

M600 Resistance Decade Boxes

user manual



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1. Introduction

Programmable Decade boxes M641, M642, M631 & M632 are suitable for automated simulation of different resistance sensors (temperature, pressure, position, force, etc). Internal design eliminates "zero resistance effect" which is typical for most resistance decades boxes.

Resistance value is created via appropriate combination of physical resistors. Decade boxes are equipped with built-in function of direct simulation of most frequent temperature Pt and Ni sensors. Low thermal voltage relays and stable resistors are used as main parts of the RTD simulators. Actual set values are displayed on high resolution TFT display. M641, M642, M631 & M632 are sophisticated instruments with its own re-calibration procedure. The procedure enables to correct any deviation in resistance without any mechanical adjustment.

These instruments are especially suitable for automatic testing procedures. RS232 line (optionally IEEE488, USB and Ethernet bus) is used for connecting decade boxes to the computer.

1.1. Front panel overview

Main control segments of the decade boxes are:



Figure 1 Front panel

- 1. Output terminals Four wire output terminals. Measuring (evaluation) circuit can be connected by 2, 3 or 4 wires. Both sides (red and grey) are floating up to 500Vpk against the case (PE).
- 2. Display More in chapter 1.1.1. Display in detail
- 3. Softkeys There are four keys next to the display with variable function. The functions of these keys change during operation (depends on selected function and actual display mode).
- 4. OPER (operate key) OPER key connects / disconnects selected value to the output terminals. Connected output terminals are indicated by the lit LED in the key.
- 5. SHORT (short key) Active SHORT key (LED in the key is ON) replaces the main value with the short circuit. Also the short circuit must be connected to the output terminals by the OPER key.
- 6. Numeric keyboard The keyboard allows the entry of numeric values on the display. ENTER button is used to confirm the selection. CANCEL button can be used to cancel the entry. EXP button is for adding exponents to number (for example 1E3 1000). BSKP button is backspace.
- 7. Ground terminal Central ground terminal (protective earth) connected to the metal case of the instrument. It is recommended to connect it to the "grey" output terminals if connected meter is not grounded.
- Cursor keys Using these keys, the cursor can be controlled within allowed limits on the display. The keyboard includes two buttons (◄, ►) which allow the cursor to be moved to the left or right. When a list is displayed, (◄, ►) buttons skip through pages. Buttons (▲, ▼) allow the user to increase or decrease the number at the cursor position or move across items in a list.

1.1.1. Display in detail

Display is divided into several sections with following meaning:

				6
	RESISTANCE		17:22:51	Function
	2	► F RST		
	3 100	0.000	Ω	Settings
4	Output Open			Preset
5	Max. Voltage Max. Current	0.065 % 22.4 V 224 mA		Menu

Figure 2 Display

- 1. Information line Selected function and time
- Auxiliary parameters This section displays auxiliary parameters of actually selected function: Temperature standard (PT385, PT3916, ...) Switching mode (FAST, VIA OPEN, ...) R0 resistance
- 3. Main value Main value of selected function with the unit.
- 4. Output state Displays resistance value connected to the output terminals.
- Additional information: Specification - Specification of the main value. Maximum voltage - Maximum allowed voltage for the main value. Maximum current - Maximum allowed current for the main value.
- 6. Softkeys There are four keys next to the display with variable function. The functions of these keys change during operation (depends on selected function and actual display mode).

Colors on display

Common rules are used for applied color of labels and values.

- **Blue color** parameters or values, which can be set-up or modified directly from front panel keyboard or via Main menu.
- **Black color** fix values, labels, notes, parameters which cannot be modified and for other fix text with general information purpose.

Meaning of softkeys is shown on the right side of display. If there is no description next to the softkey, the softkey is not active in selected function.

1.2. Rear panel overview

There is located power line entry module with power line fuse, power line voltage selector 115/230V and power line switch. On the bottom side interface connectors RS-232 and optionally LAN, USB and IEEE488 on the rear panel.



Figure 3 Rear panel

- 1. Power cord module with power switch, fuse holder and 115/230 V voltage selector
- 2. RS-232 connector
- 3. LAN, USB, GPIB IEEE-488 connector for remote control

1.3. Options and accessories

Every M600 series Decade box delivery includes following items:

- USB stick with user manual	1 pc
- Test report	1 pc
- Power cable	1 pc

Every Resistance Decade box can be ordered with integrated options – see ordering codes listed below. Integrated options can be fitted only by manufacturer and certified service providers. Order example: M632-V2000 – M632 with RS232, LAN, USB, IEEE488

Ordering codes		
Bus	M6xx-V1xxx – RS232 M6xx-V2xxx – RS232, USB, LAN, GPIB	
Range (M642 only)	M642-Vx0xx – default range M642-Vx2xx – extended 22MΩ range	

Table 1 Ordering codes

M600 series Decade boxes can be fitted with RACK M adapter (3HE). Rack adapter is detachable providing extra flexibility.



Figure 4 RACK M adapter

Note: M600 series used to be available in -Vxx1x rack panel version. This version is no longer available as the rack panel was non-detachable (unlike the rack adapter above).

1.4. Remote control

Decade boxes can be integrated into automated calibration systems (ATS) and generally controlled from remote computer via following remote control interfaces:

- RS232
- USB
- GPIB (IEEE488)
- LAN

When controlled remotely, maximum ratings of decade's boxes output signals as well as all other specifications are the same as in manual mode.

Meatest software package WinQbase + Caliber is recommended for best automation results. This system is designed for automated and semi automated calibrations of digital and analogue meters including uncertainty calculation, result evaluation and certificate printing according to ISO 17025 standard.

1.4.1. Connection setup

Only one interface can be used for communication at any given time. Default active interface is RS232, other interfaces can be selected in MENU->Interface->Active bus. To establish connection between the decade boxes and computer, set interface settings in your computer accordingly:

RS232 and USB connection settings

- COM port see available COM ports in Windows Device Manager
- Baudrate USB according to MENU > Interface > USB Baudrate (9600 by default)
- Baudrate RS232 according to MENU->Interface->RS232 Baudrate (9600 by default)
- Data bits 8
- Stop bits 1
- Parity None
- Handshake (XON/XOFF) Off

GPIB connection settings

- GPIB Address according to MENU->Interface->GPIB Address (2 by default)

LAN connection settings

DHCP service discovery is active by default and is recommended for easiest connection. If you prefer to use fixed IP address or change any other default settings, go to MENU->Interface->LAN Settings.

LAN communication uses Telnet/TCP/UDP protocol. Default log-in for client is "M631 / M632 / M641 / M642_SNxxxxx 23", where "xxxxx" stands for serial number and 23 is default communication port (22 for TCP and UDP protocol).

1.4.2. SCPI commands and protocol

See M63x and M64x SCPI manual for complete SCPI reference, more details on communication setup and troubleshooting.

2. Getting started

Inspect package contents when unboxing the decade box for the first time. See chapter 1.3 for complete list of accessories.

Place the instrument on a level surface before powering on and let it stabilize for at least one hour if the instrument has been stored outside of reference temperatures beforehand.

2.1. Safety precautions

The instrument has been designed according to IEC 61010-1:2011 + A1. Safety is ensured by design and by use of specific components. The manufacturer is not liable for the damage caused by modification of the construction or replacement of parts with non-original ones.

Safety symbols used on the equipment:



To prevent possible electrical shock or personal injury:

- Read carefully safety information before you use the Product.
- Do not alter the Product and use only as specified, or the protection supplied by the Product can be compromised.
- Do not use the Product if it is altered or damaged.
- Use this Product indoors only.
- Use power cord approved for local mains voltage and plug configuration and rated for the Product.
- Keep hands away from all Product terminals and exposed metal cable parts during operation. High voltage on those may be cause death or serious injury.

2.2. Power on and warm-up

Every decade box must be powered by 230/115 V. Before connecting the instrument to the mains, check the position of the mains voltage selector located on the rear panel. Set appropriate voltage selector position either 115 V or 230 V.

Plug one end of the power cord into connector on the rear panel and connect the other end of the power cord into a wall outlet. Turn the calibrator on with mains switch right next to it. You should see following splash screen on display.



Figure 5 Starting Screen

Decade box then performs internal hardware checks for app. 5 seconds and then starts in Startup state (called Preset). Startup preset can be customized however, the instrument will always start with OPEN terminals.

Warm-up

Specified parameters are guaranteed 10 minutes after switching on and stabilizing it in reference conditions for all decade boxes.

2.3. Signal output

Decade box output can be turned on by pushing OPER button. Pressing OPER button again turns output off. Output turns off automatically on decade box startup and function switch. Output state is indicated by LED light in OPER button.

Short circuit

Short circuit" is simulated after pressing SHORT key. Active SHORT key (LED in the key is ON) replaces the main value with the short circuit. Also the short circuit must be connected to the output terminals by the OPER key.

2.4. What to do in case of failure

If an obvious failure occurs during the operation (e.g. the display is not lit, the fan is not turning), the decade box must be switched off immediately. First, check the fuse located in the power cord receptacle. Procedure is following:

- Remove the end of power cord from the mains connector at the rear panel.
- Insert the blade of a flat screwdriver into the opening cut in the mains voltage selector and pry out the fuse holder.
- Remove the fuse. Replace it with new fuse of the same rating if the fuse was broken.
- Replace the fuse holder, reconnect the power cord and switch on the decade box. If the problem persists, contact the manufacturer.

If an obvious fault is evidenced, e.g. a measurement range or an operating mode is not functional, the user cannot correct the fault. Contact the manufacturer.

Hidden faults can cause different symptoms and be caused by different causes. Usually, they cause instability of some parameter. Hidden defects can be caused by unacceptable distortion, degraded insulation etc. In this case contact the manufacturer.

Sometimes it seems that the decade box has hidden defect, when the rules for correct operation are not adhered to. In this case, the fault is caused by the operator. Most frequent cases of false "hidden defects":

- mains voltage out of tolerance limits or unstable
- wrong grounding of the measurement circuit (bad connection of the ground terminal of the mains outlet, or several ground connections when grounding loops are formed)
- proximity to sources of intensive influence, whose products are spread through the mains or propagated by the electromagnetic field
- strong electrostatic or electromagnetic field which can cause major instability during calibration using higher impedance.

3. Menu reference

3.1. Main menu

Main menu is displayed after pressing "Menu" softkey. In main menu you can set all the parameters available.

MENU Information about device	•
i Information Device	-
 ↔ System ← Interface 	Select
olo ⊕Calibration	Exit

Figure 6 Main menu

Required menu item is highlighted using cursor keys \blacktriangle, \lor or display softkeys. Highlighted menu is selected by pressing <u>SELECT</u> key or "Select" softkey. Only editable items can be selected.

3.1.1. Information

Information submenu contains general device data which cannot be modified by the user:

ManufacturerModelSerial number	Device identification
Software versionHardware version	Device configuration

3.1.2. Device

Device submenu is divided according to calibrator functions that gives access to additional function related settings:

Temperature unit - Ten (Celsius), °F (Fahrenh	mperature functions can be expressed in different units. Available units are °C eit) and K (Kelvin).
Switching	Item defines the way how resistance value is changed. R1 is changed to value R2 in the time interval T. Resistance connected to the output terminals can have different values during the time interval T.
	FAST - Fastest possible switching method. T is typically 400us. Resistance during T is undefined. It can be higher or lower than R1 (R2).
	change. T is typically 1ms.
	VIA OPEN - 2 steps switching method. R1 is switched to OPEN and then to R2. T is typically 1ms.
	VIA SHORT - 2 steps switching method. R1 is switched to SHORT and then to R2. T is typically 1ms. SHORT value is lower than min (R1, R2).

Platinum standard	Platinum thermometers simulations.	
	PT385 (68) - DIN, standard EN60751, temperature scale IPTS68	
	(A=3.90802e-3, B=-5.80195e-7, C=-4.2735e-12)	
	PT385 (90) - DIN, standard EN60751, temperature scale ITS90	
	(A=3.9083e-3, B=-5.775e-7, C=-4.18301e-12)	
	PT3916 - Pt3916 temperature curve	
	(A=3.9692e-3, B=-5.8495e-7, C=-4.2325e-12)	
	PT3926 - Pt3926 temperature curve	
	(A=3.9848e-3, B=-5.870e-7, C=-4.0e-12)	
	PT User - custom temperature curve, see "Platinum user coefficients" item	
	below	
Platinum user coefficients - This menu permits A, B and C coefficients definition of the PT User platinum standard (see above).		
Timings – See chapter 4.2.1.		

User function curve – See chapter 4.2.2.

3.1.3. System

System submenu contains basic parameters of display and keyboard.

- Language
- Backlight
- Beeper volume
- Keyboard beep
- Time
- Show on display
- Date
 - o Format

Language version of user interface [0 - 100] [0-100] [On/Off] System time in HH:MM:SS format [On/Off] System date in selected format Date format [M/D/Y, M-D-Y, D/M/Y, D.M.Y, D-M-Y, Y/M/D, Y.M.D]

3.1.4. Interface

Interface submenu contains remote control parameters:

Menu item	Range / format	Default value	
Active bus	RS232/GPIB/USB/LAN	RS232	
RS232 Baudrate	1200 - 115200	9600	
GPIB Address	0 - 31	2	
USB Baudrate	1200 - 115200	9600	
LAN Settings			
> DHCP	On/Off	On	
> IP Address	IPv4 format; locked with DHCP On	192.168.001.100	
> Subnet mask	IPv4 format; locked with DHCP On	255.255.255.000	
> Default gateway	IPv4 format; locked with DHCP On	255.255.255.255	
> Telnet port number	0 – 9999	23	
> TCP port number	0 – 9999	22	
> UDP port number	0 – 9999	22	
> Host name	14 alphanumeric characters; locked with DHCP Off	M642_SN686921	
> Assigned IP address	IPv4 format; current IP address of the device		

3.1.5. Calibration

See chapter 6. for detailed information.

3.2. Parameter settings (settings menu)

Settings menu is displayed after pressing "Settings" softkey in main function window. It won't appear in editing mode so when in editing mode you have to press "Cancel" first.

PLATINUM	12:30:12	
• Settings		
Amplitude transition		-
Switching	FAST	
Temperature unit		
Platinum user coefficients	F1303 (00)	Edit
		Exit

Figure 7 Settings menu

In settings menu you can edit all available auxiliary parameters of the current function. These settings are discarded on restart so if you'd like to save them for your next calibration session, use the "Preset" feature.

3.3. Preset menu

Preset menu is displayed after pressing "Preset" softkey in main function window. It won't appear in editing mode so when in editing mode you have to press "Cancel" first.

PRESETS			Saue
Preset	Function	Date	5672
00 Startup	Resistance	01.01.2012	
01			Load
02			
04			Clear
05	0.000	100000	cicai
06			
U7	•	(-	Exit

Figure 8 Preset menu

Presets contain all settings that normally disappear on restart. This includes function parameters for all functions (see previous chapter), selected function and the main value. Presets doesn't contain system, interface or calibration data as well as output state, short state, timing tables and user function tables. Up to 100 presets can be stored including a special "Startup" preset which is loaded on every device startup. Preset can be selected using cursor keys where \blacktriangleleft , \triangleright skip through pages.

Save – Save current device settings to selected preset. Preset name can be edited before final saving.

Load – Load selected preset and return to function window defined by the preset.

Clear – Set selected preset to default factory setup.

Exit – Return to main function window.

4. Calibration examples

4.1. Wires connection

Output resistance is available on R output terminals. Available is 2, 3 and 4-wire connection. Both sides (red and grey) are floating up to 500Vpk against the case (PE).

Ground terminal is connected to the metal case and to the protective earth (PE).

4.2. Setting the function

Function can be changed after pressing "Function" softkey. New function is selected using cursor keys \blacktriangle , \blacktriangledown or display softkeys. Selection must be confirmed by pressing SELECT key or "OK" softkey.

Device supports following functions: Resistance, Platinum, Nickel, User function and Timing.

Platinum and Nickle is for setting temperature of simulated thermometer.



Figure 9 Functions

4.2.1. User function

Offers simulation of conversion curve defined by a table. User can define more conversion curves. Values between defined points are linearly interpolated.

USER FUN	ICTION	06:31:37	Function
▼ CURVE1	▼ FAST		
1	6.0000	X	Settings
Output	Open		Preset
Specification	2.32 mX		
Max. Voltage	2.00 V		Menu
Max. Current	. 125 mA		neno

Figure 10 User function screen

Function is defined by table of user values and corresponding resistance values. This table is called "Curve" and is editable. Maximum number of tables is 64 with each table having up to 100 values. Tables can be defined via remote control as well. Manual table setup can be done in Menu \rightarrow Device \rightarrow User function curve:

USER FUNCTION	Edit
Curve	
CURVE1	
CURVE2	Clear
CURVE3	
CURVE4	
CURVES	
CURVEG	
CURVE?	
•	Exit

Figure 11 User function list

Menu shows a list of all previously defined tables (curves). Curve names can be customized. Softkeys on the right hand side of the panel have these functions:

Edit – edit selected curve. Table can be selected using cursor keys where \triangleleft , \triangleright skip through pages.

Clear – clear all curve data and set it to default (plain) state. Message prompt will appear before final curve clearance.

Exit – close the curve list and return previous menu.

Creating a new table

Pressing the *Edit* softkey upon plain curve opens this submenu:

USER FUNCTION	A <-> a
Curve name ĈURVE2 Unit - Lookup table	
	Cancel



Curve name – table name is set using \blacktriangle , \blacktriangledown (character selection) and \blacktriangleleft , \blacktriangleright (position) cursor keys. Name may be 8 characters long at most. Softkey "A <-> a" switches between uppercase and lowercase of selected character. Table name has to be set before proceeding to the next step using SELECT key.

Unit – user function unit abbreviation is set in the same way as table name only it can be just up to two characters long. Unit abbreviation has to be set before proceeding to the next step using the $\frac{\text{SELECT}}{\text{key}}$.

Lookup table – a place where you define user function using values in Ω . Table must contain at least two "user function value $\rightarrow \Omega$ value" points so that a slope of the function can be calculated. Range in user function mode is given by actual resistance range of the simulator. Browsing through the table is done by \blacktriangle , \blacktriangledown cursor keys. Editing is done using these contextual softkeys:

Add – create a new point.

Equation	
Value	ĵ.000000E+00
Resistance	1.0000000 🔉

Figure 13 User function point editing

Value – user function value in user units. Press the SELECT key to proceed.

Resistance – corresponding Ω value. Range is given by the actual resistance range of the simulator.

Edit – show the "Equation" panel for selected point to allow editing.

Delete – delete selected point.

Cancel – deactivate the Lookup Table and allow for curve saving.

 $\mathbf{Save}-\mathbf{closes}$ the table and saves current settings.

Cancel – closes the table and <u>does not</u> save current settings.

Editing an existing table

Existing table can be edited in the same way as it can be created. Editable entries (Curve name, Unit, Lookup table points) are selected using the **SELECT** key.

USER FUNCTION		Add
Curve name CURVE2	Unit X	
Lookup table		Edit
1) 1.000000E+00	1.0000000 9	
2J1.00000E+01	200.00000 %	Delete
		Cancel

Figure 14 User function edit

4.2.2. Timing

Offers simulation of time-varying resistance defined by a table. User can define more time curves.

TIMING	07:12:38 Functi	on
▼ FAST		
TIME1		gs
Output Open	Prese	et
Specification		
nax. voitage () Max. Current A	Menu	J

Figure 15 Timing screen

Sequence is defined by table of time intervals and corresponding resistance values, all of which can be edited. Maximum number of tables is 64 with each table having up to 100 time intervals. Sequence is started by pressing OPER button or sending OUTP ON command via remote control. Final state of every sequence is OPEN. Manual table setup can be done in Menu \rightarrow Device \rightarrow Timings:

TIMINGS	Edit
Sequence	
TIME1	
TIME2	Clear
TIME3	
TIME4	
TIMES	
TIME6	
TIME?	
•	Exit

Figure 16 Time sequence list

Menu shows a list of all sequences. Softkeys on the right hand side of the panel have these functions:

Edit – edit selected sequence. Sequence can be selected using cursor keys where \blacktriangleleft , \blacktriangleright skip through pages.

Clear – clear all sequence data and set it to default (plain) state. Message prompt will appear before final clearance of the sequence.

Exit – close the sequence list and return previous menu.

Creating a new table

Pressing the *Edit* softkey upon plain sequence opens this submenu:



Figure 17 New sequence

Preset name – table name is set using \blacktriangle , \blacktriangledown (character selection) and \blacktriangleleft , \triangleright (position) cursor keys. Name may be 8 characters long at most. Softkey "A <-> a" switches between uppercase and lowercase of selected character. Table name has to be set before proceeding to the next step using SELECT key.

Timing table – a list of values in Ω and their durations in seconds. Browsing through the table is done by \blacktriangle , \triangledown cursor keys. Editing is done using these softkeys:

Add – create a new point.

Timing edit	
Duration	0.020 s
Resistance	100.00000 R

Figure 18 Timing sequence point editing

Duration – duration of selected resistance (from 2 ms to 10 000 s). Press the **SELECT** key to proceed.

Resistance – corresponding Ω value. Range is given by the actual resistance range of the simulator.

Edit – show the "Timing edit" panel for selected point to allow editing.

Delete – delete selected point.

Cancel – deactivate the Lookup Table and allow for curve saving.

Save – closes the table and saves current settings.

Cancel – closes the table and <u>does not</u> save current settings.

Editing an existing table

Existing table can be edited in the same way as it can be created. Editable entries (Preset name, Timing table points) are selected using the <u>SELECT</u> key.

TIMINGS		Add
	Sequence name TIME2]
Timing table		Edit
1) 0.020 s	100.00000 א	
2) 0.005 s	200.00000 R	
3) 0.100 s	300.00000 A	Delete
4) 0.050 s	400.00000 R	
		Cancel

Figure 19 Timing sequence edit

4.3. Setting the value of output signal

Edit mode

Parameters of output signal can be changed in Edit mode. Only parameters displayed in blue color can be changed. Display can be switched to edit mode in different ways:

- Pressing numeric button
- Pressing SELECT key
- Pressing cursor button

In edit mode is edited value highlighted by blue background. Pressing the **SELECT** key you can change among editable (blue) parameters. Edit mode is finished by pressing CANCEL key.

Entry of the value using numeric keyboard

Use the numeric keyboard to set the desired value. After the first digit is entered, input box is displayed. In the upper row of the input box is the name of edited parameter. Using softkeys you can enter the new value in different units.



Figure 20 Numeric value entry

- Enter desired value.
- After the entry is complete press softkey with requested unit or press ENTER key. ENTER key inputs the value in basic units (Ω , °C, ...).
- Instrument sets the new value.
- The value is copied to the appropriate field in the screen and the input box disappears.

Entry of the value using cursor keys

- Press \blacktriangleleft , \triangleright , \blacktriangle or \blacktriangledown key. The display now includes cursor marks which points to the active digit.
- ▲, ▼ keys can be used to change the value. ◄, ► keys can be used to change the position of active digit.
- To get to the default screen, press CANCEL key.

Note: All parameters have limits (high and low). If the entered value is outside these limits warning message is displayed ("Value too high (low)") and new value is not accepted.

5. Performance verification

Specifications of these Decade boxes are defined for 1 year period so it should be periodically tested (and adjusted if necessary) within the same period of time. If you don't have the necessary equipment or can't do the calibration on your own, please ask local Meatest representative to help you calibrate these devices.

Parameter verification procedure is described in the chapter 5.3. Verification procedure is based on measuring resistance on the simulator output terminals with standard multimeter in recommended points.

5.1. Required equipment

Ohmmeter nominal accuracy 0.001% in range 1 Ω to 1.2 M Ω (type Fluke 8508A or similar)

5.2. RTD simulator setting

Switch RTD simulator to the resistance function. Connect standard multimeter to the simulator output terminals. Use four-wire connection technique.

5.3. Verification procedure

Use following procedure to perform parameter verification test:

- 1. Switch both instruments on and let them for 1 hour stabilize in the laboratory with ambient temperature 23 ± 3 °C. Connect simulator terminals 4W to the standard ohm-meter (multimeter).
- 2. Case of the simulator should be grounded or connected to the Lo terminal of multimeter.
- 3. Check resistance value in points according to your Decade box version.

Maximum absolute deviations M631

Nominal value	Deviation
16 Ω	2.2 mΩ
20 Ω	2.4 mΩ
50 Ω	3.0 mΩ
100 Ω	4.0 mΩ
200 Ω	6.0 mΩ
500 Ω	15 mΩ
1 kΩ	30 mΩ
2 kΩ	100 mΩ
5 kΩ	750 mΩ
10 kΩ	1.5 Ω
20 kΩ	6.0 Ω
50 kΩ	50 Ω
100 kΩ	100 Ω
200 kΩ	800 Ω
400 kΩ	1.6 kΩ

Nominal value	Deviation
19 Ω	25 mΩ
36 Ω	33 mΩ
70 Ω	50 mΩ
140 Ω	85 mΩ
250 Ω	50 mΩ
500 Ω	100 mΩ
1 kΩ	200 mΩ
2 kΩ	400 mΩ
4 kΩ	800 mΩ
8 kΩ	1.6 Ω
16 kΩ	8 Ω
30 kΩ	15 Ω
60 kΩ	60 Ω
120 kΩ	600 Ω
250 kΩ	1250 Ω

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Table 3 M641 test points

Nominal value	Deviation
1Ω	2.0 mΩ
2 Ω	2.0 mΩ
5 Ω	2.1 mΩ
10 Ω	2.2 mΩ
16 Ω	2.2 mΩ
20 Ω	2.4 mΩ
50 Ω	3.0 mΩ
100 Ω	4.0 mΩ
200 Ω	6.0 mΩ
500 Ω	15 mΩ
1 kΩ	30 mΩ
2 kΩ	60 mΩ
5 kΩ	150 mΩ
10 kΩ	300 mΩ
20 kΩ	600 mΩ
50 kΩ	1.5 Ω
100 kΩ	3.0 Ω
200 kΩ	6.0 Ω
400 kΩ	20 Ω
500 kΩ	25 Ω
1 ΜΩ	50 Ω
1.2 ΜΩ	60 Ω

Maximum absolute deviations M632

Maximum absolute deviations M642

Nominal value	Deviation
180 mΩ	15 mΩ
300 mΩ	15 mΩ
700 mΩ	15 mΩ
1.3 Ω	16 mΩ
2.5 Ω	16 mΩ
5.0 Ω	18 mΩ
9.5 Ω	20 mΩ
19 Ω	25 mΩ
36 Ω	33 mΩ
70 Ω	50 mΩ
140 Ω	85 mΩ
250 Ω	50 mΩ
500 Ω	100 mΩ
1 kΩ	200 mΩ
2 kΩ	400 mΩ
4 kΩ	800 mΩ
8 kΩ	1.6 Ω
16 kΩ	3.2 Ω
40 kΩ	8 Ω
80 kΩ	16 Ω
150 kΩ	30 Ω
300 kΩ	60 Ω
700 kΩ	140 Ω
1.5 MΩ	300 Ω
3 MΩ	1.5 kΩ
6 MΩ	3 kΩ

Table 4 M632 test points

Table 5 M642 test points

6. Adjustment

Adjustment is done through MENU > Calibration > Resistance standards. This menu item is password protected, default factory set calibration code is "2".

MENU	
Adjust the decade calibration data	
 Information Device 	
System	ОК
2	Cancel

Figure 21 Password entry

In this mode resistance elements of the RTD simulators can be recalibrated.

Return to standard mode is possible after pushing the key ESC

Change password

MENU > Calibration > Change password. In this menu you can change the password of the calibration mode.

6.1. Calibration mode

Recalibration procedure consists of measuring of 24 basic resistance values and entering their actually measured data. Calibration point can be changes using display softkeys "Previous" and "Next". Calibration value of selected resistance can be change using cursor keys $\blacktriangle, \bigtriangledown, \triangleleft, \blacklozenge$.

Process of calibration consists of measuring partial resistances and writing their actual values into the RTD simulator:

- Set the first calibration point (resistance element). Use display softkeys "Previous" and "Next" to select the element.
- Measure resistance of the selected element. Use ohm-meter with appropriate accuracy in 4-wire connection mode.

CALIBRATION		F	revious
Resistance 5 × 24			
Nominal resistance	464 Ω	_	Next
Requested accuracy	6 mΩ		
Last calibrated	01.01.20	12	Save
101 000			
464.082	200 !	2	Close

Figure 22 Calibration point screen

- Using cursor keys ▲, ▼, ◀, ► adjust resistance value in M631 / M632 / M641 / M642 according to the ohm meter.
- Confirm new calibration value by pressing "Save" softkey.
- Repeat above described procedure for all resistance elements.

6.2. List of calibration points

Following table describes nominal values of calibration points and requested recalibration accuracy:

Standard	Nominal value	Requested Accuracy	
RI	30.5 Ω	l mΩ	
R2	60.4 Ω	1 mΩ	
R3	120 Ω	2 mΩ	
R4	237 Ω	3 mΩ	
R5	464 Ω	6 mΩ	
R6	909 Ω	15 mΩ	
R7	1.78 kΩ	30 mΩ	
R8	3.48 kΩ	100 mΩ	
R9	6.87 kΩ	250 mΩ	
R10	13.5 kΩ	500 mΩ	
RII	26.6 kΩ	1Ω	
R12	52.2 kΩ	5 Ω	
R13	103 kΩ	10 Ω	
R14	202 kΩ	20 Ω	
R15	396 kΩ	40 Ω	
R16	778 kΩ	80 Ω	
R17	1.54 MΩ	200 Ω	
R18	3.03 MΩ	400 Ω	
R19	6.0 MΩ	1 kΩ	
R20	12 ΜΩ	5 kΩ	
R21	23 MΩ	50 kΩ	
R22	48 MΩ	200 kΩ	
R23	100 MΩ	500 kΩ	
R24	200 MΩ	1 ΜΩ	

6.2.1. Calibration points M631

6.2.2. Calibration points M641

Standard	Nominal value	Requested Accuracy
RI	20 Ω	l mΩ
R2	38.8 Ω	l mΩ
R3	75.6 Ω	2 mΩ
R4	148 Ω	$3\mathrm{m}\Omega$
R5	287 Ω	6 mΩ
R6	570 Ω	15 mΩ
R7	1.13 kΩ	30 mΩ
R8	2.23 kΩ	100 mΩ
R9	4.4 Ω	250 mΩ
R10	8.7 kΩ	500 mΩ
R11	17 kΩ	1Ω
R12	33.3 kΩ	5 Ω
R13	66 kΩ	10 Ω
R14	130 kΩ	20 Ω
R15	258 kΩ	40 Ω
R16	506 kΩ	80 Ω
R17	1 ΜΩ	200 Ω
R18	2 MΩ	400 Ω
R19	3.99 MΩ	1 kΩ
R20	7.8 MΩ	5 kΩ
R21	15 ΜΩ	50 kΩ
R22	30 MΩ	200 kΩ
R23	60 MΩ	500 kΩ
R24	120 MΩ	1 MΩ

Table 7 M641 calibration points

Table 6 M631 calibration points

Standard	Nominal value	Requested Accuracy
RI	1.95 Ω	1 mΩ
R2	3.88 Ω	l mΩ
R3	7.73 Ω	l mΩ
R4	15.4 Ω	l mΩ
R5	30.5 Ω	l mΩ
R6	60.4 Ω	l mΩ
R7	120 Ω	2 mΩ
R8	237 Ω	3 mΩ
R9	464 Ω	6 mΩ
R10	909 Ω	15 mΩ
R11	1.78 kΩ	30 mΩ
R12	3.48 kΩ	100 mΩ
R13	6.87 kΩ	250 mΩ
R14	13.5 kΩ	500 mΩ
R15	26.6 kΩ	1Ω
R16	52.2 kΩ	5 Ω
R17	103 kΩ	10 Ω
R18	202 kΩ	20 Ω
R19	396 kΩ	40 Ω
R20	778 kΩ	80 Ω
R21	1.54 MΩ	200 Ω
R22	3.03 MΩ	400 Ω
R23	6.0 MΩ	1 kΩ
R24	12 MΩ	5 kΩ
R25	23 MΩ	50 kΩ
R26	48 MΩ	200 kΩ
R27	100 MΩ	500 kΩ
R28	200 MΩ	1 MΩ
R29	2.09 kΩ	40 mΩ
R30	4.14 kΩ	80 mΩ
R31	8.18 kΩ	100 mΩ
R32	16.1 kΩ	200 mΩ
R33	34.3 kΩ	500 mΩ
R34	75.3 kΩ	1Ω
R35	150 kΩ	4 Ω
R36	301 kΩ	10 Ω
R37	602 kΩ	20 Ω

Table 8 M632 calibration points

6.2.3. Calibration points M632 6.2.4. Calibration points M642

Standard	Nominal value	Requested Accuracy
RI	0.17 Ω	l mΩ
R2	0.35 Ω	l mΩ
R3	0.7 Ω	l mΩ
R4	1.37 Ω	l mΩ
R5	2.66 Ω	l mΩ
R6	5.15 Ω	l mΩ
R7	10.2 Ω	l mΩ
R8	20 Ω	l mΩ
R9	38.8 Ω	l mΩ
R10	75.6 Ω	2 mΩ
RII	148 Ω	3 mΩ
R12	287 Ω	6 mΩ
R13	570 Ω	15 mΩ
R14	1.13 kΩ	30 mΩ
R15	2.23 kΩ	100 mΩ
R16	4.4 kΩ	250 mΩ
R17	8.7 kΩ	500 mΩ
R18	17 kΩ	1Ω
R19	33.3 kΩ	5 Ω
R20	66 kΩ	10 Ω
R21	130 kΩ	20 Ω
R22	258 kΩ	40 Ω
R23	506 kΩ	80 Ω
R24	1 ΜΩ	200 Ω
R25	2 ΜΩ	400 Ω
R26	3.99 MΩ	1 kΩ
R27	7.8 MΩ	5 kΩ
R28	15 ΜΩ	50 kΩ
R29	30 MΩ	200 kΩ
R30	60 MΩ	500 kΩ
R31	120 MΩ	1 MΩ
R32	3.55 kΩ	80 mΩ
R33	7.39 kΩ	100 mΩ
R34	16.4 kΩ	200 mΩ
R35	33.8 kΩ	500 mΩ
R36	72.2 kΩ	1Ω
R37	147 kΩ	4 Ω
R38	300 kΩ	10 Ω
R39	600 kΩ	20 Ω
R40	1.23 MΩ	40 Ω
R41	2.48 MΩ	80 Ω
R42	5 ΜΩ	160 Ω
R43	10 ΜΩ	320 Ω

Table 9 M632 calibration points

7. Maintenance

This chapter explains how to perform the routine maintenance to keep your device in optimal operating conditions.

7.1. Fuse replacement

M600 decade boxes have user-replaceable fuse, located on rear panel. Replace the fuses as follows:

- 1. Switch the calibrator off and disconnect power cord from it
- 2. Locate the fuse to be replaced: Mains fuse is in fuse/voltage selector case next to mains connector.
- 3. Use flat screwdriver to open voltage selector cover to get to the fuse holder.
- 4. Remove the fuse, check if it's blown and replace it with new fuse of the same rating if needed.

7.2. External surface cleaning

To keep the device in mint condition, clean the case and front panel keys using a soft cloth slightly dampened with either water or a non-abrasive mild cleaning solution that is not harmful to plastics.

7.3. Error messages

The following table lists an overview of error codes that you might come across.

Error	Message
-100	"Command error"
-101	"Invalid character"
-102	"Syntax error"
-103	"Invalid separator"
-104	"Data type error"
-105	"GET not allowed"
-108	"Parameter not allowed"
-109	"Missing parameter"
-112	"Program mnemonic too long"
-113	"Undefined header"
-114	"Header suffix out of range"
-120	"Numeric data error"
-121	"Invalid character in number"
-130	"Suffix error"
-141	"Invalid character data"
-144	"Character data too long"
-151	"Invalid string data"
-161	"Invalid block data"
-203	"Command protected"
-220	"Parameter error"
-222	"Data out of range"
-283	"Illegal variable name"
-350	"Queue overflow"
-400	"Query error"
-410	"Query INTERRUPTED"
-420	"Query UNTERMINATED"
-430	"Query DEADLOCKED"
-440	"Query UNTERMINATED after indefinite response"
514	"Command not allowed with GPIB"

Table 10 Error code overview

8. Specifications

Specified accuracy is valid after 10 minutes warm up in temperature range 23 ± 3 °C. Uncertainties include long-term stability, temperature coefficient, linearity, load and line regulation and traceability of factory to National calibration standards. Accuracies assigned in % are related to the set value. Specified accuracy is one-year accuracy.

Pt sensor temperature simulation:	-200.000 °C - 850.000 °C (-328 °F - 1562 °F)		
Ni sensor temperature simulation:	-60.000 °C - 300.000 °C (-76 °F - 572 °F)		
Type of temperature sensors:	Pt100 - Pt1000, Ni100 - Ni1000		
Pt temperature standards:	IEC 751 (1,3850 for IPTS (A=3.90802e-3, B=-5.80195e-7, C=-4.2735e-12)	\$68)	
	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	\$90) -12)	
Ni temperature standards:	$\begin{array}{c} \text{DIN} & 43760 \\ \text{(A=5.485e-3, B=6.65e-6, C=2.805e-11, D=-2e-17)} \end{array} $	80)	
Maximal power	0.25 W (M631 & M632) 5 W (M641 & M642)		
Maximum current:	0.5 A		
Maximum voltage:	200 Vpk		
Reaction time *: Terminals:	6 ms instrument terminals diameter 4mm, gold plated		
Interface:	RS232 (optionally IEEE488, USB, Ethernet)		
Power supply:	115/230 Vac, 45 - 65 Hz		
Maximum power consumption:	15 VA		
Power coefficient:	above 1W is 50 % of the stated specification per W ($_{1}$ = $M(41, 8, M(42))$		
	(0019 M1641 & M1642)		
Reference temperature:	20 °C - 26 °C		
Working temperature:	5 °C - 40 °C		
Storing temperature:	-10 °C - 50 °C		
Temperature coefficient:	10 % of specifications per °C outside T_{ref}		
Relative humidity:	< 80 %		
Dimensions:	W 390 mm, H 128 mm, D 310 mm		
Weight:	4 kg		
Languages:	English, German, French, Spanish, Russian, Czech		

Isolation resistance between output terminals and housing: $> 2 \text{ G}\Omega \text{ (at 500V DC)}$

*Reaction time means time interval between setting up value from front panel or receiving command from remote control bus and settling set-up value on output terminals. Value is valid for FAST switching mode.

M631 Resistance accuracy

Range & resolution	Accuracy
16.000 0 Ω – 20.000 0 Ω	0.002 % + 2 mΩ
20.001 Ω - 200.000 Ω	0.002 % + 2 mΩ
200.01 Ω - 1000.00 Ω	0.003 %
1000.1 Ω – 3000.0 Ω	0.005 %
3001 Ω - 10000 Ω	0.015 %
10.01 kΩ – 30.00 kΩ	0.03 %
30.1 kΩ – 100.0 kΩ	0.1 %
101 kΩ - 400 kΩ	0.4%

M641 Resistance accuracy

Range & resolution	Accuracy
10.000 0 Ω - 20.000 0 Ω	0.05 % + 15 mΩ
20.001 Ω - 200.000 Ω	0.05 % + 15 mΩ
200.01 Ω - 1000.00 Ω	0.02 %
1.000 1 kΩ - 3.000 0 kΩ	0.02 %
3.001 kΩ – 10.000 kΩ	0.02 %
10.01 kΩ – 30.00 kΩ	0.05 %
30.1 kΩ - 100.0 kΩ	0.1 %
101 kΩ – 300 kΩ	0.5 %

M632 Resistance accuracy

Range & resolution	Accuracy
1.000 00 Ω - 2.000 00 Ω	0.002 % + 2 mΩ
2.000 1 Ω - 20.000 0 Ω	0.002 % + 2 mΩ
20.001 Ω - 200.000 Ω	0.002 % + 2 mΩ
200.01 Ω - 2000.00 Ω	0.003 %
2.000 l kΩ - 20.000 0 kΩ	0.003 %
20.001 kΩ - 200.000 kΩ	0.003 %
200.01 kΩ - 1200.00 kΩ	0.005 %

M642 Resistance accuracy

Range & resolution	Accuracy
100.000 mΩ – 200.000 mΩ	0.05 % + 15 mΩ
0.200 01 Ω - 2.00000 Ω	0.05 % + 15 mΩ
2.000 1 Ω - 20.0000 Ω	0.05 % + 15 mΩ
20.001 Ω - 200.000 Ω	0.05 % + 15 mΩ
200.01 Ω - 2 000.00 Ω	0.02 %
2.0001 kΩ – 20.0000 kΩ	0.02 %
20.001 kΩ - 200.000 kΩ	0.02 %
0.20001 ΜΩ – 2.00000 ΜΩ	0.02 %
2.0001 ΜΩ – 20.0000 ΜΩ	0.05 %
20.01 MΩ – 21.00 MΩ ^{*1}	0.1 %
21.01 MΩ – 22.00 MΩ ¹	0.2 %

1. Extended 22 MΩ range available only in -Vx2xx versio

M63x Typical frequency response

AC/DC					M631						
difference	۱Ω	10 Ω	100 Ω	1 kΩ	10 kΩ	100 kΩ	16 Ω	100 Ω	1 kΩ	10 kΩ	100 kΩ
100 Hz	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.05 %	0.50 %	5.00 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.03 %	0.30 %	3.00 %
1 kHz	0.02 %	0.01 %	0.05 %	0.50 %	5.00 %	-	0.01 %	0.03 %	0.30 %	3.00 %	-
10 kHz	0.20 %	0.04 %	0.50 %	5.00 %	-	-	0.04 %	0.30 %	3.00 %	-	-

M64x Typical frequency response

AC/DC	M642								M641			
difference	100 mΩ	۱Ω	10 Ω	100 Ω	1 kΩ	10 kΩ	100 kΩ	16 Ω	100 Ω	1 kΩ	10 kΩ	100 kΩ
100 Hz	0.05 %	0.02 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.06 %	0.60 %	6.00 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.04 %	0.40 %	4.00 %
1 kHz	0.20 %	0.10 %	0.02 %	0.01 %	0.60 %	6.00 %	-	0.01 %	0.05 %	0.40 %	4.00 %	-
10 kHz	5.00 %	0.50 %	0.10 %	0.60 %	6.00 %	-	-	0.05 %	0.50 %	4.00 %	-	-

M631 Typical thermal emf

Range & resolution	Thermal emf
16.000 0 Ω- 2000.0 Ω	<1 uV
2.000 l kΩ - 30.00 kΩ	<10 uV

M632 Typical thermal emf

Range & resolution	Thermal emf
1.000 00 Ω- 50.000 kΩ	<1 uV

M63x Pt simulation accuracy

Temperature	M6	32	Me	531
Range & resolution	Pt10 - Pt99	Pt100 - Pt20000	Pt100 - Pt500	Pt501 - Pt1000
-200.000 - 0.000 °C	0.05 °C	0.01 °C	0.01 °C	0.01 °C
0.001 – 200.000 °C	0.06 °C	0.015 °C	0.015 °C	0.02 °C
200.001 - 500.000 °C	0.08 °C	0.03 °C	0.03 °C	0.04 °C
500.001 - 850.000 °C	0.1 °C	0.04 °C	0.04 °C	0.1 °C

M63x Ni simulation accuracy

Temperature	M6	32	M631		
Range & resolution	Ni10 - Ni99	Ni100 - Ni20000	Ni100 - Ni500	Ni10 - Ni1000	
-60.000 – 0.000 °C	0.05 °C	0.01 °C	0.01 °C	0.01 °C	
0.001 - 300.000 °C	0.05 °C	0.01 °C	0.01 °C	0.02 °C	

M64x Pt simulation accuracy

Temperature	M642		M641
Range & resolution	Pt10 - Pt99	Pt100 - Pt20000	Pt100 - Pt1000
-200.000 - 0.000 °C	0.5 °C	0.15 °C	0.15 °C
-0.001 – 850.000 °C	1.0 °C	0.2 °C	

M64x Ni simulation accuracy

Temperature	M6	42	M641
Range & resolution	Ni10 - Ni99	Ni100 - Ni20000	Ni10 - Ni1000
-60.000 – 300.000 °C	0.4 °C	0.1 °C	0.1 °C

Short and Open simulation

For M641 & M642

"SHORT" rresistance is lower than 40 m Ω . Maximum allowed current is 500 mA.

"OPEN" resistance is higher than 10 GQ. Maximum allowed voltage is 200 Vpk.

For M631 & M632

"SHORT" resistance is lower than 60 mΩ. Maximum allowed current is 500 mA.

"OPEN" resistance is higher than 1 G Ω . Maximum allowed voltage is 200 Vpk.

Note: All resistance values are absolute, ie. not relative to SHORT position. Short and Open positions are intended for functional checking of tested instrument only.

9. Revisions

9.1. Change 1 (10. 05. 2023)

- New detachable RACK M adapter in chapter 1.3.

9.2. Change 2 (02. 08. 2023)

- Specifications changes in chapter 8.

9.3. Change 3 (16. 05. 2023)

- Added chapter about Typical thermal emf in chapter 8.

CE Declaration of conformity

According to EN ISO/IEC 17050-1:2010 standard as well as 2014/30/EU and 2014/35/EU directives of European Parliament and European Council, MEATEST, spol. s r. o., manufacturer of Programmable Decade boxes M641, M642, M631 & M632, based in Železná 3, 619 00 Brno, Czech Republic, declares that its product conforms to following specifications:

LVD

- EN 61010-1 ed. 2:2010 + A1:2016 + COR1:2019-03

EMC

- EN 61000 part 3-2 ed. 5:2019
- EN 61000 part 3-3 ed. 3:2014
- EN 61000 part 4-2 ed. 2:2009
- EN 61000 part 4-3 ed. 3:2006 +A1:2008+A2:2011+Z1:2010
- EN 61000 part 4-4 ed. 3:2013
- EN 61000 part 4-5 ed. 3:2015 + A1:2018
- EN 61000 part 4-6 ed. 4:2014
- EN 61000 part 4-11 ed. 2:2005
- EN 61326-1 ed. 3:2020
- EN 55011 ed. 4:2015 + A1:2016 + A11:2020

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- EN IEC 63000:2018

WEEE

- EN 50419:2022

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