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# User's Quick Start Guide

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## Infiniium Oscilloscopes

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## In This Book

This book gives you the information you need to begin using the Infiniium Oscilloscopes. It contains four chapters:

**Setting up the Oscilloscope** Chapter 1 contains inspection, power requirements, air flow, and setup information.

**Working in Comfort** Chapter 2 contains recommendations for working comfortably and safely while operating the Infiniium Oscilloscope.

**Using the Oscilloscope** Chapter 3 gives an overview of the front panel and the graphical user interface, and tells you how to perform basic operations with the oscilloscope.

**Using the Built-In Information System** Chapter 4 describes the built-in information system contents and navigation. The built-in information system contains all of the information that is generally found in a User's Guide.

- For detailed information on how the oscilloscope makes measurements and how to use the oscilloscope, see the built-in information system in the oscilloscope.
- For information on programming the oscilloscope using a computer with a GPIB interface card or LAN interface card, see the *Oscilloscopes Programmer's Reference* for your model number oscilloscope found in the Infiniium Information System.
- For information on testing and servicing the oscilloscope, see the *Service Guide* manual for your model number oscilloscope found in Infiniium Information System.

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## Setting Up the Oscilloscope

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# Setting Up the Oscilloscope

This chapter shows you how to set up your Infiniium oscilloscope, connect power and accessories, and verify general operation.

## To inspect package contents

❑ **Inspect the shipping container for damage.**

Keep a damaged shipping container or cushioning material until you have inspected the contents of the shipment for completeness and have checked the oscilloscope mechanically and electrically.

❑ **Inspect the oscilloscope.**

- If there is mechanical damage or a defect, or if the oscilloscope does not operate properly or does not pass performance tests, notify your Agilent Technologies Sales Office.
- If the shipping container is damaged, or the cushioning materials show signs of stress, notify the carrier and your Agilent Technologies Sales Office. Keep the shipping materials for the carrier's inspection. The Agilent Technologies Sales Office will arrange for repair or replacement at Agilent's option without waiting for claim settlement.

❑ **Verify that you received the following items in the Infiniium Oscilloscope packaging.**

- Infiniium oscilloscope
- Mouse (USB optical)
- Touchscreen Stylus
- Calibration Cable (cable not available or required for the DSO90254A)
- SMA to Precision BNC Adaptors
- Accessory Pouch (detachable)
- Front panel cover
- Keyboard
- Power cord
- Probe de-skew and performance verification kit
- *User's Quick Start Guide*

See the following figures for your model of Infiniium Oscilloscope. If anything is missing, contact your nearest Agilent Technologies Sales Office. If the shipment was damaged, contact the carrier, then contact the nearest Agilent Technologies Sales Office.

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To inspect package contents**

**Accessories Pouch**

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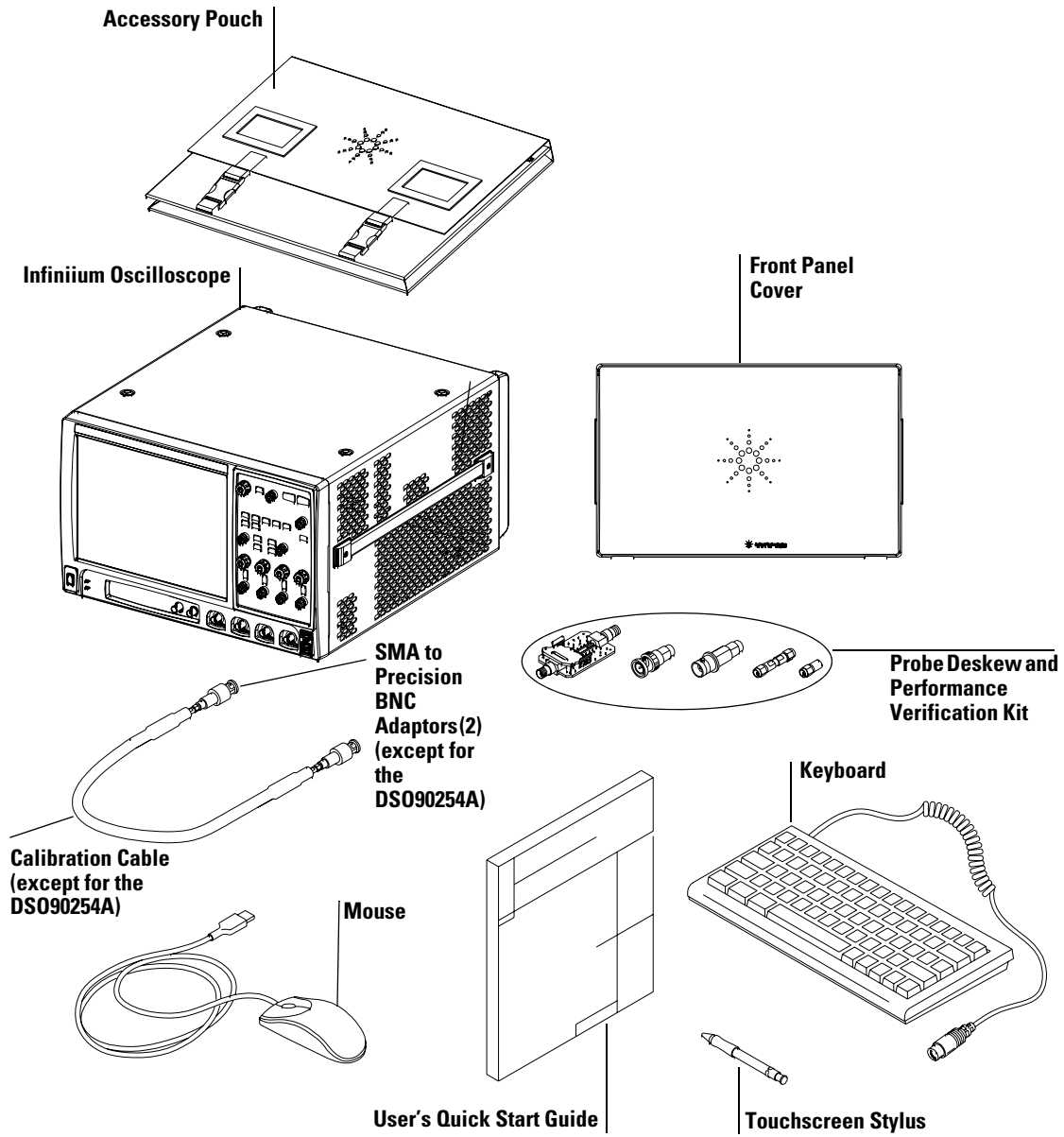
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The accessories pouch is designed to carry less than 100 lbs (45.36 kgs) of weight which must not be exceeded. Also, do not try to pick up the oscilloscope using the accessories pouch strap.



Figure 1-1



Package Contents for the 90000A Series Infiniium Oscilloscopes

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## To inspect options and accessories

- ❑ Verify that you received the options and accessories you ordered and that none were damaged.

If anything is missing, contact your nearest Agilent Technologies Sales Office. If the shipment was damaged, or the cushioning materials show signs of stress, contact the carrier and your Agilent Technologies Sales Office.

Some accessories that will enhance your work with the 90000A series oscilloscopes are listed in table 1-1.

**Table 1-1**

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**Accessories and Software for the 90000A Series Infiniium Oscilloscopes**

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<b>Agilent Model Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
	<b>Cables</b>
<b>54855-67604</b>	<b>SMA to Precision BNC Adaptor, option 821</b>
<b>10833A</b>	<b>GPIB cable, 1 m</b>
<b>10833B</b>	<b>GPIB cable, 2 m</b>
<b>10833C</b>	<b>GPIB cable, 4 m</b>
<b>10833D</b>	<b>GPIB cable, 0.5 m</b>
	<b>Probes</b>
<b>1131A</b>	<b>3.5 GHz InfiniiMax Probe Amplifier</b>
<b>1132A</b>	<b>5 GHz InfiniiMax Probe Amplifier</b>
<b>1134A</b>	<b>7 GHz InfiniiMax Probe Amplifier</b>
<b>1168A</b>	<b>10 GHz InfiniiMax II Probe Amplifier</b>
<b>1169A</b>	<b>12 GHz InfiniiMax II Probe Amplifier</b>
<b>E2668A</b>	<b>InfiniiMax Single-ended Connectivity Kit</b>
<b>E2669A</b>	<b>InfiniiMax Differential Connectivity Kit</b>
<b>N5381A</b>	<b>12 GHz Solder-in Differential Probe Head</b>
<b>N5382A</b>	<b>12 GHz Differential Browser Probe Head</b>
<b>N5380A</b>	<b>SMA Probe Head</b>
<b>1156A</b>	<b>1.5 GHz Single-ended Active Probe</b>
<b>1157A</b>	<b>2.5 GHz Single-ended Active Probe</b>
<b>1158A</b>	<b>4 GHz Single-ended Active Probe</b>

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<b>Agilent Model Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
N2774A	50 MHz Current Probe
N2775A	Probe Power Supply for N2774A
E2697A	High Impedance Adapter, option 807 (includes one 10073C passive probe)
54006A	6 GHz probe, 10:1 (500 $\Omega$ ) or 20:1 (1 k $\Omega$ ), .25 pf
E2655A	Additional probe deskew and performance verification kit
	Cart and Rackmount Kit
1184A	Testmobile with keyboard and mouse tray and drawer for accessories
N5470A	Rackmount Kit, option 1CM
	Software Applications and Upgrades
E2681A	EZJIT Jitter Analysis Software, option 002 (standard on DSA series)
N5400A	EZJIT Plus Jitter Analysis Software, option 004 (standard on DSA series)
E2699A	My Infiniium Integration Package, option 006
N5403A	Noise Reduction and Bandwidth Control, option 005 (standard on DSA series and DS091304A)
N5452A	Infiniium Application Remote Program Interface Software, option 011
N5430A	Infiniium User Defined Function Software, option 010
N5415A	InfiniiScan Event Identification Software, option 009
N5391A	I2C and SPI Low-speed Data Analysis, option 007
N5402A	CAN Serial Data Analysis Software, option 008
E2683A	USB 2.0 Validation and Compliance Software, option 029
E2625A	Communications Mask Test Kit
E2688A	High Speed Serial Data Analysis Software, option 003 (standard on DSA series)
89601A	Vector Signal Analysis Software
N5409A	Fully Buffered DIMM Validation and Compliance Software, option 024
N5393A	PCI Express Electrical Performance Validation and Compliance Software, option 022
N5392A	Ethernet Electrical Performance Validation and Compliance Software, option 021
U7233A	DDR1 Validation and Compliance Software, option 031
N5413A	DDR2 Validation and Compliance Software, option 032
U7231A	DDR3 Validation and Compliance Software, option 033

**Setting Up the Oscilloscope  
To inspect options and accessories**

<b>Agilent Model Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>N5431A</b>	<b>XAUI Electrical Validation and Compliance Software with 10GBASE-CX4, CPRI, OBSAI, and Serial RapidIO Support, option 030</b>
<b>U7232A</b>	<b>DisplayPort Validation and Compliance Software, option 028</b>
<b>N5412A</b>	<b>Serial Attached SCSI Electrical Performance Validation and Compliance Software, option 027</b>
<b>N5411A</b>	<b>Serial ATA Electrical Performance Validation and Compliance Software, option 026</b>
<b>N5410A</b>	<b>Fibre Channel Validation and Compliance Software, option 025</b>
<b>N5399A</b>	<b>HDMI Electrical Performance Validation and Compliance Software, option 023</b>
	<b>Hardware</b>
	<b>80 GBytes or greater hard disk drive, option 801. Replaces internal hard disk drive with a removable hard disk drive. (Order the N5474A for additional hard disk drives.)</b>
	<b>Additional 2 GByte CPU Memory (4 GByte total), option 803</b>
	<b> GPIB card, option 805</b>
	<b>Precision BNC to SMA adaptors, option 821 (qty 2)</b>
	<b>Service</b>
	<b>ANSI Z540 compliant calibration, option A6J</b>
	<b>ISO17025 compliant calibration, option 1A7</b>

Bandwidth upgrades are available to protect your Infiniium oscilloscope investment when bandwidth needs change. Bandwidth upgrades are listed in table 1-3.

**Table 1-2**

<b>Bandwidth upgrades for Infiniium Oscilloscopes</b>	
<b>Agilent Model Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>N5471A</b>	<b>12 GHz to 13 GHz</b>
<b>N5471B</b>	<b>8 GHz to 12 GHz (Return to Agilent for this upgrade.)</b>
<b>N5471C</b>	<b>6 GHz to 8 GHz (Return to Agilent for this upgrade.)</b>
<b>N5471D</b>	<b>4 GHz to 6 GHz (Return to Agilent for this upgrade.)</b>
<b>N5471E</b>	<b>2.5 GHz to 4 GHz (Return to Agilent for this upgrade.)</b>

Acquisition memory upgrades are available to protect your Infiniium oscilloscope investment when acquisition memory needs change. You can install memory upgrades without opening the oscilloscope case or requiring on-site service. Acquisition memory upgrades are listed in table 1-3.

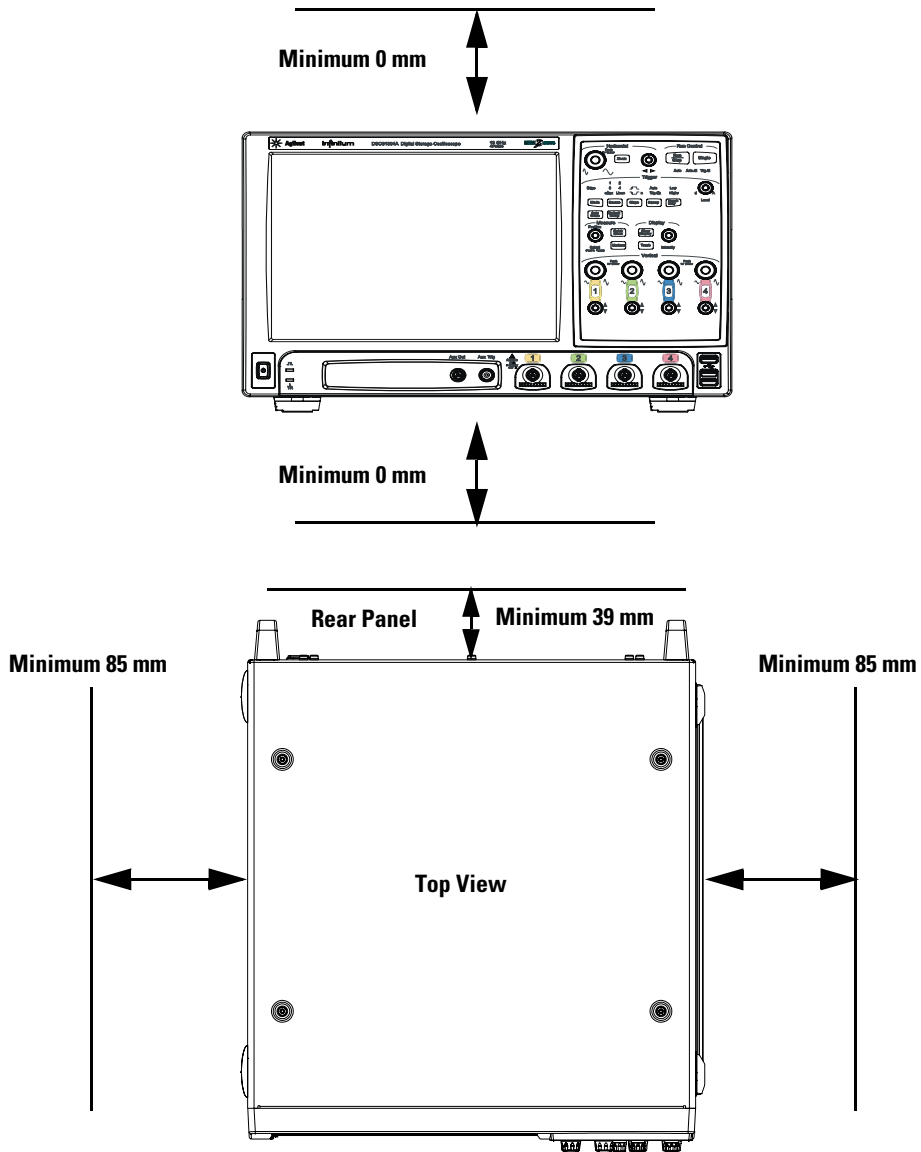
**Table 1-3**

<b>Acquisition memory upgrades for Infiniium Oscilloscopes</b>	
<b>Agilent Model Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>N5472A</b>	<b>Option 20M — 10 MPts to 20 MPts (standard on DSA)</b>
<b>N5472B</b>	<b>Option 50M — 20 MPts to 50 MPts</b>
<b>N5472C</b>	<b>Option 100 — 50 MPts to 100 MPts</b>
<b>N5472D</b>	<b>Option 200 — 100 MPts to 200 MPts</b>
<b>N5472E</b>	<b>Option 500 — 200 MPts to 500 MPts</b>
<b>N5472F</b>	<b>Option 01G — 500 MPts to 1 GPts</b>

To position for proper airflow

- 1** Position the oscilloscope where it will have sufficient clearance for airflow around the top, back, and sides.

Figure 1-2

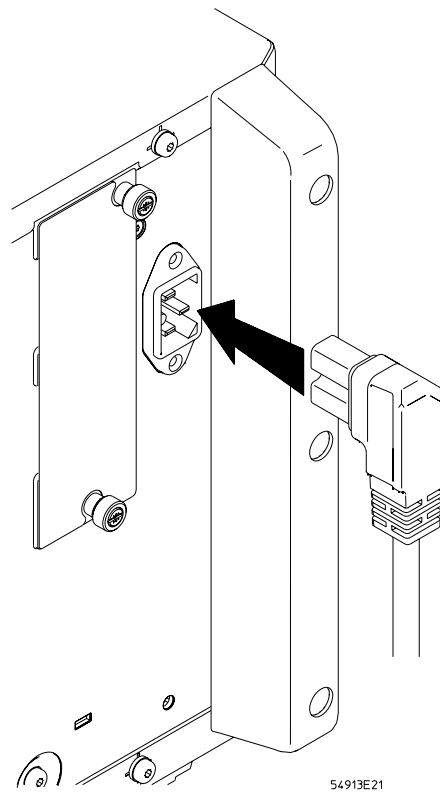


The airflow requirement is 300 cfm  
Positioning the Infiniium Oscilloscope with Sufficient Clearance

## To connect power

- 1** Position the oscilloscope so that it is not difficult to unplug the power cord.
- 2** Connect the power cord to the rear of the oscilloscope, then to a suitable ac voltage source 100 to 240 VAC  $\pm 10\%$ , 47 to 63 Hz for the 90000A series)  
Maximum power dissipation: 90000A series is 550 W

**Figure 1-3**



**Infinium Oscilloscope Power Cord Connection**



The oscilloscope power supply automatically adjusts for line input voltages in the range 100 to 240 VAC. Therefore, you do not need to adjust an input line voltage setting. The line cord provided is matched by Agilent Technologies to the country of origin of the order.

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To connect the mouse, the keyboard, a LAN cable, a USB device, a printer, and a GPIB cable

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### To connect the mouse, the keyboard, a LAN cable, a USB device, a printer, and a GPIB cable

See Figure 1-4 for the location of back panel connectors.

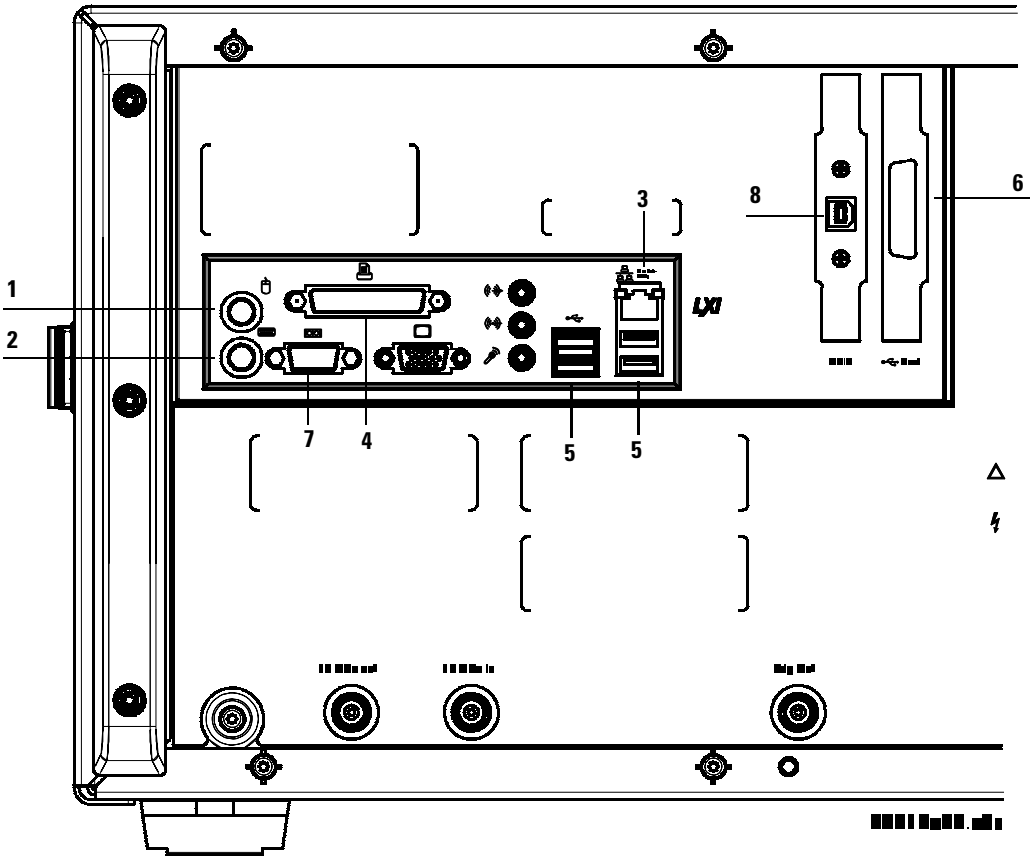
- Mouse The mouse can be plugged into either a USB port or into a PS2 port. There are several USB connectors on the front panel of the oscilloscope that can be used. If you plug the mouse into the PS2 port or a USB port on the back panel of the oscilloscope, the connectors are labeled 1 and 5. When using the PS2 port, the mouse must be plugged in prior to turning on power to the oscilloscope
- Keyboard The keyboard can be plugged into either a USB port or into a PS2 port. There are several USB connectors on the front panel of the oscilloscope that can be used. If you plug into the PS2 or USB port on the back panel of the oscilloscope the connectors are labeled 2 or 5. When using the PS2 port, the keyboard must be plugged in prior to turning on power to the oscilloscope.
- LAN Cable Connect your LAN cable to the RJ-45 connector labeled 3 on the back panel of the oscilloscope.

**After you have connected to the LAN card, you must set up the network. Before you try to setup your network, you should exit the oscilloscope application. If you do not know how to setup a network in Windows XP, see your network administrator or use the Windows XP on-line help.**

- USB Connectors Connectors labeled 5 can be used for any USB devices. There are also three USB connectors in the lower right-hand corner of the front panel.
- Printer Cable If you have a parallel (Centronics) printer, you will need a parallel printer cable. Connect cable into the connector labeled 4.  
If you have a serial printer, you will need a 9-pin to 25-pin serial printer cable. Some printers may require other cable configurations, but the oscilloscope has a 9-pin serial connector. Connect cable into the connector labeled 7.
- GPIB Cable Attach the GPIB connector to the GPIB interface card connector labeled 6 on the rear of the oscilloscope. The GPIB interface is optional and may not be on your Infiniium.
- USB Cable Attach a USB cable to the connector labeled 8 to remotely control the oscilloscope using USB.

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To connect the mouse, the keyboard, a LAN cable, a USB device, a printer, and a GPIB cable

Figure 1-4



Back Panel

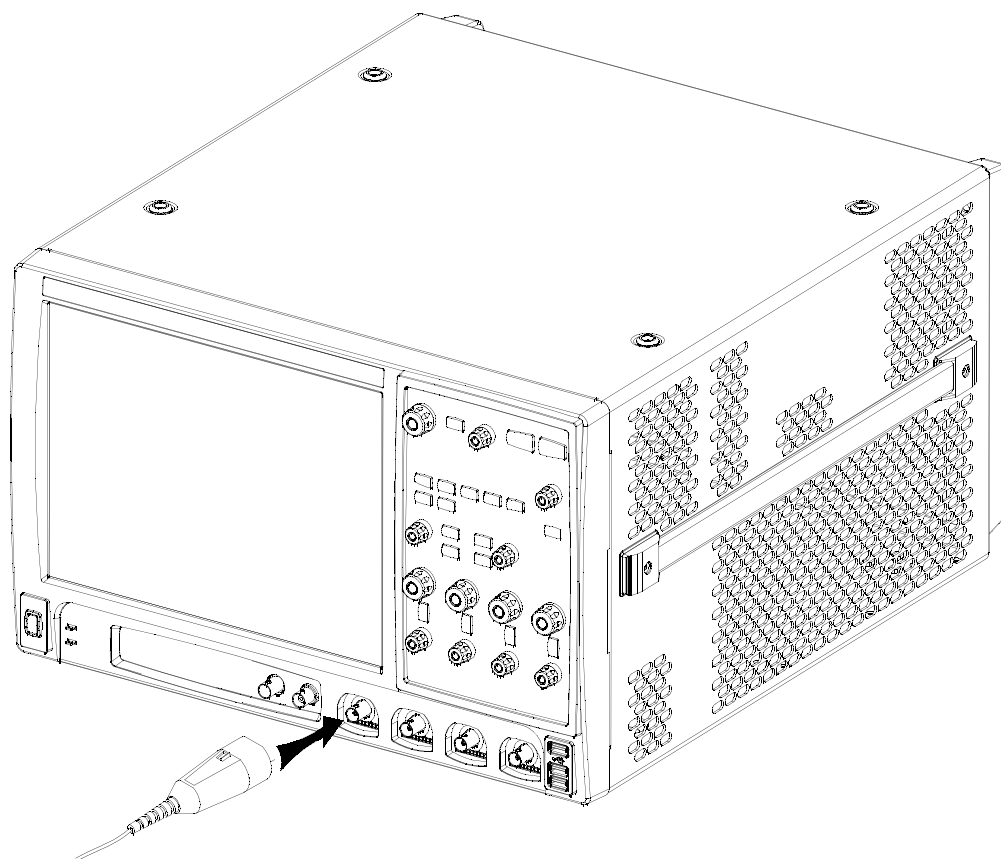
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## To connect oscilloscope probes

There are optional Infiniium oscilloscope probes, such as the 1130 and 1160 series probes, that connect to the oscilloscope differently than other oscilloscope probes. Use the following steps to connect these snap-on probes to the oscilloscope.

- 1 Attach the probe connector to the desired oscilloscope channel or trigger input. Push it straight on until it latches into place.

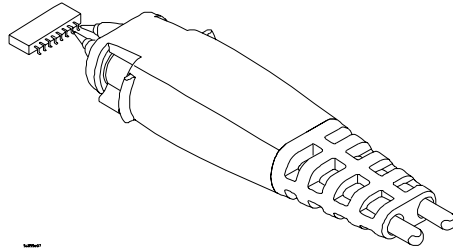
**Figure 1-5**



**Attaching the Probe Connector**

- 2 Connect the probe to the circuit of interest using the browser or other probing accessories.

**Figure 1-6**

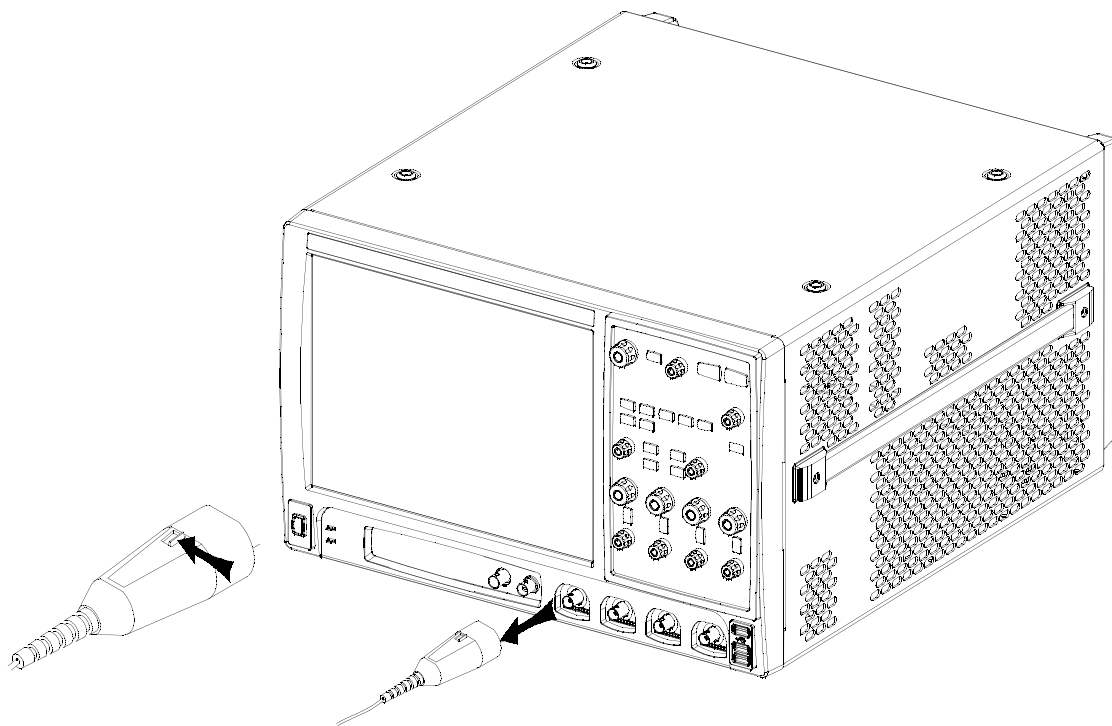


**Probing the Circuit**

- 3 To disconnect the probe, push the small latch on top of the probe connector to the left, then pull the connector body away from the front panel of the oscilloscope without twisting it.

**Setting Up the Oscilloscope  
To connect oscilloscope probes**

**Figure 1-7**



**Disconnecting the Oscilloscope Probe**

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**CAUTION**

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Do not attempt to twist the snap-on probes on or off the oscilloscope's BNC connector. Twisting the probe connector body will damage it.

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**CAUTION**

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For the 90000A series oscilloscopes do not exceed the maximum input voltage rating. The maximum input voltage for the 50  $\Omega$  inputs is  $\pm 5$  V<sub>peak</sub>, CAT I.

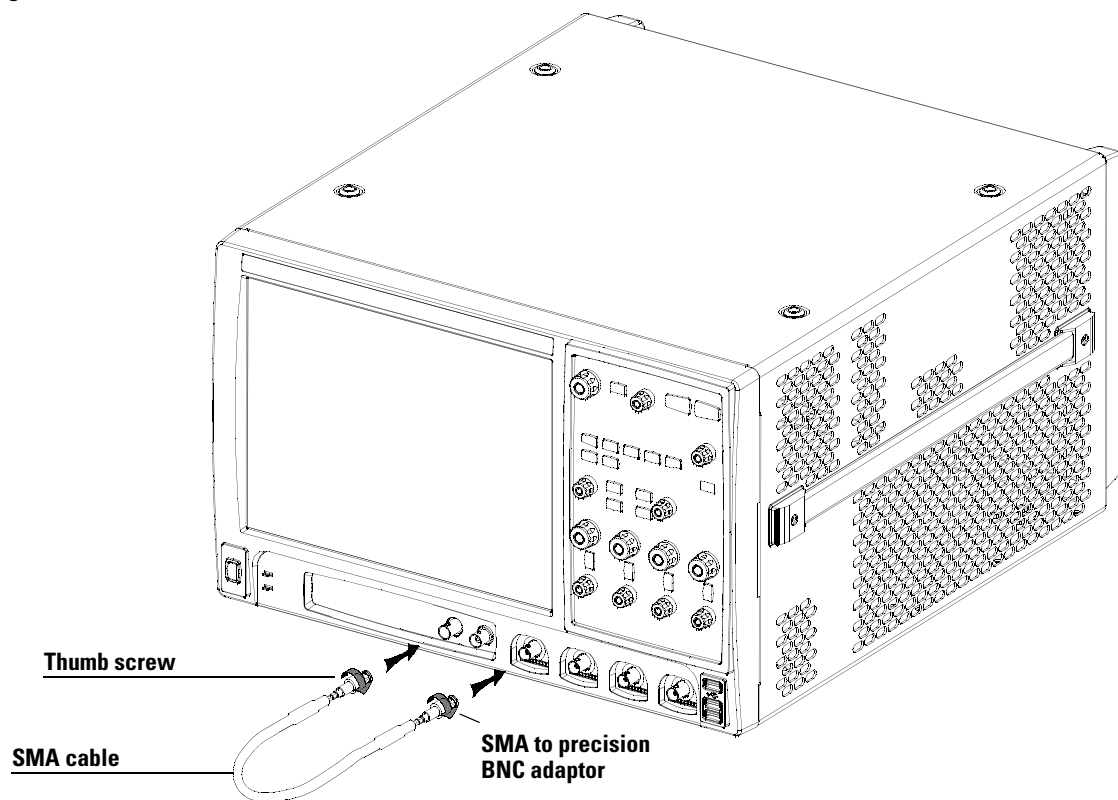
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## To connect SMA Cables

You can connect an SMA cable to the 90000A series Infiniium oscilloscopes except for the DSO90254A model by using the 54855-67604 SMA to precision BNC adaptor.

- 1 Attach the two SMA to precision BNC adaptors to the ends of an SMA cable.
- 2 Push the SMA to precision BNC adaptors onto the oscilloscope BNC connectors.
- 3 Tighten the thumbscrews until they are snug.

Figure 1-8



Connecting SMA to Precision BNC Adaptors

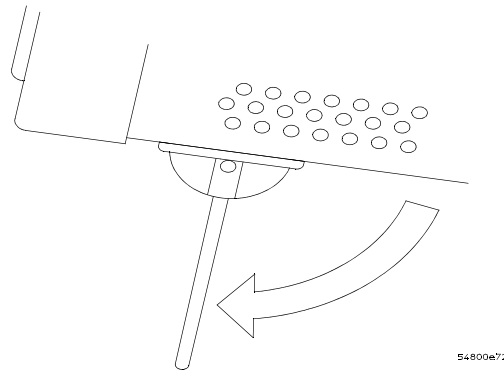
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**To tilt the oscilloscope upward for easier viewing**

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**To tilt the oscilloscope upward for easier viewing**

- 1** Lift up the front of the oscilloscope, grasp the wire bail near the center, and pull it down and forward until it latches into place.

**Figure 1-9**



**Latching the Oscilloscope Front Feet**



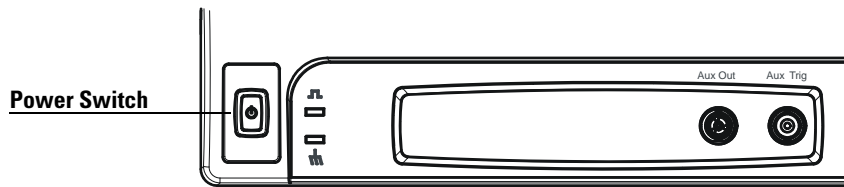
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## To turn on the oscilloscope

**The first time that you turn on the oscilloscope, you will need to have a mouse connected. The mouse is needed to accept the Microsoft end-user license agreement for Windows XP Pro.**

- 1 Depress the power switch in the lower left-hand corner of the oscilloscope front panel.

Figure 1-10



### Turning on the Oscilloscope

After a short initialization period, the oscilloscope display appears. The oscilloscope is ready to use.

- 2 You can connect and disconnect probes and BNC cables while the oscilloscope is turned on.

### To turn off the oscilloscope

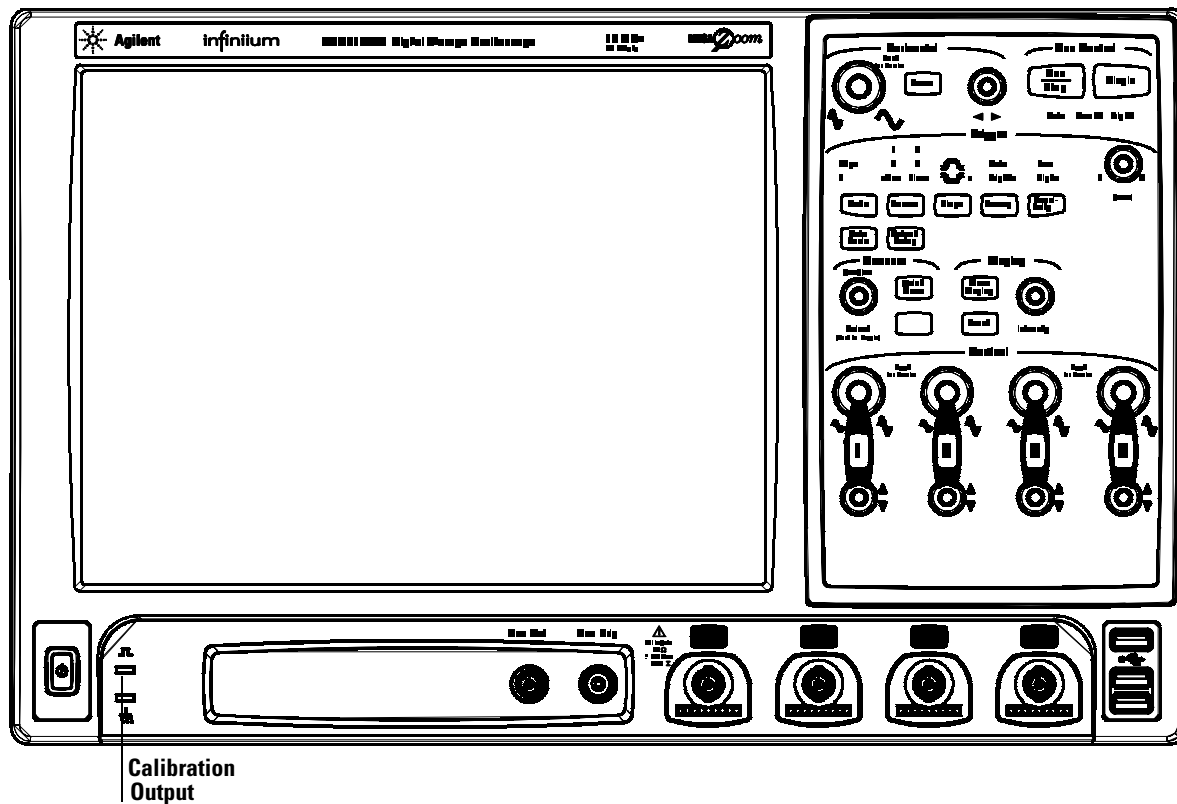
- 1** Momentarily depress the power switch at the lower left-hand corner of the oscilloscope front panel. The oscilloscope will go through a normal Windows shutdown process.

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To verify basic operation for the 90000A series oscilloscope

- 1 Connect one end of the calibration cable using SMA to precision BNC adaptors to channel 1.
- 2 Connect the other end of the calibration cable using the SMA to precision BNC adaptor to the Aux Out connector on the front panel.

Figure 1-11



Verifying Basic Oscilloscope Operation for 90000A Series Oscilloscopes.

- 3 Press the Default Setup key on the front panel.

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### **To verify basic operation for the 90000A series oscilloscope**

The display will pause momentarily while the oscilloscope is configured to its default settings.

**4 Press the Autoscale key on the front panel.**

The display will pause momentarily while the oscilloscope adjusts the sweep speed and vertical scale. You should then see a square wave with peak-to-peak amplitude of approximately 5 divisions and a shows about four cycles on screen. If you do not see the waveform, ensure your power source is adequate, the oscilloscope is properly powered-on, and the probe is connected securely to the front-panel channel input BNC and to the probe calibration output.

**5 Move the mouse around the mouse surface and verify that the on screen pointer follows moves with the mouse movement.**

**6 Touch the pointer of the touch screen stylus to the surface of the screen and move it around while verifying that the pointer follows the movement.**

## Installing application programs on Infiniium

Infiniium is an open Windows system. This allows you to install your own application software. Agilent has verified that the following applications are compatible with the Infiniium oscilloscope application.

- Agilent Vector Signal Analysis
- Agilent VEE Pro
- Amherst Systems Oscilloscope Tools
- Microsoft Office 2000
- MathWorks MATLAB
- Mathsoft MathCad 2001i
- McAfee VirusScan
- Symantec Norton AntiVirus

**Before installing any software, you should exit the oscilloscope application.**

If you install an application other than those which Agilent has tested, it is possible that it could break the oscilloscope application. This would potentially require you to recover the oscilloscope hard drive using the hard drive's hidden recovery partition.

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## Changing Windows System Settings

**Before changing any Windows System settings outside of the oscilloscope application you should Exit the oscilloscope application.**

There are several Windows System settings that can be changed to suit your own personal preferences. However, there are some system settings that you should avoid changing because it will interfere with the proper operation of the oscilloscope.

- Do not change the Power Options.
- Do not change the System Properties Hardware Tab settings.
- Do not change the Regional and Language Options Advanced Tab settings.
- Do not remove Fonts.
- Display Settings
  - Do not change the screen resolution from 1024 by 768 pixels or the color quality from Highest (32 bit).
  - Do not change the Font size to Extra Large.
  - Do not use a Menu font size greater than 14 points.
- Do not use the Administrative Tools to enable or disable Internet Information Services (Web Server). Use the Infiniium Web Control dialog box to enable or disable the Web Server.
- Do not delete or modify the InfiniiumAdmin user account.

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### To clean the oscilloscope

- Clean the oscilloscope with a soft cloth dampened with a mild soap and water solution.

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**CAUTION**

Do not use too much liquid in cleaning the oscilloscope. Water can enter the Infiniium front panel, damaging sensitive electronic components.





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Working in Comfort

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## Introduction

To optimize your comfort and productivity, it is important that you set up your work area correctly and use your Infiniium oscilloscope properly. With that in mind, we have developed some setup and use recommendations for you to follow based on established ergonomic principles.

Improper and prolonged use of keyboards and input devices are among those tasks that have been associated with repetitive strain injury (RSI) to soft tissues in the hands and arms. If you experience discomfort or pain while using the oscilloscope, discontinue use immediately and consult your physician as soon as possible. For more information on RSI you may wish to consult the *About Repetitive Strain Injury* section.

Please study the recommendations offered here in this chapter. Included there are references to relevant parts of international standards, regulations and guidelines, such as ISO 9241 and the European Community Display Screen Equipment directive. You may also wish to consult your employer's human resources department or other relevant departments for guidance specific to your company.

## About Repetitive Strain Injury

Because your comfort and safety are our primary concern, we strongly recommend that you use the Infinium oscilloscope in accordance with established ergonomic principles and recommendations. Scientific literature suggests that there may be a relationship between injury to soft tissues—especially in the hands and arms—and prolonged improper use of keyboards or other equipment requiring repeated motions of the hands and forearms. This literature also suggests that there are many other risk factors that may increase the chance of such injury, commonly called Repetitive Strain Injury.

### **What is RSI?**

Repetitive Strain Injury (RSI—also known as cumulative trauma disorder or repetitive motion injury) is a type of injury where soft tissues in the body, such as muscles, nerves, or tendons, become irritated or inflamed. RSI has been a reported problem for those who perform repetitive tasks such as assembly line work, meatpacking, sewing, playing musical instruments, and computer work. RSI also has been observed in those who frequently engage in activities such as carpentry, knitting, housework, gardening, tennis, windsurfing and lifting children.

### **What causes RSI?**

The specific causes of RSI have not been established. Nevertheless, the incidence of RSI has been associated with a variety of risk factors, including:

- Too many uninterrupted repetitions of an activity or motion.
- Performing an activity in an awkward or unnatural posture.
- Maintaining static posture for prolonged periods.
- Failing to take frequent short breaks.
- Other environmental and psychosocial factors.

In addition, there have been reports associating the occurrence of RSI with the use of keyboards, mice, and other input devices. Also, certain medical conditions, such as rheumatoid arthritis, obesity and diabetes, may predispose some people to this type of injury.

### **What if I experience discomfort?**

If you are experiencing any discomfort, seek professional medical advice immediately. Typically, the earlier a problem is diagnosed and treated, the easier it is to resolve.

## Mice and Other Input Devices

Various aspects of using mice and other input devices may increase your risk of discomfort or injury. Observing the following recommendations may reduce that risk.

- Try to keep your hand, wrist, and forearm in a neutral position while using your mouse or other input device.
- If you use your thumb to rotate the ball on a trackball or spaceball, keep it in a relaxed, natural shape, and maintain a neutral posture in your hand, wrist, and forearm.
- Hold the mouse gently by draping your fingers over it. Keep your hand relaxed and fingers loose. Do not grip the mouse tightly.
- It takes very little pressure or force from your fingers to activate the buttons or scroll wheel on your mouse, scrolling mouse, trackball, or other input device. Using too much force can place unnecessary stress on the tendons and muscles in your hands, wrists, and forearms.
- If you are using a scrolling mouse, be sure to keep your fingers and hand in a relaxed, neutral position when activating the scroll wheel. Also, this type of mouse features software that can minimize the number of mouse movements or button clicks.
- When using a mouse, trackball, or other input device, position it as close to the keyboard as possible, and keep it at the same level as you do not have to stretch while using it.
- Be sure to keep your mouse and trackball clean. Regular removal of accumulated dust and dirt helps ensure proper tracking and reduces unnecessary hand and wrist motions.

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## Using the Oscilloscope

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# Using the Oscilloscope

The Infiniium Oscilloscope is designed to be easy to use.

- The familiar front-panel oscilloscope interface with knobs and keys is optimized for the most common kinds of troubleshooting tasks and basic measurements. See “Using the Front Panel” on page 3-3.
- The graphical interface with menus, windows, dialogs, and toolbars provides easy logical access to dozens of configuration and analysis tools, making it easy for you to set up and make the most complex measurements. The interface also allows you to use the Infiniium oscilloscope’s built-in information system, which gives detailed information on using the oscilloscope to make measurements. See “Using the Graphical Interface” on page 3-20.

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## Using the Front Panel

The Infiniium Oscilloscope front panel has been designed to give you direct access to the functions needed to perform the most common measurements needed in troubleshooting, using a traditional oscilloscope interface. Knobs and keys are included to enable direct setting of vertical and horizontal parameters. In addition, the front panel has a set of LED (Light-Emitting Diode) indicators; by using these and the display, you can assess the configuration of the oscilloscope at a glance—there is no need to enter a series of keystrokes to navigate through complex menus.

The Infiniium Oscilloscope uses color consistently throughout the front panel and user interface. For example, the color for channel 1 is the same color as the waveform for channel 1. All the configuration items and values related to channel 1 are displayed in the same color.





Using the front panel, you can configure the Infiniium oscilloscope for most troubleshooting tasks. The control categories are:

- Acquisition and general controls
- Horizontal controls
- Trigger controls
- Vertical controls
- Marker and measurement controls

## Acquisition Controls

Using the acquisition controls, you control whether the oscilloscope is running or stopped. Other keys allow you to reset the oscilloscope to its default setup and automatically configure the oscilloscope for the current input signals (Autoscale).

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## Display Controls

The clear display control erases the waveforms from the display and resets such things as measurement statistics and averaging. The touch control enables or disables the touch screen.

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## Horizontal Controls

Using the horizontal controls, you configure the oscilloscope's scale (seconds per division) and horizontal position of the waveform. You can also view a magnified section of the waveform using the delayed sweep window, which uses software to expand part of the acquisition memory.

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## Trigger Controls

Using the trigger controls, you set the conditions on which the oscilloscope will trigger and acquire an input signal. You can set up a variety of trigger conditions. Edge and advanced triggers can be selected from the front panel, and the parameters for edge triggering can be set up here as well. The advanced trigger parameters must be set up using the graphical interface.

Trigger configuration settings you make using the graphical interface are reflected in the front-panel status indicators, and will remain set unless you change them (either using the front panel or the graphical interface) or press the Default Setup key. See "Using the Graphical Interface" on page 3-20 for information on accessing the graphical interface.

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## Vertical Controls

Using the vertical controls, you set the vertical scaling (volts per division) and vertical offset. You can also turn the display on or off for a particular channel.

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## Marker and Measurement Controls

Using the marker and measurement controls, you control two sets of markers within the oscilloscope graticule. You use markers to make more accurate measurements of waveform events than you could make visually. Both time and voltage differences between the markers are updated continuously on the screen. By default, the markers track the source waveform. Voltage measurements from the markers are the value of the waveform at the time set with the marker position control.

The Multipurpose key initiates five preset measurements on the waveforms. Both quick measurements and markers will function on any input waveform; simply continue to press and release one of the keys (either Multipurpose, Marker A, or Marker B) to cycle through all the waveforms on the screen, then to the off state. You choose which five measurements will be performed by using the measurement configuration commands in the graphical interface.

## To set the oscilloscope to a known starting condition

- Press the Default Setup key.

You can set up the oscilloscope for many different kinds of complex measurements. To easily reset the oscilloscope to a known measurement configuration, use the Default Setup key.

If you use the Default Setup key, you can select Undo Default Setup from the Control menu to return the oscilloscope to its original configuration.

### **Save the Current Oscilloscope Configuration**

**Before using Default Setup, you may want to save the current oscilloscope configuration for later use. See the built-in information system (described in chapter 4) for instructions on saving and recalling setups, and for information on the exact configuration that is set when you press Default Setup.**

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## To start and stop waveform acquisition

The Run/Stop key is used to start and stop the acquisition of waveforms. If the key is illuminated green then Infiniium is acquiring waveforms. If the key is illuminated red then Infiniium is not acquiring waveforms.

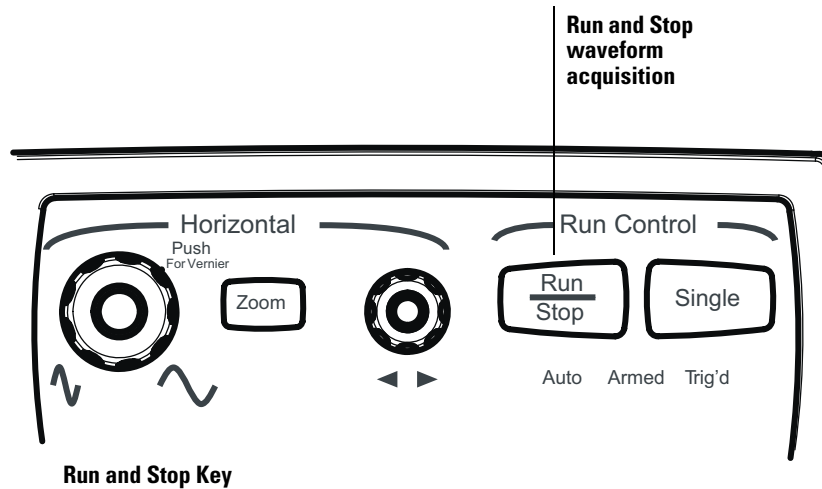
- **To start a waveform acquisition, press the Run/Stop key if the key is illuminated red.**

The oscilloscope begins acquiring data. When it receives a trigger signal, it finishes acquiring data, updates the display, then starts another acquisition cycle if it is in triggered (Trig'd) or auto trigger (Auto) mode.

- **To stop waveform acquisition, press the Run/Stop key if the key is illuminated green.**

The oscilloscope stops acquiring data. Whatever data was last acquired remains on the screen.

Figure 3-2



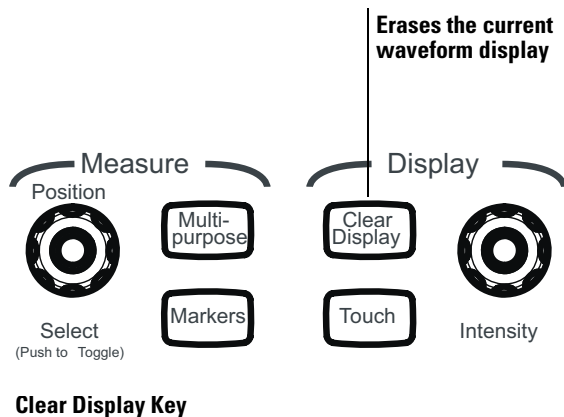
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## To clear the waveform display

- Press the Clear Display key.

The oscilloscope clears the waveform display. If the oscilloscope is in Run mode and is receiving triggers, it will update the display as it collects new waveform data. Clearing the waveform display also resets averaging, infinite persistence, color grade persistence, histogram, mask testing, and measurement statistics.

**Figure 3-3**



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## To turn an analog channel on or off

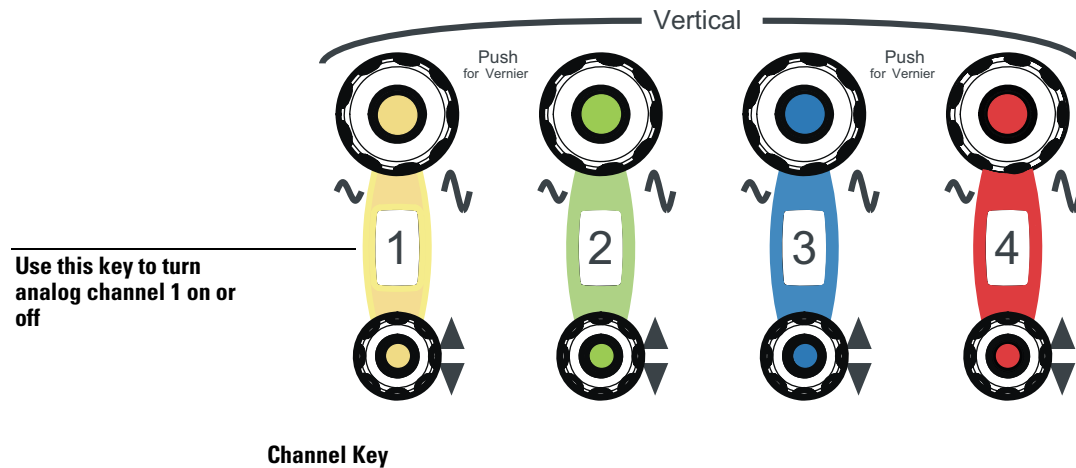
- To turn an analog channel on, press the channel number key until it is illuminated. To turn it off, press the channel number key again.

If you are not using a particular channel, you can turn it off. This simplifies the waveform display and also increases the display update rate. While a channel is turned off, data acquisition continues for that analog channel. Thus, you can still use the analog channel as a source for functions.

### Using an Analog Channel as External Trigger

**Any analog channel can be used as a trigger source. If you need an external trigger but do not need all analog channels, you can use an analog channel as an external trigger without displaying it by turning the analog channel display off.**

Figure 3-4



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### To adjust analog channel's vertical scale and offset

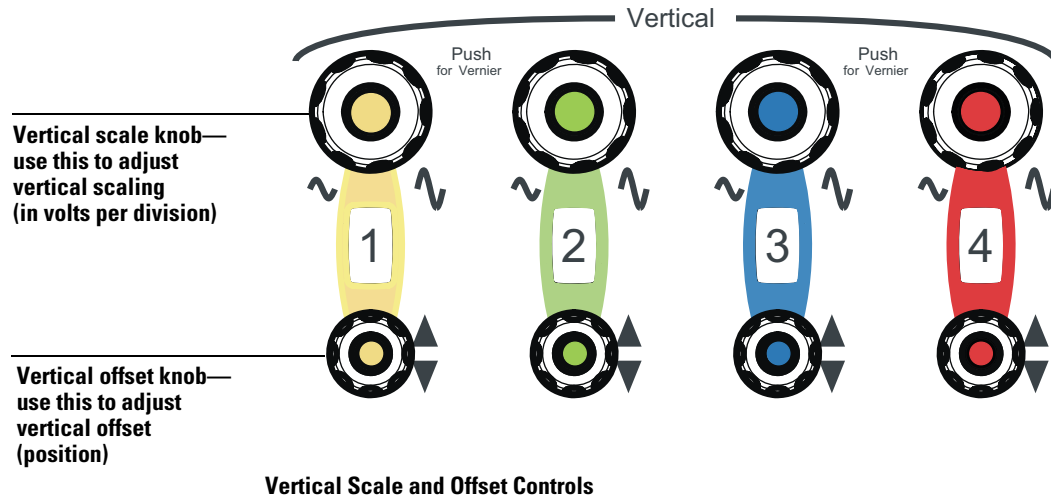
- To make the waveform bigger, turn the vertical scale knob clockwise. To make it smaller, turn the knob counter-clockwise.

The vertical scale knob is the larger of the two knobs for a channel. It is marked with a set of sine wave symbols. Decreasing the vertical scale makes the waveform bigger. There are fewer volts displayed per division. Increasing the vertical scale makes the waveform smaller. There are more volts displayed per division.

- To move the waveform toward the top of the display, turn the vertical offset knob clockwise. To move it toward the bottom of the display, turn the knob counter-clockwise.

The vertical offset knob is the smaller of the two knobs for a channel. It is marked with a set of arrows.

Figure 3-5





## To adjust horizontal scale and horizontal position

- To stretch the waveform horizontally, turn the horizontal scale knob clockwise. To shrink it horizontally, turn the knob counter-clockwise.

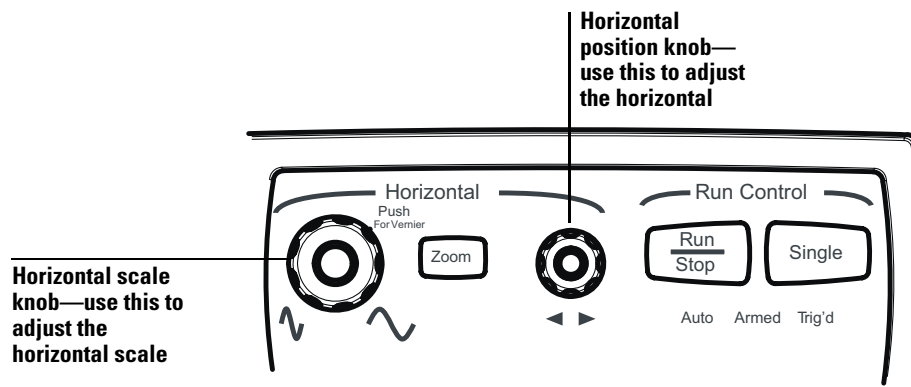
The horizontal scale knob is the larger of the two horizontal control knobs. It is marked with a set of sine wave symbols. Stretching the waveform means there are fewer seconds displayed per division. Shrinking the waveform means there are more seconds displayed per division.

- To move the waveform to the right, turn the horizontal position knob clockwise. To move the waveform to the left, turn the horizontal position knob counter-clockwise.

Moving the waveform to the right shows more of the pretrigger data (data acquired before the trigger event). Moving the waveform to the left shows more of the post-trigger data (data acquired after the trigger event).

The horizontal position knob is the smaller of the two horizontal control knobs. It is marked with a set of arrows. There is a detent programmed into the software so there is a momentary pause at zero while you are turning the knob. Continuing to turn the knob will move the horizontal position through zero.

Figure 3-6



Horizontal Scale and Position Controls

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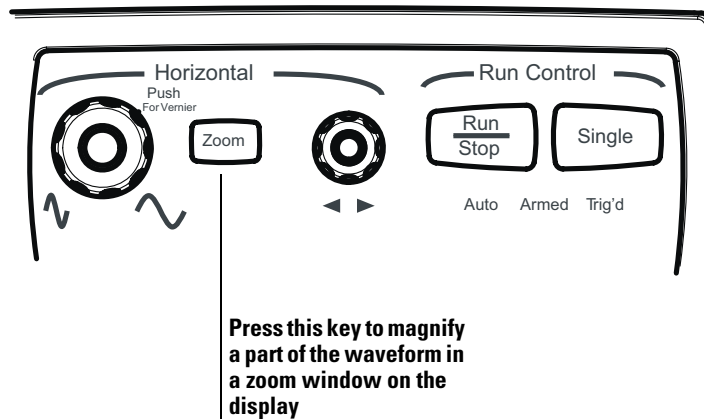
## To magnify a part of the waveform using Zoom

- To turn on zoom, press the Zoom key. To turn it off, press the Zoom key again.

The waveform display area splits into two regions. The top one is the main window. The bottom is the zoom window, which represents a software expansion of the acquired waveform data. A section of the waveform in the main window is highlighted to indicate the part shown in the zoom window.

The horizontal scale and horizontal position controls now change how the waveform is shown in the zoom window. The horizontal scale will change the amount of magnification, while the position will change the part of the waveform in the main window that is shown in the zoom window.

**Figure 3-7**

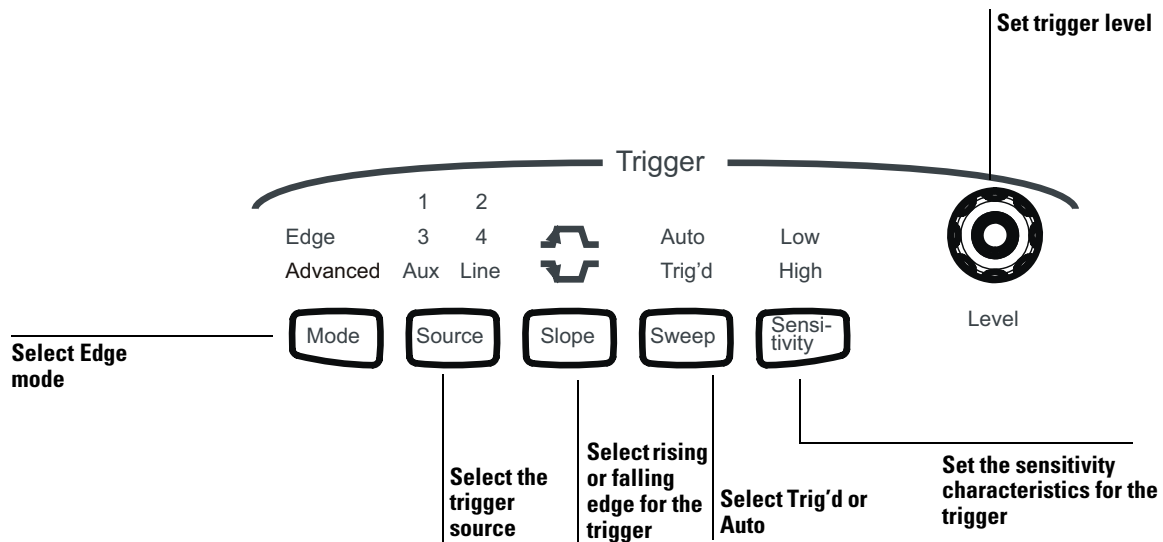


**Magnifying Part of the Waveform with Delayed Sweep**

## To set the oscilloscope to trigger on an edge

- 1 Press and release the Mode key until the Edge LED indicator is illuminated.
- 2 Press and release the Source key until the desired source LED is illuminated.  
You can choose any of the channels, the Aux, or Line as the source for an edge trigger.
- 3 Press the Slope key until the desired slope LED is illuminated.  
You can have an edge trigger on a rising or falling edge.
- 4 Press the Sweep key until the Trig'd LED is illuminated.  
The oscilloscope will wait for the edge before initiating a sweep.
- 5 Turn the Level knob to adjust the voltage level at which the oscilloscope will trigger.

Figure 3-8



Trigger Controls and Indicators for 90000A Series Oscilloscopes

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## To use the markers

Markers make it easier to make precise measurements because the marker measurement readouts show exact voltage and time positions for the markers. The measurements are based on actual waveform data from the acquisition system, not on approximations based on the display position, so you can be sure that the values are highly accurate.

- To select the type of marker mode that you want to use, press the Markers key until the mode appears in the pop-up dialog box.
- To turn on Marker A, press the Position key until the marker that you want to move appears in the pop-up dialog box.

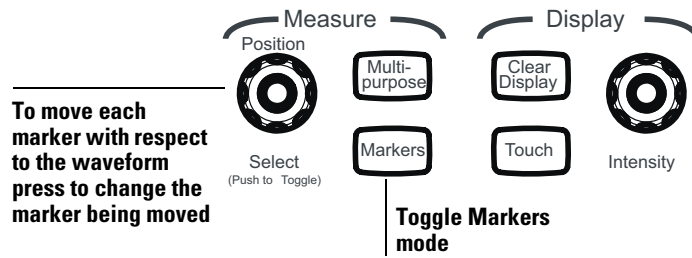
Marker A has a solid line pattern on the waveform display. It is associated with the first available source on the display.

- To turn on Marker B, press the Position key until the marker that you want to move appears in the pop-up dialog box.

Marker B has a dashed line pattern on the waveform display. It is associated with the first available source on the display.

- To move a marker, turn the Position knob. In Measurement Marker mode, the marker position cannot be changed.

Figure 3-9



### Marker Controls

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## To use the quick measurements

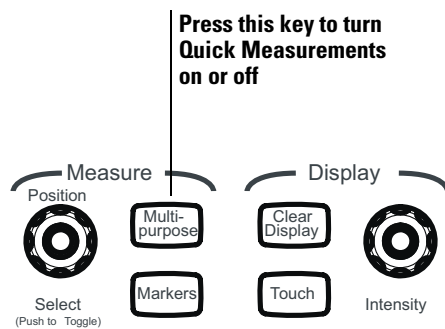
The action taken when this key is pressed depends on the feature that is selected in the Customize Multipurpose dialog box. The default feature is QuickMeas (quick measurements) which is described as follows.

- **To turn on the quick measurement display, press the Multipurpose key.**  
The five preset measurements defined in the Quick Measurement configuration are enabled and results are displayed on the screen for the first waveform source. The default measurements are:  $V_{p-p}$ , Period, Frequency, Rise time, and Fall time.
- **To measure parameters for another waveform, press the Multipurpose key until that waveform is the one shown in the measurement readout.**  
Continuing to press the Multipurpose key cycles through each of the waveforms available.
- **To turn off the quick measurement display, press and release the Multipurpose key until the measurements are turned off.**

The measurement results disappear from the screen.

See the built-in information system (described in Chapter 4) for information on how to configure the quick measurement capability, using the Customize Measurement feature of the graphical interface.

Figure 3-10



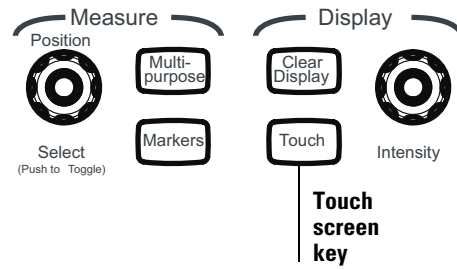
### Quick Measurement Key

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To enable or disable the touch screen

- To enable or disable the touch screen, press the front panel Touch key.

Figure 3-11



**Touch Screen Key**

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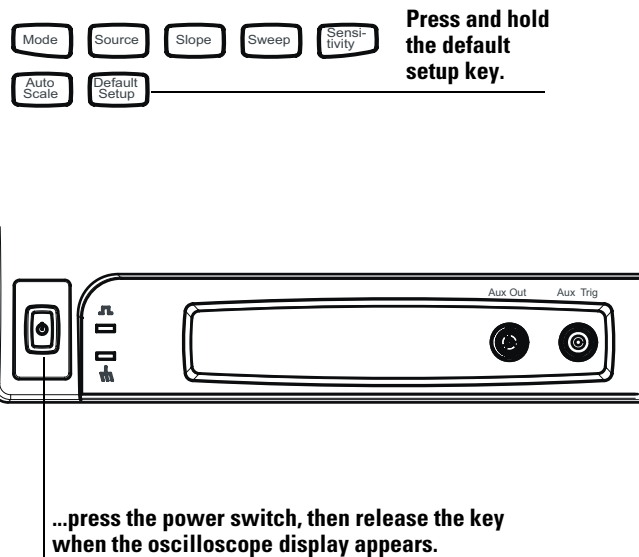
## To reinitialize the oscilloscope

When you need to restore the oscilloscope to a known configuration, use the Default Setup key. If you press the Default Setup key and the oscilloscope does not seem to be functioning properly, try cycling power. If the oscilloscope still does not seem to function properly, use the following procedure.

- 1 Turn off the power to the oscilloscope.
- 2 Turn on the power to the oscilloscope.
- 3 When the Windows XP screen disappears press and release the Default Setup key.

A key-down powerup completely reinitializes the oscilloscope, including the configuration RAM. It does not affect saved waveforms or setups, which are stored on the hard disk drive.

Figure 3-12



### Key-Down Powerup

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## Using the Graphical Interface

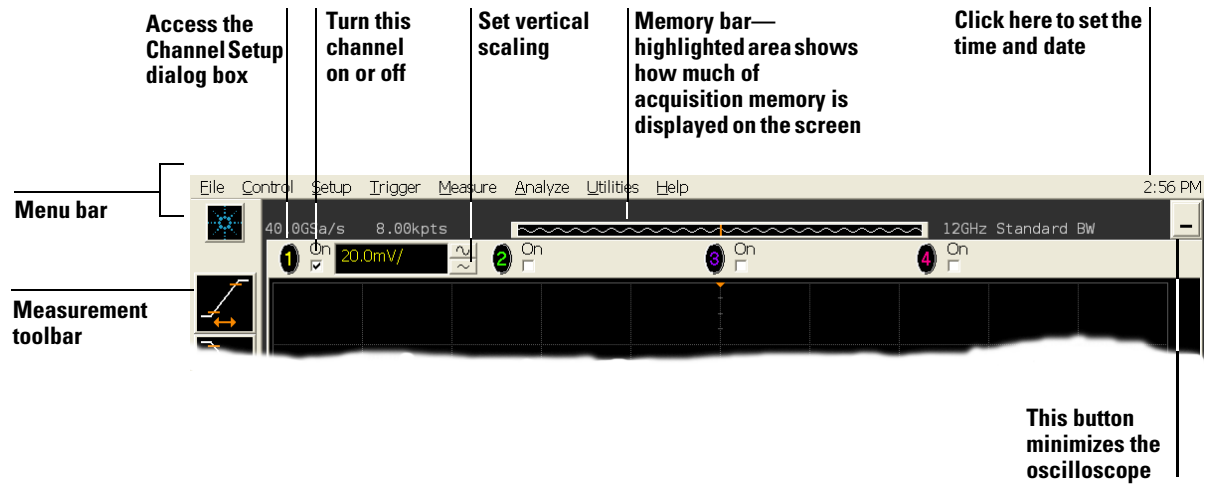
With the graphical interface for the Infiniium Oscilloscope, you can access all the configuration and measurement features of the oscilloscope through an easy-to-use system of menus, tool bars, dialog boxes, icons, and buttons.



## Graphical User Interface

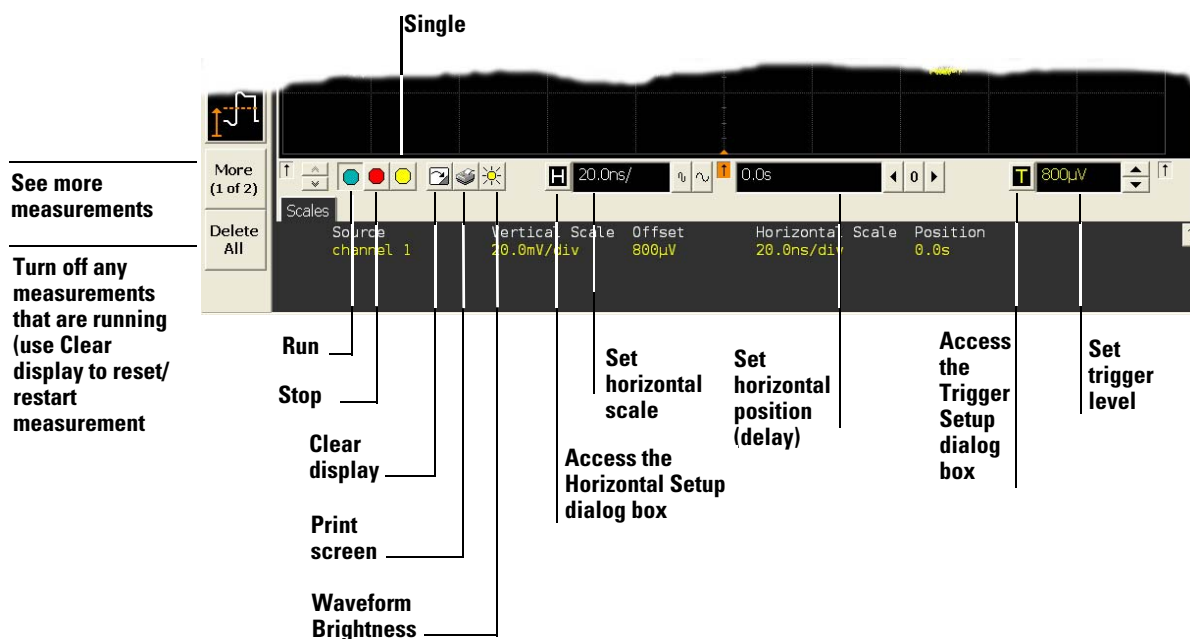
The graphical interface looks like the following two figures.

**Figure 3-13**



**Infiniium Oscilloscope Top of Display**

Figure 3-14



### Infiniium Oscilloscope Bottom of Display

To make it easy to see which controls affect each waveform, the oscilloscope uses color consistently throughout the graphical interface. These colors match the ones used on the front-panel knobs. For example, the color of the waveform for channel 1 matches the color for that channel. If channel 1 is the trigger signal, all of the trigger configuration items, including the trigger level reference icon (at the right side of the waveform display area), will match that color. The buttons associated with that channel, vertical scaling and offset settings, ground reference indicator, and measurements done on that channel also have the same color.

All changes made to the front-panel settings are reflected in the graphical user interface, and changes made using the graphical interface are reflected in the front panel where applicable. Use whichever interface is easiest for you in a

particular measurement situation. For example, it might be easiest to set a coarse vertical scale using the knobs, then fine-tune the setting using the graphical user interface.

The graphical interface is arranged so that the most common functions affecting the waveform display are located around the edge of the waveform viewing area. These include the measurement toolbar, horizontal and trigger toolbar, and vertical toolbar.

### **Measurement Toolbar**

The measurement toolbar contains icons representing the most commonly used automatic measurements built into the oscilloscope.

**Drag and Drop Measurements** By dragging one of the measurement icons to a waveform in the waveform display area, you can make that measurement on the waveform. As you drag a measurement icon around the screen, the icon outline changes color to match the color of the closest waveform. This makes it easy to see which waveform will be measured when you drop the icon. For those measurements that are done on waveform features, the measurement is made at the feature closest to the location where you dropped the icon. For example, you might want to measure the rise time of the fifth rising edge; dropping the rise time measurement icon at that edge will cause the measurement to be made on that edge.

You can also make a measurement by simply clicking the icon on the measurement toolbar, then selecting the source to be measured in the dialog box that appears. When you start a measurement this way, any measurements on waveform-specific features will measure the feature closest to the horizontal reference indicator.

Each waveform can have multiple simultaneous measurements and the measurements can all be of the same type, if desired. For example, you can have 3 pulse width measurements on different parts of the same waveform.

**Geometric Measurement Indicators** For each measurement currently running, a geometric indicator at the measurement location on the waveform corresponds to an identical indicator in the measurement results readout. This makes it easy for you to verify that the readout shows results for the correct waveform and the correct feature on that waveform. See figure 3-36 for an example.

**Tool Tips** To find out what a particular measurement tool does, move the mouse pointer over it for a moment. A small popup will appear that describes the measurement.

## Using the Oscilloscope Graphical User Interface

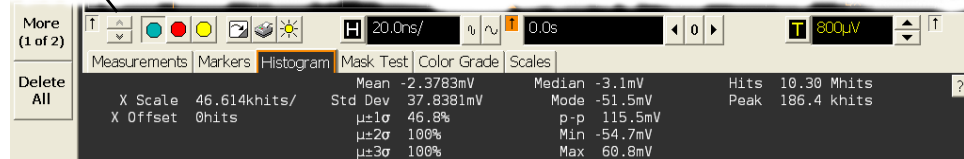
**Other Measurement Features** There are more measurements available than will fit on a single toolbar. Click the More (1 of 2) or More (2 of 2) icons to see other measurements. Clicking Clear All will remove all selected measurements from the waveform display area.

### Tab Display Area

The tab display area is located beneath the waveform viewing area.

Figure 3-15

Minimize and maximize tabs buttons



### Tab Display Area

The display area shows information and statistics for the particular tab that is selected. The type of markers that are shown in the waveform viewing area depend on the tab that you have selected. The selected tab has an orange border to reflect the type of markers being displayed. For example, when the Histogram tab is selected, the markers are histogram markers and are used to define the histogram window.

### Waveform Display Area

The waveform display area shows the waveforms, and optionally, the results of your measurements. Several display options, including a grid, are available and can be configured using the graphical interface.

**Waveform Manipulation** When using the graphical interface, two features are available that can simplify your work with waveforms:

- Direct Manipulation—you can use the mouse to click and drag waveforms to new vertical positions, which changes the vertical offset, or to new horizontal positions, which changes the horizontal position or delay value.
- Zoom—you can click and drag a rectangular area on the display, then click the Waveform Zoom menu item to zoom on that section of displayed waveforms. The oscilloscope does this in one of two ways. If acquisition is stopped, the magnification is done by the oscilloscope software. If acquisition is running, the oscilloscope automatically adjusts the vertical scaling and

offset and the horizontal scale and position to present the zoomed section of the waveforms.

See “To zoom on a section of the waveform” on page 3-49.

#### **Avoid Overdriving Vertical Input Amplifiers**

**When zooming on a waveform with the oscilloscope running, be careful to keep the signal within the screen vertically to avoid overdriving the vertical input amplifiers. Overdriving causes waveform distortion and erroneous measurement results.**

**Ground Reference Indicators** A small symbol is shown at the right side of the waveform display area for each waveform that is on, including channels, waveform memories, and functions. This symbol represents the ground reference point for each channel; it moves when you change the vertical offset. You can also drag this symbol up and down using the mouse or touch screen; doing so automatically changes the vertical offset for that waveform.

#### **Menu Control and Menus**

The display looks like figure 3-13 and figure 3-14, including a menu bar, measurement toolbar (if enabled), and graphical controls for vertical, horizontal, trigger, and acquisition.

You can use the menu bar for most oscilloscope configuration functions. *Context-sensitive* menus, which pop up to provide a selection of commands within particular regions of the user interface, are available in the following regions:

- Memory bar
- Waveform display area
- Measurement toolbar
- Horizontal and acquisition controls

You display a context-sensitive menu by clicking the right mouse button with the pointer in one of these regions. For more information on context-sensitive menus, see “To select a command from a context-sensitive menu” on page 3-33.

**Vertical Settings and Controls** The top of the waveform display area includes the vertical settings and controls. All channels are shown with the corresponding vertical scaling settings in volts per division. Each has a checkbox allowing you to turn that channel on or off, and a set of controls allowing you to change the vertical scaling. Clicking directly on the vertical scaling value displays a pop-up numeric keypad allowing you to set a precise vertical scale.

### **Horizontal and Trigger Toolbar**

At the bottom of the waveform display area is the horizontal and trigger toolbar. This includes the run/stop controls, the horizontal controls, and the trigger controls.

**Run/Stop Control** See figure 3-22. At the left side of the bar are four icons:

- The leftmost is a blue-green octagon. Clicking on this starts an acquisition. (Same as pressing the Run key on the front panel.)
- The next control is a red octagon. Clicking on this stops acquisition. (Same as pressing the Stop key on the front panel.)
- The next control is a small windshield wiper. Clicking on this clears acquired waveform data from the display. (Same as pressing the Clear Display key on the front panel.)
- The next control is a printer. Clicking prints the screen to the default printer.
- The rightmost control is the waveform brightness control.

**Horizontal settings and controls** The middle of the bar contains the horizontal settings and controls. Leftmost is a button, labeled with an “H.” Clicking on this will display the horizontal setup dialog box.

Next is the current horizontal scale. Clicking on this displays a pop-up numeric keypad so you can set a particular horizontal scale. Or, you can click on the two icons to the right of the horizontal scale setting to cycle through the preset speeds. The left-hand icon shrinks the waveform, which decreases the horizontal scale and increases the time per division. The right-hand icon stretches the waveform, which increases the horizontal scale and decreases the time per division.

Next is the horizontal position (delay) setting. Clicking on this displays a pop-up numeric keypad that allows you to set a particular position. Or, you can use the three icons to the right. The left arrow moves the waveform to the left, the center “0” resets the delay to zero, and the right arrow moves the waveform to the right.

Across the toolbar are three vertical arrows. These are the left, center, and right horizontal reference indicators. Clicking on one of these arrows moves the horizontal position to the respective horizontal reference position on the display—left, center, or right. Assuming the horizontal position is at zero:

- Left means the information on the display is all post-trigger.
- Center means the information to the left of center is pretrigger; to the right is post-trigger.
- Right means the information on the display is pretrigger.

The horizontal position value represents the time relative to the trigger at the respective horizontal reference. When you change the horizontal scale, the waveforms expand and contract about this reference position.

**Trigger settings and controls** The right side of the bar contains the trigger settings and controls. These will vary depending on the current trigger configuration, which can be set using the front panel and the graphical interface. Advanced trigger configuration items are available only through the graphical interface. You can click on the button labeled with a “T” to bring up the trigger setup dialog box.

When the scope is set for edge trigger on a particular channel, the trigger level setting is shown. You can click on it to display a pop-up numeric keypad that allows you to set a particular trigger level. You can also click on the up and down arrows to the right of the setting to increase or decrease the trigger level, respectively. You can also click on the trigger reference indicator at the right side of the display and drag it up or down to change the trigger level.

## To perform basic user interface operations

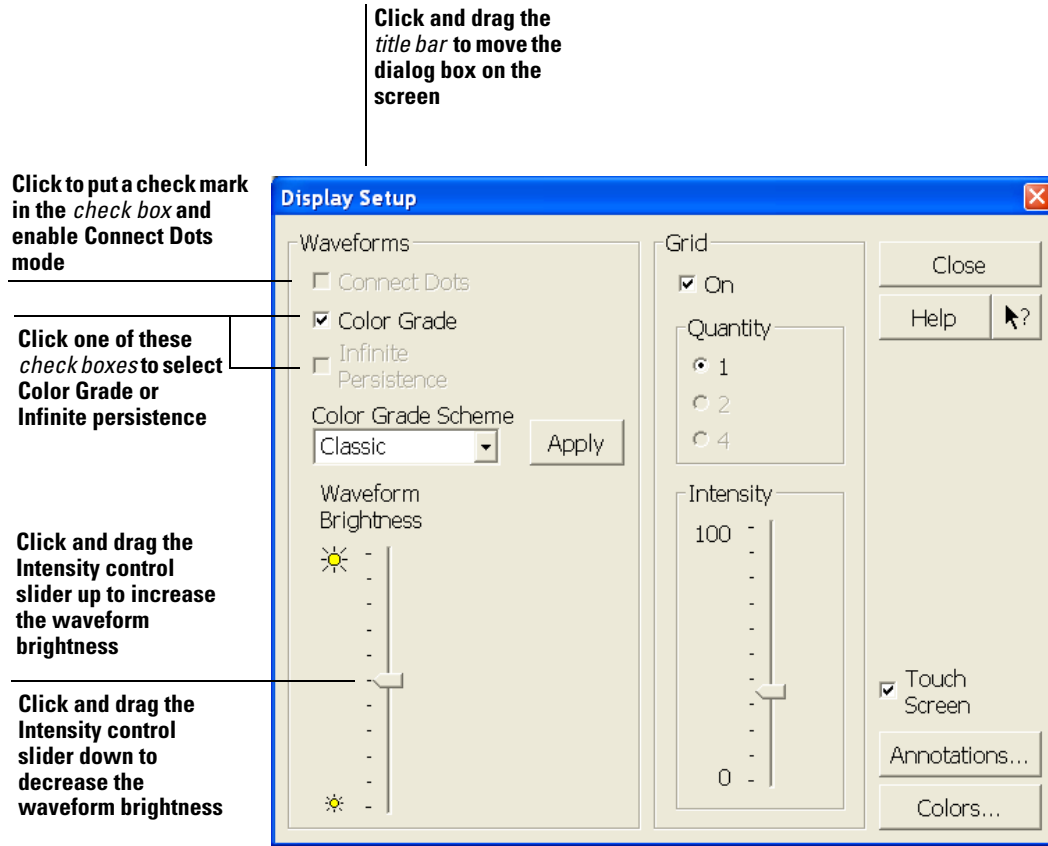
- To move the pointer on the screen, move the mouse or touch the screen with the stylus and move it.
- To *click* on an item in the graphical interface, point at that item with the pointer, then press and release the left mouse button or touch screen.
- To *right-click* on an item in the graphical interface, point at that item with the mouse pointer, then press and release the right mouse button. The right mouse button capability is not available using the touch screen stylus.

You use the right-click operation to access context-sensitive menus. See “To select a command from a context-sensitive menu” on page 3-33.

- To use a *radio button*, click to select the desired item.  
Radio buttons appear in many different dialog boxes in the oscilloscope graphical interface. See the Persistence radio buttons in figure 3-16. You can choose only one option at a time.
- To use a *check box*, click with the pointer in the box.  
A check mark in the box indicates that item is selected. See the Connect Dots check box in figure 3-16. To clear the selection, click with the pointer in the box.
- To use a *drop-down list box*, click the arrow at the right-hand side of the box. Then click on the desired choice to highlight it.  
See the Language selection list box in figure 3-18.
- To use a *spin box*, click the up arrow to increase the value displayed in the box, and the down arrow to decrease it.  
See the Intensity spin box in figure 3-16.
- To move a *dialog box*, press and hold the left mouse button or touch screen stylus with the pointer in the *title bar*, drag the box to a new position on the screen, then release.
- To close a *dialog box*, click the “X” symbol in the upper right-hand corner of the box, or click the Close button in the box.



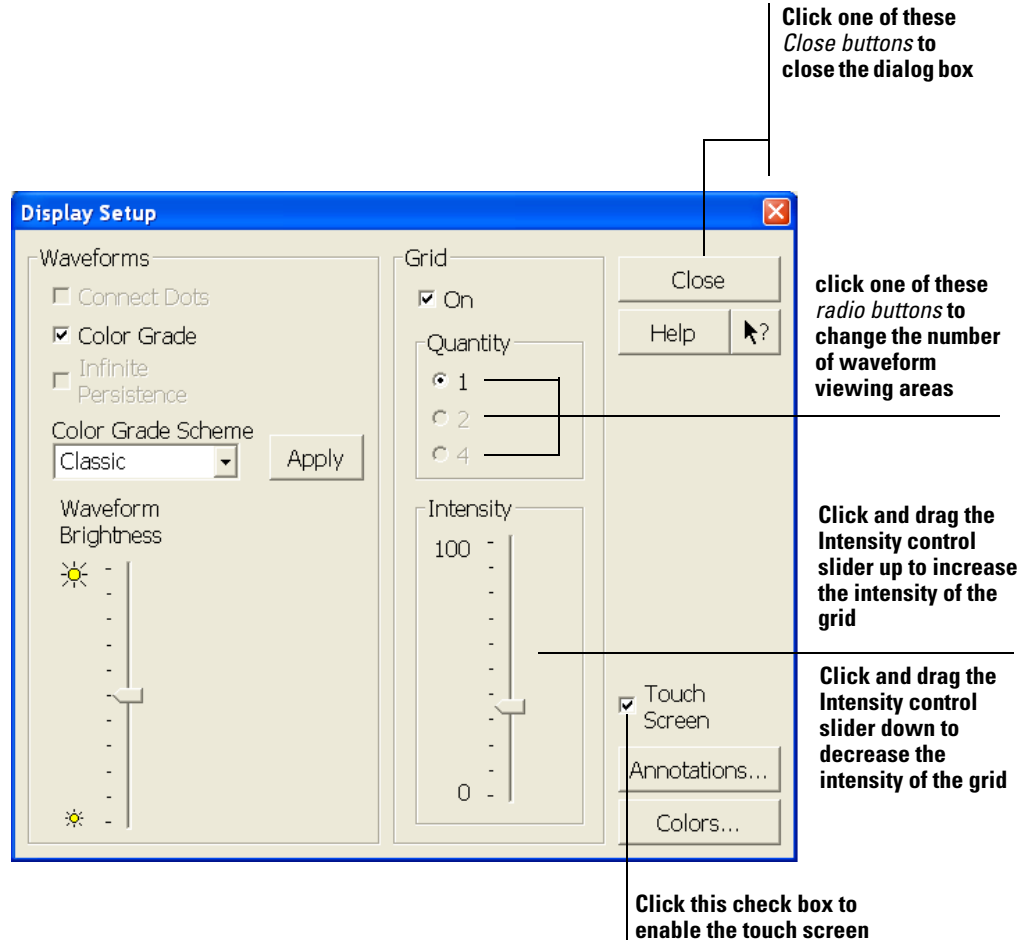
Figure 3-16



Dialog Box Interface Elements

Using the Oscilloscope  
To perform basic user interface operations

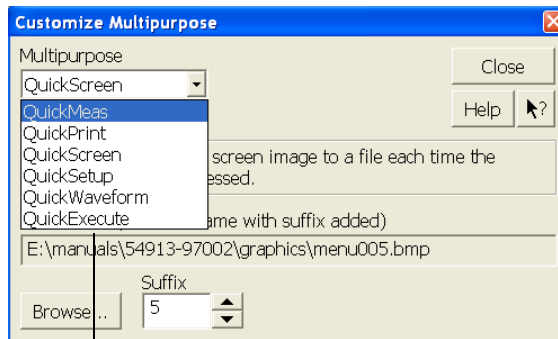
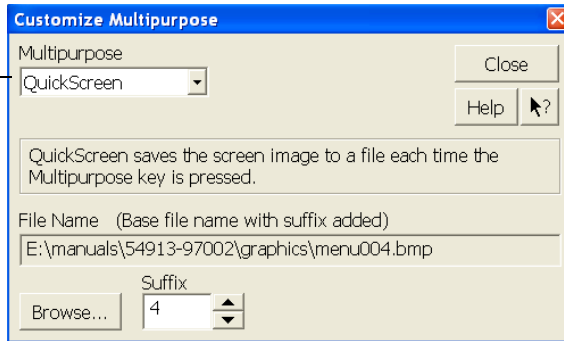
Figure 3-17



Dialog Box Interface Elements

Figure 3-18

Click the arrow in a  
drop-down list box...



...to see the options you can  
choose

Dialog Box with a Drop-Down List Box

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## To select a command from the menu bar

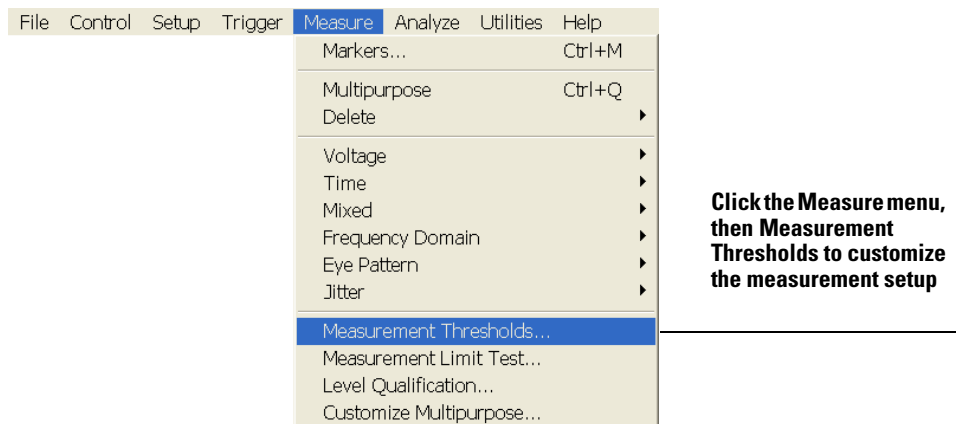
- 1 Click on a menu bar item.
- 2 Move the pointer to the desired menu item.
- 3 Click the mouse button or touch screen.

The desired command is executed, or a dialog box is presented for you to configure the oscilloscope.

If you continue to hold the mouse button after step 1, release the button in step 3 to execute the command.

Some menus have submenus. These are indicated by an arrow at the right side of the command. When you move the pointer to one of these menu commands, the submenu automatically appears. You can then move the pointer to the desired command on that submenu and click the mouse button or touch screen to execute the command.

**Figure 3-19**



**Selecting a Command from the Menu Bar**

## To select a command from a context-sensitive menu

- 1** Move the mouse pointer to a particular area of the display in which you want to change the oscilloscope configuration.

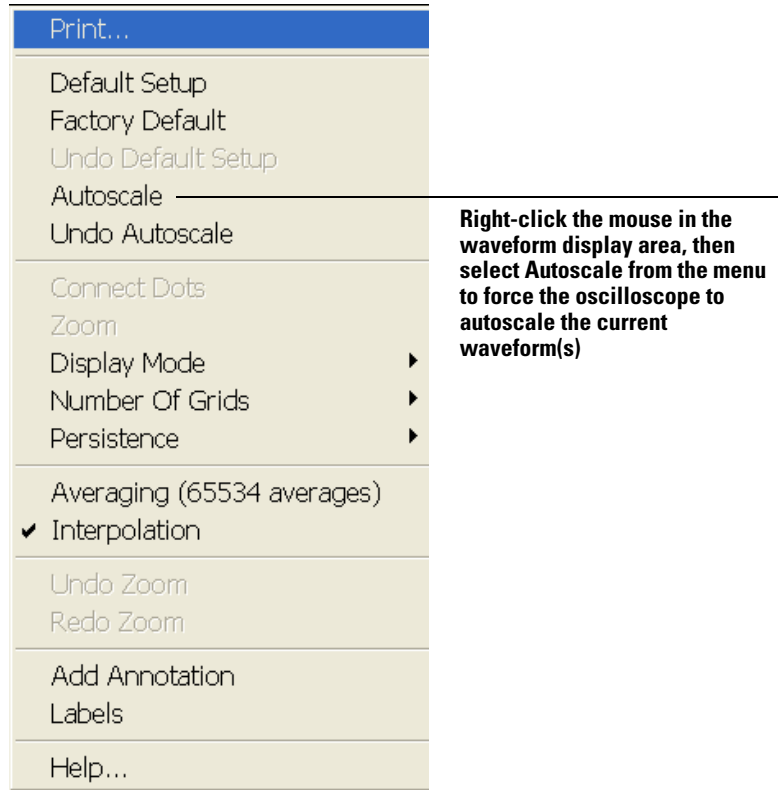
*Context-sensitive menus* provide quick access to commands and configuration items that relate only to the context of the particular graphical interface item in which they are found. They are available in the following display areas: memory bar, measurement toolbar, waveform display area, and horizontal settings and controls.

- 2** Click the right mouse button. Right click is not available using the touch screen stylus.
- 3** Move the pointer to the desired menu item.
- 4** Click the left or right mouse button.

If you continue to hold the mouse button after step 2, release the button in step 4 to execute the command.

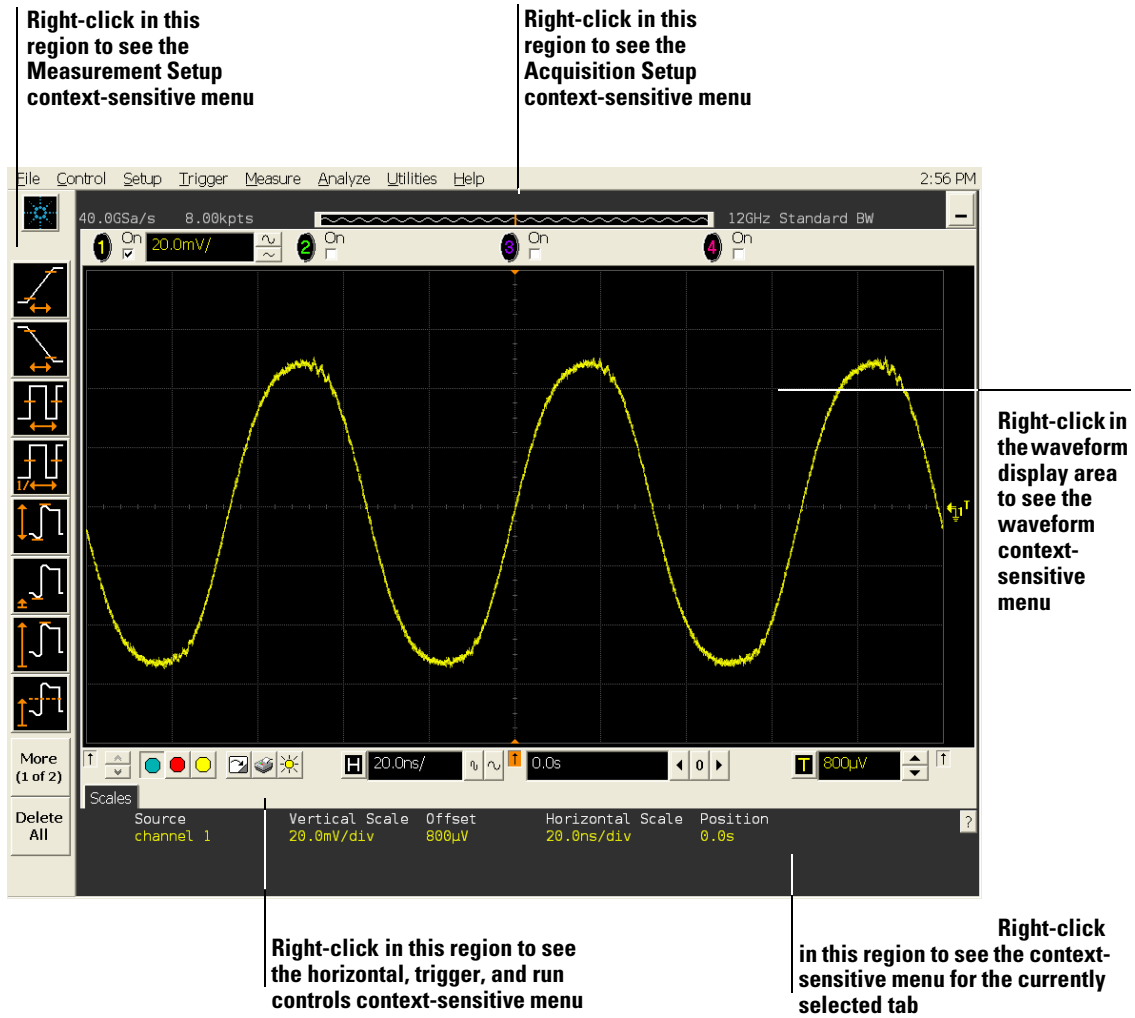
**Using the Oscilloscope**  
**To select a command from a context-sensitive menu**

**Figure 3-20**



**Selecting a Command from a Context-Sensitive Menu**

Figure 3-21



Location of Context-Sensitive Menus

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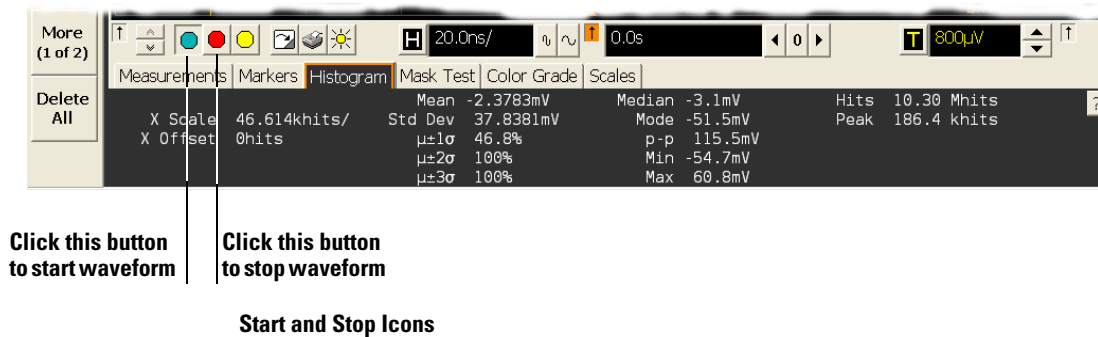
## To start and stop waveform acquisition

- To start waveform acquisition, click the start button at the bottom of the waveform display area.
- To stop waveform acquisition, click the stop button at the bottom of the waveform display area.

See figure 3-22.

You can still use the Run/Stop key on the front panel. However, if you are performing many graphical interface operations, it is easier to start and stop the oscilloscope using the buttons in the interface, so you do not have to remove your hand from the mouse or the stylus away from the touch screen.

Figure 3-22





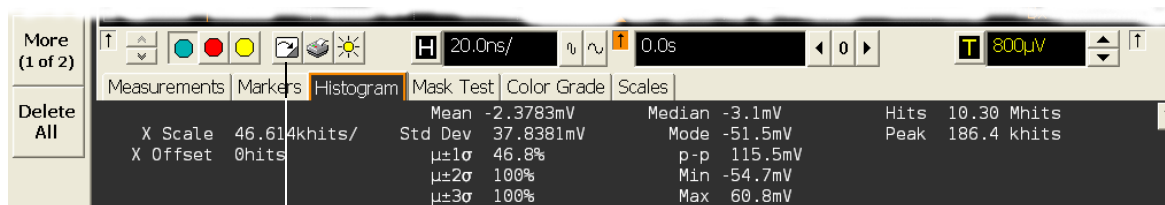
## To clear the waveform display

- Click the clear display button at the bottom of the waveform display. See figure 3-23.

You can still use the Clear Display key on the front panel while the graphical interface is enabled.

Clearing the display removes all displayed waveform data in preparation for another acquisition. It also resets all automatic measurements and measurement statistics.

Figure 3-23



Click this button to  
clear the  
waveform display

Clearing the Display

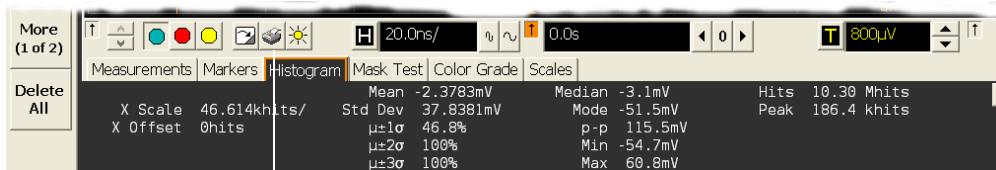
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## To print the screen

- Click the print button at the bottom of the waveform display.  
See figure 3-24.

Infiniium prints the screen to the default printer according to the configuration that you have selected in the Windows Control Panel.

**Figure 3-24**



Click this button to  
print the screen

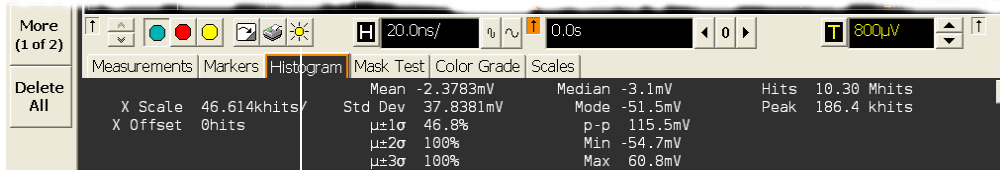
**Printing the Screen**

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## To change waveform brightness

- Click the waveform brightness button at the bottom of the waveform display.  
See figure 3-25.

Figure 3-25



Click this button to change the  
waveform brightness

Changing Waveform Brightness the Screen

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## To turn a channel on or off

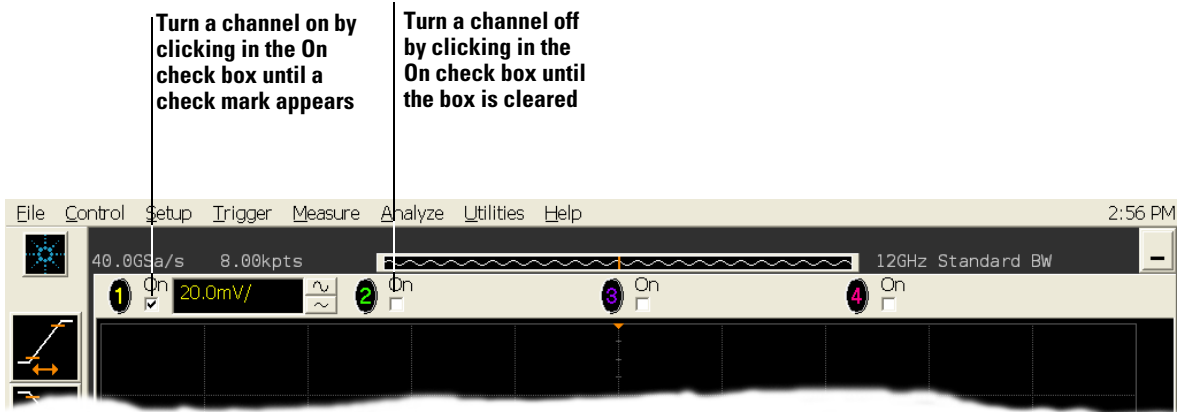
- To turn a channel on, click the check box next to the channel number so that a check mark appears in the box. To turn a channel off, click the check box again to clear it.

See figure 3-26.

If you are not using a channel, you can turn it off. This simplifies the waveform display and also increases the display update rate. When you turn off a channel, the current vertical scaling factor and vertical scale buttons for that channel disappear. They re-appear when you turn the channel on.

You can also turn a channel on or off by using the Channel Setup dialog box, or by using the front panel key for that channel.

**Figure 3-26**



**Turning a Channel On or Off**

## To adjust the vertical offset

- Click and hold the left mouse button or touch screen stylus on the waveform you want to move, then drag the pointer up or down to move the waveform to the desired offset. Release when finished.
- or
- Click and hold the left mouse button or touch screen stylus on the ground reference indicator for the waveform you want to move, then drag the pointer to move the waveform to the desired offset. Release when finished.

or

- Click the channel button in the vertical toolbar, then set the vertical offset using the spin box control in the Channel Setup dialog box.

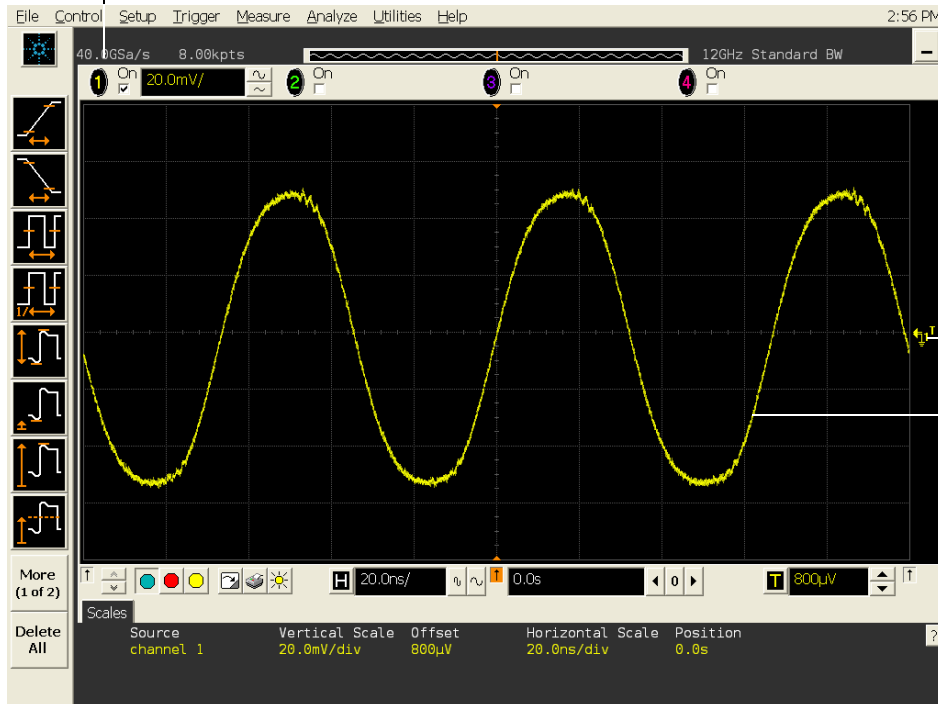
If you leave the mouse pointer on the waveform (without clicking), the pointer changes into crossed arrows as a visual indicator that you can drag the waveform when you click and hold. If you move the crossed arrow pointer up or down, the interface constrains the movement vertically and adjusts vertical offset only. If you initially move the crossed arrow pointer left or right, the interface constrains the movement horizontally and changes the horizontal position setting only.

You can also adjust the vertical offset through the Channel Setup dialog box. See “To access the channel setup” on page 3-44.

## Using the Oscilloscope To adjust the vertical offset

Figure 3-27

Click to access the  
Channel Setup dialog,  
then set vertical offset  
using the spin box or  
numeric keypad...



...or click on the  
ground reference  
indicator and drag  
it up or down to  
change the vertical  
offset...

...or click on the  
waveform and  
drag it up or down  
to do the same  
thing.

### Adjusting Vertical Offset

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## To adjust vertical scaling

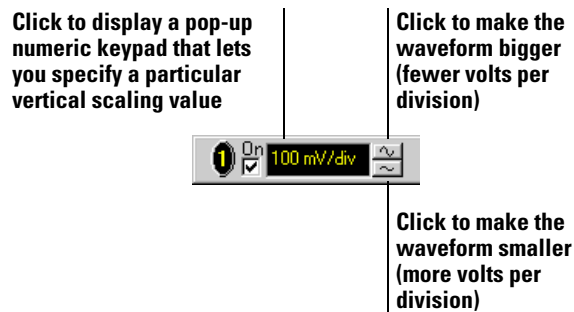
- To make the waveform bigger, click on the larger waveform button next to the channel number near the top of the display. To make the waveform smaller, click on the smaller waveform button.

See figure 3-28. The number of volts per division decreases.

The number of volts per division increases. The current setting in volts per division is shown next to the waveform buttons for the channel. Notice that the setting is color-coded to match the waveform color for easy recognition.

You can also adjust the vertical scaling by clicking on the current setting, which is shown next to the waveform buttons for the channel. This displays a pop-up numeric keypad that allows you to set an exact value for the scaling. Or, you can adjust the vertical scaling through the Channel Setup dialog box. See “To access the channel setup” on page 3-44.

Figure 3-28



### Adjusting Vertical Scaling

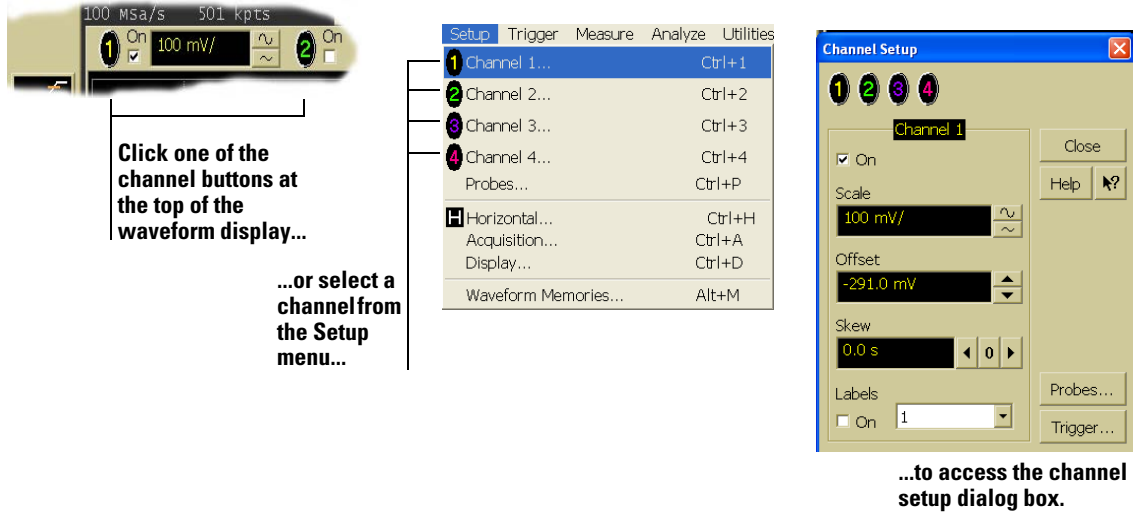
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## To access the channel setup

- Click the channel number button at the top of the waveform display.  
or
- Select the desired channel from the Setup menu.

With the channel setup dialog, you can set the vertical scaling, offset, input coupling, and input impedance. It also lets you specify the characteristics of the probe, using the Probes button. You can set attenuation ratio, attenuation units, and measurement units for the probe, or perform a probe calibration. For Agilent Technologies probes that are compatible with the AutoProbe Interface, the oscilloscope will automatically set these characteristics (except for skew) after identifying the probe when it is connected to the channel input.

Figure 3-29



### Accessing the Channel Setup



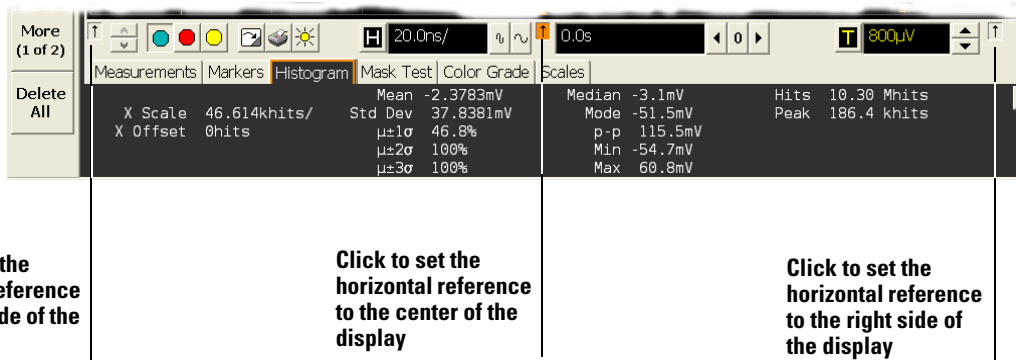
## To set the horizontal reference point

- Click on one of the arrows at the bottom of the waveform display.

The selected horizontal reference is highlighted.

The vertical arrows at the bottom of the display correspond to the left, center, and right horizontal reference points. This is the position of the trigger if the horizontal position is set to zero delay. A non-zero horizontal position value is the time relative to the trigger event at the selected horizontal reference point.

Figure 3-30



Horizontal Reference Points

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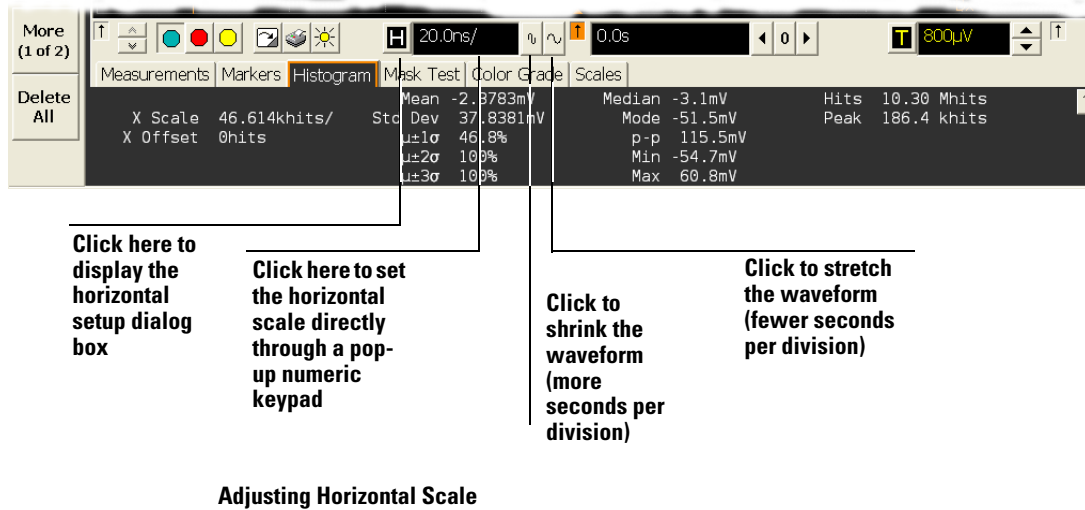
## To adjust horizontal scale

- To stretch the waveform horizontally, click the larger waveform button next to the horizontal scale setting at the bottom of the waveform display. To shrink the waveform horizontally, click the smaller waveform button.

See figure 3-31. The oscilloscope decreases or increases the number of seconds per division based on your selection.

You can also adjust the horizontal scale by clicking on the current setting. This displays a pop-up numeric keypad that allows you to set an exact value for the horizontal scale. Or, you can adjust the horizontal scale through the Horizontal Setup dialog box. See “To access the horizontal setup” on page 3-48.

Figure 3-31



## To adjust horizontal position

The *horizontal position* is the time relative to the trigger at the highlighted horizontal reference point.

- To zero the horizontal position, click the 0 button next to the position value at the bottom of the waveform display.

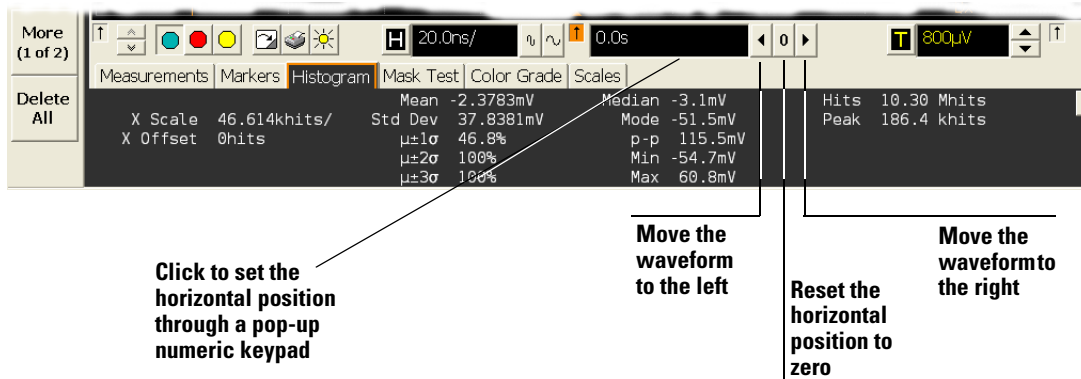
This will position the trigger event at the highlighted horizontal reference point.

- To move the waveform to the right or left, click the right or left arrow next to the position value at the bottom of the waveform display. Or, click and hold the mouse button on the desired waveform and drag the waveform to the right or left. Release the mouse button when the waveform is in the desired position.

When you click and drag a waveform, this changes the horizontal position for all channels and functions on the display, but not that of waveform memories.

You can also adjust the horizontal position through the horizontal setup dialog.

Figure 3-32



### Adjusting Horizontal Position

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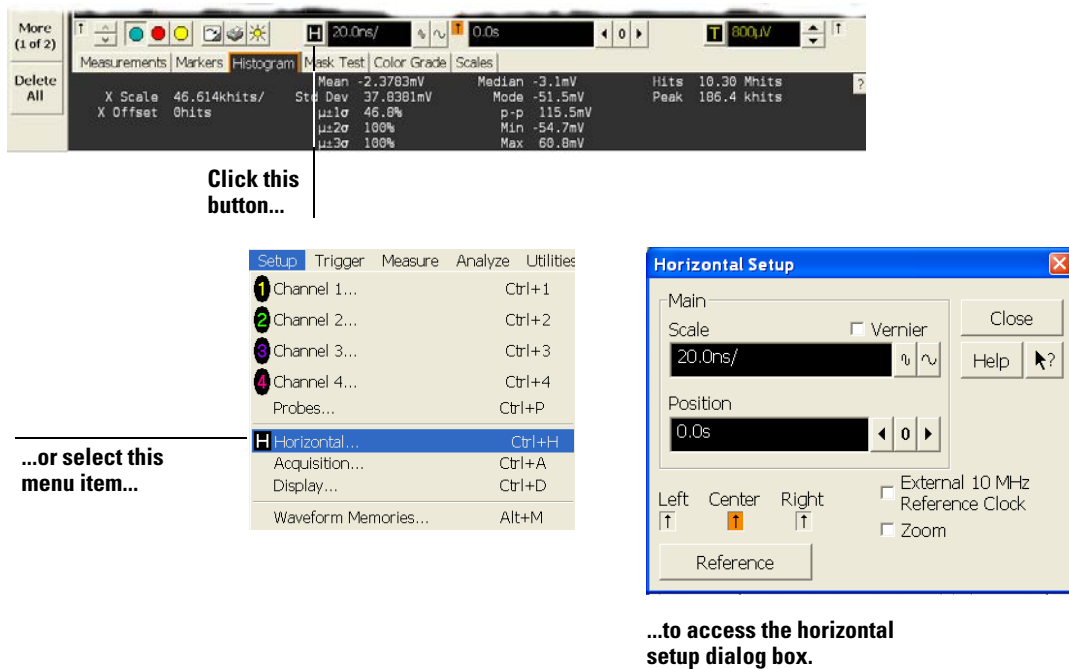
## To access the horizontal setup

- Click the horizontal setup button at the bottom of the waveform display.  
or
- Select Horizontal from the Setup menu.

See figure 3-33.

Using the Horizontal Setup menu, you can set scale, position, and the horizontal reference. You can also set up the delayed time base window, which uses software expansion to present a magnified view of an area of the waveform. See the built-in information system (described in chapter 4) for details.

Figure 3-33



## Accessing the Horizontal Setup

## To zoom on a section of the waveform

- 1 Click and hold the left mouse button or touch screen stylus in a blank space within the waveform display area, then drag the pointer to draw a rectangle around the areas of interest on the waveform(s) then release.

- 2 Click on the Waveform Zoom menu item.

How the zoom takes place depends on whether acquisition is running or stopped. If running, the oscilloscope adjusts vertical scale, vertical offset, horizontal scale, and horizontal position as necessary to best rescale the area you defined in step 1. If stopped, the oscilloscope does a software magnification of the waveform.

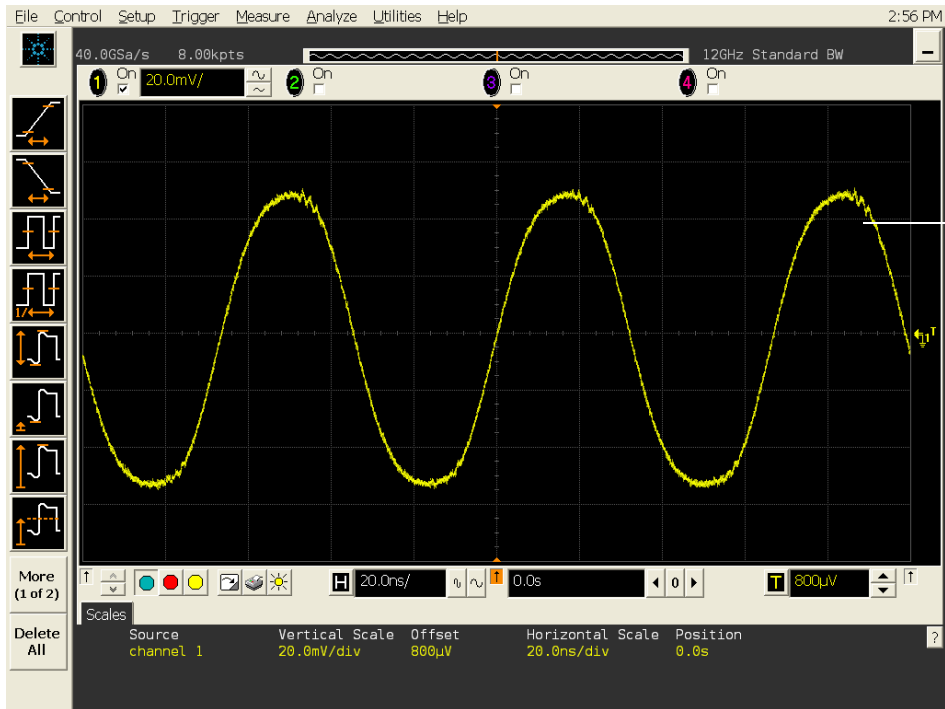
In either case, a small dialog box appears in the corner of the screen, with an “Undo” button; by clicking this button, you will undo the zoom and return the oscilloscope to its previous settings.

### **Avoid Overdriving the Vertical Input Amplifiers**

**When the oscilloscope is running, the input waveform can overdrive the vertical input amplifiers if you expand the vertical excessively. The result is distortion of the waveform. Ensure that you select a region that will keep all of the waveform on the screen vertically.**

## Using the Oscilloscope To zoom on a section of the waveform

Figure 3-34



Click and hold the mouse button, drag to create a selection rectangle, then click the Waveform Zoom menu item to zoom the display on the waveforms inside the rectangle.

### Zooming on a Section of the Waveform

## To move the markers using the graphical interface

### **1** Turn on the markers.

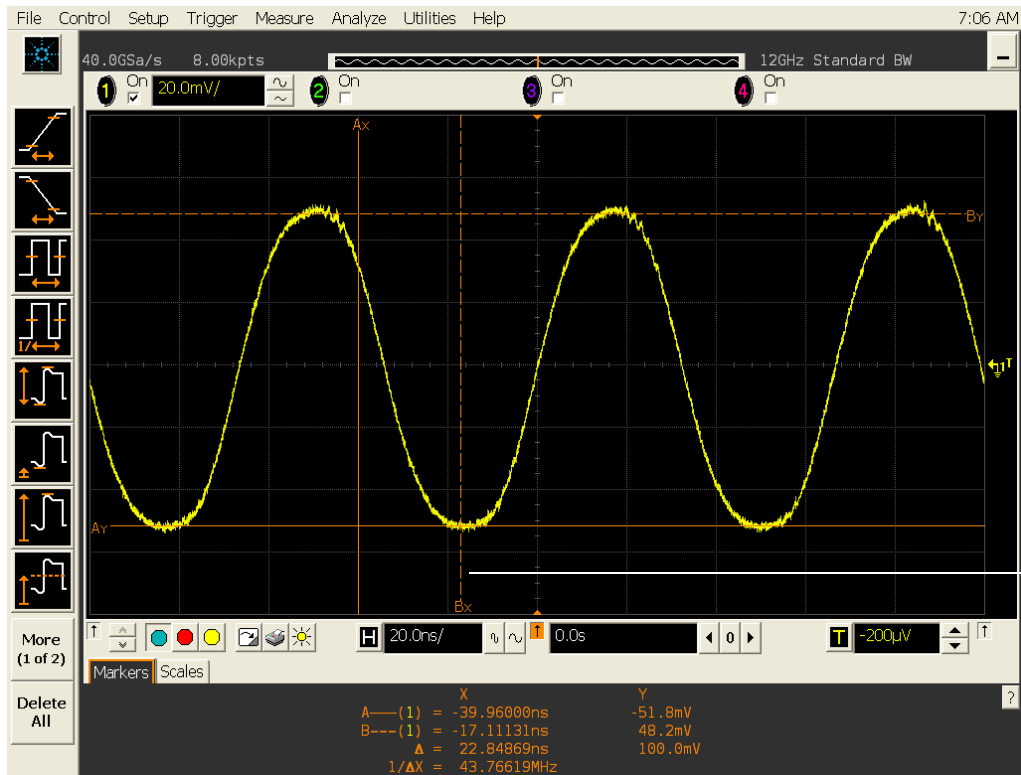
You can use the Marker A and Marker B keys on the front panel, or select Markers from the Measure menu.

### **2** Click and hold the left mouse button or touch screen stylus while the mouse pointer is on one of the markers, then drag the marker to the position you want on the waveform then release.

Clicking and dragging a marker makes it easy to quickly move the marker to the desired waveform event. You can use the front-panel Measure Position knob for fine adjustment. Or, you can select the Markers command from the Measure menu and set the marker position precisely. See the built-in information system for details.

## Using the Oscilloscope To move the markers using the graphical interface

Figure 3-35



To move a marker, click the left mouse button or touch screen stylus with the pointer on the marker, drag the marker to the new position, then release

Moving the Markers



## To make a measurement on a waveform

- Click and hold the mouse button or touch screen stylus on a measurement icon, then drag the icon to the waveform event you want to measure then release.
- or
- Click on a measurement icon, then specify which source you want to measure in the dialog box that is displayed.

For measurements on waveform features, such as those that involve waveform edges, if you click the measurement icon and specify a source, the measurement defaults to using the feature closest to the horizontal reference point. When you make the measurement using drag-and-drop, the measurement uses the waveform feature closest to the point where you drop the icon.

Only the most commonly used measurements are available on the toolbar. Others are available by selecting them from the Measure menu. A few specialized measurements are available only through the GPIB programming command set to the oscilloscope. See the *Programmer's Reference*.

When you drag and drop a measurement icon on a waveform, notice that the icon outline changes color to match the color of each waveform it touches. This enables you to easily see which waveform will be measured when you release. Also, the measurement results are also displayed in color to make it easy to see which waveform source is being measured.

For edge-sensitive measurements, when you drop the measurement icon on a waveform, a geometric icon appears in the waveform marker color. This icon shows exactly where the measurement is being made. The icon is also displayed next to the measurement results readout to associate the readout with the waveform and feature being measured. See figure 3-36. This feature helps you distinguish measurement results from each other when you make multiple measurements on the same waveform, but at different waveform features. For example, a series of rise time measurements on several different edges of the same waveform all have unique geometric icons to show each measurement's location.

## Using the Oscilloscope To make a measurement on a waveform

Figure 3-36



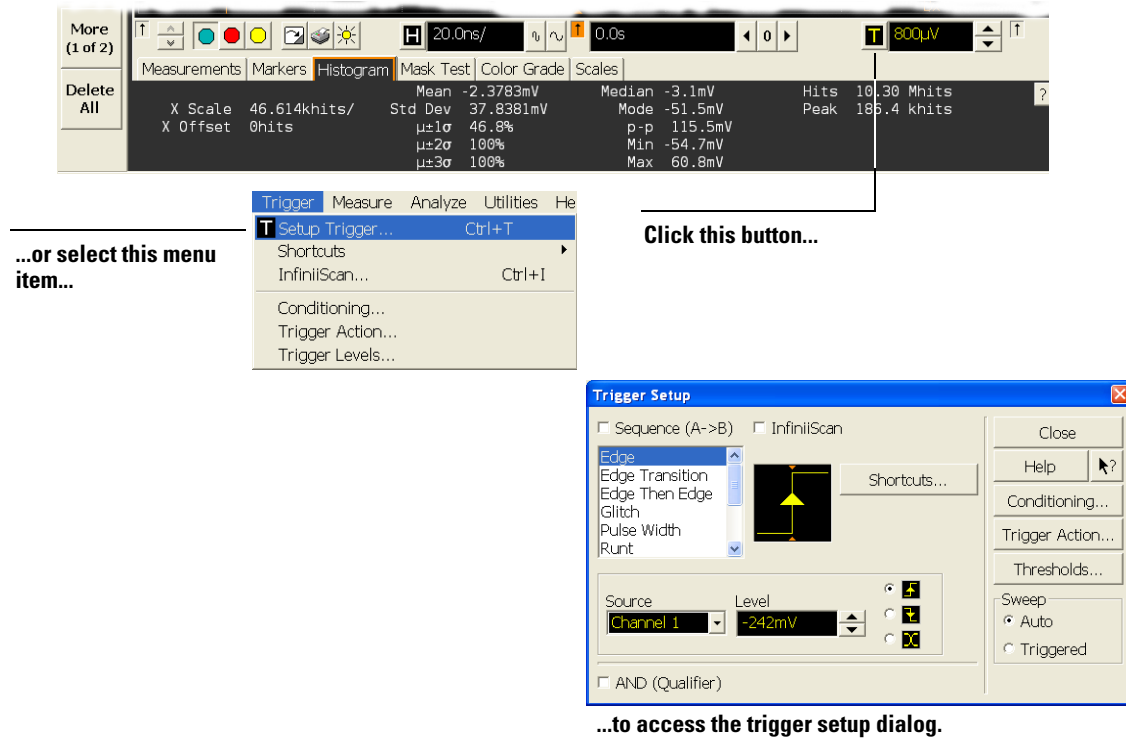
### Waveform Measurements

## To access the trigger setup

- Click the trigger setup button at the bottom of the waveform display.  
or
- Select Trigger from the Setup menu.

The trigger setup dialog allows you to select any of the different modes of triggering supported by the oscilloscope—Edge, Glitch, or Advanced, with choices under Advanced of Pattern, State, Delay by Time, Delay by Events, or Violation. You can set the parameters and conditions for each of those trigger modes.

Figure 3-37



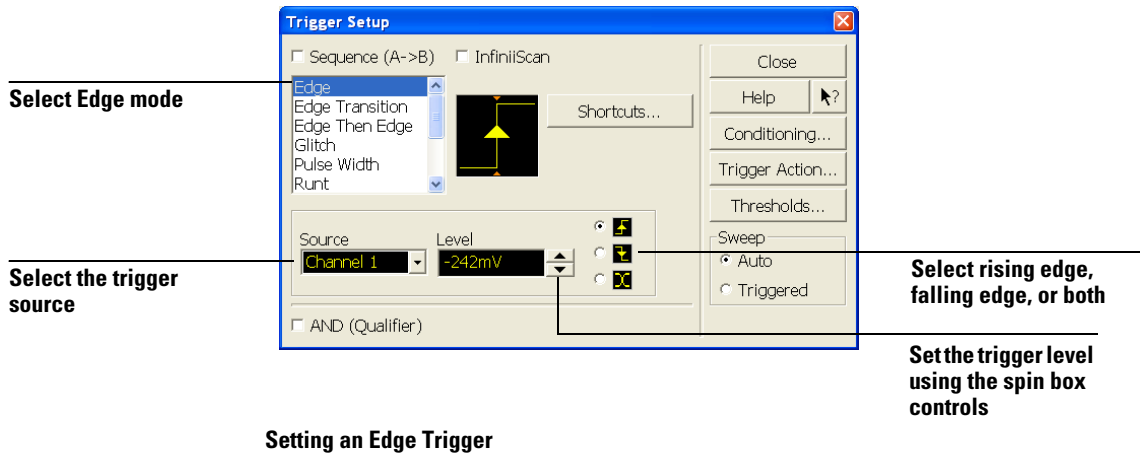
## Accessing the Trigger Setup

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## To set an edge trigger

- 1 Click on the trigger setup button at the bottom of the waveform display. This brings up the trigger configuration dialog. See “To access the trigger setup.”
- 2 Click on Edge.
- 3 Click on the source you want to use for the trigger signal.
- 4 Click to select the rising edge, falling edge, or both edges for the trigger source.
- 5 Set the trigger level using the spin box.  
You can also click on the trigger level setting to display a pop-up numeric keypad, where you can enter the trigger level directly.

Figure 3-38



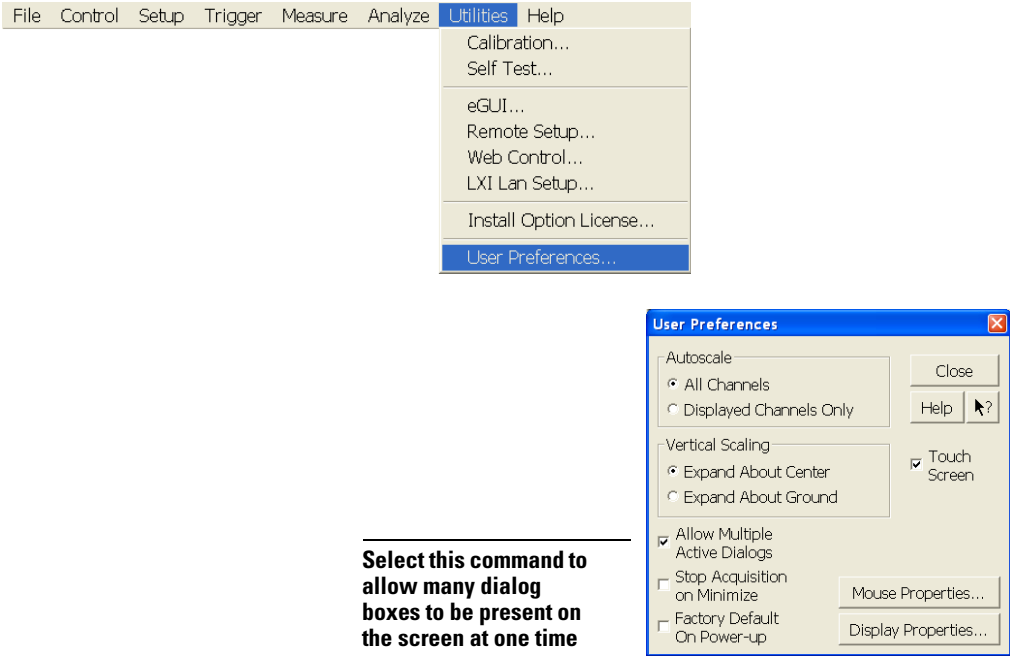
### To set dialog box preferences

- To allow multiple dialog boxes on the screen at a time, select Utilities, then User Preferences. Then select Allow Multiple Active Dialogs in the User Preferences dialog box.

Normally, the oscilloscope displays only one dialog box at a time, and you must close that dialog box before opening another. With Allow Multiple Active Dialogs, you can change several different aspects of the oscilloscope configuration simultaneously.

**Remove Clutter from the Waveform Display**  
Having too many dialog boxes on the screen can make it difficult to see the waveform. Close dialog boxes you are not using to remove clutter from the waveform display.

Figure 3-39



### Setting Dialog Box Options

## To recover your Infiniium hard disk

The Infiniium hard disk recovery system is contained in a hidden partition on the Infiniium hard disk. If you have to use the recovery system, the Infiniium hard disk is returned to the condition it was in when it left the factory. Before, recovering the Infiniium hard disk, use the following procedure to return the Infiniium to normal operation.

- 1 Turn off the Infiniium.**
- 2 Turn on the Infiniium.** If the oscilloscope does not successfully restart then try recycling the power again.
- 3 After the Windows XP load screen disappears, press and release the Infiniium Default Setup key on the front panel.** If the oscilloscope still does not successfully restart, follow the instructions for recovering the hard drive.

### **Infiniium Hard Drive Recovery**

Use the following instructions to recover your Infiniium hard drive.

- 1 Turn off the Infiniium.**
- 2 Connect the keyboard to the keyboard connector on the rear panel of the oscilloscope.**
- 3 Connect the mouse to the mouse connector on the rear panel of the oscilloscope.**
- 4 Turn on the Infiniium.**
- 5 When you see the message **press F2 to boot the Infiniium Recovery System**, press F2 and follow the on screen instructions.**
- 6 Once the recovery process is finished and the oscilloscope is running, check in the About Infiniium dialog box under installed options to see if all of the options you ordered are installed. If the options are not installed, please install them using the license keys provided on the oscilloscope option license certificates you received or on the rear panel of the oscilloscope.**

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## Using the Built-In Information System

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# Using the Built-In Information System

Most of the documentation for using the Infiniium Oscilloscope is included in its built-in information system. The built-in information system contains the information generally found in a User's Guide.

The information system is accessible from the menu bar and from dialog boxes. This chapter explains how to use the system to find the information you need to use the oscilloscope effectively.

The following topics are covered in the information system:

- *Probing* lists the various probes available for the Infiniium Oscilloscope, discusses probing considerations, and explains how to use the probes.
- *Acquiring and Viewing Waveforms* explains how acquisition works, discusses the acquisition and display functions and controls, and tells how to use the run/stop controls.
- *Waveform Display Style and Grid* explains how to alter the display appearance, tells how to improve the display of certain kinds of waveforms, and explains the X-versus-Y display function.
- *Triggering* explains basic triggering concepts, describes the trigger modes available in the Infiniium Oscilloscope, and tells how to use the trigger modes.
- *Saving Waveforms, Saving Setups, and Printing* explains how to simplify your work with the oscilloscope by saving critical waveforms, measurement results, and the oscilloscope configuration used to obtain them. You can recall the waveforms for viewing later, or recall the setup to repeat the measurement.
- *Mask Testing* describes mask testing and how to use it.
- *Measurements* describes the built-in automatic measurement functions of the oscilloscope, explains how they work, and tells how to use them. Describes the markers and how to use them.



- *Math, FFTs, and Histograms* discusses oscilloscope functions that perform mathematical operations on one or more waveforms, and discusses the built-in Fast-Fourier Transform functions. Describes histograms and how to use them.
- *Keyboard Control, VoiceControl, and Web Control* explains how to use the keyboard to perform basic oscilloscope operation. Discusses the operation and use of VoiceControl which is an option that you can order with your Infiniium oscilloscope. Explains Web Control and how to use it to operate the oscilloscope.
- *Optional Analysis Packages* contains information on optional analysis software that you may have ordered.
- *Locating a Control* is a visual guide to the location of every oscilloscope control in the graphical user interface.
- *When Something Goes Wrong* explains what to do when you see an error message or have a problem using the oscilloscope.

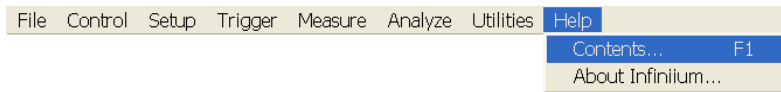
Some topics in the information system are important enough to have their own icons.

- A *Setup Guide* explains the steps you take to perform various measurement and configuration tasks using the oscilloscope. Twenty-four different procedures are covered, making it easy for you to make a measurement without having to learn a complex setup process.
- A *Technical Support* page explains how to get help from Agilent Technologies on using or servicing the oscilloscope.
- A *Glossary* defines all the major terms used in the information system and other documentation.
- A *Specifications* page lists all the performance specifications for the oscilloscope.
- An *Accessories List* describes the accessories supplied with the oscilloscope and additional accessories available from Agilent Technologies.

## To access the information system

- **Select Contents from the Help menu.**  
The Contents page for the oscilloscope information system is displayed.

**Figure 4-1**



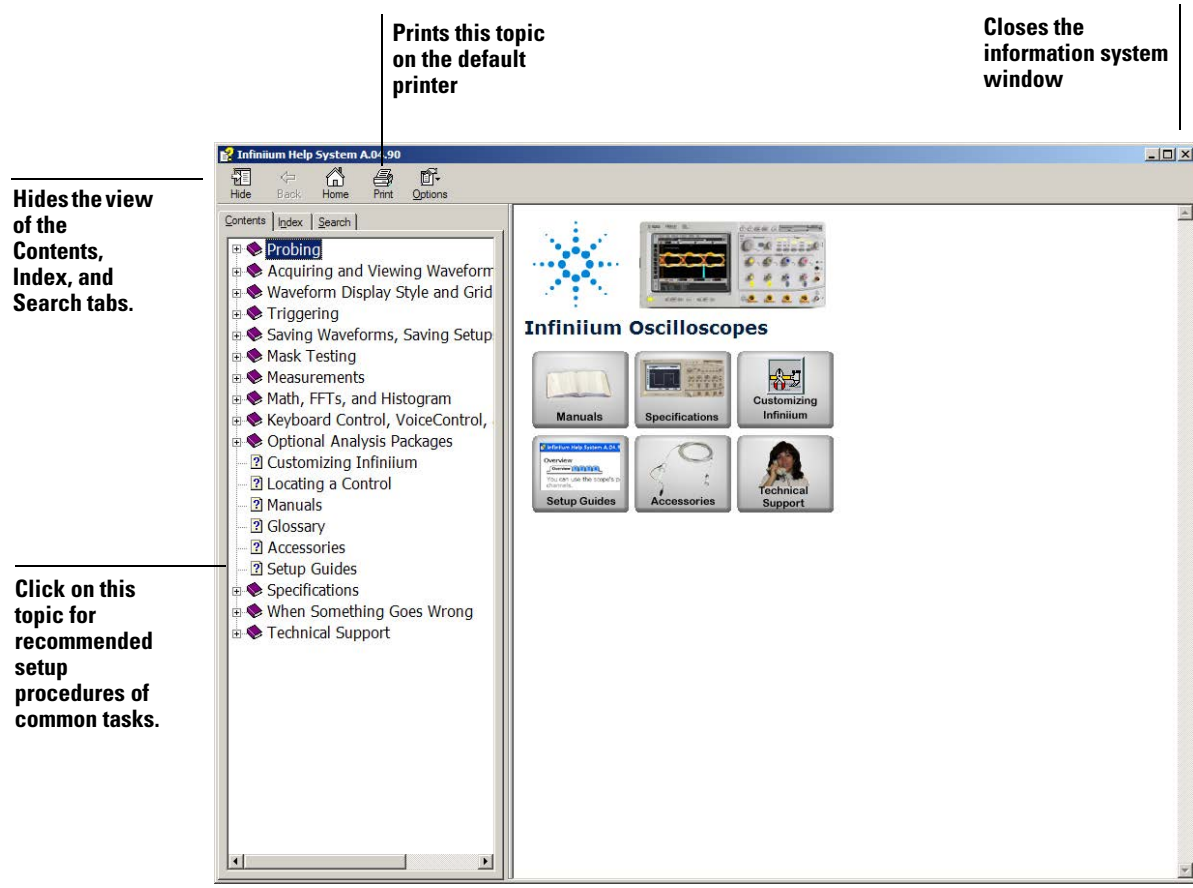
**Select Contents  
from the Help menu  
to access the  
information system**

### Help Menu

### Access Methods

The information system provides three methods for finding the information you need. The *Contents* topic is shown when you access the information system from the Help menu. It looks like the following figure.

Figure 4-2



Contents Topic Page

**Viewing the Information System Window**

**The Information System window will always stay on top of the interface display, so you can refer to it while working with the oscilloscope. You can move the window around the screen or resize it to make it easier to use.**

The *Index* tab is the second method of finding information. You can type in a keyword and search the index for that keyword or you scroll through the list to find a topic.

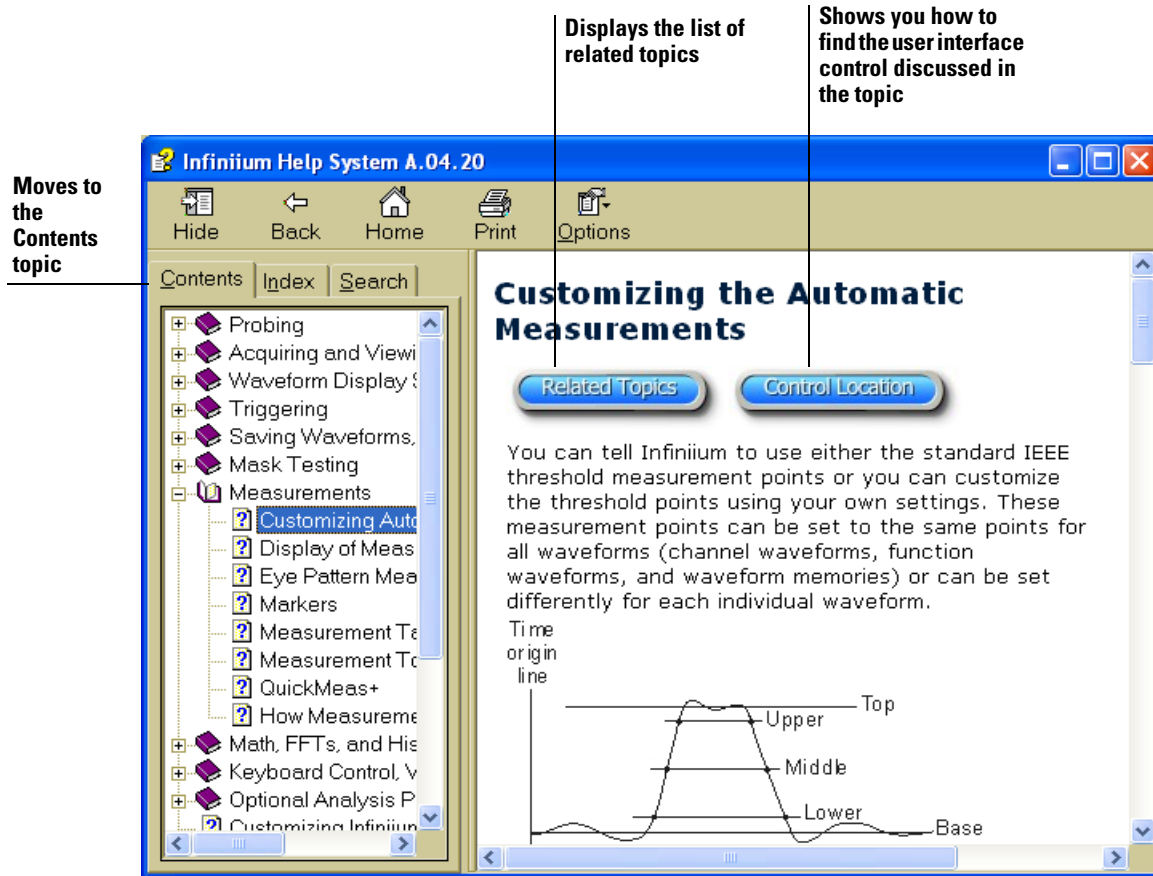
The *Search* tab is the final method of finding information. You can type in a keyword and if that word exists in the help system, a list of topics containing the keyword is shown.

*Hyperlinks* throughout the information system allow you to reach the information you need. Most hyperlinks will be in blue underlined text, but some hyperlinks also have buttons (many of the reference topics) or tabs (in setup guide topics). You can find out whether a particular item has a hyperlink by pointing to it; if it is a hyperlink, the pointer will change to a hand icon. Clicking once will follow the hyperlink to display a new topic with the relevant information.

## Topic Types

There are two general categories of topics in the information system. First are *reference topics*, which explain what the oscilloscope does, how it does it, or considerations you should observe in setting up or making a measurement. The following figure shows an example.

Figure 4-3

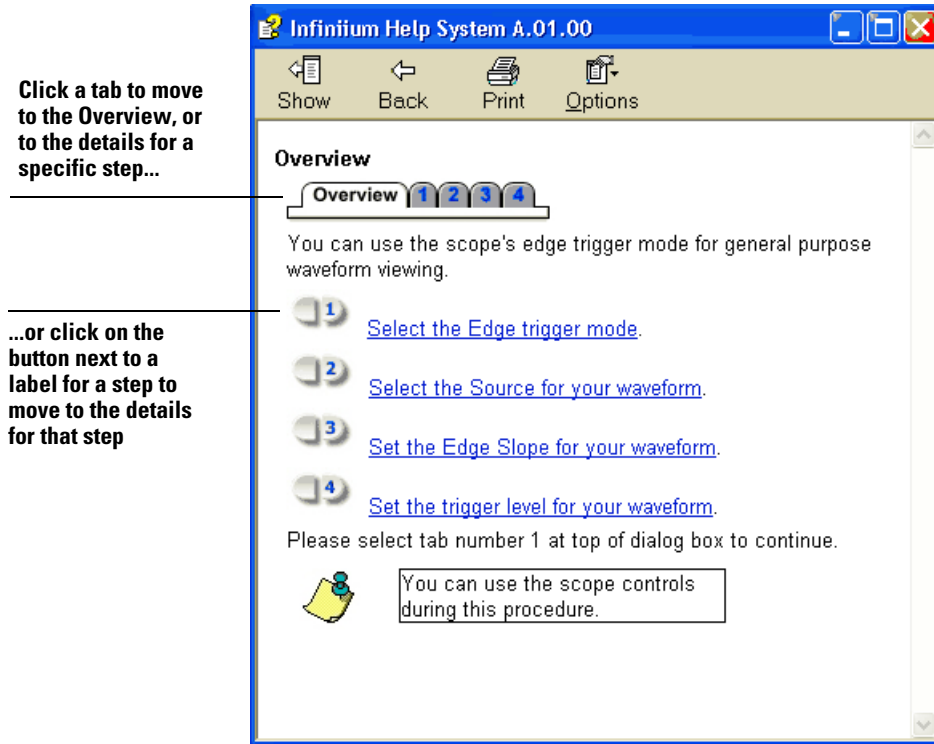


Reference Topic (Typical)

## Using the Built-In Information System Topic Types

The second are *setup guide topics*, which show you the steps to follow to perform a task with the oscilloscope. These are organized as an overview with a set of tabs that show the specific steps for each part in the process. The following figure shows an example.

Figure 4-4



### Setup Guide Topic

Some setup guide topics have multiple levels because the steps depend on the type of measurement you want to make.

## To navigate through the information system

Once you are in the help system windows, you may need to navigate through them to find the information you need.

### **For most topics:**

- To display information for another topic or category described in a hyperlink, click on that hyperlink or on the button icon next to it.
- To return to the previously visited topic, click on the Back button near the top of the Help window.

### **For Setup Guide topics:**

- To display information for another topic or category described in a hyperlink, click on that hyperlink or on the button icon next to it.
- To jump to a particular step, click on the hyperlink button next to the description of that step, or click the tab corresponding to that step in the Overview window.

The Overview window is the one you first see when you select a particular Setup Guide topic. It gives an overview of the steps in the task.

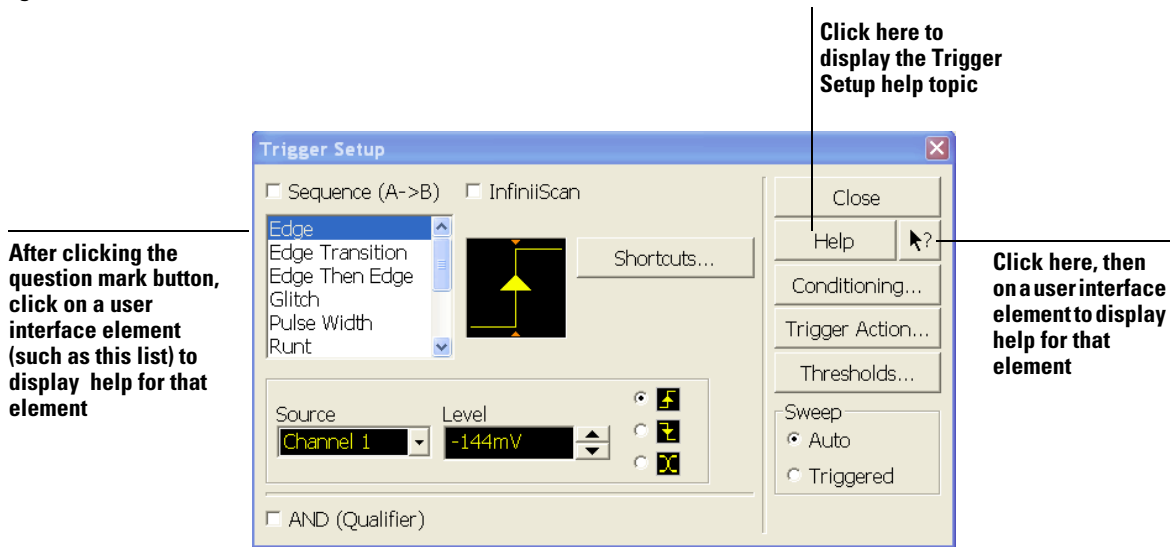
- To move to the next step, click on the tab for that step in the step description window.
- To return to the previously visited topic, click the Back button near the top of the Help window.

## To access context-sensitive information

- To see overview information for items in a dialog box, click the Help button in that dialog box.
- To get information on a particular user interface element, click on the question mark button at the upper right-hand corner of a dialog box, then point to the element.

The mouse pointer becomes a pointer plus question mark whenever you click the question mark button. After you click on the desired user interface element, a pop-up window appears describing the function or use of the element. To clear the pop-up window, click again.

Figure 4-5



Getting Help on the Trigger Setup Dialog Interface Elements



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# Safety Notices

This apparatus has been designed and tested in accordance with IEC Publication 1010, Safety Requirements for Measuring Apparatus, and has been supplied in a safe condition. This is a Safety Class I instrument (provided with terminal for protective earthing). Before applying power, verify that the correct safety precautions are taken (see the following warnings). In addition, note the external markings on the instrument that are described under "Safety Symbols."

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