DVC-8 Vibration Controller

- Swept Sine
- Random
- Classical Shock

DVC-8 Features:

- Sine, Random, and/or Shock models.
- Established Reliability With 3-Year Warranty.
- Lifetime Free Software Upgrades and Demo Software.
- Use With Any Windows PC- Single PCI Slot Required.
- Easy to Install and Use- Ideal for Production Test and Small Systems.
- 8 Input Channels with Current Sources standard.
- Virtual Instrument Screen with Familiar Windows Functions.
- Remote Control via Hardware or Software.
- Software Calibration- no Trimpots; Calibration Procedure in Help File.
DVC-8 Vibration Control System
For Sine, Random and Classical Shock testing

The DVC-8 Vibration Control System was one of the first controllers to take advantage of the Windows Operating System, combining DSP hardware with the Windows interface. This has resulted in a vibration controller with unparalleled economics and ease-of-use. The DVC-8 is fully compatible with Windows XP/Vista, and is available with any or all of the above control modes enabled.

Established Reliability

As the logical successor to the DVC-4 and ISA slot DSC/DRC controllers, the DVC-8 has a 17-year history with Windows and DOS software and five with Windows; over 1000 systems are in the field, and it is backed with a 3-year warranty.

Built-In Accelerometer Current Sources

Simply connect the inputs to integrated accelerometers, turn on the current sources in the Inputs Menu, and run the test. The added expense and trouble of external charge-amps and power supplies are a thing of the past.

Virtual Instrument Screen

Your computer screen is turned into a “virtual instrument”, with plotting, LED style readouts, control buttons and status indicators all arranged in an easy-to-read format. All of the setup details are hidden in drop-down menus. Common functions can be performed by either mouse, keyboard, or hardware or software remote control. In addition, the monitor status bar provides the user a view of all test parameters for the current test.
8-Channel Input Standard

The sensitivity of each of the eight input channels can be defined and a label may also be assigned along with a transducer serial number for future reference. The controller can be set to any combination of control or measurement channels.

Menu Setup

All of the details of the test setup are managed in familiar Windows drop-down menus; users will appreciate the familiar menu arrangement and quickly master entering test parameters.

Profile Setup

The Modify Profile screen defines the random PSD reference spectrum or sine D,V,A test schedule. Breakpoints can be defined in English or metric units and freely converted back and forth; up to 32 breakpoints can be defined for each test.

Free Software Upgrades

The software is typically updated twice/year and the upgrades are posted on the web-site for downloading- always for free. Combined with the extended warranty and no service contracts, the economical purchase price is the total cost except for a readily available computer.

Demo Software

Demo software is available on disk or on-line for training and product evaluation purposes; the working software can also be used in a demo mode for training purposes.

Use With Any Computer

Why be locked into an obsolete computer? Use the DVC-8 with any available PC and upgrade as technology moves foreword. The DVC-8 requires only one PCI card slot to interface with the control module. The software automatically resizes for use with any monitor. No ISA slots required!

Ease of Installation and Use

Operation of the DVC-8 controller can be mastered in minutes, without enduring the lengthy training period competitors require. The makes the DVC-8 well suited for production stress screening and small shops, where dedicated test labs and trained staff may not be present.

Remote Control

Common Start/Stop/Abort type functions can be controlled remotely by either logic signals or switch closures, or be software calls to the DLL, enabling the DVC-8 to be integrated into test chambers and automated test systems.

Software Calibration

There are no trimpots or adjustments; calibration is done in software. The calibration procedure is included in the help file.

Manual Mode

All three software packages can be operated in a manual mode, simulating sine and shaped random signal generators, and waveform generator in shock.
### Software Package Specifications:

#### Sine Vibration Control Software Package

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<th>Specification</th>
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<td><strong>Frequency</strong></td>
<td>Range: 1 Hz to 10 KHz. Stability: +/-100 ppm/°C, crystal controlled.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Sweep Mode</strong></td>
<td>Linear, Logarithmic or MIL-167 Incremental.</td>
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<td><strong>Sweep Rate</strong></td>
<td>- Entered in Oct/min, Hz/sec, Hz/step</td>
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<td><strong>Control Method</strong></td>
<td>Average, Extremal, or Manual.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Control Channel</strong></td>
<td>Any combination of channels may be used for control and/or measurement.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Dynamic Range</strong></td>
<td>Greater than 70 dB.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Reference Profile</strong></td>
<td>- Defined with any combination of Displacement, Velocity or Acceleration.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Test Article Protection</strong></td>
<td>Automatic loop check for safety for open loop, low gain,</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Displays</strong></td>
<td>- Target Profile.</td>
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<td>Any of the above screens may be saved or printed out.</td>
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<td><strong>Display Monitor</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Frequency Ranges</strong></td>
<td>1.25-500, 2.5-1000, 5-2000, 10-4000 Hz.</td>
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<td><strong>Spectral Resolution</strong></td>
<td>200, 400, 800 or 1600 lines.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Dynamic Range</strong></td>
<td>Greater than 60 dB.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Loop Time</strong></td>
<td>500 msec @ 2,000 Hz and 400 lines of resolution.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Equalization</strong></td>
<td>±1 dB typical</td>
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<td><strong>Reference PSD</strong></td>
<td>- Defined by $G^2$/Hz or m/s$^2$/Hz with up to 100 breakpoints.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Random Signal</strong></td>
<td>True random signal of gaussian amplitude distribution.</td>
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<td><strong>Sigma Clipping</strong></td>
<td>User selectable from 1.0 to 4.0 sigma.</td>
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<td><strong>Pre-test</strong></td>
<td>Settable from 1 to 20 Db below full test level.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Filtering</strong></td>
<td>8-pole anti-alias filters on all signal inputs and drive output.</td>
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<td><strong>Analysis Windowing</strong></td>
<td>Rectangular, Hamming, Hanning or Blackman selectable.</td>
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<td><strong>Test Article Protection</strong></td>
<td>Interactive Windows displays, allowing for real time user display changes. Display types Include:</td>
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# Classical Shock Control Software (CSC)

**Waveform:**
- Pre-defined waveforms: half sine, initial/terminal peak Saw tooth, triangular, quarter-sine, parabolic cusp, sine-burst or custom user-generated waveform.

**Pulse Width:** 0.1 to 100 msec for fixed waveform.

**Analyzing Time:** 100 msec to 1 sec.

**Frequency Range:** 0.1 Hz to 10 KHz

**Equalization:** Low-level equalization on one channel (Remaining channels available for measurement).

**Tolerance:** Alarm and abort, MIL 810, IEC + other standard limits.

**Pulse Polarity:** ±, Selectable.

**Pulse Modes:** Single or repetitive pulses, with settable pulse count and rep rate.

**SRS Analysis:** 1/1, 1/3, 1/6, 1/12 and 1/24 octave.

**Pre/Post- Compensation:** Automatic optimization of pre- and post- shock pulses.

**Parameters:** Acceleration, velocity & displacement in English or metric units.

**Test Article Protection:** Interactive Windows displays, allowing for real time user display changes. Display types include:
- Time Trace:
  - Test Profile
  - Accelerometer Response
  - Drive Waveform
  - Alarm/Abort limits
  - Shock Response Spectrum

**Test Documentation:** Any of the above screens may be saved or printed out.

**Display Monitor**
The monitor bar displays the setup conditions, test status, and reference and current displacement, velocity and acceleration values.

## Common Features

- **Input Channels:** 8 channel configuration standard
- **Input Sensitivity:** Settable from 5 to 1000 mv/g, 20 Vp-p maximum input each channel (BNC connectors).
- **Current Sources:** Four, 4 MA each input, 18 VDC compliance, software selectable.
- **Output Channels:** 1 Drive channel, 1 COLA output.
- **Output Level:** 16 Vp-p or 5 Vrms maximum (BNC connector).
- **Units:** English or Metric with auto-conversion of all setup parameters.
- **Operating System:** Microsoft Windows NT/2000/Xp/Vista compatible.
- **Display:** Re-sizes automatically for all common screen resolutions.
- **Hard Copy:** Any printer supported by the Windows Operating System; color or black & white printouts.
- **Remote Control:** Remote Start/Stop/Abort with external logic signal, switch closure, or by DLL calls for software control.
- **Export of Data:** Industry standard EXCEL file format or clipboard.
- **Computer Requirements:** Pentium 1Gb or better; uses 20 mb memory and 1 PCI card slot.
- **Size:** 2.5”H x 7.25”W x 10”D
DVC-8 PLUS: The DVC-8 is being introduced in the basic format with all of the above features; during 2009 the following list of features are being added, and the product offering all those features is called the DVC-8 Plus. Features being added are:

**Up to 1600 Lines of resolution in Random:** User choice of 200 or 400 lines for faster loop times or 800 or 1600 lines for highest resolution.

**Sine Resonance Search & Dwell:** In Sine control mode, the controller will sweep over a specified band and locate a resonance and dwell at that resonance point.

**Sine-on-Random**: Sine-On-Random, or S-O-R mode is the process of adding a group of sine waves to a random noise background; this is done to more faithfully replicate situations like helicopters, where there is a lot of noise, but also a dominant vibration from the rotor and it’s harmonics.

Up to ten sine tones can be entered into the setup table along with their control and abort parameters; these tones will be added to the random background when the S-O-R function is enabled.

**Random-on-Random**: Random-On-Random, or R-O-R mode is the process of adding a group of narrow-band random peaks to a random noise background; this is done to more faithfully replicate situations like helicopters, where there is a lot of noise, but also a dominant vibration from the rotor and it’s harmonics.

Up to ten narrow-band random “tones” can be entered into the setup table along with their control and abort parameters; these tones will be added to the random background when the R-O-R function is enabled.

**Field Data Recording**: Field data replication is the process of recording real-time acceleration data from a test situation; the DVC-8 can do that, taking advantage of the built-in signal conditioning and current sources. Recording time is limited only by computer memory.

**Field Data Replication**: Field data replication is the process of recording real-time data from a test situation and then playing back the recorded data through the shaker system with the controller making the necessary corrections so as to faithfully reproduce the desired test results. To accomplish this task the controller needs a source file to take data from; field acceleration data can either be recorded using the DVC-8 or previously saved files can be imported. Common data formats can be converted and short data can be looped indefinitely.

The data is played back through the DVC-8, applying necessary corrections to duplicate real-world situations a previously saved equalization curve is applied to the data stream to for correction for the anomalies of the complete shaker system so that the test result faithfully duplicated the recorded environment..