TTR500 Series
Vector Network Analyzers
Declassification and Security

Instructions

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Preface

This document helps customers with data security concerns to sanitize or remove memory devices from the Tektronix TTR503A and TTR506A vector network analyzers (VNAs).

This product has a data storage (memory) device. The instructions in this manual describe how to clear or sanitize the memory device.

The VNA does not contain any media or export devices that require declassification instructions.

Reference   The procedure in this document is written to meet the requirements specified in:

- NISPOM, DoD 5220.22–M, Chapter 8
- ISFO Process Manual for Certification & Accreditation of Classified Systems under NISPOM

Products   The security instructions apply to these Tektronix VNA products:

- TTR503A
- TTR506A

Required documents   No external documents are required to perform the procedures in this document.

Terms used in this document

- **Clear.** This removes data on media/memory before reusing it in a secured area. All reusable memory is cleared to deny access to previously stored information by standard means of access.

- **Erase.** This is equivalent to clear.

- **Instrument Declassification.** A term that refers to procedures that must be undertaken before an instrument can be removed from a secure environment. Declassification procedures include memory sanitization and memory removal, and sometimes both.

- **Media storage/data export device.** Any of several devices that can be used to store or export data from the instrument, such as a USB port.

- **Nonvolatile memory.** Data is retained when the instrument is powered off.

- **Power off.** Some instruments have a "Standby" mode, in which power is still supplied to the instrument. For the purpose of clearing data, putting the instrument in Standby mode does not qualify as powering off. For these products, you will need to either press a rear-panel OFF switch or remove the power source from the instrument.

- **Remove.** This is a physical means to clear the data by removing the memory device from the instrument. Instructions are available in the product Service Manual.

- **Sanitize.** This eradicates the data from media/memory so that the data cannot be recovered by other means or technology. This is typically used when the device will be moved (temporarily or permanently) from a secured area to a non-secured area.

- **Scrub.** This is equivalent to sanitize.

- **User Accessible.** User is able to directly retrieve the memory device contents.

- **User-modifiable.** The user can write to the memory device during normal instrument operation, using the instrument interface or remote control.

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- **Volatile memory.** Data is lost when the instrument is powered off.

Device terms

- **User data.** Describes the type of information stored in the device. Refers to waveforms or other measurement data representing signals connected to the instrument by users.

- **User settings.** Describes the type of information stored in the device. Refers to instrument settings that can be changed by the user.

- **Both.** Describes the type of information stored in the device. It means that both user data and user settings are stored in the device.

- **None.** Describes the type of information stored in the device. It means that neither user data nor user settings are stored in the device.

- **Directly.** Describes how data is modified. It means that the user can modify the data.

- **Indirectly.** Describes how data is modified. It means that the instrument system resources modify the data and that the user cannot modify the data.

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Memory devices

Volatile memory devices

Type and min. size	Function	Type of user info stored	Backed up by battery	Method of modification	Data Input method	Location	User accessible	To clear	To sanitize
SRAM 1MB	Holds active acquisition data	User data	No	Indirectly	Written by RFIC	RFIC	No	Disconnect power for at least 20 seconds.	Disconnect power for at least 20 seconds.
SRAM 128KB	Holds RFIC firmware	User settings	No	Indirectly	Written by VectorVu-PC application	RFIC	No	Disconnect power for at least 20 seconds.	Disconnect power for at least 20 seconds.
SRAM 32KB	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	Not applicable	Not applicable	RFIC	No	Disconnect power for at least 20 seconds.	Disconnect power for at least 20 seconds.
SRAM 128KB	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	Not applicable	Not applicable	RFIC	No	Disconnect power for at least 20 seconds.	Disconnect power for at least 20 seconds.
SRAM 512 KB	Micro-controller memory	User data, user settings	No	Indirectly	Firmware operation	Micro-controller	Yes	Disconnect power for at least 20 seconds.	Disconnect power for at least 20 seconds.

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Non-volatile memory devices

Type and min. size	Function	Type of user info stored	Method of modification	Data Input method	Location	User accessible	To clear	To sanitize
I2C-32KB	Bootloader	None	Programming in factory	Factory dedicated software	Micro-controller system	No	Not applicable. Does not contain user data or settings. Clearing can disable instrument functionality.	Not applicable. Does not contain user data or settings. Clearing can disable instrument functionality.
SPI-16MB	Firmware	None	Programming in factory	Factory dedicated SW	Micro-controller system	No	Not applicable. Does not contain user data or settings. Clearing can disable instrument functionality.	Not applicable. Does not contain user data or settings. Clearing candisable instrument functionality.
Embedded USB drive — 2 GB	Software installer, documentation.	None, unless written by user.	Host OS contains option to write files to disk.	Standard Windows file copy.	Embedded USB memory module	Yes	Disable USB storage in VectorVu-PC application. Use standard Windows applications in your organization to declassify the disk drive.	Disable USB storage in VectorVu-PC application. Use standard Windows applications in your organization to declassify the disk drive.

Data export devices   There are no media or export devices that require declassification or security procedures with this product.

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Clear or sanitize a non-functioning instrument

If your instrument is not functioning, return the instrument to Tektronix for repair. A Tektronix service professional can reprogram the USB device embedded in the VNA. No user data is stored on the instrument when it is disconnected from a power supply.

To clear or sanitize the instrument:

1. Enable USB storage in activation manager in VectorVu-PC.

2. Use a secure erase tool to erase the USB drive.

Charges   Replacement of any missing hardware will be charged according to the rate at the time of replacement.

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