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**Operating Instructions
for Model 750-749
Remote Scan Controller for
SpectraPro Monochromator
SP-750i**

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General:

The Acton Research Corporation model 750-749 is a Remote Scan controller for the SpectraPro 750i monochromator/spectrograph. Functions include GOTO for rapidly moving the monochromator to a specific center wavelength, scanning of wavelengths, indexing of gratings, selecting the installed grating turret and setting the slit widths for monochromators with motorized slits. The controller consists of the HP-48G graphics calculator with RS-232 interface and Acton Research Corporation generated scan controls software. The controller is programmed with all the instrument functions described above displayed as convenient menu items, with simple keystrokes enabling any of the scan functions to be performed.

Connection and Initialization:

The scan control software for the 750-749 is installed at the factory and the 750-749 is ready for use as it is shipped. A copy of the software is provided on disk and may be reloaded into the HP48G using a PC and the cables provided if it is ever necessary to do so. This procedure is described in the last section of this manual.

The controller is connected to the monochromator using the cable provided through the standard RS-232 port on the monochromator rear panel. The controller may be used with any SpectraPro 300i, 500i or 750i monochromator; the controller is not assigned to a specific unit. Power should be switched on the SpectraPro monochromator first. After the monochromator has initialized, the 750-749 controller should be turned on.

Battery Power Management:

If the controller is not used for several minutes, the LCD screen will turn off to save battery power. If this happens, press the on button in the lower left corner of the keyboard to return to the menu you were using.

Operation of the 750-749 Controller:

After the SpectraPro monochromator is turned on and initialized and the 750-749 controller is turned on, the following menu will be shown at the bottom of the LCD screen: SP750 UTIL

If this menu is not shown, press the right arrow key (green) followed by the “library” key (2) and press the key under the box labeled SP750. This should bring up the menu shown above.

This menu indicates there are two main selections for operation: SP750 selects the menu for normal SP300I/500I/750K OPERATION. UTIL selects lesser used utility functions for the monochromator. Pressing the function key below SP750 brings up the following menu. GOTO SCAN GRAT TURRET DIVTR
And pressing the NXT key displays the remaining functions of this menu SLITS and QUIT.

GOTO:

Press the function key below the GOTO command. The following screen is shown: Go to:

Enter wavelength <

Key in the desired wavelength in nm (up to two digits after the decimal) and press the ENTER key. The monochromator will move quickly to the selected wavelength and display this wavelength.

SCAN:

Press the function key below the SCAN command. The following screen is shown: Scan To:

Enter wavelength <

Key in the desired wavelength in nm and press the ENTER KEY. The monochromator will scan at the constant rate previously selected to the wavelength just selected.

SPEED:

Press the function key below the SPEED command. The following screen is shown: Scan Rate:

Enter Speed <

Key in the desired speed in nm/min (maximum speed for a 1200 g/mm grating is 1000 nm/min; see monochromator manual for other rate limits). Future scans will use this rate until the rate is revised.

GRAT:

Press the function key below the GRAT command. The following screen is shown:

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> 1  1200 g/mm    Blz=500
    2   600g/mm   Blz=750
    3   150 g/mm   Blz=300
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1  2  3          T2  T3
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The arrow by the number indicates which grating is now in place. To select another grating, press the function key below the 1, 2 or 3 grating label. Note that only the gratings for the selected turret are shown. To determine which gratings are available on the other turrets, press the function key below the T2 or T3 label for the second and third turrets. To use these gratings, the actual turret must be physically installed in the monochromator. Press the NXT key and the menu line changes to

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4  5  6          T1  T3
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This allows selecting the gratings on the second turret if that one is installed. Press the NXT key again and the following menu is displayed

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7  8  9          T1  T2
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This allows selecting the grating on the third turret if that one is installed. Press the NXT key again and the menu time QUIT is displayed. Pressing the function key below QUIT, allows exiting the GRAT menu and returning to the main menu.

TURR:

Press the key below the TURR menu selection. The following menu is displayed:

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Grat1      Grat2      Grat3
>1200      600        150
  600      300        not
  not      not        not
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1  2  3          QUIT
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This menu shows all of the grating on each of the turrets purchased with the monochromator. The arrow which grating is selected. In this case, the arrow points to the first line indicating the first turret is installed and selected. When installing another turret, select the desired turret number and press the function key below that number. Then physically install that turret. Use the function key below the QUIT label to exit the turret menu.

The gratings are normally installed when the monochromator is manufactured. The following menu is then displayed:

GRAT GROV BLAZE HOL NM MCR

To allow the monochromator to recognize a grating to be installed, use the following procedure:

Select the GRAT function and enter the position number of the grating to be installed. Select the GROV function and enter the groove density in g/mm (e.g. 1200). Select the BLAZE function and enter the blaze wavelength for the grating to be installed. Select either HOL, NM or MCR for the units of the blaze wavelength (HOL for holographic, NM for nanometers or MCR for microns).

Press the NXT key and the following menu is then displayed:

UN DONE EXIT

Press the function key below DONE label to complete the installation of the grating.

To uninstall a grating, select the GRAT function then use the NXT key to get to the UN function to complete the UNINSTALL process.

CKSU:

Press the function key below the CKSU label to read the checksum of the installed EPROM. This number varies from version to version of the software but will typically be a six digit hexadecimal number such as 5F162B. The number will be displayed for approximately 5 seconds and then the standard utility menu returns.

INIT:

Selecting this function resets the monochromator.

GPIB:

Press the function key below the GPIB label to display and/or change the GPIB address. The following menu is displayed:

GPIB address:

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Enter Number <

You can enter another number between 1 and 30 or press the ENTER key without entering a number to retain the previous address.

RESTO:

This function is used to restore the factory default and calibration settings. Unless you have reason to believe that these values have been corrupted, do not use this function. When selected, the following menu is presented:

Restore factory settings

Proceed?

YES

NO

Select yes to restore the settings and no to exit the routine without change.

MODL:

Displays the model number of the monochromator for approximately 5 seconds and then returns to the utility menu.

Press NXT to get to the remaining functions of this menu.

HOME:

This function is used to initialize the monochromator wavelength and the motorized slits. When selected, the following menu is presented:

Home slits and Mono:

SID N FRT N FRT X SID X MONO QUIT

The labels for the respective slits will not be shown if that particular motorized slit is not installed. When one of the slits is selected, that slit is initialized to 10 microns. When MONO is selected, the wavelength of the monochromator is set to 0 nm on grating number 1 unless different initial values have been installed.

Press the key below QUIT to exit the HOME function and select QUIT again to exit the utility menu.

Software Reinstallation:

The software for the Acton Research Corporation 750-749 Remote Scan is installed at the factory when the 750-749 is purchased. If, however, the software needs to be reinstalled for any reason, the enclosed disk contains all the files necessary for complete software installation. Included on the disk are the Acton Research Corporation files SP750LIB, INSTALL and WIPE. Also included is a copy of the file transfer program KERMIT © from Columbia University. The Kermit program is included at no cost and may be copied or distributed as long as the following copyright notice is included:

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Installation Instructions:

Attached the 9 pin to 9 pin adapter to the serial port of the computer either com 1 or com 2. Attached the calculator cable with the flat 4 pin connector to the HP-48 calculator and attach the 9 pin connector to the adapter at the comp port.

If a previous version of the SP-750 control program has been installed on the calculator, it is necessary to erase this program before loading the new version. This can be accomplished by clearing the memory in the HP-48 or by loading a special program to erase the SP-750 program. To clear memory in the HP-48 calculator, simultaneously press **A** and **F** function keys and the **ON** key. Release all three at once. Press the **F** function key alone to clear memory.

Create a directory on the computer hard disk labeled SP750 and copy all files from the installation disk to this directory. Change directory to SP750 and type **KERMIT** <cr>.

In Kermit, type **SET BAUD 9600** <cr>.

In Kermit, type **SET PORT 1** <cr>.

(or SET PORT 2 as appropriate)

If not previous version of the SP750 program exists on the HP-48, skip to the section labeled (A).

On the HP48, press LEFTSHIFT (purple on the HP48G), then 1 (for the I/O send/receive menu).

On the HP-48, press **F** (RECV).
(The Hp-48 is now “Connecting”, which is waiting for an “object” to be sent by Kermit in packets).

In Kermit, type **S WIPE** <cr>.
(This will erase the previous version of the SP750 program)

(A)

On the HP48, press LEFTSHIFT (purple on the HP48G), then 1 (for the I/O send/receive menu).

On the HP-48 press **F** (RECV).
(The HP-48 is now “Connecting”, which is waiting for an “object” to be sent by Kermit in packets).

In Kermit, type **S SP750LIB** <cr>.
(The code will be sent to the HP-48 in approximately 130 packets, and a beep will be heard when the transmission is complete).

On the HP-48, press **F** (RECV).
(The HP48 is now “Connecting”)>

In Kermit, type **S INSTALL <CR>**.
(The code will be sent to the HP-48
In 5 packets, and a beep will sound at
The end of transmission).

In Kermit, type **Q <cr>**. This returns
To DOS.

On the HP-48, press **VAR**.
The menu at the bottom of the screen should
now show
INSTA SP750 IOPAR
IOPAR has the baud rate, ect currently used
by the HP-48.

On the HP-48, press **A** (INSTALL)
(This stores the library SP750LIB into
PORT 0:. The HP-48 will automatically
Turn itself off at this time).

On the HP-48, press **ON**.

On the HP-48, press **RIGHTSHIFT**
(green on the HP-48G), then **2**).
(The menu at the bottom of the screen
should now show **SP750** with a bar over the
label indicating a submenu).

On the HP-48, Press **A** (SP750).
The HP48 is now ready to connect to a
monochromator. The operating instructions
are included in the SP-750 manual.

Press **NXT** to get to the remaining functions of this menu.

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Press the key below QUIT to exit the HOME function and select QUIT again to exit the utility menu.