

# R&S® Cable Rider ZPH

## Release Notes

### Firmware Version V1.60

These Release Notes are for following models of R&S®ZPH Cable Rider:  
R&S®ZPH, order no. 1321.1211.02, R&S®ZPH, order no. 1321.1211.52,  
R&S®ZPH, order no. 1321.1211.12

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R&S® ZPH is abbreviated as R&S ZPH.

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# 1 Current Version and History

## 1.1 New Functions

The following table lists the new functions and indicates the version in which the new function was introduced:

### New Functions of Firmware V1.60:

Version	Function
V1.60	Supports loading and saving 1 port S-parameters in touchstone format (s1p). These files can be used for User Calibration
V1.60	Tracking Generator/ Signal Source activity indicator in top right corner
V1.60	Enabled Filter bandwidth measurement (only available on R&S®ZPH model .12)
V1.60	Support of Marker Tracking in Spectrum Analyzer Application (only available on R&S®ZPH model .12 and requires R&S®ZPH-K1)
V1.60	EIRP measurement mode (only available on R&S®ZPH model .12 and requires R&S®ZPH-K1)

### New Function of earlier Firmware versions:

Version	Function
V1.50	Support for full 2-port Calibration with ZN-Z103 (only available on R&S®ZPH model .12)
V1.50	Enabled Marker Tracking in CAT Application
V1.50	Enabled Support for internal DC Bias voltage at RF out port in Spectrum Analyzer application (only available on R&S®ZPH model .12, requires R&S®ZPH-K1)
V1.50	Gated Trigger Support for Channel Power Measurement, Spectrogram and Spectrogram playback applications (only available on R&S®ZPH model .12 and requires R&S®ZPH-K1)
V1.50	Audio tone function added to Spectrum Analyzer Application (only available on R&S®ZPH model .12 and requires R&S®ZPH-K1)
V1.41	Support for internal DC Bias voltage at RF out port (only available on R&S®ZPH model .12)
V1.41	Support for Spectrum Analyzer Mode and Spectrum Analyzer Applications (only available on R&S®ZPH model .12- requires R&S®ZPH-K1 and R&S®ZPH-K7/-K15/-K16/-K7/-B22 respectively)
V1.41	Support for Independent Tracking Generator (only available on R&S®ZPH model .12 - requires R&S®ZPH-K1)
V1.30	Instrument Sanitization/Secure Flash Erase
V1.30	Support of optical power sensor UPM100 from ODM Inc. (requires R&S®ZPH-K9)
V1.20	Electrical Length, Electrical Length Offset and Auto Length functionality
V1.20	Configurable Calibration Kit, plus pre-loaded Calibration Kit files
V1.20	User Calibration can be enabled/disabled
V1.20	Default Calibration can be performed on user side. Warning: This will erase previous Default Calibration.
V1.10	Distance To Fault Split Screen Feature
V1.10	Support for R&S®ZN-Z103 Calibration Unit
V1.10	Localization: Multi-Language Support
V1.10	Cable Models folder grouping

## 1.2 Modified Functions

The following table lists the modified functions and indicates the version in which the modification was carried out:

### Modified Functions of Firmware V1.60:

since	Function
V1.60	SNR added to Analog Modulation Summary View (only available on R&S®ZPH model .12 and requires R&S®ZPH-K1)
V1.60	Support of HE400MW Antenna (only available on R&S®ZPH model .12 and requires R&S®ZPH-K1)
V1.60	Supports automatic reboot after firmware update from InstrumentView

### Modified Functions of earlier Firmware versions:

since	Function
V1.30	Side bar text Color in Black & White mode is changed for better readability in bright ambience
V1.30	Prompt for User to change Cable model in Wizard is now supported
V1.20	Increased resolution to two decimal points for SWR marker.

## 1.3 Improvements

The following tables list the improvements and indicate since which version these improvements are available:

### Improvements of Firmware V1.60:

since	Function
V1.60	Fixed Command [SENSe:]SWEep:POINts? In Spectrum Analyzer Mode (only available on R&S®ZPH model .12 and requires R&S®ZPH-K1)
V1.60	Fixed issue where MAC address is not visible when device is turned-on with no network cable connected
V1.60	Missing parameters for K-29 Pulse Power Measurements are enabled back

### Improvements of earlier Firmware versions:

since	Function
V1.50	Improved display in CAT mode when interference suppression is switched off
V1.50	Fixed various bugs concerning SCPI commands
V1.50	Corrected instrument ID via USB: R&S® InstrumentView V2.00 required for USB connection
V1.30	Fix for the Cable Loss, "Open/Short" Mode to Normal Mode
V1.30	Fix for the Cable Loss, "Open" and "Short" Traces scaling
V1.30	Fix for Config Overview tabbing using the rotary; "Done" button can now be selected
V1.30	Fix for CAT application, measurement mode headers
V1.30	Fix for Power Meter, erroneous display of power level at -0.99 to -0.01
V1.30	Fix for Power Meter, reading fluctuations when using the wizard

V1.30	Fix for Wizard, wizard does not progress when transitioning from Power meter measurement to CAT measurement
V1.30	Fix for Configuration Overview, number of data point is not set correctly when using the unit keys and/or pressing "DONE"
V1.30	Fix for Keypad, space in the "1" key is now working
V1.30	Fixes for running Wizard
V1.30	Fix on sweep doesn't complete on certain combinations of span and number of points (i.e. 1MHz span, 102 points)
V1.30	Fixed issue: Marker unit label goes to dBm when calibration status is "uncal"
V1.20	Ref Position Bug; Ref Position can now be adjusted in Phase Measurement, and Cable Loss
V1.20	Fix the electrical length bug in the default calibration. A default cal needs to be run again using the correct calibration kit file for the cal kit being used.
V1.20	Fix the electrical length bug in calibration with the R&S <sup>®</sup> ZN-Z103.
V1.20	Fix auto scale bug for DTF-SWR split screen.
V1.20	Fix DTF bug when changing number of points and frequency span.
V1.20	Fix the Cable Loss marker bug
V1.10	Display Line: Display line is now deactivated with a Preset

## 1.4 Known Issues

The following table lists the known issues and indicates since which version the issue could be observed:

Since	Function

## 2 Modifications to the Documentation

You can download the latest manual from the R&S®Cable Rider ZPH product web page at <http://www.rohde-schwarz.com/manual/zph>.

## 3 Firmware Update

New firmware versions usually contain new features, improvements of existing functionality, bug fixes etc. When a new firmware version is available, it is recommended to replace the old firmware with the new one.

### R&S®InstrumentView

Firmware release VV1.60 corresponds to R&S®InstrumentView V2.2.0, which is available on the Rohde & Schwarz web page as a separate update package.

Although older versions of R&S®InstrumentView might be able to communicate with firmware release VV1.60, an update of R&S®InstrumentView is highly recommended, as older R&S®InstrumentView versions might not support all functions included in the new firmware release.

### Updating the firmware

The latest firmware version is available for download on the internet:

<http://www.rohde-schwarz.com/firmware/zph>



Before you update the firmware, you should make a backup of the data that you have stored on the R&S®Cable Rider ZPH (datasets, screenshots, transducer factors etc.). You can make a backup with the tools available in the R&S®InstrumentView software package. The firmware update itself does not delete or modify that data, but it is recommended to perform a factory reset after the firmware update to update predefined limit lines, channel tables etc. The factory reset, however, does delete user data.

1. Download the firmware installer from the internet.

The firmware comes in a single .exe file.

2. Save the file to the root directory of a memory stick.
3. Run the .exe file to unpack the self-extracting zip archive.

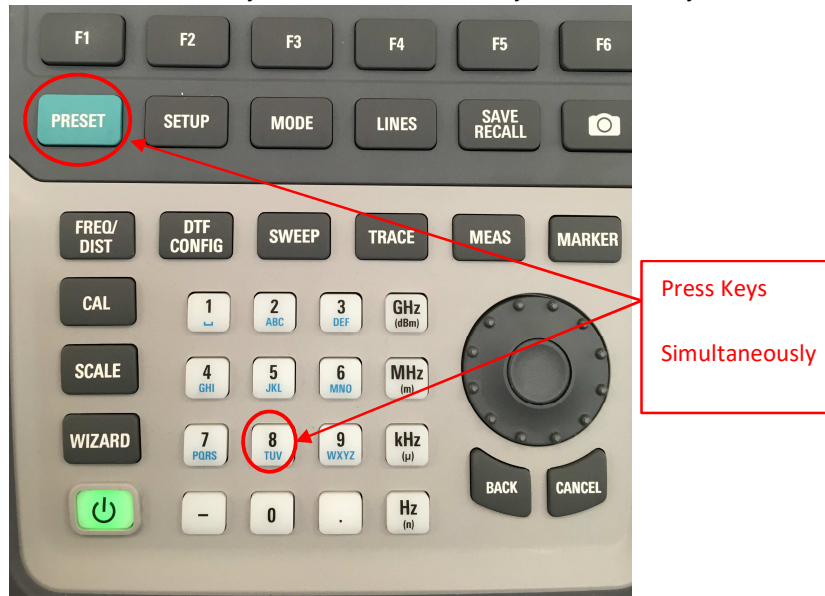
The following files are extracted.

- a) ZPH\_<version>\_bootloader.bin
- b) ZPH\_<version>\_osimage.bin
- c) ZPH\_<version>\_updater.bin
- d) ZPH\_<version>\_xmegaloadfiles.bin

Make sure that only these files are present in the root directory of the memory stick.

4. Turn off the R&S®Cable Rider ZPH Cable and Antenna Analyzer.
5. Connect the memory stick to one of the USB interfaces of the R&S®Cable Rider ZPH.

6. Press the "Preset" key and the number "8" key simultaneously.



7. Turn on the R&S®Cable Rider ZPH and keep pressing the two keys for at least 5 seconds after the startup screen appears.

8. Release the keys.

The booting process continues. After a couple of seconds, the R&S®Cable Rider ZPH asks you if you really want to update the firmware.

9. Press the "Enter" ("round button in the rotary knob") key to update the firmware. (You can cancel the firmware update with the "CANCEL" key.)

The firmware update takes several minutes. The R&S®Cable Rider ZPH shows a message when the firmware update is done.

**Note:** Do not turn off the R&S®Cable Rider ZPH during the firmware update.

10. Turn off the R&S®Cable Rider ZPH.

11. Turn on the R&S®Cable Rider ZPH.

The R&S®Cable Rider ZPH boots with the new firmware version.

12. Optional: It is recommended to perform a **factory reset** after a firmware update to replace the predefined limit lines, channel tables and other data with the latest updates.

**Note:** Before you start a factory reset, make sure to make a backup of your data that you have saved on the R&S®Cable Rider ZPH. Otherwise that data is deleted.



## 4 Firmware Options

### 4.1 Enabling Firmware Options via Option Key Codes

You can equip the R&S®Cable Rider ZPH with optional functionality or firmware options like the power meter application. These firmware options expand the functionality of the R&S®Cable Rider ZPH with new measurement functions settings etc.

#### Installing firmware options

To install a new firmware option, you have to enter a license key for validation.

The license key is included in the delivery of the firmware option.

1. Press the "Setup" key to enter the instrument setup menu.
2. Select the "Installed Options" menu item.  
The R&S®Cable Rider ZPH shows a list of all options that are currently installed on your R&S® Cable Rider ZPH.
3. Select the "Install Option" button and press the "Enter" key.  
The R&S®Cable Rider ZPH opens an input field.
4. Enter the license key with the alphanumeric keys and confirm the entry with the "Enter" key.
5. The license key is a 32-digit number.
6. The R&S®Cable Rider ZPH confirms a successful installation.  
If the R&S®Cable Rider ZPH shows an "Invalid Key Code" message, try to enter the license key again.

## 4.2 Enabling Firmware Options via the R&S® License Manager

**Prerequisite:** Your PC must be connected via Ethernet to the R&S® Cable Rider ZPH and to the internet.

**Note:** Make sure to allow the execution of mixed-mode scripts, e.g. allow in Google Chrome the loading of scripts from unsafe sources.



7. Open your browser and type in the IP address of your the R&S® Cable Rider ZPH.

**R&S License Manager**

**Connected Device**

ZPH	Device ID:	1321.1211K02-101239-WC
ZPH	IP Address:	172.17.75.1
Version: V1.20	Host Name:	localhost

**What do you want to do?**

- [Install Registered License Keys and Activate Licenses](#)
- [Register Licenses, Install License Keys and Activate Licenses](#)
- [Reboot Device](#)

**Help**

The R&S License Manager allows you to perform tasks which are listed above. Click on the help button behind a task to learn more about it.

1. Select "License Manager" > "Manage Licenses".
2. Choose "Register Licenses, Install License Keys and Activate Licenses" and follow the instructions.

## 5 Customer Support

### Technical support – where and when you need it

For quick, expert help with any Rohde & Schwarz equipment, contact one of our Customer Support Centers. A team of highly qualified engineers provides telephone support and will work with you to find a solution to your query on any aspect of the operation, programming or applications of Rohde & Schwarz equipment.

### Up-to-date information and upgrades

To keep your instrument up-to-date and to be informed about new application notes related to your instrument, please send an e-mail to the Customer Support Center stating your instrument and your wish. We will take care that you will get the right information.

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