



# PicoScope® 9400A Series

Sampler Extended Real Time Oscilloscope

Programmer's Guide



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# 1 PicoScope 9400A API Reference

Picoscope 9400A provides an API for any third-party application or library to control the oscilloscope and collect signals. The API is *COM-based* and is provided by the Picoscope 9400A GUI application.

## 1.1 PicoScope9400A COM Server

The COM server implementing the API is called `PicoSample4`, and is implemented by the Picoscope 9400A GUI application (`PicoSample4.exe`). It is registered in the system during the setup process, and can be explicitly unregistered and registered again by executing `PicoSample4.exe` with the `/UnregServer` or `/RegServer` switches.

## 1.2 ExecCommand Method

The `COMRC` object contains only one method, `ExecCommand`. This method has one argument, a text string with a command or query. The method returns:

- `NULL` (`Nothing` in Visual Basic) if a command without query has been successfully executed
- The text string `ERROR` if the command was invalid
- Another text string with query results if the command was either a query or a command with a query

The syntax of the commands and queries and the full list of commands are described in the following pages.

## 1.3 COMRC Object

To implement the API the server exposes only one object, `COMRC`. This object supports automation, so it can be used by high-level languages like JavaScript (HTML pages) or VBA (Microsoft Word). Additionally, low-level languages like C are also supported. The string defining the system-wide name of the object and used for object creation is `PicoSample4.COMRC`.

## 2 Commands Syntax

### 2.1 Command and Query Structure

#### 2.1.1 Overview

The PicoScope 9400A commands consist of set commands and query commands (usually called commands and queries).

- Commands modify instrument settings or tell the instrument to perform a specific action.
- Queries cause the instrument to return data and information about its status.

Most commands have both a set form and a query form. The query form of the command differs from the set form by the addition of a question mark at the end. For example, the set command

```
ACQuire:NACQuire
```

has a query form

```
ACQuire:NACQuire?
```

Not all commands have both a set and a query form. Some may have set only and some have query only.

#### 2.1.2 Messages

A command message is a command or query name followed by any information the instrument needs to execute the command or query. Command messages may contain five element types, as defined in the following table.

Symbol	Meaning
<Header>	This is the basic command name. If the header ends with a question mark, the command is a query. If the command is concatenated with other commands, the header must begin with a colon (:).
<Mnemonic>	This is the header of the sub-function. Some command headers have only one mnemonic. If a command header has multiple mnemonics, a colon (:) character always separates items from one another.
<Argument>	This is a quantity, quality, restriction or limit associated with the header. Some commands have no arguments while others have multiple arguments. A space separates arguments from the header. A comma separates arguments from one another.
<Comma>	A single comma is used between the arguments of multiple-argument commands. Optionally, there may be white space characters before and after the comma.
<Space>	A white space character is used between a command header and its argument. Optionally, a white space may consist of multiple white space characters.

**Command message elements**

## 2.1.3 Commands

Commands cause the instrument to perform a specific function or change one of its settings. Commands have this structure:

```
[ : ] <Header> [ <Space> <Argument> [ <Comma> <Argument> ] . . . ]
```

A command header consists of one or more mnemonics arranged in a hierarchy or tree structure. The first mnemonic is the base or root of the tree and each subsequent mnemonic is a level or branch off the previous one. Commands at a higher level in the tree may affect those at a lower level. The leading colon (:) always returns you to the base of the command tree.

## 2.1.4 Queries

Queries cause the instrument to return information about its status or settings. Queries have the structure:

- [ : ] <Header> ?
- [ : ] <Header> ? [ <Space> <Argument> [ <Comma> <Argument> ] . . . ]

You can specify a query command at any level within the command tree unless otherwise noted. These branch queries return information about all the mnemonics below the specified branch or level. For example

```
HISTogram:STATistics:STDdev?
```

returns the standard deviation of the histogram, whereas

```
HISTogram:STATistics?
```

returns all the histogram statistics, and

```
HISTogram?
```

returns all the histogram parameters.

## 2.1.5 Headers

You can control whether the instrument returns headers as part of the query response. Use the HEADer command to control this feature. If header is on, the query response returns command headers and formats itself as a valid set command. When the header is off, the response includes only the values. This may make it easier to parse and extract the information from the response. The table below shows the difference in responses.

Query	Header Off	Header On
Ch1:Scale?	200 mV/div	CH1:SCALE 200 mV/div
ACQ:NAvg?	16	ACQ:NAVG 16

**Comparison of Header Off and Header On responses**

## 2.2 Command Entry

### 2.2.1 Rules

The following rules apply when entering commands:

- A mnemonic can be followed by any letters for easier understanding of the program's text. For example, these commands are all equivalent:

```
Ch1:ATTEN:DIMENS Volt
```

```
Ch1:ATTENuator:DIMENSion Volt
```

```
Ch1:ATTENblabla:DIMENSblabla Volt
```

However, arguments must not be followed by additional characters.

- You can enter commands in upper or lower case.
- You can precede any command with white space characters. White space characters include any combination of the ASCII control characters 00 to 09, and 0B to 20 hexadecimal (0 to 9, and 11 to 32 decimal).
- The instrument will ignore commands consisting of any combination of white space characters and line feeds.

### 2.2.2 Concatenation

You can concatenate any combination of set commands and queries by using a semicolon (;). The instrument executes concatenated commands in the order received. The following rules apply when concatenating commands and queries:

- You can separate completely different headers with a semicolon (;), and by adding a leading colon (:) at the beginning of all commands except the first one. For example

```
TRIGger:MODE FREE
ACQuire:NAVG 10
```

can be concatenated into the single command

```
TRIGger:MODE FREE;:ACQuire:NAVG 10
```

- If concatenated commands have headers that differ by only the last mnemonic, you can abbreviate the second command and eliminate the leading colon. For example, you can concatenate the commands

```
Zoom1:Ch1:VertFactor 10
Zoom1:Ch1:VertPosition -1
```

into a single command

```
Zoom1:Ch1:VertFactor 10; VertPosition -1
```

The longer version also works equally well:

```
Zoom1:Ch1:VertFactor 10;;Zoom1:Ch1:VertPosition -1
```

- Set commands and queries may be concatenated in the same message. For example:

```
Acq:Mode Average;NAvg?
```

This is a valid message that sets the acquisition mode to Stable Averaging. The message then queries the number of acquisitions for averaging. Concatenated commands and queries are executed in the order received.

- Here are some invalid concatenations:

```
Displ:TraceMode AllLocked; ACQ:NAVG 10
```

(a colon is needed before ACQUIRE)

```
Displ:TraceMode AllLocked;;Format YT
```

(there is an extra colon before FORMAT. Use `Displ:TraceMode AllLocked;Format YT` instead.)

```
Displ:Ch1:Persistence Simple;Ch1:PersistTime 2
```

(The levels of these mnemonics are different. Either remove the second use of `Ch1:` or place `:Displ:` in front of `Ch1:.`)

## 3 Command Classification

Most commands belong to one of a few types. For example, execution-type commands tell the instrument to perform a specific action, selector-type commands modify a specific instrument setting to the one of few fixed values, and so on. All commands of a given type have similar behavior.

### 3.1 Execution-type commands

Execution-type commands tell the instrument to perform a specific action. For example:

```
*Run
*ClrDispl
```

There are no arguments for these commands.

All execution-type commands have a *set* form only, with no *query* form.

### 3.2 On/off-type commands

On/off type commands tell the instrument to turn on or turn off a specific function. For example:

```
Header Off
Ch1:Display 0
```

There are four fixed arguments possible in these commands: On, Off, 0, 1.

Arguments On and 1 are equivalent and turn on the corresponding function.

Arguments Off and 0 are also equivalent and turn off the corresponding function.

All on/off type commands have a query form, which will return one of two fixed values: ON or OFF. It is also possible to use the query form with an argument. For example:

```
Ch1:Display? 0
```

This command turns off the graphic of Channel 1 and returns OFF.

### 3.3 On/off-group-type commands

Some functions of the instrument have items that may be set on or off independently. It is also possible for the items to be either all on or all off. An example of this type of command is:

```
Meas:Ch1:XParam
```

This command has a set of parameters for automatic X-axis measurements for Ch1. It is possible to select up to 10 parameters from a list of 18:

```
Period, Freq, PosWidth, NegWidth, Rise, Fall, PosDuty, NegDuty, PosCross,
NegCross, BurstWidth, Cycles, TimeOfMax, TimeOfMin, PosJitterPp,
PosJitterRMS, NegJitterPp, NegJitterRMS
```

There are between 2 and 64 custom items in the on/off-group-type commands. The full set of items for each command is specified in the [list of commands](#).

The on/off-group-type commands can be used in several modes. Every such command can be used in every mode.

**Single-item mode**

Single-item mode is used to control one item of a command without changing its other items. In this case the item's mnemonic is added to the end of the command after a colon (:). This must be followed by a space character and then one of the following arguments: On, Off, 0, 1. For example, this command turns on a frequency measurement for Channel 1:

```
Meas:Ch1:XParam:Freq 1
```

Single-item mode has a query form similar to the On/off commands. So the query

```
Meas:Ch1:XParam:Period 1
```

or

```
Meas:Ch1:XParam:Freq?
```

returns either ON or OFF.

**Group-on mode**

Group-on mode is used to simultaneously turn on a custom group of items. In this case the :Include mnemonic is added to the end of the command. This is then followed by a space and a few items separated by commas. For example, this command turns on the rise time and fall time measurements for Channel 1:

```
Meas:Ch1:XParam:Include Rise,Fall
```

**Group-off mode**

Group-off mode is used to simultaneously turn off a custom group of items. In this case the :Exclude mnemonic is added to the end of the command. This is then followed by a space and a few items separated by commas. For example, this command turns off the frequency and period measurements for Channel 1:

```
Meas:Ch1:XParam:Exclude Freq,Period
```

**All-off mode**

All-off mode is used for simultaneously turning off all items. In this case the :ClearAll mnemonic is added to the end of the command. For example, the next command turns off all measurements for Channel 1:

```
Meas:Ch1:XParam:ClearAll
```

Group-on, Group-off and All-off modes do not have a query form.

**Group-query mode**

Group-query mode is used find out which items are currently turned on. This mode only has a query form. For example:

```
Meas:Ch1:XParam?
```

The answer may include one or more items separated by a comma, or ClearAll if all items are turned off. For example, the answer Freq,Period means there are two items turned on.

## 3.4 Selector-type commands

The selector-type commands modify a specific instrument setting to one of a few fixed values. For example,

```
Trig:Analog:Ch1:Slope
```

has these possible arguments:

```
Pos, Neg, BiSlope
```

and

```
Trig:Mode
```

has these possible arguments:

```
Free, Trig
```

Between 2 and 32 custom arguments are available for these commands. The full set of arguments for each command is specified in the [list of commands](#).

The selector-type commands have a query form. It is possible to use the query form with an argument. For example:

```
Trig:Analog:Ch1:Slope? Pos
```

This command sets the Direct input as the trigger source and returns POS.

## 3.5 Integer-type commands

The integer-type commands modify specific integer-value functions. For example, the command

```
INSTR:TimeBase:RecLen 1000
```

sets the length of signals to 1000 points. The valid range and increment of each value is different and is described in the [list of commands](#).

The integer-type commands have a query form. It is possible to use the query form with an argument. For example,

```
INSTR:TimeBase:RecLen? 24
```

returns 50, since 50 is the minimum valid length of a signal.

## 3.6 Float-type commands

The float-type commands modify specific real-value functions. For example, the command

```
Ch1:Scale 0.1
```

sets the Y-scale for Channel 1 to 100 mV/div. The valid range and increment of each value is different and is described in the [list of commands](#).

Float-type commands have a query form. It is also possible to use the query form with an argument. For example,

```
Ch1:Scale? 0.1
```

returns 100 mV/div, where V/div is a dimension of the scale, and the prefix m is milli.

The commands

```
INSTR:TimeBase:ScaleT? 0.0000001
```

```
INSTR:TimeBase:ScaleT? 100e-9
```

```
INSTR:TimeBase:ScaleT? 0.1u
```

```
INSTR:TimeBase:ScaleT? 100p
```

are equal and set the Scale of the timebase to the value 100 ns/div. All of these commands return 100 ns/div.

## 3.7 Data-type commands

The data-type commands are used to send data to the instrument or to receive data from the instrument, such as the array of points from an acquired signal, the result of a measurement, and so on.

Some data-type commands only have a query form, while others have both a command and a query form. The structure of the data is different for each command and is specified in the [list of commands](#).

## 4 Full list of commands

### 4.1 Header command

Header:	Header
Type:	On/Off
Action:	Enables/disables headers as part of the query response

### 4.2 GUI commands

Header:	Gui
Type:	Selector
Arguments:	RemoteLocal, RemoteOnly, Invisible
Action:	Sets the behavior of the GUI when it is controlled by the COM-object

#### GUI ready query

Header:	Instr:GuiReady?
Type:	On/off-type command
Argument:	none
Forms:	query only
Action:	Returns On when the GUI has finished loading and is ready to receive commands. Must be used first at system startup.

#### GUI control command

Header:	Gui:Control
Type:	Selector-type command
Arguments:	RemoteLocal, RemoteOnly, Invisible
Action:	Set the behavior of the GUI when it controls by COM-object.

#### GUI side menu

Header:	Gui:SideMenu:Left:Menu Gui:SideMenu:Right:Menu
Type:	Selector-type command
Arguments:	Off, Ch, Acq, Trig, Displ, Save, Mark, Meas, Math, Hist, Eye, Mask, Util
Action:	Remove or Set the specified side menu panel.

**GUI side menu page**

Header:        `Gui:SideMenu:Left:Page`  
                  `Gui:SideMenu:Right:Page`

Type:         Integer-type command

Argument:     1 to N, when N is count of pages in the current side menu

Action:        Select the page in the specified side menu panel.

Note:         This command makes sense for side menus with two or more pages.

**GUI side menu signal**

Header:        `Gui:SideMenu:Left:Signal`  
                  `Gui:SideMenu:Right:Signal`

Type:         Integer-type command

Argument:     1 to N, when N is count of active signals (max 4)

Action:        Select the signal in the specified side menu panel.

Note:         This command makes sense for the Channels, Save/Recall and Math menu.

## 4.3 System commands

**Clear Display**

Header:        `*ClrDispl`

Type:         Execution

Action:        Clears the display immediately

**Running Control**

Header:        `*RunControl`

Type:         Selector

Arguments:    `Stop`, `Single`, `Run`

Action:        `Run`            – Start a continuous acquisition  
                  `Single`        – Start a single acquisition  
                  `Stop`            – Immediately stop the acquisition

Response:     `Run`            – the instrument is in the continuous acquisition state  
                  `Single`        – the instrument is in the single acquisition state  
                  `Stop`            – the instrument is stopped

**Start Autoscaling**

Header: \*Autoscale

Type: Selector

Arguments: None

Action: Starts autoscaling of the instrument

**Recall Default Setup**

Header: \*DefSetup

Type: Execution

Action: Restores the instrument to its default setup

**Set Copy Mode and Copy to the Clipboard**

Header: \*Copy :<Mode>

where <Mode> is one of:

FullScreen	FullWindow
ClientPart	InvClientPart
ScopeScreen	InvScopeScr

Type: Executing-type command

Action: Sets the specified copy mode (All display, software window, client part of the software window, client part of the software window with colors inverted, software screen area or software screen area with color inversion) and copy specified onto the clipboard.

**Copy to the Clipboard**

Header: \*Copy

Type: Execution

Action: Puts the image onto the clipboard, depending on the Copy Mode

**Get Copy Mode query**

Header: \*Copy?

Argument: None

Forms: Query only

Action: Returns current Copy Mode. See [Set Copy Mode and Copy to the Clipboard](#).

## 4.4 Channel commands

### General remark on channel commands

Some channel commands use mnemonics or the arguments Ch1, Ch2, Ch3 and Ch4 related to the channels.

These mnemonics for various devices mean the following:

- For the PicoScope 9404A-06, 9404A-16, 9404A-25 and 9404A-33 mnemonics Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4 mean channels CH1, CH2, CH3 and CH4, respectively.

### Display a Channel

Header:           Ch1:Display           Ch2:Display  
                  Ch3:Display           Ch4:Display

Type:            On/off

Action:           Turns display of the corresponding channel's signal on or off

### Acquire a Channel

Header:           Ch1:AcqOnlyEn       Ch2:AcqOnlyEn  
                  Ch3:AcqOnlyEn       Ch4:AcqOnlyEn

Type:            On/off

Action:           On     - acquisition of the channel is independent of whether it is displayed or not  
                  Off    - acquisition of the channel occurs only when the channel display is On

### Scale a Channel

Header:           Ch1:Scale           Ch2:Scale  
                  Ch3:Scale           Ch4:Scale

Type:            Float

Argument:        0.01 to 0.25, or other when attenuator is used

Action:           Sets the specified display scale in V/div

### Offset a Channel

Header:           Ch1:Offset           Ch2:Offset  
                  Ch3:Offset           Ch4:Offset

Type:            Float

Argument:        -1 to +1, or other when attenuator is used

Action:           Sets the specified compensation voltage of the channel in V

**Position a Channel**

Header: Ch1:Position Ch2:Position  
Ch3:Position Ch4:Position

Type: Float

Argument: -5 to +5

Action: Sets the specified vertical position of the channel on the screen, in divisions.

**Bandwidth of Channel**

Header: Ch1:Band Ch2:Band  
Ch3:Band Ch4:Band

Type: Selector

Arguments: Full, Middle, Narrow

Action: Sets the bandwidth of the channel

**Deskew of Channel**

Header: Ch1:Deskew Ch2:Deskew  
Ch3:Deskew Ch4:Deskew

Type: Float

Argument: 0 to 100e-9

Action: Sets the deskew of the channel in s

**Attenuator linear/log**

Header: Ch1:Atten:Unit Ch2:Atten:Unit  
Ch3:Atten:Unit Ch4:Atten:Unit

Type: Selector

Arguments: Off, Ratio, DB

Action: Sets the presence and scale of the attenuator or converter used with the channel

**Attenuator ratio**

Header: Ch1:Atten:Ratio Ch2:Atten:Ratio  
Ch3:Atten:Ratio Ch4:Atten:Ratio

Type: Float

Argument: 0.0001 to 1000000

Action: Sets the attenuation ratio. This setting is active only when the attenuator unit is ratio.

**Attenuator dB**

Header: Ch1:Atten:DB Ch2:Atten:DB  
Ch3:Atten:DB Ch4:Atten:DB

Type: Float

Argument: -80 to +120

Action: Sets the attenuation in dB. This setting is only active when the attenuator unit is *decibels*.

**Attenuator unit**

Header: Ch1:Atten:Dimens Ch2:Atten:Dimens  
Ch3:Atten:Dimens Ch4:Atten:Dimens

Type: Selector

Arguments: Volt, Watt, Ampere, Unknown

Action: Sets the units of the converter used with the channel

## 4.5 Timebase commands

**Sampling Mode**

Header: Instr:TimeBase:SampleModeSet

Type: Selector

Arguments: RealTime, RandomET, Roll, Auto

Action: Sets the instrument's sampling mode

**Primary Priority Mode**

Header: TB:Priority:Primary

Type: Selector-type command

Arguments: RecLength, Smp1Rate, HorScale

Action: Set the primary priority of timebase

**Secondary Priority Mode**

Header: TB:Priority:Secondary

Type: Selector-type command

Arguments: RecLength, Smp1Rate, HorScale

Action: Set the secondary priority of timebase

**Timebase scale, sec/div**

Header: Instr:TimeBase:ScaleT

Type: Float

Argument: PicoScope 9404A-06: 50e-12 to 1000;  
PicoScope 9404A-16: 20e-12 to 1000;  
PicoScope 9404A-25: 10e-12 to 1000  
PicoScope 9404A-33:

Action: Sets the scale of the timebase

**Timebase Sample Rate**

Header: Instr:TimeBase:SmpLRate

Type: Float-type command

Argument: PicoScope 9404A-06: 125e-3 to 1e12;  
PicoScope 9404A-16: 125e-3 to 2.5e12;  
PicoScope 9404A-25: 125e-3 to 5e12  
PicoScope 9404A-33:

Action: Sets sample rate in samples per second

**Record Length**

Header: Instr:TimeBase:RecLen

Type: Integer-type command

Argument: 50 to 250000

Action: Sets number of points of signals

**Timebase Delay**

Header: TB:Delay

Type: Float

Argument: 5E-8 to 4.28

Action: Sets the delay of the timebase, in seconds

**Trigger Position**

Header: TB:TrigPos

Type: Float

Argument: 0 to 100

Action: Sets the trigger position, %

## 4.6 Acquisition commands

### 4.6.1 Acquisition Mode

#### Acquisition Mode

Header: Acq:Mode

Type: Selector-type command

Arguments: Sample, Average, EnvMinMax, EnvMin, EnvMax, PeakDetect, HighRes, Segmented

Action: Sets the acquisitions mode

Note: Arguments PeakDetect, HighRes, Segmented are possible in RealTime sampling mode.

### 4.6.2 Common Acquisition Commands

#### General remark on acquisition commands

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#### # of Averaging

Header: Acq:NAvg

Type: Integer

Argument: 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, ... 4096

Action: Sets the averaging coefficient

#### # of Envelopes

Header: Acq:NEnv

Type: Integer

Argument: 2, 4, 8, 16, ..., 4096, 8192

Action: Sets the number of signals for envelope mode. Argument 8192 is used for unlimited number of signals

#### # of High Resolution Bits

Header: TB:HiResBits

Type: Float-type command

Argument: 12.5 to 16 with step = 0.5

Action: Sets the effective number of bits in HighRes Acquisition Mode

**Channels for High Resolution**

Header: Acq:HiResChs

Type: Group-on/off-type command

Arguments: Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4

Action: Selects channels to increase the effective number of bits

## 4.6.3 Segmented Acquisition

**General remark on acquisition commands**

Some acquisition commands use mnemonics or the arguments Ch1, Ch2, Ch3 and Ch4 related to the channels.

These mnemonics for various devices mean the following:

- For the PicoScope 9404A-06, 9404A-16, 9404A-25 and 9404A-33 mnemonics Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4 mean channels CH1, CH2, CH3 and CH4, respectively.

**Max Number of Segments query**

Header: Acq:Segment:MaxNSeg?

Type: Integer-type command

Argument: none

Action: Gets max number of segments for current channel's count and record length

**Number of Segments**

Header: Acq:Segment:NSegments

Type: Integer-type command

Argument: 1 to 1024

Action: Sets number of segments. Max value may be less than 1024 for current channel's count and record length

**Segments Display Channel**

Header: Acq:Segment:Source

Type: Selector-type command

Argument: Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4

Action: Sets the channels for display segments

**Segments View Mode**

Header: Acq:Segment:ViewMode

Type: Selector-type command

Arguments: Off, Overlay, OverSel

Action: Sets the mode of display segments

### Selected Segment

Header: Acq:Segment:SelectedSeg

Type: Integer-type command

Argument: 1 to 1024

Action: Selects the segment for highlighting. Max value may be less than 1024 for current channel's count and record length

### Range of segments for overlays

Header: Acq:Segment:FirstSegm

Acq:Segment:LastSegm

Type: Integer-type command

Argument: 1 to 1024

Action: Selects the range of segments for overlays. Max value may be less than 1024 for current channel's count and record length

### Segments time table

Header: Acq:Segment:TimeTable

Type: On/off-type command

Action: Shows or Hides the table of segment's times

## 4.6.4 Termination of the Acquisition

### Termination of Acquisition

Header: Acq:RunUntil

Type: Selector

Arguments: StopBtn, NAcq

Action: Sets the condition for terminating acquisition when the Stop button is pressed or after the specified number of waveforms is reached.

## 4.6.5 Number of Waveforms

### Number of Waveforms

Header: Acq:NACq

Type: Integer

Argument: 1 to 65535

Action: Sets the number of signals for the terminating acquisition

## 4.6.6 Action when Number of Waveforms reached

### Action when Number of Waveforms reached

Header: Acq:Action

Type: On/off-group

items: Beep, Save

Action: If Save is turned on, every signal is stored to disk  
If Beep is turned on, the beep signal will sound after the specified number of waveforms is reached

## 4.6.7 File Name

### File Name

Header: Acq:FileName

Type: Data

Argument: Text string contains the file path

Action: Defines the full path and base file name for storing the acquired signals onto the Disk. The name of each saved file consists of a base name, followed by an underscore (\_) and five-digit auto-incremented numbers.

For example, after the command:

```
Acq:FileName C:\Temp\Test1\basename
```

Files `basename_00001.wfm`, `basename_00002.wfm`, `basename_00003.wfm` and so on will be written to the `C:\Temp\Test1` folder.

Note: The specified folder must exist

## 4.6.8 Stored Files Format

### Stored Files Format

Header: Acq:FileFormat

Type: Selector

Argument: Binary, Verbose, YOnly

Action: Sets the format of the file

## 4.7 Trigger commands

### 4.7.1 Trigger

#### General remark on trigger commands

Some trigger commands use mnemonics or the arguments Ch1, Ch2, Ch3 and Ch4 related to the channels.

These mnemonics for various devices mean the following.

- For the PicoScope 9404A-06, 9404A-16, 9404A-25 and 9404A-33 mnemonics Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4 mean channels CH1, CH2, CH3 and CH4, respectively;

#### Trigger Source

Header: Trig:Analog:Source

Type: Selector

Arguments: CH1, CH2, CH3, CH4

Action: Sets trigger source

#### Trigger Style

Header: Trig:Analog:Style

Type: Selector-type command

Arguments: Edge, Divider, ClkRecovery, IntClock, ExtPrescal

Action: Sets trigger style.

#### Trigger Level

Header: Trig:Analog:Ch1:Level Trig:Analog:Ch2:Level  
Trig:Analog:Ch3:Level Trig:Analog:Ch4:Level

Type: Float-type command

Argument: -1 to +1

Action: Sets the trigger level for the specified channel, in volts

#### Trigger Slope

Header: Trig:Analog:Ch1:Slope Trig:Analog:Ch2:Slope  
Trig:Analog:Ch3:Slope Trig:Analog:Ch4:Slope

Type: Selector-type command

Arguments: Pos, Neg, BiSlope

Action: Sets the slope of trigger for specified channel

#### Trigger Sensitivity

Header: Trig:Analog:Ch1:Sensitivity  
Trig:Analog:Ch2:Sensitivity  
Trig:Analog:Ch3:Sensitivity

Trig:Analog:Ch4:Sensitivity

Type: Selector-type command

Arguments: High, Low, Var

Action: Sets trigger sensitivity for specified channel

#### Trigger Hysteresis

Header: Trig:Analog:Ch1:Hyst      Trig:Analog:Ch2:Hyst  
 Trig:Analog:Ch3:Hyst      Trig:Analog:Ch4:Hyst

Type: Float-type command

Argument: 0 to 100

Action: Sets trigger hysteresis for specified channel in the Var Trigger Sensitivity

## 4.7.2 Trigger Period for Internal Clock Sources

#### Trigger Period for Internal Clock

Header: Trig:Analog:IntClkPeriod

Type: Float

Argument: 2e-6 ... 0.0655

Action: Sets the period for the internal clock trigger style in seconds

## 4.7.3 Trigger Mode and Holdoff commands

#### Trigger Mode

Header: Trig:Mode

Type: Selector

Arguments: Free, Trig

Action: Sets Freerun or Triggered mode for the trigger

#### Trigger Sharing

Header: Trig:Shared

Type: Selector-type command

Arguments: Shared, Independ

Action: Sets sharing mode

#### Holdoff Mode

Header: Trig:HoldoffBy

Type: Selector-type command

Arguments: Time, Random

Action: Sets Holdoff mode

#### **Holdoff Time**

Header: Trig:HoldoffTime

Type: Float-type command

Argument: 0.5e-6...15

Action: Sets the holdoff time, in seconds

#### **Holdoff Time for Random mode**

Header: Trig:HoffRandMin

Trig:HoffRandMax

Type: Float-type command

Arguments: 0.5e-6...15

Action: Sets the minimum and maximum holdoff times for Random mode, in seconds

## 4.8 Display commands

### General remark on display commands

Some display commands use mnemonics or the arguments Ch1, Ch2, Ch3 and Ch4 related to the channels.

These mnemonics for various devices mean the following:

- For the PicoScope 9404A-06, 9404A-16, 9404A-25 and 9404A-33 mnemonics Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4 mean channels CH1, CH2, CH3 and CH4, respectively.

Mnemonic <src> in some Display Commands signifies Source

(<src> is: Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4, F1, F2, F3, F4, M1, M2, M3, M4, S1, S2)

### Trace mode

Header: Displ:TraceMode

Type: Selector

Arguments: AllLocked, PerTrace

Action: In PerTrace mode, every waveform may be displayed in its own style  
In AllLocked mode, the display style of all waveforms is set as the style of the active trace

### Select active trace

Header: Displ:TraceSel

Type: Selector

Arguments: Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4, F1, F2, F3, F4, M1, M2, M3, M4, XY

Action: Selects the active trace for AllLocked trace mode

### Display Persistence

Header: Displ:<src>:Persistence

Type: Selector-type command

Arguments: Simple, VarPersist, InfinPers, VarGrayScal, InfGrayScal, VColorGrad, IColorGrad

Action: In PerTrace mode, sets display persistence for the specified trace  
In AllLocked mode, sets display persistence for all traces

### Display Style

Header: Displ:<src>:Style

Type: Selector

Arguments: Dots, Vectors

Action: In PerTrace mode, sets the display style for specified trace  
In AllLocked mode, sets the display style for all traces

**Persistence Time (for VarPersist Style)**

Header: `Displ:<src>:PersistTime`

Type: Float

Argument: 0.1 to 20

Action: In PerTrace mode, sets the persistence time for the specified trace, in seconds  
In AllLocked mode, sets the persistence time for all traces, in seconds

**Refresh Time (for VarGrayScal or VColorGrade Styles)**

Header: `Displ:<src>:RefreshTime`

Type: Float

Argument: 1 to 200

Action: In PerTrace mode, sets the refresh time for specified trace, in seconds  
In AllLocked mode, sets the refresh time for all traces, in seconds

**Reset Display Style**

Header: `Displ:ResetAll`

Type: Execution

Action: Resets Display Styles to initial state (variable persistence 2 c)

**Tandem Display Format**

Header: `Displ:TwoColumns`

Type: On/off-type command

Action: Turns on or turn off the two columns display mode.

**Display Format**

Header: `Displ:Format`

Type: Selector

Arguments: Auto, YT, 2YT, 4YT, XY, CombYTXY, Comb2YTXY

Action: Selects the number and kinds of screens

**Define Trace Screen (for 4YT Format)**

Header: `Displ:Screen4:<trace>,  
when <trace> is <src> or Hist`

Type: Selector

Arguments: 1, 2, 3, 4

Action: Moves the specified trace onto the specified screen in 4YT format

**Define Trace Screen (for 2YT, Comb2YTXY Formats)**

Header:            Displ:Screen2:<trace>,  
                  when <trace> is <src> or Hist

Type:             Selector

Arguments:        1, 2

Action:            Moves the specified trace onto the specified screen in 2YT or Comb2YTXY formats

**Source of X Axis for XY Screen**

Header:            Displ:XAxis

Type:             Selector

Arguments:        <src>, exclude XY, DB

Action:            Sets the specified signal as X axis for XY screen

**Source of Y Axis for XY Screen**

Header:            Displ:YAxis

Type:             Selector

Arguments:        <src>, exclude XY, DB

Action:            Sets the specified signal as Y axis for XY screen

**Graticule Type**

Header:            Displ:Gratic

Type:             Selector

Arguments:        Grid, Frame, Axis, Off

Action:            Defines the type of graticule for YT and XY screens

**Large Dots Display Mode**

Header:            Displ:Dot3x3

Type:             On/off-type command

Action:            Turns on or turn off the large dots display mode. Used only with short signal length.

**Visibility of Main Toolbar**

Header:            Displ:Toolbar

Type:             On/off-type command

Action:            Turns on or turn off the main toolbar

**Visibility of Permanent Controls**

Header:            Displ:Permanent

Type: On/off-type command

Action: Turns on or turns off the permanent controls

#### **Visibility of Measurements Area**

Header: `Displ:MeasArea`

Type: On/off-type command

Action: Turns on or turn off the measurements area

#### **Visibility of Side Menu Panels**

Header: `Displ:SideMenu`

Type: Selector-type command

Arguments: Left, Right, Both, None

Action: Sets the specified mode of side menus visibility

## 4.9 Save/Recall commands

### 4.9.1 Work with Memo Zones (M1, M2, M3, M4)

**General remark on save/recall commands**

Some save/recall commands use mnemonics or the arguments Ch1, Ch2, Ch3 and Ch4 related to the channels.

These mnemonics for various devices mean the following:

- For the PicoScope 9404A-06, 9404A-16, 9404A-25 and 9404A-33 mnemonics Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4 mean channels CH1, CH2, CH3 and CH4, respectively.

**Memory Display**

Header: Save:<mz>:Visible

Type: On/off-group

Items: M1, M2, M3, M4

Action: Controls the display of memory zones

**Source for storing into Memory**

Header: Save:Memo:Source

Type: Selector

Arguments: Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4, F1, F2, F3, F4, M1, M2, M3, M4

Action: Defines the signal as source for storing into memory zone

**Save into Memory**

Header: Save:<mz>:Save

Type: Execution

Action: Stores the selected source into selected memory

## 4.9.2 Work with Disk

### General remark on save/recall commands

Some save/recall commands use mnemonics or the arguments Ch1, Ch2, Ch3 and Ch4 related to the channels.

These mnemonics for various devices mean the following:

- For the PicoScope 9404A-06, 9404A-16, 9404A-25 and 9404A-33 mnemonics Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4 mean channels CH1, CH2, CH3 and CH4, respectively.

### File Type

Header: Save:Disk:FileType

Type: Selector

Arguments: Wfm, DB

Action: Defines the file type for saving

### Source for saving to file

Header: Save:Disk:Source

Type: Selector

Arguments: Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4, F1, F2, F3, F4, M1, M2, M3, M4

Action: Defines the signal as source for saving to file

### File Name

Header: Save:Disk:FileName

Type: Data

Argument: Text string

Forms: Command, query, command with query

Action: Defines the file name for saving the specified signal to disk

Note: Specified folder must exist

### File Name Mode

Header: Save:Disk:NameMode

Type: Selector

Arguments: Manual, Auto

Action: Sets the file name mode. In Auto mode the file name consists of a base name followed by an underscore (\_) and a five-digit number. Each time you save a waveform, the number in the file name is automatically incremented. For example: `basename_00001.wfm`, `basename_00002.wfm`, `basename_00003.wfm`, and so on.

**Format of stored files**

Header: Save:Disk:FileFormat

Type: Selector

Arguments: Binary, Verbose, YOnly

Action: Sets the file format

**Save to Disk**

Header: Save:Disk:ExecSave

Type: Executing

Action: Saves the selected source to previously specified file

**Load from Disk**

Header: Save:&lt;mz&gt;:LoadFromDsk

Type: Executing

Action: Loads the previously specified disk file into the specified Memory Zone

## 4.9.3 Work with Setups

**General remark on save/recall commands**

Some save/recall commands use mnemonics or the arguments Ch1, Ch2, Ch3 and Ch4 related to the channels.

These mnemonics for various devices mean the following:

- For the PicoScope 9404A-06, 9404A-16, 9404A-25 and 9404A-33 mnemonics Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4 mean channels CH1, CH2, CH3 and CH4, respectively.

**Recall Factory Setup**

Header: Save:Setup:RecFact

Type: Execution

Action: Returns the instrument to manufacturer's default setting

**Recall Default Setup**

Header: Save:Setup:RecDefault

Type: Executing

Action: Returns the instrument to its default setting

**Recall Power-Off Setup**

Header: `Save:Setup:RecLast`

Type: Execution

Action: Returns the instrument to the last setting before the power supply was last switched off

**Save Setup as Default**

Header: `Save:Setup:SvAsDefault`

Type: Execution

Action: Stores the present front-panel setup as the default setup

**Name of Custom Setup File**

Header: `Save:Setup:FileName`

Type: Data

Argument: Text string containing file path

Action: Defines the file name for storing Custom Setup

Note: The specified folder must exist

**Save Custom Setup**

Header: `Save:Setup:Save`

Type: Execution

Action: Stores the present front-panel setup as previously specified custom setup

**Recall Custom Setup**

Header: `Save:Setup:Recall`

Type: Execution

Action: Recalls the setup previously saved to file. The name of the setup must first be defined by the command `Save:Setup:FileName`.

## 4.10 Markers commands

### General remark on markers commands

Some markers commands use mnemonics or the arguments Ch1, Ch2, Ch3 and Ch4 related to the channels.

These mnemonics for various devices mean the following:

- For the PicoScope 9404A-06, 9404A-16, 9404A-25 and 9404A-33 mnemonics Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4 mean channels CH1, CH2, CH3 and CH4, respectively.

### Marker Type

Header: Mark :Type

Type: Selector

Arguments: Off, MX, MY, XY

Action: Sets the marker type

### Marker Sources

Header: Mark :M1 :Source                      Mark :M2 :Source

Type: Selector

Arguments: Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4, F1, F2, F3, F4, M1, M2, M3, M4

Action: Attaches the specified marker to the specified signal

### X position of Marker

Header: Mark :M1 :XPos                      Mark :M2 :XPos

Type: Float

Argument: Real value of X-axis

Action: Sets the X position of the specified marker

### Y position of Marker

Header: Mark :M1 :YPos, Mark :M2 :YPos

Type: Float

Argument: Real value of Y-axis

Action: Sets the Y position of the specified marker

**Motion of Markers**Header: `Mark:Motion`

Type: Selector

Arguments: `Independ, Paired`

Action: When Paired motion is selected, you can move both markers with the M1 POSITION variable simultaneously, while the difference between markers can be moved with the M2 POSITION variable

## 4.11 Measure commands

### 4.11.1 Measurements of Time Domain Signals

**General remark on measure commands**

Some measure commands use mnemonics or the arguments Ch1, Ch2, Ch3 and Ch4 related to the channels.

These mnemonics for various devices mean the following:

- For the PicoScope 9404A-06, 9404A-16, 9404A-25 and 9404A-33 mnemonics Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4 mean channels CH1, CH2, CH3 and CH4, respectively.

The mnemonic `<src>` in some Measure Commands signifies the Source`(<src> is: Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4, F1, F2, F3, F4, M1, M2, M3, M4)`**Measurement Type**Header: `Meas:Display`

Type: Selector

Arguments: `Off, Param, Statistic`

Action: Sets the measurement type

**Measurement Source**Header: `Meas:DisplSrc`

Type: Selector

Arguments: `Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4, F1, F2, F3, F4, M1, M2, M3, M4`

Action: Sets the source for the measurement

**Measurement Mode**Header: `Meas:Mode`

Type: Selector

Arguments: `Permanent, Single`

Action: Sets the measurement mode

**Execute Single Measurement**

Header: Meas:SingleMeas

Type: Execution

Action: Executes a single measurement in Single mode

## 4.11.2 Statistic Commands

**Statistic Measurement Mode**

Header: Meas:StatMode

Type: Selector

Arguments: Permanent, Window, Weight

Action: Sets the Statistic Measurement mode

**Windows Value**

Header: Meas:Window

Type: Integer

Argument: 8 to 8192

Action: Sets the number of recently acquired waveforms for Window mode of Statistic Measurement

**Weight Value**

Header: Meas:Weight

Type: Integer

Argument: 8 to 8192

Action: Sets the weight variable for Weight mode of Statistic Measurement

## 4.11.3 Define Parameter Commands

**Viewing of Define Parameters**

Header: Meas:View

Type: On/off-type command

Action: Sets the visibility of *define parameters* markers for selected sources**Top/Base Definition Method**

Header: Meas:&lt;src&gt;:Method

Type: Selector

Arguments: Hist, MinMax, Marker

Action: Sets the Top and Base vertical reference thresholds for amplitude measurements of specified signals

### Top Value for Marker Method

Header: Meas:<src>:Top

Type: Integer

Argument: 257 to 1023

Action: Sets the Top vertical reference threshold for specified signals. Argument 0 corresponds to the bottom of the screen, and argument 1023 corresponds to the top of the screen independently of the real screen's height.

### Base Value for Marker Method

Header: Meas:<src>:Base

Type: Integer

Argument: 1 to 767

Action: Sets the Base vertical reference threshold for specified signals. Argument 0 corresponds to the bottom of the screen, and argument 1023 corresponds to the top of the screen independent of the real screen's height.

### Threshold Definition Method

Header: Meas:<src>:Thresh

Type: Selector

Arguments: 10-90, 20-80, Custom

Action: Sets the lower, middle, and upper thresholds for measurements of the specified signals. May be set to the fixed values 10%-50%-90%; 20%-50%-80%; or custom values.

### Threshold Units

Header: Meas:<src>:Unit

Type: Selector

Arguments: Percent, Volt, Division

Action: Sets the units of thresholds for the specified signals. Used for custom threshold definition method only.

### Position of Upper, Middle or Lower Threshold

Headers: Meas:<src>:UpThresh

Meas:<src>:MidThresh

Meas:<src>:LowThresh

Type: Float

Arguments: Absolute voltage value (for Volt threshold units only)  
-4 to +4 (for Division threshold units only)

Action: Sets the threshold position for the specified signals

#### Percentage of Upper, Middle or Lower Threshold

Headers: Meas:<src>:UpThPerc  
Meas:<src>:MidThPerc  
Meas:<src>:LowThPerc

Type: Integer

Argument: -80 to +200

Action: Sets the threshold percentage for the specified signals. Used for Percent threshold units only. Argument 0 (%) corresponds to the Base of the signals, and argument 100 (%) corresponds to the Top of the signals.

#### Margins Definition Mode

Header: Meas:<src>:MargMode

Type: Selector

Arguments: Slope, Marker

Action: Sets the margins definition mode

#### Slope of Left or Right Margins

Headers: Meas:<src>:LeftSlope  
Meas:<src>:RightSlope

Type: Integer

Argument: 0 to 127

Action: Sets the margin for the specified signals on the specified slope. Used for slope margins definition mode only. Argument 0 = the first rise, value 1 = first fall, 2 = second rise, 3 = second fall, and so on.

#### Thresholds of Left and Right Margin Slopes

Headers: Meas:<src>:LeftTresh  
Meas:<src>:RightTresh

Type: Selector

Arguments: Upper, Middle, Lower

Action: Sets the thresholds for definitions of the left or right slope. Used for slope margins definition mode only.

**Position of Left or Right Margin**

Headers:        Meas:<src>:LeftMarker  
                  Meas:<src>:RightMarker

Type:            Float

Argument:       Absolute time value

Action:          Sets the position of margin for the specified signals. Used for marker margins definition mode only.

## 4.11.4 List of X Measurements

**List of X Measurements**

Header:          Meas:<src>:XParam

Type:            On/off-group

Items:            Period, Freq, PosWidth, NegWidth, Rise, Fall, PosDuty, NegDuty, PosCross, NegCross, BurstWidth, Cycles, TimeOfMax, TimeOfMin, PosJitterPp, PosJitterRMS, NegJitterPp, NegJitterRMS

Action:          Defines the set of X-axis measurements for the specified signals

## 4.11.5 List of Y Measurements

**List of Y Measurements**

Header:          Meas:<src>:YParam

Type:            On/off-group

Items:            Max, Min, Top, Base, PP, Amplitude, Middle, Mean, CycMean, dcRMS, CycDcRMS, acRMS, CycAcRMS, PosOver, NegOver, Area, CycArea

Action:          Defines the set of Y-axis measurements for the specified signals

## 4.11.6 Second Source for Inter-Signal Measurements

**General remark on measure commands**

Some measure commands use mnemonics or the arguments Ch1, Ch2, Ch3 and Ch4 related to the channels.

These mnemonics for various devices mean the following:

- For the PicoScope 9404A-06, 9404A-16, 9404A-25 and 9404A-33 mnemonics Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4 mean channels CH1, CH2, CH3 and CH4, respectively.

**Second Source for Inter-Signal Measurements**

Header:          Meas:Source2

Type:            Selector

Arguments:      Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4, F1, F2, F3, F4, M1, M2, M3, M4

Action: Sets the second source for the inter-signal measurements

## 4.11.7 List of Inter-Signal Measurements

### List of Inter-Signal Delay Measurements

Header: Meas:<src>:DualParDelay

Type: On/off-group

Items: De11R1R, De11R1F, De11F1R, De11F1F, De11RnR, De11RnF, De11FnR, De11FnF

Action: Defines the set of the inter-signal delay measurements for the specified signal

### List of Inter-Signal Phase Measurements

Header: Meas:<src>:DualParPhase

Type: On/off-group

Items: PhaseDeg, PhaseRad, PhasePerc

Action: Defines the set of the inter-signal phase measurements for the specified signal

### List of Inter-Signal Gain Measurements

Header: Meas:<src>:DualPar

Type: On/off-group

Items: Gain, DBGain

Action: Defines the set of the inter-signal gain measurements for the specified signal

## 4.11.8 Measurements of Spectrum Signals

Mnemonic `<fft_src>` in some Measurement Commands signifies Source (`<fft_src>` is F1, F2, F3, F4, M1, M2, M3, M4)

### 4.11.8.1 Spectrum Parameter Commands

#### Limits Definition Method for Spectrum

Header: `Meas:<src>:FFTMethod`

Type: Selector

Arguments: Harmonic, Peak

Action: Sets the method of the limits definition for the specified signal. Used for spectrum signals only.

#### Left and Right Spectrums Margin

Headers: `Meas:<src>:FFTLeft`  
`Meas:<src>:FFTRight`

Type: Float

Arguments: Absolute frequency value

Action: Sets the position of margin for the specified spectrum signals. Used for searching for peak 1 of the spectrum for the Harmonic method.

#### Peak Level of Spectrum

Header: `Meas:<src>:PeakLevel`

Type: Float

Arguments: -100 to +80 (dBV)

Action: Sets the level for the specified spectrum signals. Used for searching a peak of the spectrum for the Peak method.

#### Left and Right Spectrum Peaks

Headers: `Meas:<src>:PeakLeft`  
`Meas:<src>:PeakRight`

Type: Integer

Arguments: 1 to 41

Action: Sets the first and second peaks for the specified spectrum signals

## 4.11.8.2 List of Spectrum Frequency Measurements

### List of Spectrum Frequency Measurements

Header: Meas:<src>:XFFTPar

Type: On/off-group

Items: Freq, DFreq

Action: Defines the set of the frequency measurements for the specified signals

## 4.11.8.3 List of Spectrum Magnitude Measurements

### List of Spectrum Magnitude Measurements

Header: Meas:<src>:YFFTPar

Type: On/off-group

Items: Magn, DMagn, TDH

Action: Defines the set of the magnitude measurements for the specified signals

## 4.11.9 Delete all Measurements for all Sources

### Delete all Measurements for all Sources

Header: Meas:ClearAll

Type: Execution

Action: Clears the list of all measurements for all signals

## 4.11.10 Getting Measurement Results

### Get List of Measured Parameters

Header: Meas:Res:List?

Type: Data

Argument: None

Forms: Query only

Action: Returns text with the list of the active measurements for all signals with ordinal index

### Get Current Value of Parameter

Header: Meas:Res:<N>?

Parameter <N>: Index of the parameter in the list

Type: Data

Argument: None

Forms: Query only

Action: Returns the last result of the specified measured parameter

### Get Statistic Value of Parameter

Header: Meas:Res:<N>:<Val>?

Parameter <N>: Index of the parameter in the list

Parameter <Val>: Wfm, Min, Max, Mean, StdDev

Type: Data

Argument: None

Forms: Command with query only

Action: Returns the specified statistic parameter of the measured parameter

## 4.12 Limit Test commands

### 4.12.1 Limit Test On/Off

**Limit Test On/Off**

Header: `Limit:TestOn`

Type: On/off

Action: Enables/disables the Limit Test. Must be set On after full definition of all other Limit Test parameters.

### 4.12.2 Limit Test Termination Commands

**Limit Test Termination Condition**

Header: `Limit:RunUntil`

Type: Selector

Arguments: `StopBtn`, `Failur`, `Wfm`

Action: Sets the condition of Limit Test Termination

**Number of Failures**

Header: `Limit:Failures`

Type: Integer

Argument: 1 to 10000

Action: Sets number of failures for the `Failur` Condition of the Limit

**Number of Waveforms**

Header: `Limit:NWfms`

Type: Integer

Argument: 1 to 1000000

Action: Sets the number of waveforms for the `Wfm` Condition of the Limit

### 4.12.3 Limit Test Action Commands

**Action**

Header: `Limit:Action`

Type: On/off-group

Items: Beep, Save, Stop

Action: Save – every signal with a limit condition is stored to the disk  
Beep – the beep signal will sound for every limit condition  
Stop – acquisition immediately stops after the first limit condition

**Action If**

Header: `Limit:If`

Type: Selector

Arguments: AnyFail, AllPass, AllFail, AnyPass

Action: Define the limit condition:  
AnyFail – one or more active measures fails  
AllPass – all active measures are good  
AllFail – all active measures fail  
AnyPass – one or more active measurements is good

**Format of Stored Files**

Header: `Limit:FileFormat`

Type: Selector

Arguments: Binary, Verbose, YOnly

Action: Sets the file format

**File Name**

Header: `Limit:FileName`

Type: Data

Argument: Text string

Forms: Command, query, command with query

Action: Defines the file name for saving the specified signals to disk

## 4.12.4 Parameter Definition Commands

### Parameter Activity

Headers:      `Limit1:Activ`                      `Limit2:Activ`  
                  `Limit3:Activ`                      `Limit4:Activ`

Type:              On/off

Action:             Enables/disables the Limit Test for relevant parameter

### Parameter Limit Mode

Headers:      `Limit1:Mode`                      `Limit2:Mode`  
                  `Limit3:Mode`                      `Limit4:Mode`

Type:              Selector

Arguments:      `Center`, `Limit`

Action:             Sets the mode of limits for the relevant parameter

### Upper and Lower Limits of Parameters

Headers:      `Limit1:UpLimit`                      `Limit1:LowLimit`  
                  `Limit2:UpLimit`                      `Limit2:LowLimit`  
                  `Limit3:UpLimit`                      `Limit3:LowLimit`  
                  `Limit4:UpLimit`                      `Limit4:LowLimit`

Type:              Float

Argument:        Absolute value of limit

Action:             Sets the limit's value. Used only for `Limit` mode of the parameter's limit.

### Parameter Center Mode

Headers:      `Limit1:CenterMode`                      `Limit2:CenterMode`  
                  `Limit3:CenterMode`                      `Limit4:CenterMode`

Type:              Selector

Arguments:      `CurrMean`, `UserDef`

Action:             Sets the mode of the center definition for the relevant parameter. Used only for the `Center` mode of the parameter limit.

### Center Value

Headers:      `Limit1:CenterVal`                      `Limit2:CenterVal`  
                  `Limit3:CenterVal`                      `Limit4:CenterVal`

Type:              Float

Argument:        Absolute value of center

Action:             Sets the absolute center value. Used for `UserDef` mode of the center of the parameter.

**Parameter Delta Mode**

Headers:      Limit1:Delta                      Limit2:Delta  
                  Limit3:Delta                      Limit4:Delta

Type:            Selector

Arguments:      StdDev, UserDef, UserPerc

Action:           Sets the mode of delta definition for relevant parameter. Used for Center mode of parameter limit only.

**Parameter Delta Value for Standard Deviation mode**

Headers:      Limit1:StdDev                      Limit2:StdDev  
                  Limit3:StdDev                      Limit4:StdDev

Type:            Float

Argument:        0.1 to 100 standard deviations of the parameter

Action:           Sets the delta value. Used for StdDev mode of parameter delta only.

**Parameter Delta Value for User Defined Mode**

Headers:      Limit1:UserDef                      Limit2:UserDef  
                  Limit3:UserDef                      Limit4:UserDef

Type:            Float

Argument:        Absolute value of delta

Action:           Sets the delta value. Used for UserDef mode of delta of the parameter only.

**Parameter Delta Percentage for User Defined mode**

Headers:      Limit1:UserPerc      Limit2:UserPerc  
                  Limit3:UserPerc      Limit4:UserPerc

Type:            Float

Argument:        0.01% to 90% standard deviations of the parameter

Action:           Sets the delta value. Used for UserPerc mode of delta of the parameter only.

**Failure When**

Headers:      Limit1:FailWhen      Limit2:FailWhen  
                  Limit3:FailWhen      Limit4:FailWhen

Type:            Selector

Arguments:        Outside, Inside, Always

Action:           Sets the mode of the quality control for the according parameter

**If Measurement Undefined**

Headers:      Limit1:NotFound      Limit2:NotFound  
                  Limit3:NotFound      Limit4:NotFound

Type:            Selector

Arguments:      Ignore, Fail, Pass

Action:           Sets the limit status when measurement is undefined

## 4.13 Mathematics commands

### 4.13.1 Enable Mathematical Function

**Enable Mathematical Function**

Headers:      F1:0n            F2:0n  
                  F3:0n            F4:0n

Type:            On/off

Action:           Enables/disables the calculation and display of the relevant functions

### 4.13.2 Display Mathematical Function

**Display Mathematical Function**

Headers:      F1:Display            F2:Display  
                  F3:Display            F4:Display

Type:            On/off

Action:           Enables/disables the visibility of the relevant functions

### 4.13.3 Function Category

**Function Category**

Headers:      F1:Category            F2:Category  
                  F3:Category            F4:Category

Type:            Selector

Arguments:      Arithm, Algebra, Trigonom, FFT, BitOp, Misc, Formula

Action:           Sets the category of the specified function

## 4.13.4 Function Operators

### Arithmetic Function Operator

Headers: F1:ArithmOp F2:ArithmOp  
F3:ArithmOp F4:ArithmOp

Type: Selector

Arguments: Add, Subtract, Multiply, Divide, Ceil, Floor, Fix, Round, Absolute, Invert, Common, ReScale

Action: Sets the operator of the specified function. Used for `Arithm` category only.

### Algebraic Function Operator

Headers: F1:AlgebraOp F2:AlgebraOp  
F3:AlgebraOp F4:AlgebraOp

Type: Selector

Arguments: ExpE, LogE, Exp10, Log10, ExpA, LogA, Differentiate, Integrate, Square, SqRoot, Cube, PowerA, Inverse, SqRtOfSum

Action: Sets the operator of the specified function. Used for `Algebra` category only.

### Trigonometric Function Operator

Headers: F1:TrigonOp F2:TrigonOp  
F3:TrigonOp F4:TrigonOp

Type: Selector

Arguments: Sine, ASine, Cosine, ACosine, Tangent, ATangent, Cotangent, ACotangent, HSine, HCosine, HTangent, HCotangent

Action: Sets the operator of the specified function. Used for `Trigonom` category only.

### FFT Function Operator

Headers: F1:FFTOp F2:FFTOp  
F3:FFTOp F4:FFTOp

Type: Selector

Arguments: FFT, IFFT, FFTMagn, FFTPhase, FFTReal, FFTIm

Action: Sets the operator of the specified function. Used for `FFT` category only.

**Bits Function Operator**

Headers:      F1:BitOp                      F2:BitOp  
                  F3:BitOp                      F4:BitOp

Type:            Selector

Arguments:    And, NAnd, Or, NOr, XOr, NXOr, Not

Action:         Sets the operator of the specified function. Used for BitOp category only.

**Miscellaneous Function Operator**

Headers:      F1:MiscOp                      F2:MiscOp  
                  F3:MiscOp                      F4:MiscOp

Type:            Selector

Arguments:    LinInterp, SinXInterp, Trend, Smooth

Action:         Sets the operator of the specified function. Used for Misc category only.

## 4.13.5 Function Operands

**General remark on mathematics commands**

Some mathematics commands use mnemonics or the arguments Ch1, Ch2, Ch3 and Ch4 related to the channels.

These mnemonics for various devices mean the following:

- For the PicoScope 9404A-06, 9404A-16, 9404A-25 and 9404A-33 mnemonics Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4 mean channels CH1, CH2, CH3 and CH4, respectively.

**Operand 1**

Headers:      F1:Source1                      F2:Source1  
                  F3:Source1                      F4:Source1

Type:            Selector

Arguments:    Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4, F1, F2, F3, F4, M1, M2, M3, M4

Action:         Sets the first operand of the specified function

**Operand 2**

Headers:      F1:Source2                      F2:Source2  
                  F3:Source2                      F4:Source2

Type:            Selector

Arguments:    Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4, F1, F2, F3, F4, M1, M2, M3, M4, Constant

Action:         Sets the second operand of the specified function. Used for dual- or quad-operand function.

**Operands 3/4**

Headers:      F1:Source3                      F1:Source4

F2:Source3	F2:Source4
F3:Source3	F3:Source4
F4:Source3	F4:Source4

Type: Selector

Arguments: Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4, F1, F2, F3, F4, M1, M2, M3, M4

Action: Sets the third and fourth operands for the specified function. Used for bits function.

#### Constant Value

Headers:	F1:Const	F2:Const
	F3:Const	F4:Const

Type: Float

Arguments: Absolute value of constant

Action: Sets the constant for the specified function. Used when Const is the second operand.

### 4.13.6 Additional Parameters for Arithmetic Functions

#### Rounding Step

Headers:	F1:RoundTo	F2:RoundTo
	F3:RoundTo	F4:RoundTo

Type: Float

Arguments: Value of rounding step

Action: Sets the step for rounding function. Used for Ceil, Floor, Fix, Round arithmetic functions.

#### Rescale Parameters

Headers:	F1:ResMult	F1:ResOffset
	F2:ResMult	F2:ResOffset
	F3:ResMult	F3:ResOffset
	F4:ResMult	F4:ResOffset

Type: Float

Arguments: Value of Mult and Offset parameters

Action: Sets the Mult and Offset parameters. Used for ReScale arithmetic function.

### 4.13.7 Additional Parameters for Algebraic Functions

#### Logarithmic Base

Headers:	F1:LogBase	F2:LogBase
	F3:LogBase	F4:LogBase

Type: Float  
Arguments: 1.01 to 100  
Action: Sets the logarithmic base for LogA algebraic function

**Number Exponent**

Headers: F1:PowerExp F2:PowerExp  
F3:PowerExp F4:PowerExp  
Type: Float  
Argument: -100 to +100  
Action: Sets the Number Exponent for ExpA algebraic function

## 4.13.8 Additional Parameters for Trigonometric Functions

**Volt-to-Radian Coefficient**

Headers: F1:YScaleRad F2:YScaleRad  
F3:YScaleRad F4:YScaleRad  
Type: Float  
Arguments: -100 to +100  
Action: Sets the volt-to-radian coefficient for a t t trigonometric functions

## 4.13.9 Additional Parameters for FFT Functions

### Window

Headers: F1:Window F2:Window  
F3:Window F4:Window

Type: Selector

Arguments: Rectang, Hamming, Hanning, FlatTop, BlackHarr, KaiserBess

Action: Sets the window for the specified function

### Suppression

Headers: F1:Suppress F2:Suppress  
F3:Suppress F4:Suppress

Type: Group-on/off

Arguments: DC, PHASE

Action: DC - on/off the suppression of the spectrum DC component;  
PHASE - on/off the suppression of the spectrum phase noise.

F1:SupprLevel: Float (-120 to -10, dB)

### Phase Suppression Level

Headers: F1:SupprLevel F2:SupprLevel  
F3:SupprLevel F4:SupprLevel

Type: Float

Arguments: -120 to -10, dB

Action: Sets the phase suppression level with respect to a maximum magnitude

## 4.13.10 Additional Parameters for Bit Functions

### Source Thresholds

Headers: F1:Thresh1 F2:Thresh1  
F3:Thresh1 F4:Thresh1

F1:Thresh2 F2:Thresh2  
F3:Thresh2 F4:Thresh2

F1:Thresh3 F2:Thresh3  
F3:Thresh3 F4:Thresh3

F1:Thresh4 F2:Thresh4  
F3:Thresh4 F4:Thresh4

Type: Float

Arguments: Value of thresholds

Action: Sets the threshold levels for each source of the bit functions

### Source Inversion

Headers: F1:SourceInvert F2:SourceInvert  
F3:SourceInvert F4:SourceInvert

Type: Group-on/off

Arguments: SRC1, SRC2, SRC3, SRC4

Action: Enables/disables the inversion of each source

## 4.13.11 Additional Parameters for Miscellaneous Functions

### Smoothing Parameter

Headers: F1:SmoothLen F2:SmoothLen  
F3:SmoothLen F4:SmoothLen

Type: Integer

Argument: 0 to 24

Action: Sets the length of the smoothing interval in points for the specified function. Used for Smooth operator only. Length is defined as  $3 + \langle \text{Argument} \rangle * 2$ .

### Signal Length

Headers: F1:SignalLen F2:SignalLen  
F3:SignalLen F4:SignalLen

Type: Integer-type command

Argument: 4000 to 8192

Action: Sets the length of the interpolation function signal. Used for LinInterp and SinXInterp functions.

### Trend Measurement

Headers: F1:TrendMeas F2:TrendMeas  
F3:TrendMeas F4:TrendMeas

Type: Selector

Arguments: Period, Freq, PosWidth, NegWidth, RiseTime, FallTime, PosDuty, NegDuty

Action: Sets the kind of trends for the specified function. Used for Trend operator only.

## 4.13.12 Function Scaling

### Complex Format

Header: F1:ComplexScale F2:ComplexScale  
F3:ComplexScale F4:ComplexScale

Type: Selector

Arguments: Magnitude, Phase, Real, Imaginary

Action: Defines the spectrum display mode for FFT function

### Vertical Scale Type

Header: F1:VScaleType F2:VScaleType  
F3:VScaleType F4:VScaleType

Type: Selector

Arguments: Linear, Logarithm

Action: Defines the vertical scale type for Magnitude of the FFT function

### Vertical linear Scale

Header: F1:VoltScale F2:VoltScale  
F3:VoltScale F4:VoltScale

Type: Float

Argument: 1e-6 to 1e6

Action: Defines the vertical scale in volts/div for Linear vertical scale type

### Vertical linear Offset

Header: F1:VoltOffset F2:VoltOffset  
F3:VoltOffset F4:VoltOffset

Type: Float

Argument: 1e-6 to 1e6

Action: Defines vertical offset in volts for Linear vertical scale type

### Vertical linear Position

Header: F1:VoltPosit F2:VoltPosit  
F3:VoltPosit F4:VoltPosit

Type: Float

Argument: -10 to +10

Action: Defines the vertical position in div for Linear vertical scale type

**Vertical logarithmic Scale**

Headers: F1:DBScale F2:DBScale  
F3:DBScale F4:DBScale

Type: Float

Argument: 1 to 120

Action: Defines the vertical scale in dB/div for Logarithmic vertical scale type

**Vertical logarithmic Offset**

Headers: F1:DBOffset F2:DBOffset  
F3:DBOffset F4:DBOffset

Type: Float

Argument: -100 to 100

Action: Defines vertical offset in dB/div for Logarithmic vertical scale type

**Vertical logarithmic Position**

Headers: F1:DBPosit F2:DBPosit  
F3:DBPosit F4:DBPosit

Type: Float

Argument: -10 to +10

Action: Defines the vertical position in div for Logarithmic vertical scale type

**Vertical Phase Scale**

Headers: F1:PhaseScale F2:PhaseScale  
F3:PhaseScale F4:PhaseScale

Type: Float

Argument: 5.625 to 360

Action: Defines the vertical scale in °/div for Phase display mode

**Vertical Phase Offset**

Headers: F1:PhaseOffset F2:PhaseOffset  
F3:PhaseOffset F4:PhaseOffset

Type: Float-type command

Argument: -180 to 180

Action: Defines vertical offset in ° for Phase display mode

**Vertical Phase Position**

Headers: F1:PhasePosit F2:PhasePosit  
 F3:PhasePosit F4:PhasePosit

Type: Float

Arguments: -10 to +10

Action: Defines the vertical position in div for Phase display mode

## 4.14 Histogram commands

### 4.14.1 General Histogram Commands

**General remark on histogram commands**

Some histogram commands use mnemonics or the arguments Ch1, Ch2, Ch3 and Ch4 related to the channels.

These mnemonics for various devices mean the following:

- For the PicoScope 9404A-06, 9404A-16, 9404A-25 and 9404A-33 mnemonics Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4 mean channels CH1, CH2, CH3 and CH4, respectively.

**Histogram Axis**

Header: Hist:Axis

Type: Selector

Arguments: Off, Vert, Horiz

Action: Sets the axis of the histogram

**Histogram Source**

Header: Hist:Source

Type: Selector

Arguments: Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4, F1, F2, F3, F4, M1, M2, M3, M4

Action: Selects the specified signal as source of the histogram

**Histogram Visibility**

Header: Hist:Visible

Type: On/off

Action: Sets the visibility of the histogram. The acquisition of the histogram proceeds independently of this commands.

### 4.14.2 Histogram Completion Commands

**Histogram Finish Condition**

Header: Hist:RunUntil

Type: Selector  
Arguments: StopSingle, Wfms, Samples  
Action: Sets the finish condition for acquiring the histogram

**Number of Waveforms for Histogram**

Header: Hist:NWfm  
Type: Integer-type command  
Argument: 1 to 1000000  
Action: Sets the number of signals for the termination of histogram acquisition

**Number of Samples for Histogram**

Header: Hist:NSample  
Type: Integer-type command  
Arguments: 1 to 10000000  
Action: Sets the number of samples for the termination of histogram acquisition

## 4.14.3 Histogram Window Commands

**Limit Mode for Histogram Window**

Header: Hist:Limits  
Type: Selector  
Arguments: Paired, Independ  
Action: Sets the mode of the limits of the histogram window

**Limit Unit for Histograms Window**

Header: Hist:Units  
Type: Selector  
Arguments: Absolute, Percent  
Action: Sets the units of the limits of the histogram window

**Left and Right Window Limits for Vertical or Horizontal Histogram**

Headers:      `Hist:WVert:Left`                      `Hist:WVert:Right`  
                 `Hist:WHor:Left`                      `Hist:WHor:Right`

Type:              Float

Arguments:      Real value of the X-axis (for Absolute units)  
                    0% to 100% of the X-axis (for Percent units)

Action:            Sets the X positions of the histogram window

**Top and Bottom Window Limits for Vertical or Horizontal Histogram**

Headers:      `Hist:WVert:Top`                      `Hist:WVert:Bottom`  
                 `Hist:WHor:Top`                      `Hist:WHor:Bottom`

Type:              Float

Arguments:      Real value of the Y-axis (for Absolute units)  
                    0% to 100% of the Y-axis (for Percent units)

Action:            Sets the Y positions of the histogram window

**Window Visibility**

Header:          `Hist:Display`

Type:              On/off

Action:            Sets the visibility of the window

**Set Default Window**

Header:          `Hist:SetDefWind`

Type:              Executing-type command

Action:            Sets the default window depending on the axis

## 4.14.4 Histogram Calculation Commands

### Calculation Mode

Header: `Hist:Mode`

Type: Selector

Arguments: `Normal`, `Exponent`

Action: Sets the mode of histogram calculation

### Weight for Exponential Calculation

Header: `Hist:Weight`

Type: Integer-type command

Argument: `8`, `16`, `32`, ..., `8192`

Action: Sets the weight coefficient for the `Exponent` calculation mode

### Reset Calculation

Header: `Hist:RunReset`

Type: Execution

Action: Restarts histogram calculation

## 4.14.5 Histogram Scale Commands

### Scale Type

Header: `Hist:ScaleType`

Type: Selector

Arguments: `Linear`, `Logarith`

Action: Sets the type of histogram scale

### Scale Mode

Header: `Hist:ScaleMode`

Type: Selector

Arguments: `Auto`, `Manual`

Action: Sets the mode of histogram scale

**Linear Scale of Vertical or Horizontal Histogram**

Headers:     Hist:VertScale  
              Hist:HorScale

Type:        Float

Argument:    (10 to 100) %/div

Action:       Sets the scale of histograms. Used for Manual mode and Linear type of scale only.

**Linear Offset of Vertical or Horizontal Histogram**

Headers:     Hist:VertOffset  
              Hist:HorOffset

Type:        Float

Argument:    0% to 100%

Action:       Sets the offset of the histograms. It used for Manual mode and Linear type of scale only.

**Logarithmic Scale of Vertical or Horizontal Histogram**

Header:      Hist:VertDBScale  
              Hist:HorDBScale

Type:        Float

Argument:    (6 to 60) dB/div

Action:       Sets the scale of the histograms. Used for Manual mode and Logarith type of scale only.

**Logarithmic Offset of Vertical or Horizontal Histogram**

Header:      Hist:VertDBOffs  
              Hist:HorDBOffs

Type:        Float

Arguments:   (-60 to 0) dB

Action:       Sets the offset of the histograms. Used for Manual mode and Logarith type of scale only.

## 4.14.6 Histogram Result Commands

### Get Histogram Data

Headers: `Hist:Data?`

Type: `Data`

Argument: `None`

Forms: `Query only`

Action: Returns a set of text strings with the pair of numbers (comma-separated). First number in the each pair is the histogram axis value, and second number is the histogram value in this point.

### Get Histogram Measure

Header: `Hist:Res:<Param>?`

Parameter <Param>:

- `InBox` - number of hints in box
- `Wfm` - number of waveforms
- `Peak` - peak value of histogram
- `PP` - difference between highest and lowest values of signal
- `Median` - centre between highest and lowest values of signal
- `Mean` - average of distribution of histogram
- `StdDev` - standard deviation of histogram
- `Mean1S` - number of hints in  $\text{Mean} \pm \text{StdDev}$  region, %
- `Mean2S` - number of hints in  $\text{Mean} \pm 2\text{StdDev}$  region, %
- `Mean3S` - number of hints in  $\text{Mean} \pm 3\text{StdDev}$  region, %
- `Min` - min. value of signal
- `Max` - max. value of signal
- `Max-Max` - difference between two values of signal, matched two max of histogram

Type: `Data`

Argument: `None`

Forms: `Query only`

Action: Returns a text string with the value of the specified parameter

## 4.15 Eye Diagram commands

### 4.15.1 General Eye Commands

**General remark on eye diagram commands**

Some eye diagram commands use mnemonics or the arguments Ch1, Ch2, Ch3 and Ch4 related to the channels.

These mnemonics for various devices mean the following:

- For the PicoScope 9404A-06, 9404A-16, 9404A-25 and 9404A-33 mnemonics Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4 mean channels CH1, CH2, CH3 and CH4, respectively.

**Type of Eye Measurements**

Header: Eye:Measure

Type: Selector

Arguments: Off, NRZ, RZ

Action: Sets the type of eye measurements

**Sources for Eye Measurements**

Header: Eye:Source

Type: Selector

Arguments: Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4, F1, F2, F3, F4, DB

Action: Sets the source for eye measurements

**Number of Waveforms in one Measurement**

Header: Eye:WfmsInCycle

Type: Integer

Argument: 64, 128, 256, 512, 1024

Action: Sets the number of waveforms in one measurement

## 4.15.2 Eye Measurements Commands

### List of X-Axis NRZ Measurements

Header: Eye:XNRZParam

Type: Group-on/off

Items: Area, BitRate, BitTime, CrossTime, CycleArea, DutCycDistP, DutCycDistS, EyeWidth, EyeWidthP, FallTime, Freq, JitterPP, JitterRMS, Period, RiseTime

Action: Defines the set of X-axis measurements for NRZ signals

### List of Y-Axis NRZ Measurements

Header: Eye:YNRZParam

Type: Group-on/off

Items: AcRMS, AvgPower, AvgPwdBm, CrossPerc, CrossLevel, ExtRatioDB, ExtRatioP, ExtRatio, EyeAmpl, EyeHeight, EyeHeightDB, Max, Mean, Mid, Min, NegOver, PPNoiseOne, PPNoiseZero, RMSNoiseOne, RMSNoiseZero, OneLevel, PeakPeak, PosOver, RMS, SNRatio, SNRatioDB, ZeroLevel

Action: Defines the set of Y-axis measurements for NRZ signals

### List of X-Axis RZ Measurements

Header: Eye:XRZParam

Type: Group-on/off

Items: Area, BitRate, BitTime, CycleArea, EyeWidth, EyeWidthP, FallTime, JittPpFall, JittPpRise, JittRMSFall, JittRMSRise, NegCross, PosCross, PosDutyCyc, PulseSymm, PulseWidth, RiseTime

Action: Defines the set of X-axis measurements for RZ signals

### List of Y-Axis RZ Measurements

Header: Eye:YRZParam

Type: Group-on/off

Items: AcRMS, AvgPower, AvgPwdBm, Contrast, ContrastBb, ContrastP, ExtRatioDB, ExtRatioP, ExtRatio, EyeAmpl, EyeHeight, EyeHeightDB, EyeOpenFact, Max, Mean, Mid, Min, PPNoiseOne, PPNoiseZero, RmsNoiseOne, RMSNoiseZero, OneLevel, PeakPeak, RMS, SignToNoise, ZeroLevel

Action: Defines the set of Y-axis measurements for RZ signals

**Measurements List Clearing**

Header: Eye:ClearAllMeas  
Type: Executing  
Action: Clears the list of measurement parameters

### 4.15.3 Define Parameters Commands

**Eye Frame Visibility**

Header: Eye:DisplayWind  
Type: On/off  
Action: Sets the visibility of the eye frame

**Left and Right Boundary for NRZ Top/Base Finding**

Headers: Eye:LeftBound  
Eye:RightBound  
Type: Float  
Argument: 10% to 90% of the NRZ period  
Action: Sets the zone of the period of the NRZ signal for the top/base calculation

**Threshold Definition Mode**

Header: Eye:ThreshMode  
Type: Selector  
Arguments: 10-90, 20-80, Custom  
Action: Sets the mode of threshold definition

**Upper and Lower Threshold**

Headers: Eye:UpThresh  
Eye:LowThresh  
Type: Float  
Argument: 5% to 95% of amplitude  
Action: Sets the thresholds for the slopes calculation. Used for Custom mode.

## 4.15.4 Eye Calculation Commands

### Measurement Statistic

Header: Eye:Statistic

Type: On/off

Action: Enables/disables measurement statistics

### Measurement Statistic Mode

Header: Eye:Mode

Type: Selector

Arguments: Permanent, Window, Weight

Action: Sets the mode of statistics calculation. Used when statistics are enabled.

### Windows Value

Header: Eye:Window

Type: Integer

Argument: 8, 16, 32, ..., 8192

Action: Sets the window value. Used for Window mode of statistics.

### Weight Value

Header: Eye:Weight

Type: Integer

Argument: 8, 16, 32, ..., 8192

Action: Sets the weight value. Used for Weight mode of statistics.

## 4.15.5 Getting Eye Measurement Results

### Get List of Measured Parameters

Header: Eye:Res:List?

Type: Data

Argument: None

Forms: Query only

Action: Returns a list of active eye measurements with ordinal index

### Get Current Value of Parameter

Header: Eye:Res:<N>?

Parameter <N>: Index of parameter in the list

Type: Data

Argument: None

Forms: Query only

Action: Returns the result of the specified measured parameter

### Get Statistic Value of Parameter

Header: Eye:Res:<N>:<Val>?

Parameter <N>: Index of the parameter in the list

Parameter <Val>: Wfm, Min, Max, Mean, StdDev

Type: Data

Arguments: None

Forms: Command with query only

Action: Returns the specified statistical parameter of the measured parameter

## 4.16 Mask Test commands

### 4.16.1 Common Mask Test Commands

**General remark on mask test commands**

Some mask test commands use mnemonics or the arguments Ch1, Ch2, Ch3 and Ch4 related to the channels.

These mnemonics for various devices mean the following:

- For the PicoScope 9404A-06, 9404A-16, 9404A-25 and 9404A-33 mnemonics Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4 mean channels CH1, CH2, CH3 and CH4, respectively.

**Mask Test On**

Header: Mask:TestOn

Type: On/off

Action: Enables/disables the mask test functionality

**Signal for Mask Testing**

Header: Mask:CompareWith

Type: Selector

Arguments: Ch1, Ch2, CH3, CH4, F1, F2, F3, F4, DB

Action: Selects the signal for mask testing

**Actuate Mask Testing**

Header: Mask:Testing

Type: On/off

Action: Enables/disables the comparison with current mask

**Mask Erasing**

Header: Mask:EraseMask

Type: Execution

Action: Clears the current mask from the display

### 4.16.2 Mask Creating

**Mask Creating Mode**

Header: Mask:CreateAs

Type: Selector

Arguments: Std, Auto, Edit

Action: Sets the mask creation method

## 4.16.3 Standard Mask Test Commands

### Get List of Standards

Header: Mask:Std:StdsList?  
Type: Data  
Argument: None  
Forms: Query only  
Action: Returns a list of mask standards with ordinal index

### Select Standard

Header: Mask:Std:StdIndex  
Type: Integer  
Argument: 0 to (number of standards-1)  
Action: Selects the current standard by its ordinal index

### Get List of Masks

Header: Mask:Std:MasksList?  
Type: Data  
Argument: None  
Forms: Query only  
Action: Returns a list of masks with ordinal index from the selected standard

### Select Standard Mask

Header: Mask:Std:MaskIndex  
Type: Integer  
Argument: 0 to (number of masks in the current standard - 1)  
Action: Loads the specified mask by its ordinal index

### Alignment of Signal with Standard Mask

Header: Mask:Std:Align  
Type: On/off  
Action: Enables/disables the alignment of the tested signal with the standard mask parameters

**Enable Margins**

Header: Mask:Std:MarginsOn

Type: On/off

Action: Enables/disables the margin control of eye-typed masks

**Margins Value**

Header: Mask:Std:MarginsVal

Type: Float

Arguments: -100% to +100%

Action: Sets the margin's value. Used when margins are enabled

**Build Immediately**

Header: Mask:Std:BuildImmediate

Type: On/off

Action: Enables/disables creation of the standard mask immediately after any of its parameters change

## 4.16.4 Automask Commands

### General remark on mask test commands

Some mask test commands use mnemonics or the arguments Ch1, Ch2, Ch3 and Ch4 related to the channels.

These mnemonics for various devices mean the following:

- For the PicoScope 9404A-06, 9404A-16, 9404A-25 and 9404A-33 mnemonics Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4 mean channels CH1, CH2, CH3 and CH4, respectively.

### Automask Source

Header: Mask:Auto:Source

Type: Selector

Arguments: Ch1, Ch2, CH3, CH4, F1, F2, F3, F4, M1, M2, M3, M4

Action: Selects the signal as a template for automask building

### Margins Units

Header: Mask:Auto:Unit

Type: Selector-type command

Arguments: Division, Current

Action: Selects the margins units for automask building

### Automask X-Margins

Header: Mask:Auto:DeltaX

Type: Float

Arguments: (0.02 to 2) div for Division margins units real X-axis value for Current margins units

Action: Sets the X-axis margins around the template signal

### Automask Y-Margins

Header: Mask:Auto:DeltaY

Type: Float

Arguments: (0.03125 to 2) div for Division margins units real Y-axis value for Current margins units

Action: Sets the Y-axis margins around the template signal

### Automask Build

Header: Mask:Auto:BuildAMask

Type: Execution

Action: Builds automask immediately

## 4.16.5 Mask Test Termination

### Mask Test Finish Condition

Header: Mask:RunUntil

Type: Selector

Arguments: StopBtn, FailedWfms, FailedSmpIs, Wfms, Samples

Action: Sets the condition of mask test termination

### Number of Failed Waveforms

Header: Mask:FailWfms

Type: Integer

Argument: 1 to 1000000

Action: Sets the number of failed waveforms for the FailedWfms finish condition

### Number of Failed Samples

Header: Mask:FailSmpIs

Type: Integer-type command

Argument: 1 to 1000000

Action: Sets the number of failed samples for the FailedSmpIs finish condition

### Number of Waveforms

Header: Mask:NWfms

Type: Integer-type command

Argument: 1 to 1000000

Action: Sets the number of waveforms for the Wfms finish condition

### Number of Samples

Header: Mask:NSamples

Type: Integer-type command

Argument: 1 to 1000000

Action: Sets the number of samples for the Samples finish condition

## 4.16.6 Mask Test Actions

### Select Actions

Header:	Mask:Action
Type:	Group-on/off
Items:	Beep, Save
Action:	Save - every failed signal is stored to disk Beep - the beep signal will sound for every failed signal

### Format of Stored Files

Header:	Mask:FileFormat
Type:	Selector
Arguments:	Binary, Verbose, YOnly
Action:	Sets the file format. Used when Save action is on.

### Stored File Name

Header:	Mask:FileName
Type:	Data
Argument:	Text string
Forms:	Command, query, command with query
Action:	Defines the name for storing failed signals on Disk. Used when Save action is on.

## 4.16.7 User Mask

### User Masks File Name

Header:	Mask:MaskFile
Type:	Data
Argument:	Text string
Forms:	Command, query, command with query.
Action:	Defines the file name for next loading or saving user mask from the disk

### Load User Mask

Header:	Mask:LoadUser
Type:	Execution
Action:	Loads the previously specified user mask

**Save User Mask**

Header: Mask : SaveUser

Type: Execution

Action: Saves the current mask as user with previously specified file name

## 4.16.8 Getting Mask Test Results

**Get Integrated Results of Mask Test**

Headers: Mask : Res : &lt;Param&gt;?

Parameter <Param>: AllWfm - number of waveforms  
 FailWfm - number of failed waveforms  
 AllSmp1 - number of samples  
 FailSmp1 - number of failed samples

Type: Data

Argument: None

Forms: Query only

Action: Returns a text string with the value of the specified parameter

**Get Number of Samples in Selected Polygons**

Headers: Mask : Res : Poly&lt;N&gt;?

Parameter &lt;N&gt;: Number of the polygon, 1 to 8

Type: Data

Argument: None

Forms: Query only

Action: Returns a text string with the values of failed samples on specified polygon

**Get Number of Samples in Margins of Selected Polygon**

Headers: Mask : Res : Poly&lt;N&gt;Mar?

Parameter &lt;N&gt;: Number of the polygon, 1 to 4

Type: Data

Argument: None

Forms: Query only

Action: Returns a text string with the values of failed samples on the margin of specified polygon. Used when Margins is enabled.

**Get Number of Samples in Selected Polygon with Margins Together**

Headers: Mask:Res:Poly<N>All?

Parameter <N>: Number of the polygon, 1 to 4

Type: Data

Argument: None

Forms: Query only

Action: Returns a text string with the total number of failed samples on the margin and on the specified polygon. Used when Margins is enabled.

## 4.17 Autocalibration commands

### 4.17.1 Single-shot Autocalibration

**Start of vertical auto-calibration**

Header: Flash:Vertical:Autocal:Start

Type: Executing-type command

Action: Start self-calibration of Sampler 1

**Start of horizontal auto-calibration**

Header: Flash:TB:Calibr:Autocal

Type: Execution

Action: Starts self-calibration of timebase

**Get the autocalibration status query**

Header: Flash:Calibr:AutocalResult?

Type: Integer

Action: Command is ignored, and query returns an integer:

-1	Autocalibration in progress.
0	Autocalibration finished OK.
5	Autocalibration failed.

There are the following additional results for vertical auto-calibration.

101...115      There are signals on separate inputs, auto-calibration is interrupted.  
For normal auto calibration, disconnect the signals from the following channels:

101	CH1;
102	CH2;
103	CH1 & CH2;

104	CH3;
105	CH1 & CH3;
106	CH2 & CH3;
107	CH1 & CH2 & CH3;
108	CH4;
109	CH1 & CH4;
110	CH2 & CH4;
111	CH1 & CH2 & CH4;
112	CH3 & CH4;
113	CH1 & CH3 & CH4;
114	CH2 & CH3 & CH4;
115	CH1 & CH2 & CH3 & CH4.

## 4.17.2 Periodic Autocalibration

### When to Begin Autocalibration

Header: Util:CalibrWhen

Type: On/off-group

Items: PowerOn, Period, Temperat

Action: PowerOn - autocalibration begins on the next Power On  
 Period - autocalibration begins periodically after the specified interval  
 Temperat - autocalibration begins when deviation of temperature inside the instrument exceeds the specified value

Note :Periodic autocalibration must be turned off when GUI is in RemoteOnly or Invisible state. See [GUI command](#).

### Autocalibration Period

Header: Util:CalPeriod

Type: Float

Argument: 0.5 to 16 hours

Action: Sets the autocalibration period in hours

### Temperature Deviation

Header: Util:TempChange

Type: Float

Argument: 0.5 to 10 °C  
Action: Sets the temperature deviation for autocalibration

**Get the Temperature of the Instrument Query**

Header: `Calibr:Temperature?`  
Type: Float  
Argument: None  
Forms: Query only  
Action: Returns the temperature inside the device in degrees Celsius

### 4.17.3 Balancing the channels manually

**Balancing channels 1 and 2 manually**

Header: `Flash:Sampler:Ch1:FullBW:Balance`  
`Flash:Sampler:Ch1:NarrowBW:Balance`  
`Flash:Sampler:Ch2:FullBW:Balance`  
`Flash:Sampler:Ch2:NarrowBW:Balance`  
Type: Float  
Arguments: -0.5 to 0.5  
Action: Query or set the balance value in volts for the specified channel

**Balancing channels 3 and 4 manually (PicoScope 9341 only)**

Header: `Flash:Smp1r2:Ch3:FullBW:Balance`  
`Flash:Smp1r2:Ch3:NarrowBW:Balance`  
`Flash:Smp1r2:Ch4:FullBW:Balance`  
`Flash:Smp1r2:Ch4:NarrowBW:Balance`  
Type: Float  
Arguments: -0.5 to 0.5  
Action: Query or set the balance value in volts for the specified channel of Sampler 2

## 4.18 Waveforms commands

This group of commands is designed for receiving acquired waveforms from the oscilloscope.

**Waveform Source**

Header: `Wfm:Source`  
Type: Selector  
Arguments: Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4, F1, F2, F3, F4, M1, M2, M3, M4

Action: Sets the signal to be received

### **Spectrum Format**

Header: Wfm:Complex

Type: Selector

Arguments: Mod, Ph, Re, Im

Action: Selects the received component of the complex signal. Used for spectrum data.

### **Get Waveform Data**

Header: Wfm:Data?

Type: Data

Argument: None

Forms: Query only

Action: Returns a text string with values of all points of the signal (comma-separated)

### **Get Number of Points in the Waveform**

Header: Wfm:Preamb:Poin?

Type: Data

Argument: None

Forms: Query only

Action: Returns the number of points in the signal

### **Get X-Axis Step**

Header: Wfm:Preamb:XInc?

Type: Data

Argument: None

Forms: Query only

Action: Returns the increment on the X-axis for one signal point

### **Get X-Axis Origin**

Header: Wfm:Preamb:XOrg?

Type: Data

Argument: None

Forms: Query only

Action: Returns the X-axis value for the first signal point

**Get X-Axis Unit**

Header: Wfm:Preamb:XU?

Type: Data

Argument: None

Forms: Query only

Action: Returns the X-axis physical units

**Get Y-Axis Unit**

Header: Wfm:Preamb:YU?

Type: Data

Argument: None

Forms: Query only

Action: Returns the Y-axis physical units

## 4.19 Zoom commands

### 4.19.1 Common commands for zoom

**Creation of new zoom zone**

Header: Zooms:AddZone

Type: Execution

Action: Creates first or next Zoom zone.

Note: Maximum number of zoom zones: 4

**Deletion of all Zoom zones**

Header: Zooms:DelAllZones

Type: Execution

Action: Deletes all current zoom zones

**Main Graticule size**

Header: Zooms:MainSignalZone

Type: Selector

Arguments: msz\_1\_2, msz\_1\_4, msz0ff

Action: Sets the size of the main graticule as ½ of display height, ¼ of display height or erases the main graticule.

#### Display Mode for two Zoom zones

Header: Zooms:Display

Type: Selector

Arguments: Combine, Separate

Action: Sets mode of two Zoom zone displays: Combine - on the single zoom-graticule, and Separate - on the different zoom graticules.

## 4.19.2 Commands for defined zoom zone

Parameter <Zoom\_n> in Zoom Commands signifies Zoom Zones  
(<Zoom\_n> is: Zoom1, Zoom2, Zoom3, Zoom4)

Mnemonic <src> in some Zoom Commands signifies Source  
(<src> is: Ch1, Ch1B2, Ch2, Ch2B2, F1, F2, F3, F4, M1, M2, M3, M4)

#### Deleting zone

Header: <Zoom\_n>:DelZone

Type: Execution

Action: Deletes specified zoom zone. If the removed zoom zone was not the last, then the zones behind it occupy the vacated position.

#### Horizontal Zoom Factor

Header: <Zoom\_n>:HorFactor

Type: Float

Argument: 1 to 2000

Action: Sets the horizontal zoom factor for the specified zoom zone.

#### Horizontal Zoom Position

Header: <Zoom\_n>:HorPosition

Type: Float-type command

Argument: 1 to 100

Action: Sets the horizontal position, %

#### Vertical Zoom Source

Header: <Zoom\_n>:Source

Type: Selector-type command

Arguments: Ch1, Ch2, Ch3, Ch4, F1, F2, F3, F4, M1, M2, M3, M4

Action: Sets the vertical zoom menu signal

### **Vertical Zoom Factor**

Header: <Zoom\_n>:<src>:VertFactor

Type: Float

Argument: 0.01 to 100

Action: Sets the vertical zoom factor for specified signal in specified zoom zone.

### **Vertical Zoom Position**

Header: <Zoom\_n>:<src>:VertPosition

Type: Float

Argument: -8 to 8

Action: Sets the vertical position for specified signal in specified zoom zone, divisions

## 4.20 Calibrator commands

### Calibrator Mode

Header: `InOut:Calibr:Wfm`

Type: Selector

Arguments: `Off`, `DC`, `Mndr1k`, `Freq`

Action: Sets mode of calibrator output: `Off`, DC level, meander 1 kHz, meander with custom frequency.

### DC Mode Voltage

Header: `InOut:Calibr:Voltage`

Type: Float

Argument: `-1` to `1`

Action: Sets the calibrator voltage in DC mode, in volts

### Meander Voltage Mode

Header: `InOut:Calibr:Mode`

Type: Selector

Arguments: `AmplOffset`, `HighLow`

Action: Selects the method of specifying the amplitude parameters of the meander.

### Amplitude of Meander

Header: `InOut:Calibr:Amplitude`

Type: Float

Argument: `0.01` to `2`

Action: Sets the amplitude of meander, in volts

### Offset of Meander

Header: `InOut:Calibr:Offset`

Type: Float

Argument: `-0.7` to `0.7`

Action: Sets the offset of meander, in volts

### High Level of Meander

Header: `InOut:Calibr:HighLvl`

Type: Float

Argument: -0.99 to 1

Action: Sets the high level of meander, in volts

#### **Low Level of Meander**

Header: `InOut:Calibr:LowLvl`

Type: Float-type command

Argument: -1 to 0.99

Action: Sets the low level of meander, in volts

#### **Period of Meander**

Header: `InOut:Calibr:Period`

Type: Float

Argument:  $2e-6$  to 0.0655

Action: Sets the period of meander, in seconds

#### **Frequency of Meander**

Header: `InOut:Calibr:Frequency`

Type: Float

Argument: 15.266 to  $5e5$

Action: Sets the frequency of meander, Hz

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