# INSTRUCTION MANUAL Model 611A Dynamic Muscle Analysis

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## **Software Activation Procedure**

The 611A Dynamic Muscle Analysis software must be activated before it can be used. Activation allows us to provide you with superior service and product updates.

To activate the software, you will need your serial number, and product key. These can be found on the foil serial number tag affixed to the PC or to the jewel case containing the software DVD. Below is an example of these.

Serial: 611001 Product Key: 017C8

Upon starting the software for the first time, you will be presented with the software activation window.

- 1. Enter the Serial number and Product Key. The program will return a 15 character activation key, copy or write this down.
- 2. On the PC with internet access, point your web browser to: http://www.AuroraScientific.com/activate
- 3. Enter the Activation Code returned by the program, your contact details and then click on the Activate! button. See Figure 1.



**Figure 1 ASI Product Activation Website** 

- 4. Copy or write down the 16 character license code returned by the webpage. The code is unique to your computer and cannot be used on another computer. Additional licenses must be purchased for use on multiple computers.
- 5. Enter the license code back into the activation window to complete the activation process.
- 6. Once complete, exit and reopen the application.
- 7. Repeat as required for additional ASI software.

Should you encounter any issues with this procedure, please contact ASI by phone or email, and we will be happy to help you with this process.

## **1.0 Introduction**

The 611A Dynamic Muscle Analysis (DMA) software was designed to enable physiology researchers to study the dynamic mechanical characteristics of muscle tissue. The system is capable of analyzing data from all of our data acquisition products, including Dynamic Muscle Control (DMC) and 600A Digital Controller.

DMA has an easy-to-use graphical user interface and is written using the LabVIEW programming language. The software analyzes the data recorded by our data acquisition products, and produces muscle data, work loop data, and time derivative data. Collected data can be plotted and analyzed within the program's many windows.

## 2.0 Specifications

## Model: 611A Dynamic Muscle Analysis

## **Personal Computer Recommended Specifications**

Processor:	Quad-Core Intel or AMD
RAM:	4 GB.
Hard Disk:	500+ GB.

## **Personal Computer Minimum Requirements**

Processor:	Dual-Core Intel or AMD.
RAM:	2 GB.
Hard Disk:	40 GB.

## **Operating System**

Type:	Windows XP/Vista/7
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#### **ASI611A Software**

Programming Language:	LabVIEW
Interface:	GUI, drop down menus.
Menu Structure:	
File:	Open ASI Data File,
	Open ASCII Data File
	Show File Info
	Exit
High Throughput:	Force-Frequency Analysis
	Force-Time Analysis
	Position-Time Analysis
	Fatigue Analysis
	About DMA-HT
Help:	Topic
	About

## 3.0 Quick Start Guide

This guide will help you get started fast, by explaining how to complete some of the most common tasks you'll need to get the most out of your new Dynamic Muscle Analysis software.

## 3.1 System Setup

Locate the PC running the 611A software wherever it is convenient. The normal criteria for locating a PC should be followed including ensuring adequate ventilation for cooling along with protection from water, dust, dirt, vibration and shocks. Note: If you purchased the 611A software with a PC then both the PC and DMA were completely configured at our factory; you do not need to install any software. The 611A software runs under Windows, and therefore most Windows compatible software should run without issue on the same PC with 611A. We do not recommend running other software at the same time as 611A due to its performance requirements.

## 3.2 Turning on the PC and Using the Desktop

Once all components of the system have been connected together in the correct manner turn on the PC (power switch is located on the front panel). Turn on the monitor as well. The PC should go through the normal power on self-tests and then the Windows operating system should be loaded.

If you purchased a 601A Windows PC with your 611A software, you will find the following icons on your desktop.

- DMCv5.3: used to start the Dynamic Muscle Control software
- DMAv5.1: used to start the Dynamic Muscle Analysis software.
- Measurement & Automation: used to open the Measurement & Automation Explorer tool from NI. This allows you to verify correct operation of your DAQ card.
- Documentation: Contains a number of files pertaining to the use of DMC/DMA and includes example protocols and data files.

## **3.3 Starting the 611A DMA Program**

To start the 611A program click on the icon labeled DMAv5.1.

When the program starts you may be asked to activate the software before continuing. If so then please refer to page 4 of this manual. Once you've activated your copy of 611A, you will be presented with the main window. This window can be repositioned, maximized, minimized and stretched using the normal Windows controls for manipulating the display

window. The main page provides access to all of the menu items and also contains a large graphing area for the display of data recorded during a test in DMC or 600A. A menu bar is located along the top of the screen that includes the following main menu headings.

#### File High Throughput Help

Clicking on any menu item opens a drop-down menu that lists the commands available under the selected heading. A detailed description of each command is provided in the next chapter.



#### Figure 2: 611A Main Window

Located near the bottom of the main screen are a series of buttons labeled: Open Data File, Filter Setup, Normalization, Muscle Analysis, Work Loop, Time Derivative, Line Fitting and Export Data. These buttons are used to open data files, setup the filter parameters, apply normalization to the data, open the Analysis window for analysis of the data on screen, do work loop analysis, do time-derivative analysis, line-fit the data, and produce text output data files, respectively. Also located at the left of the screen are several controls that select what data is displayed in the main graph area to the right.

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## **3.4 Using the ASI611A Program – Quick Start Guide**

Now that that program is up and running we will go through the main steps required to analyze test data, and export the calculated values. Once you have completed this Quick Start Guide you will be familiar with the operation of the program. More complete details about using the program are provided in chapter 4.0.

#### **Quick Start Guide**

- 1) Turn on the PC, log in, and start the 611A program (section 3.2).
- 2) Click the Open Data File button to load a data file recorded previously by DMC or 600A.
- 3) Close the File Information Window
- 4) Ensure your data is shown on the graph to the right.
- 5) Using the slider controls, position your data within the window such that the signal of interest is shown with baseline data on either side.
- 6) Click the Filter Setup button.
- 7) Use the Cutoff Frequency and Falloff Order controls to adjust the filter to clean up the data. By default, the cutoff frequency is set to 1/3 of your sampling frequency. Note: The filter cutoff must be less than ½ of sampling frequency. Once you're happy with the settings (and the filtered signal shown in the bottom graph), click Save Changes.
- 8) Click the Muscle Analysis button.
- 9) The Muscle Analysis window shows various statistics about the displayed data, see Figure 3.

Muscle Analysis					
Use Filtered Data					
Force Analysis	Length Analysis				
1/2 Relaxation Time	1/2 Relaxation Time				
0.02 sec	0.0331 sec				
Integration	Integration				
1.85507 g-sec	0.00324! mm-sec				
Total Time	Total Time				
1 sec	1 sec				
Maximum	Maximum				
11.909 g	0.50491( mm				
Time to Maximum	Time to Maximum				
0.2691 sec	0.4584 sec				
Minimum	Minimum				
0.20238. g	-0.49774 mm				
Time to Minimum	Time to Minimum				
0.3472 sec	0.5579 sec				
Max Derivative	Max Derivative				
5280.37 g/sec	46.5393 mm/sec				
Time to Max Derivative	Time to Max Derivative				
0 sec	0.4013 sec				
Min Derivative	Min Derivative				
-6299.92 g/sec	-48.0652 mm/sec				
Time to Min Derivative	Time to Min Derivative				
0.9999 sec	0.5053 sec				
Baseline	Baseline				
1.04542 g	0.00396: mm				
Close	Window				

Figure 3: Muscle Analysis Window

- 10) A checkbox at the top of the Muscle Analysis window allows you to switch between statistics generated on the filtered or the unfiltered data.
- 11) The different windows of DMA are designed to be able to be left open while using other parts of the program. For example, you can adjust the sliders on the main window and immediately see the changes in the Muscle Analysis window.
- 12) The Muscle Analysis window can be closed by selecting the Close Window button at the bottom of the Muscle Analysis window, or by clicking the X in the top right corner of the window.
- 13) Clicking the Export Data button on the Main Window to open the Export Data window, see Figure 4.

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📰 Export Data	
Export Da	ata
Unfiltered Force/Position Musc	ile Analysis Data 🔻
	Export

**Figure 4: Export Data Window** 

- 14) The Export Data window is used to export the data from the various windows of DMA to an ASCII text file, which can be read by many other programs including: Excel, MatLab, Maple, SAS, or your favorite statistical analysis program. To export a particular screen, use the pull-down menu to select the data you wish to export, and then click the Export button.
- 15) You will be asked to provide a file name and path to export the data to. Select your preferred location, and click Save. The program will export your data to the selected file.
- 16) The ASI611A program should be closed by clicking on Exit found under the File menu.

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## 4.0 Main Program

The ASI611A Dynamic Muscle Analysis program uses a familiar Windows-type interface that consists of a main window containing a graphics window, control buttons, checkboxes and radio buttons. The main window can be moved, re-sized, minimized, maximized and closed by clicking on the various window controls provided. In the upper right corner of the window are minimize and maximize buttons. Clicking anywhere on the window will bring focus to the window. The window can be dynamically re-sized by clicking on a border or a corner of the window. Details of the main program window and program operation will be presented in the following sections.

## 4.1 Main Screen

The main screen consists of a menu bar at the top, a large graphics window located in the centre, a number of control buttons, checkboxes, radio buttons, and sliders (see Figure 5).



Figure 5: ASI611A Main Window

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#### 4.1.1 Graphics Window

The graphics window is used to plot length, force and stimulation measured from the muscle tissue. The graph consists of time along the x-axis, force on the upper graph, length on the centre graph, and stimulus on the lower graph. The filtered input, unfiltered input, and output traces are plotted in different colours. The appearance of the graph can be changed by: dragging the horizontal grey bars between the graphs to resize them, by clicking the Show/Hide trace checkboxes, and by using the sliders located below them to pan and zoom the window to get a better look at the data. The program automatically scales the display axes to the range of the collected data.

#### 4.1.2 Control Buttons

The main screen includes eight control buttons. These buttons are: Open Data File, Filter Setup, Normalization, Muscle Analysis, Work Loop, Time Derivative, Line Fitting, and Export Data (see Figure 5).

#### **Open Data File Button**

The Open Data File button is used to open a file selection window to choose the data file you wish to analyze. You can open data files from DMCv4.x, DMCv5.x, and 600A v2.x.

#### **Filter Setup Button**

The Filter Setup button is used to open the Filter Setup window. This window is used to set the cutoff frequency and falloff order of the 2-pass Butterworth filter.

#### **Normalization Button**

The Normalization button is used to open the Normalization setup window. This window is used to set the reference values for calculating L/Lref, F/Fref, Stress and Strain. It will be prepopulated with values from the data file if they're available, otherwise, they can be entered here manually.

#### **Muscle Analysis Button**

The Muscle Analysis button is used to open the Muscle Analysis window. This window provides various statistics about the data selected on screen in the main window.

#### **Work Loop Button**

The Work Loop button is used to open the Work Loop window. This window is used on sinusoidal data to calculate a work loop. It is described in more detail in Chapter 5.0.

#### **Time Derivative Button**

The Time Derivative button is used to open the Time Derivative window. This window is used to calculate rate-of-change data from your test. It is described in more detail in Chapter 6.0.

#### Line Fitting Button

The Line Fitting button is used to open the Line Fitting window. This window is used to fit a linear or exponential curve to a selected section of your test data. It is described in more detail in Chapter 7.0.

#### **Export Data Button**

The Export Data button is used to open the Export Data window. This window is used to export data from each of the processing windows to a data file. These data files can be read by Excel, MatLab, Maple, SAS, or other statistical analysis software packages.

#### 4.1.3 Checkboxes and Radio Buttons

Six checkboxes and six radio buttons can be found on the main screen.

The six checkboxes provide the user with the ability to switch on and off the display of each trace. The user may find it easier to see the traces they're interested in by turning off the visibility of the others.

The six radio buttons only become active after the normalization parameters are set using the Normalization window. The radio buttons allow the user to select how to display the Force/Position data, as unitized Length, unitized Force, normalized Length, normalized Force, Stress, or Strain.

## 4.2 Main Menu

The main menu consists of the following three headings which will be described in the rest of this chapter.

#### File High Throughput Help

#### 4.2.1 File Menu

The File menu contains commands to open data files, show file information, and exit the program.

#### **Open ASI Data File**

Opens a file dialog to select an ASI data file to analyze. This file can come from DMCv4.x, DMCv5.x, or 600Av2.x

#### **Open ASCII Data File (disabled)**

This item is currently disabled and will be added in the future.

#### **Show File Info**

Opens the file information window. This window displays information collected with the data including: the data rate, and comments recorded at the time of the test.

#### Exit

Closes the ASI611A program.

#### 4.2.2 High Throughput Menu

The High Throughput Menu is unique. Until the user has licensed their copy of High Throughput, the menu will contain only a single item, which allows them to license High Throughput. Once High Throughput has been licensed, the menu contains the following five items.

#### **Force-Frequency Analysis**

Opens the High Throughput window in Force-Frequency analysis mode.

#### **Force-Time Analysis**

Opens the High Throughput window in Force-Time analysis mode.

#### **Position-Time Analysis**

Opens the High Throughput window in Position-Time analysis mode.

#### **Fatigue Analysis**

Opens the High Throughput window in Fatigue analysis mode.

#### **About DMA-HT**

Provides information about the ASI612A module including contact information for Aurora Scientific Inc. and the program version number.

#### 4.2.3 Help Menu

The Help menu contains two commands: Topics and About.

#### Topics

Opens the 611A help file. Links are included in the document.

#### About

Provides information about the ASI611A program including contact information for Aurora Scientific Inc. and the program version number.

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## **5.0 Work Loop Analysis**

The Work Loop window provides an interface for instantly calculating work loop data from sinusoidal tests. The Work Loop window populates its topmost graph with the currently loaded test data from the main window. Using the cursors on the graph, and the pull down menus below the graph, the user can select what portion of the test data to use to create the work loop graph. The work loop graph updates instantly when the cursors are moved.



Figure 6: Work Loop Window

#### **5.1 Calculating Work Loops**

- 1) Start the ASI 611A program.
- 2) Load a data file, and click on the Work Loop button.
- 3) The Work Loop window will open and data will be preloaded on the screen.
- 4) Set the three cursors to enclose your data of interest. Blue is the start cursor, Yellow is the mid cursor, and White is the end cursor.
- 5) Notice that the Work Loop graph on the bottom right updates as you drag the cursors around, and the calculated numbers shown on the left side of the window are updated to reflect your selection.

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6) To export work loop data first close the Work Loop window and then click Export Data. The calculated work loop data will be stored in the text file.

## 6.0 Time Derivative Window

The Time Derivative window is used to calculate the first derivative of the Position and Force signals. Using the cursors in the data, and the controls at the left, the user can control what data the derivative is being calculated on, as well as what type of derivative. Setting the segment length to a non-zero number and using a linear fit in segments may aid in getting a cleaner derivative signal given noisy input data.



**Figure 7: Time Derivative Window** 

#### **6.1 Calculating Time Derivatives**

- 1) Start the ASI 611A program.
- 2) Load a data file, and click on the Time Derivative button.
- 3) The Time Derivative window will open and data will be preloaded on the screen.
- 4) Set the three cursors to enclose your data of interest. Blue is the start cursor, Yellow is the mid cursor, and White is the end cursor.
- 5) Notice that the Time Derivative graph on the bottom right updates as you drag the cursors around, and as you change the controls at the left.
- 6) Closing the window and clicking Export Data will allow you to Export all of the data values from this window to a text file.

## 7.0 Line Fitting Window

The Line Fitting window is used to fit a linear or exponential fit to the Force or Position traces. Using the cursors in the data, and the controls at the bottom, the user can control what data the fit is being calculated on, as well as the type of fit. Position traces can only be fitted with a linear fit.



**Figure 8: Line Fitting Window** 

### 7.1 Calculating Line Fitting

- 1) Start the ASI 611A program.
- 2) Load a data file, and click on the Line Fitting button.
- 3) The Line Fitting window will open and data will be preloaded on the screen.
- 4) Set the two cursors at the points you wish the fit to start and end. Blue is the start cursor, Yellow is the end cursor.
- 5) Notice that the green fit trace on the graph updates as you drag the cursors around, and change the controls at the bottom.
- 6) Closing the window and clicking Export Data will allow you to Export the fit data from this window to a text file.

## 8.0 High Throughput Module – 612A

The High Throughput module is used to analyze a large number of data files at one time. High Throughput automatically place cursors in your data files, calculates muscle analysis data for a list of files and displays the results in a tabular format. Each file's cursors can be manually adjusted afterwards, or the user can optionally disable automatic cursor placement instead opting to manually set the cursors for all data files in the experiment.

Pick Files O Manual • Automatic	Star	t Cursor Er	d Cursor .000	Analyz	e	Note: Double	e click on a row	v in the table	to examine th	at row's file i	n graphical f	form, and e	dit cursor l	ocations
sults Table														
ïle	Start Cursor	End Cursor	1/2 RT	Integration	Total Time	Maximum	Time to Max	Minimum	Time to Min	Max dx/dt	Time to Max dx/dt	Min dx/d	Time to Min dx/dt	Baseline
ontrol 3_ECC_EDL-800_1.dat	0.825388	2.148748	0.640000	39.046892	1.323360	31.365151	0.650000	2.840842	1.310000	660.545468	0.010000	-855.0671	1.280000	0.750057
ontrol 3_ECC_EDL-1000_1.dat	0.825574	2.154315	0.790000	39.738928	1.328741	32.052845	0.500000	2.204136	1.320000	753.253627	0.010000	-779.7417	1.280000	0.774227
ontrol 3_ECC_EDL-1500_1.dat	0.825144	2.099195	1.050000	32.838334	1.274051	31.968414	0.180000	2.964012	1.260000	811.196256	0.010000	-549.6268	1.230000	0.775883
ontrol 4_ECC_EDL-50_1.dat	0.821219	1.663964	0.010000	0.634263	0.842746	5.848559	0.620000	-0.210580	0.110000	291.368416	0.210000	-284.9781	0.830000	1.003680
ontrol 4_ECC_EDL-100_1.dat	0.821001	1.965613	0.010000	1.498449	1.144613	6.205154	0.120000	-0.234750	0.070000	318.684220	0.110000	-297.9904	0.130000	1.011295
ontrol 4_ECC_EDL-200_1.dat	0.821272	2.068834	0.010000	3.256766	1.247562	6.728955	0.020000	-0.008940	0.000000	336.894727	0.010000	-321.9952	0.030000	1.017255
ontrol 4_ECC_EDL-400_1.dat	0.822211	2.127191	0.040000	13.036925	1.304980	13.892646	1.240000	-0.063240	0.000000	374.143535	0.010000	-365.0383	1.270000	1.187440
ontrol 4_ECC_EDL-600_1.dat	0.824244	2.147486	0.100000	24.353255	1.323242	20.357382	1.190000	-0.021853	0.000000	432.086134	0.020000	-482.5790	1.290000	0.963948
ontrol 4_ECC_EDL-800_1.dat	0.824400	2.162553	0.240000	27.044168	1.338153	22.054273	1.070000	0.036090	0.000000	522.311014	0.010000	-442.0191	1.290000	0.906005
ontrol 4_ECC_EDL-1000_1.dat	0.824476	2.170307	0.960000	26.808554	1.345831	21.605632	0.350000	-0.031786	0.000000	580.253631	0.010000	-387.3876	1.300000	0.824885
ontrol 4_ECC_EDL-1500_1.dat	0.823645	2.122534	1.050000	23.134347	1.298889	21.440743	0.200000	-0.064233	0.000000	618.330106	0.010000	-335.2392	1.250000	0.807668
ontrol 5_ECC_EDL-50_1.dat	0.752325	1.678392	0.020000	0.063324	0.926067	3.824542	0.290000	-0.926750	0.330000	216.870809	0.480000	-205.2822	0.710000	2.382051
ontrol 5_ECC_EDL-100_1.dat	0.821382	1.980158	0.010000	0.706966	1.158776	3.456027	1.030000	-0.616509	0.360000	182.933033	0.110000	-180.4497	0.140000	2.386355
ontrol 5_ECC_EDL-200_1.dat	ERROR	ERROR	ERROR	ERROR	ERROR	ERROR	ERROR	ERROR	ERROR	ERROR	ERROR	ERROR	ERROR	ERROR
ontrol 5_ECC_EDL-400_1.dat	0.832007	2.177353	0.090000	9.812300	1.345346	9.192012	1.210000	0.484069	0.000000	140.717721	0.010000	-140.7177	1.280000	2.825395
ontrol 5_ECC_EDL-600_1.dat	0.832959	2.202093	0.130000	15.120137	1.369134	12.316606	1.180000	0.430099	0.000000	285.574186	0.010000	-179.6220	1.300000	2.995249
ontrol 5_ECC_EDL-800_1.dat	0.833058	2.202616	0.930000	15.414697	1.369558	12.407329	0.380000	0.305606	0.000000	316.200936	0.010000	-195.3492	1.300000	2.987303
ontrol 5_ECC_EDL-1000_1.dat	0.832999	2.194629	1.040000	14.527028	1.361630	12.356339	0.270000	0.436721	0.000000	335.239267	0.020000	-197.0047	1.300000	2.972072
ontrol 5 ECC EDI -1500 1.dat	0.831650	2.155058	1.190000	11.396300	1.323409	11.800753	0.060000	0.328120	0.00000	336.894739	0.010000	-133.2679	1.250000	3.014457

Figure 9: High Throughput Window

#### **8.1 Using High Throughput**

- 1) Start the ASI 611A program.
- 2) Use the High Throughput menu to select the appropriate high throughput module for your analysis.
- 3) The High Throughput window will open.
- 4) Click the Pick Files button, and select all of the data files you wish to analyze. You can use your mouse to click and drag over a group of files, or you can hold the Ctrl button on your keyboard while clicking individual files to build your selection. Click Open when you've selected all of the desired files.
- 5) You will notice the table will populate with your data files. You may need to use the scroll bars to see all of the files you have selected.
- 6) Select your cursor placement method. Automatic will attempt to place the cursors within your file so as to enclose your data, while Manual will enable the two Cursor boxes to the right. Entering a timestamp in those boxes will fix the cursors in all files to that specified start and end times.
- 7) Click Analyze.
- 8) You will see the progress bar at the bottom advance as each file is analyzed, and once complete, you will see that the table has populated itself with the calculated numbers

for each file you selected. If the automatic cursor placement fails, or your manual placement is invalid, the line will turn red to show the error, and not calculate data.

- 9) You can edit the cursor locations in a single file, or simply view a single file's traces by double clicking on its row in the table.
- 10) Using the Plot spin control at the bottom of the screen, you can select a field from the table, and click the plot button to plot a graph of the table in terms of that field vs row number.
- 11) You can use the button labeled Export Table to Excel to open an Excel window which will be pre-populated with all of the data from the table. Note: this function only works if you have Microsoft Excel on your PC.
- 12) If you do not have Excel, you can use the button labeled Save Table to ASCII to save the table to an ASCII text file. This file can then be imported into statistical analysis programs such as Maple, MatLab, etc.

## 9.0 Installation of a New Version of the ASI611A Program

This chapter provides a brief description of the procedure required to update to a newer version of the 611A program.

Aurora Scientific Inc. is striving to make 611A the best program for the analysis of muscle mechanics experiments. We are pleased to receive user comments about the program including suggestions for new functions.

New versions of 611A are available from our website at <u>http://www.aurorascientific.com/update/</u>.

Once you have received a new version of the program please follow the procedure listed below to update your program.

- 1. Close all open programs.
- 2. Copy the supplied update file to the PC to be updated
- 3. Run the setup.exe file found in the update package.
- 4. Follow the on-screen directions to complete the installation process.
- 5. You may be asked to reboot the computer upon completion. Do so if requested.

This completes the update procedure. In order to check that the update has been installed correctly start the program and click on Help->About. Compare the version number listed on the About screen with that shown in the update file name. If they are the same then you have successfully updated to the latest program version. If you experience any difficulties while updating your system please contact Aurora Scientific Inc.

## **10.0 Technical Support, Warranty and Repairs**

Aurora Scientific Inc. is dedicated to providing you with products that allow you to meet your research goals. For this reason technical assistance is always free and will be available for the life of your product. If you do have a problem with a product then please know that all ASI products are covered by a three year warranty covering both parts and labour. If you need to return a product to us for repair then consult the final section of this chapter for returns information.

#### **10.1 Technical Support**

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any technical support issues. Contact us by telephone, email, fax, or regular mail.

Address:	Aurora Scientific Inc.
	$P \cap Box 2724$
	Pichmond Hill Ontario CANADA
	LAE 147
	L4E IA/
Phone:	1 905 727-5161
Toll Free:	1 877 878-4784 (North America)
FAX:	1 905 713-6882
E-mail:	TechSupport@AuroraScientific.com
Web site:	www.AuroraScientific.com

#### **10.2 Warranty**

Products manufactured by Aurora Scientific Inc. (ASI) are guaranteed to the original purchaser for a period of three (3) years. Under this warranty, the liability of ASI is limited to servicing, adjusting and replacing any defective parts that are of ASI manufacture. ASI is not liable to the customer for consequential or other damages, labour losses or expenses in connection with or by reason of the use or inability to use the products manufactured by ASI.

Guarantee of parts and components not manufactured by ASI shall be the same as the guarantee extended by the manufacturer of such components or parts. Where possible such parts returned to ASI will be sent to the manufacturer for credit or replacement. Ultimate disposition of these items will depend upon the manufacturer's decision.

All shortages must be reported within ten (10) days after receipt of shipment.

Except where deviations are specified in literature describing particular products, the limited warranty above is applicable to all ASI products, provided the products are returned to ASI and are demonstrated to the satisfaction of ASI to be defective.

Transportation costs of all products returned to ASI must be borne by the customer and products must be returned to ASI within three years after delivery to the original purchaser. ASI cannot assume responsibility for repairs or changes not authorized by ASI or damage resulting from abnormal or misuse or lack of proper maintenance.

Repair or service work not covered under the limited warranty will be billed at current service rates.

NO EXPRESS WARRANTIES AND NO IMPLIED WARRANTIES WHETHER FOR MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR USE, OR OTHERWISE OTHER THAN THOSE EXPRESSLY SET FORTH ABOVE WHICH ARE MADE EXPRESSLY IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, SHALL APPLY TO PRODUCTS SOLD BY ASI, AND NO WAIVER, ALTERATION OR MODIFICATION OF THE FOREGOING CONDITIONS SHALL BE VALID UNLESS MADE IN WRITING AND SIGNED BY AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF ASI.

#### 10.3 Returning Products to Aurora Scientific Inc. for Repair

There are a few simple steps that must be completed before returning your product to Aurora Scientific Inc.

#### 1. Obtain a Return Material Authorization number (RMA#).

Contact our technical support department to obtain a RMA #. We require the serial number of the product along with your contact information, i.e. your name, institution, phone number and email address.

#### 2. Package your instrument.

Use the original packaging materials if available. If you do not have original packaging then ensure that the product is wrapped in bubble pack and placed in a sturdy corrugated cardboard box. If you are returning a force transducer please place the transducer head in the plastic protective box and then wrap the plastic box in bubble pack and place it in a small cardboard box which can then be placed in the larger box along with the electronics. For force transducer repairs we require both the transducer head and the control electronics. Please don't send the power cord. When returning a muscle lever system wrap the motor in bubble pack and place it along with the lever arm in a small cardboard box and then place that box in the larger shipping container along with the controller. For muscle lever repairs we require the motor, lever arm, motor cable and control electronics. Please don't send the power cord.

#### 3. Prepare Customs documents.

**Canadian Clients:** no customs documents are required, skip to step 4. **European Clients:** no customs documents are required, skip to step 4 and ship to <u>Aurora Scientific Europe.</u>

**USA and Rest of the World Clients:** You must include a Commercial Invoice (CI) with the shipment. Please <u>click this link to download a blank CI.</u>

You can also prepare the commercial invoice yourself instead of using the downloadable form. Print the document on your company's letterhead and include the following

information: Date, Shipper's Name, Address and Phone Number (your company information), Consignee's Name, Address and Phone Number (Aurora Scientific Inc. is the Consignee), Country of Origin of Goods (this will be <u>Canada</u> if you purchased the instrument from Aurora Scientific or <u>USA</u> if your product was purchased from Cambridge Technology), Conditions of Sale (include the following statement: GOODS RETURNING TO FACTORY FOR REPAIR, TEMPORARY IMPORT), Number of Packages (normally 1), Description of Goods (e.g. Model 300B Muscle Lever System, Serial Number 1111), Quantity of Each Item (normally 1) and Value for Customs Purposes (the original purchase price of the instrument).

Place three (3) copies of your CI in an envelope and mark the outside CUSTOMS PAPERS ENCLOSED. Attach the envelope to the outside of the box.

#### 4. Choose a shipper and prepare the waybill.

**European Clients:** ship your instrument to <u>Aurora Scientific Europe in Dublin, Ireland</u>. **All other Clients:** ship your instrument to <u>Aurora Scientific Inc. in Aurora, ON,</u> <u>Canada</u>.

You may ship your instrument back to us via the courier of your choice or via parcel post. If possible we prefer that you ship via FedEx. You are responsible for both the shipping and brokerage charges so please mark the waybill accordingly. Please don't ship freight collect. Shipments sent freight collect will be received but you will be invoiced for the shipping charges when your instrument is returned.

#### 5. Prepare and send a purchase order.

After we receive the instrument we will evaluate it and contact you with the estimated repair cost. We require a purchase order before we can repair and return your instrument. Please fax or email us the purchase order at your earliest convenience.

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#### **Return Shipping Address:**

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## **Appendix A - 611A File Structures**

#### **Muscle Analysis Data File Structure**

```
DMAv5.0 Muscle Analysis Data File
Source Data File: C:\Documents and Settings\ASI\Desktop\dcmsin1.dat
Filtered Data?: N
Start Sample: 0
End Sample: 10000
Data:
Force 1/2 Relaxation Time: 2.000000E-2 sec
Force Integration: 1.855068E+0 g-sec
Force Total Time: 1.000000E+0
                                sec
Force Maximum: 1.190900E+1 g
Force Time to Maximum: 2.691000E-1
                                       sec
Force Minimum: 2.023875E-1 g
Force Time to Minimum: 3.472000E-1
                                       sec
Force Max Derivative: 5.280370E+3g/sec
Force Time to Max Derivative: 0.000000E+0
                                              Sec
Force Min Derivative: -6.299924E+3
                                   g/sec
Force Time to Min Derivative: 9.999000E-1
                                              sec
Force Baseline: 1.045422E+0
                                q
Position 1/2 Relaxation Time: 3.310000E-2
                                              sec
Position Integration: 3.245193E-3mm-sec
Position Total Time: 1.000000E+0 sec
Position Maximum: 5.049133E-1
                               mm
Position Time to Maximum: 4.584000E-1
                                      sec
Position Minimum: -4.977417E-1 mm
Position Time to Minimum: 5.579000E-1
                                     sec
Position Max Derivative: 4.653931E+1
                                       mm/sec
Position Time to Max Derivative: 4.013000E-1
                                              sec
Position Min Derivative: -4.806519E+1 mm/sec
Position Time to Min Derivative: 5.053000E-1
                                             sec
Position Baseline: 3.967285E-3
                                mm
```

```
DMAv5.0 Work Loop Data File
Source Data File: C:\Documents and Settings\ASI\Desktop\dcmsin1.dat
Cursor 1 Index: 2.074000E+3
Cursor 2 Index: 3.951000E+3
Cursor 3 Index: 5.963000E+3
Top Loop Integral (1-2): 3.191071E+0
Bottom Loop Integral (1-2): 2.291138E+0
Loop Integral (1-2): 8.999330E-1
Norm. Viscosity Index (1-2): 2.820160E+1
Top Loop Integral (2-3): 2.609667E+0
Bottom Loop Integral (2-3): 1.612270E+0
Loop Integral (2-3): 9.973971E-1
Norm. Viscosity Index (2-3): 3.821933E+1
Top Loop Integral (Difference): -6.123944E-1
Bottom Loop Integral (Difference): -6.149121E-1
Loop Integral (Difference): 2.517745E-3
Norm. Viscosity Index (Difference): -4.111312E-1
Start Cursor Position X: 1.921772E-3
Start Cursor Position Y: 8.699905E-1
End Cursor Position X: 4.956930E-1
End Cursor Position Y: 6.268855E+0
Offset/Amplitude: 7.119231E-1
Slope/Rate: 4.338897E+0
Mean Squared Error: 4.044522E-3
R-squared: 9.969249E-1
Correlation R: 9.984613E-1
Exp-Offset: 0.00000E+0
```

#### **Time Derivative File Structure**

```
DMAv5.0 Time Derivative Data File
Source Data File: C:\Documents and Settings\ASI\Desktop\dcmsin1.dat
Cursor 1 Index: 2.000000E+3
Cursor 2 Index: 4.000000E+3
Cursor 3 Index: 6.000000E+3
Segment Length: 0.000000E+0
R-sq Threshold: 9.800000E-1
Cursor Position X: 2.952000E-1
Cursor Position Y: -6.026811E+2
Derivative Type: Numerical Derivative
Time Derivative:
Time Rate of Change
0.200000 -86.242633
0.200100 94.627664
0.200200 87.799456
0.200300
            -174.977359
0.200400
             -159.319234
0.200500
             123.520838
0.200600
             129.751522
0.200700
             -44.558292
0.200800
             -30.840407
0.200900
            -2.748792
0.201000 -61.224085
```

## Line Fit File Structure

DMAv5.1 Line Fitting Data File
Source Data File: C:\Users\ASI\Desktop\test.dat
Start Cursor Index: 3.621000E+3
End Cursor Index: 4.510000E+3
Fit Channel: Force
Fit Type: Exponential
Offset/Amplitude: 5.301594E-8
Slope/Rate: 4.265648E+1
MSE: 1.415042E+0Line Fit:
28.803840
28.595227
28.388124
28.182521
27.978407
27.775771
27.574603
27.374892
27.176628
26.979799
26.784396
26.590408
26.397825
26.206637
26.016834
25.828405
25.641341
25.455632
25.271268
25.088239
24.906536
24.726148
24.547068
24.369284
24.192787
24.017570
23.843621
23.670932
23.499493
23.329296
23.160332
22.992592
22.826067
22.660747
22.496625
22.333692
22.1/1939
22.011357
21.851938
21.693674
21.32030
21.38U3/0 21.225726
21.223/20
21.0/133/
20.757071
20.10/0/1
20.01/409