^{-3}$ mbar/Torr)
	$n$ DPL	Selects fixed number of decimal places (1 to 4).
		<b>Note:</b> Digits rounded off are blanked when displayed and zero-filled when printed. Values returned by VAL and PRS, however, are always output with the number of decimal places set by the FMT option (4 by default).
<b>Related:</b>	FMT	
<b>Example:</b>	dpl	'query decimal places
	3 dpl	'round pressure to 3 decimal places

**Display Menu Timeout****DTO**

<b>Syntax:</b>	DTO	Returns the timeout [s] for menus 1.0 to 6.4 (readout menus).
	$n$ DTO	Sets the timeout to $n$ s (5 to 60). The value is internally rounded to multiples of 5s. On timeout, the display is reset to menu 0.0.
	0 DTO	Disables timeout, so menus 1.0 to 6.4 may be viewed continuously.
		<b>Note:</b> Menus 0.1 and 0.2 are not affected by the timeout and may be viewed continuously. The timeout for menus 7.0 to 13.2 (setup menus) is 60s and may not be changed.
<b>Related:</b>	DIS	
<b>Example:</b>	dto	'query display timeout
	0 dto	'disable display timeout
	30 dto	'set timeout to 30s

**Echo Text****ECH**

<b>Syntax:</b>	ECH <i>txt</i>	Copies <i>txt</i> to the output. This inline text may be delimited by a backslash (\) if not extending to the end of line. No space is added for separation.
<b>Related:</b>	DAT, GLB, IDY, NUM, QUO, TIM, TLB, ULB, UNQ	
<b>Example:</b>	ech Measurement #\ num ech dated \ dat	
<b>Reply:</b>	Measurement #122 dated 2008-10-12	

**Example:** ech Pressure[\ ulb ech ]

**Reply:** Pressure[mbar ]

**Example:** quo ech Temperature[\ tlb ech ] unq tmp ech tmp

**Reply:** 'Temperature[K ]' 2.9871E+02 tmp

## Real Number Format

## FMT

**Syntax:** FMT Returns the decimal places selected for real number output format.

*n* FMT Selects *n* (1 to 6) decimal places for real number output format. The value applies to *all real numbers* transmitted by the instrument. The format setting is not saved. On reset, the format defaults to 4 places.

**Related:** DPL

**Example:** fmt 'query format  
5 fmt 'output real with 5 places  
rpt nxt val 'log readings

**Reply:** 2.45308E-04  
2.45310E-04  
2.45311E-04  
...



**Gas Type****GAS**

**Syntax:**    **GAS**                      Returns the current gas type. Gas type 0 (**User**) is returned if gas properties have been modified.<sup>1</sup>

***n* GAS**                      Selects predefined gas type *n* (1 to 25). The gas type numbers are assigned as follows (the strings in parentheses are the labels returned by command GLB):

- |    |                                    |
|----|------------------------------------|
| 1  | user-definable ( <b>Usr1</b> )     |
| 2  | user-definable ( <b>Usr2</b> )     |
| 3  | user-definable ( <b>Usr3</b> )     |
| 4  | user-definable ( <b>Usr4</b> )     |
| 5  | user-definable ( <b>Usr5</b> )     |
| 6  | user-definable ( <b>Usr6</b> )     |
| 7  | user-definable ( <b>Usr7</b> )     |
| 8  | user-definable ( <b>Usr8</b> )     |
| 9  | Air ( <b>Air</b> )                 |
| 10 | Argon ( <b>Ar</b> )                |
| 11 | Acetylene ( <b>C2H2</b> )          |
| 12 | Freon-14 ( <b>CF4</b> )            |
| 13 | Methane ( <b>CH4</b> )             |
| 14 | Carbon dioxide ( <b>CO2</b> )      |
| 15 | Deuterium ( <b>D2</b> )            |
| 16 | Hydrogen ( <b>H2</b> )             |
| 17 | Helium ( <b>He</b> )               |
| 18 | Hydrogen fluoride ( <b>HF</b> )    |
| 19 | Nitrogen ( <b>N2</b> )             |
| 20 | Nitrous oxide ( <b>N2O</b> )       |
| 21 | Neon ( <b>Ne</b> )                 |
| 22 | Oxygen ( <b>O2</b> )               |
| 23 | Sulfur dioxide ( <b>SO2</b> )      |
| 24 | Sulfur hexafluoride ( <b>SF6</b> ) |
| 25 | Xenon ( <b>Xe</b> )                |

**Note 1:** If any gas property is set (see **AMU**, **TCO**, **VIS**), the gas type is reset to 0 (**User**). As the gas parameters are stored as part of the setup file, up to 15 different **User** gas types may be used in addition to **Usr1** to **Usr8**.

**Related:**    **AMU**, **TCO**, **USR**, **VIS**

*Example:*    gas            'query gas type  
               8 gas        'select U<sub>sr</sub>8  
               20 gas       'select N2

## Gas Type Label

## GLB

*Syntax:*    GLB            Returns a string identifying the selected gas type (see GAS). If the gas type is 0, the string "U<sub>ser</sub>" is returned.

*n* GLB        Returns the identifier of gas type *n* (1 to 25).

              "str" *n* GLB    Sets the identifier of user-definable gas type *n* (1 to 8) to *str*. If *str* is longer than 4 characters, the first 4 characters are used. The new label will replace the standard label U<sub>sr</sub>*n*.

*Related:*    ECH, GAS, QUO, UNQ

*Example:*    ech Gas: \ glb

*Reply:*       Gas: CH4

*Example:*    14 glb            'get label of gas type 14

*Reply:*       CO2

*Example:*    "UF6" 3 glb 'rename U<sub>sr</sub>3 to UF6

## Head Adjust

## HDA

*Syntax:*    HDA            Returns a string with the timestamp of the last head adjustment save. If no adjustment has been done by the user, this is the timestamp of the factory initialization.

              0 HDA        Resets the adjustment to default values.<sup>1</sup>

              1 HDA        Adjusts levitation control by zeroing the sensor detection voltage. The sensor has to be removed for this procedure.<sup>1</sup>

              2 HDA        Optimizes speed control by tuning the motor to its resonant frequency. The drive frequency is swept from high to low values until the drive current peak is located. The command runs in foreground.<sup>1</sup>

              9 HDA        Saves the adjusted parameters in EEPROM and adds the timestamp. Unless 9 HDO is executed, the adjustment remains volatile and the previously saved parameters are restored on instrument initialization.

**Note 1:** The results are not automatically saved in EEPROM memory. To make the adjustment permanent, a subsequent command 9 HDA is required. If the operation is attempted while the sensor is mounted, script error 99 occurs.

*Related:*

*Example:*    hda            'query date of last adjustment  
                  0 hda        'reset adjustment

*Example:*    1 hda            'adjust levitation  
                  2 hda            'tune motor  
                  9 hda            'save adjustment

## Setpoint 1 Hysteresis

## HS1

*Syntax:*        HS1            Returns the hysteresis of setpoint 1.

                 x HS1        Enter the hysteresis  $x$  (-0.5 to 1) for setpoint 1. The sign of the value determines the hysteresis mode:

HS1<0: relay activated at  $p > SP1$  and released at  $p < (1+HS1) \cdot SP1$

HS1>0: relay activated at  $p > (1+HS1) \cdot SP1$  and released at  $p < SP1$

*Related:*        SP1

*Example:*    hs1            'query hysteresis of SP1

                 3 unt            'select Torr  
                  1.e-3 sp1        'change SP1 level to 1.E-3 Torr  
                  -0.05 hs1        'SP1 is activated at  $p > 1.E-3$  Torr  
                                     'and released at  $p < 9.5E-4$  Torr

## Setpoint 2 Hysteresis

## HS2

*Syntax:*        HS2            Returns the hysteresis of setpoint 2.

                 x HS2        Enter the hysteresis  $x$  (-0.5 to 1) for setpoint 2. The sign of the value determines the hysteresis mode:

HS2<0: relay activated at  $p > SP2$  and released at  $p < (1+HS2) \cdot SP2$

HS2>0: relay activated at  $p > (1+HS2) \cdot SP2$  and released at  $p < SP2$

*Related:*        SP2

*Example:*    hs2            'query hysteresis of SP2

                 3 unt            'select Torr  
                  1.e-3 sp2        'change SP2 level to 1.E-3 Torr  
                  -0.05 hs2        'SP2 is activated at  $p > 1.E-3$  Torr  
                                     'and released at  $p < 9.5E-4$  Torr

**Identify****IDY**

**Syntax:** IDY Returns a string identifying the instrument stating model, firmware version and serial number.

**Related:** ECH, QUO, UNQ

**Example:** quo idy unq

**Reply:** 'SRG-3 V1.0.4 S/N G500307G40 '

**Auxiliary Channel 1 Input****IN1**

**Syntax:** IN1 Returns the value of auxiliary input channel 1, scaled according to the selected mode (see AM1, AO1, AS1).

**Related:** AM1, AO1, AS1

**Example:** in1 in2 'read aux channel values

**Auxiliary Channel 2 Input****IN2**

**Syntax:** IN2 Returns the value of auxiliary input channel 2, scaled according to the selected mode (see AM2, AO2, AS2).

**Related:** AM2, AO2, AS2

**Example:** in1 in2 'read aux channel values

**Instrument Reset****IRS**

**Syntax:** IRS Resets the instrument and performs the power-up initialization procedure.

**Caution:** IRS turns off the gauge head power immediately!

**Related:** AUT, BDR

**Example:** 0 pwr 'power down sensor  
irs 'reset instrument

**Initial Speed****ISP**

**Syntax:** ISP Returns the initial sensor speed, ie the sensor speed after the last acceleration, in Hz.

**Related:** RSP, USP

*Example:*    `isp                'query initial speed`

## Wait for Key Stroke

## KEY

**Syntax:**    `KEY`                Waits for a key stroke and returns the code.

`n KEY`                Wait for the key *n* to be pressed:

<i>n</i>	Key
1	POWER
2	ON
3	OFF
4	ESC
5	ENTER
6	↑
7	↓
8	←
9	→

`-n KEY`                Push key, ie perform action of key *n*. The disabled keys POWER, ON, OFF and ENTER will be enabled first.

`0 KEY`                Disable keys again.

                                      While waiting for operator response, the REMOTE LED keeps flashing to indicate that key action is requested by remote control.

*Related:*    `DIS`

*Example:*    `"Press any key:" dis 'announce test`  
                   `rpt key                'read key codes`

`"Continue with ENTER:" dis                'inform operator`  
                   `5 key                'wait for key`

`71 dis                'show gas setup menu`  
                   `-9 key                'set cursor on gas selection`

## Local Lock Out

## LLO

**Syntax:**    `LLO`                Locks out local control by disabling the manual return feature in menu 5.0. After execution of LLO, return to local control is only possible by sending the RTL or IRS command, or by switching the instrument off and on again.

*Related:*    `RTL`

*Example:*    llo            'disable local control  
              ...            'perform critical operations  
              rtl            'enable local control

## Learn Script

## LRN

*Syntax:*    LRN            Returns a script file restoring the currently active settings when sent back to the instrument. The script includes a header identifying the instrument and the setup file being transmitted. Each setting is commented. The learn script may serve as a template to set up the instrument, or may be used for backup and/or documentation purpose.

*Related:*    STO, USE

```

Example: lrn          'download settings
Reply:   'Date 2008-10-08 13:27:42 '
        'SRG-3 V1.0.4 S/N G500307G40'
        'Setup 0 from 2008-10-08 12:25 '
        'Readout:'
        'Display unit' 1 unt
        'Temperature scale' 0 tsc
        'Decimal places' 3 dpl
        'Display timeout [s]' 0 dto
        'Gas:'
        'Name: Ar'
        'Select gas' 10 gas
        'Temperature [K]' 2.9315E+02 tmp
        'Sensor:'
        'Accommodation' 1.0000E+00 acc
        'Measure time [s]' 3.0000E+00 mti
        'Ball diameter [mm]' 4.5000E+00 dia
        'Ball density [g/cm^3]' 7.7000E+00 den
        'Upper speed limit [Hz]' 4.4000E+02 usp
        'Lower speed limit [Hz]' 4.3000E+02 lsp
        'Automatic start' 1 aut
        'Speed control mode' 1 spc
        'Background average' 10 bga
        'Zero offset [Pa]' 0.0000E+00 ofs
        'Printout:'
        'Maximum count' 10 cnt
        'Print interval' 0 pin
        'Printout header' 1 phd
        'Printout footer' 1 pft
        'Printout data' 0 pda
        'Printer port' 1 ppt
        'Page eject' 1 pej
        'Outputs:'
        'Setp 1 [Pa]' 1.0000E+00 sp1
        'Setp 2 [Pa]' 1.0000E+00 sp2
        'Hyst 1' -5.0000E-02 hs1
        'Hyst 2' -5.0000E-02 hs2
        'Analog full scale [Pa]' 1.0000E+00 afs
        'Analog span' 5 asp
        'Aux inputs:'
        'Mode 1' 2 am1
        'Mode 2' 0 am2
        'Scale 1' 1.0000E+04 as1
        'Scale 2' 1.0000E+00 as2
        'Offset 1' 0.0000E+00 ao1
        'Offset 2' 0.0000E+00 ao2
        'Aux power' 1 apw

```

```

Example: lrn          'active settings
        1 use lrn     'stored setup files...
        2 use lrn
        ...

```

**Lower Speed Limit****LSP**

**Syntax:** LSP Returns the actual<sup>1</sup> lower speed limit [Hz].

x LSP Enter the lower operational speed limit x (405 to 805 Hz). The value is clipped to 5 Hz below the upper speed limit.

**Note 1:** When operating in speed control mode 2, the actual speed limits may be dynamically extended to meet the specified sampling interval. When changing USP, the LSP value will be adjusted automatically to retain the speed window size.

**Related:** MTI, SPC, USP

**Example:** lsp 'query lower speed limit  
450 usp 430 lsp 'select speed range 450..430 Hz

**Message Log****MLG**

**Syntax:** MLG Returns the message log file. The message log contains the last 63 messages with their timestamps. If the message log is empty, a no-messages statement with the actual timestamp is returned (see example).

0 MLG Erases the logged messages.

**Related:** MSG

**Example:** mlg 'examine message log  
**Reply:** 2008-10-12 08:17 Err 33: Controlling speed failed  
2008-10-12 12:45 Err 34: Bad signal level  
2008-10-12 14:38 Err 22: Mounting rotor failed

**Example:** 0 mlg 'flush message log  
mlg 'read message log  
**Reply:** 2008-10-12 11:43 No messages

**Mount Rotor****MNT**

**Syntax:** MNT Turns on the magnetic bearing causing the sensor to levitate. The sensor remains in idle mode (Idle). MNT runs in background. If the rotor is already mounted, no action is taken.

**Note:** If armed (see ARM), the sensor is automatically mounted when it is detected inside the air gap of the magnetic bearing.

**Related:** ARM, DMT, RCS, SBY, STA

**Example:** scr 'execute in foreground  
'Exercise levitation:  
3 rpt mnt 2 dly dmt 2 dly  
...



Message	MSG
<i>Syntax:</i>	MSG
	Returns the message waiting in the message buffer and clears system status flag 5 (Message). If the buffer is empty, the string "No message" is returned.
	0 MSG
	Selects silent messages (default) and clears system status flag 5, flushing an old message. A new message will be buffered.
	1 MSG
	Selects talkative messages and clears system status flag 5, flushing an old message. A new message will be transmitted.
	<b>Note:</b> Messages are also logged in the message log file (see also MLG).
<i>Related:</i>	MLG, STS
<i>Example:</i>	msg 'read silent message
<i>Reply:</i>	Err 33: Controlling speed failed
<i>Example:</i>	0 msg 'flush old message
	1 msg 'get new messages immediately

Measure Time	MTI
<i>Syntax:</i>	MTI
	Returns the actual <sup>1</sup> measure time [s].
	x MTI
	Enter the measure time. The value x (5 to 60 s) is internally rounded to tenths of seconds. If the interval is changed during measurement, a reduction will take effect immediately, whereas an extension will be deferred until the next measurement cycle.
	<b>Note 1:</b> If not measuring, the stored value is returned. When operating in speed control mode 1, the actual measure time may vary dynamically to meet the specified speed limits.
<i>Related:</i>	LSP, SPC, USP
<i>Example:</i>	mti 'query measure time
	5 mti 'change measure time to 5 s

Numbering	NUM
<i>Syntax:</i>	NUM
	Returns the next consecutive number in unsigned format.
	n NUM
	Presets the number to n (0 to 4294967295). The next number returned will be n+1.
	<b>Note:</b> The command may be used to number the iterations of RPT, etc. The number resets to 0 when the instrument is switched on.
<i>Related:</i>	RPT

**Example:** 0 num 'clear number  
 rpt nxt num val 'log numbered readings

**Reply:** 1 2.4530E-04  
 2 2.4531E-04  
 3 2.4531E-04  
 ...

## Wait for Next Reading **NXT**

**Syntax:** NXT Waits for system status bit 4 (Data available) to be asserted. The status flag is not changed.

**Note:** If used inside a loop (RPT), the status flag must be cleared between iterations by one of the commands VAL, PRS, DCR or 0 STS.

**Related:** DCR, VAL, STS

**Example:** 0 sts 'begin with new status  
 rpt nxt val 'log measured values

**Reply:** 2.4530E-04  
 2.4533E-04  
 2.4531E-04  
 ...

## Zero Offset **OFS**

**Syntax:** OFS Returns the zero offset [*unit*].

x OFS Enter the zero offset in the selected unit:

$x = 0$  to  $10^3$  Pa  
 $x = 0$  to 10 mbar  
 $x = 0$  to 7.5 Torr  
 $x = 0$  to  $10^{-3}$  s<sup>-1</sup>

Values entered in mbar or Torr are internally stored in Pa. The stored value is not converted if the unit is changed to or from s<sup>-1</sup>.

**Related:** UNT

**Example:** ofs 'query offset  
 3 unt 'select Torr  
 2.321e-6 ofs 'enter zero offset 2.321E-6 Torr

## Operating Hours **OPH**

**Syntax:** OPH Returns the number of instrument operating hours.

**Related:**

*Example:*    oph                    'check operating hours

## Instrument Options

## OPT

*Syntax:*    OPT                    Returns the selected instrument options.

              1 OPT                Sets option 1 (SI only). The unit is forced to Pa and the temperature scale is forced to K..

              0 OPT                Resets options.

**Note:** With option 1 set, UNT does not accept values > 1 and TSC does not accept 1.

*Related:*    DEF, UNT

*Example:*    opt                    'check instrument options  
                   1 opt                'force SI units  
                   0 opt                'reset instrument options

## Analog Output

## OUT

*Syntax:*    OUT                    Returns the analog output voltage [V].

              x OUT                Sets the analog output voltage to x (0 to 11V). The override mode must be set or else the analog output will periodically be overwritten by the measured value (see OVR).

*Related:*    AFS, ASP, OVR

*Example:*    out                    'compare with the actual output voltage  
                   1 ovr                'set override mode  
                   10 out               'force output to full scale

## Output Override

## OVR

*Syntax:*    1 OVR                Sets output override mode. Analog output and relay switches may be set directly by the OUT and RLY commands.

              0 OVR                Resets output override mode. Analog output and relay switches are automatically set by the measurement results.

*Related:*    OUT, RLY

*Example:*    1 ovr                    'set override mode  
                   10 out               'force output to full scale

**Printout Data****PDA**

<b>Syntax:</b>	PDA	Returns the printout data option:
		0     standard (time & measured value) 1     auxiliary channel 1 & measured value 2     auxiliary channel 2 & measured value 3     time & setpoint status & measured value
	<i>n</i> PDA	Selects printout data option <i>n</i> (0 to 3). If enabled by the printout header option (see also PHD), column titles as shown below will be included, the <i>tscal</i> and <i>unit</i> holders being filled in by the respective labels.
		<b><i>n</i>     Column titles</b> 0     Time            Press[ <i>unit</i> ] or Time            DCR[1/s] 1     Aux1[V]        Press[ <i>unit</i> ] or Aux1[ <i>tscal</i> ] Press[ <i>unit</i> ] or Aux1[ <i>unit</i> ] Press[ <i>unit</i> ] or Aux1[]          Press[ <i>unit</i> ] 2     Aux2[V]        Press[ <i>unit</i> ] or Aux2[ <i>tscal</i> ] Press[ <i>unit</i> ] or Aux2[ <i>unit</i> ] Press[ <i>unit</i> ] or Aux2[]          Press[ <i>unit</i> ] 3     Time        SP Press[ <i>unit</i> ] or Time        SP DCR[1/s]
<b>Related:</b>	AM1, AM2, PHD, TSC, UNT	
<b>Example:</b>	<pre>pda        'query printout data option 0 pda      'select standard printout 2 pda      'select logging of ain2</pre>	

**Page Eject****PEJ**

<b>Syntax:</b>	PEJ	Returns the automatic page eject option:
		0     page eject disabled 1     page eject enabled
	1 PEJ	Enables automatic page eject after printing. Print jobs are terminated by sending a FF character (ASCII 12) to the parallel printer or a double CLRF sequence to the serial printer.
	0 PEJ	Disables automatic page eject. Print jobs are terminated by sending a double CRLF sequence.
<b>Related:</b>	PRT	

*Example:*    `pej`                    `'query page eject option`  
                  `1 pej`                `'enable page eject`

## Printout Footer

## PFT

*Syntax:*     `PFT`                    Returns the printout footer option:

0     no footer  
 1     standard footer<sup>1</sup>  
 2     count statement only

`n PFT`                    Selects the printout footer option *n* (0 to 2). The selected footer will be added to the printout when continuous printing stops having reached the maximum count or being terminated by operator action. The footer will be omitted for a count < 2.

**Note 1:** For count > 1, the standard footer shows count and mean value. For count > 2, the standard footer comprises count, mean value, maximum deviation, standard deviation and mean standard deviation of the printed readings.

*Related:*     `CNT`, `PHD`

*Example:*    `pft`                    `'query footer option`  
                  `0 pft`                `'no footer printed`

*Example:*    `1 pft`                    `'standard footer`

```
-----
Count                13
Mean value          1.8989E-03
Max. dev.           5.3000E-07
Std. dev.            3.4000E-07
Mean std.            9.3000E-08
```

*Example:*    `2 pft`                    `'count statement only`

```
-----
Count                30
```

**Printout Header****PHD**

**Syntax:** PHD Returns the printout header option:

- 0 no header
- 1 standard header
- 2 column titles only

*n* PHD Selects the printout header option *n* (0 to 2).

**Note:** The printout number resets when the header option is entered, when the system date is set (DAT command), and on start of the print function when date has changed since the last printout.

**Related:** PDA, PFT

**Example:** phd 'query header option  
0 phd 'no header printed

**Example:** 1 phd 'standard header

```
SRG-3 Vacuum Gauge 1.0.4
Setup 14 from 2008-10-10
Date 2008-10-13      #17
-----
Time                Press[Torr ]
-----
```

**Example:** 2 phd 'column titles only

```
Time                Press[Torr ]
-----
```

**Printing Interval****PIN**

**Syntax:** PIN Returns the printing interval [min].

*n* PIN Enter the printing interval *n* (0 to 300 min).

**Note:** The printing interval also controls the maximum count mode: If set to  $\leq 120$  min, the CNT value determines the total number of readings to be printed. If set to  $> 120$  min, the CNT value specifies a set of consecutive readings to be printed each time the printing interval expires (see also CNT). For example, setting CNT = 10 and PIN = 60 will result in a total of 10 readings being printed at one hour intervals, while setting PIN = 180 will result in 10 consecutive readings printed every 3 hours until stopped by operator action.

0 PIN Select printing of consecutive readings.

**Related:** CNT, PRT

*Example:*   pin               'query printing interval  
               0 pin         'print each value  
               30 pin        'print a value every 30 min

**Printer Port****PPT**

*Syntax:*   PPT               Returns the selected printer port:

0     off (printing disabled)  
 1     parallel printer port  
 2     serial port (RS-232)

*n* PPT       Selects the printer port *n* (0 to 2).

*Related:*   PRT

*Example:*   ppt               'query printer port  
               2 ppt         'print to serial port  
               0 ppt         'disable printer output

**Prompt Option****PRO**

*Syntax:*   PRO               Returns the selected prompt option:

0     off (no prompt)  
 1     standard ('>' and '?')  
 2     user-assigned characters

1 PRO       Enables prompt feature using the standard prompt characters greater sign (>) for positive and question mark (?) for negative acknowledge.

*c1 c2* PRO   Assigns ASCII code *c1* (1 to 255, \$01 to \$FF) to the positive and ASCII code *c2* (1 to 255, \$01 to \$FF) to the negative acknowledge character and sets prompt option 2 (User).

0 PRO       Disables the prompt feature.

*Related:*

*Example:*   pro               'query option  
               0 pro         'disable prompting  
               6 21 pro       'prompt with ACK and NAK codes

**Pressure****PRS**

**Syntax:** PRS Returns the raw, ie non-offset, pressure value [*unit*] and clears system status bit 4 (Data available).

**Note:** To read the zero-adjusted pressure, the VAL command must be used.

**Related:** STS, CPT, VAL

**Example:** rpt nxt prs 'log pressure

**Print Control****PRT**

**Syntax:** PRT Returns the printer status:

- 0 printer idle
- 1 printing next reading
- 2 printing in continuous mode
- 3 printing setup listing
- 4 printing message log
- 5 printing system parameter listing
- 6 printing status snapshot
- 8 printing string

*n* PRT Controls printer function:

- 0 stop printing
- 1 print (next) reading
- 2 (start) continuous printing
- 3 print setup listing
- 4 print message log
- 5 print system parameter listing for diagnostic purpose
- 6 print status snapshot for diagnostic purpose
- 9 form feed: send a FF character to the parallel port, or a double CRLF sequence to the serial port, resp.

"*str*" PRT Sends *str* to the printer and adds a CRLF.

**Note:** In script mode, printer control is performed in foreground, so the PRT command does not terminate until the print job is finished. The statement 2 PRT (continuous printing), however, will always execute in background if CNT = 0 or PIN > 60 min.

**Related:** PPT



*Example:*   prt               'query printer status  
               4 prt           'get hardcopy of message log  
               2 prt           'start continuous printing

## Power Control

## PWR

*Syntax:*   PWR               Returns the power status:

                                  0     power down (standby)  
                                   1     power on (operation)

              0 PWR           Turns power off. The following actions will be performed:

- stop and dismount sensor
- switch off auxiliary power (+/-15V)
- switch off analog output and relays
- switch off gauge head power
- switch off display

                                  The communication via RS-232 stays active.

              1 PWR           Turns power on.

*Related:*

*Example:*   pwr               'query power status  
               0 pwr           'shut down instrument

## Quote

## QUO

*Syntax:*   QUO               Outputs a quotation mark ('). May be used in conjunction with UNQ to enclose consecutive reply fields that are to be treated as a single string, e.g. when importing data into a spreadsheet.

*Related:*   ECH, UNQ

*Example:*   quo ech Measure time [s]\ unq mti  
*Reply:*       'Measure time [s]'   2.0000E+01

**Remote Control Output****RCO**

**Syntax:** RCO Returns the state of the remote control outputs.

$n$  RCO Sets the remote control status outputs to  $n$  (0 to 3):

Bit	Value	Relay
0	1	ERROR
1	2	MEASURE

*Related:*

**Example:**

```

rco      'query output status
1 rco    'activate ERROR
0 rco    'release ERROR

```

**Rotor Control Status****RCS**

**Syntax:** RCS Returns the rotor control status:

Bit	Value	Meaning
3..0	0	Disarmed (automatic sensor control off)
	1	No sensor detected
	2	Dismount sensor
	3	Idle (sensor at rest)
	4	Standby (sensor coasting)
	5	Starting...
	6	Measuring (READY relay on)
	7	Stopping...
	8	Shutdown...
4	16	Drive direction (0=accelerate, 1=decelerate)
5	32	Drive operating
6	64	Sensor unstable
7	128	Busy (background task executing)

*Related:* DMT, MNT, RST, SBY, STA, STP

**Example:**

```

rcs      'get sensor status

scr      'execute in foreground
mnt      'mount sensor
rcs      'check result
...

```

**Remaining Time****REM**

**Syntax:** REM Returns the remaining time [s] until the next reading. If not measuring, the selected measure time is returned.

**Related:** MTI

**Example:** rem 'check the time to go

**Reply:** 2.2734E+01

**Relay Control****RLY**

**Syntax:** RLY Returns the relay state.

$n$  RLY Sets the relays to  $n$  (0 to 7):

Bit	Value	Relay
0	1	SP1
1	2	SP2
2	4	READY

The override mode must be set or else the relays will periodically be driven according to the measurement status (see OVR).

**Related:** OUT, OVR

**Example:** rly 'query relay state  
1 ovr 'set override mode  
4 rly 'activate READY

**Repeat****RPT**

**Syntax:** RPT Repeats execution of the succeeding commands infinitely.

$n$  RPT Repeats execution of the succeeding commands  $n$  times (2 to 10000).

**Note:** RPT refers to the commands following up to the end of line. RPT statements may be cascaded, only limited by the command buffer size of 128 characters.

**Related:**

**Example:** rpt nxt val 'continuously log measured values  
10 rpt nxt val 'get next 10 readings

**Rotational Speed****RSP**

**Syntax:** RSP Returns the rotational speed in Hz.

**Note:** During drive operation and below about 390 Hz the rotational speed is not measured but calculated.

**Related:** SGL

**Example:** `rsp sgl` 'check speed and signal level

**Restart Measurement****RST**

**Syntax:** RST Restarts measurement and causes reacceleration if the sensor speed is not within -1% to +2% of the upper speed limit. If the sensor is dismounted or idle, STA is performed instead. RST runs in background.

**Note:** The RST command in conjunction with speed control mode 0 enables user-initiated sensor reacceleration. This may be useful in cases where sensor heat-up is of concern.

**Related:** SBY, SPC, STA, STP

**Example:** `rst` 'restart measurement

**Return to Local Control****RTL**

**Syntax:** RTL Return to local control. The REMOTE LED turns off and the display shows menu 0.0.

**Related:** LLO

**Example:** `...` 'perform commands  
`rtl` 'return to local

**Standby Mode****SBY**

**Syntax:** SBY Turns off speed control, leaving the sensor coasting (Standby). If the sensor is dismounted, MNT is performed instead.

**Related:** MNT, RST

**Example:** `sta` 'start measurement  
`10 rpt nxt val` 'get 10 readings  
`sby` 'remain in standby mode

**Script Mode****SCR**

**Syntax:** SCR Enters script mode (see section 3.3.2) and enables talkative messages.

**Note:** When using the SCR statement in a script, make sure that also a CMD statement is included (at or near the end of the script) to allow command execution to be resumed in case of error.

**Related:** CMD

**Example:**

```
scr                'enter script mode
0 msg             'silent messages
2 use             'recall setup #2
ech Date \ dat    'show date
ech Setup #\ use ech from \ sdt 'show setup used
sta              'start measurement
30 rpt nxt tim val 'log 30 readings
stp              'stop rotor
cmd              'exit script mode, resume cmd execution
ech Message: \ msg 'show possible message
```

**Setup Date****SDT**

**Syntax:** SDT Returns date and time of the last change of the active settings, formatted *yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm*. Each setup file has its own timestamp.

**Related:** ECH, QUO, UNQ, USE

**Example:** quo ech Setup #\ use ech from \ sdt unq  
**Reply:** 'Setup #1 from 2008-10-11 15:28 '

**Signal Level****SGL**

**Syntax:** SGL Returns the sensor signal level [dB]. The value corresponds to the level which can be measured at the SCOPE output.

**Note:** The signal input is muted during drive operation and when the sensor is idle or not mounted.

**Related:** RSP

**Example:** rsp sgl 'check speed and signal level

**Setup Lock****SLK**

<b>Syntax:</b>	SLK	Returns the state of the setup lock.
	1 SLK	Locks the setup menus (menu 7.0 to 13.2) by disabling the ENTER key, preventing inadvertent access to the instrument settings.
	0 SLK	Unlocks the setup menus (menu 7.0 to 13.2).

**Note:** The state of the setup lock may also be changed manually by selecting menu 6.0 and pressing the ON key to lock and the OFF to unlock.

**Related:**

<b>Example:</b>	slk	'query state of lock
	...	'set up the instrument
	1 slk	'inhibit accidental manipulation
	rtl	'return to local control

**Speed Control****SPC**

<b>Syntax:</b>	SPC	Returns the speed control mode.
	<i>n</i> SPC	Selects the speed control mode <i>n</i> :
	0	off <sup>1</sup>
	1	automatic with <i>fixed speed limits</i> (measure time will be reduced to meet the specified speed limits at higher pressure)
	2	automatic with <i>fixed measure time</i> (speed limits will be extended to meet the specified measure time at higher pressure)

**Note 1:** Disabling the speed control causes the rotor to enter standby mode when the rotational speed drops below the lower speed limit.

**Related:** AUT, LSP, MTI, USP

<b>Example:</b>	spc	'query speed control mode
	1 spc	'select fixed speed limits

**SP1 Trip Point****SP1**

**Syntax:** SP1 Returns the trip point [*unit*] of SP1.

x SP1 Enter the trip point of SP1 in the selected unit:  
 $x = 10^{-5}$  to  $10^3$  Pa  
 $x = 10^{-7}$  to 10 mbar  
 $x = 7.5 \cdot 10^{-8}$  to 7.5 Torr  
 $x = 10^{-8}$  to  $0.1 \text{ s}^{-1}$

Values entered in mbar or Torr are internally stored in Pa. The stored value is not converted if the unit is changed to or from  $\text{s}^{-1}$ . A zero value forces SP1 on.

**Related:** HS1

**Example:** sp1 'query SP1 trip point

3 unt 'select Torr  
 1.e-3 sp1 'change SP1 trip point to 1.E-3 Torr

**SP2 Trip Point****SP2**

**Syntax:** SP2 Returns the trip point [*unit*] of SP2.

x SP2 Enter the trip point of SP2 in the selected unit:  
 $x = 10^{-5}$  to  $10^3$  Pa  
 $x = 10^{-7}$  to 10 mbar  
 $x = 7.5 \cdot 10^{-8}$  to 7.5 Torr  
 $x = 10^{-8}$  to  $0.1 \text{ s}^{-1}$

Values entered in mbar or Torr are internally stored in Pa. The stored value is not converted if the unit is changed to or from  $\text{s}^{-1}$ . A zero value forces SP2 on.

**Related:** HS2

**Example:** sp2 'query SP2 trip point

3 unt 'select Torr  
 1.e-3 sp2 'change SP2 trip point to 1.E-3 Torr

**Start Measurement****STA**

**Syntax:** STA Starts measurement. If necessary, the sensor is mounted and driven to its operational speed (USP). STA runs in background.

**Related:** SBY, STP, RST, USP

**Example:** sta 'start measurement  
 rpt nxt val 'log measured values

**Store Setup****STO**

**Syntax:** `n STO` Stores the currently active settings as setup file #*n* (1 to 15) .

**Related:** USE

**Example:** `11 sto` 'store as setup file #11

**Stop Rotor****STP**

**Syntax:** `STP` Halts measurement and stops the sensor. The sensor remains mounted (Idle). STP runs in background.

**Related:** DMT, STA

**Example:**

```
scr      'execute in foreground
...
stp dmt  'stop rotor and dismount
...
cmd      'exit foreground
```

**System Status****STS**

**Syntax:** `STS` Returns the system status and clears status bit 7.

Bit	Value	Meaning
0	1	SP1 activated
1	2	SP2 activated
2	4	RDY activated
3	8	Printer not ready
4*	16	Data available
5*	32	Message pending
6	64	Backup failed/Setup defaulted <sup>1</sup>
7*	128	Power failure

`0 STS` Clears system status bits 4, 5 and 7.

**Note 1:** Status bit 6 is set during power-up when the internal clock/calendar has lost information due to low backup battery. The bit is also set by command 1 DEF (restore defaults). The bit is reset by executing 0 DEF.or by modifying the setup.

**Related:** DCR, MSG, NXT, VAL

**Example:**

```
sts      'get status

0 sts    'begin with new status
rpt nxt val 'log readings
```



**Temperature Coefficient****TCO**

**Syntax:** TCO Returns the temperature coefficient of the viscosity [ $\mu\text{Pa}\cdot\text{s}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ ].

x TCO Enter the temperature coefficient x (0 to 0.1  $\mu\text{Pa}\cdot\text{s}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ ) and reset the gas type to 0 (User).

**Note:** The TCO value is used to calculate the actual gas viscosity  $\eta$  for the gas temperature TMP [K] according to:  $\eta = \text{VIS} + \text{TCO} \cdot (\text{TMP} - 293.15 \text{ K})$ . If set to zero, the stored viscosity value must relate to the actual gas temperature.

**Related:** AMU, GAS, TMP, USR, VIS

**Example:** tco 'query tempco of viscosity  
0.0465 tco 'change tempco to 4.65E-2 uPa s 1/K

**Time****TIM**

**Syntax:** TIM Returns a string with the time of day formatted *hh:mm:ss*.

h m s TIM Sets the time to *h* hours (0 to 23), *m* minutes (0 to 59) and *s* seconds (0 to 59).

**Related:** DAT, SDT

**Example:** ech Time \ tim

**Reply:** Time 08:45:53

**Example:** 12 13 0 tim 'set time to 12:13:00

**Temperature Scale Label****TLB**

**Syntax:** TLB Returns a string identifying the selected temperature scale.

**Related:** ECH, QUO, TSC, UNQ

**Example:** ech T\_amb[\ tlb ech ]

**Reply:** T\_amb[ °C ]

**Example:** tmp tlb

**Reply:** 2.9835E+02 K

**Temperature****TMP**

**Syntax:**     TMP               Returns the actual<sup>1</sup> gas temperature [*tscal*].

              x TMP             Enter the gas temperature x in the selected temperature scale (10 to 2000 K or -263.15 to 1726.85 °C). Values entered in °C are internally converted to K.

**Note 1:** If auxiliary channel 1 is configured for temperature (AM1 = 1), it will supply the actual temperature and override the stored value. TMP then returns the measured value.

**Related:**     AM1, TCO, TSC, VIS

**Example:**   tmp               'query gas temperature  
              1 tsc            'select °C scale  
              24.7 tmp         'change gas temperature to 24.7 °C

**Temperature Scale****TSC**

**Syntax:**     TSC               Returns the selected temperature scale.

              0 TSC            Selects absolute temperature (K).

              1 TSC            Selects degrees (°C).

**Note:** The TSC setting controls the interpretation of the TMP value and the display format of the auxiliary channels if set up for temperature.

**Related:**     AM1, AM2, TLB, TMP

**Example:**   tsc               'query temperature scale  
              1 tsc            'select °C

**Test Mode****TST**

<i>Syntax:</i>	TST	Returns the test status:
	0	normal mode
	1	test mode
	2 TST	Stops measurement and computes a statistics of the sensor signal, comprising mean value, standard as well as relative deviation of the measured periods and the signal scatter SSC, ie the uncertainty of the measured periods in $\mu\text{s}$ . Note that a subsequent 0 TST is required to exit this mode and resume normal operation!
	1 TST	Enters test mode. In test mode, no gauge head is required and no sensor control takes place. The PICKUP signal is assumed to be supplied by an external source, eg a synthesizer. The supplied signal must exceed the minimum level of -10dB (0.316V <sub>rms</sub> ). Measurement starts as soon as the signal frequency exceeds the selected USP value. Measurement is suspended when the lower limit LSP is reached and is resumed when the frequency exceeds the USP value again.
	0 TST	Exits test mode. If the sensor is spinning, it is placed in Standby mode, if the sensor is mounted but not spinning, it stays Idle.

*Related:*

*Example:*    tsc            'query test mode  
               1 tst           'enter test mode

*Example:*    2 tst            'get signal statistics

*Reply:*       Collecting data...  
               Computing statistics...  
               Count        = 8000  
               Mean val   = 68063.12  
               Std dev    = 75.11  
               Rel dev    = 0.0011  
               SSC [us]   = 1.252

**Unit Label****ULB**

*Syntax:*      ULB            Returns a string identifying the selected measurement unit.

*Related:*      ECH, QUO, UNQ, UNT

*Example:*    ech Pressure[\ ulb ech ]

*Reply:*       Pressure[Pa ]

*Example:*    val ulb

*Reply:*       3.706E-04 mbar

**Unquote****UNQ**

**Syntax:** UNQ      Outputs a quotation mark (") followed by a space character as a field separator. May be used in conjunction with QUO to enclose consecutive reply fields that are to be treated as a single string, e.g. when importing data into a spreadsheet.

**Related:** ECH, QUO

**Example:** quo ech Sampling interval[s]\ unq sin

**Reply:** 'Sampling interval[s]' 2.0000E+01

**Measurement Unit****UNT**

**Syntax:** UNT      Returns the current measurement unit:

0      s<sup>-1</sup> (DCR) <sup>1</sup>

1      Pa

2      mbar <sup>2</sup>

3      Torr <sup>2</sup>

*n* UNT      Selects the measurement unit *n* (0 to 3) <sup>2</sup>

**Note 1:** If unit 0 (DCR) is selected, pressure calculation is not performed, so gas parameters are not used and need not be defined. The analog output and the setpoints then relate to the DCR reading.

**Note 2:** If option 1 is selected (SI units only), unit settings 2 (mbar) and 3 (Torr) are not available. See also command OPT.

**Related:** AFS, OPT, PRS, SP1, SP2, VAL

**Example:** unt      'query unit  
2 unt      'select mbar

**Use Setup****USE**

**Syntax:** USE      Returns the number of the setup file currently used. If the parameters have been modified, 0 is returned.

*n* USE      Use setup file #*n* (1 to 16). Note that setup file #0 contains the active settings and thus cannot be recalled. The number automatically resets to 0 when settings are modified. Files #1 to #15 are assigned to user storage, while setup file #16 is read-only and contains the default settings.

**Related:** STO

**Example:** use      'query setup number  
7 use      'use setup #7

**Upper Speed Limit****USP**

**Syntax:** USP Returns the actual<sup>1</sup> upper speed limit in Hz.

x USP Enter the upper speed limit x (410 to 810 Hz). The lower speed limit is adjusted to retain the speed window size.

**Note 1:** When operating in speed control mode 2, the actual speed limits may be dynamically extended to meet the specified sampling interval.

**Related:** LSP, MTI, SPC

**Example:** usp 'query upper speed limit  
450 usp 'shift speed window to 450 Hz upper limit

**User Gas Type****USR**

**Syntax:** USR Lists the user-definable gas types Usr1 to Usr8. Each record comprises label, molecular mass, viscosity and tempco setting.

n USR Saves the active gas parameters as gas type Usrn (1 to 8).

0 USR Resets user-definable gas types Usr1 to Usr8 to the default values (N2). The active gas parameters will not be affected if one of the user-definable gas types is currently selected. On instrument reset, however, the parameters will be restored from the defaulted table.

**Related:** AMU, DEF, GAS, TCO, VIS

**Example:** 44.01 amu 'enter molecular mass [u]  
18.2 vis 'enter viscoity at 20°C [uPa s]  
0.0465 tco 'enter tempco of viscosity [uPa s 1/K]  
1 usr 'save as Usr1

**Example:** usr 'query user defintions

**Reply:** Usr1 4.4010E+01 1.8200E+01 4.6500E-02  
Usr2 2.8016E+01 1.7630E+01 4.6040E-02  
Usr3 2.8016E+01 1.7630E+01 4.6040E-02  
Usr4 2.8016E+01 1.7630E+01 4.6040E-02  
Usr5 2.8016E+01 1.7630E+01 4.6040E-02  
Usr6 2.8016E+01 1.7630E+01 4.6040E-02  
Usr7 2.8016E+01 1.7630E+01 4.6040E-02  
Usr8 2.8016E+01 1.7630E+01 4.6040E-02

**Example:** 0 usr 'reset user definitions

**Measured Value****VAL**

**Syntax:** VAL Returns the measured value [*unit*] and clears system status bit 4 (Data available). The measured value *V* is calculated as:

UNT=0:  $V = \text{DCR} - \text{OFS}$

UNT>0:  $V = \text{PRS} - \text{OFS}$

**Related:** BGA, DCR, PRS, STS, UNT

**Example:** rpt nxt tim val 'log measured values

**Reply:** 18:24:35 2.4530E-04  
 18:24:55 2.4556E-04  
 18:25:16 2.4574E-04  
 ...

**Viscosity****VIS**

**Syntax:** VIS Returns the viscosity [ $\mu\text{Pa}\cdot\text{s}$ ].

x VIS Enter the viscosity *x* (0 to 100  $\mu\text{Pa}\cdot\text{s}$ ) at 20°C gas temperature and reset the gas type to 0 (User).

**Note:** The viscosity is used for compensation of DCR saturation at higher pressure. A zero value will disable pressure linearization. When the tempco is set to zero, the viscosity value entered must relate to the actual gas temperature. The actual viscosity  $\eta$  entering the computation is calculated as:  $\eta = \text{VIS} + \text{TCO} \cdot (\text{TMP} - 293.15 \text{ K})$

**Related:** AMU, GAS, TCO, TMP, USR

**Example:** vis 'query viscosity  
 18.2 vis 'change viscosity to 18.2 uPa s

**Zero Adjust****ZAD**

**Syntax:** ZAD Returns the offset value [*unit*] to be used for zero adjustment (see BGA).

1 ZAD Zero adjust. Set offset according to background average option (see BGA, OFS).

0 ZAD Undo the adjustment (reset the offset to zero).

**Related:** BGA, OFS

**Example:** nxt zad 'read the next average value  
 1 zad 'use it

## 7 MESSAGES

### 7.1 SCRIPT ERRORS

In response to an invalid command, one of the messages below may be issued. In talkative mode, messages are transmitted immediately, in silent mode, messages are buffered and may be read with the MSG command. If menu 0.0 is selected, the flashing error number will be displayed until the message is cleared by pressing the ESC key or by receiving an appropriate command, eg MSG. If the prompt option is enabled, the negative acknowledge character (?) will be sent to prompt for the next command.

Err 90: Power down

The command ARM, DIS, DMP, DMT, HDA, KEY, MNT, NXT, OUT, OVR, RLY, RST, SBY, SGL, STA, STP or ZAD failed because the instrument is powered down.

Err 91: Syntax error

The processed token does not comply with the syntax of numbers, strings, command identifiers or comments.

Err 92: Unknown command

The specified command is not implemented or not available in user mode.

Err 93: Illegal argument type

A string argument is encountered where a number is expected or vice versa, or a real number is encountered where an integer argument is required.

Err 94: Missing argument(s)

Too few arguments are supplied or the desired phrase is not supported.

Err 95: Unexpected argument(s)

Too many arguments are supplied or the desired phrase is not supported.

Err 96: Argument out of range

The numeric value exceeds the range limits or denotes an unimplemented option or an undefined user gas type.

Err 97: Not measuring

The command NXT, 1 PRT or 2 PRT failed because the instrument is neither ready nor in start-up phase. Possible causes are:

1. Measurement has not yet been started or has been aborted due to an error.
2. The instrument entered standby mode because the rotor speed passed the lower speed limit with speed control mode 0 selected.

Err 98: Printer not available

The command *n* PRT or "*str*" PRT failed. Possible causes are:

1. The printer is disabled (printer port set to 0).
2. The printer is still busy with a previous print job.

Err 99: Operation not allowed

The desired operation could not be performed. Possible causes are:

1. The sensor is mounted when command HDA is executed.
2. The sensor is spinning when command 1 TST is executed.
3. The sensor speed has fallen below 390Hz when command 2 TST is executed.

## 7.2 RUN-TIME ERRORS

In case of operation abort due to run-time error, one of the messages below may be issued. In talkative mode, messages are transmitted immediately, in silent mode, messages are buffered and may be read with the MSG command. If menu 0.0 is selected, the flashing error number will be displayed until the message is cleared by pressing the ESC key or by receiving an appropriate command, eg MSG.

Err 07: MLC not recognized

The levitation controller (MLC) could not be recognized during power-up. A hardware problem is likely. Contact service for assistance.

Err 13: Motor current failure

The motor output is not capable of providing the required drive current. Possible causes are:

1. The MOTOR plug is not in place. Make sure that the gauge head is connected properly and try again.
2. The motor circuit is not tuned to its resonant frequency. Dismount the gauge head (see command DMT) and start the tuning procedure (see command HDA), then reinstall the head and try again.

Err 14: Adjusting head failed

The adjustment procedure has been started with the sensor fitted. Dismount the gauge head/remove the sensor and try again.

Err 15: Tuning motor failed

The tuning procedure terminated unsuccessfully. Possible causes are:

1. The MOTOR plug is not in place. Make sure that the gauge head is connected properly and try again.
2. The resonant frequency of the motor circuit could not be found within the predefined range. Make sure that both gauge head and unit have assumed room temperature and try again. If the error persists, a hardware problem is likely. In this case, contact service for assistance.



**Err 21: No rotor detected**

No sensor was detected. Make sure that the sensor is fitted and the gauge head is mounted properly, then try again.

**Err 22: Mounting rotor failed**

The instrument is unable to levitate the sensor. Possible causes are:

1. The suspension circuit of the gauge head shows significant zero error. Dismount the gauge head and perform a zero adjustment (see command HDA), then reinstall the head and try again.
2. The sensor is of a non-supported size or type or the gauge head is mounted in a way as to prevent the sensor from reaching its levitated position. Make sure that you are using the correct type of sensor and that the gauge head is mounted properly.

**Err 23: Rotor touched down**

A persistent overload caused a safety shutdown of the levitation controller while the rotor was spinning. Possible causes are:

1. A DMT command was sent before the sensor had been stopped ( $RCS > 3$ ). Mind to stop the sensor before issuing the DMT command (see commands RCS and STP).
2. The gauge head was dismounted before the sensor had been stopped ( $RCS > 3$ ). Mind to stop the sensor before dismounting the head (see commands RCS and STP).
3. The gauge head was bumped or exposed to vibration causing levitation control excitation. Mount the gauge head in a way as to avoid mechanical disturbance.

**Err 31: Drive test failed**

The sensor speed did not increase during acceleration test. The sensor signal is most likely interfered by stray signals or by vibration picked up by the gauge head. Such interference may originate from vacuum pumps operating in close vicinity.

Monitor the sensor signal at the SCOPE output with a spectrum analyzer or an oscilloscope to identify the problem. Make sure that the signal path is free from interference. If this is not possible, try shifting the speed window (see commands USP and LSP).

**Err 32: Brake test failed**

The sensor speed did not decrease during deceleration test. See Err 31.

**Err 33: Controlling speed failed**

The sensor could not reach its initial speed with the allowed number of tries. This may occur if the sensor signal is interfered or too noisy to obtain a useful speed indication.

Monitor the sensor signal at the SCOPE output with a spectrum analyzer or an oscilloscope to identify the problem. Make sure that the signal path is free from interference. In case of a weak signal, dismount the gauge head, magnetize the sensor, then reinstall the head and try again.

**Err 34: Bad signal level**

The sensor signal did not gain the minimum level (-10dB) required for measurement. Possible causes are:

1. The PICKUP plug is not in place. Make sure that the gauge head is connected properly and try again.
2. The remanent magnetization of the sensor is too small to produce a sufficient signal. Dismount the gauge head, magnetize the sensor, then reinstall the head and try again.
3. The sensor may experience excessive friction due to (a) high pressure, (b) touching the tube wall (excentric suspension) or (c) electrostatic fields (if the sensor is contained in a glass tube). Make sure the gauge head is mounted properly, the pressure is in the specified range, and, if a glass tube is used, take measures to prevent electrostatic charging.

**Err 35: Speed window too small**

The measurement could not be completed within the speed limits. The window is too small to attain a reading at the current pressure. Either increase the window by adjusting the speed limits (see commands USP and LSP) or change to automatic mode 2 (see command SPC), then try again.

**Err 36: Spurious signal**

The measured signal is not the sensor signal. Possible causes are:

1. The measured sensor speed seems to increase due to interfering signals picked up by the gauge head.
2. An internal overflow occurred due to interfering signals picked up by the gauge head.
3. The measured sensor acceleration is out of range, so the speed control is very likely locked to a harmonic of the sensor signal.

Monitor the sensor signal at the SCOPE output with a spectrum analyzer or an oscilloscope to identify the problem. Make sure the signal path is free from interference and try again.

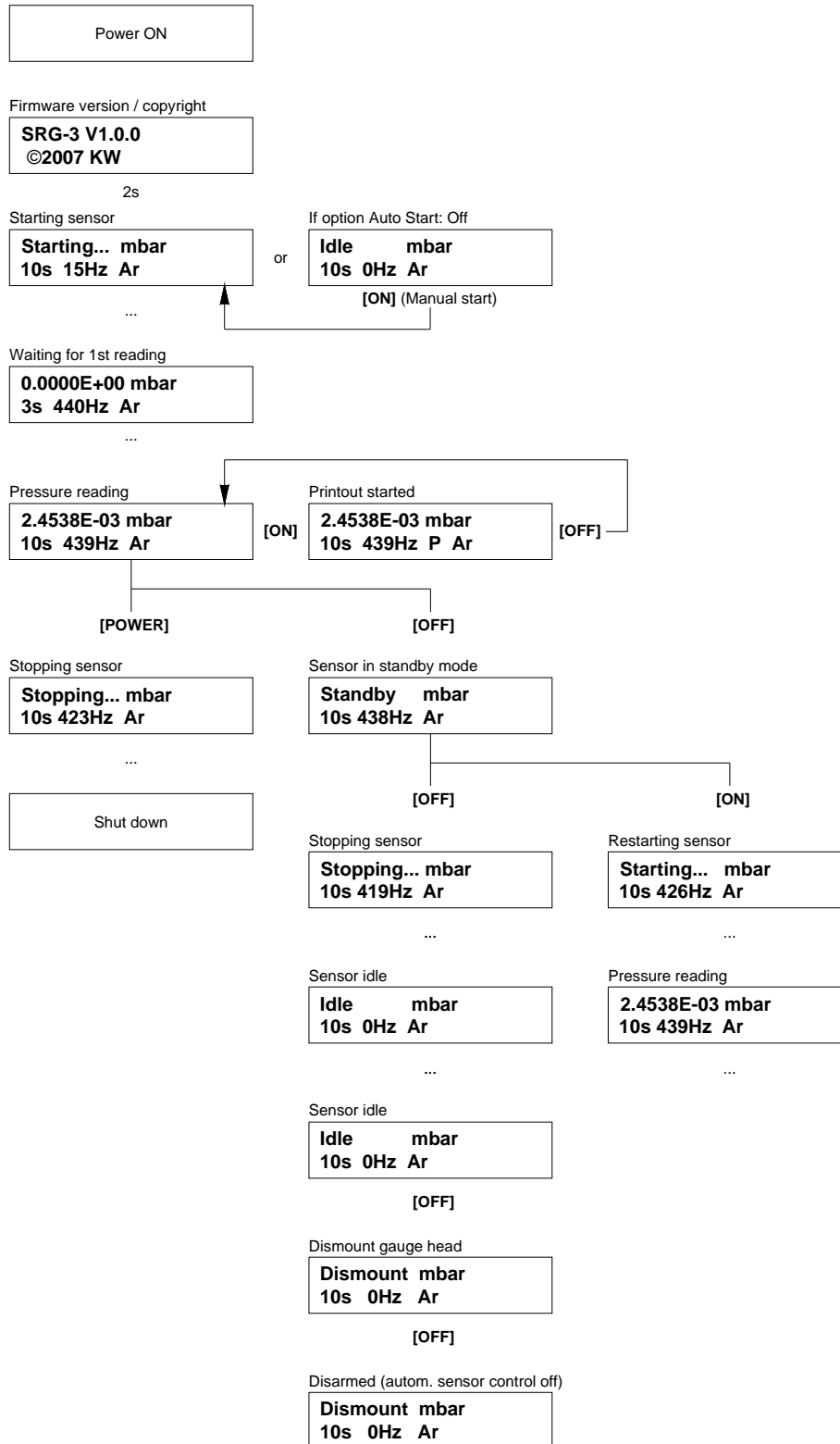
**Err 61: Printer data overrun**

Data overrun occurred in continuous print mode because the printer is not ready to accept data (see also STS). The print job has been aborted. Possible causes are:

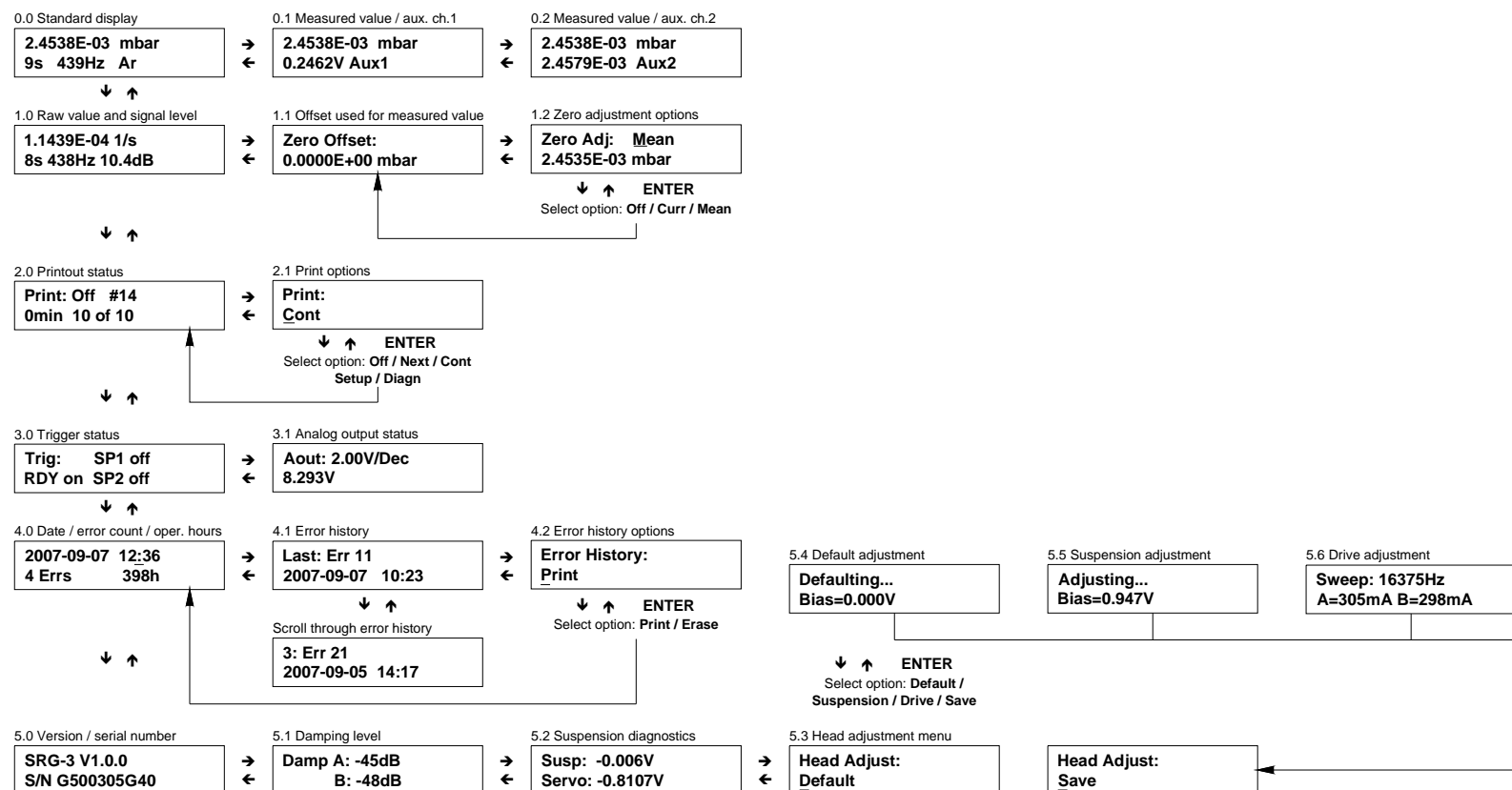
1. The printer is stopped by paper out or another error. Make sure that the printer is ready and has sufficient paper, then try again.
2. The printer is not online. Make sure the printer is online and ready, then try again.
3. The printer may have received a spurious command during hot plugging. Reset the printer by cycling the power switch, then try again.
4. The printer cable is not connected properly. Check the connection, then try again.

## 8 APPENDIX

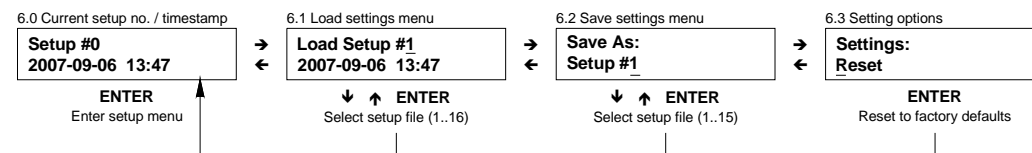
### 8.1 CONTROL DISPLAYS



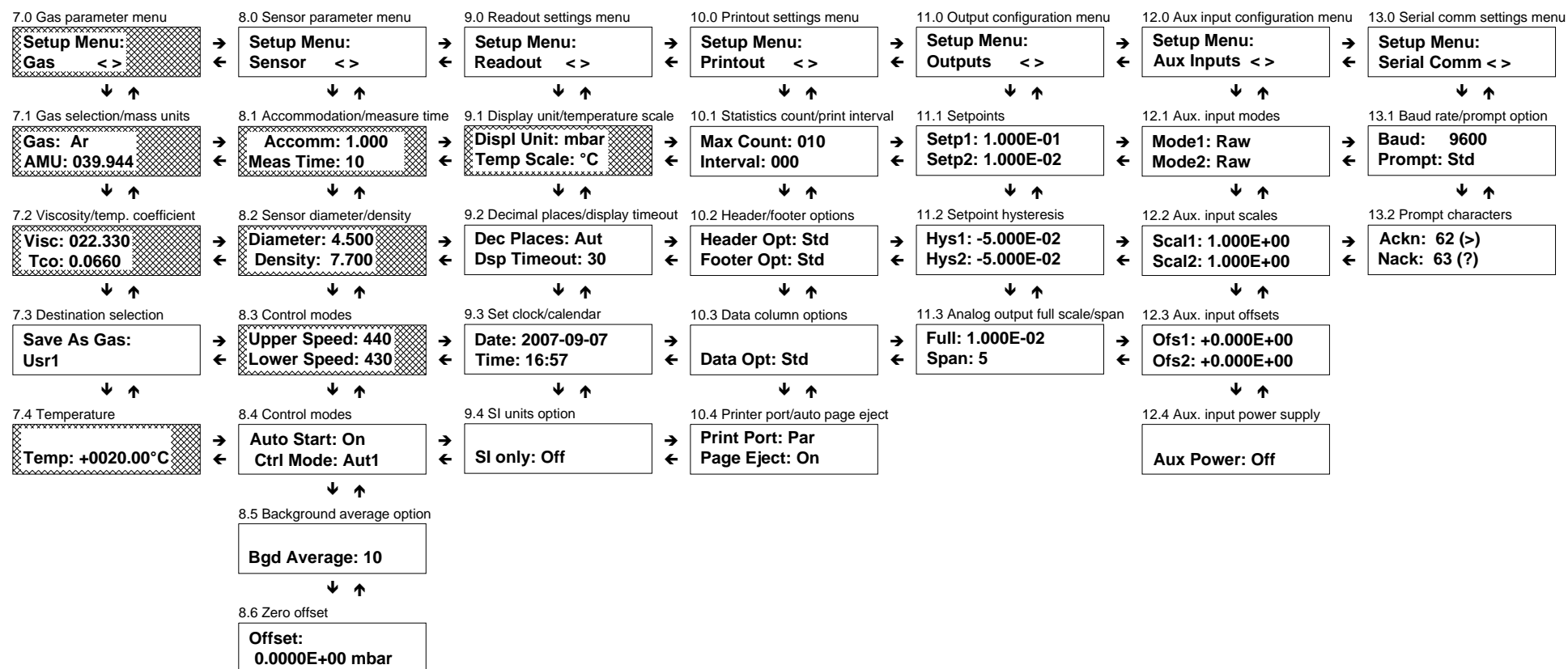
## 8.2 MEASUREMENT MODES



## 8.3 DATA SETS



## 8.4 SETUP



Only the shade marked fields have an influence to the measurement result.