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KEITHLEY KUSB-488B

The **Keithley KUSB-488B** is a USB-to-GPIB interface adapter designed for instrument control in laboratory and automated test environments. It enables communication between a PC and instruments that use the GPIB (General Purpose Interface Bus) standard, facilitating data acquisition and instrument automation.

Key Features

- **Plug-and-Play Operation**: The USB interface provides easy setup and installation without requiring external power.
- **High Speed**: Supports data transfer rates up to 1.8 MB/s.
- **Compatibility**: Compliant with IEEE-488.2 and compatible with GPIB instruments from various manufacturers.
- **Driver Support**: Comes with drivers for use with popular programming environments, including **NI LabVIEW**, **MATLAB**, **Visual Studio**, and more.
- **Operating Systems**: Compatible with Windows operating systems.

Applications

- **Instrument Control**: Communicating with lab equipment such as oscilloscopes, power supplies, multimeters, and signal generators.
- **Automated Test Systems**: Enabling automation in production and testing environments.
- **Data Acquisition**: Collecting data from multiple instruments and sensors for analysis.

Usage

1. **Connect the KUSB-488B** to your PC using the USB interface.
2. **Install the necessary drivers and software**, which are often bundled with Keithley I/O libraries.
3. Use **GPIB commands** or libraries provided in programming environments (like Python with `pyvisa`) to control connected instruments.

Python Example with PyVISA

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python
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```python
import pyvisa

# Initialize the resource manager
rm = pyvisa.ResourceManager()

# List all connected GPIB instruments
instruments = rm.list_resources()
print(f"Connected Instruments: {instruments}")

# Connect to a specific instrument (e.g., GPIB0::5::INSTR)
power_supply = rm.open_resource('GPIB0::5::INSTR')

# Send a command to the instrument
power_supply.write('*IDN?')  # Query the identity of the instrument
response = power_supply.read()
print(f"Instrument Response: {response}")

# Close the connection
power_supply.close()
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This setup enables streamlined instrument control, improving efficiency in lab work or testing environments.