THE BASIC LOCK-IN

This measurement is designed to use the internal oscillator to explore some of the basic lock-in functions. You will need BNC cables.

Specifically, you will measure the amplitude of the Sine Out at various frequencies, sensitivities, time constants and phase shifts.

 Disconnect all cables from the lock-in. Turn the power on while holding down the [Setup] key. Wait until the power-on tests are completed. When the power is turned on with the [Setup] key pressed, the lock-in returns to its standard default settings. See the Standard Settings list in the Operation section for a complete listing of the settings.

2. Connect the Sine Out on the front panel to the A input using a BNC cable.

The Channel 1 display shows X and Channel 2 shows Y.

The lock-in defaults to the internal oscillator reference set at 1.000 kHz. The reference mode is indicated by the INTERNAL led. In this mode, the lock-in generates a synchronous sine output at the internal reference frequency.

The input impedance of the lock-in is 10 M Ω . The Sine Out has an output impedance of 50 Ω . Since the Sine Output amplitude is specified into a high impedance load, the output impedance does not affect the amplitude.

The sine amplitude is 1.000 Vrms and the sensitivity is 1 V(rms). Since the phase shift of the sine output is very close to zero, Channel 1 (X) should read close to 1.000 V and Channel 2 (Y) should read close to 0.000 V.

3. Press [Auto Phase]

Automatically adjust the reference phase shift to eliminate any residual phase error. This should set the value of Y to zero.

4. Press [Phase]

Display the reference phase shift in the Reference display. The phase shift should be close to zero.

5. Press the [+90°] key.

This adds 90° to the reference phase shift. The value of X drops to zero and Y becomes minus the magnitude (-1.000 V).