

# Models 2634B, 2635B, and 2636B System SourceMeter Instruments Quick Start Guide



## Safety precautions

The following safety precautions should be observed before using this product and any associated instrumentation. Although some instruments and accessories would normally be used with nonhazardous voltages, there are situations where hazardous conditions may be present.

This product is intended for use by personnel who recognize shock hazards and are familiar with the safety precautions required to avoid possible injury. Read and follow all installation, operation, and maintenance information carefully before using the product. Refer to the user documentation for complete product specifications.

If the product is used in a manner not specified, the protection provided by the product warranty may be impaired.

The types of product users are:

**Responsible body** is the individual or group responsible for the use and maintenance of equipment, for ensuring that the equipment is operated within its specifications and operating limits, and for ensuring that operators are adequately trained.

**Operators** use the product for its intended function. They must be trained in electrical safety procedures and proper use of the instrument. They must be protected from electric shock and contact with hazardous live circuits.

**Maintenance personnel** perform routine procedures on the product to keep it operating properly, for example, setting the line voltage or replacing consumable materials. Maintenance procedures are described in the user documentation. The procedures explicitly state if the operator may perform them. Otherwise, they should be performed only by service personnel.

**Service personnel** are trained to work on live circuits, perform safe installations, and repair products. Only properly trained service personnel may perform installation and service procedures.

Keithley products are designed for use with electrical signals that are measurement, control, and data I/O connections, with low transient overvoltages, and must not be directly connected to mains voltage or to voltage sources with high transient overvoltages. Measurement Category II (as referenced in IEC 60664) connections require protection for high transient

overvoltages often associated with local AC mains connections. Certain Keithley measuring instruments may be connected to mains. These instruments will be marked as category II or higher.

Unless explicitly allowed in the specifications, operating manual, and instrument labels, do not connect any instrument to mains.

Exercise extreme caution when a shock hazard is present. Lethal voltage may be present on cable connector jacks or test fixtures. The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) states that a shock hazard exists when voltage levels greater than 30 V RMS, 42.4 V peak, or 60 VDC are present. A good safety practice is to expect that hazardous voltage is present in any unknown circuit before measuring.

Operators of this product must be protected from electric shock at all times. The responsible body must ensure that operators are prevented access and/or insulated from every connection point. In some cases, connections must be exposed to potential human contact. Product operators in these circumstances must be trained to protect themselves from the risk of electric shock. If the circuit is capable of operating at or above 1000 V, no conductive part of the circuit may be exposed.

Do not connect switching cards directly to unlimited power circuits. They are intended to be used with impedance-limited sources. NEVER connect switching cards directly to AC mains. When connecting sources to switching cards, install protective devices to limit fault current and voltage to the card.

Before operating an instrument, ensure that the line cord is connected to a properly-grounded power receptacle. Inspect the connecting cables, test leads, and jumpers for possible wear, cracks, or breaks before each use.

When installing equipment where access to the main power cord is restricted, such as rack mounting, a separate main input power disconnect device must be provided in close proximity to the equipment and within easy reach of the operator.

For maximum safety, do not touch the product, test cables, or any other instruments while power is applied to the circuit under test. ALWAYS remove power from the entire test system and discharge any capacitors before: connecting or disconnecting cables or jumpers, installing or removing switching cards, or making internal changes, such as installing or removing jumpers.

Do not touch any object that could provide a current path to the common side of the circuit under test or power line (earth) ground. Always make measurements with dry hands while standing on a dry, insulated surface capable of withstanding the voltage being measured.

For safety, instruments and accessories must be used in accordance with the operating instructions. If the instruments or accessories are used in a manner not specified in the operating instructions, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.

Do not exceed the maximum signal levels of the instruments and accessories. Maximum signal levels are defined in the specifications and operating information and shown on the instrument panels, test fixture panels, and switching cards.

When fuses are used in a product, replace with the same type and rating for continued protection against fire hazard.

Chassis connections must only be used as shield connections for measuring circuits, NOT as protective earth (safety ground) connections.

If you are using a test fixture, keep the lid closed while power is applied to the device under test. Safe operation requires the use of a lid interlock.

If a  screw is present, connect it to protective earth (safety ground) using the wire recommended in the user documentation.

The  symbol on an instrument means caution, risk of hazard. The user must refer to the operating instructions located in the user documentation in all cases where the symbol is marked on the instrument.

The  symbol on an instrument means warning, risk of electric shock. Use standard safety precautions to avoid personal contact with these voltages.

The  symbol on an instrument shows that the surface may be hot. Avoid personal contact to prevent burns.

The  symbol indicates a connection terminal to the equipment frame.

If this  symbol is on a product, it indicates that mercury is present in the display lamp. Please note that the lamp must be properly disposed of according to federal, state, and local laws.

The **WARNING** heading in the user documentation explains hazards that might result in personal injury or death. Always read the associated information very carefully before performing the indicated procedure.

The **CAUTION** heading in the user documentation explains hazards that could damage the instrument. Such damage may invalidate the warranty.

The **CAUTION** heading with the  symbol in the user documentation explains hazards that could result in moderate or minor injury or damage the instrument. Always read the associated information very carefully before performing the indicated procedure. Damage to the instrument may invalidate the warranty.

Instrumentation and accessories shall not be connected to humans.

Before performing any maintenance, disconnect the line cord and all test cables.

To maintain protection from electric shock and fire, replacement components in mains circuits — including the power transformer, test leads, and input jacks — must be purchased from Keithley. Standard fuses with applicable national safety approvals may be used if the rating and type are the same. The detachable mains power cord provided with the instrument may only be replaced with a similarly rated power cord. Other components that are not safety-related may be purchased from other suppliers as long as they are equivalent to the original component (note that selected parts should be purchased only through Keithley to maintain accuracy and functionality of the product). If you are unsure about the applicability of a replacement component, call a Keithley office for information.

Unless otherwise noted in product-specific literature, Keithley instruments are designed to operate indoors only, in the following environment: Altitude at or below 2,000 m (6,562 ft); temperature 0 °C to 50 °C (32 °F to 122 °F); and pollution degree 1 or 2.

To clean an instrument, use a cloth dampened with deionized water or mild, water-based cleaner. Clean the exterior of the instrument only. Do not apply cleaner directly to the instrument or allow liquids to enter or spill on the instrument. Products that consist of a circuit board with no case or chassis (e.g., a data acquisition board for installation into a computer) should never require cleaning if handled according to instructions. If the board becomes contaminated and operation is affected, the board should be returned to the factory for proper cleaning/servicing.

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## Power and environmental specifications

For indoor use only.

<b>Power supply</b>	100 VAC to 240 VAC, 50 Hz to 60 Hz (autosensing)
<b>Maximum VA</b>	240 VA
<b>Operating altitude</b>	Maximum 2000 m (6562 ft) above sea level
<b>Operating temperature</b>	0 °C to 50 °C, 70% relative humidity up to 35 °C Derate 3% relative humidity, 35 °C to 50 °C
<b>Storage temperature</b>	25 °C to 65 °C
<b>Pollution degree</b>	1 or 2
<b>DC source output</b>	30.3 W maximum ±200 VDC maximum ±1.515 A at ±20 VDC ±101 mA at ±200 VDC
<b>Pulse region 4*</b>	Region maximums: 10 A at 5 V Maximum pulse width: 1 ms Maximum duty cycle: 2.2%

<b>Measurement input</b>	Measurement category 0 Voltage: 200 VDC maximum HI to LO, 250 VDC LO to ground Current: 101 mA at 200 V; 1.515 A at 20 V Impedance: Variable
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\*See full specifications for other pulse regions



### CAUTION

Carefully consider and configure the appropriate output-off state, source levels, and compliance levels before connecting the instrument to a device that can deliver energy. Failure to consider the output-off state, source levels, and compliance levels may result in damage to the instrument or to the device under test.

## Introduction

The Keithley Instruments Series 2600B System SourceMeter® instruments are medium-power source-measure units (SMUs) that simplify test processes by combining source and measure capabilities in a single instrument. A Series 2600B SourceMeter instrument is a scalable, high-throughput, cost-effective solution for precision DC, pulse, and low-frequency AC source-measure testing.

Complete documentation for the Series 2600B instruments is available for download on the Keithley web page at [tek.com/keithley](http://tek.com/keithley).

The Series 2600B documentation includes:

- Quick Start Guide: This document. It provides unpacking instructions, describes basic connections, and reviews basic operation information.
- Reference Manual: Provides comprehensive information about the instrument's features, operation, optimization, maintenance, troubleshooting, and programming commands.

Software for the Series 2600B instruments is also available for download from the Keithley website at [tek.com/keithley](http://tek.com/keithley). On the website, search for the specific software you need. Available software includes:

- Test Script Builder: Simplifies building test scripts for instruments enabled for Keithley's Test Script Processor (TSP®).
- KickStart Instrument Control Software: Enables quick test setup and data visualization when using one or more instruments.
- IVI-COM Driver: Works in any development environment that supports COM programming, including Microsoft® Visual Basic, Microsoft Visual C++, and National Instruments LabVIEW™.
- Keithley I/O layer: Manages communications between Keithley instrument drivers and software applications and the instrument.

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## Unpack and inspect the instrument

### ***To unpack and inspect the instrument:***

1. Inspect the box for damage.
2. Open the top of the box.
3. Remove the documentation and accessories.
4. Carefully lift the instrument out of the box.
5. Remove the packaging insert.
6. Inspect the instrument for any obvious signs of physical damage. Report any damage to the shipping agent immediately.

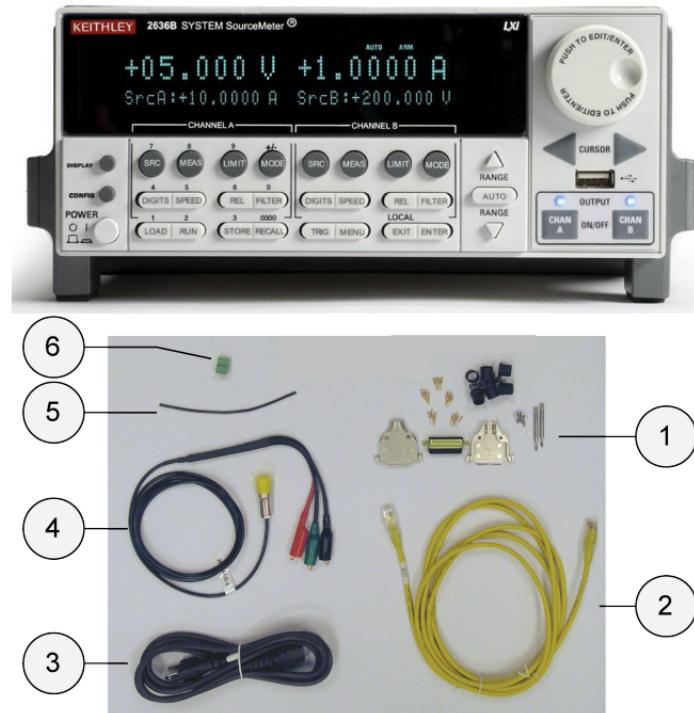


In addition to the Series 2600B System SourceMeter® instrument, you should have received:

1. Interlock DB-25 male connector kit hardware.
2. One RJ-45 LAN crossover cable for the 2636B. Two RJ-45 LAN crossover cables for the 2634B and 2635B.
3. Power line cord.
4. One triaxial to alligator clip cable for the 2635B. Two triaxial to alligator clip cables for the 2634B and 2636B.
5. 16 AWG black grounding wire.
6. Three-pin screw terminal connector.
7. UL safety supplement (not shown).
8. Safety Precautions (not shown).
9. 2634B, 2635B, and 2636B System SourceMeter Instruments Quick Start Guide (this document; not shown).

Refer to the packing list for additional items that might have shipped with your instrument.

*Items shipped may vary from items pictured here.*



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## Connect the instrument

### Important test system safety information

This product is sold as a stand-alone instrument that may become part of a system that could contain hazardous voltages and energy sources. It is the responsibility of the test system designer, integrator, installer, maintenance personnel, and service personnel to make sure the system is safe during use and is operating properly. You must also realize that in many test systems a single fault, such as a software error, may output hazardous signal levels even when the system indicates that there is no hazard present. It is important that you consider the following factors in your system design and use:

- The international safety standard IEC 61010-1 defines voltages as hazardous if they exceed  $30\text{ V}_{\text{RMS}}$  and  $42.4\text{ V}_{\text{PEAK}}$ , or 60 VDC for equipment rated for dry locations. Keithley Instruments products are only rated for dry locations.
- Read and comply with the specifications of all instruments in the system. The overall allowed signal levels may be constrained by the lowest rated instrument in the system. For example, if you are using a 500 V power supply with a 300 VDC rated switch, the maximum allowed voltage in the system is 300 VDC.
- Make sure any test fixture connected to the system protects the operator from contact with hazardous voltages, hot surfaces, and sharp objects. Use shields, barriers, insulation, and safety interlocks to accomplish this.
- Cover the device under test (DUT) to protect the operator from flying debris in the event of a system or DUT failure.
- Double-insulate all electrical connections that an operator can touch. Double insulation ensures the operator is still protected even if one insulation layer fails. Refer to IEC 61010-1 for specific requirements.
- Make sure all connections are behind a locked cabinet door or other barrier. This protects the system operator from accidentally removing a connection by hand and exposing hazardous voltages. Use high-reliability fail-safe interlock switches to disconnect power sources when a test fixture cover is opened.
- Where possible, use automatic handlers so that operators are not required to access the DUT or other potentially hazardous areas.
- Provide training to all users of the system so that they understand all potential hazards and know how to protect themselves from injury.
- In many systems, during power up, the outputs may be in an unknown state until they are properly initialized. Make sure the design can tolerate this situation without causing operator injury or hardware damage.

## Install the instrument

You can use the 2600B on a bench or in a rack. See the instructions that came with your rack-mount kit if you are installing the 2600B in a rack.

### NOTE

To keep users safe, always read and follow all safety warnings provided with each of the instruments in your system.

## Connect line power

The Series 2600B operates from a line voltage of 100 V to 240 V at a frequency of 50 Hz or 60 Hz. Line voltage is automatically sensed (there are no switches to set). Make sure the operating voltage in your area is compatible.

### WARNING

The power cord supplied with the Series 2600B contains a separate protective earth (safety ground) wire for use with grounded outlets. When proper connections are made, the instrument chassis is connected to power-line ground through the ground wire in the power cord. In the event of a failure, not using a properly grounded protective earth and grounded outlet may result in personal injury or death due to electric shock.

**Do not replace detachable MAINS supply cords with inadequately rated cords. Failure to use properly rated cords may result in personal injury or death due to electric shock.**

### CAUTION

Operating the instrument on an incorrect line voltage may cause damage to the instrument, possibly voiding the warranty.

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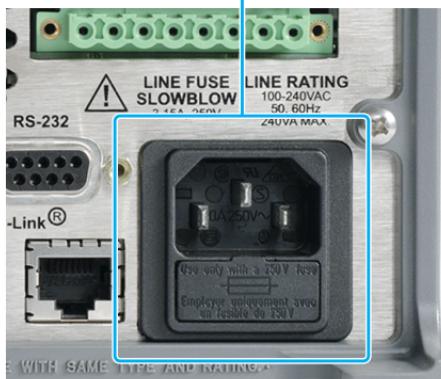
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### To connect line power:

1. Make sure the front-panel power switch is in the off (0) position.
2. Connect the socket of the supplied power cord to the power connection on the rear panel.
3. Connect the plug of the power cord to a grounded AC outlet.

#### Connect power line cord



### Turn on the instrument

Turn on the instrument by pressing the front-panel POWER switch to the on (|) position.



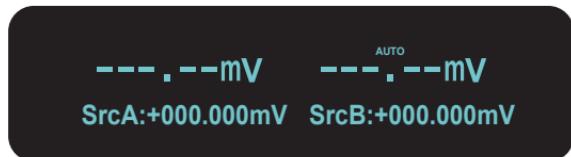
Power switch ON position

## Power-up sequence

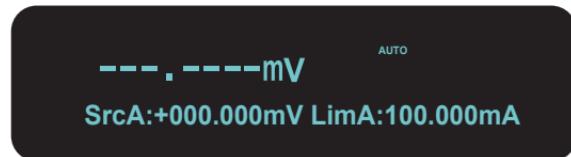
When the instrument is turned on, you should see:

- A series of dots.
- All segments of the display light.
- A brief display showing the instrument model. For example, if the instrument is a 2636B, the display shows “KEITHLEY Model 2636B.”
- Line frequency detection and other startup checks.

The entire power-up process takes approximately 30 seconds to complete. When initialization is complete, if the instrument is a 2634B or 2636B, you see the default display screen shown below.



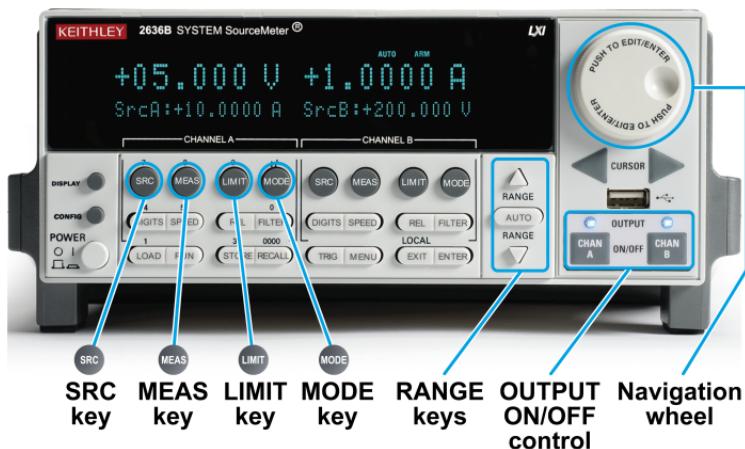
If the instrument is a 2635B, you see the default display screen shown below.



## Test the instrument

The following test verifies the basic operation of the 2634B, 2635B, and 2636B. In this test, you will use the front-panel controls shown below to source voltage and measure the voltage output.

You do not need to connect a device under test (DUT) for this test.



### Step 1: Set source function, range, and level

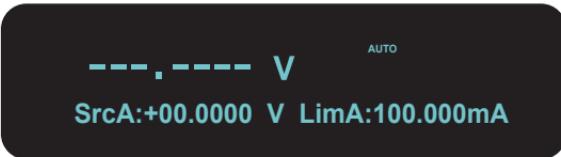
#### NOTE

If the instrument has two channels (2634B or 2636B) and is in dual-channel display mode, press the **DISPLAY** button once to show only the settings for SMU channel A.

1. Press the **Src** key. You will see a blinking character in the SrcA value field. Confirm that mV is displayed; if not, press the **Src** key again.
2. While that character is still blinking, press the up or down **RANGE** keys until **20 V** is displayed.

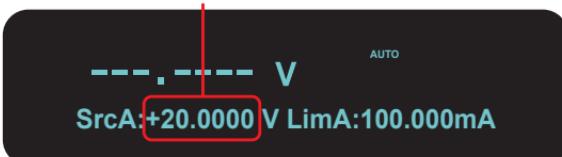


The main display screen reappears:



3. Press the **CURSOR** keys to move the cursor to the 10s digit.
4. Press the **navigation wheel** to enter EDIT mode. The EDIT indicator appears in the upper left corner of the display.
5. Turn the **navigation wheel** to set the source value to **20.0000 V**, and then press the **navigation wheel** to enter the selection and exit EDIT mode.

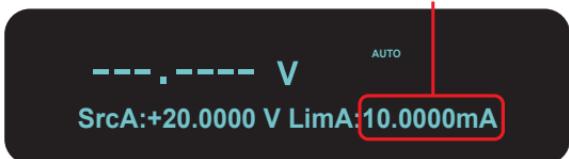
**Source value set to 20.0000 V**



### Step 2: Set the source limit

1. Press the **LIMIT** key. You will see a blinking character in the LimA value field.
2. While that character is blinking, press the **RANGE** keys as needed to select the **10 mA** limit range. Verify that the source limit value in the LimA field is **10.0000 mA**.

**Source limit set to 10.0000mA**



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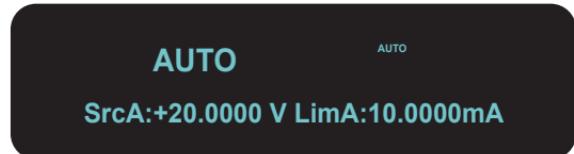
### **Step 3: Set measurement function and range**

1. Press the **MEAS**  key as many times as needed to select the V (voltage) measurement function. In the following figure, the measurement function has been set to "V."

#### **Measurement function set to voltage (V)**



2. Press the **AUTO**  key as many times as needed to select the AUTO range function. When AUTO is selected, the Series 2600B automatically selects the best range for the measured value. You will briefly see the display shown below, and then the main display screen reappears.



### **Step 4: Turn the output on**

Turn the output on by pressing the **OUTPUT ON/OFF** control  (for 2634B and 2636B) or  (2635B). The ON/OFF indicator LED lights and measurements begin.

### **Step 5: Observe measurements**

Observe the measured voltage on the main area of front-panel display. The readings should be very close to the 20 V source value.

### **Step 6: Turn the output off**

When you finish making measurements, turn the output off by pressing the **OUTPUT ON/OFF**  or  control. The output indicator LED turns off.

### **NOTE**

These steps confirm the basic functionality of your instrument. Turn the instrument power OFF now.

For a basic understanding of the Series 2600B functionality, we recommend that first-time users become familiar with the *Series 2600B Reference Manual* (document number 2600BS-901-01).

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## FAQs

### Where can I find updated drivers?

For the latest drivers and additional support information, see the Keithley Instruments support website.

#### **To see what drivers are available for your instrument:**

1. Go to [tek.com/keithley](http://tek.com/keithley).
2. Select SUPPORT.

### What should I do if I see an error message when I turn the instrument on?

If an error message is displayed, press the **EXIT (LOCAL)** key. The Series 2600B will return to the default display screen. For detailed information about error messages, see “Errors and status messages” in the *Series 2600B Reference Manual* (document number 2600BS-901-01).

### Where can I get the 2400 personality script?

The 2400 personality script allows the Series 2600B instrument to accept Model 2400 SourceMeter SCPI commands. For more information about loading and running the 2400 personality script, see “Model 2400 emulation” in the *Series 2600B Reference Manual* (document number 2600BS-901-01). You can get this script from the Keithley Instruments website. Go to [tek.com/keithley](http://tek.com/keithley) and search for “TSP Script for Series 2600B SMUs to Emulate Model 2400 SMUs.”

To copy the script to the 2600B, you can use a flash drive or any remote command interface. If you use a flash drive, it must be formatted as a FAT or FAT32 drive.

## Next steps

Refer to the *Series 2600B Reference Manual* (document number 2600BS-901-01) for detailed information about all features of the instrument.

Also see [tek.com/keithley](http://tek.com/keithley) for support and additional information about the instrument.

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