



# AA 5001 PROGRAMMABLE DISTORTION ANALYZER



# **REFERENCE GUIDE**

#### AA 5001 - Operating Instructions

AC input and output connections are available on both the front panel and the rear interface. DC signals, corresponding to the displayed reading, are available through the rear interface. At power-up, the instrument performs a self-test and assumes front panel settings. For more detailed information on functions and specifications, see the Operating Instructions in the AA 5001 Instruction manual. Also refer to the warning and caution statements in the Instruction manual.



Fig. 1-1. AA 5001 front panel controls.

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### **Description of Controls** (1) INPUT RANGE

Selects input voltage range or AUTORANGE. The three most sensitive ranges operate in the LEVEL FUNCTION only. (The AA 5001 goes to AUTORANGE when in a remote state.)

## 6) Release Latch



(7)LEVEL

Button in selects input level measuring function.



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8) VOLTS

Button in selects voltage units for level function.

9 )dBm 600 ohms

Button in selects dBm units for level function. 0dB reference is 0.7746V corresponding to 1 mW into 600 ohms.

(10) dB RATIO

Button in selects dB ratio, with respect to preset level, as units for level function.

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# 11 PUSH TO SET 0 dB REF

Push button to set display to 0 with input signal applied to INPUT terminals in LEVEL function. dB RA-TIO and LEVEL pushbuttons must be in for this feature to operate.

# 12 REAR INTFC-INPUT

Button in selects rear interface input; button out selects front panel input.

# 13 RESPONSE

Button in gives RMS detection (responds to the rms value of the input waveform). Button out gives average detection or quasi-peak detection (option 02 instruments) both are rms calibrated for sinewaves.

# 14 THD+N

Button in selects total harmonic distortion function.

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Button in selects intermodulation distortion function.

# 16 AUTO RANGE

Button in selects automatic distortion range selection (0.2% to 100% full scale). (The AA 5001 goes to AUTORANGE when in a remote state.)

# (17) 20 %

Button in selects full scale distortion readout of 20% with 0.01% resolution.

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# (18)2%

Button in selects full scale distortion readout of 2% with 0.001% resolution.



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# Button in selects full scale distortion readout of 0.2% with 0.0001% resolution.

(20) dB

Selects single equivalent 0 dB to -100 dB distortion display range with 0.1 dB resolution.

## (21) 400 Hz HI PASS

Button in connects filter before detector circuit in all functions.

22 80 kHz LO PASS

Button in connects filter before detector circuit in all functions.

# 23 AUDIO BANDPASS

Button in connects filter before detector circuit in all functions.

## (24) 'A' WEIGHTING (CCIR WEIGHTING In Option 02 Instruments)

Button in connects filter before detector circuit in all functions.

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## 25 EXT FILTER

Button in allows connection of external filter between FUNCTION OUTPUT and AUXILIARY INPUT in all functions.

## (26) INPUT MONITOR

Provides a buffered sample of the input signal.

## (27) FUNCTION OUTPUT

Provides a sample of the selected FUNCTION signal additionally processed by selected filters.

## 28 AUXILIARY INPUT

Provides input to the detector circuit when the EXT FILTER button is pressed.

## (29) Ground

Provides front panel chassis ground connection.

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## SECTION 2 PROGRAMMING

#### Introduction

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This section contains information for programming the TEKTRONIX AA 5001 Distortion Analyzer. All instrument functions are programmable via high level commands sent over a general purpose bus (GPIB), as specified in the IEEE Standard 488-1978. The IEEE interface function subsets that apply to the AA 5001 are listed in Table 2-1.

# Table 2-1 IEEE 488 INTERFACE FUNCTION SUBSETS

Function	Subset
Source Handshake	SH1
Acceptor Handshake	AH1
Basic Talker	T6
Basic Listener	L4
Service Request	SR1
Remote-Local Function	RL1
Parallel Poll	PP0
Device Clear	DC1
Device Trigger	DT1
Controller Function	CO
Electrical Interface	E2

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The AA 5001 responds to query commands when in either the local or remote state. The AA 5001 responds to all other listed commands only when in the remote state.

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Figure 2-1 is an abbreviated listing of the AA 5001 commands and their relationship to the front-panel controls, nomenclature, and internal parameters.



Fig. 2-1a. Instrument commands and relationship to front panel controls.



Fig. 2-1b. Instrument commands and relationship to front panel controls.

	General	
Counts	OPc ON	Points <num></num>
Counts?	OPc OFF OPc?	Points?
DUs ON	OVer ON	RQs ON
DUs OFF	OVer OFF	RQs OFF
DUs?	OVer?	RQs?
ERRMsg	Help	SENd
ERR?		SET?
EVent?	ID?	
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FPset		TOI <num> TOI?</num>
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Fig. 2-1c. Instrument commands and relationship to front panel controls.

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# **GPIB Address and Terminator Setting**

Both the GPIB primary address and message terminator are set from the rear panel. The address may be set to any number from 0 to 31. Address 31 effectively removes the AA 5001 from the bus. Address changes are recognized only at power-up initialization. The message terminator may be set to EOI and LF (ASCII line feed ) or EOI ONLY. The AA 5001 is shipped with the address set to decimal 28 and with the message terminator set to EOI ONLY.

Refer to the AA 5001 Instruction manual for additional information.

## **Command Format**

Each command consists of a header, usually followed by an alpha or numeric argument.

Examples:

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All commands except query commands should be sent with a space between header and argument. Additional formatting characters (CR, LF, and SP) may be added between the space and the argument. Query commands must be sent without a space between the header and question mark character.

### **Argument Format**

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The AA 5001 accepts the following kinds of numbers for numeric arguments:

- Signed or unsigned integers, including zero. Unsigned integers are interpreted to be positive. Examples: +1, 2, -1, -10.
- Signed or unsigned decimal numbers. Unsigned decimals are interpreted to be positive. Examples: -3.2, +5.0, 1.2.
- Numbers expressed in scientific notation. Examples: +1.0E-2, -1.0E-2, 0.01E+0.

The AA 5001 sends an integer followed by a decimal point (may be in scientific notation) for data and many query responses.

Alpha arguments must be sent as listed in the command list.

#### Delimiters

The following message delimiters are used to punctuate commands to the AA 5001:

Delimiter	Placement
<space></space>	After header (except query commands)
<comma></comma>	Between multiple arguments
<semi-colon></semi-colon>	After message unit (command)

### Table 2-2 COMMAND LIST

#### NOTE

Brackets [] indicate the enclosed item is optional, and carets <> indicate a defined element. Capitalized letters are the required characters; the lower case letters may also be used.

### Instrument Commands

Counts <num> Counts? DUs [ON] DUs OFf DUs? ERRMsg? ERRor? EVent? [Fliters] BPass [Filters] EXternal [Filters] FLat [Filters] HPass [Filters] Lpass Filters OFf [Filters] Wtg Filters? FPset

### Table 2-2 (cont)

[FUnction] DBm [FUnction] IMDDb [FUnction] IMDPct [FUnction] THDDb [FUnction] THDPct [FUnction] Volts FUnction? HElp? IDentify? INit OPc [ON] OPc OFf OPc? OVer [ON] OVer OFf OVer? Points <num> Points? [REsponse] AVG (standard instrument only) [REsponse] AVE (standard instrument only) [REsponse] RMs [REsponse] Opk (Option 2 only) REsponse? ROs [ON] ROs OFf RQs? SENd SETtinas? TEst? TOlerance <num> TOlerance?

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### Table 2-3 AA 5001 COMMANDS AND DESCRIPTIONS [] = Optional, <> = Defined

ERRor?(cont)

EVent?

[Fliters]

BPass

FLat

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Lpass

OFf

Wtg

BPass?

FLat?

EXternal

Header	Argument	Description	
Counts	<num></num>	Sets the settling algo- rithm window in units of display counts.	
Counts?		Returns the COUNTS setting.	
DUs?	(ON) OFf	The DUS command tells the SEND com- mand to delay sending a measurement until settling has occurred. Refer to the description for the SEND command.	
DUs?		Returns DUS ON or DUS OFF.	
ERRMsg?		Has the same action as the ERROR? query but includes a brief descrip- tion string in the query response.	
ERRor?		Returns an event code and a brief description of the event. If RQS is ON, the code indicates the most recent event.	

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### Table 2-3 (cont)

The event code is then reset to 0. If RQS is OFF, the code indicates the highest priority event that has occurred.

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Each individual command enables the specified filter. FLAT and OFF disable all the filters. NOTE: "A" WEIGHTING is used on the standard instrument only. "CCIR" WEIGHTING is used on Option 2 only. For the setting command, multiple arguments separated by commas are allowed. The arguments are processed from left to right, that is the last argument prevails.

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## Table 2-3 (cont)

#### [FILTERS](cont)

The FILTERS heading may be omitted for all arguments except OFF unless multiple arguments are used. If the FILTERS heading is omitted, the arguments ON or OFF may be optionally used. If not used, ON is assumed. BP, LP, and WTG are all mutually exclusive.

Returns a list of the filters that are enabled.

Sets the AA 5001 to the front panel settings even though it is under remote control. This is useful for allowing manually set input level and distortion ranges, as these are otherwise autoranged when in the remote state.

Any other setting command made subsequently will defeat FPset.

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### Table 2-3 (cont)

#### [FUnction] DBm IMDDb IMDPct THDDb THDPct Volts

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DBM selects level measurement in decibels relative to 0.775 Volts. **IMDDB** selects intermodulation distortion measurements in decibels. **IMDPCT** selects intermodulation distortion measurements in percent. THDDB selects total harmonic distortion measurements in decibels. THDPCT selects total harmonic distortion measurements in percent. **VOLTS** selects level measurement in rms volts. NOTE: DB RATIO is not programmable. References other than 0.775 volts (dBm), if needed, should be calculated by the

Returns the type of measurement selected. The FUnc header is not returned.

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## Filters?

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	HElp?		Returns a list of all valid commands headers.		OPc?		Returns OPC ON or OPC OFF.		
	IDentify?		Returns "ID TEK/AA5001,		OVer	[ON] OFf	Controls the asserting of SRQ for display		
			V81.1,Fx.y;" (standard instruments only) or "ID TEK/AA5001,				overange, insufficient level, excessive input level, and unsettled conditions.		
	nong on the Annual Press	\$	V81.1,Fx.y, "OPTION 2" only). Fx.y identifies the firmware version number.				These conditions are checked only when a measurement is at-		
	INit		Initializes the instru- ment settings to the fol-				tempted (see SEND command).		
			lowing: VOLTS		OVer?		Returns OVER ON or OVER OFF.		
	under de la constant		RMS FLAT DUS ON POINTS 3 TOLERANCE 2.0		Points	<num></num>	Sets the number of sample points, 2 through 6, that must be within the settling algo- rithm's tolerance win-		
140 140	(A) A (Martin Constraints)		COUNTS 2.0 OPC OFF				dow for settling to occur.	н .	
			OVER OFF RQS ON		Points?		Returns the POINTS setting.		
	OPc	[ON] OFf	Controls the asserting of SRQ when a mea- surement is completed. When OPC is ON and a measurement com-		[REsponse]	(std instr only) AVG (std instr only)	option 2) or rms	·	
	- - -		pletes, SRQ is asserted until the status is read via a serial poll or until cleared by RQS OFF or			RMs Qpk (opt 2 only)			
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	2-3 (cont)	1	Table 2-3 (cont)	
H RQs I RQs? SENd	Returns the RE- SPONSE setting. When RQS is ON, en- ables service request interrupt. When RQS is OFF, disables service request interrupt. The ERROR? query can be used while RQS is OFF to see if any SRQ type conditions have occurred. SRQ will be asserted for any previously unre- ported SRQ event when RQS is turned ON after being OFF. Returns RQS ON or RQS OFF. Returns a measure- ment. If the DUS is OFF the most recent display update is re- turned. Any display reading may be re- turned only once. If DUS is ON, the mea- surement must be set- tled before it is	SENd(cont) SETtings? TEst?	Iable 2-3 (cont)         six (6) seconds, an average of the last two (2) seconds (6 display updates) is returned and if the OVER is ON, an unsettled SRQ is generated.         Returns a string list of the current settings of the instrument.         Causes execution of the ROM test and returns TEST 0 if the test passes, or TEST 394 if the test fails.         um>       Sets the tolerance window in percent of the reading for the settling algorithm.         Returns the TOLER-ANCE setting.	
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## SETTLING ALGORITHM

This Algorithm delays a measurement from being sent until settling has occurred. The Settling Algorithm is enabled by using the DUS ON command. A settled AA 5001 measurement is obtained by using the SEND command to return a measurement with the Settling Algorithm previously enabled.

The AA 5001 is considered settled when a series of measurement points (display updates) are within a specified tolerance of each other. The tolerance window is plus or minus the sum of the values set by the TOLERANCE command (in percent of reading from 0 to 100) and the COUNTS command (in display counts from 0 to 2000). The POINTS command sets the number of measurement points (from 2 to 6) that must be within the tolerance window for settling to occur. In general, specifying as wide of a tolerance window and as few points as the accuracy of the measurement needed allows, will cause the instrument to return a valid measurement with a minimum of delay.

The measurement returned is the most recent measurement point taken at the time settling occurs.

If settling does not occur within approximately six (6) seconds after the SEND command is received, the AA 5001 returns the average of it's last six (6) measurement points (approximately 2 seconds, in duration). Additionally, if the OVER is ON, an unsettled SRQ is generated, alerting the controller that averaging has occurred.

### Sending Interface Control Messages

Bus communications are performed through use of controller input and output statements. Commands are transmitted in ASCII by TEKTRONIX 4041 and 4050-Series controllers using PRINT statements; IN-PUT statements are used to return data from the AA 5001. The AA 5001 GPIB address is factory set to decimal address 28; message terminator to EOI ONLY.

PRINT @25:"SET?" INPUT @25:A\$

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Interface control messages are sent to the AA 5001 using WBYTE statements (4050-Series controllers). In the following examples, A and B are the AA 5001 listen and talk addresses. A = AA 5001 primary address + 32; B = address + 64.

Listen (MLA)	WBYTE	@ A:
Unlisten (UNL)	WBYTE	@ 63:
Talk (MTA)	WBYTE	@ B:
Untalk (UNT)	WBYTE	@ 95:
	WBYTE	
Selected Device Clear (SDC)	WBYTE	@ A,4:
	WBYTE	
Remote With Lockout (RWLS)	WBYTE	@ A,17:
Local With Lockout (LWLS)	WBYTE	@ 17:
Group Execute Trigger (GET)	WBYTE	@ A,8:
	WBYTE	
Serial Poll Disable (SPD)	WBYTE	@ 25:

Refer to the 4041 and 4050-Series controller manuals for information on using RBYTE statements.



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### **Power-up Settings**

When powered up, the AA 5001 performs a diagnostic self-test. If no internal errors are detected, the instrument enters the Local State (LOCS) and asserts SRQ. It assumes the front panel settings and the following:

DUS ON
POINTS 3
<b>TOLERANCE 2.0</b>
COUNTS 2.0
OPC OFF
OVER OFF
RQS ON

If an internal error is found during self test, a front panel error is displayed. See the AA 5001 Instruction manual for front panel error display power-up self tests.

#### **Talker Listener Programs**

Refer to the AA 5001 Instruction Manual for additional Talker/Listener program information.

#### NOTE

The double asterisks shown in the 4052A and 4041 program code lines indicate a line wraparound and are not part of the program coding.

#### 4052A Controller Program

The following program allows a user to send any AA 5001 commands from the controller to the instrument and return data from the AA 5001 to the controller. The program includes an SRQ handler.

540 INIT 550 DIM Aa response\$ (300), Aa\_command\$ \*\* (100), Addr list (15) 560 Aa pri addr=28 570 1 580 CALL \*config\*,Config\_code;Addr list 590 IF Config code THEN PRINT \*Configuration routine failed due -600 \* \* to problem on GPIB." 610 STOP 620 END IF 630 1 640 ON SRQ THEN 790 650 1 660 PRINT "AA 5001 TALKER/LISTENER PROGRAM" 670 ! 680 PRINT "Enter command message: "; 690 INPUT As command\$ 700 PRINT @Aa pri addr : Aa command\$ 710 INPUT @Aa pri addr :Aa response\$ 720 PRINT Aa response\$ 730 GO TO 680 740 END 750 ! 760 ! Serial poll routine 770 LOCAL Aa report\$ 780 DIM Aa report\$ (80) 790 POLL Addr list index, Spoll stat; Addr list 800 IF Addr list (Adr list indx )=Aa pri addr

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The following program allows a user to send any AA 5001 command from the controller to the instrument and return data from the AA 5001 to the controller. The program includes an SRQ handler.

	550	Dim respons\$ to 300,command\$ to
,	* *	100,aastrem\$ to 20
	560	Integer aa pa,spollsta,spolladd,aa
	* *	port
	570	Aa_pa=28
ł	580	As_port=0
ļ –	590	1
	600	Aastrem\$="gpib"&str\$ (aa_ port )&" (pri=
	* *	"&str\$(aa_pa)&"):"
•	610	Open #100:aastrem\$
2	620	Select aastrem\$
	630	On srq then call pollbus
	640	Enable srg
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	660	Tik lisn: input prompt "Enter command
	* *	message; ":command\$
	670	Input #100 prompt command\$:respons\$
	680	Print respons\$ ! AA 5001 returns blank
t	* *	line if not queried in command\$
	690	Goto tlk lisn
	700	End ! Main
	800	Sub pollbus local report\$

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- 810 ! PURPOSE:
- 820 ! Handles gpib service requests. Polls
  \*\* all primary addresses until
  830 ! source of srq is found. If srq from
  \*\* instrument at AA 5001 primary
  840 ! address, routine queries id and error
  \*\* message.
  850 !
- 860 ! LOCAL VARIABLE:
- 870 ! Report \$: Id and event report from \*\* instrument at as pa if it has srq.
- 880 !
- 890 Dim report\$ to 80
- 900 Poll spollsta, spolladd
- 910 If spolladd≖aa pa then input #100 \*\* prompt \*id?errmsg?\*:report\$
- 920 Print report\$, "STATUS=";spollsta,
- \*\* "ADDRESS=";spolladd,"PORT=";val
- \*\* (aastrem\$)
- 930 Resume

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940 End ! Sub pollbus

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# SECTION 3 ERROR CODES

### Status Reporting

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Through the Service Request function (defined in the IEEE-488 Standard), the instrument may alert the controller that it requires service. This service request is also a means of indicating that an event (a change in status or an error) has occurred. To service a request, the controller performs a Serial Poll. In response, the instrument returns a Status Byte (STB), which indicates whether it was requesting service or not. The STB can also provide a limited amount of information about the request. The format of the information encoded in the STB is given in Fig. 3-1. Note that, when data bit 8 is set, the STB conveys Device Status information, which is contained in bits 1 through 4.

Because the STB conveys limited information about an event, the events are divided into classes; the Status Byte reports the class. The instrument can provide additional information about many of the events, particularly the errors reported in the Status Byte. After determining that the instrument requested service (by examining the STB), the controller may request the additional information by sending an ERR query (ERR?). In response, the instrument returns a code that defines the event. These codes are described in Table 3-1.

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If there is more than one event to be reported, the instrument continues to assert SRQ until it reports all events. (SRQ "stacking" consists of reporting only the latest event of each priority level.) Each event is automatically cleared when it is reported via Serial Poll. The Device Clear (DCL) interface message may be used to clear all events except Power-On.

Commands are provided to control the reporting of some individual events and to disable all service requests. For example, the OPERATION COMPLETE command (OPC) provides individual control over the reporting of a completed measurement. The Request for Service command (RQS) controls whether the instrument reports any events with SRQ.

RQS OFF inhibits all SRQ's. When RQS is OFF, the ERR query allows the controller to find out about events without first performing a Serial Poll. With RQS OFF, the controller may send the ERR query at any time and the instrument will return an event waiting to be reported. The controller can clear all events by sending the ERR query until a zero (0) code is returned, or clear all events except Power-Up through the DCL interface message.

With ROS OFF, the controller may perform a Serial Poll, but the Status Byte contains only Device Dependent Status information.

With RQS ON, the STB contains the class of the event; a subsequent error query returns additional information about the previous event reported in the STB.



#### Error Codes

The error codes for the AA 5001 are classified in two groups: normal condition and abnormal condition codes. When the instrument reports error (event) codes, the power-up condition code is reported first, then abnormal condition codes, and last, normal condition codes. The order in which events in each group are reported depends upon the state of the Service Request (RQS) interrupt. If RQS is on, the first event reported is the most recent event; if RQS is off, the first event is the highest priority event. Table 3-1 lists all AA 5001 event codes, event descriptions, error query responses, serial poll and responses. The list is divided into classes; these classes are defined as follows:

**Command Errors**—Indicate receipt of a command the instrument cannot understand.

**Execution Errors**—Indicate the instrument has received a command that it cannot execute.

Internal Errors—Indicate detection of a hardware error.

**Execution Warnings**—Indicate that the instrument is operating, but the user should be aware of potential problems.

System Events—Indicate an event that is common to instruments in a system; for example, power-up, user request, etc.

Device Dependent Events—Indicate a device dependent event.

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Table 3-1ERROR QUERY ANDSTATUS INFORMATION		
Event	ERROR Query Response	
Abnormal Conditions	)	
ommand Errors		
Command header error	101	
Header delimiter error	102	
Command argument error	103	
Argument delimiter error	104	
Missing argument	106	
Invalid message unit delimiter	107	
ecution Errors		
Command not executable in local i	mode 201	
Returned to local, new pending se	Hinda	
lost	202	
I/O buffers full, output dumped	202	
Argument out of range	203	
Group execute trigger ignored	205	
ernal Errors		
Interrupt fault	301	
System error	302	
Math pack error	302	

Event	ERROR Query Response
Normal Condition	ons
System Events	·
Power-up	401
Operation complete	402
Execution Warning	
Display overrange	601
Device Dependent Events	
Insufficient input level	701
Excessive input level	703
Unsettled	704
No Errors or Events	0
With data not ready	128 or 144
With data ready	

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#### NOTE

The 4050-Series controller POLL command re-turns 0 for serial poll responses above 128; the serial poll responses above 128 can only be ob-tained by using WBYTE/RBYTE statements.

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If 0, STB indicates event class If 0, STB indicates device class 3-6 7 \_\_\_\_\_ 1 if requesting service 1 indicates an abnormal event 1 if message processor is busy Fig. 3-1. Definition of STB bits. **Define Events** ٣ ~~~ DATA BITS DECIMAL ł ١ ١ ì 5 4 3 2 1 6 7 Bit 5 Bit 5 STATUS BYTE (Example) 8 DECIMAL WEIGHT Normal Conditions: 2 1 not asserted asserted 128 64 32 16 8 4 0 0 0 1 65 81 Ð Power-up ø 1 x 0 1 0 x 0 0 1 0 66 82 Operation complete 0 1 0 x 0 1 0 0 68 84 **Display overrange** 144 128 No events 1 0 0 x 0 0 0 0 **Device Dependent Events:** 209 193 Insufficient input level 1 0 x 0 0 0 1 1 211 1 1 0 x 0 0 1 1 195 **Excessive input level** 1 1 0 x 0 1 0 0 196 212 Unsettled Abnormal Conditions: x 0 1 97 113 0 1 1 0 0 Command errors 0 1 1 x 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 x 0 0 1 1 98 114 Execution errors internal errors 99 115 (4598-07)4597-06

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