# KEW 6310 Modes

Power Quality Analyzer 6310 can monitor (1) Power Consumption (Energy) and (2) Power Quality. The monitoring of power consumption (energy) is similar to that of the KEW6300 and this can be operated by the green keys A/B/C in figure 1. Moreover the 6310 has power quality monitoring modes and these can be operated by the blue keys D/E/F in figure 1.



Each key/mode will be described in further detail;

W Mode--Measures and saves all basic electrical instantaneous parameters.

<Display Screen> Renewal every 1 sec.

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mode--Measures same parametrs as in W and also Integrates power values (Power energy<kWhr>) Power energy = Total power energy for the elapsed time.



#### C DEMAND Mode--DEMAND Target (Energy consumed during time interval.)

First the Demand target value (which must not be exceeded) is set.

The screen displays the Target value, Present value and Predicted (Guess) value. The Guess value is the projected value at the end of the interval, calculated by extrapolating the rate of increase of Present value. If the Predicted (Guess) demand value is greater than the Target value, then a warning Digital output signal and buzzer vibration is produced.





D Waveform Mode—It is possible to display the Instantaneous values of Voltage and Current in numerical form(as in W mode) together with Vector and Waveform charts. Vector Screen is the default screen when the WAVE mode Key is pressed.

<Vector Screen>Displays Voltage Vector in solid line and Current Vector in dotted line. The number of displayed vectors depends on the selected wiring configuration. In the case of a 3 Phase circuit, the angle between phase voltages should be 120 degrees. It is possible to view the phase angle between voltage and current.



**Waveform Screen>**Displays voltage waveform in solid line and current waveform in dotted line. All the three voltage waveform can be displayed if the V ALL is selected. Likewise, the three current waveforms can be displayed if A ALL is selected. If 1ch is selected then the voltage/current waveforms of that channel are displayed.



#### ZOOM-IN/ZOOM-OUT Display

It is possible to change display magnification (Magnification in vertical direction) for Voltage value by pressing F1 Key and Current value by pressing F2 Key. (Magnification changes every time function keys are pressed.)

Harmonic Analysis Mode : The 6310 can analyse voltage and current harmonics on all voltage and current channels.

#### What are Harmonics?

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The electricity transmitted from the power company is an AC with a sinusoidal waveform of normally 50Hz or 60Hz. This frequency is called the fundamental frequency.

Non linear loads draw a current which is distorted. This results in the presence of multiple frequencies. Harmonic waveforms are AC waveforms having a frequency which is an integer multiple of the fundamnetal.

For example, the third harmonic means the fundamental waveform multiplied by 3 for 50Hz and the frequnecy would be 150Hz (= 50Hz x 3). This integer, in this case 3, is called the harmonic **order**.



 $(\bigstar)$ The distorted waveform is the sum of the fundamental and third harmonic

#### Non linear Loads are the major source of harmonics

The advances in power electronics have increased the popularity of power electronic convertors. This is the most important type of non linear load in power systems. Convertors consist of

- Adjustable Speed Drives
- Switch mode power supplies (PC's, monitors, copiers)
- Battery chargers (UPS systems)
- High frequency, electronic ballasts (for fluorescent lighting)
- many other applications with rectifier/invertors (air conditioners with VRV)

A non linear load is effectively drawing current from the power source at the fundamental frequency, and generating current back at higher frequencies. This results in a distorted current waveform as shown above. Current harmonics disturb the supply voltage and this also results in a distorted voltage at the point of common coupling. Example: Consumer A and B are fed from the same line. The non linear loads of consumer A will distort the voltage of consumer B even if the latter has only linear loads.

#### **Examples of Negative Effects of harmonics**

- Distorted voltage waveform affects appliances performance and ageing
- Overheating of transformer(additional copper losses due to increase in Vrms and Irms)
- Also losses in the transmission system are increased for the same reason
- Circuit breakers can trip due to system resonance
- PLC's and control circuits malfunction due to distorted voltage, typically beacause of multiple zero crossing points
- Harmonic voltages cause harmonic fluxes, these have an affect on motors, namely additional heating, vibration and acoustic noise
- Failure of power factor correction banks due to resonant currents
- Overload of neutral conductor due to the summing up of harmonic currents of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> order (triplen harmonics) which do not cancel out each other at the neutral point, even if the load on the 3 phases is balanced
- Harmonics produced by a consumer may "find" filters of other consumers, overload them and destroy them
- Interference with telecom equipment

Thus it is is very important to know what harmonics are present in a system. This analysis can be easily done with the 6310.

In general, it is the odd numbered harmonic orders (3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> up to the 15<sup>th</sup>) that are under scrutiny as they are the cause for major concern. Nonetheless the distorted waveform is the result of the various harmonic orders.

The frequency spectrum on the harmonic analysis screen mode can display up to the 63rd harmonic. The value of each harmonic order (% and TRMS voltage or current) can be checked at a glance as follows.



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The harmonics frequency spectrum shown in the previous page has a linear scale. This is the linear display mode and is very convenient to read values of THD greater than 1% but not values less than 1 %. In the above example there was a 0.1% 63<sup>rd</sup> harmonic content. However this was not visible on the display as 0.1% would be too small to display on a full scale of 100%.

Since most harmonic content values are less than 1%, these can only be analysed using a logarithmic scale. This logarithm display is obtained by pressing the F2 key.



The below screen is the display of the logarithm of 6310.



From the above display it can easily be observed that there is a 63rd harmonic component (bar chart where the rightest edge is red) and that there is no 62nd harmonic component.



Interpreting the the harmonics frequency spectrum :

Red bar graph: White bar graph: Green mark:

The extent of an allowed value \* is displayed. When the MAX holding is turned on during setting up, the

maximum value reached since start of measurement is displayed.

\* An allowed value is a predetermined value (default values accoring to IEC50160, but these can be customised) which a harmonic order value should not exceed. In the example above, the current value of 5th harmonic exceeds the allowed value. Also the max values recorded for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> harmonic have exceeded the allowed value.

Pressing the F3 key will toggle the display between an absolute scale and the +/- scale.



There are two types of harmonics; one is absorbed from the power source and the other which is generated from the load side (i.e. the appliance connected to the power source). For instance, if the load is an air conditioner with a built-in inverter and with an energy saving feature, harmonics are generated by the air conditioner into the power source. Current normally flows from the power source to the load side, but in the case of harmonics, it is the current that flows from the load (air conditioner) into to the power source. Thus the +/- value of a harmonic indicates whether a harmonic is generated by the power source ((+) inflow) or generated by the load ((-) outflow).

Harmonics behave in a complex manner and alternate continuously between +/-.

Example: An appliance built in inverter (load side) generates (outflow) a harmonic wave current into the power source. This in turn causes distortion in the distribution voltage (inflow), resulting in the negative effects explained before.

This +/- indication is very useful for users to know from which side the harmonics are generated, the power source (inflow) or the load (outflow).

Nonetheless, it is easier to compute harmonic analysis from the absolute graph.



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<Absolute Value Display in Logarithmic> Screen



#### What is "Power Quality"?

There are four factors that determine Power Quality in an AC circuit. These are

- 1) Voltage amplitude
- 2) Frequency
- 3) Phase
- 4) Waveform

#### Waveform of AC power supply



Ideally the above 4 factors should meet National standards and the voltage waveform should be a perfect sine wave as shown in figure 1, without any distortions whatsoever.

Electrical/Electronic appliances are designed assuming an ideal and stable voltage waveform. Thus, any deviation from National standards of the 4 parameters listed above will imply a deterioration of the Power Quality. This will cause damage in appliances, such as overheating in motors, premature ageing, computer interference, flickering lights or at worst complete loss of the appliance.









The following are explanations of the different scenarios mentioned.



## 1) Voltage fluctuation ("Instantaneous Power Failure", "Dips" and "Swells")

The Model 6310 can measure "Instantaneous Power Failure", "Dips" and "Swells".

"**Instantaneous Power Failure**" is when the power supply source from the power company is lost for short/long periods, namely through the operation of a breaker following a fault, or generation problems, or due to lightening storms affecting the distribution network.

An "Interruption" implies loss of supply for more than 1 (one) second.

On the other hand, an "Instantaneous Power Failure" implies a loss of power supply, for a very short time, less than 1 (one) second. Normally this momentary loss cannot be conceived due to its brief duration, but it can easily cause interruption or re-set of production machines and personal computers.

Nowadays, UPS – Uninterruptible Power Supplies are very popular, especially for large-scale computer systems to protect the system from "Instantaneous Power Failures". However not every computer facility has a UPS.

#### "DIP" / "SWELL"

"DIP" /SAG means a short-term decrease in voltage. (0.07 sec. ~ 2.00 sec.) "SWELL" means a short-term increase in voltage. (0.07 sec. ~ 2.00 sec.) Refer to figures 2. The threshold value of "DIP" and "SWELL" is plus/minus 10% of standard voltage value. That is, if the short-term increase in voltage is over 110% of standards, a "SWELL" occurs, and if the short-term decrease in voltage is below 90% of the reference voltage, a "DIP" occurs. The new Model, Power Quality Analyzer 6310 is set up along with these dip/swell threshold values as default. However the value can be varied according to user's preference.

"DIPS" are usually caused by failures in the distribution network and due to large inrush currents originated by equipment start-up such as in air conditioning equipment, copy machine, etc.

"SWELLS" are usually caused by customer equipment operation, such as the switching off air conditioning equipment, or switching on of a large capacitor bank, etc....

The 6310 can display "DIP", "SWELL" and "Instantaneous Power Failures" on the screen simultaneously by pressing the quality key to view list display, then press the cursor keys and select the required parameters, and then press the enter key to display.



Symbols displayed on the LCD					
	Start to End	Start	End		
Swell	R	P	7		
Dip	4	╘┲	_		
Int		5	<u>_</u>		

The 6310 will record 402 data pts on the occurrence of a swell (or a dip, or an int), 201pts on the start of the swell and 201 on the end of the swell. Refer to the figure below. Each set of 201 data pts includes 100pts before start/end point, 1pt at threshold value, 100pts after the start/end point.

If the duration of the swell is very short, then all the event (start to end) is recorded.

Thus when downloading the data to a pc, 2 types of graph can be obtained depending on the swell duration, namely:

- A) A continuous Graph showing Swell START to Swell END
- B) A graph showing 201 data pts at Swell start and 201 data pts at Swell end, without the data in between.

### Example of Trigger point

Setting item	e.g.		
Reference voltage	230V		
Swell	110%		
Dip	90%		
Int	10%		
Hysteresis	1%		
Trigger point	Past: 100, Next: 100		



#### < Swell >

"Hysteresis" is the upper/lower tolerance of the threshold value of each event. This will facilitate the recording of an event and avoid confusion arising from the recording of multiple events in the same swell as can be seen from the figure below.



#### **"TRANSIENT OVERVOLTAGE"**

A Transient overvoltage, also called "Spike" or "Impulse" is caused by the secondary effects by lightning or by electrical switching events.

It is a very short duration and sudden momentary change in voltage when compared with "Instantaneous Power Failure", "DIP" and "SWELL". "Instantaneous Power Failure", "DIP" and "SWELL" are events that occur with duration of at least a half of cycle (in case of 50 Hz, this is 0.01 sec. = 10m sec.)



On the other hand, Transient overvoltage is a phenomenon that occurs with a duration starting from several nano seconds to several microseconds.

(1nano sec.=1n sec.=0.000000001 sec., 1micro sec.=1µ sec.=0.000001 sec.)

Thus, only part of a cycle is affected as shown below.



The 6310 will check the transient overvoltages every 100 micro secs. to cover the duration of the event.

In case of a Transient overvoltage caused by lightening, (also called lightening impulse), the time from the start to peak is very short, typically several nano secs. The 6310 cannot catch this event perfectly. However in the case of a Transient overvoltage which is caused by electrical switching events, such as contact error of magnet relays, tripping of breakers, etc., the time from the start to peak is typically from several 10xmicro sec to several milli sec., then the 6310 can measure the event perfectly.



Although the duration of such an event is very short, there is a possibility that data storage of computer systems and electric/electronic machines are damaged due to the high voltage.

The 6310 can display the transient occurrence list.

100 data pts before and after the event are recorded (201 data pts in total).

			Powe	er source / Time
	Quality	Transient	2006/18/1 8:41:28	
	353. 3Vpeak	Occurrence	132	
Time & date of occurrence	MM / DI 2006/10/12 2006/10/12 2006/10/12 2006/10/12 2006/10/12 2006/10/12	08:10:10.325 08:10:22.220 08:10:33.843 08:10:34.000 08:10:44.213 08:10:45.233	V peak 687.1V 686.9V 530.7V 528.7V 528.7V 530.2V 544.8V	V peak
	Start			
			Function k	Key

"**Inrush current**", - (Input surge current) is the peak instantaneous input current normally caused by the start up of some electrical devices.

Some electrical loads, upon switching on, reach their load currents instantly, whilst others draw a start up current, which may be up to 5 times the normal load current. Then after a few cycles the start up current falls to a stable load current value. Some examples of the latter are:

- A motor draws a peak current upon start up until it builds up the rated speed. In fact large motors are usually protected by soft starters to limit these effects.
- The incandescent light bulb. Upon switching ON, the filament resistance is low as it is still cold, resulting in a higher current. Gradually the filament becomes warmer and it's resistance higher, resulting in a lower and stable current flow.
- Apparatus with large capacitor filters draw inrush current until their charge is build up.

Inrush current can adversely affect electrical components such as rectifier circuits and cause the tripping of circuit breakers, welding fuses, welding contacts and power switches. Also it affects the voltage.

