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Self-Guided Demo Tour Model 2450-EC / 2460-EC Potentiostats

Electrochemistry Lab Systems





### Self-Guided Tour

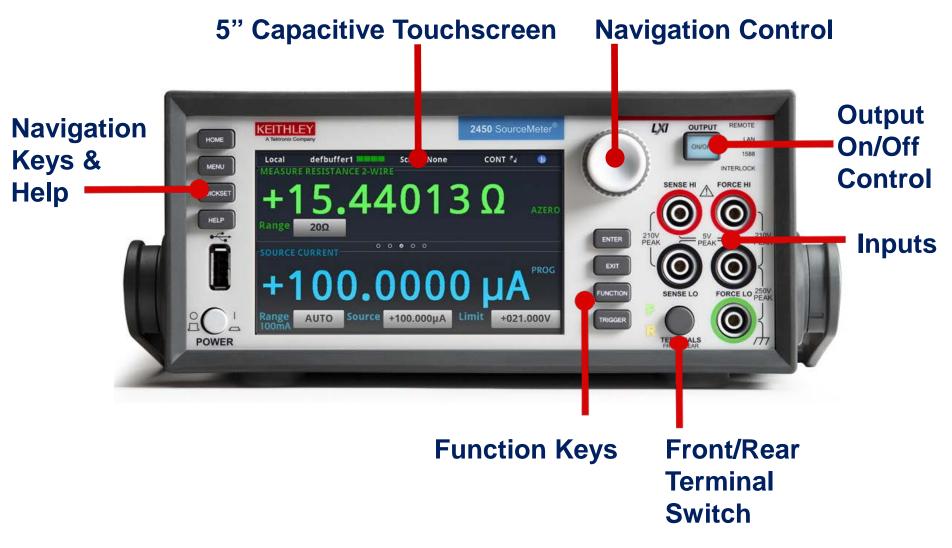
Use this guide to explore what you can do with the Models 2450-EC and 2460-EC Potentiostats. Applications range from Cyclic Voltammetry to Chronoamperometry and graphical viewing of the results.



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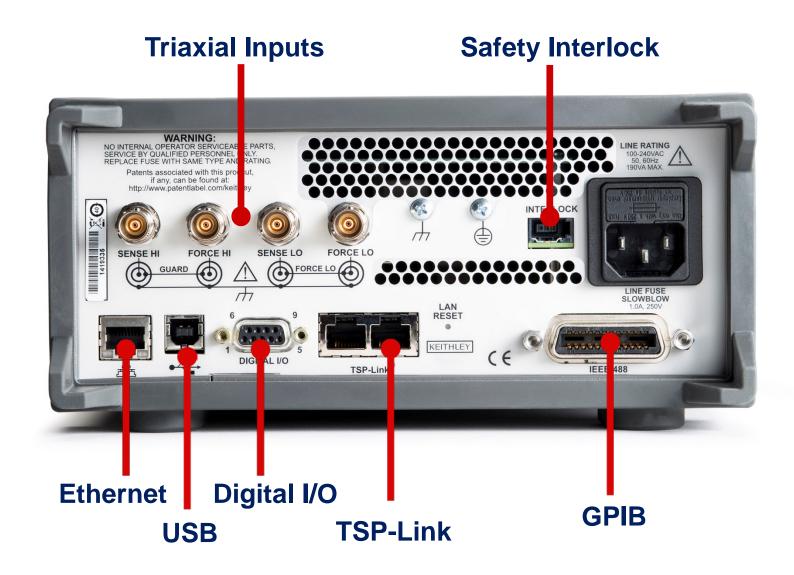
The front panel of the user interface





### **Model 2450-EC Potentiostats**

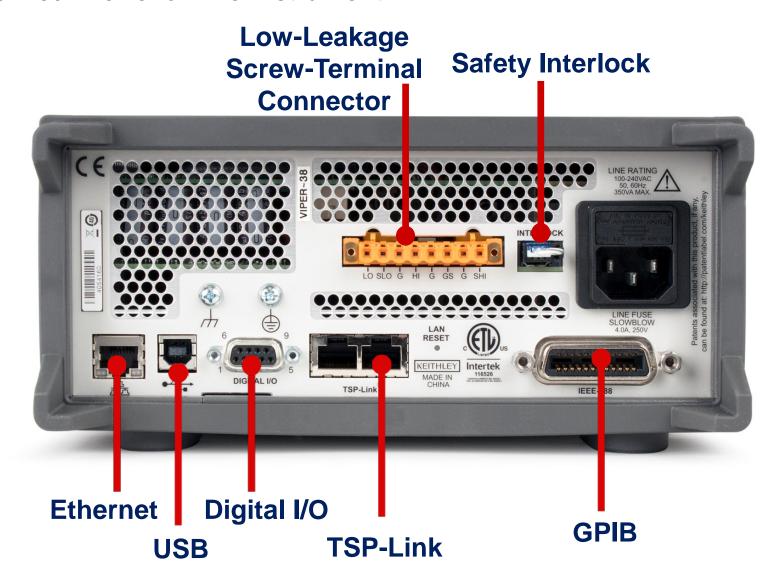
The rear panel of the instrument





# **Model 2460-EC Potentiostats**

The Rear Panel of The Instrument



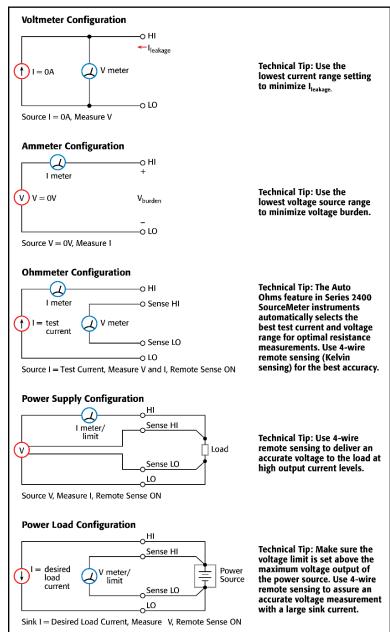


#### How it works

### The Source-Measure Unit (SMU)

Stated in the simplest possible terms, a source-measure unit (SMU) instrument integrates the capabilities of a precision power supply (PPS) with those of a high-performance digital multimeter (DMM) in a single instrument. For example, SMU instruments can simultaneously source or sink voltage while measuring current, and source or sink current while measuring voltage. They can be used as stand-alone constant voltage or constant current sources, voltmeters, ammeters, and ohmmeters, and as precision electronic loads. Their high-performance architecture also allows using them as pulse generators, waveform generators, and automated current-voltage (I-V) characterization systems.



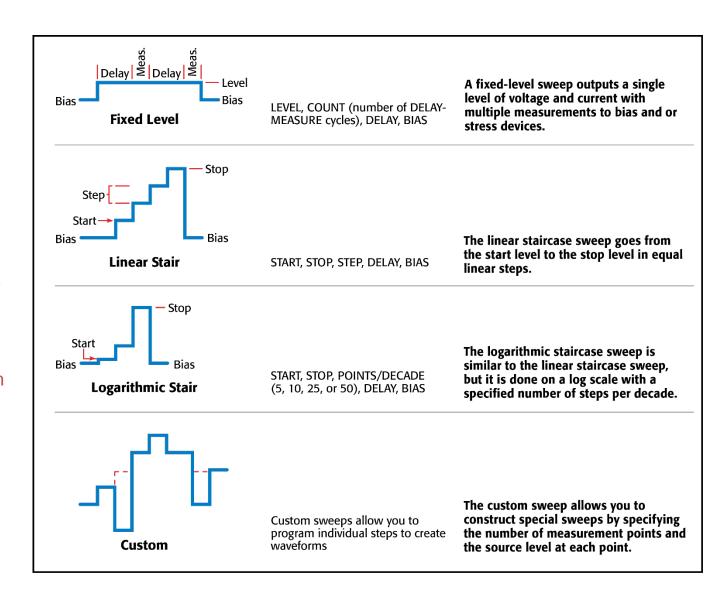




### Operation

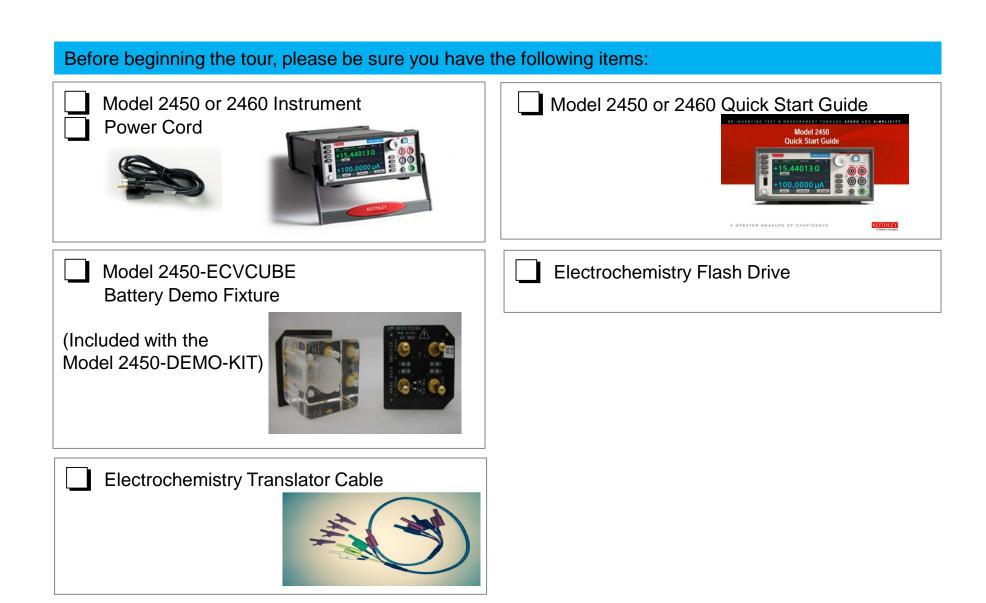
# The Source-Measure Unit (SMU)

SMU instruments simplify capturing the data needed to characterize a wide range of devices with the SMU instruments' built-in DC sweeps, including linear staircase, logarithmic staircase, and custom sweeps.





### Checklist for the tour





# Safety Precautions

Before beginning the tour, please be sure you have read the Model 2450 or 2460 Quick Start Guide sections on Safety Precautions before continuing this self-guided tour.



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#### Safety precautions

Observe the following safety precautions before using this product and any associated instrumentation. Although some instruments and accessories would normally be used with nonhazardous voltages, there are situations where hazardous conditions may be

This product is intended for use by qualified personnel who recognize shock hazards and are familiar with the safety precautions required to avoid possible injury. Read and follow all installation, operation, and maintenance information carefully before using the transient overvoltages. Measurement Category II (as referenced in IEC 60664) product. Refer to the user documentation for complete product specifications.

If the product is used in a manner not specified, the protection provided by the product warranty may be impaired.

The types of product users are:

Responsible body is the individual or group responsible for use and maintenance of equipment, for ensuring that the equipment is operated within its specifications and operating limits, and for ensuring that operators are adequately trained.

Operators use the product for its intended function. They must be trained in electrical safety procedures and proper use of the instrument. They must be protected from electric shock and contact with hazardous live circuits.

Maintenance personnel perform routine procedures on the product to keep it operating properly, for example, setting the line voltage or replacing consumable materials. Maintenance procedures are described in the user documentation. The procedures explicitly state if the operator may perform them. Otherwise, they should be performed only by service personnel.

Service personnel are trained to work on live circuits, perform safe installations, and repair products. Only properly trained service personnel may perform installation and service procedures.

Keithley Instruments products are designed for use with electrical signals that are measurement, control, and data I/O connections, with low transient overvoltages and must not be directly connected to mains voltage or to voltage sources with high connections require protection for high transient overvoltages often associated with local AC mains connections. Certain Keithley measuring instruments may be connected to mains. These instruments will be marked as category II or higher.

Unless explicitly allowed in the specifications, operating manual, and instrument labels, do not connect any instrument to mains.

Exercise extreme caution when a shock hazard is present. Lethal voltage may be present on cable connector jacks or test factures. The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) states that a shock hazard exists when voltage levels greater than 30 V RMS, 42.4 V peak, or 60 V DC are present. A good safety practice is to expect that hazardous voltage is present in any unknown circuit before measuring.

Operators of this product must be protected from electric shock at all times. The responsible body must ensure that operators are prevented access and/or insulated from every connection point. In some cases, connections must be exposed to potential human contact. Product operators in these circumstances must be trained to protect themselves from the risk of electric shock. If the circuit is capable of operating at or above 1000 V, no conductive part of the circuit may be exposed.



# Basic User Interface Navigation

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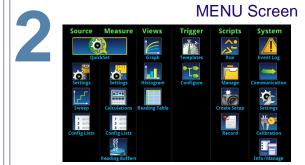
Objective: See how simple it is to navigate the instrument



- Power up the SMU. Allow SMU to boot up.
- Review the Measure and Source Windows.
- Touch the Measure and Source Range buttons to view options.
- Touch the **Source** button to view the numeric keypad. Try entering a value.
- Swipe the lower part of the screen to view the various windows. Explore the options.



Press the **HOME** key to return to the main screen.



- Explore the various menu icons and their functions. Familiarize yourself with the configuration settings available.
- If you open a window that has a blue bar on the right side of the screen, this means the entire window can be swiped up or down to provide more options. Example:



Press the **HOME** key when finished.

Navigation Control

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Pressing the navigation control opens menus and submenus and selects an entered value.

- Rotate the navigation control to select the MEASURE Range button. When a button or icon is highlighted in yellow, that button or icon is now in focus and is controllable by the navigation control.
- Press the navigation control to select the button. Rotate the knob to change the ranges.
- Press the navigation control to select the range.
- Try using the navigation control on other screens like the MENU screen.
- Press the HOME key when finished.



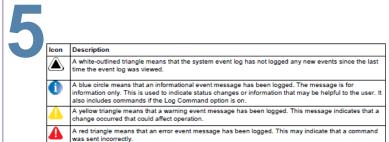
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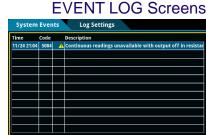
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- Select the Data Graph and Sheet view to review your results quickly.
- To view data in the Graph view, press the MENU key, then select Graph Views. The graph will update if the SMU is continuously running or plot sweep data.
- In the Graph view, explore the Data and Scale tabs to understand how to control what is plotted, how to change axis values, and how to adjust the scaling of the graph.
- To view data in the Sheet view, press the MENU key, then select Sheet Views.
- Touching any of the data points will bring up more details about that particular measurement.
- Press the HOME key when finished.



- Touch the indicator in the upper right corner of the front-panel display to view the most recent error, warning, or info message.
- Touch the upper right corner of the HOME page to see an event indicator as described above and as shown. Touch this indicator to display the most recent event.
- Select the ouch the **Event Log** button to view all messages in the event log.
- To view details about an event, touch any event in the list. This information helps you to resolve errors with the SMU.
- Another way to open the event log is through the main MENU screen. Press the MENU key, and under the System column, touch the Event Log icon.
- Press the **HOME** key when you have finished.







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On the front panel, press the **HELP** key. The SMU has a context-sensitive help system to speed up your learning curve. When an icon or touchscreen button has focus (icon or button is highlighted with a yellow box), that feature or function has context-sensitive help. If there is no specific focus when you press the **HELP** key, overview information for the screen you are viewing displays.

- Rotate the navigation knob until one of the buttons or icons has focus. Press the HELP key to display the help.
- If the help display has a blue bar on the right side of the screen, swipe up or down to display more help information.
- Explore the various MENU selections and different screens to see more contextsensitive help.
- Press the **HOME** key when finished.

### **Summary**

The user interface of the Models 2450-EC and 2460-EC allows you to set up most instrument functions and features and perform source and measure operations. You can use the touch-screen display to set up the instrument and tests. You can also use the navigation control knob to highlight an item, and then press the control knob to select it.

#### The major benefits:

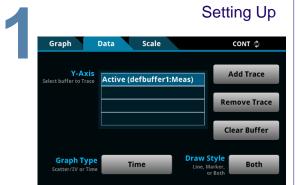
- Large, bright, and easy to read front panel
- Context-sensitive front-panel help
- Swipe-screen capability for more measurement information
- User-friendly configurations from the menu view
- Built-in graphing capability to get to your results quickly
- Data sheet that allows you to view source and measure values quickly
- Error logging so you can quickly diagnose the configuration



# Cyclic Voltammetry

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Objective: Discover how quickly you can configure the Model 2450-EC or 2460-EC for cyclic voltammetry.

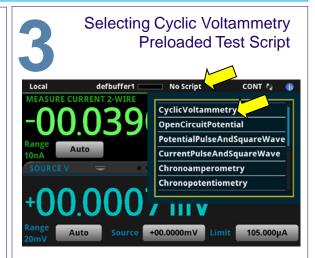


Return the SMU to a default state and set up the graph function:

- Press the MENU key.
- Press the System Info/Manage icon.
- Press the System Reset button and select OK.
- Press the MENU key.
- Press the Views Graph icon.
- · Press the Data tab.
- Press the Graph Type button and select Scatter/IV.
- Press the HOME key.

Setting Up

 Connect the Model 2450-ECVCUBE Demo DUT to the four banana jacks on the front panel. Make sure the cut-out corner of the DUT is closest to the navigation control. If your Demo DUT has two cutout corners, make sure both cutout corners are facing up.



To execute the script saved in the internal memory of the instrument:

- Press the HOME key to return to the home screen
- Touch the No Script indicator as shown in the image above. A list of available scripts is displayed.
- Select **CyclicVoltammetry** from the list.
- The script will begin immediately.



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Selecting Cyclic Voltammetry Test Script on the Flash Drive



Your Model 2450-EC or 2460-EC demo system came with preloaded electrochemistry test scripts. The demo system also came with a flash drive that contains all of the test scripts and documentation for your reference.

To execute the script from the USB flash drive:

- Insert the USB flash drive into the frontpanel USB port.
- At the top of the Home screen, touch the active script indicator. A list of available scripts is displayed.
- Select usb1/CyclicVoltammetry.tsp. The script begins to execute immediately.

- When the script has executed, it prompts you to indicate if you are ready to measure the open circuit potential (Eoc). If the experiment is set up and measurements are ready to be taken, select Yes to begin the test. Select No to quit the program.
- With the demo cube inserted, the Eoc will be measured and the result displayed.

Select OK.



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Define the Potential Sweep Parameters



After the open circuit voltage is measured, the parameters of the potential sweep must be defined: Number of vertices, voltage magnitude, and reference voltage.

Select Three vertices.



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Define the potential sweep parameters

Enter first potential, -5 to 5V



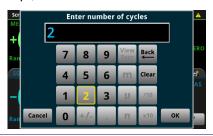
- Define the voltage vertices using the following values for the three potentials:
  - Potential 1: 1.2V
  - Potential 2: 1.8V
  - Potential 3: 1.2V
- After each selection, select the vs. Eref reference type.



Define the Scan Rate & Number of Cycles



- After sweep parameters have been defined, you are prompted to enter the scan rate in units of millivolts per second. Select OK to use the default of 25.
- At the next Enter number of cycles prompt, enter 2 and select OK to accept.



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Define the Maximum Current Range & Sampling Interval Units



- At the next prompt, select 1mA for the maximum current range.
- At the next prompt, select pts/cycle for the sampling interval units.





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Define the Number of pts/cycle



 At the next prompt, enter 101 and select OK. Begin the Experiment

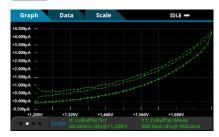


 You will now be prompted to select whether you want to save the data to a USB flash drive when the experiment is finished. For now, select No.



 The final prompt asks you if you are ready to begin the experiment. Select Yes to start the test. 12 Grap

Graphing the Results



- While the test is running, you will see the SMU plot the results in real time as the test progresses. After two cycles, the resulting voltammogram for the demo cube battery should look like the above image.
- When the test is complete, you will be prompted to either:
  - Exit
  - Repeat
  - Start a New test
- Choose what you what you would like to do.





### Cyclic Voltammetry

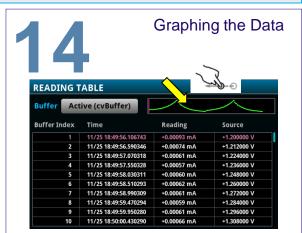
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- You can pinch and zoom the Models 2450-EC and 2460-EC touchscreens (just like your smart phone or tablet) on the Graph tab so you can analyze the data. Try zooming in on some of the data on the graph. You can also pinch the touchscreen to zoom out.
- You also can apply graphing cursors on the graph. Along the bottom of the graph screen, slide the bar until you reach the cursor bar.
- Select the button in the right side of the bar so that you can select Vertical, Horizontal, or Both cursors. Using the touchscreen. Adjust the position of the cursors and note how the X and Y values update.
- To return the graph to its original scaling quickly, touch the SmartScale icon in the upper right corner of the graph screen, as shown by the arrow in the image.





- To view data in the Sheet view, press the MENU key.
- In the Views column, select Reading Table.
- Touch any of the data points to bring up more details about that specific measurement.
- Scroll through the table by sliding your finger along the mini graph in the table.
- Press the **HOME** key when finished.



### Battery Charge and Discharge

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Objective: Discover how quickly you can configure the Model 2450-EC or 2460-EC for battery charge or discharge using chronopotentiometry.

Graph Data Scale IDLE 
X-Axis Scale Units per division 12.435

Minimum Position First visible X value +0.000s

Y-Axis Trace: Y1

Method Smart Scale or Off Scale Units per division Units per division First visible X value -600.0mV

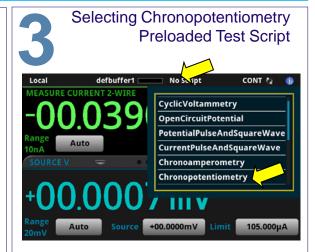
Scale Format Linear Position First visible Y value -600.0mV

Return the SMU to a default state and set up the graph function:

- Press the MENU key.
- Press the System Info/Manage icon.
- Press the System Reset button. Hit OK.
- Press the MENU key.
- Press the Views Graph icon.
- Press the Scale tab.
- Press the X-Axis Method button and select All.
- Press the HOME key.

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- Select Chronopotentiometry from the list.
- The script will begin immediately.



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Configure Step 1 to Charge at 15µA



When the test script executes a number of settings will appear.

- Press Step Settings.
- Press Step: SET VALUE.
- Press Current:SET. Change the current to 15µA and then press OK.
- Press **Time:5s** and change the duration time to 60 seconds then press OK.
- Press the <<Back button.</li>

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Configure Step 2 to Discharge at 15 µA.

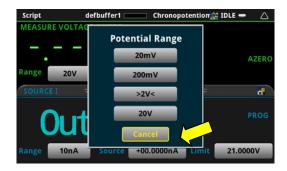


Add a second step to discharge the battery

- Add a second step to discharge the battery by pressing More Steps...
- Press Step2: SET VAL.
- Press Current:SET. Change the current to -15µA and press OK.
- Press Time:5s and change the duration time to 60 seconds then press **OK**.
- Press <<Back twice to return to main menu.

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Set the Potential Range



Change the Potential Range to the 20V range by pressing the **20V** button.



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Change the measurement interval time to 500ms

- From the main screen, press Measurement
- Press Interval
- Change the time to 500ms/pt
- Press <<Back</li>
- From main menu, press Continue

Begin the Experiment



 You will now be prompted to select whether you want to save the data to a USB Flash Drive when the experiment is finished. For now, hit No.



 The final prompt asks you if you are ready to begin the experiment. Hit Yes to start the test. Graphing the Results



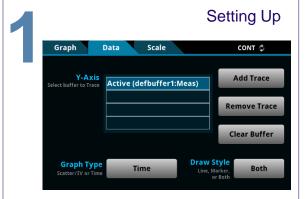
- While the test is running, you will see the 2450-EC or 2460-EC plot the results in real time as the test progresses. First you will see the battery charging up for 60 seconds, and then you will see the battery discharge for 60 seconds.
- When the test is complete, you will be prompted to either:
  - View Statistics
  - Repeat
  - Change Settings
  - Exist
- Choose to Exit. When asked to Exit program, select Yes.



# Cyclic Voltammetry

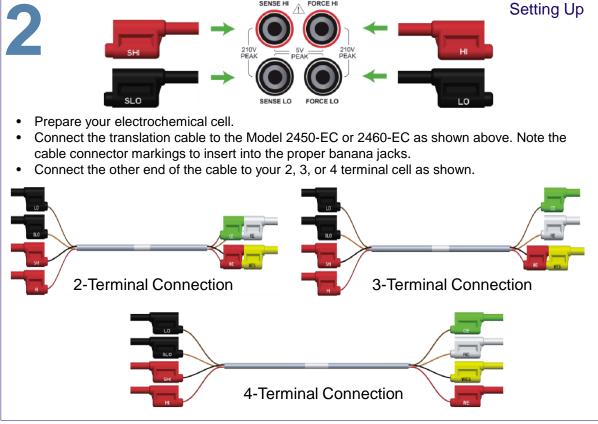
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Objective: Run the cyclic voltammetry test script on a real electrochemical cell



Return the SMU to a default state and set up the graph function:

- Press the MENU key.
- Press the System Info/Manage icon.
- Press the System Reset button and select OK.
- Press the MENU key.
- Press the Views **Graph** icon.
- · Press the Data tab.
- Press the Graph Type button and select Scatter/IV.
- Press the HOME key.

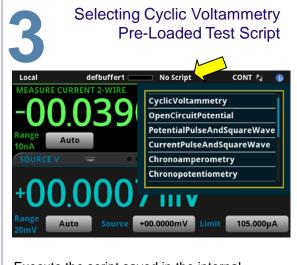




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Objective: Run the cyclic voltammetry test script on a real electrochemical cell



Execute the script saved in the internal memory of the instrument:

- Press the HOME key to return to the home screen.
- Touch the No Script indicator, as shown in the image above. A list of available scripts is displayed.
- Select **CyclicVoltammetry** from the list. The script will begin immediately.



- When the script has executed, it prompts
  you to indicate if you are ready to measure
  the open circuit potential (Eoc). If the
  experiment is set up and measurements
  are ready to be taken, select Yes to begin
  the test. Select No to quit the program.
- With your cell connected, the Eoc will be measured and the result displayed.

Select OK.



Define the Potential Sweep Parameters



After the open circuit voltage is measured, the parameters of the potential sweep must be defined: Number of vertices, voltage magnitude, and reference voltage.

 Select Two, Three, or Four vertices for your test.



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Define the Potential Sweep Parameters

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Enter first potential, -5 to 5V



Define 2, 3, or 4 voltage vertices:

- Use values for the potentials you want to use for your cell.
- After each selection, select the reference type that you want to use.



Define the Scan Rate & Number Of Cycles



- After sweep parameters have been defined, you are prompted to enter the scan rate in units of millivolts per second. Enter a scan rate for your test.
- At the next Enter number of cycles prompt, enter a value and select OK to accept.



Define the Maximum
Current Range &
Sampling Interval Units



- At the next prompt, select the maximum current range you want to use for your cell test.
- At the next prompt, select the sampling interval units.





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Objective: Run the cyclic voltammetry test script on a real electrochemical cell

Enter a Value for Sampling Interval Units Chosen



- At the next prompt, enter a value for the sampling interval units you chose in Step 8.
- Select OK.

Begin the Experiment



 You will now be prompted to select whether you want to save the data to a USB Flash Drive when the experiment is finished. For now, select No.



 The final prompt asks you if you are ready to begin the experiment. Select **Yes** to start the test. Graphing the Results

Graph

Data

Scale

IDLE 

100.00µA

1012.00µA

1020.00µA

1050.00µA

1050.00µA

- While the test is running, you will see the SMU plot the results in real time as the test progresses. Depending on your cell chemistry, the voltammogram may look like the above image.
- When the test is complete, you will be prompted to either:
  - Exit
  - Repeat
  - Start a **New** test
- Choose what you what you would like to do.





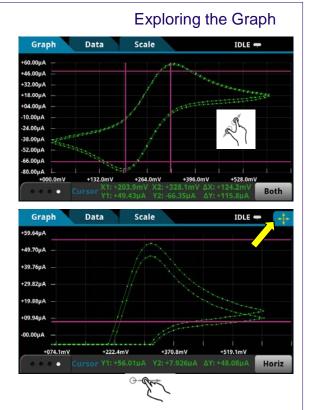
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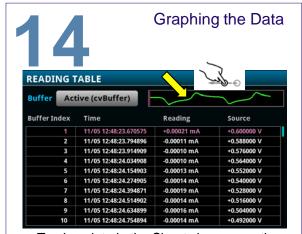
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- You can pinch and zoom the Models 2450-EC and 2460-EC touchscreens (just like your smart phone or tablet) on the Graph tab so you can analyze the data. Try zooming in on some of the data on the graph. You can also pinch the touchscreen to zoom out.
- You also can apply graphing cursors on the graph. Slide the bottom display bar at the bottom of the graph screen until you reach the Cursor bar, then select the button on the right side of the bar to select Vertical, Horizontal, or Both cursors.
- Using the touchscreen. Adjust the position of the cursors and note how the X and Y values update.
- To quickly return the graph to its original scaling, touch the SmartScale icon in the upper right corner of the graph screen.





- To view data in the Sheet view, press the MENU key.
- In the Views column, select Reading Table.
- Touch any of the data points to bring up more details about that specific measurement.
- Scroll through the table by sliding your finger along the mini graph in the table.
- Press the **HOME** key when finished.



### Electrochemistry Tests Available

The Models 2450-EC and 2460-EC Potentiostat instruments come with a set of preloaded electrochemistry tests, including cyclic voltammetry, chronoamperometry, chronopotentiometry, and others. This reduces set up time when you want to use the Model 2450 or 2460 in one of these modes.

### **Exploring Further**

In addition to the Cyclic Voltammetry test, the Models 2450-EC and 2460-EC come preloaded with the following tests that you can explore:

#### **Linear Sweep Voltammetry:**

Potential is swept at a user-programmable scan rate between two defined points while current is measured.

#### **Open Circuit Potential:**

Measures the cell potential difference between two electrodes with high input impedance as a function of time.

#### **Potential Pulse and Square Wave with Current Measure:**

The instrument sources potential at programmable peak and base levels while current is recorded at a user-defined position on the pulse peak level.

#### **Current Pulse and Square Wave with Voltage Measure:**

The instrument sources current at programmable peak and base levels while potential is recorded at a user-defined position on the pulse peak level.

#### **Chronoamperometry:**

The potential is stepped to a programmed value while the resulting current is measured as a function of time.

#### **Chronopotentiometry:**

The current is stepped to a programmed value while the resulting potential is measured as a function of time



# Summary

This concludes the Model 2450-EC / 2460-EC Potentiostat instruments demo tour. The Model 2450-EC / 2460-EC takes a giant step for test and measurement into today's world of state-of-the-art smart technology. Its innovative graphical user interface and advanced touchscreen technology allow intuitive use and minimize the learning curve so that you learn faster, work smarter, and invent more easily. All this combined with Keithley precision and accuracy will enable you to Touch, Test, Invent<sup>TM</sup> with the new favorite go-to instrument in the lab for years to come.

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