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1.0 PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

This standard operating procedure (SOP) outlines and describes the components of a comprehensive program for operating and maintaining the Optec LPV-2 transmissometer. The purpose of this program is to provide detailed operations and maintenance procedures that will assure quality data capture and minimize data loss.

The LPV-2 transmissometer is manufactured by Optec, Inc. The instrument has evolved to its present configuration as a result of the visibility monitoring needs defined by the National Park Service (NPS) Visibility Monitoring and Data Analysis Program and the Interagency Monitoring of Protected Visual Environments (IMPROVE) Committee.

The LPV-2 meets the following criteria:

- Measures the light transmission properties of the atmosphere both day and night at 550 nanometers or other preselected wavelengths.
- Provides a variety of sampling and averaging options.
- Directly integrates scattering and absorbing properties of aerosols and gases in the selected sight path; these transmission measurements have an exact relationship to the total atmospheric extinction coefficient.
- Operates unattended for extended periods.
- Operates at low power, 12-volt D.C. for remote and solar installations.
- Operates at ambient temperatures.
- Is modular, lightweight, and easily transported.
- Is easily serviced.

The first LPV-2 was installed in August 1986. Since that time, the instrument has become the standard against which other visibility monitoring techniques have been compared.

The Optec LPV-2 transmissometer measures the ability of the atmosphere to transmit light of a specific wavelength (generally 550 nm, green). It accomplishes this by continuously measuring the loss in light received from a light source of known intensity as the light beam travels a known distance. Unlike nephelometers, which only measure the scattering component of total extinction at a point source, the LPV-2 measures total extinction by integrating the light scattering and absorbing properties of the atmosphere along a selected sight path.

The LPV-2 transmissometer has two primary components: a light source (transmitter), and a light detector (receiver). Depending on the expected range of visual air quality, the two components are generally placed from 0.5 to 10 kilometers apart. The system can take

measurements day and night because the light emitted from the transmitter is "chopped" at 78 pulses a second to allow the receiver to differentiate the lamp signal from background, ambient lighting. The receiver-measured transmitter light intensity is compared to the known (calibrated) transmitter light output to calculate the percent transmission of the atmosphere. When the path distance is supplied, the receiver computer can calculate the express visibility measurements in terms of extinction (km^{-1}) or visual range (km).

The LPV-2 transmissometer system's low power consumption permits remote operation from a small supply, such as a solar power system. Both components have self-resetting, battery-backup circuitry to accommodate extended periods of unattended operation. Both components operate at ambient temperatures, but require sheltering from precipitation and dirt. Routine servicing of the system can be performed by trained, non-technical personnel. Instrument calibration, generally performed annually, and repair requires trained technical personnel or factory-authorized service.

The Optec LPV-2 operations and maintenance quality assurance program consists of four (4) major categories:

- Routine site operator maintenance
- Troubleshooting and emergency maintenance
- Annual site visit
- Annual maintenance

Detailed descriptions of the procedures to be followed in performing specific maintenance tasks referenced in this SOP are provided in the following SOPs and technical instructions (TIs):

- TI 4110-3100, *Routine Site Operator Maintenance Procedures for Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol)*
- TI 4110-3300, *Troubleshooting and Emergency Maintenance Procedures for Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol)*
- TI 4110-3350, *Transmissometer Monitoring System Diagrams and Component Descriptions*
- TI 4110-3375, *Replacing and Shipping Transmissometer Components*
- TI 4110-3400, *Annual Laboratory Maintenance Procedures for Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol)*
- SOP 4115, *Annual Site Visits for Optical Monitoring Instrumentation (IMPROVE Protocol)*
- TI 4115-3000, *Annual Site Visit Procedures for Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol)*
- SOP 4710, *Transmissometer Field Audit Procedures*

2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 PROJECT MANAGER

The project manager shall:

- Oversee the activities of the data coordinator, instrument technician, and field specialist.
- Oversee and review site operator documentation.
- Oversee and review instrument maintenance records.
- Review routine and emergency maintenance and troubleshooting plans with the data coordinator, field specialist, and instrument technician as required.
- Review and approve any changes to maintenance procedures.

2.2 DATA COORDINATOR

The data coordinator shall:

- Coordinate site operator activities and schedules.
- Review site operator documentation.
- Provide technical support to the site operator.
- Initiate emergency maintenance and troubleshooting plans in response to transmissometer system malfunctions.
- Coordinate replacement of malfunctioning equipment.
- Document all communications with the site operator.

2.3 INSTRUMENT TECHNICIAN

The instrument technician shall:

- Perform annual servicing of transmissometers and associated support equipment.
- Repair damaged or malfunctioning transmissometers and associated support equipment.
- Maintain an inventory of spare parts and servicing supplies.
- Provide technical support to the site operator and data coordinator and/or field specialist.
- Document all service and repair work performed to transmissometers and transmissometer system support equipment.

2.4 FIELD SPECIALIST

The field specialist shall:

- Coordinate maintenance schedules with the project manager, data coordinator, and site operator.
- Provide technical support to the site operator and/or data coordinator as required.
- Perform field repair or replacement of transmissometer system components.
- Train the site operator in routine and emergency maintenance procedures.

2.5 SITE OPERATOR

The site operator shall:

- Perform routine transmissometer system service and maintenance tasks.
- Perform troubleshooting and emergency maintenance tasks as directed by the data coordinator or field specialist.
- Document all on-site service, troubleshooting and maintenance work performed.

3.0 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

ARS will maintain a sufficient inventory of spare components and repair parts to accommodate routine and emergency maintenance of the Optec LPV-2 transmissometer and associated support equipment.

3.1 ROUTINE FIELD MAINTENANCE

Routine maintenance requires a small set of standard mechanical tools (screwdrivers, wrenches, etc.), a 3½ digit digital voltmeter, and cleaning supplies. A detailed list of equipment and materials for routine maintenance is provided in TI 4110-3100, *Routine Site Operator Maintenance Procedures for Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol)*.

3.2 TROUBLESHOOTING AND EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE

Troubleshooting and emergency maintenance normally requires the same equipment and materials as routine maintenance. Certain troubleshooting tasks may require specialized test fixtures or test instruments. These items are sent to the site operator on an as needed basis.
A detailed list of equipment and materials for troubleshooting and emergency maintenance of the LPV-2 transmissometer system are provided in TI 4110-3300, *Troubleshooting and Emergency Maintenance Procedures for Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol)*.

3.3 ANNUAL LABORATORY MAINTENANCE

Annual laboratory maintenance requires a well-equipped electronics laboratory, an optical bench and associated optical fixtures, and a field test facility. A detailed list of equipment and materials needed for laboratory maintenance is provided in TI 4110-3400, *Annual Laboratory Maintenance Procedures for Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol)*.

3.4 INVENTORY

It is imperative that all capital instrumentation changes made as a result of routine and annual maintenance be thoroughly documented and maintained in the ARS Purchase Order/Inventory Database. Specific model and serial number items tracked are discussed further in the instrument-specific troubleshooting and emergency maintenance TIs.

4.0 METHODS

This section includes five (5) major subsections:

4.1 Description of Transmissometer Components
4.2 Routine Site Operator Maintenance
4.3 Emergency Maintenance and Troubleshooting
4.4 Annual Site Visit
4.5 Annual Laboratory Maintenance

Each transmissometer site is supplied with a *Site Operator's Manual for Transmissometer Monitoring Systems*. This manual includes SOPs and TIs applicable to site operator maintenance and manufacturer's instruction manuals for the LPV-2 transmissometer and associated support equipment.

4.1 DESCRIPTION OF TRANSMISSOMETER COMPONENTS

The LPV-2 transmissometer has two primary components: a light source (transmitter), and a light detector (receiver). Additional instrumentation and support equipment provided at transmissometer sites in the IMPROVE network generally includes:

- Instrument shelters.
- Handar data collection platform (DCP).
- Rotronics air temperature/relative humidity sensor.

Both the transmitter and receiver operate under ambient conditions but require waterproof sheltering. Figure 4-1 shows typical transmitter and receiver shelters as configured in the IMPROVE network.

The following subsections briefly describe the basic operation of the LPV-2 transmitter and receiver.

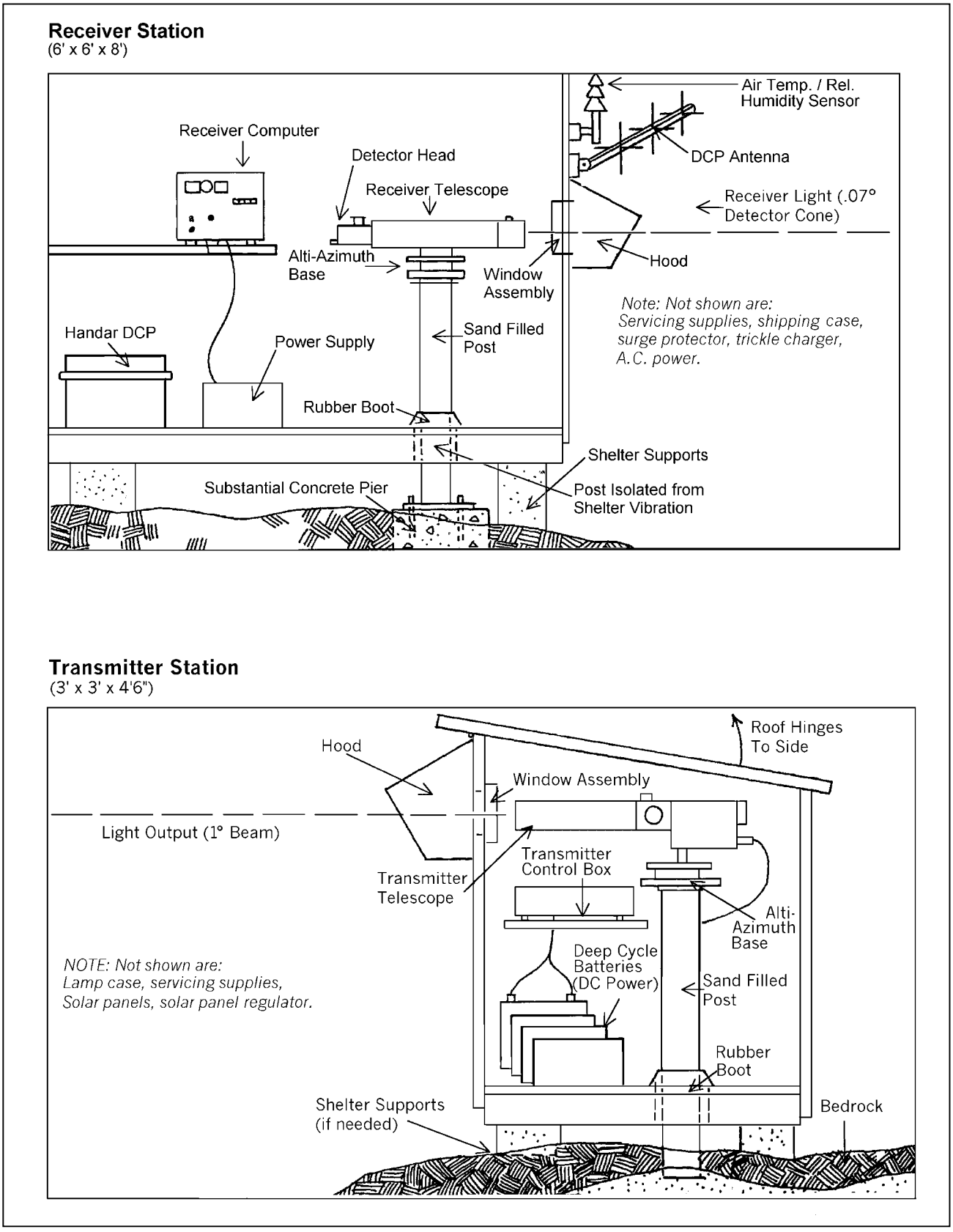

Figure 4-1. Typical Transmissometer Configuration - IMPROVE Network.

4.1.1 Transmitter

The LPV-2 transmitter emits a uniform, chopped, incandescent light beam of constant intensity at regular intervals for a programmed duration. The transmitter has two components: an electronic control box, and a light source or transmitter. The transmitter optics perform two functions:

- Concentrates light from the 15 watt tungsten filament lamp into a narrow, well-defined uniform cone, magnifying the beam to the equivalent of a 1500 watt lamp.

- Allows the operator to precisely aim the light at the receiver. Although a 1 degree cone of light is emitted from the transmitter, only the center 0.17 degree portion is used for routine monitoring. This portion of the beam is very uniform in illumination.

The intensity of the light emitted from the transmitter is precisely controlled by an optical feedback system, which continuously samples the center 0.17 degree portion of the outgoing beam and performs fine adjustments to keep the light output constant. Light emitted from the transmitter is "chopped" at 78 pulses a second by a mechanical spinning disk in front of the lamp. The light is chopped to allow the receiver computer to differentiate the lamp signal from background or ambient lighting. An eyepiece lets the operator precisely aim the light beam.

The transmissometer can be operated in either a continuous or cycled mode. In the continuous mode the transmitter projects the chopped signal continuously. To prolong lamp life, reduce power consumption, or to accommodate various sampling strategies, the transmitter can be operated in a cycled mode. In the cycled mode the transmitter is programmed on at precise intervals and stays on for selected durations.

IMPROVE network transmissometers operate in a cycled mode, with the transmitter on for sixteen (16) minutes, beginning at the top of the hour. All TIs referenced by this SOP reflect this operating mode.

4.1.2 Receiver

The LPV-2 receiver gathers light from the transmitter, converts it to an electrical signal, isolates and measures the received transmitter light, and calculates and outputs visibility results in the desired form. The receiver has three components:

- Long focal-length telescope

- Photodetector eyepiece assembly

- Low power computer

The telescope gathers the transmitter light and focuses it on a photodiode that converts it to an electrical signal. The receiver computer "locks-on" to the transmitter light's chopped frequency and separates the transmitter light from ambient lighting. The computer compares the measured transmitter light with the known (calibrated) transmitter light to calculate the transmission of the intervening atmosphere.

The effect of atmospheric turbulence is minimized by using 6,250 samples of the signal to calculate a one-minute average reading. The resultant reading is held in the computer and available to a datalogger until the next value is calculated.

Like the transmitter, the receiver is equipped with an eyepiece to precisely aim the detector, and an interval timer to control the interval and duration of measurements.

The receiver can operate in either a continuous or cycled mode. In the continuous mode the receiver measures one-minute averages (using 6,250 samples as described above) on a continuous basis. In the cycled mode the receiver is programmed to begin sampling at precise intervals and stays on for selected durations.

IMPROVE network transmissometers operate in a cycled mode, collecting a 10-minute average of the transmitter irradiance at the start of each hour of the day. The receiver is programmed to begin sampling three minutes after the transmitter lamp turns on. Over the next 10 minutes, the receiver collects and stores 10 one-minute averages. The receiver then uses the 10 one-minute averages to calculate a 10-minute average value for the received lamp irradiance.

4.2 ROUTINE SITE OPERATOR MAINTENANCE

Routine site operator maintenance for the LPV-2 transmissometer includes routine servicing and intermittent servicing. Routine servicing should be performed at 7 to 10 day intervals and includes the following general tasks:

- Checking and resetting telescope alignment
- Cleaning windows, lenses, and solar panels
- Checking system timing
- Verifying power system status
- Documenting "as found" conditions
- Documenting system settings and readings

Intermittent servicing includes preventative maintenance tasks that need to be performed several times throughout the year. Tasks related to system malfunctions and emergency maintenance are considered special servicing as described in Section 4.3, Emergency Maintenance and Troubleshooting.

Intermittent servicing intervals are specific to individual tasks and are usually performed in response to a request by the data coordinator. Intermittent servicing includes:

- Inspecting the physical conditions of the solar panels, deep-cycle batteries, and DCP antenna (monthly).
- Checking the fluid level in deep-cycle batteries and refilling as required (monthly).
- Replacing the transmitter lamp (every two months).

Detailed descriptions of the routine servicing and intermittent servicing tasks and the procedures for accomplishing these tasks are provided in TI 4110-3100, *Routine Site Operator Maintenance Procedures for Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol)*.

4.3 EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE AND TROUBLESHOOTING

Site operator maintenance of the LPV-2 transmissometer includes prompt detection of any system malfunction and timely application of emergency maintenance procedures. A system malfunction (obvious or suspected) may be detected by either the site operator during a routine service visit, or the data coordinator's daily data review.

When a malfunction is noted during a site visit, the site operator will either initiate immediate corrective action or contact the data coordinator with a description of the problem. The data coordinator will specify appropriate troubleshooting procedures for the site operator to follow in isolating the malfunction. When the malfunction is identified the data coordinator will initiate the appropriate corrective action.

When the data coordinator's daily data review indicates a possible system malfunction, the data coordinator will notify the site operator of the suspected problem and ask the operator to initiate specific troubleshooting procedures. Corrective action will be initiated by the site operator if the problem is identified during the site visit and can be corrected with on-site parts. If the corrective action requires component replacement or repair, corrective action will be initiated by the data coordinator.

Detailed procedures for troubleshooting and emergency maintenance of the LPV-2 transmissometer are provided in TI 4110-3300, *Troubleshooting and Emergency Maintenance Procedures for Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol)*.

In cases requiring repair and/or replacement of a transmissometer system component, the site operator will remove and replace the malfunctioning component and ship the component back to ARS. It is important that the malfunctioning instrument or component be removed and reinstalled without causing damage or disturbing critical adjustments or alignment. Proper preparation for shipping will also prevent instrument damage. TI 4110-3375, *Replacing and Shipping Transmissometer System Components*, describes procedures for performing these tasks.

4.4 ANNUAL SITE VISIT

IMPROVE transmissometers operate in the field for a period of 12 months. An ARS field specialist annually visits each site and removes the "old" transmissometer and replaces it with a fully-serviced instrument and nine calibrated lamps. As a part of this annual site visit, the field specialist performs the following general tasks:

- Documents initial conditions.
- Verifies existing system operation (pre-removal).
- Replaces transmissometer and AT/RH sensor.
- Verifies replacement system operation.
- Cleans and repairs the shelter as required.
- Inspects, checks operation, maintains and/or replaces support equipment and instrumentation.
- Performs a field audit of existing and replacement transmissometers with a reference transmissometer.
- Performs miscellaneous servicing, cleaning, and maintenance.
- Trains site operator(s).

SOP 4115, *Annual Site Visits for Optical Monitoring Instrumentation (IMPROVE Protocol)*, describes the annual site visit. Detailed procedures for the annual site visit are provided in TI 4115-3000, *Annual Site Visit Procedures for Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol)*, and SOP 4710, *Transmissometer Field Audit Procedures*.

4.5 ANNUAL LABORATORY MAINTENANCE

The Optec LPV-2 transmissometer is a precision instrument that requires careful cleaning and alignment of all instrument optics to ensure optimum measurement accuracy. This level of servicing must be performed in a laboratory environment using specialized electronic and optical test equipment. Transmissometers operating in the IMPROVE network are replaced in the field and serviced on an annual basis.

When the operational instrument is removed from the field, it is shipped back to ARS for servicing. Each instrument must be fully serviced before it is reinstalled at a field site. Servicing includes the following major tasks:

- Visual inspection
- Post-field calibration
- Pre-servicing alignment check
- Cleaning
- Optics alignment
- Hardware upgrade/modifications
- Component functional tests
- Pre-field calibration

Specific tasks in the laboratory servicing procedure are shown in Figure 4-2, Annual Service Procedure for Optec LPV-2 Transmissometers. Each servicing task and procedure for performing the task is fully described in TI 4110-3400, *Annual Laboratory Maintenance Procedures for Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol)*.

Instrument calibration is described in SOP 4200, *Calibration of Optical Monitoring Systems (IMPROVE Protocol)*. Calibration procedures are presented in TI 4200-2100, *Calibration of Optec LPV-2 Transmissometers (IMPROVE Protocol)*; and TI 4200-2110, *Transmissometer Lamp Preparation (Burn-in) Procedures.*

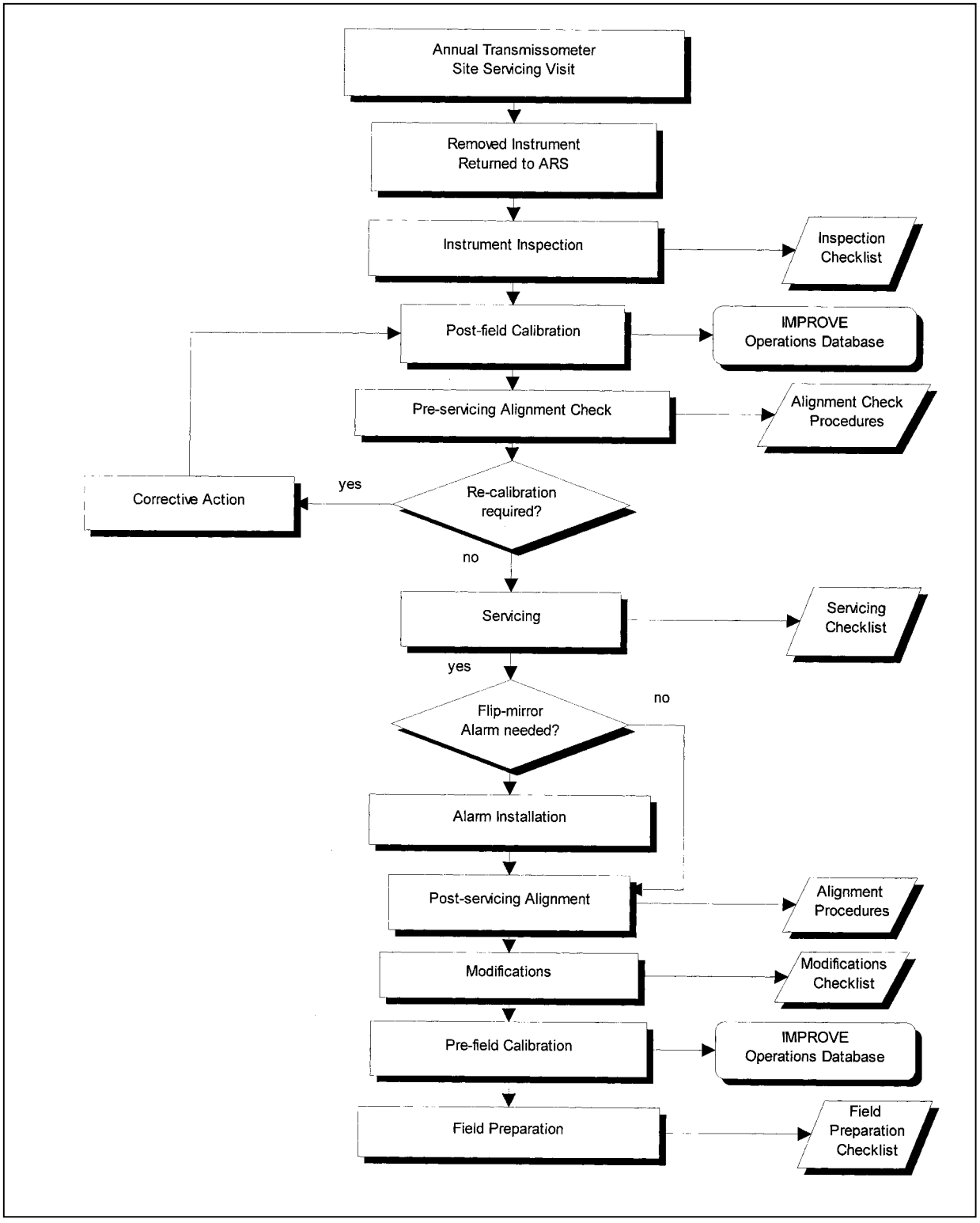

Figure 4-2. Annual Service Procedure for Optec LPV-2 Transmissometers.

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This technical instruction (TI) describes the steps of a routine site operator maintenance visit to an Optec LPV-2 transmissometer station (receiver and transmitter) operated according to IMPROVE Protocol. The purpose of routine site operator maintenance is to assure quality data capture and minimize data loss by performing and documenting scheduled operational checks and preventive maintenance on transmissometers, meteorological sensors, data acquisition and control systems, power systems, and support equipment.

The transmissometer servicing schedule is provided in Table 1-1.

This TI, as referenced from Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 4110, *Transmissometer Maintenance (IMPROVE Protocol)*, specifically describes the service and maintenance procedures to be performed at the transmissometer transmitter and receiver stations. A summary of the procedures for the transmitter station is provided in Table 1-2 and for the receiver station in Table 1-3. Tasks are listed in the suggested order of completion. For more detailed instructions, see Section 4.0.

Due to variations in the site configurations of IMPROVE Protocol sites, portions of this TI may not apply to every transmissometer station.

Table 1-1

Transmissometer Servicing Schedule

INTERVAL	TASKS
7 to 10 Day Interval	Complete the servicing tasks listed on the site assessment log sheets. Both the receiver and transmitter shelters must be visited at 7 to 10 day intervals. The transmitter should be serviced first. Correct operation of the system should be verified at the receiver shortly afterward (same day). The transmitter and receiver system timing should be checked at each site visit.
Monthly Interval	The transmitter lamp status LED must be checked at least once a month. Inspect the physical condition of solar panels, batteries, and DCP antenna. Battery fluid levels should be checked at least once a month. Check strip chart recorder operation at least once a month to make sure it is capable of working properly in case it is needed as backup (DCP failure).
2 Month Interval	Transmitter lamps should be changed every two months. ARS will notify site operators when a lamp change is needed.
Annual Interval	Field specialists will make visits once a year to exchange the existing transmissometer system for a newly serviced system. Training of site operators in the servicing and maintenance of the monitoring system components will take place during annual field specialist visits.

Table 1-2

Transmissometer Transmitter Station
Summary of Servicing Tasks

ORDER OF COMPLETION	SERVICING TASKS
Before Leaving the Office	At least once a month, schedule your servicing trip to be at the transmitter station while the transmitter is in the "ON" mode to check the lamp status LED. When checking the system timing, set your digital watch to the correct time prior to leaving the office by calling the Bureau of Standards recording 303/499-7111 (Boulder, CO).
At the Transmitter Station (Complete the servicing tasks listed on the site assessment log sheet.)	Complete log sheet general information section. Document the initial alignment conditions and/or comment. Verify that the flip mirror is in the correct position. Inspect and document the window cleanliness. Clean the window and comment as necessary. Recheck alignment. Inspect and document telescope lens cleanliness. Clean the solar panels and inspect them for damage. Observe and record the transmitter "on" time. Observe and record the LED status light while transmitter is "ON." Document lamp voltage five minutes into lamp "ON" cycle. Observe and record the transmitter turn "off" time. Record special servicing tasks - timing reset, lamp change, and deep-cycle battery voltage. Check supply inventory. Request needed supplies on the log sheet. Record any comments on the log sheet. Leave a copy of the log sheet in the shelter; take the original back to the office and send it to ARS. Double-check the alignment and the flip mirror position before leaving the shelter.
Back at the Office	Send original log sheets from both the receiver and transmitter to ARS. Call an ARS field specialist or data coordinator promptly if a problem or need arises.

Table 1-3

Transmissometer Receiver Station
Summary of Servicing Tasks

ORDER OF COMPLETION	SERVICING TASKS
Before Leaving the Office	Schedule your servicing trip to be at the receiver station 10 minutes before the hour. Servicing tasks should be performed before the top of the hour. System timing and the updated reading should be observed before leaving. When checking the system timing, set your digital watch to the correct time prior to leaving the office by calling the Bureau of Standards recording 303/499-7111 (Boulder, CO).
At the Receiver Station (Complete the servicing tasks listed on the site assessment log sheet.)	Complete log sheet general information section. Record the time, receiver computer reading and toggle state. Compare the readings to actual visual conditions. Record the receiver computer settings. Record the A1 "B" reading. Important: Return the A1 switch to the "C" position. Document the initial alignment conditions and/or comment. Inspect and document the window cleanliness. Inspect and document telescope lens cleanliness. Clean the window and comment as necessary. Recheck alignment. Clean the solar panels and inspect them for damage. Observe and record the transmitter light "on" time. Observe and record the toggle update time. Note the updated receiver reading and record. Also, compare the reading to actual visibility conditions. Observe and record the transmitter light "OFF" time. Record special servicing tasks: computer reset, timing reset, lamp changes, cal. #change, and deep-cycle battery voltage. Document the site visit on the strip chart. Change chart paper and pens, if necessary, and re-document visit. Check supply inventory. Request needed supplies on the log sheet. Record any comments on the log sheet. Leave a copy of the log sheet in the shelter. Take the original back to the office and send it to ARS. Double-check the alignment and the flip mirror position before leaving shelter.
Back at the Office	Send original log sheets from both the receiver and transmitter shelters to ARS. Call an ARS field specialist or data coordinator promptly if a problem or need arises.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 PROJECT MANAGER

The project manager shall:

- Coordinate with the site operator, his/her supervisor, field specialist, and data coordinator concerning the schedule and requirements for routine maintenance.
- Oversee and review documentation completed by the site operator for accuracy and completeness.

2.2 FIELD SPECIALIST

The field specialist shall:

- Coordinate with the site operator, his/her supervisor, project manager, and data coordinator concerning the schedule and requirements for routine maintenance.
- Train the site operator in all phases of the routine maintenance and special servicing procedures necessary for site visits.
- Provide technical support to the site operator via telephone to assure high quality site visits.
- Document all technical support provided to the site operator.
- Resolve problems reported by the site operator.

2.3 DATA COORDINATOR

The data coordinator shall:

- Coordinate with the site operator, his/her supervisor, project manager, and field specialist concerning the schedule and requirements for routine maintenance.
- Review documentation completed by the site operator for accuracy and completeness.
- Verify that scheduled visits are performed and notify the site operator if he/she fails to make a scheduled visit.
- Provide technical support to the site operator via telephone to assure high quality site visits.
- Document all technical support provided to the site operator.
- Review and file all site documentation.
- Resolve problems reported by the site operator.

- Ship cleaning and other necessary supplies for routine maintenance to the site operator.

- Enter all correspondence with site operators and the results of all performed procedures into the site-specific timeline.

2.4 SITE OPERATOR

The site operator shall:

- Coordinate with his/her supervisor, project manager, field specialist, and data coordinator concerning the schedule and requirements for routine maintenance.

- Perform all procedures described in this TI.

- Thoroughly document all procedures on the LPV-2 Transmissometer Operator Log Sheet and fax and mail the log sheet to the data coordinator.

- Report any noted inconsistencies immediately to the data coordinator or field specialist.

3.0 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

The equipment generally required to support a weekly site visit includes:

- Medium and small flat-blade screwdriver

- Medium adjustable wrench

- Keys for shelters and padlocks

- Voltmeter and cables

- Battery tester

- Isopropyl alcohol and Kimwipes

- Glass cleaner and paper towels

- Photographic (blower) brush

- Distilled water

- Battery terminal cleaner

- Flashlight and/or signal mirror

- Site Operator's Manual for Transmissometer Monitoring Systems

- LPV-2 Transmissometer Operator's Guide

- LPV-2 Transmissometer Operator Log Sheets (transmitter and receiver)

- Pen or pencil
- Notebook for yellow copies of log sheets
- Strip chart recorder paper
- Digital watch

4.0 METHODS

This section includes four (4) major subsections:

4.1 Routine Servicing
4.2 Intermittent Servicing and Maintenance
4.3 Problems or Questions
4.4 Handling Log Sheets

The procedures described in these sections refer to specific instrument components. Detailed schematic diagrams and instrument component descriptions are provided for reference in TI 4110-3350, *Transmissometer Monitoring System Diagrams and Component Descriptions*. Resolution of problems noted during routine or intermittent servicing can be more fully investigated by following the troubleshooting procedures defined in TI 4110-3300, *Troubleshooting and Emergency Maintenance Procedures for Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol)*.

4.1 ROUTINE SERVICING

This subsection describes transmissometer monitoring system routine servicing tasks and log sheet entries. Task descriptions are listed in the order in which they appear on the operator log sheets. Information or procedures to be followed are described with the appropriate log sheet entry (see Figures 4-1 and 4-2).

Log sheet entries and general task descriptions common to servicing of both the transmitter and receiver stations are presented in Section 4.1.1. Servicing tasks and log sheet entries relating to only the transmitter or receiver stations follow in separate sections. An operator's guide to transmissometer servicing has been prepared as a field reference for routine servicing. A copy of the guide is provided in Appendix A. Blank operator log sheets are shown as Figures 4-1 and 4-2. Examples of completed log sheets are included in Appendix B (Transmitter), and C (Receiver).

The transmissometer operator log sheets are divided into four (4) main sections:

- Initial Condition
- Servicing
- Timing
- Special Servicing

The initial condition, servicing, and timing sections are a part of routine servicing and should be completed during every site visit. Special servicing includes tasks that are normally performed in response to a request by the data coordinator. Procedures related to special servicing tasks are presented in Section 4.2, Intermittent Servicing and Maintenance.

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Location_____

LPV-2 TRANSMISSOMETER OPERATOR LOG SHEET
TRANSMITTER STATION

Date_____ Local Time_____ Operator(s) _____

Weather Conditions_____

Visibility Conditions_____

INITIAL CONDITION

1. Does the instrument generally appear to be working properly? **YES** **NO**
   Comment_____
2. **ALIGNMENT:** Mark initial location of receiver shelter window with a "+".
   Initial Alignment
   Comments_____
   IMPORTANT: Return flip mirror to proper (ON) position.
3. Instrument Number LPV-_____ Lamp Number_____
4. Initial Window Cleanliness **GOOD** **MODERATE** **POOR**
   Comment_____

SERVICING

1. Window Cleaned? **YES** **NO** If YES, time cleaned _____ If NO, why not? _____
2. Lens Inspected? **YES** **NO** Comment _____
   IMPORTANT: Use only the blower brush to clean the telescope lens.
3. Alignment Corrected? **YES** **NO** If YES, time aligned _____
4. Solar Panels Cleaned? **YES** **NO** Comment _____
5. Lamp Check **IMPORTANT: Must be done when lamp is ON under automatic control.**
   a) LED (indicator light on side of control box) **ON** **OFF** **(if ON , call ARS)**
   b) Lamp Voltage Reading (switch voltmeter to 20 VDC range) _____ volts, for lamp number _____
   IMPORTANT: Switch voltmeter to "OFF" after taking voltage reading.

TIMING

1. Is your watch synchronized with NBS (WWV) time? (303/499-7111) **YES** **NO**
2. Transmitter Light ON, Exact Time, (HR:MIN:SEC) _____:_____:_____
3. Transmitter Light OFF, Exact Time, (HR:MIN:SEC) _____:_____:_____

SPECIAL SERVICING (upon ARS instruction)

1. Timing Reset? **YES** **NO** If YES, time reset _____
2. Lamp Changed? **YES** **NO** If YES, new lamp number_____ time lamp changed_____
   IMPORTANT: If lamp is changed, receiver computer calibration (cal) number must also be changed.
3. Alignment rechecked after lamp change? **YES** **NO**
4. Battery Voltage (charging)_____ Battery Voltage (analyzing)_____

GENERAL COMMENTS/SUPPLIES NEEDED_____

Send the original copy of this form to:

Air Resource Specialists, Inc.
1901 Sharp Point Drive, Suite E
Fort Collins, Colorado 80525

Phone: 1-800-344-5423
FAX: 1-970-484-3423

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Figure 4-1. Transmissometer Operator Log Sheet - Transmitter Station.

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Location_____

LPV-2 TRANSMISSOMETER OPERATOR LOG SHEET
RECEIVER STATION

Date_____ Local Time_____ Operator(s) _____
Weather Conditions_____
Visibility Conditions_____

INITIAL CONDITION

1. Does the instrument generally appear to be working properly? **YES** **NO**
   Comment_____
2. Receiver Display Reading _____ Local Time _____ Toggle **ON** **OFF**
3. Settings: Gain_____ Cal_____ Dist_____ A1_____ A2_____ Int_____ Cycle_____
   Switch A1 Readings: C_____ B_____
   Does the Bext represent actual conditions? **YES** **NO** Comment _____
   IMPORTANT: Return A1 Switch to "C" position after check.
4. **ALIGNMENT:** Mark initial location of transmitter light source with a "+".
   Initial Alignment
   Comments_____
   IMPORTANT: Return flip mirror to proper (ON) position.
5. Instrument Number LPV-_____
6. Initial Window Cleanliness **GOOD** **MODERATE** **POOR**
   Comment _____
7. Strip Chart Operating? **YES** **NO** **(If operating, refer to SPECIAL SERVICING #4 below.)**

SERVICING

1. Window Cleaned? **YES** **NO** If YES, time cleaned _____ If NO, why not? _____
2. Lens Inspected? **YES** **NO** Comment _____
   IMPORTANT: Use only the blower brush to clean the telescope lens.
3. Alignment Corrected? **YES** **NO** If YES, time aligned _____
4. Solar Panels Cleaned? **YES** **NO** Comment _____

TIMING

1. Is your watch synchronized with NBS (WWV) time? (303/499-7111) **YES** **NO**
2. Transmitter Light ON, Exact Time, (HR:MIN:SEC) _____:_____:_____
3. Receiver Toggle Update, Exact Time, (HR:MIN:SEC) _____:_____:_____
4. Updated Receiver Reading _____ Toggle **ON** **OFF**
   Does the updated Bext reading represent actual conditions? **YES** **NO** Comment _____
5. Transmitter Light OFF, Exact Time, (HR:MIN:SEC) _____:_____:_____

SPECIAL SERVICING (upon ARS instruction)

1. Computer Reset? **YES** **NO** Timing Reset? **YES** **NO** If YES, time reset _____
2. Lamp changed at Transmitter Station? **YES** **NO**
   IMPORTANT: If lamp is changed, receiver computer calibration (cal) number must also be changed.
3. Receiver computer calibration (cal) number changed? **YES** **NO** If YES, new cal number entered _____
4. Strip Chart: Marked? **YES** **NO** Zeroed? **YES** **NO** Paper /Pens OK? **YES** **NO**
5. Battery Voltage (charging)_____ Battery Voltage (analyzing)_____

GENERAL COMMENTS/SUPPLIES NEEDED_____

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Fort Collins, Colorado 80525

Phone: 1-800-344-5423
FAX: 1-970-484-3423

Figure 4-2. Transmissometer Operator Log Sheet - Receiver Station.

4.1.1 Transmitter and Receiver - Common Routine Servicing Tasks

HAND-HELD RADIO PRECAUTION	The transmissometer circuitry, especially the internal auto-timers, can be adversely affected by strong radio signals. Do not transmit on a hand-held radio within 10 feet of the transmitter. Avoid aiming the antenna at or over the circuitry. Strong radio signals may reset the internal auto-timer, resulting in incorrect system timing.

The following general information appears at the top of both the transmitter and receiver log sheets.

LOCATION	Enter either the full location name or the four-letter site abbreviation.
DATE	Use the standard calendar date, not the Julian date.
TIME	Current local time in 24-hour format should be used. Use Daylight Savings Time when applicable. The operator must set his/her watch to the correct time prior to leaving the office by calling the Bureau of Standards recording 303/499-7111 (Boulder, CO).
OPERATOR(S)	Use your full name, or use your first initial and last name.
WEATHER CONDITIONS	Describe current or recent weather conditions that may be helpful in interpreting the transmissometer readings. Such conditions may include, but are not limited to: • Passing storm fronts • Impending precipitation • Precipitation events • Stagnant air masses • High winds • Fog
VISIBILITY CONDITIONS	Describe current or recent visibility conditions that may be useful in verifying correct transmissometer operation. A partial list of such conditions includes: • Extremely clean • Plumes visible • Control burns • Widespread, uniform haze • Haze layers

4.1.2 Transmitter Station - Routine Servicing

Before leaving the office, set your digital watch to the correct time by calling the Bureau of Standards recording 303/499-7111 (Boulder, CO). The following information describes log sheet entries and servicing tasks required at the transmitter station.

4.1.2.1 Initial Condition

OPERATIONAL STATUS

A general overview of the shelter, instrument, and support equipment should be made to ensure that the system appears to have operated properly since the last servicing visit. Thoroughly document any noted inconsistencies.

DOCUMENT INITIAL ALIGNMENT

To check the alignment, turn the flip mirror knob fully clockwise against the stop to the "OFF" position. Document the position of the receiver shelter window with respect to the circle on the data sheet with a "." The receiver would be at the intersection of the "."

Avoid making alignment checks or adjustments while the transmitter is on. If the flip mirror knob is moved from the "ON" position to the "OFF" position while the receiver is making a reading, the extinction reading for that hour will not be valid. If a reading has been affected by an alignment check, note this on the log sheet comment section.

If an initial alignment check is impossible due to weather, haze, turbulence, or lighting conditions, return the flip mirror to the "ON" position -- Do not attempt to align. Record pertinent comments regarding alignment problems to the right of the circle on the log sheet.

CORRECTING ALIGNMENT

If the alignment has drifted so that the receiver is not in the center of the reticle circle, adjust the alti-azimuth base controls to center the receiver. Make sure the flip mirror knob is fully against the stop while aligning. Do this only after the initial alignment has been documented.

The circle depicted on the log sheet represents the small, inner reticle circle. The inner reticle circle must remain aligned on the receiver telescope for correct instrument operation.

One of your eyes will be dominant; if you are having difficulty viewing the scene, try it with your other eye. Some people find it easier to view the scene from behind the telescope while others prefer to view from the side. Schedule site visits for times of the day with the best viewing conditions. All shelters are equipped with signal mirrors and flashlights for occasions when alignment checks are made with operators at both stations. Finally, keep the eyepiece clean for better viewing.

INSTRUMENT AND LAMP NUMBERS

The instrument number is on stickers attached to both the control box and the telescope. The lamp number is on a sticker attached to the back of the lamp.

INITIAL WINDOW CLEANLINESS

Remove the window pane from its frame and visually inspect it for water drop deposits, film, unusually heavy dust, and insects or pests that may reduce the transmission of light through the glass. Make comments when applicable. It is most important to inspect the portion of the glass pane that is directly in front of the transmitter lens.

4.1.2.2 Servicing

CLEAN WINDOW

Shelter windows should be cleaned during every site visit. If for some reason windows are not cleaned, document conditions in the comments section. Document the time that the window was cleaned in the space provided. To clean the window:

- Remove the window pane from the frame.
- Inspect the hood and frame for spider webs.
- Use only Kimwipes and alcohol to clean both sides of the glass. Use plenty of cleaning fluid, change Kimwipes often, and use a light hand.
- Reinstall window pane after inspecting for smears, smudges, etc.
- Recheck alignment.
- Do not use canned air to clean windows or objective lens.

The objective in cleaning optical surfaces is to remove the abrasive dust particles and film without damaging the glass surface. Always remove the large particles first and progress toward the removal of films. Use a light touch, plenty of cleaning fluid, and frequent changes of cleaning paper. Clean with a circular rubbing motion.

INSPECT LENS

Remove the shelter window and look closely at the transmitter telescope lens from a number of angles. Note any accumulation of dust, dirt, smudges, or other foreign material on the lens. If any accumulation is noted, use the blower brush to clean the objective lens. Use a light touch. If an accumulation on the lens cannot be removed with the blower brush, call ARS for further instructions. Also, use the blower brush to remove dust from the body of the transmitter telescope. Clean the eyepiece with alcohol and Kimwipes. Use only the blower brush to clean the objective lens.

CORRECT ALIGNMENT

This entry verifies whether the alignment was corrected. If the alignment was corrected after the initial alignment documentation, circle "YES" and document the time it was corrected in the space provided. If the alignment was not corrected, circle "NO."

CLEAN SOLAR PANELS	Use glass cleaner and paper towels to clean dust and dirt from the solar panels. In the winter, sweep snow off the panels, but avoid scraping ice as damage to the panels could occur.
LAMP LED	Record the status (ON or OFF) of the lamp check LED located on the side of the control box. The LED status may be difficult to determine in direct sunlight. Shading the LED with your hand will make it easier to determine whether the LED is on or off. If the lamp voltage LED is on while the transmitter light is on, the lamp needs replacing. Procedures for changing lamps are described in Section 4.2.2. Before replacing the lamp, measure and document the lamp voltage as described below. This check is valid only when the instrument is in its auto on mode; if the instrument is turned on with the test switch, the LED will always turn on.
LAMP VOLTAGE	A calibrated voltmeter has been supplied for measuring the operational lamp voltage of the transmitter. The voltmeter should be connected to the lamp voltage "measurement pigtail" as indicated in Figure 4-3. After the lamp has been on for at least five minutes, check the voltage by switching the voltmeter to the 20 VDC range. Turn the voltmeter **OFF** after documenting voltage and lamp number on the log sheet.

4.1.2.3 Timing

CHECK TIMING	Document whether or not your watch is synchronized with NBS time by circling "YES" or "NO." Observe and document the exact time the transmitter light comes on and goes off in the spaces provided.

4.1.2.4 Special Servicing

RESET TIMING	Procedures for checking and resetting the transmitter internal auto-timer are described in Section 4.2.1. Document the results of a timing check before resetting the time. If the time is reset, document this on the log sheet. Timing checks should be made during each site visit.
CHANGE LAMP	Procedures for changing lamps are described in Section 4.2.2. If a lamp change is made, document it on the log sheet. The lamp number is located on a sticker attached to the back of the lamp.
RECHECK ALIGNMENT	Changing the lamp can result in telescope movement and misalignment. Always recheck alignment after a lamp change and make sure to return the flip mirror to the correct position before leaving the site.

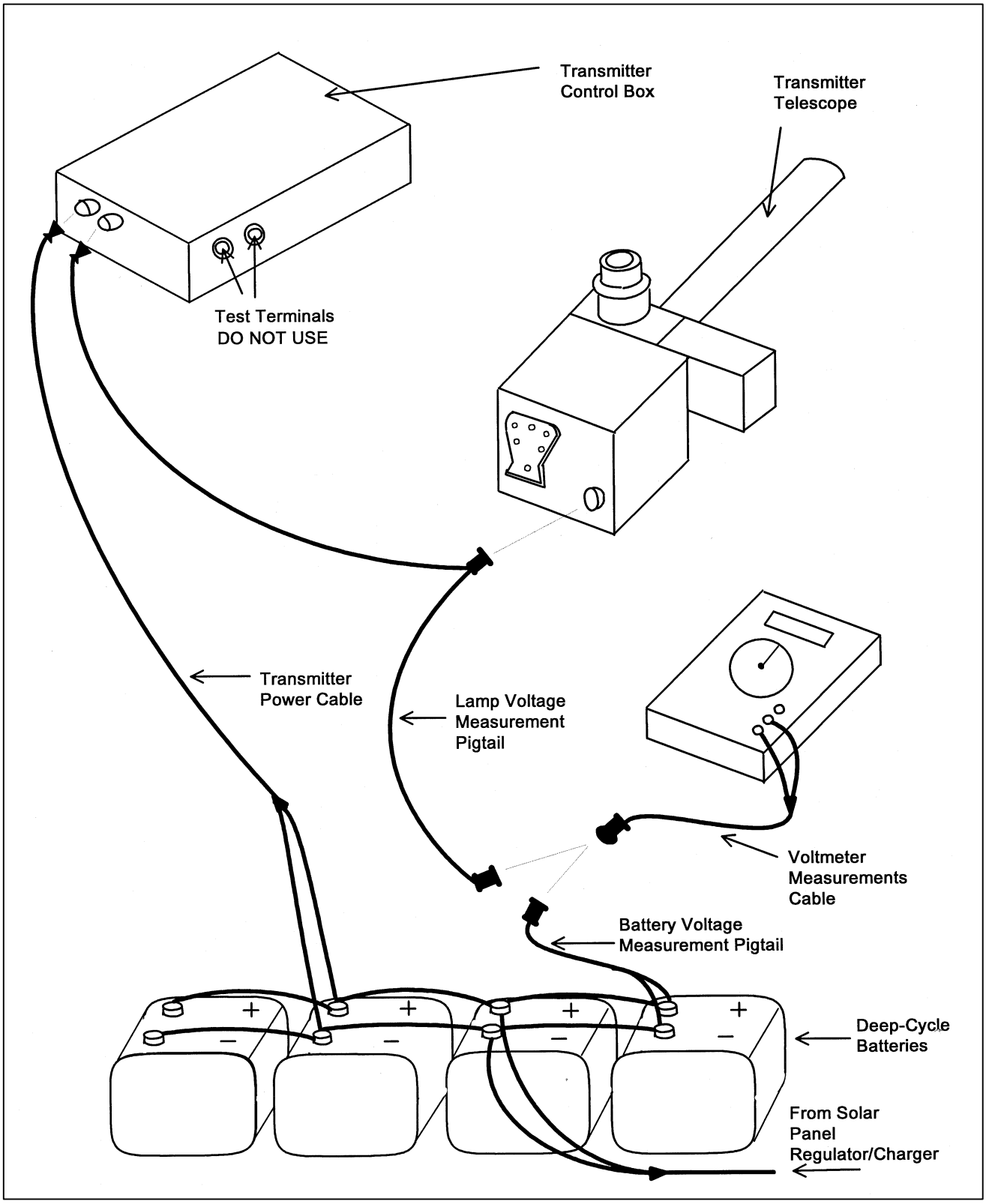

Figure 4-3. Transmitter Components Connection Diagram.

CHECK BATTERY VOLTAGE	At solar powered sites, it is important to verify that the solar charging system is operating properly. Use the on-site voltmeter to measure the voltage on the deep-cycle batteries when the charge regulator is "charging" and when "analyzing." Disconnect the voltmeter cable from the lamp voltage "measurement pigtail" and reconnect the voltmeter cable to the battery "measurement pigtail" (refer to Figure 4-3). Set the voltmeter switch to the 20 VDC setting. Document the "charging" and "analyzing" voltage readings on the log sheet. Set the voltmeter switch to "OFF" and reconnect the voltmeter cable to the lamp voltage measurement pigtail. Operation of the charge regulator is described in Section 4.2.4.
COMMENTS/ SUPPLIES NEEDED	Space for additional comments is provided at the bottom of the log sheet. This space should also be used to request additional servicing supplies.

4.1.3 Receiver Station - Routine Servicing

Before leaving the office, set your digital watch to the correct time by calling the Bureau of Standards recording at 303/499-7111 (Boulder, CO). The following information describes log sheet entries and servicing tasks required at the receiver station.

4.1.3.1 Initial Condition

OPERATIONAL CONDITION	A general overview of the shelter, instrument, and support equipment should be made to ensure that the system operated properly since the last servicing visit. Thoroughly document any noted inconsistencies.
RECEIVER DISPLAY READINGS	Record the raw reading ("A1" switch in **C** position) shown on the receiver computer display upon entering the shelter. Also record local time and toggle state.
SETTINGS	Record the position or numerical setting of each of the receiver computer front panel switches (Gain, Cal, Dist., A1, A2, Int and Cycle). Set the "A1" switch to the **B** position and record the display value and switch back to the **C** position.
SWITCH A1 READINGS	Use the orange conversion chart (Figure 4-4) to convert b_{ext} to visual range. Compare this value with the actual visibility conditions. If the reading does not correspond with the actual conditions, note the inconsistency in the comments section and call ARS.
DOCUMENT INITIAL ALIGNMENT	To check the alignment, turn the flip mirror knob fully clockwise against the stop to the "OFF" position. Document the position of the transmitter with respect to the circle on the data sheet with a ".". The light source would be at the intersection of the ".".

DOES THE CURRENT TRANSMISSOMETER READING MAKE SENSE?

CONVERT THE COMPUTER-DISPLAYED READING TO VISUAL RANGE USING THE CHART BELOW. DOES THIS VALUE AGREE WITH THE CURRENT VISIBILITY CONDITIONS?

IF NOT, CHECK

- FLIP MIRROR
- ALIGNMENT
- TIMING

IF THE PROBLEM CANNOT BE RESOLVED, CALL ARS AT 303-484-7941

COMPUTER DISPLAY B_{ext} (KM^{-1})	VISUAL RANGE (KILOMETERS)	VISUAL RANGE (MILES)
.010	391	243
.015	261	162
.020	196	122
.025	156	97
.030	130	81
.035	112	69
.040	98	61
.045	87	54
.050	78	49
.060	65	41
.070	56	35
.080	49	30
.090	43	27
.100	39	24
.200	20	12
.300	13	8
.400	10	6
.500	8	5
.600	7	4
.700	6	3
.800	5	3
.900	4	3
1.000	<4	<3

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Figure 4-4. Extinction (b_{ext}) to Visual Range Conversion Chart.

If the transmitter shelter is easily visible, do not interrupt a reading to make an alignment check. When viewing conditions are marginal, use the transmitter light source as an aid in alignment. The receiver can be placed in the "OFF" position for a short time immediately after the transmitter turns on, or following a toggle and reading update, without affecting a measurement. Document any interruption of a reading on the log sheet.

If an initial alignment check is impossible due to weather, haze, turbulence, or lighting conditions, return the flip mirror to the "ON" position -- Do not attempt to align. Record pertinent comments regarding alignment problems to the right of the circle on the log sheet.

CORRECTING ALIGNMENT

If the alignment has drifted so that the transmitter is not in the center of the reticle circle, adjust the alti-azimuth base controls to center the transmitter. Make sure the flip mirror knob is fully against the stop while aligning. Do this only after the initial alignment has been documented.

The circle depicted on the log sheet represents the reticle circle. The reticle circle must remain aligned on the transmitter for correct instrument operation.

INSTRUMENT NUMBER

The instrument number is located on stickers affixed to the receiver computer and telescope.

INITIAL WINDOW CLEANLINESS

Visually inspect the shelter window for water drop deposits, film, unusually heavy dust, and insects or pests that may reduce the transmission of light through the glass. Make comments when applicable. It is most important to inspect the glass directly in front of the receiver lens.

STRIP CHART OPERATION

At most sites the strip chart operates only when the DCP is not functioning properly.

4.1.3.2 Servicing

CLEAN WINDOW

The shelter window should be cleaned during every site visit. If for some reason the window is not cleaned, document its condition in the comments section. Document the time that the window was cleaned in the space provided. To clean the window:

- Remove the window pane from the frame.
- Inspect the hood and frame for spider webs.
- Use only Kimwipes and alcohol to clean both sides of the glass. Use plenty of cleaning fluid, change Kimwipes often, and use a light hand.

- Reinstall window pane after inspecting for smears. smudges, etc.
- Recheck alignment.
- Do not use canned air to clean windows or objective lens.

The objective in cleaning optical surfaces is to remove the abrasive dust particles and film without damaging the glass surface. Always remove the large particles first and progress towards the removal of films. Use a light touch, plenty of cleaning fluid, and frequent changes of cleaning paper. Clean with a circular, rubbing motion.

INSPECT LENS — Remove the shelter window and look closely at the receiver telescope objective lens from a number of angles. Note any accumulation of dust, dirt, smudges, or other foreign material on the lens. If any accumulation is noted, use the blower brush to clean the objective lens. Use a light touch. If an accumulation on the lens cannot be removed with the blower brush, call ARS for further instructions. Also, use the blower brush to remove dust from the body of the transmitter telescope. Clean the eyepiece with alcohol and Kimwipes. Use only the blower brush to clean the objective lens.

CORRECT ALIGNMENT — This entry verifies whether the alignment was corrected. If the alignment was corrected after the initial alignment documentation, circle "YES" and document the time it was corrected in the space provided. If the alignment was not corrected, circle "NO."

CLEAN SOLAR PANELS — Use glass cleaner and paper towels to clean dust and dirt from the solar panels. In the winter, sweep snow off the panels, but avoid scraping ice damage to the panels could occur.

4.1.3.3 Timing

CHECK TIMING — Record the exact time the transmitter light turns on and off, and the exact time the receiver toggle light changes state in the appropriate space. Record the updated receiver display reading.

The transmissometer system operates according to the timed sequence described below. It is possible to check the system timing of both the receiver and the transmitter from the receiver station.

HR:MI:SEC	Action
09:00:00	Transmitter turns **ON**
09:03:00	Receiver begins 10-minute average reading (cannot be observed)
09:13:20	Receiver finishes reading, toggle changes, front panel display updates
09:16:00	Transmitter turns **OFF**
10:00:00	Transmitter turns **ON**

The sequence repeats hourly.

The system clocks will drift over time. For correct operation, it is critical that the receiver take its reading well-centered within the lamp-on interval.

4.1.3.4 Special Servicing

RESET COMPUTER — Document whether or not a computer reset was performed during this site visit.

The computer is reset by turning the power switch **OFF** for at least one second and returning it **ON** (see Section 4.2.1). If the computer is reset, the timing must also be reset.

RESET TIME — Document whether or not a timing reset was performed during this site visit. A timing reset must be done each time the computer is reset.

CHANGE TRANSMITTER LAMP — Document whether or not the lamp was changed at the transmitter station. If the lamp was changed at the transmitter, the receiver computer calibration number (cal #must also be changed.

CHANGE CALIBRATION NUMBER — Document whether or not the calibration number (cal # was changed and record the new number.

MARK STRIP CHART — At most sites the strip chart operates only when there are problems with the data collection platform (DCP). If operating, the following information must be recorded on the chart at each site visit:

- Event markers or "ticks"
- Date and time
- Location
- Operator name
- Receiver computer display value
- Other information, such as:
  - Pens zeroed
  - New pens/paper
  - Computer reset
  - Alignment off/corrected
  - System timing off/corrected

When installing new chart paper, record the location, date and time started on the outside of the chart. The same information should be written at the end of the roll upon chart removal. The procedure for changing chart paper is described in the manufacturer's instruction manual.

CHART PAPER — Check the amount of chart paper remaining. A red line will appear on the right side of the chart paper when there is less than two days remaining on the chart.

CHART PENS — Make sure the pens are leaving a bold trace and track freely across the chart. The pens should be replaced when the trace becomes weak or intermittent. Pen replacement is described in the manufacturer's instruction manual.

BATTERY VOLTAGE — At solar powered sites, it is important to verify that the solar charging system is operating properly. Use the on-site voltmeter to measure the voltage on the deep-cycle batteries when the charge regulator is "charging" and when "analyzing". Disconnect the voltmeter cable from the lamp voltage "measurement pigtail" and reconnect the voltmeter cable to the battery "measurement pigtail" (refer to Figure 4-3). Set the voltmeter switch to the 20 VDC setting. Document the "charging" and "analyzing" voltage readings on the log sheet. Set the voltmeter switch to "OFF" and reconnect the voltmeter cable to the lamp voltage measurement pigtail. Operation of the charge regulator is described in Section 4.2.4.

The battery fluid level should be checked monthly. If the fluid level is below the top of the plates, refill it with distilled water. If fluid is added, this should be noted in the comments/supplies section of the log sheet. Detailed descriptions for the deep-cycle batteries servicing procedures are provided in Section 4.2.6.

COMMENTS/ SUPPLIES — Space for additional comments is provided at the bottom of the log sheet. This space should also be used to request additional servicing supplies.

4.2 INTERMITTENT SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE

This section presents detailed procedures to accomplish the following intermittent servicing and maintenance tasks:

- Checking and resetting system timing
- Transmitter lamp changes
- Strip chart servicing
- Solar power system servicing
- AC power system servicing

- Deep-cycle battery servicing
- Data collection platform (DCP) antenna servicing

The procedures described in the following subsections refer to specific instrument components. Detailed schematic diagrams and instrument component descriptions are provided for reference in TI 4110-3350, *Transmissometer Monitoring System Diagrams and Component Descriptions*.

4.2.1 Checking and Resetting System Timing

When resetting the timing at both stations, reset the transmitter timing first.

CHECK TRANSMITTER TIMING

Set your digital watch by calling the National Bureau of Standards in Boulder, Colorado (303/499-7111).

The transmitter beam can be observed at the receiver station with the unaided eye or through the telescope. At the transmitter, the light can be seen at the back of the instrument through the lamp housing. Do not look into the transmitter telescope.

Observe the time the transmitter light turns either on or off. Document this on the appropriate log sheet.

CHECK RECEIVER TIMING

Observe the receiver computer toggle light and record the time it changes state (i.e., on to off, or off to on).

TIMING SEQUENCE

The transmissometer system should follow the following timing sequence:

HR:MI:SEC	Action
XX:00:00	Transmitter lamp turns on
XX:03:00	Receiver begins 10-min. average reading (cannot be observed)
XX:13:20	Receiver finishes reading, updates display and changes toggle state
XX:16:00	Transmitter lamp turns off
XX:00:00	Sequence repeats hourly

TIMING TOLERANCE

IMPORTANT -- When there is less than 45 seconds or more than 5 minutes between the toggle update and the lamp turnoff, the timing system needs resetting.

RESET TRANSMITTER TIMING

To reset transmitter timing:

- Set your digital watch to NBS time (see above) before going to the station.
- Arrive at the transmitter station at least five minutes before the hour.

- Leave the "ON/OFF" switch in the "ON" position (up), and the test switch in the OFF position (down). Test switches are on units with serial numbers 004 or higher.

- Remove the control box cover (four screws).

- Precisely at the top of the hour (any hour), push the time reset button all the way down, hold for 1/2 second, and release (see TI 4110-3350 *Transmissometer System Diagrams and Component Descriptions*).

- Upon release of the time reset switch, the transmitter lamp will turn on.

- Replace the control box cover.

- Verify that the transmitter turns off (lamp goes off) at 16 minutes past the hour.

- Document the time reset on the transmitter log sheet.

RESET RECEIVER TIMING

To set receiver timing:

- Set your digital watch to NBS time (303/499-7111) before going to the station.

- Arrive at the receiver station at least five minutes before the hour.

- At 2 minutes and 30 seconds after the hour (or 2 minutes and 30 seconds after the transmitter light turns on), turn the computer power switch **OFF** and leave the switch in the "OFF" position for at least one second and flip the switch back **ON**. For switch locations, see Section 8.0 (TI 4110-3350, *Transmissometer Monitoring System Diagrams and Component Descriptions*).

- At precisely 3 minutes after the hour (or 3 minutes after the transmitter light turns on), hold the time reset switch in the "UP" position for 1/2 second. Let it return to its down or "ON" position.

- Verify that the reading updates and the toggle light changes state at approximately 13 minutes and 20 seconds after the hour.

- Document the time reset on the receiver log sheet.

4.2.2 Transmitter Lamp Changes

LAMP REMOVAL

IMPORTANT -- Lamps are removed by pulling them out; do not loosen the screws on the lamp housing plate. Since the lamp filaments are fragile, especially after use, the lamps should be removed and inserted very carefully and gently.

Refer to TI 4110-3350, *Transmissometer Monitoring System Diagrams and Component Descriptions,* for the location of the items described.

To remove transmitter lamps:

- Arrive at the transmitter station 10-15 minutes before the top of the hour to allow time for removing "old" lamp and for cleaning "new" lamp before insertion.
- If the transmitter is in the "ON" mode and a reading is being taken, do not disrupt the reading -- wait until the transmitter has turned off.
- Do not attempt to change lamps if there is less than five minutes before the start of the hour.
- Take the new lamp out of the lamp case, handling it by the holder only. Do not touch the glass with your fingers.
- Clean the lamp with alcohol and Kimwipes. Carefully set the lamp aside in a safe place.
- Turn the transmitter power off at the control box.
- Remove the old lamp by pulling out on the lamp holder. Some lamps may have to be removed by gently prying around the lamp holder with the aid of a small flat-blade screwdriver. Do not loosen any screws on the lamp housing plate.
- Place the old lamp in the lamp case. Mark the date and time the lamp was removed on the transmitter operator log sheet.

LAMP INSERTION

To insert a new lamp:

- Insert the cleaned replacement lamp into the lamp socket.
- Be very careful to align the lamp contact pins with the holder sockets then firmly push the lamp all the way in. The lamp must be fully seated into the socket for proper instrument operation.
- **IMPORTANT** -- the lamp will not turn on unless proper contact is made.

- Turn the power switch to the **ON** (up) position and reset the timing at the top of the hour (see Section 4.2.1).
- Verify that the lamp comes "ON" under auto-control at the top of the hour.
- Take a lamp voltage reading and document on the operator log sheet (see Section 4.1.2 - Lamp Voltage).
- Document the lamp change on the operator log sheet.

CALIBRATION SETTING

Each lamp outputs a slightly different amount of light, requiring a new calibration number setting on the receiver computer with each lamp replacement. Each lamp has been pre-calibrated to determine the lamp-specific calibration number. ARS will call the site operator to request a lamp change and will provide the correct calibration number for each new lamp. Set the calibration number on the receiver computer using the thumb-wheel switches labeled "CAL."

POST CALIBRA-TIONS

Lamps removed from service will be post-calibrated at ARS after annual site visits. Extra care should be taken in handling and transporting these used lamps because the filaments become very brittle and fragile with use.

4.2.3 Strip Chart Servicing

OPERATIONAL CHECK

At least once a month, check the strip chart recorder to verify proper operation. Refer to TI 4330-4025, *Transmissometer Data Collection via Strip Chart Recorder* .

REPLACING CHART PAPER

Instructions for installation of chart paper can be found in the Primeline 6723 Instruction Manual on pages 2-8 through 2-10. By hand, advance the paper a few sheets before loading the magazine to make sure the paper is feeding correctly.

CLEANING CHART MAGAZINE

At each paper change, the chart paper roller should be cleaned with alcohol and Kimwipes. This will remove any paper dust and chart pen ink that may have accumulated. Use the blower brush to remove paper dust from the drive gear assembly.

CLEANING RECORDER

Use the blower brush to remove dust from the control panel and the top of the recorder.

REPLACING PEN

Instructions for changing pens can be found on page 2-10 of the Primeline 6723 Instruction Manual.

4.2.4 Solar Power System Servicing

SOLAR PANELS AND WIRING

To check the solar panels:

- Clean solar panels with the supplied glass cleaner and paper towels.

- Inspect the glass for cracks and scratches.
- Check mounting nuts and bolts for tightness.
- Visually inspect wiring for signs of damage due to rodents or chafing.
- If the panels are on a free-standing mount, check that the alignment perpendicular to true south has not been altered.
- Document results of these checks on the operator log sheets. Contact ARS if signs of damage are observed.
- Check M-8/M-16 solar panel regulator LED status indicators for proper operation (see below).

M-8/M-16 SOLAR PANEL REGULATOR

The M-8 and M-16 units include four LED status indicators. They are described below:

- PV READY will light when the solar panel voltage is high enough to charge the battery.
- ANALYZING will light when the controller has temporarily stopped the charging current to the battery to allow proper battery chemical mixing to prevent battery damage. In 30 to 60 seconds, the charging light will re-engage.
- CHARGING will light to indicate that the controller is allowing full charging current to flow to the battery.
- FINISHING will start to slowly flash as the battery reaches full charge. As the battery voltage rises, the flash rate will increase. This variable flash rate will indicate the rate of battery voltage swing and indirectly indicate the battery's state of charge.

4.2.5 AC Power System Servicing

SURGE PROTECTORS

Visually check the status of the surge protector indicator lights. Two versions of Northern Technologies' surge protectors protect instruments from potentially-damaging power surges. One model has two system warning lights, the other has three lights. The lights indicate the surge operating condition of the protector as described below:

Green Light: The surge protector is in good operating condition.

Yellow Light: The surge protector has sustained partial damage as the result of a power surge, but is still capable of providing protection.

Red Light: The surge protector has sustained a massive power surge and is no longer capable of providing protection.

If the red light on either model surge protector is lit, call ARS for a replacement unit.

POWER SUPPLY

A 10-amp power supply is used at the transmitter when AC power is available. A 5-amp power supply is used at the receiver when AC power is available. Check to see if power supply indicator light is on when power supply is turned on.

WIRING AND CONNECTORS

Periodically check wiring for damage and connectors for tightness.

4.2.6 Deep-Cycle Battery Servicing

BATTERY FLUID LEVEL

Battery fluid level should be checked monthly. The fluid level is visible through the plastic case of the battery and should be between the two indicator marks on the battery case. Batteries in the small version transmitter shelters may be difficult to check. In that case, a check of one battery would suffice.

If the battery fluid level is low, use only distilled water to bring the level up. Low battery fluid levels indicate a possible problem with the solar panel regulators. Call ARS if the batteries require fluid and check the batteries every site visit until directed otherwise.

Under normal operating conditions, battery fluid should only need to be added during annual field specialist site visits.

BATTERY CONTACTS

Visually inspect battery contacts for signs of excess corrosion or deposits. Wire brushes have been supplied to remove the deposits if needed. Under most conditions, terminals will only need cleaning once a year by field specialists. If terminals need cleaning, follow the directions listed below:

CLEANING BATTERY CONTACTS

- Notify ARS of the need to clean the terminals. Do not attempt this if you are unsure.
- Turn off power to the following instruments (do not disrupt a transmissometer reading):

  At Receiver Station

  - Receiver computer
  - Strip chart recorder
  - Also, disconnect solar panel regulator connection to Station (do not let "+" and "-" connections touch each other).

At Transmitter Station

- Transmitter control box
- Disconnect solar panel regulator connection to battery (do not let "+" and "-" connections touch each other).
- Make sure the wiring is labeled and is easily identifiable as to positive (+) and negative (-) leads.
- Draw a diagram depicting power lead attachments. (Positive interconnects to positive terminals, negative interconnects to negative terminals.)
- Remove and clean one contact surface at a time starting with all negative leads (-).

- **CAUTION** -- sparks will occur if battery leads touch metal objects or each other.
- Clean contacts with the supplied wire brush.
- Compare the battery system wiring with your diagram after you have finished and the wires are re-connected. (Positive interconnects to positive terminals, negative interconnects to negative terminals).
- Turn all instrumentation back **ON** and verify correct operation of each component. System timing may need to be reset when power is turned back ON (see Section 4.5).
- Document this servicing on the operator log sheets.
- Call ARS and advise them that the servicing has been completed.

VOLTAGE READING

Take a deep-cycle battery voltage reading at least once a month. Turn the voltmeter to the 20 VDC setting and connect the positive lead to the "+" terminal and the negative lead to the "-" terminal of the battery. Document the voltage reading on the log sheet and turn the voltmeter off.

4.2.7 Data Collection Platform (DCP) Antenna Servicing

ANTENNA INSPECTION

The DCP antenna should be visually inspected periodically. First, check that the mounting base is securely affixed to the shelter. Secondly, the driver, reflector, and directional elements should be securely attached and in position. Lastly and most important, the antenna alignment should be correct (southwesterly orientation with inclination angle of about 45°).

CABLE AND CONNECTOR INSPECTION	Inspect the antenna cable for rodent damage or chafing. The cable connector at the base of the antenna should be checked periodically for tightness.

4.3 PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS

Call ARS immediately if any problems occur or if any questions arise. Many problems can be resolved through telephone consultation.

ARS may be reached at the following telephone numbers:

Regular: 970/484-7941
Fax: 970/484-3423

Detailed troubleshooting procedures to assist with telephone-directed problem resolution are presented in TI 4110-3300, *Troubleshooting and Emergency Maintenance Procedures for Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol).*

4.4 HANDLING LOG SHEETS

The site operator must complete a transmissometer operator log sheet for each transmitter and receiver site visit. Upon returning to the office, fax the completed sheets to ARS (Fax 970/484-3423).

Also mail the original log sheets to ARS:

Air Resource Specialists, Inc.
Attn: Data Coordinator
1901 Sharp Point Drive Suite E
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Any additional information or other pertinent supplemental documentation that the operator deems important can also be included with the log sheets.

5.0 REFERENCES

Soletec Distribution, Primeline 6723 Instruction Manual, Sun Valley, CA.

APPENDIX A

NPS Visibility Monitoring Network
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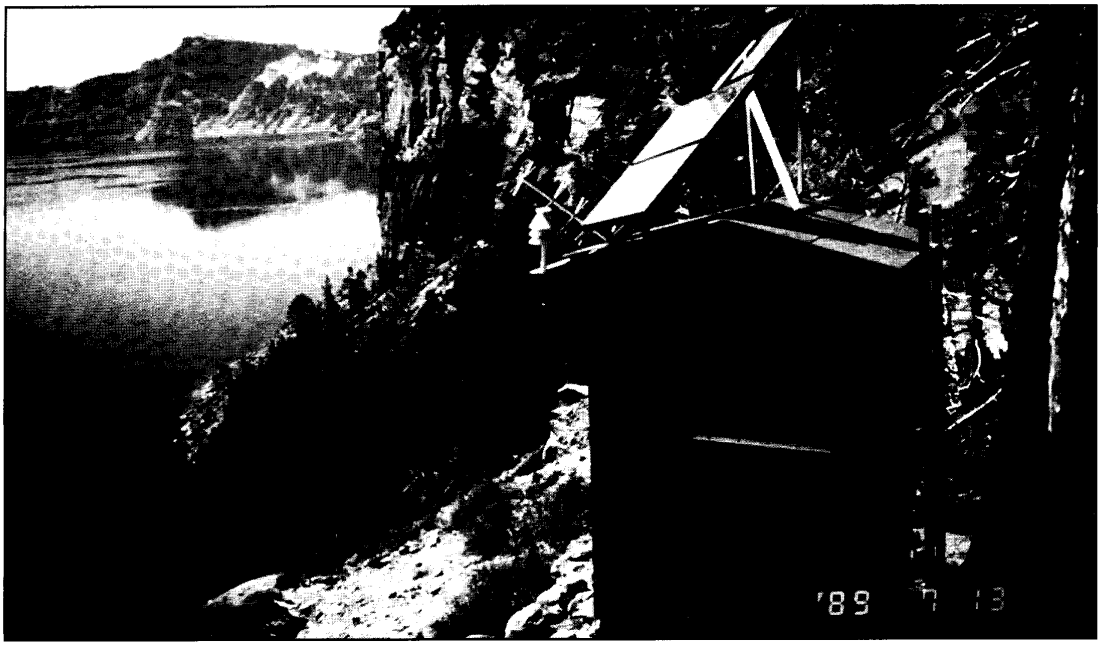

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OPTEC LPV-2 TRANSMISSOMETER
OPERATOR'S GUIDE

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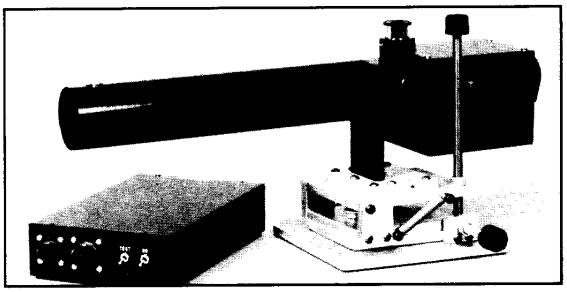


Introduction

For correct operation, the transmitter must have the proper:

- alignment
- timing
- viewing mirror position
- window and optical cleanliness
- lamp regulation
- power supply

Servicing Frequency

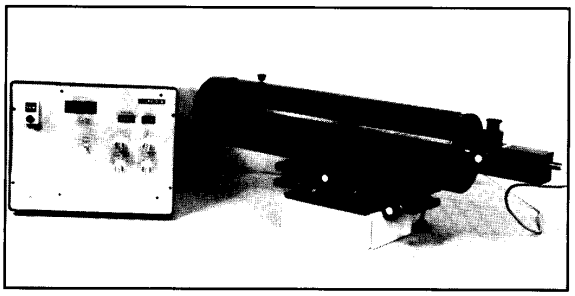
Both the transmitter and receiver stations should be visited weekly. The transmitter should be visited first. Correct operation of the entire system should be verified shortly thereafter at the receiver. Schedule your servicing visit to arrive at the transmitter shelter 10 minutes before the hour. Log Sheets must be completed during each site visit.

Regular Maintenance

The primary transmitter servicing tasks are listed below. For detailed descriptions of these tasks and Log Sheet entries, consult the operator's manual.

1. **Initial Inspection.** Prior to servicing the transmitter, note the general condition of the system and check the telescope alignment and the window and optical cleanliness.
2. **Alignment.** On the Log Sheet, document the initial position of the receiver shelter window with respect to the reticle circle with a "+". Correct the alignment and note the new position on the Log Sheet. Return the viewing mirror to the proper position.
3. **Clean Window.** Clean the window at every site visit. Remove the pane and clean it thoroughly with alcohol and Kimwipes. Visually inspect the telescope objective lens. If the objective lens is dusty, brush lightly with the photographic brush provided. If any smudges or other obstructions exist on the lens, call ARS. **Do not** clean the objective lens with alcohol. **Do not** use canned air on the window or lens. Re-check the alignment after window cleaning.
4. **Timing.** Verify that the lamp turns ON at the top of the hour and stays ON for the full 16 minutes. This can also be verified at the receiver.
5. **Lamp Check LED.** While the transmitter light is on under automatic control, determine the status of the lamp check LED on the side of the control box. The red LED light should remain OFF. If the LED is ON, call ARS. Do not check the LED light with the test switch.
6. **Power Supply Inspection.**
   - At sites with line power, check all surge protector indicator lights to determine if a surge has occurred. If indicator lights are red, call ARS.
   - At sites with lead-acid batteries, visually check the fluid level in the batteries and fill as needed with distilled water. Battery voltage measurements need only be done at the transmitter upon direction of ARS. Clean and inspect the condition of the solar panels.
7. **Final Check.** Verify proper alignment, then return the viewing mirror to the proper position. The knob should be turned fully counter-clockwise. No image should be visible in the eyepiece.
8. **Log Sheet.** Check that the Log Sheet is fully completed. The yellow copy remains in the shelter; mail the original to ARS.

RECEIVER



Introduction

For correct operation, the receiver must have the proper:

- alignment
- timing
- viewing mirror position
- window and optical cleanliness
- switch settings
- power supply

Servicing Frequency

Both the transmitter and receiver stations should be visited weekly. The transmitter should be visited first. Correct operation of the entire system should be verified shortly thereafter at the receiver. Schedule your servicing visit to arrive at the receiver shelter 10 minutes before the hour. Log Sheets must be completed during each site visit.

Regular Maintenance

The primary receiver servicing tasks are listed below. For detailed descriptions of these tasks and Log Sheet entries, consult the operator's manual.

1. **Initial Inspection.** Prior to servicing the receiver, note the general condition of the system and check the telescope alignment, the window and optical cleanliness, and the displayed reading. Convert the displayed reading to visual range by turning the A1 switch from C to B, and determine if the reading agrees with the actual conditions (refer to orange transmissometer reading sheet). Make sure that A1 switch is left in "C" position after check.
2. **Alignment.** On the Log Sheet, document the initial position of the transmitter light source with respect to the reticle circle with a "+". Correct the alignment and note the new position on the Log Sheet. Return the viewing mirror to the proper position.
3. **Clean Window.** Clean the window at every site visit. Remove the pane and clean it thoroughly with alcohol and Kimwipes. Visually inspect the telescope objective lens. If the objective lens is dusty, brush lightly with the photographic brush provided. If any smudges or other obstructions exist on the lens, call ARS. **Do not** clean the objective lens with alcohol. **Do not** use canned air on the window or lens. Re-check the alignment after window cleaning.
4. **Timing.** All times should be synchronized with the National Bureau of Standards (NBS) time. You can synchronize your digital watch to NBS time by calling the NBS recording at 303/499-7111. The system timing is as follows:

HR	MI	SE	Action
XX	00	00	Transmitter light ON
XX	03	00	Receiver starts reading
XX	13	20	Receiver finishes reading, toggle changes state and new reading is displayed.
XX	16	00	Transmitter light OFF

5. **Strip Chart.** Inspect the strip chart to verify that reasonable readings are being recorded. The number on the computer display should be transferred to the appropriate position on the strip chart paper. Mark the strip chart with a "hack" mark (orange button), and write the date, time, displayed computer reading, and your name on the chart. Zero channel A by pushing in the zero/record button and turning the knob until the black pen is over the left-most chart line. Put the zero/record button back in the *record* position.
6. **Power Supply Inspection.**
   - At sites with line power, check all surge protector indicator lights to determine if a surge has occurred. If indicator lights are red, call ARS.
   - At sites with lead-acid batteries, visually check the fluid level in the batteries and fill as needed with distilled water. Battery voltage measurements need only be done at the receiver upon direction of ARS. Clean and inspect the condition of the solar panels.
7. **Final Check.** Verify proper alignment, then return the viewing mirror to the proper position. The knob should be turned fully counter-clockwise. No image should be visible in the eyepiece.
8. **Log Sheet.** Check that the Log Sheet is fully completed. The yellow copy remains in the shelter; mail the original to ARS.

SPECIAL MAINTENANCE

Special maintenance tasks are discussed in detail in the operator's manual. Call ARS before performing special maintenance.

Timing Reset

When the system timing is correct, the receiver takes a 10-minute averaged reading centered within the 16-minute transmitter lamp-on time. If the receiver toggle light updates more than 5 minutes before the lamp turns OFF, or less than a minute before the lamp turns OFF, the system timing needs to be reset.

1. **Transmitter Timing.** Remove the control box cover. With the power switch ON, push the small reset button at the top of the hour. The light should come ON and stay ON for 16 minutes.
2. **Receiver Timing.** Turn the computer OFF, then ON to clear the system computer. The display should go to zeros. At three minutes after the hour (or three minutes after the transmitter light comes on), push the "reset clock" switch up momentarily, then release. At approximately 13 minutes and 20 seconds after the hour, the reading will update and the toggle light should come on.
3. **Setting Your Watch.** You can synchronize your digital watch to National Bureau of Standard's NBS time by calling the NBS recording at 303/499-7111 (Boulder, Colorado).
4. **Call ARS.** Notify ARS of the exact time of the timing reset by telephone and note the timing reset on the Log Sheet. If you are unsure of the procedure, call ARS for direction.

Lamp Changes

Prior to the scheduled lamp change date, ARS will provide the site operator with the next lamp number and its associated calibration number. Lamp changes should be done when visibility conditions are stable. Both the transmitter and receiver must be visited within as short a time as possible. Use extreme care when removing and storing used lamps. The used lamps are required for post-calibration of the system. Label the lamps with ON/OFF dates and times and record lamp changes on the Log Sheets.

Things to Avoid

1. **Lamp Changes.** The lamp is held into the rear of the transmitter by a friction fit and is removed by pulling it straight out of the transmitter body. Do not loosen any screws on the lamp alignment plate or the system will need re-calibration.
2. **Transmitter Focus.** Do not change the focus of the transmitter telescope or the system will need re-calibration.
3. **Radio Transmission.** Do not transmit with hand-held radios within 10 feet of either transmissometer component, or the timing may need to be reset.
4. **Computer Resets.** Avoid unnecessary computer resets (OFF/ON) as the timing may be disrupted.

Trouble-Shooting

The majority of transmissometer problems are caused by:

- misalignment
- incorrect system timing
- incorrect viewing mirror position
- inadequate power

Check for these potential causes and refer to the trouble-shooting section in the operator's manual before calling ARS.

Contact ARS

Please contact us if any questions or problems arise:

Carter Blandford, Jim Wagner, or Roger Tree
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Fort Collins, Colorado 80525
303/224-9300

APPENDIX B

Example Completed LPV-2
Transmissometer Transmitter
Log Sheet

Air Resource Specialists, Inc.

Location GRBA

LPV-2 TRANSMISSOMETER OPERATOR LOG SHEET
TRANSMITTER STATION

Date 15 MAR 93 Local Time 12:40 Operator(s) PFAFF

Weather Conditions OVERCAST WARM LIGHT BREEZE

Visibility Conditions FAIR (HUMID HAZE)

INITIAL CONDITION

1. Does the instrument generally appear to be working properly? (YES) NO
   Comment
2. **ALIGNMENT:** Mark initial location of receiver shelter window with a "+".
   Initial Alignment Comments ON TARGET

   

   IMPORTANT: Return flip mirror to proper (ON) position.
3. Instrument Number LPV- 005 Lamp Number 709
4. Initial Window Cleanliness (GOOD) MODERATE POOR
   Comment

SERVICING

1. Window Cleaned? (YES) NO If YES, time cleaned 12:42 If NO, why not?
2. Lens Inspected? (YES) NO Comment
   IMPORTANT: Use only the blower brush to clean the telescope lens.
3. Alignment Corrected? YES (NO) If YES, time aligned
4. Solar Panels Cleaned? (YES) NO Comment
5. Lamp Check **IMPORTANT: Must be done when lamp is ON under automatic control.**
   a) LED (indicator light on side of control box) ON OFF (if ON, call ARS)
   b) Lamp Voltage Reading (switch voltmeter to 20 VDC range) 5.95 volts, for lamp number 709
   IMPORTANT: Switch voltmeter to "OFF" after taking voltage reading.

TIMING

1. Is your watch synchronized with NBS (WWV) time? (303/499-7111) YES (NO)
2. Transmitter Light ON, Exact Time, (HR:MIN:SEC) 1 : 01 : 38
3. Transmitter Light OFF, Exact Time, (HR:MIN:SEC) 1 : 17 : 38

SPECIAL SERVICING (upon ARS instruction)

1. Timing Reset? YES (NO) If YES, time reset
2. Lamp Changed? YES (NO) If YES, new lamp number time lamp changed
   IMPORTANT: If lamp is changed, receiver computer calibration (cal) number must also be changed.
3. Alignment rechecked after lamp change? YES NO
4. Battery Voltage (charging) 14.6 Battery Voltage (analyzing) 13.8

GENERAL COMMENTS/SUPPLIES NEEDED

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APPENDIX C

Example Completed LPV-2
Transmissometer Receiver
Log Sheet

Air Resource Specialists, Inc.

Location GRBA

LPV-2 TRANSMISSOMETER OPERATOR LOG SHEET
RECEIVER STATION

Date 15 MAR 93 Local Time 14:45 Operator(s) PFAFF
Weather Conditions OVERCAST MILD BREEZY
Visibility Conditions GOOD
(EXCELLENT, ACCORDING TO TRANSMISS.)

INITIAL CONDITION

1. Does the instrument generally appear to be working properly? (YES) NO
   Comment
2. Receiver Display Reading 698 Local Time 14:45 Toggle ON (OFF)
3. Settings: Gain .500 Cal 736 Dist 3.91 A1 C A2 SD Int 10 Cycle 1H
   Switch A1 Readings: C 698 B .013
   Does the Bext represent actual conditions? (YES) NO Comment
   IMPORTANT: Return A1 Switch to "C" position after check.
4. **ALIGNMENT:** Mark initial location of transmitter light source with a "+".
   Initial Alignment

   Comments TARGET IS VERY SLIGHTLY BELOW CENTER
   IMPORTANT: Return flip mirror to proper (ON) position.
5. Instrument Number LPV-005
6. Initial Window Cleanliness (GOOD) MODERATE POOR
   Comment ALMOST NO DUST
7. Strip Chart Operating? YES (NO) **(If operating, refer to SPECIAL SERVICING #4 below.)**

SERVICING

1. Window Cleaned? (YES) NO If YES, time cleaned 14:40 If NO, why not?
2. Lens Inspected? (YES) NO Comment VERY LITTLE DUST
   IMPORTANT: Use only the blower brush to clean the telescope lens.
3. Alignment Corrected? (YES) NO If YES, time aligned 14:42
4. Solar Panels Cleaned? YES (NO) Comment

TIMING

1. Is your watch synchronized with NBS (WWV) time? (303/499-7111) YES (NO)
2. Transmitter Light ON, Exact Time, (HR:MIN:SEC) 15 : 01 : 38
3. Receiver Toggle Update, Exact Time, (HR:MIN:SEC) 15 : 16 : 38
4. Updated Receiver Reading 693 Toggle ON OFF
   Does the updated Bext reading represent actual conditions? YES NO Comment
5. Transmitter Light OFF, Exact Time, (HR:MIN:SEC) 15 : 17 : 38

SPECIAL SERVICING (upon ARS instruction)

1. Computer Reset? YES (NO) Timing Reset? YES (NO) If YES, time reset
2. Lamp changed at Transmitter Station? YES (NO)
   IMPORTANT: If lamp is changed, receiver computer calibration (cal) number must also be changed.
3. Receiver computer calibration (cal) number changed? YES (NO) If YES, new cal number entered
4. Strip Chart: Marked? YES (NO) Zeroed? YES (NO) Paper /Pens OK? YES NO
5. Battery Voltage (charging) 14.6 Battery Voltage (analyzing) 14.1

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This technical instruction (TI) describes on-site troubleshooting procedures to be followed when a malfunction of the Optec LPV-2 transmissometer system at an IMPROVE Protocol site is suspected. The purpose of on-site troubleshooting is to assure quality data capture and minimize data loss by performing operational checks on transmissometers, data acquisition systems, and support equipment that will either identify the probable source of a system malfunction, or verify proper system operation.

This TI is referenced from Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 4110, *Transmissometer Maintenance (IMPROVE Protocol)* and serves as a guideline for:

- Transmitter system operational verification.
- Receiver system operational verification.
- Data collection platform (DCP) and support equipment operational verification.
- Strip chart recorder operational verification.
- Solar power (DC) system operational verification.
- Line power (AC) system operational check.

Due to variations in the site configurations of IMPROVE Protocol sites, portions of this TI may not apply to every transmissometer station.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 PROJECT MANAGER

The project manager shall:

- Coordinate with the site operator, his/her supervisor, field specialist, and data coordinator concerning the schedule and requirements for specific troubleshooting procedures.
- Oversee and review specific troubleshooting procedure documentation completed by the site operator, field specialist, or data coordinator for accuracy and completeness.

2.2 FIELD SPECIALIST

The field specialist shall:

- Coordinate with the site operator, his/her supervisor, project manager, and data coordinator concerning the schedule and requirements for specific troubleshooting procedures.
- Train the site operator in troubleshooting procedures necessary for on-site resolution of instrument problems.

- Provide technical support to the site operator via telephone to assure identification and resolution of instrument problems.

- Document all technical support provided to the site operator.

- Resolve problems reported by the site operator.

2.3 DATA COORDINATOR

The data coordinator shall:

- Coordinate with the site operator, his/her supervisor, project manager, and field specialist concerning the schedule and requirements for specific troubleshooting procedures.

- Identify possible instrument malfunctions and contact the site operator to schedule troubleshooting visits.

- Verify that scheduled visits are performed and notify the site operator if he/she fails to make a scheduled visit.

- Provide technical support to the site operator via telephone to identify and resolve instrument problems.

- Document all technical support provided to the site operator.

- Review documentation completed by the site operator for accuracy and completeness.

- File all hard copy site documentation.

- Send supplies, tools, and replacement instrumentation necessary for instrument problem resolution to the site operator.

- Enter all correspondence with site operators and the results of all performed procedures into site-specific timelines.

2.4 INSTRUMENT TECHNICIAN

The instrument technician shall provide technical support to the data coordinator in identifying and interpreting instrument problems.

2.5 SITE OPERATOR

The site operator shall:

- Coordinate with his/her supervisor, project manager, field specialist, and data coordinator concerning the schedule and requirements for specific troubleshooting procedures.

- Perform procedures described in this TI in response to direction provided by the data coordinator or field specialist.

- Thoroughly document all troubleshooting procedures on the LPV-2 Transmissometer Operator Log Sheets (see Figures 2-1 and 2-2) and mail the log sheets to the data coordinator.

- Report any noted inconsistencies immediately to the data coordinator or field specialist.

3.0 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

Equipment required to support troubleshooting includes:

- Keys for shelters and padlocks

- On-site transmissometer receiver tool kit that includes:

  - Medium and small flat-blade screwdriver

  - Medium and small Phillips-head screwdriver

  - Medium adjustable wrench

  - Pliers

  - Battery terminal cleaner

  - Wire cutters

  - Flashlight

  - Wire ties

  - AA batteries (four) for receiver computer

  - Pen or pencil

  - Strip chart recorder pens

  - Strip chart paper

  - Utility knife

  - Allen wrench set

  - Blower (photographic) brush

  - Signal mirror

  - AC circuit tester

  - compass

  - angle indicator

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Location_____

LPV-2 TRANSMISSOMETER OPERATOR LOG SHEET
TRANSMITTER STATION

Date_____ Local Time_____ Operator(s) _____

Weather Conditions_____

Visibility Conditions_____

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INITIAL CONDITION

1. Does the instrument generally appear to be working properly? **YES** **NO**
   Comment_____
2. **ALIGNMENT:** Mark initial location of receiver shelter window with a "+".
   Initial Alignment
   
   Comments_____
   _____
   _____
   IMPORTANT: Return flip mirror to proper (ON) position.
3. Instrument Number LPV-_____ Lamp Number_____
4. Initial Window Cleanliness **GOOD** **MODERATE** **POOR**
   Comment_____

SERVICING

1. Window Cleaned? **YES** **NO** If YES, time cleaned _____ If NO, why not? _____
2. Lens Inspected? **YES** **NO** Comment _____
   IMPORTANT: Use only the blower brush to clean the telescope lens.
3. Alignment Corrected? **YES** **NO** If YES, time aligned _____
4. Solar Panels Cleaned? **YES** **NO** Comment _____
5. Lamp Check **IMPORTANT: Must be done when lamp is ON under automatic control.**
   a) LED (indicator light on side of control box) **ON** **OFF** **(if ON , call ARS)**
   b) Lamp Voltage Reading (switch voltmeter to 20 VDC range) _____ volts, for lamp number _____
   IMPORTANT: Switch voltmeter to "OFF" after taking voltage reading.

TIMING

1. Is your watch synchronized with NBS (WWV) time? (303/499-7111) **YES** **NO**
2. Transmitter Light ON, Exact Time, (HR:MIN:SEC) _____:_____:_____
3. Transmitter Light OFF, Exact Time, (HR:MIN:SEC) _____:_____:_____

SPECIAL SERVICING (upon ARS instruction)

1. Timing Reset? **YES** **NO** If YES, time reset _____
2. Lamp Changed? **YES** **NO** If YES, new lamp number_____ time lamp changed_____
   IMPORTANT: If lamp is changed, receiver computer calibration (cal) number must also be changed.
3. Alignment rechecked after lamp change? **YES** **NO**
4. Battery Voltage (charging)_____ Battery Voltage (analyzing)_____

GENERAL COMMENTS/SUPPLIES NEEDED_____

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Figure 2-1. LPV-2 Transmissometer Operator Log Sheet for Transmitter Station.

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Location_____

LPV-2 TRANSMISSOMETER OPERATOR LOG SHEET
RECEIVER STATION

Date_____ Local Time_____ Operator(s) _____
Weather Conditions_____
Visibility Conditions_____

INITIAL CONDITION

1. Does the instrument generally appear to be working properly? **YES** **NO**
   Comment_____
2. Receiver Display Reading _____ Local Time _____ Toggle **ON** **OFF**
3. Settings: Gain_____ Cal_____ Dist_____ A1_____ A2_____ Int_____ Cycle_____
   Switch A1 Readings: C_____ B_____
   Does the Bext represent actual conditions? **YES** **NO** Comment _____
   IMPORTANT: Return A1 Switch to "C" position after check.
4. **ALIGNMENT:** Mark initial location of transmitter light source with a "+".
   Initial Alignment
   
   Comments_____
   IMPORTANT: Return flip mirror to proper (ON) position.
5. Instrument Number LPV-_____
6. Initial Window Cleanliness **GOOD** **MODERATE** **POOR**
   Comment _____
7. Strip Chart Operating? **YES** **NO** **(If operating, refer to SPECIAL SERVICING #4 below.)**

SERVICING

1. Window Cleaned? **YES** **NO** If YES, time cleaned _____ If NO, why not? _____
2. Lens Inspected? **YES** **NO** Comment _____
   IMPORTANT: Use only the blower brush to clean the telescope lens.
3. Alignment Corrected? **YES** **NO** If YES, time aligned _____
4. Solar Panels Cleaned? **YES** **NO** Comment _____

TIMING

1. Is your watch synchronized with NBS (WWV) time? (303/499-7111) **YES** **NO**
2. Transmitter Light ON, Exact Time, (HR:MIN:SEC) _____:_____:_____
3. Receiver Toggle Update, Exact Time, (HR:MIN:SEC) _____:_____:_____
4. Updated Receiver Reading _____ Toggle **ON** **OFF**
   Does the updated Bext reading represent actual conditions? **YES** **NO** Comment _____
5. Transmitter Light OFF, Exact Time, (HR:MIN:SEC) _____:_____:_____

SPECIAL SERVICING (upon ARS instruction)

1. Computer Reset? **YES** **NO** Timing Reset? **YES** **NO** If YES, time reset _____
2. Lamp changed at Transmitter Station? **YES** **NO**
   IMPORTANT: If lamp is changed, receiver computer calibration (cal) number must also be changed.
3. Receiver computer calibration (cal) number changed? **YES** **NO** If YES, new cal number entered _____
4. Strip Chart: Marked? **YES** **NO** Zeroed? **YES** **NO** Paper /Pens OK? **YES** **NO**
5. Battery Voltage (charging)_____ Battery Voltage (analyzing)_____

GENERAL COMMENTS/SUPPLIES NEEDED_____

Send the original copy of this form to:

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Figure 2-2. LPV-2 Transmissometer Operator Log Sheet for Receiver Station.

- On-site transmissometer transmitter tool kit that includes:
  - Small flat-blade screwdriver
  - Pen or pencil
  - Flashlight
  - Blower (photographic) brush
  - Signal mirror
  - AA batteries (four) for the control box
- Battery tester
- Distilled water
- Watch
- *Site Operator's Manual for Transmissometer Monitoring Systems*
- LPV-2 Transmissometer Operator's Guide
- LPV-2 Transmissometer Operator Log Sheets (transmitter and receiver)
- Tenma digital voltmeters with cables (transmitter and receiver)
- Transmissometer component shipping cases
- Spare fuse kit, including:
  - 1-amp AGC glass fuse for transmissometer receiver computer
  - 5-amp AGC glass fuse for transmissometer transmitter (control box)
  - 0.5-amp fuse for strip chart recorder (AC line power external fuse)
  - 2-amp fuse for strip chart recorder (internal fuse for DC operation)
  - 20-amp AGC glass fuse for M-16 solar panel regulator (new orange style)
  - 3-amp AGC glass fuse for 5-amp power supply (for receiver station with AC line power)
  - 2.5-amp AGC glass fuse for 10-amp power supply (for transmitter station with AC line power)

If any tool(s) and/or equipment necessary to support troubleshooting procedures are not available, please contact ARS at 970/484-7941.

4.0 METHODS

This section includes two (2) major subsections:

4.1 General Information
4.2 Transmissometer and Support Equipment Troubleshooting

4.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

The majority of transmissometer problems are caused by:

- Misalignment.
- Incorrect system timing.
- Incorrect viewing mirror position.
- Inadequate power.

Many times operators can diagnose and solve instrument problems in the field, reducing costly site visits and minimizing data loss. Two good practices to follow in troubleshooting are: 1) start with the simple checks and progress towards the more complicated, and 2) break a system down into individually testable subsystems.

TROUBLE-SHOOTING

Many transmissometer system problems can be solved by checking items in the following categories:

- Obvious Sources:
  - The power is unplugged or not turned on.
  - The flip mirror(s) are not in the correct position (ON).
  - The transmitter, receiver, or both are misaligned.
  - System timing is not synchronized (refer to TI 4110-3100, *Routine Site Operator Maintenance Procedures for LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol).*
  - Incorrect instrument settings.
- Power Supply:
  - Battery voltage is not sufficient to run the system.
  - A fuse is blown in the receiver computer or in the transmitter control box.
  - Incorrect polarity exists on power leads.
  - Power connectors are not making good contact (pins).

- Solar panels are covered with snow or shaded by tree branches.

- Connectors:

  - A connector is not plugged in, or is in the wrong input position.

  - A connector is not making good contact.

  - Connector pins or sockets are damaged.

  - The cable/connector is damaged, resulting in broken wire or electrical short.

BEFORE CALLING FOR ASSISTANCE

Before reporting problems or requesting assistance in diagnosing an instrument problem, please do the following:

- Check problem areas listed above (Obvious Sources, Power Supply and Connectors).

- Follow procedures for troubleshooting the component in question (see following sections).

- Have documentation of your tests available.

- Have a site operator's manual available.

Please call promptly with suspected or observed instrument problems. If the person you need to speak with is not in, ask to be directed to another or leave a message, including your name, location, telephone number, and a brief description of the problem(s) or need(s).

4.2 TRANSMISSOMETER AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT TROUBLESHOOTING

4.2.1 Transmitter Troubleshooting

INOPERABLE TRANSMITTER

If the transmitter will not operate check the following:

- The "ON/OFF" switch is in the "ON" position.

- The power cable contacts at the battery are not loose, corroded, or covered with excessive deposits.

- The connectors are firmly tightened at the control box and transmitter.

- The battery voltage is adequate (above 11 VDC).

- The fuse inside the control box is intact.

DAMAGED FUSE IN TRANSMITTER

To check the fuse inside the transmitter control box:

- Remove the screws on the top plate of control box (see Figure X-1, Transmitter Component Diagram).
- Refer to Figure 4-2, Transmitter Control Box for Location of Fuse.
- Replace damaged fuse with a 5-amp fuse.

CHOPPER FAILURE

If the lamp turns on and stays on, the problem may be that the chopper motor is not operating or the chopper blade may have fallen off the motor spindle. To determine if the chopper is operating properly, check the following:

- Remove the transmitter lamp housing access top cover (see Figure 4-1, Transmitter Component Diagram).
- Verify that the chopper blade (slotted disk) is still mounted on the motor shaft and is rotating (see Figure 4-3, Transmitter Lamp Chamber).
- If the chopper blade has detached, turn power to the system **OFF** and remove the chopper blade from the lamp chamber. Remove the lamp from the transmitter and place it in the lamp storage case. Remove the transmitter telescope and control box and place them in the gray suitcase for shipment to ARS. Telephone ARS for further instructions.

NOTE: It is not possible to determine if the chopper blade is attached by observing the transmitter through the telescope. Due to the speed at which the chopper rotates, both conditions will look the same.

CHOPPER ON/NO LIGHT

If the chopper blade turns on and stays on, but the lamp does not turn on check the following:

- Is the lamp burned out or has the filament been damaged? Use the voltmeter to measure the lamp voltage as described in TI 4110-3100, *Routine Site Operator Maintenance Procedures for LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol)*. Voltmeter connections for measuring lamp voltage are shown in Figure 4-4. If the voltage is greater than 7.0 volts, or if the lamp check LED is "ON," the lamp filament is broken and the instrument should be turned off and the lamp should be removed. Telephone ARS for further instructions.

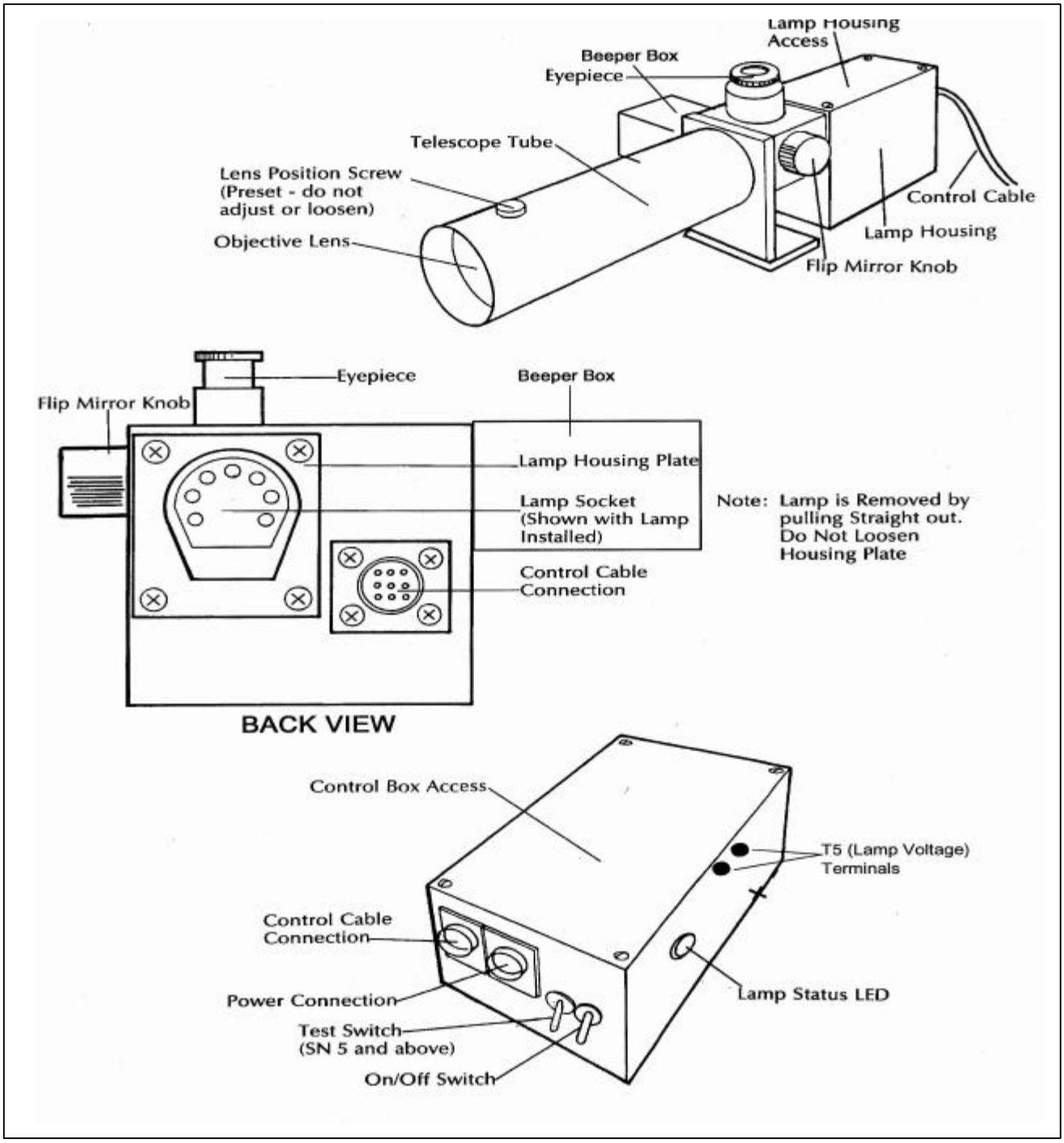

Figure 4-1. Transmitter Component Diagram.

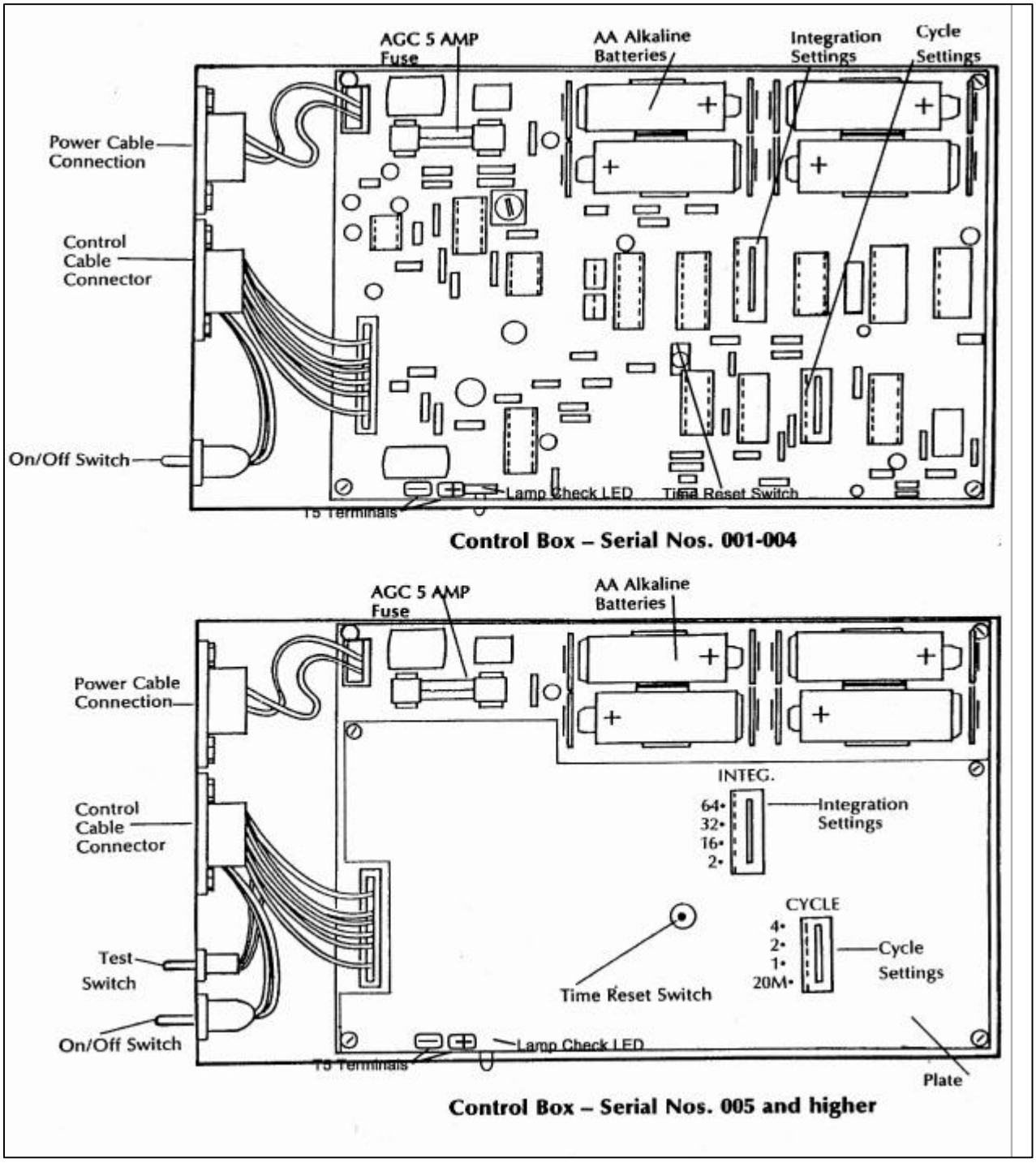

Figure 4-2. Transmitter Control Box for Location of Fuse.

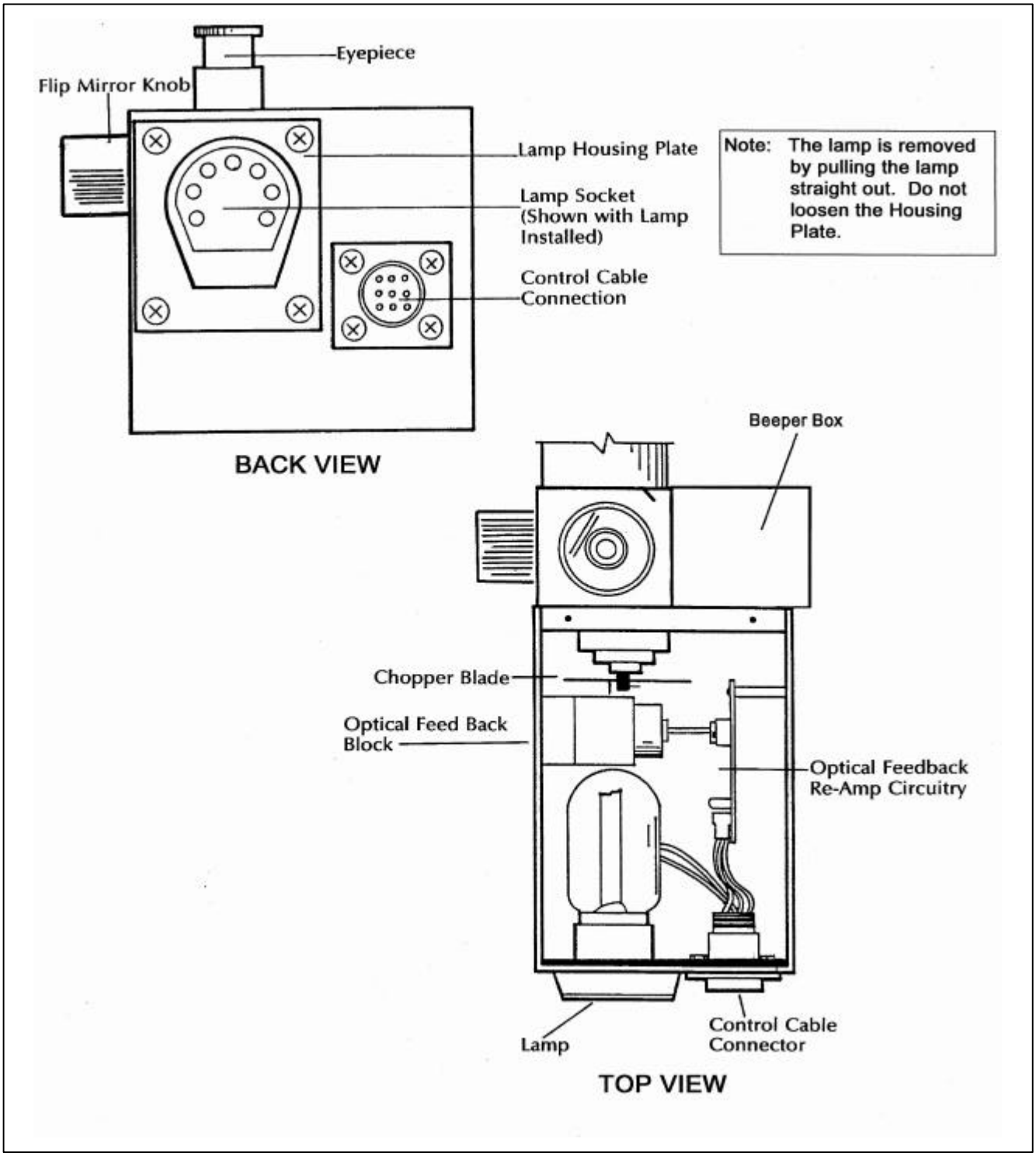

Figure 4-3. Transmitter Lamp Chamber.

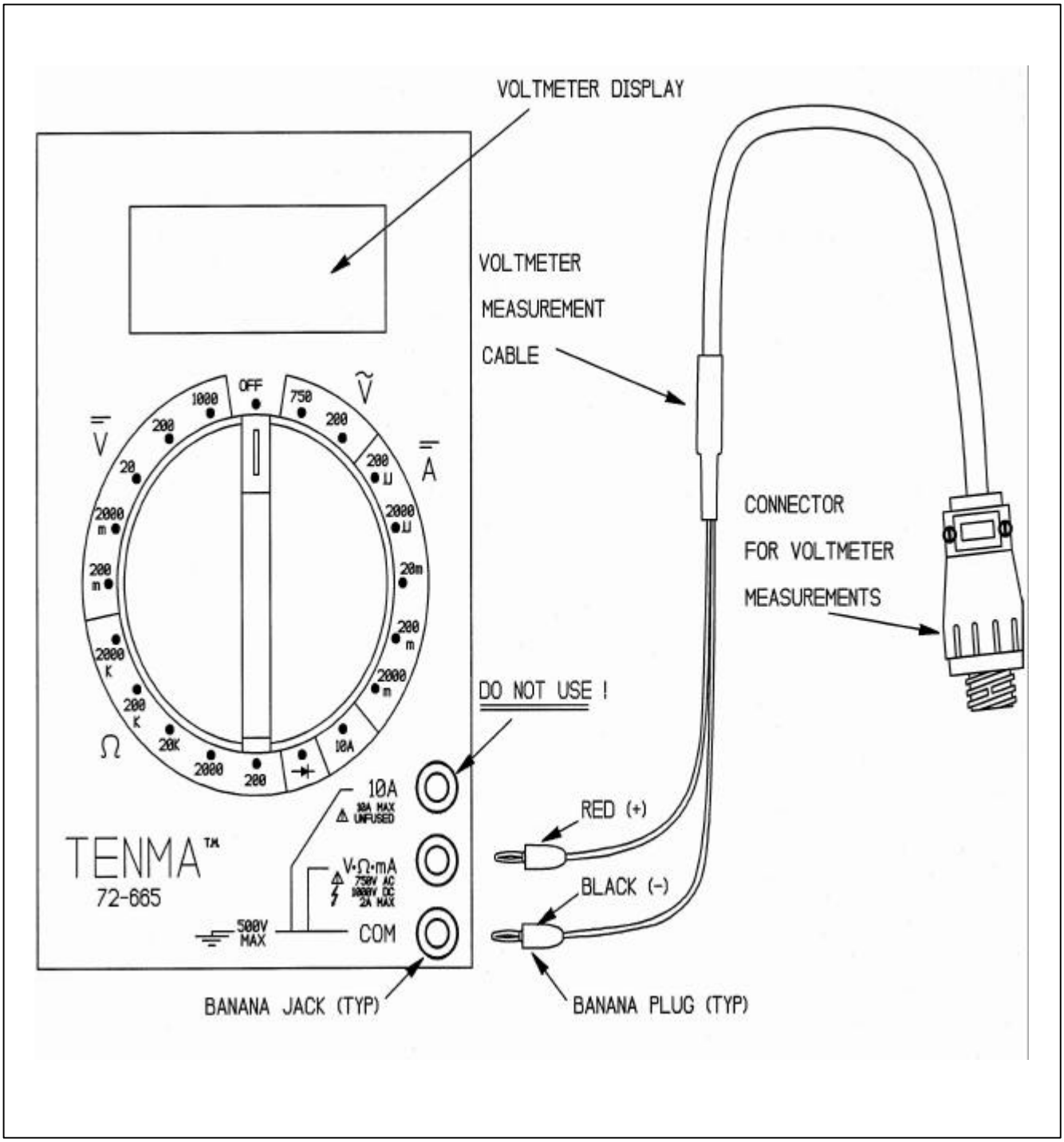

Figure 4-4. Voltmeter Connections for Measuring Lamp Voltage.

- Is the lamp fully seated and are the lamp pins making good contact in the lamp socket? After removing the transmitter lamp housing top cover (see Figure 4-1, Transmitter Component Diagram), look at the two wires that connect to the lamp socket. If either wire is not fully inserted into the socket, disconnect the power cable at the lamp housing and remove the lamp. From the inside of the lamp housing, press both wires firmly back into the lamp socket. Replace the lamp and retest the transmitter.

TRANSMITTER NOT ON FOR FULL 16 MINUTES

If the transmitter turns on at the correct time, but does not stay on for the full 16 minutes, check the supply power battery voltage while the transmitter is on. It should remain above 10.5 volts.

4.2.2 Receiver Troubleshooting

POWERING UP

When the receiver computer power is turned on, the computer will perform a series of internal checks and then set the front panel display to "001" (LPV-2, serial #1-4) or "000" (LPV-2, serial #5 and up). The toggle light should be off. If the display does not go to "000" or "001" upon powering-up, there is a system or component failure; call ARS for further directions. (See Figure 4-5 for a diagram of the receiver computer front panel.)

BLANK RECEIVER DISPLAY

If the receiver display is blank with the power switch "ON" (especially common after a power surge, lightning strike, or after reinstallation of the receiver computer after the computer has been recently shipped from ARS), check for loose computer cards in the receiver unit and for a damaged fuse in the receiver (see below).

LOOSE COMPUTER CARDS

The computer cards in the receiver unit may become loose during shipment. If the receiver display is blank, check the computer cards to make sure they are firmly seated (not loose).

Remove the four small screws (two on each side) from the sides of the receiver computer and lift the computer top cover off.

Using your thumbs, press down firmly (do not use excessive force) on each card to make sure it is firmly seated.

DAMAGED FUSE IN RECEIVER COMPUTER

With the receiver computer cover removed, check the fuse for damage. Refer to Figure 4-6, Receiver Computer Cards and Fuse Diagram, for location of the fuse. If the fuse is damaged, replace with a 1-amp fuse, replace the receiver computer top cover, and reset the receiver computer and system timing. Refer to TI 4110-3100, *Routine Site Operator Maintenance Procedures for LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol).*

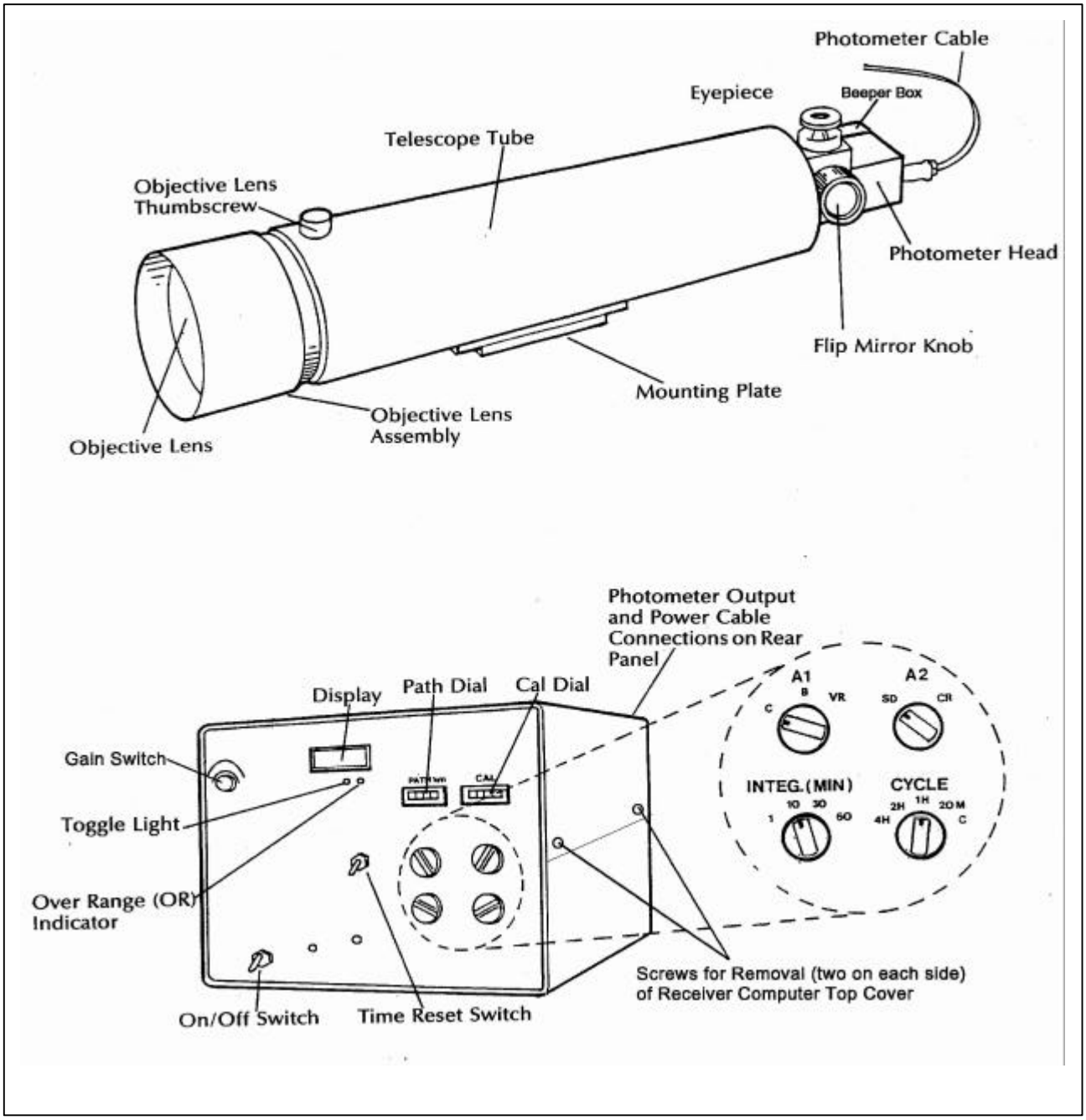

Figure 4-5. Receiver Component Diagram.

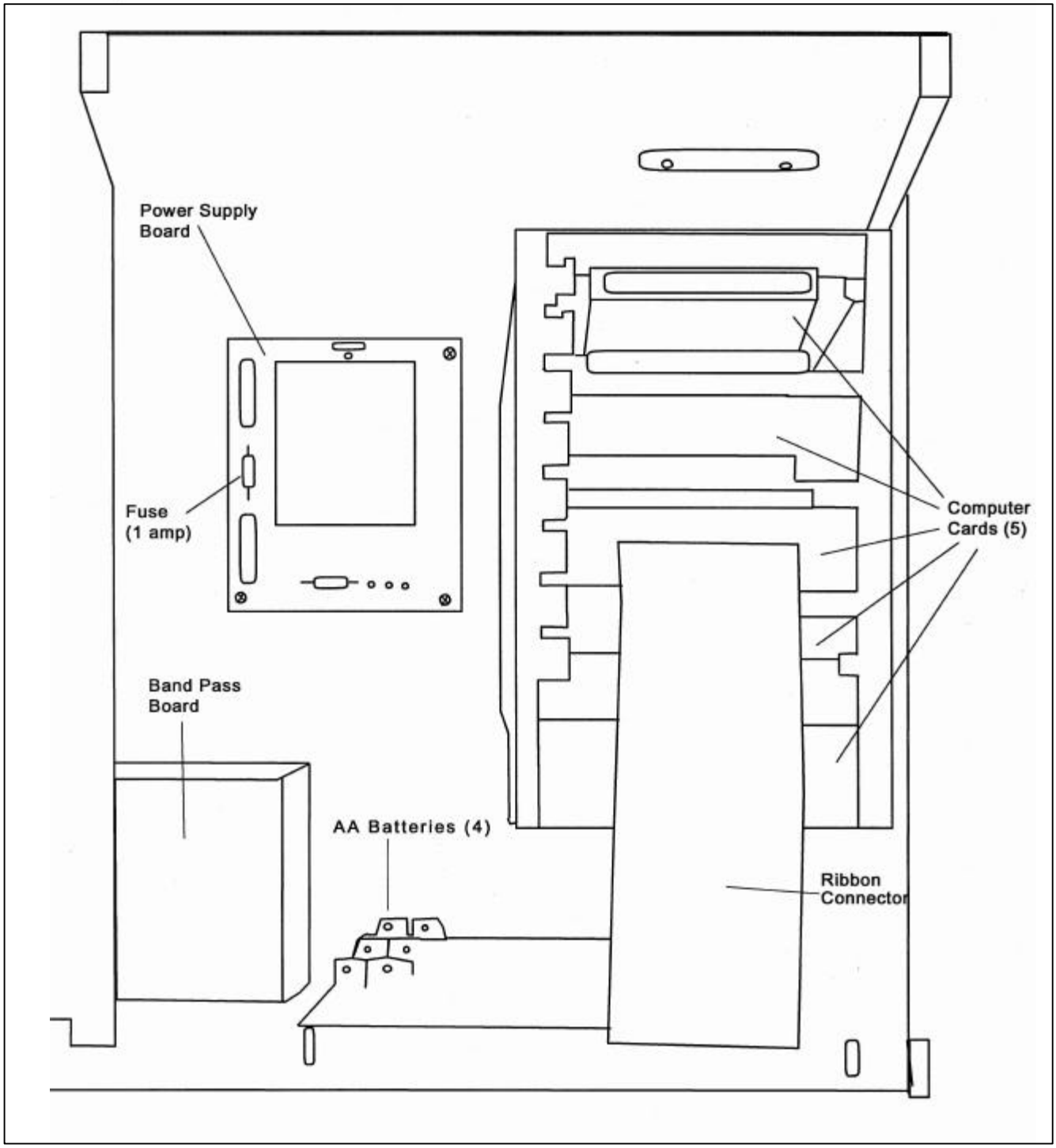

Figure 4-6. Receiver Computer Cards and Fuse Diagram.

TOGGLE LIGHT FLASHING

If during internal checks the computer finds a problem on the memory card, the toggle light will flash at approximately one second intervals upon powering up. If this occurs, call ARS for further directions.

TOGGLE DOES NOT UPDATE

If the toggle light does not change state at the correct time:

- Check the system timing (refer to TI 4110-3100, *Routine Site Operator Maintenance Procedures for LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol).*
- The computer may be locked up. When this happens, both the toggle and the reading will stay the same until the computer is reset. Reset the computer (by turning the power **OFF** for one second and then turn the power switch back **ON**).
- After resetting the receiver computer, the system timing will need to be reset. (Refer to TI 4110-3100, *Routine Site Operator Maintenance Procedures for LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol)*.
- The computer may be malfunctioning. Call ARS for further direction.

VERIFICATION OF RECEIVER COMPUTER INTEGRITY

To determine if the receiver computer reading is being properly relayed via the terminal strip to the DCP, do the following:

- Locate the voltmeter (one has been supplied at each station).
- Refer to the terminal strip wiring diagram (Figure 4-7).
- Set the voltmeter to 20 VDC (third position to left of "OFF").
- Connect the negative probe (black) to the "A1 Grd." terminal (green wire - 4th hole down on left).
- Connect the positive probe (red) to the "A1 output" terminal (yellow wire - top left).
- Record the voltmeter reading on the LPV-2 Transmissometer Operator Log Sheet - Receiver Station (Figure 2-2).
- Set the "A1" switch to position **C** and record the receiver computer display reading, date, time, and any other pertinent information on the receiver station log sheet.

If a Model 570 DCP is in use at the site, an additional check may be done to confirm that the DCP data agree with the receiver and terminal strip data. Model 570 DCPs have an LED display that allows the user to read the values stored by the DCP for transmission to the GOES satellite. On the back of the DCP,

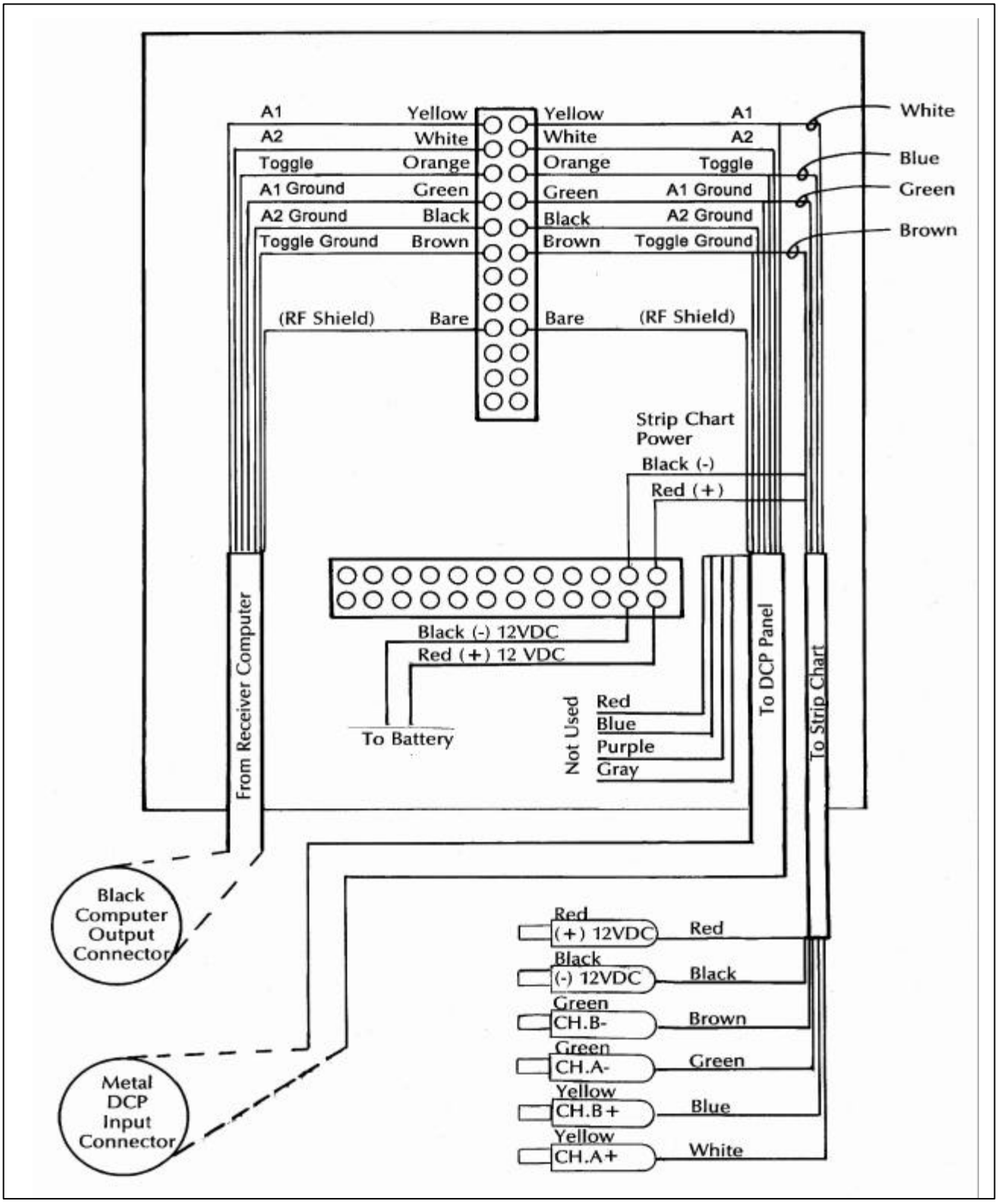

Figure 4-7. Terminal Strip Wiring Diagram.

below the LED display are three push-buttons labelled "ROLL-UP," "NEXT DIGIT," and "DISPLAY." Pressing the "DISPLAY" button causes the data display to advance through channels 1 - 10 showing the data value stored in each channel. The channel number appears on the far left of the display with the data for that channel appearing at the far right. The DCP channel 1 reading corresponds to the receiver computer display and the voltage measured at the terminal strip. Record the DCP channel 1 reading along with the date and time of the reading. For the DCP reading to correspond to the receiver computer display reading, both readings must be taken during a time window of approximately 43 minutes, beginning at 30 minutes after the top of the hour and ending with the next receiver computer update.

Call ARS to relate the recorded readings to the data coordinator or field specialist and to receive further instructions. Return the completed log sheet (white copy) to ARS as soon as possible.

4.2.3 DCP Troubleshooting

Three (3) different DCP models (Model 540A-1, Model 540A-2, and Model 570) currently are in use in the IMPROVE transmissometer network. Cable connections and display readings (570 only) may need to be checked if a DCP malfunction is suspected (refer to Figure 4-8, DCP Cable Connection and Display Diagram). If it is determined that the DCP is malfunctioning, it will need to be turned off and returned to ARS for repair. These procedures are provided in TI 4110-3375, *Replacing and Shipping Transmissometer System Components*.

DCP operation and operational parameters used for diagnosing data transmission problems are monitored daily by ARS. Should these parameters indicate a potential DCP problem, you will be contacted by the data coordinator or field specialist with a request to perform one or more of the following DCP system checks:

ANTENNA INSPECTION

Visually inspect the antenna to ensure that the driver, reflector, and directional elements (see Figure 4-9, DCP Antenna Component Diagram) are securely attached to their holders. The elements screw into the holders and should be hand-tightened so they are firmly seated against the holder.

ANTENNA ALIGNMENT

The site-specific antenna azimuth (compass heading) and elevation angle (degrees from horizontal) for IMPROVE sites are provided in Table 4-1, DCP Antenna Alignment for IMPROVE Sites. A compass should be used to check the approximate antenna azimuth. The elevation angle should be checked using the angle indicator supplied with the on-site tool kit. If either the azimuth or elevation angle are more than five degrees off from the values in Table 4-1, the antenna should be realigned to the specified values. The table will be updated as necessary (a shift in the satellite longitude may require a change in antenna azimuth and elevation).

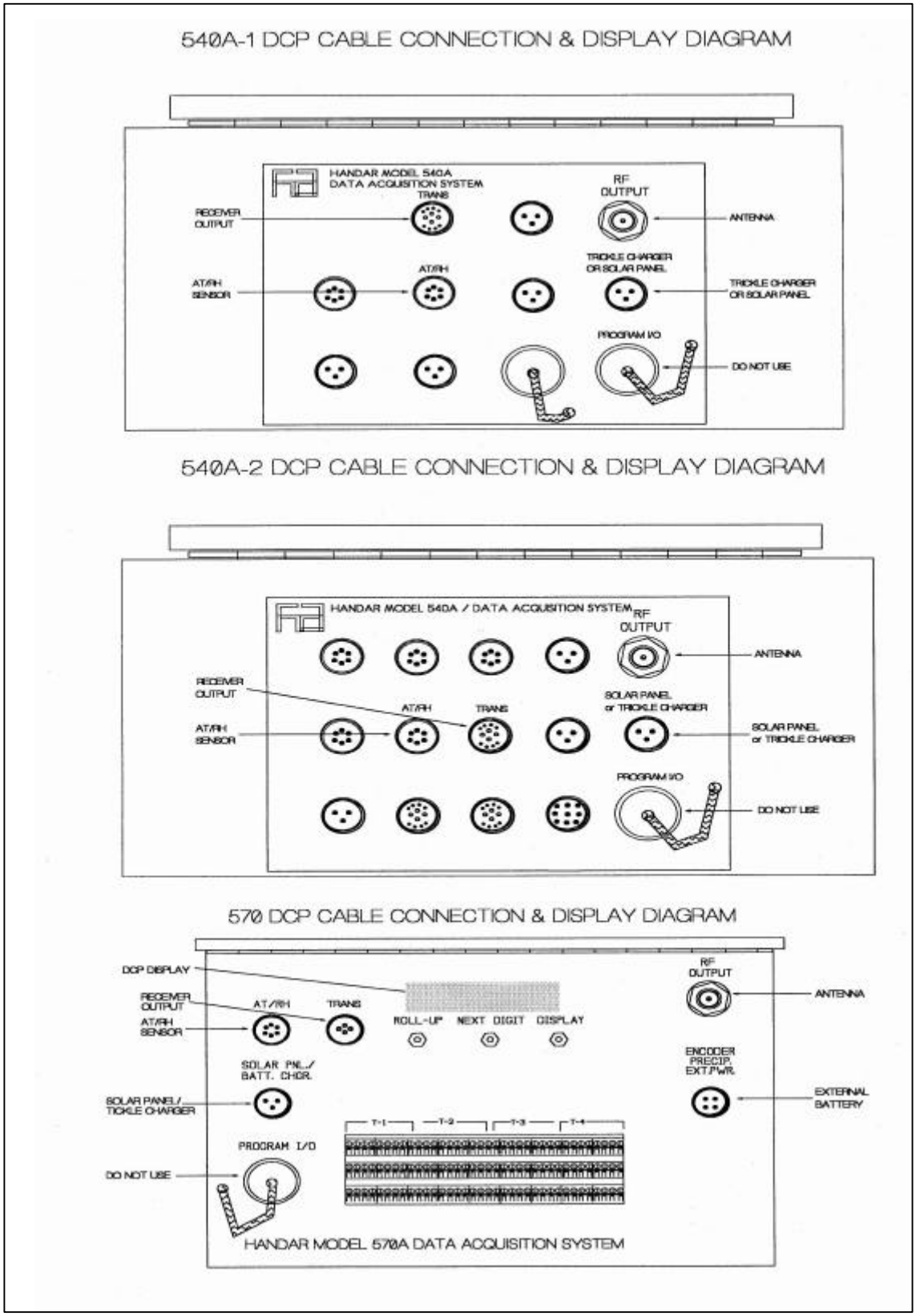

Figure 4-8. DCP Cable Connection and Display Diagram.

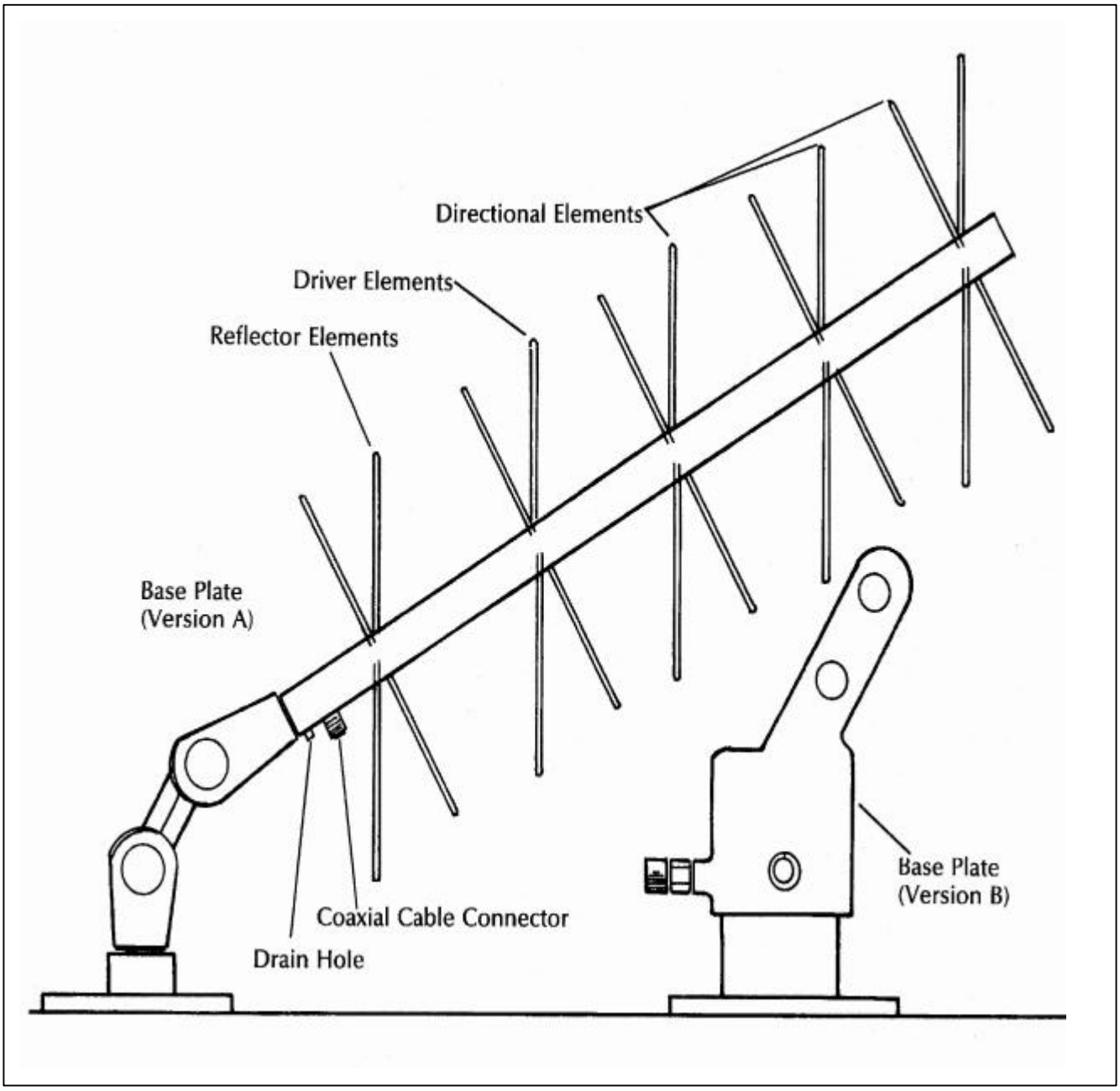

Figure 4-9. DCP Antenna Component Diagram.

Table 4-1

DCP Antenna Alignment for IMPROVE Sites

Site	Site Longitude		Site Latitude		Magnetic Declination	Satellite Longitude	True Bearing	Elevation Angle	Antenna Azimuth
BADL	101	54	43	47	9.6	139.5	228.06	27.18	218.46
BAND	106	16	35	47	10.8	139.5	228.25	35.69	217.45
BIBE	103	12	29	21	8.8	139.5	236.29	37.78	227.49
BRID	109	47	42	56	13.8	139.5	219.96	32.14	206.16
CANY	109	49	38	28	12.8	139.5	220.50	35.83	209.70
CHIR	109	23	32	1	11.3	139.5	227.57	40.60	216.27
GLAC	113	56	48	33	17.0	139.5	212.55	29.09	195.55
GRCA	112	0	36	0	13.0	139.5	221.53	39.14	208.53
GRCW	112	7	36	4	13.0	139.5	221.34	39.15	208.34
GRBA	114	13	39	0	14.3	139.5	216.89	37.80	202.59
GUMO	114	49	31	50	9.7	139.5	232.69	37.43	222.99
LYBR	73	8	43	9	-15.3	139.5	254.34	8.42	268.64
MACA	86	4	37	13	-2.2	139.5	245.84	20.18	248.04
PEFO	109	48	34	54	12.0	139.5	224.91	38.66	212.91
PINN	121	9	36	28	15.0	139.5	209.16	43.47	194.16
ROMO	105	35	40	22	11.3	139.5	226.00	32.00	215.00
SAGO	116	55	34	12	13.6	139.5	217.00	44.00	203.00
SHEN	78	26	38	31	-8.8	112.5	227.00	33.00	236.00

CABLE AND CONNECTOR INSPECTION

Inspect the DCP antenna cable for rodent damage or chafing. The antenna cable connectors should be checked for tightness at both ends. If the cable appears to be damaged, call ARS for a replacement cable.

4.2.4 Strip Chart Troubleshooting

Strip chart recorders are used only as backup data collection systems in the event of a DCP failure. The following is a list of the most common strip chart operational problems, resulting in lost data:

- The zero/record button is left in the "ZERO" position.
- The chart speed button is left in the "CM/MIN" position.
- The chart start/stop switch is left in the "STOP" position.
- Pen lifters are left in the "UP" position.
- The paper is loaded incorrectly, resulting in a jam.

If problems with the strip chart occur, take a minute to verify that the control switch and button settings match those listed on the strip chart settings sticker.

FUSES: AC OPERATION

If the strip chart does not function, the fuse may have blown. If the unit operates from AC line power, proceed with the following:

- Verify that AC power is available at the outlet that the strip chart recorder is plugged into. This check can be performed using the AC circuit tester provided in the on-site tool kit. Unplug the strip chart recorder from the outlet and plug the circuit tester into the same socket. If the circuit tester indicates that AC power is present at this outlet, continue with these procedures. Otherwise, refer to the AC power troubleshooting procedures described in Section 4.2.6, AC Power System Troubleshooting.
- Check that the power indicator switch on the back panel (Figure 4-10, Strip Chart Component Diagram,) is on the "AC LINE" position.
- Check the surge protector for correct operating status (see TI 4110-3100, *Routine Site Operator Maintenance Procedures for LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol).*
- Check the fuse located in the black holder on the back panel of the strip chart (Figure 4-10, Strip Chart Component Diagram).
- If the fuse has blown, turn the recorder power **OFF** -- also turn the chart drive **OFF**. Disconnect the green channel A(-) and channel B(-) plugs from the two jacks mounted on the back panel.

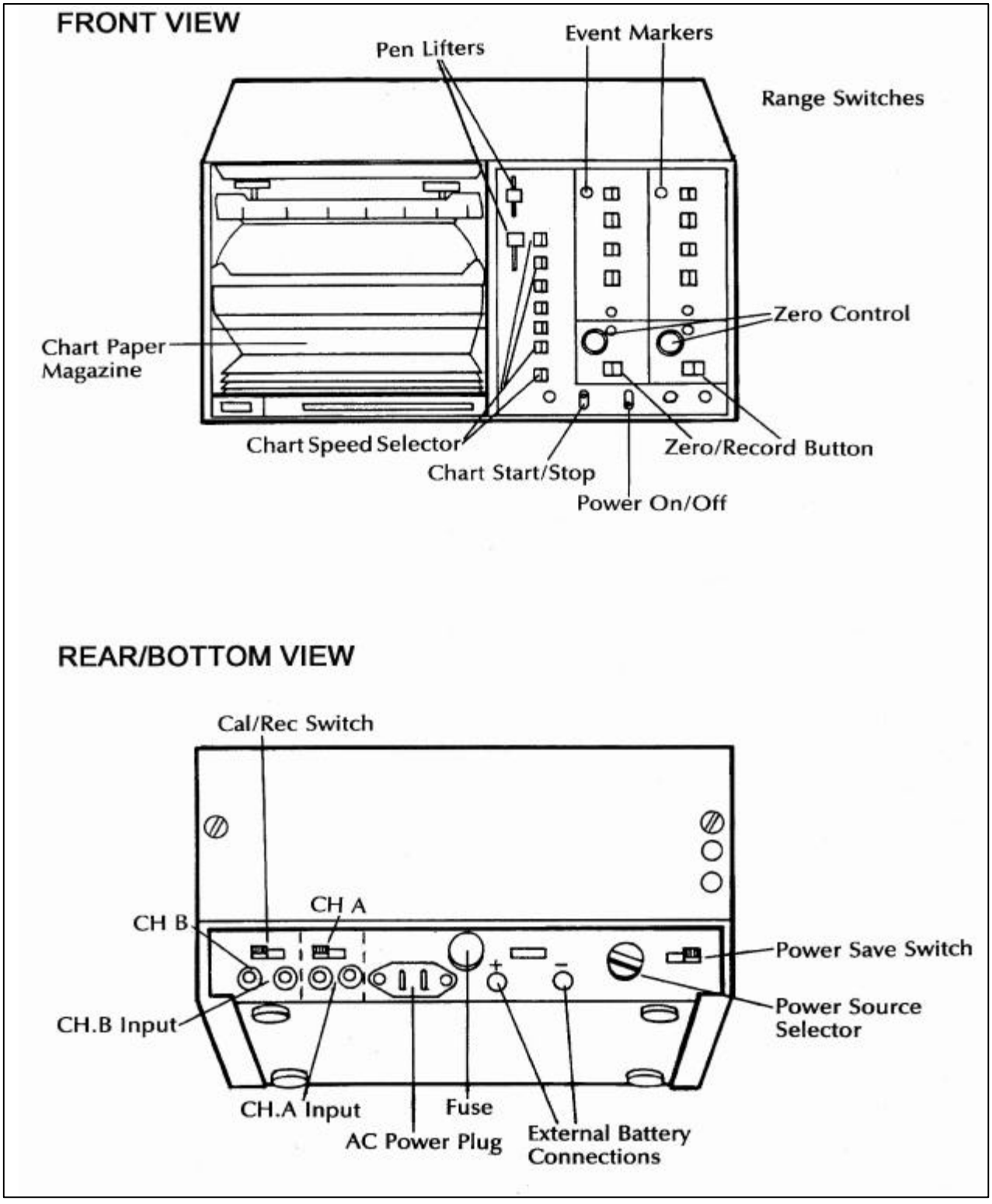

Figure 4-10. Strip Chart Component Diagram.

- Obtain a 0.5-amp replacement fuse from the spare fuses kit. Verify that the replacement fuse is the same as the blown fuse by reading the specifications stamped on the end of the fuse.

- Insert the replacement fuse and turn the recorder **ON**. If the "power on" indicator does not light, turn the unit **OFF** and recheck the fuse. If the fuse has blown, call ARS.

- If the "power on" indicator light remains on, reconnect the channel A(-) and channel B(-) plugs, one at a time, while observing the power indicator light.

- If the fuse blows ("power on" indicator light turns off) while connecting either input line, disconnect both the A(-) and B(-) plugs, turn the recorder power switch **OFF** and call ARS for further directions.

FUSES: DC OPERATION

If the strip chart does not function, an internal fuse may have blown. Fuses protecting recorders that operate from DC power will blow if the power leads are connected improperly (polarity reversed), if signal grounds are attached incorrectly, or if recorder components have failed.

The fuses for DC operation are located inside the recorder. The back panel fuse is not a part of the DC power circuit. To check the recorder operation:

- Check the power source selector switch on the back panel. The switch should be in the 12 V position.

- Check the power leads on the terminal strip and the battery for excessive corrosion or a bad connection.

- Use the voltmeter to check the voltage at the power input banana jacks on the recorder back panel. The voltage should be above 10 VDC.

- Before checking the fuse, turn the power switch **OFF** and disconnect the channel A(-) and channel B(-) leads.

- Take off the recorder cover by removing the six Phillips-head screws. Two screws are located on the top of the cover, the other four are located on the sides (two to a side near the bottom).

- Carefully remove the cover by first sliding it back slightly before pulling up.

- Inspect the fuse labeled "F301" located on the small circuit board on the left side of the recorder.

- If the fuse labeled "F301" is blown, replace it with a 2.0-amp fuse from the spare fuses kit. Verify that the replacement fuse is correct by comparing specifications stamped on the fuse.

- Before replacing the cover, turn the power switch back **ON** and observe the power indicator light. If the fuse blows again, turn the power switch **OFF**, reinstall the cover, leave the channel A(-) and B(-) leads disconnected, and call ARS for further directions.

- If the power indicator light remains **ON**, reconnect the channel A(-) and B(-) lines one at a time while observing the power indicator light and the fuse. If the fuse blows, disconnect the channel A(-) and B(-) input lines, turn the power switch **OFF**, reinstall the cover, and call ARS for further directions.

- If the problem cannot be corrected, call ARS for further directions.

4.2.5 Solar Power System Troubleshooting

Because solar panel power systems are wired in parallel, an individual, bad panel may not easily be identified aside from obvious physical damage; however, there is not much that can go wrong with a solar panel. The most common problems will be with the cables, regulators, or the deep-cycle storage batteries. If a problem with the solar panel power system is suspected, refer to the servicing and maintenance procedures described in TI 4110-3100, *Routine Site Operator Maintenance Procedures for LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol)*. These sections fully describe the procedures for checking the status of the solar panels, M16 voltage regulators, and the deep-cycle storage batteries. After performing these checks, call ARS to relate the results and receive further instructions.

4.2.6 AC Power System Troubleshooting

CAUTION: Working with AC power can be dangerous! Extreme care must be used when troubleshooting any AC power system. Do not approach any system where cut or bare wires or standing water are present. If physical damage to any component of the AC power system (outlets, wiring, circuit breakers, etc.) is noted, leave the site immediately and contact ARS. If you have any concerns regarding your ability to safely troubleshoot the system, contact your unit electrician for assistance.

AC POWER STATUS

Verify that AC power is available at the outlet that the surge protector is plugged into. This check can be performed using the AC circuit tester provided in the on-site tool kit. Unplug the surge protector from the outlet and plug the circuit tester into the same socket. If the circuit tester indicates that AC power is not present at this outlet, check the status of the circuit breaker that provides power to the instrument shelter. If you do not know the location of this circuit breaker, contact your unit electrician.

TRIPPED CIRCUIT BREAKER

If the AC power status check performed above reveals that the circuit breaker has tripped, the problem may be due to a malfunction of a transmissometer component. To check for an instrument malfunction, proceed with the following:

- Disconnect the DC power supply (transmitter or receiver sites) and the DCP trickle charger (receiver sites only) from the surge protector.
- Reset the circuit breaker. If the breaker trips, consult an electrician.
- If the breaker does not trip, try to isolate the faulty component by reconnecting each component to the surge protector one at a time. Note the circuit breaker status as each component is reconnected. If the breaker trips when a component is plugged in, leave that component unplugged and continue the check; contact ARS with the results.
- If either the DCP trickle charger or the power supply are malfunctioning, leave the units unplugged and contact ARS for replacement components.

SURGE PROTECTOR

Check the status of the surge protector following the procedures described in TI 4110-3100, *Routine Site Operator Maintenance Procedures for LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol)*.

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- Datalogging configuration.
- An ambient air temperature and relative humidity sensor.
- Shelters and related hardware.
- System power configuration.

The descriptions in this TI may be used to maintain and/or troubleshoot the transmissometer system. Components in the transmissometer system may change depending on site logistics, component availability, and construction. This technical instruction includes the following information:

- A brief description of component function
- Component model, manufacturer, and supplier
- System component diagrams
- Wiring diagrams
- Cable and connector description

2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 PROJECT MANAGER

The project manager shall ensure that the component descriptions in this TI are accurate, complete, and up-to-date.

3.0 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

None.

4.0 METHODS

This section describes the system components and wiring of a transmissometer station and includes five (5) major subsections:

4.1 Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer
4.2 Datalogging Configuration
4.3 Ambient Air Temperature and Relative Humidity Sensor
4.4 Transmitter and Receiver Shelters
4.5 System Power Configuration

4.1 OPTEC LPV-2 TRANSMISSOMETER

This section provides an overview of the Optec LPV-2 transmissometer. Detailed component descriptions for the transmissometer are provided in the *Optec LPV-2 Long Path Visibility Transmissometer Technical Manual for Theory of Operation and Operating Procedures*(Optec, 1991). Refer to Table 4-1 for transmissometer component, model, manufacturer, and supplier information.

4.1.1 Transmitter Component Description

Refer to Figures 4-1, 4-2, and 4-3 for the location of the following components. The figures are presented at the end of the section.

TRANSMITTER TELESCOPE

FLIP MIRROR KNOB	The flip mirror knob changes the position of an internal mirror. When the knob is in its "fully clockwise" or "OFF" position, the image is directed to the eyepiece. When the knob is in its "fully counterclockwise" or "ON" position, the image is directed to the photodetector for measurement.
EYEPIECE	The eyepiece is used to check and reposition transmitter alignment. An image of the scene with the view transposed left to right will be visible when the flip mirror knob is rotated fully clockwise. The reticle markings are super-imposed over the scene as an aid to alignment. The transmitter must be aligned so that the receiver is always within the center circle. **IMPORTANT**--no readings are taken with the flip mirror in the "OFF" position. The beeper box will "beep" when the flip mirror is in the "OFF" position. It is to remind the operator to turn it to the"ON" position for instrument operation.
LENS POSITION SCREW	The lens position screw holds the objective lens in position. **IMPORTANT--**do not attempt to focus the transmitter. Repositioning the objective lens will change the transmitter light output, requiring a recalibration.
TELESCOPE TUBE	The telescope tube holds the objective lens at a constant distance (focus) from the lamp filament. The objective lens is used both to focus the image for alignment and to concentrate the outgoing light beam. The tube should always be mounted securely to the flip mirror assembly with the two Allen screws machined into the flip mirror block.
LAMP HOUSING	The lamp housing contains the lamp, chopper system, and the optical feedback block. To avoid the possibility of contaminating the optical surfaces with dust, the housing should only be opened if servicing/troubleshooting is required.

Table 4-1

Major Components of the
Transmissometer System

COMPONENT	MODEL	MANUFACTURER	SUPPLIER
Transmissometer	LPV-2	Optec	Optec
Data Collection Platform (DCP)	570A	Handar	Handar
DCP	540A-1	Handar	Handar
DCP Antenna	443A	Handar	Handar
Strip Chart Recorder	6723	Primeline	Soltec
AT/RH Sensor	MP-100F	Rotronics	Rotronics
Receiver Alti-Azimuth Base	REC-AZ	Optec	Optec
Transmitter Alti-Azimuth Base	XMTR	Von	Von
Mounting Post	36-ADJ	Von	Von
Surge Protector	PLS I	Northern Technologies	Northern Technologies
Trickle Charger	SBP	ARS	ARS
5-amp Power Supply	72-280	Tenma	MCM
10-amp Power Supply	RPS-1012A	Tenma	MCM
Solar Panels	MSX56	Solarex	Remote Power
Solar Panels	SX20	Solarex	Remote Power
Solar Panel Regulator	M-16	Bobier	Hutton Communications
Deep-Cycle Batteries	GR27	NAPA	NAPA

LAMP SOCKET — The type of optical system used in the transmitter to concentrate the light beam requires accurate positioning of the lamp filament. The machined lamp socket assures that each lamp is mounted in the same position.

LAMP HOUSING PLATE — The lamp housing plate accurately positions the lamp socket which, in turn, accurately positions the lamp and its filament.

IMPORTANT--the plate should never be loosened; movement of the lamp housing plate will require factory servicing of the instrument. Access to the lamp housing is from the top.

TRANSMITTER CONTROL BOX

ON/OFF SWITCH — The "ON/OFF" switch controls power to the control box ("ON" is when the switch is in the up position). The transmitter timekeeping circuitry runs from an internal battery and is not affected by the position of this switch. If power is applied to the transmitter when the auto-timer circuit is in the "OPERATE" mode, the lamp and chopper will come on. If the auto-timer is in the "WAIT" mode, the light will not come on.

TEST SWITCH — The "TEST" switch, present on units with serial numbers greater than four, is used to manually turn the transmitter "ON" without affecting the internal timekeeping circuitry. The lamp status LED will light when the "TEST" switch is in the "UP" or "TEST" position. Keep in mind that the transmitter will not turn off when the "TEST" switch is moved to the "OFF" position (if the internal auto-timer is in the "OPERATE" mode).

LAMP STATUS LED — The lamp status light indicates whether or not the lamp has aged or been damaged to the point where the optical feedback controller cannot keep the light output constant. The LED must be observed while the transmitter is "ON" under automatic control. If the LED is "ON," the lamp needs to be replaced. The LED will always light when the "TEST" switch is used.

T5 LAMP VOLTAGE CHECK SOCKETS — The T5 lamp voltage check sockets are used to check the voltage of the lamp being used. A voltmeter has been provided. The positive lead will connect to red socket and the negative lead will connect to the black socket - giving a lamp voltage reading. When requested to check the lamp voltage, make sure the voltmeter settings are for DC volts (greater than 2 and less than 20). Take a reading when the lamp is "ON" under automatic control and document the reading on the Transmitter Operator Log Sheet.

HANDHELD RADIO PRECAUTION — The transmitter circuitry, especially the internal auto-timer, can be adversely affected by strong radio signals. Do not transmit on a handheld radio within 10 feet of the transmitter. Avoid aiming the antenna at, or over the circuitry. Strong radio signals may reset the internal auto-timer, resulting in incorrect system timing.

TRANSMITTER CABLES AND CONNECTIONS

POWER CABLE CONNECTION — A black two-conductor power cable from a power supply or battery connects to this input plug. Pin 2 of the plug is for +12 VDC, Pin 3 is for power return (-). Refer to Figure 4-7 for power connector description. Reversing polarity or connecting a supply voltage greater than 17 VDC will cause the fuse inside the control box to blow.

CONTROL CABLE CONNECTION — The cable that carries power and signals from the control box to the transmitter telescope connects to these input plugs. Both ends of the cable are identical and are interchangeable. The connector is a "snap lock" type connector. When tightening the connector, a slight resistance will be felt just before the connector "snaps" into the "locked" position.

4.1.2 Receiver Component Description

Refer to Figures 4-4, 4-5, 4-6, and 4-7 for the location of the following components:

RECEIVER COMPUTER

ON/OFF SWITCH — The "ON/OFF" switch serves two purposes; it controls power to the computer, and acts as a computer reset. Upon powering up, the LCD display should, after a short period, display "000" to "001." If the computer should lock up, the "ON/OFF" switch can be used to reset the system. Resetting is accomplished by holding the switch in the "OFF" position for at least one second before turning "ON." Like the transmitter, the receiver's auto-timer circuitry is powered by internal batteries and is not affected by the "ON/OFF" switch. However, the system timing should be reset each time the computer power is cycled.

TIME RESET — The "TIME RESET" switch, when activated, resets the internal timer and defines the start times for the integration and cycle intervals. If settings on either the "INTEG" or "CYCLE" switches are changed, the internal timer must be reset. The "TIMER RESET" switch has no effect when the computer is set to the "CONTINUOUS" mode (INTEG = 1, CYCLE = ∞).

DISPLAY — The small LCD display, on the receiver computer front panel, displays readings as selected by the "A1" switch. The range of the display for the various readings is:

- **Raw Instrument Readings** . The range is from "000," indicating no light is visible to "999." Raw readings should always be less than the calibration number. The higher the raw readings, the cleaner the air.

B **Extinction Values (in km^{-1})**. The range is from ".000" indicating impossibly clean air to an extinction of ".999," which corresponds to a visual range of 3.92 km. For visual ranges less than 3.92 km, ".999" will continue to be displayed. Extinction values should not go below 0.007, which is the calculated theoretical minimum of .009 minus instrument and rounding error of .002. The lower the extinction value, the cleaner the air.

VR **Visual Range (km)** . The range of this setting is from 000 km, indicating no transmitter light was visible, to 999 km, an impossibly high value. The maximum possible visual range is 391 km. The higher the visual range, the cleaner the air.

A1 SWITCH

The "A1" switch selects the computer output to both the front panel display and to analog line #1 used by the dataloggers (i.e., data collection platform and strip chart recorder).

C Raw instrument readings in counts

B Extinction values in units of km^{-1}

VR Visual range in units of km

In "NORMAL OPERATING" mode, the "A1" switch should remain on the "C" (raw readings) setting.

A2 SWITCH

The "A2" switch selects the computer output to analog line #2 used by the dataloggers.

SD Standard deviation of the raw instrument readings

CR Raw readings count (the last of the 10 one-minute raw readings)

In "NORMAL OPERATING" mode the "A2" switch should remain on the "SD" (standard deviation) setting.

INTEG (MIN)

The "INTEG" switch selects the integration or averaging time period in minutes. The shortest possible time interval for a reading is one minute. A 10-minute averaged reading is, therefore, based upon 10 one-minute readings. A change in switch position requires that a time reset be made. For routine operation, this switch must remain on the "10" setting.

CYCLE

The "CYCLE" switch selects the time interval between the start of each reading. A setting of "C," for continuous, indicates there is no time delay or interval between readings. Other settings dictate time intervals of between 20 minutes and 4 hours. For example, a cycle time of 1 hour (1H) with an integration time of 10 minutes (10M), would provide a 10-minute average every hour. For routine operation, this switch must remain on the "1H" setting. A change in switch position requires that a time reset be made.

GAIN SWITCH

The "GAIN" switch determines the fraction of the received raw signal digitized by the analog to digital (A/D) converter for use in the computer. The gain should only be changed by trained service technicians.

OVER-RANGE (OR) INDICATOR

When the "OVER-RANGE" light is "ON," it indicates that the value sent from the computer to the display is too great for the display to handle. This may occur, for example, when a storm obscures the transmitter light. The receiver computer will then calculate an infinitely high extinction when the "A1" switch is in the "B" position, and output a very high (over-range) value to the display. This condition is indicated by the over-range (OR) light. The display will show "1000," its maximum value. The OR light will extinguish on its own after a within-range reading has been taken. For routine operation, the "A1" switch is in the “C” position and the OR light should not illuminate.

TOGGLE LIGHT

The toggle light indicates a reading update. At the end of the integration period, the toggle light will change state from "ON" to "OFF" or vice-versa. The toggle status is also output to the dataloggers. The toggle light has three important functions:

1. It indicates a computer lock-up or failure.

2. It can be used to differentiate a computer lock-up from consecutive, identical readings.

3. It provides the only visual indicator to reliably check the receiver auto-timer system.

PATH DIAL

The path dial is used to input the line-of-sight distance between the transmitter and the receiver into the computer. The distance is measured during installation with a laser range finder and is expressed in kilometers. An incorrect distance setting will not affect the raw readings, but will result in the calculation of erroneous extinction values.

CAL DIAL

A calibration (CAL) number is calculated for each lamp. Since all lamps are slightly different, a new calibration number must be dialed in for each replacement lamp. The CAL number represents the raw reading which would be obtained if the atmosphere had a theoretical 100% transmission. The CAL number should not be changed, unless directed by ARS field service technicians.

HANDHELD RADIOS PRECAUTION

The receiver computer circuitry, especially the internal auto-timer, can be adversely affected by strong radio signals. Do not transmit on a handheld radio within 10 feet of the computer. Avoid aiming the antenna at, or over, the computer. Strong radio signals may reset the timer circuit, resulting in an incorrect, out-of-sync system timing.

RECEIVER CABLES AND CONNECTIONS

POWER CABLE CONNECTION

A black two-conductor power cable from the power supply or battery connects to this input plug. "PIN 2" of the plug is for +12 VDC, "PIN 3" is for power return (-). Reversing polarity or connecting a supply greater than 17 VDC will cause the fuse inside the receiver computer to blow.

OUTPUT CABLE CONNECTION

The cable that carries signals from the receiver computer to the terminal strip connects to this input plug. The signals are differential - each signal has its own ground.

PHOTOMETER CONNECTION

The cable that carries signals from the photometer (detector head) to the receiver computer connects to this input plug.

RECEIVER TELESCOPE

FLIP MIRROR KNOB

The "FLIP MIRROR" knob is used to change the position of an internal mirror. When the knob is in the "fully clockwise" or "OFF" position, the image is directed to the eyepiece. When the knob is in the "fully counterclockwise" or "ON" position, the image is directed towards the photo-detector.

IMPORTANT--during alignment, the knob must be turned "fully clockwise" against the stop to the "OFF" position. If the knob is not positioned fully against the stop, incorrect alignment could occur. Once alignment is completed, the knob must be turned "fully counterclockwise" to the "ON" position. No readings will be taken if the flip mirror is left in the "OFF" position.

EYEPIECE

The eyepiece is used to check and reposition instrument alignment. As with the transmitter, an image of the scene with the view transposed left to right will be visible when the flip mirror knob is rotated "fully clockwise." Reticle markings are super-imposed on the scene for use in alignment. The transmitter light should be within the small inner circle.

OBJECTIVE LENS THUMBSCREW

The objective lens thumbscrew holds the objective lens assembly in place. The focus is set correctly during installation. Sometimes image degradation due to turbulence is mistaken as incorrect focus. Do not adjust the focus unless instructed by ARS. Receiver telescope focus adjustment will not affect the calibration.

OBJECTIVE LENS ASSEMBLY	The objective lens assembly on instruments with serial numbers 001-004 have aperture rings glued or taped in place over the end to allow a known amount of light collection by the telescope. These rings should always be firmly fixed in place. Later units have aperture rings built into the lens assembly.
OBJECTIVE LENS	The receiver telescope is equipped with an expensive objective lens. The delicate, coated, surface of this lens can easily be damaged or marked by incorrect cleaning. Field operators should avoid physically touching the lens; periodic cleaning of the surface with the blower brush is sufficient under normal circumstances.
TELESCOPE TUBE	The objective lens is held in place and the detector is shielded from stray light by a thick-walled telescope tube. A light-trapping baffle, mounted inside the tube, further protects the detector from stray light.
PHOTOMETER HEAD	The photometer head contains the photodiode detector, detector signal preamplification circuitry, filter, and the flip mirror. The photometer head must be securely attached to the telescope with the two Allen screws provided for this purpose.

4.2 DATALOGGING CONFIGURATION

This section provides an overview of the datalogging configuration used for collecting and disseminating data from an IMPROVE Protocol transmissometer system. Detailed component descriptions for the dataloggers and support equipment are provided in the Handar Data Acquisition System Operating and Service Manuals provided by Handar, Inc. and in the Primeline 6723 Instruction Manual provided by Soltec Distribution.

4.2.1 Terminal Strip Board and Wiring Description

A terminal strip is used as an interface between the transmissometer and the dataloggers. It provides an excellent place to troubleshoot the system. Refer to Figures 4-8 and 4-9 for the location of the following components.

TERMINAL STRIPS	Two terminal strips are mounted on the board. The vertical strip connects the transmissometer to the dataloggers. The horizontal strip is used to provide 12 VDC power to the strip chart (when needed) or to other equipment.
TRANSMIS-SOMETER SIGNALS	Transmissometer signals exit the receiver computer at the port marked "OUTPUT" and enter the left side of the vertically-mounted terminal strip. The signals are differential, each signal having its own ground.
DCP INPUT SIGNALS	The signal cable of the DCP exits the right side of the vertical terminal strip and enters the Handar 540A or 570A DCP at the port marked "TRANS."

STRIP CHART INPUT SIGNALS — The signal cable to the strip chart exits the right side of the vertical terminal strip where it shares terminal positions with the DCP wiring. The signals enter the back of the strip chart with labeled banana jacks. The 12 VDC power supply to the strip chart shares this cable and also enters the strip chart with labeled banana jacks.

CONNECTOR PINOUTS — Signal cabling and connectors are described in Table 4-2.

TERMINAL STRIP CABLES — Cables are fixed to the terminal strip board with strain reliefs. It is unlikely that a signal wire will come loose from the strip.

4.2.2 Data Collection Platform (DCP) Component Description

Refer to Figures 4-10, 4-11, and 4-12 for the location of the following components:

ON/OFF SWITCH — The main system "ON/OFF" switch is located next to the fuse holder near the hinge. Do not turn this switch "OFF" unless directed by ARS.

IMPORTANT--if power is turned "OFF," the internal program will be lost from memory and the unit will require reprogramming.

FUSES — Three fuses mounted in holders next to the "ON/OFF" switch protect the internal battery, an external battery (if used), and the program set power-output circuitry.

IMPORTANT--removal of internal battery fuse will wipe out the program and will require a site visit or replacement DCP.

BATTERY — The orange, 12 VDC, 20-amp-hour gel-cell battery secured in place at the end of the box or connected to the back panel of the 570 DCP as an external battery powers the DCP. Do not attempt to measure the battery voltage unless instructed by ARS. Shorting the positive battery terminal to the holder with the test lead could cause damage to the circuitry or wipe out the program.

DESICCANT INDICATOR — The desiccant indicator affixed to the battery holder monitors the effectiveness of the desiccant. When the desiccant is in good shape or "active," the color of the circle matches that of the rectangle. Both should be blue. When the desiccant is spent, the circle color will be pink. It is best to check the indicator immediately upon opening the DCP door as the color will change in approximately two minutes.

DOOR CLOSURE CLAMPS — All door closure clamps must be tightened to assure a good fit. Do no over tighten the clamps.

SUPPORT CARD — The support card contains the battery charging circuitry, system power supply, timer, and analog-to-digital converter. This card is always located in card slot number 9. Card slot number 1 is located closest to the battery.

Table 4-2

Transmissometer System
Cable and Connector Description

	FUNCTION	WIRE COLOR	WIRE COLOR	DCP INPUT PIN #	MET CARD PIN #	INPUT ADDRESS	POWER ADDRESS	FULL SCALE	DCP CH #
1	b_{ext} Signal	Yellow	Yellow	G	J2-8	6	8	1000	1
2	Raw Reading/ Stdev. Signal	White	White	B	J2-14	8	8	500	3
3	Toggle Signal	Orange	Orange	C	J1-12	9	8	001	2
4	b_{ext} Ground	Green	Green	J	J1-8				
5	Raw Reading/ Std. Ground	Black	Black	K	J2-10				
6	Toggle Ground	Brown	Brown	K	J2-10				
7	Not Used	----	----	----	----				
8	Not Used	----	----	----	----				
9	Shield	Bare	Bare	M	DCP Chassis /Grd.				

Comments:

1. Rec Output Cable - 6 ft. DCP Input Cable - 8 ft.; A1 determines Pin 1 output; A2 determines Pin 2 output.

2. Receiver outputs double ended; Handar DCP has common ground.

3. DCP input pins not listed above
   Wire Color - Wires Not Used
   A - Blue, J1-19 (5,B)
   D - Grey, J1-6, (D,B)
   E - Red, J1-15, (A,B)
   F - Purples, J2-9, (F,B)
   H - Not used

Leave extra wire at terminal strip end - do not trim.

CPU CARD

The CPU card contains the microprocessor, memory, and system firmware (operating system). This card is always placed in slot number 8 between the aluminum plates which act to shield it from interference.

MET CARD

The meteorological sensor card provides signal conditioning for sensor inputs. It is here the transmissometer extinction analog signal is converted to a format that is usable by the computer. For use in our system, this card is always placed in slot #6. Two multi-color ribbon connectors bring sensor signals from the input panel to the met cards. Most DCPs have two pairs of ribbon cables, some may have three pairs. The pair marked "TELEPHOTOMETER #1" or "TRANSMISSOMETER," should be used with the shorter of the two cables connected to the left met card cable input (battery at top). The black conductor is on both cables.

GOES TRANSMITTER

The GOES transmitter circuit board, located on the inside of the door, enables the DCP to transmit data at precise user-selected frequencies to the satellite. The transmitter has the ability to broadcast at 265 frequencies between 401.701 and 402.0985 mHZ in 1.5 kHZ steps. The 10-watt transmitter power output is +40 dBm.

PRIMARY CHANNEL SWITCHES

There are six square, red, dial switches located in the upper right corner (battery at top) of the GOES radio transmitter circuit board. The top three switches labeled "CHAN 1," are used to set the primary radio frequency at which the DCP will transmit. These switches should always be set to the channel noted on the DCP sticker. When the primary channel switches are set to 900, transmissions from the DCP are hardware inhibited. This function is used in the field to disable a DCP for shipping, or to ship a new DCP from ARS to the field.

SECONDARY CHANNEL

The "SECONDARY BROADCAST" channel, "CHAN 2," is not used in the transmissometer monitoring network. These switches should remain set to "000." The secondary channel is used in some monitoring networks to broadcast random transmissions when an emergency, such as a flood, occurs.

GRAY RIBBON CONNECTOR

The gray ribbon cable connecting the GOES radio to the CPU card should never be unplugged. The computer relies on clock signals generated by an oscillator on the GOES radio board for its operation.

IMPORTANT--disconnecting the gray ribbon cable will destroy the internal program requiring a site visit by ARS technicians or a replacement DCP.

4.2.3 DCP Antenna Component Description

The antenna used with the Handar 540A/570A DCP is a Cross-Yagi type with a gain of 10dB. The antenna has a half-power beam width of 47°, which means that critical alignment is not necessary. Refer to Figure 4-13 for the location of the following components:

BASE PLATE VERSION #A	The base plate used in many installations is chrome plated and adjustable in both the horizonal and vertical directions. The plate is usually mounted to the shelter with lag bolts or wood screws. The antenna bar screws to this base.
BASE PLATE VERSION #B	Another type of base plate in use is designed for post-mounting. With this type of mount, antenna alignment is a combination of the vertical component, adjusted with two bolts at the base of the antenna rod, and the rotational component adjusted with the two large Allen screws which clamp to the post.
DRAIN HOLES	At the base of the antenna bar, on all but the oldest units, are two holes which allow water that enters the bar to drain. These holes should remain uncovered and should be positioned towards the ground.
COAXIAL CABLE CONNECTOR	The coax cable from the DCP enters the antenna at this connector. The connector should be oriented towards the bottom of the bar if possible and should be screwed in tightly to avoid moisture penetrating the seal and degrading the signal. Refer to Figure 4-14 for diagram of cable connections.
DRIVER ELEMENTS	The driver elements, located in the second position from the bottom on the antenna, are the elements that do all the work. For the transmissions to be strong enough to reach the satellite reliably, all four elements must be in good shape, and securely fastened in their holders.
REFLECTOR ELEMENTS	These antenna elements function almost like a mirror behind a light bulb, increasing the signal strength.
DIRECTIONAL ELEMENTS	These antenna elements further increase the output power, as well as make the signal more directional.

4.2.4 Strip Chart Recorder Component Description

Refer to TI 4300-4025, *Transmissometer Data Collection Via Strip Chart Recorder*, for a description of the strip chart controls and connections shown in Figure 4-15.

4.3 AMBIENT AIR TEMPERATURE AND RELATIVE HUMIDITY SENSOR

Ambient air temperature and relative humidity are monitored with a Rotronics model MP-100F sensor. This sensor combines both measurements within one unit and is controlled by, and directly connected to, the DCP. Temperature is measured by a platinum RTD sensor, an electronic component whose resistance changes with temperature change. The relative humidity sensor measures humidity with a C-80 Hygromer, a device whose capacitance changes as its surface absorbs moisture. Refer to Figures 4-16 and 4-17 for a diagram of the sensor and cable, and of a sensor mounted to a receiver shelter.

SENSOR HOLDER	The sensor is mounted in a white, parallel, plate shield that acts to dissipate heat and to protect the sensor. The design assures that heat from the shield is not conducted to the sensor causing errant, high readings.
SAMPLING FREQUENCY	Air temperature (°F) and relative humidity (0% to 100%) measurements are taken once per hour at the same time other measurements are made. Under routine monitoring procedures, all sensors are scanned at 30 minutes past each hour.

4.4 TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER SHELTERS

Both the transmitter and receiver operate under ambient conditions, but require waterproof sheltering. Refer to Figure 4-18 for a diagram of the different types of shelters used, and to Figure 4-19 for a diagram of monitoring component placement in the shelters. Refer to TI 4050-3010, *Site Selection for Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems*, for a brief description of the components and hardware used in the shelters.

One of the most important components in each shelter is the alti-azimuth base. They are used for holding the telescopes in place and for the alignment adjustment that is critical for proper transmissometer operation. Refer to Figure 4-20 for a diagram of both the transmitter and the receiver alti-azimuth bases with the location of their telescope hold down screws and their vertical and horizontal adjustment knobs. Refer to TI 4110-3100, *Routine Site Operator Maintenance Procedures For LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol)*, for a description of alignment correction procedures.

4.5 SYSTEM POWER CONFIGURATION

This section briefly describes the line power (AC) and the solar power (DC) components used for the LPV-2 transmissometer system. Detailed descriptions of each individual component are provided by the manufacturer and/or supplier of the respective component (see Table 4-1 for a listing of the major components, models, manufacturers, and suppliers).

4.5.1 Line Power (AC) Component Description

At some locations the receiver, transmitter, or both stations operate from an AC power line. As all instrumentation and data collection equipment have the capability of operating from DC power, AC power is used to supply a constant source of power (unless interrupted by power outage/surge) to the 5-amp (receiver) or the 10-amp (transmitter) power supply. An AC power system is comprised of the following components: a surge protector, a trickle charger, and a 5- or 10-amp power supply. The AC charging system can supply power to the power supply, and is unlike a solar system which can be affected by weather, however, the power supplies can be interrupted by a power outage or a power surge. Refer to Figures 4-21, 4-22, and 4-23 for the location of the following components.

SURGE PROTECTORS — At sites operating with line power (AC), Northern Technologies' surge protectors protect instruments from potentially damaging power surges. The models used have a "power on" switch and a system alert indicator light (red). If the red system alert light on either model surge protector is lighted, it means that the surge protector has sustained a massive power surge and is no longer capable of providing protection. Call ARS for a replacement unit if the red system alert light is lighted.

TRICKLE CHARGER — Used to charge the internal or external DCP battery.

POWER — A Tenma 5-amp power supply is used at the receiver to supply power to the receiver computer. A Tenma 10-amp power supply is used at the transmitter to supply power to the transmitter control box.

4.5.2 Solar Power (DC) Component Description

At some locations the receiver, transmitter, or both stations, are powered from a solar system with the following components: solar panels, solar panel regulators, deep-cycle batteries, and interconnection cabling. The number of solar panels is based on the estimated hours of sunlight available. Transmitter stations will require at least two panels approximately 1.5' x 3' in size. Most receiver stations can operate from one such panel. DCPs are powered by one small (1.5' x 2') solar panel. Refer to Figures 4-24, 4-25, 4-26, 4-27, and 4-28 for the location of the following components:

SOLAR PANELS — Solar panels produce electric current when illuminated with sunlight. Panels should be oriented towards true south, and are inclined to angles that are most efficient for winter operation (latitude plus 15 degrees). A coating of dust or dirt on the glass surface will reduce collecting efficiency; procedures to clean the panels are described in TI 4110-3100, *Routine Site Operator Maintenance Procedures for LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol)*.

SOLAR PANEL OUTPUT — The solar panels used in the transmissometer systems produce approximately 18 volts when fully illuminated. Procedures to troubleshoot solar panel power systems are described in TI 4110-3300, *Troubleshooting and Emergency Maintenance Procedures for Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol)*.

SOLAR PANEL REGULATOR — Electrical current produced by the solar panels is used to charge the deep-cycle batteries. A regulator prevents over-charging of the batteries during extended periods of sunny weather. The M-16 solar panel regulators are mounted inside the shelter (see Figure 4-27). Refer to TI 4110-3100, *Routine Site Operator Maintenance Procedures for LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol)*, for description of M-16 solar panel regulator operation.

DEEP-CYCLE BATTERIES

Deep-cycle batteries power equipment at both receiver and transmitter stations that are equipped with solar power supplies. The batteries are connected in parallel with interconnect cables going from the positive to positive and from the negative to negative (terminals), respectively. Regular maintenance and troubleshooting procedures for the deep-cycle batteries are provided in TI 4110-3100, *Routine Site Operator Maintenance Procedures for LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol)*.

INTERCONNECT WIRING

All power wiring used to interconnect solar panels and deep-cycle batteries should be labeled at the connectors. As a general rule, with red and black conductors, the red will be positive. As with all electrical or electronic conductors, it is very important to verify correct polarity before connecting to power; if unsure, call ARS for direction.

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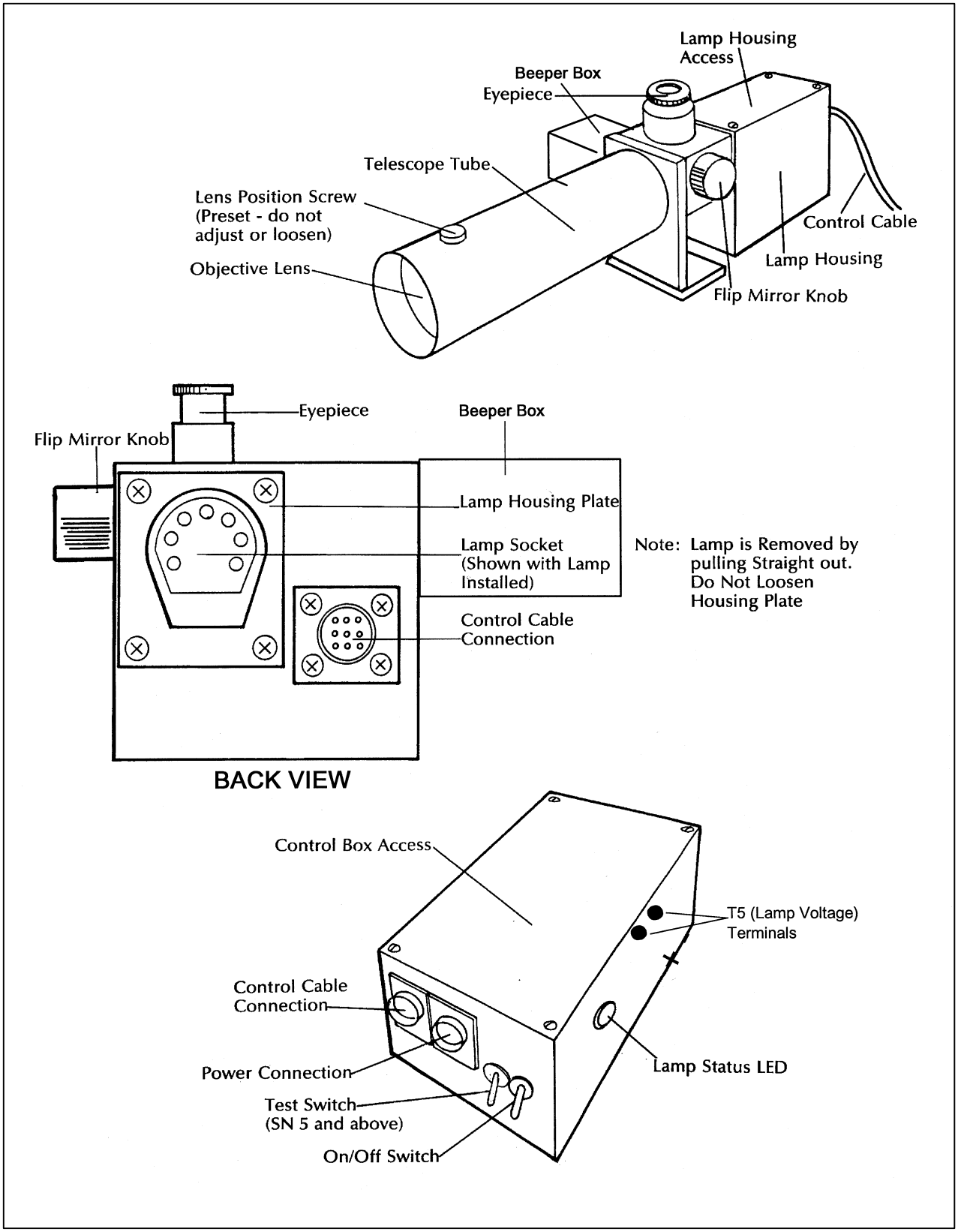

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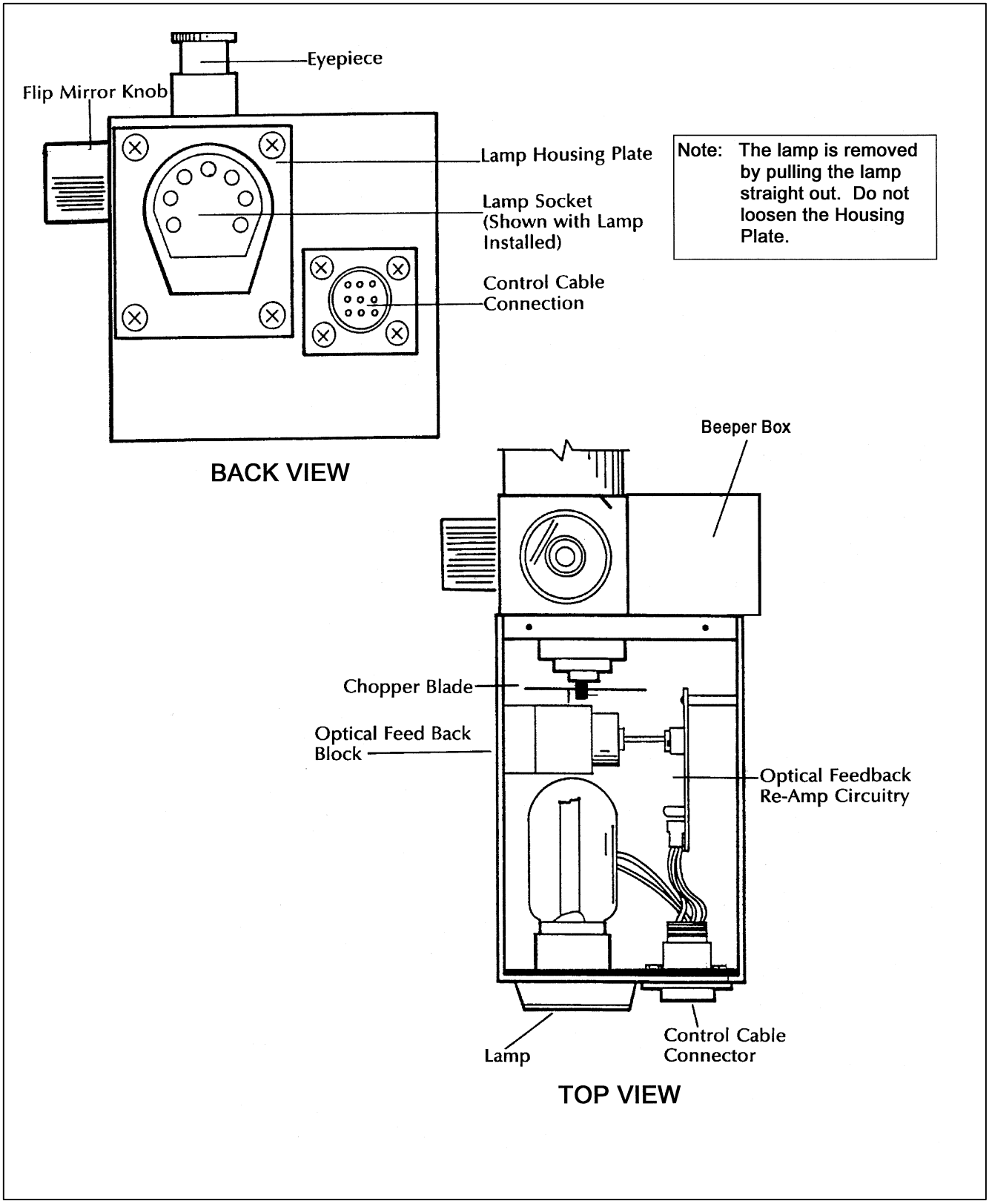

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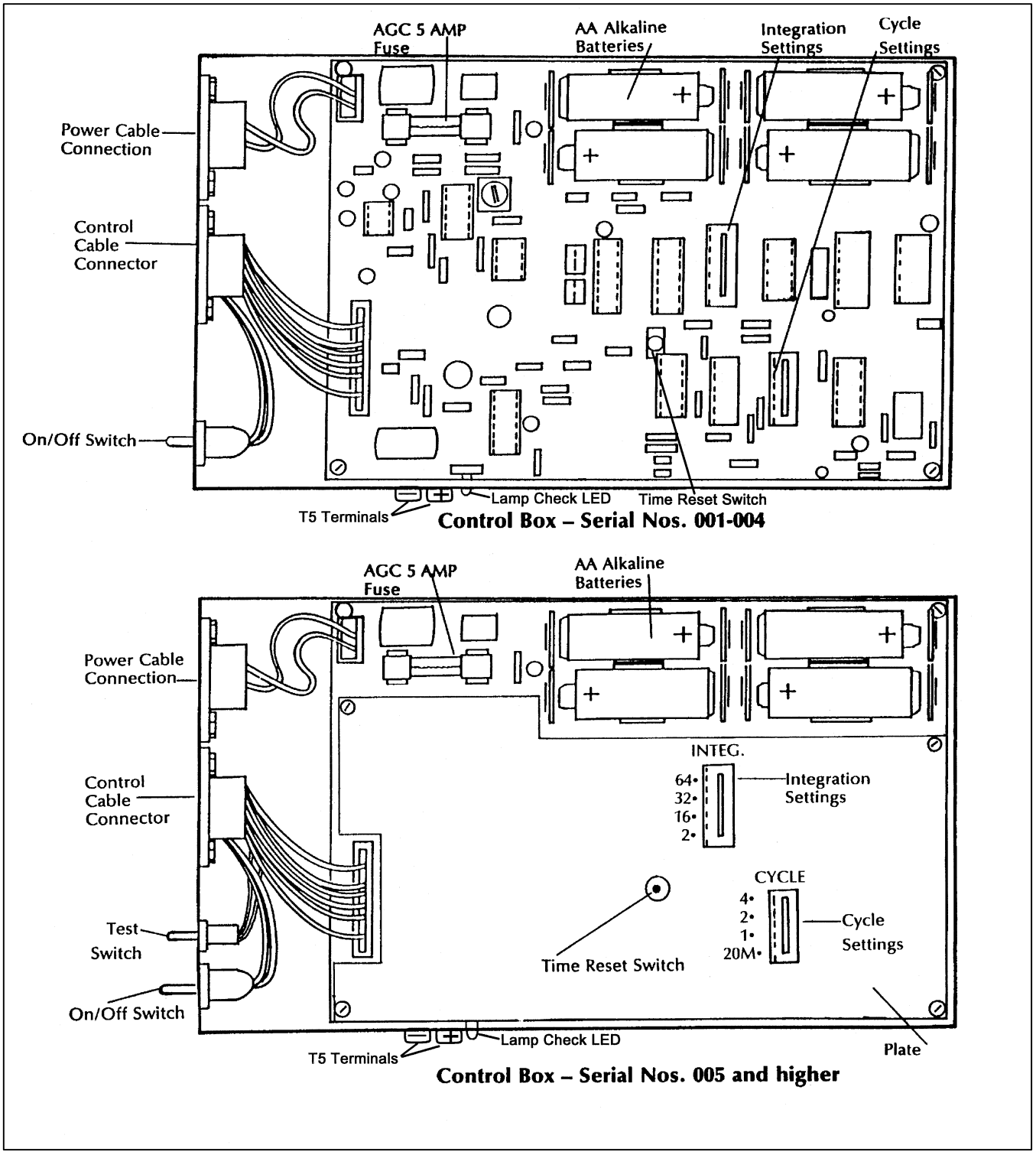

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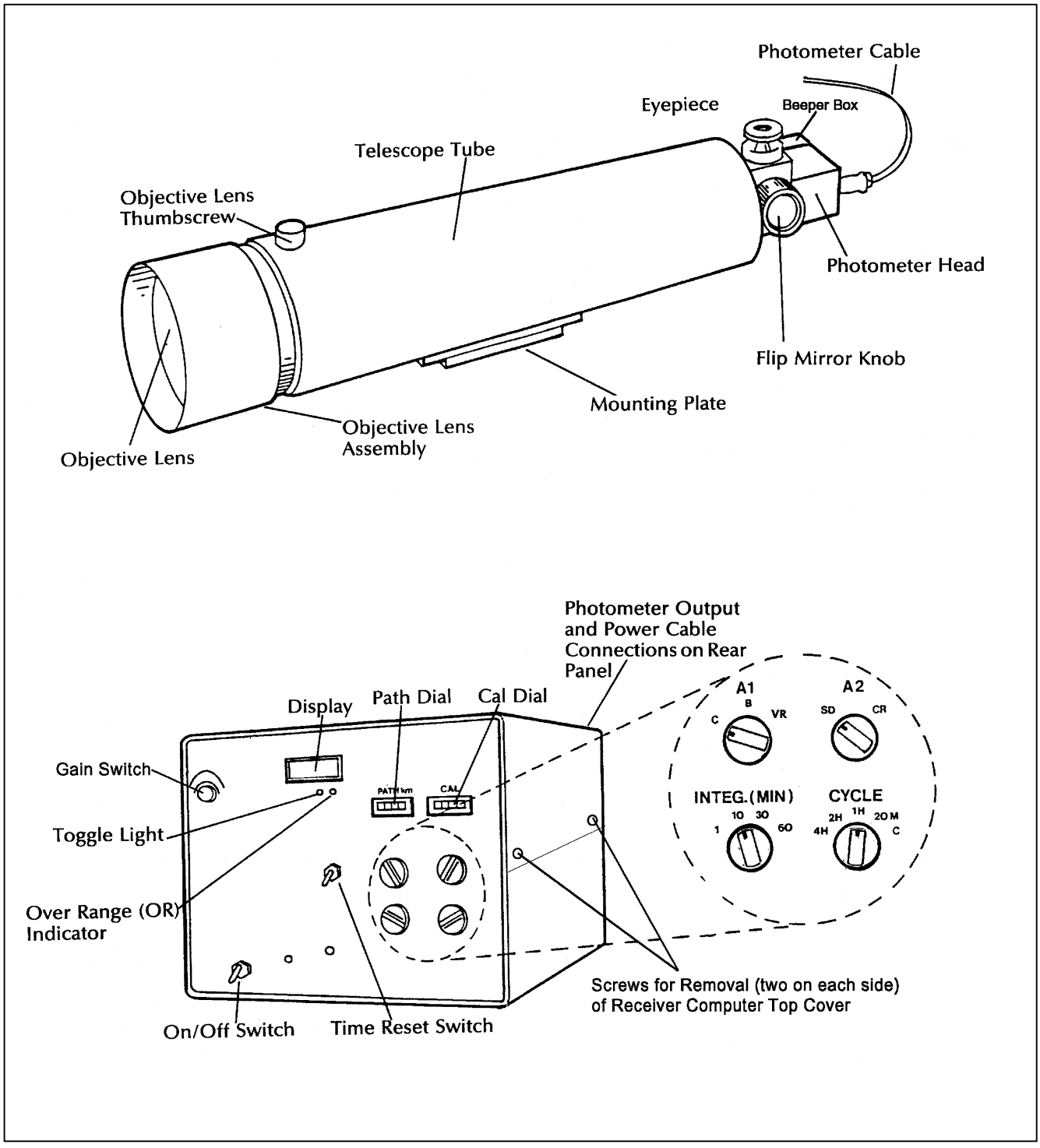

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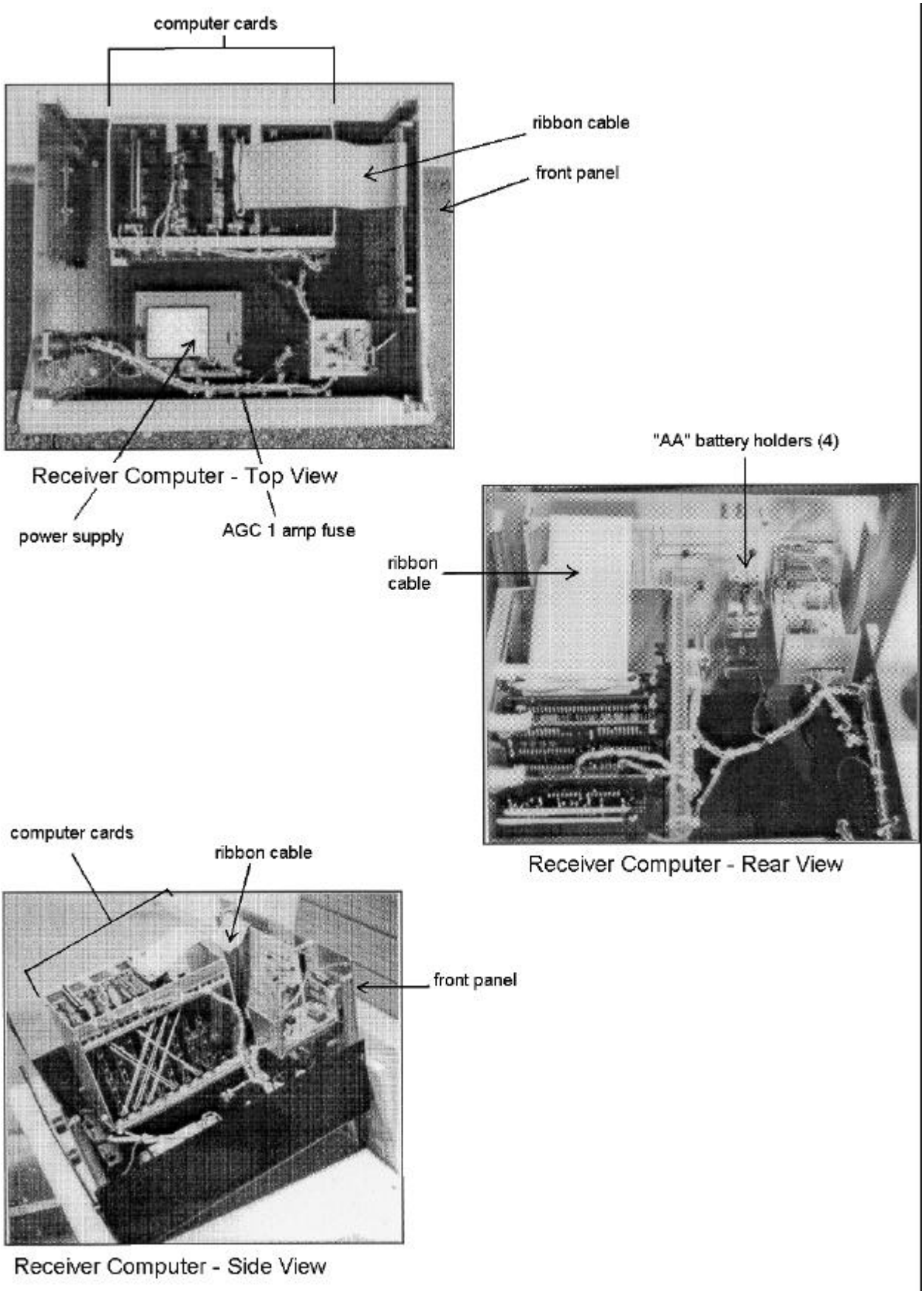

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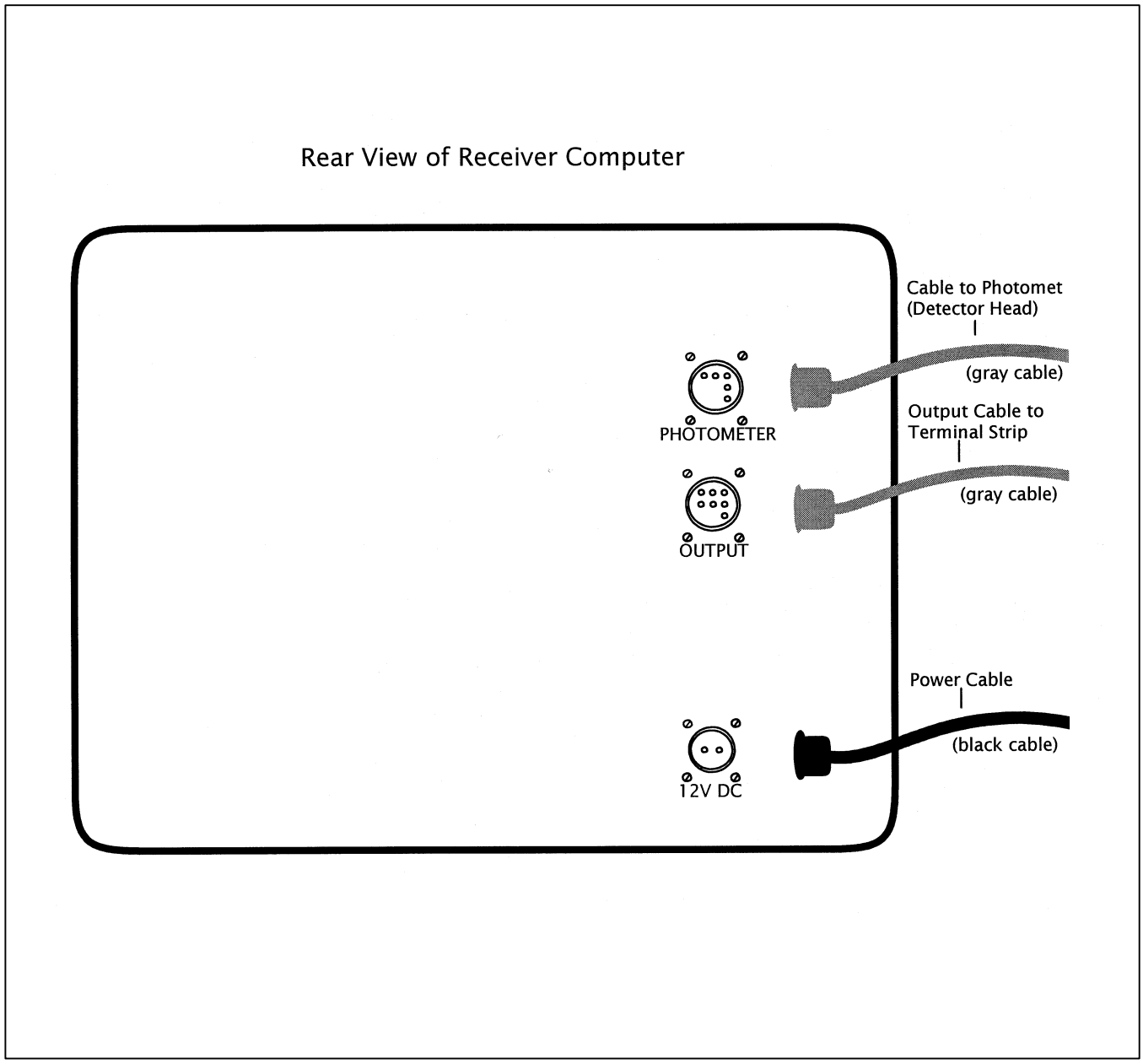

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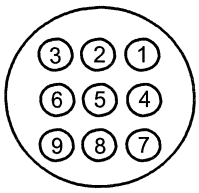
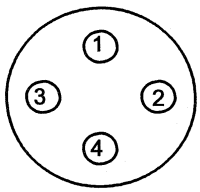
Receiver Computer

Output Connector



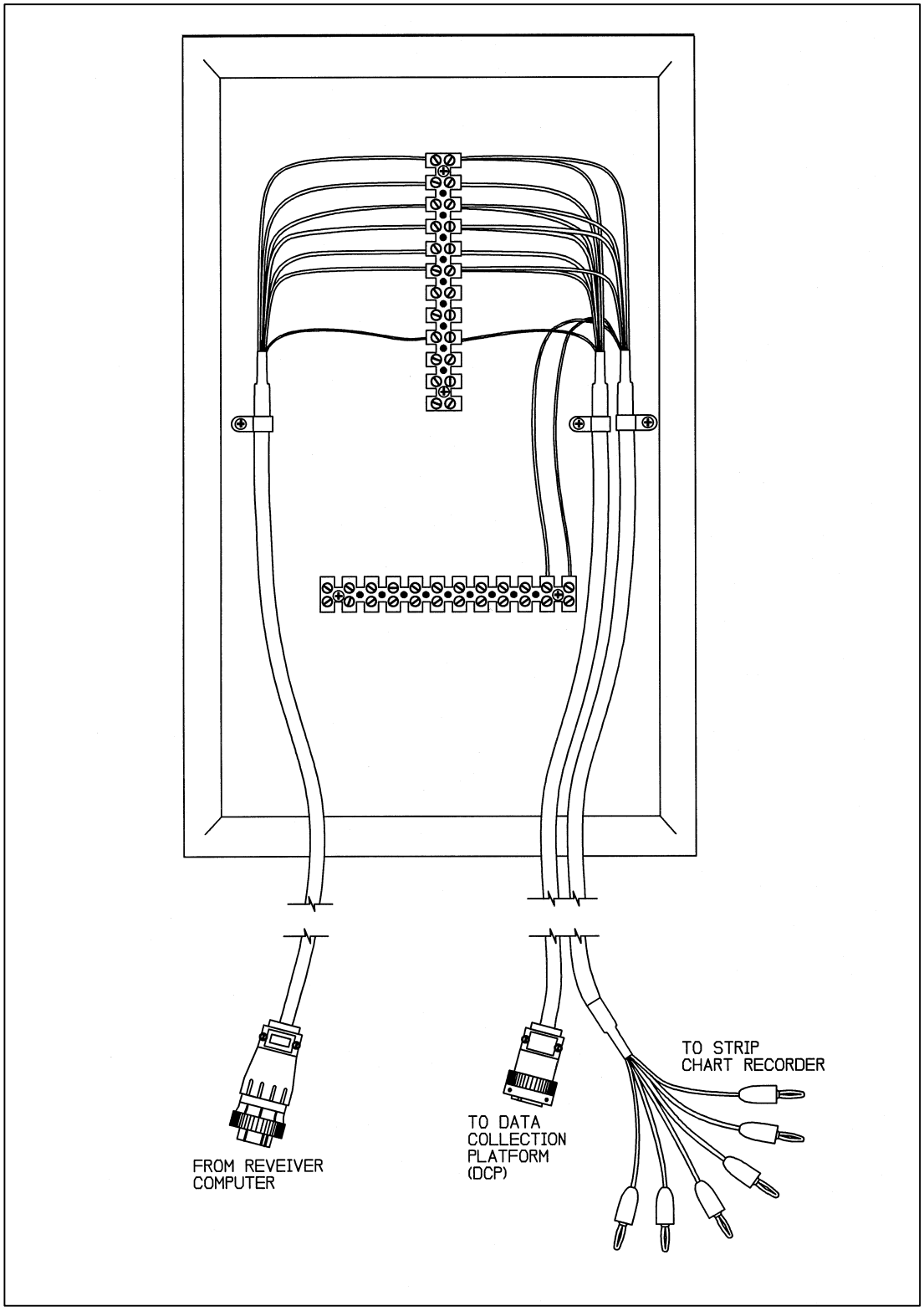
Pin No.	*Function*	*Wire Color*
1	A1 Switchable to: Raw Reading, B_{ext}, or VR	Yellow
2	A2 Switchable to: Raw Reading, Std. Deviation	White
3	Toggle Switch	Orange
4	A1 Ground	Green
5	A2 Ground	Black
6	Toggle Ground	Brown
7	Not Used	
8	Not Used	
9		Bare

Power Connector



Pin No.	*Function*	*Wire Color*
1	Not Used	
2	+12 Volt DC	Black (Ribbed)
3	Ground	Black
4	Not Used	

Figure 4-7. Receiver Computer Output and Power Connector Description.



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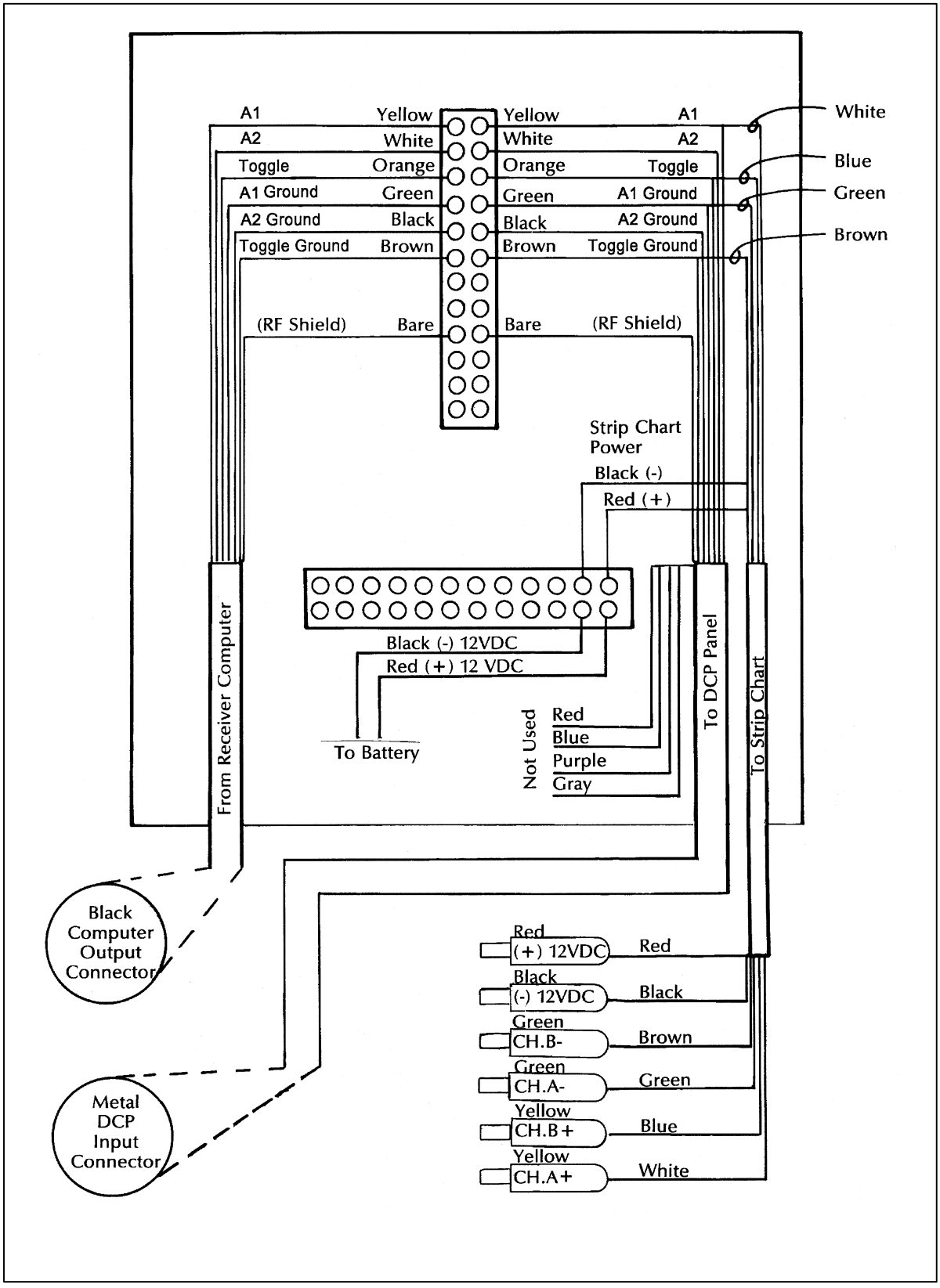

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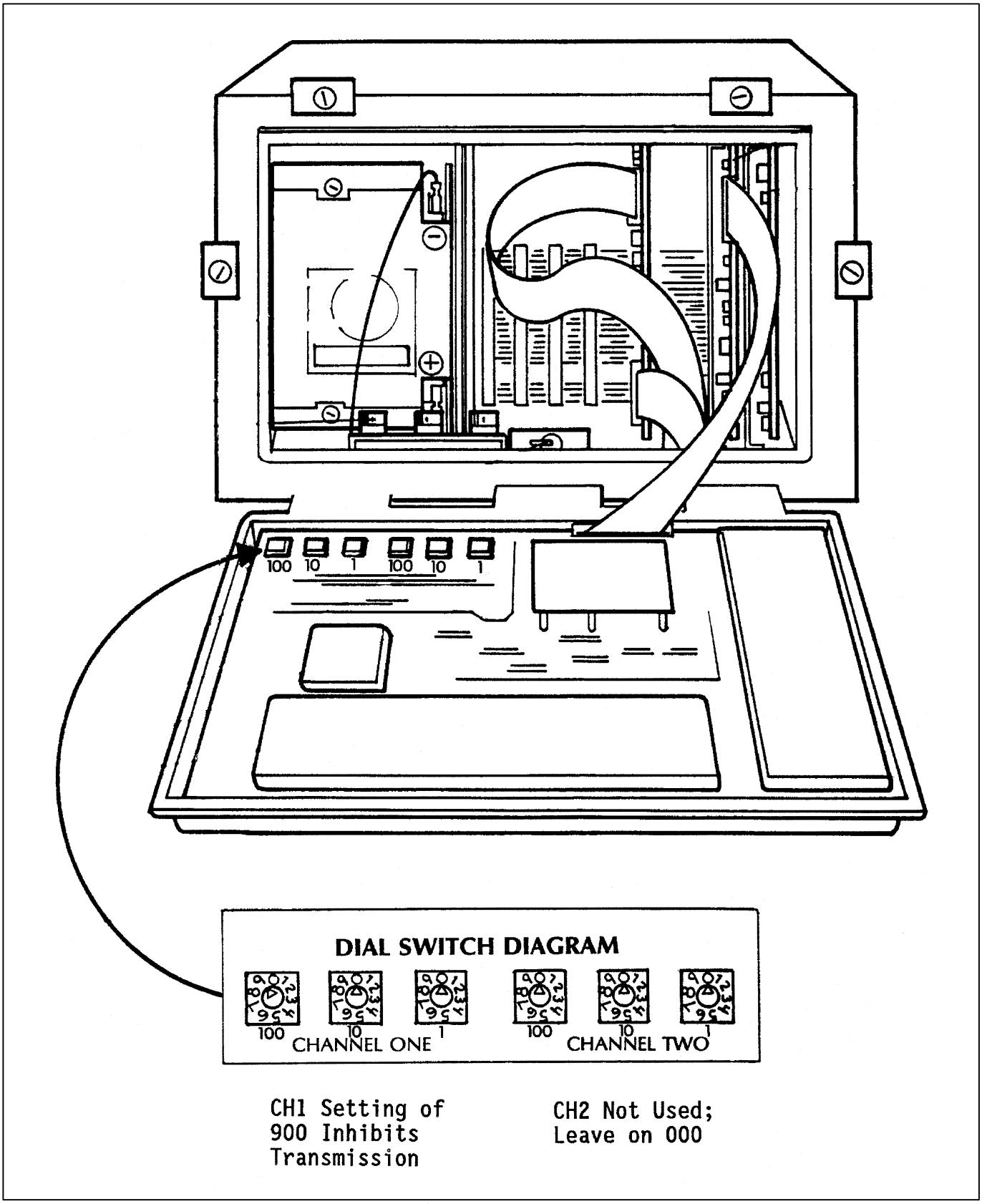

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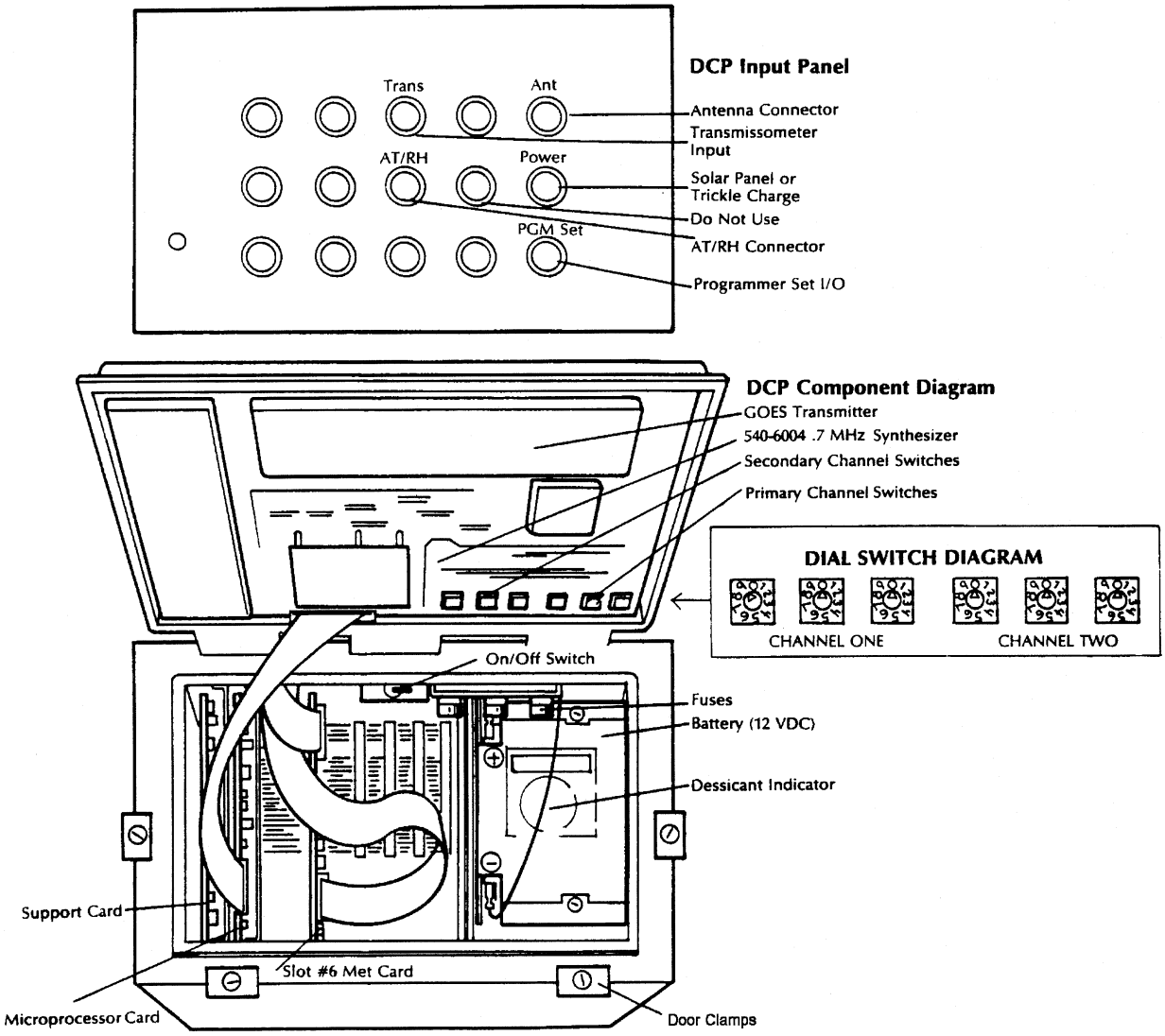
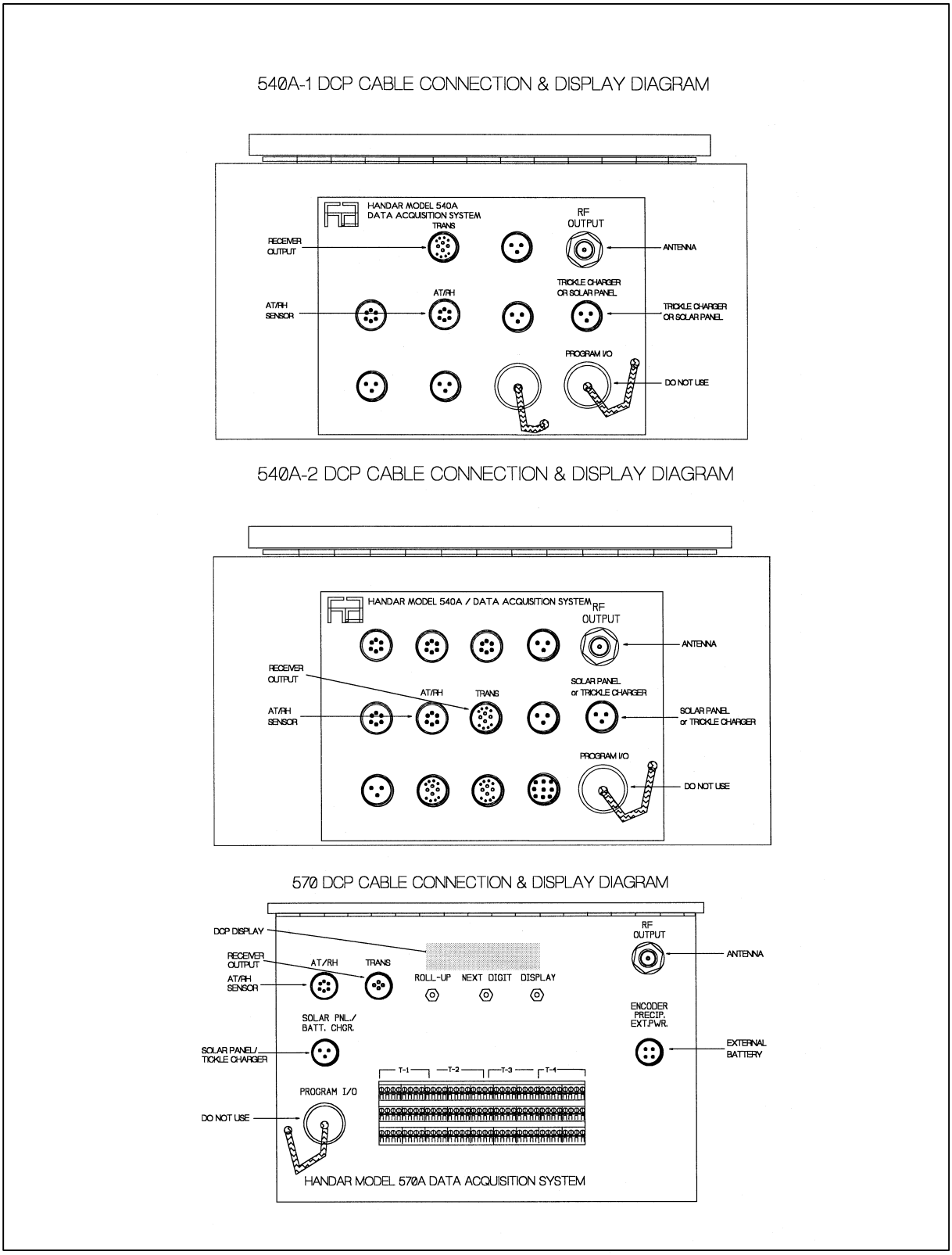


Side View DCP Input Panel

IMPRORTANT--DCP panels may differ from the above unit.

Figure 4-11. DCP Component Diagram.



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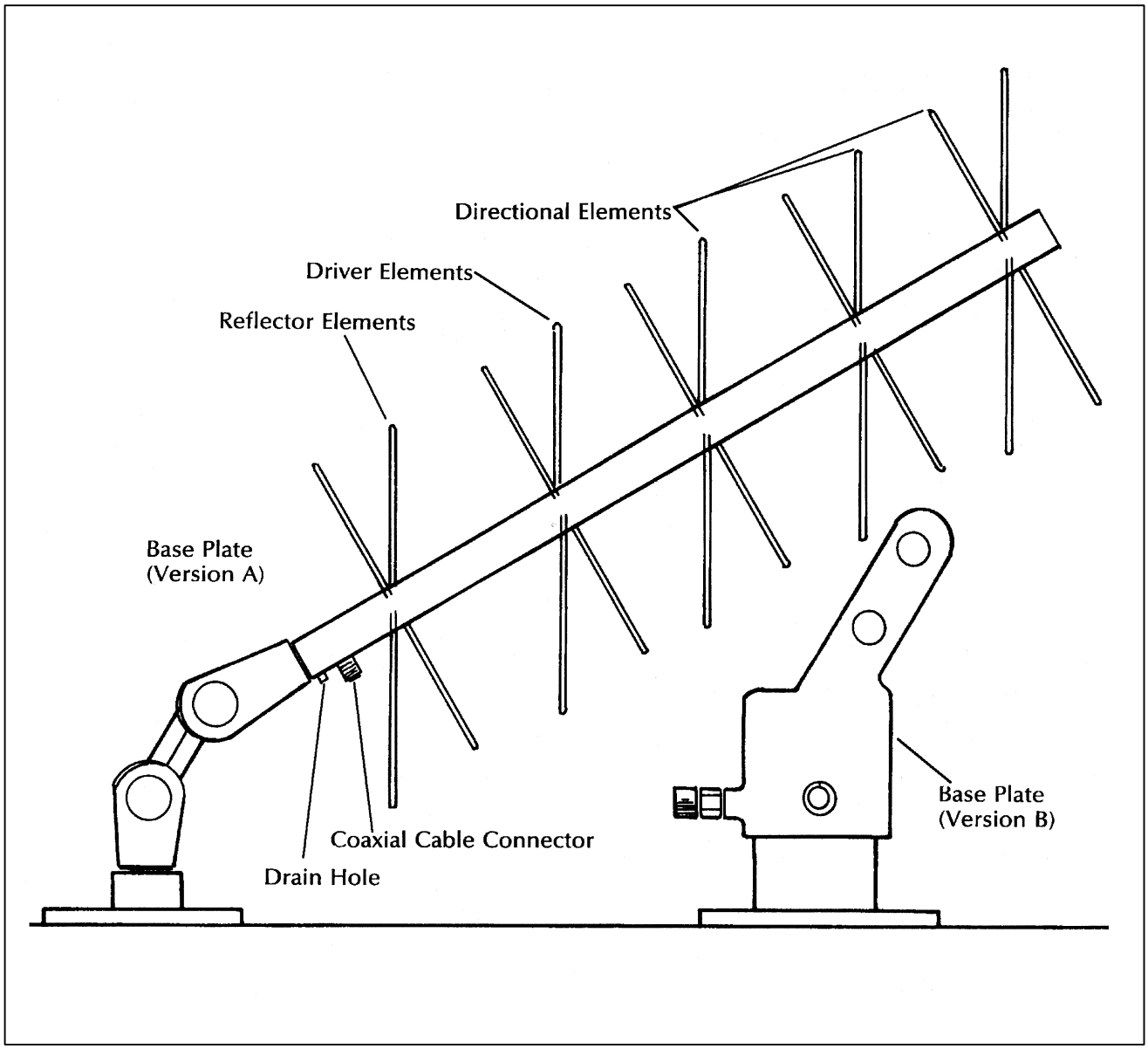

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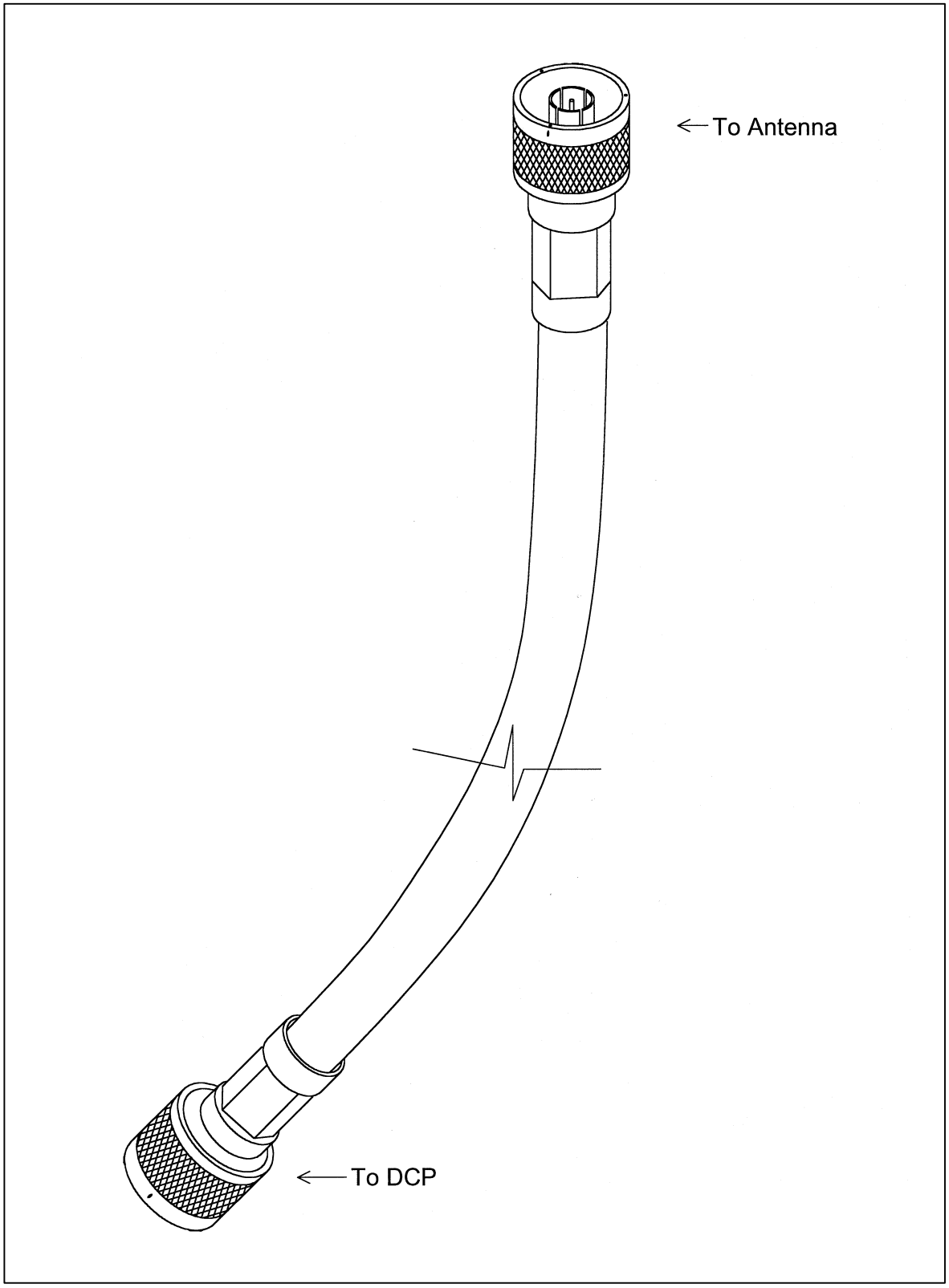

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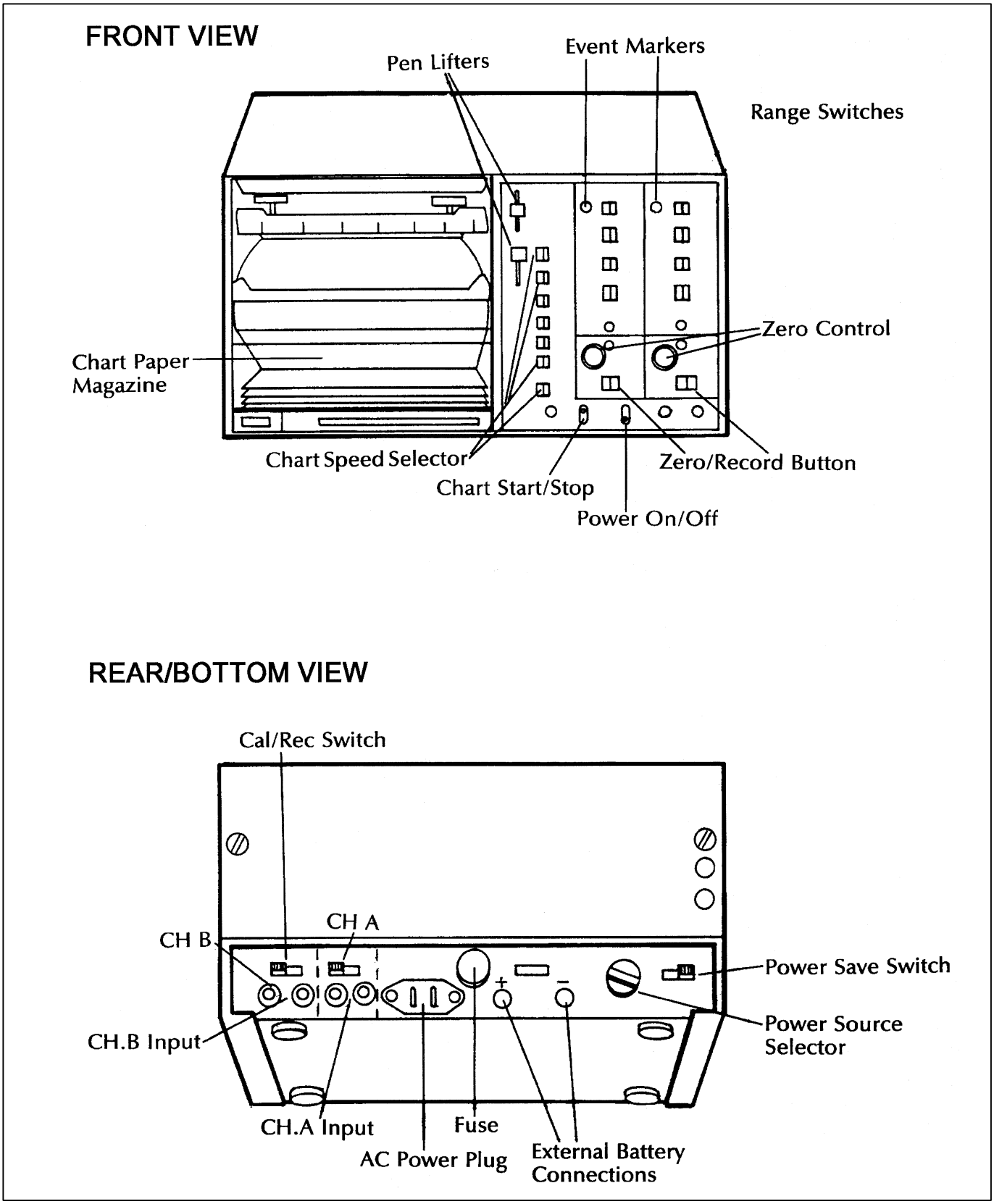

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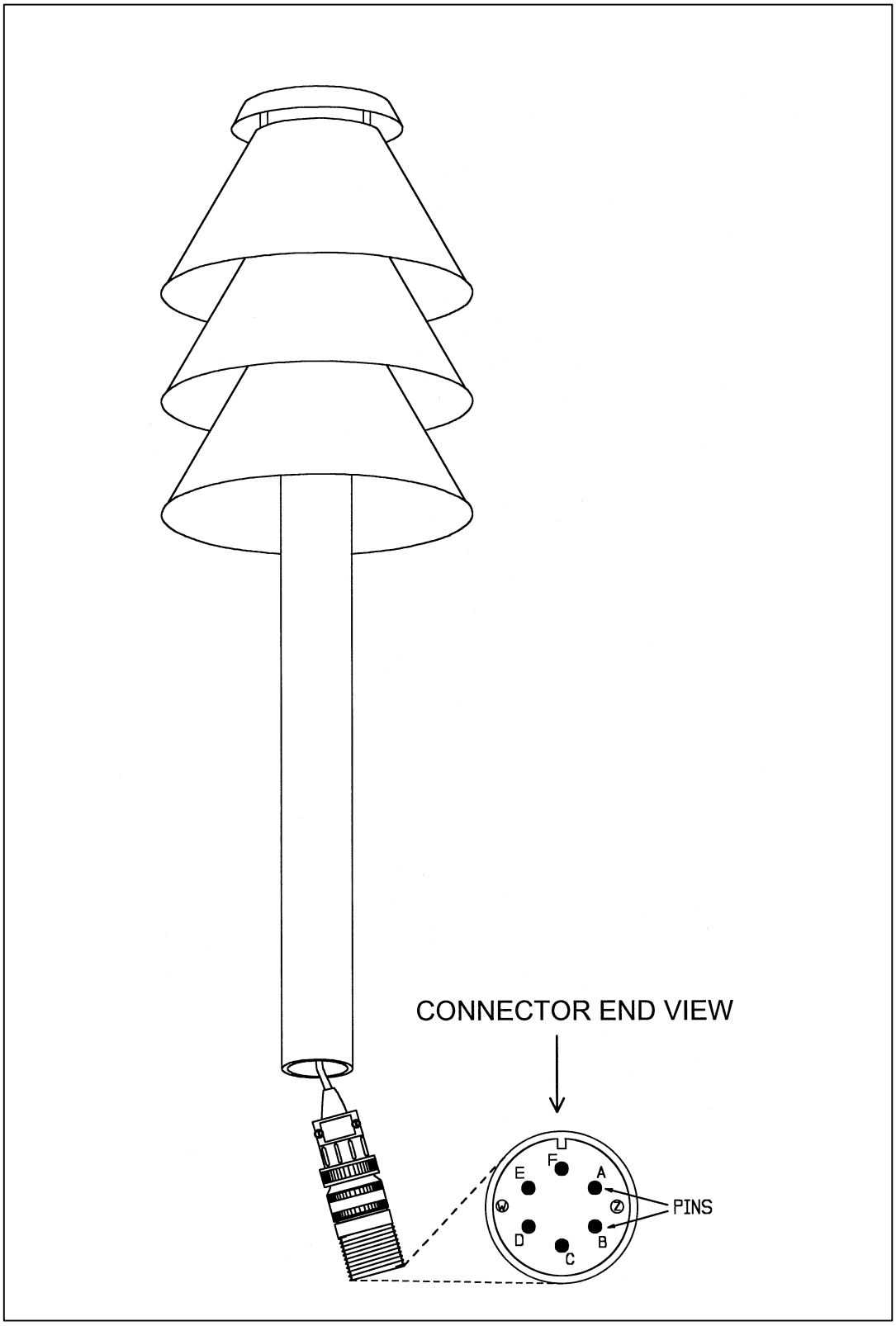

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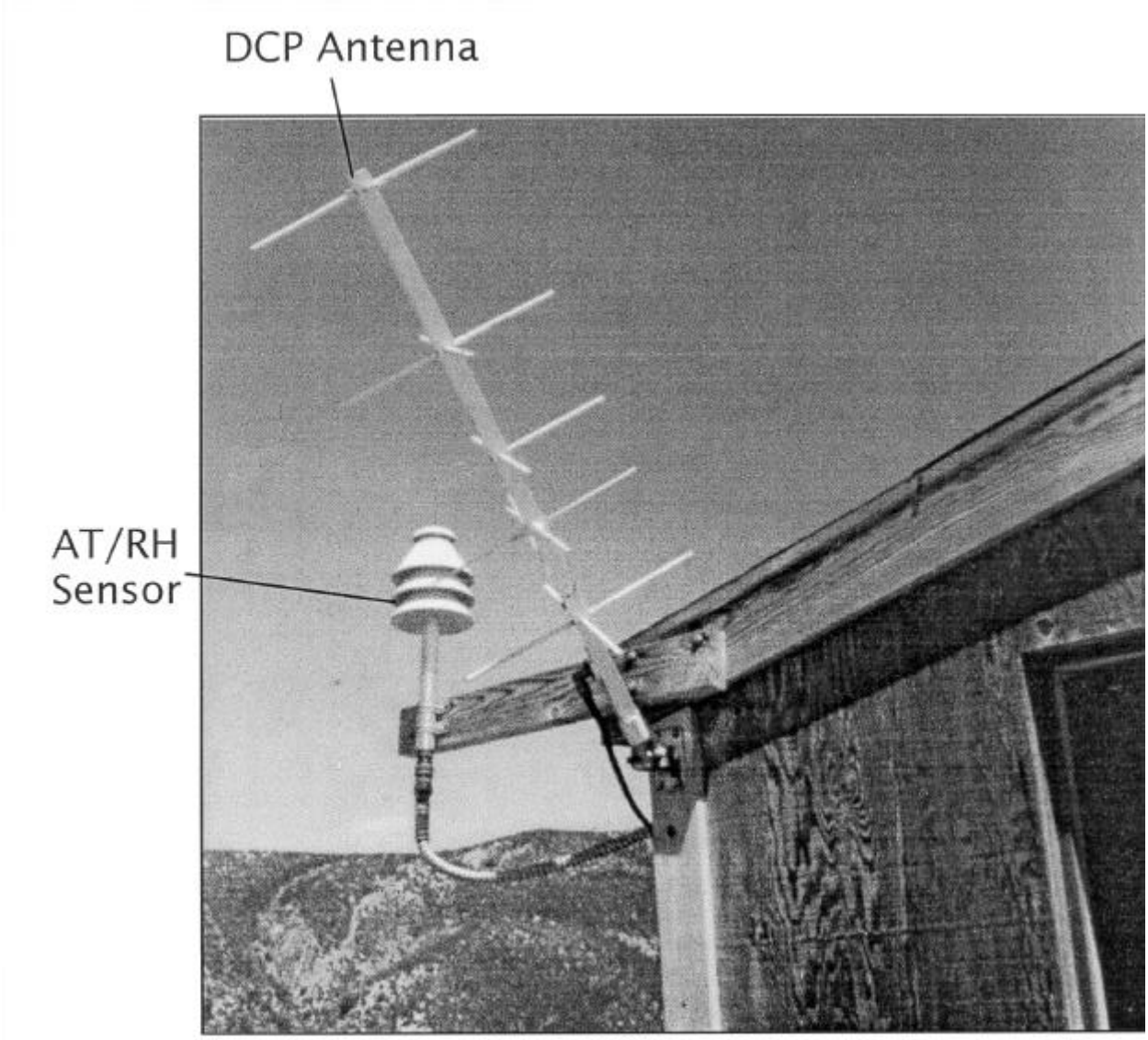

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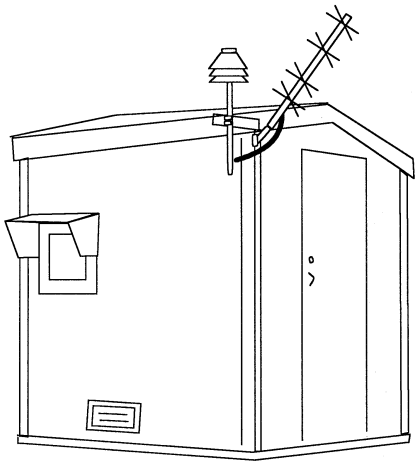
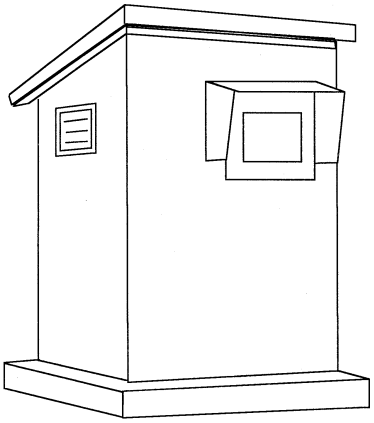


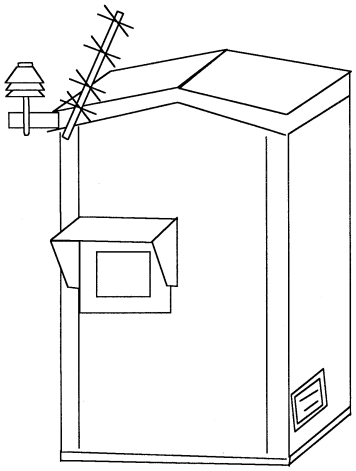
Receiver

6' x 6' x 8' Wood Shelter
Insulated



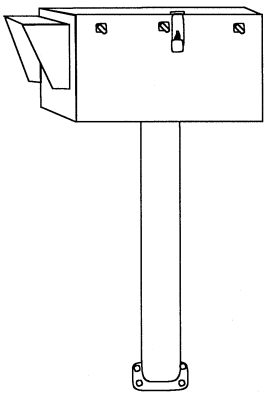
Transmitter or Receiver

3 1/2' x 3 1/2' x 4 1/2' Wood Shelter
Insulated



Transmitter or Receiver

4' x 4' x 8' Wood Shelter
Insulated
Receiver shelter where standard
shelter is too large
Transmitter shelter where outdoor
servicing is difficult (cold weather sites)

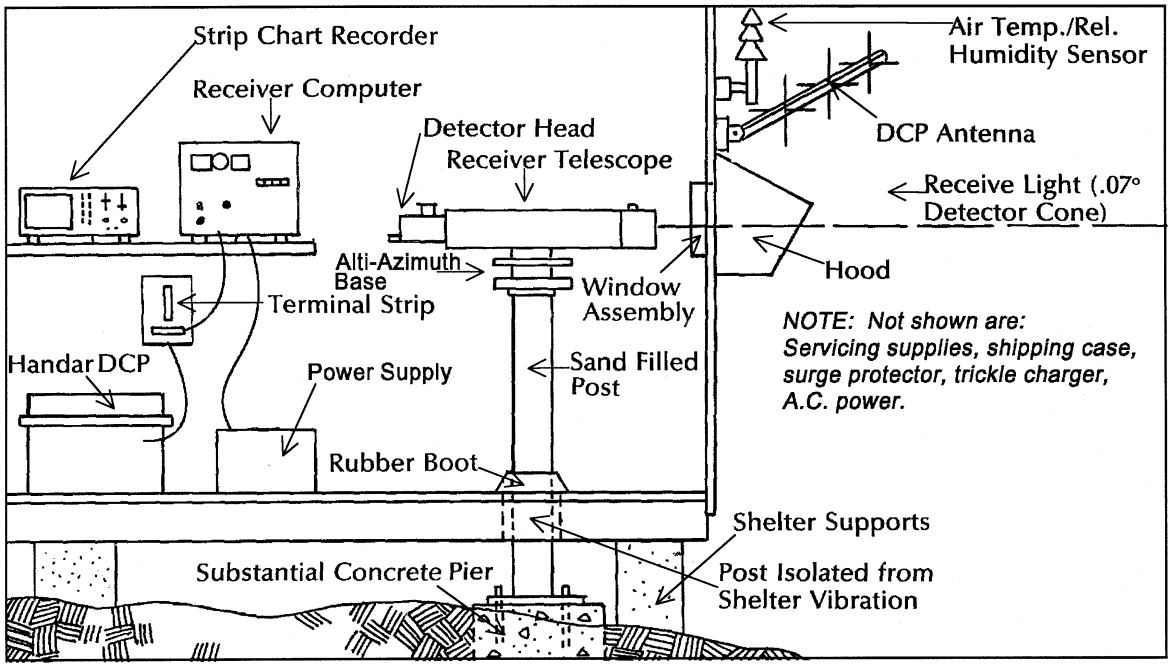


Transmitter

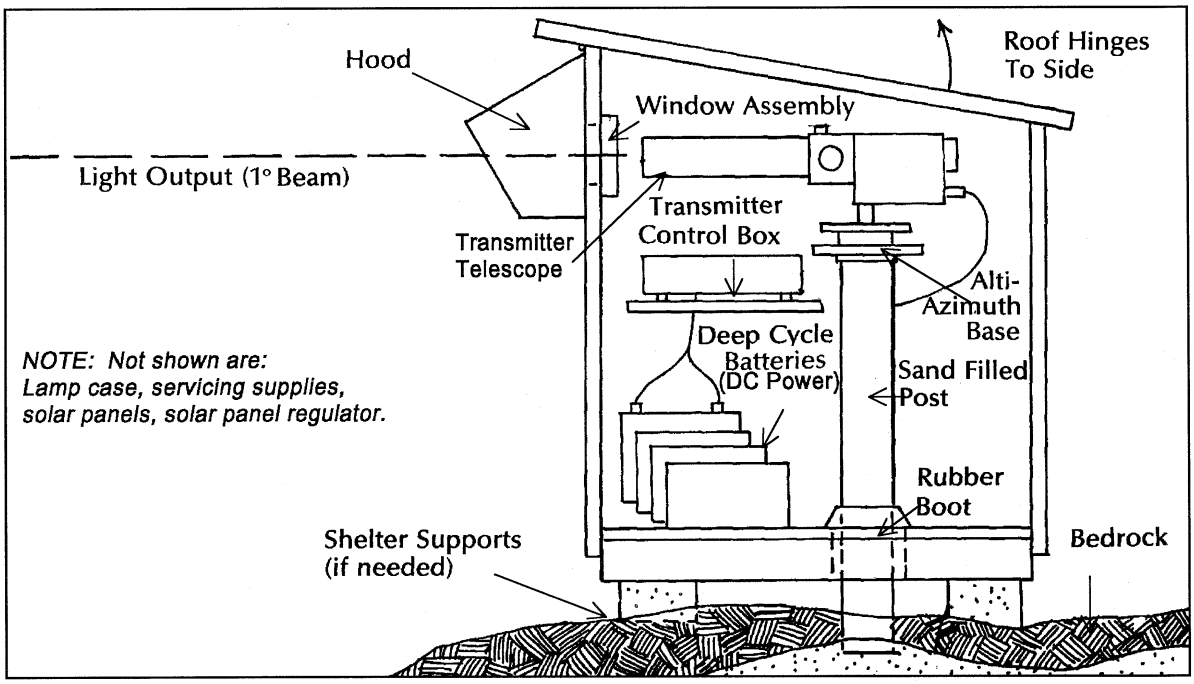
Metal Environmental Enclosure
Where space is very limited
and/or
on existing structure

Figure 4-18. Transmissometer System Shelters Diagram.

Receiver Station
(6'x 6'x 8')



Transmitter Station
(3'x3'x4'6")



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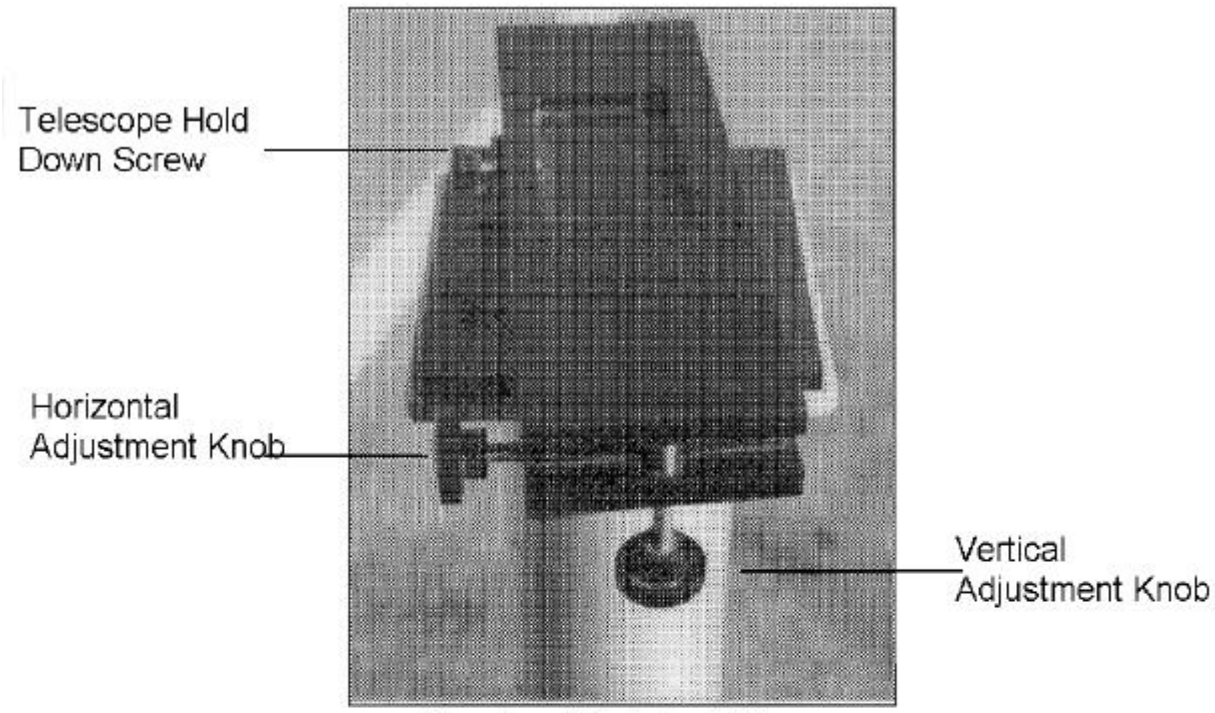

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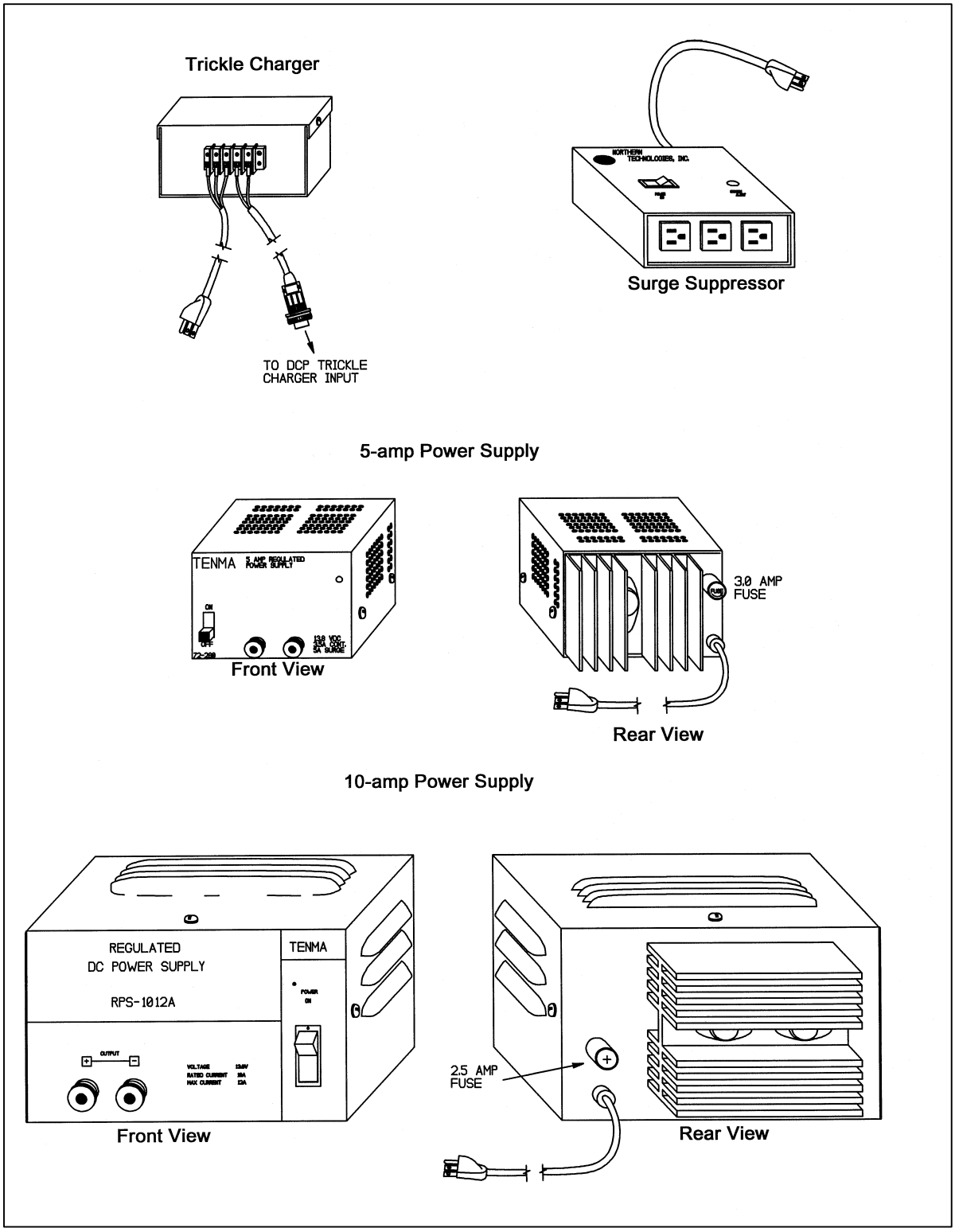

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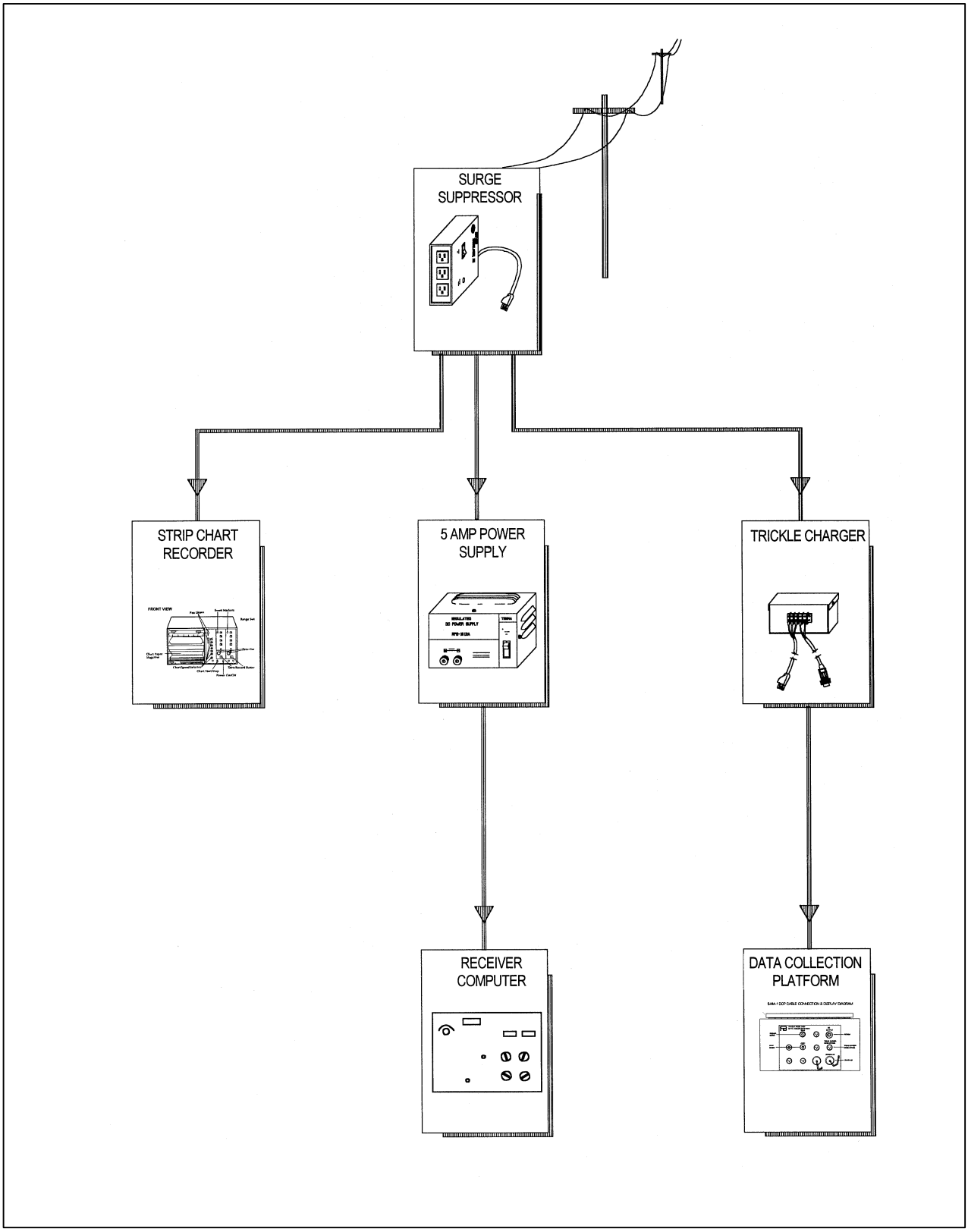

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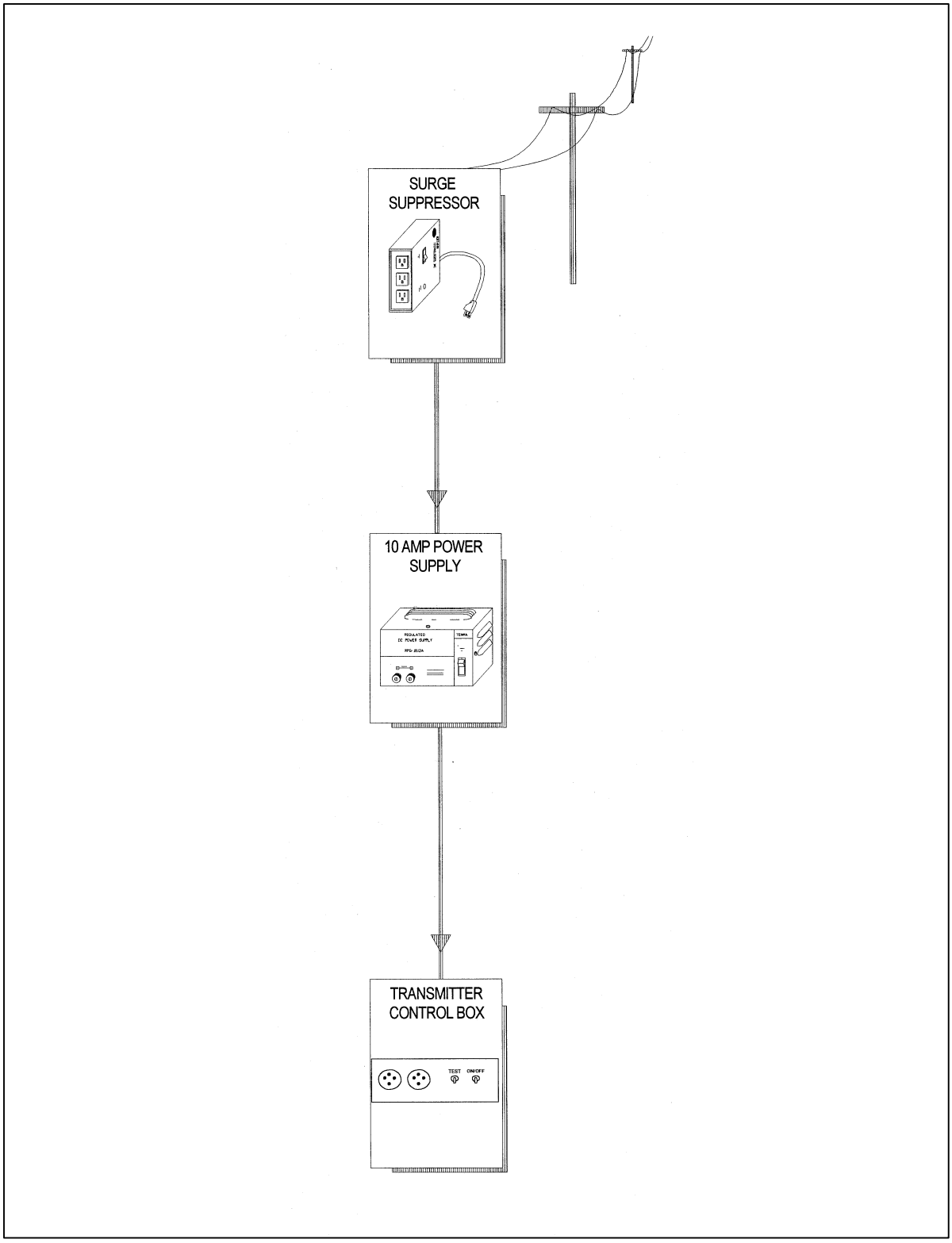

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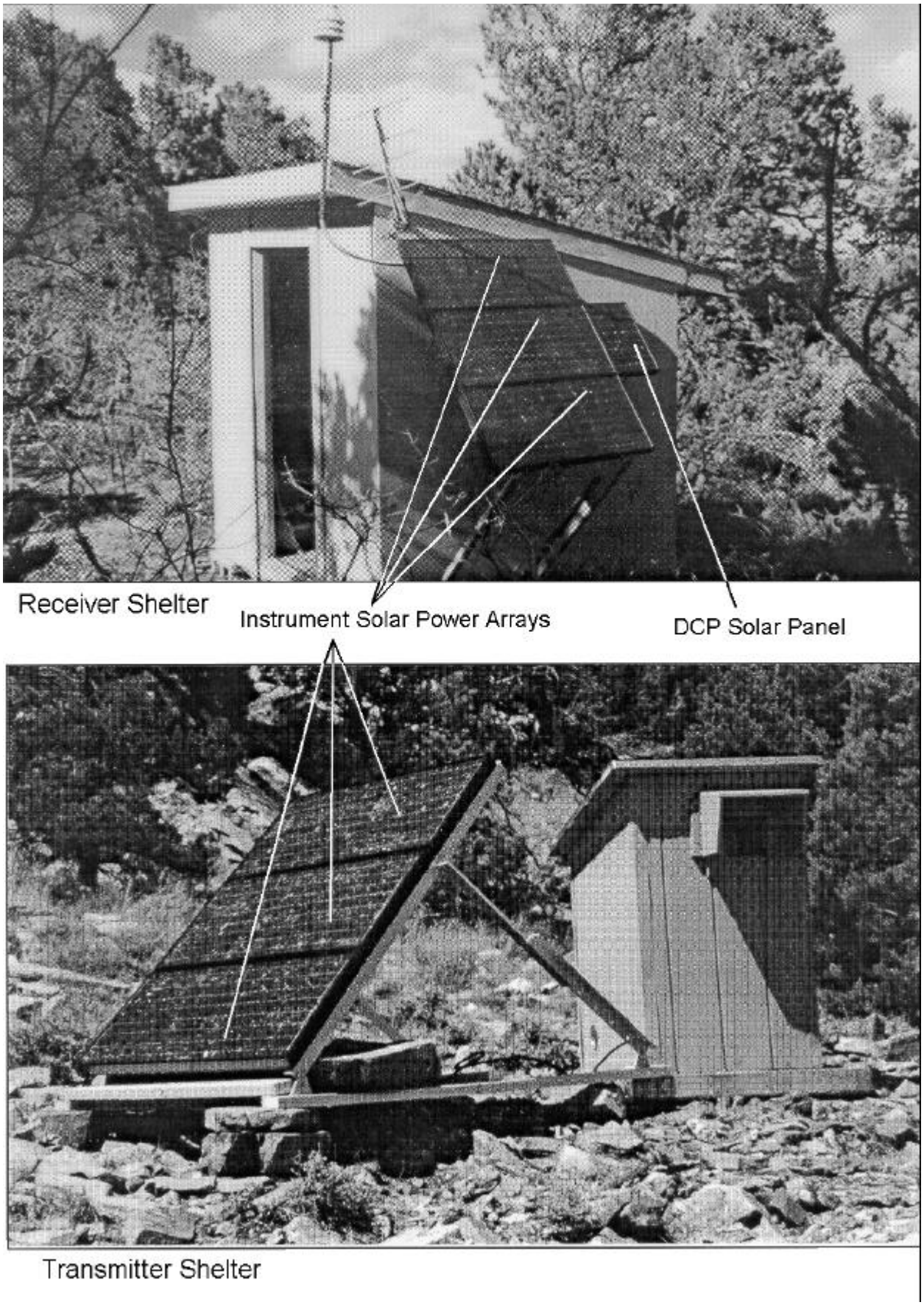

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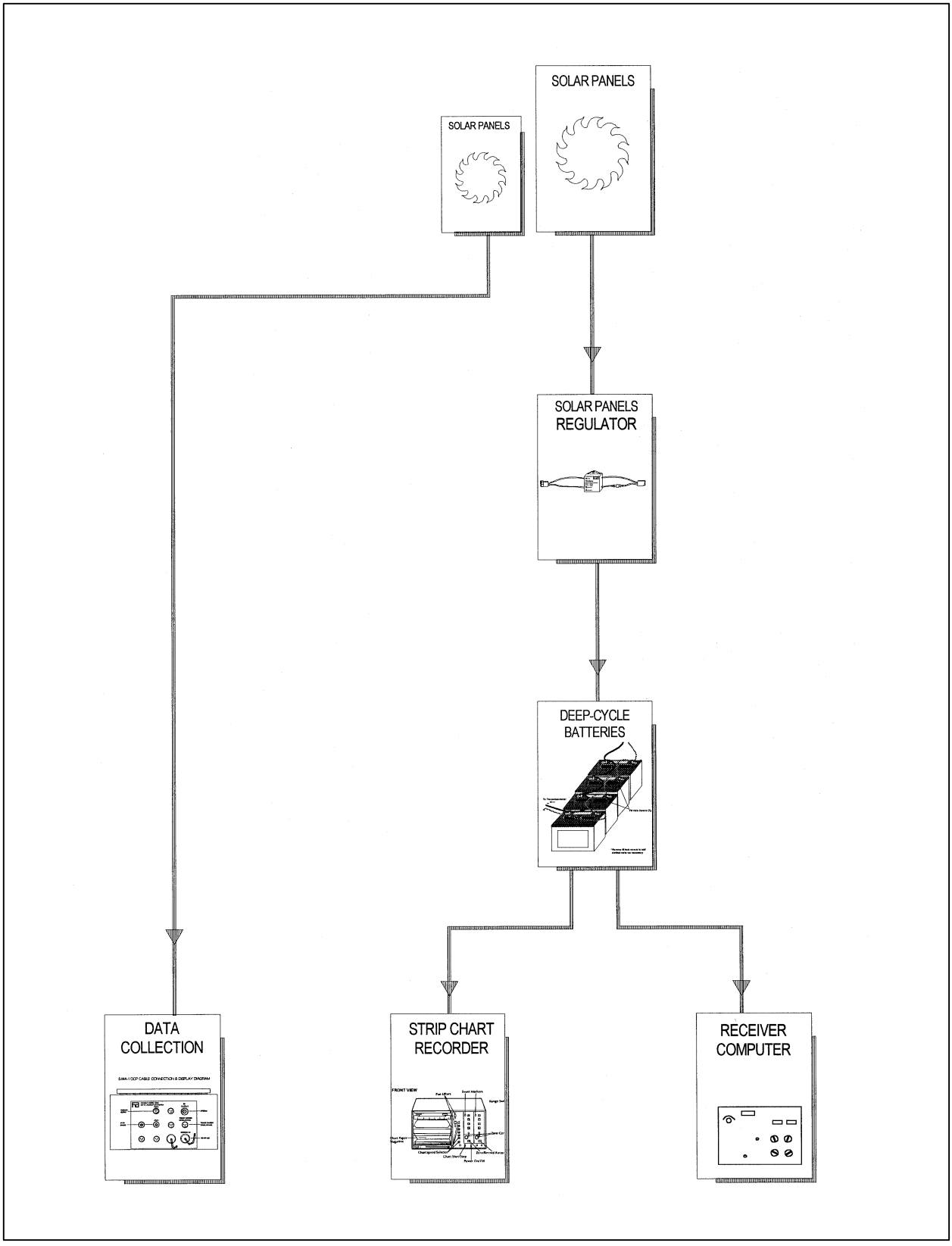

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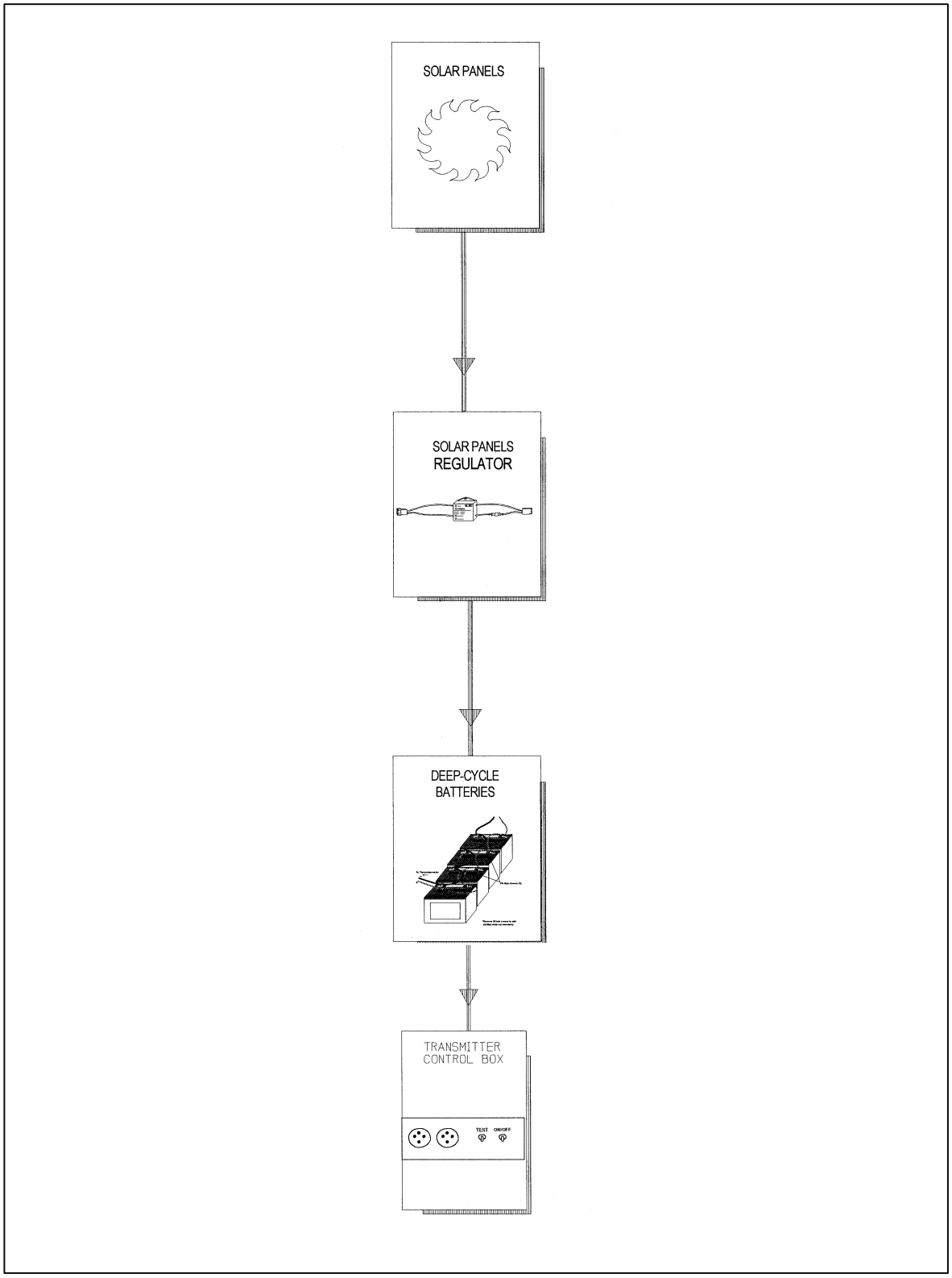

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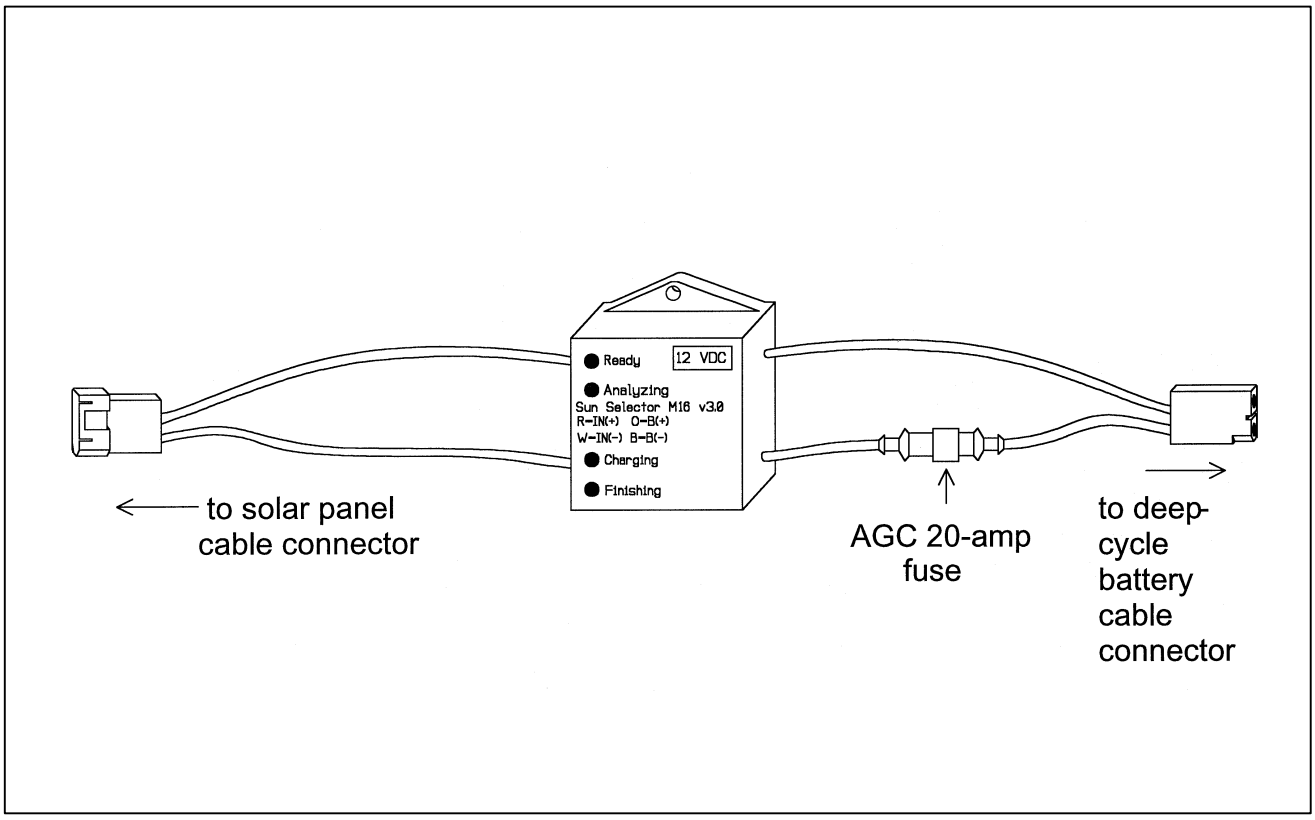

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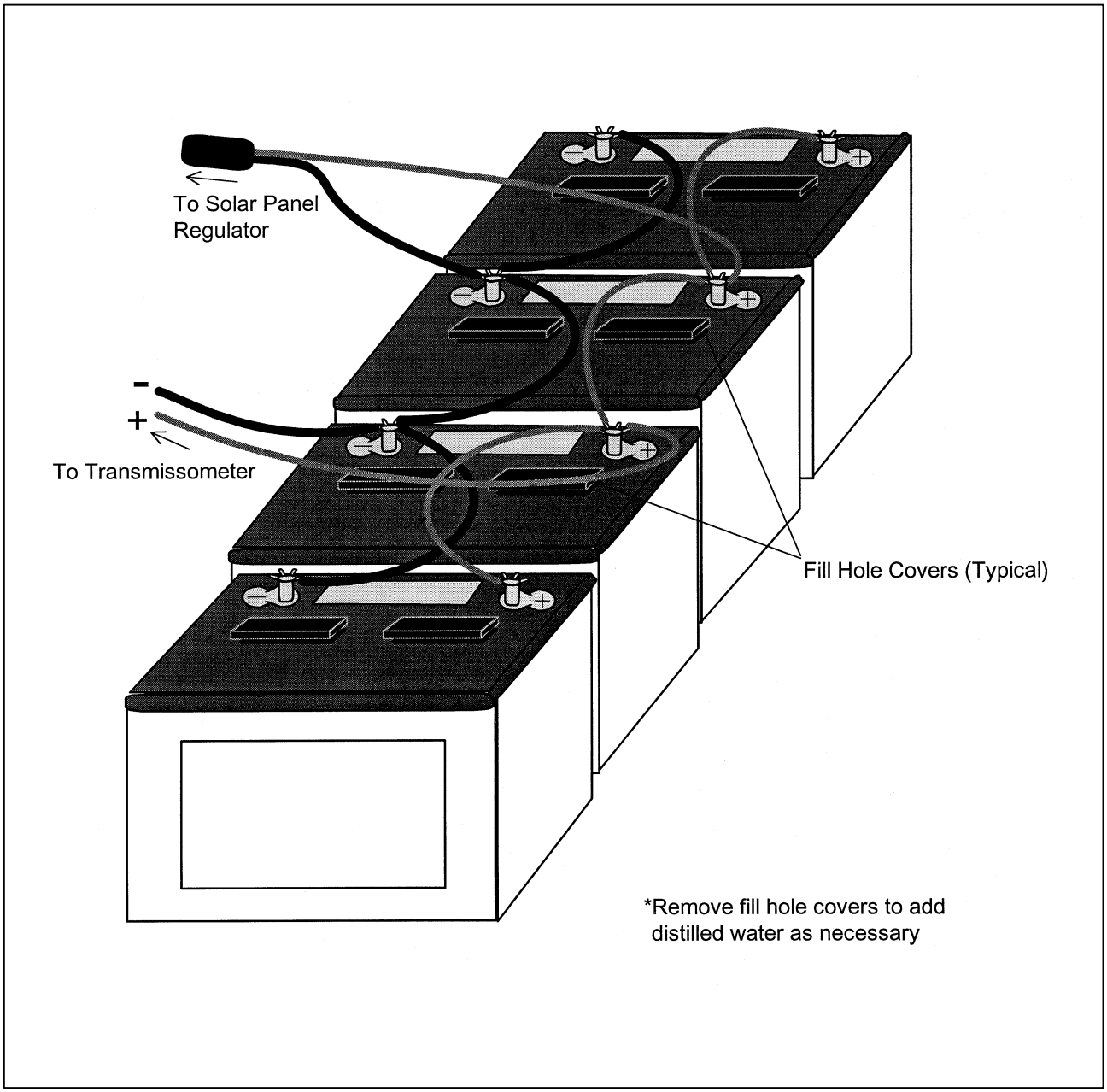

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1.0 PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

This technical instruction (TI) describes procedures for removing, installing, and proper packing and shipping of transmissometer monitoring system components and support equipment at a field monitoring site.

This TI, as referenced in Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 4110, *Transmissometer Maintenance (IMPROVE Protocol)*, specifically describes:

- Procedures for disconnecting power from instruments and support equipment.
- Procedures for physically removing instruments and support equipment from mounting hardware.
- Procedures for removing internal batteries (if necessary).
- Cables and other accessories to be packed and shipped with instruments and support equipment.
- Removal documentation requirements for instruments and support equipment.
- Procedures for physically installing replacement instruments and support equipment.
- Procedures for connecting power to instruments and support equipment.
- IMPROVE operational switch settings for instruments and support equipment.
- Procedures for verifying and documenting proper operation of replacement instruments and support equipment.
- Procedures for packing instruments and support equipment for shipment.
- Shipping methods and amount of insurance required for each item.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 PROJECT MANAGER

The project manager shall:

- Coordinate with the site operator, his/her supervisor, field specialist, and data coordinator concerning the schedule and requirements for specific transmissometer component replacement and shipment procedures.
- Oversee and review specific transmissometer component replacement and shipment procedure documentation completed by the site operator, for completeness and accuracy.

2.2 FIELD SPECIALIST

The field specialist shall:

- Coordinate with the site operator, his/her supervisor, data coordinator, and project manager concerning the schedule and requirements for specific transmissometer component replacement and shipment procedures.
- Train the site operator in all phases of specific transmissometer component replacement and shipment procedures necessary for on-site resolution of instrument problems.
- Provide technical support to the site operator via telephone to assure proper transmissometer component replacement and shipment procedures.
- Document all technical support provided to the site operator.
- Resolve problems reported by the site operator.

2.3 DATA COORDINATOR

The data coordinator shall:

- Coordinate with the site operator, his/her supervisor, field specialist, and project manager concerning the schedule and requirements for specific transmissometer component replacement and shipment procedures.
- Identify possible instrument malfunction then contact the site operator to schedule a visit for transmissometer component replacement and shipment procedure implementation.
- Review documentation completed by the site operator for completeness and accuracy.
- Verify that scheduled visits are performed and notify the site operator if he/she fails to make a scheduled visit.
- Provide technical support to the site operator via telephone to assure proper transmissometer component replacement and shipment procedures.
- Document all technical support provided to the site operator.
- Review and file all site documentation.
- Resolve problems reported by the site operator.
- Send supplies, tools, and replacement instrumentation necessary for instrument problem resolution to the site operator.

- Make the necessary arrangements for pick-up and return shipment of malfunctioning transmissometer components.

- Enter all correspondence with site operators and the results of all performed procedures into site-specific timelines.

2.4 SITE OPERATOR

The site operator shall:

- Coordinate with his/her supervisor, field specialist, data coordinator, and project manager concerning the schedule and requirements for specific transmissometer component replacement and shipment procedures.

- Perform all procedures described in this TI.

- Thoroughly document all performed transmissometer component replacement and shipment procedures on the LPV-2 Transmissometer Operator Log Sheet, and mail the log sheet to the data coordinator.

- Report any noted inconsistencies immediately to the data coordinator or field specialist.

3.0 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

The following equipment is generally required for transmissometer component replacement and shipment:

- Transmissometer component shipping cases, and cloth and plastic bags
- Large, medium, and small flat-blade screwdrivers
- Keys for shelters and padlocks
- Site Operator's Manual for Transmissometer Monitoring Systems
- LPV-2 Transmissometer Operator Log Sheet (transmitter and receiver stations)
- Pen or pencil
- Electrical tape
- Utility knife
- Allen wrench set
- Rubber bands
- Blower brush
- Cleaning cloth
- ARS shipping labels
- Packing tape

4.0 METHODS

This section includes three (3) major subsections:

4.1 Transmissometer and Support Equipment Removal
4.2 Transmissometer and Support Equipment Installation
4.3 Packing and Shipping

4.1 TRANSMISSOMETER AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT REMOVAL

Follow the procedures described in this section for disabling and removing instrumentation and support equipment. Damage to instruments can occur upon installation or removal. When removing instruments, consider the following:

- Always leave the power switch in the "OFF" position when removing or installing instruments.
- Avoid touching connector pins or circuit boards; static electricity may damage sensitive components.
- Double-check connectors, power polarity, and instrument settings before applying power.
- Follow procedures in the order they are given.
- If you have questions, call the data coordinator before proceeding.

4.1.1 Removing the Transmitter

Take the gray, suitcase-style transmitter shipping case with you to the site, so that the instrument will be protected during transit. See Section 4.3 for packing and shipping instructions. Follow the procedures below when removing the transmitter:

DISCONNECT	Turn the control box power switch **OFF**.
	Disconnect the power cable (black) from the control box only. Coil the cable and set it next to the battery or the power supply.
	Disconnect the control cable (gray) from both the control box and the transmitter telescope. Coil and rubber band the cable and place it in the shipping case.
REMOVE	Place the control box in the shipping case after first enclosing in a plastic (or white cloth) bag.
	Remove the lamp from the transmitter. Document the lamp “off” date on the operator log sheet and store the lamp in the black lamp case (the lamp case remains on-site).

Put the black lens cap on the telescope and insert the "filler" lamp into the lamp chamber (has electrical tape covering the back and no number) before placing the transmitter telescope in the gray, suitcase-style shipping case.

DOCUMENT — Document removal of the instrument in the "General Comments" section of the LPV-2 Transmissometer Operator Log Sheet – Transmitter Station (see Figure 4-1).

4.1.2 Removing the Receiver

Take the appropriate shipping cases with you to the site, so that the instrument will be protected during transit. See Section 4.3 for packing and shipping instructions. Follow the procedures below when removing the receiver:

DISCONNECT — Turn the receiver computer power switch **OFF**.

Disconnect the receiver power, output, and photometer head cables from the computer and place them aside. Coil and band the photometer head cable.

REMOVE — Place the receiver computer in the white cloth bag provided and then in its shipping case.

Remove the detector-head from the telescope with an Allen wrench included in the tool kit (refer to Figure 4-2). Place the soft, black plastic cap on the detector-head opening. Put the detector-head first in a plastic bag and then in the white cloth bag; then place the unit in the gray, suitcase-style shipping case.

Cover both ends of the receiver telescope with the black plug and large, black cap (tighten the Allen screws to secure). Place the telescope in its shipping case.

DOCUMENT — Document removal of the instrument in the "General Comments" section of the LPV-2 Transmissometer Operator Log Sheet – Receiver Station (see Figure 4-3).

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LPV-2 TRANSMISSOMETER OPERATOR LOG SHEET
TRANSMITTER STATION

Location _____

Date_____ Local Time_____ Operator(s)_____

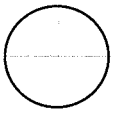
Weather Conditions_____

Visibility Conditions: ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor Estimated visual range _____ miles

Details_____

INITIAL CONDITION

1. Instrument Number LPV-_____
2. Mark the initial location of receiver shelter window with a "+" in the circle below.



Comments_____

IMPORTANT: Return flip mirror to proper (ON) position.

3. Was the alignment corrected? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, time aligned_____
4. Does the instrument appear to be working properly? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If No, provide details_____

SERVICING

1. Initial Window Cleanliness: ☐ Good ☐ Moderate ☐ Poor

Comment_____

2. Window Cleaned? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, time cleaned_____

If No, why not?_____

3. Lens Inspected? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, lens cleaned? ☐ Yes ☐ No

IMPORTANT: Use only the blower brush to clean the telescope lens.

4. Solar Panels Cleaned? ☐ Yes ☐ No Comment_____
5. Battery Voltage (charging)_____ Battery Voltage (analyzing)_____
6. Lamp Check **IMPORTANT: Must be done when lamp is ON under automatic control.**

a) LED (indicator light on side of control box) ☐ On ☐ Off (If On, telephone ARS)

b) Lamp Voltage Reading (switch voltmeter to 20 VDC range) _____ volts, for lamp number _____

IMPORTANT: Switch voltmeter to "OFF" after taking voltage reading.

TIMING

1. Is your watch synchronized with NIST time? (telephone 303-499-7111 or http://www.time.gov) ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Transmitter Light ON, Exact Time, (HR:MIN:SEC) _____:_____:_____
3. Transmitter Light OFF, Exact Time, (HR:MIN:SEC) _____:_____:_____
4. Timing Reset? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, time transmitter was reset_____

IMPORTANT: THE TRANSMITTER TIMING MUST ONLY BE RESET AT EXACTLY THE TOP OF THE HOUR!

SPECIAL SERVICING (upon ARS instruction)

1. Lamp Changed? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, old lamp number_____ Old lamp voltage_____

Time lamp changed _____ New lamp number_____ New lamp voltage_____

IMPORTANT: If lamp is changed, receiver computer calibration (CAL) number must also be changed.

2. Alignment corrected after lamp change? ☐ Yes ☐ No

GENERAL COMMENTS/SUPPLIES NEEDED

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Figure 4-1. LPV-2 Transmissometer Operator Log Sheet - Transmitter Station.

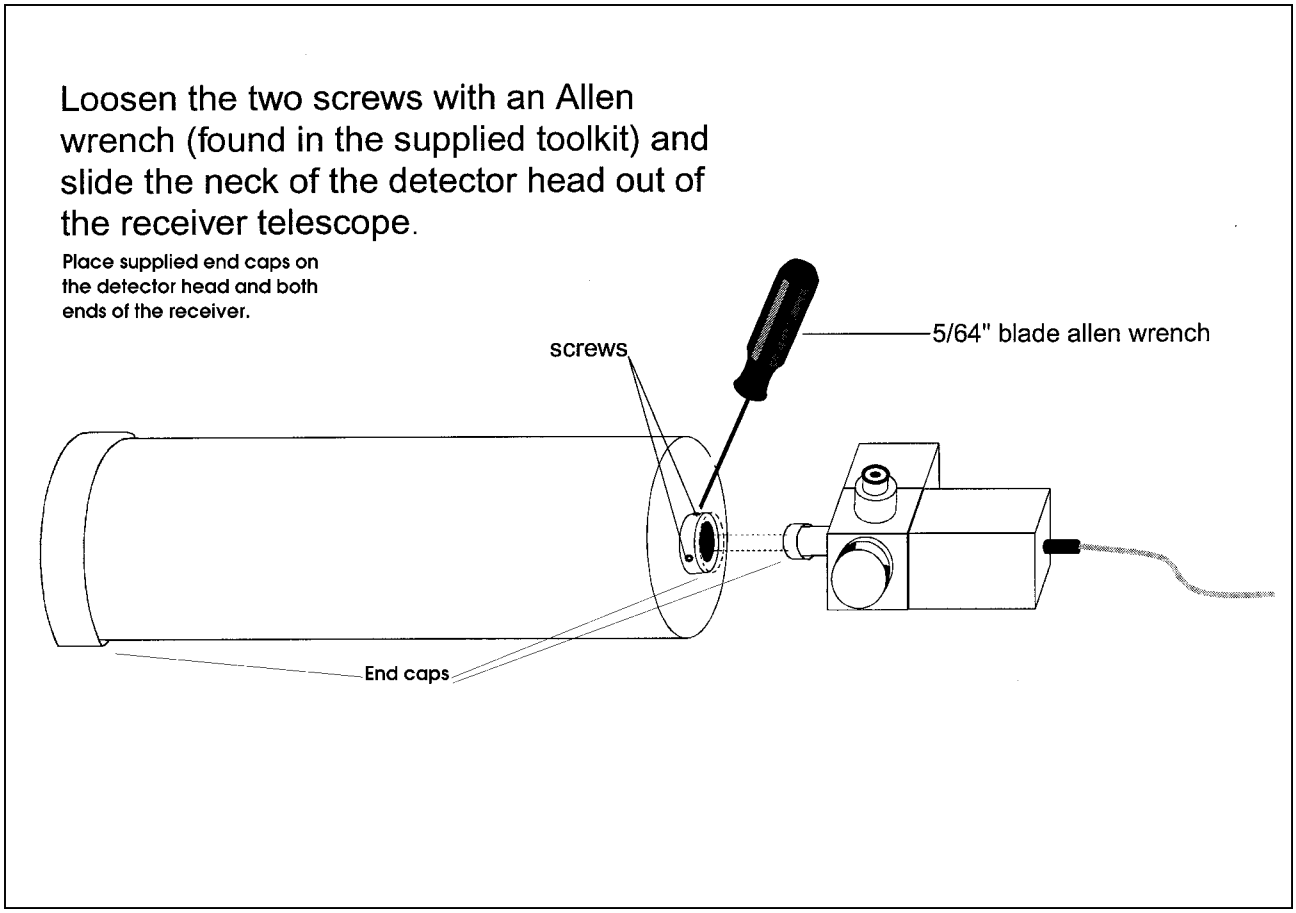

Figure 4-2. Removal of Receiver Detector Head.

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LPV-2 TRANSMISSOMETER OPERATOR LOG SHEET
RECEIVER STATION

Location _____

Date_____ Local Time_____ Operator(s)_____

Weather Conditions_____

Visibility Conditions: ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor Estimated visual range _____ miles

Details_____

INITIAL CONDITION

1. Instrument Number LPV-_____
2. Receiver Display Reading_____ Local Time_____ Toggle: ☐ On ☐ Off
3. Display readings: A1 switch set to: C (raw reading)_____ B(b_{ext} reading)_____
4. Does the b_{ext} reading represent actual conditions? ☐ Yes ☐ No Comment_____
5. Mark the initial location of transmitter light source with a "+" in the circle below.

Comments_____

_____

IMPORTANT: Return flip mirror to proper (ON) position.

6. Was the alignment corrected? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, time aligned_____
7. Does the instrument appear to be working properly? ☐ Yes ☐ No

   If No, provide details_____

SERVICING

1. Initial Window Cleanliness: ☐ Good ☐ Moderate ☐ Poor Comment_____
2. Window Cleaned? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, time cleaned_____ If No, why not?_____
3. Lens Inspected? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, lens cleaned? ☐ Yes ☐ No

   IMPORTANT: Use only the blower brush to clean the telescope lens.
4. Solar Panels Cleaned? ☐ Yes ☐ No Comment_____
5. Battery Voltage (charging)_____ Battery Voltage (analyzing)_____

TIMING

1. Is your watch synchronized with NIST time? (telephone 303-499-7111 or http://www.time.gov) ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Transmitter Light ON, Exact Time, (HR:MIN:SEC) _____:_____:_____
3. Receiver Toggle Update, Exact Time, (HR:MIN:SEC) _____:_____:_____
4. Updated Receiver Reading: C(raw reading)_____ B(b_{ext} reading)_____ Toggle: ☐ On ☐ Off

   IMPORTANT: Return A1 switch to "C" position after check.

   Does the updated b_{ext} reading represent your estimate of visual range? ☐ Yes ☐ No

   Comment_____
5. Transmitter Light OFF, Exact Time, (HR:MIN:SEC) _____:_____:_____
6. Computer Reset? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, time reset_____

IMPORTANT: THE RECEIVER COMPUTER TIMING MUST ONLY BE RESET AT EXACTLY 3 MINUTES AFTER THE HOUR!

SPECIAL SERVICING (upon ARS instruction)

1. Lamp Changed at Transmitter Station? ☐ Yes ☐ No

   IMPORTANT: If lamp is changed, receiver computer calibration (CAL) number must also be changed.
2. Receiver computer CAL number changed? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, new CAL number entered:_____

GENERAL COMMENTS/SUPPLIES NEEDED

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Figure 4-3. LPV-2 Transmissometer Operator Log Sheet - Receiver Station.

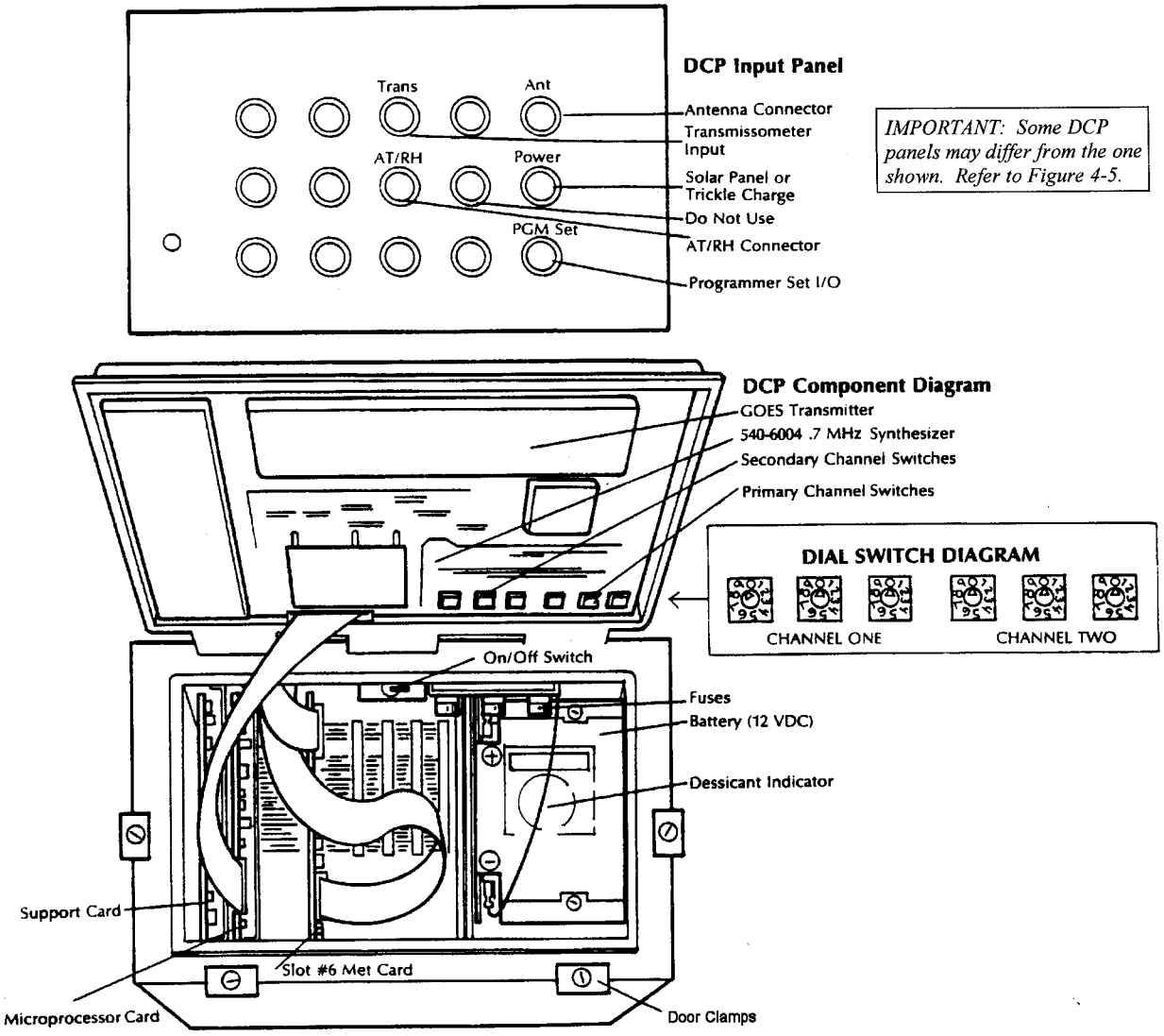
4.1.3 Removing the DCP

Refer to Figure 4-4, DCP Datalogger Component Diagram, for the location of the switches and connectors discussed. Figure 4-4 depicts the dial switches in detail.

IMPORTANT: Before disconnecting the DCP antenna cable, some internal switch settings must be changed to inhibit transmissions. Failure to do so will damage the DCP.

Follow the procedures below when removing the DCP:

RESET	Loosen the clasps and open the hinged door of the DCP. Locate the six square, red dial switches located on the circuit board on the inside of the door. Refer to close-up of dial switches in Figure 4-4. Using a small, flat-blade screwdriver, reset the switches under "CHAN 1" to **9**, **0**, **0**. The switch immediately below the "100" on the circuit board should be set to **9**. The switches immediately below the "10" and the "1" on the circuit board should be set to **0**. Close the DCP door and tighten the clasps.
DISCONNECT	Before disconnecting the connectors on the side of the DCP, note their locations and mark if necessary. Draw a wiring diagram if you think it will be helpful. Refer to Figure 4-5, DCP Cable Connection and Display Diagram. Disconnect all cables from the DCP input panel and remove the DCP. Pack the unit for shipping in the supplied box.
DOCUMENT	Document the removal of the DCP in the "General Comments" section of the LPV-2 Transmissometer Operator Log Sheet – Receiver Station (see Figure 4-3).



Side View DCP Input Panel

IMPRORTANT--DCP panels may differ from the above unit.

Figure 4-4. DCP Datalogger Component Diagram.

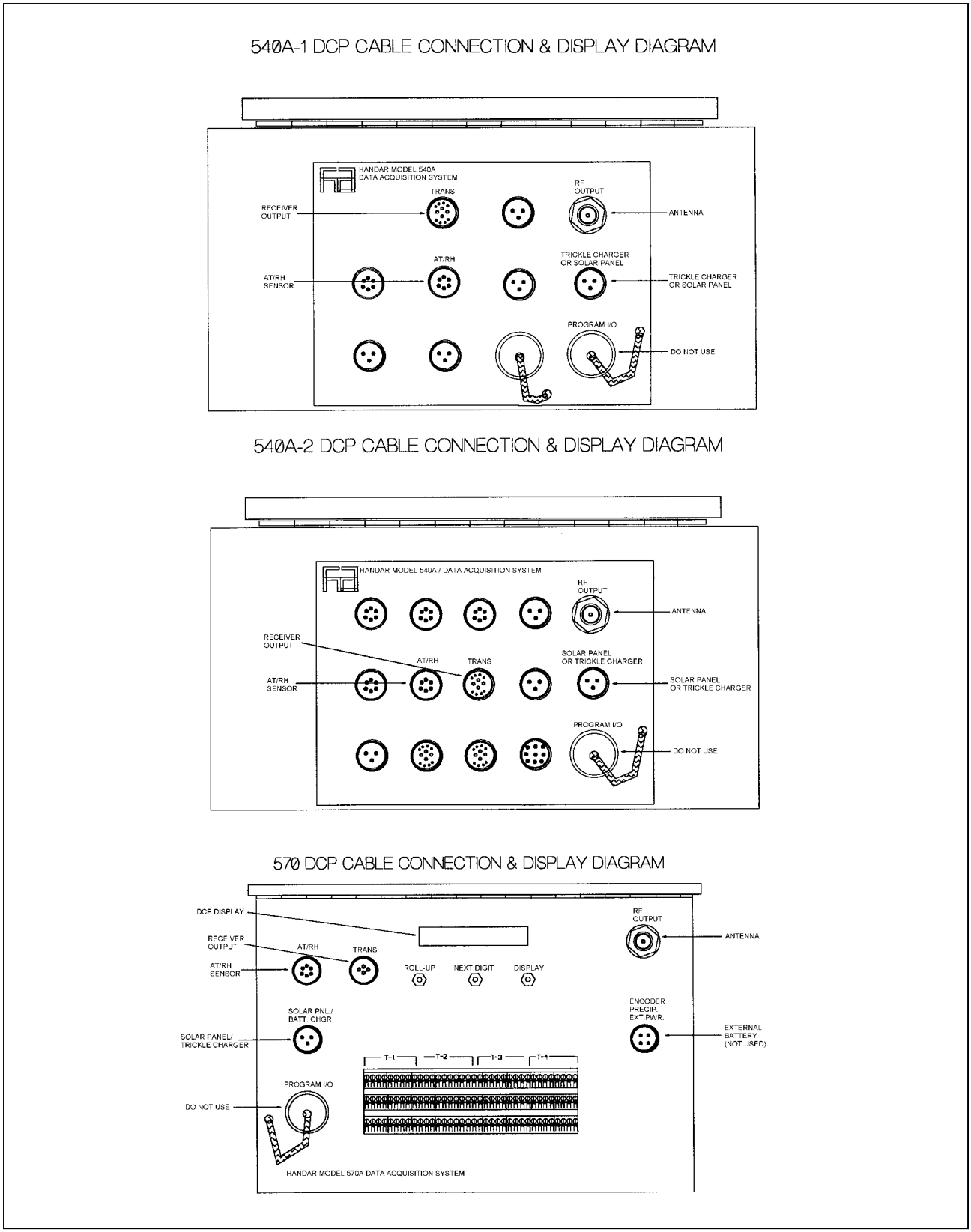


Figure 4-5. DCP Cable Connection and Display Diagram.

4.1.4 Removing the Air Temperature/Relative Humidity Sensor

Follow the procedures below when removing the air temperature and relative humidity sensor:

DISCONNECT	Disconnect the air temperature/relative humidity cable at the connection below the sensor (see Figure 4-6, Air Temperature/Relative Humidity Sensor Component). In most cases, a replacement AT/RH sensor will need to be installed when removing a suspect or malfunctioning AT/RH sensor. (Refer to Section 4.2.5 for AT/RH sensor installation instructions). Cover the end of the cable connector with electrical tape if no replacement AT/RH sensor is to be installed. Allow the connector to hang down to prevent moisture from entering the connector.
REMOVE	Loosen the two clamps that hold the sensor in place and slide the sensor out. Pack the sensor in the shipping case that the replacement sensor was shipped in (or in an appropriate shipping box).
DOCUMENT	Document the removal of this sensor on the receiver station operator log sheet.

4.2 TRANSMISSOMETER AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION

Replacement transmissometer components will be shipped directly to the site operator by ARS. Upon receipt of the shipment, the site operator should follow the component-specific procedures listed below.

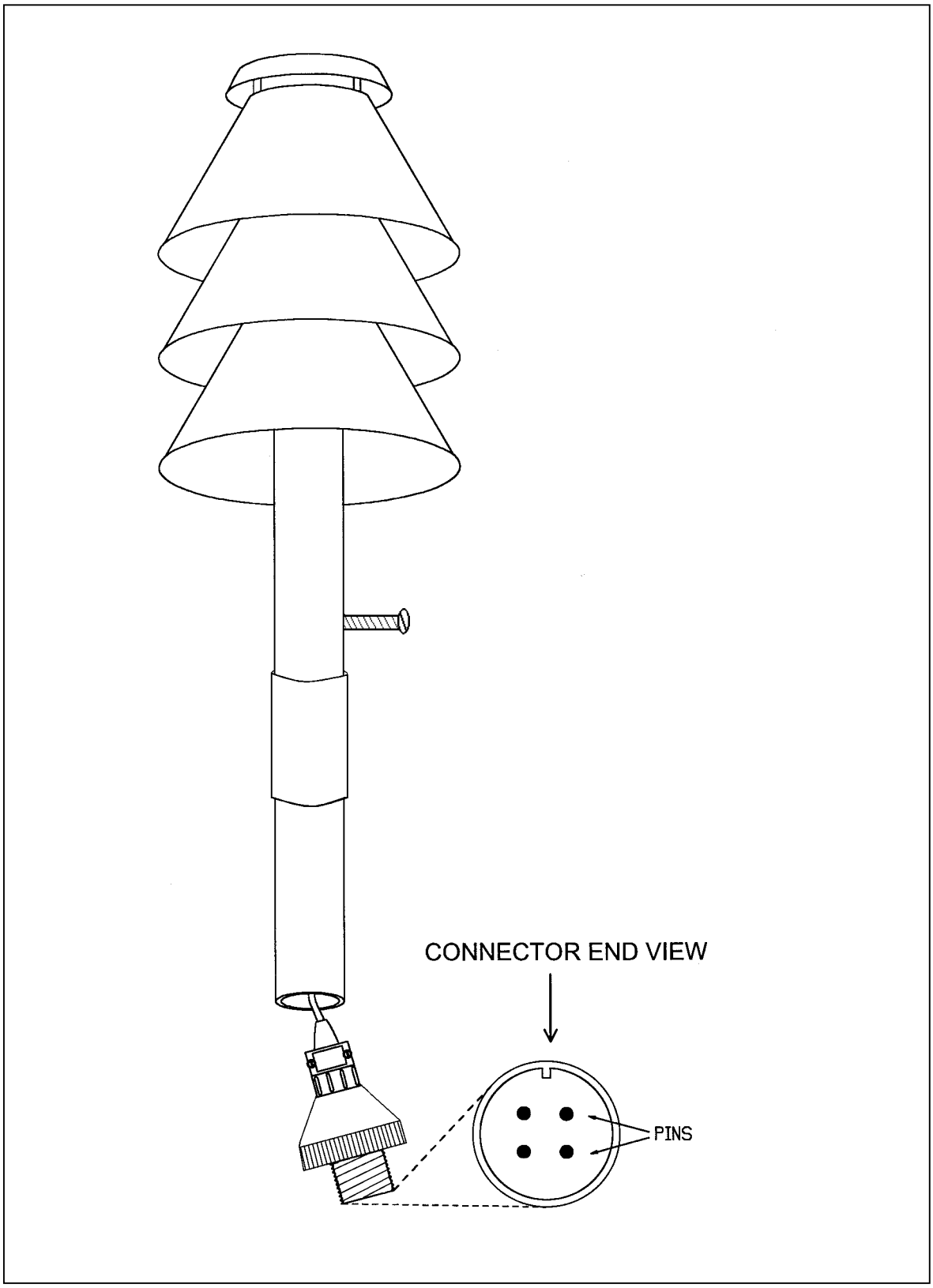


Figure 4-6. Air Temperature/Relative Humidity Sensor Component Diagram.

4.2.1 Installing the Transmitter

Follow the procedures below when installing the transmitter:

INSTALL	Inspect shipping case(s) for signs of damage upon receiving the instrumentation. Remove the transmitter from the shipping case, the cloth and plastic bags from the instrument, and black cap and "filler" lamp. Save all of the bags, rubber bands, etc., for return shipping. Mount the transmitter on the alti-azimuth base and tighten the telescope hold-down screw. **DO NOT REFOCUS THE TRANSMITTER.** Install the lamp number requested by ARS. Call ARS for additional instructions if needed. Clean the objective lens with the blower brush. Install the control box. Make sure the on/off and test switches are in the "OFF" (down) position.
CONNECT	Connect the control cable to the instrument and the control box making sure to set the connectors properly. A small detent can be felt when the connectors are fully seated. Verify that the control cable connector attached to the instrument (transmitter telescope) includes the "measurement pigtail" as shown in Figure 4-7. Connect the red and black banana jacks to the same color connectors on the side of the transmitter lamp housing. Connect the control box power cable. Check that the power cable is securely connected to the battery (DC power), or the power supply (AC power). Turn the control box on/off switch **ON** and reset the system timing (refer to TI 4110, 3100, *Routine Site Operator Maintenance Procedures for LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol)*.
DOCUMENT	Upon successful installation of the transmitter, complete the tasks listed on the transmitter station log sheet. Document the installation of the system and the lamp number placed into service on the transmitter station operator log sheet.

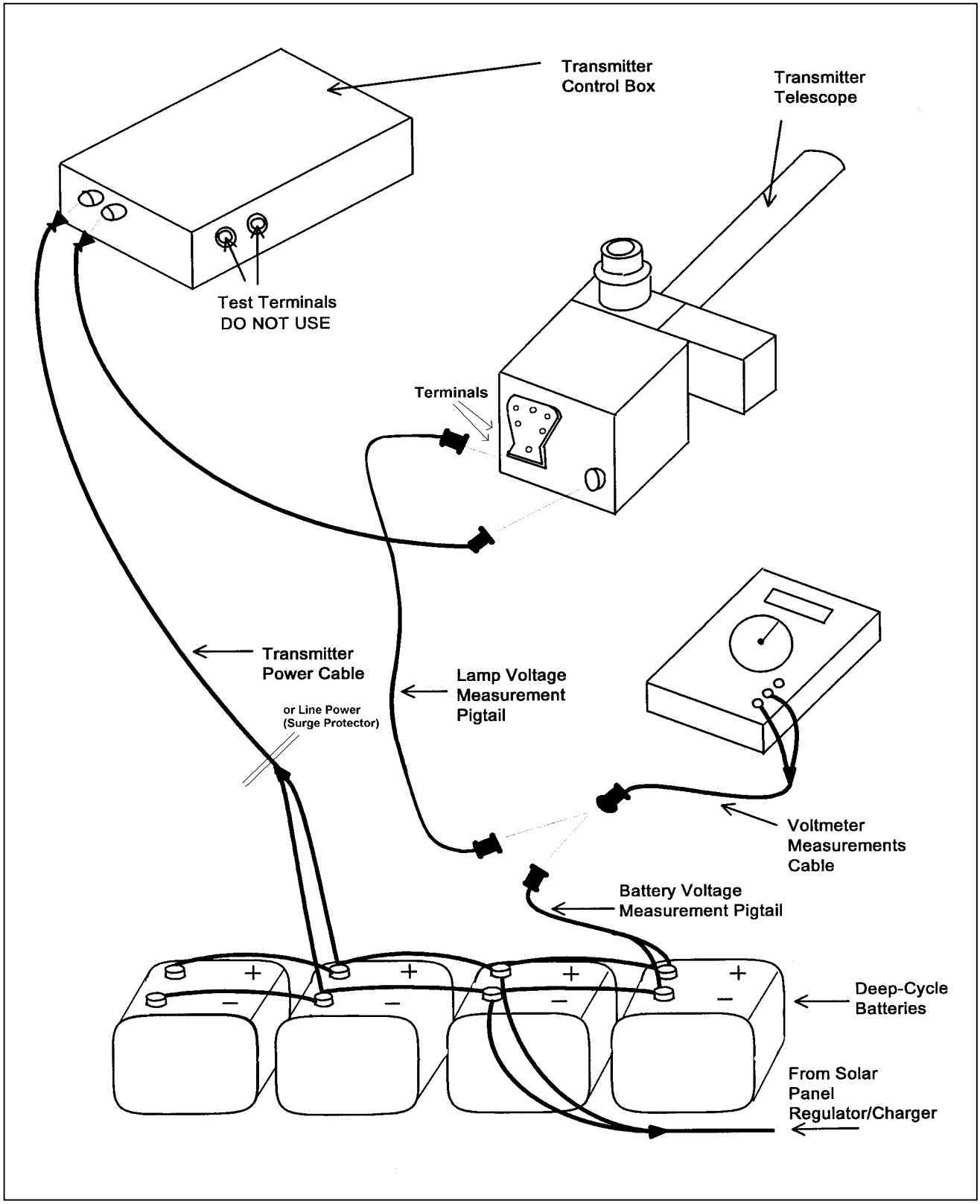


Figure 4-7. Transmitter Components Connection Diagram.

4.2.2 Installing the Receiver

Follow the procedures below when installing the receiver:

INSTALL

Remove the receiver telescope from the shipping case. Remove the cloth and plastic bags and black plug and large, black cap from the instrument. Save all of the bags, rubber bands, etc. for return shipping.

Mount the telescope on the alti-azimuth base and tighten t he telescope hold-down screw.

Clean the objective lens with the blower brush.

Mount the detector-head (photometer) to the telescope by tightening the two retaining Allen screws after fully seating the assembly. The sides of the eyepiece/detector-head assembly should be perpendicular to the ground.

Remove the receiver computer from the shipping case, remove the cloth bag, and place the computer in its correct position in the shelter. Make sure the power switch is **OFF**. Remove the four top-cover screws and take the top cover of the receiver computer off.

Touch the receiver computer case and any large, metal object (such as the unpainted portion of the monitoring post) to rid yourself of static electricity.

Push down on the computer cards carefully to make sure they are fully seated.

Push down on the ribbon connector and the small two-conductor connector located on the top cards.

Replace the computer cover and tighten the four screws. Connect the output cable from the DCP, and the power cable from the battery or power supply, to the back panel of the receiver computer.

CONNECT

Plug the cable from the detector-head into the photometer input on the back panel of the receiver computer.

Turn the computer power switch to the **ON** position. The display should go to “000” or “001” and the toggle light should be off. The OR light should come on for 2-3 seconds and then go off.

Align the telescope and leave the flip mirror "ON." To reset the computer, turn the computer **OFF** and back **ON** at the top of the hour. To reset system timing, toggle the reset switch at 3 minutes after the top of the hour (or 3 minutes after the transmitter light comes on). An updated reading and toggle change should occur at 13 minutes past the hour (or 10 minutes after the timing reset). Refer to TI 4110-3100, *Routine Site Operator Maintenance Procedures for LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol).*

DOCUMENT

Upon successful installation of the system, complete the tasks listed on the receiver station log sheet. Document the installation of the system on the log sheet.

Store the shipping cases in the receiver station if there is enough room, otherwise, store the shipping cases in an easily accessible location (e.g., at your office).

Call ARS and notify the data coordinator after the transmissometer has been installed.

4.2.3 Installing the DCP

Any replacement data collection platform (DCP) sent from ARS will be preprogrammed and in its "RUN" mode. It will start collecting data as soon as the sensor input cables are attached. Data will be transmitted after the antenna cable is attached and internal channel selection switches are set to the proper position. Refer to Figure 4-4, DCP Datalogger Component Diagram, for the location of described parts. Follow the procedures below when installing the DCP:

INSTALL

Notify the data coordinator before going into the field to install the DCP. The channel must be activated with the satellite service center prior to transmitting.

Locate the new DCP in the correct position within the shelter.

CONNECT

Connect the trickle charger or solar panel power cable to the correct position on the DCP panel. If a solar panel is used, the cable should be connected directly to the connector labeled "solar panel trickle charger." If AC power is used, the trickle charger should be plugged into the same connector.

Connect the antenna to the gold coaxial connector located on the upper-right of the input panel.

Connect the sensor output cable from receiver computer to the connector labeled "TRANS."

Connect the air temperature/relative humidity sensor cable to the position labeled “air temperature/relative humidity.”

Loosen the door clamps with a large, flat-blade screwdriver and open the DCP door.

Change the setting of transmission channel 1 from “900” (3 switches) to the channel requested by ARS. Channels used will be “009” for eastern sites and either “014,” “038,” or “002” for western sites.

Close the DCP door and re-tighten the clasps.

Check the antenna alignment, elements, and cable.

DOCUMENT — Store the DCP shipping box, unless it is needed to return a malfunctioning DCP.

Document the DCP installation on the receiver station operator log sheet.

Notify the data coordinator when the installation is complete.

4.2.4 Installing the Air Temperature/Relative Humidity Sensor

Follow the procedures below when installing the air temperature and relative humidity sensor:

INSTALL — Slip the sensor into the mounting clamps; do not tighten at this time.

CONNECT — Attach the sensor input/output cable after inspecting for dust and debris within the connector. Use the blower brush to clean the connector, if needed. Wipe a cleaning cloth around the thread inside the connector if excess dust has collected there.

Tighten the sensor mounting clamps.

DOCUMENT — Document the installation of the sensor on the receiver station operator log sheet.

Call ARS to advise the data coordinator of the installation.

4.3 PACKING AND SHIPPING

SHIPPING CASES

Shipping cases have been provided for the transmissometer computer, telescope, and transmitter. Some sites have DCP shipping boxes; these can be sent from ARS if needed. Shipping containers for other equipment or instruments must be found locally (or will be provided by ARS upon request).

SHIPPING COSTS

Shipping costs should be charged to the air quality project's account. Other arrangements can be made if:

- A FedEx airbill is included with shipment of replacement instrumentation; shipment will be paid through the ARS account.
- A UPS shipment is required and cannot be charged to the air quality account.
- There are problems meeting insurance requirements (government use of U.S. Mail).
- An air quality account does not exist.

Call ARS to discuss alternate plans for covering shipping costs.

SHIPPING MISCELLANEOUS

Use packing tape to seal the shipping cases. When shipping items in a cardboard box, use nylon filament packing take to help strengthen the box. If the shipped items are not expected at ARS, or if an explanation on the return of the items would be valuable, enclose it in an envelope within the shipping case or box.

SHIPPING ADDRESS

Mail all items including correspondence and instruments to (or use ARS shipping labels):

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Notify ARS when and with which shipper monitoring components were sent so a delivery date can be expected.

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This technical instruction (TI) describes annual laboratory servicing and preventative maintenance procedures for Optec LPV-2 transmissometers used in the IMPROVE network. The primary purpose of annual laboratory servicing is assure quality data capture by:

- Performing and documenting a post-field instrument inspection, functional test, and calibration on each transmissometer when it is returned from a field site.
- Performing and documenting the following annual transmissometer maintenance procedures:
  - Transmissometer disassembly and cleaning
  - Optics alignment checks and realignment
  - Chopper motor replacement
  - Instrument timing checks
  - Receiver computer gain measurements and calibration checks
  - Internal batteries replacement
  - Operational lamps replacement
  - Total system functional test
- Performing and documenting instrument upgrades and modifications as required.
- Performing a pre-field instrument calibration.

This TI, as referenced from Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 4110, *Transmissometer Maintenance (IMPROVE Protocol)*, specifically describes transmissometer maintenance procedures to be performed during annual laboratory servicing of the Optec LPV-2 transmissometer systems.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 PROJECT MANAGER

The project manager shall:

- Establish a servicing schedule to support annual replacement of transmissometers operating at field monitoring sites.
- Review servicing records prior to sending an instrument to a field monitoring site.
- Ensure that all instruments are serviced in accordance with the procedures described in this technical instruction.

2.2 INSTRUMENT TECHNICIAN

The instrument technician shall:

- Perform all laboratory servicing and maintenance procedures described in this TI.
- Document all servicing and maintenance work using the forms described in this TI.
- Maintain a file of all servicing records.
- Maintain the instrumentation laboratory spare parts inventory.

2.3 FIELD SPECIALIST

The field specialist shall:

- Perform transmissometer post-field and pre-field calibrations as specified in this technical instruction and in TI 4200-2100, *Calibration of Optec LPV-2 Transmissometers (IMPROVE Protocol)*.
- Provide technical support to the instrument technician in identifying and correcting instrument functional problems.

2.4 DATA COORDINATOR

The data coordinator shall provide the instrument technician with a description of any instrument problems suspected or identified during the time the instrument operated in the field.

3.0 REQUIRED INSTRUMENTATION,TOOLS,EQUIPMENT,AND MATERIALS

Specific instrumentation, tools, equipment, and materials required for transmissometer servicing include:

- Electronics laboratory instrumentation
- Optical laboratory equipment and instrumentation
- Specialized transmissometer servicing support equipment
- Cleaning and servicing supplies
- Hand tools
- Servicing forms and instrument manuals

3.1 ELECTRONICS LABORATORY INSTRUMENTATION

Specific instrumentation for the electronics laboratory includes:

- Digital voltmeter (4 1/2 digit display)

- Digital voltmeter (3 1/2 digit display, 3 amp current measurement capability)
- Dual channel oscilloscope (20 mHz bandwidth)
- Regulated power supply (12 VDC @ 20 amps)
- Adjustable regulated power supply (0-15 VDC @ 3 amps)

3.2 OPTICAL LABORATORY EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTATION

Specific equipment and instrumentation for the optical laboratory includes:

- Optical bench and accessories including:
  - Optical bench (1 meter, low profile)
  - Detector head alignment fixture
  - Rod mount carriers (5)
  - Standard bench rods (4)
  - Vertical feed rod (1)
  - Beam diverter
- Controllable light source including:
  - Lamp monitor and control
  - Spectral irradiance head
  - Mask (0.020 inch pin-hole)
- Camera lens (135 mm) and holder
- Receiver computer emulator

3.3 SPECIALIZED TRANSMISSOMETER SERVICING SUPPORT EQUIPMENT

Specific support equipment for transmissometer servicing includes:

- Weighted detector head servicing fixture
- Transmitter bench stand
- Receiver computer output test fixture
- Reference detector head
- Chopper motor exchange stand

- Detector head emulator
- Celestron C11 Telescope Tripod with Optec alti-azimuth base
- Spotting scope
- IBM PC-compatible computer terminal (network access to PROCOMM communications software)
- CIMBUS computer servicing accessories including:
  - Serial communications interface card
  - PC board extender card

3.4 CLEANING AND SERVICING SUPPLIES

Specific supplies for cleaning and servicing a transmissometer system include:

- Electronics degreaser
- General purpose contact cleaner
- Flux remover
- Gold contact cleaner and lubricant (for gold edge connectors)
- Canned air
- Liquid window glass cleaner
- Isopropyl alcohol
- Heavy duty silicone lubricant
- Foam-tip swabs
- Paper towels
- Kimwipes (low linting tissue)
- Microfiber optical cleaning cloth and gloves
- Black silicone (room temperature vulcanizing)
- Electrical tape
- Pen or pencil
- Plastic bags (large and small)

- Cloth storage bags
- Rubber bands
- 6 V lithium batteries (2)
- AGC 5A fuse
- AGC 1A fuse

3.5 HAND TOOLS

Specific hand tools required for servicing a transmissometer system include:

- Small, medium, and large flat-blade screwdriver
- Small and medium Phillips-head screwdriver
- Small and medium adjustable wrench
- Allen wrench set
- Small wire cutter and stripper
- Pliers (standard, needle nose, and long nose)
- Nut driver set (1/4" - 1/2")
- Alignment tool (flat-blade tip)
- Contact extraction tool (for Amp Series 1 circular plastic connectors)
- T9 Torx driver
- Flexible pick-up tool
- Tape measure
- Soldering station

3.6 SERVICING FORMS AND INSTRUMENT MANUALS

The following servicing forms and checklists are required when performing annual servicing of the Optec LPV-2 transmissometer:

- Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Post-Field Inspection Checklist
- Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Post-Field Alignment Check Form
- Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Servicing Checklist

- Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Transmitter Lamp Voltage Measurements Record
- Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Pre-Field Alignment Form
- Transmitter alignment target

The following instrument manuals and TIs are required for annual servicing of the Optec LPV-2 transmissometer:

- *Model LPV Long Path Visibility Transmissometer, Technical Manual for Theory of Operation and Operating Procedures*
- *CIMBS Hardware Reference Manuals*
- TI 4200-2100, *Calibration of Optec LPV-2 Transmissometers (IMPROVE Protocol)*
- TI 4110-3400, *Annual Laboratory Maintenance Procedures for Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Systems (IMPROVE Protocol)*

4.0 METHODS

This section includes three (3) major subsections:

4.1 Post-Field Inspection, Test, and Calibration
4.2 Annual Servicing
4.3 Pre-Field Calibration

Figure 4-1 is a flowchart showing the major procedures performed in each of these categories.

4.1 POST-FIELD INSPECTION,TEST,AND CALIBRATION

Each transmissometer returned from a field site for annual laboratory maintenance is inspected and tested prior to initiating any servicing procedures that could invalidate the instrument calibration. Post-field inspection and test is performed immediately after the instrument is received at ARS and includes:

- Initial inspection and functional tests.
- Detector uniformity check and post-field calibration.
- Post-field alignment check.

The procedures for performing these tasks are described in the following subsections.

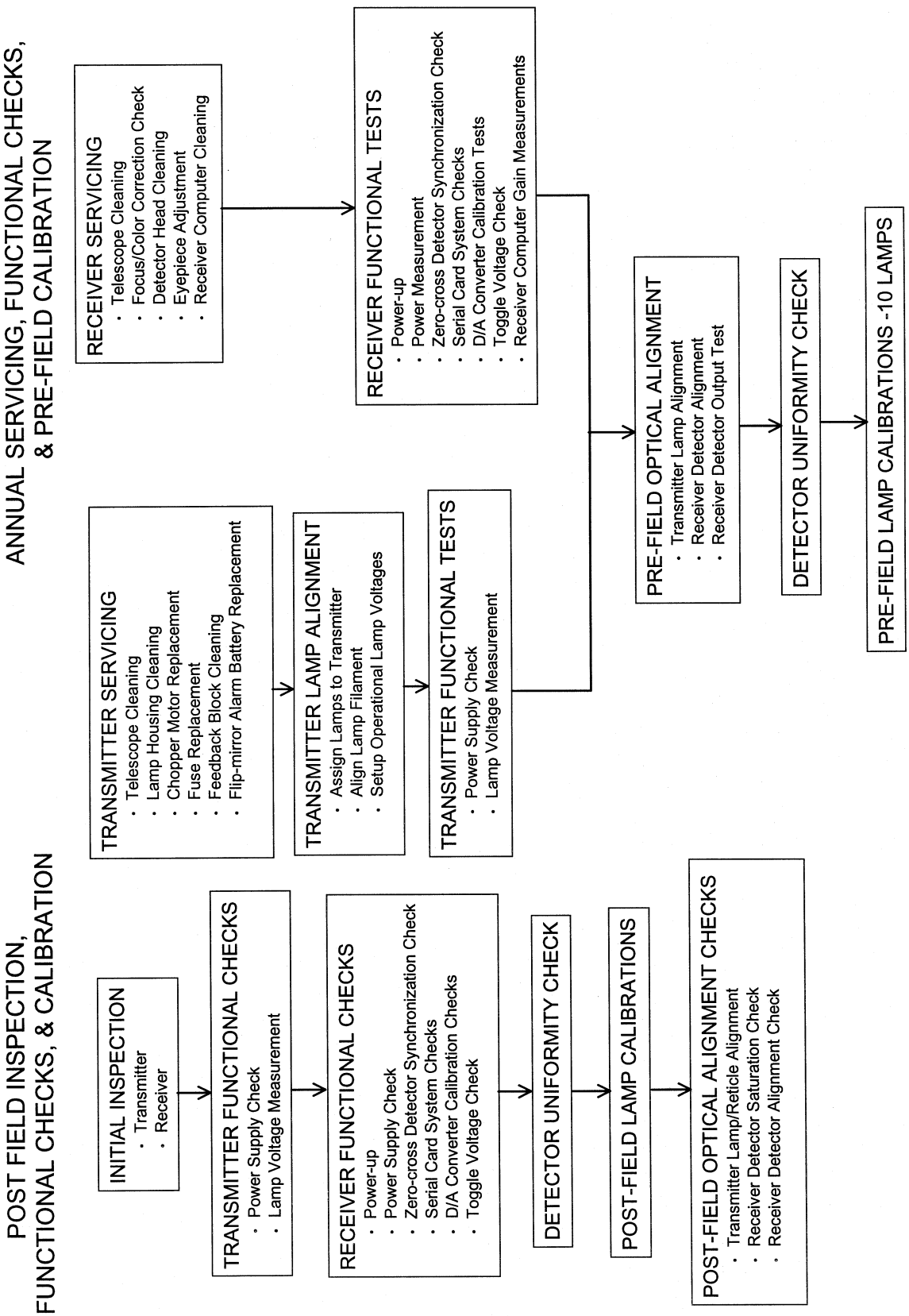

Figure 4-1. Flowchart of Transmissometer Annual Maintenance Procedures.

4.1.1 Initial Inspection and Functional Tests

The Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Post-Field Inspection Checklist (Figure 4-2), is used by the instrument technician to document all initial inspection and functional test results. Initial inspection and test procedures are to be performed whenever and instrument is returned from the field. Procedures for performing and documenting the specified inspections and tests are described below.

4.1.1.1 Initial Inspection

GENERAL INFORMATION

Fill in the instrument number (LPV#), site abbreviation where the instrument last operated, date work was performed, and your name.

Note the reason the instrument was returned from the field. Describe any operational or functional problems noted by the site operator.

Examine the shipping cases for damage that might affect the instrument. Note the condition of the hinges and locks.

Note if the instrument components were packed in the protective plastic bags and cloth shipping bags.

Document the serial number and condition of each lamp returned with the instrument.

NOTE! Do not clean the instrument or perform any service procedures during initial inspection.

TRANSMITTER INSPECTION

Check the transmitter telescope to see if the instrument was returned with a lamp installed. Note the lamp serial number.

Check the telescope Allen screws and the lamp base Torx screws for tightness.

Turn the flip mirror to the "ON" position and verify that the alarm is functioning.

Describe the "as returned" condition of all instrument components. Note cleanliness, cable and connector condition, and check for signs of battery leakage around the battery holders in the control box.

Measure the voltage of the AA backup batteries (should be approximately 6.0 volts).

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NOTE: *Do not service instrument during inspection.*

TRANSMITTER INSPECTION

RECEIVER INSPECTION

Figure 4-2. Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Post-Field Inspection Checklist.

TRANSMITTER FUNCTIONAL CHECK

RECEIVER FUNCTIONAL CHECK

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Figure 4-2. (Continued). Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Post-Field Inspection Checklist.

RECEIVER INSPECTION

Turn the flip mirror to the "ON" position and verify that the alarm is functioning.

Measure the voltage of the AA backup batteries (should be approximate 6.0 volts).

Record the receiver telescope aperture size (engraved on the front of the telescope). If an aperture ring is installed on the instrument, note this and record the size of the aperture ring.

Describe the "as returned" condition of all instrument components. Note cleanliness, cable and connector condition, and check for signs of battery leakage around the battery holders on the receiver computer front panel.

Check the CIMBUS computer cards and cable connectors in the receiver computer. Verify that all cards are fully inserted into the card edge connectors and that all cable connections to the cards are secure.

RECEIVER COMPUTER SWITCH SETTINGS

Document the "as returned" setting for each of the receiver computer switches specified on the inspection checklist.

4.1.1.2 Transmitter Functional Check

TRANSMITTER POWER AND VOLTAGE MEASUREMENTS

All functional check measurements related to the transmitter are conducted with the instruments reference lamp installed. Record the lamp serial number.

Measure and record the transmitter operating current with the lamp on.

Measure and record the lamp voltage using the measurement pigtail on the control box cable.

Measure and record the T1, T2, T3, T4, and T5 test point voltages on the transmitter control box circuit board (see Figure 4-3, Transmitter Control Box Circuit Board Components Diagram).

4.1.1.3 Receiver Functional Check

RECEIVER COMPUTER SETUP

Connect the receiver detector head to the receiver computer and connect the receiver computer to a 0-12 VDC variable output power supply. Set the power supply output to 12 VDC. Set the "A1" switch to position **C** (raw readings), the "CYCLE" switch to **CONT** (continuous), and the "INTEG" switch to **1** (one minute).

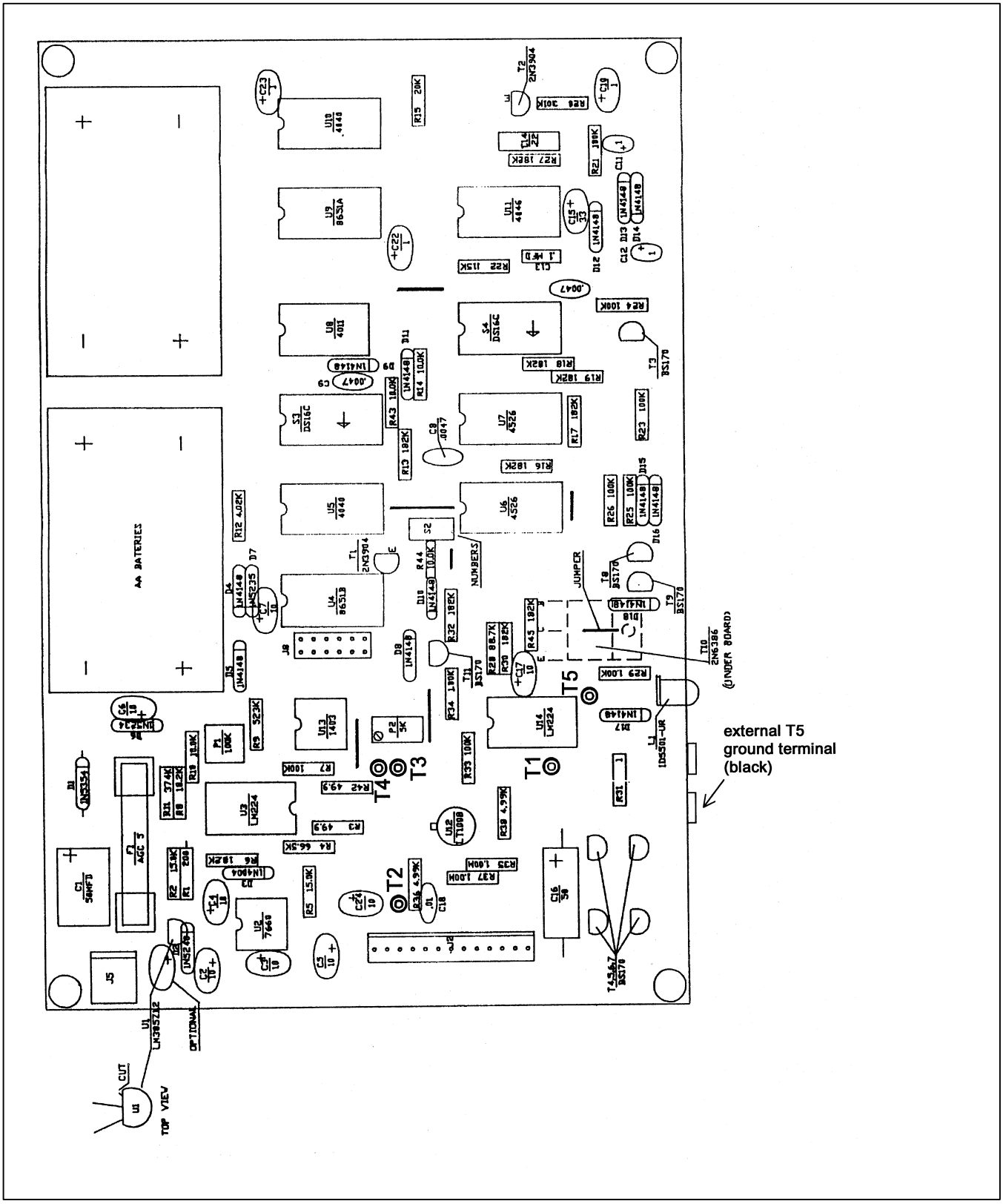


Figure 4-3. Transmitter Control Box Circuit Board Components Diagram.

Position the detector head so that it is "looking" at the transmitter lamp through a pin-hole mask. Adjust the detector head position so that the receiver computer will measure a one-minute raw readings average of 0.2 volts (200 on receiver computer display) or more.

Connect channel 1 and channel 2 of the oscilloscope to "TP1" and "TP2" of the auto reset circuit located on the receiver computer front panel board (see Figure 4-4, Receiver Computer Front Panel Circuit Board Components Diagram).

POWER-UP TEST

Turn the receiver computer **ON** and record the display reading immediately following the instruments power-up cycle.

ZERO INPUT TEST

Set the receiver telescope flip mirror to the "OFF" position (light blocked). Turn the receiver computer **OFF**, wait five (5) seconds and turn the receiver computer back **ON**. After one minute, the receiver computer will update the data on the front panel display. Since the flip mirror blocks all light from reaching the detector, the display should read "000." Record the display reading.

POWER SUPPLY AND AUTO RESET

Place the receiver flip mirror in the "ON" position. With the power supply output set at 12 VDC, measure and record the receiver computer internal power supply outputs (5 VDC, 15 VDC, TEST -15 VDC). These voltages should be measured at the test points on the power supply board (see Figure 4-5, Power Supply Circuit Board Components Diagram). After the display updates, measure and record the "A1" output and the receiver operating current.

Reduce the external power supply voltage to 8.0 volts. After the next full one-minute update, record the "A1" output, the receiver power supply output voltages, and the "TP1" and "TP2" logic levels (high or low). This test confirms that the instrument will operate properly with a supply voltage as low as 8.0 volts.

Reduce the external power supply voltage to 7.0 volts. "TP1" and "TP2" should both go to a logic low. The receiver front panel display should be blank and the "A1" output should be zero. These conditions indicate that the receiver computer has ceased operation. Record the power supply output voltages, the "A1" output, and the "TP1" and "TP2" logic levels.

Increase the external power supply voltage to 12.0 volts. If the auto reset circuit is functioning properly, "TP1" and "TP2" will return to a logic high level immediately after the power supply voltage is increased. The "A1" output will be zero until the first update. After the update, the "A1" output will return to the value measured at the start of this test. At this time record the power supply output voltages, the "A1" output, and the "TP1" and "TP2" logic levels.

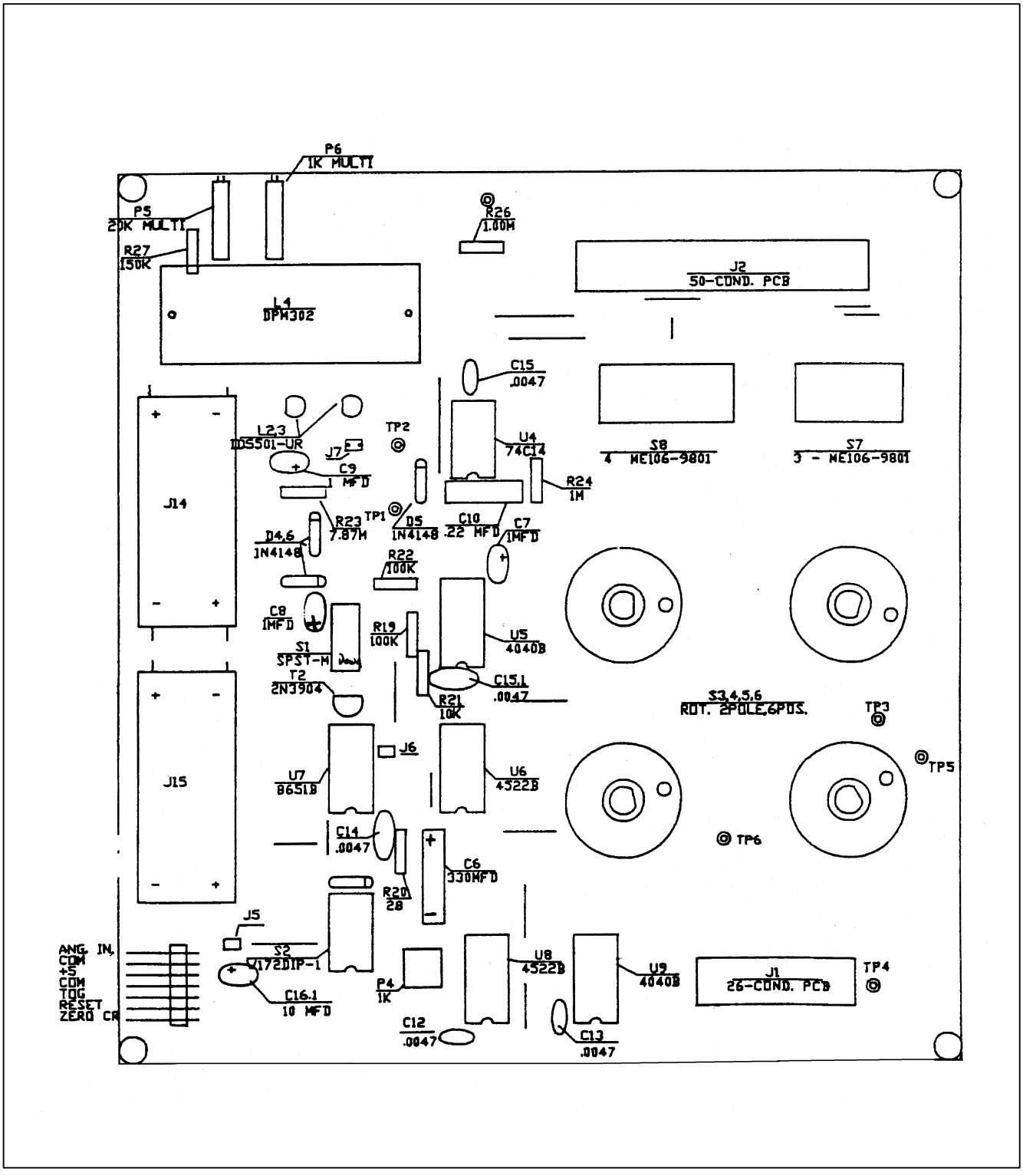


Figure 4-4. Receiver Computer Front Panel Circuit Board Components Diagram.

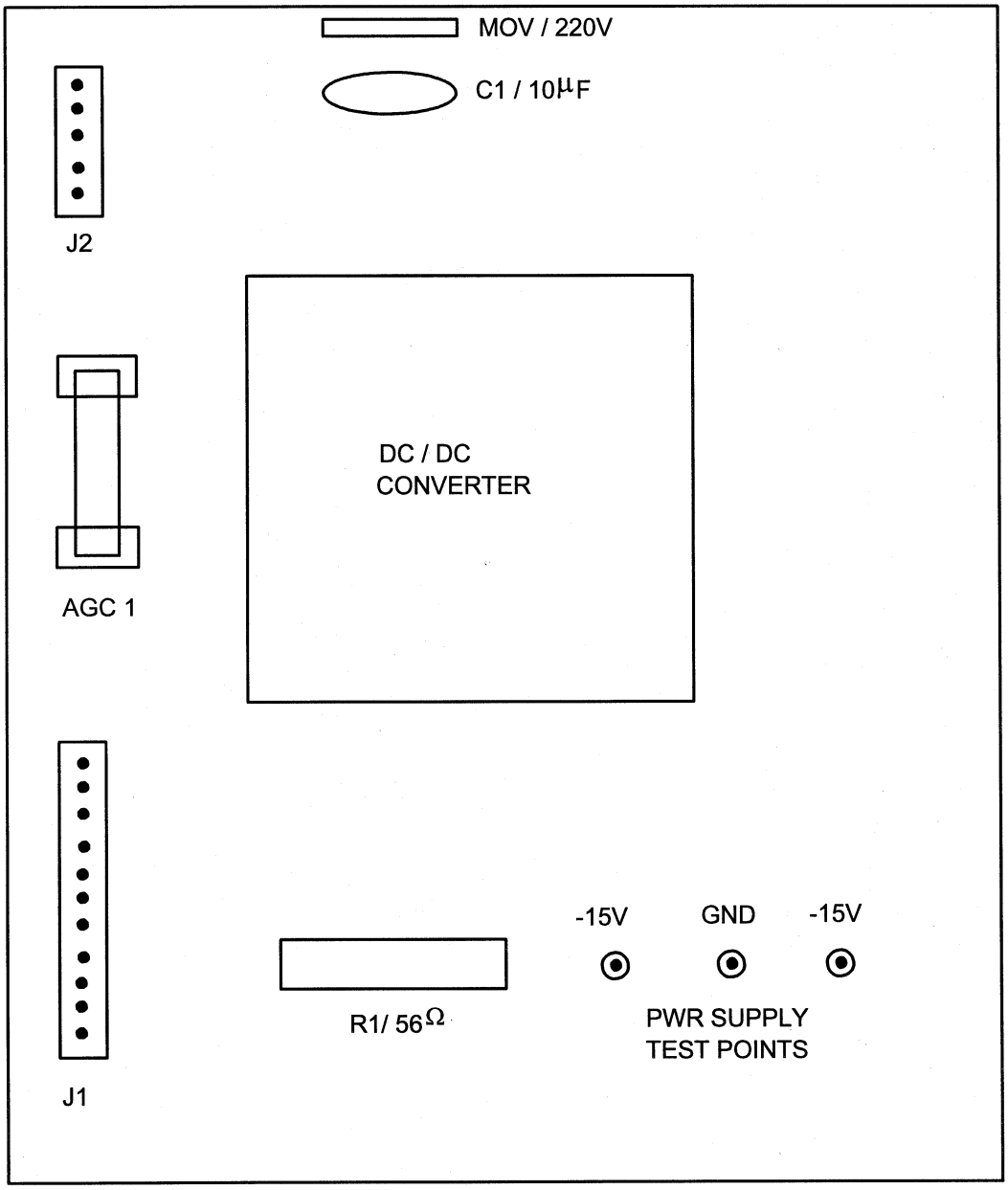


Figure 4-5. Power Supply Circuit Board Components Diagram.

ZERO-CROSS DETECTOR SYNCHRO-NIZATION CHECK

The purpose of this check is to determine if the receiver bandpass amplifier output is synchronized with the incoming transmitter signal. Connect channels 1 and 2 of the oscilloscope to test points "TP4" and "TP5" of the receiver computer bandpass board (see Figure 4-6, Bandpass Board Component Diagram). Synchronize the oscilloscope on channel 1. If the synchronization circuit is functioning properly, both the leading and trailing edges of the two waveforms will be in phase. If they are not in phase, mark the "FAIL" block and comment on the observed irregularity.

4.1.1.4 Serial Card Tests

SERIAL CARD TEST SETUP

Turn the receiver computer **OFF** and insert the CIMBUS serial card into slot # of the CIMBUS computer. Connect the serial card output to the serial port on the PC computer. PROCOMM software is used to communicate with the CIMBUS computer. Turn the receiver computer **ON** and enter **TEST** to initiate the receiver computer self-test program.

The "TEST" program will execute a fixed sequence of test routines that will check all major receiver computer functions. When one test is completed, hit any key to move to the next test in the sequence. The Receiver Computer Front Panel, Figure 4-7, shows the receiver computer front panel digital display, switches, and status lamps. Record the result (Pass/Fail) for each test listed below on the inspection checklist. If instrument fails any portion of a test, briefly describe the observed failure(s) under "Comments."

TOGGLE TEST

The "TOGGLE" lamp, located on the receiver computer front panel will blink continuously.

OVER RANGE (OR) TEST

The over range (OR), located on the receiver computer front panel will blink continuously.

CAL SWITCH TEST

The "CAL" switch is a three (3) digit thumbwheel switch located on the receiver computer front panel. The number set into this switch will be displayed on the computer screen. The number displayed on the screen will update each time any digit on the switch is changed. Verify that all 10 positions (0-9) for each digit are translated properly by the receiver computer.

PATH SWITCH TEST

The "PATH" switch is a four (4) digit thumbwheel switch located on the receiver computer front panel. Follow the switch test procedures described above for the "CAL" switch.

A1 SWITCH TEST

The "A1" switch is a 3-position rotary switch located on the front panel of the receiver computer. Set the "A1" switch to each of the three positions (C,B,VR). The "TEST" program will continuously read the switch setting and display the setting as a number (0, 1, 2R) on the computer screen. Verify that the number displayed matches the switch setting for each switch position.

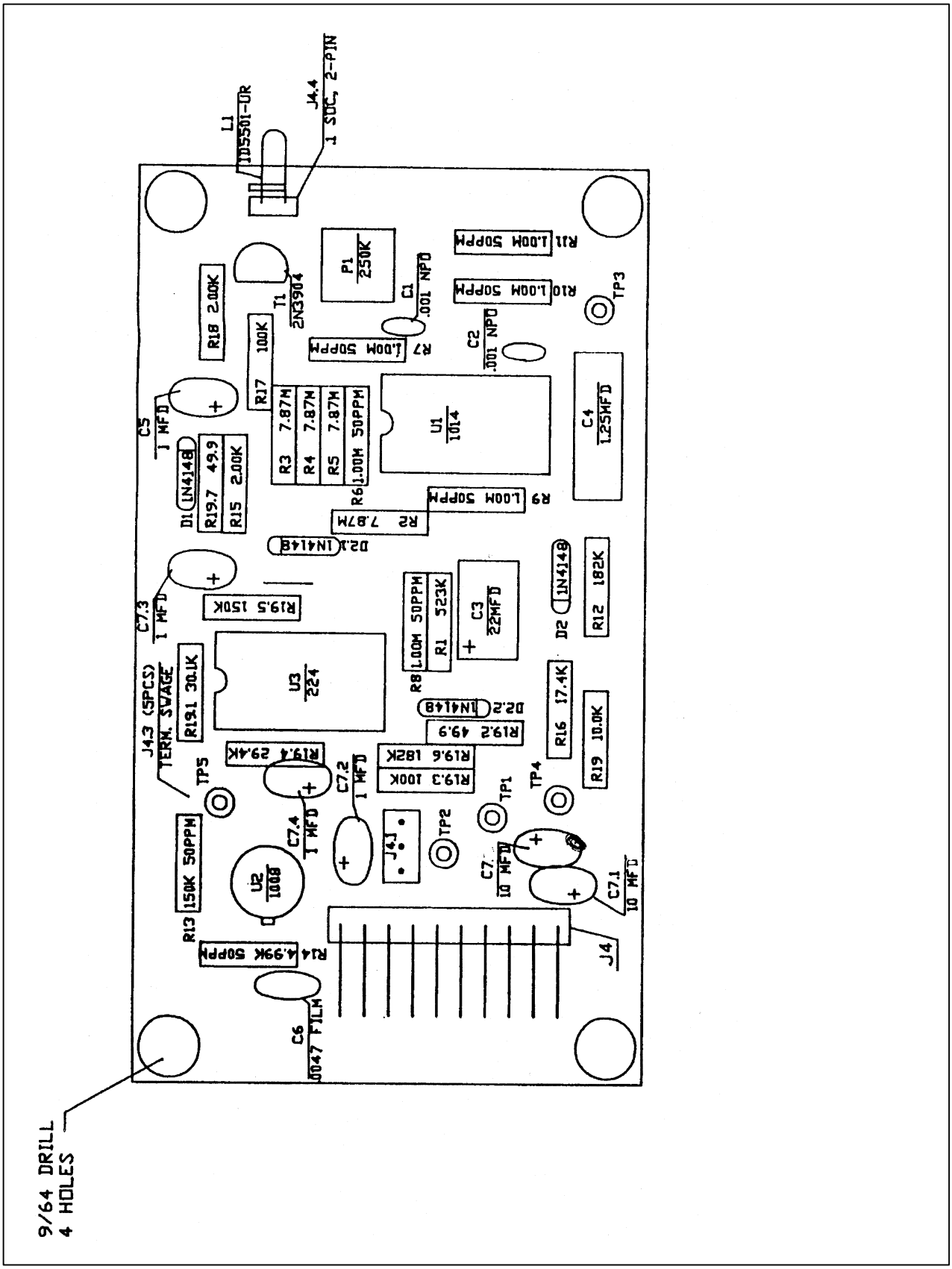


Figure 4-6. Bandpass Board Component Diagram.

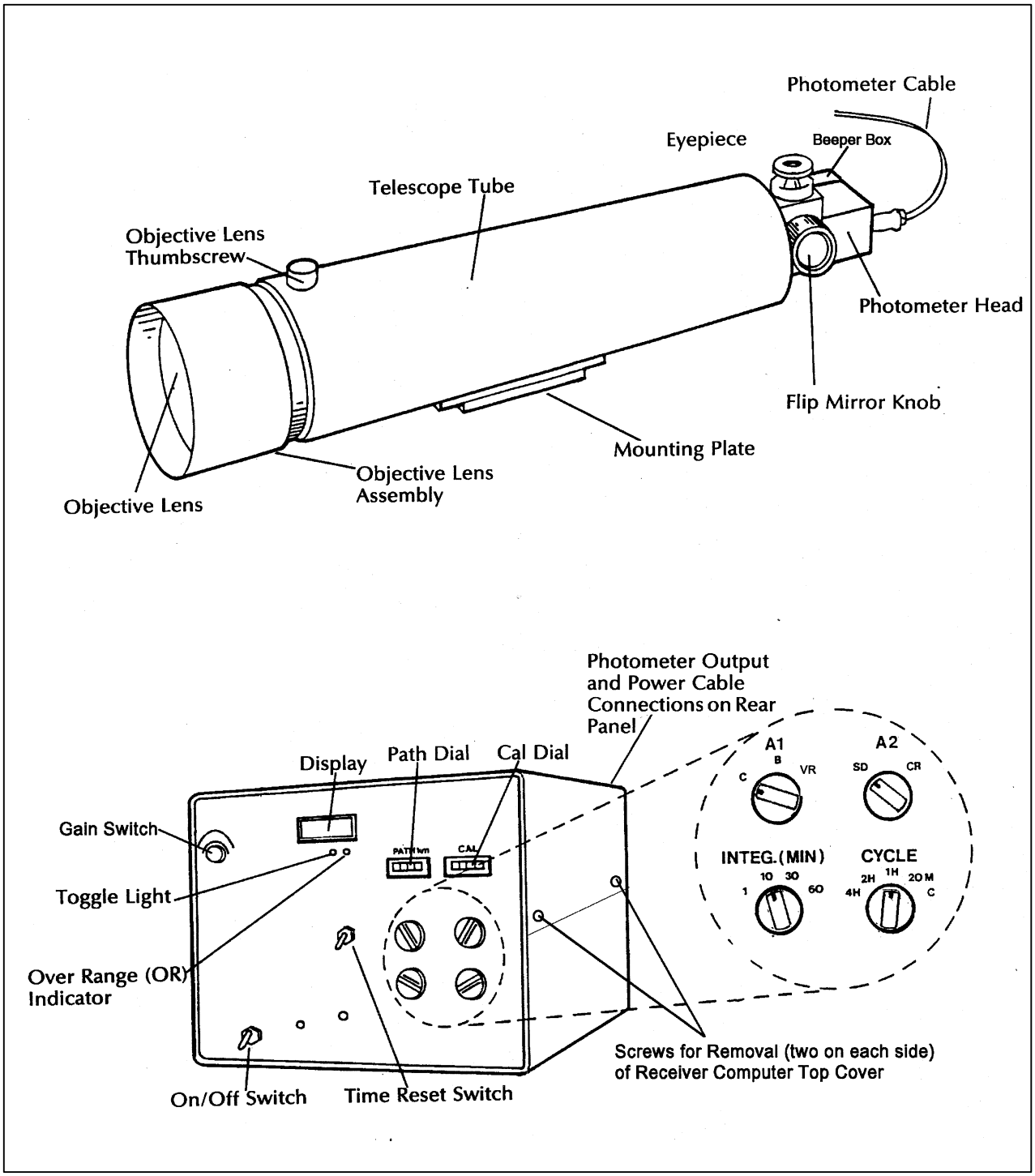


Figure 4-7. Receiver Computer Front Panel.

A2 SWITCH TEST

The "A2" switch is a two (2) position rotary switch located on the front panel of the receiver computer. Follow the procedures described above for testing the "A1" switch. The "A2" switch positions and the corresponding numbers displayed on the computer screen are "SD" (0) and "CR" (1).

ANALOG OUTPUT TEST

The receiver computer output test fixture includes a mating connector for the receiver computer output connector. This test fixture provides a switchable connection between the voltmeter and each of the receiver computer's two analog output signals (refer to Figure 4-8, Receiver Computer Output Test Fixture).

Turn the receiver computer **OFF** and remove the D/A converter board from the CIMBUS card cage. Insert the CIMBUS extender card in the D/A converter slot and plug the D/A converter into the extender card. Use the extension cables to make the connection from the wiring harness to the D/A connectors. Turn the receiver computer **ON**.

The "TEST" program provides three prompts indicating the test input applied to the D/A converters that generate the "A1" and "A2" output voltages. The test program also specifies the potentiometers to be adjusted for recalibration. It is important to not make any adjustments to the potentiometers during post-operational testing.

- ZERO - 0.00 volts
- MAX (Full scale) - 9.9975 volts
- MID (Half scale) - 4.9988 volts

The corresponding readings on the receiver computer display (for all "A1" switch positions) are as follows:

- ZERO - 000
- MAX (Full scale) - 1000
- MID (Half scale) - 500

Record the front panel display reading and the "A1" and "A2" output voltages for the specified switch settings.

4.1.1.5 Toggle Voltage Test

The receiver computer toggle output voltage is measured with and without an output load. The receiver computer output test fixture is used for this test. The "TOG-NL" (Toggle, no-load) position connects the toggle output directly to the voltmeter. The "TOG-L" (Toggle, with load) position connects a 4700 ohm resistor in parallel with the voltmeter input.

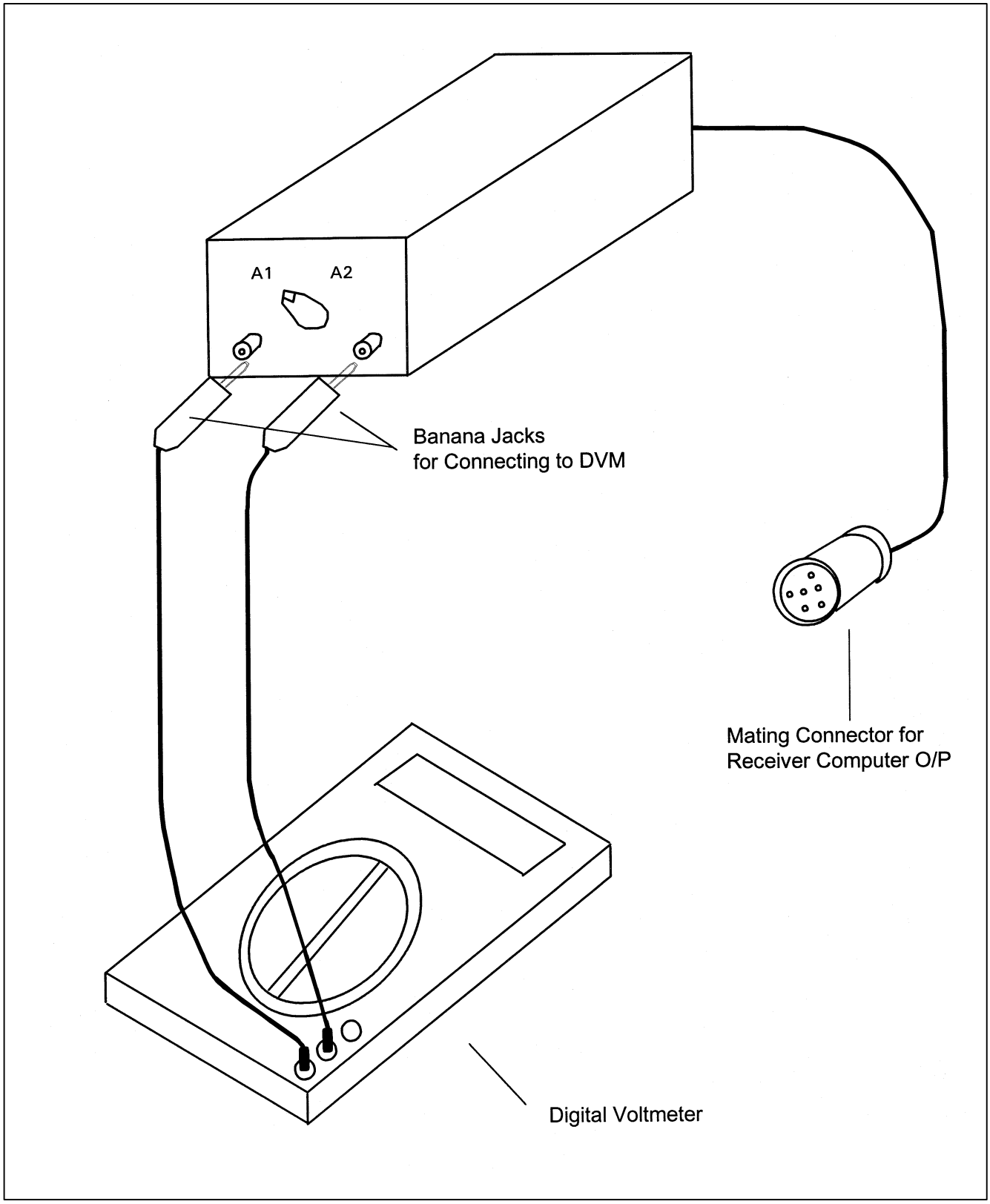


Figure 4-8. Receiver Computer Output Test Fixture.

Set the receiver computer for continuous operation ("CYCLE" switch on **C**) and one minute integrations ("INTEG" switch on **1**). Measure the toggle output voltage in both the "TOG-NL" and "TOG-L" positions with the toggle lamp "ON." Wait one minute for the toggle lamp to switch "OFF" and repeat the measurements. Record the measured voltages for each set of conditions.

4.1.1.6 Receiver Computer Gain Test

Disconnect the detector head output cable from the receiver computer and connect the detector head emulator in its place. The detector head emulator is powered by the receiver computer and generates a low level square wave signal that emulates the detector head output response under operational conditions. Connect the receiver computer output test fixture to the receiver computer output connector. Set the emulator switch to position "2" and measure the emulator output voltage using an rms voltmeter. With the receiver computer set for continuous operation and one-minute integrations, measure the receiver computer output for gain switch settings of "100," "300," and "500." Record the emulator output voltage and the three receiver computer output voltages. Reset the emulator switch to position "1" and repeat the above procedure for gain switch settings of "700" and "900."

4.1.2 Detector Uniformity Check and Post-Field Calibration

A post-field calibration is performed with the primary reference lamp, the on-site reference lamp, and all unbroken operational lamps returned with the instrument. Detailed instructions for performing and documenting post-field calibrations are provided in TI 4200-2100, *Calibration of LPV-2 Transmissometers (IMPROVE Protocol)*.

4.1.3 Post-Field Alignment Check

The purpose of the post-field alignment check is to identify any change in either the transmitter lamp alignment and/or the receiver detector alignment during the time the instrument was operating in the field. Post-field alignment checks are performed after the post-field calibration and prior to servicing the instrument and include:

- Transmitter alignment check
- Receiver detector saturation check
- Receiver detector alignment check
- Receiver output detector check

All alignment checks and measurements should be documented on the Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Post-Field Alignment Check Form, Figure 4-9.

4.1.3.1 Transmitter Alignment Check

This procedure requires an unobstructed sight path of at least 50 feet and the following equipment:

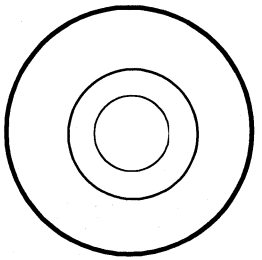
- Tripod with Optec alti-azimuth base
- Spotting scope mounted on a tripod

OPTEC LPV-2 TRANSMISSOMETER
POST-FIELD ALIGNMENT CHECK

Instrument Number:_____
Date:_____
Technician:_____

1. TRANSMITTER ALIGNMENT CHECK

Focus the transmissometer on the target (shown to the right of this paragraph) and tighten the objective lens securely. Adjust the transmitter so the beam is inside the large outer circle of the target. The target has two inner circles. The larger inner circle represents the outer limit for the reticle. The smaller inner circle represents the ideal reticle alignment and is indicated below. Draw the actual reticle position on the target.



TARGET

2. RECEIVER DETECTOR SATURATION CHECK

Test Detector - Camera Lens Aperture F/2.8 Reference Detector - Camera Lens Aperture F/4

Saturation Level:_____ Output Level:_____

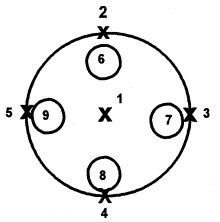
3. RECEIVER DETECTOR ALIGNMENT CHECK

FULL RETICLE LIGHT BEAM

Alignment Position	1	2	3	4	5	Maximum
Detector Output (V)						

1/4 RETICLE LIGHT BEAM

Alignment Position	1	6	7	8	9
Detector Output (V)					



ALIGNMENT POSITIONS

4. RECEIVER DETECTOR OUTPUT CHECK

Adjust Light Source Intensity for a Reference Detector Output of Approximately 7.0 Volts

Reference Detector Output at Alignment Position 1:_____

Test Detector Output at Full Reticle Maximum Position:_____

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Figure 4-9. Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Post-Field Alignment Check Form.

- Transmitter alignment target (see Figure 4-10, Transmitter Alignment Target)
- DC Power Supply - 12 volts @ 5 amps

TRANSMITTER SETUP

Attach the transmitter alignment target to a wall at one end of the sight path. The center of the target should be at a height of approximately 42 inches. Attach the transmitter telescope to the tripod and set up the tripod 47 feet from the alignment target. Set up the spotting scope next to the transmitter telescope. Focus the transmitter telescope on the alignment target by adjusting the position of the objective lens. The objective lens is held in position by a set screw in the top of the telescope.

ADJUST ALIGNMENT

Connect the DC power supply to the transmitter control box and connect the control box to the transmitter telescope. Insert the reference lamp for the instrument being tested into the transmitter and turn the transmitter "ON." Use the spotting scope to observe the position of the transmitter light beam while adjusting the alti-azimuth base to center the light beam in the large outer circle of the alignment target. The transmitter reticle should align with the smaller of the two inner circles (refer to the target diagram on the Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Post-Field Alignment Check Form, Figure 4-9). Alignment is acceptable if the reticle position is entirely within the larger of the two inner circles. Sketch the outline of the actual reticle position on the target diagram.

4.1.3.2 Receiver Detector Saturation Check

To determine the saturation level of the test instrument receiver detector, a variable intensity light source is focused on the detector. The detector output voltage is monitored as the light intensity is slowly increased. When the detector output voltage no longer increases with increasing light intensity, the saturation level has been reached.

This procedure requires the following test equipment:

- Optical bench
- Variable intensity light source
- Beam diverter
- 135 mm camera lens
- Detector head alignment fixture
- Receiver computer emulator
- Digital voltmeter (4 1/2 digit)
- Reference detector head

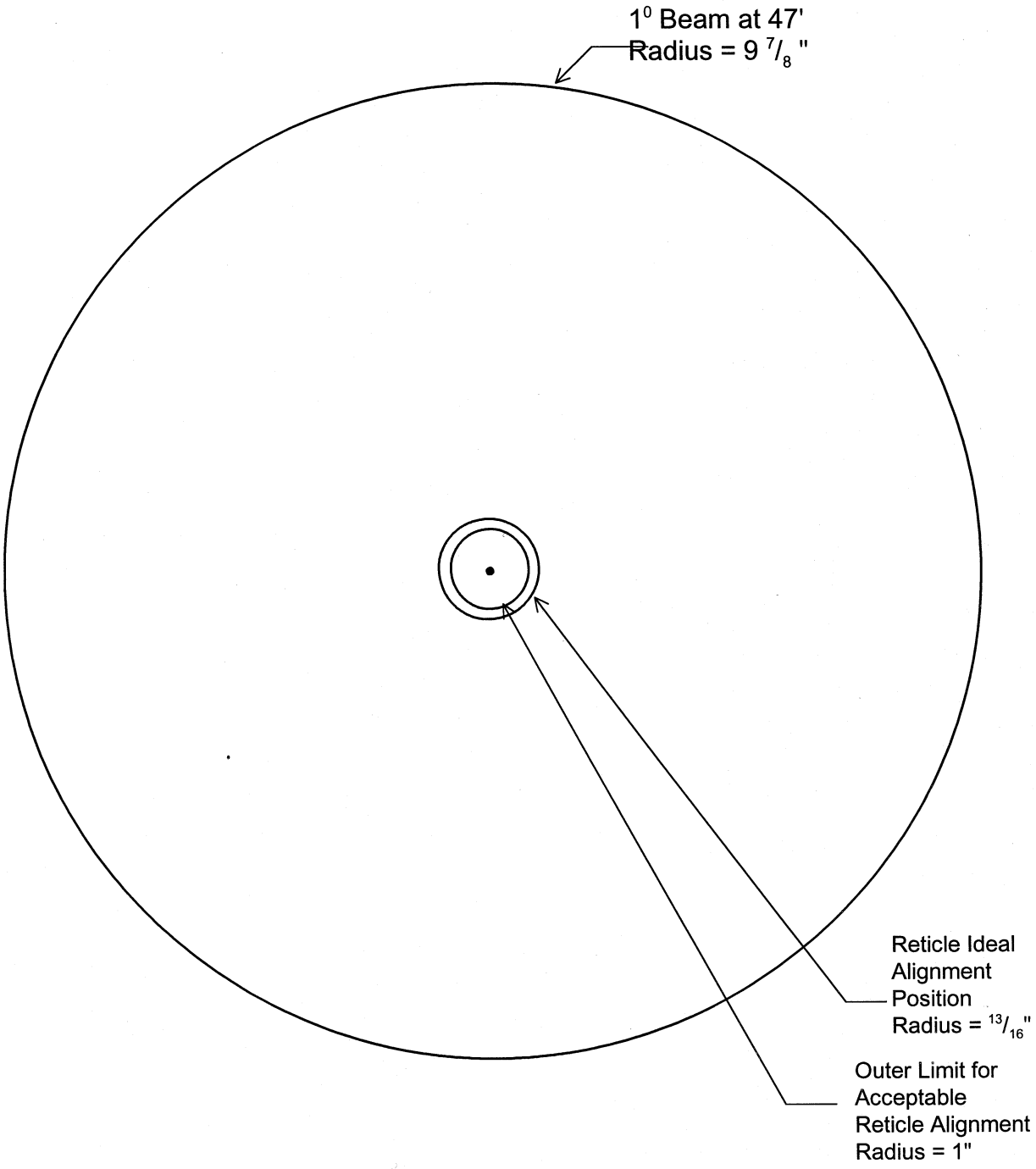


Figure 4-10. Transmitter Alignment Target.

INSTALL OPTICAL BENCH ACCESSORIES

Install the following optical bench accessories at the position shown:

- Variable intensity light source - 0.0 cm
- Beam diverter - 15.0 cm
- 135 mm camera lens - 37.5 cm
- Detector head alignment fixture - 55.5 cm

DETECTOR HEAD AND TEST EQUIPMENT SETUP

Set up the detector head and test equipment as follows:

- Install the detector head being tested on the detector head alignment fixture.
- Connect the detector head cable to the receiver computer emulator.
- Connect the digital voltmeter to the output of the receiver computer emulator.
- Remove the pin-hole mask from the light source filter holder.
- Set camera lens aperture at f/2.8
- Align the light beam at the center of the detector head.

MEASURE SATURATION LEVEL

Measure the saturation level of the transmissometer detector as follows:

- Slowly increase the light intensity to the point where the detector output voltage no longer increases. This voltage is typically in the range 13.0 to 14.5 volts DC. A saturation level lower than 11.5 volts indicates degradation of the detector response.
- Record this voltage (test detector saturation level) on the alignment check form.
- **NOTE: Do not change the intensity of the light source while performing the final steps of this procedure!**
- Remove the test instrument detector head from the alignment fixture and replace it with the reference detector head.
- Connect the reference detector head to the receiver computer emulator.
- Set the camera lens aperture at f/4.

- At this point, the digital voltmeter will be indicating the voltage output of the reference detector head. The reduced aperture will ensure that the reference detector is not saturated and permits a comparison of the relative light intensity required for detector saturation for all receiver detector heads.

- Record this voltage (reference detector output level) on the Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Post-Field Alignment Check Form.

4.1.3.3 Receiver Detector Alignment Check

The receiver detector alignment check (part 3 of the Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Post-Field Alignment Check Form) is performed in two stages. For the first stage, the size of the light beam projected onto the detector is adjusted to the diameter of the receiver reticle (full reticle light beam). The detector response is measured with the light beam centered in the reticle (position 1) and on the centered on the edge of the reticle at 0°, 90°, 180°, and 270° (positions 2-5). These alignment positions are shown on the drawing labelled "Alignment Positions" on the alignment form (Figure 4-9). The beam position is then scanned across the reticle to identify the position that provides the maximum output from the detector. Procedures for the second stage are similar to those described above with the light beam diameter adjusted to 1/4 of the reticle diameter (1/4 reticle light beam). Detector output measurements are obtained with the light beam centered in the reticle (position 1) and adjacent to the reticle at 0°, 90°, 180°, and 270° (positions 6-9). Document all measurements on the Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Post-Field Alignment Check Form.

This procedure requires the following test equipment:

- Optical bench
- Variable intensity light source
- Beam diverter
- 135 mm camera lens
- Detector head alignment fixture
- Receiver computer emulator
- Digital voltmeter (4 1/2 digit)

OPTICAL BENCH SETUP

To perform the full reticle light beam alignment check, the optical bench should be setup with the following accessories installed at the position shown:

- Variable intensity light source - 0.0 cm
- Beam diverter - 15.0 cm
- 135 mm camera lens - 37.5 cm
- Detector head alignment fixture - 63.5 cm

DETECTOR HEAD AND TEST EQUIPMENT SETUP

Set up the detector head and test equipment as follows:

- Install the detector head being tested on the detector head alignment fixture.
- Connect the detector head cable to the receiver computer emulator.
- Connect the digital voltmeter to the output of the receiver computer emulator.
- Place the pin-hole mask in the light source filter holder.
- Set camera lens aperture at f/2.8.

ADJUST BEAM DIVERTER

Turn the light source "ON" and adjust the beam diverter to center the light beam in the detector head reticle. If the light beam is slightly out of focus, adjust the position of the detector head alignment fixture as needed to bring the light beam into focus.

RECORD OUTPUT VOLTAGES

Using the beam diverter to adjust the light beam position, align the full reticle light beam to alignment positions 1-5 as indicated on the alignment check form. Record the detector output voltage at each position. Then, align the light beam for maximum detector output voltage. Mark an "X" on the alignment positions diagram to indicate the position of the maximum output. Document the output voltage measured at this position (full reticle maximum detector output voltage) on the alignment check form.

CHANGE SETUP

Prior to performing the 1/4 reticle alignment check, the optical bench setup must be changed as follows:

- Position the 135 mm camera lens at 55.5 cm
- Position the detector head alignment fixture at 65.0 cm
- Set the camera lens aperture at f/4.

RECORD OUTPUT VOLTAGES

Align the 1/4 reticle light beam to alignment positions 1-5 as indicated on the alignment check form and record the detector output voltage at each position.

4.1.3.4 Receiver Detector Output Check

The receiver detector output check establishes a relative output relationship between the test detector head and the reference detector head. The light source intensity is adjusted to provide a specified output voltage from the reference detector. The test detector is then subjected to the same light source under the same conditions and its output voltage documented. Since instruments are serviced on an annual basis, this output check provides a history of the detector sensitivity.

The initial setup for the optical bench and test equipment is the same for this check as for the full reticle alignment check. Procedures for performing the output check are as follows:

- Center the light beam in the reference detector head reticle (align to alignment position 1).
- Adjust the light intensity for a detector output voltage of approximately 7.0 volts.
- Document the actual output voltage of the reference detector head.
- Replace the reference detector head with the test detector head.
- Without adjusting the light intensity, align the light beam to obtain the maximum output voltage from the test detector head. Document this voltage on the alignment check form.

4.2 ANNUAL SERVICING

Annual servicing of LPV-2 transmissometers includes a series of preventative maintenance and optical alignment tasks performed following completion of post-field inspection and functional checks, post-field lamp calibrations, and post-field alignment checks. Service forms required for annual servicing include:

- Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Servicing Checklist.
- Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Pre-Field Alignment Form.
- Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Transmitter Lamp Voltage Measurements Record.

Specific tasks performed during annual servicing include:

- Transmitter servicing.
- Transmitter functional tests.
- Receiver servicing.
- Receiver computer functional tests.
- Transmitter/receiver optical alignment.

Detailed procedures for performing these tasks are described in the following subsections.

4.2.1 Transmitter Servicing and Functional Tests

Servicing of the LPV-2 transmitter includes:

- Cleaning of the control box, telescope and lamp housing, all optical components, and all electrical connections.
- Physical adjustment and alignment of optical components.

- Replacement of expendable electrical components.
- Alignment and voltage setup of transmitter lamps.
- Functional testing.

The Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Servicing Checklist, Figure 4-11, is a four-page form used to document transmitter servicing tasks performed. Procedures for performing and documenting specific tasks are described below.

4.2.1.1 Transmitter Telescope and Lamp Housing

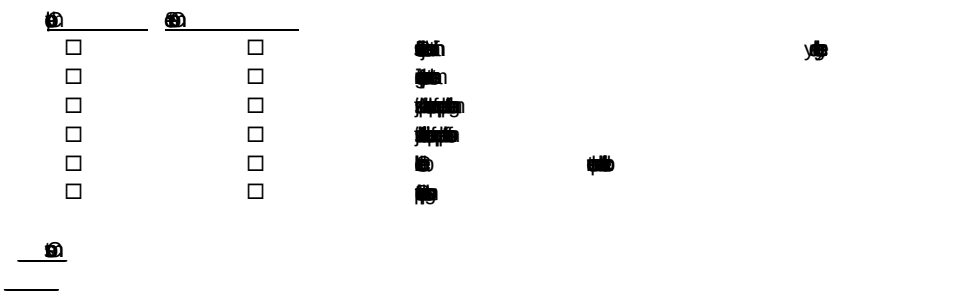
Document the completion of the following service tasks on page 1 of the Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Servicing Checklist.

GENERAL INFORMATION	Complete the general information section of the service form. If the instrument is being serviced following failure or malfunction while operating in the field, check the box marked "other" and note the operational problem(s) in the "Comments" section.
TRANSMITTER SERVICING	Place the transmitter on the transmitter bench stand and clean the outside of the transmitter with window cleaner and paper towels.
	Remove the transmitter objective lens and clean the lens with an optical cleaning cloth.
	Remove the telescope tube by loosening the two set screws located in the top and side of the transmitter mounting plate at the rear of the telescope tube.
	Using Kimwipes held in the jaws of a flexible pickup tool, clean the inside of the transmitter telescope. Wipe back and forth to remove all contaminants. Use canned air to blow any remaining particles from the inside of the tube.
BAFFLE	Check that the baffle is securely mounted. If it is not, remount it using black RTV silicone.
	Measure and record the baffle distance (in inches) from the front of the tube.
REINSTALL TELESCOPE	Reinstall the telescope tube on the mounting plate. Firmly tighten both set screws.
	Reinstall the objective lens and firmly tighten the set screw.
EYEPIECE CLEANING AND ADJUSTMENT	Unscrew and remove the eyepiece lens. Clean both sides of the lens with an optical cleaning cloth.
	Clean the eyepiece tube with canned air and replace the lens (finger-tight).

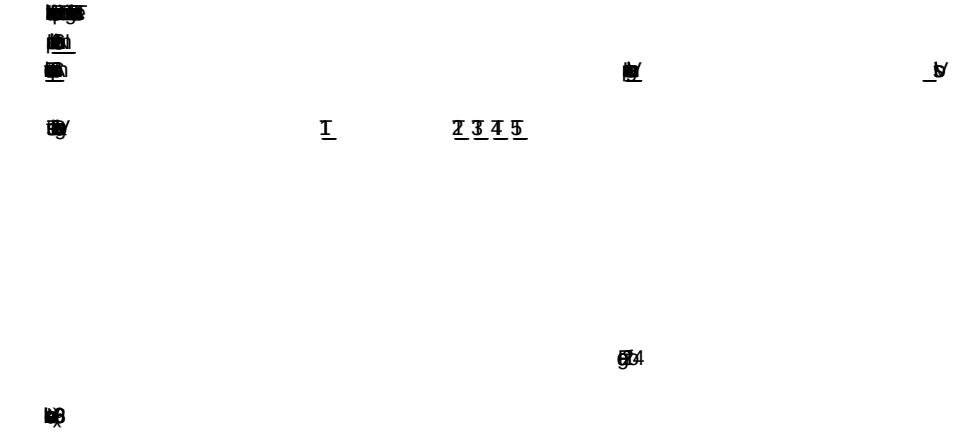
OPTEC LPV-2 TRANSMISSOMETER
SERVICING CHECKLIST

TRANSMITTER SERVICING

Figure 4-11. Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Servicing Checklist.



TRANSMITTER FUNCTIONAL TEST



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RECEIVER SERVICING

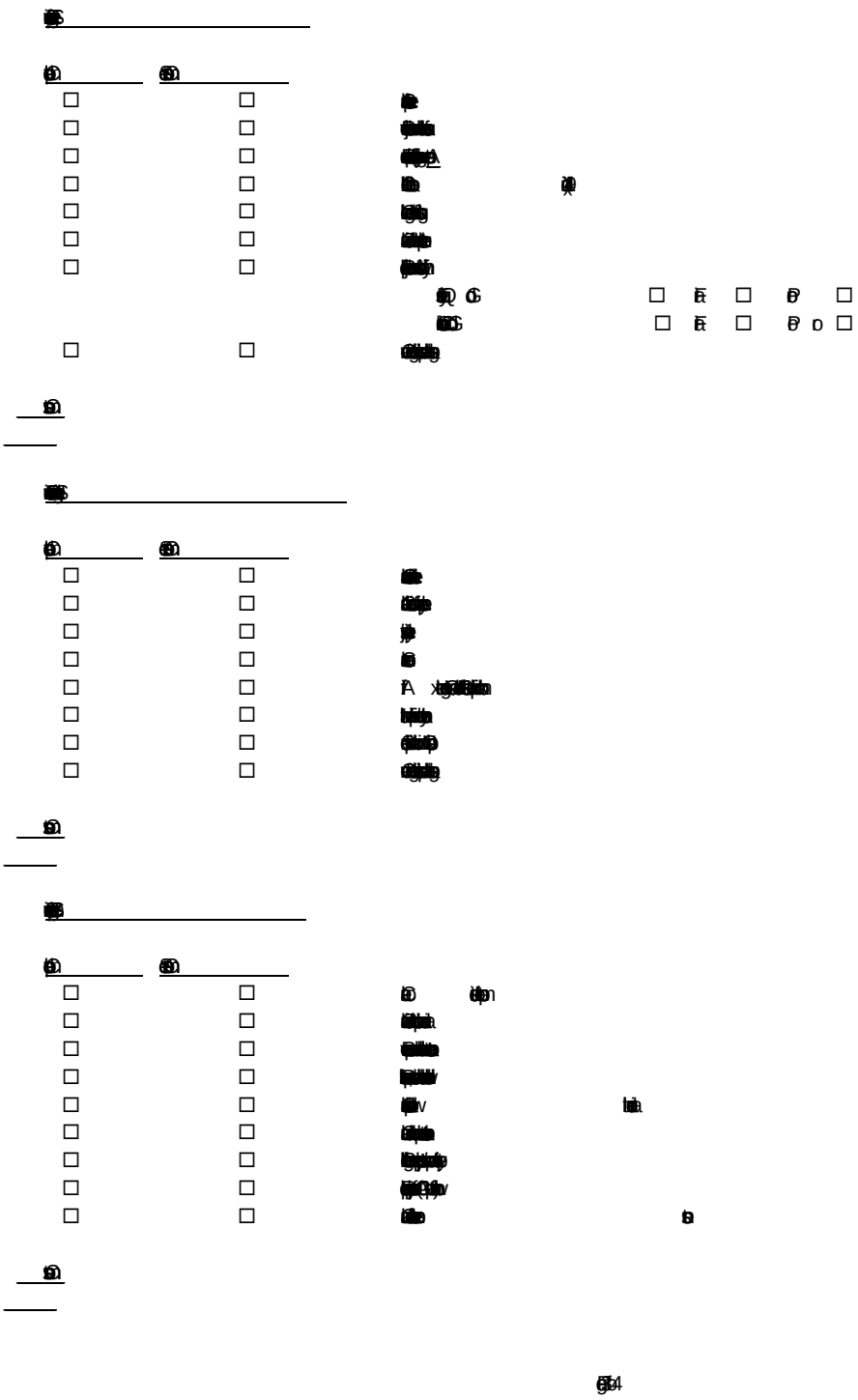


Figure 4-11. (Continued). Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Servicing Checklist.

RECEIVER COMPUTER FUNCTIONAL TESTS

Figure 4-11. (Continued). Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Servicing Checklist.

Adjust the eyepiece vertical position. Loosen the two set screws that hold the eyepiece in place. Align the bottom of the black band on the eyepiece with the top of the eyepiece holder and tighten the set screws.

LAMP HOUSING SERVICING

Place the transmitter on the chopper motor exchange stand and remove the lamp housing top and bottom cover plates.

Remove the chopper motor control wires at the transmitter input connector. An AMP pin extractor is required for this procedure.

Loosen the two set screws that hold the chopper motor in place and remove the chopper motor. NOTE: Do not install a replacement chopper motor at this point in servicing.

Clean the internal connectors with contact cleaner. Inspect the tightness of the connector pins. Tighten as required.

Clean the lamp bushing using electronic degreaser on a foam-tip swab followed by rubbing alcohol on a foam-tip swab.

Lubricate the inside surface of the lamp bushing with silicone lubricant on a foam-tip swab.

Clean the inside of the side plates with electronic degreaser and Kimwipes.

FEEDBACK BLOCK SERVICING

Remove the feedback block. This requires desoldering the photodetector from the photometer circuit board.

If the detector module is fastened to the feedback block with glue, the detector module should be removed and reinstalled after modification for use with the detector module retaining ring. Note under the "comments" section if the retaining ring modification was implemented.

Clean the feedback block optics with an optical cleaning cloth. Inspect the feedback block and note any hazing on the inside surfaces of the lenses.

Reinstall the feedback block and resolder the photodetector leads to the photometer circuit board.

CHOPPER MOTOR REPLACEMENT

Install a new chopper motor using the following procedures:

- The motor wires exit the back of the motor. The wire that exits nearest the green dot on the motor label should be marked with white shrink tubing.

- Insert the motor in the motor cavity with the motor positioned so the motor wires exit the motor cavity at the cutout.

- Tighten the two set screws that hold the chopper motor in place. The set screw on the right should be tightened first to ensure that the motor is positioned properly.

- Insert the marked motor wire into pin position 7 of the input connector. Insert the unmarked wire into pin position 8.

- Tape the motor wires to the front plate of the lamp housing so they do not interfere with the chopper blade.

- Replace the lamp housing bottom plate.

- Blow all dust and other particles out of the lamp chamber with canned air.

- Replace the lamp housing top plate.

FLIP MIRROR SERVICING

Check the "ON" (green) and "OFF" (red) labels on the flip mirror control knob. Replace if damaged or missing.

Replace the flip mirror alarm battery using the following procedures:

- Remove the four (4) screws that hold the end plate in place.

- Remove the set screw that holds the speaker screen in place.

- Remove the speaker screen and the sound tube.

- Slide the printed circuit board out of the alarm enclosure.

- Desolder the old battery. Obtain a new battery (BR-2325-2 HC) and solder it onto the circuit board.

- Slide the circuit board back into the enclosure, replace the sound tube and speaker screen, tighten the speaker screen set screw, and replace the end plate.

FINAL ITEMS

Clean the outside of the transmitter input connector with contact cleaner. Lubricate the plastic shell with silicone lubricant.

Affix a "DO NOT CHANGE FOCUS" label to the telescope tube immediately below the objective lens adjustment slot.

Tighten all body screws.

Secure the flip mirror in the "ON" position (alarm off) with a rubber band.

Cover the lamp housing and eyepiece with a large plastic bag. Cover the end of the telescope tube with a small plastic bag. Use rubber bands to hold the plastic bags in place.

Place the entire transmitter telescope and lamp housing in a clean white cloth transmitter storage bag.

4.2.1.2 Transmitter Control Box

Document the completion of the following service tasks on page 2 of the Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Servicing Checklist.

EXTERIOR CLEANING	Clean the outside of the control box with window cleaner and paper towels.
	Clean all exterior connectors with contact cleaner. Apply silicone lubricant to the plastic connector shells.
INTERNAL INSPECTION, COMPONENT REPLACEMENT, AND CLEANING	Remove the control box cover plate and interior shield.
	Inspect all internal connectors, jumpers, and socketed components for proper location and tight connections. Clean the connectors with contact cleaner.
	Replace U3 and U14 (located on the control box circuit board - refer to Figure 4-3) with new LM124 ICs.
	Inspect the battery clips for cold solder joints and repair as needed. Clean the battery clip contacts with contact cleaner.
	Replace Fuse F1 (AGC 5A fast blow).
	Relabel test points and fuse type if needed.
	Update revision sticker.
	Spray the inside of the control box with canned air to remove dust and other particles.
	Replace the internal shield and cover plate.
	Place the control box in a clean white cloth storage bag.
CONTROL BOX CABLE	Check integrity of connectors on control box cable and measurement pigtail. Install a measurement pigtail if cable has not been modified.
	Clean connectors with contact cleaner.
	Coil cable for storage.

4.2.1.3 Transmitter Lamp Alignment and Voltage Setup

Document the completion of the following lamp alignment procedures on page 2 of the Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Servicing Checklist. Lamp setup voltages should be documented on the Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Transmitter Lamp Voltage Measurements Record, Figure 4-12.

LAMP ALIGNMENT

Loosen the objective lens set screw.

Align the transmitter telescope on a target at least one-quarter mile away. Adjust the position of the objective lens to bring the object into proper focus. Tighten the set screw securely.

To support annual operation of a transmissometer operating under the IMPROVE sampling protocol, (10-minute sample each hour) assign ten (10) lamps for use with this transmitter. Typically this will include the reference lamp previously assigned to this transmitter, any unused operational lamps previously assigned to this transmitter, and new lamps taken from stock. All new lamps must have been previously "burned in" as described in TI 4200-2110, *Transmissometer Lamp Preparation (Burn-in) Procedures*. Document the lamp numbers of the assigned lamps on the Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Transmitter Lamp Voltage Measurements Record.

Place the lamp alignment disc over the front of the transmitter telescope. Insert the first assigned lamp into the transmitter and turn the transmitter on. If any part of the filament image projected onto the alignment disc is obscured, note the degree of misalignment.

Repeat the above procedure for all ten (10) of the assigned lamps.

Reinsert the lamp with the poorest alignment and realign the lamp using the following procedures.

- Loosen the four (4) screws that hold the lamp plate in place.
- Adjust the lamp plate position to center the projected filament image.
- Retighten the lamp plate screws.
- Recheck the alignment of the other lamps as described above.
- Repeat the above procedures until all lamps are properly aligned (full filament image projected onto alignment disc).

OPTEC LPV-2 TRANSMISSOMETER
TRANSMITTER LAMP VOLTAGE MEASUREMENTS RECORD

Figure 4-12. Lamp Voltage Measurements Record.

FILAMENT FOCUS

The filament focus is controlled by the position of the feedback block. Adjust the filament focus using the following procedures.

- Place a piece of opaque material (such as a Kimwipe) against the objective lens.
- Insert the first lamp in the transmitter and turn the transmitter on.
- Loosen the set screw that holds the feedback block in place.
- Adjust the position of the feedback block to provide the sharpest projected filament image.
- Tighten the feedback block set screw and recheck the focus.
- Check the focus for the remaining lamps with this feedback block position.
- Repeat the above procedures until the focus is optimized for all assigned lamps.

FEEDBACK BLOCK/LAMP CLEARANCE

The position of the feedback block must allow all lamps to be fully inserted without touching the flat lens of the feedback block. Check the clearance between the lamps and the feedback block using the following procedures.

- Place a Kimwipe between the feedback block flat lens and each lamp as the lamp is inserted into the lamp plate.
- If the Kimwipe is pinched in place when the lamp has been fully inserted, loosen the feedback block set screw and move the feedback block forward (towards the front of the telescope) just enough to permit the Kimwipe to be removed.
- Tighten the set screw and repeat the above procedures with each lamp.

LAMP VOLTAGE SETUP

The lamp voltage control circuit must be set up so that the maximum initial lamp voltage for all operational lamps assigned to a specific transmitter does not exceed 5.6 volts. Since the lamp voltage control circuit automatically adjusts lamp voltage based on the lamp brightness measured by the feedback block, lamp voltage must be checked for each lamp. The lamp voltage is then adjusted to 5.6 volts using the lamp with the highest lamp voltage during the initial check. Document all lamp voltage measurements on the Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Transmitter Lamp Voltage Measurements Record.

Procedures for performing the initial lamp voltage check are as follows:

- Connect the 4 1/2 digit digital voltmeter (DVM) to the lamp voltage measurement pigtail on the transmitter cable.
- Set the DVM on the 20 VDC scale (this should give a measurement resolution of 1 mV).
- Insert the first lamp into the transmitter and turn the transmitter control box "ON."
- After the lamp has operated for fifteen (15) seconds, record the lamp voltage as measured by the DVM (5.xxx volts).
- Turn the transmitter control box "OFF" and remove the lamp. Let the lamp cool before placing it back in the lamp case.
- Repeat the above procedures for each lamp assigned to this transmitter.

Procedures for the final setup of operational lamp voltages are as follows:

- Identify the lamp with the highest lamp voltage during the initial lamp voltage check.
- Insert this lamp into the transmitter and turn the transmitter control box "ON."
- Monitor the lamp voltage with the DVM as in the initial lamp voltage check.
- The lamp voltage is controlled by potentiometer P2 on the transmitter control box circuit board (Refer to Figure 4-3). Adjust P2 for a lamp voltage of 5.6 VDC.
- Check the lamp voltage after the lamp has operated for approximately six (6) minutes. If the lamp voltage is not equal to 5.6 volts, ± 5 mV, readjust the lamp voltage to 5.6 VDC, turn the control box "OFF," let the lamp cool for five (5) minutes and repeat this step.
- When P2 has been adjusted so that the lamp with the highest initial check voltage is operating at a nominal voltage of 5.6 volts after six (6) minutes of operation, document the actual voltage and turn the control box "OFF."

- For each remaining lamp, insert the lamp in the transmitter, turn the control box "ON," and measure and record the lamp voltage after the lamp has operated for six (6) minutes. Be sure to let each lamp cool for several minutes before returning the lamp to the lamp case.

- When the reference lamp is being tested, the voltages at test points 1, 2, 3, and 4 should also be measured and recorded along with the final lamp voltage.

4.1.2.4 Transmitter Functional Test

TRANSMITTER POWER AND VOLTAGE MEASUREMENTS

All functional check measurements related to the transmitter are conducted with the reference lamp assigned to the instrument. Record the reference lamp serial number.

Measure and record the transmitter operating current with the lamp "ON."

Measure and record the lamp voltage using the measurement pigtail on the control box cable.

Measure and record the T1, T2, T3, T4, and T5 test point voltages on the transmitter control box circuit board (refer to Figure 4-3).

4.2.2 Receiver Servicing and Functional Tests

Servicing of the LPV-2 receiver includes:

- Cleaning of the receiver computer, telescope, detector head, all optical components, and all electrical connections.

- Inspection and evaluation of receiver optics quality.

- Physical adjustment and alignment of optical components.

- Replacement of expendable electrical components.

- Functional testing.

Completion of receiver servicing tasks is documented on page 3 of the Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Servicing Checklist. Document results obtained during functional testing on page 4 of the servicing checklist. Procedures for performing and documenting specific tasks are described below.

4.2.2.1 Receiver Telescope Servicing

TELESCOPE EXTERIOR CLEANING

Clean the exterior of the receiver telescope with window cleaner and paper towels.

OBJECTIVE LENS CLEANING

Clean the objective lens assembly using the following procedures:

- The thumbscrew on the top of the telescope holds the objective lens assembly in place. The entire assembly is threaded to screw into the telescope tube. Remove the objective lens assembly by loosening the thumbscrew and unscrewing the assembly from the telescope tube.
- Remove the aperture ring by loosening the three Allen set screws that hold the ring in place.
- Put on a pair of cleaning gloves prior to removing the objective lens from the assembly. Carefully invert the assembly, letting the lens fall into your hand.
- Clean both sides of the lens with a cleaning cloth.
- Clean the lens seat and the aperture ring with window cleaner and paper towels.
- Reinsert the objective lens into the assembly, replace the aperture ring, and tighten the three Allen set screws that hold the aperture ring in place.

APERTURE DIAMETER

Record the aperture diameter inscribed on the front of the aperture ring.

BAFFLE

Check that the baffle is securely mounted. If it is not, remount it using black RTV silicone.

Measure the distance from the front of the telescope to the baffle. This distance should be 9 1/4 inches. If the distance is not 9 1/4 inches, record the measured distance in the comments section.

Tighten the screws that hold the wedge base in place.

TELESCOPE INTERIOR CLEANING

Using Kimwipes held in the jaws of a flexible pickup tool, clean the inside of the receiver telescope. Wipe back and forth to remove all contaminants. Use canned air to blow any remaining particles from the inside of the tube.

Reinstall the objective lens assembly in the telescope tube.

FOCUS QUALITY AND COLOR CORRECTION

Temporarily install the detector head for this receiver on the telescope.

Align the telescope on a target at least one-quarter mile away. adjust the position of the objective lens to bring the target into proper focus. Note the focus quality and color correction on the servicing form.

Tighten the thumbscrew that holds the assembly in place.

Remove the detector head from the receiver telescope.

FINAL ITEMS — Cover both ends of the telescope with large plastic bags, secure the plastic bags with rubber bands, and place the entire telescope in a clean white cloth receiver telescope bag.

4.2.2.2 Receiver Detector Head Servicing

EXTERIOR CLEANING — Clean the exterior of the receiver detector head with window cleaner and paper towels.

EYEPIECE CLEANING AND ADJUSTMENT — Unscrew and remove the eyepiece lens. Clean both sides of the lens with an optical cleaning cloth.

Clean the eyepiece tube with canned air and replace the lens (finger-tight).

Adjust the eyepiece vertical position. Loosen the two set screws that hold the eyepiece in place. Align the bottom of the black band on the eyepiece with the top of the eyepiece holder and tighten the set screws.

FLIP MIRROR SERVICING — Check the "ON" (green) and "OFF" (red) labels on the flip mirror control knob. If they are damaged or missing, they should be replaced.

Replace the flip mirror alarm battery using the following procedures:

- Remove the four (4) screws that hold the end plate in place.
- Remove the single set screw that holds the speaker screen in place.
- Remove the speaker screen and the sound tube.
- Slide the printed circuit board out of the alarm enclosure.
- Desolder the old battery. Obtain a new battery (BR-2325-2HC) and solder it onto the circuit board.
- Slide the circuit board back into the enclosure, replace the sound tube and speaker screen, tighten the speaker screen set screw, and replace the end plate.

FINAL ITEMS — Clean the connector on the detector head cable with contact cleaner. Lubricate the plastic shell with silicone lubricant.

Secure the flip mirror in the "ON" position (alarm off) with a rubber band.

Coil the detector head cable and tie together with a rubber band.

Place the detector head into a large plastic bag and secure with a rubber band. Then place it into a clean white cloth detector head bag.

4.2.2.3 Receiver Computer Servicing

RECEIVER COMPUTER CLEANING

Clean the outside of the receiver computer with window cleaner and paper towels.

Remove the top cover of the receiver computer. Use canned air to clean the interior of the receiver computer.

Disconnect all internal connectors and remove the CIMBUS computer cards from the receiver computer card cage.

Clean the gold connector pins on the CIMBUS computer cards with gold contact cleaning spray. Clean the gold connector pins in the CIMBUS card cage with the gold contact spray.

Clean all other receiver computer internal connections with contact cleaner.

Reinstall the CIMBUS computer cards in the card cage. Secure the cards using the rubber band hold downs.

Clean the bandpass circuit board with canned air. Clean connector contacts with contact cleaner and check the integrity of the connectors.

Clean the power supply module connector contacts with contact cleaner and check the integrity of the connectors.

Replace the power supply fuse (AGC 1A fast blow)

Inspect the battery clips on the front panel circuit board. Check for cold solder joints and repair as required. Clean the battery clips with contact cleaner.

4.2.2.4 Receiver Functional Tests

RECEIVER COMPUTER SETUP

Connect the receiver detector head to the receiver computer and connect the receiver computer to a 0-12 VDC variable output power supply. Set the power supply output to 12 VDC. Set the "A1" switch to position **C** (raw readings), the "CYCLE" switch to **CONT** (continuous), and the "INTEG" switch to **1** (one minute).

Position the detector head so that it is "looking" at the transmitter lamp through a pin-hole mask. Adjust the detector head position so that the one-minute raw readings measured by the receiver computer are greater than 0.2 volts (200 on the receiver computer display).

Connect channel 1 and channel 2 of the oscilloscope to "TP1" and "TP2" of the auto reset circuit located on the receiver computer front panel board (refer to Figure 4-4).

POWER-UP TEST

Turn the receiver computer on and record the display reading immediately following the instruments power-up cycle.

ZERO INPUT TEST

Set the receiver telescope flip mirror to the "OFF" position (light blocked). Turn the receiver computer **OFF**, wait five (5) seconds and turn the receiver computer back **ON**. After one minute, the receiver computer will update the data on the front panel display. Since the flip mirror blocks all light from reaching the detector, the display should read "000." Record the display reading.

POWER SUPPLY AND AUTO RESET TEST

Place the receiver flip mirror in the "ON" position. With the power supply output set at 12 VDC, measure and record the receiver computer internal power supply outputs (5 VDC, 15 VDC, -15 VDC). These voltages should be measured at the test points on the power supply board (refer to Figure 4-5). After the display updates, measure and record the "A1" output and the receiver operating current.

Reduce the external power supply voltage to 8.0 volts. After the next full one-minute update, record the "A1" output. Record the receiver power supply output voltages, the "A1" output, and the "TP1" and "TP2" logic levels (high or low). This test confirms that the instrument will operate properly with a supply voltage as low as 8.0 volts.

Reduce the external power supply voltage to 7.0 volts. "TP1" and "TP2" should both go to a logic low. The receiver front panel display should be blank and the "A1" output should be zero. These conditions indicate that the receiver computer has ceased operation. Record the power supply output voltages, the "A1" output, and the "TP1" and "TP2" logic levels.

Increase the external power supply voltage to 12.0 volts. If the auto reset circuit is functioning properly, "TP1" and "TP2" will return to a logic high level immediately after the power supply voltage is increased. The "A1" output will be zero until the first update. After the update the "A1" output will return to the value measured at the start of this test. At this time record the power supply output voltages, the "A1" output, and the "TP1" and "TP2" logic levels.

BANDPASS BOARD ZERO-CROSS DETECTOR SYNCRO-NIZATION

The purpose of this test is to determine if the receiver bandpass circuit zero-cross detector output is synchronized with the incoming transmitter signal. Connect channels 1 and 2 of the oscilloscope to test points "TP4" and "TP5" of the receiver computer bandpass board. Synchronize the oscilloscope on channel 1. If the synchronization circuit is functioning properly, both the leading and trailing edges of the two waveforms will be in phase. If the waveforms are not synchronized, adjust potentiometer "P1" on the bandpass board (refer to Figure 4-6, Bandpass Board Component Diagram).

4.2.2.5 Serial Card Tests

SERIAL CARD TEST SETUP

Turn the receiver computer **OFF** and insert the CIMBUS serial card into slot # of the CIMBUS computer. Connect the serial card output to the serial port on the PC computer. PROCOMM software is used to communicate with the CIMBUS computer. Turn the receiver computer **ON** and enter **TEST** to initiate the receiver computer self-test program.

The "TEST" program will execute a fixed sequence of test routines that will check all major receiver computer functions. When one test is completed, hit any key to move to the next test in the sequence. Figure 4-7 shows the receiver computer front panel digital display, switches and status lamps. Record the result (Pass/Fail) for each test listed below on the inspection checklist. If instrument fails any portion of a test, briefly describe the observed failure(s) under "Comments."

TOGGLE TEST

The "TOGGLE" lamp, located on the receiver computer front panel will blink continuously.

OVER RANGE (OR) TEST

The over range (OR), located on the receiver computer front panel will blink continuously.

CAL SWITCH CHECK

The "CAL" switch is a three (3) digit thumbwheel switch located on the receiver computer front panel. The number set into this switch will be displayed on the computer screen. The number displayed on the screen will update each time any digit on the switch is changed. Verify that all 10 positions (0-9) for each digit are translated properly by the receiver computer.

PATH SWITCH CHECK

The "PATH" switch is a four (4) digit thumbwheel switch located on the receiver computer front panel. Follow the switch test procedures described above for the "CAL" switch.

A1 SWITCH TEST

The "A1" switch is a three (3) position rotary switch located on the front panel of the receiver computer. Set the "A1" switch to each of the three positions (C,B,VR). The "TEST" program will continuously read the switch setting and display the setting as a number (C0, B1, VR2) on the computer screen. Verify that the number displayed matches the switch setting for each switch position.

A2 SWITCH TEST

The "A2" switch is a two (2) position rotary switch located on the front panel of the receiver computer. Follow the procedures described above for testing the "A1" switch. The "A2" switch positions and the corresponding numbers displayed on the computer screen are "SD" (0) and "CR" (1).

D/A CONVERTER CALIBRATION

The receiver computer output test fixture includes a mating connector for the receiver computer output connector. This test fixture provides a switchable connection between the voltmeter and each of the receiver computers two analog output signals (refer to Figure 4-8, Receiver Computer Output Text Fixture).

Turn the receiver computer **OFF** and remove the D/A converter board from the CIMBUS card cage. Insert the CIMBUS extender card in the D/A converter slot and plug the D/A converter into the extender card. Use the extension cables to make the connection from the wiring harness to the D/A connectors. Turn the receiver computer **ON**.

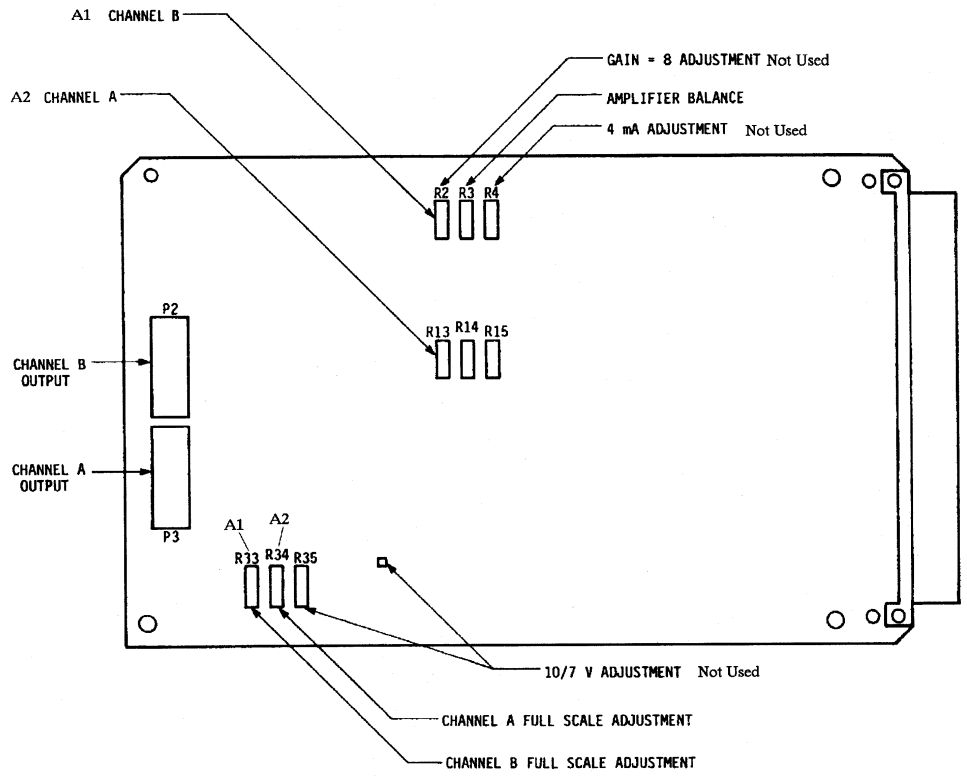
The "TEST" program provides three prompts indicating the test input applied to the D/A converters that generate the "A1" and "A2" output voltages. The test program also specifies the potentiometers to be adjusted for recalibration (see Figure 4-13, CIMBUS D/A Converter Circuit Board Components Diagram, for the location of the adjustment potentiometers).

The calibration prompts and corresponding output voltages expected are:

- ZERO - 0.00 volts
- MAX (Full scale) - 9.9975 volts
- MID (Half scale) - 4.9988 volts

The corresponding readings expected on the receiver computer display (for all "A1" switch positions) are:

- ZERO - 000
- MAX (Full scale) - 1000
- MID (Half scale) - 500



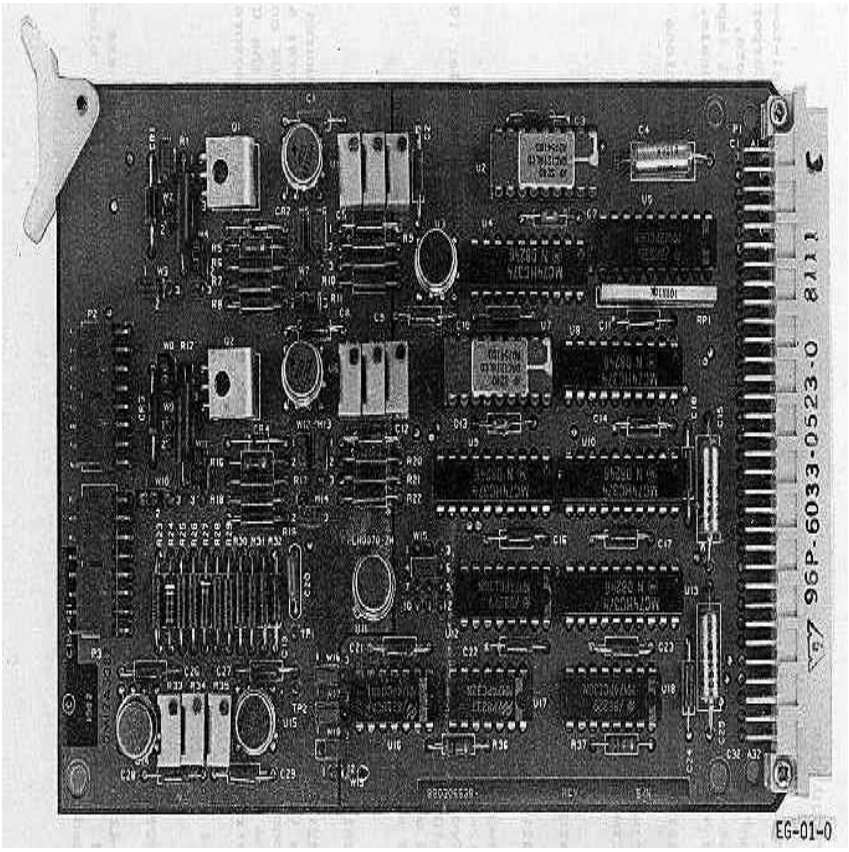


Figure 4-13. CIMBUS D/A Converter Circuit Board Components Diagram.

Procedures for recalibrating the receiver computer analog output channels are as follows:

- Go to the "ZERO" prompt in the "TEST" program.
- Set the test fixture switch to the "A1" position and adjust "R3" on the D/A card for an output of 0.000 VDC.
- Record the receiver computer display reading and the DVM reading on the servicing checklist.
- Set the test fixture switch to the "A2" position and adjust "R14" on the D/A converter board for an output of 0.000 VDC.
- Record the DVM reading on the servicing checklist.
- Go to the "MAX" prompt in the "TEST" program.
- Set the test fixture switch to the "A1" position and adjust "R33" on the D/A card for an output of 9.9975 ± 0.0005 VDC.
- Record the receiver computer display reading and the DVM reading on the servicing checklist.
- Set the test fixture switch to the "A2" position and adjust "R34" on the D/A card for an output of 9.9975 ± 0.0005 VDC.
- Record the DVM reading on the servicing checklist.
- Adjust "P5" on the receiver computer front panel board (refer to Figure 4-4) for a receiver computer display reading of "1000."
- Go to the "MID" prompt in the TEST program.
- Set the test fixture switch to the "A1" position.
- Record the receiver computer display reading and the DVM reading on the servicing checklist.
- Set the test fixture switch to the "A2" position.
- Record the DVM reading on the servicing checklist.

4.2.2.6 Toggle Voltage Test

The receiver computer toggle output voltage is measured with and without an output load. The receiver computer output test fixture is used for this test. The "TOG-NL" (Toggle, no-load) position connects the toggle output directly to the voltmeter. The "TOG-L" (Toggle, with load) position connects a 4700 ohm resistor in parallel with the voltmeter input.

MEASURE VOLTAGES	Set the receiver computer for continuous operation ("CYCLE" switch on **C**) and one minute integrations ("INTEG" switch on **1**). Measure the toggle output voltage in both the "TOG-NL" and "TOG-L" positions with the toggle lamp "ON." Wait one minute for the toggle lamp to switch "OFF" and repeat the measurements. Record the measured voltages for each set of conditions.

4.2.2.7 Receiver Computer Gain Test

MEASURE EMULATOR OUTPUT VOLTAGE	Disconnect the detector head output cable from the receiver computer and connect the detector head emulator in its place. The detector head emulator is powered by the receiver computer and generates a low level square wave signal that emulates the detector head output response under operational conditions. Connect the receiver computer output test fixture to the receiver computer output connector. Set the emulator switch to position "2" and measure the emulator output voltage using an rms voltmeter.
MEASURE RECEIVER COMPUTER OUTPUT	With the receiver computer set for continuous operation and one-minute integrations, measure the receiver computer output for gain switch settings of "100," "300," and "500." Record the emulator output voltage and the three receiver computer output voltages. Reset the emulator switch to position "1" and repeat the above procedure for gain switch settings of "700" and "900."

4.2.3 Transmitter/Receiver Optical Alignment

Pre-field alignment of the transmissometer optics is required following annual servicing of the instrument and includes:

- Transmitter alignment.
- Receiver detector alignment.
- Receiver output detector check.

Pre-field alignment requires the same optical and electronic test equipment as specified for the post-field alignment checks (Refer to Section 4.1.3, Post-Field Alignment Checks). The basic procedures parallel the post-field alignment check procedures. The post-field procedures go only as far as measuring the parameters that can identify optical alignment problems that could affect data collected while the instrument was operating in the field. The pre-field alignment includes additional procedures for realigning the optics to optimize the instrument performance.

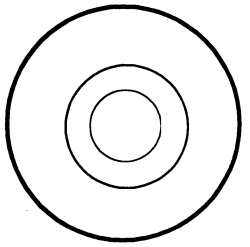
The Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Pre-Field Alignment Form, Figure 4-14, is used for documenting all pre-field alignment checks and measurements.

OPTEC LPV-2 TRANSMISSOMETER
PRE-FIELD ALIGNMENT CHECK

Instrument Number:_____
Date:_____
Technician:_____

1. TRANSMITTER ALIGNMENT CHECK

Focus the transmitter on the target (shown to the right of this paragraph) and tighten the objective lens securely. Adjust the transmitter so the beam is inside the large outer circle of the target. The target has two inner circles. The larger inner circle represents the outer limit for the reticle. The smaller inner circle represents the ideal reticle alignment. Draw the actual reticle position on the target. If the reticle is not within limits, realign the transmitter. Draw the final reticle position on the target diagram.



TARGET

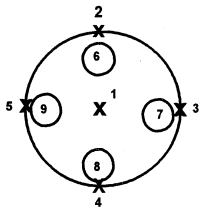
2. RECEIVER DETECTOR ALIGNMENT CHECK

FULL RETICLE ALIGNMENT

Alignment Position	1	2	3	4	5	Maximum
Pre-align Readings	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Post-align Readings	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

1/4 RETICLE ALIGNMENT

Alignment Position	1	6	7	8	9
Pre-align Readings	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Post-align Readings	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Post-align Readings	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____



ALIGNMENT POSITIONS

3. RECEIVER DETECTOR OUTPUT CHECK

Adjust Light Source Intensity for a Reference Detector Output of Approximately 7.0 Volts

Reference Detector Output at Alignment Position 1:_____

Test Detector Output at Alignment Position 1:_____

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Figure 4-14. Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Pre-Field Alignment Form.

4.2.3.1 Transmitter Alignment Check

This procedure requires an unobstructed sight path of at least 50 feet and the following equipment:

- Tripod with Optec alti-azimuth base
- Spotting scope mounted on a tripod
- Transmitter alignment target
- DC power supply - 12 volts @ 5 amps

EQUIPMENT SETUP

Attach the transmitter alignment target to a wall at one end of the sight path. The center of the target should be at a height of approximately 42 inches. Attach the transmitter telescope to the tripod and set up the tripod 47 feet from the alignment target. Set up the spotting scope next to the transmitter telescope. Focus the transmitter telescope on the alignment target by adjusting the position of the objective lens. The objective lens is held in position by a set screw in the top of the telescope.

ADJUST ALIGNMENT

Connect the DC power supply to the transmitter control box and connect the control box to the transmitter telescope. Insert the reference lamp for the instrument being tested into the transmitter and turn the transmitter "ON." Use the spotting scope to observe the position of the transmitter light beam while adjusting the alti-azimuth base to center the light beam in the large outer circle of the alignment target. The transmitter reticle should align with the smallest of the two inner circles (refer to the target diagram on the Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Pre-Field Alignment Form). Alignment is acceptable if the reticle position is entirely within the larger of the two inner circles. If the reticle position is not within the larger of the two inner circles, realign the transmitter using the following procedures:

- Remove the telescope tube from the flip mirror housing by loosening the two (2) set screws on the top and side of the housing next to the telescope.
- Loosen the three (3) alignment screws located at the front of the flip mirror housing. These Allen screws extend through the housing to the lamp chamber. They should be loosened only enough to allow the flip mirror housing to be adjusted without slipping.
- Replace the telescope tube and align the light beam on the target.
- While looking through the eyepiece, adjust the flip mirror housing so that the reticle is aligned with the target.

- Check the light beam position on the target. If it is not aligned within the outer circle, adjust the lamp housing as required to place the light beam entirely within the circle.

- Recheck the reticle position. If the reticle is not properly aligned, readjust the flip mirror housing and the lamp housing as described in the previous two steps. Repeat this procedure until both the light beam and reticle are properly aligned.

- Remove the telescope, tighten the three alignment screws, and replace the telescope.

- Recheck the transmitter alignment to ensure that alignment was maintained as the instrument was reassembled. If the alignment is not within specifications, the entire alignment procedure must be repeated.

- When the alignment is finally within specifications, sketch the outline of the actual reticle position on the target diagram.

4.2.3.2 Receiver Detector Alignment

Receiver detector alignment (part 2 of the Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Pre-Field Alignment Form) is performed in two (2) stages. For the first stage, the size of the light beam projected onto the detector is adjusted to the diameter of the receiver reticle (full reticle light beam). The detector response is measured with the light beam centered in the reticle (position 1) and centered on the edge of the reticle at 0°, 90°, 180°, and 270° (positions 2-5). These alignment positions are shown on the drawing labelled "Alignment Positions" on the pre-field alignment form. The beam position is then scanned across the reticle to identify the position that provides the maximum output from the detector. Procedures for the second stage are similar to those described above with the light beam diameter adjusted to 1/4 of the reticle diameter (1/4 reticle light beam). Detector output measurements are obtained with the light beam centered in the reticle (position 1) and adjacent to the reticle at 0°, 90°, 180°, and 270° (positions 6-9). All measurements are documented on the Optec LPV-2 Transmissometer Pre-Field Alignment Form.

This procedure requires the following test equipment:

- Optical bench

- Variable intensity light source

- Beam diverter

- 135 mm camera lens

- Detector head alignment fixture

- Receiver computer emulator

- Digital voltmeter (4 1/2 digit)

OPTICAL BENCH SETUP

To perform the full reticle light beam alignment check, the optical bench should be setup with the following accessories installed at the position shown:

- Variable intensity light source - 0.0 cm
- Beam diverter - 15.0 cm
- 135 mm camera lens - 37.5 cm
- Detector head alignment fixture - 63.5 cm

DETECTOR HEAD SETUP

Set up the detector head and test equipment as follows:

- Install the detector head being tested on the detector head alignment fixture.
- Connect the detector head cable to the receiver computer emulator.
- Connect the digital voltmeter to the output of the receiver computer emulator.
- Place the pin-hole mask in the light source filter holder.
- Set camera lens aperture at f/2.8

ADJUST BEAM DIVERTER

Turn the light source "ON" and adjust the beam diverter to center the light beam in the detector head reticle. If the light beam is slightly out of focus, adjust the position of the detector head alignment fixture as needed to bring the light beam into focus.

ALIGN RETICLE LIGHT BEAM

Using the beam diverter to adjust the light beam position, align the full reticle light beam to alignment positions 1-5 as indicated on the pre-field alignment form. Record the detector output voltage at each position. Then, align the light beam for maximum detector output voltage. Align the light beam to give the maximum detector output voltage and record this value on the alignment form. If the maximum is not at position 1, use the following procedures to align the reticle with the detector:

- Center the light beam in the receiver telescope reticle (position 1).
- Adjust the detector alignment to move the maximum towards position 1. The detector alignment is controlled by four set screws (top, bottom, and both sides) located directly behind the detector head eyepiece. Changes in vertical alignment are accomplished by adjusting the top and bottom screws as a pair (loosening one screw and tightening the other). Horizontal alignment changes are accomplished in the same manner with the set screws on the sides of the assembly.

- Check the location of the realigned maximum output.
- Repeat the above procedure until the maximum output occurs at position 1.
- When the maximum output is obtained at position 1, record the detector output for positions 1-5 and at the maximum.

CHANGE SETUP

Prior to performing the 1/4 reticle alignment check, the optical bench setup must be changed as follows:

- Position the 135 mm camera lens at 55.5 cm
- Position the detector head alignment fixture at 65.0 cm
- Set the camera lens aperture at f/4.

ALIGN RETICLE LIGHT BEAM

Align the 1/4 reticle light beam to the center of the reticle (position 1) and each of the four (4) alignment positions adjacent to the edge of the reticle (positions 6-9). Record the detector output voltage at each position. If the readings at opposite positions (6 and 8 or 7 and 9) differ by more than 2% the detector alignment should be adjusted using the following half-power method procedures:

- Align the 1/4 reticle light beam at position 1 and note the detector output voltage at this position.
- Monitor the detector output while adjusting the beam diverter to move the light beam vertically towards position 2. When the detector output voltage decreases to 50% of the voltage measured in the previous step, record the light beam position.
- Adjust the light beam towards position 4 and again record the position of the light beam where the detector output voltage decreases to 50% of the position 1 value.
- If the two 50% positions are not equidistant from position 1, adjust the alignment of the detector following the procedures described in the full-reticle alignment procedures.
- Repeat the above three steps moving the light beam towards positions 3 and 5 to determine the 50% output positions along the horizontal axis.
- Repeat the 1/4 reticle alignment check, recording the detector output at position 1 and positions 6-9. If each of the voltages measured at positions 6-9 are not within 1% of the voltage measured at position 1, the half-power alignment procedure should be repeated.

4.2.3.3 Receiver Detector Output Check

The receiver detector output check establishes a relative output relationship with the reference detector head. The light source intensity is adjusted to provide a specified output voltage from the reference detector. The test detector is then subjected to the same light source under the same conditions and its output voltage documented. Since instruments are serviced on an annual basis, this output check provides a history of the detector sensitivity.

The initial setup for the optical bench and test equipment is the same for this check as for the full reticle alignment check. Procedures for performing the output check are as follows:

- Center the light beam in the reference detector head reticle (align to alignment position 1).
- Adjust the light intensity for a detector output voltage of approximately 7.0 volts.
- Document the actual output voltage of the reference detector head.
- Replace the reference detector head with the test detector head.
- Without adjusting the light intensity, align the light beam to position 1 in the test detector head. Document detector head output voltage on the alignment form.

4.3 PRE-FIELD CALIBRATION

A pre-field calibration must be performed prior to sending an instrument to the field. Detailed instructions for performing and documenting pre-field calibrations are provided in TI 4200-2100, *Calibration of LPV-2 Transmissometers (IMPROVE Protocol)*.

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