

# TekSmartLab™

# TBX3000A, TSL3000B Datasheet





TekSmartLab is the industry's first network-based instrument management solution for teaching labs that brings a more efficient lab experience. With the TekSmartLab, instructors can setup configurations of large fleets of instruments conveniently with only one click, while configuring lab instruments had to be done manually before. Students can retrieve and save the test results wirelessly via their smart devices, instead of using the USB thumb drives. And with the TekSmartLab, instrument asset information is recorded automatically with high accuracy, whereas lab managers in traditional teaching labs record that data manually one instrument at a time.

#### **Key features**

- Easy to setup with industrial reliability
- Instant remote configuration of large fleets of instruments
- Centralized monitoring and remote assistance
- Online retrieving and saving of test results
- Automatic instrument asset information recording

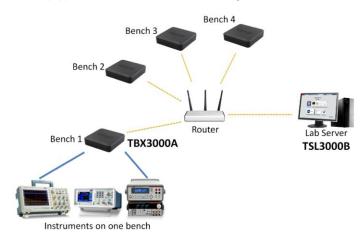
#### **Applications**

Basic teaching laboratory

### TekSmartLab network diagram

In traditional teaching labs, connecting instruments to a network can be challenging, building an internal network through cables is tedious, and many lab instruments do not have a LAN port.

Tektronix TekSmartLab is different: On each bench, the TBX3000A connects and controls instruments through USB cables, and communicates with the TSL3000B software on the lab server via the wireless network. The TBX3000A has a LAN port (standard), and can support a WI-FI connection when equipped with a compatible USB-WIFI dongle.



On the lab server, the TSL3000B communicates with the TBX3000A on each bench. The TSL3000B gives instructors centralized control of large fleets of instruments and gives students the ability to retrieve and save the test results online.

#### Easy to setup with industrial reliability

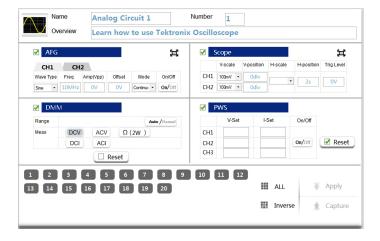
TekSmartLab can be easily setup via WI-FI without laying LAN cables. Without any configuration, instruments are recognized automatically by the system when they are connected to the system.

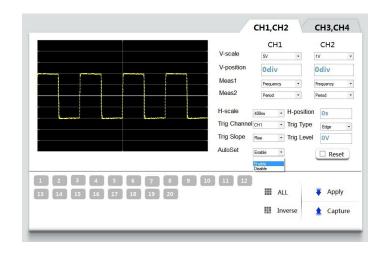
For the labs which have already equipped with Tektronix and Keithley instruments, instructors can smoothly update their labs to TekSmartLab as most of the Tektronix and Keithley teaching lab instruments are supported, even some instruments that have been phased out in the last five years (see *Specifications*).

Instead of controlling all the instruments by lab server directly, the TBX3000A on each bench controls the instruments connected to it. Using the TekSmartLab is an efficient and stable way to work. The TBX3000A, which is based on the Tektronix oscilloscope platform, works seamlessly with Tektronix and Keithley instruments, assuring the industrial reliability of the entire system.

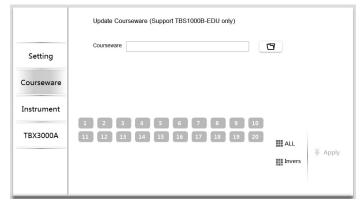
#### **Centralized configuration**

Instructors can load instrument configurations based on different courses and then distribute them to over 100 instruments with a single click before a lab exercise. Instrument configuration changes can be made and delivered anytime; for example, the Autoset function can be disabled to encourage students to learn how to manually adjust an oscilloscope to display the correct waveform.





When the TBS1000B-EDU series oscilloscopes are connected to the system, the courseware contents, as well as instruments' firmware, can be updated remotely, while instructors have had to update them one by one manually via USB thumb drives before.

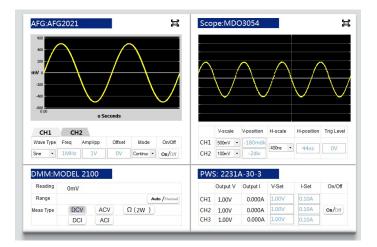


# Centralized monitoring and remote assistance

With TekSmartLab, professors can easily monitor the status of all instruments during the experiment: Green signifies that the instrument is working, gray signifies no connection, and red signifies error. A instructor can check or help a specific bench by clicking on the corresponding bench icon.



Clicking a bench icon displays the readouts and key configuration settings for the instruments on that bench.



## Test results online retrieving and saving

In a traditional teaching lab, when students need to save the test results, typically snapshots of oscilloscopes, they use a USB thumb drive or, more often, use mobile device to take the picture. The quality of the test results is not consistent, and test results are difficult to archive for future access.

TekSmartLab provides a more intelligent approach for retrieving and saving test results online: The TSL3000B server software creates a web page available in the local network for each bench. Each web page can be conveniently accessed by bench-specific IP address.

With TSL3000B, instructors can change the IP address to QR (quick response) codes, and place it permanently as a printed sticker on each bench.

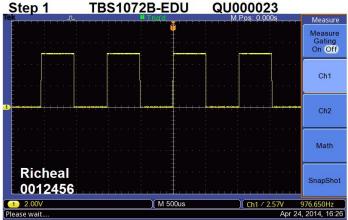


Students can login in to the web page by using their mobile device to scan the QR code, or by inputting the IP address in the web browser of their laptops. Once they have logged in, students can easily retrieve and save test results online.





The test results, which include snapshots of the oscilloscope with step number, instruments' S/N, student's name and comments, can be downloaded locally, or archived on the lab server for future access.

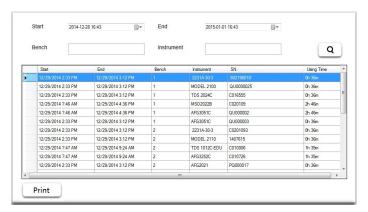


**Comments: Amplifier Testing** 

# Automatic instrument asset information recording

In conventional teaching labs, the asset manager must manually check and record information such as instrument model numbers, serial numbers, and locations. Detailed information like the length of usage can only be estimated by experience or by keeping usage logs.

The TekSmartLab solution automatically records and displays asset information, including usage time. Just one click archives the asset and usage information. TekSmartLab dramatically increases asset management accuracy compared to previous methods and makes managing lab assets much more efficient.



#### Sample TekSmartLab configuration

The following shows a sample setup of a TekSmartLab system with 20 benches and 80 instruments connected through WI-FI.

Item	Quantity	Supplier	Comments
TSL3000B	1	Tektronix	One per lab, installed on lab server.
TBX3000A	20	Tektronix	One per bench.
Instruments	80	Tektronix	Supported Tektronix or Keithley instruments, one oscilloscope, one arbitrary function generator, one digital multimeter, and one power supply per bench.  Option 2231A-001 required for the power supply 2231A-30-3.
USB WIFI dongle	20	Provided by customer	Compatible USB-WIFI dongle, like Netgear WNA1000M. Installed on TBX3000A.
WIFI router	1	Provided by customer	Cisco RV180W or other WIFI Router that can meet WI-FI networking requirements.
Lab server	1	Provided by customer	Refer to system requirements.

## **Specifications**

#### **TBX3000A** characteristics

**General characteristics** 

6, by USB cables Max instruments connected

Compatible USB-WIFI dongle Netgear WNA1000M, WNA3100M, TP-LINK TL-WN823N

**LAN Port** 

LED 6 - Instrument status indicators

1 - Wi-Fi connection status indicator

1 - System status indicator

**Environmental characteristics** 

Temperature Operating. 0 °C to 40 °C

Non-operating. -20 °C to +60 °C

Humidity Operating. (Low) 0 °C to 40 °C, 10% to 90% relative humidity

Non-operating. (High) 40 °C to 60 °C, 5% to 60% relative humidity; (Low) 0 °C to 40 °C, 5% to 90% relative humidity.

Altitude **Operating.** Up to 3,000 m (10,000 ft.)

Non-operating. Up to 15,240 m (50,000 ft.)

Regulatory compliance

**EMC** compliance EN61326, Class A.

Maximum 15 W Power consumption

**Physical characteristics** 

Dimension	mm	in
Height	31	1.22
Width	127	5.0
Depth	127	5.0

Weight	kg	lb
Net	0.24	0.53
Shipping	1.07	2.36

#### **TSL3000B** general characteristics

Maximum benches supported

Maximum instruments supported 400 (four instruments per bench: one oscilloscope, one arbitrary function generator, one digital multimeter, one power supply)

Laboratory layout emulation Add, Delete, Bench Number

Large fleet configuration By course, By instrument type

#### **TSL3000B** general characteristics

Supported instruments

Tektronix TBS1000B series Oscilloscopes

Tektronix TBS1000B-EDU series

Tektronix TDS2000C series

Tektronix DPO/MSO2000B series (oscilloscope function only)

Tektronix MDO3000 series (oscilloscope function only)

**Arbitrary function generators** Tektronix AFG1022

Tektronix AFG2021

Tektronix AFG3000C series

Keithley DMM2110 **Digital multimeters** 

Keithley DMM2100

Power supplies Keithley 2230G(J)-30-1

> Keithley 2220G(J)-30-1 Keithley 2220(J)-30-1 Keithley 2230(J)-30-1

Keithley 2231A-30-3 (requires Option 2231A-001)

**Discontinued instruments** Tektronix TDS1000B series

> Tektronix TDS1000C-SC series Tektronix TDS1000C-EDU series

Tektronix TBS1000

Tektronix DPO/MSO2000 Tektronix AFG3021B Tektronix AFG3022B Tektronix AFG3011 Tektronix AFG3101 Tektronix AFG3102 Tektronix AFG3251

Tektronix AFG3252

**General functions** Check status, preset, record model number, S/N, time of use and location

Oscilloscope functions Set/Check horizontal/vertical resolution and scale

Set/Check trigger level (support Edge trigger only)

Set/Check measurement (Frequency, Period, Rise, Fall, Maximum, Minimum, Positive Width, Negative Width)

Check/save snapshot Waveform update Autoset Enable/Disable

Autoset

Courseware contents and firmware remote update (support for the TBS1000B-EDU series only)

#### **TSL3000B** general characteristics

**Arbitrary Function Generator** 

(AFG) functions

Set/Check carrier waveform (support Sine, Pulse, Ramp, Square waveforms)

Set/Check carrier frequency, amplitude, pulse width (for Pulse only)

Set/Check modulating type: AM, FM, PM, Sweep (for carrier waveform as Sine only)

Output ON/OFF

**Digital Multimeter functions** 

Set/Check measurement function: DCI, DCV, ACI, ACV, Ohm (2-wires)

Set/Check Auto/Manual range Check measurement result

Power supply functions

Set/Check setting voltage/current

Check output voltage/current (resolution 3 decimal digits)

Output ON/OFF

Test results online retrieving and

saving function

QR code generation Support Web browser access Support Test result file format jpg Maximum steps of test results 40

in one experiment

Test result edit function

Check, save, update, delete, add comments

System requirements

Operating system Win 7 Professional, Enterprise or Ultimate

CPU Dual core 2.3 GHz or above RAM 4 GB DDR3 or above Hard disk 200 GB (minimum) Screen resolution 1366 x 768 or above

Web service IIS6.0 or above (supplied with system)

**Database** SQL Server 2008 R2 Express (free download from the Microsoft website)

labs with 20 benches)

WI-FI networking requirements (for 802.11n, 2.4 GHz, 300 Mbps data transfer rate

Signal level >= -50 dBm Signal to noise >= 35 dB

Max clients accessed >=41 (20 clients are TBX3000A, 20 clients are students' mobile devices, and one for the lab server)

# Ordering information

## TekSmartLab™

TekSmartLab<sup>™</sup> hardware TBX3000A TSL3000B TekSmartLab<sup>™</sup> software

## **TBX3000A** power plug options

A0	North America
A1	Universal EURO
A2	United Kingdom
A3	Australia
A4	240v North America
A5	Switzerland
A6	Japan
A10	China
A11	India
A12	Brazil
A99	No Power Cord or AC Adapter

## **TBX3000A service options**

R5 Repair Service 5 years

## **TBX3000A warranty**

Warranty 3 years



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