



**TSA6G1,TSA4G1 and TSA8G1**  
**USB mini Spectrum Analyzer**  
**Application Programming Interface (API)**

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## 1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to specify the application program interface for TSA6G1, TSA4G1 and TSA8G1.

The application programming Interface is a tool for software engineers to design custom program to control TSA6G/TSA4G1/TSA8G1. The API is used to send commands to, and receive data from, TSA USB mini spectrum analyzer. The API will provide to you low level data interface. You can control the Dongle device by sending commands, and receiving the measured data from device, and then store and process the data in any format in your application.

API is unlike TSA PC program which is Graphical User interface (GUI) for TSA USB mini spectrum analyzer. TSA will process the receive the data and show it on the display windows with current view, Average view and Max view. But TSA (GUI) function is fixed, and difficult to integrate TSA (GUI) into customer application SW. API will be easy to integrated into custom program.

DISCLAIMER---Customer can use API into their own application with free of charge, but no warranty or support will be provided.

## 2. Commands

### 1: Get\_Hid\_Handle

This is **Setup command**. It will setup hid link for USB product, then get the Handle data. This Handle data will be used for the next command. You must sent this command first, it will initiate TSA USB spectrum analyzer system.

If the returned value is not zero, it means the handle is got.

Parameter: N/A

VC declare:

```
HANDLE __stdcall Get_Hid_Handle();
```

VB declare:

```
Declare Function Get_Hid_Handle Lib "TSA.dll" () As Int32
```

C# declare:

```
[DllImport("TSA.dll", CharSet = CharSet.Auto, CallingConvention = CallingConvention.StdCall)]  
public extern static IntPtr Get_Hid_Handle();
```



## 2: Output\_Serial\_Number

This is **SN command**. It will read the product series number (SN) from calibration file.

If everything is ok, the return value is True(1) or False (0).

Parameter: N/A

VC declare:

```
BOOLEAN __stdcall Output_Serial_Number (CHAR* DIR_PATH, CHAR* SN);
```

VB declare:

```
Declare Function Output_Serial_Number Lib "TSA.dll" (ByRef bytDIR_PATH As Byte, ByRef bytSN As Byte) As Byte
```

C# declare:

```
[DllImport("TSA.dll", CharSet = CharSet.Auto, CallingConvention = CallingConvention.StdCall)]  
public extern static Byte Output_Serial_Number(ref Byte dir_path, ref Byte sn);
```

## 3: Start\_Dongle

This is **Start command**, it will launch the TSA USB mini spectrum analyzer to execute measurement task.

Parameter:

**Handle data**--- get from Setup command.

**Center frequency**—Range from 1 to 6150 for TSA6G1, 1 to 4150 for TSA4G1, 1 to 8150 for TSA8G1, unit is MHz.

**Frequency step**-- Range from will be:

When RBW = 50KHz

fast scan	step = 24000 ~ 320000 HZ
normal scan	step = 400 ~ 200000 HZ

When RBW = 100k

fast scan	step = 24000 ~ 640000 HZ
normal scan	step = 400 ~ 400000 HZ



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When RBW = 200k  
fast scan step = 24000 ~ 1280000 HZ  
normal scan step = 400 ~ 800000 HZ

When RBW = 500k  
fast scan step = 24000 ~ 3200000 HZ  
normal scan step = 400 ~ 2000000 HZ

Span = (Frequency step) \* (Frequency points - 1)

if Frequency step = 20000 (20KHz), and Frequency point is 501, Span will be 10MHz.

if Frequency step = 20000 (20KHz), and Frequency point is 101, Span will be 2MHz.

if Frequency step = 200000 (200KHz), and Frequency point is 501, Span will be 100MHz.

if Frequency step = 2000000 (2MHz), and Frequency point is 501, Span will be 1000MHz.

**Resolution bandwidth--** 50MHz (1),  
100MHz (2),  
200KHz (3),  
500KHz (4)

**Frequency points--** Range from 101 to 501 for **normal scan** (number shall be odd value)  
Range from 100 to 250 for **fast scan** (number shall be even value)

Please note: the fast scan and normal scan will be selected by Odd or Even value of frequency points.

**Amplitude level--** TSA4G1  
-60dBm (0)  
-50dBm (1)  
-40dBm (2)  
-30dBm (3)



-20dBm (4)

-10dBm (5)

0dBm (6)

## TSA6G1

### TSA6G1 band 1 (1MHz ~5000MHz)

-60dBm (0)

-50dBm (1)

-40dBm (2)

-30dBm (3)

-20dBm (4)

-10dBm (5)

0dBm (6)

### TSA6G1 band 2 (5000MHz ~6150MHz)

-40dBm (0)

-30dBm (1)

-20dBm (2)

-10dBm (3)

0dBm (4)

## TSA8G1

### TSA8G1 band 1 (1MHz ~5000MHz)

-60dBm (0)

-50dBm (1)

-40dBm (2)

-30dBm (3)



-20dBm (4)

-10dBm (5)

0dBm (6)

TSA8G1 band 2 (5000MHz ~8150MHz)

-40dBm (0)

-30dBm (1)

-20dBm (2)

-10dBm (3)

0dBm (4)

**Sweep time--**

SWP_TIME_1_CW	(0)	// CW mode 1
SWP_TIME_1_5_BM	(1)	// Burst Mode 1.5
SWP_TIME_2_BM	(2)	// Burst Mode 2
SWP_TIME_4_BM	(3)	// Burst Mode 4
SWP_TIME_8_BM	(4)	// Burst Mode 8
SWP_TIME_16_BM	(5)	// Burst Mode 16
SWP_TIME_32_BM	(6)	// Burst Mode 32

**External attenuator--** ture(1): selected, false(0): not selected , add extra 30dB attenuation if it selected, and Amplitude level will move 30dB.

The return value:

#define EVERYTHING_OK	(0)
#define SEND_COMMAND_FAIL	(1)
#define FILE_UNFOUND	(2)
#define FILE_FORMAT_ERROR	(3)





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```
#define CONFIGURED_FREQ_ERROR          (4)

#define CONFIGURED_STEP_ERROR           (5)

#define CONFIGURED_RBW_ERROR            (6)

#define CONFIGURED_SCANING_POINTS_ERROR (7)

#define CONFIGURED_AMP_ERROR            (8)

#define CONFIGURED_SWEEP_TIME_ERROR     (9)

#define CONFIGURED_EXT_ATT_ERROR        (10)

#define CONFIGURED_FREQ_BEYOND_BAR      (11)

#define CONFIGURED_FREQ_850_RULES_ERROR (12)
```

VC declare:

```
Declare Function Start_Dongle Lib "TSA.dll" (IhDongle As Int32, C_FREQ As Double, FSTEP As UInt32, iRBW As Byte, POINTS As UInt16, AMP As Byte, SWEEP_TIME As Byte, EXT_ATT As Byte, ByRef bytDIR_PATH As Byte) As Byte
```

VB declare:

```
Declare Function Start_Dongle Lib "TSA.dll" (IhDongle As Int32, C_FREQ As Double, FSTEP As UInt32, iRBW As Byte, POINTS As UInt16, AMP As Byte, SWEEP_TIME As Byte, EXT_ATT As Byte, ByRef bytDIR_PATH As Byte) As Byte
```

C# declare:

```
[DllImport("TSA.dll", CharSet = CharSet.Auto, CallingConvention = CallingConvention.StdCall)]
```

```
public extern static Byte Start_Dongle(IntPtr hDongle, Double C_FREQ, UInt32 STEP, UInt16 iRBW, Byte POINTS, Byte AMP, Byte SWEEP_TIME, Byte EXT_ATT, ref Byte dir_path);
```

#### 4: Stop\_Dongle

This is **Stop commad**, you can send it to stop measurement.

The return value:

```
#define EVERYTHING_OK          (0)

#define SEND_COMMAND_FAIL      (1)
```

Parameter:



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**Handle data**--- get from Setup command.

VC declare:

```
BYTE __stdcall Stop_Dongle(HANDLE hDongle);
```

VB declare:

```
Declare Function Stop_Dongle Lib "TSA.dll" (hDongle As Int32) As Byte
```

C# declare:

```
[DllImport("TSA.dll", CharSet = CharSet.Auto, CallingConvention = CallingConvention.StdCall)]  
public extern static Byte Stop_Dongle(IntPtr hDongle);
```

## 5: Receive\_Data\_From\_Dongle

This is **Data command**; API gets measurement data from dongle, inputs the Handle, and get return ID to indicated status of Dongle.

Parameter:

**Handle data**--- get from Setup command.

Return ID—0 61 122 183 ....The maximum is 488. If the points number is less than 501.

The maximum will be less than 488.

Data\_Length: The value is less than 61. Ex: the point number is 501. The last data length is 13.

**Received Data**-- the receive data will be in groups of 61. If frequency point is 501 points, the received data will have a total of 9 groups. First 8 group will have 61 data, and last group will have 13 data.

If everything is ok, the return value is True(1) or False (0).

VC declare:

```
BOOLEAN __stdcall Receive_Data_From_Dongle(HANDLE hDongle, INT &ID, DOUBLE* rev_data, INT &Data_Length);
```

VB declare:

```
Declare Function Receive_Data_From_Dongle Lib "TSA.dll" (hDongle As Int32, ByRef ID As Int32, ByRef  
rev_data As Double, ByRef Data_Length As Int32) As Byte
```

C# declare:

```
[DllImport("TSA.dll", CharSet = CharSet.Auto, CallingConvention = CallingConvention.StdCall)]
```



```
public extern static Byte Receive_Data_From_Dongle(IntPtr hDongle, ref Int32 ID, ref Double rev_data, ref Int32 Data_Length);
```

## 3. Demo program









In the API package, We provide TSA.DLL file for API. We also provide three demo program which will work on the VC, VB and C#. When you order the TSA series USB mini spectrum analyzer, we will have hardware dongle device and calibration file; This API is still need calibration file to work with.

You can see the follow file in the folder: TSA.dll is API file, amp\_ofst.dat and freq\_ofst.dat. They are the calibration of your device. TSA\_DLL\_TEST will be your application software, you can build it with VC, VB or C#.

Please note: TSA6G1 license file was lic.dat and freq\_ofst.dat, please change to name of lic.dat to amp\_ofst.dat. So that TSA6G1 calibration fill will be amp\_ofst.dat and freq\_ofst.dat.

TSA.dll don't recognize the lic.dat, please change the lic.dat name to amp\_ofst.dat, when product is TSA6G1.

( \*data.txt file is only in the C# programe )

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
 amp_ofst.dat	08/12/2013 8:37 PM	DAT File	3 KB
 data.txt	17/12/2013 1:34 PM	Text Document	83 KB
 freq_ofst.dat	01/10/2013 5:13 PM	DAT File	1 KB
 TSA.dll	17/12/2013 12:15 ...	Application extens...	6,006 KB
 TSA_DLL_TEST.exe	17/12/2013 1:34 PM	Application	19 KB
 TSA_DLL_TEST.pdb	17/12/2013 1:34 PM	PDB File	32 KB
 TSA_DLL_TEST.vshost.exe	17/12/2013 1:34 PM	Application	12 KB
 TSA_DLL_TEST.vshost.exe.manifest	17/03/2010 11:39 ...	MANIFEST File	1 KB

Click the TSA\_DLL\_TEST.exe to run the Demo program. It will show the follow window:



The screenshot shows the 'TSA DLL TEST' application window. It features the following controls:

- Center Frequency(MHz):** Text input field with '1000'.
- Step(Hz):** Text input field with '10000'.
- RBW:** Dropdown menu showing '50M'.
- Point Number:** Text input field with '201'.
- Amplitude:** Dropdown menu showing '0'.
- Sweep Time:** Dropdown menu showing 'x1 (CW Mode)'.
- 30dB External Attenuator:** An unchecked checkbox.
- Data Display:** A large empty rectangular box for showing test results.
- Buttons:** 'Find HID', 'Get SN', 'Start', 'Stop', and 'Exit' located at the bottom of the window.

Please plug the TSA series Dongle into the PC, and click the Find HID to send setup command. The USB HID link will setup and handle data will show up:



TSA DLL TEST

Center Frequency(MHz)	Step(Hz)	RBW
1000	10000	50M
Point Number	Amplitude	Sweep Time <input type="checkbox"/> 30dB External Attenuator
201	0	x1 (CW Mode)

Find USB Dongle! The handle is 880

Find HID Get SN Start Stop Exit

Click Get SN key, the SN command will send to Dongle and SN number will show on the window. please note, the calibration file must match with your dongle, otherwise, the program will not work.

TSA DLL TEST

Center Frequency(MHz)	Step(Hz)	RBW
1000	10000	50M
Point Number	Amplitude	Sweep Time <input type="checkbox"/> 30dB External Attenuator
201	0	x1 (CW Mode)

Serial Number is CN61800248

Find HID Get SN Start Stop Exit



Connect TSA USB mini spectrum analyzer dongle with RF signal generator (1000MHz), then click the Start key to send Start command to Dongle. We will see a lot data shown on the received windows, wait a while, then click stop to send Stop command to the Dongle.

Center Frequency(MHz) Step(Hz) RBW

1000 10000 50M

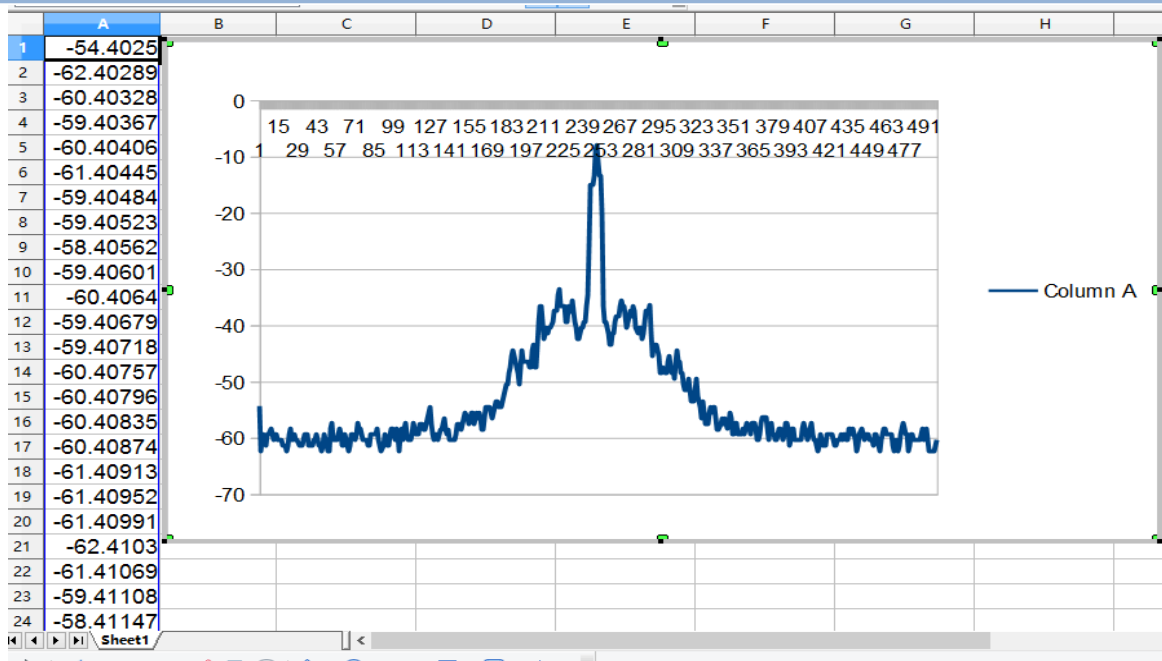
Point Number Amplitude Sweep Time ☐ 30dB External Attenuator

501 0 x1 (CW Mode)

Start Dongle  
ID:0  
Data\_Length:61  
Data:  
-55.4025 -61.40289 -61.40328 -60.40367 -60.40406 -62.40445 -64.40484 -  
62.40523 -61.40562 -60.40601 -59.4064 -61.40679 -60.40718 -59.40757 -  
59.40796 -60.40835 -62.40874 -61.40913 -60.40952 -61.40991 -62.4103 -  
61.41069 -61.41108 -60.41147 -60.41186 -60.41225 -60.41264 -60.41303 -  
58.41342 -58.41381 -61.4142 -61.41459 -59.41498 -60.41537 -59.41576 -  
60.41615 -60.41654 -60.41693 -61.41732 -60.41771 -61.4181 -60.41849 -  
58.41888 -58.41927 -58.41966 -59.42005 -61.42044 -59.42083 -59.42122 -  
59.42161 -58.422 -59.42239 -60.42278 -61.42317 -60.42356 -59.42395 -59.42434  
-61.42473 -61.42512 -59.42551 -59.4259

Find HID Get SN Start Stop Exit

You can find data.txt file, change this log file name into data.csv, and open it by excel. Just keep one frame data, for this case the 501 point data, then show date with image. You can find signal waveform which will be exactly same as TSA program.



If you have Visual Studio VS10, or VS12, you can open the project of demo program. Just click TSA\_DLL\_TEST.sln file, you can open the project, and click the F5 you can run the project.