



# Lucid/Lucid-X Series RF Analog Signal Generator Benchtop Model User Manual

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# **Acronyms & Abbreviations**

Acres	Description
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μs or us	Microseconds
ADC	Analog to Digital Converter
AM	Amplitude Modulation
ASIC	Application-Specific Integrated Circuit
ATE	Automatic Test Equipment
AWG	Arbitrary Waveform Generators
AWT	Arbitrary Waveform Transceiver
BNC	Bayonet Neill-Concelm (coax connector)
BW	Bandwidth
CW	Carrier Wave
DAC	Digital to Analog Converter
dBc	dB/carrier. The power ratio of a signal to a carrier signal, expressed in decibels
dBm	Decibel-Milliwatts. E.g., 0 dBm equals 1.0 mW.
DDC	Digital Down-Converter
DHCP	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol
DSO	Digital Storage Oscilloscope
DUC	Digital Up-Converter
DUT	Device Under Test
ENoB	Effective Number of Bits
ESD	Electrostatic Discharge
EVM	Error Vector Magnitude
FPGA	Field-Programmable Gate Arrays
FW	Firmware
GHz	Gigahertz
GPIB	General Purpose Interface Bus
GS/s	Giga Samples per Second
GUI	Graphical User Interface
НР	Horizontal Pitch (PXIe module horizontal width, 1 HP = 5.08mm)
Hz	Hertz
IF	Intermediate Frequency
1/0	Input / Output
IP	Internet Protocol
IQ	In-phase Quadrature
IVI	Interchangeable Virtual Instrument
JSON	JavaScript Object Notation
kHz	Kilohertz
LCD	Liquid Crystal Display
LO	Local Oscillator
MAC	Media Access Control (address)
MDR	Mini D Ribbon (connector)
MHz	Megahertz
ms	Milliseconds
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Acronym	Description	
NCO	Numerically Controlled Oscillator	
ns	Nanoseconds	
PC	Personal Computer	
PCAP	Projected Capacitive Touch Panel	
PCB	Printed Circuit Board	
PCI	Peripheral Component Interconnect	
PXI	PCI eXtension for Instrumentation	
PXIe	PCI Express eXtension for Instrumentation	
QC	Quantum Computing	
Qubits	Quantum bits	
R&D	Research & Development	
RF	Radio Frequency	
RT-DSO	Real-Time Digital Oscilloscope	
S	Seconds	
SA	Spectrum Analyzer	
SCPI	Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments	
SFDR	Spurious Free Dynamic Range	
SFP	Software Front Panel	
SINAD	Signal-to-Noise-And-Distortion Ratio	
SMA	Subminiature version A connector	
SMP	Subminiature Push-on connector	
SPI	Serial Peripheral Interface	
SRAM	Static Random-Access Memory	
TFT	Thin Film Transistor	
T&M	Test and Measurement	
TPS	Test Program Sets	
UART	Universal Asynchronous Receiver-Transmitter	
USB	Universal Serial Bus	
VCP	Virtual COM Port	
Vdc	Volts, Direct Current	
V p-p	Volts, Peak-to-Peak	
VSA	Vector Signal Analyzer	
VSG	Vector Signal Generator	
WDS	Wave Design Studio	



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# 1 General

## 1.1 Scope

The scope of this manual is to describe the setup and operating procedures of the Lucid/Lucid-X Series RF Analog Signal Generator. The manual covers the following models listed in the below ordering information.

**Table 1.1 Ordering Information** 

Model	Description		
LS3081B	3 GHz, 1 channel, benchtop RF analog signal generator		
LS3082B	3 GHz, 2 channels, benchtop RF analog signal generator		
LS3084B	3 GHz, 4 channels, benchtop RF analog signal generator		
LS6081B	6 GHz, 1 channel, benchtop RF analog signal generator		
LS6082B	6 GHz, 2 channels, benchtop RF analog signal generator		
LS6084B	6 GHz, 4 channels, benchtop RF analog signal generator		
LS1291B	12 GHz, 1 channel, benchtop RF analog signal generator		
LS1292B	12 GHz, 2 channels, benchtop RF analog signal generator		
LS1294B	12 GHz, 4 channels, benchtop RF analog signal generator		
LSX2091B	20 GHz 1 channel, benchtop microwave signal generator		
LSX2092B	20 GHz 2 channel, benchtop microwave signal generator		
LSX2094B	20 GHz 4 channels, benchtop microwave signal generator		
LSX4091B	40 GHz 1 channel, benchtop microwave signal generator		
LSX4092B	40 GHz 2 channels, benchtop microwave signal generator		
LSX4094B	40 GHz 4 channels, benchtop microwave signal generator		
Options			
PLS	Pulse modulation		
PAT	Pattern modulation		
ELP	Extended low power range (-150 dBm)		
EPR	Extended power range (-130 dBm to +27 dBm) Lucid-X (-130dBm to		
	+20dBm)		
FS	Fast switching		
EMU	Emulator for Keysight, R&S, Anapico, and Holzworth		
W-Rack	Rack-mount kit		
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Figure 1.1 LS1294B - 12GHz Four Channel RF Analog Signal Generator

## 1.2 Related Documentation

- Lucid Control Panel User Manual
- TE Update Tool User Manual
- Lucid Lucid-X Programming Manual
- Tabor Lucid Multi-Channel RF Signal Generators White Paper
- Lucid Series Performance Verification Manual

## 1.3 Software Support

The **Lucid Control Panel** is a software package that enables full control and programming of your Tabor Electronics Lucid series RF analog signal generators via a user-friendly graphical user interface. The **TE Update Tool** is a utility for updating the Lucid device FPGA. The **Lucid Programming Manual** lists and describes the set of SCPI-compatible (Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments) remote commands used to operate the Lucid devices.

The programs and the user manuals can be downloaded from the Tabor Electronics website at http://www.taborelec.com/downloads.

## 1.4 Document Conventions

Convention	Description	Example
Bold Writing	Indicates an item/message in the	Click the On button.
	User Interface.	
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Brackets>	keyboard.	



#### Caution!

• A Caution indicates instructions, which, if not followed, may result in damage to the equipment or to the loss of data.

#### Note

A Note provides additional information to help obtain optimal equipment performance.

#### Idea

An Idea provides an alternate procedure to obtain the same results.

## 1.5 Safety

To avoid Electrical Shock, fire or personal injury:

- Use only the proper power cord and certified for the country of use.
- This product is grounded through the grounding conductor of the power cord. To avoid electrical shock, the grounding conductor must be connected to the ground. Before connecting to the power input or output, ensure that the product is properly grounded.
- Do not operate this product with removed covers or panels.
- Observe all the ratings and markings on the product. Search this manual for further rating
  information, before connecting to it. Do not apply potential that is higher than the maximum
  rating.
- Do not operate in dark or wet conditions.
- Do not operate in an explosive environment. Keep product clean and dry.



#### 1.6 Maintenance

#### 1.6.1 Preventive Maintenance

There are no hardware adjustments within Lucid Generators. Tabor Electronics Ltd., recommends that the Lucid Generator is calibrated every 12 months or whenever a problem is suspected. The specific calibration interval depends upon the accuracy required. No periodic preventive maintenance is required.

## 1.6.2 Long Term Storage or Repackaging For Shipment

If the instrument is to be stored for a long period of time or shipped immediately, proceed as directed below. If you have any questions, contact your local Tabor Electronics representative or the Tabor Electronics Customer Service Department.

- 1. Repack the instrument using the wrappings, packing material and accessories originally shipped with the unit. If the original container is not available, purchase replacement materials.
- 2. Be sure the carton is well sealed with strong tape or metal straps.
- 3. Mark the carton with the model and serial number. If it is to be shipped, show sending and return address on two sides of the box.
  - If the instrument is to be shipped for service or repair, the following information must be included with the shipment:
  - Name and address of the owner.
  - Record the model and serial number of the instrument, options, and firmware version.
  - Note the problem and symptoms detailed information will help in verifying the problem.
    - What was the instrument setup?
    - Did the unit work; then fail?
    - What other equipment was connected to the generator when the problem occurred?
- The name and telephone number of someone familiar with the problem who can be contacted by Tabor Electronics if any further information is required.
- Show the returned authorization order number (RMA) as well as the date and method of shipment.

#### Note

Always obtain a return authorization number from the factory before shipping the instrument to Tabor Electronics.



## 2 Introduction

The Lucid Series benchtop platform offers up to 4 phase coherent channels in a standalone compact unit. The series feature 3, 6, 12, 20 and 40 GHz models in single, dual or four channel versions, all sharing the very same industry leading highlighted features. It provides extremely fast switching speed, superior signal integrity and purity, and a removable memory card for maximum security. It comes with all the necessary modulated signals for analog communication systems, and with built in LAN and USB interfaces. The Lucid Series is designed to meet today's most demanding requirements that is needed from the R&D benches to the production lines.

## 2.1 Unpacking

Check that the packaging is undamaged. If packaging is damaged, notify the carrier immediately. The Lucid benchtop model instrument is supplied with:

- Power cord with a plug according to customer country standard.
- USB cable for connecting a control PC to the instrument.
- Lucid software, user manual and instrument drivers can be downloaded from https://www.taborelec.com/Downloads

#### Caution!

The Lucid Series RF Signal Generator ships in an antistatic package to prevent damage from electrostatic discharge (ESD). When storing the unit, use the antistatic case.

## 2.2 Front Panel Controls



Figure 2.1 LS1294B Front Panel

- Power Button Turn on or off the device.
- **5" Touch LCD Display** 800x480 TFT display PCAP(Projected Capacitive Touch Panel) touch screen for controlling the device.



- Numeric Keypad Program 1 4 Select the channel, 1 up to 4, to show on the display.
- Numeric Keypad Enter numeric values.
- **G/n Button** Select GHz, ns or dBμV units depending on selected parameter.
- $M/\mu$  Button Select MHz,  $\mu$ s or  $\mu$ V units depending on selected parameter.
- **k/m Button** Select kHz, ms or mV units depending on selected parameter.
- x1 Button Select x1 (default unit) or dBm units depending on selected parameter.
- **Back** The backspace key deletes the last entered character.
- **Esc** Has two functions:
  - 1. When in edit mode, cancels edit operation, restores last value and returns to the main function screen.
  - 2. When operating the device from a remote interface, none of the front panel buttons are active except the Local button. When pressed, it restores control to the front panel buttons.

#### Enter:

- 1. When multiple parameters are displayed on the screen, the cursor and the dial scroll through the parameters. Pressing Enter selects the parameter for edit. After the parameter has been modified, the Enter button locks in the new variable and releases the buttons for other operations.
- 2. When a parameter is modified, Enter can be used to replace the x1 suffix key.
- 3. When a discrete parameter is selected, Enter toggles between the values.
- Man Trigger Manual trigger button, used instead of an external trigger signal.
- **Dial** Turning the dial clockwise or counterclockwise works like the arrow UP and Down keys. Pushing the dial works like the Enter button.
- Arrow Up, Down, Left, Right Has two functions:
  - 1. When multiple parameters are displayed on the screen, the arrow and the dial scroll through the parameters.
  - 2. When a parameter is selected for editing, arrow buttons right or left move the cursor accordingly. Arrow buttons up or down modifies parameter value accordingly.
- **FREQ Button** Select the frequency field in the CW (carrier wave) settings tab.
- **AMPT Button** Select the power field in the CW (carrier wave) settings tab.
- **FM Button** Select the frequency modulation screen.
- **Sweep Button** Select the sweep screen tab.
- **Store Button** Store current settings on selected memory device. Click the button to display a list of setting files, use the dial to scroll the list and push then the dial to store the settings in the file.
- **Recall Button** Recall stored configuration.



- AM Button Select the amplitude modulation screen.
- List Button Select the list screen tab.
- Preset Button Restore to factory defaults.
- **System Button** Select the system screen tab.
- PM Button Select the phase modulation screen.
- Run Mode Select the run mode screen tab.
- Mod On/Off Set the selected modulation to on/off.
- **RF On/Off** Set the selected output RF channel to on/off.

## 2.3 Front Panel Connectors



Figure 2.2 Front Panel with 4 Channels

- CH1...CH4
  - Lucid Up to four SMA type connectors for RF signal output.
  - Lucid-X Up to four 2.4 mm connectors for RF signal output.
- **USB** Two USB 2 Type A interfaces for connecting a USB device (FAT32) such as a memory device for storing and recalling instrument setups, keyboard or mouse.



## 2.4 Rear Panel Connectors



Figure 2.3 Rear Panel for 4 Channels

• **10/100MHz IN** – BNC type connector for external 10 MHz or 100 MHz signal. This input is normally used for synchronizing system components to a single clock reference.

#### 10 MHz OUT

• Lucid – BNC type connector for 10 MHz signal output. The output is used to synchronize other system devices to the Lucid Benchtop clock reference.

#### 100 MHz OUT

- Lucid BNC type connector for 100 MHz signal output. The output is used to synchronize other system devices to the Lucid Benchtop clock reference.
- Lucid-X BNC type connector for 10/100 MHz signal output. The output is used to synchronize other system devices to the Lucid Benchtop clock reference.
- **MODULATION IN** Up to four BNC type connectors, one for each channel, for an input from an external amplitude modulation source.
- **TRIGGER IN** Up to four BNC type connectors, one for each channel, for an input from an external trigger source.

#### LAN + USB HOST –

- RJ45 100BaseT Ethernet connector for connecting a control PC via the LAN.
- **USB Type A** USB 2 Type A interface for connecting a USB device (FAT32) such as a memory device for storing and recalling instrument setups, keyboard or mouse.
- USB DEVICE USB 2 Type B connector for connecting a control PC.
- AC Power Socket

   – 3 Pins IEC320 C14 Inlet Power Plug Socket.
- **SD CARD** Removable SD card for instrument security. It is used for storing all data about used frequencies for PATTERN in the Modulation, the List, and System tabs.
  - Min capacity 4GB.



- Max capacity 16GB.
- Speed grade 10.
- Can be used with SD to micro SD adapter.
- **POWER FUSE T6.3A/250V** Fuse glass 6.3 A 250 VAC 5X20 mm Slo-Blo.

#### Note

The Lucid generator will automatically revert to external reference when a signal is detected at its input.



# 3 Benchtop GUI

#### 3.1 CW Tab

The CW (Carrier Wave) tab becomes available on the front panel display after power-up of the generator. From here the user can set the basic output parameters of the generator.



Figure 3.1 CW & Modulation Tab

- **Channel Bar** The bar shows the available channels and which channel that is selected. Selected channel is denoted by a bold font.
- **Status Bar** The bar at the bottom of the screen displays a summary of the system status and is shown in all tabs.
  - **Frequency** The CW frequency.
  - **Power** The power (amplitude) of the output signal (in dBm).
  - Phase The phase offset of the signal (0 360 deg.).
  - Mode Shows which modulation is on (press Mode ON/Off in the respective modulation window).
    - CW Carrier wave (default)
    - **AM,ON** Amplitude modulation
    - **FM, ON** Frequency modulation
    - PM, ON Phase modulation
    - PULSE ON Pulse modulation
    - PATT,ON Pattern modulation
    - FRSW,ON Frequency sweep mode is selected.



- PRSW,ON Power sweep mode is selected.
- LIST,ON List mode is selected.
- Run Mode:
  - Continuous The device will generate a signal when the user clicks the RF OUT On button.
  - **Trigger** The device waits for an external trigger event.
- · LED D -
  - Gray The output RF channel is off.
  - **Green** The output RF channel is on.
- **Frequency** Sets the generator's basic frequency in Hz. You cannot enter a frequency smaller than the minimum frequency. Refer to 4 Lucid Benchtop Specifications for valid frequency range.
- **Power** Sets the power (amplitude) of the generator's output signal (in dBm).

The default value is 5.00 dBm.

Phase Offset – Sets the phase offset of the signal. Phase offset range is between 0 degrees to 360 degrees.

The default value is 0 degrees.

## 3.2 Modulation Tab

The user can set the basic output parameters of the generator in the Modulation tab. The modulation types that are available depends on the installed options.

## 3.2.1 AM – Amplitude Modulation

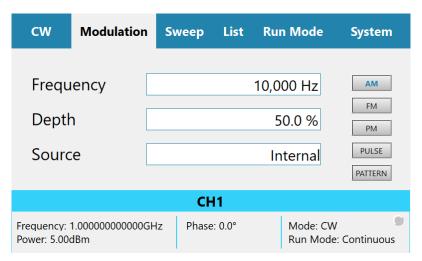


Figure 3.2 AM - Amplitude Modulation

• Frequency – Set the modulation frequency (Hz/kHz).



- **Depth** Set the AM modulation in percent of the carrier wave amplitude.
- Source The Enter key of the front panel will toggle the values.
  - Internal Use the screen modulation parameters.
  - External Use an AM source connected to the generator's MODULATION IN connector located on the rear panel. The Generator will accept modulating signals between DC and 100 kHz within ±1 V (2 V p-p) amplitude.
- Push the Mod On/Off button on the device front panel to start the modulation and then RF
   On/Off button to output the signal.

## 3.2.2 FM – Frequency Modulation

Select on the device display the Modulation tab, and then click the FM button to show the frequency modulation parameters. You can also push the FM button on the front panel to show the screen.

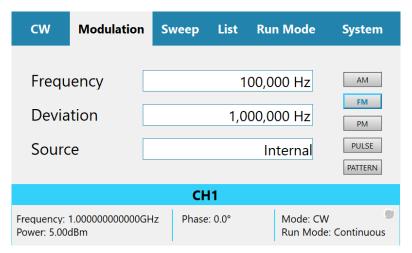


Figure 3.3 FM – Frequency Modulation

- Frequency Set the modulation Frequency (Hz).
- **Deviation** Set the frequency deviation of the carrier wave in (Hz).
- Source:
  - Internal Use the screen modulation parameters.
  - External Use an FM source connected to the generator's MODULATION IN connector located on the rear panel. The Generator will accept modulating signals between ±1 V (2 V p-p) amplitude.
- Push the Mod On/Off button on the device front panel to start the modulation and then RF On/Off button to output the signal.



#### 3.2.3 PM – Phase Modulation

Select on the device display the Modulation tab, and then click the PM button to show the phase modulation parameters. You can also push the PM button on the front panel to show the screen.

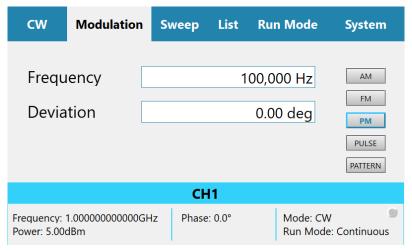


Figure 3.4 PM – Phase Modulation

- Frequency Set the modulation Frequency (Hz).
- **Deviation** Set the phase deviation degree of the modulation frequency.
- Push the Mod On/Off button on the device front panel to start the modulation and then RF On/Off button to output the signal.

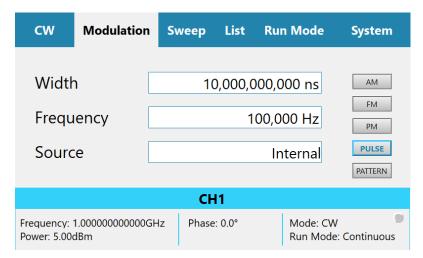
#### 3.2.4 Pulse Definition

Select on the device display the Modulation tab, and then click the PULSE button to show the pulse parameters.

#### Note

The **PULSE** button is only available if the device has the Pulse option installed.





**Figure 3.5 Pulse Definition** 

- Width Set the pulse modulation width. Use the push buttons on the front panel to select units.
- Frequency Set the pulse frequency in Hz.
- Source:
  - Internal Use the screen modulation parameters.
  - External Use a pulse source connected to the generator's MODULATION IN connector located on the rear panel. The Generator will accept modulating signals between ±1 V (2 V p-p) amplitude.
- Push the Mod On/Off button on the device front panel to start the modulation and then RF
   On/Off button to output the signal.

## 3.2.5 Pattern Sequence

Select on the device display the Modulation tab, and then click the PATTERN button to show the pattern sequence parameters. You can set a sequence of pulses according to the list of pulses where each step in the list defines a pulse Time On and Time Off time and the number of Loops.

#### Note

The **PATTERN** button is only available if the device has the PAT option installed.



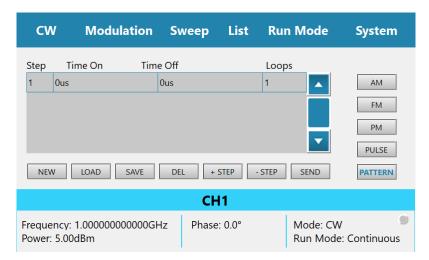


Figure 3.6 Pattern Sequence

Define a patter according to the steps below.

- 1. **NEW** Click the button to create a new Pattern.
- 2. **LOAD** Click the button to select a file to load.
- 3. **SAVE** Click the button to save the Pattern in a JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) format. You can save to a new name (valid name is only numbers) or overwrite an old file. You can select to store the data on the SD card.
- 4. **DEL** Click the button to select a file to delete.
- 5. **+STEP** Click the button to add a new step.
- 6. Enter the duration of the pulse (Time On), the delay for next pulse (Time Off), and the number of repetitions (Loops) of this step.
- 7. **-STEP** Click the button to delete the last step.
- 8. **SEND** Click the button to upload the Pattern to the instrument.



## 3.3 Sweep Tab

The Sweep tab menu allows you to define a signal that sweeps over a frequency or power range. You can also push the Sweep button on the front panel to show the screen.

Two Sweep Types are available:

- **FREG** Frequency based, where the signal sweeps from one frequency to the next, maintaining the same amplitude.
- **PWR** Power based, where the signal sweeps from one amplitude to the next, maintaining the same frequency.

## 3.3.1 Frequency Sweep

Select the Sweep tab, and then click the FREQ button. You can now define a signal that sweeps from one frequency to the next, maintaining the same amplitude.

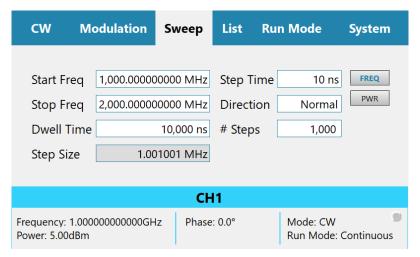


Figure 3.7 Frequency Sweep

Following are the details of the frequency-based Sweep menu:

- Start Freq sets the sweep start frequency (in Hz).
- **Stop Freq** sets the sweep stop frequency (in Hz).
- **Dwell Time** sets the sweep dwell time that is the duration of the entire sweep.
- **Step Size** sets the size of each step (in Hz) in the sweep. The value displayed in **# Steps** changes accordingly.
- Step Time sets the step dwell time. The value displayed in Dwell Time changes accordingly.
- **Direction** sets the sweeping direction:
  - **UpDown** to sweep from start frequency to stop frequency; then, from stop frequency to start frequency .
  - **Normal** to sweep from start frequency to stop frequency.



 # Steps – sets the number of steps in one sweep (including Start and Stop). The value displayed in Step Size changes accordingly.

#### 3.3.2 Power Sweep

Select the Sweep tab, and then click the PWR button. You can now define a signal that sweeps from one amplitude to the next, maintaining the same frequency.

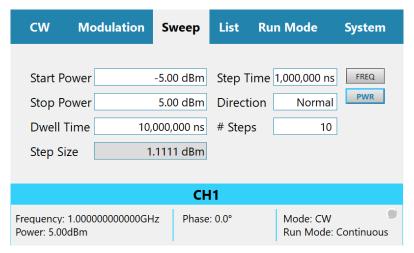


Figure 3.8 Power Sweep

- Start Power start power sets the start sweep amplitude (in dBm).
- **Stop Power** stop power sets the stop sweep amplitude (in dBm).
- **Dwell Time** sets the sweep dwell time that is the duration of the entire sweep.
- **Step Size** sets the size of each step (in dBm) in the sweep. The value displayed in **# Steps** changes accordingly.
- **Step Time** sets the step dwell time. The value displayed in **Dwell Time** changes accordingly.
- **Direction** sets the sweeping direction:
  - **UPDOWN** to sweep from start frequency to stop frequency; then, from stop frequency to start frequency .
  - NORMAL to sweep from start frequency to stop frequency.
- # Steps sets the number of steps in one sweep (including Start and Stop). The value displayed in Step Size changes accordingly.



#### 3.4 List Tab

The List tab enables you to create and generate a sequence of signals that can vary in frequency, power and dwell time. You can also push the List button on the front panel to show the screen.



Figure 3.9 List

Define a patter according to the steps below.

- 1. **NEW** Click the button to create a new list.
- 2. **LOAD** Click the button to load a previously saved list.
- 3. **SAVE** Click the button to save the list in a JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) format. You can select to store the data on the SD card or on the internal.
- 4. **DEL** Click the button to delete selected step.
- 5. **+STEP** Click the button to add a new step. Enter the following parameters:
  - a. Frequency (in Hz, kHz, MHz, or GHz) sets the step frequency.
  - b. Power (in dBm) sets the step power.
  - c. Dwell sets the duration of the step (in  $\mu$ s, ms, or s).
  - d. Adv. Advance, toggle the values by pushing the Enter button:
    - i. Run the Dwell Time is followed by a Run to the next step.
    - ii. Wait the Dwell Time is followed by a Wait for a Trigger that advances it to the next step.
- 6. **-STEP** Click the button to delete selected line.
- 7. **SEND** Click the button to upload the list to the instrument.



#### 3.5 Run Mode Tab

The Run Mode Tab sets the mode by which the unit will run. E.g.; if the sweep starts generating the signals when the user clicks the **Run** button, or it will wait for an external trigger event. You can also push the Run Mode button on the front panel to show the screen.

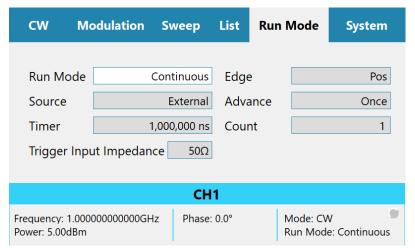


Figure 3.10 Run Mode

- **Run Mode** sets the way in which the signals are generated. The Enter key of the front panel will toggle the values.
  - **Continuous** enables running the signal continuously, as defined in the other tabs, and regardless of the trigger events. All Trigger oriented parameters are hidden.
  - Trigger enables running the signal, when a trigger event is detected.
- Source sets the source of the trigger. The Enter key of the front panel will toggle the values.
  - **Timer** sets the rate for clocked triggers (in ns, μs, ms, or s).
  - External an external source, connected to the Pulse/Trig-In port, issues the triggers.
  - Bus a trigger is issued when the user clicks the Man Trigger button.
- **Timer** sets the rate for clocked triggers (in ns, μs, ms, or s).
- Trigger Input Impedance Sets the trigger input impedance value, selectable between 50  $\Omega$  and high Z (10 k $\Omega$ ).

Note: An input voltage exceeding 5 V may damage the instrument.

- Count sets the number of triggers that will be issued.
- Edge:
  - Pos trig on the trigger positive rising edge.
  - Neg trig on the trigger negative (falling) edge.
- Advance sets the trigger advance either in steps or as a one-time event.



- Once sets the number of times a sweep or list will be generated. When the count is set to 0, unit outputs signal continuously once a trigger is accepted.
- **Step** for every trigger that is accepted the sweep or list is advanced by 1 step. While the step is being generated, any incoming trigger is ignored until the step is completed.



## 3.6 System Tab

The System Tab manages the setup parameters of the entire system. You can load a system file to use a previously used system configuration.



Figure 3.11 System Tab

Following are the details of the System menu:

- Model The ordering model name.
- **Serial** The serial number of the generator.
- **Temp** The temperature of the generator (°C).
- **Options** The options available in the generator.
  - MOD Modulation package (AM, FM, PM).
  - PUS Pulse generator.
  - **FS** Fast switching.
  - LP Low Power (-90 dBc).
  - EMU Emulation, includes emulators for Keysight, Anapico, and Holzworth
  - **PAT** Pattern generator.
- **SW Ver.** The device software version x.xx-y.y.z.
  - x.xx GUI version.
  - y.y SCPI version.
  - z Driver build version.
- **HW Ver.** The FPGA FW and board version x.x-y.y.
  - **x.x** FPGA firmware version.



- y.y D, E F or other is HW board version.
- Cal. Date The time stamp of the last calibration.

#### **3.6.1** Preset

Select on the device display the System tab, and then click the **Preset** button to set the system settings to factory defaults.

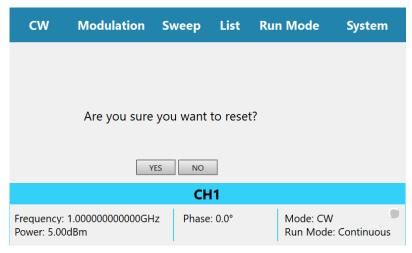


Figure 3.12 Preset Confirmation Pop-up

#### 3.6.2 Store

Select on the device display the System tab, and then click the Store button to save the current settings of the entire system in a JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) format. You can select to store the data on the SD card.

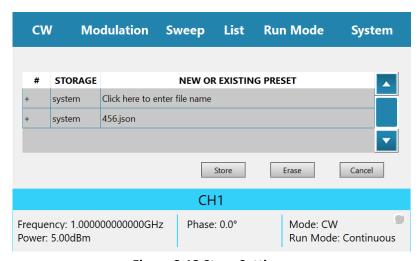


Figure 3.13 Store Settings

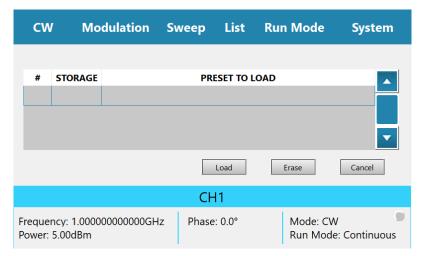
- Store Click the button to store the system setting in selected file and storage device.
- Erase Click the button to erase the selected file.



• Cancel – Click the button to cancel any changes.

#### **3.6.3** Recall

Select on the device display the System tab, and then click the **Recall** button to restore a stored settings of the entire system in a JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) format. You can select to restore the data from an SD card.



**Figure 3.14 Recall Settings** 

- Load Click the button to load the system setting from the selected file and storage device.
- **Erase** Click the button to erase the selected file.
- Cancel Click the button to cancel any changes.

#### 3.6.4 LAN

Select on the device display the System tab, and then click the LAN button to show or modify the IP parameters.



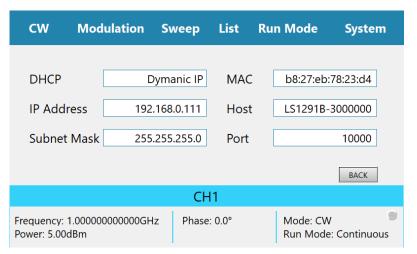


Figure 3.15 System Tab LAN

- **DHCP** Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol.
  - **Fixed** Define a static IP Address. Verify that the PC running Lucid software is on the same network (default).
  - **Dynamic** Get an IP address from the DHCP server. The IP Address, Port and Subnet Mask fields are not accessible.
- IP Address Define a static IP address.
- Subnet Mask Verify that the PC running Lucid software is on the same network.
- MAC The device MAC address.
- Host The device computer name.
- **Port** Define the SCPI port for communication. User should use a free port in the range 1 to 65535.
- BACK Click the button to return to the System dialog box.

## **3.6.5 Update**

Select on the device display the System tab, and then click the Update button to update the device software. Refer to "Lucid Control Panel User Manual" section "Appendix FPGA Firmware Update" for how to update the FPGA firmware.

#### **Device SW Update Sequence**

- 1. Prepare on a PC an USB flash memory that is formatted to exFAT file system.
- 2. Download the "Lucid Benchtop FW x.y.z.zip" file from the Tabor Electronics website at <a href="http://www.taborelec.com/downloads">http://www.taborelec.com/downloads</a> to the USB flash memory.
- 3. Unzip the file. The new directory x.y.z contains two files:
  - a. benchtop\_fw.tar.gz



- b. Manifest
- 4. Insert the flash memory in a free USB connector on the device.
- 5. Select on the device display the System tab, and then click the Update button to select the firmware for updating the device.

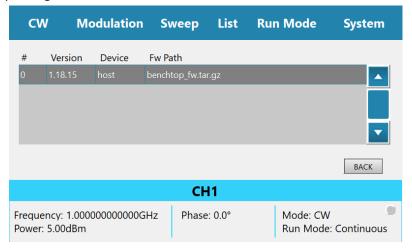


Figure 3.16 System Update

- 6. Wait for the operation to be completed.
- 7. The device will reboot automatically.
  - **BACK** Click the button to return to the System dialog box.



# **4 Lucid Benchtop Specifications**

## 4.1 Frequency

**Table 4.1 Frequency Specifications** 

Frequency				
Range				
LS3081B, LS3082B. LS3084B	9 kHz to 3 GHz			
LS6081B, LS6082B, LS6084B	9 kHz to 6 GHz			
LS1291B, LS1292B, LS1294B	9 kHz to 12 GHz			
LSX2091B, LSX2092B, LSX2094B	100 kHz to 20 GHz			
LSX4091B, LSX4092B, LSX4094B	100 kHz to 40 GHz			
Resolution	0.001 Hz			
Phase Offset	0.01 deg			
Switching Speed				
Standard	500 μs			
FS Option	100 μs			

## **4.2** Frequency Reference

**Table 4.2 Frequency Reference Specifications** 

Frequency Reference			
Temperature Stability	±25 ppb max		
Aging	±3 ppm max for 20 years		
Warm Up time	30 min		

## 4.3 Amplitude

**Table 4.3 Amplitude Specifications** 

Amplitude Lucid			Lucid-X	
Max Output Power	Max Output Power			
Settable	+20 dBm		+15 dBm	
Calibrated	+15 dBm <sup>1</sup>		+10 dBm	
Min Output Power	Base LP Opt.		Base	LP Opt.
Settable -100 dBm		-70 dBm	-80 dBm	



Amplitude	Lucid		Lucid-X	
Calibrated	-80 dBm	-80 dBm		-70 dBm
Resolution	0.01 dB		0.01 dB	
Power Mute	-95 dBm		-70 dBm	
Output Return Loss	-10 dBm		-10 dBm	
Accuracy (dB)	-50 dBm to +15 dBm	-90 dBm to -50 dBm	-50 dBm to +15 dB	m
Up to 100 MHz	±0.3 (typ.)	±0.5 (typ.)	±0.3 (typ.)	
100 MHz to 3 GHz	±0.4 (typ.)	±0.6 (typ.)	±0.4 (typ.)	
3 GHz to 9 GHz	±0.7 (typ.)	±0.9 (typ.)	±0.7 (typ.)	
Above 9 GHz	±1 (typ.)	±1.5 (typ.)	±1 (typ.)	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Above 25 kHz.

## 4.4 Phase Noise and Harmonics

**Table 4.4 Phase Noise and Harmonics Specifications** 

Phase Noise (dBc/Hz	Lucid	Lucid-X	
Measured @ 10 kHz Offset)			
100 MHz		-155 (typ.)	
250 MHz		-147 (typ.)	
500 MHz		-141 (typ.)	
1 GHz	-138 (typ.)	-134 (typ.)	
2 GHz	-133 (typ.)	-128 (typ.)	
3 GHz	-130 (typ.)		
4 GHz		-123 (typ.)	
6 GHz	-124 (typ.)		
8 GHz		-116 (typ.)	
10 GHz		-115 (typ.)	
12 GHz	-118 (typ.)		
20 GHz		-109 (typ.)	
40 GHz		-103 (typ.)	
Harmonics (dBc)	Lucid	Lucid-X	
Range		0 dBm	+10 dBm



Up to 100 MHz	-30 dBc		
Up to 8 GHz:	-50 dBc	-50 dBc	-42 dBc
100 MHz to 12 GHz	-50 dBc <sup>2</sup>		
8 GHz to 20 GHz		-40 dBc	-32 dBc
20 GHz to 40 GHz		-35 dBc	-28 dBc
Sub-harmonics (dBc)	Lucid	Lucid-X	
6 to 12 GHz:	-55 dBm		
Up to 20 GHz:		-75 dBc (typ.)	
20 to 40 GHz:		-35 dBc (typ.)	
Non-harmonics (dBc)	Lucid	Lucid-X	
Up to 12 GHz	-90 dBc (typ.) <sup>3,4</sup> , -60 dBc (max.) <sup>5</sup>		
Up to 40 GHz		-90dBc (typ.) -60	dBc (max.) <sup>5</sup>

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  750 MHz to 900 MHz -35dBc (typ.).

## 4.5 Modulation

**Table 4.5 Modulation Specifications** 

Modulation	Lucid	Lucid-X
Frequency Modulation		
Maximum Deviation	10 MHz	10 MHz
Resolution	0.1 % or 1 Hz (the greater)	0.1 % or 1 Hz (the greater)
Modulation Rate	1 MHz	1 MHz
Resolution	1 Hz	1 Hz
Amplitude Modulation		
AM Depth		
Туре	Linear	Linear
Maximum Settable	90 %	100%
Resolution	0.1 % of depth	0.1 % of depth
Modulation Rate	DC to 100 kHz	DC to 100 kHz
Phase Modulation		

 $<sup>^{3}</sup>$  -60 dBm max. @ 1 GHz, 1.5 GHz, 2.5 GHz and 3 GHz.

 $<sup>^4</sup>$ -75 dBm max. @ -15 dBm to +15 dBm and f> 6 GHz.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 5}$  Boundary spurs which may appear @ -100 MHz to +100 MHz offset from CW.



Modulation	Lucid	Lucid-X
Peak Deviation	360 deg	360 deg
Modulation Rate	DC to 100 kHz	DC to 100 kHz
Pulse Modulation (PLS Option)		
On/off Ratio	60 dB	70dB
Rise/fall Time (10%- 90%)	15 ns (typ.)	15 ns (typ.)
Resolution	6.4 ns	10 ns
Minimum Width	32 ns	30 ns
Repetition Frequency	DC to 10 MHz	DC to 10 MHz
Pattern Modulation (PAT Option)		
Number of Steps	1 to 2,048	1 to 2,048
Step Repetitions	1 to 65,535	1 to 65,535
ON/Off Time	32 ns to 20 days	20 ns to 20 days
Sweep		
Range	Same as frequency range	Same as frequency range
Modes	Frequency and amplitude step, list	Frequency and amplitude step, list
Dwell Time	100 μs to 1,000 s	100 μs to 1,000 s
Resolution	1 μs	1 μs
Number of Points		
List	2 to 4, 096	2 to 4,096
Step	2 to 65,535	2 to 65,535
Step Change	Linear	Linear
Trigger	Free run, External, Bus, Timer	Free run, External, Bus, Timer

# 4.6 Inputs

**Table 4.6 Inputs Specifications** 

Inputs		
10/100 MHz Input		
Connector Type	BNC	
Input Impedance	50 Ω	



Inputs	
Waveform	Sine or Square
Frequency	10 MHz/100 MHz
Power	-3 dBm to +10 dBm
Absolute Maximum Level	+15 dBm
Modulation Input	
Connector Type	BNC (per channel)
Input Impedance	50 Ω
Maximum Input Voltage	±1 V
Input Damage Level	±3.5 V
Trigger Input	
Connector Type	BNC (per channel)
Input Impedance	50 Ω
Input Voltage	TTL, CMOS compatible
Threshold	1.5 V
Damage Level	-0.42 V or +5.42 V

# 4.7 Outputs

**Table 4.7 Outputs Specifications** 

Outputs	Lucid	Lucid-X
CH1/CH2/CH3/CH4 RF Out		
Impedance	50 Ω	50 Ω
Connector Type	SMA	2.4 mm
Number of Outputs		
LS3081B/LS6081B/LS1291B/LSX2091B/LSX4091B	1	1
LS3082B/LS6082B/LS1292B/LSX2092B/LSX4092B	2	2
LS3084B/LS6084B/LS1294B/LSX2094B/LSX4094B	4	4
10/100 MHz Output		
Impedance	50 Ω	50 Ω
Connector Type	2 x BNC	1 x BNC
Frequency	10 MHz, 100 MHz	10 MHz, 100 MHz
Shape	Sine	Sine
Power	3 to 7 dBm	3 to 7 dBm



## 4.8 General

**Table 4.8 General Specifications** 

General		
Voltage Range	90 VAC to 264 VAC	
Frequency Range	47 Hz to 63 Hz	
Power Consumption Lucid	100 W	
Power Consumption Lucid-X	TBD	
Display Type	5", TFT capacitive touch screen	
Interface		
Host	2 x front panel USB type A 1 x rear panel USB type A	
Device	1 x rear panel USB type B	
LAN	1 x 1000/100/10 BASE-T	
Storage	32 GB removable SD card	
Dimensions (WxHxD)		
With Feet	315 X 102 x 425 mm	
Without Feet	315 X 88 x 425 mm	
Weight		
Without Package	6 kg	
Shipping Weight	6.5 kg	
Temperature		
Operating	0°C to +40°C	
Storage	-40°C to +70°C	
Warm up time	15 minutes	
Humidity:	85% RH, non-condensing	
Safety	CE Marked, IEC61010-1:2010	
EMC	IEC 61326-1:2013	
Calibration	2 years	
Warranty	3-year standard	