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## **1.0 PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY**

This standard operating procedure (SOP) outlines the general procedures for servicing and calibrating dataloggers used with optical monitoring systems. Accurate and reliable operation of on-site dataloggers is critical to collection of high quality optical monitoring data. Regular servicing, performance testing, and calibration of dataloggers is performed to assure quality data capture and minimize data loss by:

- Performing functional checks and performance tests annually.
- Performing preventive maintenance servicing annually.
- Recalibrating the datalogger when performance tests indicate the unit is not operating within specifications.
- Documenting all servicing, repairs, and calibrations performed.

The following technical instructions (TIs) provide detailed information regarding specific datalogger servicing and calibration procedures:

- TI 4250-2000     *Servicing and Calibration of Campbell 21X Dataloggers*
- TI 4250-2010     *Servicing and Calibration of the Handar 540A/570A DCP*

Campbell 21X dataloggers are used as the primary datalogger for the IMPROVE nephelometer network, transmissometer calibration, and transmissometer field audits. Handar 540A/570A DCPs are used as the primary datalogger in the IMPROVE transmissometer network.

## **2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **2.1 PROJECT MANAGER**

The project manager shall:

- Ensure that performance testing is conducted on all dataloggers annually.
- Ensure that fully serviced, calibrated, and field ready dataloggers are available as backups for units operating in the field.
- Ensure that all dataloggers that do not operate within factory specifications are returned to the manufacturer for factory servicing and recalibration.
- Ensure that all servicing and calibration is performed and documented according to procedures described in the datalogger-specific servicing and calibration TIs.

## **2.2 INSTRUMENT TECHNICIAN**

The instrument technician shall:

- Perform all servicing and calibration of optical monitoring dataloggers.
- Coordinate with the manufacturer for return of dataloggers that fail to operate within factory specifications.
- Document and archive all datalogger servicing records.

## **2.3 DATA COORDINATOR**

The data coordinator shall:

- Inform the instrument technician when a datalogger is removed from the field.
- Provide the instrument technician with a description of the field problems observed with the datalogger.

## **2.4 FIELD SPECIALIST**

The field specialist shall provide the instrument technician with a description of problems observed during annual site visit testing.

## **3.0 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS**

The following subsections provide summary lists of test equipment and materials required to service and calibrate optical monitoring dataloggers.

### **3.1 CAMPBELL 21X DATALOGGER**

- Calibrated voltage source
- Campbell Scientific datalogger communications software (SMCOM)
- Campbell Scientific SC532 Peripheral Interface Module
- ARS Campbell 21X datalogger test program (21X\_TEST.DLD)
- Digital voltmeter
- Waveform generator
- Frequency counter
- Campbell Scientific, Inc. *21X Micrologger Operator's Manual* and *21X Prompt Sheet*
- Reference thermometer (°C)
- Replacement components as required

- Battery pack
- Battery charger
- Desiccant packets
- Standard electronics laboratory small tools
- TI 4250-2000, *Servicing and Calibration of Campbell 21X Dataloggers*

### **3.2 HANDAR 540A/570A DCP**

- Calibrated voltage source
- RF Wattmeter with 50 ohm RF load
- Digital voltmeter
- Reference AT/RH sensor
- Handar, Inc. *Operating and Service Manual for 540A Multiple Access Data Acquisition System, 560A Hydrologic Data Collection System, and 545A Programming Set*
- Handar, Inc. *570A Data Acquisition System Operating and Service Manual*
- Handar "TERM" program
- IBM PC-compatible computer
- Spare circuitboards as required
- 12 volt battery
- Desiccant packets
- Standard electronics laboratory small tools
- TI 4250-2010, *Servicing and Calibration of the Handar 540A/570A DCP*

### **4.0 METHODS**

This section includes two (2) subsections:

- 4.1 Campbell 21X Datalogger Servicing Procedures
- 4.2 Handar 540A/570A DCP Servicing Procedures

#### **4.1 CAMPBELL 21X DATALOGGER SERVICING PROCEDURES**

Campbell 21X dataloggers are used as the primary datalogger for the IMPROVE nephelometer network, transmissometer calibration, and transmissometer field audits. Servicing procedures for the Campbell 21X datalogger are described in detail in TI 4250-2000, *Servicing and Calibration of Campbell 21X Dataloggers*. Servicing procedures include:

- Internal memory check
- Analog input check
- Analog output check
- Pulse counter check
- Panel temperature check
- Internal battery servicing
- Archiving Campbell 21X datalogger service records

#### **4.2 HANDAR 540A/570A DCP SERVICING PROCEDURES**

The Handar 540A/570A DCP is the primary datalogger in the IMPROVE transmissometer network. Servicing procedures for the Handar 540A/570A DCP are described in detail in TI 4250-2010, *Servicing and Calibration of the Handar 540A/570A DCP*. Servicing procedures include:

- Post-field inspection and performance checks
- Routine laboratory servicing
- DCP programming
- Pre-field performance testing
- Archiving Handar 540A/570A DCP service records

#### **5.0 REFERENCES**

Campbell Scientific, Inc., 1993, 21X Micrologger Operator's Manual. July.

Campbell Scientific, Inc., 1993, 21X Prompt Sheet.

Handar, Inc., 1982, Operating and Service Manual for 540A Multiple Access Data Acquisition System, 560A Hydrologic Data Collection System, and 545A Programming Set. June.

Handar, Inc., 1988, 570A Data Acquisition System Operating and Service Manual. March.

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## **1.0 PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY**

This technical instruction (TI) describes procedures for servicing and verifying calibration of Campbell 21X dataloggers. This TI, as referenced in Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 4250, *Servicing and Calibration of Optical Monitoring Dataloggers*, specifically describes procedures for:

- Testing datalogger memory functions
- Checking the accuracy of all analog voltage input channels
- Checking the accuracy of the analog output ports
- Checking the accuracy of the pulse input port
- Checking the accuracy of the panel temperature measurement
- Checking the condition of the internal battery
- Replacing the internal battery
- Archiving datalogger servicing records

Campbell 21X dataloggers are primarily used by ARS as the:

- Primary datalogger at NGN-2 nephelometer monitoring sites (Refer to TI 4300-4006, *Nephelometer Data Collection via Campbell Scientific Data Storage Module (IMPROVE Protocol)*).
- Primary datalogger for transmissometer calibration (Refer to TI 4200-2100, *Calibration of Optec LPV-2 Transmissometers (IMPROVE Protocol)*).
- Primary datalogger for field audit of transmissometers (Refer to SOP 4710, *Transmissometer Field Audit Procedures*).

## **2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **2.1 PROJECT MANAGER**

The project manager shall:

- Verify that all Campbell 21X dataloggers are serviced at least annually.
- Verify that calibration checks are performed on all Campbell 21x dataloggers at least annually.
- Verify that all Campbell 21X dataloggers are operating within factory specifications prior to being shipped to the field.
- Verify that all Campbell 21X dataloggers that do not operate within factory specifications are returned to Campbell Scientific for factory servicing and recalibration.

- Ensure that all datalogger servicing is documented and archived in accordance with the procedures described in this TI.

## **2.2 INSTRUMENT TECHNICIAN**

The instrument technician shall:

- Perform and document all calibration checks.
- Coordinate with Campbell Scientific for return and recalibration of Campbell 21X dataloggers that fail to operate within factory specifications.
- Prepare purchase orders for factory servicing and recalibration of Campbell 21X dataloggers.
- Replace the Campbell 21X internal battery as required.
- Archive all datalogger servicing records.

## **2.3 DATA COORDINATOR**

The data coordinator shall:

- Inform the instrument technician when a 21X is being removed from the field.
- Provide the instrument technician with a description of the field problems observed with the 21X.

## **3.0 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS**

Specific instrumentation, tools, equipment, and materials required to service the Campbell 21X datalogger and to verify the datalogger calibration are:

- Calibrated voltage source - Datel Model DVC-350A or equivalent
- Campbell Scientific datalogger communications software (SMCOM)
- Campbell Scientific SC532 Peripheral Interface Module
- ARS Campbell 21X datalogger test program (21X\_TEST.DLD)
- Digital voltmeter (4 1/2 digits)
- Waveform generator - Wavetek Model 185 or equivalent
- Frequency counter - Tenma Model 72-375 or equivalent
- Campbell Scientific, Inc. *21X Micrologger Operator's Manual* and *21X Prompt Sheet*
- Laboratory reference thermometer (°C)

- Replacement components as required
- Medium screwdrivers (flat-blade and Phillips-head)
- Battery charger
- Replacement sealed lead acid battery pack
- Two (2) dry half-unit DESI PAK desiccant packets

#### **4.0 METHODS**

Campbell 21X dataloggers should be serviced according to the following schedule:

- Prior to installation at a field monitoring site
- On an annual schedule (for units not used at field sites)
- Any time the operation or accuracy of the datalogger appears to be suspect

Calibration of the Campbell 21X datalogger is required any time calibration checks indicate that the datalogger is not operating within factory specifications.

This section includes seven (7) subsections:

- 4.1 Internal Memory Check
- 4.2 Analog Input Checks
- 4.3 Analog Output Checks
- 4.4 Pulse Counter Check
- 4.5 Panel Temperature Test
- 4.6 Internal Battery Servicing
- 4.7 Archiving Datalogger Service Records

Procedures for performing the internal memory check are documented on the Campbell 21X Datalogger Servicing Documentation Form (Figure 4-1) and are described in the following sections.

<b>RECORD GENERAL INFORMATION</b>	Record the datalogger serial number and the current date. The initials of the technician performing the inspection should also be recorded.
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#### **4.1 INTERNAL MEMORY CHECK**

The Campbell 21X datalogger will perform an internal memory check on power-up. This check indicates the status of each memory chip on the datalogger's CPU board. Procedures for performing the internal memory check are documented on the Campbell 21X Datalogger Servicing Documentation Form (Figure 4-1) and are as follows:

<b>TURN DATALOGGER ON</b>	Turn the datalogger <b>ON</b> . The datalogger display will read "HELLO."
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**CAMPBELL 21X DATALOGGER  
SERVICING DOCUMENTATION FORM**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Datalogger S/N: \_\_\_\_\_  
Technician: \_\_\_\_\_

INTERNAL MEMORY CHECK

Memory Status = 11:111111?    Yes    No                      Status \_\_:\_\_\_\_\_

ANALOG INPUT CHECK

Input Voltage (mV)	<u>Datalogger Readings (mV)</u>							
	<u>CH1</u>	<u>CH2</u>	<u>CH3</u>	<u>CH4</u>	<u>CH5</u>	<u>CH6</u>	<u>CH7</u>	<u>CH8</u>
0.000								
2.500								
5.000								

ANALOG OUTPUT CHECK

CAO PORT #	CORRECT OUTPUT (mV)	ACTUAL OUTPUT (mV)
#1	2500±1	
#2	5000±1	

PULSE COUNTER CHECK

Waveform Generator Frequency \_\_\_\_\_ Hz  
Datalogger Counts \_\_\_\_\_

PANEL TEMPERATURE CHECK

Ambient Temperature - Lab Reference \_\_\_\_\_ °C  
Datalogger Panel Temperature \_\_\_\_\_ °C

INTERNAL BATTERY SERVICING

Battery Voltage \_\_\_\_\_ Volts  
Battery Installation Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Battery Replaced        Yes    No  
Desiccant Replaced    Yes    No    Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Factory servicing or calibration required    Yes    No  
Describe Servicing required \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Figure 4-1. Campbell 21X Datalogger Servicing Documentation Form.

TURN DATALOGGER ON  
(continued)

After a few seconds delay, the memory check results will be displayed. If all memory is installed and operating, the display will read "11:111111." The eight (8) characters in the display represent the eight (8) memory sockets numbered from left to right. A "1" indicates a good chip is in the corresponding socket. A "0" indicates the socket is empty or an error was detected in the chip. The five (5) left-most characters of the display represent the 8K ram chips. The three (3) right-most characters of the display are the 8K PROMs.

If the memory check results indicate that one or more memory chips are faulty, return the instrument to Campbell Scientific for repair.

#### 4.2 ANALOG INPUT CHECKS

CONNECT VOLTAGE  
CALIBRATOR

Connect the Datel voltage calibrator to the datalogger using the datalogger "analog inputs" test cable. This cable provides a connection from the voltage output of the calibrator to each of the eight (8) analog input channels of the datalogger.

DOWNLOAD TEST  
PROGRAM

Download the datalogger test program (21X\_TEST.DLD) to the datalogger to be tested using the Campbell Scientific datalogger communications software (SMCOM) and the Campbell Scientific SC532 Peripheral Interface Module.

RUN TEST PROGRAM

Press \*0 on the datalogger to compile and run the test program.

SET VOLTAGES

Set the calibrator to the input voltages specified on the Campbell 21X Datalogger Servicing Documentation Form (Figure 4-1). All input voltages are specified in millivolts. All datalogger readings should be recorded as millivolts.

RECORD DISPLAY  
READINGS

Enter \*6 on the datalogger and record the datalogger display reading (storage locations 01 - 08) for each of the eight analog channels at each of the three input voltages specified on the Campbell 21X Datalogger Servicing Documentation Form.

If the datalogger readings for any of the analog channels differ from the specified values by more than  $\pm 5.0$  millivolts, return the datalogger to Campbell Scientific for recalibration.

#### 4.3 ANALOG OUTPUT CHECKS

The test program sets up a continuous DC voltage output on both analog output ports (CAO 1 and CAO 2).

MEASURE OUTPUT  
VOLTAGE

Measure the output voltage at CAO ports 1 and 2 with a calibrated and certified 4½ digit voltmeter. Record these

MEASURE OUTPUT  
VOLTAGE (continued)

measurements (in millivolts) on the Campbell 21X Datalogger Servicing Documentation Form. The correct reading for each port is shown, along with the manufacturers' specified accuracy, on the Campbell 21X Datalogger Servicing Documentation Form.

If the datalogger readings for either CAO port differ from the specified values by more than  $\pm 5.0$  millivolts, return the datalogger to Campbell Scientific for recalibration.

#### 4.4 PULSE COUNTER CHECK

CONNECT GENERATOR  
TO FREQUENCY  
COUNTER

Connect the waveform generator to pulse input channel #1.

SETUP WAVEFORM  
GENERATOR

Setup the waveform generator for a square wave output with a frequency of 1000 Hz and an amplitude of 1 volt (rms).

RECORD COUNTS

The test program will count pulses from the waveform generator for a period of 10 seconds. Record the number of counts in the pulse counter channel at storage location 09 (press \*6 9 on the datalogger). Based on an input frequency of 1000 Hz, a datalogger count of 10,000 should be displayed.

If the datalogger reading for the pulse counter channel differs from the specified value by more than  $\pm 5$  counts, return the datalogger to Campbell Scientific for recalibration.

#### 4.5 PANEL TEMPERATURE CHECK

RECORD AMBIENT  
TEMPERATURE

Read the ambient temperature in the laboratory with the laboratory reference thermometer. Record this temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) on the Campbell 21X Datalogger Servicing Documentation Form (Figure 4-1).

RECORD PANEL  
TEMPERATURE

Read the datalogger panel temperature at storage location 10 (press \*6 10 on the datalogger) and record the reading on the Campbell 21X Datalogger Servicing Documentation Form.

If the datalogger panel temperature measurement differs from the laboratory reference thermometer reading by more than  $\pm 1.7$   $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , return the datalogger to Campbell Scientific for recalibration.

#### 4.6 INTERNAL BATTERY SERVICING

RECORD BATTERY  
VOLTAGE

Read the internal battery voltage at storage location 11 (press \*6 11 on the datalogger). Record this reading on the Campbell 21X Datalogger Servicing Documentation Form.



**RECHARGE BATTERY** If the battery voltage is less than 11.76 volts, connect the datalogger to the battery charger. Recharge the battery for eight (8) hours.

**REPLACE BATTERY** Disconnect the datalogger from the battery charger and recheck the battery voltage (press \*6 11 on the datalogger). If the battery voltage is still less than 11.76 volts, replace the battery as described below:

- Turn the power switch **OFF**.
- Remove the two front panel screws and carefully raise the front panel away from the datalogger case.
- Disconnect the used battery from the charging circuit and remove from the datalogger case.
- Install a fresh battery. Mark the installation date on the battery.
- Remove the datalogger desiccant packets and replace with two (2) dry half unit DESI PAK desiccant packets.
- Replace the front panel.
- Turn the power switch **ON** and recheck the battery voltage.

#### **4.7 ARCHIVING DATALOGGER SERVICE RECORDS**

All service records for Campbell 21X dataloggers are maintained by the instrument technician. The records are archived by datalogger serial number in three-ring notebooks located in the ARS instrumentation laboratory.

#### **5.0 REFERENCES**

Campbell Scientific, Inc., 1993, 21X Micrologger Operator's Manual. July.

Campbell Scientific, Inc., 1993, 21X Prompt Sheet.

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## **1.0 PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY**

This technical instruction (TI) describes procedures for servicing and calibration testing of Handar 540A/570A Data Collection Platforms (DCPs). This TI, as referenced in Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 4250, *Servicing and Calibration of Optical Monitoring Dataloggers*, specifically describes procedures for:

- Performing post-field inspections
- Performing post-field timing and performance checks
- Performing routine laboratory servicing and cleaning
- Checking and performing laboratory modifications
- Programming the DCP
- Performing pre-field operational tests
- Documenting all servicing tasks
- Archiving servicing, repair, and calibration records

Handar 540A/570A DCPs are used as the primary dataloggers in the IMPROVE transmissometer network.

## **2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **2.1 PROJECT MANAGER**

The project manager shall:

- Verify that all Handar 540A/570A DCPs are serviced at least annually.
- Verify that calibration, timing, and transmission checks are performed on all Handar 540A/570A DCPs at least annually.
- Verify that all Handar 540A/570A DCPs are operating within factory specifications prior to being shipped to the field for use at an operational monitoring site.
- Verify that all Handar 540A/570A DCPs that do not operate within factory specifications are returned to Handar for factory servicing and recalibration.
- Ensure that all DCP servicing is documented and archived in accordance with the procedures described in this TI.

## 2.2 INSTRUMENT TECHNICIAN

The instrument technician shall:

- Perform and document all servicing, modifications, calibration checks, and operational tests.
- Coordinate with Handar for return, servicing, and recalibration of 540A/570A DCPs that fail to operate within factory specifications.
- Prepare purchase orders for factory servicing and recalibration of Handar 540A/570A DCPs.
- Replace the Handar 540A/570A internal battery as required.
- Archive all DCP servicing records.

## 2.3 DATA COORDINATOR

The data coordinator shall:

- Inform the instrument technician when a DCP is being removed from the field.
- Provide the instrument technician with a description of the field problems observed with the DCP.

## 3.0 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

Specific instrumentation, tools, equipment, and materials required to service and test the Handar 540A/570A DCP are as follows:

- Calibrated voltage source - Datel Model DVC-350A or equivalent
- RF wattmeter - Bird Model 43 with #250D power element and 50 ohm RF load or equivalent
- Digital voltmeter (4 1/2 digits)
- Handar, Inc. *Operating and Service Manual for 540A Multiple Access Data Acquisition System, 560A Hydrologic Data Collection System, and 545A Programming Set*
- Handar, Inc. *570A Data Acquisition System Operating and Service Manual*
- Handar TERM program (DCP communication and interface software)
- IBM PC-compatible computer
- Spare circuitboards as required

- Replacement internal 12 volt battery
- Two (2) packs desiccant
- Reference AT/RH sensor (Rotronics GT-L or equivalent)
- Rotronics AT/RH Sensor (Model MP-100F, wired for use with the Handar 540A/570A DCP)
- Electronic contacts cleaning fluid
- Medium screwdrivers (flat-blade and Phillips-head)

#### **4.0 METHODS**

Handar 540A/570A DCPs should be serviced according to the following schedule:

- Prior to installation at a field monitoring site
- On an annual schedule
- Any time the operation or accuracy of the datalogger appears to be suspect

Factory servicing and calibration of the Handar 540A/570A DCP is required when timing and performance checks indicate that the DCP is not operating within factory specifications.

This section includes five (5) major subsections:

- 4.1 Post-Field Inspection and Performance Checks
- 4.2 Routine Laboratory Servicing
- 4.3 DCP Programming
- 4.4 Pre-Field Performance Testing
- 4.5 Archiving Handar 540A/570A DCP Service Records

#### **4.1 POST-FIELD INSPECTION AND PERFORMANCE CHECKS**

When a DCP is returned from a field site, the external and internal physical condition is visually inspected prior to performing any performance tests or laboratory servicing. If the DCP is received with the power switch in the "ON" position and there are no loose circuitboards, disconnected or damaged connectors, or other apparent problems that might affect the operation of the DCP, performance tests that evaluate DCP timing, A/D converter operation, transmission power, and the DCP program are performed. Results and comments related to inspection and performance testing are fully documented on the Post-Field Inspection Checklist - Handar 540A/570A DCP (Figure 4-1).



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**POST-FIELD INSPECTION CHECKLIST  
HANDAR 540A/570A DCP**

DCP S/N: \_\_\_\_\_  
Site: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Technician: \_\_\_\_\_

DCP Model: 540A1          540A2          570A  
Received for: Annual Servicing    Unscheduled Maintenance  
Reason for unscheduled maintenance \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PHYSICAL INSPECTION - EXTERNAL**

Describe "as returned" condition of the following:  
DCP Case \_\_\_\_\_  
Case Latches \_\_\_\_\_  
Connectors/Contacts \_\_\_\_\_  
Display (570A Only) \_\_\_\_\_  
Door Seal \_\_\_\_\_

**PHYSICAL INSPECTION - INTERNAL**

Describe "as returned" condition of the following:  
Power switch            On                            Off  
GOES Radio Channel 1   900                    Other \_\_\_\_\_  
GOES Radio Channel 2   000                    Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Circuit Boards, Hold Down Bracket, Connectors \_\_\_\_\_  
Battery                            and                            Hold                            Down                            Bracket  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Battery Voltage \_\_\_\_\_ Volts

**DCP TIMING CHECKS**

Program in Memory    Yes                    No  
DCP ID [I] \_\_\_\_\_  
DCP Time [J] \_\_\_ : \_\_\_ : \_\_\_      WWV Time \_\_\_ : \_\_\_ : \_\_\_  
DCP Time to Next Scan [S] \_\_\_ : \_\_\_ : \_\_\_  
DCP Time to Next Transmit [T] \_\_\_ : \_\_\_ : \_\_\_

**DCP A/D CONVERTER CHECKS**

Test Input	DCP Channel # (Output)					
Ch. 1,2,3	CH1	CH2	CH3	CH4	CH5	CH10
0.000 Volts	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.950 Volts	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lab AT/RH	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**TRANSMISSION TEST**

Forced Transmit RF Power Output \_\_\_\_\_ Watts

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Figure 4-1. Post-Field Inspection Checklist - Handar 540A/570A DCP.

#### **4.1.1 General Information**

RECORD GENERAL INFORMATION	Record the DCP serial number, the site it was received from, and the date it was received. The initials of the technician performing the inspection should also be recorded.
IDENTIFY DCP MODEL	Identify the DCP model (Figure 4-2 shows the front panel layout of each of the three DCP models used by ARS).
NOTE REASON FOR RETURN	Note whether the DCP was returned for annual servicing (no observed operational problems in the field) or for unscheduled maintenance (unit malfunctioning). If returned for unscheduled maintenance, describe the observed field symptoms.

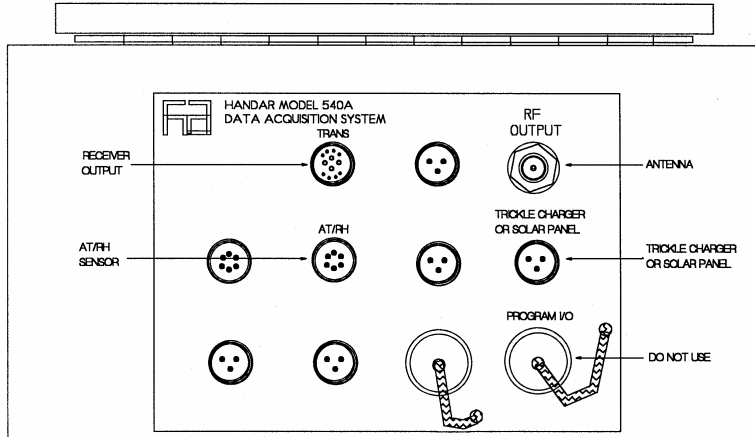
#### **4.1.2 Physical Inspection - External**

INSPECT CASE	Inspect the outside of the DCP case thoroughly. Look for signs of external damage (dented, scraped, or gouged surfaces). Examine the latches and external connectors. Describe any damage or general deterioration noted.
RECORD DISPLAY	If the DCP is a model 570A, step through the display, recording the readings displayed for each channel.
INSPECT SEAL	Open the cover on the DCP and inspect the seal between the cover and the case. Look for loose sections of seal, tears, and worn spots.

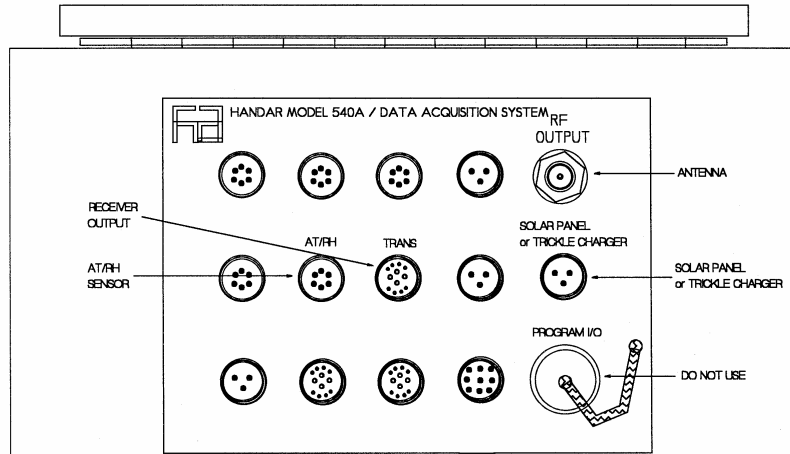
#### **4.1.3 Physical Inspection - Internal**

NOTE POWER	Note whether the power switch is "ON" or "OFF" (see Figure 4-3 for switch location).
NOTE CHANNEL SETTINGS	Note the settings of the GOES primary channel (#1) and secondary channel (#2) switches (see Figure 4-3 for switch locations). The GOES primary channel selection switch should be set to "900" (inhibits transmission). The GOES secondary channel selection switch should be set to "000" (channel unused). If the switches are not set properly, they should be reset to these channel numbers before proceeding with this inspection.
INSPECT DCP INTERIOR	Inspect the interior of the DCP, checking that all circuitboards are firmly seated, all hold-down brackets are in place and secure, and all cables and connectors are undamaged and in place. Describe any improper conditions.

540A-1 DCP CABLE CONNECTION & DISPLAY DIAGRAM



540A-2 DCP CABLE CONNECTION & DISPLAY DIAGRAM



570 DCP CABLE CONNECTION & DISPLAY DIAGRAM

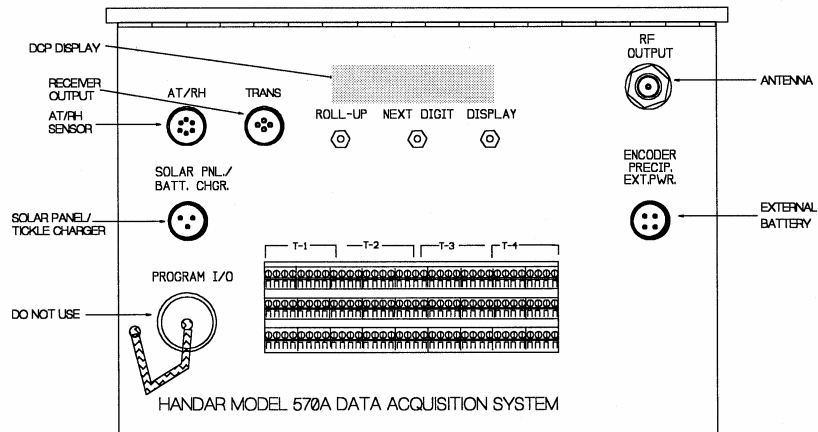


Figure 4-2. Front Panel Configurations - Handar 540A/570A DCP.

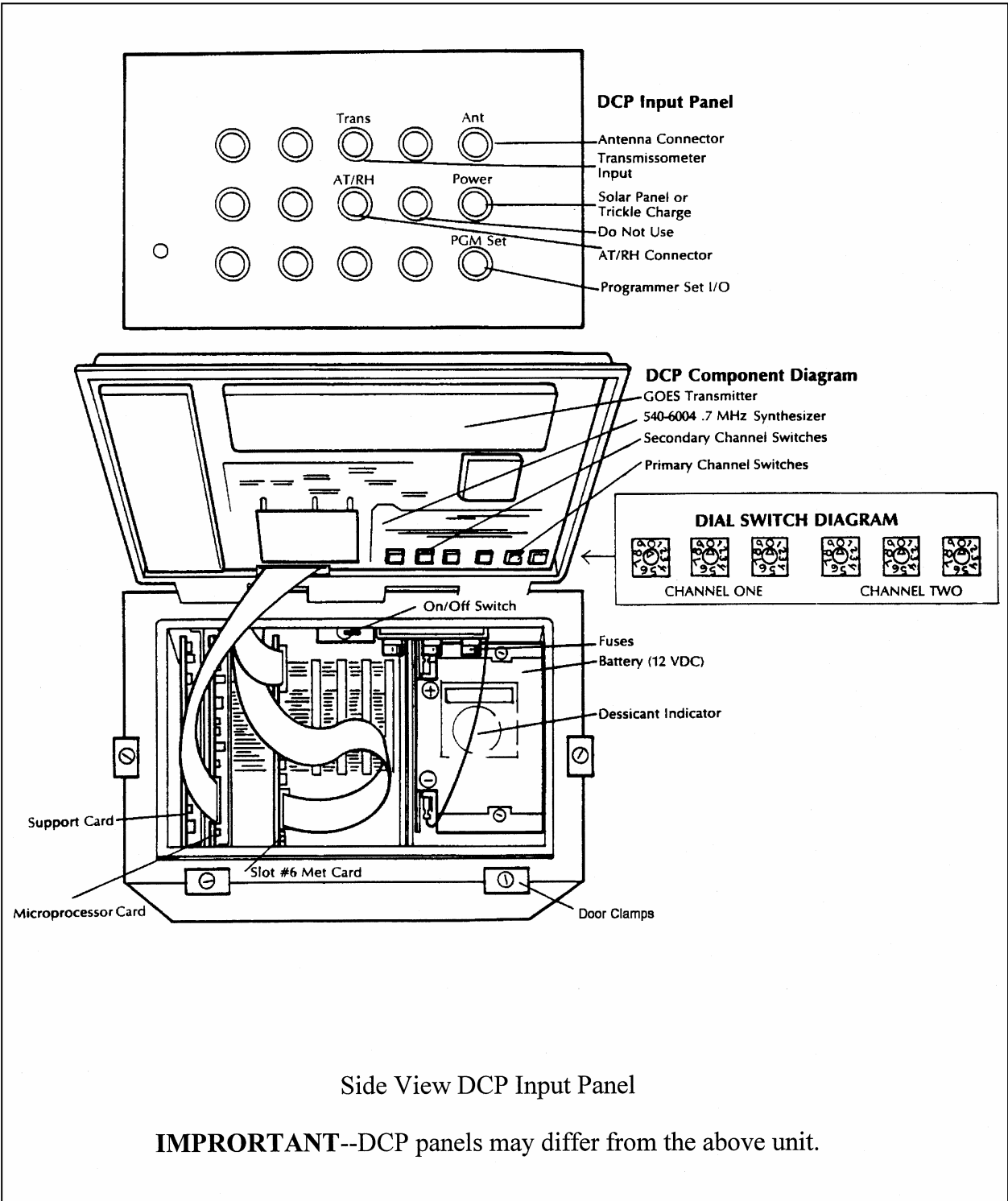


Figure 4-3. DCP Component Diagram.

MEASURE BATTERY VOLTAGE	Measure the internal battery voltage. If it is less than 11.8 volts, connect a current limited power supply set at 16 volts and 500 ma to the DCP Solar Panel/Battery Charger input for a period of 24 hours. If the battery voltage does not reach a minimum voltage of 13.8 volts, it must be replaced during servicing.
CHECK INSTALLATION DATE	Check the installation date on the battery. If the battery is more than 5 years old, it must be replaced during servicing, regardless of the battery's state of charge.

#### 4.1.4 DCP Timing Checks

PROGRAM MEMORY      **NOTE:** If the DCP power switch was off, or has been turned off for any reason, the program and timing will have been lost from the DCP memory and this section of the post-field inspection should be omitted.

EXECUTE PROGRAM      Execute the Handar DCP communications program TERM from the IBM PC-compatible computer.

SWITCH BAUD RATE      When the TERM setup screen (see Figure 4-4) is displayed on the computer screen, press **F2** to switch to the correct baud rate (300 baud).

CONNECT COMPUTER TO DCP      Connect the serial port of the computer to the DCP programming port (see Figure 4-2 for location) using the DCP programming cable. After the connection is complete, the TERM programming screen (Figure 4-5) should be displayed on the computer screen.

NOTE DISPLAY      If the program is still in memory, the computer display should be as shown in Figure 4-5.

**If the computer display appears as in Figure 4-6, the program has been lost from memory and the DCP performance and timing checks should be terminated. Exit the TERM program and turn the DCP off before initiating the servicing procedures. Be sure and document that the program was no longer in memory.**

SYNCHRONIZE TIME      Verify that your watch is synchronized with WWV by calling the NIST WWV time transmission telephone (303/499-7111).

ENTER PARAMETERS      Obtain DCP ID and timing information by entering into the DCP the boldface character that precedes each of the following parameters:

- **I** Station ID
- **J** DCP time
- **S** Time remaining before next scan
- **T** Time remaining before next transmission

TERMINAL MODE	19200 BAUD	NO PARITY	8 BITS	1 STOP	DTR ON	RTS ON	DCD OFF	DSR OFF	CTS OFF	RI OFF	PE 0	FE 0	OVR 0	BI 0	
Welcome to HANDAR's Multi-Function Communication/Interface Program															
1 TERM	2 545	3 ZAP	4 FORM	5 UPLD	6 DNLD	7 SET	8	9 HELP	10 EXIT						

Figure 4-4. TERM Setup Screen.

545 EMUL MODE	1200 BAUD	EVEN PARITY	7 BITS	1 STOP	DTR ON	RTS ON	DCD ON	DSR ON	CTS ON	RI OFF	PE 0	FE 0	OVR 0	BI 0	AUTO ON
Welcome to HANDAR's Multi-Function Communication/Interface Program															
R HANDAR 570A DCP - REV 1.8															
1 TERM	2 545	3 ZAP	4 FORM	5 SAVE	6 LOAD	7 SET	8 AUTO	9 HELP	10 EXIT						

Figure 4-5. TERM DCP Programming Screen (Program in DCP Memory).

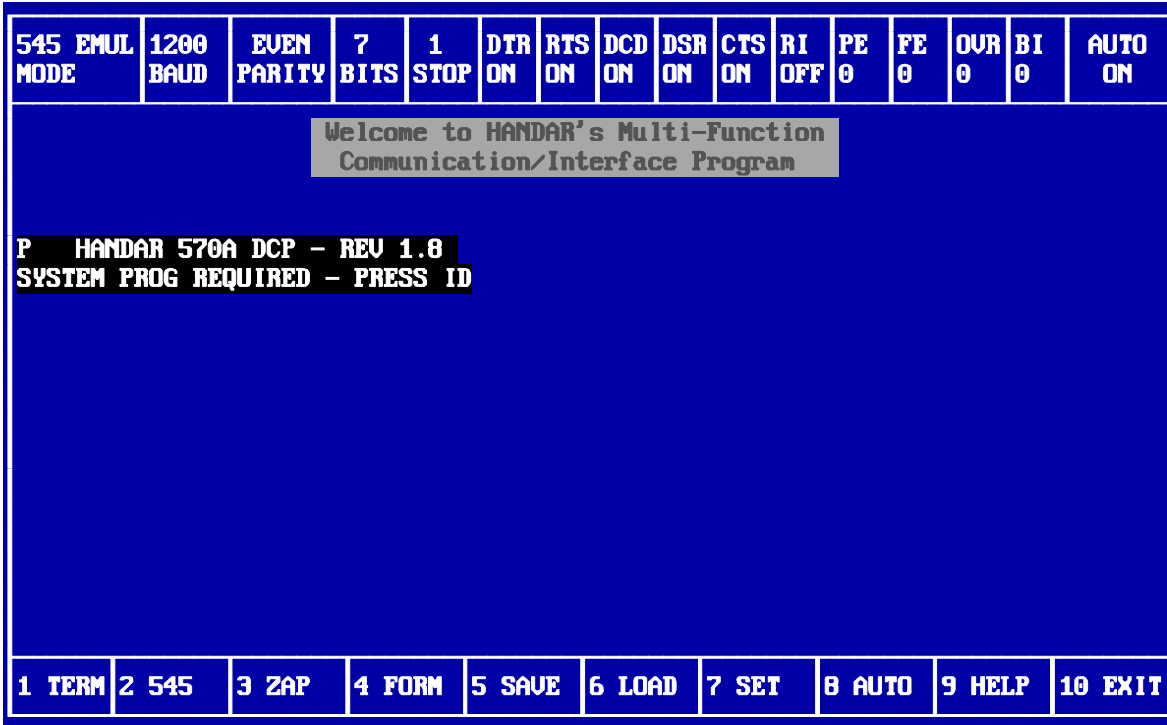


Figure 4-6. TERM DCP Programming Screen (No Program in DCP Memory).

**RECORD VALUES** Record each of the values from the ID and timing checks and the correct (WWV) time when the DCP time check, [J], was performed.

**COMPARE TIMES** Compare the DCP times to the correct time to determine the timing drift relative to previous measurements (at installation or from recent transmissions - Refer to TI 4300-4000, *Data Collection via DCP (IMPROVE Protocol)*).

#### 4.1.5 DCP A/D Converter Checks

**CONNECT VOLTAGE SOURCE** Connect a calibrated voltage source to the input of data channels 01, 02, and 03 of the DCP.

**CONNECT AT/RH SENSOR** Connect a calibrated Rotronic AT/RH sensor to the DCP's AT/RH input connector.

**SWITCH MODES** Switch the DCP from "RUN" mode to "PROGRAM" mode by entering ?.

The computer display will read "R Enter (1) = Service (2) = All." Enter 2 to select "ALL."

**SET OUTPUT** Set the output of the calibrated voltage source to 0.000 volts.

OBTAIN READINGS	<p>Obtain DCP readings for data channels 01, 02, and 03 using the following procedure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enter <b>M</b> (access data channel 01 - transmissometer raw readings).</li><li>• Enter <b>\$</b> (execute a forced scan).</li><li>• Record the DCP reading for data channel 01.</li><li>• Enter <b>V</b> (scroll down to data channel 02 - transmissometer toggle signal).</li><li>• Enter <b>\$</b> (execute a forced scan).</li><li>• Record the DCP reading for data channel 02.</li><li>• Enter <b>V</b> (scroll down to data channel 03 - transmissometer standard deviation).</li><li>• Enter <b>\$</b> (execute a forced scan).</li><li>• Record the DCP reading for data channel 03.</li></ul> <p>With a 0.000 volt input, DCP data channels 01, 02, and 03 should all read "000."</p>
SET OUTPUT VOLTAGE	<p>Set the output of the calibrated voltage source to 4.950 volts.</p>
OBTAIN DCP READINGS	<p>Obtain DCP readings for data channels 01-05 and 10 using the procedures described above for obtaining DCP readings for data channels 01, 02, and 03.</p>
OBTAIN AT/RH	<p>Obtain current laboratory measurements of ambient temperature and relative humidity using the Rotronic GT-L hand-held AT/RH sensor. Record these values on the inspection checklist (DCP A/D Converter Checks section) under channel 04 and channel 05, respectively.</p>
NOTE READINGS	<p>With a 4.950 volt input, DCP data channels 01 and 03 should read "495." DCP data channel 02 should read "001."</p>
COMPARE READINGS	<p>The DCP data channel 04 reading (Rotronics AT output signal) must be adjusted by subtracting 100 from the reading obtained during the test. Compare this adjusted reading with the temperature measurement obtained with the hand-held sensor. The two values should then match within <math>\pm 2</math> F°.</p>



COMPARE READINGS (continued) Compare the DCP data channel 05 reading (Rotronics RH output signal) with the RH measurement obtained with the hand-held sensor. The two values should agree within  $\pm 3\%$ .

Compare the DCP data channel 10 reading (DCP internal battery voltage) with the internal battery voltage measured during the DCP internal physical inspection. The two values should agree within  $\pm 0.005$  volts.

#### 4.1.6 Transmission Test

CONNECT WATTMETER Connect an RF wattmeter (with a 200-500 mHz, 25-watt power element) to the "RF Output" connector located on the front panel of the DCP. A 50 Ohm, 25-watt load resistor should be connected to the output of the wattmeter.

SET CHANNEL SWITCHES Set the GOES primary channel select switches to the channel number assigned to the ID programmed for the DCP under test.

INITIATE TRANSMISSION With the DCP in "PROGRAM" mode, initiate a transmission by entering #.

RECORD READING The wattmeter should read  $10 \pm 2$  watts. Record the observed reading on the Post-Field Inspection Checklist - Handar 540A/570A DCP (Figure 4-1).

RESET SWITCHES Reset the GOES primary channel select switches to **900**.

## 4.2 ROUTINE LABORATORY SERVICING

Record and document all information and procedures on the Routine Servicing Checklist - Handar 540A/570A DCP (Figure 4-7).

RECORD GENERAL INFORMATION Record the DCP serial number, the site it was received from, and the date it was received. The initials of the technician performing the inspection should also be recorded.

IDENTIFY DCP MODEL Identify the DCP model (Figure 4-2 shows the front panel layout of each of the three DCP models used by ARS).

NOTE REASON FOR RETURN Note whether the DCP was returned for annual servicing (no observed operational problems in the field) or for unscheduled maintenance (unit malfunctioning). If returned for unscheduled maintenance, describe the observed field symptoms.

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**ROUTINE SERVICING CHECKLIST  
HANDAR 540A/570A DCP**

DCP S/N: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Technician: \_\_\_\_\_

DCP Model:      540A1      540A2      570A

Received for:      Annual Servicing      Unscheduled Maintenance

Reason for unscheduled maintenance \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SETUP**

- GOES Primary Channel Select Switches Set to 900
- GOES Secondary Channel Select Switches Set to 000

**EXTERNAL CLEANING**

- Front Panel Connector Contacts Cleaned
- Connector Mounting Screws Tightened

**BATTERY REPLACEMENT**

Internal 12-Volt Battery Replaced       Yes       No

**INTERNAL CLEANING**

- Plug in Circuit Board Connector Contacts Cleaned
- Backplane Connector Contacts Cleaned
- Inside of DCP Cleaned

**570A MODIFICATIONS**

Toggle Input       Modified During Servicing       Previously Modified  
AT/RH Interface       Modified During Servicing       Previously Modified

**540A MODIFICATION**

AT/RH Interface       Modified During Servicing       Previously Modified

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Figure 4-7. Routine Servicing Checklist - Handar 540A/570A DCP.

VERIFY GOES SWITCHES	Verify that the GOES primary channel select switches are set to “900” and the secondary channel select switches set to “000.” If the switches are not set to these channels, they must be reset prior to continuing with servicing of the DCP.
CLEAN EXTERNAL CONTACTS	Spray the contacts on all external (front panel) connectors with contact cleaner.
CHECK MOUNTING SCREWS	Check the mounting screws for all front panel connectors. Loose screws should be tightened.
REPLACE BATTERY	<p>If the battery is more than five (5) years old (as indicated by the installation date marked on the battery), or if the battery failed the battery test during inspection, the battery must be replaced. Battery replacement procedures are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Turn the power switch <b>OFF</b>.</li><li>• Disconnect any external power source (battery or battery charger) from the DCP.</li><li>• Disconnect the DCP internal battery connectors.</li><li>• Remove the circuitboard hold-down bracket.</li><li>• Remove the battery hold-down bracket.</li><li>• Lift the battery out of the DCP case.</li><li>• With a permanent marker, write the installation date on the new battery.</li><li>• Place the new battery in the DCP case.</li><li>• Replace the battery hold-down bracket.</li></ul>
CLEAN CIRCUITBOARD	<p>Check the power switch. If it is not off, turn it <b>OFF</b>.</p> <p>Remove the DCP plug-in circuitboards.</p> <p>Clean printed circuitboard’s edge connector contacts and the ribbon cable connector contacts with contact cleaner.</p>
CLEAN BACKPLANE CONNECTORS	<p>Clean the backplane connectors with contact cleaner.</p> <p>Clean the contacts on the ribbon cable connectors with contact cleaner.</p>
CLEAN INTERIOR OF DCP	Clean the inside of the DCP with compressed air.

MODIFY 570A TOGGLE  
INPUT VOLTAGE  
DIVIDER

If this is a Handar 570A DCP, the transmissometer toggle input (DCP data channel 02) voltage divider must be modified to ensure that the voltage divider always exceeds 3.0 volts when the toggle input is at a logic "high" level. Modify the toggle input voltage divider located on the 12-bit A/D Converter (ADC) board using the following procedures:

- Remove the component platform in socket U17 of the ADC board (see Figure 4-8 for the location of U17).
- Examine resistor R17-6 located between pins 6 and 11 of the component platform (the resistor location on the component platform is shown in Figure 4-8). If the modification has been implemented, this resistor value will be 4.02K Ohms. If it is not 4.02K, remove the existing resistor (1.00K) and replace it with a 4.02K resistor.
- Replace the component platform in socket U17 of the ADC board.

MODIFY 570A FOR  
AT/RH SENSOR

If this is a Handar 570A DCP, the AT/RH sensor interface circuit on the ADC board must be modified to accept the Rotronics MP100-F AT/RH sensor. To modify the sensor interface circuit, remove the component platform from socket U7 of the ADC board (refer to Figure 4-8 for the location of U7).

MODIFY 540A FOR  
AT/RH SENSOR

If this is a Handar 540A DCP, the AT/RH sensor interface circuit on the Met board must be modified to accept the Rotronics MP100-F AT/RH sensor. To modify the sensor interface circuit, remove resistor R8 (see Figure 4-9 for the location of R8).

REINSTALL  
CIRCUITBOARDS

If this is a Handar 570A DCP, reinstall the ADC board in slot #1.

If this is a Handar 540A DCP, reinstall the circuitboards in the slots numbered as follows:

- Slot #6 Met board
- Slot #8 Microprocessor board
- Slot #9 Support board

Replace the circuitboard hold-down bracket.

Reconnect the ribbon cables.

Reconnect the DCP internal battery connectors to the battery.

Turn the power switch **ON**.

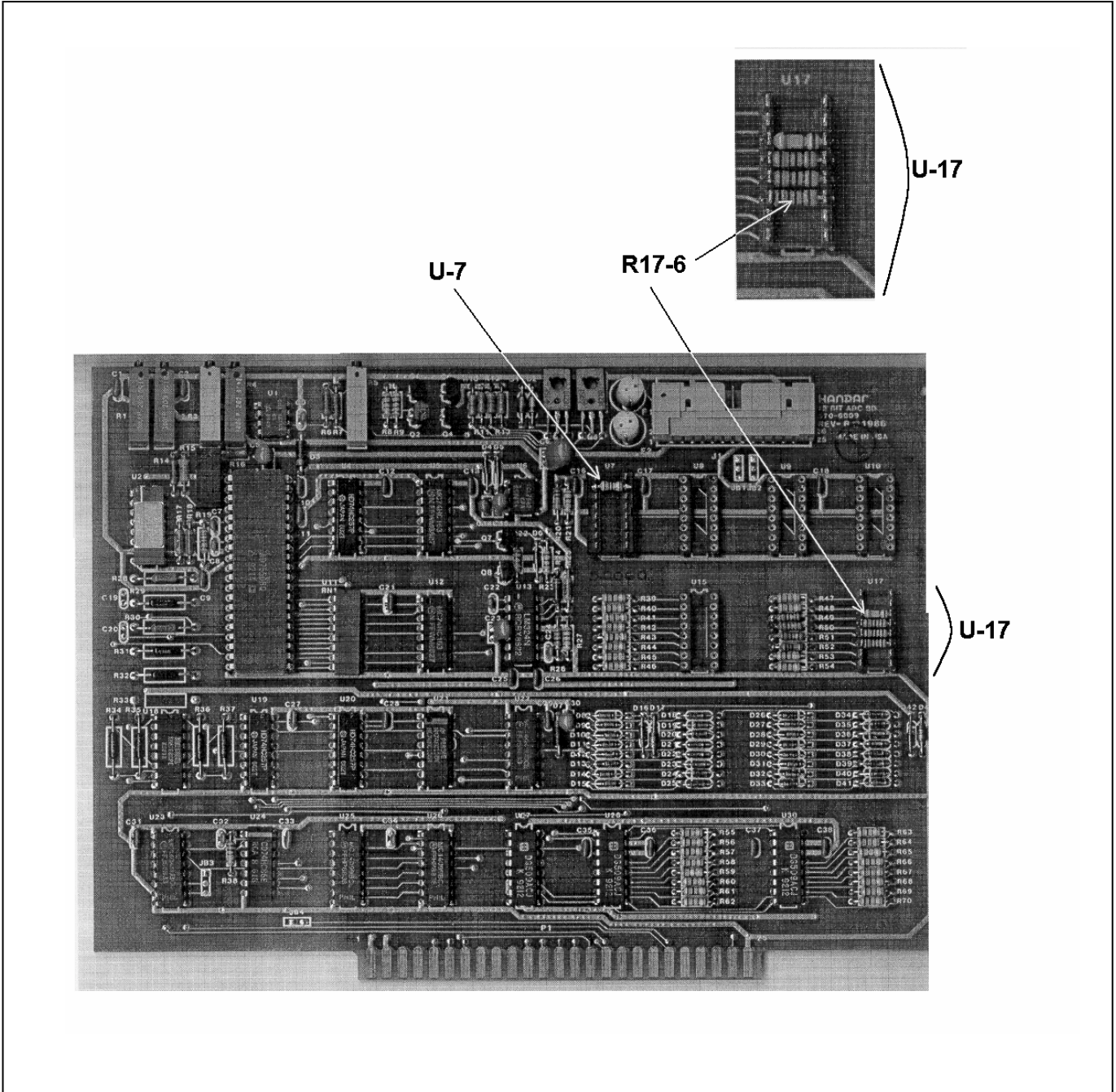


Figure 4-8. Handar 570A ADC Board - Component Locations.

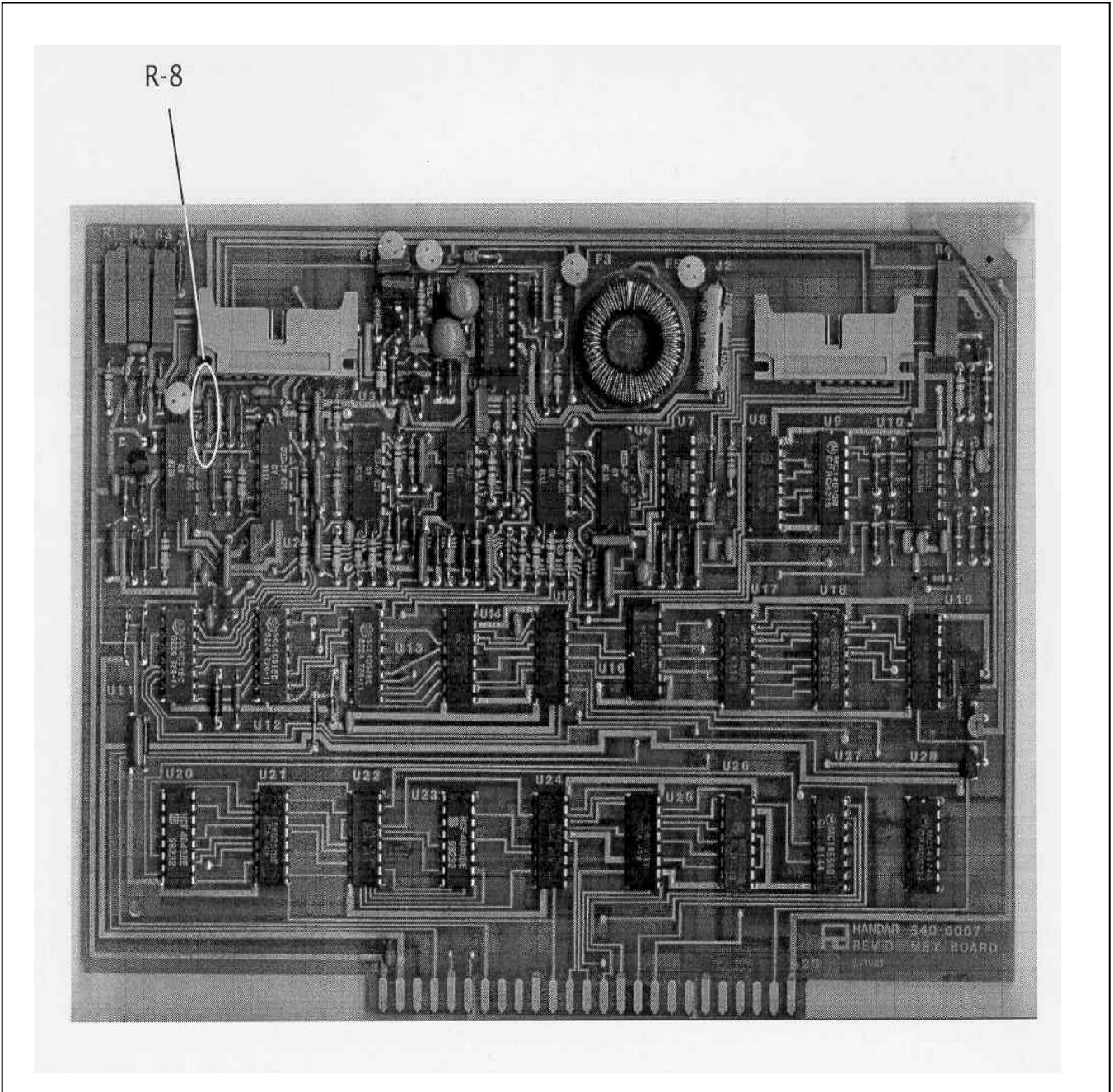


Figure 4-9. Handar 540A Met Board - Component Locations.

### 4.3 DCP PROGRAMMING

The Handar 540A/570A DCP operational configuration is established through a user program that performs the following functions:

- Defines the external sensors and signal inputs to be used
- Specifies the data acquisition channels associated with each sensor or input
- Defines processing options
- Selects reporting modes and formats
- Sets scanning, reporting, and transmission schedules

Basic concepts relating to the data acquisition functions of the Handar 540A/570A DCP are described in detail in Section 6.1 of the Handar 570A *Data Acquisition System Operating and Service Manual*.

For DCPs used with the IMPROVE transmissometer network, the most recent version of the standard DCP configuration program is available as an ASCII file, either 540ROT.DCP (Refer to Appendix A for a complete listing of the 540ROT.DCP configuration program) or 570ROT.DCP (Refer to Appendix B for a complete listing of the 570ROT.DCP configuration program), depending on the type of DCP to be programmed. The standard program file is first downloaded to the DCP.

After downloading, the program in the DCP is edited to include the site-specific operating parameters (see Table 4-1 for a list of station IDs, GOES channel assignments, and transmit times for all IMPROVE transmissometer sites) listed below:

- Station ID
- Transmit time

GOES channel selection is controlled by the DCP channel selection switches, not by the DCP configuration program.

Procedures for downloading the standard DCP configuration program are as follows:

VERIFY GOES SWITCHES	Verify that the GOES primary channel select switches are set to "900" and the secondary channel select switches set to "000." If the switches are not set to these channels, they must be reset prior to continuing with programming of the DCP.
SYNCHRONIZE TIME	Verify that your watch is synchronized with WWV by calling the NIST WWV time transmission telephone (303/499-7111).
DELETE DCP MEMORY	Ensure that there is no program stored in the DCP memory by turning the power switch to <b>OFF</b> , then turning it back to <b>ON</b> (refer to Figure 4-3 for switch location).

Table 4-1

DCP ID Assignments  
IMPROVE Transmissometer Network

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<u>DCP-ID</u>	<u>CHAN</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME *</u>	<u>RATE **</u>
FA43DOBE	014W	Fort Collins (Test)	0200	X3
FA43F652	014W	Grand Canyon (In-Canyon)	0202	X3
FA441794	014W	Glacier	0204	X3
FA44C1FC	014W	Rocky Mountain	0215	X3
FA44D28A	014W	Grand Canyon (South Rim)	0216	X3
FA44E710	014W	Great Basin	0217	X3
FA44F466	014W	Canyonlands	0218	X3
FA450618	014W	Chiricahua	0219	X3
FA42D244	014W	Yosemite	0220	X3
FA4306D6	038W	San Gorgonio	0219	X3
FA4315A0	038W	Badlands	0220	X3
FA4356AA	038W	Big Bend	0224	X3
FA436330	038W	Petrified Forest	0225	X3
FA437046	038W	Guadalupe Mountains	0226	X3
FA4380C2	038W	Bandelier	0227	X3
FA43A62E	038W	Bridger	0229	X3
FA42C132	009E	Shenandoah	0232	X3

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\* GOES FIRST TRANSMISSION TIME (GMT)

\*\* GOES TRANSMISSION INTERVAL (X3 = 3 HOUR INTERVAL)



**EXECUTE PROGRAM**      Execute the Handar DCP communications program **TERM** from the PC computer.

When the **TERM** setup screen (see Figure 4-4) is displayed on the computer screen, press **F2** to switch to the correct baud rate (300 baud).

Connect the serial port of the PC computer to the DCP programming port (see Figure 4-2 for location) using the DCP programming cable. After the connection is complete, the **TERM** programming screen of Figure 4-6 should be displayed on the computer screen.

Initiate the program download by pressing the **F6** key.

The next screen prompt displayed is “LOAD PS PROG->DCP.” Press **<Enter>** in response to this prompt.

The screen prompt “ENTER NAME OF PROGRAM FILE:” is then displayed. Enter **540ROT.DCP** to program a Handar 540 DCP. To program a Handar 570A DCP, enter **570ROT.DCP**.

While the program is loading, the message “P LOADING PROGRAM” will be displayed. Upon completion of the download, the message “P DONE” will be displayed. The “P” at the beginning of a display message indicates that the DCP is in the “PROGRAM” mode. An “R” at the beginning of a message indicates that the DCP is in the “RUN” mode.

**EDIT PARAMETERS**      Procedures for editing the site-specific parameters are as follows:

Editing commands (the boldfaced character) used in these procedures are as follows:

- **I** Station ID
- **J** DCP time
- **S** Time remaining before next scan
- **T** Time remaining before next transmission
- **M** Data channel select
- **N** Define Sensor Type
- **K** Program GOES/Radio

EDIT PARAMETERS  
(continued)

- **V** Scroll Down
- **U** Scroll Up
- **\$** Forced Scan
- **#** Forced Transmit (GOES Radio)

Enter **I** to edit the station ID. The download program initially assigns ID "FA43F652" to the DCP. The display message will be "P ID FA43F652."

Enter an unused test ID (e.g., **FA43D0BE**). Note that all ID characters are hexadecimal numbers (0-9 and A-F). The letter "O" is not allowed. The display message will be "P ID FA43D0BE."

Enter **K** to program the GOES functions. The display message will be "P GOES PRI XMT MODE 01."

Enter **V** to scroll down to the next prompt, "P 1ST GOES XMT TIME 02:30:00."

Enter the "first transmit time" assigned to the selected station ID. For ID FA43D0BE, the first transmit time is "02:00:00." Enter **020000** (the colons are added by the DCP). The display message will be "P 1ST GOES XMT TIME 02:00:00."

Enter **V** to scroll down to the next prompt, "P PRI XMT INTERVAL 03:00:00." This is the proper transmit interval for all IMPROVE transmissometer sites. Editing is not required.

Enter **V** to scroll down to the next prompt, "P GOES SEC XMT MODE 00." This is the proper secondary transmit mode for all IMPROVE transmissometer sites. Editing is not required.

Enter **J** to set the DCP time and date. The display message will be "P STATION TIME 23:27:45." (The actual time displayed in the message is not important).

All DCP times are Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). Enter the time at the top of the next minute (e.g., if the current GMT time is 14:32:28, enter **14:33:00**) and press **<Enter>** at the top of the minute. The display message will be "P STATION TIME 14:33:00."

Enter **V** to scroll down to the next prompt, "P YEAR (XX) 88."

Enter the last 2 digits of the current year (e.g., **94**). The display message will be "P YEAR (XX) 94."

EDIT PARAMETERS (continued) Enter **V** to scroll down to the next prompt, “P DCP JULIAN DATE 326.”

Enter the correct Julian date (e.g., for January 28, enter **028**). The display message will be “P DCP JULIAN DATE 028.”

Enter **M** to select DCP channel 01. The display message will be “P CHANNEL 01.”

Enter **N** to edit the sensor configuration. The display message will be “P01 SENSOR TYPE 10.”

Enter **V** to scroll through the sensor configuration until you reach the “start of measurement prompt” “P01 START OF MEAS 23:30:00.”

The start of measurement time should be programmed for 30 minutes after the current hour (e.g., if the current time is 17:04:29, enter **17:30:00**). A second prompt asking “CHANGE ALL CHANNELS?” (1=Y, 2=N) will be displayed.

Enter **1**, setting the start of measurement time for all channels to 17:30:00. The display message will be “P01 START OF MEAS 17:30:00.”

This completes programming of the Handar 540A/570A DCP.

#### 4.4 PRE-FIELD PERFORMANCE TESTING

Pre-field performance testing of the Handar 540A/570A DCP includes laboratory performance testing and a 7-day field test at the Fort Collins Transmissometer Calibration and Test Facility. Laboratory performance testing verifies proper programming and calibration of the DCP. Field testing exposes the DCP to a varying operational environment, testing the ability of the DCP to maintain accurate timing and calibration over a wide range of operating conditions. Document all performance checks and results on the Laboratory Performance Testing Form - Handar 540A/570A DCP (see Figure 4-10).

##### 4.4.1 General Information

RECORD GENERAL INFORMATION Record the DCP serial number, the site it was received from, and the date it was received. The initials of the technician performing the inspection should also be recorded.

IDENTIFY MODEL Identify the DCP model (Figure 4-2 shows the front panel layout DCP of each of the three DCP models used by ARS).

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**LABORATORY PERFORMANCE TESTING  
HANDAR 540A/570A DCP**

DCP S/N: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Technician: \_\_\_\_\_

DCP Model: 540A1      540A2      570A

**DCP TIMING CHECKS**

Program in Memory    Yes                    No  
DCP ID [I] \_\_\_\_\_  
DCP Time [J] \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_    WWV Time \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_  
DCP Time to Next Scan [S] \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_  
DCP Time to Next Transmit [T] \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_

**DCP A/D CONVERTER CHECKS**

Test Input Ch. 1,2,3	DCP Channel # (Output)					
	CH1	CH2	CH3	CH4	CH5	CH10
0.000 Volts	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.950 Volts	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lab AT/RH	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**TRANSMIT TEST**

Forced Transmit RF Power Output \_\_\_\_\_ Watts

**RUN MODE TIMING CHECKS**

- Primary Channel Select Switches Set to 900
- Secondary Channel Select Switches Set to 000
- DCP in Run Mode

Assigned ID \_\_\_\_\_  
Next Scheduled Scan Time \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_  
Next Scheduled Transmit Time \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_

DCP ID [I] \_\_\_\_\_  
DCP Time [J] \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_  
WWV Time \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_

DCP Time to Next Scan [S] \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_  
WWV Time \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_  
Next Scan Time (WWV Time + Time to Next Scan) \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_

DCP Time to Next Transmit [T] \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_  
WWV Time \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_  
Next Transmit Time (WWV Time + Time to Next Transmit) \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_

#### **4.4.2 Laboratory Performance Testing**

Laboratory performance testing repeats the DCP performance and timing checks and the transmission test performed during the post-field inspection and performance checks. It also adds a run mode timing check. Procedures for conducting laboratory performance testing are:

- Perform DCP timing checks as described in Section 4.1.4.
- Perform DCP A/D converter checks as described in Section 4.1.5.
- Perform the DCP transmission test as described in Section 4.1.6.

#### **4.4.3 Run Mode Timing Checks**

##### **VERIFY GOES SWITCHES**

Verify that the GOES primary channel select switches are set to “900” and the secondary channel select switches set to “000.” If the switches are not set to these channels, they must be reset prior to continuing with laboratory testing of the DCP.

##### **RECORD PARAMETERS**

Enter **Y** to place the DCP in the “RUN” mode.

Enter **I** to display the station ID. Verify that the ID displayed is the ID programmed into the DCP.

At the top of the minute (using GMT as the reference), enter **J** to display the station time. Record GMT and station time. If the station time differs from GMT by more than 2 seconds, reset the station time (see Section 4.3, DCP Programming).

Enter **S** to obtain the time remaining before the next scan. Record GMT at the time the “S” command was entered and the time remaining as reported by the DCP. Adding the time remaining to the recorded GMT should give the next scheduled scan time (normally set for 30 minutes after the hour).

Enter **T** to obtain the time remaining before the next transmission. Record GMT at the time the “T” command was entered and the time remaining as reported by the DCP. Adding the time remaining to the recorded GMT should give the next scheduled transmission time (see Table 4-1 for a list of station IDs and their assigned transmission times).

#### **4.4.4 Field Testing of the Handar 540A/570A DCP**

##### **INSTALL**

Transport the DCP to field test site and install the unit in the DCP transmissometer receiver shelter.

CONNECT TRICKLE LOCATION      Connect the on-site trickle charger to the DCP (see Figure 4-2 for the DCP connector location).

CONNECT ANTENNA      Connect the GOES antenna (mounted on the outside of the receiver shelter and previously aligned) to the DCP RF output connector.

SET GOES SWITCHES      Open the DCP case and set the GOES primary channels selection switches to the channel assigned to the ID of the DCP under test (see Table 4-1).

CONNECT WATTMETER      Connect an RF wattmeter (with a 200-500 mHz, 25-watt power element) between the "RF Output" connector located on the front panel of the DCP and the DCP antenna cable.

Set the power element of the wattmeter for the forward direction.

Monitor the wattmeter reading as the first transmit time approaches. When the transmitter turns on (as indicated by a sharp increase in the wattmeter reading), note the peak power reading in the forward direction. Reverse the direction of the power element and note the peak reading of the reflected power.

The forward direction wattmeter reading should be  $10 \pm 2$  watts. The reflected power reading should be less than two watts.

Disconnect the wattmeter and reconnect the antenna to the DCP.

Place two fresh desiccant packs inside the DCP. Close the DCP and tighten all latches to ensure a tight seal.

The transmitted data are reviewed daily, verifying that the transmit time, frequency deviation, and power level all meet factory specifications (Refer to TI 4300-4000, *Data Collection via DCP (IMPROVE Protocol)*).

If the transmitted data review indicates timing, frequency deviation, or power related problems, the field test should be terminated and the DCP returned to the laboratory. The instrument technician will then coordinate with Handar to arrange for repair and/or recalibration of the DCP.

If the DCP operates within factory specifications throughout the seven day test period, the DCP is returned to the laboratory and turned off until it is needed in the IMPROVE transmissometer network.

CONNECT  
WATTMETER  
(continued)

All field test data printouts are archived with the DCP service records as described in Section 4.5.

#### **4.5 ARCHIVING HANDAR 540A/570A DCP SERVICE RECORDS**

Service records for Handar DCPs are maintained by the instrument technician and archived by DCP serial number in three-ring notebooks located in the ARS instrumentation laboratory.

#### **5.0 REFERENCES**

Handar, Inc., 1988, 570A Data Acquisition System Operating and Service Manual, March.

Handar, Inc., 1982, Operating and Service Manual for 540A Multiple Access Data Acquisition System, 560A Hydrologic Data Collection System, and 545A Programming Set, June.

## **APPENDIX A**

HANDAR 540A DCP CONFIGURATION PROGRAM - 540ROT.DCP



P ID FA43D0BE	
P STATION TIME	15:47:38
P YEAR (XX)	94
P DCP JULIAN DATE	055
P GOES PRI XMT MODE	01
P 1ST GOES XMT TIME	02:00:00
P PRI XMT INTERVAL	03:00:00
P GOES SEC XMT MODE	00
P TEL #:AREA CODE	1-303
P TEL #:LOCAL	224-9300
P MODEM XMT FORMAT	00
P 1ST DIAL TIME	00:00:00
P DIAL INTERVAL	00:00:00
P TEL EMG XMIT 1=0N	00
P AUTO DUMP? 1=Y 0=N	00
P CHANNEL NO.	01
P01 SENSOR TYPE	10
P01 CARD SLOT #	06
P01 SENSOR INPUT ADRS	6
P01 SENSOR PWR ADRS	8
P01 SENSOR PWR ADV	00:00:02
P01 *FULL SCALE	1000
P01 ZERO SCALE	0000
P01 MEAS INTERVAL	01:00:00
P01 START OF MEAS	16:30:00
P01 LEVEL 1 MEAS TYPE	001
P01 XMIT 2 OR 3 BYTES?	03
P01 HIGH LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P01 LOW LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P01 HIGH DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P01 LOW DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P CHANNEL NO.	02
P02 SENSOR TYPE	10
P02 CARD SLOT #	06
P02 SENSOR INPUT ADRS	9
P02 SENSOR PWR ADRS	8
P02 SENSOR PWR ADV	00:00:02
P02 *FULL SCALE	001
P02 ZERO SCALE	000
P02 MEAS INTERVAL	01:00:00
P02 START OF MEAS	16:30:00
P02 LEVEL 1 MEAS TYPE	001
P02 XMIT 2 OR 3 BYTES?	03
P02 HIGH LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P02 LOW LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P02 HIGH DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT

P02 LOW DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P CHANNEL NO.	03
P03 SENSOR TYPE	10
P03 CARD SLOT #	06
P03 SENSOR INPUT ADRS	8
P03 SENSOR PWR ADRS	8
P03 SENSOR PWR ADV	00:00:02
P03 *FULL SCALE	500
P03 ZERO SCALE	000
P03 MEAS INTERVAL	01:00:00
P03 START OF MEAS	16:30:00
P03 LEVEL 1 MEAS TYPE	001
P03 XMIT 2 OR 3 BYTES?	03
P03 HIGH LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P03 LOW LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P03 HIGH DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P03 LOW DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P CHANNEL NO.	04
P04 SENSOR TYPE	10
P04 CARD SLOT #	06
P04 SENSOR INPUT ADRS	C
P04 SENSOR PWR ADRS	8
P04 SENSOR PWR ADV	00:00:02
P04 *FULL SCALE	0978
P04 ZERO SCALE	0081
P04 MEAS INTERVAL	01:00:00
P04 START OF MEAS	16:30:00
P04 LEVEL 1 MEAS TYPE	001
P04 XMIT 2 OR 3 BYTES?	03
P04 HIGH LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P04 LOW LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P04 HIGH DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P04 LOW DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P CHANNEL NO.	05
P05 SENSOR TYPE	04
P05 CARD SLOT #	06
P05 SENSOR PWR ADV	00:00:02
P05 HUMIDITY CHAN (1,2)	01
P05 *FULL SCALE	500
P05 ZERO SCALE	000
P05 MEAS INTERVAL	01:00:00
P05 START OF MEAS	16:30:00
P05 LEVEL 1 MEAS TYPE	001
P05 XMIT 2 OR 3 BYTES?	03
P05 HIGH LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P05 LOW LIMIT	NO LIMIT

P05 HIGH DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P05 LOW DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P CHANNEL NO.	06
P06 SENSOR TYPE	10
P06 CARD SLOT #	06
P06 SENSOR INPUT ADRS	5
P06 SENSOR PWR ADRS	8
P06 SENSOR PWR ADV	00:00:02
P06 *FULL SCALE	000
P06 ZERO SCALE	000
P06 MEAS INTERVAL	01:00:00
P06 START OF MEAS	16:30:00
P06 LEVEL 1 MEAS TYPE	001
P06 XMIT 2 OR 3 BYTES?	03
P06 HIGH LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P06 LOW LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P06 HIGH DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P06 LOW DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P CHANNEL NO.	07
P07 SENSOR TYPE	10
P07 CARD SLOT #	06
P07 SENSOR INPUT ADRS	D
P07 SENSOR PWR ADRS	8
P07 SENSOR PWR ADV	00:00:02
P07 *FULL SCALE	000
P07 ZERO SCALE	000
P07 MEAS INTERVAL	01:00:00
P07 START OF MEAS	16:30:00
P07 LEVEL 1 MEAS TYPE	001
P07 XMIT 2 OR 3 BYTES?	03
P07 HIGH LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P07 LOW LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P07 HIGH DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P07 LOW DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P CHANNEL NO.	08
P08 SENSOR TYPE	10
P08 CARD SLOT #	06
P08 SENSOR INPUT ADRS	A
P08 SENSOR PWR ADRS	8
P08 SENSOR PWR ADV	00:00:02
P08 *FULL SCALE	000
P08 ZERO SCALE	000
P08 MEAS INTERVAL	01:00:00
P08 START OF MEAS	16:30:00
P08 LEVEL 1 MEAS TYPE	001
P08 XMIT 2 OR 3 BYTES?	03

P08 HIGH LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P08 LOW LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P08 HIGH DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P08 LOW DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P CHANNEL NO.	09
P09 SENSOR TYPE	10
P09 CARD SLOT #	06
P09 SENSOR INPUT ADRS	8
P09 SENSOR PWR ADRS	8
P09 SENSOR PWR ADV	00:00:02
P09 *FULL SCALE	00.0
P09 ZERO SCALE	00.0
P09 MEAS INTERVAL	01:00:00
P09 START OF MEAS	16:30:00
P09 LEVEL 1 MEAS TYPE	001
P09 XMIT 2 OR 3 BYTES?	03
P09 HIGH LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P09 LOW LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P09 HIGH DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P09 LOW DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P CHANNEL NO.	10
P10 SENSOR TYPE	12
P10 MEAS INTERVAL	01:00:00
P10 START OF MEAS	16:30:00
P10 LEVEL 1 MEAS TYPE	001
P10 XMIT 2 OR 3 BYTES?	03
P10 HIGH LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P10 LOW LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P10 HIGH DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P10 LOW DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT

## **APPENDIX B**

HANDAR 570A DCP CONFIGURATION PROGRAM - 570TROT.DCP

P ID FA43D0BE  
P STATION TIME 22:46:25  
P YEAR (XX) 94  
P DCP JULIAN DATE 047  
P GOES PRI XMT MODE 01  
P 1ST GOES XMT TIME 02:00:00  
P PRI XMT INTERVAL 03:00:00  
P GOES SEC XMT MODE 00  
P TEL #:AREA CODE 0-000  
P TEL #:LOCAL 000-0000  
P MODEM XMT FORMAT 00  
P 1ST DIAL TIME 00:00:00  
P DIAL INTERVAL 00:00:00  
P TEL EMG XMIT 1=0N 00  
P AUTO DUMP? 1=Y 0=N 00  
P VOICE OUTPUT MODE 00  
P TOUCH TONE PASSWD 0  
P CHANNEL NO. 01  
P01 SENSOR TYPE 10  
P01 SENSOR NAME TAG 10  
P01 CARD SLOT # 01  
P01 ADC INPUT MODE 2  
P01 ADC INPUT NUMBER 08  
P01 ADC SCALE (5.0E-X) 0  
P01 ADC OUTPUT NUMBER 0  
P01 SENSOR PWR ADV 00:00:02  
P01 \*FULL SCALE 1000  
P01 ZERO SCALE 0000  
P01 MEAS INTERVAL 01:00:00  
P01 START OF MEAS 17:30:00  
P01 LEVEL 1 MEAS TYPE 001  
P01 XMIT 2 OR 3 BYTES? 03  
P01 HIGH LIMIT NO LIMIT  
P01 LOW LIMIT NO LIMIT  
P01 HIGH DIFF LIMIT NO LIMIT  
P01 LOW DIFF LIMIT NO LIMIT  
P CHANNEL NO. 02  
P02 SENSOR TYPE 10  
P02 SENSOR NAME TAG 10  
P02 CARD SLOT # 01  
P02 ADC INPUT MODE 1  
P02 ADC INPUT NUMBER 06  
P02 ADC SCALE (5.0E-X) 0  
P02 ADC OUTPUT NUMBER 0  
P02 SENSOR PWR ADV 00:00:02  
P02 \*FULL SCALE 001

P02 ZERO SCALE	000
P02 MEAS INTERVAL	01:00:00
P02 START OF MEAS	17:30:00
P02 LEVEL 1 MEAS TYPE	001
P02 XMIT 2 OR 3 BYTES?	03
P02 HIGH LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P02 LOW LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P02 HIGH DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P02 LOW DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P CHANNEL NO.	03
P03 SENSOR TYPE	10
P03 SENSOR NAME TAG	10
P03 CARD SLOT #	01
P03 ADC INPUT MODE	1
P03 ADC INPUT NUMBER	14
P03 ADC SCALE (5.0E-X)	0
P03 ADC OUTPUT NUMBER	0
P03 SENSOR PWR ADV	00:00:02
P03 *FULL SCALE	999
P03 ZERO SCALE	000
P03 MEAS INTERVAL	01:00:00
P03 START OF MEAS	17:30:00
P03 LEVEL 1 MEAS TYPE	001
P03 XMIT 2 OR 3 BYTES?	03
P03 HIGH LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P03 LOW LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P03 HIGH DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P03 LOW DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P CHANNEL NO.	04
P04 SENSOR TYPE	10
P04 SENSOR NAME TAG	10
P04 CARD SLOT #	01
P04 ADC INPUT MODE	1
P04 ADC INPUT NUMBER	04
P04 ADC SCALE (5.0E-X)	0
P04 ADC OUTPUT NUMBER	2
P04 SENSOR PWR ADV	00:00:02
P04 *FULL SCALE	0978
P04 ZERO SCALE	0078
P04 MEAS INTERVAL	01:00:00
P04 START OF MEAS	17:30:00
P04 LEVEL 1 MEAS TYPE	001
P04 XMIT 2 OR 3 BYTES?	03
P04 HIGH LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P04 LOW LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P04 HIGH DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT

P04 LOW DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P CHANNEL NO.	05
P05 SENSOR TYPE	10
P05 SENSOR NAME TAG	10
P05 CARD SLOT #	01
P05 ADC INPUT MODE	1
P05 ADC INPUT NUMBER	12
P05 ADC SCALE (5.0E-X)	0
P05 ADC OUTPUT NUMBER	2
P05 SENSOR PWR ADV	00:00:02
P05 *FULL SCALE	500
P05 ZERO SCALE	000
P05 MEAS INTERVAL	01:00:00
P05 START OF MEAS	17:30:00
P05 LEVEL 1 MEAS TYPE	001
P05 XMIT 2 OR 3 BYTES?	03
P05 HIGH LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P05 LOW LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P05 HIGH DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P05 LOW DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P CHANNEL NO.	06
P06 SENSOR TYPE	10
P06 SENSOR NAME TAG	10
P06 CARD SLOT #	01
P06 ADC INPUT MODE	1
P06 ADC INPUT NUMBER	05
P06 ADC SCALE (5.0E-X)	0
P06 ADC OUTPUT NUMBER	0
P06 SENSOR PWR ADV	00:00:02
P06 *FULL SCALE	000
P06 ZERO SCALE	000
P06 MEAS INTERVAL	01:00:00
P06 START OF MEAS	17:30:00
P06 LEVEL 1 MEAS TYPE	001
P06 XMIT 2 OR 3 BYTES?	03
P06 HIGH LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P06 LOW LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P06 HIGH DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P06 LOW DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P CHANNEL NO.	07
P07 SENSOR TYPE	10
P07 SENSOR NAME TAG	10
P07 CARD SLOT #	01
P07 ADC INPUT MODE	1
P07 ADC INPUT NUMBER	13
P07 ADC SCALE (5.0E-X)	0



P07 ADC OUTPUT NUMBER	0
P07 SENSOR PWR ADV	00:00:02
P07 *FULL SCALE	000
P07 ZERO SCALE	000
P07 MEAS INTERVAL	01:00:00
P07 START OF MEAS	17:30:00
P07 LEVEL 1 MEAS TYPE	001
P07 XMIT 2 OR 3 BYTES?	03
P07 HIGH LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P07 LOW LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P07 HIGH DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P07 LOW DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P CHANNEL NO.	08
P08 SENSOR TYPE	10
P08 SENSOR NAME TAG	10
P08 CARD SLOT #	01
P08 ADC INPUT MODE	1
P08 ADC INPUT NUMBER	07
P08 ADC SCALE (5.0E-X)	0
P08 ADC OUTPUT NUMBER	0
P08 SENSOR PWR ADV	00:00:02
P08 *FULL SCALE	000
P08 ZERO SCALE	000
P08 MEAS INTERVAL	01:00:00
P08 START OF MEAS	17:30:00
P08 LEVEL 1 MEAS TYPE	001
P08 XMIT 2 OR 3 BYTES?	03
P08 HIGH LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P08 LOW LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P08 HIGH DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P08 LOW DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P CHANNEL NO.	09
P09 SENSOR TYPE	10
P09 SENSOR NAME TAG	10
P09 CARD SLOT #	01
P09 ADC INPUT MODE	1
P09 ADC INPUT NUMBER	15
P09 ADC SCALE (5.0E-X)	0
P09 ADC OUTPUT NUMBER	0
P09 SENSOR PWR ADV	00:00:02
P09 *FULL SCALE	00.0
P09 ZERO SCALE	00.0
P09 MEAS INTERVAL	01:00:00
P09 START OF MEAS	17:30:00
P09 LEVEL 1 MEAS TYPE	001
P09 XMIT 2 OR 3 BYTES?	03

P09 HIGH LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P09 LOW LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P09 HIGH DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P09 LOW DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P CHANNEL NO.	10
P10 SENSOR TYPE	12
P10 SENSOR NAME TAG	12
P10 MEAS INTERVAL	01:00:00
P10 START OF MEAS	17:30:00
P10 LEVEL 1 MEAS TYPE	001
P10 XMIT 2 OR 3 BYTES?	03
P10 HIGH LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P10 LOW LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P10 HIGH DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT
P10 LOW DIFF LIMIT	NO LIMIT