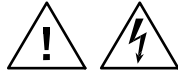


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Manual
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1 Introduction

This manual is intended for the system administrator of the MX45-3Pi-CTSH and MX45-3Pi-CTSL compliance test systems. Several aspects of the CTSMXH/L software operation can be set using the configuration module. This includes IEC test limits, modes of operation, feature selection etc. These settings are password protected to ensure that no changes by unauthorized personnel are made. As a system administrator however, you have the option of changing any aspect of the MXCTS configuration.

Note that doing so may invalidate the compliance to existing IEC test standards. The MXCTS system is shipped with all parameters set to comply with prevailing IEC standards at the time of shipment. Making changes to any of these password-protected features is done solely at your own risk.

The following aspects of the CTSMXH/L software operation can be changed using the Ctsmxml_config.exe or the Ctsmxh_config.exe program:

- EN/IEC Harmonics Limits for class A, B, C and D. - (CTSMXL only)
- EN/IEC Harmonics Limits for Stage 1 and Stage 2 connections. (CTSMXH only)
- EN/IEC Flicker transfer function for 50 Hz and 60 Hz flicker operation
- EN/IEC Flicker test limits for Pst, dc, dt and dmax
- Source voltage distortion limits for IEC harmonics test
- Miscellaneous parameters

All parameters and settings are stored in the test_summary.mdb database located in the database subdirectory. The CTSMXL and CTSMXH programs each maintain their own database in their own sub directories. These databases are NOT interchangeable. Changes are time stamped and the user name is logged with the changes for audit purposes. Do not attempt to edit this database in any other way than using the supplied Ctsmxml_config.exe or Ctsmxh_config.exe programs. If this database gets corrupted, the main CTSMXH/L program will not function.

2 Configuration Program

The chapter covers the various setup tabs available in the configuration program (Ctsmxh_config.exe or Ctsmxl_config.exe). It also provides the required instructions to bring up the protected area of the Config.exe program. The operator may use the Ctsmxl_config.exe or the Ctsmxh_config.exe program at any time to display general setup and configuration information. Without a password however, none of this information can be changed. In addition to this general setup screen, there are hidden screens that may be used to change key system parameters and test limits. These screens are also password protected.

2.1 Accessing the General Configuration Screen

Any operator of the MXCTS system can access the general configuration screen by selecting the program shortcut for the Configuration program from the Windows Start menu. This shortcut is located in the CTSMXH or CTSMXL program group.

Once a user name is provided (optional for read-only access), the user can click on the "View/Update calibration information" button. The screen shown below will appear. Note that no password entry is required to gain read-only access. The operator can review configuration data shown but can make no changes to it.

This information is also covered by the MXCTSH User Manual (P/N 7003- 972) or MXCTSL User Manual (P/N 7003- 973). Refer to this manual for further information on this screen.

The screenshot shows the 'View/update calibration information' window with the following data:

Main	
Calibration Number	3
A/D card Serial Number	18531646
A/D Base Frequency (Hz)	19999360
PACS serial number	Eng. PACS
External current transformer?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Source Serial Number	5000X

Calibration information for individual channels		Maximum Current Limits	
Select a channel here:	Chan 0 - Phase 1 Voltage	These are integers corresponding to half of 16 bit A/D values	
Scale of PACS (Volts or Amps per volt to A/D card)	100	40 - 200 Amps	32000
System DC offset (integer from A/D when physical quantity is zero)	31	10-40 Amps	32000
System sensitivity coefficient (voltage per unit of 16 bit)	1.612305E-04	<10 Amps	32000

Impedance Values		System Configuration	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> European	Resistive (mOhms)	Single phase	Three phase
<input type="radio"/> Japanese	Inductive (uH)	400	240
		796	477
AMX Power Source Z(Ohms)		<input type="radio"/> No CI power source	
		<input type="radio"/> OMNI included in the PACS	
		<input type="radio"/> External OMNI exists	

Original calibration information	Calibration Data Update Information
Calibration Time and Date: 9:56:08 AM on 8/23/2006	Calibration Update Time and Date: 8:16:01 AM on 8/23/2006
Calibration Performed by: Kevin Lam	Calibration Updated by: k

2.2 Password

The configuration password is shown here. Note that this password is not case sensitive.

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2.3 Changing General Configuration Settings

Open the Configuration program as described before. After entering your name, enter the password in the password entry box. Then click on the "View/Update calibration information" button. The same configuration data will be shown only this time, changes can be made. When the configuration screen is closed, all changes made are stored in the test_summary.mdb database along with the login name and date.

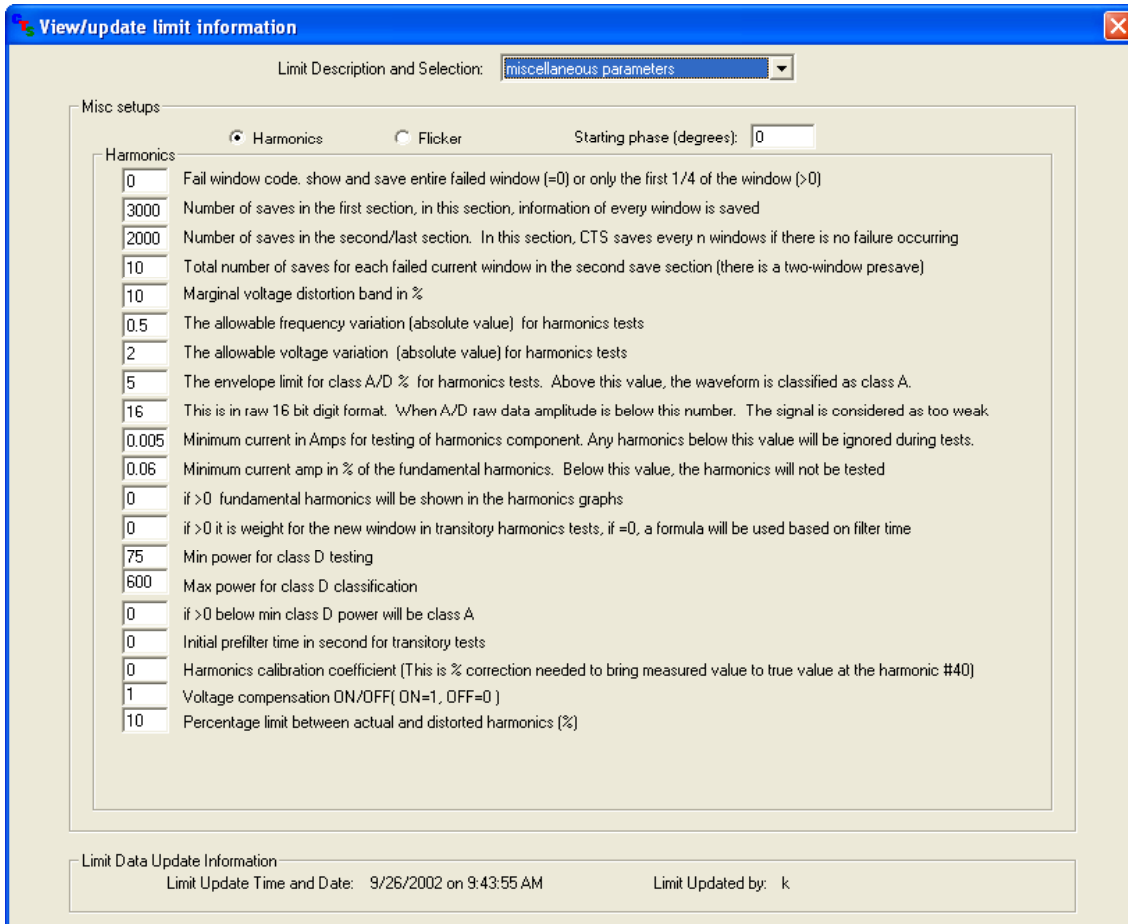
This information is also covered by the MXCTSH User Manual (P/N 7003- 972) or MXCTSL User Manual (P/N 7003- 973). Refer to this manual for further information on this screen.

2.4 Changing Hidden Configuration Settings

Open the Configuration program as described before. After entering your name, enter the password in the password entry box. Then double-click on the empty space between the "View/Update calibration information" and the "Cancel and exit program" button. This will reveal a hidden button labeled "View/Update limit information". Next click on this hidden button to bring up the hidden configuration data screen. When the configuration screen is closed, all changes made are stored in the test_summary.mdb database along with the login name and date.

2.5 Configuration Option Selection - CTSMXL

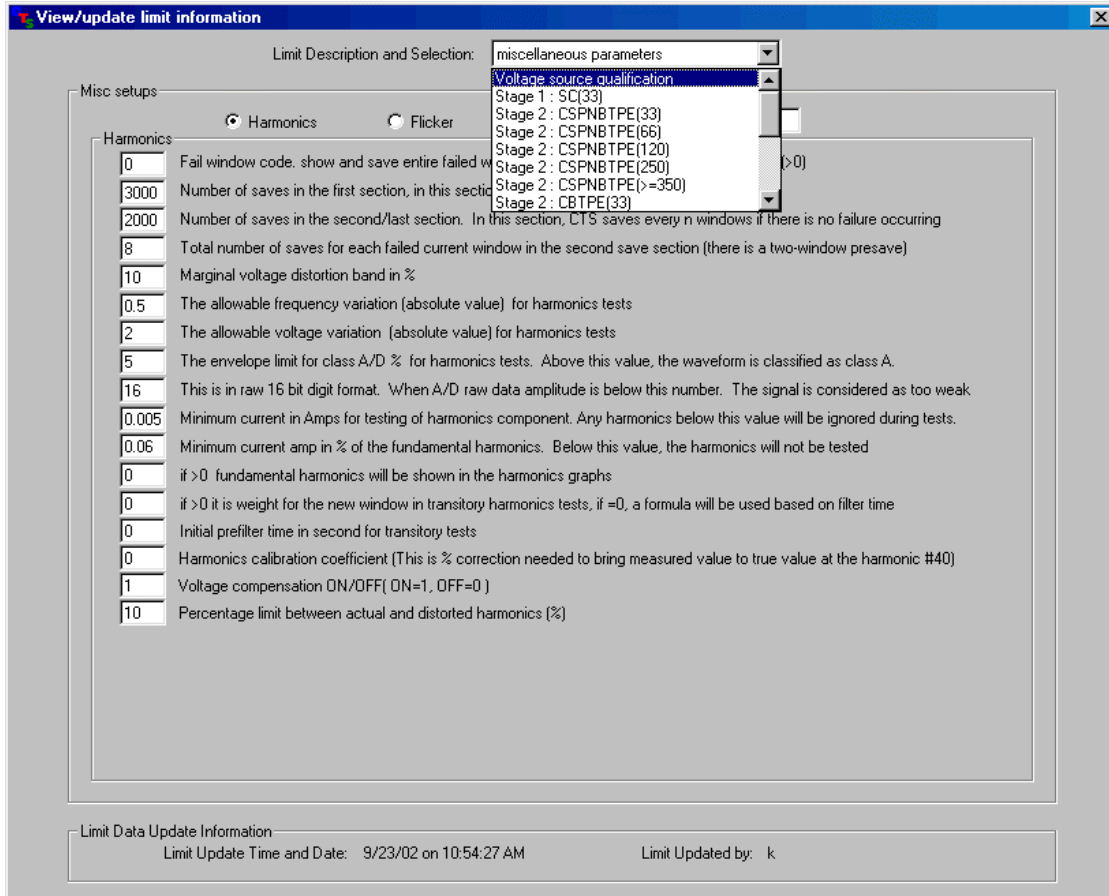
The configuration screen is shown below. The drop down control at the top of the Configuration window can be used to access any one of the following limit sections:



- Miscellaneous parameters and test limits
- Voltage source qualification limits
- Class A, B, C or D limits
- Flicker Limits

2.6 Configuration Option Selection - CTSMXH

The configuration screen is shown below. The drop down control at the top of the Configuration window can be used to access any one of the following limit sections:



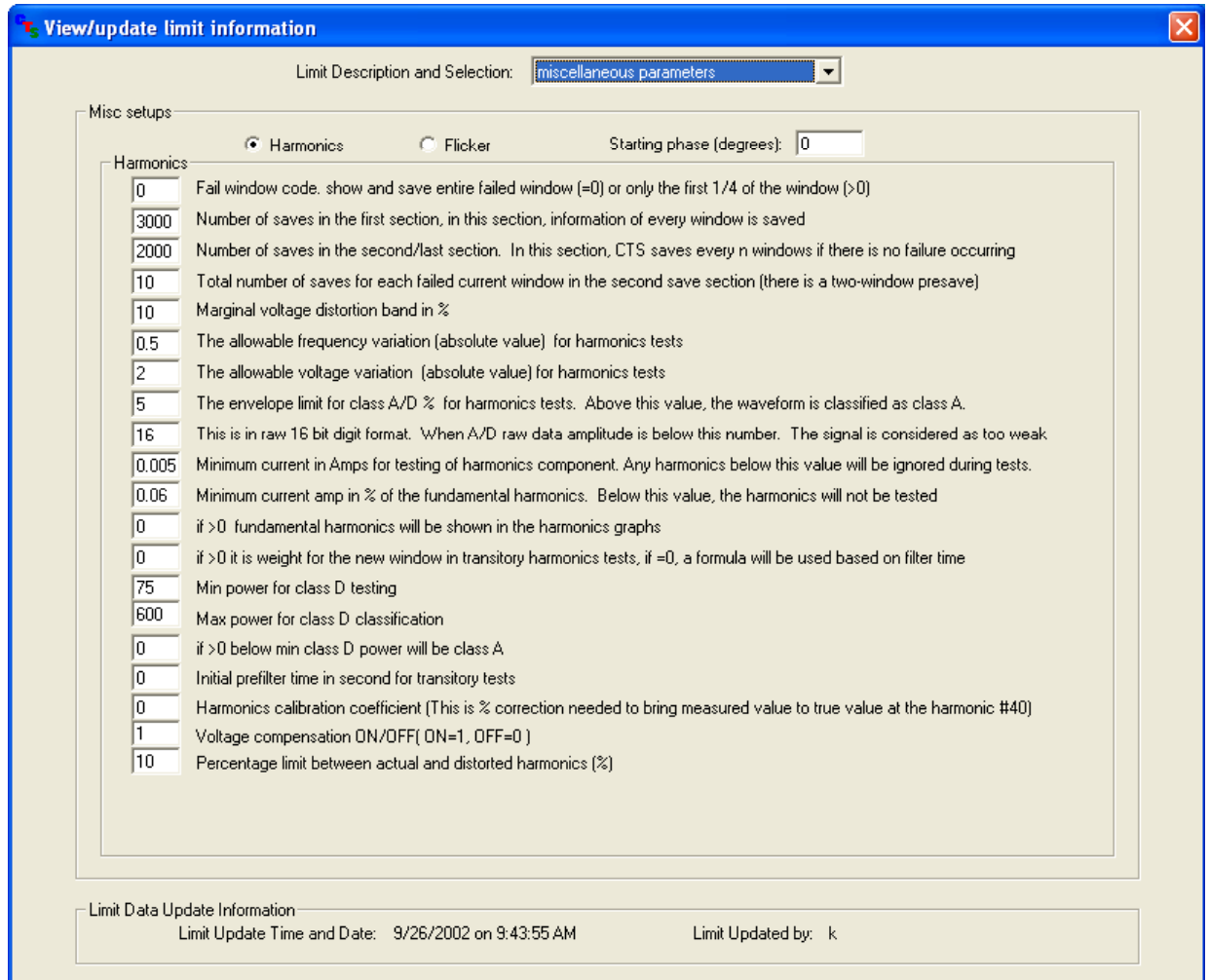
- Miscellaneous parameters and test limits
- Voltage source qualification limits
- Stage 1 and 2 Harmonics limits for various Rsc and phase configurations
- Flicker Limits

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3 Configuration Limits

3.1 Configuration Limits - Miscellaneous

The Miscellaneous screen provides access to the following test limit database parameters:



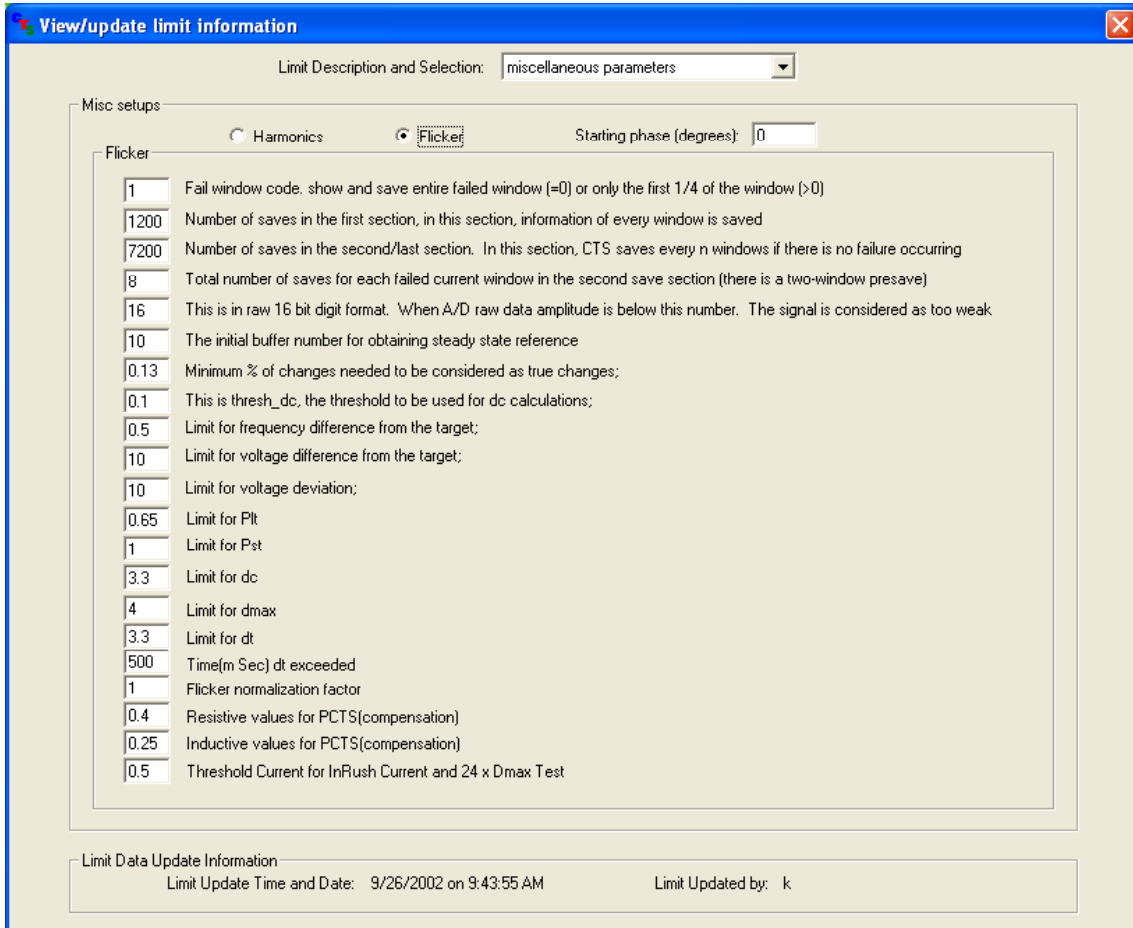
3.1.1 For Harmonics

Field	Description
Start Phase	Sets the phase angle for the start of each data window processed. The default start phase angle is 0 degrees. This ensures synchronization to the EUT voltage and current data.
Fail window code	Data is acquired in windows of 10, 12 or 16 signal periods. If the data for a given window exceeds the test limits, the data for this window can be stored in its entirety (value set to 0) or only a fraction of the window can be saved. (value set > 0). Normally, this field should be set to 0.
Data Storage	
Number of saves, first section	This number represents the number of acquisition window (buffers) to save for this first portion of the test. If the test time is set to a lower value than this, all buffers are saved for the entire test. If the total test time exceeds this value times the buffer duration - 16, 12 or 10 cycles at the specified frequency - the remainder of the test (last section), data will be saved at a lower rate determined by the number in the next field. An acquisition window is either 16, 12 or 10 periods long. The period is determined by the selected frequency (50, 60 or 400 Hz). For example, if this value is set to 2000 at 16 cycles of 50 Hz, this corresponds to $2000 * 16 * 20 \text{ msec} = 640 \text{ secs.} = 10 \text{ min } 40 \text{ sec}$. If the test time is less than this, all buffers are saved. If the test time is 12 minutes, the last 20 seconds are considered the last section of the test. Not all buffers may be saved during this last section.
Number of saves, last section	Once every acquisition buffer during the first section has been saved, as specified by the previous field, data recording continues at a reduced rate. The CTSMX software will determine the remaining test time, divide it by the value specified in this field and round the result down to the nearest integer (n). From this moment forward, every nth buffer will be saved only, unless a failure occurs. See next field for failure mode save. For example, if this value is set to 1000 and the remaining test time after the first section is 30 minutes or 1800 secs, of the 5625 buffers of 320 msec in this 30 minute period, every $\text{Round}(5625/1000) = 5^{\text{th}}$ buffer would be saved for a total of 1000 + buffers.
Total number of saves	If a failure occurs during the second phase of the test - determined by the previous settings - this number of buffers will be saved around the failure buffer. This value always includes two buffers before the buffer with a failure, the failure buffer itself, and the remaining number of buffers after the failure. Thus, if this field is set to 8, 2 pre failure, 1 failure and 5 post failure buffers are saved. If additional failure buffers are found during this interval, saving continues until 5 failure free buffers are encountered or the test reaches the end time.

Field	Description
Tolerances	
V distortion Margin	Determines the tolerance band for the V distortion (in percent above the 100 % limit). The CTSMXH/L software will display Marginal instead of OK for the V distortion if the distortion is between 100 % and 100 + this setting of the allowable limit. This value is normally set to 10%. A marginal VTHD is shown as V??? in the VTHD field.
Frequency variation	The tolerance for the detected AC Source voltage frequency. If a California Instruments AC source is used, the frequency will be within 0.01 Hz. However, if the AC line is used instead, frequency variations may exceed the set tolerance in this field. If an unacceptable line frequency is detected, an error message will be issued to the operator.
Voltage variation	The tolerance for the detected AC Source RMS voltage. If a California Instruments AC source is used, the RMS voltage will be well within this tolerance. However, if the AC line is used instead, voltage variations may exceed the set tolerance in this field. If an unacceptable line voltage is detected, an error message will be issued to the operator.
Class A/D Envelope limit (CTSMXL only)	The amount of current waveform that is allowed to be outside the Class D current template. This template is used to determine Class A or D EUT's. Presently, this value is fixed by the EN 61000-3-2 Harmonics standard at 5 %.
Noise Margin	The noise floor for voltage and current measurements. If the measured input signal is below this threshold, a warning is issued to the operator as the signals are too weak to be measured accurately. This is normally due to improper connection or a failure to apply the test voltage when manual source control has been selected.
Absolute lower current harmonic	The absolute threshold below which current harmonics are ignored per the EN 61000-3-2 and -3-12 standard. Presently, this value is 5 mA (0.005 A).
Relative lower current harmonic	The relative (% of fundamental current) threshold below which current harmonics are ignored per the EN 61000-3-2 and -3-12 standard.
Graph Display Modes	
Fundamental display	If 0, the fundamental is not graphed. If > 0, both fundamental and harmonics are graphed. Default value is 0.
Harmonics Filtering	If 0, transitory harmonics will be filtered using the 1.5 sec smoothing filter. Default value is 0. If value > 0, filtering is disabled.
Class A/D Limits	
(CTSMXL only)	
Min. Power for Class D	This determines the lowest active power level of the EUT at which the product is considered class D. If the power drops below this level, either no limits are applied (EUT always passes) or class A limits are applied as the product becomes class A. This is determined by the "min class D power will be class A" setting. EN 61000-3-2 Standard calls out 75 W for this value.
Max. Power for Class D	Maximum power below which a product is considered class D. Other criteria are the special current wave shape for the 1998 standard or the product type (PC, PC monitor or TV) for the 2000 standard. EN 61000-3-2 Standard calls out 600 W for this value.
Min class D power will be class A	If set to 1, class A limits will be applied to the EUT if the power level falls below the lower power limit and class D was selected by the user. If set to 0 (default), no limits will be applied below the low power level and the EUT will always pass. This field only applies when using the old EN 61000-3-2:1998 standard.
Initial pre-filter time (sec)	This field is not used in the CTS SW and should be left at 0.

Field	Description
Harmonics calibration coefficient.	Correction factor (in percent) used to compensate for frequency roll-off (if any) at highest current harmonics.
Voltage Compensation	When on (set to 1), the CTS software will compensate for the effect of high voltage distortion on the current harmonics measurements, if the VTHD is found to be over the IEC limit, before applying the IEC test limits. This setting should always be on (1) .

3.1.2 For Flicker



Field	Description
Start Phase	See Harmonics
Fail window code	See Harmonics
Data Storage	
Number of saves, first section	See Harmonics
Number of saves, last section	See Harmonics
Initial Buffer	Number of acquisition periods over which to determine steady state condition.
Tolerances	
Vrms Threshold	Minimum change in voltage required to be considered a voltage change. This is effectively a noise threshold setting. Changes below the threshold value are not considered as actual changes but noise.
Dc threshold	The low end cut off change for dc calculation
Limit or Min/Max	If this field is 0, min/max values for frequency, voltage and voltage deviation are plotted.

Field	Description
	If this field is non-0, the limits for these parameters are plotted instead.
Frequency margin	Limit (in Hz) for acceptable frequency deviation. Changes in frequency below this value are acceptable. Above this threshold, a warning is displayed.
Voltage limit	The average RMS value of each acquisition window (buffer) should not be different by more than this value from the specified nominal RMS voltage value. (Typically 230 V or 115 V). If the difference exceeds this setting, the buffer is considered to be a Failed buffer. This event is flagged in the V distortion field on the main window but does not cause the test to abort.
Deviation limit	A particular half cycle RMS should not be different by more than this value (in %) from the RMS of the reference waveform acquired at the beginning of a test. This limit applies only to Flicker tests. Normally, this value is set to 10 % as normal voltage variations in RMS should not be this high. This event is flagged but does not cause the test to abort.
Flicker Limits	
Plt limit	Pass / Fail limit for Long term flicker index Plt
Pst limit	Pass / Fail limit for Short term flicker index Pst
Dc limit	Pass / Fail limit for dc
Dmax limit	Pass / Fail limit for dmax
Dt limit	Pass / Fail limit for dt
Time dt exceeded	This is maximum time for which dt may exceed the dt limit. The default value for this parameter is 500 msec.
Flicker normalization	This is a normalization scale factor that may be applied to the final Pst result. This value is normally 1.
Impedance	
PCTS Impedance R	Not applicable to MXCTS system
PCTS Impedance L	Not applicable to MXCTS system
Flicker Inrush Test	
Threshold Current	This field sets the threshold for detecting a current from an EUT off condition used during the 24 x Dmax test. Until the current measured exceeds this absolute level in Amps, the system will assume the EUT has not been turned on yet. This threshold prevents false triggering on noise occurring on the input while the EUT is in the OFF state.

3.2 Configuration Limits - Voltage Distortion

View/update limit information

Limit Description and Selection: Voltage source qualification

Harmonics limits

Harmonic #11	0.100	Harmonic #21	0.100	Harmonic #31	0.100	Harmonic #41	0.000		
Harmonic #2	0.200	Harmonic #12	0.100	Harmonic #22	0.100	Harmonic #32	0.100	Harmonic #42	0.000
Harmonic #3	0.900	Harmonic #13	0.100	Harmonic #23	0.100	Harmonic #33	0.100	Harmonic #43	0.000
Harmonic #4	0.200	Harmonic #14	0.100	Harmonic #24	0.100	Harmonic #34	0.100	Harmonic #44	0.000
Harmonic #5	0.400	Harmonic #15	0.100	Harmonic #25	0.100	Harmonic #35	0.100	Harmonic #45	0.000
Harmonic #6	0.200	Harmonic #16	0.100	Harmonic #26	0.100	Harmonic #36	0.100	Harmonic #46	0.000
Harmonic #7	0.300	Harmonic #17	0.100	Harmonic #27	0.100	Harmonic #37	0.100	Harmonic #47	0.000
Harmonic #8	0.200	Harmonic #18	0.100	Harmonic #28	0.100	Harmonic #38	0.100	Harmonic #48	0.000
Harmonic #9	0.200	Harmonic #19	0.100	Harmonic #29	0.100	Harmonic #39	0.100	Harmonic #49	0.000
Harmonic #10	0.200	Harmonic #20	0.100	Harmonic #30	0.100	Harmonic #40	0.100	Harmonic #50	0.000

Limit Data Update Information

Limit Update Time and Date: 06/01/1999 on 12:00:00 AM Limit Updated by: None

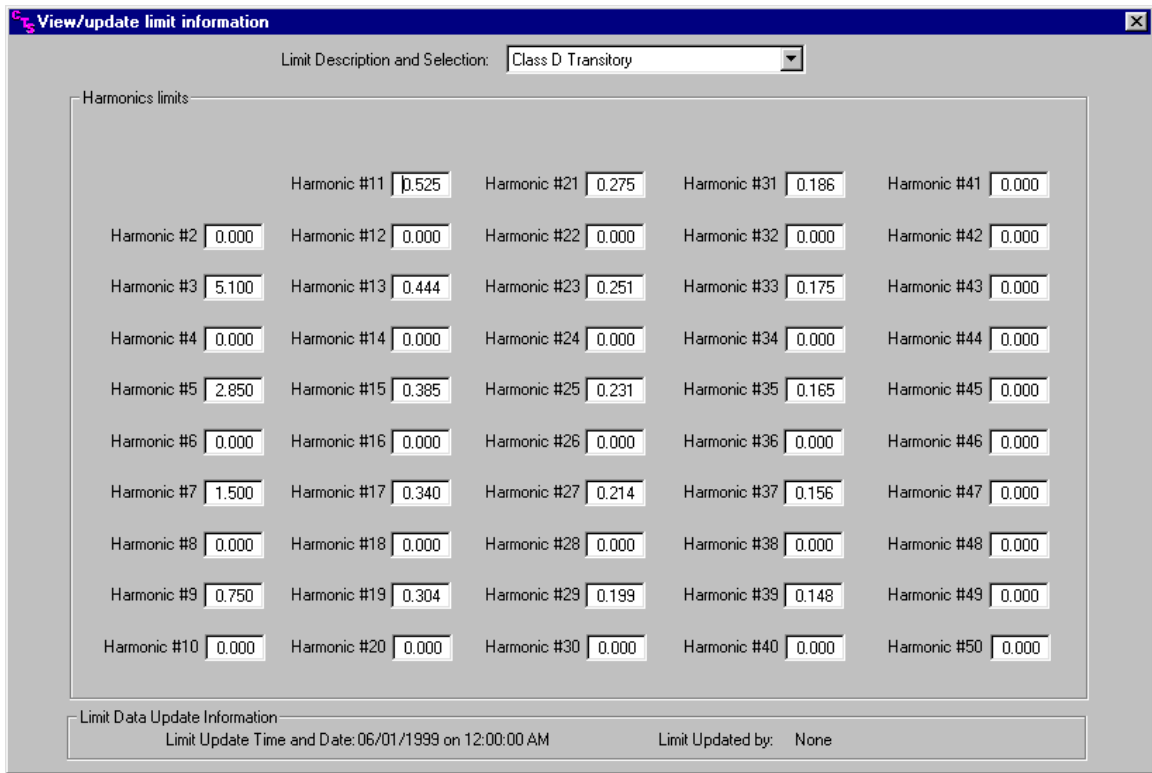
During current harmonics testing, the voltage distortion of the AC Source or Line voltage is constantly monitored by the MXCTS system. The EN 61000-2-3 and EN 61000-3-12 voltage distortion test limits are displayed in this screen and can be modified if and when a new standard is issued that applies different limits. The measured voltage distortion is used by the software to compensate for any distortion that may occur as a result of the EUT harmonic currents.

The data is shown in percentage of the fundamental. This 0.1 is equivalent to 0.1 % of the fundamental voltage at 50 or 60 Hz. The limits shown are applied to the measured voltage harmonics. The maximum number of harmonics supported is 50 but only 40 are covered by the EN 61000-3-2 and EN 61000-3-12 standards.

Note that as of this date, the harmonic voltage distortion limits for IEC 61000-3-12 have not been established as the test standard has not been published yet. It may be necessary to change the data in the CTSMXH database once final limits have been established.

Harmonics for which no limit applies are set to zero.

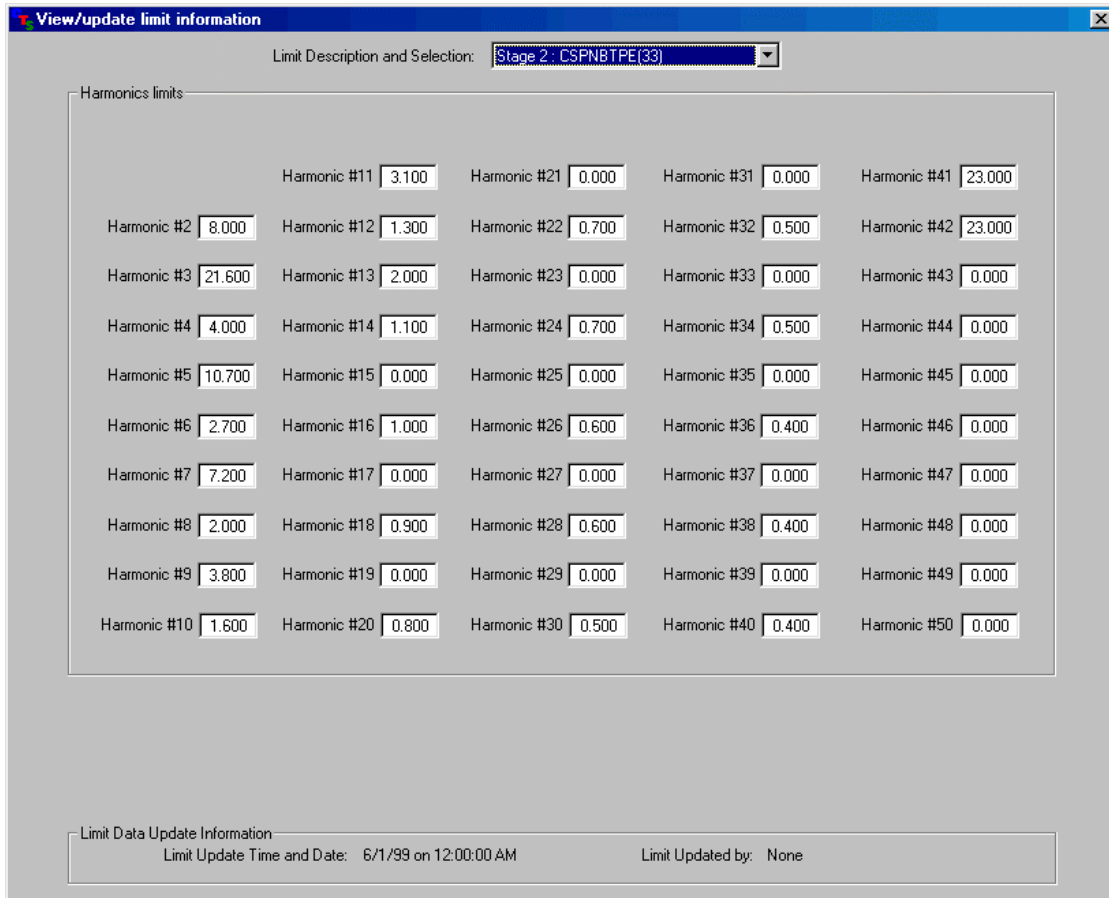
3.3 Configuration Limits - Transitory State Harmonics - CTSMXL



This screen displays the transitory state current harmonic limits applied in percent of the fundamental current or in mA per Watt for the special case of class D. Note that each EUT class has a corresponding limit screen.

The maximum number of harmonics supported is 50 but only 40 are covered by the EN 61000-3-2 standard. Harmonics for which no limit applies are set to zero. For the special case of Class D, the minimum power level of the EUT that requires testing is set to 75 Watt. This lower limit can be changed in the harmonics configuration screen if desired. See paragraph 3.1.1.

3.4 Configuration Limits - Transitory State Harmonics - CTSMXH



This screen displays the Stage 2 Conditional Supply non balanced three phase (CSPNBTPPE) equipment permissible current harmonic limits. Note that each EUT Stage and type has a corresponding limit screen.

The following connection types are supported using the abbreviations shown in the table:

Abbreviation	Meaning
CSPNBTPPE	Connection Single Phase & Non Balanced Three Phase Equipment
CBTPE	Connection Balanced Three Phase Equipment
CBTPEUSC	Connection Balanced Three Phase Equipment Under Specified Conditions.

Table 3-1: Connection Type Abbreviations

If different Sce values apply to each category EUT, they will be shown between brackets immediately following these abbreviations in the Limit drop down control.

The maximum number of harmonics supported is 50 but only 13 are presently covered by the IEC 61000-3-12 standard. Harmonics for which no limit applies are set to zero.

3.5 Configuration Limits - Flicker

The screenshot shows a software window titled "View/update limit information" with a dropdown menu set to "Flicker limits - 50 Hz". The main area is titled "Flicker Filter Coefficients" and contains several input fields for numerical values. At the bottom, there is a section for "Limit Data Update Information" showing the update date and time, and the user's name.

Parameter	Value
a0	0.2740744464
a1	-0.5470678701
a2	0.2740744464
b1	1.959839087
b2	-0.9609201097
CwFilter	0.00001842328667
a11	0
a21	-1
a12	0.0014314091
a22	-0.9985685909
b11	-1.994878311
b21	0.9949113149
b12	1.985564235
b22	0.9855747523
filterConstant	0.000333278

Limit Data Update Information
 Limit Update Time and Date: 12/14/1999 on 10:03:00 AM Limit Updated by: yan

This screen displays the Flicker impression index curve per the IEC 868 Flicker meter standard. A different curve exists for 50 Hz and 60 Hz flicker measurements. This data should only be changed when changes are made to the EN 61000-3-3 or IEC 61000-3-11 standard.

4 Measurement Uncertainty

4.1 Introduction

Uncertainty is associated with the result of a measurement (eg a calibration or test) and defines the range of the values that could reasonably be attributed to the measured quantity. When uncertainty is evaluated and reported in a specified way, it indicates the level of confidence that the value actually lies within the range defined by the uncertainty interval.

Any measurement is subject to imperfections; some of these are due to random effects, such as short-term fluctuations in temperature, humidity and air-pressure or variability in the performance of the measurer. Repeated measurements will show variation because of these random effects. Other imperfections are due to the practical limits to which correction can be made for systematic effects, such as offset of a measuring instrument, drift in its characteristics between calibrations, personal bias in reading an analogue scale or the uncertainty of the value of a reference standard.

Often, a result is compared with a limiting value defined in a specification or regulation. In this case, knowledge of the uncertainty shows whether the result is well within the acceptable limits or only just makes it. Occasionally a result is so close to the limit that the risk associated with the possibility that the property that was measured may not fall within the limit, once the uncertainty has been allowed for, must be considered.

Suppose that a customer has the same test done in more than one laboratory, perhaps on the same sample, more likely on what they may regard as an identical sample of the same product. Would we expect the laboratories to get identical results? Only within limits, we may answer, but when the results are close to the specification limit, it may be that one laboratory indicates failure whereas another indicates a pass. From time to time accreditation bodies have to investigate complaints concerning such differences. This can involve much time and effort for all parties, which in many cases could have been avoided if the uncertainty of the result had been known by the customer.

4.2 ISO/IEC 17025:1999 Standard

The standard ISO/IEC 17025:1999 [*General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*] specifies requirements for reporting and evaluating uncertainty of measurement. The problems presented by these requirements vary in nature and severity depending on the technical field and whether the measurement is a calibration or test.

Calibration is characterized by the facts that

- (i) Repeated measurements can be made
- (ii) Uncertainty of reference instruments is provided at each stage down the calibration chain, starting with the national standard and
- (iii) Customers are aware of the need for a statement of uncertainty in order to ensure that the instrument meets their requirements.

Consequently, calibration laboratories are used to evaluating and reporting uncertainty. In accredited laboratories the uncertainty evaluation is subject to assessment by the accreditation body and is quoted on calibration certificates issued by the laboratory.

The situation in testing, in particular IEC compliance testing, is not as well-developed and particular difficulties are encountered. In some cases a test may not be defined well enough by the standard, leading to potentially inconsistent application and thus another source of

uncertainty. Such was the case with the 1998 IEC 61000-3-2 class D harmonic current limits. In many tests there will be uncertainty components that need to be evaluated on the basis of previous data and experience, in addition to those evaluated from calibration certificates and manufacturers, specifications.

Accreditation bodies are responsible for ensuring that accredited laboratories meet the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025. The standard requires appropriate methods of analysis to be used for estimating uncertainty of measurement.

4.3 Statements of Compliance - Effect of Uncertainty

This is a difficult area and what is to be reported must be considered in the context of the client's needs. In particular, consideration must be given to the possible consequences and risks associated with a result that is close to the specification limit. The uncertainty may be such as to raise real doubt about the reliability of pass/fail statements. When uncertainty is not taken into account, then the larger the uncertainty, the greater are the chances of passing failures and failing passes. Using better equipment, better control of environment, and ensuring consistent performance of the test usually attains a lower uncertainty.

For some products it may be appropriate for the user to make a judgement of compliance, based on whether the result is within the specified limits with no allowance made for uncertainty. This is often referred to as shared risk, since the end user takes some of the risk of the product not meeting specification. The implications of that risk may vary considerably. Shared risk may be acceptable in non-safety critical performance, for example the EMC characteristics of a domestic radio or TV. However, when testing a heart pacemaker or components for aerospace purposes, the user may require that the risk of the product not complying has to be negligible and would need uncertainty to be taken into account. An important aspect of shared risk is that the parties concerned agree on the uncertainty that is acceptable; otherwise disputes could arise later.

4.4 Uncertainty of the MXCTS System

Uncertainty is a consequence of the unknown sign of random effects and limits to corrections for systematic effects and is therefore expressed as a quantity, ie an interval about the result. It is evaluated by combining a number of uncertainty components. The components used in the MXCTS system were quantified by a combination of evaluation of the results of several repeated measurements and by estimation based on technical data provided by the original manufacturers of the components used in the MXCTS system.

The result of this analysis yields the accuracy specification of the MXCTS measurement system, in particular that of the current harmonic measurement system. Software calibration coefficients are used extensively to allow calibration of each individual measurement channel. The resulting accuracy specification is a worst-case specification, meaning that typical MXCTS systems will perform better. To ensure compliance of each MXCTS system to these measurement specifications, each MXCTS system is individually tested before delivery using commonly accepted measurement methods and NIST traceable calibration equipment.

The MXCTS accuracy specifications as published in the MXCTSH and MXCTSL User Manual form the basis of the uncertainty assessment. The method of combining the uncertainty components is aimed at producing a realistic rather than pessimistic combined uncertainty. This usually means working out the square root of the sum of the squares of the separate components (the root sum square method). The combined standard uncertainty may be reported as it stands (the one standard deviation level), or, usually, an expanded uncertainty is reported. This is the combined standard uncertainty multiplied by what is known as a coverage factor. The greater this factor the larger the uncertainty interval and, correspondingly, the higher the level of confidence that the value lies within that interval.

The uncertainty specified for the MXCTS system in the tables below uses a coverage factor of 2, which corresponds to a confidence level of approximately 95%.

4.4.1 MXCTS Uncertainty - Harmonics¹:

4 A RMS Range	Frequency	Uncertainty
RMS current		4 mA
Fundamental current	50 / 60 Hz	4 mA
Harmonic current	100 Hz- 1000 Hz	0.2 % Reading + 4 mA
	1050 Hz - 2000 Hz	0.2 % Reading + 6 mA
	2050 Hz - 2400 Hz	0.2 % Reading + 8 mA
16 A RMS Range	Frequency	Uncertainty
RMS current		16 mA
Fundamental current	50 / 60 Hz	16 mA
Harmonic current	100 Hz- 1000 Hz	0.2 % Reading + 4 mA
	1050 Hz - 2000 Hz	0.2 % Reading + 6 mA
	2050 Hz - 2400 Hz	0.2 % Reading + 8 mA
40 A RMS Range	Frequency	Uncertainty
RMS current		32 mA
Fundamental current	50 / 60 Hz	32 mA
Harmonic current	100 Hz- 1000 Hz	0.2 % Reading + 4 mA
	1050 Hz - 2000 Hz	0.2 % Reading + 6 mA
	2050 Hz - 2400 Hz	0.2 % Reading + 8 mA
75 A RMS Range	Frequency	Uncertainty
RMS current		64 mA
Fundamental current	50 / 60 Hz	64 mA
Harmonic current	100 Hz- 1000 Hz	0.2 % Reading + 4 mA
	1050 Hz - 2000 Hz	0.2 % Reading + 6 mA
	2050 Hz - 2400 Hz	0.2 % Reading + 8 mA

Table 4-1: MXCTS Measurement Uncertainty - Harmonics

¹ Uncertainty data is given for products under test that exhibit a Power Factor of $0.75 < PF$ or $PF < -0.75$.

4.4.2 MXCTS Uncertainty - Flicker²:

Flicker		Uncertainty
Pst		5 % Reading
Plt		5 % Reading
dc		5 % Reading
dt		5 % Reading
dmax		5 % Reading

Table 4-2: MXCTS Measurement Uncertainty - Flicker

4.5 Adding Uncertainty Information to MXCTS Test Reports

If desired, the uncertainty information regarding the CTS measurement system may be added to the test reports generated by the CTSMXH or L software. To do so, edit the report templates located in the "C:\Program Files\California Instruments\Ctsmxh\report_files\templates" or "C:\Program Files\California Instruments\Ctsmx\report_files\templates" subdirectory. Use the File, Open menu in MS Word and select any of the Hnnnnnn.doc or HA14nnnnn.doc (for Harmonics reports) or F1000000.doc or F300000.doc (for Flicker) report templates.

Add a page at the end to the report containing the table information above and save the templates as MS Word docs under the same name. You may want to save the original template docs under a different name before doing so.

Once updated, future reports will automatically include this information.

² Uncertainty data is given for products under test that exhibit a Power Factor of $0.75 < PF$ or $PF < -0.75$.

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