

PMT2100 Series Photomultiplier Tubes

User Guide



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Chapter 1 Warning Symbol Definitions

Below is a list of warning symbols you may encounter in this manual or on your device.

Symbol	Description
	Direct Current
\sim	Alternating Current
\sim	Both Direct and Alternating Current
Ť	Earth Ground Terminal
	Protective Conductor Terminal
+	Frame or Chassis Terminal
\mathbf{A}	Equipotentiality
Ι	On (Supply)
0	Off (Supply)
	In Position of a Bi-Stable Push Control
	Out Position of a Bi-Stable Push Control
<u>/</u>	Caution: Risk of Electric Shock
<u>/</u>	Caution: Hot Surface
	Caution: Risk of Danger
	Warning: Laser Radiation
	Caution: Spinning Blades May Cause Harm

Chapter 2 Safety

All statements regarding safety of operation and technical data in this user guide will only apply when the unit is operated correctly. Please read the following warnings and cautions carefully before operating the device.





Chapter 3 Description

Our PMT2100 Series Photomultiplier Tubes (PMTs) have an integrated transimpedance amplifier, designed for the detection of signals from DC to 80 MHz. They have built-in low pass filters (250 kHz, 2.5 MHz and 80 MHz). The USB cable powers and controls the PMT2100 PMTs. A buffered output drives a 50 Ω impedance up to ±1.5 V. The housing includes C-Mount threading (1.00"-32) for convenient mounting of external optics, emission filters, and irises.

The PMT2100 series consist of PMT2100 (C-Mount threading, only available with Thorlabs Imaging Systems), PMT2101 (SM1-threaded aperture with imperial mounting threads), PMT2101/M (SM1-threaded aperture with metric mounting threads), and PMT2102 (C-Mount threading, standalone unit).

3.1. Overview



Figure 1 PMT2100 Series PMT Front View



Figure 2 PMT2100 Series PMT Rear View

Chapter 4 Getting Started

This section is provided for those interested in getting the Photomultiplier Tube module up and running quickly.

4.1. Ordering Codes

Ordering Codes	Description
PMT2100	Non-Cooled GaAsP PMTs with Built-in Amplifier, C- Mount (Only Available with Thorlabs Imaging Systems)
PMT2101	Non-Cooled GaAsP PMTs with Built-in Amplifier, SM1-Threaded Aperture with Imperial Mounting Threads
PMT2101/M	Non-Cooled GaAsP PMTs with Built-in Amplifier, SM1-Threaded Aperture with Metric Mounting Threads
PMT2102	Non-Cooled GaAsP PMTs with Built-in Amplifier, C-Mount

4.2. Unpacking and Inspection

Open the package, and carefully remove the PMT2100 series PMT and its accessories. The table lists the standard accessories shipped with the device.

Nama	Quantity				
Name	PMT2100	PMT2101	PMT2101/M	PMT2102	
Photomultiplier Tube	1	1	1	1	
USB Male A to USB Mini 2.0	1	1	1	1	
SMA to SMB Cable 120"	1	1	1	1	
C-Mount Cap	1	-	-	1	
SM1 Cap	-	1	1	-	
PMT2100 Control Software CD	1	1	1	1	

Inspect the device and its accessories for any missing parts or damage. If there is any problem, please contact our nearest office (see **Chapter 16: Thorlabs Worldwide Contacts** for details).

4.3. Setting Up PMT2100 Series PMT

4.3.1. Minimum Computer Requirements

Computer Requirements				
Operating System Windows® 7 or 10 (64-Bit)				
Driver	Keysight IO Libraries Suite (Version 17.2.20818.0)			
Other Software	Visual C++ Redistributable Package (2012), Microsoft .NET 4.5.2			

4.3.2. Preparation

- 1. Mount the PMT on your optical table or application. Keep the PMT cap on until you are ready to start the experiment.
- 2. Connect the USB port to the computer.
- 3. Connect a 50 Ω SMA to SMB cable from the **OUT** port of the PMT to a data acquisition equipment. If you use your own cable and the cable length is longer than 120", we recommend you terminate the opposite end of the cable at 50 Ω for maximum performance.



- 4. Install the required software/driver on your computer as described in *Chapter 6: Software.*
- Start the PMT2100 Control software (refer to Section 6.4: Software Startup) and adjust the PMT offset (refer to Section 6.5 Setting the PMT2100 Offset).
- 6. Switch on the light source.
- 7. Use the PMT2100 Control software (refer to *Chapter 6: Software*) to control the output gain of the PMT.

Note: The warm-up time required before applying control voltage is 30–60 minutes.

Chapter 5 Operation

The light to voltage conversion can be estimated by multiplying the wavelengthdependent responsivity of the photomultiplier tube by the transimpedance gain and input optical power:

> Output (V) = Transimpedance Gain (V/A) x Sensitivity (A/W) x Gain x Input Optical Power (W)

The sensitivity can be estimated from Figure 3 and the calibration data. The gain can be estimated from Figure 4.

The PMT performance degrades over time.



Figure 3 Typical Spectral Photocathode Radiant Sensitivity



Figure 4 Typical Voltage Gain Curve



Figure 5 Temperature Coefficient

The output from a PMT is negative, and can be offset using the "Output Offset" command which can be found in *Chapter 6: Software* (Section 6.5, "Setting the Offset"). The maximum voltage output in conjunction with the offset is +/- 1.5V. Setting the offset close to negative 1.5V risks clipping data. To avoid saturation, the output signal should not exceed the maximum output voltage.



There is an internal counter that records the number of trips. To query this counter, refer to *Chapter 12: Commands* for the commands.

Chapter 6 Software

The gain, output offset and bandwidth can all be control with the PMT2100 software.

6.1. PMT2100 Software Development Kit (SDK) Installation

- 1. Insert the PMT2100 Software CD into the computer, and open 70-0037 *PMT2100 SDK* folder.
- 2. Double click the **Installer** (.exe) application to open the *PMT2100 Setup* window.
- 3. Click Next to continue.



Figure 6 Setup Window

4. In the *Choose Components* window, select SDK if you want the software development kit files installed, then click *Next*.

Choose which features of Thor	abs PMT2100 4.0 you v	want to install.
Check the components you war nstall. Click Next to continue.	it to install and unched	k the components you don't want to
select components to install:	Application	Description
	SDK	over a component to see its description.
pace required: 10.6 MB		

Figure 7 Choose Components Window

5. In the *Choose Install Location* window, select the destination folder you like the files installed, then click *Install*.

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all in a different folder, ation.
Browse
Browse
Browse

Figure 8 Choose Install Location Window

6. The PMT2100 setup will begin installation.

Please wait while Thorlabs PMT210	0 4.0 is being installed.	6
Execute: C:\Program Files\Thorlabs	<pre>VPMT2100 4.0 \Driver \dpinst64.exe /sa /p</pre>	
Output folder: C:\Program Files\T	horlabs\PMT2100 4.0\Driver	
Extract: NDP452-KB2901954-Web	o.exe	
Extract: dpinst64.exe		
Extract: pmt2100_bootloader.cat		
Extract: pmt2100_bootloader.inf		
Extract: thorlabs bootloader.cat		
Extract: thorlabs_bootloader.inf		
Extract: vcredist_x64.exe 100	%	
Output folder: C:\Program Files\T	horlabs\PMT2100 4.0\Driver	- 1
Execute: C:\Program Files\Thorial	bs\PMT2100 4.0\Driver\dpinst64.exe /sa /p	
		_

Figure 9 Installing Window

7. During installation, the *Device Driver Installation Wizard* will appear. Click *Next* to begin installing the software drivers that some computer devices need in order to work.



Figure 10 Device Driver Installation Wizard Window

8. Once drivers are installed, click *Finish* to complete installation.



Figure 11 Completing the Device Driver Installation Wizard Window

9. The installer will automatically search your computer for *Microsoft Visual* C++ *Redistributable* (x64) – 11.0.61030. It will download and install it if it's not found on your computer.



Figure 12 Microsoft Visual C++ 2012 Redistributable Window

 Once done installing the necessary software, select *Reboot now* and click *Finish* in the *Completing Thorlabs PMT2100 Setup* window to close the *Setup* window and restart your computer.



Figure 13 Completing the Thorlabs PMT2100 Setup Window

11. PMT2100 setup is now complete, and a new Windows shortcut is added to your desktop.



Figure 14 PMT2100 4.0 Shortcut Icon

6.2. Keysight IO Libraries Suite

Note: Install Version 17.2.20818.0 provided in the PMT2100 Control Software CD. DO NOT update the Keysight IO Libraries Suite to the latest version available on <u>www.keysight.com</u>.

- 1. Insert the PMT2100 Software CD into the computer, and open *Keysight IO Libraries* folder.
- Double click the IOLibSuite_17_2_20818_0 application to open the User Account Control window. Click Yes on the User Account Control window. The InstallShield Wizard window appears. Click Next.



Figure 15 InstallShield Wizard Window

3. On the InstallShield Wizard window, select Agree and click Next.



Figure 16 InstallShield Wizard - License Agreement

Note: If installation fails due to error *0x800F081F* (a .NET Framework 3.5 incompatibility), abort Keysight installation and proceed to **Section 6.3: NI-VISA** *Runtime 18.5*; otherwise, continue.

÷	Kindows Features	~
	The following feature couldn't be installed:	
	.NET Framework 3.5 (includes .NET 2.0 and 3.0)	
	Windows couldn't find required files to complete the requested changes. Make sure you're connected to Interne and try again.	t,
	Error code: 0x800F081F	
	Tell me how to solve this problem	
	Close	

Figure 17 Windows Error Code: 0x800F081F

4. Select Typical for the setup type, and click Next.

Keysight IO Libra	ries Suite 17.2 - InstallShield Wizard
	KEYSIGHT TECHNOLOGIES
Please select	a setup type.
 Typical 	Recommended features for your configuration will be installed.
Custom	Choose the program features you want to install. Recommended for advanced users.
InstallShield ——	< Back Next > Cancel

Figure 18 InstallShield Wizard - Setup

5. Click Install to copy the files.

Keysight IO Libraries Suite 17.2 - InstallShield Wizard	3
Start Copying Files	-
Review settings before copying files.	ES
Setup has enough information to start copying the program files. If you want to review or change any settings, click Back. If you are satisfied with the settings, click Next to begin copying files.	
Current Settings:	
IVI .NET Shared Components VISA .NET Shared Components Save current IO configuration.	
IO Libraries Suite Directories: Core Product Directory: C:\Program Files\Agilent\IO Libraries Suite IVI Components Directory: C:\Program Files\IVI Foundation\IVI VISA Directory: C:\Program Files\IVI Foundation\VISA\	
Selected Features:	
٨	
InstallShield	
K Back Install Cancel	

Figure 19 Installshield Wizard – Copying Files

6. Click Finish to exit the InstallShield Wizard window.

The Keysight IO Libraries Suite setup is complete.

6.2.1. Keysight VISA Settings Configuration

Follow the below procedure if you have installed NI (National Instruments) Software on your computer. If you do not configure the Keysight VISA Settings, the PMT may not respond.

Note: If you do not have NI software installed on your computer, DO NOT configure the Keysight VISA Settings.

Use a USB cable to connect the PMT to the computer.

7. Right click on the Keysight IO Libraries Suite icon, and click Connection Expert.



Figure 20 Keysight IO Libraries Suite

8. In the *Keysight Connection Expert* window, click *Settings>VISA Conflict Manager>General VISA Settings*. Select the parameters as shown in Figure 21 and click *Accept*.

Keysight Connection Expert	? _
Instruments PXI/AXIe Chassis	Manual Configuration Settings
Options Aliases VISA Conflict Man	ager
General VISA Settings	Select the VISA/VISA COM/VISA.NET implementations to use and set the default implementations
ASR1 ASR2 ASR21 ASR21 ASR23 ASR23 ASR23 USB0	Select to Enable Installed Implementations: VISA and VISA.COM VISA.NET VISA model Instruments VISA Select the Preferred VISA and VISA COM Implementation: (No Preferred VISA.NET Implementation: Select the Preferred VISA.NET Implementation: (No Preferred VISA.NET Implementation:
Metrager: 2 bee 2:16:57 PM Instruments are already discover 3:16:57 PM User interface session started	VIRA (Youffet Manadur analytics inclamentations and safe the data the for Cancel Cancel Remote ID Server OR 32-Bit Keysigile VIBA & Secondary 17.2.2001b.0 et and configured

Figure 21 Keysight Connection Expert Window

9. In the *Keysight Connection Expert* window, click *Settings>VISA Conflict Manager>USB0*. Set the parameters as shown in the figure below and click *Accept*.

Keysight Connection Expert	?	_ 🗆 ×
Instruments PXI/AXIe Chassis	Manual Configuration Settings	
Options Aliases VISA Conflict Man	lager	
General VISA Settings	Select the implementations to use for USB0	
ASRL1 ASRL2	VISA/VISA COM for USB0 is Keysight VISA	
ASRL21 ASRL26 ASRL29	VISA.NET for USB0 is (No Preference)	
ASRL32 PXI0	(Default)	•
	VISA Cordict Manager enables implementations and sets the defaults for: • 3-354 Visa • 3-36 Vi	
	Accept	Cancel
Messages: 2 Case	Remote IO Server Off 32-Bit Keysight VISA is Secondary	17.2.20818.0
3:16:57 PM Instruments are already discover 3:16:57 PM User interface session started	ad and configured	

Figure 22 VISA Conflict Manager Tab

10. Close the Keysight Connection Expert window.

6.3. NI-VISA Runtime 18.5

Note: It is NOT necessary to install NI-VISA Runtime 18.50 provided in the PMT2100 Software CD, unless Keysight IO Library failed to install. If Keysight installed successfully, continue to next section. DO NOT update the NI-VISA Software.

- 1. Insert the PMT2100 Software CD into the computer, and open 70-0099 *NIVISA_Runtime* folder.
- 2. Double click the *NIVISA1850runtime* application to open the *NI-VISA Runtime 18.5 self-extracting archive* window, then click *OK*.



Figure 23 NI-VISA Runtime 18.5 Self Extracting Archive Window

3. In the *WinZip Self-Extractor – NIVISA1850runtime* window, click *Unzip* to extract all files from the installer.



Figure 24 WinZip Self-Extractor – NIVISA1850runtime Window

4. Click OK once all files have been extracted.



Figure 25 WinZip Self-Extractor Window

5. The NI-VISA 18.5 Runtime setup window appears. Click Next.



Figure 26 NI-VISA 18.5 Runtime Setup Window

6. In the *Destination Directory* window, select the destination folder you like the files installed, then click *Next*.

NI VISA 10.5 Kunune					Í
Destination Directory Select the installation directories.			NA INS	TIONAL	TS
National Instruments software will be installed in a subfolder different folder, click the Browse button and select another.	of the follow	ing. Toinsta	all into a		
Destination Directory					
Destination Directory [C:\Program Files (x86)\National Instruments\			Brow	ISE	
Destination Directory C\Program Files (x85)\National Instruments\			Brow	ISE	

Figure 27 Destination Directory Window

7. In the *Features* window, make sure *Runtime Support*>*COM Support* and *.NET 4.0-4.5.1 Runtime Support (IVI)* are selected, then click *Next*.

NI-VISA 18	.5 Runtime	- 🗆 X				
Fea Se	tures elect the features to install.	NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS				
	NI-VISA 18.5 CDM Support CDM Support NET 4.0 - 4.5.1 Runtime Support (NS) NET 4.0 Runtime Support (NS)	National Instruments VISA driver version 18.5. VISA provides an API for controlling VAG, GPIB, Serial, PAI and other types of instruments.				
< Directory for NP	I-VISA 18.5 les (x86)\IVI Foundation\VISA\	Browse				
	Restore Feature Defaults Disk Cost	<< Back Next >> Cancel				

Figure 28 Features Window

8. In the *Product Notifications* window, uncheck "Search for important messages and updates..." then click Next.

💷 NI-VISA 18.5 Runtime	-		×
Product Notifications Please read the following information about the configuration you have selected.	PINS	TIONAL	т
Search for important messages and updates on the National Instruments produc perform this search, your IP address will be collected in accordance with the Na Privacy Policy. Note: You will be given the opportunity to select the updates you	ts you are ins tional Instrum want to ins <u>Priv</u>	talling, To ents tall. <u>acy Polic</u>	24
<< Back No	ext >>	Canc	el

Figure 29 Product Notifications Window

9. In the *License Agreement* window, select *I accept the above 2 License Agreement*(s), then click *Next*.

NI-V	/ISA 18.5 Rur	ntime		—		×
	License / You mus	Agreement t accept the licenses displayed	below to proceed.	N /INS	TIONAL	rs
NI	IVI					
		LICENSE	AGREEMENT			^
DOO THI CON AGE DOV Read	CUMENT, S AGREEM NSENTING REEMENT, REEMENT, WNLOAD ders of this ("Licenses"	CAREFULLY READ AI IENT. BY CLICKING TO BE BOUND BY AI IF YOU DO NOT AGG CLICK THE "DO NOT AND/OR USE THIS IN" document are requested t with their accounts are h this third-party license applies	LL THE TERMS A ON THE ACCEPT ND ARE BECOMI REE TO ALL OF T ACCEPT" BUTTO TELLECTUAL PRO o submit to Intercha stification of any color is deributed with NI-VISA	ND CONDITION BUTTON, YOU NG A PARTY TI HE TERMS OF 7 DN AND DO NO OPERTY. ngeable Virtual In State estat sights A 18.5 Runtime.	NS OF ARE O THIS THIS T	÷. ~
			 I accept the I do not acc 	above 2 License Agr ept all these License /	eement(s). Agreements.	
			<< Back	Next >>	Cance	ł

Figure 30 License Agreement Window

10. In the Driver Software Installation window, select Always trust software from National Instruments Corporation, then click Next.

NI-VISA 18.5 Runtime	- 🗆 ×
Driver Software Installation Always trust software from National Instruments	NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS
This installer includes driver software signed by National Instruments. for an unintemupted installation. If you uncheck the box, your installat more Microsoft Windows security dialogs.	Leave the box below checked ion may be interrupted by one or
Always trust software from National Instruments Corporation.	

Figure 31 Driver Software Installation Window

11. In the Disable Windows Fast Startup window, select Disable Windows fast startup to prevent problems with installing or removing hardware, then click Next.

NEVISA 16.5 Kulturile		-		^
Disable Windows Fast Startup Disable Windows fast startup to prevent pr hardware.	roblems with installing or removing	VINS	TIONAL	ITS
The fast startup capability introduced in Micr or removing hardware. National Instruments r more information about fast startup, click the Code WinFastStartup.	osoft Windows 8 may cause proble recommends disabling Windows fas following link or visit ni.com/info an	ms with in: t startup. F d enter th	stalling For e Info	
Windows Fast Startup Information				
Disable Windows fast startup to prevent p	problems with installing or removing	hardware.		
	(/ Back Next	11	Cano	ol

Figure 32 Disable Windows Fast Startup Window

12. In the Start Installation window, click Next to begin installation.

VI-VISA 18.5 Runtime			-		×
Start Installation Review the following	g summary before continuing.			ATIONAL	пs
Adding or Changing • NI-VISA 18.5 Runtime Support COM Support .NET 4.0 - 4.5.1 Runtime	e Support (IVI)				
Click the Next button to begin in:	stallation. Click the Back butto	on to change the	installation settings.		
nett the from ballon to begin in		inte enange are	, a reconstruction of the consider		

Figure 33 Start Installation Window

13. Click Finish in the Installation Complete window.

🐙 NI-VISA 18.5 Runtime		- I];	×
Installation Complete	,	INSTRU	NAL	
Installation complete! You might be prompted to reboot your machine.				
<< 8 ac	.k Next>>		Finish	

Figure 34 Installation Complete Window

14. You must restart your computer to complete this operation, click Restart.



Figure 35 NI-VISA 18.5 Runtime Restart Prompt Window

6.4. Software Startup

The PMT2100 Control Software can control both PMT1000 and PMT2100 Series. The software can control up to six PMTs.

1. Double click the *PMT2100_Control.exe* file from the *Application* folder. The *Connection Settings* window appears.

Connection Settings
PMT1 Serial Number: NA
PMT2 Serial Number: NA
PMT3 Serial Number: NA
PMT4 Serial Number: NA
PMT5 Serial Number: NA
PMT6 Serial Number: NA
ОК

Figure 36 Connection Settings Window

 In the *Connection Settings* window, enter the SN (serial number) of the PMTs (six to eight digit alphanumeric printed on the back of the PMT) in use. Click *OK*. The *PMT2100 Control* window appears. If you do not know the serial number, type *NA* in the textbox for the respective PMT. The system updates the PMT's serial number in the *PMT2100 Control* window.

Note: The software is case-sensitive. Use only uppercase alphabetical characters.

Note: For a six digit alphanumeric SN, prefix the digit with 00.



Figure 37 Connection Settings Window with Serial Number

PMT2100 Control					×
File				THOR	LAES
د <	Gain	_		Bandwidth	
		-0 + -).5 [v]	80 Mhz	▼ OFF
⊙ □ PMT2 - ⊖		-5	0.599 [v]	80 Mhz	▼ OFF

Figure 38 PMT2100 Control Window

Click the button next to each PMT to expand the respective PMT panel.



Figure 39 PMT2100 Control Window

Note: If the serial number is unavailable, select the respective PMT on the *PMT2100 Control* window, and click the *Update Settings SN* button to update the PMT's serial number in the *PMTSettings* file.

6.5. Setting the PMT2100 Offset

You must set the offset for each of the PMT2100 PMT devices.

Note: For a Galvo-Resonant system, once the initial offset adjustment is set, you do not have to adjust the offset for every use. For a Galvo-Galvo system, you may need to adjust the offset depending on the Dwell Time setting.

1. Switch off the room lights.

Note: An unpowered PMT exposed to bright light can have a high dark count that may take several minutes to hours to dissipate.

- 2. Open the PMT2100 Control window.
- 3. Use the table below to configure all the PMT2100s.

Scanner	PMT Input Range	Bandwidth	Gain
Galvo-Resonant	1 V	80 MHz	0
Galvo-Galvo	1 V	Large Dwell Time (Slow Scan): 250 kHz Small Dwell Time (Fast Scan): 2.5 MHz	0

- 4. Capture an image on your image scanning equipment.
- 5. Adjust the gain on *PMT2100 Control* window until the average of all the pixels in the image is 50 100.

6.6. GUI (Graphical User Interface)

The GUI consists of the display area and the menu.

	PMT2100 Control		×
Menu	File		THORLABS
	د 🔇	Gain	Bandwidth
		[0.5 [v] 80 Mhz ▼ OFF
Display Area 🗕 🗕	Output Offset -		0 [v] + SN: 00AC3839 Update Settings SN
		[5 0.599 [v] 80 Mhz ▼ OFF
	Output Offset		- 0 [v] + SN: 00AC3205 Update Settings SN

Figure 40 PMT2100 Graphic User Interface

6.6.1. Display Area

You can control the PMT activities from the main display area. It displays all the PMTs (maximum six) that are connected to the system.

- Activate Button : activates the enabled PMTs. Click the button, and the icon appears next to the enabled PMT's bandwidth.
- Refresh Button E: refreshes the PMT connections. If the connection is

lost and you need to reconnect, click the **PMT** connection. For safety purposes, the existing PMT connections are turned off.

• Gain: controls the PMT gain using the slider. The actual voltage gain appears on the right side of the +/- button. If a PMT is on, and if you reduce

the gain to zero, the PMT turns off. The **selected** icon appears next to the selected PMT's bandwidth. Increase the gain to turn on the PMT.

- **Output offset:** sets the offset for the output. Use the slider or the +/- button to change the output offset.
- Bandwidth: changes the bandwidth to the desired frequency (80 MHz, 2.5 MHz, 250 <u>kHz</u>) from the drop-down menu.
- Stop Button 🖾: deactivates the enabled PMT. The 🖾 button appears after activating the 🖸 button.

Note: You can change or preset the gain, output offset, and bandwidth for a PMT. To do so, you must select the respective PMT to update it with the new values. To select a PMT, check the box next to the respective PMT.

Note: If the PMT trips, button to reset the trip.



appears next to the Bandwidth. Click the Reset



Figure 41 PMT Trip



6.6.2. Menu

The menu consists of the *File* menu. Use the *File* menu to update the firmware or to exit from the *PMT2100 Control* window.

Click *File>Update Firmware* to open the file path for the .hex file (provided by Thorlabs). Select the .hex file, and click *Open* to update the firmware. (Refer to **Section 6.7: Updating the Firmware** if you are updating the firmware for the first time.)

Note: DO NOT update the firmware until you receive a newer version of firmware from Thorlabs.

PMT2100 Control		×
File		THORLABS
Exit	Gain	Bandwidth
		0 + 0.5 [v] 80 Mhz ▼ OFF
Output Offset		0 [v] + SN: 00AF1711 Update Settings SN

Figure 42 Firmware Update

• Click *File>Exit* to close the *PMT2100 Control* window.

6.7. Updating the Firmware

Make sure to update your firmware immediately if you receive a newer version of firmware from Thorlabs.

Note: If updating is necessary, it is best to update one at a time. Unplug all PMT's except for one, then repeat this section for each PMT.

- 1. Save the latest firmware (.hex file) on your computer.
- 2. Open the *PMT2100 Control* window, and click *File>Update Firmware*. Make sure to have only one PMT plugged into your computer via USB.

PMT2100 Control		×
File Lindete Firmune		THORLABS
Exit	Gain	Bandwidth
		0 + 0.5 [v] 80 Mhz ▼ OFF
Output Offset	O	0 [v] + SN: 00AF1711 Update Settings SN

Figure 43 Updating the Firmware

3. A Firmware Update window appears; click Yes to continue.

Firmw	are Update		X
Do yo	u want to up	odate PMT 1	

Figure 44 Firmware Update

4. Browse the .hex file on your computer then click *Open*. The *Thorlabs Update Com Port Selection* window appears. Select the COM port your PMT appears in the Device Manager, then click *OK*.

Note: Navigate to the Device Manager, and look for *Thorlabs Bootloader* under *Ports (COM & LPT).*



Figure 45 Thorlabs Update Com Port Selection Window



Figure 46 Device Manager Window

Firmware Update	×
	59%
Loading new firmware	

Figure 47 Loading New Firmware

5. When finished, click the X to close the Firmware Update window.



Figure 48 Firmware Update Completed Successfully

6. Your PMT will now show as USB Test and Measurement Devices (IVI) under Device Manager>USB Test and Measurement Devices.

USB Test and Measurement Devices

USB Test and Measurement Device (IVI)

Figure 49 Device Manager Window

The firmware update is complete.

Chapter 7 Maintaining the PMT2100 Series

To clean the PMT2100 series PMTs:

- Use a soft, damp cloth to clean the housing.
- Use only optical grade wipes to clean the window of the tube.

There are no serviceable parts in the PMT2100 series' optical head. If you suspect a problem with the PMT2100 series, please contact our nearest office for assistance from an application engineer (see *Chapter 16 Thorlabs Worldwide Contacts* for details).

7.1. Storing the PMT2100 Series

When not in use, store the PMT2100 series in an environment without light leakage or stray light.

7.2. Troubleshooting

Problem	Solution		
No device found!	 Check the PMT connection. Check the serial number entered in the <i>Connection Settings</i> window. For a six digit alphanumeric SN, prefix the digit with 00. Unplug and plug in the USB cable. Call Thorlabs Technical Support for assistance (see <i>Chapter 16 Thorlabs Worldwide Contacts</i> for details). 		
PMT Not Communicating with the Computer	 If your computer has NI software installed, then make sure to configure Keysight VISA Settings (see Section 6.2.1: Keysight VISA Settings Configuration for details). 		

Chapter 8 Electrical Schematic



Figure 50 Electrical schematic of the PMT2100



Figure 51 Amplifier Frequency Response



Figure 52 Input Current Noise Density

Chapter 10 Specifications

10.1. General Specifications

Specification		Value	
	PMT2100	3.32" x 1.35" x 1.93" (84.4 mm x 34.3 mm x 49 mm)	
Module	PMT2101	3.43" x 1.6" x 2.10" (87.2 mm x 40.6 mm x 53.5 mm)	
Dimensions	PMT2101/M	3.43" x 1.6" x 2.10" (87.2 mm x 40.6 mm x 53.5 mm)	
	PMT2102	3.32" x 1.35" x 1.95" (84.4 mm x 34.3 mm x 49.6 mm)	
Operating Temperature		5 to 35 °C	
Storage Temperature		-20 °C to +50 °C	
Main Unit Input Voltage		5 V DC	
Output Voltage		± 1.5 V	
Control Voltage	Connector	USB	
	PMT2100		
Weight	PMT2101	300 a (0.66 lbs)	
weight	PMT2101/M	300 g (0.00 lb3)	
	PMT2102		

10.2. PMT Specifications

Specification	Value	
РМТ Туре		Hamamatsu GaAsP H10770PA-40
Cooling		Non-Cooled
Photocathode Geometry		Head On
Window		Borosilicate, Flat Window
Spectral Response		300 - 720 nm
PMT Gain (Max)		>1.0 x 10 ⁶
Supply Adjustable Range (Relative Sensitiv Control)	1:50	
Ripple Noise	0.6 mV	
Settling Time of Sensitivity Control ¹	0.2 s	
Photocathode Active Area		Ø5 mm
Peak Wavelength		580 nm
	At 420 nm	108 mA/W (Typical)
Cathode Radiant Sensitivity	At 550 nm	176 mA/W (Typical)
	Typical	6000 s ⁻¹
Dark Count ^{2,3}	Maximum	18000 s ⁻¹
Warm-Up Time Before Control Voltage ⁴		30 to 60 minutes
Induced Ripple in Signal ⁵		0.6 mV _{pp} (Max)
Anode Pulse Rise Time ⁶		1.00 ns
Anode Current (Max) ⁷		500 µA
Protection Circuit	50 µA	
Control Voltage Range		+0.50 to +1.0 V
Recommended Control Voltage Range Vcontrol		+0.50 to +0.80 V Input Impedance: 100 kΩ

¹ Stabilized time in the control voltage adjustment from +1.0 V to +0.5 V.

² After 30 min Storage in Darkness

³ Control Voltage: Plateau ; Temperature Control at 25 °C

⁴ The dark count rate specification is valid when the PMT has been turned on in the dark, no control voltage has been applied during the specified warm-up time, and no signal has been incident during the specified warm-up time.

⁵ Measured across 1 M Ω /22 pF Load

⁶ Control Voltage: +0.8 V; Temperature Control at 25 °C

⁷ Exceeding the maximum anode current will irreparably damage the PMT. The PMT must be shielded from ambient light and the control voltage must be carefully chosen so that unexpected signal spikes do not cause the anode current to be exceeded.

10.3. Amplifier Specifications

Specification	Conditions	Min	Typical	Max		
Noise						
Input Current Noise ⁸	@ 1 MHz, Cin = 4 pF	-	6.5 pA/√Hz	-		
Total Input Noise ⁸	DC to 80 MHz	-	5.8 pA/√Hz Avg	-		
Transfer Characterist	ics					
Total Transimpedance ⁹	Combined Stages, DC	10500 V/A	11000 V/A	12000 V/A		
Amplifier Bandwidth (at 6 dB) ¹⁰	Software Configurable	-	DC to 80 MHz DC to 2.5 MHz DC to 250 kHz	-		
Transresistance	Input Stage Z-Amp, DC	-	3.48 kΩ	-		
Input						
Linear Input Range	0 V Output Bias	-	-	±50 μΑ		
Maximum Input ¹¹	-	-	-	±500 μΑ		
DC Input Impedance	-	-	33 Ω	-		
Input Reference	-	-	0 V	-		
Output						
DC Bias	50 Ω Load	-1.5 VDC	0 VDC	1.5 VDC		
Output Range	50 Ω Load	-1.5 V	-	+1.5 V		
Impedance	DC to 80 MHz	-	50 Ω	-		
Return Loss	DC to 80 MHz	15 dB	-	-		
Slew Rate	-	-	625 V/µs	-		
DC Performance	DC Performance					
DC Offset Voltage Drift	Average, @ Output	-	±103 µV/°C	-		
Power Supply						
Input Voltage	-	4.5 V	5 V	5.5 V		
Input Current	-	-	350 mA	500 mA		

⁸ Bandwidth and equivalent input current noise are typical values, which depend on the source capacitance. To achieve best possible bandwidth and noise performance, reduce the source capacitance by using short cables at the input of the amplifier.

⁹ Positive Gain; current flowing into the amplifier input is considered positive, and produces a resulting ¹⁰ The bandwidth decreases as the output signal magnitude increases.

¹¹ Operation above this specification is likely to permanently damage the amplifier.



Figure 53 Mechanical Drawing of the PMT2100 Series PMT Housing



Figure 54 Mechanical Drawing of the PMT2101 Series PMT Housing



Figure 55 Mechanical Drawing of the PMT2101/M Series PMT Housing



Figure 56 Mechanical Drawing of the PMT2102 Series PMT Housing

Chapter 12 Commands

The USB commands are based on the SCPI command set. If you are new to SCPI, refer to www.keysight.com for details. You must use Keysight driver to communicate with the device. All SCPI instruments implement common commands declared mandatory by IEEE 488.2. The commands implemented are as follows:

Mnemonic	Name	488.2 Section
*IDN?	Identification Query	10.14
*STB?	Read Status Byte Query	10.36

The specific commands that are implemented in the PMT2100 series are as follows:

Command	Description
INSTrument	
:NSELect <numeric></numeric>	Selects Source Channel by Number
:NSELect?	Gets the Selected/Last Channel Number
[:SELect] <identifier></identifier>	SELect - Selects Source Channel by Name <gain; BIAS; OFFSET; TRIP></gain;
[:SELect]?	Gets the Selected/Last Channel Name

Command	Description
SENSe	
:DETector[:FUNCtion] <function></function>	Sets the Type of PMT Connected to the System <h10721-20></h10721-20>
:FILTer[:LPASs]:FREQuency <numeric></numeric>	Sets the Low Pass Frequency after the Second Amp Stage <80MHz; 2.5MHz; 250kHz>
:FUNCtion[:ON] <sensor></sensor>	ON - Turns the PMT Power On
:FUNCtion[:OFF] <sensor></sensor>	OFF - Turns the PMT Power Off
:FUNCtion:STATe? <sensor></sensor>	STATe - Returns Boolean of Current State of the PMT
:CURRent[:DC]:PROTection:CLEar	CLEar – Clears Current Trip Condition
:CURRent[:DC]:PROTection:TRIPped?	TRIPped – Checks if the PMT has Tripped
:CURRent[:DC]:PROTection:TRIPped:COUNTs?	COUNTs – Counts the Number of Times the PMT has Tripped
SOURce	
:VOLTage[:LEVel][:IMMediate][:AMPLitude] <numeric></numeric>	Sets the Output on the Selected Channel, Units of V or V/W
:VOLTage[:LEVel][:IMMediate][:AMPlitude]?	Queries the Voltage on the Selected Channel, Units of V or V/W



Chapter 14 Warranty

Thorlabs warrants that all products sold will be free from defects in material and workmanship, and will conform to the published specifications under normal use, when correctly installed and maintained.

Thorlabs provides the warranty for a period of one year.

Regulatorv Chapter 15

As required by the WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive) of the European Community and the corresponding national laws, Thorlabs offers all end users in the EC the possibility to return "end of life" units without incurring disposal charges.

This offer is valid for Thorlabs electrical and electronic equipment:

- Sold after August 13, 2005
- Marked correspondingly with the crossed out • "wheelie bin" logo (see right)
- Sold to a company or institute within the EC
- Currently owned by a company or institute within the EC
- Still complete, not disassembled and not contaminated



Wheelie Bin Logo

As the WEEE directive applies to self contained operational electrical and electronic products, this end of life take back service does not refer to other Thorlabs products, such as:

- Pure OEM products, that means assemblies to be built into a unit by the user (e.g. OEM laser driver cards)
- Components
- Mechanics and optics •
- Left over parts of units disassembled by the user (PCB's, housings etc.).

If you wish to return a Thorlabs unit for waste recovery, please contact Thorlabs or your nearest dealer for further information.

Waste Treatment is Your Own Responsibility

If you do not return an "end of life" unit to Thorlabs, you must hand it to a company specialized in waste recovery. Do not dispose of the unit in a litter bin or at a public waste disposal site.

Ecological Background

It is well known that WEEE pollutes the environment by releasing toxic products during decomposition. The aim of the European RoHS directive is to reduce the content of toxic substances in electronic products in the future.

The intent of the WEEE directive is to enforce the recycling of WEEE. A controlled recycling of end of life products will thereby avoid negative impacts on the environment.

Chapter 16 Thorlabs Worldwide Contacts

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