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HP MODEL 187B DUAL TRACE VERTICAL AMPLIFIER Serials Below 406-01579

Should CR513 or CR613 in the above instrument need replacing, use the HP Stock Number 1902-0199 diode. The specifications of the previous 1902-0067 diode have been loosened and the diode is no longer suitable for replacement.

There is no need to replace the diodes now in your instrument if it is operating properly. Make the change only if CR513 or CR613 should fail. Remember to show this change in the Replaceable Parts section of your HP Model 187B Operating and Service Manual.

HP MODEL 202C LOW FREQUENCY OSCILLATOR AND HF MODEL HO-207A OSCILLATOR

The line fuse specified for the above two instruments is 1 amp. Actually this rating is a little marginal. If you find that the fuses have been blowing occasionally without apparent cause, use a 1-1/4 amp slowblow. The HP Stock Number for this item is 2110-0021.

HP MODEL 412A DC VOLTMETER-OHMMETER-AMMETER; HP MODEL 413A DC NULL VOLTMETER

Just a reminder that can save you dollars The Modulator Assembly, HP Stock Number 412A-95A, is a replacement part in the 412A and 413A. You need not replace the entire Amplifler Assembly(HP Stock Number 412A-58A) if the Modulator Assembly needs replacing.

Some early Operating and Service Manuals for these instruments do not show the 412A-95A as a replacement part. Check the Replaceable Parts section of your manual and if necessary, add the following: 412-95A Modulator Assembly (includes V110A/B).

HP MODEL 410C ELECTRONIC VOLTMETER

Here's an important reminder for HP Model 410C users' When measuring AC, the COM lead, AC probe clip, and cabinet (chassis) of the 410C are tied to earth ground through the third wire of a standard three wire power line system. When the 410C is being used to make AC voltage measurements, the above is true even though you do not use a shorting strap between circuit ground (m) and cabinet ground (=) on the rear panel. This means you must observe certain precautions when measuring any AC voltage directly related to the AC line voltage. (If you use a shorting strap between circuit ground and cabinet ground on the rear chassis, you must be careful not to measure any DC voltage which is directly related to the AC line, i.e., the DC power supply of an AC/DC radio.)

The COM lead or AC probe clip must always be attached to the ground side of the AC line voltage under test. Incidentally, this is the rule for any line operated HP AC Voltmeter. Here's a safe and sure way of telling the AC line "hot" side from the ground side. Simply measure the AC line related voltage without using the COM lead or AC clip. Using this procedure, you will find when you measure the "hot" side of the line, the meter will deflect (probably even read the correct voltage or close to it). When you measure the ground side, you will get little or no moter deflection.

Once you have properly identified the leads carrying the AC voltage, you can measure the AC in the normal manner using the COMMON or AC probe clip lead on the ground side of the AC line.



HP MODEL 114BR TIME COMPARATOR Serials 150-00300 and below

Increase the reliability of the sweep-retrace multivibrator in your HP Model 114BR withone easy modification. Change R4 on the A7 Sweep and Marker Generator Assembly to a 270 ohm, 1/4 W, 95 resistor (HP Stock Number 0683-2715). No adjustments are necessary as a result of the modification.



MORE EXPLOSIONS! ! ! !

In the last issue of BENCH BRIEFS we described two Illustrated Parts Identification Lists which are available for the HP Models 606A and 608C or D. These documents are excellent service tools which, with the help of effective exploded views, will enable you to:

- Identify parts of complicated mechanical subassemblies used in these instruments.
- 2) Service these subassemblies.

Reader response to this offer was very enthusiastic. Accordingly, we are making available a list for the HP Model 616A or B. If you would like to receive a copy of this flustrated Parts Identification List, circle 616A/B under SERVICE NOTE ANNEX.

SERVICE NOTES

Here are the latest Service Notes. . .all designed to insure top-notch performance from your HP family instruments. If there are any you would like to receive, circle the appropriate number of each under SERVICE NOTE ANNEX.

310A-3 Here's a modification for your HP Model 310A Wave Analyzer that will improve the lowpass filter stability.

No special tools are needed to do the job, and no calibration is necessary as a result of the modification. 310A Wave Analyzers with sertals above 436-00375 already have the modification installed.

204B-1 If you are interested in installing a batterypack, AC power supply, or rechargeable batteries in your HP Model 204B Oscillator, this Service Note gives you all the instructions. <u>3440A-2</u> You can reduce warm-up time and improve ranp generator stability of your HP Model 3440A Digital Voltmeter by installing a reference amplifler. The reference amplifler is an interesting device - a transistor and diode encapsulated in the same case which replaces A3Q14 and A3CR12 in the voltmeter.



No special tools are required to do the job and the modification takes about 25 minutes. 3440A voltmeters with serials prefixed above 415 already have this modification installed.

<u>5245L/5244L-2</u> Install a resistor-capacitor filter in the inhibit circuit of your HP Model 5244L Electronic Counter and improve compatibility when the counter is connected to an HP Model 562A Digital Recorder/HP Model HO3-571BR Digital Clock combination.

This is an easy to perform modification and no adjustments are necessary as a result of it. 5242L Counters with serials prefixed above 316, and 5244L Counters with serials prefixed above 328 already have this modification installed.

<u>52431/52451-2</u> This modification is the same as described under 52421/52441-1 except it affects two different counters - the HP Model 5243L, serials prefixed 328 and below, and HP Model 5245L, serials prefixed 335 and below.

8614A-1 This Service Note outlines the procedure for modifying HP Model 8614A Signal Generators, serials below 411-00376, to reduce residual FM in the FM mode of operation.

The modification consists of changing two conductors to shielded leads. No adjustments are necessary as a result of the change.

HP HARRISON DIVISION (H-LABS) FIELD ADJUSTMENTS

Here's some excellent information : There are available twenty-one Service Notes chuck full of valuable calibration instructions for your H-Labs Power Supplies. The literature is designed to be used with the Operating and Service Manuals for each instrument all to help you do a top notch calibration job.

The Service Notes available are listed under SERVICE NOTE ANNEX. (The Service Note number, of course, indicates the power supply to which the note applies.) Circle the number of those you would like to receive.

HP PRODUCT TRAINING NEWS! !

While it is likely that you are well acquainted with the one and two day HP instrument training seminars conducted periodically in your area, did you know that more formalized one and two week programs are also available for your benefit? These programs are conducted in the HP Product Training facilities in Palo Alto, California. Both instrument <u>maintenance</u> and instrument applications courses are offered. Two week training sequences are generally scheduled each month. The first week of each sequence is devoted to a particular instrument family with the second week utilized to cover a related family. In this way you have the advantage of selecting the first week, the second week, or both weeks as you prefer. Courses are repeated periodically throughout the year so that you may prepular your attendance to best fit your needs.

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Instrument maintenance courses scheduled for January and February include:

Jan. 25-29 HP 600 series Klystron Signal Generators and HP 680 series Electronic Sweep Oscillators.

Feb. 1-5 Repair, maintenance, and techniques of use of HP Waveguide and Coaxial passive devices. Feb. 8-12 HP 8600 series Klystron Signal Generators and HP 690 series Electronic Sweep Oscillators.

As you have already guessed, attendance in each program is limited so you'll want to make your reservation early. Your HP Field Engineer will be glad to make arrangements for you as well as provide you with a detailed outline of each program and long-term schedule of programs available.

SERVICE. . . SERVICE. . . SERVICE

Next page you'll find a listing of HP Sales and Service Offices in the U.S. and Canada. They are equipped to offer you fast repair service, ..., fast service on your replacement part orders. In short, they are ready to help you with all your HP service needs.

Keep the list handy, and give your nearest HP Sales and Service Office a call when you need assistance.

Cut Along Dotted Line

SERVICE NOTE ANNEX... Here is a list of the latest Service Notes to help insure a maximum usage from your HP family instruments. To obtain a copy, simply circle the Service Note mucher you wish. Cut along dotted line, enclose this portion of Bench Briefs in a envelope and send it to your nearest field office or to us at HP Customer Service. In Western Europe send order to: Hewlet-Packard S. A. 54 Route des Acacias, Geneva, Switzerland.

Do you have a friend who would enjoy receiving Bench Briefa? If so, please give us his name and address. (Please Print)

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