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2. **REQUIREMENTS.**

   a. An ATD with the D4D wiring harness. The D4D interfaces to the ATD using a connector that is different from the connector used with the VHSD.

   b. A computer with the follow minimum system requirements:

      (1) i7-950, 2.93 Gigahertz processor.

      (2) 8 Gigabyte random access memory (RAM).

      (3) 1 Terabyte, 7200 revolutions per minute (RPM) hard drive.

      (4) 1 Gigabyte Ethernet adapter.

   c. An appropriately configured network switch.

   d. Opto-isolators for triggering.

3. **SETUP.**

3.1 **Cable Harness.**

The D4D cable harness uses a high density connector for the interface to the D4D resulting in four ATD channels per D4D connector. Each connector in the D4D cable harness is labeled with the range of channels that it represents. It is important to take note of those numbers and plug the connectors into the matching connectors on the D4D front panel.

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3.2 Parameters.

a. To begin using the D4D, an ATD needs to be selected and its parameters need to be downloaded. To download the parameters, the Parameter Builder application that was developed by the Ballistics Engineering, Support, and Technology (BEST) Division, of the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center (ATC), needs to be downloaded and installed if not already on the personal computer (PC). The Parameter Builder application is typically located on the desktop, but if it is not, it can be downloaded via the BEST Apps application page (http://best.atc.army.mil). This is an ATC only website, and permission to access the site can be obtained from the ATC Ballistics Instrumentation Division (TEDT-AT-SLB). Open the Parameter Builder application and from the drop down menu select the ATD serial number and click Add Dummy (Figure 1). In the menu that comes up, select the crew member position and make sure D4D Generation 1 is selected for the acquisition system (Figure 2). Repeat this step for all ATDs that are being used in the test.

![Figure 1. Select ATD from drop-down menu.](image1)

![Figure 2. Crew member selection and acquisition system selection.](image2)
b. After all of the ATDs have been selected, the sensor channels within the ATD need to be assigned their corresponding DAS channel. To do this select the automation menu (Figure 3) in the upper left hand corner and select Populate D4D Gen 1 Channels. In the text box that comes up select the channels that you want to be associated with the specific ATD serial number (Figure 4).

![Automation selection](image)

**Figure 3.** Automation selection.

![Channel assignment](image)

**Figure 4.** Channel assignment.

c. After channel numbers have been assigned to all of the ATD channels, it is now time to export the ATD channel configuration. Click on “Export Parameters” at the bottom of the window. In the dialogue box that pops up, confirm that all the channels are assigned to the appropriate ATD (Figure 5). In the drop down menu, if applicable, select the test event that the ATDs are going on. Next, select export. A warning may appear about some channels having a sensitivity of “0”, this is due to those channels not being installed in the ATD (Figure 6). Selecting OK will assign a sensitivity of 1 to those channels, or hit cancel and redo the channel assignment to not include those channels. If proceeding with assigning a sensitivity of 1 to those
channels, they will have to be deselected when the parameters are imported into the DAQ console. A prompt will be displayed asking where to save the ATD parameters. Select the desired location and click OK. Next click close on the dialogue box and finally close the Parameter Builder application.

Figure 5.

Figure 6. Sensitivity error.
3.3 Range Setup.

To be able to effectively collect D4D data on a live fire range, a private network needs to be installed. Most of the typical live fire ranges at ATC are setup to accommodate the D4D private network. The private network consists of two network switches on either end. They are connected via single mode fiber optic cable. The switch that is down near the test asset, is typically in a bombproof shelter to keep it from getting damaged. An Ethernet cable is run from the D4D located in the test asset, to the network switch in the bombproof. The PC’s that are setup to operate the D4D’s can only handle a maximum of four D4D’s. Multiple computers will need to be used if there are more than 4 D4D’s being used in a single test. The Cisco switches, up-range and down-range, will need to be programmed for logical separation so that multiple D4Ds and computers can be ran from the same switch over a single pair fiber. The D4D will also need to have a global positioning system (GPS) antenna attached to them and the antenna positioned where it will lock onto GPS. The GPS is necessary to ensure accurate timing. Once the GPS and Ethernet cables are connected the D4D can be powered on.

3.4 Triggering.

The D4D needs to record a trigger to be able to accurately line the data up with time zero. The trigger is a pulse that is sent out from the firing system and is recorded as a voltage on the D4D. The D4D has an input range of only 2.5 volts. To prevent any voltages higher than 2.5 from being put in the D4D an optoisolator needs to be used on the trigger channel. The optoisolator will take any level input voltage and drop it down to 2.2 volts. The optoisolators are provided with the D4D kit.

4. Acquisition.

a. The VHSD and the D4D use the same software for control and acquisition. Located on the desktop will be the Ballistics Test Site (BTSX) Icon. If this is not located on the desktop, follow the steps in Section 3.2 to download and install the BTSX application. Click on this icon to open the acquisition console. There will be a screen that appears, select the test range where the test is being conducted; make sure the box next to “Use BITE” is unchecked and make sure D4D is selected in the drop down box, then click go (Figure 7). When multiple D4D’s are being used, the user will be prompted to assign the channel number range to the appropriate D4D (Figure 8).

b. Once the console loads, the user will have to set the total number channels. This is accomplished by taking the total number of D4D boxes and multiplying that by 60. This will give you the total number of channels being used. The absolute maximum number of channels that is allowed per PC is 240 channels, which equates to 4 D4D boxes. To set the console for the correct total number of channels, select tools and then options (Figure 9). Next, scroll down to the miscellaneous section and change the max number of channels to the number that was previously calculated (Figure 10). Click save changes and restart the console following the above steps.
Figure 7. Console home screen.

Figure 8. D4D channel assignment.
Figure 9. Console operations.

Figure 10. Console maximum channels.
4.1 Parameters.

a. Once the console has loaded it is now time to load the parameters that were previously saved using the Parameter Builder application. To import the parameters, select the Parameters Panel located on the left side of the console. Select import located at the top right of the screen and browse to the location where the parameters were saved (Figure 11). The default location for the saved parameters is located at C:\BTSX\saved\parameters. Click on the file, open and click continue. The parameters should have successfully imported. To verify that the parameters and channels are all active, click select and on the window that appears click select all, then OK.

![Figure 11. Parameter import.](image)

b. Some ATDs do not have mid tibia accelerometers installed in them. If a warning came up when building the parameters it was likely because the mid tibia accelerometers are not installed in the ATD. This is not an issue, however the user needs to turn these channels off. This is done by first identifying which channels are the mid tibia channels then clicking on select and clicking on each channel to deselect them from the list. The number should turn from red in color to black in color. Red signifies that the channel is selected and will be used to collect data, black signifies that the channel is deselected and will not be used to collect data (Figure 12).
c. Once all of the channels have been selected correctly, it is time to go through each individual channel to ensure the gain, excitation and triggering options are set correctly. Starting with channel zero click on the auto gain button to make sure the full scale of each channel is set correctly. This step has to be done manually for every channel being used. Next ensure that the Use Excitation box is checked and has the number 9.789 volts next to it. If any other number besides that number is listed, do not use the D4D to take data until consulting with the BEST Division for a fix. Under triggering options make sure Slave and Software triggers are selected and finally set the memory to 8,000 samples pre trigger and 800,000 samples post trigger. This should equate to 0.2 seconds of data before the trigger and 20.0 seconds of data post trigger (Figure 13).
d. After configuring all of the channels, a useful tool to ensure that all parameters are set correctly is the Parameter Quick View. This is located under the tools tab at the top of the screen (Figure 14). In the Parameter Quick View panel the user can configure the table to show different values. Once parameters have been verified the user can now start operations of the D4D (Figure 15).
Figure 14. Parameter quick view.

Figure 15. Parameter quick view listing.
4.2 Operations.

a. The operation of the D4D is done through the Acquisition tab located on the left side of the console. Once in the Acquisition tab, click load. This will load all of the parameters that were just imported. After the parameters have been loaded and the D4D is communicating, note the battery level. If the battery voltage level is at or below 60 percent do not collect data for the actual test event. To conduct the actual test event the D4D must be charged to a minimum of 70 percent. Prior to each test event, the frame count for each D4D should be verified to be less than 4 million frames. If the D4D is approaching or at 4 million frames, the D4D needs to have the power cycled. Please reference the power cycling procedure in Section 5 of this document.

b. Now that all of the parameters have been loaded, the Header information should be updated. The Header tab is located on the left side of the console under the Acquisition tab (Figure 16). The Header contains the round or test event name as well as metadata that can be used at a later date to track all of the data that are taken within the Ballistics Instrumentation Division. Once all of the header information has been entered, return to the Acquisition tab.

c. At this point if all parameters have been verified, and the D4D is connected and powered on, it is time to auto balance the transducers. Click auto balance and wait for the D4D to complete the process. The auto balance button should change from gray to red. When auto balance is complete the button will return to gray. Auto balance can be confirmed in the text status located towards the bottom of the console.
d. After auto balance is complete, ensure the Store Data in Flash box is checked. Once that box is checked the D4D can now be armed. Before the D4D is armed the user must ensure that there is no data located in the analyzer portion of the console. If data files are in the analyzer they must be removed prior to arming the D4D. When conducting the actual test event, there will be a thirty second countdown to T-0; this is the time when the event goes off. When the countdown reaches thirty seconds the D4D will be armed. The arming process can take upwards of ten seconds. During the arming process the excitation and cooler buttons will switch to on. The D4D will start streaming data; this should be reflected by an incrementing frame count. Also in the text status there should be a command that says “Channels have started writing to flash”. The writing to flash dialogue should also switch to “Yes” to further confirm the D4D is armed and streaming. If this dialogue does not switch to “Yes” to further confirm the D4D is armed and streaming. If this dialogue does not switch to “Yes” to further confirm the D4D is armed and streaming. If this dialogue does not switch to “Yes” and remains at “No”, abort the countdown and disarm the D4D. Verify that the flash button is checked and retry the arming sequence. Take note that there is a slight delay from when a command is sent to the D4D to when the command is displayed in text status (Figures 17 and 18).

Figure 17. Arming process.
e. Once the D4D has successfully armed, the D4D will need to be triggered. The triggering and transfer process for the D4D is different compared to the VHSD. The D4D is triggered manually by clicking the trigger button on the console with about five seconds left on the countdown to T-0. Once the D4D is triggered it will record data for twenty seconds. The console will display a text status message in the text status box alerting the user that acquisition has completed. Once acquisition has completed, the transfer data process can occur. Unlike the VHSD, the data that are collected by the D4D is streamed to the PC and stored on the hard drive in a raw file. The transfer process for the D4D is simply building a file that will be viewable in the analyzer portion of the console.

4.3 Recover.

a. If using the method outlined in Section 4.2 there will be approximately 20 seconds of acquired data, causing the data file to be large. This makes viewing the data in the analyzer cumbersome. Using the recover function in the software allows the user to go back and make changes to the amount of data that are recorded. To view or “build” a smaller file, the data needs to be recovered from the flash memory on the D4D. This process starts by going into the parameters and adjusting the post trigger memory to 160,000 samples, which equates to four seconds of data. If more data post trigger are desired, adjust the number of samples to match the
amount of data required. This step has to be done for all channels. The next step is to make channel 59 the master channel. This is done by selecting the master trigger box, and selecting the internal trigger box. When the internal trigger box is selected, the user will be prompted to enter a trigger level. A typical trigger level is 0.5 volts. Remember, if the D4D channels are used to supplement VHSD channels, then the trigger sampling rate and threshold should be set the same. This will ensure a more accurate T0 recording by both systems so that data between the two can be compared back to the same reference time. The user also has the ability to change the slope type. The default slope should be set as positive. There is also an option to check absolute value. This box should remain unchecked (Figure 19).

![Recover parameters](image)

Figure 19. Recover parameters.

b. After completing these steps, the header of the file needs to be adjusted to help distinguish between the two files. In the header section, add the words “RECOVER” to the end of the round name. After this is complete, go back into the acquisition section of the console and select load, then recover. A text status message should appear in the text status box showing that data playback has begun. It is important to not click arm before clicking recover. If arm is
selected, the data that are currently stored in the flash will be erased and the smaller file cannot be easily created.

4.4 Reference Time.

D4D units twelve and thirteen, GPS reference time is off by one second. This is not a major issue and can be corrected in the BTSX console. The one second difference will be noticeable when plotting data from multiple D4D’s. In the analyzer select only the channels from the D4D(s) that have the one second difference. Click on Diagnostic, Fix Reference Time. When the window appears the default value is 1,000 milliseconds (one second). This number shouldn’t have to be changed other than possibly making a negative value. Click continue and the reference time values will be shifted by one second. Reference Figures 20, 21, 22.

Figure 20. Fix reference time.
Figure 21. Reference time adjustment.

Figure 22. Reference time new values.
5. **POWER CYCLING PROCEDURE.**

There may be instances where the D4D needs to be reset. The most usual occurrence would be because the D4D has a large frame count. This usually happens when the D4D has been used several times to acquire data. To reset the D4D, the D4D needs to be physically turned off and the Ethernet cable needs to be removed for five seconds. Turn the D4D back on prior to reconnecting the Ethernet cable.

6. **PRESENTATION OF DATA.**

Data are usually presented in a table format. An example of how data can be presented is shown in Appendix A, Figure A-18.
APPENDIX A. D4D OPERATOR GUIDE.

A.1 BACKGROUND.

a. The Syntronics D4DV2.5 is a small 60-channel data acquisition system designed especially to support vulnerability testing using anthropomorphic dummies. The design philosophy for the D4D was to pack as much performance into as small a box as possible in a cost effective manner. A number of tradeoffs were made in an attempt to provide a system which would effectively support anthropomorphic dummy testing. The D4D has been designed to support strain and voltage measurements only. The D4D was built under contract for ATC and is not a commercial product. The D4D was purchased without a documentation support package. A laboratory evaluation**1 was performed on the system. Technical specifications for the D4D are in Appendix B.

b. The purpose of this guide is to provide an operator who is familiar with the VHSD with an introduction to the D4D. While the D4D and VHSD have some similarities, there are many intrinsic differences that the operator must be aware of.

A.2 INTRODUCTION TO THE D4D.

a. Figure A-1 shows one end of the D4D enclosure. This end has the external direct current (DC) power input connector and the GPS antenna connector. The external DC power input connector can be connected to a 24 volt direct current (VDC) external source of power. The external power source can power the unit without charging the battery or power the unit and charge the battery. The pin outs for the external power connector are in Appendix C. The GPS connector is a SubMiniature version A (SMA) that provides power for an external antenna and receives the GPS signal. For accurate times to be recorded the GPS antenna must be connected and operational.

Figure A-1. External DC power connector and GPS connector.

** Superscript numbers correspond to Appendix F, References.
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b. Figure A-2 shows the opposite end of the D4D enclosure. This end has the vent for the cooling system and the unit serial number. The vent must not be covered so that adequate air flow is provided to the unit.

![Figure A-2. Vent and serial number.](image)

c. Figure A-3 shows one side of the D4D enclosure. This side contains the battery switch, the Ethernet connector and a power indicator light emitting diode (LED). The battery switch connects the battery to the system power bus. When the battery switch is ON, the battery can be charged and supply power to the system. When the battery switch is OFF, the battery cannot be charged or supply power to the system. Note that there is no overall power switch. When supplied with external power, the system is always on. The LED indicator shows when system power is applied. The LED indicator is on whenever there is external power applied or the battery is on. The LED indicator is off whenever there is no external power applied and the battery is off. The Ethernet connector port provides the ability to connect to an external computer for control and streaming data purposes. The connector port will accept a standard RJ-45 connector or a ruggedized captive connector. The Ethernet connection must be present to load and arm the D4D. However, once armed, the connection can be removed. Later the D4D can be reconnected to allow the stored data to be removed.
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Figure A-3. Battery switch, Ethernet connector and power indicator LED.

d. Figure A-4 shows the opposite side of the D4D enclosure. This side contains 15 data channel connectors and one test bus connector. The pin outs for these connectors are in Appendix C. Each data channel connector contains four channels. The test bus connector is used for calibration and laboratory tests and will not normally be used in the field.

Figure A-4. Data connectors and test bus connector.
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e. Figure A-5 shows the top of the D4D enclosure. The fan baffle is visible on the top. The fan baffle must not be covered so that adequate air flow is provided to the unit.

![Figure A-5. Fan baffle.](image)

f. Figure A-6 shows the bottom of the D4D enclosure. The bottom of the D4D enclosure has four mounting holes tapped for 6-32 threads.

![Figure A-6. Bottom mounting holes.](image)
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g. The bottom portion of the enclosure is an aluminum block that has been machined. All of the data acquisition system is located in the bottom portion. The white piece is nylon that provides thermal isolation between the electronics in the bottom portion of the enclosure and the cooler located in the top. The top portion of the enclosure contains the fan, cooler and ventilation ports.

A.3 CHANNEL DESIGN.

a. All 60 channels in the D4D are identical. The design of the D4D is inherently simple to allow fitting this many channels into a small space, to reduce the power consumption so that battery operation is practical, and to keep the cost down. Figure A-7 is a block diagram of a channel.

![Channel block diagram](image)

b. Although not shown in the block diagram, gain is actually broken into two stages. Gain is achieved through the use of digital potentiometers. Due to the limited number of steps in the digital potentiometers, most gains are low by 1 to 3 percent. The low pass filter is composed to two one-pole stages which are set close to 4 kilohertz (kHz). The analog-to-digital (ADC) converter is a successive approximation type and all converters in the box are synchronous. There is no mechanism to synchronize boxes. The ADC is running at 200 kilo-samples per second (kSps). The 200kSps data stream is digitally filtered and decimated to 40kSps. The 40kSps data stream is filtered again to produce an overall 4 kHz filter cutoff. There is no trigger processing done in the D4D itself.
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c. Autobalance is accomplished with voltage insertion. Autobalance requires approximately one minute. During autobalance, the system will ARM itself. Each card has a total of four excitation regulators - two positive and two negative. The first 12 channels on a card share one pair of regulators while the remaining 8 channels on a card share the second pair of regulators. The positive and negative regulators are independent fixed voltage regulators.

d. Table A-1 highlights differences between a D4D channel and a typical VHSD channel

TABLE A-1. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN D4D AND VHSD CHANNELS

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<td>Input Impedance</td>
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<td>Excitation voltage</td>
<td>+/-5V (10V nominal)</td>
<td>0 to +/-10V</td>
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<td>Excitation present</td>
<td>Only when ARMED</td>
<td>When properly loaded</td>
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<td>Excitation sense</td>
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A.4 CHANNEL QUADS.

a. To keep the size of the D4D enclosure small, it was necessary to group four channels into a connector. In addition to sharing the connector, the channel quad also shares two fuses for its excitation supply. There is one fuse for the positive excitation and a second fuse for the negative excitation. Thus, if one channel shorts and takes down the excitation supply, then the other three channels on the quad will also be impacted. Note that each fuse has an internal resistance of around 1 ohm. This means that the strain gage loads will produce a voltage drop in the fuses that is not corrected since there is no excitation sense.
b. Currently, the issue of excitation voltage is handled by using an average value for the entire box that reflects the standard loading of an anthropomorphic dummy. The average value being used is displayed on the parameter panel. This value is picked to minimize the errors.

**NOTE:** The operator is responsible for ensuring that the appropriate box average excitation value is being used.

### A.5 SYSTEM DESIGN.

The overall design of the D4D can be broken down into five different assemblies:

a. A connector board holds the 15 signal connectors plus the test bus connector.

b. A backplane provides interconnections for the other boards.

c. There are three data acquisition (DAQ) boards each containing 20 channels as discussed in Paragraph A.3. Each data acquisition board also contains a field programmable gate array (FPGA) that consolidates the 20 serial data streams from the analog to digital converters into a single data stream. There are two sets of excitation supply regulators on the DAQ boards. One set supplies the first three quads on the board while the second set supplies the last two quads on the board.

d. A digital board consolidates the data from the three data acquisition boards, communicates with the control computer, sends commands to the data acquisition boards, handles GPS timing, contains mass storage and provides battery, power supply, and cooling control.

e. A thermoelectric cooling unit provides the capacity to remove heat from the densely populated circuit boards.

**NOTE:** There are no operator serviceable parts inside the D4D. At no time should an attempt be made to disassemble the D4D.

Since D4D channels are part of larger assemblies, the failure of one or more channels cannot be easily swapped out; replacement of the entire unit is the only maintenance recourse.

### A.6 MODES OF OPERATION.

The D4D essentially has two modes of operation: not armed and armed. Table A-2 identifies the properties of each mode of operation.
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TABLE A-2. D4D MODES OF OPERATION

<table>
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<tr>
<th>NOT ARMED</th>
<th>ARMED</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Parameters can be loaded to channels.</td>
<td>1. Excitation voltage is turned ON.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. AUTOBALANCE can be executed.</td>
<td>2. All 60 channels acquire data.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>3. Data is streamed to Ethernet port.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>4. Data is stored in flash (if selected).</td>
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A.7 SYSTEM POWER.

The D4D can be powered in a number of different ways. Table A-3 shows the salient features of each mode of operation.

TABLE A-3. SYSTEM POWER FEATURES

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<thead>
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<th>REASON FOR MODE</th>
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<tr>
<td>External power with battery OFF</td>
<td>Setup</td>
<td>I = 0.25A</td>
<td>I = 1.0A + gage loads</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Calibration</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Laboratory testing</td>
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<tr>
<td>External power with battery ON</td>
<td>Charge battery</td>
<td>I = 0.25A + battery</td>
<td>I = 1.0A + gage loads + battery</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Power over Ethernet (POE) with battery ON</td>
<td>Keep battery topped off prior to test</td>
<td></td>
<td>POE does not provide sufficient current for this mode - battery will supply current</td>
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</table>

Battery only  Test See Reference 1 for battery time in this mode See Reference 1 for battery time in this mode

A.8 SYSTEM TIMING.

a. The D4D has the capability to utilize GPS timing signals to derive accurate time coordination for the acquired data points. When a GPS signal is provided to the D4D and the BTSX software is operational, the current Coordinated Universal Time will be displayed on the operational console. Under these conditions, the data will be annotated with the correct time also. If the D4D locks on to the GPS signal and then loses the signal, the D4D will then use its internal clock to update the time. If a large amount of time elapses from the loss of signal to the capture of data, the time may not remain as high accuracy as when the GPS signal was present.
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b. If an adequate GPS signal is not provided to the D4D, then the BTSX software will display the correct date and a time derived from the turn on of the D4D. Under these conditions, the data will not be annotated with the correct absolute time.

c. The D4D utilizes a crystal clock to control the digitizing rate. This clock is not locked to the GPS signal as is the clock in the VHSD. Therefore, during long acquisitions it is possible that the time associated with data points may drift.

d. Each D4D on a test must be provided with a separate antenna or a GPS splitter must be used to provide independent signals. A single antenna should NOT be split to multiple D4Ds.

e. All channels on the D4D have individual ADCs and all are clocked simultaneously.

A.9 SYSTEM MEMORY.

a. When the D4D is armed, it starts to stream 60 channels of data out the Ethernet port. Currently streaming data cannot be turned off. With the appropriate software, the data stream can be captured and stored on a computer hard drive. In general, this should be the primary means of capturing D4D data.

b. There is no channel memory in the D4D. However, there is a single 4GB flash memory that can store the data stream if it is enabled. If enabled, the flash memory is filled independently of data being streamed. Thus, the flash memory provides redundancy in case the Ethernet link is lost during a test. The 4GB flash will store approximately 12 minutes of data from ARM time until it fills. Once the flash fills, it shuts down and saves no more data. Using the BTSX operational software for the D4D, the contents of the flash can be retrieved at a later time (even if power to the D4D has been shut off).

NOTE: The operator needs to keep in mind that when armed, the D4D is writing to hard drive at the rate of 1GB every three minutes. During setup and testing, very large files may be written to hard drive. The operational software does not clean up these files.

A.10 SYSTEM COOLING.

a. With the high density packaging employed, removing heat from the D4D is a major issue. The system incorporates an integral solid state cooling unit and two fans. One fan blows cool air onto the electronics, while the other fan exhausts heat created by the cooler.
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b. The system has 16 temperature sensors: one on the digital electronics board and five on each channel board. The sensors on the channel boards are apportioned one to each channel quad. The sensor on the digital electronics board is active at all times. However, the sensors on the channel boards are active only when the system is in the ARM mode. The temperatures on the channel boards are monitored by the system controller. If the controller detects a temperature over 150 degrees Fahrenheit for an extended period, then the controller shuts down the electronics on the channel boards. In the case of a shutdown, the cooler is left on to assist in reducing the temperature of the package.

c. The channel board closest to the digital board normally runs the hottest with the other two boards running a few degrees lower. The hottest analog sensor normally runs about 40 degrees lower in temperature than the digital board. Thus, a temperature of ~190 degrees on the digital board is approaching shutdown.

NOTE: There is no special notification to the operator that temperature shutdown has occurred. The symptoms are that the system stops transferring data, the status indicator disappears, and there are no updates to temperature, voltage, etc. These same symptoms will occur if the communication link is severed. Looking at the status display for the last temperature is the only clue that thermal shutdown may have occurred.

It is essential that the cooling vents on the outside of the D4D package are not blocked.

A.11 AMPLITUDE CALIBRATION.

a. Since there is no access to the output of the signal conditioner, the calibration process cannot be broken up into signal conditioner and digitizer calibrations. Therefore, amplitude calibration is accomplished in a slightly different manner than the VHSD. For gain of 1, the gain is defined as 1.00000 and the calibration process defines a digitizer scale factor. For all other gains, the calibration digitizer scale factor is then used to derive a gain scale factor. This process allows the D4D calibration to closely resemble the VHSD calibration process. Once calculated, the digitizer scale factor and individual gain values are written into the D4D for storage.

b. Amplitude calibration requires a digital voltmeter, a programmable signal generator, a switch/control units and an E-Net adapter. If the calibration is performed through the channel connectors, then a 60-channel adapter is required. If the calibration is performed through the test bus input, then a test bus adapter cable is required. Amplitude calibration is normally performed in the laboratory, but it can be done using any VHSD system. In this case, the cable that normally goes to the 28000 test bus input should be brought to the D4D.
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c. Due to the configuration of the calibration storage structure, there is not a good way to identify individual gains that have failed calibration. Gain values that have not passed calibration are set to 2/3 of their nominal value. Normally gains should be within a few percentage points of their nominal value. So any gain that is more than three percent low is an uncalibrated gain.

NOTE: Prior to arriving at the range, the operator should check that all channels possess valid calibration values and dates.

A.12 TIME CALIBRATION.

a. The internal crystal clock that controls the digitizing rate is not brought to the outside of the D4D. Thus, it is not possible to check the D4D time calibration directly. The time calibration of the D4D is accomplished by injecting a pulse into the channel inputs and simultaneously to a calibrated timer/counter. A comparison of the digitized pulse width to the timer/counter value serves to verify the time calibration of the D4D.

b. Time calibration requires a programmable signal generator, a calibrated counter/timer, an E-Net, adapter and several Bayonet Neill-Concelman (BNC) cables. The preferable method is to calibrate through the direct inputs. But the test bus input can be used if necessary.

c. At this time it is not possible tell if the system has been time calibrated.

A.13 CONTROL COMPUTER.

a. A control computer is required as a minimum to setup, load, and arm the D4D. As long as an Ethernet connection exists to an armed D4D, then there will be streaming data to be captured. The computer must have adequate performance to write the streaming data to the hard drive as well as process the data for triggers. Recall that there is no triggering of any kind inside the D4D. Left on its own, the D4D will not shut itself down. It will continue to stream data forever. The control computer monitors the streaming data for triggers and determines when acquisition is complete. When all channels have completed acquisition, the control computer sends the disarm signal to the D4D.

b. When the operator initiates a transfer, the control computer reads the raw file which contains all 60 channels of streamed data. At this time the control computer uses the operator selected parameters to determine what data from the raw file are saved into the hdf5 file. Thus, all of the trigger modes, trigger counts, and memory sizes set up in the parameter panel are actually carried out by the control computer during transfer.
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c. When multiple D4Ds are connected to the same computer, the operator must ensure very high performance hard drives, lots of memory, a good Ethernet card, and fast processors are provided to avoid losing data. Each D4D is providing roughly 5 megabytes of data per second (50 megabits/sec). The program has to buffer these data in memory and write to the hard drive. The presence of a separate data hard drive may be necessary. It is important to remove non-essential processes. Currently, anti-virus programs are a major challenge. Table A-4 provides some guidance for computer selection.

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<tr>
<th>NUMBER OF D4DS</th>
<th>COMPUTER TYPE</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Most desktops &amp; laptops</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Some desktops &amp; laptops</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 to 4</td>
<td>High performance desktops &amp; laptops</td>
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<tr>
<td>5 or 6</td>
<td>Specially tuned, high performance systems - expect problems</td>
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</table>

The D4D requires gigabit Ethernet capability. Thus, the computer used must have gigabit Ethernet or a gigabit switch must be used. A gigabit network switch is also required in the setup if multiple D4Ds are connected to the same computer.

e. Note that as the number of D4Ds connected to a single computer increases, parameter manipulation becomes more challenging.

NOTE: It is advisable to test the complete system that will be used on a range, in the exact configuration that will be used on the range, prior to shot day to ensure that streaming data are not lost.

A.14 OPERATION.

Operation of a system on the range requires the following:

a. A GPS antenna for each D4D.

b. An Ethernet cable from each D4D to the computer or network switch (if multiple D4Ds). Protection of this cable is important if data integrity is essential.

c. A power source with adequate energy for the time required to setup and execute the test. This may consist of:
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(1) A charged D4D battery.

(2) A DC voltage source.

(3) A power over Ethernet (POE) switch.

d. Signal cables that interface the D4D to the gages.

e. A mount for the D4D that provides the necessary security to ensure that the D4D is not damaged during the test.

f. Adequate ventilation or temperature conditioning to ensure that the D4D will not overheat.

g. A computer that has the BTSX console software loaded and has adequate performance for the number of D4Ds being utilized.

h. A D4D that has been properly calibrated and checked for operation.

i. Entry of each channels operational parameters into the BTSX parameter panel.

A.15 SOFTWARE.

The software used to control the D4D is the BTSX console used to control the VHSD. Therefore, much of the software operation will be very familiar to operators. This section will provide enough information to get started and highlight a few of the differences between the two software sets.

a. When opening the BTSX console for the D4D, the operator should select the D4D option and deselect the USE BITE box (unless BITE is available). See Figure A-8.
b. The program will then open the main console panel in the ACQUISITION tab. If a D4D is powered on and connected to the computer, then this panel should open with the operational controls and status panel for the D4D displayed. At the bottom is the test status panel. Note that there is no monitor panel or hardware monitor panel. On the left are the Acquisition, Header and Parameters tabs. On the right is the status panel for the D4D. Included in the display are the serial number of the box, its temperature, battery condition, data and time, and a status indicator. The status indicator will blink and the temperature and battery displays will update if the status message from the D4D is being received. If there is more than one D4D connected, then additional status displays will appear for each box. If GPS is working, the time will be the current coordinated universal time. If GPS is not working, then the time will count up from box power on. If the console does not find the D4D, then this status panel column will not appear. In that case, the operator should click on the UPDATE IPS button. If this works, the status display should appear. If it does not work, then the operator should check the setup, close the console and open it again. See Figure A-9.

Figure A-8. Opening the BTSX console for D4D.
Figure A-9. BTSX console ACQUISITION tab when talking to the D4D.

c. Under Tools/Options is the system configuration panel. If the number of D4Ds attached to the system is changed, then the first order of business is to adjust the Max Channels entry to reflect the correct number of units. On occasion it may be necessary to adjust other parameters on this panel. See Figure A-10.
Figure A-10. System configuration panel.
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d. The HEADER tab is identical to the VHSD.

e. The PARAMETER tab operates in the same general manner as the VHSD. However, there are a few differences in the parameter choices. There is no need to select a signal conditioner card as the D4D is integrated. The sample rate is currently fixed at 40,000 Sps. The Use Excitation box has the value of excitation voltage that will be used. The nominal value is 10 V, but due to fuse resistance and regulator errors, this value reflects the fleet average for use with an anthropomorphic dummy. The remaining entries (Master Trigger, Trigger Options, Memory, Trigger Times and Trigger Count) are not D4D parameters, but rather software parameters that determine how the streaming data are processed. See Figure A-11.

Figure A-11. D4D parameter panel.
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f. The operator can see a consolidated display of all of the parameters using the Options/Parameter Quick View which brings up a separate window with the selected channels parameters. This panel is configured similarly to the VHSD. See Figure A-12.

![Figure A-12. D4D parameter quick view display.](image)

![Figure A-13. D4D acquisition panel after load.](image)

g. Once the parameters are set up, the operator can return to the ACQUISITION panel. As with the VHSD, the D4D must be have the parameters loaded by clicking the LOAD button. A message should appear in the test status window when the load is complete. Also, once the load completes, the ARM and AUTO BALANCE button should become active. See Figure A-13.
h. If the operator desires to auto balance the channels that have auto balance selected, then this can be done at any time after the load is complete by simply clicking on the AUTO BALANCE button. The auto balance requires approximately 1 minute. When the auto balance completes, a message will appear in the Text Status panel. The operator needs to read this message to determine that all of the desired channels did achieve auto balance. See Figure A-14.

![D4D acquisition panel after auto balance.](image)

Figure A-14. D4D acquisition panel after auto balance.

i. When the operator is ready to take data, then the ARM command must be issued. Note that because of the internal sequence of events that occurs within the D4D, it may take 20 seconds for the system to actually start taking data. Note that after the ARM occurs, the Transfer, Software Trigger, and Disarm buttons will become active and the Auto Balance button will become inactive. More importantly, the Last Frame, Frame Count, Missing Frame Count, Frame Buffer Size, and Processing Speed will start to display values. These values reflect that the D4D is streaming data into the computer. See Figure A-15.
j. At this point it is important for the operator to keep an eye on the temperature and battery values displayed in the status panel. The temperature displayed on the panel is the digital card reading. If this temperature reaches a value of 190, then the D4D is in danger of shutdown. The battery level is trickier to monitor as the level can change rapidly. Values in the low 60s or high 50s are indicative of approaching battery failure.

k. If the operator wants to view the temperatures of the sensors on the analog cards, then the word “Temperature” in the status display should be selected. This will bring up a display of the 15 analog card sensors. The analog sensors will shut the D4D down if they reach a temperature of 150. See Figure A-16.
1. If the operator wants to stop the data acquisition process for any reason, then the DISARM button should be clicked.

m. If software trigger was selected for some or all channels, the SOFTWARE TRIGGER button can be clicked to initiate the software trigger. If channels are set for master/slave and/or internal trigger, then the console will scan the streaming data looking for triggers. When all channels complete acquisition, the console will send a disarm message to the D4D to end the streaming of data.

NOTE: When multiple boxes are used, a software trigger will not trigger the boxes at the same time. A simultaneous hardware trigger to each box is required to trigger the boxes at the same time.

n. When all channels have triggered, the operator can initiate TRANSFER. Since the data were already streamed to the hard drive, this is really a misnomer. However, for consistency with the VHSD, the term was retained. During this process, the data for selected channels will be transferred to an HDF5 file with all meta-data. The streamed data file with all 60 channels per unit is stored in BTSX\<date>\Raw and the HDF5 file is stored in BTSX\<date>. See Figure A-17.
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Figure A-17. D4D acquisition panel after transfer.

- Once transfer is complete, the operator can select Console/Analyzer and process the data in the same manner as a VHSD data file would be processed.

- Under Console/Calibration the operator will find three commands that apply to the D4D:
  
  (1) D4D Gain Calibration provides the mechanism to amplitude calibrate the D4D.
  
  (2) D4D Time Calibration provides the mechanism to time calibrate the D4D.
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(3) Digitizer Calibration Report provides the mechanism to read the current calibrated gain values and the calibration date. The operator should use this command to check that current gain calibration values are present. If a valid date is not found or a valid gain error is not found, then a gain calibration should be performed. See Figure A-18.

Figure A-18. D4D gain calibration report.
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q. Under Console/Diagnostics the operator will find four commands that apply to the D4D:

(1) Automated Sine Wave Test provides a mechanism for performing the sine wave test on the box. This test should be performed if the operator is suspicious of any channel not working properly. Normally this test should be executed with the Stanford Research DS-360 programmable signal generator. This command does not support using the test bus.

(2) Bandwidth Test provides a mechanism for measuring the frequency response of a channel. This test should be performed if the operator is suspicious of any channel’s filtering not working properly.

(3) DC Linearity Test provides a mechanism for measuring the DC linearity of a channel.

(4) Noise Test provides a mechanism for measuring the noise of a channel. This test should be performed if the operator is suspicious of any channel’s noise performance.
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## APPENDIX B. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS.

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<td>Input range</td>
<td>±2.5V</td>
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<tr>
<td>Input Resistance</td>
<td>2MΩhm (Sig+ to Sig-); 1MΩhm (Sig+/ - to GND)</td>
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<td>Noise-RTO</td>
<td>&lt; 12μV * GAIN + 12μV (RMS)</td>
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<td>CMRR</td>
<td>&gt; 80dB at 100Hz</td>
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APPENDIX C. CONNECTOR PIN ASSIGNMENTS.

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Hirose Electric Co HR10A-13P-20S Female solder pins

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APPENDIX D. D4D OPERATIONAL NOTES.

D.1 SIMILARITIES BETWEEN D4D AND VHSD.

a. Software look and feel.

b. Parameters setup.

c. Load Command.

d. Auto-balance command (several minutes for 60 channels).

e. Analyzer.

D.2 D4D AND VHSD DIFFERENCES.

a. Excitation is off until the D4D is ARMed.

b. ARM command:
   
   (1) Turns on power to the analog boards.
   
   (2) Turns on excitation to the sensors.
   
   (3) Clears flash memory if flash is selected.
   
   (4) Starts the D4D streaming and recording to flash if flash is selected.
   
   (5) Data streams live to the PC over the network when ARMed.

c. D4D Trigger is software based; meaning the PC scans the live streaming data as it comes in looking for a signal to cross the trigger threshold. When a signal exceeded the trigger level the PC sends a command back to the D4D saying it has been triggered.

d. TRANSFER command builds an HDF5 from the streamed data that is already on the PC.

e. D4D does not have a real time viewer (yet).

f. D4D filter is fixed to 4 kHz.

g. D4D sample rate is fixed to 40 kHz.

h. D4D has 4 channels/connector, 0-59 channels. On the D4D / Dummy wiring harness channel 59 is reserved for a trigger channel.
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i. D4D Input signal is ±2.5V not ±10V like the VHSD.

D.3 D4D CHARGING.

a. Fast charge - Charge through the external connector (24V @ 1.3A) or use the D4D external supply. D4D will run during charging. Make sure the D4D is powered on.

b. Slow Charge - D4D will trickle charge over Ethernet if the switch provides POE. Make sure the D4D is powered on before connecting to a switch with POE. D4D will run during charging.

c. Manual switch on the D4D must be on to charge the batteries.

d. DO NOT provide external power and POE simultaneously.

D4. POWERING THE D4D.

a. The D4D can be powered 3 ways:

   (1) Battery via manually turning on the switch.

   (2) External via external power supply.

   (3) POE via the Ethernet switch. The D4D must be powered up before connecting a switch with POE.

b. Always cover the D4D power switch with a cap before the shot.

c. Never operate a D4D on external power during the shot. Always switch on the internal D4D batteries.

D.5 D4D EXTREME OPERATING CONDITIONS.

a. DO NOT OPERATE THE D4D - When the temperature inside the D4D has maintained 155°F or greater for longer than one hour as indicated on the main temperature sensor on the power supply board.

   (1) D4D charging increases temperature 4° - 7°F.

   (2) D4D Cooler turns on when the system is ARMed. Temperature will increase approximately 3° - 4°F but will level off and stabilize.
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(3) D4D will automatically shut off when any of the 3 analog board temperatures exceed 145°F for 5 seconds. Analog board temperatures can only be displayed when the D4D is ARMed.

b. Battery Operating time:

(1) With the D4D idling in low power mode (just turned on) and with POE or external power the system will run indefinitely.

(2) D4D running on battery only:

(a) When starting with a fully charged D4D the system will idle for approximately 4.5 – 5.5 hours.

(b) When the D4D reaches 60% of full charge there is still enough battery life remaining to operate on full power for several minutes (basically one auto-balance, and approximately 2-3 minutes of data acquisition). This should be more than enough time to acquire the needed data and deal with a sequence abort but not a misfire abort that requires a 30 minute wait time.

(c) If the D4D is at 60% charged shooting should be imminent. Do not shoot if the D4D is less than 60% charged. Hold the test for 30 minutes to re-charge the D4Ds using an external power supply. 30 minutes is sufficient time to produce a full charge.

c. DO NOT re-ARM the D4D until all data have been validated after the shot. ARMing erases flash memory from all previously stored data. Validate the D4D data by looking for missing frames or blank spaces in the data. If missed frames are detected LOAD and RESTORE from flash. Don’t forget to change the round name in the header.
APPENDIX E. ABBREVIATIONS.

ADC  analog-to-digital
ATC  U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center
ATD  anthropomorphic test device

BEST  Ballistics Engineering, Support, and Technology
BNC  Bayonet Neill-Concelman
BTSX  Ballistics Test Site

D4D  data acquisition for anthropomorphic test devices
DAQ  data acquisition
DAS  data acquisition system
dB  decibel
DC  direct current

FPGA  field programmable gate array

GB  gigabyte
GPS  global positioning system

Hz  hertz

kHz  kilohertz
kSps  kilo-samples per second

LED  light emitting diode

MB  megabyte

PC  personal computer
POE  power over Ethernet

RAM  random access memory
RPM  revolutions per minute

SMA  SubMiniature version A

TOP  Test Operations Procedure

V  volt
VDC  volt direct current
VHSD  VISION high-speed digitizer
VISION  Versatile Information Systems Integrated On-Line
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APPENDIX G. APPROVAL AUTHORITY.

MEMORANDUM FOR

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Commander, U.S. Army Operational Test Command

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