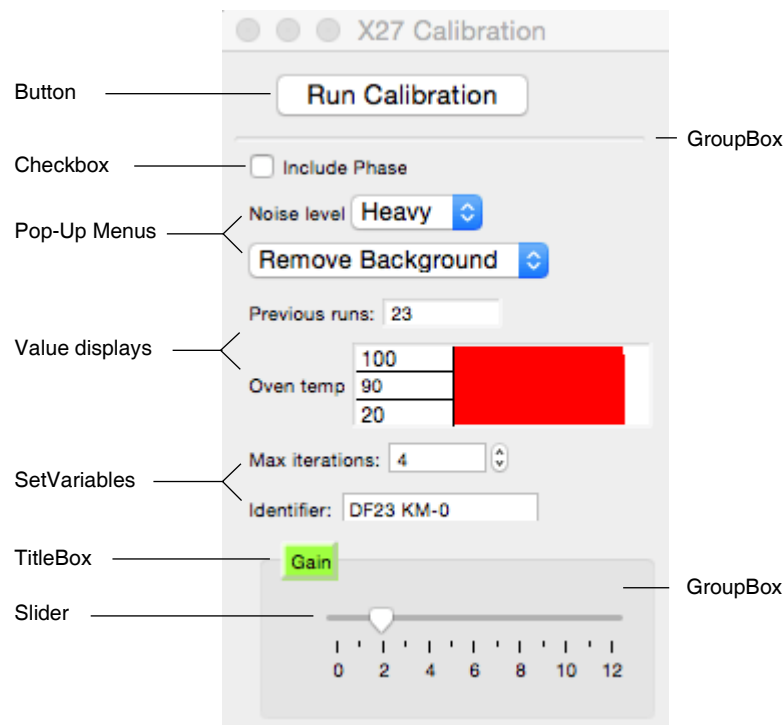You can also switch to modify mode by choosing an item from the Select Control submenu of the Graph or Panel menu.

Important:To enable the Add Controls submenu in the Graph and Panel menus, you must be in modify mode; either by clicking the second icon or by pressing Command-Option (*Macintosh*) or the Ctrl+Alt (*Windows*) while choosing the Add Controls submenu.

Using Controls

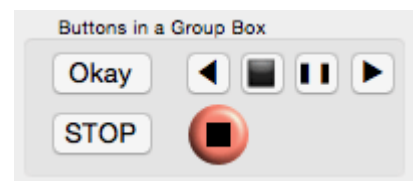The following panel window illustrates most of the control types.

Buttons

When you click a button, it runs whatever procedure the programmer may have specified.

If nothing happens when you click a button, then there is no procedure assigned to the button. If the procedure window(s) haven't been compiled, clicking a button that has an assigned procedure will produce an error dialog.

You should choose Compile from the Macros menu to correct this situation. If no error occurs then the button will now be functional.

Buttons usually have a rounded appearance, but a programmer can assign a custom picture so that the button can have nearly any appearance.

Charts

Chart controls can be used to emulate a mechanical chart recorder that writes on paper with moving pens as the paper scrolls by under the pens. Charts can be used to monitor data acquisition processes or to examine a long data record.