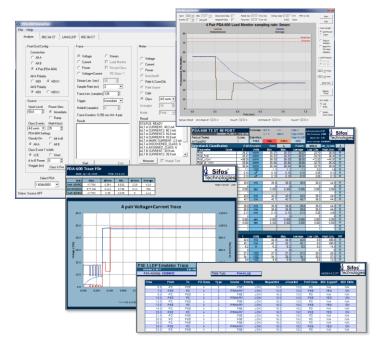


PDA-604A PoE Powered Device Analyzer

IEEE 802.3bt & 802.3at Power-over-Ethernet



Product Overview



Key Features

- 4-Pair and 2-Pair Powering and Analysis of All 802.3bt / 802.3at PD's
- Automated IEEE 802.3bt / 802.3at Powered Device Conformance Testing
- ☐ Fully Configurable Classification and 802.3bt / 802.3at Power Grants
- ☐ Continuous PD Powering up to 2 Amps at All PD Input Voltages
- ☐ Comprehensive Analysis of 802.3bt / 802.3at PD Performance Parameters
- ☐ Flexible 802.3bt / 802.3at LLDP Emulation and LLDP Protocol Analysis
- Powerful Metering: Voltage, Current, & Power Sampling at the PD Interface
- Intuitive Graphical User Interface for Rapid Analysis and Testing
- ☐ Powerful Script Automation and Binary API Library for Microsoft Windows
- ☐ Informative Pop-Up Spreadsheet Reports and Statistics
- ☐ Plug'n Play USB Interface to Windows PC's
- LAN Port for External PD Configuration and Control During Testing



One Box Solution

- Replaces PSE's, DC Supplies, Fixtures, Scopes, Meters. & Protocol Analyzers
- Just Plug and Test

IEEE 802.3bt & 802.3at PD's

- Type-1 (≤13W) PD's
- Type-2 (≤25.5W) PD's
- Type-3 (≤51W) PD's
- Type-4 (≤71.3W) PD's
- 802.3at & 802.3bt LLDP capable PD's

Assure Full Interoperability

- Emulate 4-Pair and 2-Pair Powering
- Emulate Type-1, 2, 3, and 4 Power Grants to All PD's
- Real-Time Load Monitoring
- Automatic Static and Transient Load Limit Violation Analysis
- Automated 802.3bt / 802.3at PD Conformance Testing including LLDP
- Configurable Waveform Traces Including Class, Source, Transient Triggering
- LLDP Power Negotiation & Protocol Verification

Versatile Applications

- Evaluation & Design
- Quality Assurance
- Manufacturing Test
- Field Service
- Energy Standard Rating

Overview The PDA-604

The PDA-604A Powered Device Analyzer is a single-box comprehensive solution for testing **IEEE 802.3bt** and **802.3at** PoE Powered Devices (PD's). It offers one-button, fully automated test sequences and limit checking for critical Powered Device PoE characteristics. With measurements performed at the Powered Device network interface, parameters critical to 802.3at and 802.3bt interoperation are accurately assessed relative to specification requirements, thus fully avoiding the the severe limitations associated with using 802.3at/802.3bt PSE's in testing.

Fully Integrated, One-Box Solution

The PDA-604A removes the need for specialized instrumentation setups requiring DC power supplies, precision meters, custom test fixtures, protocol analyzers, a variety of PSE's, and custom software. The PDA-604A can be used with PDA Interactive software to perform specification compliance analyses of new PD designs and to troubleshoot PD specification compliance problems. The PDA-604A facilitates remote configuration of PD states over the LAN while simultaneously assessing power demand and LLDP processing from a PD. Different PSE behaviors can readily be mimicked including detection cycling, single and multi-event classification with and without elongated first class events, class-to-power timing, and LLDP acknowledgement timing.

The PDA-604A includes robust automation development facilities including Tcl/Tk scripting and binary API libraries. This versatility allows users to apply the PDA-604A over the full lifecycle of any Powered Device including newer, Type-3/4, IEEE 802.3bt compliant PD's.

Superior Defect Coverage

The PDA-604A provides defect coverage far beyond what a commercial PSE or instrument grade DC power supply might offer. It provides power and performs measurements in all possible 2-pair and 4-pair connection and polarity configurations. Measurements including DC load versus voltage, classification validity, power on-off thresholds, MPS validity, and detection characteristics are readily performed and compared to applicable specification limits. Load currents up to 1A per pairset, or 2A total, can be sourced and sensed with PD input voltages ranging from 28 to 57VDC. Sporadic transient loads can be captured with sampling resolution as granular as 200µsec. The PDA-604A test port can link to any PD at 10Base-T, 100Base-Tx, or 1000Base-T and it can optionally relay multi-gig links up to 10GBase-T between a PD and an external network device.

Flexible Automated Test of 802.3bt and 802.3at PD's

The PDA-604A offers optional 802.3at and 802.3bt PD Conformance Test Suites that support fully automated, "one-click", comprehensive evaluation and verification of PD's that classify anywhere from class 0 to class 8. In combination with other feature options, 802.3at and 802.3bt LLDP emulations and test coverage can be added to the automated testing. The test suites are accessible from PDA Interactive (GUI) and from command line consoles. Test reports consist of colorful Microsoft Excel spreadsheets to annotate problem areas and provide multi-cycle statistics.

Powerful Real-Time Load Monitor and Compliance Analysis

Under PDA Interactive software, the PDA-604A offers powerful real time tools for analysis of PD power draw over arbitrary periods of time under constraints of user-specified PD power grants, including both class-based and LLDP grants. Real time limit checking of average, peak, transient, and MPS power is performed.

Desktop Ready Design

The PDA-604A is at home on any desktop or lab bench with USB to host PC connectivity and a cooling fan that only runs when powering PD's.



PDA-604A Versus a Commercial PSE

With the ready availability of commercial Power Sourcing Ethernet Switches (PSE), including low cost PSE injectors, a strong temptation exists to utilize these products to test Powered Devices. Coupled with a long spool of cable, a PSE provides a "real world" interface to a PD.

As an "interop" test strategy, this approach overlooks the wide-ranging design flexibility allowed to IEEE **802.3bt** and **802.3at** PSE's. This attribute of the PoE standard has translated into a vast proliferation of PSE designs and configurations with widely varying tolerances of many critical PD traits. PD's that interoperate with one or a few PSE's may fail to properly interoperate with hundreds of other specification compliant PSE's and cabling networks.

The reality is that PSE's are not test instruments. A PSE cannot test critical characteristics of a PD that are vital to interoperability over all PoE networks. Even the most sophisticated PSE's that offer management reporting of PD classification and power draw offer no insight regarding how the PSE produces those parameters or what they might really mean.

Table 1 illustrates a variety of PD performance parameters that are critical to the broad interoperability of a PD and the respective test coverage that can be expected from a commercial PSE relative to a PDA-604A.

PDA-604A Feature Scalability

The PDA-604A is a scalable instrument for testing IEEE 802.3bt and 802.3at PD's. This allows users to choose the best configuration at the lowest possible cost to suit their needs.

PD Behavior	PDA-604 Test Coverage	Commercial PSE Coverage
PD Power-Ups to Minimum / Maximum Voltages	✓	×
Ethernet LAN Link-Up / Auto-Neg / Rate Control	✓	?
ALT-A, ALT-B, & 4-Pair Powering	✓	×
MDI & MDI-X Powering Permutations	✓	×
Detection Resistance – Single & Multi- Cycle	✓	?
Detection Resistance vs Voltage*	✓	×
Detection Capacitance – Single & Multi-Cycle	✓	×
Connection Check/Signature Validation	✓	?
Classification Signature (per Pairset)	✓	?
Classification Signature Per Class Event	✓	×
Classification Signature vs Voltage*	✓	×
Mark Loading	✓	×
Inrush Loading (per PSE Type-1, 2, 3, and 4)	✓	×
Inrush Limiting (per PSE Type-1, 2, 3, and 4)	✓	×
Type-2/3/4 Power Delay	✓	×
Turn-On Voltage	✓	×
Turn-Off Voltage	✓	×
Average Power Consumption (per Class Grant)	✓	×
Instantaneous Peak Power Load (per Class Grant)	✓	×
Windowed Peak Power Load (per Class Grant)	✓	×
Classification Integrity	✓	×
MPS – Level (per PSE Type 1, 2, 3, and 4)	✓	?
MPS – Duty Cycle (per PSE Type 1, 2, 3, and 4)	✓	?
Load Power over Voltage	✓	×
LLDP Message Formatting	✓	?
LLDP Allocation Response Time	✓	×
LLDP Requested Power Integrity	✓	×

Table 1: PDA-604A versus Commercial PSE Coverage

The base configuration of the PDA-604A enables both 2-Pair and 4-Pair PD powering, power-ups and metering that provide between zero and three classification events, detection measurements that include 802.3bt connection check, and highly programmable waveform captures of voltage, current, and power in 2-Pair or 4-Pair modes. This configuration supports testing of **Class 0 – 4** PD's with PSE emulations that include both **802.3at** and **802.3bt PSE's**.

Table 2 depicts licensed feature options for testing high power PD's, automated test suites, and LLDP emulation and analysis. These are further described in the sections that follow Table 2.

Feature Option	Description	Features I Load Monitor (2-Pair & 4-Pair)	ncluded Class 5-8, Class 4-5D	Required Features
TYPE-3/4	Type-3/4 4-Event and 5-Event Power-Ups to support Class 5-8 and Dual Class 4-5 PD's		✓	
CT-AT	802.3at Type-1/2 PD Automated Test Suite, Load Monitor & Streaming Traces for up to Type-4 PD's	✓		Type-3/4 for Load Mon>Type-2
LLDP-AT	Type-1 LLDP & Type-2 LLDP PSE Emulation & Protocol Analysis			
CT-AT + LLDP-AT	Type-1, Type-2 2-Event, & Type-2 LLDP PD Automated Test Suite, Load Monitor with "at" LLDP	✓		
СТ-ВТ	802.3bt Type-3/4 PD Automated Test Suite	✓	✓	Type-3/4, CT-AT
LLDP-BT	802.3bt Type-3/4 LLDP PSE Emulation & Protocol Analysis		✓	Type-3/4, LLDP-AT
CT-BT + LLDP-BT	Type-3, Type-4 Multi-Event, & Type-3/4 LLDP PD Automated Test Suite, Load Monitor with "bt" LLDP	✓	✓	Type-3/4, CT-AT, LLDP-AT

Table 2: PDA-604A Feature Options and Combinations.

Type-3/4 PD Testing with the PDA-604A



Figure 1: 3-Event Classification

The base configuration of the PDA-604A supports 2-Pair and 4-Pair powering and discrete measurements. With the advent of the IEEE 802.3bt standard, many newer PSE's apply 4-Pair powering whether they are powering 802.3at (Type-1/Type-2) PD's or newer 802.3bt Type-3/Type-4 PD's. The PDA-604A base configuration can simulate the detection, classification, and powering

characteristics of both 802.3at and 802.3bt PSE's as they interact with Class 0 – Class 4 PD's. PD classification can be configured to 0, 1, 2, or 3-Events (see Figure 1) meaning Type-2 PD's can be granted full 25.5 watt power levels via 2-Event or 3-Event classification. Additionally, the first class event may be specified to use the 802.3bt elongated (LCE) class pulse or the "normal" 802.3at compliant class pulse.

Figure 2: 4-Event Class Meter Measurement

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The **Type-3/4** feature option extends the classification capability of the PDA-604A to include 4-Event and 5-Event classification required to grant power levels beyond 25.5 watts to 802.3bt compliant PD's. Under the 802.3bt standard, PD's that operate at more than 25.5 watts normally must draw less than 25.5 watts given 2-Event or 3-Event classification and less than 13 watts given 1-Event classification.

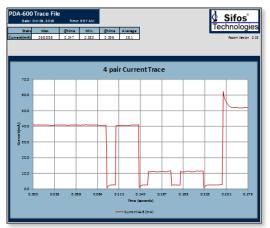


Figure 3: 4-Event Classification of a Class 6 PD

Figure 2 shows a 4-Event classification signature measurement

for a Class 6 PD and Figure 3 is a current waveform depicting a 4-Event classification sequence to a Class 6 PD. Measuring 802.3at and 802.3bt PD performance under conditions of "power

demotion", that is with various classification event counts, is an essential form of interoperability testing for all Class 4 and higher PD's.



Figure 4: Class 8 PD Power-Up V+I Waveform

lass 6 PD Figure 4 is a 4-Pair power-up 8 PD drawing just under 1.2

trace of voltage and current to a Class 8 PD drawing just under 1.2 amps of load current. This particular trace, triggered on the start of PD classification, is made possible by the Type-3/4 feature option.

The 802.3at PD Conformance Test Suite & Load Monitor (CT-AT)

The **802.3at PD Conformance Test Suite** is a fully automated 802.3at specification compliance test suite for a PD. The test suite performs many measurements of PD interface parameters that are critical to interoperability with the full range of compliant 802.3at PSE's and connection environments. Testing can optionally be configured to run on a single quadrant (e.g. Alt-A, MDI) or on up to 4 quadrants (Alt-A and B, MDI and MDI-X). Measurements are organized into passive pre-powered parameters and powered state parameters. The test suite automatically produces color-coded Microsoft Excel spreadsheets that are organized by quadrant and test category (see *Figure 5*).

Test coverage is provided for Type-1 (13W) PD's and Type-2 (25.5W) PD's. Test coverage can be expanded to include Type-2 PD's responding to PoE **LLDP protocols** and PSE power grants with the addition of the **LLDP-AT** Emulation and Analysis feature described below.

One of the most critical operating parameters of a powered device is the load power consumed as the device operates in a number of states and under a number of varying conditions. In many instances, the maximum and minimum power consumption levels of a PD cannot be ascertained without over-the-network interactions. Common examples include wireless access points that consume power based on numbers and proximities of wireless users, IP cameras consuming transient power when panned or zoomed in harsh weather conditions, and IP telephones altering power consumption based on server enabling, video display states, and even network interface speed.

The CT-AT option enables a powerful Load Monitor (see Figure 6) offering the capability to continuously monitor instantaneous and average power consumption of a PD over long periods of time while operating conditions of the PD are manipulated. The Load Monitor is accessed from PDA Interactive software. It includes the intelligence to evaluate both static and transient power excursions that may violate 802.3at limits and ultimately cause PSE's to remove power from a PD unexpectedly. Static load power is evaluated to PD advertised physical layer classification or optionally to PD LLDP power request levels. Transient load power is automatically evaluated to peak instantaneous loading limits and to windowed transient limits that are enforced by PSE's. These parameters are also derived from PD advertised classification and any LLDP power requests.

The **Load Monitor** is the natural tool for developing assurance that the PD classification (and any PD LLDP power request level) is compliant with actual PD behavior under all operating conditions and for troubleshooting PD's that experience unexpected shutdowns while in service. As with the PD Conformance Test Suite, the Load Monitor can be extended to utilize PoE LLDP (*for 802.3at*) to acquire and set limits in accordance with PD LLDP power requests and PSE power allocations, given the **LLDP** feature option.

A third feature of the CT-AT option is the ability to **stream long traces** of instantaneous and average

power consumption into spreadsheet reports (see Figure 7) and data files for subsequent analysis. Streaming traces can collect power consumption samples with sample granularity as small as 5msec over many hours. As with the

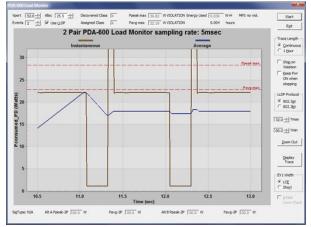


Figure 6: PDA-604A Load Monitor

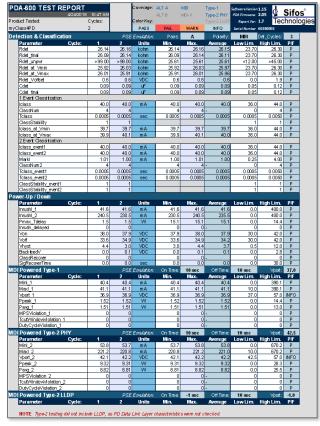


Figure 5: 802.3at PD Conformance Test Report

MPS (low current) violations.

real-time Load Monitor, the streaming trace report can identify and localize power violations and also report DC



Figure 7: PDA-602 Streaming Trace

Combining the Type-3/4 and CT-AT Features

Because the **CT-AT** feature enables the **Load Monitor** and **Streaming Traces**, in combination with the **Type-3/4** feature option, the both the Load Monitor and Streaming Trace resources become available for analyzing 802.3bt Type-3 and Type-4 PD's including those drawing power to 71 watts or higher. That means that limit checking for PD average, peak, transient window, and MPS violations is available when evaluating **802.3bt Class 5-8** PD's.

In Figure 8, a 60 second duration streaming trace is captured from a Class 6 PD drawing just under 50 watts following various start-up transients. No power violations are flagged during this trace. In Figure 9, a 12 second streaming trace from a Class 7 PD is captured indicating both a peak power and a transient power window violation.



Figure 8: Streaming Power Trace from Class 6 PD

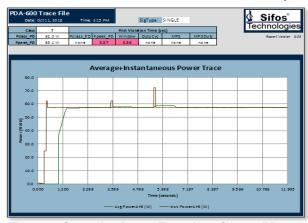


Figure 9: Streaming Power Trace from Class 7 PD

Certified for 1st Party EA Logo Testing

The **802.3at** PD Conformance Test Suite is certified to support **1**st **party**, or in-house, Ethernet Alliance (EA) PoE logo testing. Contact Sifos for further information about this topic.



The 802.3bt PD Conformance Test Suite (CT-BT)

A fully automated test suite for 802.3bt PD's, including PD's that classify as **Class 5-8**, may be added to any PDA-604A that is already licensed for 802.3at PD Conformance Test (CT-AT). As an automated test suite, the 802.3bt PD Conformance Test Suite includes all of the features of the 802.3at test suite while adding many **additional features** including:

- 4-pair powering with 4-quadrant polarity combinations
- Multi-event classification measurements
- Support for Type-3 and Type-4 single and dual signature PD's
- Power-demotion testing (emulating Type-1, Type-2, Type-3 PSE's)
- Class reset response
- Autoclass signature and response
- 802.3bt analysis of PSE MPS properties
- 802.3bt LLDP protocol and power negotiation integrity.

The 802.3bt PD Conformance Test Suite is furnished with a new test report (see Figure 10) that incorporates the many additional test parameters that are necessitated by the 802.3bt standard. Limit checking is predicated upon pre-test user declaration of PD signature type (single or dual) and PD classification (1-8 or dual 1-5).

As with the 802.3at PD Conformance Test Suite, users are given control over test coverage by quadrant for both the passive and the powered tests. User's may also specify repeated test cycles to get repeatability metrics on all test parameters.

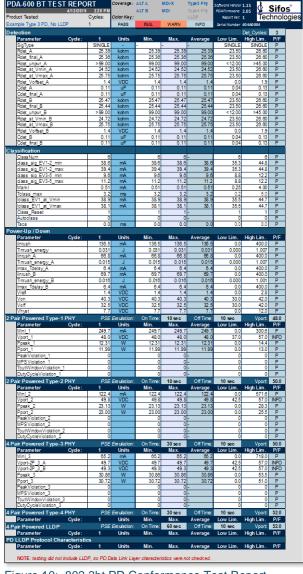


Figure 10: 802.3bt PD Conformance Test Report

PoE LLDP Emulation and Analysis with the PDA-604A (LLDP-AT, LLDP-BT)

A mandatory requirement of all PD's that draw more than 13 watts under IEEE 802.3 specifications is that they support 802.3 PoE extensions to LLDP (link layer discovery) protocol. PSE's that provide Type-2, Type-3, or Type-4 power levels have the option to utilize LLDP in order to grant power levels higher than 13 watts to any PD. In fact, many Type-2 PSE's conforming to the 802.3at specification work exactly this way so that their budgeting of power to all PSE ports can be managed with a granularity of 0.1 watts.

The PoE LLDP requirement places at least two burdens on a PD:

- To have an operating state that draws 13 watts or less.
- To support PoE link layer (layer 2) discovery protocol as defined under IEEE 802.3.

The PDA-604A provides two feature options to enable testing of

the PD conformance to each of these 802.3 requirements. First, the LLDP-AT feature option enables flexible emulation of Type-2 PSE's that use LLDP to grant power levels

Figure 11: 802.3at LLDP Power-Up Protocol Trace

PSE LLDP Emulator Trace Sifos

Vport 52.0 → Alloc 25.5 → Assigned Class 2 Pair PDA-600 Instantaneous

Figure 12: Load Monitor - LLDP Power Consumption Validation

between13 watts and 25.5 watts to Type-2 PD's. The LLDP-AT option also offers in depth 802.3at LLDP protocol analysis including testing of protocol fields and message timing as shown in Figure 11. Further, with the combination of the CT-AT feature option and the LLDP-AT feature option. PD conformance testing involving both the Load Monitor (see Figure 12) and the PD Conformance

Figure 13: 802.3at Test Suite with LLDP

granting emulations. The LLDP-BT feature option offers flexible emulation of Type-3 and Type-4 PSE's that deploy an extended 802.3bt PoE LLDP protocol in support of 4-pair powering. The PDA-604A performs basic analysis of PD LLDP protocol

Test Suite (see Figure 13) are extended to support PSE LLDP power

associated with power-up negotiations and PSE-induced power adjustments*. In Figure 14, a negotiated Class 6 power-up is analyzed. Control of PSE granting logic, message timing, and request update timing is provided during

this emulation.

The **LLDP-BT** feature option when combined with the CT-AT option and the **Type-3/4** option further enhances the Load Monitor to work with LLDP power granting scenarios while also assessing the integrity of PD power requests (see Figure

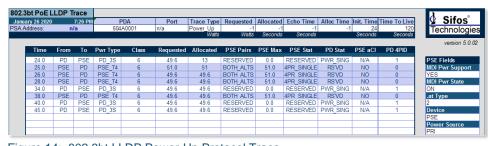


Figure 14: 802.3bt LLDP Power-Up Protocol Trace

15. Further, the PDA-604A allows for external communication with and network management of a PD-under-test while LLDP protocols run between the PDA-604A and that same PD-under-test.



Figure 15: Load Monitor - 802.3bt Power Consumption Validation

While 802.3 PoE LLDP requirements do impose a non-trivial design burden on many PD's, the power and flexibility of the PDA-604A to emulate a wide range of PSE's that conduct PoE LLDP negotiation and associated power policing readily facilitates the testing of these mandatory PD features in any Type-2, Type-3, or Type-4 PD.

^{*} PD600 Version 1.16 software supports LLDP and Load Monitor for testing all 802.3bt single signature PD's.

PDA Interactive Software

The PDA-604A is a software-managed instrument. The user interface to the instrument is host-based software running on a Windows PC. PDA Interactive, a component of PDA-600 software, is an intuitive graphical user interface that can access all of the key features and capabilities of the PDA-604A.

PDA Interactive provides four tabbed menus:

Analyze: The Analyze menu (see Figure 16) supports interactive powering, metering, and waveform trace captures. With the CT-AT feature option, it adds access to the Load Monitor and Stream Tracing features of the PDA-604A. The **Type-3/4** feature option further enhances this menu by allowing 4-Event / 5-Event powerups and PD Class measurements (see Figure 16). In general, the Analyze menu enables intuitive methods of manually testing and analyzing many essential characteristics of a PD.

802.3at CT: The 802.3at Test Suite menu shown in Figure 17 is available to instruments with the CT-AT feature option. This menu provides for configuration and control of the 802.3at PD Conformance Test Suite. Users can select quadrants (Alt-A,B and MDI,MDI-X) for both unpowered and powered state testing,

802.3at CT LANALIDP 802.3bt CT ☐ All Quadrants
☐ ALT A, MDI
☐ ALT A, MDI
☐ ALT B, MDI
☐ ☐ All Quadrants ✓ ALT A. MDI> Divide Time (sec) Tupe 2 54.0 0 Powered LLDP 60 -0 Test Cycles 1 ered (sec) 10 🚊 Prompt before start Dwell Time powerer Start Test Stop Test

Figure 17: 802.3at Test Suite Menu

source voltage levels by PD type, and test

coverage options. Test coverage

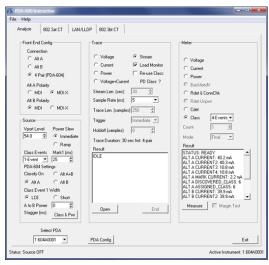
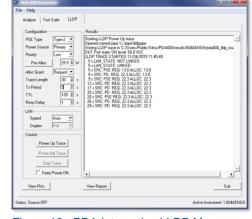


Figure 16: Analyze Menu Class Measurement

options include Type-1 Phy PD, Type-2 Phy PD, and Type-2 LLDP if the **LLDP-AT** feature option is enabled.

LLDP: This menu (see Figure 18) accesses the PSE LLDP emulation and LLDP protocol tracing features of a PDA-604A discussed above.

PSE LLDP emulations allow configuration of PSE-controlled message fields, power (available) allocation, power grant logic, transmit period, and response delay



between new PD power request values and PSE acknowledgement of those updated values.

LLDP trace types include Power Up Trace for evaluation of initial PD LLDP negotiation and Power Adjust Trace for evaluating PD responses to revised PSE power allocations after power-up.

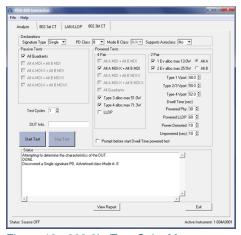


Figure 19: 802.3bt Test Suite Menu

Figure 18: PDA Interactive LLDP Menu

A fourth tab menu, **802.3bt CT** (see Figure 19), manages the 802.3bt PD Conformance Test suite provided that the CT-BT feature option is activated. Using this menu, users select polarity quadrants, for example Mode A MDI-X, Mode B MDI, that will be utilized in 4-pair powering. Both passive and powered tests can be directed to one of the four possible polarity configurations. PD signature type (single vs dual) and classification are user declared but will be automatically "learned" if the PD is connected when the tab menu is opened. Users also have control of power demotion test cases (e.g. 1 event and 2 event PSE emulations), power-on voltages, and LLDP negotiation and testing modes. Additional configurations are provided for power-on dwell time affecting the powered tests and multi-cycle testing for parameter repeatability.

PowerShell PDA Software

PDA-600 software provides a robust, Tcl/Tk-based script development environment consisting of intuitive commands for configuring PDA-604A resources, performing measurements, running PD Conformance Tests, Load Monitor streams, and LLDP protocol traces. PowerShell PDA supports interpreted, immediate execute commands and queries from a command shell with the ability to build automated test scripts using both PDA commands and the wealth of programming commands available with Tcl/Tk. Scripting and debugging dedicated, customized test scripts for volume QA or manufacturing is a very natural application for PowerShell PDA.

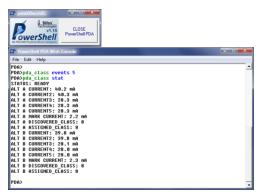


Figure 20: PowerShell PDA Wish Console

When PDA-600 software is installed, two forms of interactive command consoles are offered with corresponding desktop icons. The PowerShell PDA Wish Console in Figure 20 offers a Windows-

like command shell supporting typical Windows editing operations. It also enables Tk graphical user interface commands along with Tcl and PDA-600 commands.

The PowerShell PDA Tcl Console in



Figure 21: PowerShell PDA Tcl Console

Figure 21 is the Windows command prompt shell environment extended with Tcl commands and PDA-600 commands.

User written automated test scripts can run in either console, though if those scripts utilize Tk graphical user interface utilities such as message boxes, the Wish console must be used. Multiple PDA-604A instruments can be managed by scripts and commands executed in either PowerShell PDA console.

Every PDA command includes a standard convention to get help with command arguments, that is, valid argument forms and value ranges. A sampling of PowerShell PDA commands is presented in Table 3 below.

Resource Configuration	Meter Commands	Utility Commands	Application Commands
pda_alt	pda_rdet	pda_wait_meas	pda_stream
pda_polarity	pda_cdet	pda_stop_meas	pda_conformance
pda_source	pda_class	pda_manage_trace	pda_lldp
pda_link	pda_ptrace	pda_update_fw	pda_selftest

Table 3: Sampling of PowerShell PDA Commands

PDA-600 Application Programming Interface

PDA-600 software, including PowerShell PDA and PDA Interactive, are built on top of a binary API library that can be accessed from any programming language able to link Windows DLL's and call Win32 functions. In many cases, there is a one-to-one relationship between PowerShell PDA commands such as those in Table 3 and underlying API function calls accessible to other programming languages such as Microsoft Visual Basic, National Instruments LabView, or Python scripting language.

The binary API library is documented in the PDA-600 API Library Reference Manual furnished with the PDA-604A.

PDA-604A Technical Specifications

Input / Output		
Interface	Parameter	Specification
	Connections	RJ45
	PoE Signaling and Supply Modes: 2-Pair Operation	MODE A MDI, MODE A MDI-X, MODE B MDI, MODE B MDI-X
PD Port	PoE Signaling and Supply Modes: 4-Pair Operation	MODE A MDI+ MODE B MDI, MODE A MDI-X+ MODE B MDI, MODE A MDI+ MODE B MDI-X, MODE A MDI-X+ MODE B MDI-X
	Data Rates and Signaling	10/100/1000Base-T
	Impedance	100 $Ω$, Balanced
LAN Port	Connections	RJ45
	Modes	Active Switched (for LLDP to PD) or Passive Thru
	Data Rates and Signaling (Active Switched Mode)	10/100/1000Base-T
	Data Rates and Signaling (Passive Thru Mode)	10/100/1000/2.5G/5G/10GBase-T
	Impedance	100 Ω , Balanced
USB Port	Connections	USB Standard-B
	Туре	USB 2.0 High Speed
User Interface	LED's	USB: Connected, host is furnishing 5VDC LLDP: Blinks on to indicate LLDPDU received COM: Blinks when I/O from host occurs ALT A: DC Power Applied to Alt A pairs
		ALT B: DC Power Applied to Alt B pairs

Source Specifications		
Source	Parameter	Specification
	Output Voltage Range	28 VDC to 57 VDC
	Voltage Accuracy (50mA load)	± (0.75% + 60 mV)
DC Supply	Voltage Resolution	0.1 Volt
	Source Resistance (typical)	1.6 Ω
	Maximum Continuous Source Current	1000 mA per Pairset, 2000mA total
PD Detection Resistance	Method	ΔV / ΔΙ
	Probing Voltage (typical)	4.4 V – 8.8 V
	Probing Range (Margin Test)	2.7 V - 10.1 V
PD Detection Capacitance	Method	Slew Time
	Probing Voltage (typical)	~4 V – 8 V
PD Classification	Modes: Standard PDA-604	1-Event, 2-Event, and 3-Event Classification
	Modes: PDA-604 with PDA-604-TYPE34	1-Event, 2-Event, 3-Event, 4-Event, 5-Event Classification
	First Event Duration	Selectable: T _{LCE} 100 msec or T _{CEV} 30 msec
	Classification Probing Voltage (typical)	~17.5 V
	Classification Probing Voltage (margin test)	14.5 V, 20.5 V
	Classification Probing Event Duration (typical)	30 msec
	Mark Region Voltage (typical, ≤ 6mA load)	7-9 V
	Mark Region Duration (typical)	Mark 1 through 2, 3, or 4: 10 msec each
		Final Mark: Selectable, 25 to 375 msec

	Specifications	
Measurement	Parameter	Specification
Detection Resistance (per pairset)	Range	3 KΩ to 50 KΩ
	Accuracy (19 K Ω to 26.5 K Ω , Probing 4.4-8.8V)	± 1%
	Accuracy (Full Range, Probing 4.4-8.8V)	± 2.5%
Connection Check	Outcomes	SINGLE or DUAL or INVALID PD
	Expected PD Signature for VALID result	21 KΩ to 28 KΩ on each pairset
Detection Capacitance	Range	50nF-10μF
(per pairset)	Accuracy (0.052 μF)	± (2.5% + 6 nF)
	Accuracy (2.110 μF)	± (10% + 6 nF)
Classification	Classification Range	0 mA to 50 mA
(per pairset)	Classification Accuracy (115 mA @ ~17.5V)	± (2.5% + 600 μA)
	Classification Accuracy (1650 mA @ ~17.5V)	± (1.5% + 400 μA)
	Events Measured	Selectable, 1 to 2 (standard), 3-5 with Type-3/4 license
	Mark Region Range	0.5 to 5 mA
	Mark Region Accuracy	± (2% + 100 μA)
Power	Range	0 to 56 Watts per pairset, 0 to 112 Watts 4-Pair
	Resolution	0.01 W per pairset, 0.02 W 4-Pair
	Accuracy	± (2.0% + 0.1 W) per pairset, ± (2.0% + 0.2 W) 4-Pair
Load Current	Range	0 to 1000 mA per pairset, 0 to 2000 mA 4-Pair
Edda Garront	Resolution	0.1 mA, 0.2mA 4-Pair
	Accuracy (115 mA)	$\pm (2.0\% + 600 \mu\text{A})$ per pairset, $\pm (2.0\% + 1.2\text{mA})$ 4-Pair
	Accuracy (1650 mA)	\pm (1.85% + 600 μ A) per pairset, \pm (1.85% + 1.2mA) 4-Pair
	Accuracy (51100 mA)	
	, ,	± (1.0% + 500 µA) per pairset, ± (1.0% + 1.0mA) 4-Pair
D. (1)/-11	Accuracy (1011000 mA)	± (0.75% + 800 μA) per pairset, ± (0.75% + 1.6mA) 4-Pair
Port Voltage, Backfeed Voltage with	Range	0 VDC to 57 VDC
2-Pair Powering	Resolution	0.1 V
	Accuracy	± (0.75% + 100 mV) per pairset, ± (0.75% + 200 mV) 4-Pa
Reflected Voltage with	Range	0 VDC to >5 VDC
3-Pair Powering	Resolution	0.1 V
Trace	Types	Voltage, Current, Power, Voltage & Current (V+I)
	Trigger Modes	Immediate, Class (leading edge of first event), Source (ON or OFF transition),
		Transient (Current or Power) with Selectable (2-Pai Threshold and Selectable Pre-Trigger Sample Coun
	Sample Rate – 2-Pair Traces	0.05 – 20 msec / sample (1-2-5 pattern)
	(Immediate, Class, Source triggered traces)	Voltage, Current also support 0.025 msec/sample
	Sample Rate – 4-Pair Traces	2 – 20 msec / sample (1-2-5 pattern)
	(Immediate, Class, Source triggered traces)	0.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1
	Trace Length (Voltage, Current) – 2-Pair Traces	Selectable up to 5120 points
	Trace Length (Voltage, Current) – 4-Pair Traces	Selectable up to 2560 points
	Trace Length (Power, V+I) – 2-Pair Traces	Selectable up to 2560 points
	Trace Length (Power, V+I) – 4-Pair Traces	Selectable up to 1280 points
	Sample Rate – 2-Pair & 4-Pair Transient Triggered Traces	2 – 20 msec / sample (1-2-5 pattern)
	Trace Length – Transient triggered traces	Indefinite – Runs until specified 2-Pair current or power condition occurs. In 4-Pair mode, both pairsets are monitored for the 2-Pair current or power condition.
	Trace Trigger Hold-off: Supported Triggers	Class, Source
	Trace Trigger Hold-off – 2-Pair Traces	0 to 65535 samples
	Trace Trigger Trace on 2 Tail Traces	

Measurement Specifications		
Measurement	Parameter	Specification
Streaming Trace (2-Pair & 4-Pair modes)	Parameters Included	Voltage, Current, Instantaneous Power, Avg. Power
	Sample Rate	5 msec or 10 msec
	Trace Length (5 msec period)	≤ 1048400 samples (<u><</u> 5242 seconds)

LLDP (802.3at and 802.3bt TLV's)		
Interface	Parameter	Specification
PD Port (with PDA-LLDP-AT feature license)	Receive	In-board Ethernet switch is configured to filter for LLDPDUs. Normally parsed to extract the IEEE 802.3at conformant Power-via-MDI TLV; entire raw frame is available for analysis.
,	Transmit	LLDPDU containing an IEEE 802.3at conformant Power-via-MDI TLV with programmatically controlled alloc value.
	Trace	Continuous (once started by the user), stores and optionally displays 802.3at Power-via-MDI TLV content.
PD Port (with PDA-LLDP-BT feature license)	Receive	In-board Ethernet switch is configured to filter for LLDPDUs. Normally parsed to extract the IEEE 802.3bt conformant (extended) Power-via-MDI TLV; entire raw frame is available for analysis.
,	Transmit	LLDPDU containing an IEEE 802.3bt conformant (extended) Power-via-MDI TLV with programmatically controlled alloc value.
	Trace	Continuous (once started by the user), stores and optionally displays 802.3bt Power-via-MDI TLV content.
LAN Port	No LLDP support on LAN Port.	AN and PD Ports must be in Active Swiitched (10/100/1000) Mode.

Physical and Environment		
Measurement	Parameter	Specification
Physical	Width	7.5"
	Height	3.0"
	Depth	10.0"
	Weight	3.2 lbs
	Power	100VAC - 240VAC, 50-60 Hz, 1.3A Max.
Environmental	Operating Temperature	0°C to 40°C
	Storage Temperature	-20°C to 85°C
	Operating Humidity	5% to 95% RH, Non-Condensing
	Altitude	2000 Meters
	Pollution Degree	2

Certifications	
Category	Specification
Safety	CSA Listed (CSA22.2 No. 61010)
	EN61010-1 (Test & Measurement Equipment Safety Standard)
Emissions	FCC Part 15, Class A (Industrial Equipment emissions, USA)
	EN55011 (Industrial, Scientific Equipment RF emissions, Europe)
	VCCI (Information Technology Equipment emissions, Japan)
	AS/NZS 3548 (Information Technology Equipment emissions, Australia/N.Z.)
European Commission	Low Voltage Directive (2014/35/EU)
	Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive (2014/30/EU)
	CE Marking Directive (93/68/EEC)
Patents	U.S. Patent 10,060,965

Ordering Information

PDA-604A	PDA-604A Instrument for 2-Pair Type-1 & Type-2 PD Analysis Including PDA-600 Software
PDA-604-CT-AT	License for Automated 802.3at PD Conformance Test Suite and Load Monitor applicable to
	Type-1 (up to 13W) and Type-2 (up to 25.5W) PD's
PDA-LLDP-AT	License for 802.3at (Type-2) PD Powering and Analysis Using 802.3at LLDP.
PDA-Type3/4	License for 802.3bt Type-3 (51W) and Type-4 (71.3W) PD Powering and Analysis Using 4- Event and 5-Event Classification
PDA-604-CT-BT ¹	License for Automated 802.3bt PD Conformance Test Suite and Load Monitor applicable to
	Type-3 (up to 51W) and Type-4 (up to 71.3W) PD's
PDA-LLDP-BT ¹	License for 802.3bt (Type-3/4) PD Powering and Analysis Using 802.3bt LLDP.
RACKKIT-PDA	Rack Mount Kit for PDA-600 Instruments (see below)
CASE-PDA	Carrying Case for PDA-600 Instruments (see below)

¹ See Table 2 (page 3) for prerequisite feature requirements.

Accessories Included with PDA-604A:

- PDA-604 Reference Manual
 PDA-600 Software (CD)
- USB Cable Power Cord



Rack Mount Kit for PDA-600

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