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## 3110A Standards Waveform Generator

*Help Files and Product Reference*

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## New in Version 2.1.8

- **New Tests:** All conditions for DO-160G section 16.5.1.8.2 (Total harmonic distortion + noise) and 700 other test conditions (see v.txt file).
- **Revised Tests:** All tests revised to be aligned with current software version (Cleans up any possible version discrepancies).
- **Software Changes:** Additional updates have been made to greatly increase system stability when running complex waveforms involving nested loops and GPIB segments. Loop count for fixed and variable loop segments can now be increased to much higher counts, as well as GPIB signals are no longer limited by memory capacity. Users should notice much more flexibility with the creation of custom waveforms.

**Bandwidth – DC to 1 MHz**

**Rise Time – 2  $\mu$ s**

**Cycle Time – 750  $\mu$ s\***

**Minimum Pulse Duration – Under 50  $\mu$ s\***

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\*Testing performed using non-swept, fixed-loop segments for at least one minute.

\*\*Testing performed using non-swept segments up to the capacity of the cache (maximum 127 segments).



Figure 1.1 – 3110A Standards Waveform Generator, Front Panel (shown with handles)

## 1 About the 3110A

The 3110A is a simple-to-use yet powerful standards waveform generator. It has been designed to be used quickly and easily with other AE Techron products to create a wide range of powerful and intelligent EMC test solutions.

The 3110A outputs a standard analog signal that can work with any AE Techron amplifier or other LF amplifiers that you already have. It has a scalable output, so the values entered in the 3110A interface will result in your desired system output. When coupled with AE Techron amplifiers, the 3110A can create virtually all waveforms, DC offsets, drop outs and surges needed for EMC tests with rise/fall times of 2  $\mu$ s or greater and frequencies from DC to 1 MHz.

The 3110A software is built around the simple concept of a waveform segment. Each waveform segment can have a unique waveform, (sine, square, triangle, and/or DC offset). Frequency, amplitude and DC offset can be clipped, fixed, variable or swept. Segments can be calibrated (as required in CS101) and set to continue on to the next segment or to hold for an external trigger.

The power of the system occurs when waveform segments are linked to create test sequences. These test sequences can be of any length and can be run as a single sequence, looped segments, or looped segments with multiple variables changing

within the loop (as required in multiple Toyota and GM standards). Finally, multiple test sequences can be combined to create a single customized extended test.

An extensive library of 3000+ tests for many automotive, aviation and industry Standards makes it possible for the 3110A to save time from day one. And, for customers that require over-testing or testing for products that have no predefined standard, tests from the Standards Library can be easily modified and saved for later use.

The 3110A delivers extensive capabilities for LF EMC testing with very short training-time requirements. Plus, it makes it easy to automate repetitive and labor-intensive tasks, making the 3110A a very efficient and cost-effective solution for LF EMC testing.

### 1.1 Disclaimer

Although AE Techron has made substantial effort to ensure the accuracy of the Standards' test files (SWG files), which are included with the 3110A unit, no warranty, expressed or implied, is made regarding accuracy, adequacy, completeness, legality, reliability or usefulness of the information provided. It is the responsibility of the user to ensure the accuracy and applicability of these test files for their intended purposes.

## 2 Getting Started

### 2.1 Safety First

Throughout these instructions, special emphasis is placed on good safety practices. The following graphics are used to highlight certain topics that require extra precaution.

**⚠ DANGER**

**DANGER** represents the most severe hazard alert. Extreme bodily harm or death will occur if these guidelines are not followed. Note the explanation of the hazard and instruction for avoiding it.

**⚠ WARNING**

**WARNING** alerts you to hazards that could result in severe injury or death. Note the explanation of the hazard and the instructions for avoiding it.

**⚠ CAUTION**

**CAUTION** indicates hazards that could result in potential injury or equipment or property damage. Once again, note the explanation of the hazard and the instructions for avoiding it.

### 2.2 Stand-alone 3110A Setup

The following steps explain how to connect a stand-alone 3110A unit using the cables and accessories provided. Refer to Figure 2.1 for component locations.

**NOTE:** For **DSR system setup**, including unpacking, installation and power-source connection, please refer to the **DSR Series Operation Manual**.

- A. Plug the USB keyboard into the USB port labeled **KEYBOARD** on the 3110A back panel.
- B. Plug the USB mouse into the USB hub, and then plug the USB hub into the port labeled **MOUSE** on the 3110A back panel.
- C. Plug the HDMI to DVI cable into the HDMI port labeled **MONITOR** on the 3110A back panel, and then connect the cable to the DVI port on the monitor.
- D. Plug the monitor power cord into the monitor, and then connect the cord to a power source.
- E. Plug the 3110A power cord into the power connector located on the 3110A back panel, and then connect the cord to a power source.
- F. **OPTIONAL:** To connect the 3110A to be accessed and controlled through a network: Plug

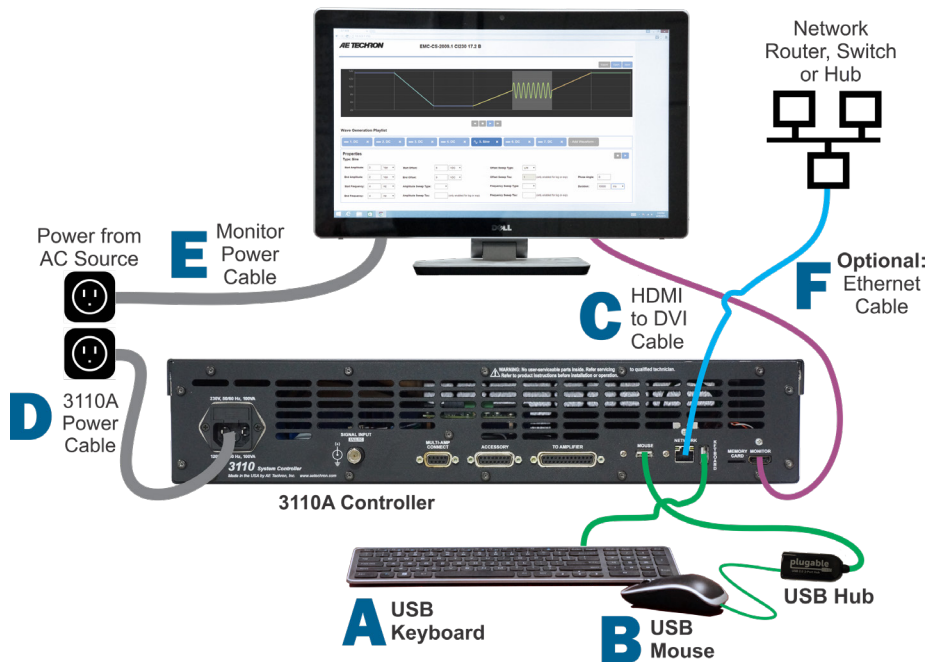


Figure 2.1 – Stand-alone 3110A Setup



Figure 2.2 – Connecting an amplifier to the 3110A

the Ethernet cable to the Ethernet port labeled NETWORK, and then plug the Ethernet cable into a router, switch or hub on the network. See the topic “3110A via Network” for more information.

### 2.3 Connecting an Amplifier

Complete the following steps to connect and configure an amplifier for use with the 3110A:

1. Complete the steps for “**Stand-alone 3110A Setup.**”
2. Connect from the 3110A’s front-panel Signal Out BNC connector to the signal input connector on your amplifier.

### 2.4 Startup Procedure

Complete the following steps to power up a 3110A unit and a connected power amplifier.



Figure 2.3 – Monitor on/off switch.

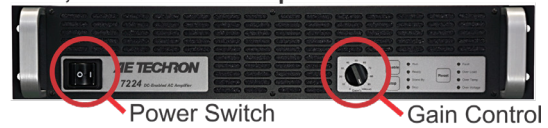
- A. Use the monitor’s power switch (last button on the right) to turn on the monitor.



Figure 2.4 – 3110A on/off switch.

- B. Depress the 3110A POWER switch to turn the 3110A ON.

#### 7212, 7224 and 7226 amplifiers



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#### 7548, 7794 and 7796 amplifiers

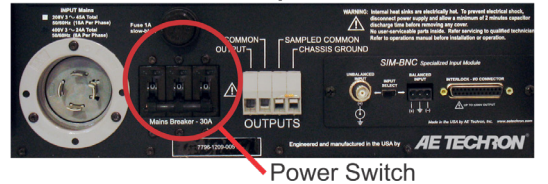


Figure 2.5 – Amplifier gain control and power switch.

- C. If the amplifier has a gain control, turn it fully ON (clockwise). Then turn the POWER switch ON to power up the amplifier.



Figure 2.6 – Electronic Help manual.

- D. Wait for the 3110A’s interface to load (loading will take up to 30 seconds). Press the Help button to access this manual from within the program.
- E. Run the System Calibration test to determine the proper settings for your amplifier. See the “**Calibration**” section for more information.

### 3 Calibration

**IMPORTANT:** Before operating the 3110A/DSR system for signal generation with any amplifier, transformer, or other system components, the 3110A System Calibration Test should be run to determine the correct system settings for the 3110A software. Likewise, when any components are added to or removed from the system, the System Calibration Test should be performed again to determine the new system gain.

The 3110A provides three types of calibration testing to help ensure that the output of your system matches the expected output as described in each test segment: system calibration, segment calibration, and calibration of non-linear variable loops.

**System Calibration** provides accuracy of output for many tests and test conditions. However, some tests may contain high-frequency waveforms or other conditions that will require a gain adjustment at the segment level only. In these situations, segment calibration allows adjustment to gain at the segment level.

**Segment Calibration** allows adjustments of all individual segments in the sequence. However, when a segment is included in a variable loop, each iteration of the segment will receive the same calibration adjustment.

In some cases, especially when components like transformers are a part of the system, each iteration of a looped segment requires unique adjustments. To provide for those requirements, a separate calibration system for **Scripted Variable Loops** is also available.

#### 3.1 System Calibration

Unlike most ARBs and signal generators, the 3110A Standards Waveform Generator interprets the waveform properties settings as the output desired at the system’s output. These levels are calculated based on the Measured Output and

Measured DC Offset settings entered on the System Calibration tab in the Settings window.

In DSR Series systems, the system calibration settings will be factory set based on the number of amplifiers in the system. For stand-alone 3110A’s, the factory default is set to a System Gain of 20 and a DC Offset of 0, which are typical setting for a 3110A using one AE Techron amplifier.

However, your working configuration can vary greatly from this default configuration; it may contain two or more amplifiers, transformers, an attenuator, or more. Therefore, the factory-default settings must be verified and adjusted to reflect the measured gain and DC offset of your system.

If you are measuring the output of the a stand-alone 3110A (without an amplifier or other components), a System Gain of 1 can be used for 3110A calibration (maximum output will be limited to 10Vp/20Vpp).

#### 3.1.1 System Calibration Procedure

Complete the steps provided on the following page to run the system calibration test and adjust the System Gain and DC Offset settings:

#### 3.2 Segment Calibration

The Segment Calibration function is available in the properties window of any wave segment. Press the Calibration button to bring up the segment calibration dialog. See Figure 3.1.

When the **Run Calibration Test** button is pressed, the 3110A will continuously generate a waveform with characteristics matching the properties defined in the waveform segment. For swept waveforms, a waveform matching the characteristics at the beginning-state of the sweep will be gener-



Figure 3.1 – Segment Calibration Test Window



## System Calibration

Complete the following steps to calibrate your 3110/3110A system. System Calibration should be performed when first setting up the system, and any time components are added or removed from the system. Systems using transformers should be calibrated twice: first without the transformer and then after the transformer has been added.

1. Select the Settings button and then open the System Calibration tab.
2. Check the System Gain setting. This should be equal to the approximate gain of the 3110/3110A system (including all amplifiers in the system). A gain of 20 is entered by default. Adjust the gain level to match the anticipated gain of your system. See Figure A.

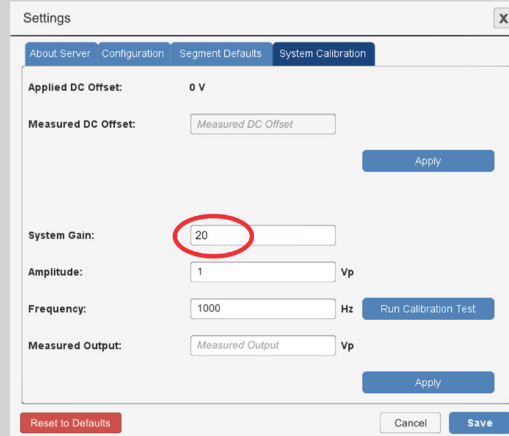


Figure A – Checking the System Gain setting.

3. Measure the DC offset at the output of your system. Enter the output you measured in the Measured DC Offset text box. Then press the Apply button to apply the offset correction. See Figure B.

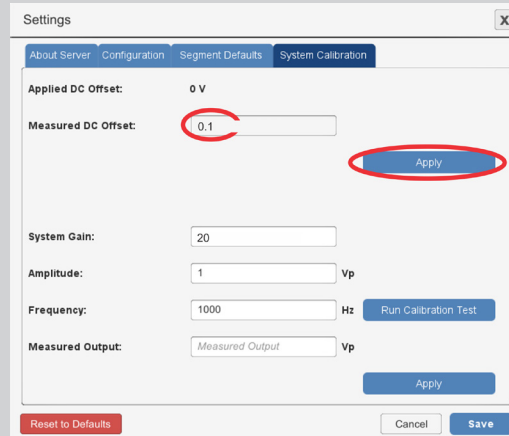


Figure B – Correcting the DC Offset setting.

4. Review the Calibration Test parameters and adjust, if desired. Then press the Run Calibration Test button. See Figure C.

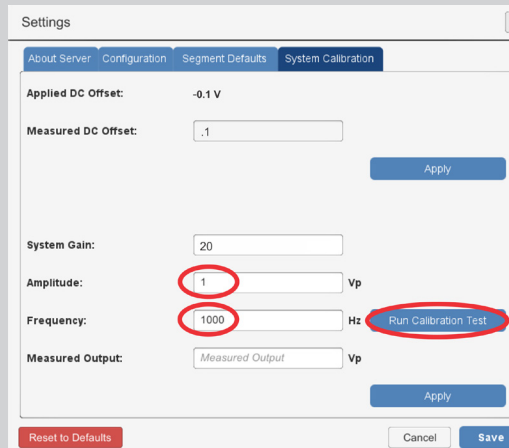


Figure C – Running the Calibration Test.

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### System Calibration (continued)

5. Measure the voltage at your system output, and then enter the measured voltage in the the Measured Output text box. Then press the Apply button to apply the gain correction. See Figure D.
6. You can retest using different test parameters, if desired. Both the Applied DC Offset and the System Gain will incrementally correct the applied levels after the results of each test are entered.
7. Press the Save button to save the system calibration settings and close the Settings window. See Figure E.

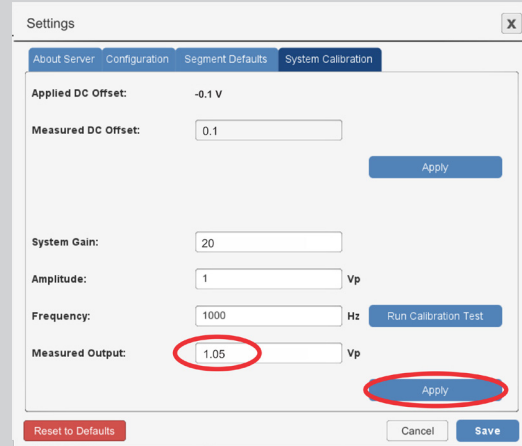


Figure D – Correcting the System Gain setting.

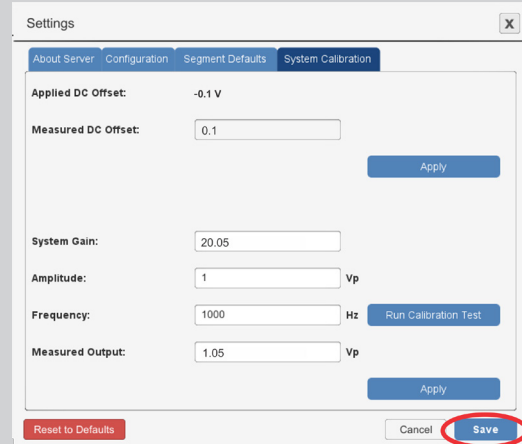


Figure E – Saving the System Calibration Settings

ated.\* If the tested output voltage does not match the specified voltage, calculate the amount required to adjust the output voltage by dividing the specified output voltage by the measured output voltage. Enter the results into the Wave Gain input box.

For example, if the tested output is measured at 10.1V, but the specified voltage is 10V, divide 10 by 10.1. Enter the results (0.99) in the Wave Gain

\* To validate a segment containing a sweep, we recommend placing one or more temporary wave segments with critical waveform properties defined (such as end-state properties) next to the sweep segment within the test sequence. Calibrate these segments along with the sweep segment to determine what adjustments are required. Then the temporary segments should be deleted before the final test is generated.

input box. Rerun the Segment Calibration test to verify the calibration.

The **Prev** and **Next** buttons can be used to quickly move to the next wave segment in the test sequence for additional calibration testing.

Pressing the **Close** button saves all calibration changes and closes the Segment Calibration window.

**NOTE:** The calibration test can only produce voltage levels within the voltage limits of the system. If levels above system limits are entered in the **Wave Gain** input box, the calibration test levels will remain at the highest level capable.

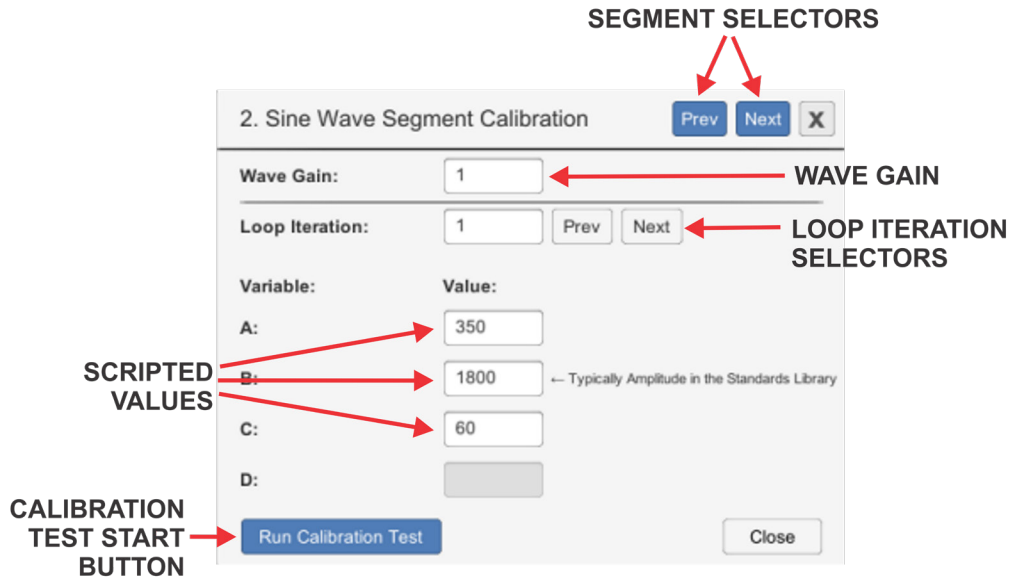


Figure 3.2 – Scripted Variable Loop Calibration Values Window

### 3.3 Calibration for Scripted Variable Loops

When a waveform segment is part of a scripted variable loop, the Calibration function allows a calibration test to be run for each iteration of the segment in the scripted variable loop.

Note: For instructions on creating a scripted variable loop, see the topic **“Variable Loops”** in the section **“Waveforms and Controls.”**

To perform the calibration, select a waveform segment contained within a scripted variable loop. Then press the Calibration button to open the Cali-

bration Values window. See **Figure 3.2.**

The values for all scripted variables in the first iteration of the segment within the variable loop will be shown in the Calibration Values window. Determine the variable that defines the amplitude of the segment (all scripted variable loops in the Standards Library use the variable “B” for amplitude levels). Note: Scripted variable loops using user-created CSV files are not supported by AE Techron.

Press the Run Calibration Test button to begin the

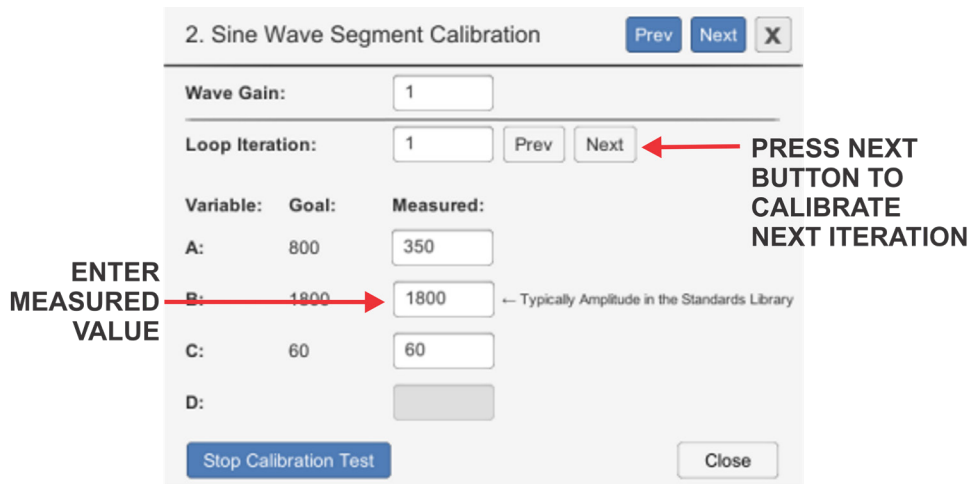


Figure 3.3 – Scripted Variable Loop Calibration Test Window

calibration testing. The Calibration Test window will open showing Goal and Measured values for each variable. See **Figure 3.3**. Note the value shown as the Goal for the variable that defines amplitude, and then note the actual level that is measured at the DUT. Type the measured value in the Measured column for the variable being tested, and then press Enter or click outside of the input box to enter the new value.

The SWG software will automatically calculate difference between the Goal and Measured values and increase or decrease the value of the amplitude for that iteration to create the desired value at the output. Check the new output being measured at the DUT. This should now closely match the Goal value from the scripted variable loop. If the value does not match within your tolerances, enter the new measured value in the measured column of the Calibration Test window. Repeat this step as many times as necessary to create the exact output desired.

Then press the white Next button to move to the next iteration in the loop.\* Continue measuring and entering measured values for each of the iterations in the loop. When calibration testing is completed, press the Stop Calibration Test button. The calibration test will stop and you will be returned to the initial Calibration Test window. Note that the new amplitude values that have been calculated by the SWG software will be shown in the Value column.

Press the Close button to close the Calibration

window. Or, if you prefer, press the blue Next button to go to the next segment in your test sequence to continuing calibrating.

### **3.3.1 Wave Gain Other Than One**

The value for Wave Gain shown in the Calibration windows will typically equal 1, and this value should not be changed. However, a wave segment move into a scripted variable loop from outside the loop may have been previously calibrated using the Segment Calibration method. In this case, the calibration value will be retained for the user's reference, but should be changed to a value of 1 before calibration testing using the Scripted Variable Loop calibration method.

### **3.3.2 Saving Calibrated Values**

All new calculated values for the variable loop will be saved with the SWG file and can be reused. If a scripted variable loop will be used with different setups (for example, with different transformers), simply save the SWG file in the User Standards directory to maintain multiple versions of the calibrated scripted variable loop.

Note that saving the calculated values may save time when calibration is performed at a later date, but AE Techron always recommends performing appropriate calibration before running any test sequence.

## 4 Operation

**IMPORTANT:** Before operating the 3110A with an amplifier connected, the **3110A System Calibration Procedures** should be performed to determine the correct System Gain and DC Offset settings for your system. See the topic **“System Calibration”** in the **“Calibration”** section for more information.

For help in getting up and running quickly on the 3110A, please see the **“Tutorials”** section in this Help Manual.

### 4.1 Main Window Controls and Functions

Refer to **Figure 4.1** for information about the controls and functions available in the main window of the 3110A’s interface.

A. **Demo Mode message/Network Mode switch** (Windows’ Remote Client software only): This message will appear in the main window when the 3110A’s Windows’ Remote Client software is operating in Demo Mode. To switch to remote operation of the 3110A via network,

click on the Demo Mode message to open the network connection window. See the topics **“Working in Demo Mode”** and **“Remote Operation”** later in this section for more information.

- B. **Test Sequence Display:** Wave and control segments added to the test sequence are visually displayed in this area. Wave segments will be represented with a waveform approximating the signal described by the wave segment properties. Control segments will be represented with colored segment blocks. Select Save As from the Files window to save the sequence as an .swg file.
- C. **Files button:** Press this button to open the 3110A’s file system. From the file system, you can access the 3110A’s Standards Library and User Standards directory. Access to a connected network and USB drive (when mounted) also are available through the file system dialog. See the section **“Navigating the File System”** for more information.
- D. **Report/Notes button:** Press this button to open the Report/Notes window. The Report/

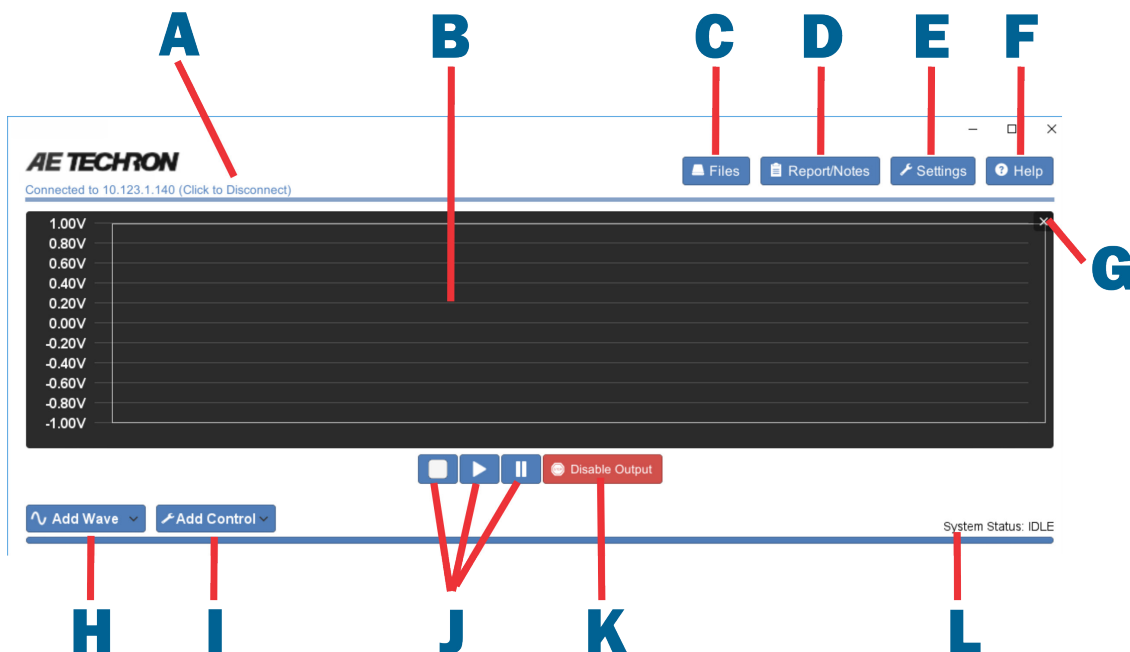


Figure 4.1 – Main window controls and functions

Notes window allows you to enter custom information and notes and to generate a report from the open test sequence. See the section **“Creating Reports and Notes”** for more information.

- E. **Settings button:** Press this button to open the Settings window. The Settings window provides access for system and wave segment configurations, program version information and IP network setting, and access to the System Calibration test. See the section **“Settings Window”** for more information.
- F. **Help button:** Press this button to access the **3110A Help Files** manual through the 3110A system.
- G. **Clear Test Sequence Display:** Press the X to clear all wave and control segments from the test sequence display. Note that any changes that have not been saved to an .swg file will be lost.
- H. **Add Wave button:** Press this button to select a wave type and add a wave to the open test sequence. See the section **“Waves and Controls”** for more information.
- I. **Add Control button:** Press this button to select a control type and add a control to the open test sequence. See the section **“Waves and Controls”** for more information.
- J. **Stop/Run/Pause buttons** (not available in Demo Mode): Press the Run (arrow) button to send the open test sequence to the 3110A and begin generating output signal. Press the Pause (double lines) button to pause signal generation. Press the Stop (square) button to stop signal generation and reset the test to the beginning of the test sequence. See the tutorial **“Running a Test”** for more information.
- K. **Output Enabled/Disabled button** (not available in Demo Mode): Press this button to disable signal output when running a test sequence. Press the button again to enable signal output. See the tutorial **“Running a Test”** for more information.
- L. **System Status message:** The System Status message will display the state of the 3110A as

“Idle” whenever a test sequence is not running. The status will also be shown as “Idle” at all times when operating in Demo Mode. When the Run button is pressed, the System Status message will display a running count of the time elapsed in the test. Alternately, if the “Total Duration” option is selected on the Configuration tab in the Settings window, the System Status message will display a running count-down of the time remaining in the test. In addition, the Status Message will display a running count of the test segments as the sequence is being run (i.e, “1 OF X” where “X” is the total number of wave segments and controls included in the test sequence). When the Pause button is pressed, the System Status message will show as “Paused.”

## 4.2 Remote Operation

The 3110A/DSR System comes with an installation copy of Windows’ Remote Client software on the supplied USB drive (shipped with the 3110A/DSR System). The Windows’ Remote Client software allows the 3110A interface to be controlled from a remote computer via an Ethernet network. It can also be used on a Windows’ computer (without being connected to the 3110A) to edit or create test sequences while the 3110A/DSR System is being used elsewhere.

### Windows’ Remote Client Software

#### Minimum Installation Requirements:

64-bit Operating System: WIN 7, 8 or 10

Hard disk space: 100MB

4GB RAM

#### Recommended:

8GB RAM

Dedicated 1GB graphics card

### 4.2.1 Controlling the 3110A or DSR System Through a Network

To access and control the 3110A or DSR System through your local network, complete the steps below:

1. Locate the port labeled Network on the back panel of the 3110A or DSR system. Connect an Ethernet cable between the 3110A or DSR

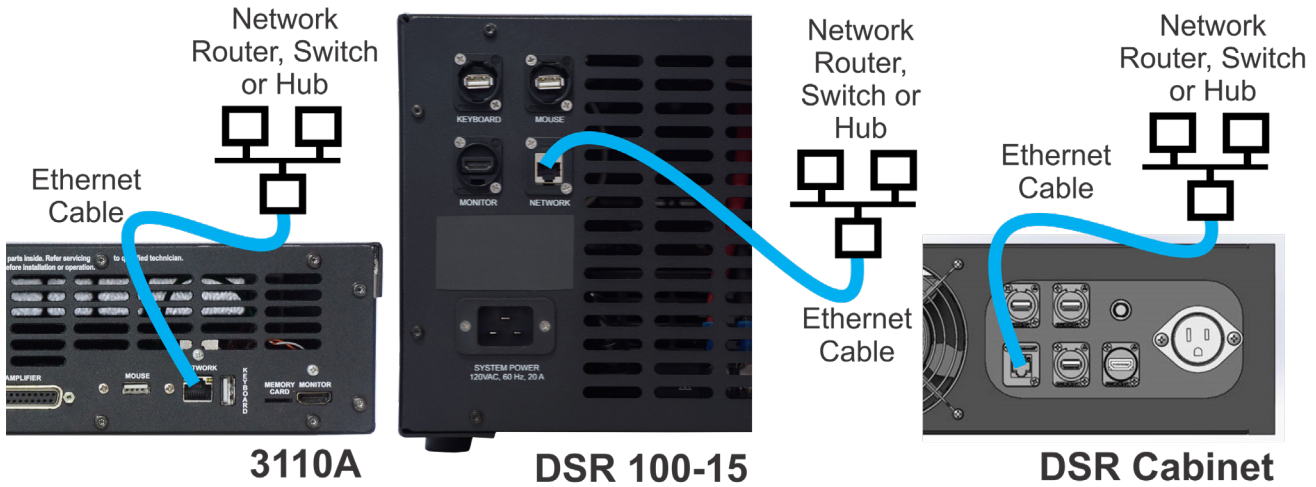


Figure 4.2 – Connecting the 3110A or DSR system to an Ethernet network

- system and your network hub, router or switch, as shown in **Figure 4.2**.
- Switch on the DSR system or 3110A and amplifier, and wait for the 3110A's interface to load (this can take up to 30 seconds). Press the Settings button to open the Settings window, and then select the **About Server** tab. Note the IP address shown in the IP Address section, and write it down for later reference. See **Figure 4.3**. Press the Cancel button to close the Settings window. **NOTE:** If the Service Endpoint box is blank or contains the IP address 0.0.0.0, then the 3110A/DSR system is not connected to your network. Check your Ethernet connection or contact your network administrator for assistance.

- Insert the USB drive (included with the 3110A/DSR system) into an open USB port on the computer to be used for accessing the 3110A/DSR system across the network. Open the USB drive and then locate and install and the Windows' Remote Client installation file named **Setup.exe**.
- When the program has been installed and loaded, the notice *"Not Connected to 3110A - Running in Demo Mode (Click to Connect)"* will be displayed in the upper left of the window (see **Figure 4.4**). Click the message to open the connection dialog, and then type the 3110A IP address you wrote down into the IP Address text box. Press OK to connect to the remote 3110A/DSR system. The remote 3110A's dis-

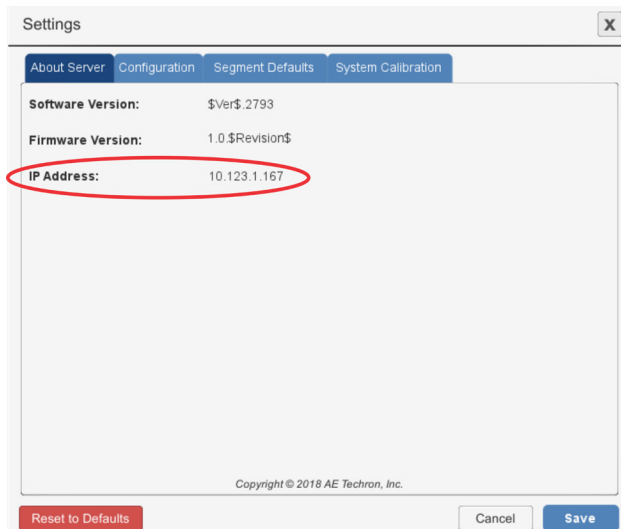


Figure 4.3 – 3110A IP Address Listing

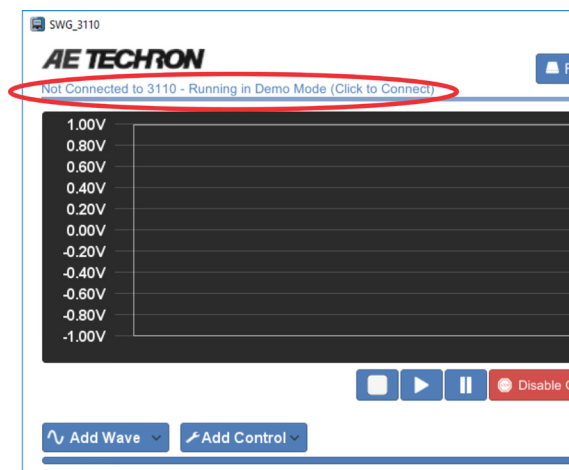


Figure 4.4 – Remote Connection to the 3110A/DSR System

play will be shown on your computer monitor, and the 3110A can now be controlled remotely.

### Removing I/O Devices

If the 3110A/DSR system will only be operated remotely through your network, the I/O devices (monitor, mouse and keyboard) can be removed. Leave the DSR system or 3110A and amplifier powered on for continued use through the network.

### Reconnecting to the 3110A Remotely

If the 3110A/DSR system is disconnected from the network, it may be assigned a new IP address when the unit is reconnected to the network. To find the new IP, go to the 3110A (reconnect monitor and mouse, if necessary), and then press the Settings button to open the Settings window. Select the About Server tab and review the IP address listing. Enter the new IP address in the IP Address text box on the remote computer.

## 4.3 Working in Demo Mode

A Windows computer (WIN 7, 8 or 10) can be used to create .swg test files for later use by working in Demo Mode using the Windows Remote Client software.

When working in Demo Mode, the Windows computer does not need to be in contact with the 3110A via network connection, so the 3110A can be used to run existing test routines while new routines are created elsewhere.

To prepare a computer to run in Demo Mode, install the Windows' Remote Client software (Setup.exe), which is provided on the USB drive that was included with the 3110A/DSR system.

Once the program has installed and loaded, the notice *“Not Connected to 3110A - Running in Demo Mode (Click to Connect)”* will be displayed in the upper left of the main window (see **Figure 3.4**).

A local copy of the 3110A Standards Library is saved to the Windows computer when the Remote

Client software is installed, so you can load tests from the Standards Library to use as a template to edit and save as a new test file. You can use the **Add Wave** and **Add Control** buttons to create new test sequences.

When the test sequence is complete, press the Files button to save the .swg file in the User Standards directory on your Windows computer. When working in Demo Mode, files saved to the User Standards directory will be saved on your local hard drive in your Documents directory in a sub-directory named “Demo SWG.”

To transfer the files saved on your local drive to the 3110A/DSR system, use the provided USB drive to copy the .swg files from your hard drive to the USB drive. Then insert the USB drive into the USB hub installed in the USB port labeled “Mouse” on the back of the 3110A/DSR system. See the following topic **“USB Drive”** for more information.

Start the 3110A (if needed) and use the Files button to open the files manager, and then open the USB drive. Copy the files located on the USB drive, and then paste the files into the User Standards directory on the 3110A.

**NOTE:** The files can be retrieved from the USB drive using the 3110A/DSR system locally and can also be transferred using a remote computer connected to the 3110A/DSR system via network. For more information, see the topic **“Remote Operation”** earlier in this section.

## 4.4 USB Drive

The 3110A/DSR system ships with a USB drive and a 2-port USB Hub (see **Figure 4.5**). The 2-port



Figure 4.5 – Two-port USB Hub



USB Hub should be plugged into the USB port labeled “MOUSE” on the back panel of the 3110A/DSR system, and the supplied USB Mouse should be plugged into one port on the USB Hub. The second port on the USB Hub can be used for the supplied USB drive. **IMPORTANT:** The 2-port USB Hub can only be used in the USB port labeled “Mouse.”

The USB drive contains the Windows’ Remote Client software Setup.exe file that can be used to install the remote access program on a Windows’ computer. For more information, see the topic “**Remote Operation.**”

The USB directory will be visible at the top level of the Files window when working directly on the 3110A or when accessing the 3110A remotely. However, the USB directory will not appear when working in Demo Mode. The USB directory can only be opened when the USB drive has been inserted into the open USB port on the USB Hub attached to the 3110A/DSR system.

To safely remove a USB drive from the USB port, first select the Unmount USB button in the Files window, and then remove the drive from the USB hub. Note: If the Unmount USB button is not pressed before removing the USB drive, the 3110A/DSR system may not recognize the USB drive when it is returned to the USB port. If the USB drive is not recognized, press the Unmount USB button and then remove the USB drive from the USB port. Then return the USB drive to the USB port to gain access to the USB drive.

The USB drive also can be used to create a backup of the .swg files stored in the 3110A/DSR system and to move .swg files created on a Windows computer running in Demo Mode to the 3110A/DSR system for use. See the topic “**Working in Demo Mode**” earlier in this section.

In addition, the USB drive can be used to update the 3110A/DSR system. See the following topic “**Updating the 3110A**” for more information.

## 4.5 Updating the 3110A/DSR System

Updates for the 3110A software (including additions to the Standards Library) and the Windows’ Remote Client software are available through **AE Techron Technical Support** or your AE Techron Sales Partner. **NOTE:** When updating the 3110A software, all Windows computers used to access the 3110A remotely must also be updated with the corresponding version of the Windows’ Remote Client software.

Complete the following steps to update the software and load additional tests into the Standard’s Library on the 3110A/DSR system:

1. Obtain the update package (.apk file) for updating the 3110A software from AE Techron or an AE Techron Sales Partner. Save the file on the USB drive that came with your 3110A/DSR system.
2. Insert the USB drive into the open port on the USB hub that has been inserted into the USB port on 3110A/DSR system back panel labeled “Mouse.”
3. Turn on the 3110A/DSR system and allow the software interface to load. Then locate and press the Files button to open the Files explorer. Open the USB directory and then locate the update .apk file you saved.
4. Select and open the .apk file. You will be prompted to approve new permissions (if any). If no new permissions are required, select the INSTALL button at the bottom right of the screen to start the update process (see **Figure 4.6**).
5. The message “App installed” will appear in the window when the update has been successfully performed. Select the “Done” button to close the dialog box and return to the normal 3110A interface.
6. Check the version information displayed on the About Server tab in the Settings window to confirm the update has been successfully installed.

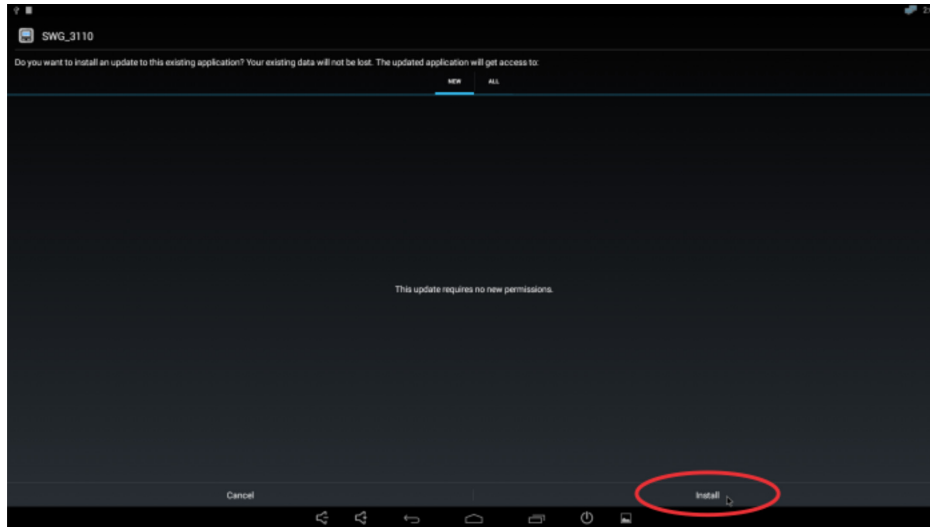


Figure 4.6 – Updating the 3110A/DSR System

**4.5.1 Updating the Windows’ Remote Client Software**

Complete the following steps to update the Windows’ Remote Client software on a Windows computer (Windows 7, 8 and 10):

1. Obtain the update program (.exe file) for updating the Windows remote client from AE Techron or your AE Techron Sales Partner. Save the file on a USB drive, on your local computer, or on a network drive that is accessible to the computer(s) being updated.
2. Locate and open the downloaded .exe file via Windows File Explorer. You will be prompted to approve the update process. Once approved, the update process will begin.
3. A dialog box will confirm the update has been successfully performed. Close the dialog and the 3110A Remote Client will automatically load.
4. Check the version information displayed on the About Server tab in the Settings window to confirm the update has been successfully installed.

**4.6 Using the 6-to-1 Attenuator**

NOTE: A 6:1 attenuator is built into DSR Series systems. See the *DSR Series Operation Manual*

for information on using the DSR system’s built-in attenuator.

A BNC male-to-female fixed attenuator is included in the accessories shipped with 3110A stand-alone units. This attenuator has a drop of 6:1, or 6 volts in, 1 volt out.

Most test sequences do not require the use of this attenuator. However, tests having a maximum voltage of less than 30V may require the use of the attenuator.

The purpose of the attenuator is to DECREASE the overall system gain of the 3110A + amplifier from the typical setting of 20 to a setting that is 20/6 or approximately 3.33. Lowering the system gain allows the user to achieve maximum system signal-to-noise performance.

In general, if you are experiencing noise during testing, use of the attenuator is recommended.

**4.6.1 Installing the Attenuator**

Connect the attenuator’s BNC male end to the Signal Out BNC female connector on the front of the 3110A.

Connect a BNC cable to the female end of the attenuator, and then connect the cable to the unbalanced BNC input on the amplifier.

If using, connect a transformer to the amplifier outputs.

#### 4.6.2 System Calibration

When the attenuator is used, System Gain must be recalibrated. This allows the 3110A to adjust its output levels to deliver the required levels at the system output.

To adjust the 3110A's System Gain setting complete the following steps:

1. Press the Settings button from the 3110A's main window, and then select the System Calibration tab.
2. If desired, adjust the 3110A Output Voltage from the default setting of 1 Vp.
3. Connect an oscilloscope to the DUT (load at the system output).
4. Press the Run Calibration Test button to run the Calibration Test.
5. When the System Calibration testing is completed, press the Save button to save the new System Gain setting and return to the 3110A's main menu.

#### 4.7 Shutdown Procedure

**IMPORTANT: Any powered amplifiers that are connected to the 3110A must first be disabled before shutting down the 3110A or DSR System.** Failure to follow the proper shutdown procedure

can result in damage to the amplifiers or any connected load/DUT.

Complete the following to safely shut down a 3110A/amplifier combination or DSR System:

1. Make sure all amplifiers connected to the system are disabled. To quickly disable AE Techron amplifiers, press the Stop button on the front panel of any amplifier to place all connected units in Standby mode. Or, you can turn the amplifier(s) OFF using the amplifier's power switch or breaker. Consult the amplifier or ***DSR Series Operation Manual*** for amplifier power switch location. For non-AE Techron amplifiers, consult the product instructions to determine the best method for disabling those units.
2. **DSR Systems:** After all amplifiers have been disabled, turn the system OFF by pressing the System Power button. **Stand-alone 3110As with attached amplifiers:** Place the 3110A's front-panel power switch in the OFF (O) position. Then use the amplifier's power/breaker switch to turn off each amplifier in the system.
3. **Stand-alone 3110As** that do not have any amplifiers or load attached can be safely shut down by simply pressing the 3110A front-panel power switch.

## 5 Tutorials

The following tutorials provide instruction for basic use of the 3110A software, such as adding waveforms and controls, running a test (completed

waveform sequence) and creating the more complex exponential sweep waveform. Complete the steps in each tutorial to learn about these operations.

### 5.1 3110A Basic Operation Tutorial

1. Select the Settings button and then open the **System Calibration** tab to set the 3110A system gain and DC offset. The default gain setting is 20, but this should be calibrated to match your actual system gain. When measuring 3110A output directly (without amplification), the system gain can be set to 1 for a maximum of 10Vp/20Vpp output. See the topic **“System Calibration”** in the **“Calibration”** section for more information.

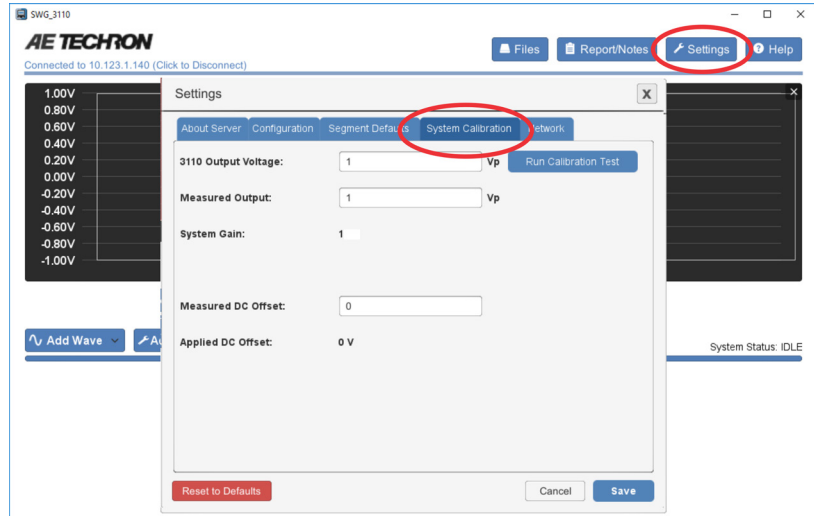


Figure 5.1 – System Calibration tab.

2. Use the Files button to load a test from the Standards library.

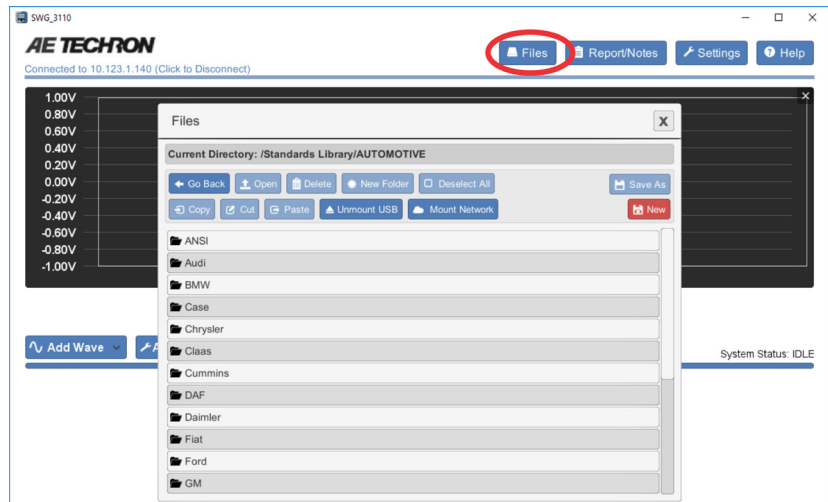


Figure 5.2 – 3110A Standards Library.

3. Use the Add Wave and Add Control buttons to select a waveform or control to add to the test window.

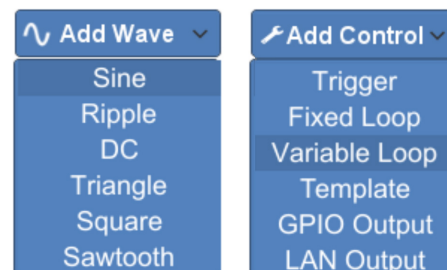


Figure 5.3 – Wave and Control menus.

- Select the tab for a waveform or control to open the Properties dialog. Edit the properties to create complex waveforms and waveform sequences.

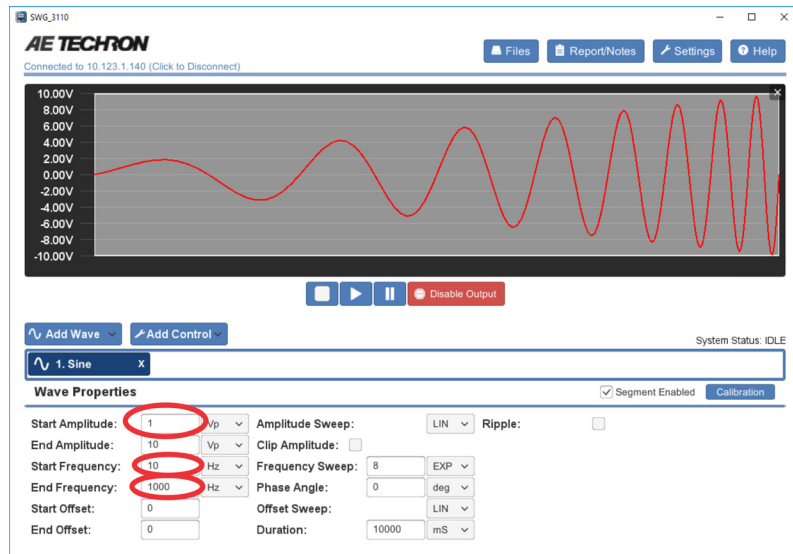


Figure 5.4 – Wave Properties window.

- Segments can be dragged to change their order. To remove a segment from the test, press the X on the segment's tab.

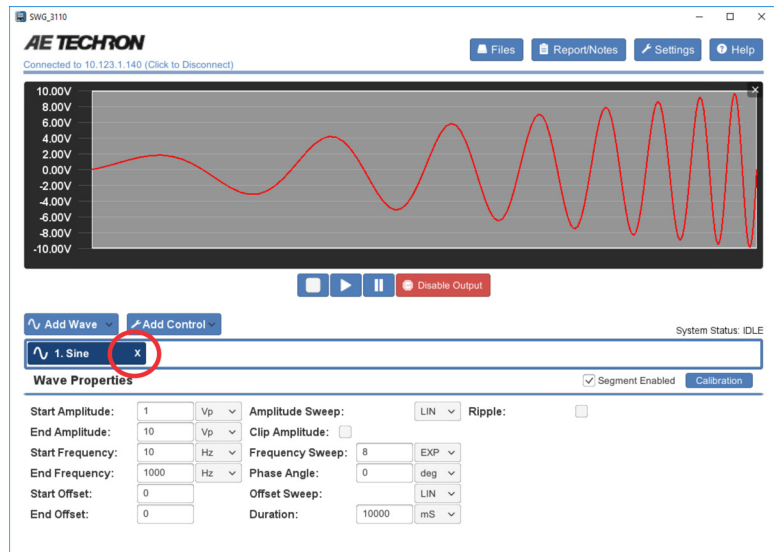


Figure 5.5 – Deleting a segment.

- When your test sequence is complete, press the Arrow button to begin generating signal output from the amplifier.



Figure 5.6 – Generating output signal

## 5.2 Working with Waves and Controls Tutorial

The following tutorial provides basic instructions for creating, customizing, and using waveform segments.

1. The **Add Wave** button opens a drop-down menu listing the types of waveforms that can be added to the test sequence. You can choose Sine, Ripple, DC, Triangle, Square or Sawtooth waveforms. The **Add Control** button opens a drop-down menu listing the types of controls that can be added. You can choose Trigger, Fixed Loop, Variable Loop, Template, GPIO Output\* or LAN Output. Choose the Sine waveform from the Add Wave drop-down menu. A sinewave with the program's default settings will be added to the display.

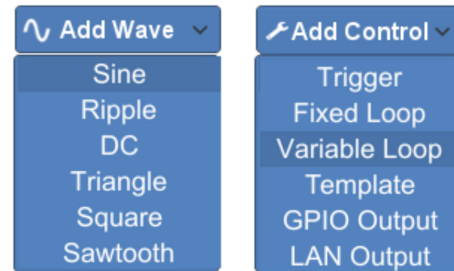


Figure 5.7 – Add Wave and Add Control menus

2. Click on the tab (or the waveform in the display) to open the Properties window containing the available property settings for that waveform. (See the section “Waveforms and Controls” in this Help manual for more information about the settings available for each waveform type.)



Figure 5.8 – Opening the Properties window.

3. Make the following changes to the Property settings: Change the Start Amplitude value to 1 Vp and the Start Frequency value to 100 Hz. Notice that as you adjust settings for the waveform in the Properties window, the visual depiction in the display will adjust to reflect the approximate signal being described by the waveform properties. **Note that durations are NOT shown to scale.**

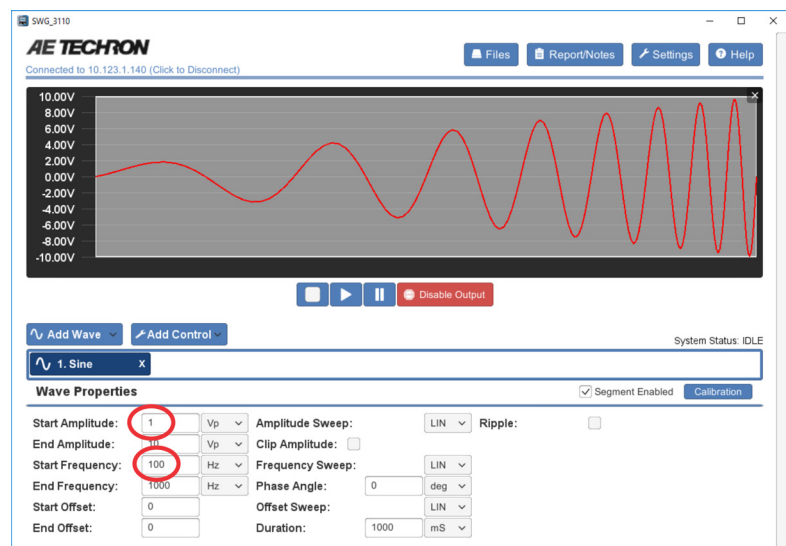


Figure 5.9 – Changing values in the Properties window..

\*GPIO output control is not supported on DSR Series systems.

- Click on the value field for Start Amplitude property. A hint window will appear above the field displaying the minimum and maximum allowable values for that property. Enter a value outside of that range (for example, 500 Vp). The entry field will change to red and the allowable range will be displayed within the field. Enter the value 1 Vp (or another allowable value) to remove the error.

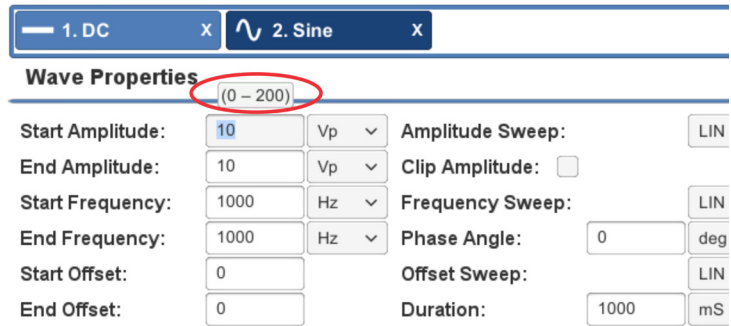


Figure 5.10 – Viewing the allowable range for a waveform property.

- Add additional waveforms to the test by selecting additional waveforms from the drop-down menu. New waveforms will be inserted to the right of the selected control or waveform.



Figure 5.11 – Adding additional waveform segments to the test sequence.

- To reposition a waveform within the test sequence, click on the waveform in the display window and then drag the waveform to the desired position in the sequence.

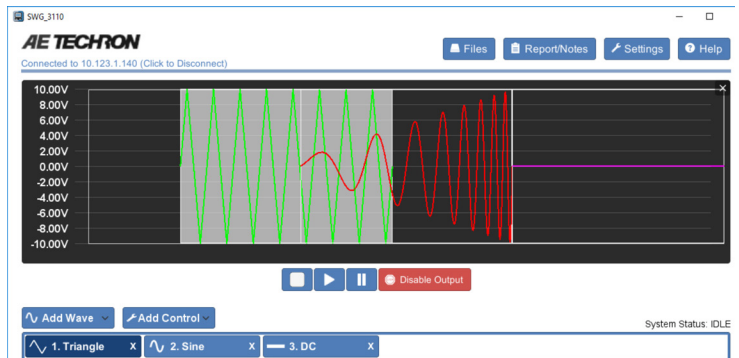


Figure 5.12 – Repositioning waveform segments in the test sequence.

- To remove a segment from the test, press the "X" on the segment's tab.

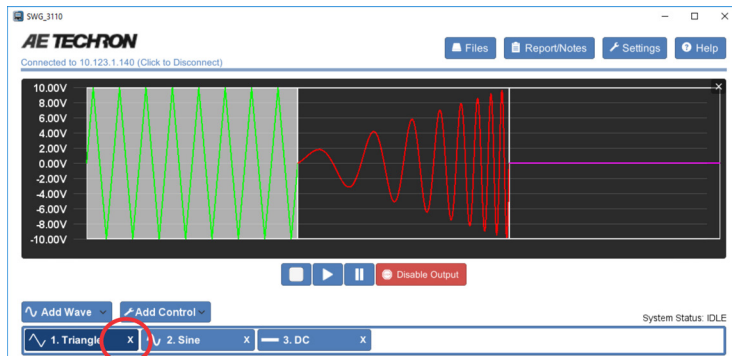


Figure 5.13 – Removing a waveform segment

### 5.3 Running a Test

One or more waveforms and/or controls that have been added to the active test window can be run using the controls located below the display window. See **Figure 5.14**.

1. If using the stand-alone 3110A, connect the 3110A and amplifier following the instructions in the section “**Getting Started.**”
2. Attach an oscilloscope to the Test Supply or amplifier Output connectors to monitor the signal being generated.
3. In the 3110A software interface, use the **Add Wave** button to add one or more waveforms to the test window.
4. Press the **Run** button. When the **Run** button is pressed, the system will begin generating signal starting at the beginning of the test sequence (the waveform or control farthest to the left). The System Status reporting message will change from “Idle” to “1 of X,” with X being the total combined number of waveforms and controls in the test.
5. Notice that individual segments may be highlighted in the display window during playback. This occurs when the 3110A/DSR system is currently generating the highlighted segment and the segment is equal to or greater than one second in duration. Segments shorter than one second are too short to register as being highlighted.
6. Press the **Pause** button. The system will stop generating the signal described in the test sequences. By default, the controller will generate no signal while a test is paused. To generate a predetermined DC signal instead, change the Pause Voltage setting on the Configuration tab in the Settings window. See **Figure 5.15**.
7. Press the **Run** button. The system will begin generating signal starting at the beginning of the last active waveform segment. The System Status reporting message will continue the count of the number of segments run in the test.

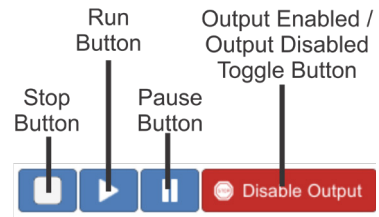


Figure 5.14 – Test Playback and Output Controls

8. Press the **Stop** button. When the **Stop** button is pressed, the 3110A will stop signal generation, and the test will reset to the start of the first waveform. The system will report its status as “Idle.” The system will report its status as Idle at all times that the 3110A is operating normally but a test is not actively running.
9. Restart the test by pushing the **Run** button, and then push the red **Output Enabled** button. The button will change to green and will be labeled “**Output Disabled.**” Notice that the test continues to progress in the 3110A display, but that signal output has been muted.
10. Press the green **Output Disabled** button. The button will toggle back to the red “**Output Enabled**” button and signal generation will resume. Note that running a test with output disabled can be useful for testing a sequence before generating output.

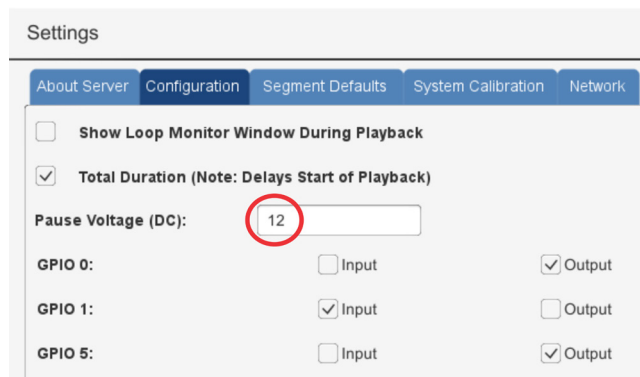


Figure 5.15 – Setting the Pause Voltage (DC)



## 5.4 Creating an Exponential Sweep

An exponential sweep can be used to create voltage dips, surges and other similar waveforms. When an exponential sweep is selected in the wave properties window, an effective time constant property is available and can be used to control the shape of the swept waveform.

The following tutorial demonstrates the use of the effective time constant to control an exponential sweep.

1. Connect an oscilloscope to the Output connectors of the 3110A. or the Test Supply connectors on a DSR system.
2. Add four DC wave segments to the 3110A test window.
3. Set the first segment's properties as follows: Start Offset, 0; End Offset, 10; Offset Sweep, 8, EXP; Duration, 1000 ms. See **Figure 5.16**.
4. Set the second segment's properties as follows: Start Offset, 0; End Offset, 10; Offset Sweep, -8, EXP; Duration, 1000 ms.
5. Set the third segment's properties as follows: Start Offset, 10; End Offset, 0; Offset Sweep, 8, EXP; Duration, 1000 ms.
6. Set the third segment's properties as follows: Start Offset, 10; End Offset, 0; Offset Sweep, -8, EXP; Duration, 1000 ms.
7. Run the test sequence. The resulting output should be similar to that shown in **Figure 5.17**. Note that a rising exponential will be concave when a positive value is used for the effective time constant property, but convex when a negative value is used. Conversely, a falling exponential will be convex when a positive value is used for the effective time constant property, but concave when a negative value is used.
8. Next, edit the four DC segments to create four exponential sweeps from 0 VDC to 10 VDC. Set the effective time constant property of the first segment to -2, the second to -5, the third to -7 and the fourth to -8.

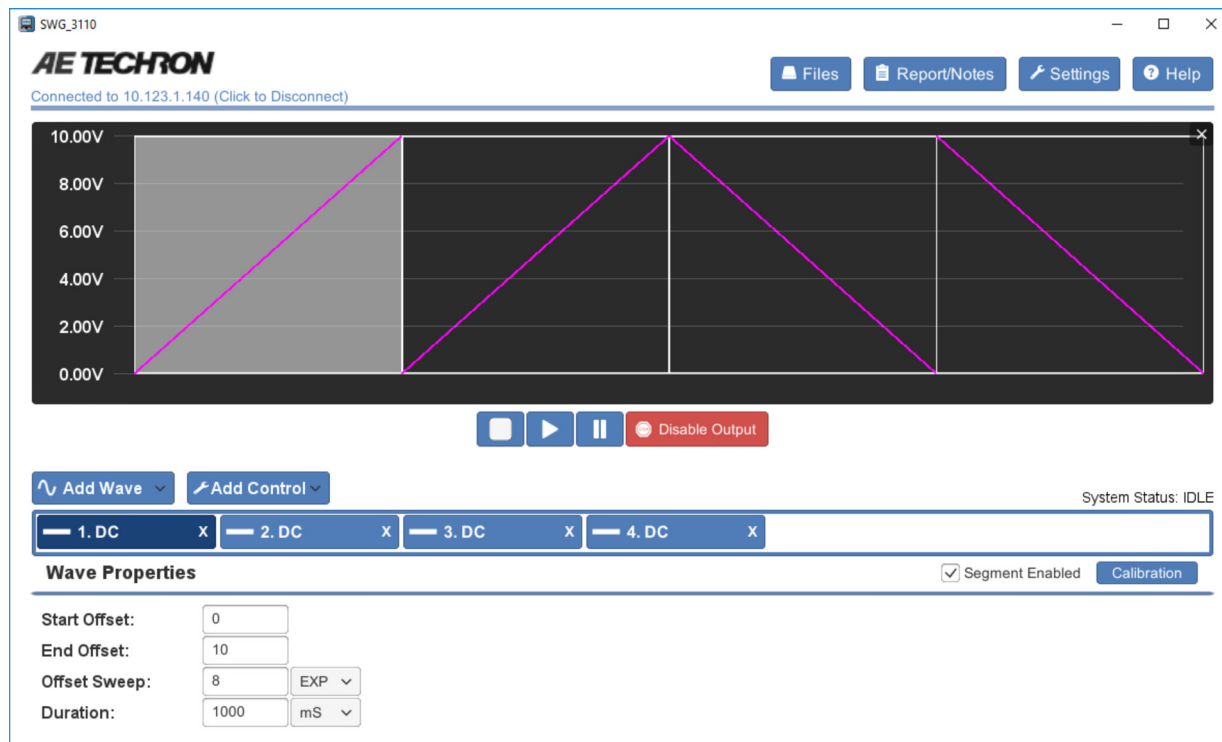


Figure 5.16 – Properties of DC Waveform with Exponential Sweep

**Exponential Sweep Comparison**

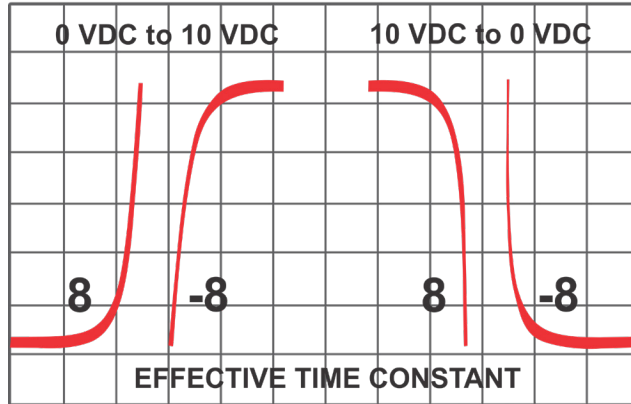


Figure 5.17 – Comparison of Effective Time Constant Sign Settings

**Exponential Sweep  
0 VDC to 10 VDC**

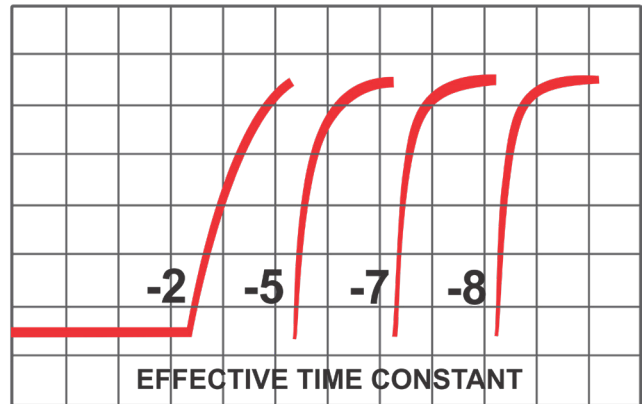


Figure 5.18 – Comparison of Effective Time Constant Value Settings

9. Run the test sequence. The resulting output should be similar to that shown in **Figure 5.18**. Note that higher values for the effective time constant property will result in a steeper slope on the exponential.

## 6 Waveforms and Controls

The **Add Wave** and **Add Control** buttons are located below the display panel in the 3110A software’s main window. Use these buttons to add waveform and control segments to the test sequence to create the complete sequence for your test.

After a waveform or control is added to the test sequence, click on the tab (or the wave or control icon in the display) to open the Properties window and adjust the properties to meet your requirements.

### 6.1 Alternating Waves

#### 6.1.1 Alternating Wave Types

Alternating waveform types include Sine, Triangle, Square and Sawtooth. Alternating waveform types accept the same property settings, but the capabilities will differ between waveform types.

**Sine Wave:** The 3110A uses its arbitrary waveform generator to create the specified sine wave output. Select Sine from the **Add Wave** drop-down when you need to create an audio-frequency sinusoidal waveform (DC to 15 kHz).

**Triangle Wave:** The 3110A uses its arbitrary waveform generator to create the specified triangle wave output. Select Triangle from the **Add Wave** drop-down when you need to create an audio-frequency triangle waveform (DC to 15 kHz).

**Square Wave:** The 3110A uses its arbitrary waveform generator to create the specified square wave output. Select Square from the **Add Wave** drop-down when you need to create an audio-frequency square waveform (DC to 15 kHz).

**Sawtooth Wave:** The 3110A uses its arbitrary waveform generator to create the specified sawtooth wave output. Select Sawtooth from the **Add Wave** drop-down when you need to create an audio-frequency sawtooth waveform (DC to 15 kHz).

#### 6.1.2 Alternating Wave Properties

Set the alternating waveform properties to specify the characteristics of the wave to be produced at the amplifier output. See **Figure 6.1**.

**Amplitude:** The Start Amplitude and End Amplitude properties determine the height of the wave from the zero-crossing point to the crest, measured in volts. Amplitude can be defined using the units Volts peak (Vp), Volts peak-to-peak (Vpp) or Volts root-mean-square (Vrms). When the unit of measure is changed, the 3110A automatically converts the property’s value to the new unit of measure. The units of measure used for Start Amplitude and End Amplitude do not need to be the same.

The values for both Start and End Amplitude can be positive or negative, and the allowable range for these values will be determined by the 3110A based on the System Calibration settings (for more

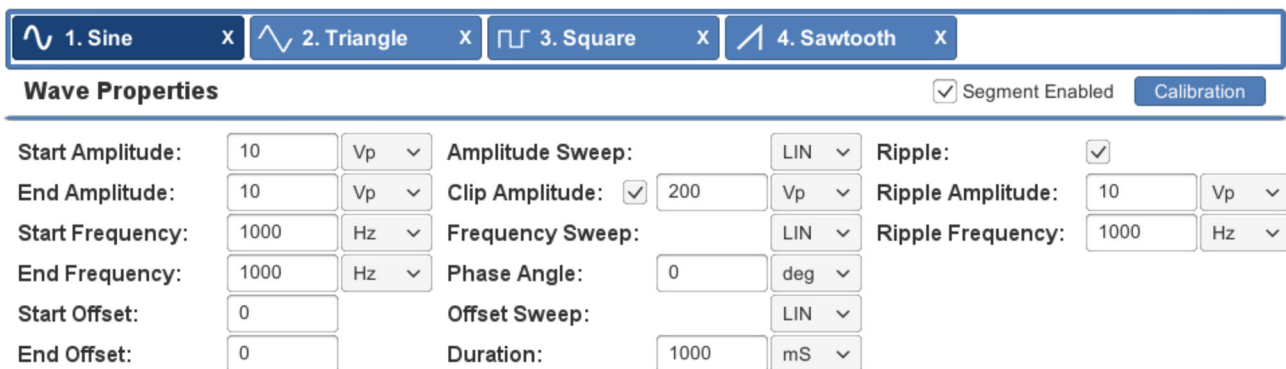


Figure 6.1– Alternating Waveform Properties (all wave types except Ripple and DC)

information, see the topic “**System Calibration**” in the “**Calibration**” section). The default allowable range is  $\pm 200\text{Vp}$  (with system gain set to 20). This range is displayed above the selected input box. When a value outside of the allowable range is entered, the input box will turn red.

**Frequency:** The Start Frequency and End Frequency properties determine the frequency of the wave in cycles per second (Hertz). Frequency can be defined using Hertz (Hz) or Kilohertz (kHz) as the unit of measure. When the unit of measure is changed, the 3110A automatically converts the property’s value to the new unit of measure. The units of measure used for Start Frequency and End Frequency do not need to be the same.

The allowable minimum value for Start Frequency is 0.1 Hz. The allowable maximum value for End Frequency is 15 kHz. This range is displayed above the selected input box. When a value outside of the allowable range is entered, the input box will turn red.

**DC Offset:** The Start Offset and End Offset properties supply a constant positive or negative DC voltage on the AC wave. DC Offset is defined in Volts DC (VDC) as the unit of measure.

The allowable range for Start and End Offset is  $\pm 200\text{ VDC}$  (with system gain set to 20). This range is displayed above the selected input box. When a value outside of the allowable range is entered, the input box will turn red.

**Amplitude Sweep Type:** An Amplitude Sweep can be Linear, Exponential or Logarithmic. Choose the desired sweep type from the drop-down.

When Exponential is chosen as the sweep type, an additional variable, the effective time constant, is added to the properties window. The effective time constant has an allowable range from -8 to +8. Increase or decrease this variable to affect the rate of exponential change. To change the exponential curve from convex to concave, vary the

sign of the effective time constant. See the topic “**Creating an Exponential Sweep**” in the “**Tutorials**” section for more information.

**Clip Amplitude:** Select the Clip Amplitude check box to enable the waveform clip feature. When enabled, the Clip Amplitude will create a clipped waveform at the voltage specified. The default Clip Amplitude voltage setting is 200 Vp, which is effectively a non-clipped waveform since AC wave amplitude is limited by the system to 200 Vp. Change the Clip Amplitude voltage to a level between 0 and 200 Vp to clip the waveform. NOTE: The default clip amplitude can be changed from 200 Vp to the setting of your choice on the Segment Defaults tab in the Settings window. See the topic “**The Segment Defaults Tab**” in the section “**Settings Window**” for more information.

**Frequency Sweep Type:** A Frequency Sweep can be Linear, Exponential or Logarithmic. Choose the desired sweep type from the drop-down.

When Exponential is chosen as the sweep type, an additional variable, the effective time constant, is added to the properties window. The effective time constant has an allowable range from -8 to +8. Increase or decrease this variable to affect the rate of exponential change. To change the exponential curve from convex to concave, vary the sign of the effective time constant. See the topic “**Creating an Exponential Sweep**” in the “**Tutorials**” section for more information.

**Phase Angle:** The Phase Angle property determines the beginning offset of the waveform within the cycle. Phase Angle can be defined using degrees (deg) or radians (rad) as the unit of measure.

The allowable range for Phase Angle is 0 to 360 degrees. This range is displayed above the selected input box. When a value outside of the allowable range is entered, the input box will turn red.

**Offset Sweep Type:** An Offset Sweep can be Linear, Exponential, or Logarithmic. Choose the desired sweep type from the drop-down.

When Exponential is chosen as the sweep type, an additional variable, the effective time constant, is added to the properties window. The effective time constant has an allowable range from -8 to +8. Increase or decrease this variable to affect the rate of exponential change. To change the exponential curve from convex to concave, vary the sign of the effective time constant. See the topic **“Creating an Exponential Sweep”** in the **“Tutorials”** section for more information.

**Duration:** The Duration property determines how long the waveform will be generated. Duration can be defined using the microsecond ( $\mu\text{s}$ ), millisecond (ms), second, (sec), minute (min) or hour (hour) as the unit of measure. When the unit of measure is changed, the 3110A automatically converts the property’s value to the new unit of measure.

The minimum duration is 50  $\mu\text{s}$ . Note that the allowable range displayed above the Duration input box shows the minimum allowable duration as 0 because some wave segments of less than 50  $\mu\text{s}$  can be achieved. Please contact AE Techron Technical Support for information about very short duration segments.

When the duration specified for the waveform has been completed, the 3110A will begin generating the next waveform defined in the test. However, if a Trigger Control follows the just-completed waveform, and the Trigger Control’s “Continue Prev. Wave” property is set to TRUE, the waveform before the Trigger Control will continue indefinitely, regardless of the duration time set in that waveform’s properties.

If no additional waveform has been defined to follow the completed waveform, the system output will stop.

**Ripple:** Select the Ripple checkbox to enable the Ripple feature. When enabled, Ripple will produce

a modulation effect on an AC wave by superimposing a higher frequency on a lower-frequency fundamental waveform.

Enter the desired **Ripple Amplitude** and **Ripple Frequency** in the provided text boxes. The allowable amplitude range is 0-200 Vp, and the allowable frequency range is 0-300000 Hz. Amplitude can be defined using the units Volts peak (Vp), Volts peak-to-peak (Vpp) or Volts root-mean-square (Vrms). Frequency can be defined using Hertz (Hz) or Kilohertz (kHz) as the unit of measure. When the unit of measure is changed, the 3110A automatically converts the property’s value to the new unit of measure.

**Segment Enabled/Disabled:** The waveform segment can be set to Enabled (Segment Enabled checkbox checked) or Disabled (unchecked). When enabled, the waveform will be played as part of the test sequence. When unchecked, the waveform will be skipped during the running of the test segment. This can be useful when building or troubleshooting test sequences to skip over long or previously verified segments.

**Segment Calibration:** Pressing the **Calibration** button will open the Segment Calibration window and allow the user to perform calibration at the segment level. See the topic **“Segment Calibration”** in the section **“Calibration”** for more information.

**Segment Calibration for Scripted Variable Loops:** When a waveform segment is part of a scripted variable loop, pressing the **Calibration** button will open the Segment Calibration function that allows a calibration test to be run for each segment iteration in the variable loop. See the topic **“Calibration for Scripted Variable Loops”** in the section **“Calibration”** for more information.

## 6.2 Ripple Wave

The 3110A uses its sinewave generator to create the specified ripple wave output. Select Ripple from the **Add Wave** drop-down when you need to

create a sinusoidal waveform with a frequency up to 300 kHz.

**6.2.1 Ripple Wave Properties**

Set the ripple waveform properties to specify the characteristics of the wave to be produced at the amplifier output. See **Figure 6.2**.

**Amplitude:** The Start Amplitude and End Amplitude properties determine the height of the wave from the zero-crossing point to the crest, measured in volts. Amplitude can be defined using the units Volts peak (Vp), Volts peak-to-peak (Vpp) or Volts root-mean-square (Vrms). When the unit of measure is changed, the 3110A automatically converts the property’s value to the new unit of measure. The units of measure used for Start Amplitude and End Amplitude do not need to be the same.

The values for both Start and End Amplitude can be positive or negative, and the allowable range for these values will be determined by the 3110A based on the System Calibration settings (for more information, see the topic “**System Calibration**” in the “**Calibration**” section). The default allowable range is ±200Vp (with system gain set to 20). This range is displayed above the selected input box. When a value outside of the allowable range is entered, the input box will turn red.

**Frequency:** The Start Frequency and End Frequency properties determine the frequency of the

wave in cycles per second (Hertz). Frequency can be defined using Hertz (Hz) or Kilohertz (kHz) as the unit of measure. When the unit of measure is changed, the 3110A automatically converts the property’s value to the new unit of measure. The units of measure used for Start Frequency and End Frequency do not need to be the same.

The allowable minimum value for Start Frequency is 0.1 Hz. The allowable maximum value for End Frequency is 300 kHz. This range is displayed above the selected input box. When a value outside of the allowable range is entered, the input box will turn red.

**DC Offset:** The Start Offset and End Offset properties supply a constant positive or negative DC voltage on the AC wave. DC Offset is defined in Volts DC (VDC) as the unit of measure.

The allowable range for Start and End Offset is ±200 VDC (with system gain set to 20). This range is displayed above the selected input box. When a value outside of the allowable range is entered, the input box will turn red.

**Amplitude Sweep Type:** An Amplitude Sweep can be Linear, Exponential or Logarithmic. Choose the desired sweep type from the drop-down.

When Exponential is chosen as the sweep type, an additional variable, the effective time constant, is added to the properties window. The effective time constant has an allowable range from -8 to

Figure 6.2– Ripple Waveform Properties

+8. Increase or decrease this variable to affect the rate of exponential change. To change the exponential curve from convex to concave, vary the sign of the effective time constant. See the topic **“Creating an Exponential Sweep”** in the **“Tutorials”** section for more information.

**Frequency Sweep Type:** A Frequency Sweep can be Linear, Exponential or Logarithmic. Choose the desired sweep type from the drop-down.

When Exponential is chosen as the sweep type, an additional variable, the effective time constant, is added to the properties window. The effective time constant has an allowable range from -8 to +8. Increase or decrease this variable to affect the rate of exponential change. To change the exponential curve from convex to concave, vary the sign of the effective time constant. See the topic **“Creating an Exponential Sweep”** in the **“Tutorials”** section for more information.

**Phase Angle:** The Phase Angle property determines the beginning offset of the waveform within the cycle. Phase Angle can be defined using degrees (deg) or radians (rad) as the unit of measure.

The allowable range for Phase Angle is 0 to 360 degrees. This range is displayed above the selected input box. When a value outside of the allowable range is entered, the input box will turn red.

**Offset Sweep Type:** An Offset Sweep can be Linear, Exponential, or Logarithmic. Choose the desired sweep type from the drop-down.

When Exponential is chosen as the sweep type, an additional variable, the effective time constant, is added to the properties window. The effective time constant has an allowable range from -8 to +8. Increase or decrease this variable to affect the rate of exponential change. To change the exponential curve from convex to concave, vary the sign of the effective time constant. See the topic **“Creating an Exponential Sweep”** in the **“Tutorials”** section for more information.

**Duration:** The Duration property determines how long the waveform will be generated. Duration can be defined using the microsecond ( $\mu\text{s}$ ), millisecond (ms), second, (sec), minute (min) or hour (hour) as the unit of measure. When the unit of measure is changed, the 3110A automatically converts the property's value to the new unit of measure.

The minimum duration is 50  $\mu\text{s}$ . Note that the allowable range displayed above the Duration input box shows the minimum allowable duration as 0 because some wave segments of less than 50  $\mu\text{s}$  can be achieved. Please contact AE Techron Technical Support for information about very short duration segments.

When the duration specified for the waveform has been completed, the 3110A will begin generating the next waveform defined in the test. However, if a Trigger Control follows the just-completed waveform, and the Trigger Control's "Continue Prev. Wave" property is set to TRUE, the waveform before the Trigger Control will continue indefinitely, regardless of the duration time set in that waveform's properties.

If no additional waveform has been defined to follow the completed waveform, the system output will stop.

**Segment Enabled/Disabled:** The waveform segment can be set to Enabled (Segment Enabled checkbox checked) or Disabled (unchecked). When enabled, the waveform will be played as part of the test sequence. When unchecked, the waveform will be skipped during the running of the test segment. This can be useful when building or troubleshooting test sequences to skip over long or previously verified segments.

**Segment Calibration:** Pressing the **Calibration** button will open the Segment Calibration window and allow the user to perform calibration at the segment level. See the topic **“Segment Calibration”** in the section **“Calibration”** for more information.

**Segment Calibration for Scripted Variable**

**Loops:** When a waveform segment is part of a scripted variable loop, pressing the **Calibration** button will open the Segment Calibration function that allows a calibration test to be run for each segment iteration in the variable loop. See the topic **“Calibration for Scripted Variable Loops”** in the section **“Calibration”** for more information.

**6.3 DC Signal**

Select DC from the **Add Wave** drop-down when you need to create a positive or negative DC output. Set the following properties to specify the characteristics of the DC output to be produced at the amplifier output (see **Figure 6.3**).

**DC Offset:** The Start Offset and End Offset properties supply a constant positive or negative DC voltage. DC Offset is defined in Volts DC (VDC) as the unit of measure.

The allowable range for Start and End Offset is  $\pm 200$  VDC (with system gain set to 20). This range is displayed above the selected input box. When a value outside of the allowable range is entered, the input box will turn red.

**Offset Sweep Type:** An Offset Sweep can be Linear, Exponential, or Logarithmic. Choose the desired sweep type from the drop-down.

When Exponential is chosen as the sweep type, an additional variable, the effective time constant, is added to the properties window. The effective time constant has an allowable range from -8 to +8. Increase or decrease this variable to affect the rate of exponential change. To change the exponential curve from convex to concave, vary the

sign of the effective time constant. See the topic **“Creating an Exponential Sweep”** in the **“Tutorials”** section for more information.

**.Duration:** The Duration property determines how long the waveform will be generated. Duration can be defined using the microsecond ( $\mu$ s), millisecond (ms), second, (sec), minute (min) or hour (hour) as the unit of measure. When the unit of measure is changed, the 3110A automatically converts the property’s value to the new unit of measure.

The minimum duration is 50  $\mu$ s. Note that the allowable range displayed above the Duration input box shows the minimum allowable duration as 0 because some wave segments of less than 50  $\mu$ s can be achieved. Please contact AE Techron Technical Support for information about very short duration segments.

When the duration specified for the waveform has been completed, the 3110A will begin generating the next waveform defined in the test. However, if a Trigger Control follows the just-completed waveform, and the Trigger Control’s “Continue Prev. Wave” property is set to TRUE, the waveform before the Trigger Control will continue indefinitely, regardless of the duration time set in that waveform’s properties.

If no additional waveform has been defined to follow the completed waveform, the system output will stop.

**Segment Enabled/Disabled:** The waveform segment can be set to Enabled (Segment Enabled checkbox checked) or Disabled (unchecked). When enabled, the waveform will be played as

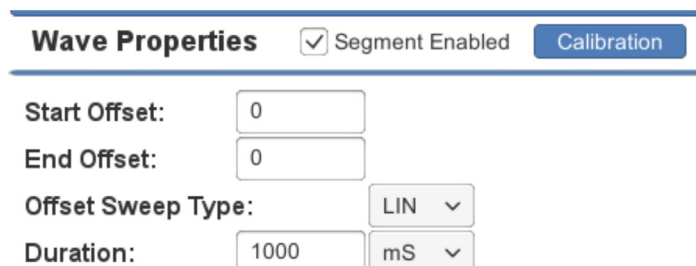


Figure 6.3 – DC Signal Properties



part of the test sequence. When unchecked, the waveform will be skipped during the running of the test segment. This can be useful when building or troubleshooting test sequences to skip over long or previously verified segments.

**Segment Calibration:** Pressing the **Calibration** button will open the Segment Calibration window and allow the user to perform calibration at the segment level. See the topic “**Segment Calibration**” in the section “**Calibration**” for more information.

### Segment Calibration for Scripted Variable

**Loops:** When a waveform segment is part of a scripted variable loop, pressing the **Calibration** button will open the Segment Calibration function that allows a calibration test to be run for each segment iteration in the variable loop. See the topic “**Calibration for Scripted Variable Loops**” in the section “**Calibration**” for more information.

## 6.4 Controls

Control segments include Trigger, Fixed Loop, Variable Loop, Template, GPIO Output and LAN Output. Properties for each Control segment are specific to the Control type.

**NOTE:** GPIO controls, including GPIO Trigger and GPIO Output, are not supported on DSR Series systems.

### 6.4.1 Trigger Control

The Trigger Control will cause a a running test to pause and wait for an input that will cause the trigger to “release.”

To create a trigger within a test, select the **Trigger** option from the **Add Control** drop-down menu. A Trigger icon will be added to the active test sequence. Drag the trigger icon until it is positioned where you want the trigger to occur within the test sequence. Select the Trigger tab and change the Trigger Type property to one of three trigger types: **user**, **gpio** or **lan**. Then edit the Trigger properties as required.

## Control Properties



Trigger Type: user

Operator Msg: Test unit for

Display Op. Msg:

Cont. Prev. Wave:

Figure 6.4 – User Trigger Properties

### User Trigger

The User Trigger option allows a local action to release the trigger. Either pressing the Arrow (RUN) button in the 3110A main window or pressing the spacebar on the keyboard will release a User Trigger. The following properties can be set when the User trigger type is selected (see **Figure 6.4**).

**Operator Msg (optional):** Enter a message to be displayed as a pop-up in the main window to provide instructions or reminders to the operator.

**Display Op. Msg:** Check the box (default) to display the operator message. Uncheck the box to prevent the Operator Message from displaying.

**Cont. Prev. Waveform:** When the trigger is released, the 3110A will begin generating the next waveform in the test sequence. While waiting for the trigger, the 3110A will continue to generate the waveform previous to the trigger control indefinitely until the trigger is released (default). To set the 3110A to not generate any signal between the end of the last waveform and the release of the trigger, uncheck the Trigger’s Continue Prev. Wave property check box.

### GPIO Trigger

**IMPORTANT:** Before configuring the GPIO Trigger, first configure each of the three GPIO ports to function as an input or an output using the **GPIO Setup** controls on the **Configuration** tab located in the Settings window. See the **GPIO Setup** side-

**Control Properties**

Trigger Type:  ▾

GPIO 0 Monitor:

GPIO 1 Monitor:  For:  ▾

GPIO 5 Monitor:

Cont. Prev. Wave:

Figure 6.5 – GPIO Trigger Properties

bar on the following page for more information.

**NOTE:** GPIO Trigger is not supported on DSR Series systems.

When a GPIO port is configured as an input, it can be used in a GPIO Trigger segment. When the GPIO Trigger segment is reached in a test sequence, the 3110A will pause and wait for the specified signal to be received on the designated GPIO port. When the signal is received, the test sequence will continue with the next segment following the trigger.

When programmed as an input, the electrical characteristics of each GPIO port is as follows:

	OPEN
GPIO0	0.0V DC
GPIO1	3.3V DC
GPIO5	0.0V DC

Impedance: ≥10 Mohm

The default GPIO input port is GPIO1, which can be pulled low by connection to pin 13 (digital ground). See the **GPIO Setup** sidebar on the following page for more information.

The following properties can be set when the GPIO trigger type is selected: GPIO Monitor (0, 1, or 5) and Cont. Prev. Wave (selected or unselected). See **Figure 6.5**.

**GPIO Monitor:** Choose the GPIO port that you have previously designated as the GPIO input during GPIO setup. After you have selected a GPIO monitor port, you will be prompted to choose the

logic state, 0 (0.0V DC) or 1 (3.3V DC) that will cause the trigger to be released.

**Cont. Prev. Waveform:** When the trigger is released, the 3110A will begin generating the next waveform in the test sequence. While waiting for the trigger, the 3110A will continue to generate the waveform previous to the trigger control indefinitely until the trigger is released (default). To set the 3110A to not generate any signal between the end of the last waveform and the release of the trigger, uncheck the Trigger’s Continue Prev. Wave property check box.

**LAN Trigger**

The LAN Trigger option allows an input signal received on the 3110A’s Ethernet port to cause the trigger to be released. When the LAN Trigger type is selected, the following controls are provided: See **Figure 6.6**.

**Client Address:** Enter the IP address of the workstation or device on your network that will be sending the Trigger signal.

**Output Message (optional):** Enter the characters to be sent to the client device on the network to signal that the trigger release message (Input Message) should be sent.

**Input Message:** Enter the characters that will be sent by the client device to signal the release of the trigger.

**Timeout:** If no release signal is received from the client device after the timeout period has passed, the 3110A will stop waiting for the trigger signal

## GPIO Setup

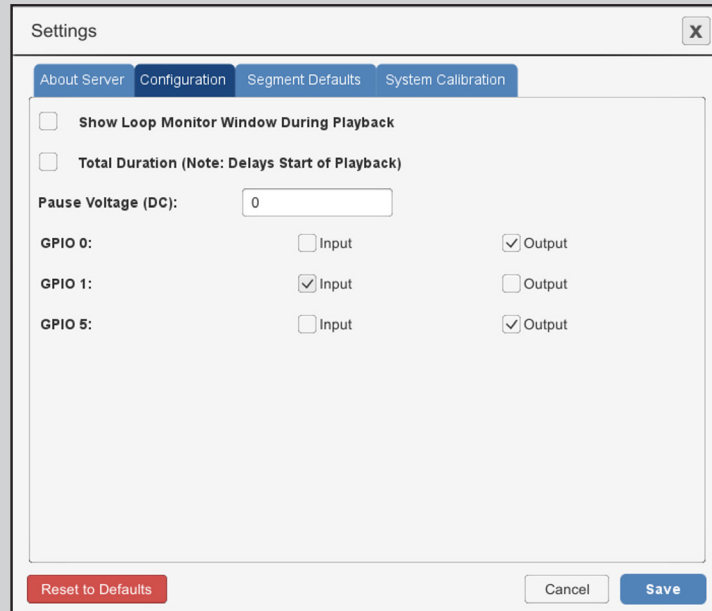
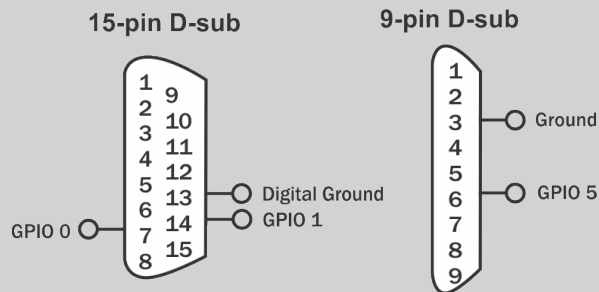
**NOTE: GPIO ports and controls are not supported on DSR Series systems.**

Open the Settings window and go to the Configuration tab to configure the GPIO Setup. The GPIO checkboxes are used to configure the usage of the 3110A's three dedicated GPIO ports. Select "Input" or "Output" to configure the port for that use in all test sequences.

After assigning the pins as required for your use or application, press the Save button to save the settings. and then use the corresponding pins to program a GPIO Trigger (input) or GPIO Output segment.

See the topics "Trigger Control: GPIO Trigger" and "GPIO Output Control" for more information.

**GPIO Port Wiring:** The GPIO ports can be accessed using the 3110A's 15-pin D-sub connector using pins 7 and 14 (refer-



enced to ground on pin 13), and the 9-pin D-sub connector using pin 6 (referenced to ground on pin 3).

Use an opto-coupler or solid-state relay to control the signal state.

**IMPORTANT:** The GPIO pins are tied directly to the microprocessor and are not isolated. Take care not to exceed maximum ratings as permanent damage can occur. We highly recommend optical isolation (opto-coupler, solid state relay, etc.) be used on all GPIO pins before connecting to external equipment.

and will continue to the next waveform in the test. Enter the time period in milliseconds.

**# of Retries (optional):** When the # of Retries value is set to a number higher than zero, if no release signal is received from the client device after the timeout period has passed, the 3110A will repeat the Timeout period for the number of retries specified before it will continue to the next waveform in the test.

**Cont. Prev. Waveform:** When the trigger is released, the 3110A will begin generating the next

**Trigger Type:** 
  
**Client Address:** 
  
**Output Message:** 
  
**Input Message:** 
  
**Timeout:** 
  
**# of Retries:** 
  
**Cont. Prev. Wave:**

Figure 6.6 – LAN Trigger Properties

waveform in the test sequence. While waiting for the trigger, the 3110A will continue to generate the waveform previous to the trigger control indefinitely until the trigger is released (default). To set the 3110A to not generate any signal between the end of the last waveform and the release of the trigger, uncheck the Trigger's Continue Prev. Wave property check box.

**6.4.2 Fixed Loop Control**

When one or more waveforms are positioned between the Fixed Loop Start control and Fixed Loop End control, those waveforms will be generated repeatedly. The number of times the waveforms will be repeated is determined by the Loop Count property found under the Fixed Loop Start tab. See **Figure 6.8**.

To create a fixed loop within a test, select the Fixed Loop option from the Add Control drop-down menu in the 3110A's main window. Two control icons, Fixed Loop Start and Fixed Loop End, will be added to the active test sequence. Drag the waveform(s) to be repeated so they are positioned between the Fixed Loop icons. Select the Fixed Loop Start tab and enter the desired number of loops in the Loop Count property.

**6.4.3 Variable Loop Control**

The Variable Loop control allows you to create a repeating waveform or waveform sequence with one or more waveform properties that are changed on each loop cycle. Up to four of the following waveform properties can be set as variables within a single Variable Loop: Start Amplitude, End Amplitude, Start Frequency, End Frequency, Start Offset, End Offset, and Duration.

Two types of Variable Loops are available for use: **Linear** and **Script**. Select a linear variable loop when you need to change from one to four wave-

form properties in a linear progression. Select a script variable loop when you need to change waveform properties in a random sequence or using a sequence based on an equation.

Note that segment-level calibration is not available for waveforms defined by a variable loop. If segment-level calibration is required for the test, create each loop as a separate waveform or waveform sequence.

**Linear Variable Loops**

To create a linear variable loop within a test, select the Variable Loop option from the Add Control drop-down menu in the 3110A's main window. Two control icons, Variable Loop Start and Variable Loop End, will be added to the active test sequence. Drag the waveform(s) to be looped so they are positioned between the Variable Loop icons.

When a waveform is positioned between the two Variable Loop icons, the Properties tab for the waveform will be changed to provide additional drop-down lists to be used to assign variables within the Variable Loop. See **Figure 6.9**.

Find the waveform property to be varied within the loop, and then use the variable assignment drop-down to select a letter. After variable assignment, the input box for that property will be removed to indicate that property will be determined by the variable. Check to make sure that the units being used for the property to be varied are the system default units (Vp for amplitude, Hz for frequency, VDC for offset, and ms for duration).

Next, open the Variable Loop Start tab and check to make sure the variable loop type is set to Linear. Then find the property controls for the variable letter you just assigned. In the Variable Start input box, enter the setting you want for that property at the beginning of the loop (first loop). In the End input box, enter the setting you want for that property at the end of the loop (last loop). Last, input the amount the variable should increase or decrease from one loop to the next. The 3110A software will



Figure 6.8 – Fixed Loop Properties

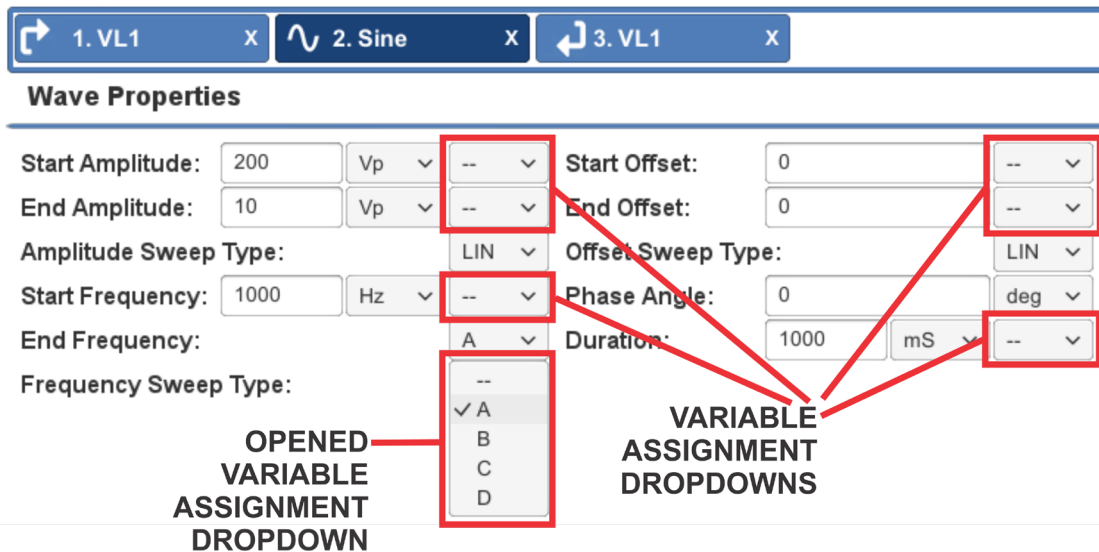


Figure 6.9 – Waveform Properties Added When the Waveform is Placed in a Variable Loop

calculate and display the total number of loops that will result. See **Figure 6.10**.

**Adding Additional Variables:** Up to four different waveform properties can be assigned as variables within a Variable Loop control. When the properties set for variables will result in a different number of loops to be generated, the 3110A will only generate the lesser number of loops. The actual number of loops to be generated will be highlighted on the Variable Loop Start tab. See **Figure 6.11**.

Once a variable has been created, it can be used on other waveforms contained within the Variable Loop, or on other properties within the same waveform, since the variables are independent of unit. For example, if variable A is defined as starting at 1000 and ending at 10,000 with an increment of 1000, this variable could be used to create a

10-loop repeat with starting frequencies from 1000 Hz to 10,000 Hz increasing in 1000 Hz increments, and variable A could also be used to create a 10-loop repeat with a duration increasing from 1000 ms on the first loop to 10,000 ms on the final loop.

**Nested Controls:** All Wave Controls (Trigger, Fixed Loop, Variable Loop and Template Playback) can be included within loop controls to become a part of the sequence. When a Variable Loop is included (nested) within another Variable Loop, a maximum of four different variables can be assigned between the two variable loops. Variables assigned in the outer loop are also available to the inner loop and can be reused. However, if the same variable letter is defined in both an outer and an inner Variable Loop, the variable assignment from the outer Variable Loop takes precedence

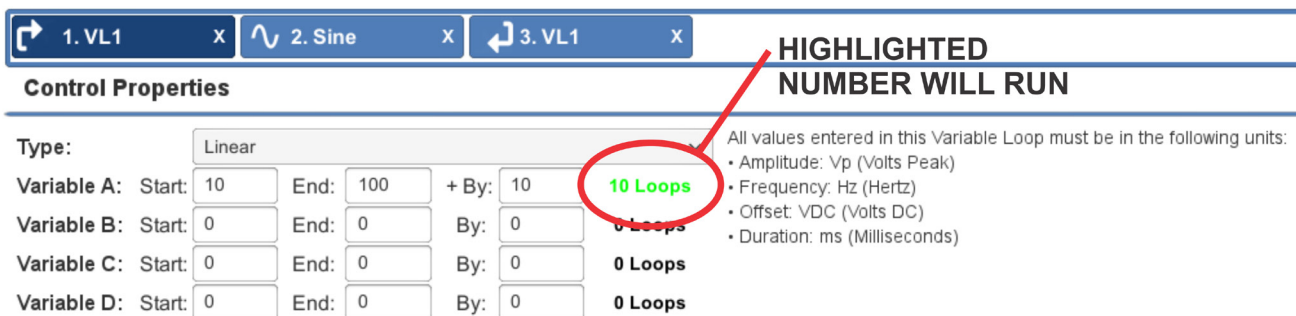


Figure 6.10 – Setting Linear Variable Loop Properties

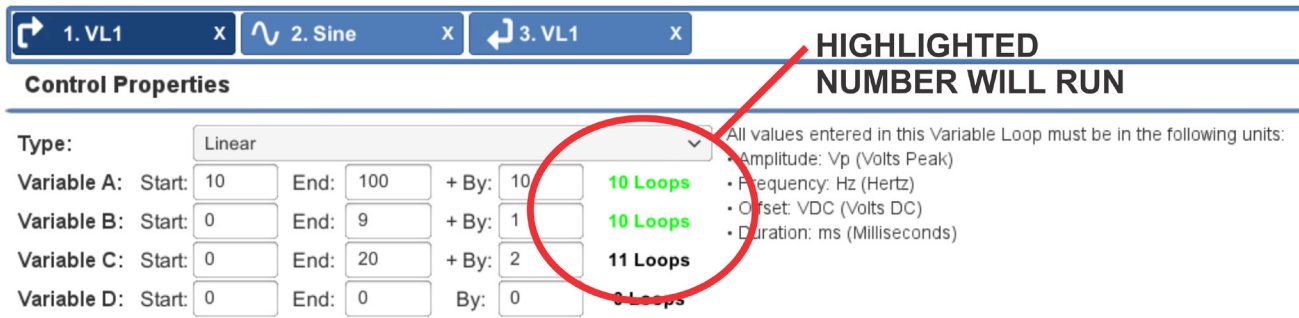


Figure 6.11 – Adding Additional Variables to a Linear Variable Loop

and will be applied to all variables with the same letter assignment.

**Scripted Variable Loops**

Scripted Variable Loops allow non-linear or equation-based test sequences to be created using data imported from a csv file. Up to four variables can be assigned within the csv file, and an unlimited number of loops using those variables can be

defined.

To create a Script Variable Loop, complete the following steps:

1. Select the Variable Loop option from the Add Control drop-down menu in the 3110A's main window.

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2. Add the waveform or waveform sequence to be controlled by the script and position it between

the Variable Loop Start and Variable Loop End segments. See **Figure 6.12**.

3. Open the properties window for the Variable Loop Start segment and change the Type property to "Script." A new property labeled "Script Import" will appear in the Control Properties window. See **Figure 6.13**.

4. Press the Choose CSV... button, and the Files window will open. Locate the csv file and open it (Note: A csv file cannot be imported from the USB drive). Any File Notes included in the csv file will appear below

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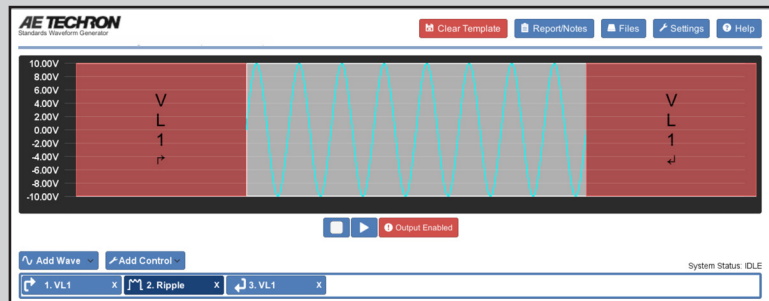


Figure 6.12 – Script VL Creation - Add Waveforms

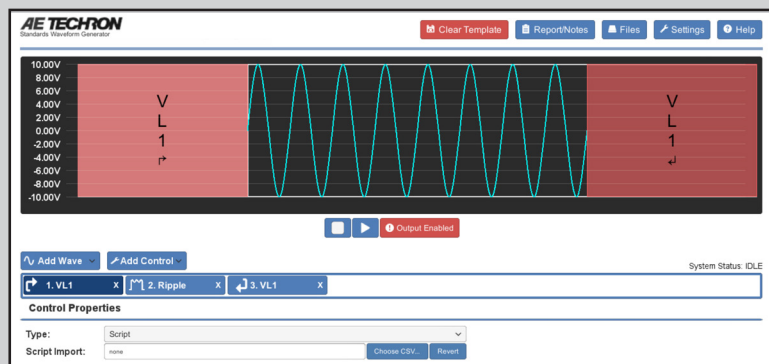


Figure 6.13 – Script VL Creation - Select "Script" Type

## Scripted Variable Loops (continued)

the Control Properties in the Properties window. See **Figure 6.14**.

5. Select the waveform tab to open the waveform properties. Assign each variable from the csv file to the waveform properties, as required. See **Figure 6.15**.
6. When all variable have been

assigned, press the Arrow (play button) to begin generating the signal. Note that the test data and test notes imported into the .swg file will be saved with the .swg file. It is not necessary to retain the original csv file in the same location in order to run an .swg file containing a Script Variable Loop.

If the measured output from the scripted variable loop does not match the expected output, you can perform calibration on each iteration of the segments to achieve the desired output. See the topic **“Calibration for Scripted Variable**

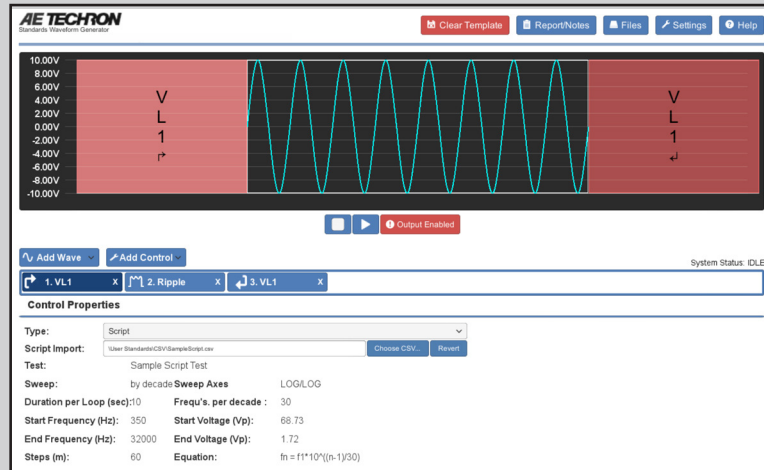


Figure 6.14 – Script VL Creation - Import CSV File

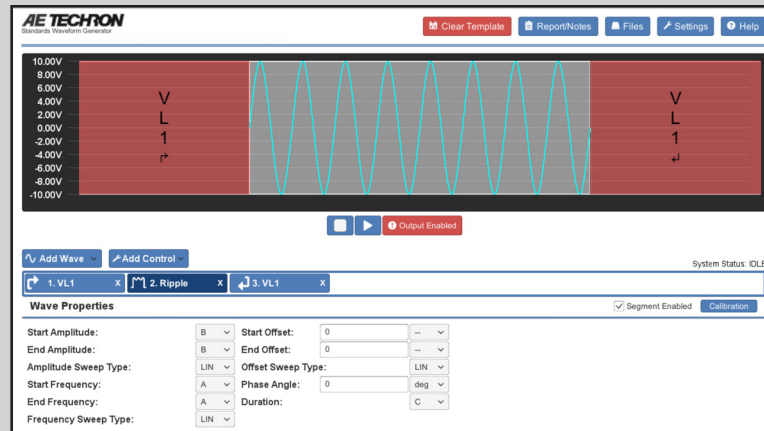


Figure 6.15 – Script VL Creation - Assign Variables

**Loops”** in the **“Calibration”** section for more information.

### 6.4.4 Loop Monitor

The Loop Monitor allows the user to track the status of the fixed and variable loops in any test sequence. To enable the Loop Monitor feature, complete the following steps:

1. Press the Settings button to open the Settings window and locate the Loop Monitor selection box on the Configuration tab. Check the box labeled “Show Loop Monitor Window During Playback.” Press the SAVE button to save your selection.
2. Create or open the test to be monitored into the 3110A’s main window. Press the arrow button to start the test.
3. The Loop Monitor Window will appear as a

pop-up in the 3110A main window and display the loops contained in the test sequence, displaying the number of completed loops out of the total loops required to complete the sequence. See **Figure 6.16**.

Note that the Loop Monitor window can be dragged to another location on the screen, if desired.



Figure 6.16 – Using the Loop Monitor

If the test sequence is stopped, the loop monitor count will also be stopped. If the test is restarted, the loop monitor count will be reset to the beginning of the count.

Use the X in the upper right of the Loop Monitor window to close the window. Note that this will also prevent the Loop Monitor window from opening for this or other tests until the Loop Monitor check box is selected again on the Configuration tab in the Settings window.”

**6.4.5 Template Control**

Use the Template Control when you want to link two or more pre-programmed tests from the Standards Library, or when you want to incorporate a pre-programmed test into a custom test routine you have created. Template controls can be inserted (nested) within Fixed and Variable Loop controls. Template controls inserted into a Variable Loop should first be reviewed by opening the test from the Standards Library. Make note of any variables that have already been assigned in the pre-programmed test to avoid assigning the same variable letter within the Variable Loop.

To load a Template using the Template control into

a test, select the Template option from the Add Control drop-down menu in the 3110A’s main window. A Template icon will be added to the active test sequence. Select the Template tab and press the Choose Template... button to open the file selection dialog box. Locate the .swg file for the test desired, and then double-click on the file name to add it to the Template control. Or you can click on the file name to select the .swg file, and then press the Open button in the file selection dialog to add the test to the Template control.

When a test has been added to a Template control, the file name will appear in the Template properties tab. An Open button is available to allow the associated test to be loaded into the main window. Loading the test into the main window will clear any waveforms or controls currently in the main window. A confirmation dialog also provides the opportunity to save the current test before opening the Template.

**6.4.6 GPIO Output Control**

**IMPORTANT:** Before configuring the GPIO Output Control, each GPIO port must first be configured to function as an input or an output using the GPIO





Figure 6.17 – GPIO Output Control Properties

Setup controls on the Configuration tab located under Settings. Please refer to the GPIO Setup instructions provided in the sidebar on the next page.

**NOTE:** GPIO Output controls are not supported on DSR Series systems.

Use the GPIO Output Control to send a signal through one of the GPIO-enabled pins on the 3110A's 15-pin D-sub and 9-pin D-sub connectors when the GPIO Output segment is played as part of a test sequence.

If any GPIO ports have been configured as an input in the GPIO Setup controls, those ports can be used as a GPIO Trigger only, so you must set those Output Ports to Ignore (no signal) on the GPIO Output control properties. If any GPIO ports have been configured as an output in the GPIO Setup controls, you can configure the GPIO Output segment to send a signal on one or more of those ports, or you can set one or more ports to “ignore,” as desired.

Each GPIO port configured as an output can be set to send a signal when the GPIO Output segment is played as part of a test sequence. The signal type can be configured as Set to the specified value (a continuous signal of 0 or 1), or Pulse (set to the specified value of 0 or 1, and then set to the opposite value after a specified number of milliseconds). See **Figure 6.17**.

An initialization GPIO Output segment should be placed at the beginning of the sequence or loop containing a GPIO Output control with a “Set” logic state to ensure that the GPIO signal is reset to the initial state on subsequent run (arrow) commands (e.g., if the sequence is restarted after the output signal has been sent)..

**6.4.7 LAN Output Control**

Use the LAN Output Control to send a signal through the 3110A's Ethernet port to a device on the network. See **Figure 6.18**.

**IP Address:** Enter the IP address of the device on the network to be contacted.

**Message:** Enter the character or character string to be sent to the targeted device.

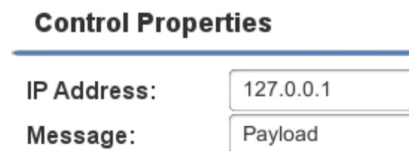


Figure 6.18 – LAN Output Control Properties

## GPIO Setup

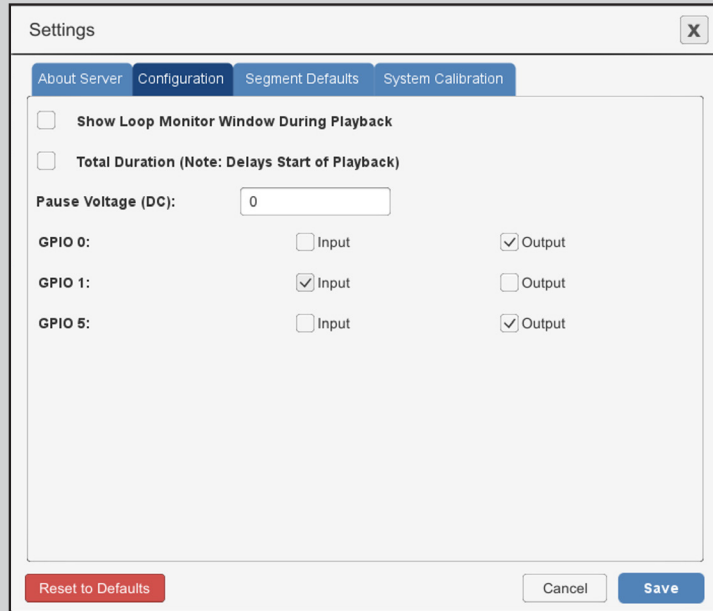
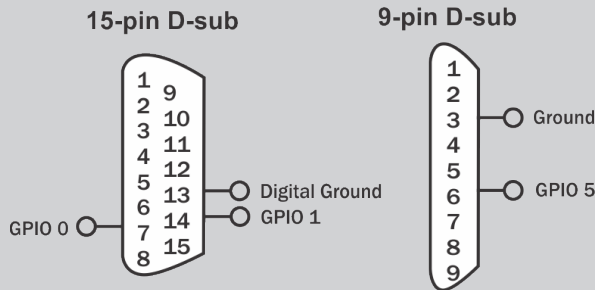
**NOTE: GPIO ports and controls are not supported on DSR Series systems.**

Open the Settings window and go to the Configuration tab to configure the GPIO Setup. The GPIO checkboxes are used to configure the usage of the 3110A's three dedicated GPIO ports. Select "Input" or "Output" to configure the port for that use in all test sequences.

After assigning the pins as required for your use or application, press the Save button to save the settings. and then use the corresponding pins to program a GPIO Trigger (input) or GPIO Output segment.

See the topics "**Trigger Control: GPIO Trigger**" and "**GPIO Output Control**" for more information.

**GPIO Port Wiring:** The GPIO ports can be accessed using the 3110A's 15-pin D-sub connector using pins 7 and 14 (refer-



enced to ground on pin 13), and the 9-pin D-sub connector using pin 6 (referenced to ground on pin 3).

Use an opto-coupler or solid-state relay to control the signal state.

**IMPORTANT:** The GPIO pins are tied directly to the microprocessor and are not isolated. Take care not to exceed maximum ratings as permanent damage can occur. We highly recommend optical isolation (opto-coupler, solid state relay, etc.) be used on all GPIO pins before connecting to external equipment.

## 7 Creating Reports and Notes

Select the Report/Notes button from the main menu to access the 3110A Report Generator. The Report Generator provides several pre-defined input areas to identify important test information, including company, report #, tester, customer, standard, application and DUT. A Notes input area allows additional information to be added about testing conditions, results, or other factors.

Enter the information you would like included with the report in the text fields provided. Note that the Standard text field will be automatically populated with the test's file name, but this can be edited, if desired.

After entering the information, save (or resave) the file in the User Standards directory to save the report changes and options. See **Figure 7.1**.

### 7.4.1 Generating a Report

Press the button “Generate Report” to generate the test report. When operating in the live 3110A environment (whether working locally or across the network) the report information will be saved as an .rtf file in a subdirectory of the User Standards directory, called “Test Reports.” When operating in Demo mode, the report information will be saved as an .rtf file on the workstation's local hard drive in the Documents directory under the path Demo SWG\Test Reports.

Files in .rtf format can be opened by most text editors and word-processing applications.

### Report Generation Options

**Show Notes on Open:** When a test is saved in the User Standards directory as a custom test file,

Figure 7.1 – Using the Report/Notes Feature

any information entered into the Report Generator will be saved along with the custom test. To automatically open the Report Generator window when the test file opened, select the option “Show Notes on Open.”

**Detailed Report:** When Detailed Report is selected, a detailed listing of all test waveform parameters and sequences will be included in the generated .rtf file. See the detailed report in **Figure 7.2**.

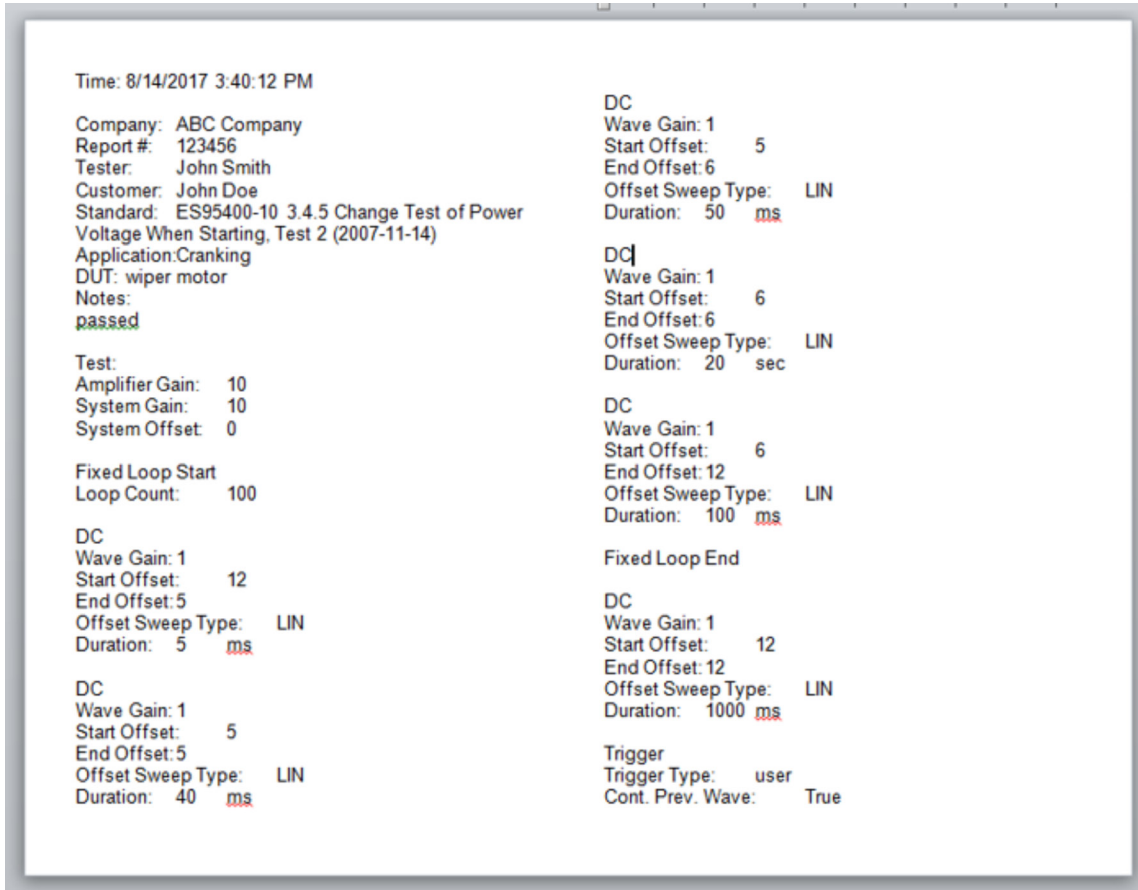


Figure 7.2 – Detailed Report Sample

## 8 Navigating the Files System

The Files button on the main menu opens the Files window, which provides access to the 3110A's file system, including Network access, the Standards Library, USB storage access, and the User Standards directory. The buttons provided in the Files window provide the functions for navigating the 3110A's internal file system and for mounting/unmounting external access via the USB drive and a connected Ethernet network.

### 8.4.1 File System Directories

**Network:** The Network directory provides access to a shared directory on a remote computer connected to a local Ethernet network. Before the shared directory can be accessed, the directory first must be mounted using the Mount Network button. See the instructions for mounting a shared directory on the network under the Mount Network button description later in this section.

The Network directory will be visible at the top level of the Files window when working directly on the 3110A or when accessing the 3110A remotely. However, the Network directory will not appear when working in Demo Mode.

**Standards Library:** The Standards Library contains the .swg (Standards Waveform Generator) files for a variety of EMC Standards' tests and also contains a CSV directory that contains the CSVScriptTemplate.xlsx and SampleScript.csv files for use in creating Script Variable Loops. The Standards' .swg test files are separated into the main categories, Automotive, Aviation and Industry, and organized in sub-directories by Standard. The Standards library also contains a Factory Test and Setup directory, which contains test routines that may be required during factory or on-site troubleshooting. All files contained in the Standards library are Read-Only.

**User Standards:** The User Standards directory is a write-able storage space to be used to store user-created custom tests and test variations.

Files saved in the User Standards directory can be copied, altered and deleted. Subdirectories can be added to the User Standards directory.

To open a pre-programmed .swg file, open the Files window and double-click on the Standard's Library directory (or use the Open button), and then locate the test to be used. Double-click on the test name to load the file into the 3110A's main window.

Once loaded, simply press the Arrow button to begin generating the test signal. You can also add or remove individual waveforms and controls from the test sequence, or make changes to the properties of a waveform or control, and then save the modified test in the User Standards directory for later use.

**USB drive:** The 3110A ships with a USB drive and a 2-port USB Hub. The USB drive contains the SWG Setup.exe file that is used to install the Windows' Remote Access software program on a Windows' computer. For more information, see the topic "**Remote Operation**" in the "**Operation**" section of this manual.

The USB directory will be visible at the top level of the Files window when working directly on the 3110A or when accessing the 3110A remotely. However, the USB directory will not appear when working in Demo Mode. The USB directory can only be opened when the USB drive has been inserted into the the open USB port on the USB Hub.

To remove a USB drive from the USB port, first select the Unmount USB button in the Files window, and then remove the drive from the USB hub.

The USB drive also can be used to create a backup of the .swg files stored in the 3110A and to move .swg files created on a Windows computer running in Demo Mode to the 3110A for use. See the topic "**Working in Demo Mode**" in the "**Op-**

**eration”** section of this manual.

In addition, the USB drive can be used to update the 3110A software. See the topic **“Updating the 3110A/DSR System”** in the **“Operation”** section of this manual for more information.

**SD card:** Not supported. Note: Some earlier versions of the 3110A supported SD card use. For these units, the SD card may still appear in the directories list in the Files window. The access for the SD card has been disabled, however, and so the SD card directory can be deleted by the user from the directories list.

**8.4.2 File Button Functions**

The following functions are available in the Files window:

**Go Back:** Press the Go Back button to display the files and/or folders one level higher in the 3110A’s file system hierarchy.

**Open:** Press the Open button to open the selected folder or file. When a folder is opened, the files

and/or folders one level lower in the file system hierarchy will be shown in the Files window. When a file is selected, pressing the Open button will cause the file to be loaded into the 3110A’s main window. Double-clicking on a folder or file in the Files window will also function the same as pressing the Open button.

**Delete:** Press the Delete button to delete the selected folder(s) or file(s). Confirmation is required before the delete action is completed. Click on additional folder or file names to select multiple items for deletion. Click on a selected item again to clear that item from selection. To clear all selected items, use the Clear Selection button.

**New Folder:** Press the New Folder button to create a new folder in the User Standards directory. The new folder will be created at the level currently displayed in the Files window.

**Deselect All:** Press the Deselect All button to deselect all selected items. To deselect individual selected items, click again on the selected item.

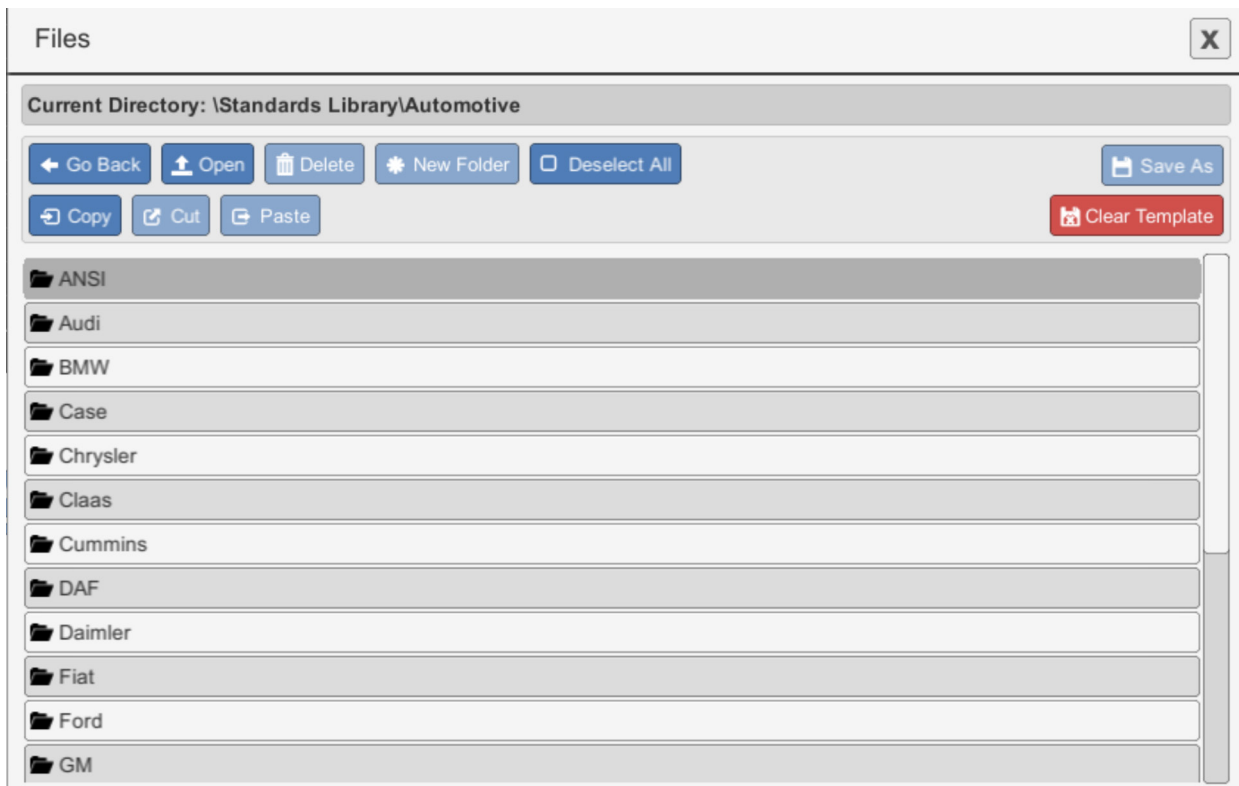


Figure 8.1 – Navigating the 3110A Files System

**Save As:** Press the Save As button to save the test sequence displayed in the main window as a Standards Waveform Generator (.swg) file. Navigate first to the location in the User Standards directory where you want to save the file. The file will be saved at the level currently displayed in the Files window.

**Copy:** Use the copy button to make a copy of an .swg file located in the 3110A's internal storage. Click on an .swg file to select, and then press the Copy button to copy the file into the 3110A's temporary memory.

**Cut:** Use the cut button to cut an .swg file located in the User Standards directory. Click on an .swg file to select, and then press the Cut button remove the file from its storage location in the User Standards directory and copy the file into the 3110A's temporary memory. Note that .swg files located in the Standards library cannot be cut.

**Paste:** Press the paste button to paste .swg file from the 3110A's temporary memory into the current location in the User Standards directory. Note that .swg files cannot be pasted into the Standards library.

**Unmount USB:** Press the Unmount USB button to unmount the USB drive before removing the drive from the USB port. If the Unmount USB button is not pressed before removing the USB drive, the 3110A may not recognize the USB drive when it

is returned to the USB port. If the USB drive is not recognized, press the Unmount USB button and then remove the USB drive from the USB port. Then return the USB drive to the USB port to gain access to the USB drive.

**Mount Network:** Press the Mount Network button to gain access to a shared drive on the local Ethernet network. Pressing the Mount Network button will bring up the Mount Network input window (see **Figure 8.2**). Enter the network path (IP address), including the shared directory. If the shared directory requires a username and password, enter those in the dialog, and then press the Mount button.

**Clear Template:** Press the Clear Template button to clear all waveform and control segments currently loaded in the main window. Confirmation is required before the main window will be cleared.

Figure 8.2 – Mount Network Input Window

## 9 Settings Window

The Settings window contains five tabs that provide information and control settings for the 3110A.

**NOTE:** The Network tab is not available when working on a remote computer in Demo Mode.

### 9.4.1 The About Server Tab

The **About Server** tab contains the information for the unit’s serial number (later models only) and Software and Firmware versions. It also displays the current IP address for the 3110A. This information is automatically displayed and is used for diagnostic purposes. See **Figure 9.1**.

### 9.4.2 The Configuration Tab

The **Configuration** tab allows the control for the

loop monitor and total duration features to be toggled on and off, and also provides the controls for GPIO setup. See **Figure 9.2**.

#### Loop Monitoring:

The **Loop Monitoring** checkbox turns the loop monitor window on or off. When the box is checked, the loop monitor window will be displayed during test playback. For more information about loop monitoring, see the topic “Loop Monitoring.”

#### Total Duration:

If the **Total Duration** option is selected, the System Status message will display a running count-

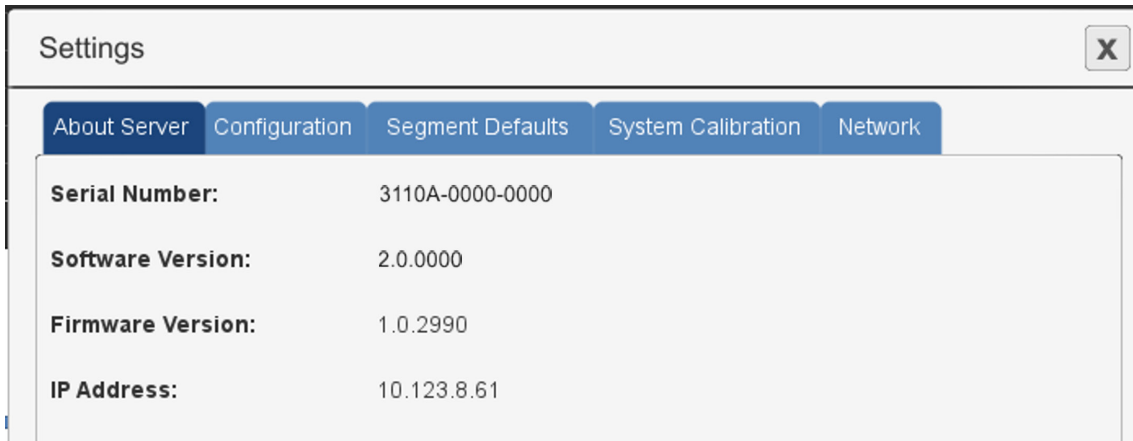


Figure 9.1 – The About Server Tab in the Settings Window

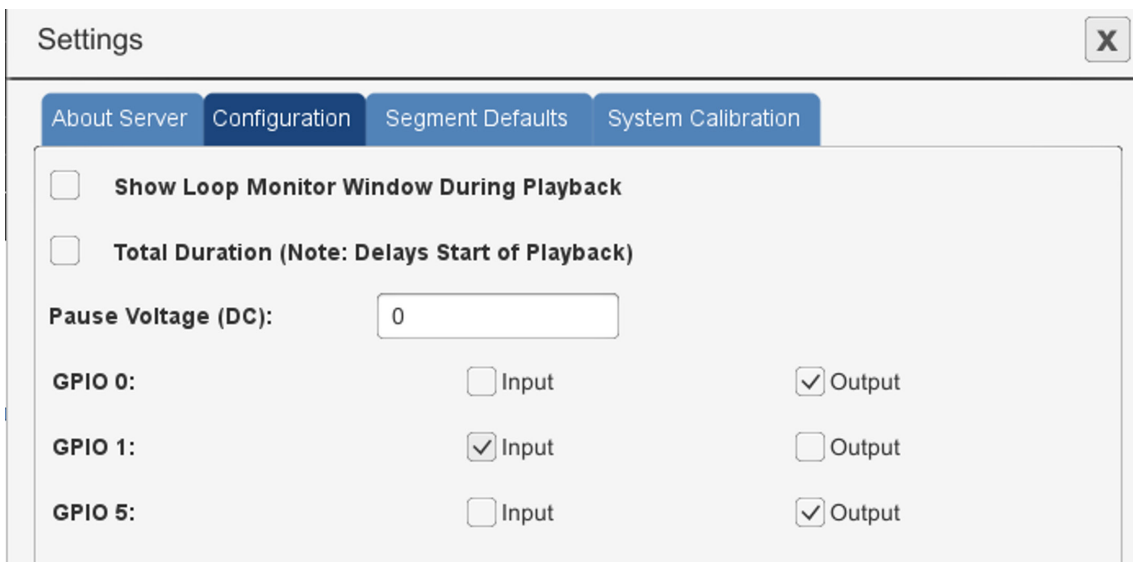


Figure 9.2 – The Configuration Tab in the Settings Window



## GPIO Setup

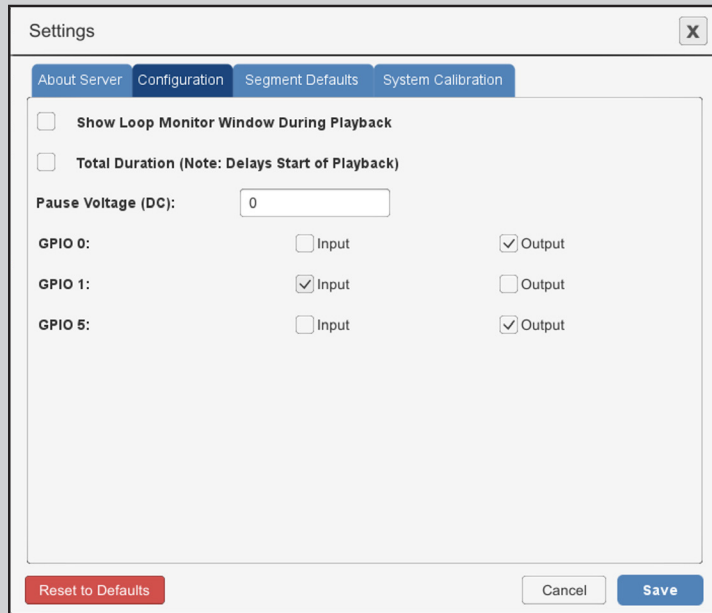
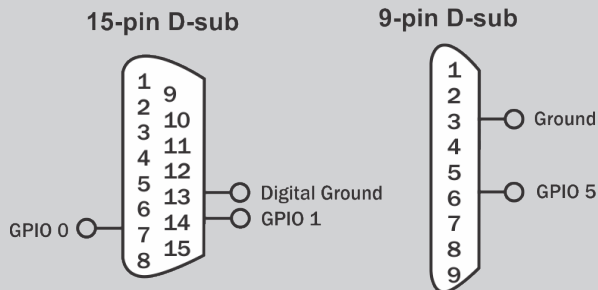
**NOTE: GPIO ports and controls are not supported on DSR Series systems.**

Open the Settings window and go to the Configuration tab to configure the GPIO Setup. The GPIO checkboxes are used to configure the usage of the 3110A's three dedicated GPIO ports. Select "Input" or "Output" to configure the port for that use in all test sequences.

After assigning the pins as required for your use or application, press the Save button to save the settings. and then use the corresponding pins to program a GPIO Trigger (input) or GPIO Output segment.

See the topics "Trigger Control: GPIO Trigger" and "GPIO Output Control" for more information.

**GPIO Port Wiring:** The GPIO ports can be accessed using the 3110A's 15-pin D-sub connector using pins 7 and 14 (refer-



enced to ground on pin 13), and the 9-pin D-sub connector using pin 6 (referenced to ground on pin 3).

Use an opto-coupler or solid-state relay to control the signal state.

**IMPORTANT:** The GPIO pins are tied directly to the microprocessor and are not isolated. Take care not to exceed maximum ratings as permanent damage can occur. We highly recommend optical isolation (opto-coupler, solid state relay, etc.) be used on all GPIO pins before connecting to external equipment.

down of the time remaining in the test. In addition, the Status Message will display a running count of the test segments as the sequence is being run (i.e., "1 OF X" where "X" is the total number of wave segments and controls included in the test sequence). Note that turning on the Total Duration function may significantly delay the playback of the test.

### GPIO Setup:

Please refer to the sidebar (above) for GPIO Setup instructions.

### 9.4.3 The Segment Defaults Tab

The **Segment Defaults** tab contains the default settings for 3110A waveforms. When a new waveform is added into the main window, the initial waveform properties will be determined by these default settings. To change a default setting, select the input box for that setting, and then type the new setting into the text box or select the new value from the dropdown window. See **Figure 9.3**.

### 9.4.4 The System Calibration Tab

The **System Calibration** tab holds information about the output generated by the DSR system or

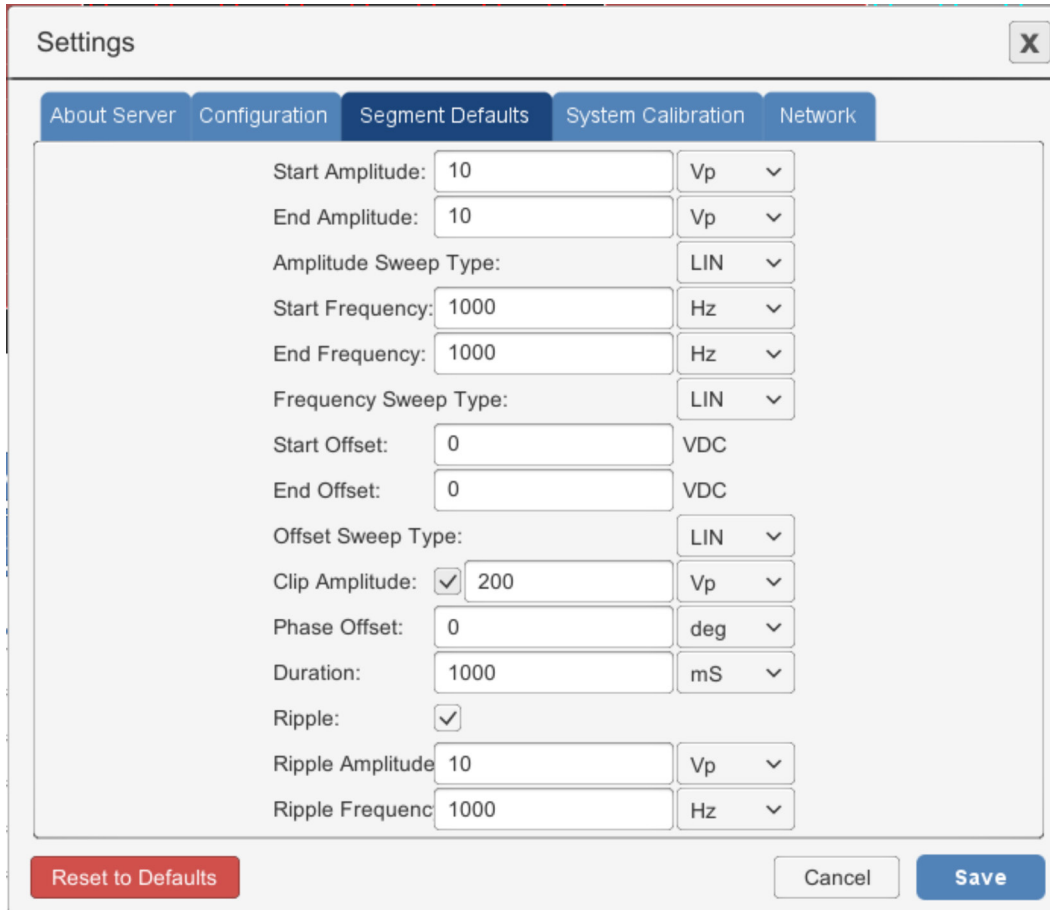


Figure 9.3 – The Segment Defaults Tab in the Settings Window

the combined 3110A/amplifier system. See **Figure 9.4**.

Both system gain and system DC offset information are used by the 3110A to adjust its signal output to produce the expected signal at the amplifier output. By default, a stand-alone 3110A's system gain is set at 20 and the DC offset is set at 0. A DSR system will have a gain setting determined by the number of amplifiers contained in the system.

For accurate operation, the actual gain and offset of your system should be tested by running the Calibration Test. See the **“System Calibration”** topic in the **“Getting Started”** section of this manual for more information.

**9.4.5 The Network Tab**

The 3110A/DSR System can be assigned a custom Hostname, Static IP Address, LAN Com Port

and LAN EOL Character using the Network tab. See **Figure 9.5**.

**NOTE:** The Network tab is not available when the 3110A software is in running in Demo Mode on a remote computer.

**Assign Hostname**

The Hostname will be displayed when browsing a network that has the 3110A/DSR System connected. Newer 3110A systems will display the unit's serial number as the default hostname, while older 3110 units will display the unit's MAC address.

Complete the following steps to assign a custom Hostname:

1. Select the Settings button and then open the Network tab.
2. Enter the desired Hostname in the text box.
3. Press the “Save” button to save the new Hostname.

The screenshot shows the 'Settings' window with the 'System Calibration' tab selected. The window has a title bar with 'Settings' and a close button. Below the title bar are four tabs: 'About Server', 'Configuration', 'Segment Defaults', and 'System Calibration'. The 'System Calibration' tab contains the following fields and controls:

- 3110 Output Voltage:** A text input field containing '1' followed by 'Vp' and a blue 'Run Calibration Test' button.
- Measured Output:** A text input field containing '1' followed by 'Vp'.
- System Gain:** A text input field containing '1'.
- Measured DC Offset:** A text input field containing '0'.
- Applied DC Offset:** A text input field containing '0 V'.

At the bottom of the window are three buttons: a red 'Reset to Defaults' button, a grey 'Cancel' button, and a blue 'Save' button.

Figure 9.4 – The System Calibration Tab in the Settings Window

The screenshot shows the 'Settings' window with the 'Network' tab selected. The window has a title bar with 'Settings' and a close button. Below the title bar are five tabs: 'About Server', 'Configuration', 'Segment Defaults', 'System Calibration', and 'Network'. The 'Network' tab contains the following fields and controls:

- Hostname:** A text input field containing '0A4FD077156B'.
- Static Address**
- Address:** A text input field containing '192.168.1.2'.
- Netmask:** A text input field containing '255.255.255.0'.
- LAN Com Port:** A text input field containing '8182'.
- LAN EOL Character:** A text input field containing '|'.

Figure 9.5 – The Network Tab in the Settings Window

### Assign Static IP

**IMPORTANT:** Assigning a static IP address to the 3110A or DSR System requires a reboot of the 3110A. Before rebooting the 3110A, make sure all amplifiers connected to the system are disabled. To quickly disable AE Techron amplifiers, press the Stop button on the front panel of any amplifier to

place all connected units in Standby mode. Consult the instructions for non-AE Techron amplifiers to determine the best method for disabling those units. After all amplifiers have been disabled, the 3110A can be safely rebooted by pushing the 3110A's front-panel power switch to the OFF position and then switching back to the ON position.

To return all AE Techron amplifiers to Run status, press the Enable button on the same amplifier that was used to place the amplifiers in Standby mode.

The 3110A is assigned an IP address dynamically when it is added to a network. As long as the 3110A remains connected to the network, this IP address doesn't change and is used as the unit's Gateway address for accessing the 3110A through the network. However, if the 3110A is disconnected from the network, it may be assigned a different IP address when it is again connected.

To avoid having a new IP address dynamically assigned, the 3110A can be assigned a static IP that will remain fixed. Consult with your Network Administrator for the IP Address, Netmask and setting to be used.

Complete the following steps to assign a Static IP Address for the 3110A:

1. Select the Settings button and then open the Network tab.
2. Select the IP Address check box and then enter the IP address assigned by your Network Administrator in the text box. Enter the Netmask information in the appropriate text boxes.
3. Press the "Save" button to save the new information. A dialog message will state that the 3110A must be rebooted to complete the IP address assignment
4. Before rebooting the 3110A, make sure all amplifiers connected to the system are disabled. To quickly disable AE Techron amplifiers, press the Stop button on the front panel of any amplifier to place all connected units in Standby mode. Consult the instructions for non-AE Techron amplifiers to determine the best method for disabling those units. After all amplifiers have been disabled, the 3110A can be safely rebooted by pushing the 3110A's front-panel power switch to the OFF position and then switching back to the ON position. To return all AE Techron amplifiers to Run status, press the Enable button on the same amplifier

that was used to place the amplifiers in Standby mode.

5. Be sure to save any unsaved .swg test files before rebooting the 3110A.

### Assign LAN Com Port

**IMPORTANT:** Assigning a LAN Com Port to the 3110A or DSR System requires a reboot of the 3110A. Before rebooting the 3110A, make sure all amplifiers connected to the system are disabled. To quickly disable AE Techron amplifiers, press the Stop button on the front panel of any amplifier to place all connected units in Standby mode. Consult the instructions for non-AE Techron amplifiers to determine the best method for disabling those units. After all amplifiers have been disabled, the 3110A can be safely rebooted by pushing the 3110A's front-panel power switch to the OFF position and then switching back to the ON position. To return all AE Techron amplifiers to Run status, press the Enable button on the same amplifier that was used to place the amplifiers in Standby mode.

The LAN Com Port is used by the application layer of networked equipment to establish host-to-host connectivity. The 3110A's default LAN Com Port (8182) is already configured for stand-alone and remote operation of the 3110A.

In order to enable the 3110A to be used with other networked signal processing equipment, it may be necessary to change the 3110A's default LAN Com Port. To assign a different port, complete the following steps:

1. Select the Settings button and then open the Network tab.
2. Enter the desired LAN Com Port number in the text box.
3. Press the "Save" button to save the new port number. A dialog message will state that the 3110A must be rebooted to complete the LAN Com Port assignment
4. Before rebooting the 3110A, make sure all amplifiers connected to the system are disabled. To quickly disable AE Techron ampli-

fiers, press the Stop button on the front panel of any amplifier to place all connected units in Standby mode. Consult the instructions for non-AE Techron amplifiers to determine the best method for disabling those units. After all amplifiers have been disabled, the 3110A can be safely rebooted by pushing the 3110A's front-panel power switch to the OFF position and then switching back to the ON position. To return all AE Techron amplifiers to Run status, press the Enable button on the same amplifier that was used to place the amplifiers in Standby mode.

5. .Be sure to save any unsaved .swg test files before rebooting the 3110A.

### Assign LAN EOL Character

**IMPORTANT:** Assigning a LAN EOL Character to the 3110A or DSR System requires a reboot of the 3110A. Before rebooting the 3110A, make sure all amplifiers connected to the system are disabled. To quickly disable AE Techron amplifiers, press the Stop button on the front panel of any amplifier to place all connected units in Standby mode. Consult the instructions for non-AE Techron amplifiers to determine the best method for disabling those units. After all amplifiers have been disabled, the 3110A can be safely rebooted by pushing the 3110A's front-panel power switch to the OFF position and then switching back to the ON position. To return all AE Techron amplifiers to Run status, press the Enable button on the same amplifier that was used to place the amplifiers in Standby mode. LAN communications sent from the 3110A to other networked equipment may require a special End-of-Line character to be assigned to ensure proper communications.

To assign a LAN EOL character, complete the following steps:

1. Select the Settings button and then open the Network tab.
2. Enter the desired LAN EOL character in the text box.
3. Press the "Save" button to save the EOL character. A dialog message will state that the 3110A must be rebooted to complete the EOL character assignment
4. Before rebooting the 3110A, make sure all amplifiers connected to the system are disabled. To quickly disable AE Techron amplifiers, press the Stop button on the front panel of any amplifier to place all connected units in Standby mode. Consult the instructions for non-AE Techron amplifiers to determine the best method for disabling those units. After all amplifiers have been disabled, the 3110A can be safely rebooted by pushing the 3110A's front-panel power switch to the OFF position and then switching back to the ON position. To return all AE Techron amplifiers to Run status, press the Enable button on the same amplifier that was used to place the amplifiers in Standby mode.
5. .Be sure to save any unsaved .swg test files before rebooting the 3110A.

#### 9.4.6 Save and Reset to Defaults

Select the **Save** button at the bottom of the Settings window to save the new settings in any of the five Settings tabs and close the Settings window. To return all settings to the the factory defaults, select the **Reset to Defaults** button. See **Figure 9.6**.

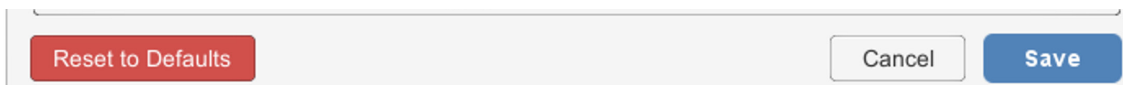


Figure 9.6 – Reset to Defaults and Save Settings

## 10 Troubleshooting

If the stand-alone 3110A is not operating correctly, review the topics below for help with troubleshooting the problem. For help with DRS system troubleshooting, please refer to the ***DSR Series Operation Manual***. If the condition or error you are experiencing is not listed below, please contact AE Techron Technical Support at 574-295-9495 for additional help.

**PROBLEM:** 3110A unit does not power on.

**A:** Check the connection to AC power, both at the AC source and at the back panel of the unit. Check the front-panel power switch to make sure the unit is in the ON position. A fuse located in a compartment above the back panel AC power connector protects the unit. Remove the compartment cover to access the fuse and replace the fuse if needed.

**PROBLEM:** Experiencing noise during testing.

**A:** Install the 6:1 attenuator provided with the 3110A. Adjust the system gain as instructed to improve the system's signal-to-noise performance. See the topic ***"Using the 6-to-1 Attenuator"*** in the ***"Operation"*** section of this manual for information.

**PROBLEM:** The 3110A's Windows Remote software will not load or will not connect remotely to the 3110A; instead, an error message indicates a "version mismatch."

**A:** The 3110A software and the Windows Remote software versions must match for successful interaction between the two modules. See the topic ***"Updating the 3110A"*** in the ***"Operation"*** section of this manual for information about how to install new versions of these modules.

## 11 3110A Calibration

### 11.1 Introduction

This section, along with the calibration tests found in **Appendix A**, provide the guidelines for establishing the performance of key parameters for the 3110A output. It provides instructions for the measurement of the various output signals the 3110A can provide. Although the output of the 3110A can be adjusted via the gain settings, this feature is intended for use in calibrating the system (both the 3110A and the associated amplifier) and not for calibrating the output of the isolated 3110A. For instructions on the calibration of a 3110A/amplifier system, please see the Help topic “System Calibration.”

For the output validation of an isolated 3110A, tolerances and ranges will be provided for a variety of measurements. The results of the measurements will be essentially a “Pass” or “Fail.” Tests conducted according to these instructions should be considered “functional tests” that are intended to confirm the function of the settings of the 3110A. Since fine adjustment of the test system can be accomplished via the 3110A/amplifier System Calibration, the calibration of the isolated 3110A will require only general instrumentation. The procedure should be carried out with the gain set at the anticipated gain to be used in testing. The default gain used in the assessment tables is 20.

### 11.2 Documentation

Standard SI units commonly found in electrical standard are used for checking the calibration of the 3110A. The minimum requirements for calibration documentation are that the instruments used should be able to accurately measure the quantities within the tolerances provided. Instruments should bear evidence (via a label on the instrument or similar documentation) that the measuring instrument is calibrated. The test tables in **Appendix A** are provided to record the performance of the 3110A in key areas, and to facilitate interaction with the AE Techron when needed.

ANSI Z540 or ISO 17205 calibration with documentation is available as an option.

### 11.3 Required Instruments

Instruments required are an oscilloscope and a digital multimeter. All measurements should be made into high-impedance instruments. The measurements outlined here do not necessarily require a probe. Using BNC connectors to both instruments is advised. It is assumed that the oscilloscope probe attenuation is set at 1X. Best performance will be attained if the measuring instruments are either isolated (battery powered) or grounded at the same point with the 3110A.

Instruments requirements are suggested requirements. Virtually any calibrated high impedance DMM and oscilloscope will serve. Observe any temperature corrections or other temperature-based requirements for the measuring instruments.

#### Oscilloscope:

**Bandwidth:** 50 MHz, minimum

**Sample Rate:** 1 GS/sec minimum

**Automatic Measurements:** Frequency, RMS, Peak-to-Peak

**Input Impedance (DC):** 10M ohm

#### DMM:

**Frequency Range:**  $\pm$ (% of reading + # of counts)

**50 Hz to 10 kHz:** 0.3 + 20

**10 to 20 kHz:** 1 + 40

**20 to 100 kHz:** 2 + 150

**Impedance:** Up to 20 M ohm over available ranges

### 11.4 Connections and Settings

Test connections are made from the front panel Signal Out BNC connector to the test instrument.

Cables and connectors having minimal insertion loss over the bandwidth (DC to 1000 kHz) are required.

An amplifier may be connected to the 3110A, but must be turned off during this series of tests.

No other peripheral connections will affect these tests.

Use common ground or isolated instruments, if possible. Select an environment with minimal radiated noise.

Temperature and run time: Allow the 3110A to run for 20 minutes in a quiescent state.

Gain = Nominally 20.0 for all waveforms; however follow the preliminary steps indicated below.

For the purpose of these tests, a specification of  $G = 20$  will mean that the system gain value has been adjusted to deliver an output based on the System Gain Calibration routine.

Use 0 VDC for offset setting for varying waveforms

Sweep Type = LIN for all tests

Where applicable, frequency values should be within 2% of values selected

For the Square waveform, slew rate should be within 3 V/ms for each test

Settings and features not tested: Sweep functions, Control functions, Duration setting and the various Looping features

For all tests, perform the following preliminary steps:

1. Allow the 3110A to warm up for at least 20 minutes prior to performing any operations.
2. Once warmed up, under the Settings/System Calibration tab, run and adjust the DC offset to center the quiescent DC output of the 3110A. See “**System Calibration.**”

## 11.5 Output Assessments

The assessment of a waveform consists of setting up the 3110A SWG user interface with the values as indicated for each waveform type listed on the various tables. The duration may be set for several seconds, or more depending on the triggering selected. The standard tests included in the Calibration sub-directory are generally set for 1000 seconds, but this can be adjusted, if desired. The test varies voltage and, for alternating waveforms, a range of frequencies is given for each voltage level.

The test waveforms for specific tests can be found in the Standards Library in the Calibration directory.

1. Repeat for the other files.

Notes:

1. Additional voltages and times can be entered by changing the template SWG files

**If you have any questions, please contact AE Techron Technical Support at 574-295-9495.**



## 12 3110A Capability Map

The following is a list of limits that will allow you to quickly determine if it is possible for a particular standard to be reproduced by a 3110A.

### Waveform limits

#### Bandwidth

- Sine: DC – 15 kHz
- Square: DC – 100 kHz
- Ripple: DC – 1 MHz

#### Rise Time

+10V to -10V: <1 μs

#### Pulse Time Accuracy vs. Duration

- Over 50 μs: ±5% (or ±2 μs, which ever is less)
- 50 μs – 20 μs: ±10%
- 20 μs – 10 μs: ±15%

### Maximum Number of Segments in a Single Test (.swg file)

Different segment types are weighted according to the chart below. When added together, if the sum of all weighted segments in the test file is equal to or less than 400, the test sequence can be run in a single test on the 3110A.

Segment Type	Weighting
Scripted Loop	6.0
Wave Segments	2.5
Control Segments	1.5

#### Test Segment Limits Example:

Number of Wave Segments = 100 x 2.5 = 250  
 Number of Control Segments = 20 x 1.5 = 30  
**Total of Weighted Segments = 280**  
 280 < 400, so the test sequence can be run in a single test.

### Segment Limits in a Loop

**Loop Sequence Minimum Segment Duration, When loop has 127 or fewer segments:**

10 μs per segment

**Loop Sequence Minimum Segment Duration, When loop has more than 127 segments:**

Total segments in loop must average greater than 1 ms

#### Loop Segment Limits Example:

Segment 1 = FL1 Loop Count = 100  
 Segment 2 = DC Duration = 20 μs  
 Segment 3 = DC Duration = 1 ms  
 Segment 4 = DC Duration = 2.5 ms  
 Segment 5 = FL1 Return  
**Total Segments of Loop = (Segment 2 + Segment 3 + Segment 4) x 100**  
**Total Segments = 300**  
**Segment Duration Average = (20 μs + 1 ms + 2.5 ms) / 3**  
**Segment Duration Average = 1.17 ms**

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## A 3110A Calibration Tests

GWA Worksheet Rev E

### **General Waveform Assessment**

Used to verify the 3110A's analog signal outputs behave as expected. Use with the GWA SWG file in the Calibration directory.

#### General default settings

Nominal Gain = 20

Nominal DC offset = 0 VDC

Phase = 0

Interface with Chart for voltage and frequency:

Vp1 100Vp

Vp2 200Vp

Duration = 1000 msec post Trigger segment

This test assumes that the oscilloscope used can measure voltage and frequency directly, or by using scales generated on the display.

#### Checking the DC Voltage Output:

1. Make sure the 3110A has been on for at least 20 minutes.
2. Make sure the system gain is set to 20 and the DC offset is set such that a commanded output of 0VDC generates an output of 0V.
3. Open the GWA SWG file.
4. Set your oscilloscope to measure the  $V_{rms}$  and frequency of the signal, with an attenuation of 1X.
5. Measure the  $V_{rms}$  and frequency of the waveform.
6. Record the measured value.
7. Repeat steps 5 and 6 for the seven remaining waveforms.
8. Ensure that the measured values fall within the specified limits for frequency and amplitude.

Waveform	Start/End Amplitude, $V_p$	Low Limit (kHz)	Measured Frequency (kHz)	High Limit (kHz)	Low Limit ( $V_{rms}$ )	Measured ( $V_{rms}$ )	High Limit ( $V_{rms}$ )
Sine	100	14.7		15.3	3.43		3.65
	200	14.7		15.3	6.86		7.28
Square	Start/End Amplitude, $V_p$	Frequency (kHz)	Measured Frequency (kHz)	High Limit (kHz)	Low Limit ( $V_{rms}$ )	Measured ( $V_{rms}$ )	High Limit ( $V_{rms}$ )
	100	14.7		15.3	4.75		5.25
	200	14.7		15.3	9.50		10.50
Triangle	Start/End Amplitude, $V_p$	Frequency (kHz)	Measured Frequency (kHz)	High Limit (kHz)	Low Limit ( $V_{rms}$ )	Measured ( $V_{rms}$ )	High Limit ( $V_{rms}$ )
	100	14.7		15.3	2.77		3.00
	200	14.7		15.3	5.54		6.00
Sawtooth	Start/End Amplitude, $V_p$	Frequency (kHz)	Measured Frequency (kHz)	High Limit (kHz)	Low Limit ( $V_{rms}$ )	Measured ( $V_{rms}$ )	High Limit ( $V_{rms}$ )
	100	14.7		15.3	2.74		3.03
	200	14.7		15.3	5.49		6.06

## RFA Worksheet Rev G

***Ripple Frequency Accuracy***

Used to determine the frequency accuracy of the 3110A's ripple waveform type. Use with RFA SWG files in the Calibration directory.

General default settings

Nominal Gain = 20

Phase = 0

Interface Chart voltage amplitude:

50 kHz    50 Vp    BNC output = 2.5 Vp

100 kHz   50 Vp    BNC output = 2.5 Vp

500 kHz   50 Vp    BNC output = 2.3 Vp

1 MHz     50 Vp    BNC output = 1.7 Vp

Duration = 1000 sec

This test assumes that the oscilloscope used can measure frequency directly. If required due to equipment limitations, the period duration (T) can be measured, and frequency calculated ( $F=1/T$ ).

Checking the Frequency Accuracy:

1. Make sure the 3110A has been on for at least 20 minutes.
2. Open the RFA SWG file.
3. Measure the frequency of the waveform. Ensure that between three and five complete cycles are visible, and that the waveform takes up as much of the vertical (amplitude) axis as possible.
4. Record the measured frequency in the table.
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 for the remaining frequencies.
6. Ensure that the measured frequencies are within the specified limits.

Test Frequency	Lower Frequency Limit	Measured Frequency	Upper Frequency Limit
50 kHz	49 kHz		51 kHz
100 kHz	99 kHz		101 kHz
500 kHz	495 kHz		505 kHz
1 MHz	0.99 MHz		1.01 MHz

RVRT Rev H

### ***Ripple Voltage Response Test***

Used to determine how close the 3110A's ripple generator's amplitude is to the expected response. Use with RVRT SWG files in the Calibration directory.

#### General default settings

Gain = 20

Phase = 0

Frequency varies.

NOTE: All voltage values are in Vpp.

Interface Chart voltage amplitude, as indicated in the data table below:

10 Vpp            BNC output = 0.5 Vp-p

150 Vpp          BNC output = 7.5 Vp-p

Duration = 1000 sec

This test assumes that the oscilloscope used can measure voltage directly. If desired the amplitude can be measured and peak-to-peak values calculated.

#### Checking the Voltage Response:

1. Make sure the 3110A has been on for at least 20 minutes.
2. Adjust the DC offset and Gain in the Settings/System Calibration tab for nominal 0 VDC offset and actual output gain = 20.
3. Begin the waveform and measure the amplitude of the waveform in Vrms.
4. Record the maximum and minimum voltages observed.
5. Repeat steps 4-6 for the remaining trials.
6. Calculate the average value using the measured maximum and minimum values.
7. Ensure that the calculated average values for amplitude fall within the specified upper and lower limits.

RVRT Rev H

	GUI 10 V <sub>pp</sub>	BNC 0.50 V <sub>pp</sub>	Nominal = 0.177 V <sub>rms</sub>		
Frequency (Hz)	Range	Measured	Average	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
100	Max Voltage			0.156	0.198
	Min Voltage				
100000	Max Voltage			0.156	0.198
	Min Voltage				
1000000	Max Voltage			0.115	0.146
	Min Voltage				

	GUI 150 V <sub>pp</sub>	BNC 7.50 V <sub>pp</sub>	Nominal = 2.65 V <sub>rms</sub>		
Frequency (Hz)	Range	Measured	Average	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
100	Max Voltage			2.49	2.81
	Min Voltage				
100000	Max Voltage			2.49	2.81
	Min Voltage				
1000000	Max Voltage			1.76	1.99
	Min Voltage				

RPFT Worksheet Rev A

### Ripple Phase Functional Test

Used to determine if the phase shift function of the 3110A is working as intended. Use with RPFT SWG file in the calibration directory.

General default settings

Gain = 20

Interface Chart voltage amplitude = 100 Vp, or BNC output = 5 Vp

Duration = 1000 sec

This test is designed to verify that the phase shift feature is functioning, it will not verify the accuracy of this feature. For accuracy verification, refer to the RPA test.

Checking the Phase Accuracy Procedure:

1. Make sure the 3110A has been on for at least 20 minutes.
2. Open the RPFT SWG file.
3. Set oscilloscope to trigger once, at a level that will allow viewing from the start of waveform playback, shown in Figure 1.
4. Verify that playback of the first segment matches Figure 1, in which the sine wave output starts at 0V.
  - a. If the output is dissimilar to figure 1 in terms of waveform start value, the device will fail the RPFT.
5. Verify that playback of the second segment matches Figure 2, in which the sine wave output starts at 0V but immediately goes negative (phase shift of 180°).
  - a. If the output is dissimilar to figure 2 in terms of waveform start value, the device will fail the RPFT.

0° (Pass/Fail)	180° (Pass/Fail)

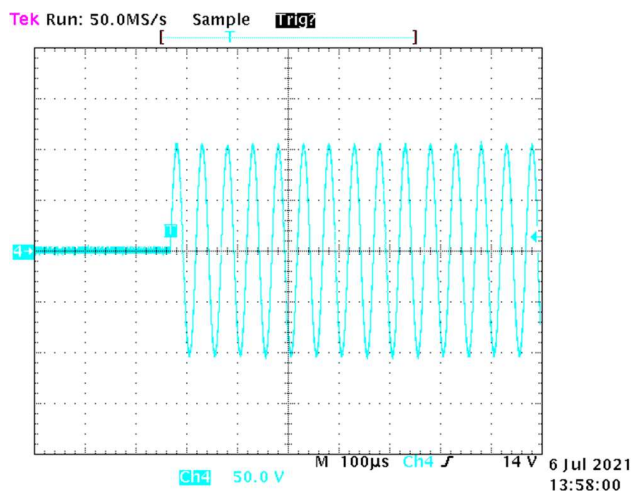


Figure 1

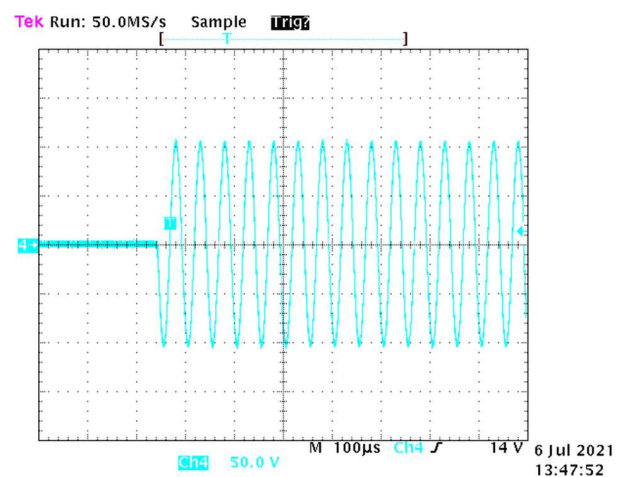


Figure 2



## DC Worksheet Rev E

**DC Voltage Accuracy**

Used to determine the DC voltage output and compare to the commanded value. Use with DC SWG files in the Calibration directory. All transitions are from 0 VDC to a second DC voltage.

General default settings

Nominal Gain = 20

Nominal DC offset = 0 VDC

Phase = 0

Default three segment with trigger

Interface Chart voltage amplitude:

DC1 0 VDC to 13.5 VDC

DC2 0 VDC to 150 VDC

Duration = 1000 sec after trigger segment

A digital multimeter should be used for this portion of the testing.

Checking the DC Voltage Output:

1. Make sure the 3110A has been on for at least 20 minutes.
2. Make sure the system gain is set to 20 and the DC offset is set such that a 0V commanded output measures 0V.
3. Open the DC SWG file.
4. Use the digital multimeter to measure the DC voltage at the 3110A's output and begin waveform playback.
5. Measure the first DC voltage.
6. Record the measured value.
7. Repeat steps 5 and 6 for the remaining two trials to account for any variance in the output or measurement device.
8. Calculate the average of all three trials and record this in the "Average" field.
9. If both average values fall within the maximum and minimum limits, the unit will PASS. Otherwise, the unit will FAIL.

Trial No.	Voltage	
	DC1 (0.675 VDC)	DC2 (7.50 VDC)
1		
2		
3		
Max Limit	0.6885	7.65
Average:		
Min Limit	0.6615	7.35

RT Worksheet Rev D

**Rise Time Frequency Accuracy**

Used to determine the time for the 3110A to transition between two DC voltage states. Use with RT SWG files in the Calibration directory. All transitions are from one DC voltage to a second DC voltage.

General default settings

Nominal Gain = 20

Phase = 0

Default two-segment with Trigger

Interface Chart voltage amplitude:

RT1 0 VDC to 10 VDC

RT2 -150 VDC to 150 VDC

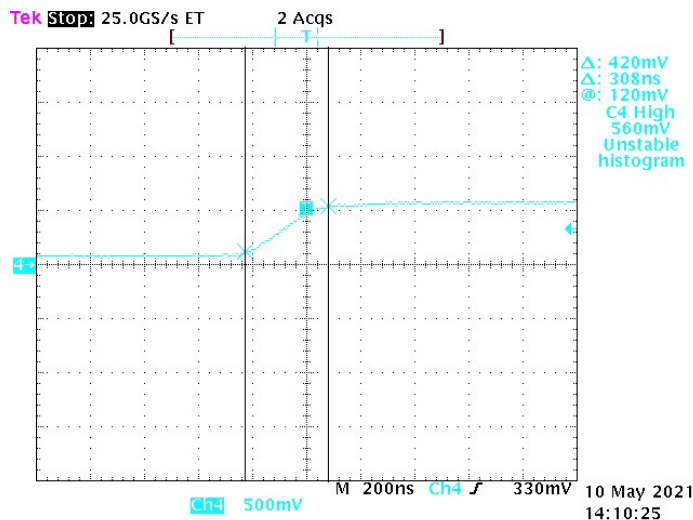
Duration = 100 msec per segment

This test assumes that the oscilloscope used can measure time directly, or by using scales generated on the display. Measuring the time manually will also achieve the desired result. An example of the area to be measured is displayed in the oscilloscope shot below.

The rise time is defined as the period from 10% of the transition voltage to 90% of the transition voltage; A total of 80% ΔV.

Checking the Rise Time:

1. Make sure the 3110A has been on for at least 20 minutes.
2. Open the RT SWG file.
3. Set scope to capture the transition, using a single rising-edge trigger.
4. Measure time to complete the transition.
5. Record in the table below.
6. Repeat steps 2-5 to complete three total trials.
7. Calculate the average of all three trials and ensure that the calculated average is less than the 1us limit specified.



Trial No.	Rise Time	
	RT1	RT2
1		
2		
3		
Average:		
Limit:	< 1 μsec	< 1 μsec

SD Worksheet Rev D

**Minimum Step Duration Measurement**

Used to determine the accuracy of timed voltage states, or how accurately the 3110A can output a signal for a set time. All transitions are from one DC voltage to a second DC voltage, then a return to the first voltage.

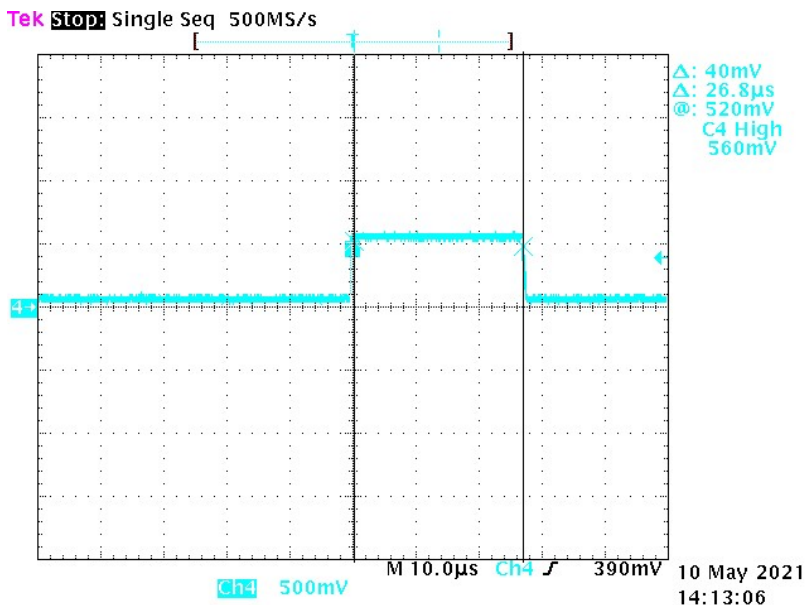
General default settings

- Gain = 20
- Phase = 0
- Default three-segment with Trigger
- Interface Chart voltage amplitude:
  - SD1 0 VDC to 10 VDC, back to 0 VDC
  - SD2 0 VDC to 100 VDC, back to 0 VDC
  - SD3 0 VD to 200 VDC, back to 0 VDC
- Duration = 25 µsec per transition segment

This test assumes that the oscilloscope used can measure time directly, or by using scales generated on the display. Time measurements can be done manually if preferred, this will achieve the desired result.

Checking the Rise Time:

1. Make sure the 3110A has been on for at least 20 minutes.
2. Set the oscilloscope to capture an area which contains the rise, steady-state duration, and fall. Using a single-shot rising-edge trigger produces the best results.
3. Measure the duration of the steady-state higher voltage as indicated in the figure below.
4. Record the measured value.
5. Repeat steps 2-4 for a total of three trials.
6. Calculate the average of all three trials, and record this in the final row.
7. Ensure that the calculated average falls within the specified limits.



Step Duration Times			
Trial No.	SD1	SD2	SD3
1			
2			
3			
Average:			
Limit:	± 3 µsec	± 3 µsec	± 3 µsec

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**Offset Ripple Accuracy Test**

Used to determine the accuracy of the ripple waveform while also providing a DC offset. Use with ORAT SWG files in the Calibration directory.

General default settings

Nominal Gain = 20

Nominal DC offset = 0 VDC (DC offset in system gain, refer to section 3.1 of Owner’s Manual)

Phase = 0

This test assumes that the oscilloscope used can measure voltage directly, or by using scales generated on the display. A digital multimeter will also be used for measuring the DC offset of the waveform.

Checking the offset ripple:

1. Make sure the 3110A has been on for at least 20 minutes.
2. Make sure the system gain is set to 20 and the DC offset is set such that a commanded output of 0V generates an output of 0V.
3. Open the ORAT SWG file.
4. Set the scope to measure the frequency and Vrms of the output with an attenuation of 1X. Set the scope for AC coupling.
5. Begin waveform playback.
6. Measure the amplitude of the ripple.
7. Connect the output of the 3110A to a DMM.
8. Record the measured offset of the output.
9. Repeat steps 6 and 7 for the 10Vpp trial.
10. Ensure that the measured Ripple Amplitude and Offset values are within the specified limits.

	Lower Limit (V <sub>rms</sub> )	Measured Ripple Amplitude	Upper Limit (V <sub>rms</sub> )	Offset Lower Limit (VDC)	Measured DC Offset	Offset Upper Limit (VDC)
1Vp Ripple	0.032		0.039	0.6075		0.7425
100Vp Ripple	3.18		3.89	4.5		5.5

**Ripple Phase Accuracy**

Used to determine how close the 3110A’s phase shift is to the commanded value. Use with RPA SWG files in the Calibration directory. This test will only be used in the event that precise phase shifting is necessary, this test is not performed as part of the factory calibration procedure.

General default settings

Gain = 20  
 Interface Chart voltage amplitude = 100 V<sub>p</sub>, or BNC output = 5 V<sub>p</sub>  
 Duration = 1000 sec

One of the simplest ways to measure phase is to observe the time shift generated by a phase change. The change in phase changes places where the wave equals zero and can be measured with an oscilloscope. Figure 2 shows an example of a phase shift. For a given *n* and phase shift  $\phi$ , the time from *n* = 0 to the *n*<sup>th</sup> crossing is given by

$$t = \frac{1}{2\pi f}(n\pi - \phi); \phi \text{ in radians and } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

or

$$t = \frac{1}{2f}\left(n - \frac{\phi}{180}\right); \phi \text{ in degrees and } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

The error can be found from

$$\%error = \frac{|t_m - t_{exp}|}{t_m} * 100$$

Where *t<sub>m</sub>* is the time measured and *t<sub>exp</sub>* is the expected time, which are the values in the table on the next page.

Checking the Phase Accuracy Procedure:

1. Make sure the 3110A has been on for at least 20 minutes.
2. Open the RPA SWG file.
3. Set oscilloscope to a single trigger, causing the scope to trigger once such that you get an image similar to Figure 1.
4. Once you have the desired viewing window, measure the time from the beginning of the curve to each of the zero crossing points.
  - a. Note: Only 4 zero-crossing points will be recorded. n=4, 5, 6, and 7
5. Record the measured times of zero crossing points and repeat for the remaining waveforms.

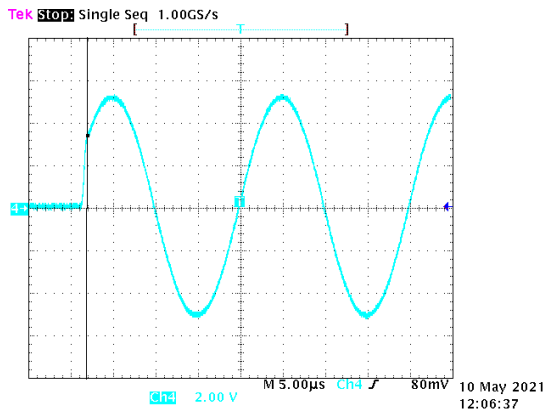


Figure 1 Example Oscilloscope Reading

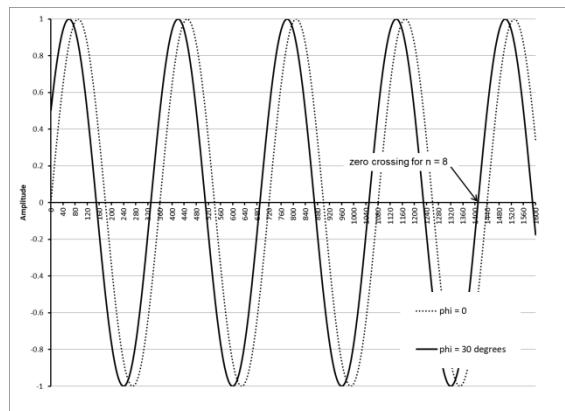


Figure 2 for  $\phi = 30^\circ$

RPA1: 50 kHz  $\phi = 30^\circ$

zeros (crossing) n =	time ( $\mu$ sec)	measured ( $\mu$ sec)	Variation %
4	38.33		
5	48.33		
6	58.33		
7	68.33		
		Average Limit	0.5 %

RPA 2: 500 kHz  $\phi = 30^\circ$

zeros (crossing) n =	time ( $\mu$ sec)	measured ( $\mu$ sec)	Variation %
4	3.833		
5	4.833		
6	5.833		
7	6.833		
		Average Limit	2 %

RPA2: 50 kHz  $\phi = 75^\circ$

zeros (crossing) n =	time ( $\mu$ sec)	measured ( $\mu$ sec)	Variation %
4	35.833		
5	45.833		
6	55.833		
7	65.833		
		Average Limit	0.5 %

RPA4: 500 kHz  $\phi = 75^\circ$

zeros (crossing) n =	time ( $\mu$ sec)	measured ( $\mu$ sec)	Variation %
4	3.5833		
5	4.5833		
6	5.5833		
7	6.5833		
		Average Limit	3 %