

HANDYSCOPE instrument description

HANDYSCOPE MODEL HS4 4 Channel Portable Instrument Connected to USB 2.0 and USB 1.1

MOST PORTABLE



TiePie engineering introduces the Handyscope model HS4, a portable and compact MOST (Multimeter, Oscilloscope, Spectrum analyser and Transient recorder). As four channel measuring device with a 50 MHz sample frequency, a 12-16 resolution and 128 KSamples memory per channel, the Handyscope HS4 is the first four channel MOST in the world which can be connected to a PC (USB2.0 and USB 1.1 compatible), without external power supply.

Because of the very extensive and accessible Windows based software, the user is offered many measuring possibilities

With good reason you can say the Handyscope HS4 is really:

"Plug in and Measure"

"Plug in" = connect one cable and finished "Measure" = reading the SET file and measuring can start.

Through the availability of the four different measuring instruments; oscilloscope, spectrum analyser, voltmeter and transient recorder almost every measuring problem can be solved.

General

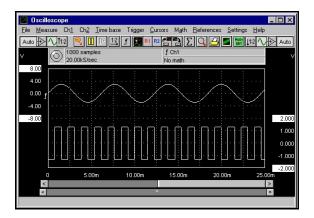
The interesting point of the Handyscope HS4 is that once it is connected to a standard PC, there are offered a lot of measuring options which are normally only obtained by using several instruments.

The range of applications for the Handyscope

HS4 are fast signals; like serial data communication, frequency regulators, TV signals as well as many low-frequency measuring applications as industrial production machines, office automatisation (photocopier, telephone exchange), sensor measurements, mains voltage measurements, start-up current at motors, mains pollution measurements, checking slow running processes (like temperature, pressure and moistness), sound analyses, vibration measurements (like machines, buildings), trend measurements and single failure detection measurements.

Software

Besides the very good hardware qualities (50 MHz sample speed, 0.2 up to 80 Volt input range, 12-16 bit resolution, 128 Kword memory per channel and fine trigger options), the Handyscope HS4 also has a powerful software pack. Because of all these qualities, there is no better measuring instrument, in the same pricing range and with the same possibilities, for sale in the world. The software is object oriented and has a built in option that prevents "jamming". Other strong points are that most adjustments graphically can be done by the mouse. You can "grab" the tips of the x-axis and y-axis scrollbars and "live" increase and decrease them. The diagrams are directly enlarged or reduced.

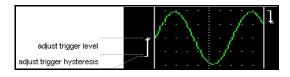


Instrument settings

The practical side of the software is that the "software instruments", for instance the oscilloscope and spectrum analyser, are linked to each other. When in the oscilloscope the input sensitivity is changed, this is also immediately visible in the spectrum analyser (and voltmeter). Striking are the extensive possibilities of the cross wires. A remarkable point is the auto correction option of the cross wires. Through this the cross wires are put in such a way that over a complete number of periods, for example the true RMS values are determined. Besides that, many time and voltage options are available with the cross wires. Naturally there can be stored an unlimited number of instrument settings to disk. These instrument settings can easily be read which also ensures the instrument is set properly.

Triggering

Besides the normal triggering there is also a window triggering. With this window triggering a trigger moment occur when the signal gets outside the set window. In combination with the AUTO-DISK function, it is very simple to measure the voltage dip or peak, which occasionally do occur.



A serviceman of UPS systems is continuously measuring the mains voltage (=voltage of the public electricity network) with the Handyscope. There is set up a minimum and maximum voltage the UPS has to go into service. There is triggered with the AUTO-DISK function. When the mains voltage is cut off or if the voltage becomes too high, a triggering appears (the UPS system should enter into operation and there is measured how the mains voltage behaves during switching over). The measurement (with set number of pre and post samples) is saved to disk and measuring is automatically started again. After a certain time there is checked how the UPS responded on

the mains voltage peaks and dips. Through this it could easily be checked whether the UPS did its job well.

Input range

The complete Handyscope HS4 gain and offset calibration is controlled by the software. The mechanical potentiometers are replaced by digital adjustable types. The gain and offset resolution can be adjusted better than 0.2%. Nice to know is that your own calibration files can be saved and read. For the Handyscope, calibration files are available for other input range's. The mimimum input range is 200 mVolt and the maximum input range is 80 Volt.

Resolution

The Handyscope HS4 has a resolution range of 12 up to 16 bit.

Resoluti on	Signal/ noise ratio	levels	Maximum sample frequency	percentage proportion
12	72dB	4096	50MHz	0,024%
14	84dB	16384	3.125MHz	0,0061%
16	96dB	65535	195.3125kHz	0,0015%

Through the high flexible resolution it is possible to perform measurements to very fast signals. Because of the high resolution there can be performed good measurements when a large dynamic range is required. If for example you want to measure an interference of 2 mVolt on a sine wave with a 10 Volt amplitude, an 12 bit measuring device is not sufficient. Though with a 16 bit resolution the inteference can be measured and analysed well.

DLL and personal software

The Handyscope HS4 DLL's are delivered with an example program (source code in Delphi, C++, CVI, Mathlab), to easily write your own measuring application. The DLL's also can be used in other developing environments, like

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Dasy-lab and Labview.

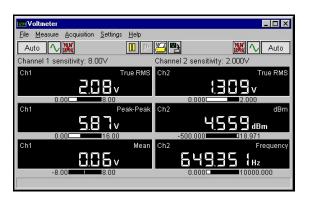
Because the software (and hardware) are completely developed and produced by TiePie engineering in the Netherlands, the TiePie engineers can simply (and fast) make adjustments. Software updates can be downloaded free of charge from internet http://www.tiepie.nl). The DLL's and the example measuring program can also be downloaded from our web page (http://www.tiepie.nl).

Data export

The measured data can easily be processed in a spreadsheet. Exporting data can be done in ASCII (CSV), so it can be read in a spreadsheet program. All instrument settings can be saved in SET files according the Windows INI file structure. By reading the SET file, the instrument is completely configurated so the measurement can start immediately. At each datafile the information file is stored. In the datafile are all measured samples (ASCII or binair). In the information file are all instruments settings. The information file is always in ASCII and can easily be read by other programs.

More than 4 channels

There can be connected maximal 127 Handyscope's HS4 to a PC. Through this, 508 channels can be measured at the same moment. One Handyscope HS4 can be set as master. Then the other Handyscope's have to be set as slave.



Documentation

To document the measure values there are three tools available. For general documentation, there are three text lines printed at each printout. You can for example put your company name and address in these text lines. For measuring specific documentation, there are 240 characters available. There can be put "text balloons" at the measured signals. The text balloons can be configurated to your own view. Both black-and-white as color printers are supported.

General comment

The Handyscope HS4 is a compact measuring device. Many people in the service departments have a laptop and like to use a compact and complete measuring device with it (instead of a separate oscilloscope, spectrum analyser, transient recorder or voltmeter). The Handyscope HS4 meets that requirement very well. Besides that, easily (dis-)connecting of the device is important. This makes that the Handyscope HS4 can be used by several people. Because a mesuring device most of the time is not used every day, and the device has many settings possibilities, the SET file is a grateful tool for fast and good performance of the measurement. The SET file contains all instrument settings, so cannot be made a setting error. By making your own SET files, the inexperienced user still can directly carry out a complicated measurement without first adjusting the instrument. Furthermore, convenient copies for reportage can be made and measure values can be processed in external programs like spreadsheet programs.

Software and hardware updates

The Handyscope HS4 uses hardware which can be configurated over and over again. The hardware configuration is controlled by the USB port. In this way it is possible to carry through hardware updates besides the software updates. With this option the user always has access to the latest hardware options. The hardware and software updates can be downloaded from our web site www.tiepie.nl free of charge.

Dimensions

The dimensions of the Handyscope HS4 (25x170x140mm) are comparable to a palm of the hand. Through this small dimensions, 25mm height, the Handyscope HS4 can simply be taken, since there is only required an USB connection to make the Handyscope HS4 work everywhere together with a laptop. So, an external power supply is not needed.

data tranfer from Handyscope HS4 to PC is kept very high (50 frames/sec) to get a "live" measuring feeling. Also, the software is developed in such a way (TiePie has more than seventeen years experience in the PC controlled measuring device field), that a wide audience can work with it (we sell to more than 74 countries and to a diversity of sectors).

USB port

The Handyscope HS4 is connected to the USB port of a PC. The Handyscope HS4 supports both USB2.0 as USB 1.1. Through this, it should not give any problem when using the Handyscope HS4 on older PC's. Because the Handyscope HS4 is suitable for USB 2.0, a very high data transfer rate can be obtained.

Virtual instrumentation

TiePie engineering is one of the few manufacturers who is developing and selling virtual instruments for more than 17 years, over the whole world.

Price performance

The price performance of the Handyscope HS4 is that good that there is not a compatitive device and you can fairly say the Handyscope HS4 is a "Plug in an Measure" device. Our advice: Let the Handyscope HS4 "look" at your measuring problems so they become visible to you too.

To conclude

What you just read means TiePie engineering is the only manufacturer on the world who has made a low power "high speed" and "high resolution" four channel data acquisition device and very complete software. So, you might understand that we had to put a lot of technical knowledge together to bring the Handyscope HS4 on this level. The only thing you as user will notice is that you only have to connect one cable and can start measuring. Furthermore the

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Oscilloscope	
	CH1, CH2, CH3, CH4
Display mode	
	On/Off
Averaging	
Vertical position setting	±200mV, ±400mV, ±1V, ±2V, ±4V, ±10V, ±20V, ±40V and ±80V full scale
Vertical gain setting	0.25 to 8 magnifying
	AC/DC
Time base maximum	400nsec/div (model HS4-25MHz)
	1µsec/div (model HS4-10MHz)
	2µsec/div (model HS4-5MHz)
Time base gain	
Record length	
Record view scroll bar gain	1 to 125
Trigger mode	. free run, delayed run, auto, single, edge triggerd, window, peak, extrenal
Trigger system	two digital trigger levels, 4096 positions
	CH1, CH2, CH3, CH4 External, Keyboard and Master
	0-100% full input range
Trigger hysteresis	0 to 100% full input range
Trigger hysteresis resolution	0.025 % full scale
Auto disk measuring	1 to 1000 file's
	connect and show
	mouse window control, gain vertical and gain horizontal
Cursor system	two cursors, autotracking, auto correct points
	large cursors, small cursors
	rise time left rise time right
	sample time left
	sample time right
	sample time difference
	cursor frequency
	slew rate left
	slew rate right
	fase difference in Degrees, Radials or cos()
	CH14 Ref CH14, math, trigger, timebase, background, raster, cursors user selectable
runts	user selectable
Voltmeter	
Display channels	CH1, CH2, CH3, CH4

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Display size user selectable Number of displays 1 to 12 user selectable Frequency range 10 Hz to 10 MHz, model HS4-50 10 Hz to 2MHz, model HS4-10 and HS4-25 10 Hz to 500 kHz, model HS4-5 Full scale reading 2000 counts Accuracy DC coupled 0.2% ±10 counts Accuracy AC coupled 0.3 % ±10 counts(10 to 1 MHz) 0.7 % ±20 counts(1 MHz to 5 MHz) 2.5 % ±20 counts(1 MHz to 5 MHz) low frequency roll of frequency is 10 Hz
Measurements
Display mode CH1, CH2, CH1*CH2, CH1/CH2, CH1-CH2, CH2-CH1, CH1+CH2, >the Hi, <then lo,=""><comp, <=""> HI LO,MAX, MIN, LOG(CH1/CH2), LOG CH2/CH1) Measure units Volt, Amp, °C, °F, Watt, %, Meter, Colomd, Hertz, Bar, user defined Relative CH1, CH2, user defined value Sound settings No sound, 100Hz, 200Hz, 500Hz, 1kHz, 2kHz, and 10 kHz Data storing direct on paper, on disk and on network Acquisition hysteresis used defined value</comp,></then>
Transient recorderMeasuring channelsCH1, CH2, CH3, CH4Measuring points1 to 131060Measure time between to points0.01 sec to 500 secMeasure time span21 min to 750 daysMeasure modescroll mode or scan modeCursor readoutsee oscilloscopeTime referencetime of start, time of measuring, time differency
Spectrum analyserDisplay channelsCH1, CH2, CH3, CH4Display modesingle shot, continuousMeasuring modemax mode, standard modeVertical position setting±200mV, ±400mV, ±800mV, ±2V, ±4V, ±8V, ±20V, ±40V and ±80V full scaleVertical gain setting0.25 to 4 magnifyingInput couplingAC/DC
Frequency axis
Record length

Hardware specifications Handyscope model HS4

Acquisition system
Resolution
14 bit @ 3.125 MS/s 16 bit @ 195.3125 kS/s
Bandwidth (-3dB)
Sample rate
25 MS/s, 40 nsec (model HS4-25MHz)
10 MS/s, 100 nsec (model HS4-10MHz)
5 MS/s, 200 nsec (model HS4-5MHz)
Sample source internal 0,01%, external
Number of input channels
Input protection
Input impedance
Input coupling
Input accuracy
AC coupling cutt off frequency (-3dB)
Memory
Trimman avatam
Trigger system System
Source CH1, CH2, AND, OR, digital external
Trigger modes rising slope, falling slope, inside window, outside window, peak
Level adjustment
Hysteresis adjustment
Resolution
Pre trigger
Post trigger 0 - 131060 samples (0 - 100%, one sample resolution) Digital trigger input level 0 - 3.3 volt (5 volt max)
Digital trigger input level
Power Requirements
Power from USB port
Power via extention connector
Physical
Instrument height
Instrument length 170mm (6.7 inch) Instrument width 140mm (5,2 inch)
Cord length
Instrument weight
I/O Connectors
Input Channel 1 BNC
Input Channel 2
Input Channel 3BNCInput Channel 4BNC
USB USB 2.0 and USB 1.1 type A
Extension connector
System Requirements
PC I/O connection

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Operating system
Operating EnvironmentAmbient temperature0 to 55 °CRelative humidity10 to 90% non condensing
Storage Environment Ambient temperature -20 to 70 °C Relative humidity 5 to 95% non condensing
Certifications and Compliances CE mark compliance
Package Instrument Handyscope HSZ Accessories 4 oscilloscope probes 1:1 - 1:10 switchable Software Windows 98/2000/ME/XP on CE Drivers Windows 98/2000/ME/XP on CE Manual color printed on paper and digital on CE

Ordering Handyscope model HS4

Order codes

Handyscope HS4 full packaged model 50 MS/s	
Handyscope HS4 full packaged model 25 MS/s	Handyscope HS4-25
Handyscope HS4 full packaged model 10 MS/s	Handyscope HS4-10
Handyscope HS4 full packaged model 5 MS/s .	Handyscope HS4-5

Warranty

