# INSTRUCTION MANUAL MODEL 92E R.F. MILLIVOLTMETER 

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## SAFETY SUMMARY

The following general safety precautions must be observed during all phases of operation and maintenance of this instrument. Failure to comply with these precautions or with specific warnings elsewhere in this manual violates safety standards of design, manufacture, and intended use of the instrument. Boonton Electronics assumes no liability for the customer's failure to comply with these requirements.

## THE INSTRUMENT MUST BE GROUNDED

To minimize shock hazard the instrument chassis and cabinet must be connected to an electrical ground. The instrument is equipped with a three conductor, three prong a.c. power cable. The power cable must either be plugged into an approved three-contact electrical outlet or used with a three-contact to a two-contact adapter with the (green) grounding wire firmly connected to an electrical ground at the power outlet.

## DO NOT OPERATE THE INSTRUMENT IN AN EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERE.

Do not operate the instrument in the presence of flammable gases or fumes.

## KEEP AWAY FROM LIVE CIRCUITS.

Operating personnel must not remove instrument covers. Component replacement and internal adjustments must be made by quailfied maintenance personnel. Do not replace components with the power cable connected. Under certain conditions dangerous voltages may exist even though the power cable was removed, therefore; always disconnect power and discharge circuits before touching them.

## DO NOT SERVICE OR ADJUST ALONE.

Do not attempt internal service or adjustment unless another person, capable of rendering first aid and resuscitation, is present.

## DO NOT SUBSTITUTE PARTS OR MODIFY INSTRUMENT.

Do not install substitute parts or perform any unauthorized modification of the insturment. Return the instrument to Boonton Electronics for repair to ensure that the safety leatures are maintained.

## SAFETY SYMBOLS.

This safety requirement symbol (located on the rear panel) has heen adopted by the International Electrotechnical Commission. Document 66 (Central Office) 3, Para-
 graph 5.3. which directs that and instrument be solabeled if. for the correct use of the instrument, it is necessary to refer to the instruction manual. In this case it is recommended that reference be made to the instruction manual when connecting the instrument to the proper power source. Verify that the correct fuse is installed for the power available, and that the switch on the rear panel is set to the applicable operating voltage.

CAUTION
The CAUTION sign denotes a harard. It calls attention to an operation procedure, practice, or the like, which, if not correctly performed or adhered to, could result in damage to or destruction of part or all of the equipment. Do not proceed beyond a CAUTION sign until the indicated conditions are fully understood and met.

## WARNING

The WAR NING sign denotes a harard. It calls attention to an operation procedure, practice, or the like, which, if not correctly performed or adhered to, could result in injury or loss of life. Do not proceed beyond a WARNING sign until the indicated conditions are fully understood and met.

Indicates dangerous voltages.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

## 1-1. INTRODUCTION.

This instruction manual provides general information, installation and operating instructions, theory of operations, maintenance instructions, a parts lists, and schematics for the Model 92E.

## SAFETY NOTICE

Although this instrument has been designed in accordance with international safety standards, general safety precautions must be observed during all phases of operation and maintenance of the instrument. Failure to comply with the precautions listed in the Safety Summary located in the front of this manual could result in serious injury or death. Service and adjustment should be performed only by qualified service personnel.

## 1-2. DESCRIPTION

A. General. The 92 E R.F. Millivoltmeter provides an accurate readout of measurements from the low radio frequencies to the gigahertz region, over a voltage range of $200 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ to 3 volts.* It is a programmable, solid state instrument of high sensitivity and accuracy, characterized by high input impedance (see Figures $1-1$ and 1-2), excellent stability, and low noise.

The 92 E exhibits true r.m.s. response for input signals up to 30 millivolts gradually approaching peak-to-peak above this level.t The meter, however, is calibrated to indicate r.m.s. of a sine wave above 30 mV .

Input and output connections for external control and readout are provided by a 22 pin card edge connector at the rear of the instrument.

A linear d.c. output, the level of which is proportional to the r.f. input voltage, is also provided at a rear connector. This d.c. output may be used to drive a recorder, a remote indicator, or other analog devices.

The instrument is sensitive, accurate, sturdily constructed, and protected against overloads. It will perform over extended periods of time without failure or need for recalibration. It is packaged as a compact bench instrument that can be mounted easily in a standard 19 inch rack, using an optional rack mounting kit.
B. Accessories Supplied. Standard accessories supplied with the Model 92E include one each of the following:

Model 952001-02A R.F. Probe with low noise cable and connector.
Model 952002-01A 50 Ohm BNC Adapter.
Model 952004-01A Probe Tip (removable), with grounding clip lead.
C. Frequency Capability. The calibrated frequency range of the Model 92 E extends from 10 kHz to 1.2 GHz , with uncalibrated response to beyond 8 GHz . Relative accuracy* above 1.2 GHz is typically $\pm 0.5 \mathrm{~dB}$.

A 952002-01A, 50 Ohm BNC Adapter, is supplied as a standard accessory with the instrument for 50 ohm voltage measurements up to 1.2 GHz .

For through line voltage measurements the optional accessory 952003-01A Tee Adapter is recommended. It is designed to compensate for the r.f. probe

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capacitance and to present a good s.w.r. (better than l.15) up to 1.2 GHz . It may be used in conjunction with the Model 952028-01A 50 Ohm Load for terminated voltage measurements. In a coaxial line its insertion loss is low; however, a graph (Figure 2-2) is supplied, showing loss vs. frequency.

For lower frequency measurements, the Model 91-4C R.F. Probe is available as an optional accessory. Its frequency range is 1 kHz to 250 MHz .
D. Voltage Capability. The voltmeter has eight ranges, from l mV, f.s., to 3 V, f.s., arranged in a 1-3-10 sequence. No attenuator attachments are required for measurements up to 3 V . While this range is ample for most radio frequency voltage measurements, the capability of the instrument can be increased to 300 V (up to 700 MHz ), by using an optional accessory, the high impedance 100:1 Voltage Divider. Use of this 100:1 Voltage Divider also increases the input resistance by a factor of 1000 to 3000 , depending upon the input level.
E. True R.M.S. Response. The Model 92 E provides true r.m.s. response for signal inputs below approximately 30 mV (below 3 V , up to 700 MHz , with the 100:l Voltage Divider). As the input level increases, the waveform response gradually approaches peak-to-peak, calibrated on the indicator in r.m.s.
F. Low Noise. The Model 92 E has been designed and constructed to hold noise from all sources to a minimum. The probe cable is of special low noise design; a vigorous flexing causes only momentary, minor deflections of the meter on the most sensitive range. The probe itself is insensitive to shock or to vibration.

Amplification takes place at 94 Hz , reducing susceptibility to any 50 or 60 Hz line frequency related fields. The input signals from the probe are converted into 94 Hz signals by a solid state chopper.
G. Minimal Zero Adjustment. Zero adjustment is not required on the upper five sensitivity ranges of the voltmeter. For measurements on the lower three ranges, the $Z E R O$ control is adjusted on the most sensitive range before operation. Only infrequent checking will be required during the course of subsequent measurements.
H. D.C. Output. The Model 92 E provides a linear d.c. output whose current capability of 1 mA into 1000 ohms is extremely stable. When used as part of an automatic test system, the fast response of the instrument's d.c. output to an input step function allows many tests per unit time.

For system or external requirements, all input and output connections for the $92 E$ are made at the card edge connector at the rear of the instrument. (See \$2-9 for receptacle connections.)

## 1-3. ACCESSORIES FURNISHED

A. Model 952001-02A, R.F. Probe. Probe with low noise cable and connector assembly for measurements from 10 kHz to 1.2 GHz ; see Figures $1-1$ and $1-2$ for input resistance and capacitance.
B. Model 952004-01A, Probe Tip. Removable probe tip with grounding clip lead; for use up to approximately 100 MHz .
C. Model 952002-01A, $50 \Omega$ BNC Adapter. Used for measurements up to 1.2 GHz in a 50 ohm system.

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## 1-4. OPTIONS AND ACCESSORIES AVAILABLE

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Option -04: dBV scale uppermost.
Option -06: 75 \Omega dBm scale uppermost.
Option -08: Rear signal input.
Option -12: dBmV scale uppermost.
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Accessory 9l-4C: Special l kHz to 250 MHz R.F. Probe. Low-frequency probe for measurements ranging from 1 kHz to 250 MHz ; input resistance is essentially the same as that of the Model 952001-02A Probe (see §l-3A).

Accessory 91-16A: Unterminated $N$ Adapter. May be used with all probes. Used for coaxial connection up to approximately 100 MHz , or to 400 MHz when fed from a 50 ohm source in an electrically short system.

Accessory 950002-01B: Single Rack-Mounting Kit. Kit for mounting one 92E as one half of a module in a standard 19 inch rack.

Accessory 950030-01A: Double Rack-Mounting Kit. Kit for mounting two 92E's side by side in a standard 19 inch rack.

Accessory 952003-01A: $50 \Omega$ Tee Adapter. Type $N$ Tee connector; used with Model 952028-01A termination, it permits connection into a 50 ohm line. See Figure 2-2 for insertion loss vs. frequency.

Accessory 952005-01A: 100:l Voltage Divider. Attenuates input signal by a factor of $100 \pm\left(1+\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{MHz}} / 200\right) \%$, permitting measurements up to 300 V , and extending the r.m.s. measuring range to 3 V ; also increases input resistance by a factor of 1000 to 3000 , depending upon input level. Operates from 50 kHz to 700 MHz . Maximum input potential, $1000 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~d} . \mathrm{c}$. plus peak a.c.

Accessory 952006-01A: $75 \Omega$ BNC Adapter. Used for measurements up to 500 MHz in a 75 ohm system.

Accessory 952007-01A: $75 \Omega$ Tee Adapter. Type $N$ Tee connector; used with Model 952029-01A termination, it permits connection into a 75 ohm line. See Figure 2-2 for insertion loss vs. frequency.

Accessory 952008-01A: Unterminated BNC Adapter (Female). Used for coaxial connection up to approximately 100 MHz , or to 400 MHz when fed from a 50 ohm source in an electrically short system.

Accessory 952028-01A: $50 \Omega$ Termination. Type $N 50$ ohm termination for use with Tee connector.

Accessory 952029-01A: $75 \Omega$ Termination. Type $N 75$ ohm termination for use with Tee connector.

Accessory 952011-01A: Accessory Kit, 50 ת. Kit contains the following above mentioned items: 952008-01A, unterminated BNC adapter (F); 952005-01A, 100:l voltage divider; 952003-01A, $50 \Omega$ Tee adapter; 952028-01A, 50 ת termination; Model 952013-01A, Storage Case (case for protecting and storing kit accessories).

Accessory 952012-01A: Accessory Kit, $75 \Omega$. Contains the following abovementioned items; 952008, unterminated BNC adapter; 952005, 100:1 divider; 952007, 75 ohm Tee adapter; 952015, type $N 75$ ohm termination; and 952013 storage case.

## 1-5. COMPATIBILITY OF ACCESSORIES

Accessory models 952002-01B - 952029-01A, described above, appear similar to some older accessories with model numbers type 91-xx. (The newer accessories have black printing on a silver colored background; the older accessories have silver colored printing on a black background.)

The 952001-02A R.F. Probe can be used with these older accessories. However, the frequency dependent specifications given in this manual for the use of the 952001-02AR.F. Probe in combination with an accessory apply ONLY to its use with the newer accessories.

1-6. SPECIFICATIONS
VOL'IAGE RANGE:
$200 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ to $3 \mathrm{~V}(300 \mathrm{~V}$ up to 700 MHz with accessory 100:l voltage divider). Lowest detectable voltage is approximately $100 \mu \mathrm{~V}$.

FULL-SCALE VOLTAGE RANGE:
dBm RANGE:
$1,3,10,30,100,300,1000$, and 3000 mv .
-61 to $+23 \mathrm{dBm}(+63 \mathrm{dBm}$ up to 700 MHz with optional accessory, 100:l Voltage Divider).

FREQUENCY RANGE:
10 kHz to 1.2 GHz (uncalibrated response to approximately 8 GHz ).

ACCURACY: The maximum uncertainty is the sum of the uncertainties given in sections $A, B$, and $C$.

Al. Basic Uncertainty, Voltage

| Voltage Level | mV |
| :--- | :---: |
| $200 \mu \mathrm{~V}-3000 \mathrm{mV}$ | $1 \% \mathrm{f.s}$. |

A2. Basic Uncertainty, dBm

B. Frequency Effect
(50 ohm measurements, using Model 952001-02A Probe with Model $952002-01 B$ BNC Adapter or terminated Model 952003 Type N Tee Adapter.)

| Frequency | mV | dBm |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1 MHz (Cal. frequency) | 0 | 0 |
| $10 \mathrm{kHz}-100 \mathrm{MHz}$ | $1 \% \mathrm{rdg} \cdot$ | 0.09 dB |
| $100 \mathrm{MHz}-1 \mathrm{GHz}$ | $3 \% \mathrm{rdg} \cdot$ | 0.27 dB |
| $1 \mathrm{GHz}-1.2 \mathrm{GHz}$ | $10 \% \mathrm{rdg}$. | 0.92 dB |

S.W.R.: 1.05 to $300 \mathrm{MHz} ; 1.10$ to 1 GHz ; 1.15 to 1.2 GHz .
C. Temperature Effect, at l MHz.

| Temperature Range | mV Ranges |  | dBm Ranges |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Instrument | R.F.Probe | Instrument | R.F.Probe |
| $21^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\overline{0}$ |
| $18^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $0.2 \% \mathrm{rdg}$. | $1 \% \mathrm{rdg}$. | 0.02 dB | 0.09 dB |
| $10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $0.5 \% \mathrm{rdg}$. | 5\% rdg. | 0.04 dB | 0.45 dB |
| $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | l\% rdg. | $12.5 \% \mathrm{rdg}$. | 0.09 dB | 1.16 dB |

METER:


METER UNREST:
(l mV f.s. range, only)

| Indicated Voltage | Unrest |
| :---: | :---: |
| Above $600 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ | $<1 \% \mathrm{f} . \mathrm{s}$. |
| $300 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ to $600 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ | $<2 \% \mathrm{f} . \mathrm{s}$. |
| $200 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ to $300 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ | $<5 \% \mathrm{f} . \mathrm{s}$. |

R.F.I.:

POWER SENSITIVITY:

WAVEFORM RESPONSE:

CREST FACTOR:

INPUT IMPEDANCE:

There is no detectable radiated or conducted leakage from the instrument or the probe.

800 pW , minimum measurable power in 50 ohms. Minimum detectable power in 50 ohms is 200 pW .

True r.m.s. response for input levels up to 30 mV ( 3 volts to 700 MHz us,ing the 100:1 Voltage Divider), with transition to peak-to-peak (calibrated in r.in.s.) at higher levels.

420 to 1.4 , depending upon input level (see Table 1-1).

See Figures l-1 and l-2.
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S.W.R.:
D.C. OUTPUT:

WARM UP:

POWER:

Less than 1.15 to 1.2 GHz (return Loss greater than 23 dB ).

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\begin{aligned}
& 0 \text { to } 10 \mathrm{~V} \text {, d.c., proportional to r.f. input } \\
& \text { voltage. Source resistance of } 9 \mathrm{k} \Omega \text {; will } \\
& \text { deliver } 1 \mathrm{~mA} \text { into } 1 \mathrm{k} \Omega \text { load. Full-scale } \\
& \text { input step function response time less than } \\
& 100 \mathrm{~ms} \text { on } 30 \mathrm{mV} \text {, f.s., to } 3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{f} . \mathrm{s} ., \text { ranges, } \\
& \text { increasing to } l \mathrm{~s} \text { on the } \mathrm{l} \mathrm{mV}, \mathrm{f} . \mathrm{s} ., \text { range. } \\
& \text { Warm up period typically } 1 \text { min. Adjust zERO } \\
& \text { on } 1 \mathrm{mV} \text { range when measuring below } 30 \mathrm{mV} \text {. } \\
& \text { 100, 120, 220, } 240 \mathrm{~V} \pm 108 \text {, } 50 \text { to } 400 \mathrm{~Hz} \text {. }
\end{aligned}
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OPERATING AND STORAGE TEMPERATURES:
A. Operating: $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
B. Storage: $-55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+75^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

DIMENSIONS: $\quad 132 \mathrm{~mm}$ high (without rubber feet) $\times 211$ wide $\times 292$ deep ( 5.2 in. $\times 8.3 \times 11.5$ ).

WEIGHT:
Net $3.2 \mathrm{~kg}(7 \mathrm{lbs})$.


FREQUENCY (MHz)

* Curves extend down to 10 kHz without change.

Figure 1-1. Input Resistance of Model 952001-02AR.F. Probe as a Function of Input Level and Frequency

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Table 1-1. Crest Factors

| VOLTAGE (mV) <br> RANGES (mV) | 1 | 3 | 10 | 30 | $100^{*}$ | $300^{*}$ | $1000^{*}$ | $3000^{*}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CREST <br> FACTORt | 420 to <br> 42 | 70 to <br> 14 | 21 <br> 4.2 | 7.4 <br> 1.4 | 420 to <br> 42 | 70 to <br> 14 | 21 to <br> 4.2 | 7 to <br> 1.4 |

*With accessory 100:l Voltage Divider, Model 952005-01A.
†Maximum permissible ratio of peak-to-r.m.s value of voltage.


Figure 1-2. Input Capacitance vs. Input Level, Model 952001-02A R.F. Probe

# SECTIONII <br> INSTALLATION \& OPERATION 

2-1. INSTALLATION
The Model 92 E has been inspected and tested at the Factory before packing, and it is shipped ready for operation. If there is any indication of shipping damage, immediately notify the carrier before attempting to put the instrument into operation.

2-2. OPERATING CONTROLS AND INDICATORS
All controls, indicators and connectors used during operation of the 92 E are described in Table $2-1$, below.

Table 2-1. Operating Controls, Indicators, and Connectors

| ITEM | FUNCTION |
| :--- | :--- |
| PWR OFF Switch | Depressing this switch turns the 92E "off". |
| FULL SCALE <br> Pushbuttons | Depressing any full scale range pushbutton will <br> turn "on" the 92E and select the operating range. |
| LED <br> Indicator | This red light emitting diode is lit when the 92e <br> is turned "on". | | Taut-band meter with two linear voltage scales and |
| :--- |
| one logarathmic dBm scale. |

## 2-3. SAFETY REQUIREMENT SYMBOL

> This safety requirement symbol (on the rear panel) has been adopted by the International Electrotechnical Commission, Document 66 (Central Office) 3 , Paragraph 5.3 , which directs that an instrument be so labeled if, for the correct use of the instrument, it is necessary to refer to the instruction manual. In this case it is recommended that reference be made to the instruction manual when connecting the instrument to the proper power source. Verify that the correct fuse is installed for the power available, and that the switch on the rear panel is set to the applicable operating voltage.


## 2-4. INITIAL OPERATING PROCEDURES

A. Be sure that the serial number of the probe to be used is the same as that of the voltmeter. (Each instrument is calibrated for its particular r.f. probe.) Use of a probe other than that for which the instrument was calibrated may result in measurement errors.
B. Connect the probe cable to the PROBE jack on the front panel.
C. Check the setting of the power switch on the rear panel to be sure that it is set to the proper position for the line voltage in use.
D. Plug the instrument's power cable into a power receptacle. Press any Full scale Range pushbutton to turn the instrument on.
E. Press the 1 mV range pushbutton; the panel meter pointer should rest on zero. If it does not, use the ZERO control to set the meter to zero. (This adjustment will hold for the other ranges.) The instrument is now ready for use. (See §2-5E.)

2-5. OPERATING NOTES
While using the Model 92E is a direct and straight forward process, there are certain precautions and procedures which MUST be observed to obtain satisfactory results.
A. Overload Limits. The 952001-02A R.F. Probe supplied with the instrument is overload protected to $10 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{c} .$, and to 400 volts, d.c.. EXCEEDING THESE LIMITS MAY RESULT IN PERMANENT DAMAGE TO THE PROBE.

The 952002-01A 50 ohm adapter should not be subjected to continuous overload of more than 3 volts [d.c. + (a.c., r.m.s.)], to avoid excessive heating of the terminating resistor.

Where voltages above these limits are likely to be encountered, the 952005-01A 100:l Voltage Divider is required. Maximum rating of the Voltage Divider is 1000 volts, d.c. + peak a.c.
B. Connection for Measurements below 100 MHz . The R.F. Probe supplied with the 92 E is equipped with a detachable tip and ground lead. For signal measurements below approximately 100 MHz , this tip provides a convenient means for both signal and ground connection.
C. Connection for Measurements above 100 MHz . For frequencies above 100 MHz , the probe tip should NOT be used with the Model 92E. Connection should be made directly to the probe's center contact, with the ground connection kept as short as possible.

The connection recommendations outlined in Table 2-2 should be followed in order to maintain the specified accuracy.

| FREQUENCY | SIGNAL CONNECTION |
| :---: | :--- |
| Up to 100 MHz | Probe with tip and ground lead, <br> or with Model 952002-01A (supplied) <br> Probe with Model 952003-01A/952028-01A (optional) |
| 100 to 250 MHz | Probe without tip, or probe with <br> Model 952002-01A (supplied) <br> Probe with Model 952003-01A/952028-01A (optional) |



Figure 2-1. Assembly of Type $N$ Tee Adapter
\$2-5, Continued.
D. Low Level Measurement. The voltmeter will provide reliable, reproducible measurements of signal levels as low as 200 microvolts.

Preliminary zero adjustment is essential when using the lowest range scale to achieve the specified accuracy, and it is strongly recommended for all ranges up to 30 mV .
E. Making the Zero Adjustment. When the instrument is to be used on the l mV range, the following zero adjustment procedure should be followed.

1. Set the fULL SCALE range selector to the 1 mV position.
2. Be sure that no voltage is applied to the probe, and that it is adequately shielded from local fields. This can be done by partially unscrewing the probe cap until the tip just breaks contact with the internal connector, leaving the metal shell engaged with the body threads. Alternatively, the probe tip can be removed and the 50 ohm termination (Model 952002-01A) mounted in its place.
3. Adjust the ZERO control to bring the meter reading to zero. Noise may cause the reading to fluctuate. If so, adjust the zero control so that the reading averages zero.
F. Signal Overload on 1 mV Range. On the most sensitive ( 1 mV ) range, the application of a large a.c. signal overloads the amplifier and a short time is required for the high impedance input circuit to discharge. This effect is significant for signals above approximately 100 millivolts. Typically, application of a 1 volt signal will require a recovery time of about thirty seconds before subsequent measurements should be made on the 1 mV range. It should be noted, however, that such overloads cause no damage to the equipment as long as they are within the limits outlined in $\$ 2-5 \mathrm{~A}$.
G. Temperature effects. Over the range of $21^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(70^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\right.$ to $\left.77^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\right)$, temperature effects for the Model 92E and the Model 950001 R.F. Probe are sensibly zero. Outside of these limits, inaccuracies can be expected as described in the Specifications section (see $\$ 1-6 \mathrm{C}$ ). However, no permanent change in probe characteristics will result from exposure to any reasonable high or low temperature.

Inaccuracies of measurement resulting from temperature effects may occur shortly after soldering to the probe tip, or when measuring with the probe close to heat sources such as resistors, heat sinks, vacuum tubes, etc.

When making low level measurements (below approximately 2 millivolts) it is important to make sure that the probe has attained a uniform temperature throughout its body. A temperature gradient between the inside and the outside of the probe can generate a small thermal voltage that may add to the d.c. output of the detector diodes.
H. Hum, Noise and Spurious Pick-up. When measuring low level signals, precautions should always be taken to avoid the possibility of errors of measurement resulting from hum, noise or stray r.f. pick-up. Although all low frequency hum and noise are attenuated at the input, it is still possible for unwanted high level signals to cause errors. In some cases it may be necessary to provide extra shielding around the probe connections to reduce stray pick-up. Typical sources of spurious radiation are: induction or dielectric heating units, diathermy machines, local radio transmitters, and grid dip meters.

2-6. D.C. output
The d.c. output provided at the rear panel binding posts is a linear function (typically within 18) of the input level, as long as the input signal is greater than $20 \%$ of full scale. The polarity of the d.c. output is positive with respect to the instrument ground, the negative d.c. output terminal being at ground potential. The output resistance is $9 \mathrm{k} \Omega$.

## 2-7. LOW FREQUENCY MEASUREMENTS

The 952001-02A R.F. Probe supplied with the 92 E provides measurements within the specified accuracy from 10 kHz to 1.2 GHz . For measurements at lower frequencies the Model 91-4C R.F. Probe is available. It operates over a frequency range from 1 kHz to 250 MHz .

NOTE: After installing the $91-4 \mathrm{C}$ R.F. Probe, the Model 92 E MUST BE checked for accuracy of calibration. The voltmeter must be recalibrated, if it is required. (See \$4-4 and \$4-5.)

2-8. CORRECTION CURVES FOR MODELS 952003-01A AND 952007-01A Use the curves of Figure $2-2$ to make corrections for transmission loss when using the Type $N 50 \Omega$ or $75 \Omega$ Tee Adapters.

## CORRECTION FOR INSERTION LOSS



NOTES:

1) The Insertion Loss shown is that which exists between the input and output ports of the Tee.
2) The R.F. Millivoltmeter measures the input voltage of the Tee.
3) Therefore, if the output voltage of the Tee is to be determined, subtract the Insertion Loss determined from the graph from the value that is indicated on the R.F. Millivoltmeter.
4) Do not use the correction if terminated measurements are required (i.e., measurements with Model 952028-01A or Model 952029-01A terminations installed on the output port of the Tee).

Figure 2-2. Correction Curves for Type $N$ Tee Adapters Models 952003-01A (50 ת), and 952007-01A (75 ת)

### 2.9 INTERFACE OPERATION

Remote programming is accomplished by simultaneously shorting to common the Manual Disable and the appropriate range lines on the card edge connector located at the rear of the 92E. (In effect, when Manual. Disable is brought to common, the front panel switches are disconnected.)

A pictorial presentation of the rear panel programming inputs and data output connections is given in Figure $2-3$. Table 2-3 provides additional data on these connections.

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DATA OUTPUT AND EXTERNAL PROGRAMMING PIN ASSIGNMENTS
    PROGRAMMING INPUT: GROUND FOR COMMAND
O DATA OUTPUT: DO NOT GROUND OR INTERCONNECT - MAY CAUSE DAMAGE.
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    A B C D E F H J J K L M M N F P
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Figure 2-3. Rear Panel Pin Assignments

Table 2-3. Rear Panel Pins: Unit Loadings and Comments

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pin } \\ & \text { No. } \end{aligned}$ | Function | Comment | Command | Unit Loading |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 7 | Man. Disable | Disables front-panel range selection | 0 | 0.1 |
| 16 | 1 mV range | Selects range, provided that Manual | 0 | 0.1 |
| 15 | 3 mV " | Disable has also been selected. | 0 | 0.1 |
| 14 | 10 mV | Selecting more than one range will | 0 | 0.1 |
| 13 | 30 mV " | result in incorrect indications. | 0 | 0.1 |
| 12 | 100 mV | Range lines must be de-selected for | 0 | 0.1 |
| 11 | 300 mV " | manual operation. | 0 | 0.1 |
| 10 | 1 V |  | 0 | 0.1 |
| 9 | 3 V |  | 0 | 0.1 |
| 5 | Common | Power line ground at rear panel. | N/A | N/A |
| 4 | D.C. Analog | +10 V for full scale of "1" ranges; +9.5 V for ${ }^{2 \prime} 3^{\prime \prime}$ ranges. | N/A | N/A |

§2-9, Continued.
A. Input Characteristics. Interface input characteristics are given in Table 2-4.

Table 2-4. Interface Input Characteristics

| TTL <br> Series | Logic <br> Level | Voltage <br> Level | Curent per <br> Unit Load |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Standard <br> Power $54 / 74$ | 0 | $\pm 0.7 \mathrm{~V}$ | $\pm 1.6 \mathrm{~mA}^{*}$ |
| $40 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ |  |  |  |

*The "-" current indicates current out of the input (the external command device must sink this current). A standard power (Series 54/74) TTL output will sink and source 10 unit loads.
B. Input Pull-Up. All input terminals have internal pull-up. The current sourced by this pull-up when the input is brought to a logic level 0 is included in the loading shown in the "Unit Loading" column of Table 2-3.
C. D.C. Analog output.

1. Polarity: positive with respect to instrument ground. (The negative D,C. Analog Output terminal is at ground potential.)
2. Source Resistance: $9 \mathrm{k} \Omega$.

## 3-1. INTRODUCTION

For this discussion, refer to Figure 3-1, a block diagram of the Model 92E. The r.f. voltage to be measured by the 92 E is applied to a sensor, which converts the r.f. voltage to a proportional d.c. voltage. The output voltage from the sensor ranges from a fraction of a millivolt to volts, as a function of the input voltage level to the sensor. To reduce the effects of drift and residuals at very low levels, the d.c. output voltage of the sensor is applied to a solid state chopper, which converts the d.c. voltage to a 94 Hz square wave with an amplitude proportional to the d.c. voltage. The drive signals for the chopper are provided from the analog section.

The analog section provides amplification, ranging, and demodulation of the $94-\mathrm{Hz}$ square-wave signal supplied from the chopper. Ranging is performed manually by means of eight pushbuttons on the front panel; remote ranging is available by means of rear panel progranming connectors. The analog section also receives a 752 Hz clock signal from the clock section; the chopper and demodulator drive signals are derived from this clock signal by frequency divider circuits in the analog section. The d.c. output voltage of the analog section is supplied to the shaping section, where the amplified and demodulated d.c. voltage is converted to a linear voltage used for driving the meter and the analog output. (As noted in $\$ 1.2 E$, the probe's output is inherently non-linear before shaping; it is true r.m.s. on the lower ranges, and peak-to-peak on the higher ranges.)


Figure 3-1. Simplified Block Diagram
Operating power for the Model 92 E circuits is provided by the power supply. Line voltages of $100,120,220$, or 240 volts, $\pm 10 \%$, may be applied to the power transformer. Switches on the rear panel of the instrument allow the switching of primary winding connections in order to accomodate the various input voltages. The secondary windings of the power transformer furnish power to rectifier regulator circuits that develop regulated $+5,-5,+15$, and -15 volts for operation of the other circuits in the instrument.

## 3-2. CIRCUITS: DETAILED DISCUSSION

In the following paragraphs the circuits of the 92 E are grouped by function as follows: Sensor, Analog (includes Chopper, Amplifier, Demodulator and Driver), Clock, Ranging, Shaping, and Power Supply. (Refer to Figure 3-1.)
A. Sensor. The r.f. probes used with the 92 E are unterminated, high inputimpedance devices. The r.f. voltage applied to the probes is rectified by a full-wave detector employing factory selected diodes with special characteristics, including low capacitance and controlled thermal offsets. The resulting d.c. voltage is a function of the applied r.f. voltage.

A full-wave detector, unlike a single diode detector, permits measurement of highly asymmetrical waveforms without substantial error. When a voltage of such waveform is impressed on a single diode detector circuit, whether or not the portion of the waveform that "turns on" the diode is restricted to the square law region of the diode's characteristic, the recovered d.c. voltage is dependent upon the phase of the input voltage. Consider a positive pulse of low duty cycle applied to the anode of a diode detector. The recovered d.c. voltage is a function of the polarity, amplitude, and duration of the pulse. If the pulse is inverted, it drives the diode into a reverse bias condition and the recovered d.c. voltage is near zero. A full-wave detector circuit, on the other hand, yields an equal amount of d.c. irrespective of the polarity of the input pulse. The r.m.s. voltage of a pulse obviously does not depend upon the phase of the pulse. The response of a single diode detector, square law characteristic notwithstanding, cannot reflect this; a full-wave detector circuit does.

Probe response is true r.m.s. for inputs below 30 mV . Above this voltage level, the probe response gradually changes, approaching peak-to-peak at the higher levels. However, the voltage data is digitally shaped in the 92 E to indicate r.m.s. voltage, provided that the input is reasonably sinusoidal, as is the case with c.w. and f.m. signals.

The probe body has been designed to minimize noise. The probe connects to the 92 E through a low noise cable.
B. Chopper. The chopper board contains four solid state switches, which are used to convert input d.c. voltage to a 94 Hz square wave. The switches are controlled by $94-\mathrm{Hz}$ chopper drive signals supplied from a frequency divider chain in the analog section. Potentiometers A4R4 and A4R5 provide means for adjusting the chopper to zero output with zero input. Use of a solid state chopper eliminates most of the undesirable characteristics of electromechanical choppers (e.g.: contact wear, bounce, and contamination). The output of the chopper is a balanced 94 Hz square wave that is directly proportional to the d.c. voltage applied from the sensor.
C. Amplifier. (See Figure 3-2.) The balanced 94 Hz square wave signal from the chopper is amplified by operational amplifiers A2U6, A2U8, A2Ul0a and A2Ul0b. The gain of the operational amplifiers A2U6, A2U8 and A2Ul0a is controlled by adjusting feedback to the amplifier through multiplexer A2U7 and a resistor network. The signals RO, R1 and R2, from the ranging section, applied through gates A2U9a and A2U9b, control the switching of input terminals D1 and D2 of multiplexer A2U7 to two of eight points in the resistance networks, thereby adjusting the feedback and the amplifier gain.

The 94 Hz output of op amps A2U6 and A2U8 is applied to the differential inputs of op amp A2Ul0a, which makes the signal single ended. This signal is amplified by op amp A2UlOb and associated circuitry. Multiplexer A2Ull adjusts the gain of this op amp in eight steps, under control of signals R0, R1 and R2 from the ranging section, to provided decade ranging in voltage. The nominal output for a full scale input on each range is four volts, approximately, peak-to-peak (at TP8). Separate potentiometers are provided for full scale calibration of the instrument on each range. A2R72 is the Master Gain Control and A2R73 is used to adjust for any large differences in the effeciency of probes.


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Figure 3-2. Block Diagram: Amplifier Section
D. Demodulator. A solid state demodulator, consisting of switches A2Ul2a and A2Ul2b, converts the amplified and scaled 94 Hz square wave signal back to d.c. The demodulator is driven by a 94 Hz demodulator drive signal, which is synchronized with the 94 Hz chopper drive signal. A synchronous, sampling type demodulator circuit is used, with the sample being taken at a point well removed from the chopper switching points. The demodulator is followed by the high input impedance buffer $A 2 \mathrm{U} 26 \mathrm{c}$ to reduce loading of the sampling capacitor A2Cl6 to negligible proportions. output d.c. is suplied to A2U24c in the shaping section. (See Figure 3-3.)
E. Driver. Chopper and demodulator drive signals are derived from a 752 Hz signal supplied from the clock circuit (see $\$ 3-2 F$ ). A2Ql shifts the clock voltage from the zero to plus five volt level (used by the shaping circuitry), to a plus five and minus five volt level used by the chopper circuitry. Flip-flops A2Ul4a, A2Ul4b, A2Ul6a and A2Ul6b divide down the 752 Hz signal to 94 Hz , and gates A2Ul3a, A2Ul3b and A2Ul3c shape the 94 Hz demodulator signal. Figure 3-3 shows the derivation of the chopper and demodulator drive signals from the 752 Hz clock signal.
F. Clock. A crystal controlled oscillator (A2Ul9a, b, c, and crystal Yl), provides 96 kHz clock pulses. This 96 kHz square wave is frequency divided in the binary counter A2U20 to produce clock signals for both the analog and the shaping circuitry. (See Figure 3-4.)


Figure 3-3. Block Diagram: Demodulator and Driver
G. Ranging and Programming. Ranging of the 92 E is performed manually by means of the eight pushbutton switches on the front panel. When a range is selected, one section of AlS2 "shorts" to ground inputs to the range encoder. The range encoder comprises A2U15a, A2Ul5b, and A2Ul8, and will generate a binary range code on lines $R 0, R 1$ and $R 2$. This range code is used by both the amplifier circuitry and the shaping circuitry to select the appropriate signal processing. (See Figure 3-4.)

Remote programming is accomplished by simultaneously shorting to common the Manual Disable and the appropriate range lines on the card edge connector located at the rear of the 92E. Shorting the Manual Disable line turns off A202, causing the latter to disconnect the front panel switches. Shorting the Manual Disable line also enables buffer A2Ul8, allowing it to transmit ranging information from the card edge connector to the range encoder.
H. Shaping. Shaping is used to linearize the output of the diode sensor. (The conversion of r.f. to d.c. in the sensor is virtually square law for the lowest ranges, gradually becoming quasi-linear at three volts.) The shaping circuit of the 92 E uses data stored in ROM A2U22, and a dual slope integrator, to linearize the output of the sensor.


Figure 3-4. Block Diagram: Ranging Circuitry
Shaping is achieved in four phases. Phase 0 integrates the input signal. Phase 1 combines the input with the shaping data. Phase 2 samples and holds the shaped and corrected output. Phase 3 resets the circuit for another cycle. The phases are controlled by the output of demultiplexer A2U21. (See Figure 3-5.)

1. Phase 0 occurs when $\overline{Q 0}$ of the demultiplexer A2U2l is low. During this phase, the d.c. voltage from the demodulator is applied to the integrator $A 2 \mathrm{UlOd}$ through switch A2U24c. The integrator output starts at zero before ramping to its final value. (A voltage of -4 at TP24 will cause the integrator output voltage at TP25 to be approximately +5 volts at the end of Phase 0.)

Comparator A2U29 measures the polarity of the integrator at TP25 and gives an output of either 0 V or 5 V for a negative or a positive integration, respectively. The polarity information is stored in flip-flop A2U30a and is used to determine the polarity of the voltage reference at pin 1 of A2U26a. A2U23 is a stable voltage source. A2U24a and A2U24b are switches that configure amplifier A2U26a as either non-inverting or inverting, thus changing from $(+)$ to (-) the polarity of the voltage derived from the reference.


Figure 3-5. Block Diagram: Shaping Section
2. Phase 1 occurs when $\overline{Q 1}$ of the A2U2l demultiplexer is low. This signal is inverted in A2U28a to provide a clock to the flip-flops $A 2 U 30 a$ and $A 2 U 30 b$. The clock latches the polarity information into A2U30a and also sets Q2 of A2U30b low.

The Phase 1 signal addresses ROM A2U22. The ROM is addressed also by R0, R1 and R2 (the range lines, which set shaping appropriate to the range currently in use), and by $J A$ and $J B$ (the shaping jumpers, which program for variations in sensor shaping). ROM A2U22 also receives signals in a binary sequence from counter A2U20. Shaping data stored in the ROM are recalled and converted in DAC A2U25 into the shaping signal. The shaping signal is of the opposite polarity to the input signal. Closing switch $A 2 \mathrm{U} 27 \mathrm{~b}$ allows the shaping signal and the input signal to combine in the integrator. (A2U27b is closed by the Phase 1 signal "or-gated" with the output of A2U30b.)

As just noted, the shaping signal and the input signal are of opposite polarity. The integrator therefore ramps toward zero volts at a rate proportional to the shaping signal's amplitude.

Phase 1 closes switch A2U27a, allowing the reference voltage to be integrated in A2Ul0c, the output integrator. The output integrator provides a shaped signal that drives the meter and the d.c. analog output by way of A2U26d (a high impedance unity gain buffer). The time constant of A2R69 \& A2C2l delays the closing of switch A2U27a in order to mask the noise caused by the shaping process when there is zero input. A2R7l adjust for the tolerance of the integrator capacitor.

During Phase $l$ the comparator A2U29 detects the zero crossing of the integrator. When the zero crossing is detected, the output integrator switch A2U27a is opened, halting the integrator A2U10c at a voltage proportional to the sum of the shaping and the input voltages. The output of the comparator, and the output of the comparator flip-flop, are "exclusive or-ed" in A2U28b. This signal resets flip-flop A2U30b, opening both switches A2U27a and A2U27b.
3. During Phase 2, the $\overline{Q 2}$ output of demultiplexer A2U21 closes switch A2U24d. This samples the output of integrator A2UlOc and holds the voltage in A 2 C 20.
4. The $\overline{Q 3}$ output of demultiplexer A2U2l closes switches A2U27c and A2U27d during Phase 3. These switches discharge their respective integrator capacitors, leaving the integrators ready for another shaping cycle.
I. Power Supply.

The power supply circuits provide d.c. operating power for all other circuits of the 92E. Regulated output voltages of $+15,-15,+5$, and -5 volts are supplied. Line voltages of $100,120,220$ and 240 volts, $\pm 10 \%$, 50 to 400 Hz , can be accommodated.
A.C. power is applied to the primary windings of power transformer Altl through the LINE switch Als2, and the two section line voltage switch Alsl. The latter changes the transformer primary winding connections as required to accommodate the available line voltage. Fuse Alfl protects the powersupply circuits against overload. The voltages developed in the secondary windings of the power transformer are applied to three rectifier regulator circuits on the main printed circuit board A2. (See Figure 3-6.)

The +15 V and -15 V supplies are similar. Input to each supply consists of 20 V , supplied by a separate secondary winding of the power transformer. In each supply, the applied a.c. is rectified by the bridge rectifier $A 2 C R 1$, filtered by A 2 Cl and A 2 C 2 , and then regulated by A 2 Ul and A 2 U 2 .
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Regulated $+5 \mathrm{~V}^{*}$ and $-5 \mathrm{~V}^{*}$ operating supplies for the chopper and analog circuits of the 92 E derive power from the regulated +15 V and the -15 V supplies, using regulators $A 2 U 4$ and A2U5. Thus, the supplies for these more sensitive circuits are isolated from the less sensitive circuits.

Regulated +5 V for the digital circuits is provided by a separate 5 V d.c. supply, powered by the third secondary winding of the power transformer. This further isolates the sensitive input circuitry from noise caused by the digital circuitry. The applied a.c. is rectified by the bridge rectifier A2CR2 to develop 11 V d.c., at A2C3. This filtered d.c. is converted to +5 V by regulator A 2 U 3 .


Figure 3-6. Block Diagram: Power Supply

MAINTENANCE

## 4-1. INTRODUCTION

Values and tolerances shown in this section are not specifications but are provided only as guides to the maintenance and calibration of the 92E.

## 4-2. PERIODIC CALIBRATION

The Model 92 E is designed to provide trouble free operation over extended periods of time. However, as with any precision instrument, the 92E should be checked periodically to verify proper calibration. To make such calibration checks, the following equipment is required:
A. A reliable signal source of $200 \mathrm{kHz}-1 \mathrm{MHz}$ with less than lif distortion at levels up to 3 volts across 50 ohms. The Boonton Model 26A R.F. Millivoltmeter Calibrator is suggested; this calibrator provides 1 MHz voltages from $60 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ to 3 V with an uncertainty of $< \pm 0.5 \%$ of indication. Full scale voltages in a 1-3-10 sequence can be switch selected. On any range incremental voltages can also be selected in $10 \%$ f.s. steps.
B. A precision voltmeter such as the Ballantine 310 A or 300 H , the Boonton Electronics Model 93 A or 93 AD , or the Hewlett Packard Model 400 D or 400 H , or equivalent.
C. A precision d.c. voltmeter capable of measuring $\pm 15.0 \mathrm{~V}$, accurate to $0.25 \%$ or better.

## 4-3. POWER-SUPPLY CHECKS

Improper operation of the 92 E may be caused by incorrect d.c. operating voltages. Before any calibration, adjustments or troubleshooting, perform the power supply checks listed below. Refer to parts location diagram at the rear of this manual.

## WARNING

Line voltages up to 240 volts, a.c., may be encountered in the power supply circuits. To protect against electrical shock, observe suitable precautions when connecting and disconnecting test equipment, and when making voltage measurements.

The power supply test points, and the d.c. voltage to be expected at each test point, are as follows.
A. A2TPl, $+5 \mathrm{~V}, \pm 5 \%$.
B. A $2 \mathrm{TP} 2,+15 \mathrm{~V}, \pm 5 \%$.
C. A2TP3, $-5 \mathrm{~V}, \pm 5 \%$.
D. A2TP4, $+5 \mathrm{~V}, \pm 5 \%$.
E. A2TP5, $-5 \mathrm{~V}, \pm 5 \%$.

## 4-4. CALIBRATION CHECK

When checking the calibration of an instrument having the sensitivity and bandwidth of the Model 92E, it is essential to take precautions against errors resulting from stray pick-up voltages (see $\$ 2-5 \mathrm{H}$ ). A well shielded signal source must be used in conjunction with coaxial connections to both the Model 92E and the standard reference meter. Even with a well shielded generator and connections, it is sometimes possible for the reference meter to pick up stray r.f. signals and feed them into the probe. It is advis-

## §4-4, Continued.

able to test for this condition by disconnecting the standard meter and noting any change in level.

Using the equipment listed in $\$ 4-2$, check the calibration of the Model 92 E on each range using a test voltage equal to the full scale value. If the check reveals that recalibration is required, the procedure outlined in §4-5 should be followed.

## 4-5. CALIBRATION PROCEDURE

The Model 92 E should be calibrated at room temperature ( $23^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) after a minimum warm up time of five minutes. Note, however, the longer warm-up time required for the chopper adjustments. Refer to Figure 4-1.
A. Chopper Adjustments. These adjustments require that the 92 E be turned on for not less than one hour and the 92 E and its sensor be at an ambient temperature of $21^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

1. In the 92E, remove the "zero" potentiometer connector, AlPl.
2. Connect the sensor to the adjustable signal source and set the output of the source to zero.
3. Set the two chopper adjustments, A4R4 and A4R5, to their physical midpoints.
4. Connect the precision voltmeter to TP24 and note the indication.
5. Adjust A4R4 to decrease the voltmeter's indication to one half of that in Step 4.
6. Adjust A4R5 to bring the indication to zero. There will be some fluctuation of the indication and averaging will be required.
7. Re-connect the "zero" potentiometer connector, AlPl.
B. Delay Adjustment.
8. Adjust A2R73 so that the falling edge of the square wave at TP29 is delayed 165 ms with respect to the falling edge of the square wave at TP 30 . C. Zeroing Adjustments.
9. Turn the instrument "off" for at least one minute. If the meter pointer does not come to rest at zero, use the zero adjustment screw in the lower center of the meter to bring the pointer to zero. Turn the 92E "on"; be sure that the 92 E has stabilized at room temperature at least five minutes before the following calibration is performed.
10. Set the 92E's FULL SCALE range selector to the 1 mV range and zero the instrument as described in $\S 2-5 E$.
D. Master Gain Adjustments.
11. Set A2R72 to the midpoint of its range.
12. Set the FULL SCALE range selector to the 1 mV range, apply 1.000 mV input and adjust A2R27 for -4.00 V at TP24.
13. Set the FULL SCALE range selector to the 3 mv range, zero the instrument as described in $\$ 2-5 \mathrm{E}$, apply 3.000 mV input, and adjust A2R26 for -4.00 V at TP24.


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| $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline A D J \\ \text { NO } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | CONT | FUNCTION | RANGE | $\begin{aligned} & \text { INPUT } \\ & \pm 0.2 \% \end{aligned}$ | ADJUST |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A4R4 } \\ & \text { A4R5 } \end{aligned}$ | CHOPPER ADJ | 1 mV | 0 | AVERAGE OF zero vac @ (24) |
| 2 | A2R73 | DELAY ADJ | 1000 mV | 1000 mV | $165 \mu \mathrm{~s}$ @ (29) FROM (30) |
| 3 | AIRI | FRONT PANEL ZERO | 1 mV | 0 | average zero indication |
| 4 | A2R72 | MASTER GAIN ADJ | - | - |  |
| 5 | A2R27 | RANGE ADJ | 1 mV | 1 mV |  |
| 6 | A2R26 | RANGE ADJ | 3 mV | 3 mV |  |
| 7 | A2R25 | RANGE ADJ | 10 mV | 10 mV |  |
| 8 | A2R24 | Range adj | 30 mV | 30 mV | 4.00 V AT (24) |
| 9 | A2R31 | RANGE ADJ | 100 mV | 100 mV |  |
| 10 | A2R30 | RANGE ADJ | 300 mV | 300 mV |  |
| 11 | A2R70 | METER FS ADJ | 1000 mV | 1000 mV |  |
| 12 | A2R28 | RANGE ADJ | 3000 mv | 3000 mV |  |
| 13 | A2R71 | OUTPUT INTERGRATOR ADJ | 1000 mV | 1000 mV | WITH 4.00V @ (24) ADJUST dc ANALOG FOR 10.00 V |
| 14 | A2R29 | RANGE ADJ | 1000 mV | 1000 mV | +10.00 V AT de ANALOG TERMINALS DC VOLTMETER INPUT $>10 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{OHMS}$ |
| 15 | A2R70 | METER FS ADJ | 1000 mV | 1000 mV | 1000 mV INDICATION |
| 16 | A2R28 | RANGE ADJ | 3000 mV | 3000 mV | 3000 mV INDICATION |
| 17 | A2R27 | RANGE ADJ | 1 mV | 1 mV | 1.000 mV INDICATION |
| 18 | A2R26 | RANGE ADJ | 3 mV | 3 mV | 3.000 mV INDICATION |
| 19 | A2R25 | RANGE ADJ | 10 mV | 10 mV | 10.00 mV INDICATION |
| 20 | A2R24 | RANGE ADJ | 30 mV | 30 mV | 30.00 mV INDICATION |
| 21 | A2R31 | RANGE ADJ | 100 mV | 100 mV | 100.0 mV INDICATION |
| 22 | A2R30 | RANGE ADJ | 300 mV | 300 mV | 300.0 mV INDICATION |

Figure 4-1. Adjustment Locations and Descriptions
4. Set the FULL SCALE range selector to the 10 mV range, zero the instrument as described in $\S 2-5 E$, apply 10.00 mV input, and adjust A2R25 for -4.00 V at TP24.
5. Set the FULL SCALE range selector to the 30 mV range, apply 30.00 mV input, and adjust A2R24 for -4.00 V at TP24.
6. Set the FULL SCALE range selector to the 100 mV range, apply 100.0 mV input, and adjust A2R31 for -4.00 V at TP24.
7. Set the FULL SCALE range selector to the 300 mV range, apply 300.0 mV input, and adjust A2R30 for -4.00 V at TP24.
8. Set the FULL SCALE range selector to the 1000 mV range, apply 1000 mV input, and adjust A2R29 for -4.00 V at TP24.
9. Set the FULL SCALE range selector to the 3000 mV range, apply 3000 mV input, and adjust A2R28 for -4.00 V at TP24. E. Output Integrator Adjustments.

1. Set the FULL SCALE range selector to the 1000 mV range, apply 1000 mV input and check for $-4.00 \pm .10 \mathrm{~V}$ at TP 24 . If the reading is not within tolerance repeat $\$ 4-5 D$. If the reading is within tolerance perform step 2 .
2. Adjust A2R71 for 10.00 V at the D.C. ANALOG output.
F. Range Adjustments.
3. Set the FULL SCALE range selector to the 1000 mV range and apply 1000 mV input, adjust A2R29 for +10.00 V at the D.C. ANALOG terminals.
4. Set the FULL SCALE range selector to the 1000 mV range and apply 1000 mV input, observe the panel meter and adjust A2R70 for 1000 mV .
5. Set the FULL SCALE range selector to the 3000 mV range and apply 3000 mV input, observe the panel meter and adjust A2R28 for 3000 mV .
6. Set the FULL SCALE range selector to the 1 mV range, zero the instrument as described in $\$ 2-5 E$, apply 1.00 mV input, observe the panel meter and adjust A2R27 for 1.00 mV .
7. Set the FULL SCALE range selector to the 3 mV range, zero the instrument as described in $\$ 2-5 E$, apply 3.00 mV , observe the panel meter and adjust A2R26 for 3.00 mV .
8. Set the FULL SCALE range selector to the 10 mV range, zero the instrument as described in §2-5E, apply 10.00 mV , observe the panel meter and adjust A2R25 for 10.00 mV .
9. Set the FULL SCALE range selector to the 30 mV range, apply 30.00 mV input, observe the panel meter and adjust A2R24 for 30.00 mV .
10. Set the FULL SCALE range selector to the 100 mV range, apply 100.0 mV input, observe the panel meter and adjust A2R31 for 100.0 mV .
11. Set the FULL SCALE range selector to the 300 mV range, apply 300.0 mV input, observe the panel meter and adjust A2R30 for 300.0 mV .

## 4-6. TROUBLESHOOTING

The following troubleshooting procedures describe the instrument's cover removal, probe replacement, and probe s.w.r. and frequency tests. The test points, waveforms, and related test-voltages are shown on the schematic diagrams (see Section VI).
A. Cover Removal. The instrument's cover is removed from the case by removing the screw on top of the case.
B. Replacement of R.F. Probes. The serial number of the 92 E matches that of the R.F. Probe with which it was calibrated at the factory. If it is necessary to change probes for any reason, the instrument's calibration MUST be rechecked. In most cases, full recalibration (see §4.5) will be required. Similarly, if the R.F. Probe supplied with the 92 E is exchanged for a Low Frequency Probe, recalibration will be required. (See §2-7.)
C. Probe Tests. The probe and accessories furnished with the 92 E can be checked for s.w.r. and frequency response by following the procedures detailed in the paragraphs below. Should a probe exhibit out of tolerance performance in these tests, the user is urged not to attempt repair but to send the probe back to the factory for repair or replacement.

1. S.W.R. Measurement.
a. Test Equipment
i. Generator for the desired frequency range. For example: 125 kHz - 175 MHz , Boonton Electronics Model 103D; 450 kHz - 1040 MHz , Boonton Electronics Model $102 \mathrm{~F}-20$; 10 MHz - 1400 MHz , Hewlett-Packard Model $8660 \mathrm{~A} / \mathrm{C}$
ii. Slotted line: GR Type 900 LB
iii. Detector: GR Type 1241, or Boonton Model 92E.
b. Test Procedure
i. Connect the slotted line to a proper signal source, and terminate the line with the device to be tested, i.e., Boonton Model 952003-01A Tee Adapter and Boonton Model 952028-01A $50 \Omega$ Termination, or Boonton Model 952002-01A $50 \Omega$ Adapter.

The probe and R.F. Millivoltmeter must be connected to the accessory being tested. The probe supplies a perturbation for which the accessory was designed, and which it needs, to meet its specification. The millivoltmeter permits the test level to be set to the desired value.
ii. Move the carriage of the slotted line to a point of minimum voltage, then to a point of maximum voltage, and record the values.
iii. The s.w.r. is the ratio of the maximum and the minimum voltages. The measurement can be repeated at other frequencies and levels, as required.
§4-6C, Continued.
2. Frequency Response. The most accurate method of measuring the frequency response of the R.F. Probe for the 92 E is through the use of micropotentiometers, electrothermic a.c.- d.c. transfer instruments, and A-T (attenuator-thermoelement) voltmeters. Users who have these instruments available will be familiar with their application.

A method of accuracy compatible with that of the Model 92 E uses a point-bypoint frequency scan in conjunction with a power splitter and calibrated power meter. The method is detailed in the following paragraphs.
a. Test Equipment
i. Signal source for the frequency range of 10 to 1200 MHz . Suggested instruments are Wavetek 2001 or H-P $8660 \mathrm{~A} / \mathrm{C}$. In this application, the generator is manually swept.
ii. Power Splitter: Weinschel Model l870A, or H-P ll667A.
iii. Calibrated R.F. Power Meter: Boonton 42B, or H-P 435A.
b. Test Procedure
i. Connect the equipment as shown in Figure 4-2.


Figure 4-2. Frequency Response Test Setup
ii. Set the frequency of the generator to 10 MHz , and adjust the output control for the desired test level. If the response is to be measured at one level only, a test voltage of 100 or 200 mv is recommended.
iii. Disable the output of the generator momentarily and zero the power meter. Re-establish the output level and note the reading on the power meter. Record the frequency of the generator and the reading of the 92 E . Change the frequency, in whatever increments are desired, through the range of 10 to 1200 MHz , holding the reference reading on the power meter constant.
iv. Reverse the output ports of the power splitter and repeat Step iii.
v. The correct voltmeter reading is obtained at each frequency by averaging the two readings. This virtually eliminates the influence of frequency differences of the two ports of the power divider.
vi. Further refinements can be made by filtering the output of the generator, and measuring the complex reflection coefficients of the power meter, r.f. millivoltmeter accessory under test, and all ports of the power divider. The usual corrections can then be made. These procedures are not usually necessary, and should be done only if the additional accuracy is warranted.
3. Swept Frequency Response and S.W.R. Another method of measuring both the frequency response and the s.w.r. (in terms of the reflection coefficient), but with somewhat reduced accuracy, employs a sweep generator, external levelling of the generator, an s.w.r. bridge, a power splitter, and a sensitive oscilloscope.
a. Test Equipment
i. Sweep Generator: Wavetek 2001 or $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{P} 8660 \mathrm{~A} / \mathrm{C}$; frequency range 0.01 to 2600 MHz .
ii. S.W.R. Autotester: Wiltron Model 63NF50.
iii. Oscilloscope: Tektronix Model 5llo, with two Model 5A20 Vertical Amplifiers.
iv. Power Splitter: Weinschel Model 1870A, or H-P 11667A.
v. Standard 1.2:1 Mismatch Termination: Weinshel M1410-1.2
b. Test Procedure
i. Connect the equipment as shown in Figure 4-3, and temporarily connect the probe under test to the 92 E . Adjust the output control of the sweep generator for a reading on the 92 E of 100 mV at a fixed frequency of 100 MHz .
ii. Calibrate one of the scope's vertical-input amplifiers for a sensitivity of $100 \mu \mathrm{~V} / \mathrm{div}$. The other vertical amplifier should be calibrated so that a change from 100 mv to 90 mV applied to the input of the probe under test will produce a vertical deflection of two divisions. This can be done easily if a Boonton Electronics 26A R.F. Millivoltmeter Calibrator is available. The probe should be temporarily connected to the output of the calibrator while output levels of 100 mV and 90 mV are alternately selected, and
the sensitivity of the second input amplifier is adjusted for a deflection of two divisions.
iii. Substitute the Standard l.2:l Mismatch Termination for the accessory under test, and calibrate the graticule of the oscilloscope for an s.w.r. of l.2. Replace the accessory and probe.
iv. Adjust the limits on the three bands of the sweep generator for coverage from 10 to 1200 MHz . Study the traces for both frequency response and s.w.r. (return loss).
v. Reverse the output ports of the power splitter and repeat Steps (iii) and (iv).
vi. Note that the permissible error for the frequency-response trace expands with frequency. For meaningful results, the graticule should be marked with a grease pencil, showing maximum permissible ercors for the various frequency bands as determined with a calibrated signal of, say, 1 MHz , and at levels above and below the selected test level. Note also that the recovered d.c. from the r.f. probe, which is applied to the second vertical amplifier, will vary as the square of the r.f. input level for test levels of 30 mV or less. Above 30 mV , the $\mathrm{r} . \mathrm{f}$. to d.c. conversion gradually changes from square law to linear, and approaches a peak-to-peak rectifier at an input of 3 volts.


Figure 4-3. Swept Frequency Response Test Setup

REPLACEABLE PARTS

## 5-1. INTRODUCTION

Table 5-2, Replaceable Parts, identifies the manufacturers of components by five-digit groups taken from the Federal Supply Code for Manufacturers. A list of the applicable code groups and manufacturers is given in Table 5-l.

The Table of Replaceable Parts begins with major assemblies, including PC boards complete with all their parts, followed by miscellaneous parts and components not mounted on PC boards. Then all the components of the individual assemblies (including $P C$ boards) are listed.

To simplify ordering, please note the following:
A. When ordering a component or an assembly, the BEC Part Number is all that we need. However, part numbers can suffer changes during transmission and it is safer to include also a brief description. Examples: 1) BEC Part \#200050: Mica Capacitor, 470 pF , 18, 500V. 2) BEC Part \#102409: Oscillator PC Board Assembly.
B. The number printed on a PC board is not an assembly number; it is the number for the bare board, alone. To order a complete assembly--the board with all its components installed--specify it by the BEC Part Number given in the Assemblies Section of this table.
C. Unless otherwise identified, the number on a schematic diagram or on a parts-location diagram is not an assembly number; it is the number for just the diagram itself.

Table 5-1. Applicable Federal Supply Code Numbers for Manufacturers

| 01121 | Allen Bradley | 27735 | F-Dyne Electronics |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 01295 | Texas Instruments | 28480 | Hewlett-Packard |
| 02260 | Amphenol | 32293 | Intersil, Inc. |
| 02735 | RCA | 34430 | Monsanto |
| 04713 | Motorola Semiconductor | 51640 | Analog Devices |
| 04901 | Boonton Electronics | 51791 | Statek Corp. |
| 06383 | Panduit Corp. | 54426 | Buss Fuses |
| 06776 | Robinson Nugent | 56289 | Sprague Electric |
| 07263 | Fairchild Semiconductor | 57582 | Kahgan |
| 16546 | Centralab | 71450 | CTS Corp. |
| 17856 | Siliconix, Inc. | 73138 | Beckman Instruments - Helipot |
| 19701 | Mepco Electra | 91506 | Augat |
| 20307 | Arco - Micronics | 98291 | Sealectro Co. |
| 27264 | Molex, Inc. | S4217 | United Chemicon. |

Table 5-2. Replaceable Parts




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SCHEMATIC DIAGRAMS

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Figure 6-3. Main P-C Board Parts Location Diagram

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SCHEMATIC
MAIN P.C. BOARD
MAIN P.C. BOARD
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Parts-Location Diagram (B831045D)
NOTES:

1. resistance values in ohms
2. Resistance values in
3. Last numbers used
4. Capacitance is part of p.c. ed. circuitry.
5. numbers not used
6. EXTERNAL MARKING

## WARRANTY

Boonton Electronics Corporation warrants its products to the original purchaser to be free from defects in material and workmanship and to operate within applicable specifications for a period of one year from date of shipment, provided they are used under normal operating conditions. This warranty does not apply to active devices that have given normal service, to sealed assemblies which have been opened or to any item which has been repaired or altered without our authorization.

We will repair, or at our option, replace any of our products which are found to be defective under the terms of this warranty.

There will be no charge for parts, labor, or forward and return normal ground transportation during the first three months of this warranty.*

There will be no charge for parts, labor, or return normal ground transportation during the fourth through twelfth month of this warranty.*

Except for such repair or replacement, we will not be liable for any incidental damages or for any consequential damages, as those terms are defined in Section 2-715 of the Uniform Commercial Code, in connection with products covered by this warranty.
*For overseas shipments, there will be no charge for Air Freight during these specified time periods.

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[^0]:    *To 300 V , up to 700 MHz , with accessory 100:l divider.
    tтo 3 V , up to 700 MHz , with accessory 100:l divider.

[^1]:    *Relative accuracy refers to the differential between two measured levels without regard to the absolute accuracy of either measurement. A measurement of a 100 mV signal at 8 GHz may indicate 20 mV on the meter; then a 50 mV signal, at that same frequency, will be indicated as 10 mV , within about $0.5 \mathrm{~dB}(5.98)$.

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