MODEL 606A
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## HIGH FREQUENCY SIGNAL GENERATOR

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Table 1-1. Specifications

## OUTPUT ACCURACY:

Within $\pm 1 \mathrm{db}$ into 50 -ohm resistive load

## FREQUENCY RESPONSE:

Within $\pm 1 \mathrm{db}$ into 50 ohms resistive load over entire frequency range at any output level setting

## OUTPUT IMPEDANCE:

50 ohms, swr less than 1.1 on 0.3 volt range; on 1 -volt and 3 -volt ranges, less than 1.1 to 20 mc and less than 1.2 to 65 mc . BNC output connector mates with UG-88A/B/C/D.

## SPURIOUS HARMONIC OUTPUT:

Less than $3 \%$

## LEAKAGE:

Negligible; permits receiver sensitivity measurements down to at least 0.1 microvolt

## AMPLITUDE MODULATION:

Continuous adjustable from 0 to $100 \%$. Indicated by a panel meter. Modulation level is constant within $\pm 1 / 2 \mathrm{db}$ regardless of carrier frequency and output level changes.

INTERNAL MODULATION:
0 to $100 \%$ sinusoidal modulation at $400 \mathrm{cps} \pm 5 \%$ or $1000 \mathrm{cps} \pm 5 \%$

## MODULATION BANDWIDTH:

DC to 20 kc maximum, depends on carrier frequency, $f_{c}$, and percent modulation as shown in the following table:

Max. Mod. Frequency:


EXTERNAL MODULATION:
0 to $100 \%$ sinusoidal modulation dc to 20 kc , 4.5 volts peak produces $100 \%$ modulation at modulating frequencies from dc to 20 kc . Input impedance is approximately 600 ohms. May also be modulated by square waves and other complex signals.

## ENVELOPE DISTORTION:

On the 1 -volt and lower ranges; less than $1 \%$ at $30 \%$ modulation using internal 400 or 1000 cps source, less than $3 \%$ from 0 to $70 \%$ modulation.

## MODULATION METER ACCURACY:

Within $\pm 5 \%$ of full scale from 0 to $90 \%$

INCIDENTAL FM:
On the 1 -volt and lower ranges and $30 \%$ modulation: $0.0025 \%$ or 100 cps , whichever is greater

## SPURIOUS FM:

Less than $0.0001 \%$ or $\pm 20 \mathrm{cps}$ whichever is greater

## SPURIOUS AM:

Hum and noise sidebands are 70 db below carrier down to thermal level of 50 -ohm output system

## FREQUENCY DRIFT:

On the 1 -volt and lower range; less than $0.005 \%$ or 5 cps whichever is greater, for a 10 -minute period after warmup or restabilization at frequency of use.

POWER:
115 or 230 volts $\pm 10 \%, 50$ to $1000 \mathrm{cps}, 135$ watts

DIMENSIONS:
Cabinet Mount: $20-3 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. wide, 12-1/2 in. high, 14-3/4 in. deep.

Rack Mount:


## WEIGHT:

Cabinet Mount: Net 46 lbs, shipping 57 lbs Rack Mount: Net 43 lbs, shipping 58 lbs

## ACCESSORIES AVAILABLE:

606A-34A Output Termination. Three positions; 50 ohms, for use into high impedance; 5 ohms (10:1 voltage division); IRE Standard Dummy Antenna (driven from 10:1 divider).

AC-16K Cables.
608A-95A Fuseholder, type N connectors. Protects output attenuator.

## SECTION I

## GENERAL INFORMATION

## 1-1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

1-2. The Hewlett-Packard Model 606A is a generalpurpose signal generator with a frequency range of 50 kc to 65 mc . The instrument has a direct reading frequency dial calibrated to an accuracy of $1 \%$. Output is held constant within $\pm 1 \mathrm{db}$ and is continuously adjustable from. 01 microvolt to 3 volts intoa 50 ohm resistive load. An internal crystal calibrator provides check points at 100 kc and 1 mc intervals with an error of less than $0.01 \%$. A front-panel meter accurately indicates the percent amplitude modulation for frequencies within the modulation bandwidth of the signal generator.

1-3. The Model 606A has a highly refined amplitude modulation system which allows modulation up to $90 \%$ with low distortion and incidental fm . This feature makes possible precision distortion checks of receivers from antenna to output. The instrument can be internally modulated at 400 or 1000 cps . It can be externally modulated from dc to 20 kc or more, depending on if frequency in use. Complex waveforms, square waves, and dc voltages may be used to modulate the Model 606A for testing and evaluating filters, networks, amplifiers, and receivers.

## 1-4. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN INSTRUMENTS.

1-5. The Model 606A carries a five-digit serial number with a three-digit prefix (000-00000). The prefix changes only when a change is made in the instrument. The prefix, then, is an identifier, and it appears on the title page of this manual to indicate to which instrument this manual directly applies. A supplement may be included with this manual to indicate the necessary changes to be made in the manual to make it apply directly to instruments which carry a different serial number prefix.

## 1-6. UNPACKING AND INSPECTION.

1-7. Unpack and inspect the Model 606A as soon as possible after receipt. Save all packing materials until inspection is complete. These materials may be required for reshipment should you discover any damage.

1-8. Inspect the instrument first for signs of physical damage such as scratched or abraded panel, broken knobs, etc. If possible, energize the instrument and check it electrically. Operation check is described in paragraph 4-56. If there is any indication of damage, file a claim with the carrier. Refer to the warranty page in this manual.


Figure 1-1. Model 606A High Frequency Signal Generator

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## 1-9. POWER REQUIREMENTS.

1-10. The Model 606A requires a power source of 115 or 230 volts $\pm 10 \%$, single phase, 50 to 1000 cps , which can deliver approximately 135 watts. The instrument is normally shipped from the factory wired for use with a 115 -volt power source. To convert it for use from a 230 -volt power source, change the dual 115 -volt primary windings of the power transformer from a parallel combination to a series combination. See figure $4-10$. At the time of the change, replace the 2 -ampere slow-blow line fuse with a 1 ampere slow-blow fuse.


Figure 1-2. 115 or 230 volt Power Switch

## 1-11. POWER SWITCH FOR HPSA INSTRUMENTS.

1-12. Model 606A purchased through Hewlett-Packard S. A. have a special three-position power switch. The switch automatically connects the power transformer for 115 -volt or 230 -volt operation when set to the appropriate position. The on positions are marked " 115 V " and " 230 V "; the middle position is the off position. A mechanical guard limits the switch action to one voltage position and the off position.

1-13. To convert the instrument from 115 -volt operation to 230 -volt operation, or vice versa, loosen the nut holding the mechanical guard, swing the guard $180^{\circ}$, and retighien the nut.

## CAUTION

Be sure to set the switch guard properly. The power supplies may be damaged if the power switch is set to the wrong position.

## 1-14. INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS.

1-15. The Model 606A should not be operated in an ambient temperature greater than $+50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Do not install the rack-mount model near other equipment discharging hot air around the Model 606A.

## 1-16. POWER CABLE.

1-17. To protect operating personnel, the National Electrical Manufacturers' Association(NEMA)recommends that instrument panel and cabinet be grounded. This instrument is equipped with a three-conductor power cable which, when plugged into an appropriate receptacle, grounds the instrument. The offset round pin on the power cable connector is the ground pin.

1-18. To preserve the protection feature when operating the instrument from a two-contact outlet, use a three-prong to two-prong adapter, and connect the green pigtail on the adapter to ground.

## 1-19. ACCESSORIES AVAILABLE.

1-20. (50) 606A-34A OUTPUT TERMINATION. The 606A-34A provides the following:
a) 50 ohm termination reduces the source impedance to 25 ohms.
b) 20 db attenuator (10:1 voltage divider) which reduces the source impedance to 5 ohms.
c) Simulates IRE standard dummy antenna (10:1 voltage division) for precision measurements on receivers.

1-21. 507 608A-95A FUSED ATTENUATOR PROTECTOR. Prevents the Model 606A output attenuator from burning out when working with transceiver type equipment. If the transmitter is accidentally keyed the 608A-95A prevents power from being applied to the RF OUTPUT jack of the Model 606A. (Requires two BNC to type " $N$ " adapters UG-201A/U and UG$349 \mathrm{~A} / \mathrm{U}$. Not furnished.)

## SECTION II OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

## 2-1. OUTPUT TERMINATION.

$2-2$. The Model 606A output level is calibrated only when terminated with a 50 -ohm resistive load. For use into any other load the 有 $606 \mathrm{~A}-34 \mathrm{~A}$ output termination is recommended (see paragraph 1-20).

2-3. A coaxial cable of 50 ohms nominal impedance with BNC male connectors is suitable for use with the Model 606A. Single braid shield types are suitable for use from maximum output to approximately -80 dbm ( 30 microvolts). Double braid or solid types are recommended for use over the entire attenuation range. A good general purpose cable is 3 feet of RG-55L (double braid shield) with UG-88C/U BNC connectors on each end. See figure 2-3, External Output Termination, for information concerning output cable termination.

2-4. The output jack on the 606A-34A has been provided as a BNC connector for maximum shielding. Clip-lead connection may be provided easily by inserting a UG-290U connector with soldered-on clip leads into the output jack of the Output Termination. Keep the length of the clip leads as short as possible.

## 2-5. SETTING THE CURSOR.

2-6. Set the cursor (movable index) with the CALIBRATE knob so that it is aligned with the line under the engraving reading FREQUENCY before setting the frequency. The FREQUENCY dial is calibrated only after this operation is performed.

## 2-7. OUTPUT ATTENUATOR.

## CAUTION

Damage to output attenuator may be incurred if: 1) Output is shorted in the 3 -volt range, 2) External voltage is applied to the attenuator output.

2-8. The output attenuator contains resistors which can be burned out by careless usage. If the output is shorted out in the 3 -volt range or if voltage is fed into the attenuator accidently, these resistors may be burned out or heated up so that they are no longer calibrated. This may occur while measuring the sensitivity of the receiver in a mobile transmitterreceiver installation when the transmit button is pushed accidently. An attenuator fuse is available as an accessory when it is desired to use this generator under conditions where the attenuator may be burned out (see paragraph 1-21). The resistors in the attenuator are NOT field replaceable. Do not open the attenuator to check these resistors as placement of the resistors is critical. The attenuator may be removed from the instrument and returned separately to the factory for repair.

## 2-9. USE OF THE 3-VOLT RANGE.

$2-10$. The unusually high output range of 3 volts is useful for driving if bridges or other equipment requiring a calibrated high-level high-frequency voltage. This useful range is obtained at the expense of operating the power amplifier stage near the overload point. You will obtain best life from these tubes by not leaving the generator on the 3 VOLT range any longer than necessary to make your measurement. Never leave it on this range while warming up or during standby operation.

## 2-11. EXTERNAL MODULATION.

2-12. Take care when using external modulation with direct coupling. The dc level of the signal will affect the average rf level. If only the ac component of the modulating signal is desired, switch the MODULALATION SELECTOR to EXT. AC. Do not apply more than 10 volts dc or ac to the MODULATION jack. Overloading will shorten life of the MODULATION AMPLITUDE control.

## 2-13. EXTERNAL SYNCHRONIZATION SIGNAL.

$2-14$. When the Model 606A is modulated internally a signal is available at the MODULATION INPUTOUTPUT jack for synchronization purposes. This signal is fed from the same oscillator which modulates the carrier. It is of approximately 1 -volt amplitude from a high impedance source. Since the signal comes from a high impedance source use it only as a voltage source and do not attempt to draw current.

## 2-15. B+ FUSE.

$2-16$. The regulated $B+$ voltage is fused on the front panel. If excessive modulation is accidentally applied to the instrument the tuned circuits may flash over from excessive peak rf voltage. This will blow the B+ fuse. The instrument will have no output and the output level meter will be pinned to the left of zero. If this happens, the fuse must be replaced to restore operation.

## 2-17. MODULATION DATA.

2-18. Figure 2-1 shows the modulation limits for various types of modulation over the operating frequency range.


Figure 2-1. Modulating vs Carrier Frequency

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1. Rotate RANGE switch to select desired band.
2. Rotate FREQUENCY control to desired frequency. Read frequency on scale indicated by pointer.
3. Rotate MODULATION SELECTOR to INT (either 400 cps or 1000 cps modulation is available).
4. Set modulation level as read on PERCENT MODULATION meter with MODULATION AMPLITUDE control.
5. Rotate ATTENUATOR to select output voltage level desired.
6. Rotate ATTENUATOR VERNIER to desired output level. Read range of output meter on ATTENUATOR switch and value on meter.

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The attenuator on the Model 606A Signal Generator is calibrated only when used with a load of 50 ohms. For high impedance loads or receiver inputs the output termination (南) 606A-34A) is recommended. This output termination is designed for use at the end of a 50 ohm shielded cable, and to operate into a high impedance (500 ohms or greater) load.

The 606A-34A has three positions as the rear shell is rotated clockwise as follows:
a. DUMMY ANTENNA. Output impedance varies as per IRE Standard Dummy Antenna* at an output level 20 db below the input level (10:1 voltage division ratio).
b. ZERO DB ATTENUATION. 25 ohms output impedance (1:1 voltage ratio).
c. TWENTY DB ATTENUATION. 5 ohms output impedance (10:1 voltage division).

Note: Maximum permissible input power to probe is 180 milliwatts ( 3 volts across 50 ohms).

[^0]Figure 2-3. External Output Termination

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Figure 2-4


1. Switch CRYSTAL CALIBRATOR to 1 MC .
2. Plug a set of high impedance headphones into PHONES jack.
3. Zero-beat nearest even megacycle division to desired frequency.
4. Set the cursor exactly on the megacycle mark.
5. Switch CRYSTAL CALIBRATOR switch to 100 KC (lower frequencies only).
6. Turn VERNIER dial toward desired frequency while counting 100 kc beats. This procedure
will set the frequency within 100 kc . If the frequency is desired with greater accuracy follow the remaining steps:
7. Determine number of scale divisions on VERNIER dial between zero-beat of the two 100 kc beats on either side of the desired frequency.
8. Set VERNIER dial to proportional number of divisions from nearest 100 kc beat to the desired frequency.
9. Turn CRYSTAL CALIBRATOR to OFF. If left on it will modulate output signal.

Figure 2-4. Calibration


1. Perform procedure for CW operation (figure 2-2)
2. Set MODULATION SELECTOR to EXT (AC or DC coupling).
3. Connect modulating signal (3 volts or more adjustable) to MODULATION terminal.
4. Turn MODULATION AMPLITUDE fully clockwise.
5. Increase signal from external generator until a reading of $100 \%$ is obtained on the PERCENT MODULATION meter.
6. Reduce the percent modulation to the desired level with the MODULATION AMPLITUDE control.

The limits of modulation frequency depend upon the maximum tolerable envelope distortion. For three
percent envelope distortion the limits in terms of the carrier frequency, $f_{c}$, are:

Square-
$30 \%$ Mod. $70 \%$ Mod. Wave Mod.
${ }^{f}$ mod. $\max$
$=.06 \mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{c}} \quad .02 \mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{c}}$
$.003 \mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{c}}$
absolute f mod. max $=20 \mathrm{kc} \quad 20 \mathrm{kc} \quad 3 \mathrm{kc}$
Applying these formulas, typical bandwidths are:

| Carrier Freq. | Modulation Frequency |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Frequency | $30 \%$ Mod. | $70 \%$ Mod. | Square Wave |
| 50 kc | 3 kc | 1 kc | 150 cps |
| 200 kc | 12 kc | 4 kc | 600 cps |
| 500 kc | 20 kc | 10 kc | 1500 cps |
| 1 mc and above | 20 kc | 20 kc | 3 kc |

NOTE: On the 3 VOLT output range and between 19-65 mc in frequency, modulation beyond $30 \%$ is not recommended.


Figure 3-1. Model 606A Block Diagram

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# SECTION III <br> THEORY OF OPERATION 

## 3-1. OVERALL OPERATION.

$3-2$. Refer to the block diagram figure 3-1. The level of the rf oscillator is stabilized by a feedback circuit from the rf oscillator to the oscillator level control tube. In a similar way the rf output and modulation levels are held constant by a feedback loop from the rf output through the differential amplifier to the modulator. The rest of the block diagram represents standard circuitry for signal generators.

## 3-3. CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION.

3-4. RF OSCILLATOR AND LEVEL CONTROL. The rf oscillator is a tuned-plate push-pull oscillator. The pentode section of V1 acts as a variable cathode resistor for V2 to control the oscillator level. The control grid of this pentode receives a rectified portion of the oscillator signal. This voltage decreases the current through $V 1$ when the oscillator level rises and vice versa. Since this current is also the cathode current of the rf oscillator, the level of oscillation will be held constant. The triode section of V1 is a cathode follower which provides bias voltage for the grids of the oscillator and amplifier.

3-5. RF AMPLIFIER. The rf oscillator signal is fed to the control grids of the push-pull rf amplifier stage, V3 and V4. The screen grids are connected directly to +300 volts. The amplifier cathode current is controlled by V6, which acts as a variable cathode resistor. See the next paragraph for an explanation.

3-6. MODULATOR. Triode V6 is inserted in the cathode circuit of the rf amplifier to obtain cathode modulation. The internal resistance of the triode changes according to the applied modulation signal at the control grid. Thus cathode current of the rf amplifier is varied which, in turn, amplitude modullates the rf level.

3-7. RF FEEDBACK AND LEVEL CONTROL CIRCUIT. The modulated rf output signal is sampled at the secondary winding of the rf output transformer and rectified by crystal diodes CR2 and CR3. The time constant of the rc filter is determined by the position of the frequency RANGE selector. This time constant is selected to bypass the rf component but not the modulation or dc level. The demodulated rf signal is then fed to the control grid, pin 7, of the differential amplifier.

3-8. This demodulated signal is dc-coupled and thus has a dc component equal to the cw level of the output plus an ac component corresponding to the modulation. The demodulated rf signal also passes through an rf filter R36, C37, C38, and L6 which minimizes leakage. At the output of this filter a dc current is obtained which is proportional to the cw rf level. This current is then fed to the rf output meter.

3-9. A two-position attenuator, which controls the amount of feedback, is inserted between the crystal detectors and the differential amplifier. In the 1 VOLT and lower output positions the feedback is obtained through the divider R25 and R36. Only in the 3 VOLT position is R36 (in feedback loop) shunted by R26. This raises the current through the rf amplifier by 10 db . This switching is done automatically by relay K1 whenever the ATTENUATOR selector is switched to the 3 VOLT position.

3-10. RF ATTENUATOR. The rf output signal is tapped off the secondary winding of the output rf transformer and fed to the input of the output attenuator. This attenuator provides a maximum attenuation of 120 db in 10 db ranges. The output level may be varied between ranges by changing the input to the attenuator with the ATTENUATOR VERNIER control. Input is monitored by the rf level meter. The 3 VOLT rf output is obtained by reducing the demodulator rf feedback.

3-11. CRYSTAL CALIBRATOR. A small signal, coupled from the attenuator, is fed to the control grid (pin 2) of a mixer amplifier (triode section of V10). The output of the crystal oscillator (pentode section of V10) is also fed to this grid. The mixed signal from V10 is fed into an output triode amplifier, V9B. The beat-frequency output of V 9 B is brought out to the front panel CRYSTAL CALIBRATOR PHONE output jack.

3-12. The crystal oscillator is the pentode section of V10 operating as an electron-coupled oscillator. Positive feedback to the control grid is obtained from the screen grid through the crystals. Two crystals provide oscillation at either 1 mc or 100 kc , as selected by the CRYSTAL CALIBRATOR switch. The plate of the oscillator provides the signal necessary to drive the mixer grid of the triode section.

3-13. AUDIO OSCILLATOR. The audio oscillator is a modified Wien bridge oscillator with amplitude stabilization. The feedback signal is taken from the secondary winding of the output transformer. Two oscillator frequencies ( 400 and 1000 cps ) can be selected by switching different resistors in the Wien bridge. The level of oscillation is set by the Modulation Oscillator Adjustment (R51) which controls the feedback to lamp RT1. Increased feedback causes the lamp to heat up, increasing its resistance. The increased resistance causes more degeneration in the cathode of V5, limiting the gain.
$3-14$. In the $1 N T$. position the modulating voltage is available at the front panel MODULATION INPUTOUTPUT jack. This voltage is supplied for synchronization purposes. It has a source impedance of 82 K ohms.

3-15. PERCENT MODULATION METER CIRCUIT. The modulating signal goes to pin 2 of V9A, a cathodefollower. This tube feeds shunt diode CR5 which rectifies the signal. A dc voltage corresponding to the modulation is fed to the PERCENTAGE MODULATION meter. Clamp diode CR4 prevents the cathode of V9 from going negative to protect capacitor C56, whose voltage rating is 25 volts. This point would otherwise go toward -200 volts if V9 was removed or was weak.

3-16. The modulating signal also goes to pin 2 of V8. The signal level to V8 can be controlled by the ATTENL'ATOR VERNIER. When the signal level is varied the output modulation is varied, as explained in the following paragraph. This circuit is also used to reduce the voltage on the rfamplifier during switching. As soon as the RANGE switch is rotated out of the detent position, S7 disconnects the +300 volt power supply, hence grid voltage of V8 drops to ground potential. The $\mathrm{B}+$ is not reconnected until after the turret has made contact in its new position. This action keeps the amplifier tubes from drawing excessive screen current when the turret is disengaged from the plate circuit. When the +300 volt dc supply is disconnected R64 is substituted as a load to keep the power supplies in regulation.

3-17. DIFFERENTIAL AMPLIFIER. The external modulation signal fed into the MODULATION jack is combined with the dc reference level in the same manner as the internal modulation. Either of these signals is applied to a resistive network consisting of R57, R62 and R68 and is added to the dc reference voltage. The combined voltages appear at the ATTENL'ATOR VERNIER (R63). This control varies the dc, which controls the carrier, and the modulation signal at the same rate. Thus the percentage of modulation remains constant regardless of carrier level.

3-18. The dc (carrier level) and ac (modulation) signals are fed through an rf filter to pin 2, grid of the triode section of V8, as a reference signal to be compared to a signal from the output which is fed to the pentode grid (pin 7). This triode plus the pentode
section of the same tube form a differential amplifier. The ac level of both of these signals is proportional to the modulation. The modulating signal is the reference voltage and the actual modulation of the output is compared to this reference. The dc level of the output (proportional to the rf) is compared to a reference dc level that is proportional to the desired rf level, as set by the ATTENUATOR VERNIER control.

3-19. Since the cathodes of V8 are connected together, the reference signal applied to the triode section will also appear on the cathode of the pentode section. This signal will be compared to the signal from the output which is applied to the grid. Any deviation from a fixed voltage difference between these two signals results in an output signal which has a polarity such as to reduce this difference. Thus the original conditions are restored. For example, if the rf level drops, the voltage on pin 7 of V8 will become more negative. This will reduce the amount of current flowing through this tube so the plate will become more positive. The grid voltage of V6 is proportional to the plate voltage of V8. As this grid voltage becomes more positive the current through V6 will increase. But this current is also the cathode current for the rf amplifier, so the output will increase until the original conditions are restored. By this action the output is stabilized and is constant to better than $\pm 1 \mathrm{db}$ over the entire frequency range. The rf level can be changed by varying the ATTENUATOR VERNIER (R63) which will change the reference bias. In a similar way the modulation is held constant. Since the crystal detector circuit has a time constant fast enough to follow the modulation envelope, the output modulation is compared to the modulating frequency and distortion is minimized.

3-20. BIAS SUPPLY. One half of V7 is used as a constant voltage source to furnish the plate potential needed for the triode section of the differential amplifier. The other half of V7 supplies the screen potential for the pentode section of the differential amplifier. The screen potential is adjusted for rf amplifier cut-off when both grids of the differential amplifier are at ground potential. This establishes the zero point of the ATTENUATOR VERNIER control.

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## SECTION IV

## MAINTENANCE

## 4-I. INTRODUCTION.

$4-2$. This section contains instructions for adjusting and servicing the Model 606A Signal Generator. In addition it contains a performance check suitable for incoming or quality-control inspection. The performance check does not require cabinet removal or internal adjustments.

## 4-3. CABINET REMOVAL.

a. Disconnect the power cord from the receptacle.
b. Remove the four screws on the rear cover of the cabinet and remove the rear cover.
c. Unplug the inner chassis power cord from the rf filter box mounted in the cover.
d. Tip the unit up on its back.
e. Loosen the two screws on the bottom of the cabinet which clamp the cabinet to the front panel. (Do not remove any screws from the front panel.)
f. Lift the cabinet off the instrument.

## CAUTION

When the cabinet is removed, dangerous voltages are exposed. Take adequate safety precautions.


Figure 4-1. Location Diagram Model 606A

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## 4-4. RF SHIELD REMOVAL.

a. Remove all screws holding the rf shield (use allen wrench clipped to top of shield to remove cap screws).
b. Remove the rf shield by pulling to rear.

## 4-5. TEST EQUIPMENT REQUIRED.

$4-6$. The following equipment is required to test the Model 606A:
a. VTVM accurate to $\pm 3 \%$ with a high frequency probe, such as the Model 410B Vacuum Tube Voltmeter.
b. AC voltmeter accurate to $\pm 2 \%$, such as the Model 400D/H/L Vacuum Tube Voltmeter.
c. Clip-on dc milliammeter, such as the Model 428A/B Clip-On DC Milliammeter or a conventional 300 ma milliammeter.
d. Electronic counter, such as Models 524B/ C/D Electronic Counters with Model 525A Converter.
e. Oscilloscope, such as Model 150A, 160B, or 170 A .
f. Variable transformer continuously adjustable over the range 100 to 130 volts, equipped with a monitor voltmeter accurate within 1 volt.
g. Square-wave generator, such as the Model 211 A Square Wave Generator.

## 4-7. TUBE REPLACEMENT.

4-8. In many cases instrument malfunction can be corrected by replacing a weak or defective tube. Before changing the setting of any internal adjustment check the tubes. Adjustments made in an attempt to restore operation when the cause is a defective tube will often complicate the repair problem.

4-9. Check tubes by substitution rather than using a "tube checker". The results obtained from the "tube checker" can be misleading. Before removing a tube, mark it so that if the tube is good it can be returned to the same socket. Replace only those tubes proved to be weak or defective.

4-10. Any tube with corresponding standard EIA characteristics can be used as replacement. Where variations in tube characteristics will affect circuit performance an adjustment is provided. Table 4-1 lists the tests to make and the adjustments that may be necessary if such tubes are replaced.

Table 4-1. Tube Replacement

| Circuit Ref. | Tube Type | Function | Tests and/or Adjustments | Par. Ref. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| V1 | 6AW8 | Oscillator Level Control | Set Maximum Oscillator Current | 4-45 |
| V2 | 12AT7 | RF Oscillator | Set Maximum Oscillator Current | 4-45 |
| V3, 4 | 6CL6 | RF Amplifier | Carrier Zero Set <br> Maximum Carrier Set <br> RF Output Meter | $\begin{aligned} & 4-46 \\ & 4-47 \\ & 4-49 \end{aligned}$ |
| V5 | 12AT7 | Audio Oscillator | Audio Oscillator Mod. Zero Set Modulation Meter | $\begin{aligned} & 4-42 \\ & 4-47 \\ & 4-48 \end{aligned}$ |
| V6 | 12B4 | Modulator | Maximum Carrier Set <br> Mod. Zero Set <br> RF Output Meter Modulation Meter | $\begin{aligned} & 4-47 \\ & 4-47 \\ & 4-49 \\ & 4-48 \end{aligned}$ |
| V7 | 12AT7 | Cathode Follower | Carrier Zero Set Maximum Carrier Set Mod. Zero Set RF Output Meter Modulation Meter | $\begin{aligned} & 4-46 \\ & 4-47 \\ & 4-47 \\ & 4-49 \\ & 4-48 \end{aligned}$ |
| V8 | 6AW8 | Differential Amplifier | Same as V7 |  |
| V9 | 12AT7 | Modulation Monitor and Beat Frequency Output | Mod. Zero Set Modulation Meter Crystal Calibrator | $\begin{aligned} & 4-47 \\ & 4-48 \\ & 4-43 \end{aligned}$ |
| V10 | 6AW8 | Crystal Oscillator and Mixer | Crystal Oscillator | 4-43 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { V101, } 2,3,4,5 \\ & \text { V106 } \\ & \text { V107 } \\ & \text { V108 } \\ & \text { V109 } \end{aligned}$ | 12B4A <br> 6AW8 <br> 12B4A <br> 6AW8 <br> 5651 | $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { Regulators } \\ \text { Amplifier } \\ \text { Regulator } \\ \text { Amplifier } \\ \text { Voltage Reference }\end{array}\right\}$ | Power Supplies | 4-36 |

## 4-11. FRONT PANEL OPERATION CHECK.

4-12. The following in-cabinet procedures are simple checks to be performed first whenever difficulty is encountered in operation of the signal generator. These checks will isolate the trouble to either the signal generator or associated equipment and if the trouble is in the signal generator will isolate it to a particular section.

## 4-13. PRELIMINARY CHECK.

4-14. Always perform these check before attempting to isolate the trouble within the instrument.
a. Turn unit on with no load and allow to warm up five minutes or more.
b. If output meter is off scale in the negative direction, check for blown $B+$ fuse.


Figure 4-2. Modulation Meter Calibration

## 4-15. MODL'LATION METER CALIBRATION.

a. Connect the unit to a 10 mc ostilloscope as shown in figure 4-2.
b. Set RANGE switch to $530-1800 \mathrm{kc}$ band.
c. Set FREQUENCY control to 1000 kc .
d. Set MODULATION SELECTOR to CW.
e. Set ATTENUATOR to 1 VOLT.
f. Adjust vertical sensitivity of oscilloscope to get 4 cm of deflection.
g. Set MODULATION SELECTOR switch to 1000 n .


Figure 4-3. Waveform for $50 \%$ Modulation
h. Adjust MODULATION SELECTOR control until maximum deflection is exactly 6 cm high (see figure 4-3). Modulation meter should be reading between 45 and 55\%.
i. Check modulation meter calibration from 0 to $90 \%$. It should be accurate within $\pm 5 \%$ of full scale.

## 4-16. FREQUENCY CALIBRATION.

4-17. The easiest way to check frequency calibration is with a counter, such as the (op Model $524 \mathrm{~B} / \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{D}$ ) with a 525B plug-in converter. If a counter is not available proceed as follows:
a. Allow both a receiver capable of receiving WWV and the Model 606A to warm up for fifteen minutes.
b. Tune in WWV on 5,10 , or 15 mc , whichever gives best reception.
c. Lightly couple a single wire from the RF OL'T jack of the Model 606A to the antenna as shown in figure 4-4.


Figure 4-4. Frequency Calibration
d. Tune the RANGE and FREQUENCY controls of the Model 606A to the frequency of the incoming WWV signal. The MODULATION SELECTOR switch should be on CW (no modulation).
e. Adjust the output level to be about the same as WWV (use $S$ meter on receiver if it has one). Too much signal will block the receiver and obscure the beat-note.
f. Zero-beat the frequency of the Model 606A to the WWV' signal during a time that WWV has no modulation. Do not disturb the FREQUENCY dial after this adjustment. Set CALIBRATE adjustment to align window.
g. Listen to 1 MC CALIBRATOR with headphones. If beat-note is a low audio tone, less than 1 kc , crystal calibrator is within specifications.

## h. Repeat step $g$ using 100 KC CALIBRATOR.

i. With the CALIBRATOR on 1 MC check all megacycle marks on the dial on all bands. Beat-note should be within $1 \%$ of the dial reading.

4-18. OUTPUT LEVEL FREQUENCY RESPONSE.
a. Connect ac probe of (50) Model 410B High Frequency VTVM to output termination as shown in figure 4-5. Solder tip of Model 410B ac probe to center conductor of UG-290/U connector. Clip ground lead

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of probe to skirt of connector. Insert connector into OUTPUT connector of Output Termination.


Figure 4-5. Output Level Frequency Response
b. Set the output to 0.9 volt on the $530-1800 \mathrm{kc}$ band and run the FREQUENCY dial and RANGE switch throughout all bands. The voltage should not vary more than $\pm 11 \%$ ( 1 db ) at any output level setting.

## 4-19. TROUBLESHOOTING.

4-20. In general, internal controls have only a limited range and are designed to compensate for minor variations in tubes and/or circuit components. If a major section or the complete instrument is inoperative adjustment of internal controls will seldom, if ever, restore operation. To avoid complications and reduce "down time". locate and correct the cause of a dead instrument before you make internal adjustments. Refer to paragraph 4-7 before making internal adjustments.

4-21. When a section shows up faulty, refer to the appropriate section of table 4-2 and perform the recommended tests. If the trouble is in the output termination or attencator you may return them separately to the factory for repair. They are not field repairable.

4-22. A good starting point when repairing a dead instrument is with the power supply. Check line cord, both fuses, and the power supply output voltages. BE SURE TO CHECK THE B+ FUSE IN ADDITION TO THE MAIN FUSE, ESPECIALLY IF THE OUTPUT METER IS PINNED TO THE LEFT. If you find a dead power supply tube, tube replacement will normally restore instrument operation without any internal adjustments. However, check the output voltages of each supply to see if the output is within limits. If the output is within the limits given in the power supply section do not attempt to refine the adjustments.

4-23. IF THE INSTRUMENT IS INOPERATIVE, FIRST TRY BLOWING OUT THE PLATES OF THE TUNING CAPACITOR WITH A LOW VELOCITY AIR STREAM SUCH AS THAT FROM A VACUUM CLEANER. Blow out these plates every time you remove the instrument from the cabinet for maintenance.

4-24. TROUBLESHOOTING CHART, TABLE 4-2.
Since the operation of many sections in this generator is dependent upon the proper operation of other sections, troubleshooting in this instrument must be done in proper sequence. After determining in which section the trouble lies, refer to the appropriate section of this chart and perform the tests indicated. Also, if the trouble cannot be found by any other means, go th rough table 4-2 from the beginning. Once the trouble has been found and fixed do not continue with the tests in this table.

4-25. If output is obtained, troubleshoot the particular section giving difficulty by referring to the appropriate part of table 4-2.

4-26. If no output is obtained, the trouble may be anywhere in the feedback loop. Refer to table 4-3, Troubleshooting the Feedback Loop, for instructions.

Table 4-2. Troubleshooting Chart

| Measure | Normal Indication | Possible Cause of Malfunction |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A. -200 VDC SUPPLY |  |

PREPARATION: Disable +300 vdc supply by disconnecting R101 ( 5 ohm 5 watt wirewound resistor found just above rectifier terminal boards at rear of instrument). Temporarily connect a 1 megohm 1 watt resistor between pins 2 and 9 of V107. Measure the voltage to ground at the following points:

1. C108 filter cap.
2. Transform.sec.(blue)
3. C105 unregulated dc
4. V109 pins 1,5 (plate)
5. V108 pins 1,6 (cathode)
-200 vdc $\pm 5 \%$

143 volts rms $\pm 10 \%$
$+195 \mathrm{vdc} \pm 10 \%$ (one side)
$-110 \mathrm{vdc}($ nominal $) \pm 20 \%$
$-112 \mathrm{vdc}($ nominal $) \pm 20 \%$

Open or shorted C105 C108 open or shorted, also disconnect load and remeasure

Open or shorted secondary
V107(12B4) defective. Check heater ( 6.3 vrms )
V109(5651) defective. Check for orange glow.
V108 or associated components defective; check heater ( 6.3 volt rms).

Table 4-2. Troubleshooting Chart (Cont'd)

| Measure | Normal Indication | Possible Cause of Malfunction |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | B. +300 VDC SUPPLY |  |

PREPARATION: The -200 vdc supply is assumed to be operating (remove 1 megohm resistor and reconnect +300 volt supply if these temporary changes were made to troubleshoot -200 vdc supply). Adjust line to 115 volts rms.

1. Cl04 filter cap
2. Transf.sec.(red) R101
3. $\mathrm{ClO1}$ and $\mathrm{ClO2}$
4. V10i pin 9 (plate)
5. V106 pin 9 (plate) pin 8 (screen) pin 6 (cathode)

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+300 \text { vdc } \pm 5 \%
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$$
+175 \text { volts } \mathrm{rms} \pm 10 \%
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$$
250 \text { vdc across each }
$$

$$
+500 \mathrm{vdc}
$$

$$
+270 \mathrm{vdc}
$$

$$
+38 \mathrm{vdc}
$$

$$
+3.6 \mathrm{vdc}
$$

Also measure with RANGE switch between ranges; this will isolate a defective tuning capacitor in RF OSC. or AMP.

Open or shorted turns in transformer
C101, 102, and 104 or CR101, 102, 103 and 104 open or shorted.

C101, 102 or CR101, 102, 103 and 104 open or shorted. Check V101, 102, 103, 104. 105 and 106.

V106, R102, 103 and 104
V106, CR103, R110, R111 and -200 volts V106, R113 and -200 volt supply

## C. RF OSCILLATOR

PREPARATION: This procedure assumes the power supply is operating correctly. Use a clip-lead to short across R30 (caution - 200 volts) to disable RF Amplifier temporarily while measuring the following voltages: (Measure voltage to ground.)

1. V2 pin 9 (tie point)
pin 5 to 9
2. V1 pin 5
pin 4 to 5
pin 3
pin 2
pin 1
3. V2 pin $1 \& 6$ (plates)
pin $2 \& 7$ (grids)
pin $3 \& 8$ (cathode) pin $2 \& 7$ (grids)
4. R9 (turn off and measure resistance)

$$
+26 \text { vdc } \pm 10 \%
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6.3 \mathrm{vdc} \pm 10 \%
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$+26 \mathrm{vdc} \pm 10 \%$
6.3 vdc
+295 vdc (nominal)

$$
+99 \mathrm{vdc}
$$

$$
+100 \mathrm{vdc}
$$

+295 vdc (nominal)
$+100 \mathrm{vdc}$
$+110 \mathrm{vdc}$
6 volt rms (nom.) to 19 mc 3 to 5 rms to 65 mc (meas. with ( 410B-AC Probe).

100 ohms $\pm 10 \%$

Check voltage at rf filter
Check voltage at junction of CR110 and 112
Open heater-check for visible glow
Same as step 1, V2 pin 9
Same as step 1, V2 pin 5 to 9
Check B+ fuse, detent micro-switch S7, rf filter (C8, 10ABC, 11, 16, 32 and 33 for shorts, L4 for open circuit). Turn range switch between ranges-should be no change Check R1, 2, 3 and C1
Check R19, V1 or rf lead to 6CL6's
Check R9, and C4, 5 and 7 for shorts
Check V1 and associated components
Check V1, 2, CR1 or associated components
Check V2, CR1, C4, 5, 7, T2 (tank coil) and grid line to 6CL6's.

Check C4, 5 or V1 or V2 for shorts

## D. RF AMPLIFIER

PREPARATION: This procedure assumes the power supply and oscillator are operating. (Disconnect short across R30, if installed in step C.) Measure voltage at:

1. C111
$+27 \mathrm{vdc} \pm 10 \%$
C109, C110, C111, R132, V1 to 4, and V6 to 8
2. V3, 4, $7 \& 8$ (acr.htrs)

V6
$6.3 \mathrm{vdc} \pm 10 \%$
$12.6 \mathrm{vdc} \pm 10 \%$

## Same as above <br> Same as above

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Table 4-2. Troubleshooting Chart (Cont'd)

## F. MODULATION MONITOR

Most troubles can be found easily by measuring the voltages in the circuit as follows:
Set MODULATION SELECTOR to INT. $1000 \sim$ MODULATION AMPLITUDE to $100 \%$

V9A (1/2 12AT7)
pin 2

| 2.8 volts rms |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2.8 volts rms |\(| \begin{aligned} \& 0 \mathrm{vdc} (approximate voltages) <br>

\& +3.9 \mathrm{vdc}\end{aligned}\)
Diode CR4 (1N90) prevents a high negative voltage developing at the cathode of V9A during warmup. Such a high voltage of reversed polarity would damage electrolytic capacitor C56. The high negative voltage could also be developed if the heater of V9 burned out or if the instrument were turned on with V9 removed.

Diode CR5 ( 1 N 90 ) is the detector for the modulation meter.
Both diodes can be measured only out of the circuit. Forward resistance should be approximately 500 ohms. Back resistance should be greater than 100 K ohms.

## G. CRYSTAL CALIBRATOR

Most troubles can be found easily by measuring the voltages in the circuit as follows:
Set CR YSTAL CALIBRATOR to either 100 KC or 1 MC as indicated.

V10 (6AW8A)

| 100 KC |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | :---: |
| DC | AC |  |
| 0 vdc | 0 volt rms |  |
| -58 vdc | 41 volts rms |  |
| +71 vdc | 0.44 volt rms |  |
| 0 vdc | 0 volt rms |  |
| -82 vdc | 60 volts rms |  |
| +108 vdc | 31 volts rms |  |
| +240 vdc | 41 volts rms |  |


| 1 MC |  |
| ---: | ---: |
| 0 DC | AC |
| 0 vdc | 0 volt rms |
| -34 vdc | 23 volts rms |
| +196 vdc | 0.1 volt rms |
| 0 vdc | 0 volt rms |
| -35 vdc | 23 volts rms |
| +122 vdc | 7.5 volts rms |
| +222 vdc | 22 volts rms |

all
voltages approximate

Table 4-3. Troubleshooting the Feedback Loop

SYMPTOM. No output on all ranges, or R15 (100 ohms) burns out on all ranges.

PREPARATION. This procedure assumes that:
a) The -200 volt and +300 volt supplies are functioning properly.
b) All heater voltages in the rf chassis measure the correct value.
c) All tubes have been checked.
d) The oscillator is working properly on all bands and gives approximate voltages and currents as listed in table 4-4.
e) The tuning capacitor or its leads are not short circuited.

PROCEDURE. Unless otherwise noted all measurements are made at 115 volts $\mathrm{rms}, 60$ cycle line, with the Model 606A on CW.

Proceed from step to step. Rectify any troubles before proceeding to the next step.

Measurements are made with an $\frac{4}{巾}$ Model 410B VTVM and Model 428A Clip-On Milliammeter, or other milliammeter.
$E=d c$ voltages; ` $e=a c$ voltages; $I=$ current.

| Procedure | Observe or Measure |
| :---: | :--- |
| 1. Disable the feedback by connecting pin 2. |  |
| V6 (12B4) to -200 volts by shorting R30 |  |
| (220K). |  | | This bias should cutoff V6 and provide no current for V3 |
| :--- |
| or V4. There should be no current through R15. Check |
| with Model 428A. |

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Table 4-3. Troubleshooting the Feedback Loop (Cont'd)

3. Repeat for bands $1,2,4,5$ and 6
4. Adjust the 2 K variable resistor until 3.1 vdc appears on pin 7 of V8 (6AW8A). Set R63 (ATTENUATOR VERNIER) fully counterclockwise (zero ohms).
5. Turn R63(ATTENUATOR VERNIER) fully clockwise (5K).
6. Disconnect jumper from pin 2 V6 to -200 volts. Remove 5 K and 2 K resistor.
7. Realign the rf oscillator and amplifier sections if any tubes or components have been replaced or altered.

Check with data on table 4-4.
Data for CR2, CR3 and V8 for this test are same as listed in item 2


The unit should be working properly.

See section on Max. Carrier Set, Mod. Zero Set, Carrier Zero Set, Percentage Mod. and Carrier Output Meters.

Table 4-4. Typical Voltage ${ }^{(1)}$. Oscillator and Amplifier Current Output 1 Volt into 50 Ohms, CW

| FREQ. <br> (6) | 1 0 $(2)$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{go}} \\ \mathrm{~V} 2 \text { pin } \\ 2,7 \end{gathered}$ | $e_{\text {po }}$ <br> V2 pin 1 or 6 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{ko}} \\ \text { @C4/ } \\ \mathrm{C} 5 \end{gathered}$ | $l_{a}$ <br> (3) | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{ga}} \\ \mathrm{~V} 3 \text { or } 4 \\ \text { pin } 2 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} e_{p a} \\ \text { v3 or } 4 \\ \text { pin } 6 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{ka}} \\ \begin{array}{c} \text { @C1 } \\ \mathrm{C} 15 \end{array} \end{gathered}$ | ${ }^{\text {eut }}$ term. (5) | ${ }^{\mathrm{fb}}$ term. <br> ( 4 ) | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{l}_{\mathrm{k}} \\ 12 \mathrm{~B} 4 \\ \vee 6 \\ \mathrm{pin} 1 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 94 KC | 1.3 ma | 7.1 v | 92 | 209 | 5.7 ma | 7.1 v | 9.3 v | 58 v | 2.0 | 5.5 v | 19 ma |
| 310 KC | 2.8 | 7.0 | 70 | 150 | 4.9 | 7.1 | 9.8 | 31 | 2.0 | 5.3 | 19 |
| 1 MC | 4.8 | 5.9 | 130 | 130 | 6.4 | 5.9 | 7.8 | 19 | 2.0 | 5.7 | 19 |
| 3.33 MC | 5.3 | 6.7 | 93 | 93 | 7.6 | 6.8 | 19 | 19 | 2.0 | 5.5 | 26 |
| 10.9 MC | 4.6 | 6.9 | 55 | 55 | 4.0 | 6.85 | 15.5 | 15.5 | 2.0 | 5.5 | 17 |
| 36.3 MC | 14.0 | 6.6 | 24.5 | 25 | 9.4 | 5.3 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 2.0 | 5.5 | 26 |
| Notes: <br> (1) Measured by DC VTVM, such as 布 Model 410B <br> Explanation of symbols: <br> e = voltage |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (2) Measured by \$ Model 428 A Clip-On Milliammeter at red-green wire $\quad \mathrm{I}=$ current |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| loop | tween B+ | and R9 | beneath | oscilla | r stator | urret con | tacts). |  | grid |  |  |
| (3) Measured by 荲 Model 428A Clip-On Milliammeter at red-green wire loop 0 = oscil |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| between B+ and R15 (beneath rf amplifier stator turret contacts). $k=$ cathod |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (4) Feedback voltage terminal (4) next to diode detector CR2. a = ampli |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (5) Output voltage terminal (5) next to generator terminating resistor, R18. $\mathrm{f}=$ filam |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (6) Leave dial set at 1 MC , rotate range switch only to desired band. p = plate |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## 4-27. TURN-ON PROCEDURE AFTER REPAIR.

4-28. Be sure to check for shorts in tuning capacitors C 4 and $\mathrm{C} 5, \mathrm{Cl} 4$ and C 15 with an ohmmeter after repair and before turning on the instrument. Solder splashes may occur which short these capacitors when repairing other parts of the instrument. If the instrument is turned on with these capacitors shorted, resistors R9 or R15 may be damaged.

## 4-29. MECHANICAL ADdUSTMENT OF meter zero.

4-30. When meter is properly zero-set, pointer rests over the zero calibration mark on the meter scale when instrument is: 1) at normal operating temperature, 2) in its normal operating position, and 3) turned off. Zero-set as follows to obtain best accuracy and mechanical stability:
a. Allow the instrument to operate for at least 20 minutes; this allows meter movement to reach normal operating temperature.
b. Turn instrument off and allow 30 seconds for all capacitors to discharge.
c. Rotate mechanical zero-adjustment screw clockwise until meter pointer is to left of zero and moving upscale toward zero.
d. Continue to rotate adjustment screw clockwise; stop when pointer is right on zero. If pointer overshoots zero, repeat steps c and d .
e. When pointer is exactly on zero, rotate adjustment screw approximately is degrees counterclockwise. This is enough to free adjustment screw from the meter suspension. If pointer moves during this step you must repeat steps c through e .

## 4-31. GENERAL TEST AND ALIGNMENT.

4-32. Usually the instrument will not need complete test and adjustment. This is particularly true when repair has been accomplished without changing any internal adjustments. BEFORE MAKING ANY INTERNAL ADJUSTMENTS, SEE PARAGRAPH 4-7. If unnecessary adjustments are eliminated you will often save time by being able to finish a repair without completing the entire test and adjustment procedure.

4-33. The procedures are listed in a recommended sequence for a complete test and adjustment operation. Test instrument recommendations are given in paragraph 4-5. The test frequencies and voltages are based upon the use of these recommended instruments. If other equipment is substituted, you may have to alter the procedures accordingly. When other equipment or methods are used, it is important to select components and techniques which have equal or greater accuracy. Any instrument can be adjusted for optimum performance at a particular frequency or voltage, or the most commonly used range.

4-34. The specifications for the Model 606A are given in the front of this manual. The test procedures contain extra checks to help you analyze the instrument. These extra checks and the data they include are not to be considered as specifications.

4-35. A ten to fifteen minute warmup at normal line voltage (nominally 115 or 230 volts) and power supply output voltage measurements are al ways recommended before making any other tests or adjustments. Refer to paragraph $4-36$ before making any power supply adjustments.

## 4-36. POWER SUPPLIES.

4-37. The power supplies in this instrument are extremely stable and will require infrequent adjustment. The output voltages may be measured at regularintervals or as a first troubleshooting step but unnecessary adjustment should be avoided. A defective tube or component may overload the power supply and lead you to believe that the power supply is not functioning properly.
$4-38$. As long as the power supply regulator is functioning properly, you need not know the absolute values of the power supply output volrages. However, when power supply adjustment is necessary, you should use a voltmeter with a known calibration accuracy.

4-39. Regulation of the power supply can be checked by varying the power line voltage between 103 and 127 volts. The output voltage will vary only slightly, if at all, from the value measured with a 115 volt line. Loss of power supply regulation is most easily detected, as a sudden large increase in power supply ripple as the line voltage is raised and lowered $\pm 10 \%$ from 115 volts.

4-40. When the power supply output voltages are within limits with the line voltage at 115 volts, adjustment is not necessary. Do NOT adjust in attempt to refine the existing control settings.
4-41. To test the power supplies proceed as follows:
a. Measure power supply outputs. They should be within the limits shown in table 4-5.
b. If the voltage is outside the limits in the table dinst R126 ( -200 volt set) for -200 volts. This control is in the center of the power supply deck with access only from the front side of the chassis.
c. You may wish to check the regulation of each power supply as the line voltage is varied between

Table 4-5. Regulated Power Supply Tolerances

| Nominal <br> Voltage | Nominal Ripple <br> at $115 / 230$ vrms <br> Input | Output <br> Voltage <br> Range |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| -200 <br> (violet wire) <br> +300 <br> $\left(\begin{array}{c}\text { red wire) }\end{array}\right.$ <br> +27 <br> +27 | 10 mv | 200 <br> $\pm 8$ volts <br> (brown-orange wire) |
| --- | 300 <br> $\pm 12$ volts |  |

103 and 127 volts. All regulated voltages should remain within $\pm 1 \%$ over this range of line voltage.
d. Measure the ripple voltage on the various supplies. They should approximate the values indicated in table 4-5 with the power line voltage set at 115 or 230 volts.

## 4-42. AUDIO OSCILLATOR.

a. Set RANGE $540 \mathrm{KC}-1800 \mathrm{KC}$ MODULATION SELECTOR $\qquad$ INT 400 ~
b. Turn POWER switch to ON.
c. Connect an Model 400D AC VTVM to output tap on audio transformer (yellow lead on signal tie point behind rf output meter). Connect ground lead of voltmeter to ground.
d. Set Mod.Osc.Adj (R51) potentiometer for 3.2 volts. This control is the middle one in the row of five potentiometers on top of the modulation deck.

## 4-43. CRYSTAL CALIBRATOR.

a. Set CRYSTAL CALIBRATOR to 100 KC .
b. Connect an electronic counter to pin 2 of the crystal oscillator tube (V10).
c. Adiust rimmer (CA1) for exactly 100.000 KC . This trimmer is the ceramic capacitor on the right side (as viewed from the front) of the instrument under the modulation deck.
d. Set CRYSTAL CALIBRATOR to 1 MC and read counter. Reading should be between 999.900 and 1000.100 KC .
e. Set CRYSTAL CALIBRATOR to 100 KC and read counter. Reading should be between 99.990 and 100.010 KC .
f. Set trimmer C41 to best compromise between the above limits.
g. Turn CRYSTAL CALIBRATOR to OFF.

## 4-44. TUNE OSCILLATOR AND AMPLIFIER.

## Note

This procedure should be performed only if there is a definite indication that the oscillator is off frequency. It should NOT be done on a routine basis.
a. Set CALIBRATE cursor to align with FREQUENCY centerline ATTENUATOR MODLLATION SELECTOR . . . . . . . . . . 3 VOLT FRERUENCY dial . . . . . . . . low end of one of the bands (except highest frequency)
b. Connect RF OUT terminal to an electronic counter, such as the 有 Model $524 \mathrm{~B} / \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{D}$ with a Model 525A Converter.
c. If the frequency as read on the low end of the dial is off more than $1 \%$, adiust the sug in the oscillator coil to correct. This slug can be reached by removing the cabinet and the shield (see paragraphs 4-3 and 4-4). Clockwise rotation of the slug will decrease the frequency.
d. Shift the frequency to the high end of the band. If the frequency as read on the FREQUENCY dial is off more than $1 \%$ adjust the trimmer capacitar across the oscillator cail ta correcs. Always use a plastic screwdriver when making this adjustment.
e. Repeat steps $c$ and $d$ until no further adjustment is necessary.
f. Repeat steps $b$ through $e$ on the other bands. On the highest frequency band adjust the slug with a plastic allen wrench (\#18). If any adjustment is necessary check maximum oscillator current as in paragraph 4-45,
g. Cornect the probe of an oscilloscope to the cathode of CR3. This point can be found on the pink-white wire between the amplifier stator turret terminal block and the tie-point for the 33 K resistor R 25 .
h. Set the MODULATION SELECTOR to EXT.DC.
i. Connect a square-wave generator, such as the (40) Model 211A set to 1 KC to the MODULATION IN-PLT-OLTP wave signal so that the carrier is cut off for at least part of the cycle.
j. Tune throughout all bands and check the pattern on the oscilloscope for ringing or squegging. Reduce the frequency of the external modulation to 300 cps on the lowest frequency band to keep from overmodulating. If ringing is found tune the amplifier.
k. Measure the rf amplifier plate current with (侘) Model 428A/B Clip-On Milliammeter clipped over the red-green lead going to the 100 ohm resistor R15 on the turret stator contact terminal block (beneath rf amplifier chassis). If a Model 428A/B is not available, unsolder the red-green lead on the $B+$ side and insert a conventional 300 ma dc milliammeter. Bypass the point between the 100 ohm resistor and the meter with a $0.1 \mu \mathrm{f}$ capacitor.

Tune inner slug in the amplifier coil from the top for a plate current dip at the low end of one band.
n. Tune frimmer canacitor for a plate current dip at the high end of the same band. This adjustment is made through a hole in the chassis between V3 and V4 underneath the amplifier turret shaft. Use a plastic screwdriver for this adjustment. In addition, if this tool has a metal tip, slide a tiny piece of tubing over the metal tip to prevent the trimmer shorting to ground when making this adjustment.
p. Recheck ringing as in step j.
q. Repeat steps $j$ through $p$ on all bands.

4-45. SET MAXIMUM OSGILLATOR CURRENT.
a. Set MODULATION SELECTOR . . . . . . CW RANGE
$19 \mathrm{MC}-65 \mathrm{MC}$
b. Measure rf oscillator plate current with Model 428A/B Clip-On Milliammeter clipped over red-green lead going to the 100 ohm resistor R9 on turret stator contact terminal block (beneath oscillator chassis). If a Model 428A/B is not available, unsolder the redgreen lead on the $\mathrm{B}+$ side and insert a conventional 300 ma dc milliammeter. Bypass the point between 100 ohm resistor and meter with a $0.1 \mu \mathrm{f}$ capacitor.
c. Tune FREQUENCY dial throughout the $19 \mathrm{MC}-$ 65 MC band while noting the current.
d. Adjust Osc. Level control (R3) on the oscillator chassis for a maximum current of 25 ma at the frequency of maximum current. If this adjustment is made, check the following:
(1) Paragraph 4-46, Carrier Zero Set
(2) Paragraph 4-47, Maximum Carrier Set and Modulation Zero Set
(3) Paragraph 4-48, Set Percentage Modulation Meter.

## 4-46. CARRIER ZERO SET.

a. Set RANGE . . . . . . . . . . 50 KC - 170 KC ATTENUATOR . . . . . . . . . . . 1 VOLT ATTENUATION VERNIER . . . . . . fully ccw Carrier Output Zero (R35) ....... fully ccw MOD. SELECTOR . . . . . EXT DC with no input MODULATION VERNIER . . . . . . . fully ccw
b. Connect oscilloscope to output of the Output Termination.
c. Zero-set the carrier output meter with the instrument off as explained in paragraph 4-29.
d. Turn on and allow 5 minutes warmup.
e. Slowly turn Carrier Zero Set control (R35) on the $r f$ amplifier chassis clockwise until there is some output on the oscilloscope. Then adjust carrier zero set until the indication on the oscilloscope, set to the most sensitive range, just collapses. Set the sweep on the oscilloscope for a free-running condition so that the indication will not disappear for lack of synchronizing signal.
f. Check for 'zero output across the band on each range. Bands 5.8 MC-19.2 MC and $19.2 \mathrm{MC}-65 \mathrm{MC}$ typically have a minimum output of 0.03 volt rms. If this adjustment is made, check the following:
(1) Paragraph 4-47, Maximum Carrier Set and Modulation Zero Set
(2) Paragraph 4-48, Set Percentage Modulation Meter.

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## 4-47. MAXIMUM CARRIER SET AND MODULATION ZERO SET.

a. Set ATTENUATOR VERNIER por . . fully cw MODULATION SELECTOR . . . . . . EXT AC
b. Coanect Model 410B ac probe to end of output termination. Solder tip of 410 B ac probe to center conductor of a UG-290/U connéctor. Clip ground end of probe to skirt of connector. Insert connector into OUTPUT connector of output termination.
c. Set RaNGE switch to band 1 (see box on schematic for band frequency ranges) and turn FREQUENCY dial over the band at moderate speed, noting the minimum output voltage read on the Model 410B.
d. Repeat step c on bands 2,3,4,5; and repeat on band 6 but turn much more slowly.
e. Set Model 606A to the range and frequency having lowest output voltage. Set MODULATION SELECTOR switch to CW, adiust Max. Carrion Set (R60) for 1.05 volt rf output on Model 410B. This control is fourth from the front in the row of five potentiometers on the top of the modulation deck.
f. Switch MODULATION SELECTOR from CW to EXT AC while noting output change on the Model 410 B . There should be no change in voltage shown on the Model 410B. If necessary adju Mod Zero Set (R6) rearmost control in row of five controls on modulation chassis) until there is no change of output when the MODULATION SELECTOR is switched. Turn the MODULATION AMPLITUDE control. The output should not change. If necessary, adjust R69.
g. Recheck step e and fand adjust, if necessary. The two controls R69 and R60 interact with each other. Recheck the other adjustment any time one control is adjusted.

## 4-48. SET PERCENT MODULATION METER.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { a. Set FREQUENCY. . . . . . . . . . . . . } 1 \text { MC } \\
& \text { MODULATION SELECTOR. . . . . INT } 1000 \text { ~ } \\
& \text { ATTENUATOR . . . . . . . . . } 1 \text { VOLT range } \\
& \text { VERNIER. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } 1 \text { volt } \\
& \text { Meter mechanical zero . . . . . . . par. 4-29 } \\
& \text { MODULATION AMPLITUDE meter . . . } 50 \% \text { on }
\end{aligned}
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b. Connect the RF OUT output, properly terminated, to the vertical input terminals of an oscilloscope such as an Model 150A. If a lower frequency oscilloscope is used it may be necessary to set the Model 606A to a lower frequency.
c. Synchronize pattern internally so that several modulation cycles are visible on the screen.

## d. Set the MODULATION SELECTOR to CW.

e. Adjust the sensitivity control on the oscilloscope until the pattern is exactly 4 centimeters high. Do not use the 3 VOLTS range on the Model 606A.
f. Switch the MODULATION SELECTOR to INT 1000 ~.
g. Set PERCENTAGE MODULATION meter to $50 \%$ with the MODULATION AMPLITUDE control. The pattern on the screen should now be 6 centimeters high at the peaks and 2 centimeters high at the troughs (see figure 4-3). If pattern is not exactly three times as high at the peaks as at the troughs, adjust the MODULATION AMPLITUDE control until it is. The Model 606A is now modulating exactly $50 \%$.
h. Adiust Mod.Cal (R67) control until PERCENTAOE MODULATION meter reads $50 \%$. This control is second from the front in the row of five controls on the modulation chassis.
i. Set ATTENUATOR VERNIER to 0.2 VOLTS.
$j$. Repeat steps $d$ to $g$. If the reading on the PERCENTAGE MODULATION meter is not $50 \pm 5 \%$ adjust MODULATION AMPLITUDE until it is. Now adjust Carxier Zero Set (R35) slightly until the pattern on the oscilloscope is as in step g. Recheck MAXIMUM CARRIER SET paragraph $4-47$ resetting R60 if necessary.

## 4-49. RF OUTPUT METER CALIBRATION.

a. Check the output meter zero adjustment (see paragraph 4-29).
b. Connect ac probe of Model 410 B High Frequency VTVM (1 volt range) to the end of the output termination using a UG-290/U connector. Solder tip of 410 Bac probe to center conductor of connector (see figure 4-5). Insert connector into OUTPUT connector of output termination.
c. Set ATTENUATOR VERNIER so that the Model 606A output meter reads 0.9 volt rms.
d. Rotate the FREQUENCY dial and RANGE switch through all frequencies, keeping the reading on the Model 606A output meter at 0.9 volt. Record the lowest and highest readings on the Model 410B.
e. Determine the average of the two readings recorded in step d.
f. Set the FREQUENCY dial and RANGE switch to a frequency that will give this average reading on the Model 410B.
g. Set attenuator vernier so that the Model 410B reads 0.9 volt.
h. Set the output meter to read 0.9 volts by adjusting Output Cal. control (R37).

## 4-50. ATTENUATOR REPAIR.

$4-51$. The $606 \mathrm{~A}-34 \mathrm{~B}$ output attenuator is a precision device. It is held to rigid electrical and mechanical specifications during manufacture. Testing of the attenuator is extremely involved; it requires special equipment and techniques which are not normally available. It is recommended that the attenuator be returned to the factory for necessary repair.

## 4-52. ADJUST FEEDBACK RELAY.

4-53. Set ATTENUATOR to 3 VOLTS. Feedback relay K1 should operate, increasing the output to 3 volts. If the relay does not operate, complete the following procedure:
a. Clip an Model 428A/B Clip-On Milliammeter probe over the lead going to the coil of relay, K1. If a Mojel 428A/B is not available, unsolder the lead and insert a conventional 10 ma dc milliammeter.
b. Set ATTENLATOR to 3 VOLTS range. The current through the relay should be a nominal 5.5 ma . lf the current is not approximately this value, check the +300 volts supply and C26, C27, R27, R28 and R46. lf this current does not operate the relay, fix or replace the relay. If the relay operates but the output does not increase to 3 volts, check R25, R26 and the entire feedback loop.

## 4-54. DRIVE CABLE ASSEMBLY REPLACEMENT.

4-55. Replacement of the drive cable assembly (满 stock number 606A-18) requires only the removal
of the old drive cable assembly and winding the replacement drive cable onto the idler shaft, tuner pulley, and drive pulley. An adjustment of the drive cable assembly is made to obtain proper rotation of the frequency dial and tuner plates. No special tools are required. Following is the installation procedure:
a. Disconnect power. Remove cabinet and If generator shield.
b. Turn instrument upside-down and remove the aluminum shielding plate between the rf oscillator and rf amplifier.
c. Refer to figure 4-6. Loosen the two setscrews in the spring load nut and the one setscrew in the end of the drive pulley.
d. Remove old drive cable assembly.
e. Push end of replacement drive cable nearest drive collar over tuner pulley. Press the drive collar into the notch in tuner pulley.
f. Wrap the short end of drive cable around the tuner pulley as shown in figure 4-6. Attach end of


Figure 4-6. Installation of Drive Cable Assembly

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 I I 1 1 I Icable to the floating collar on the spring loaded idler shaft with $4-40 \times 1 / 4$ inch round-head machine screw.
g . Wind two full turns of the drive cable onto the floating collar. Be sure the spring load nut is positioned so that one of the setscrews is accessible. Place a $9 / 16$ inch open-end wrench over the spring load nut to prevent its turning.
h. Wrap one and a half turns of the drive cable around the drive pulley as shown in figure 4-6.
i. Rotate the spring-loaded idler shaft so that the number $4-40$ screw hole in the spring-loading collar is accessible.
j. Attach the long end of drive cable to the spring loading collar using the $4-40 \times 1 / 4$ round-head machine screw.
k. Place a screwdriver in the slot at end of the spring-loaded idler shaft and rotate shaft counterclockwise to remove slack in drive cable. Continue to hold spring-load nut with end wrench.
m . Tighten one setscrew in the spring-load nut and remove end wrench.
n. Turn frequency dial to approximately mid-range and seat cable in the slot on the drive pulley.
p. Holding spring-load nut with $9 / 16$ inch open-end wrench, loosen the previously tightened setscrew in spring-load nut and turn spring-loaded idler shaft counterclockwise to a torque of approximately 7 inchpounds. Retighten setscrew and remove wrench.
q. Hold frequency dial against its low frequency stop. Slip the drive cable on the drive pulley by turning the spring-loaded idler shaft with screwdriver. Turn the idler shaft until both tuning capacitors are fully meshed.
r. Tighten the $4-40$ allen setscrew in drive pulley.
s. Rotate frequency dial through its range and observe position of drive cable.
t. Check dial calibration as outlined in para. 4-16.
u. Replace aluminum shielding plate between the rf oscillator and rf amplifier.
v. Turn instrument right-side up. Replace rf generator shield and cabinet. This completes the procedure.

## 4-56. PERFORMANCE CHECK.

4-57. The following procedures check performance and verify proper operation of the Model 606A.

4-58. FREQUENCY CALIBRATION.
a. Set line voltage to 115 volts.
b. Perform operations listed in paragraph 4-17.
c. Repeat this procedure with line voltage set at 102.5 volts and 127.5 volts.

## 4-59. OUTPUT.

a. With line voltage set at 115 volts perform operations indicated in paragraph 4-18.
b. Rotate output meter RANGE switch through each position, adjusting output control at each setting. Output should be adjustable from zero to full scale in each position of the range switch.
c. Repeat steps a and b with line voltage set at 102.5 volts and 127.5 volts.
d. To check output impedance switch VTVM to 3 volt range.
e. Adjust Model 606A output to read 1 volt on VTVM at 20 mc .
f. Remove the 50 ohm load. Output voltage should rise to 2 volts $\pm 0.1$ volt.
g. Set Model 606A FREQUENCY dial to 65 mc and reconnect the 50 ohm load.
h. Reset output to 1 volt as indicated by VTVM.
i. Remove 50 ohm load. Output should rise to 2 volts $\pm 0.2$ volt.

## 4-60. MODULATION.

a. Perform procedure outlined in paragraph 4-15 with line voltage set at 115 volts.
b. Rotate FREQUENCY dial through all ranges; observe envelope pattern for distortion and squegging.
c. Repeat steps $a$ and $b$ with line voltage set at 102.5 volts and 127.5 volts.
d. Reset line voltage to 115 volts.
e. To check external modulation set MODULATION SELECTOR to EXT.AC.
f. Turn MODULATION AMPLITUDE control fully clockwise.
g. Set FREQUENCY control to 15 mc .
h. Connect an audio oscillator ( 20 cps to 20 kc ) to MODULATION input jack of Model 606A and SYNC input of oscilloscope.
i. Adjust the audio oscillator to produce a signal of 4.5 volts peak. PERCENT MODULATION meter of Model 606A should indicate at least $100 \%$.
j. Repeat steps e to $i$ with line voltage set at 102.5 volts and 127.5 volts.

## 4-61. FREQUENCY DRIFT.

a. Allow Model 606A to warm up for at least one hour.
b. Set FREQUENCY control to 1 mc .
c. Monitor output of Model 606A with a counter for 10 minutes. Frequency drift should be less than 50 cycles over the 10 minute period.

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## SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM NOTES

1. Heavy solid line shows main signal path; heavy dashed line shows control, secondary signal, or feedback path.
2. Heavy box indicates front-panel engraving.
3. Arrows on potentiometers indicate clockwise rotation as viewed from the round shaft end; counterclockwise from the rectangular shaft end.
4. Resistance values in ohms, inductance in microhenry, and capacitance in picofarads unless otherwise specified.
5. Rotary switch schematic are electrical representations; for exact switching details refer to the switch assembly drawings.
6. Relays shown in condition prevailing during normal instrument operation.
7. $\ddagger$ indicates a selected part. See table of replaceable parts (section $V$ ).
8. Interconnecting parts and assemblies are shown on cable diagram.
9.     * indicates factory adjustment. Part may be omitted.

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Figure 4-9. Signal Generator (Sheet 1 of 2)


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Figure 4-10. Power Supply

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NOTES:


MICROSWITCH: SHOWN IN NORMAL (UNOPERATED) CONDITION.
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* pictorial representation: DO NOT SCALE.

RO RESISTANCE IN OHMS $\pm \frac{1}{2} \%$

Figure 4-11. Model 606A Output Attenuator

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# SECTION V REPLACEABLE PARTS 

## 5-1. INTRODUCTION.

$5-2$. This section contains information for ordering replacement parts for the Model 606A, High Frequency Signal Generator.

5-3. Table 5-1 lists replaceable parts in alphanumerical order of their reference designators. Detailed information on a part used more than once in the instrument is listed opposite the first reference designator applying to the part. Other reference designators applying to the same part refer to the initial designator. Miscellaneous parts are included at the end of the list. Detailed information includes the following:
a. Reference designator.
b. Full description of the part.
c. Manufacturer of the part in a five-digit code; see list of manufacturers in appendix.
d. Hewlett-Packard stock number.
e. Total quantity used in the instrument ( TQ col).
f. Recommended spare quantity for complete maintenance during one year of isolated service (RS col).

## 5-4. ORDERING INFORMATION.

5-5. To order a replacement part, address order or inquiry either to your authorized Hewlett-Packard sales office or to

CUSTOMER SERVICE<br>Hewlett-Packard Company<br>395 Page Mill Road<br>Palo Alto, California

or, in Western Europe, to
Hewlett-Packard S. A. Rue du l'ieux Billard No. 1 Geneva, Switzerland

5-6. Specify the following information for each part:
a. Model and complete serial number of instrument.
b. Hewlett-Packard stock number.
c. Circuit reference designator.
d. Description.

5-7. To order a part not listed in table 5-1, give a complete description of the part and include its function and location.

Table 5-1. Replaceable Parts


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[^0]:    * See "Standards on Radio Receivers", Institute of Radio Engineers, 1938; and Terman, "Radio Engineers Handbook', any edition -- section entitled 'Measurements on Radio Receivers'".

[^1]:    Figure 4-7. Oscillator and Amplifier Turrets viewed from Front Panel

[^2]:    *See introduction to this section

[^3]:    * See introduction to this section

