

3.5 Instrument Control

The **operating concept** of the R&S SMB employs the following three ways of instrument control:

- Manual operation
- Remote control
- Remote access

3.5.1 Manual Operation

The R&S SMB can be operated intuitively either via the interactive block diagram or via a menu tree. All menus are in the form of windows that can be operated in the same way. Rotary knob, keys and softkeys, or alternatively a mouse, allow direct and therefore convenient access to entries and settings.

The display shows the current signal generator state. The embedded online help functions supports you in signal configuration.

This section describes the concept of manual operation of the signal generator. It includes a description of the general structure of a dialog box, working with dialog boxes and the block diagram and the setting of parameters.

For an in-depth description of the instrument functions and dialog boxes, refer to [Chapter 4, "Instrument Function"](#), on page 94.

3.5.1.1 Legend of Manual Controls

The following table lists all available key combinations used on the PC keyboard to trigger functions on the instrument. Keyboard labels are described in alphabetical order.

In addition, a front panel key emulation and an on-screen keyboard can be used for manual operation by mouse only.

Table 3-3: Overview of the keyboard key combinations and their function

Key of PC keyboard	Short description	Function
. / *...#	Special characters	Enters a special character, e.g. period/decimal point.
+/-	Sign	Enters the sign.
- / (shift+) a—z	A<->a	Switches between upper-case and lower-case letters.
ALT + F9	Units G/n / dBuV / dBu	Selects the unit Giga/Nano, dBuV for the RF level and dBu for the LF level.
ALT + F10	Units M/u / uV	Selects the units Mega/Micro and uV for RF levels.
ALT + F11	Units k/m / uV	Selects the units Kilo/Milli and uV for RF levels.

Key of PC keyboard	Short description	Function
ALT + F12	Enter function Unit dBm	Confirms entries in the base unit and values without a unit. Selects dBm for the RF level and dB for level offset and level step width.
Arrow keys	Cursor	Moves the cursor.
Backspace	Clears entry	Clears the last entry (number, sign or decimal point)
CTRL + A	Rearrange	Arranges open dialogs automatically
CTRL + C	Recalculate	Starts recalculation of the signal.
CTRL+ D	Block diagram	Sets the cursor on the block diagram and hides all menus.
CTRL + E	Setup menu	Opens the setup menu for general instrument settings.
CTRL + F1 – F8	Softkey 1 – 8	Triggers the function assigned to the softkey.
CTRL+ F	Frequency	Activates the frequency entry.
CTRL + G	Closes menus	Closes an active menu.
CTRL+ H	Hide	Minimizes the active menu. Pressing the respective button in the Winbar opens the menu again.
CTRL + I	Info	Opens/closes the info window
CTRL + L	Level	Activates the level entry.
CTRL + M	Menu	Calls the menu selection list.
CTRL + O	Modulation on/off	Switches modulation on/off. "MOD OFF" is indicated in the status line.
CTRL + P	Preset	Restores a defined basic instrument setup.
CTRL + Q	Local	Switches the instrument from remote control to manual control.
CTRL + R	RF on/off	Switches the RF output signal on/off. "RF OFF" is indicated in the status line. Both RF output signals are always deactivated in the case of two-path instruments.
CTRL + S	Storage under Windows	Activates the menu for storing instrument settings.
CTRL + T	Toggle on/off	Switches a block or parameter on/off. Toggles between the different possibilities of setting a selection parameter.
CTRL+ Y	Hardcopy	Opens the menu for configuring and starting a hardcopy.
CTRL + W	Winbar	Displays the Winbar in the foreground/background.
Enter	Enter	Terminates an entry.