## TYPE 1650-B IMPEDANCE BRIDGE

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## INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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## Specifications

RANGES OF MEASUREMENT
ACCURACY

|  | 20 Hz to $20 \mathrm{kHz}{ }^{+}$ | DC | Residuals |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ```Capacitance 1 pF to 1100 \muF parallel, }7\mathrm{ ranges``` | $\pm 1 \% \pm 1 \mathrm{pF}$ |  | $=0.5 \mathrm{pF}$ |
| Inductance <br> $1 \mu \mathrm{H}$ to 1100 H , series or parallel, 7 ranges | $\pm 1 \% \pm 1 \mu \mathrm{H}$ |  | $\approx 0.2 \mu \mathrm{H}$ |
| ```Resistance ac or dc, 1 m\Omega to 1.1 M\Omega, 7ranges``` | $\pm 1 \% \pm 1 \mathrm{~m} \Omega$ | $\pm 1 \%, 1 \Omega$ to $100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$, ext supply or detector required $>100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ and $<1 \Omega$. | $\approx 1 \mathrm{~m} \Omega$ |
| Conductance ac or dc, 1 nanomho to 1.1 mhos, 7 ranges | $\pm 1 \% \pm 1$ nanomho | $\pm 1 \%, 10$ micromhos to 1 mho, ext supply or detector required $<10$ micromhos. |  |
| Dissipation Factor, D, at 1 kHz , 0.001 to 1 of series C, 0.1 to 50 of parallel C . | $\pm 5 \% \pm 0.001$ at 1 kHz and lower |  |  |
| Storage Factor, $\mathbf{Q}$, at 1 kHz , 0.02 to 10 of series L, 1 to 1000 of parallel L. | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{Q} \text { accurate to } \\ & \pm 5 \% \pm 0.001 \text { at } \\ & \frac{1}{} \mathrm{kHz} \text { or lower } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |

+ Bridge operates up to 100 kHz with reduced accuracy.


## GENERAL

Generator: Internal; $1 \mathrm{kHz} \pm 2 \%$. Type 1310 or 1311 Oscillator recommended if external generator is required. Internal dc supply, 6 V, 60 mA , max.
Detector: Internal or external; internal detector response flat or selective at 1 kHz ; sensitivity control provided. Type 1232-A Tuned Amplifier and Null Detector is recommended if external detector is required. Combination of 1311 oscillator and 1232 detector is available as the Type 1240 Bridge Oscillator-Detector. DC Polarization: Capacitors can be biased to 600 V from external dc power supply for series capacitance measurements.
Power Required: 4 size-D cells, supplied.

Accessories Required: None. Earphones can be used for high precision at extremes of bridge ranges.
Accessories Available: Type 1650-P1 Test Jig.
Mounting: Flip-Tilt Cabinet.
Dimensions (width $\times$ height $\times$ depth): Portable, $13 \times 63 / 4 \times 12^{1 / 4} \mathrm{in}$. (330 $\times 175 \times 315 \mathrm{~mm}$ ); rack, $19 \times 121 / 4 \times 41 / 8 \mathrm{in}$. $(485 \times 315 \times$ 105 mm ).
Net Weight (est): Portable, $17 \mathrm{lb}(8 \mathrm{~kg})$; rack, $18 \mathrm{lb}(8.5 \mathrm{~kg})$.
Shipping Weight (est): Portable, $21 \mathrm{lb}(10 \mathrm{~kg}) ;$ rack, $30 \mathrm{lb}(13.5 \mathrm{~kg})$.
Patent Nos D 187,740 and 2,966,257.

## Condensed Operating Instructions

A step-by-step procedure for the 1650-B Bridge operation is given in the operations chart in Section 2. For your convenience, the chart has been reproduced and included inside the flip-tilt cabinet of the instrument.

NOTE: This instrument is equipped with our new snap-on knob for added convenience and safety. Refer to the Service Section for details.

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## BIAS jack.

Voltage bias for capacitors: Apply bias only if PARAMETER switch is in $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{s}}$ position. For $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{p}}$, refer to Section 2. Max voltage is 600 V dc. Add a resistor as a current limiter to prevent short circuit.
Current bias for inductors: Apply bias only if PARAMETER switch is in $\mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{p}}$ position. For $\mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{s}}$, refer to Section 2.

GENERATOR switch.
Turns bridge on, selects internal or external
 decade capacitor for reactive balance of resistors.

Ground.

DETector jack. Useful to connect external amplifier or earphones for additional sensitivity or selectivity.


EXTernal DQ jack.
Useful for extending DO range with a decade box.

MULTIPLIER switch.
Multiply CGRL dial setting by switch range for result.

DETector SENSitivity control.

CGRL dial.
Main balance control. For greatest accuracy, choose MULTIPLIER setting for balance between 1 and 10 .

EXTernal GENerator jack.
Max power: 0.05 W .
Max voltage: 500 V dc; or $\frac{f}{5} \mathrm{~V}$ ac rms where f is in Hz , or 100 V ac rms, whichever is smaller.
Frequency range for L and $\mathrm{C}: 20 \mathrm{~Hz}$ to 20 kHz .

Figure 1-1. Type 1650-B Impedance Bridge.

## Section 1-Introduction

### 1.1 DESCRIPTION.

The $1650-\mathrm{B}$ Impedance Bridge (Figure 1-1) is a self-contained impedance-measuring system, which includes six bridges for the measurement of capacitance, resistance, conductance, and inductance, as well as the generators and detectors necessary for $d c$ and $1-\mathrm{kHz}$ measurements. Features of this bridge include one-percent $\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{G}, \mathrm{R}$, and L accuracy over all ranges, high $D$ and $Q$ accuracy, a mechanism to facilitate low Q measurement, a slow-motion mechanism on the CGRL dial, visual ac and dc null indications, complete portability, and a convenient tilting mechanism and carrying case. The slow-motion mechanism turns the CGRL dial slowly and effortlessly about a 1 -in. sector. Extra torque must be applied to move the dial beyond the $1-\mathrm{in}$. sector.

In the relay-rack model (Figure 1-2), the captive cover of the Type $1650-\mathrm{B}$ is replaced with a relay-rack adaptor panel (paragraph 1.6).

### 1.2 OPENING AND TILTING THE CABINET.

The directions for opening the Type 1650-B Impedance Bridge are given on the handle support of the instrument. Once open, the instrument may be tilted to any convenient angle, The angle should be chosen to give the most comfortable access to the knobs and the best view of the meter and dials.

The instrument may be locked fully open by the same slide pins that are used to lock the instrument closed. Thus, the instrument can be carried in the open position with the cover firmly in place.

Whether the instrument is open or closed, the cover forms a convenient storage place for the instruction manual and for any other test data that should be kept with the instrument.

### 1.3 POWER SUPPLY.

The Type $1650-\mathrm{B}$ is powered by four D cells, which slide into a fiber tube inside the instrument. These batteries, supplied with the instrument, should be installed with the positive terminals (center buttons) facing the open end of the tube. The batteries are protected from leakage and accidental discharge during shipment by an insulating disk inserted between the cap and the last cell. To remove the disk, proceed as follows:
a. Open the instrument cabinet and place it in the locked position.
b. Remove the two cabinet screws (Figure 1-4).
c. Lift the instrument from its cabinet.
d. Follow the directions on the battery tube, and remove the disk.
e. Place the battery tube back in its holder.
f. Replace the instrument in its cabinet.
g. Replace the two cabinet screws.

The instrument is now ready to operate as soon as it is in the desired position and turned on.


Figure 1-2. Type 1650-B Impedance Bridge in rack panel.

### 1.4 SYMBOLS, ABBREVIATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS.

The following symbols, abbreviations, and definitions are used on the panel of the Type 1650-B and in this instruction manual:
C capacitance ( $-(\underset{\sim}{( })$
$C_{D} \quad$ external decade capacitor
$\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{O}}$ bridge residual capacitance
$C_{P}$ parallel capacitance
$C_{S}$ series capacitance
$\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{T}} \quad$ standard capacitor $(0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F})$
$\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{X}}$ unknown capacitance
G conductance ( $-m$ ), the inverse of resistance
$\mathrm{G}_{\mathrm{X}} \quad$ unknown conductance
L inductance ( $-m$ - )
$L_{\mathrm{O}} \quad$ bridge residual inductance
$L_{P} \quad$ parallel inductance
$L_{S} \quad$ series inductance
$\mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{X}} \quad$ unknown inductance
$R \quad$ resistance ( $-\sim$ ), the real part of an impedance
$\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{A}} \quad$ ratio arm resistance
$R_{B} \quad$ standard $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor
$\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{N}} \quad$ CGRL rheostat resistance
$\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{O}} \quad$ bridge residual resistance
$R_{P} \quad$ parallel resistance
$R_{S} \quad$ series resistance
$R_{T} \quad D Q$ rheostat resistance
$\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{X}} \quad$ unknown resistance
X series reactance, the imaginary part of an impedance

Z impedance
Q quality factor $=\frac{X}{R}=\frac{B}{G}=\frac{1}{D}=\tan \theta=\cot \delta$ for inductors $\frac{\omega L_{S}}{R_{S}}$ or $\frac{R_{P}}{\omega L_{p}}$

D dissipation factor $=\frac{R_{S}}{X}=\frac{G}{B}=\frac{1}{Q}=\cot \theta=\tan \delta$
for capacitors $\omega C_{S} R_{S}$ or $\frac{1}{\omega C_{P} R_{P}}$
PF power factor $=\frac{R}{Z}=\frac{R}{R^{2}+X^{2}}=\cos \theta$
f frequency
$\omega \quad$ angular frequency, $2 \pi f$
$\Omega \quad$ ohm, a unit of resistance, reactance, or impedance
$\mathrm{k} \Omega \quad \mathrm{kilohm}, 1 \mathrm{k} \Omega=1000$ ohms
M multiplying factor applied to $D$ and $Q$ at frequencies other than 1 kHz
megohm, $1 \mathrm{M} \Omega=1 \times 10^{6}$ ohms
$\mu \mathrm{F} \quad$ microfarad, a unit of capacitance
$\mathrm{m} \Omega \quad$ milliohm, $1 \mathrm{~m} \Omega=1 \times 10^{-3}$ ohm
$\mathrm{nF} \quad$ (or $\mathrm{m} \mu \mathrm{F}$ ) nanofarad (or millimicrofarad), $1 \mathrm{nF}=$ $1 \mathrm{~m} \mu \mathrm{~F}=1 \times 10^{-3} \mu \mathrm{~F}$
$\mathrm{pF}($ or $\mu \mu \mathrm{F})$ picofarad (or micromicrofarad), $1 \mathrm{pF}=$ $1 \mu \mu \mathrm{~F}=1 \times 10^{-6} \mu \mathrm{~F}$
H henry, a unit of inductance
mH millihenry, $1 \mathrm{mH}=1 \times 10^{-3} \mathrm{H}$
$\mu \mathrm{H} \quad$ microhenry, $1 \mu \mathrm{H}=1 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{H}$
It ground, case (chassis)

### 1.5 SERIES AND PARALLEL COMPONENTS.

An impedance that is neither a pure reactance nor a pure resistance may be represented at any specific frequency by either a series or a parallel combination of resistance and reactance. Keeping this concept in mind will be invaluable for properly interpreting the bridge results. The values of resistance and reactance used in the equivalent circuit depend on whether a series or a parallel combination is used. The equivalent circuits are shown in Figure 1-3. A nomograph for series-parallel conversion at 1 kHz is given in the Appendix.


Figure 1-3. Equivalent circuits for complex impedance.

The relationships between the circuit elements are tabulated below. They are easily derived.

## RESISTANCE AND INDUCTANCE

$Z=R_{s}+j \omega L_{s}=\frac{j \omega L_{p} R_{p}}{R_{p}+j \omega L_{p}}=\frac{R_{p}+j Q^{2} \omega L_{p}}{1+Q^{2}}$
$\mathrm{Q}=\frac{1}{\mathrm{D}}=\frac{\omega \mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{s}}}{\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{s}}}=\frac{R_{\mathrm{p}}}{\omega L_{\mathrm{p}}}$
$L_{S}=\frac{Q^{2}}{1+Q^{2}} L_{P}=\frac{1}{1+D^{2}} L_{P}$
$L_{P}=\frac{1+Q^{2}}{Q^{2}} L_{s}=\left(1+D^{2}\right) L_{s}$
$R_{s}=\frac{1}{1+Q^{2}} R_{p} ; \quad R_{p}=\left(1+Q^{2}\right) R_{s}$
$R_{s}=\frac{\omega L_{s}}{Q} ; R_{p}=Q \omega L_{p}$

## RESISTANCE AND CAPACITANCE

$Z=R_{s}+\frac{1}{j \omega C_{s}}=\frac{\frac{R_{p}}{j \omega C_{p}}}{R_{P}+\frac{1}{j \omega C_{p}}}=\frac{D^{2} R_{p}+\frac{1}{j \omega C_{p}}}{1+D^{2}}$
$D=\frac{1}{Q}=\omega R_{s} C_{s}=\frac{1}{\omega R_{p} C_{p}}$
$C_{s}=\left(1+D^{2}\right) C_{P} ; C_{p}=\frac{1}{1+D^{2}} C_{S}$
$R_{s}=\frac{D^{2}}{1+D^{2}} R_{p} ; R_{p}=\frac{1+D^{2}}{D^{2}} R_{s}$
$R_{s}=\frac{D}{\omega C_{s}} ; R_{p}=\frac{1}{\omega C_{p} D}$

### 1.6 PORTABLE-TO-RACK CONVERSION.

The following procedure is given so that a $1650-\mathrm{B}$ Bridge can be converted from a portable assembly to a rack-mounted assembly. To accomplish the mechanical and electrical changeover, a Rack Adaptor Set (P/N 1650-3350) must be ordered from General Radio.

To mount the instrument in a rack adaptor panel, proceed as follows (Figure 1-4):
a. Open the instrument to its horizontal position (full open) and lock the handle.


Figure 1-4. Rack mounting the $1650-\mathrm{B}$.
b. Remove the No. $10-32$ screws (A) with resilient washers that hold the instrument in the cabinet. These screws are on the sides of the instrument (one per side) just above the handle pivot.
c. Lift the instrument out of the cabinet and set it to one side.
d. From the inside of the cabinet, remove the two pivot screws.
e. Lift the cabinet off the handle-and-cover assembly.
f. In place of the pivot screws, insert the two $3 / 4-$ inch screws (B) supplied. Place the lockwasher (C) and nut (H) on each screw and secure.
g. Remove the eyelet from foot $Z$ in the cabinet (the foot farthest from the side cutout).
h. Remove the rubber foot and install the supplied grommet ( $\mathrm{P} / \mathrm{N}$ 4110-0500).
i. Set the cabinet to one side.
j. Remove the battery tube ( $\mathrm{P} / \mathrm{N}$ 1650-1261) from the instrument by following the instructions on the tube.
k. Twist the lead-set leads together and feed the inconnected ends through the grommet $(Z)$ in the cabinet from the outside to the inside.

1. Solder the white lead of the lead set (P/N 16500280) to S103, 204R (Figure 6-9). Solder the black lead to S102, 204R.
m . Install the instrument in its cabinet. Install and tighten the two No. 10-32 screws (A) removed in step b.
n. Loosen nut $K$ on both sides of the opening in the rack panel and slide plate $L$ toward the outside of the panel. Tighten nut K slightly so that L won't slide.
o. Put a large flatwasher (E) over the projecting screws on each side of the instrument.
p. Set the back of the instrument on a flat surface (face upward). Turn the instrument so that it is right side up as you look at it.
q. Lower the adaptor panel over the instrument being sure that the battery mounting brackets are on the right-hand side. Brackets F go over screws B.
r. Install a flat washer ( $G$ ), lock washer ( $O$ ) and nut ( P ) on screws $B$ outside of bracket $F$.
s. Raise the adaptor panel up until it is flush with the instrument panel and rubber gasket.
t. Tighten nuts P and turn the instrument over onto the adaptor handles.
u. Loosen nuts $K$ and slide plates $L$ over the rubber gasket (Figure 1-5). Tighten nuts K .
v. Snap the battery tube and batteries into place between the insulators on the rack panel (Figure 1-6).

### 1.7 CONNECTIONS.

The UNKNOWN terminals are standard $3 / 4$-inchspaced binding posts that accept banana plugs, standard telephone tips, alligator clips, crocodile clips,


Figure 1-5. Detail view of panel mounting.


Figure 1-6. Battery mounting for rack-mounted 1650-B Bridge.

## AVAILABLE PATCH CORDS AND ADAPTORS



NOTE: GR874 connectors are $50 \Omega$ and are mechanically sexless; i.e., any two, although identical, can be plugged together.

## DESCRIPTION

CATALOG NO.

| Double-plug patch cord, in-line cord, 36', long | $0274-9860$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Double-plug patch cord, in-line cord, 24', long | $0274-9896$ |
| Double-plug patch cord, in-line cord, 12'' long | $0274-9861$ |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| Double-plug patch cord, right-angle cord, $36^{\prime \prime}$, long | $0274-9880$ |
| Double-plug patch cord, right-angle cord, $24^{\prime \prime}$ long | $0274-9892$ |
| Double-plug patch cord, right-angle cord, 12' long | $0274-9852$ |

Shielded double-plug patch cord, $36^{\prime \prime}$ long
0274-9883
Shielded double-plug patch cord, 24 '' long
0274-9882
Shielded double-plug patch cord, 12 " long
0274-9862

> Single-plug patch cord, black, $36^{\prime \prime}$ ' long
> Single-plug patch cord, red, $36^{\prime \prime}$ long
> Single-plug patch cord, black, $24^{\prime \prime}$ long
> Single-plug patch cord, red, $24^{\prime \prime}$ long

0274-9468
0274-9492
0274-9847
0274-9848
0274-9849
0274-9850

Adaptor cable, double-plug to telephone plug, $36^{\prime \prime}$ long 1560-9695

Coaxial patch cord, double plug to GR874, 36' long
0874-9692

Coaxial patch cord, two plugs to GR874, 36' long
0874-9690

Adaptor, shielded double plug to BNC

Patch cord, shielded double plug to BNC
0776-9701

Patch cord, GR874 to BNC
0776-9702

Patch cord, BNC to BNC
0776-9703
spade terminals and all wire size up to number eleven (Figure 1-7).

The EXT DQ, DET, and BIAS jacks accept a two-terminal telephone plug such as the Switchcraft No. 440.

The EXT GEN, G, and OPP ARM jacks accept a single banana plug such as the GR Type 274-DB1 or $2(\mathrm{P} / \mathrm{N} 0274-9454$ or 9455 , respectively). These
jacks are spaced $3 / 4$-inch on centers so that a GR Type 274-MB Insulated Double Plug ( $\mathrm{P} / \mathrm{N}$ 0274-9875) can be used between the EXT GEN and G terminals or the OPP ARM and G terminals.

General Radio also makes a variety of interconnecting cables that can be used in various system interconnections. Some of these cables are shown in Table 1-1.


Figure 1-7. Methods of connection to the measurement terminals.

## Section 2-Basic Measurements

### 2.1 GENERAL.

Figure 2-1 shows the six bridge circuits used in the Type 1650-B Impedance Bridge, as well as the balance equations. Hays and Maxwell inductance bridges and series and parallel capacitance comparison bridges are used to provide wide coverage over the D and $Q$ ranges. Full use of these wide ranges at low Q and high D values is achieved by means of an Orthonull ${ }^{\circledR}$ balancing mechanism (paragraph 5.4). Both ac and dc measurements may be made with the bridge,
which has a magnitude responsive detector.
The next two pages concisely state the information needed for making basic measurements. The schematics include all relevent bridge terminals to aid the user in making special measurements that require bias, etc. The symbols on the diagrams are the same as those defined in Section 1. A short discussion of Orthonull usage, detector sensitivity, etc relating to basic measurement practice follows the instruction chart.
$c_{s}$
$\left(\begin{array}{ccc}\text { LOW } & 0 \\ 0 & T O & 1\end{array}\right)$
SERIES CAPACITANCE

$c_{X}=\frac{R_{N}}{R_{A}} C_{T}$
$D_{X}=\omega R_{X} C_{X}=\omega R_{T} C_{T}$
$C_{P}$
$\left(\begin{array}{cc}\text { H.GH } & 0 \\ 0.1 & \text { TO } \\ 50\end{array}\right)$
PARALLEL CAPACITANCE

$C_{x}=\frac{R_{N}}{R_{A}} C_{T}$
$D_{X}=\frac{1}{\omega R_{X} C_{X}}=\frac{1}{\omega R_{T} C_{T}}$

$$
\sigma_{X}=\frac{R_{N}}{R_{A} R_{B}}
$$

$R$ $\left(\begin{array}{l}A C \\ 0 \\ C\end{array}\right)$
resistance

$R_{x}=\frac{R_{N} R_{A}}{R_{B}}$

$$
\begin{gathered}
L_{p} \\
(H \mid G H O \\
1-\infty
\end{gathered}
$$



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Figure 2-1. Bridge circuits used in impedance bridge.

a. Turn GENERATOR switch to BAT CHECK position. If the meter pointer is not in the BAT sector, replace the batteries.
b. Turn GENERATOR switch to AC

EXTERNAL or AC INTERNAL 1 kHz .
c. Turn PARAMETER switch to $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{s}}$.
d. Connect the unknown so that most stray capacitance is between the LOW terminal and the $1650 \cdot \mathrm{~B}$ case.
e. Turn ORTHONULL ${ }^{\circledR}$ switch to OUT.
f. Turn OSC LEVEL clockwise. The panel control affects only the internal oscillator.
g. Turn DQ dial near 0.05 on the LOW D scale.
h. Turn CGRL dial near 11.
i. Adjust DET SENS for about 6 divisions deflection.
i. Turn MULTIPLIER switch for minimum meter reading.
k. Alternate ly adjust, first the CGRL dial, then the DQ dial for the best null, increasing the DET SENS as needed.
I. ORTHONULL ${ }^{\circledR}$ is not used on this bridge unless the $D Q$ dial reading times $f(k H z)$ approaches or exceeds 1 .
m . If the $D Q$ dial goes into the uncalibrated portion, the unknown should be measured as $C_{p}$.
$n$. The series capacitance of the unknown equals the product of the CGRL-dial reading and the MUL-TIPLIER-switch setting.
o. The $D$ equals the reading on the DQ dial times $f(\mathrm{kHz})$.
p. Turn GENERATOR switch to OFF.


|  | $p F$ | $n F$ |  |  | $\mu F$ |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MULT | 100 | 1 | 10 | 100 | 1 | 10 | 100 |
| $\mathrm{RA}^{2} \Omega$ | 1 M | 100 k | 10 k | 1 k | 100 | 10 | 1 |

a. Turn GENERATOR switch to BAT CHECK position. If the meter pointer is not in the BAT sector, replace the batteries.
b. Turn GENERATOR switch to AC EXTERNAL or AC INTERNAL 1 kHz .
c. Turn PARAMETER switch to $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{p}}$. Large electrolytics should be measured at a low frequency ( 120 Hz ) for greater accuracy.
d. Connect the unknown so that most stray capacitance is between the LOW terminal and the $1650-B$ case.
e. Turn ORTHONULL ${ }^{\circledR}$ switch to OUT.
f. Turn OSC LEVEL clockwise. The panel control affects only the internal oscillator.
g. Turn DQ dial near 0.2 on the HIGH D scale.
h. Turn CGRL dial near 11.
i. Adjust DET SENS for about 6 divisions deflection.
j. Turn MULTIPLIER switch for minimum meter reading.
k. Alternately adjust, first the DQ dial, then the CGRL dial for the best null, increasing the DET SENS as needed.
I. ORTHONULL ${ }^{\circledR}$ switch should be set to $I N$ if the $D Q$ dial reading times $1 / \mathrm{f}(\mathrm{kHz})$ approaches or exceeds 1.
$m$. If the DQ dial reaches the stop at 0.1 , the unknown should be measured as $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{s}}$.
n. The parallel capacitance of the unknown equals the product of the CGRL-dial reading and the MUL-TIPLIER-switch setting.
o. The $D$ equals the reading on the DQ dial times $1 / f(\mathrm{kHz})$.
p. Turn GENERATOR switch OFF.

a. Check mechanical zero of meter. b. Turn GENERATOR switch to the BAT CHECK position. If the meter pointer is not in the BAT sector, replace the batteries.
c. Turn GENERATOR switch to the desired generator source. The OSC LEVEL control affects only the internal oscillator.
d. Turn ORTHONULL ${ }^{\circledR}$ switch to OUT and PARAMETER switch to R. e. Turn CGRL dial near 11.
f. Adjust DET SENS control for about 6 divisions deflection.
g. Turn MULTIPLIER switch for minimum reading to the left of center if making a dc measurement. Null as usual if making an ac measurement. (DQ rheostat not in the circuit.)
h. Adjust CGRL dial for best ac null, or zero the pointer if using dc. If ac null is not sharp, a reactive balance may be necessary, see instruction manual.
i. The unknown resistance is the CGRL-dial reading multiplied by the MULTIPLIER switch setting. i. Turn GENERATOR switch to OFF.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

|  | $n \mho$ | $\mu U$ |  | $m \cup$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MULT | 100 | 1 | 10 | 100 | 1 | 10 | 100 |
| $R_{A} \Omega$ | 1 M | 100 k | 10 k | 1 k | 100 | 10 | 1 |

a. Check mechanical zero of meter. b. Turn GENERATOR switch to the BAT CHECK position. If the meter pointer is not in the BAT sector, replace the batteries.
c. Turn GENERATOR switch to the desired generator source. The OSC LEVEL control affects only the internal oscillator.
d. Turn ORTHONULL® ${ }^{\circledR}$ switch to OUT and PARAMETER switch to $G$.
e. Turn CGRL dial near 11.
f. Adjust DET SENS control for about 6 divisions deflection.
g. Turn MULTIPLIER switch for minimum reading to the left of center if making a dc measurement. Null as usual if making an ac measurement. (DQ rheostat not in the circuit.) h. Adjust CGRL dial for best ac null, or zero the pointer if using dc, If ac null is not sharp, a reactive balance may be necessary, see instruction manual.
i. The unknown conductance is the CGRL-dial reading multiplied by the MULTIPLIER switch setting. i. Turn GENERATOR switch to OFF.
s LOW Q $(0.02$ TO 10)


|  | $\mu H$ | $m H$ |  |  | $H$ |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MULT | 100 | 1 | 10 | 100 | 1 | 10 | 100 |
| RA $\Omega$ | 1 | 10 | 100 | 1 k | 10 k | 100 k | 1 M |

a. Turn GENERATOR switch to BAT CHECK. If the meter pointer isn't in the BAT sector, replace the batteries.
b. Turn GENERATOR switch to AC EXTERNAL or AC INTERNAL 1 kHz . Air core rf chokes should be measured at a high frequency ( 10 kHz ) to get a reasonable $Q$.
c. Turn PARAMETER switch to $\mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{s}}$. d. Connect unknown so that most stray capacitance is between the LOW terminal and the $1650-B$ case. e. Turn ORTHONULL ${ }^{8}$ switch to OUT.
f. Turn OSC LEVEL clockwise. The panel control affects only the internal oscillator. Use full output except for nonlinear unknowns. Iron core inductors are often nonlinear.
g. Turn DQ dial near 4 on the LOW $Q$ scale.
h. Turn CGRL dial near 11.
i. Adjust DET SENS for about 6 divisions deflection.
i. Turn MULTIPLIER switch for minimum meter reading.
k. Alternately adjust the CGRL and DQ dials for the best null, DQ dial first, increasing the DET SENS as needed. Null means bring the pointer as near to the center of the meter as possible. Usually it won't be possible to center the pointer. I. ORTHONULL ${ }^{\circledR}$ should be switched $I N$ if the $D Q$-dial reading times $f(\mathrm{kHz})$ approaches or is less than 1 . m. If a sharp null cannot be obtained and the $Q$ dial is near 10 , switch to $L_{p}$.
$n$. The series inductance of the unknown equals the product of the CGRL-dial reading and the MULTI-PLIER-switch setting.
o. The $Q$ of the unknown equals the Q-dial reading times $f(\mathrm{kHz})$.
p. Turn GENERATOR switch OFF.

a. Turn GENERATOR switch to BAT CHECK. If the meter pointer isn't in the BAT sector, replace the batteries.
b. Turn GENERATOR switch to AC EXTERNAL or AC INTERNAL 1 kHz .
c. Turn PARAMETER switch to $L_{p}$. d. Connect unknown so that most stray capacitance is between the LOW terminal and the $1650-B$ case. e. Turn ORTHONULL® switch to OUT.
f. Turn OSC LEVEL clockwise. The panel control affects only the internal oscillator. Use full output except for nonlinear unknowns. Yron core inductors are often nonlinear.
g. Turn DQ dial near 5 on the HIGH $Q$ scale.
h. Turn CGRL dial near 11.
i. Adjust DET SENS for about 6 divisions deflection.
i. Turn MULTIPLIER switch for minimum meter reading.
k. Alternately adjust the CGRL and DQ dials for the best null, CGRL first, increasing the DET SENS as needed. Null means bring the pointer as near to the center of the meter as possible. Usually it won't be possible to center the pointer.

1. ORTHONULL ${ }^{\circledR}$ is not used on this bridge unless the DQ dial reading times $1 / f(\mathrm{kHz})$ approaches 1 or less.
m. If a sharp null cannot be obtained, the unknown is too lossy and must be measured as $\mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{s}}$, or the unknown is not inductive.
n . The parallel inductance of the unknown equals the product of the CGRL-dial reading and the MULTI-PLIER-switch setting.
o. The $Q$ of the unknown equals the dial reading times $1 / f(\mathrm{kHz})$.
p. Turn GENERATOR switch to OFF.

### 2.2 DC AND AC SENSITIVITY.

With the internal 6-volt supply, one-percent balances may be easily made up to $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ and with care up to $100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$. Above $100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ a higher external voltage should be used (paragraph 3.2). Below $1 \Omega$, the sensitivity limits the accuracy to $\pm 10 \mathrm{~m} \Omega$. A more sensitive meter may be placed in series with the internal meter by plugging it into the BIAS jack on the side of the bridge.

A $100-\Omega$ resistor in series with the internal $6-\mathrm{V}$ supply limits the current in the unknown to 60 mA . The unknown is in series with the CGRL rheostat for external dc , so that the unknown current is greatest when the CGRL dial is at zero.

The maximum power that can be applied to the bridge by the internal supply is 0.09 W ; thus there is nodanger of injuring components rated at 0.1 W or more.

At range extremes it is often desirable to make $1-\mathrm{kHz}$ ac measurements to increase sensitivity. For most resistors, the difference between the measured $1-\mathrm{kHz}$ and dc values is negligible.

An external tuned null detector, such as the 1232, is very desirable when making measurements at frequencies other than 1 kHz . It may be connected between the LOW UNKNOWN terminal and the 1650 -B case. The screw near the UNKNOWN binding post is a convenient ground point.

### 2.3 DC VOLTAGE AND CURRENT LIMITS.

## WARNING

Bridge voltages must be limited to protect the bridge and the unknown component from damage. It is also advisable to limit the current to 5 mA or less to protect the operator from injury. The maximum voltage limit, standard EIA test voltages and some military test voltages are described below.

Unless the utmost in sensitivity or a standard test voltage is desired, a supply of about 100 V (e.g., a $90-\mathrm{V}$ battery), with about $25 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ in series, is recom-

| MAXIMUM DC BRIDGE VOLTAGE |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AND CURRENT |  |  |  |  |
| Range <br> Full Scale | Range <br> Multiplier | E Max | $1^{*}$ Max |  |
| $1 \Omega$ | $100 \mathrm{~m} \Omega$ | 71 V | 100 mA |  |
| $10 \Omega$ | $1 \Omega$ | 71 V | 100 mA |  |
| $100 \Omega$ | $10 \Omega$ | 71 V | 71 mA |  |
| $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | $100 \Omega$ | 71 V | 22 mA |  |
| $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | 71 V | 14.1 mA |  |
| $100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | 223 V | 14.1 mA |  |
| $1 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ | $100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | 500 V | 14.1 mA |  |

* It is preferable to limit current to avoid shock hazard or to reduce voltage to 10 V .

TABLE 2-2 EIA STANDARD TEST VOLTAGES (RS 196 FIXED-FILM RESISTORS REC 117 LOW-POWER WIRE-WOUND RESISTORS)

| Resistance Range | Bridge Mult Range | EIA Max Test Voltage | Max Bridge Voltage * |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| less than $10 \Omega$ | $1 \Omega$ | 0.3 V | ** |
| 10-99 | $10 \Omega$ | 1 V | ** |
| 100-999 $\Omega$ | $100 \Omega$ | 3 V | 33 V |
| 1000-9999 | $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | 10 V | 20 V |
| $10-99 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | 30 V | 33 V |
| $100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ up | $100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | 100 V | 101 V |

REC 117 applies only up to $9999 \Omega$.

* At EXT GEN terminals.
** Maximum allowance bridge voltage will not give maximum test voltage.

TABLE 2-3
EIA STANDARD TEST VOLTAGES
(RS 172 - FIXED COMPOSITION RESISTORS)

| Resistance Range | Bridge Mult Range | EIA Test <br> Voltage Range | Bridge <br> Voltage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| $2.7-99 \Omega$ | $1 \Omega$ | $0.5-1 \mathrm{~V}$ | $* *$ |
| $100-999 \Omega$ | $10 \Omega$ | $0.5-1 \mathrm{~V}$ | $50-71 \mathrm{~V} * * *$ |
| $1000-9999 \Omega$ | $100 \Omega$ | $2.5-3 \mathrm{~V}$ | $27.5-33 \mathrm{~V}$ |
| $10-99 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | $8-10 \mathrm{~V}$ | $16-20 \mathrm{~V}$ |
| $100 \mathrm{k} \Omega \mathrm{up}$ | $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | $24-30 \mathrm{~V}$ | $26.4-33 \mathrm{~V}$ |
|  | $100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | $80-100 \mathrm{~V}$ | $80-100 \mathrm{~V}$ |

* at EXT GEN terminals
** cannot get required bridge voltage
*** limited to 71 V by bridge

TABLE 2-4

| VARIABLE RESISTORS (Military Specifications) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Spec. Title \& Date Description | Resistance Tolerance | Measurement Accuracy <br> (all Meas. at dc). | Test Voltage |
| Mil-R-94B 7/30/57 <br> Amend. No. 2 2/27/62 <br> Resistors Variable <br> Composition - continuous operation when properly derated, at any ambient temp. up to $120^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $\pm 10$ \& 20\% | Qualification inspection: not to exceed $\pm 0.5 \%$ <br> Acceptance inspection: <br> $\pm 1 \%$ <br> GR Bridges: Qualification: 1608 and 1652 <br> GR Bridges Acceptance: $1608,1650, \& 1652$ | Table 2-6 |
| Mil-R-22097B 5/14/62 <br> Lead-screw-actuated Nonwirewound Variable - at maximum ambient temps. of $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, $85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, \& $125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. | $\pm 10 \%$ | $\begin{aligned} & \pm 1.0 \% \\ & \text { GR Bridges: } 1608,1652, \& \\ & 1650 \end{aligned}$ | Table 2-5 |
| Mil-R-23285A 11/18/65 <br> Nonwirewound Metal Film Variable continuous full rated load operation at an ambient temp. of $125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. | $\pm 5$ \& 10\% | Qualification inspection: $\pm 0.5 \%$ <br> Quality conformance: $\pm 1 \%$ <br> GR Bridges Qualification: 1608 \& 1652 <br> GR Bridges Conformance: $1608,1652,1650$ | Table 2-7 |
| Mil-R-19A 11/9/56 <br> Amend. No. 2 1/6/59 Low Operating Temp. Wirewound Variableambient temp. of $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ up to $105^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. | $\pm 10 \%$ | $\begin{aligned} & \pm 1.0 \% \\ & \text { GR Bridges: } 1608,1652, \& \\ & 1650 \end{aligned}$ | As small as practical |
| Mil-R-22B 3/21/62 <br> Power Type Wirewound Variable | $\pm 10 \%$ | $\pm 1.0 \%$ <br> GR Bridges: 1608, 1652, \& 1650 | As small as practical |


| MIL-R-94B TEST VOLTAGES |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Resistor Range $(\Omega)$ | Test Voltage Range (V) |
| 100 to 999 | .01 to 2 |
| 1 k to 9.99 k | 0.1 to 4 |
| 10 k to 99.99 k | 1.0 to 15 <br> 100 k up |


| MIL-R-23285A TEST VOLTAGES |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Resistor Range $(\Omega)$ | Voltage Range (V) |
| 2.7 to 99 | 0.3 to 0.5 |
| 100 to 990 | 0.5 to 1.5 |
| 1 k to 9.9 k | 1.5 to 4.5 |
| 10 k to 99 k | 4.5 to 15 |
| 100 k or higher | 15 to 45 |

mended. The available power from such a supply is 0.1 W , which is a low enough dissipation for almost all resistors, and the maximum current is 4 mA . Such a supply permits measurements up to $1 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ with $1 \%$ accuracy. For resistance over $1 \mathrm{M} \Omega$, a higher voltage is desirable for good sensitivity, but it should be noted that the maximum EIA test voltage is 100 V , and that various types of resistors have different voltage ratings.

The maximum voltage and current that may be applied to the bridge for each range are given in Table 2-1. Careful observation of both of these limits will prevent damage to the bridge.

Because the full voltage may be applied to the unknown, it is advisable to limit the available power to a value less than the power rating of the unknown component.


Figure 2-2. Circuit for standard test voltage measurements.

Various EIA standards for testing different types of resistors are summarized in Tables 2-2 and $2-3$. Various military standards are listed in Tables $2 \circ 4$ through $2-7$. A suggested setup for tests at these voltages is shown in Figure 2-2. The voltmeter here indicates the bridge voltage and should be set as listed in Tables $2-2$ and 2-3. An alternate scheme is to put the voltmeter directly across the unknown resistor, assuming that the input resistance of the voltmeter is large enough to cause no error.

### 2.4 CONNECTION OF EXTERNAL GENERATOR.

In most cases when an external generator is used it should be connected to the EXT GEN jack on the side of the bridge. In this connection, the external generator is connected directly to the internal bridge transformer when the function switch is in the AC EXTERNAL position, and the low generator terminal is connected to the bridge chassis (which should be grounded; paragraph 4.6). A second ground connection to the generator should be avoided.

If the external generator can be overdriven when connected to a low-impedance load, it is generally desirable to place a resistor in series with the ungrounded generator connection to the bridge. This resistor should be large enough to prevent distortion even when
the bridge input is short-circuited. The bridge input impedance at the EXT GEN jack is a minimum of $30 \Omega$ (resistive) at 1 kHz when the bridge is set to measure a short circuit on the UNKNOWN terminals. This is shunted by the inductance of the primary of the bridge transformer, which is approximately 0.25 H .

In some cases where more input power is required, particularly in measurements of low impedance, a matching transformer between generator and bridge is useful. This transformer need not be shielded. The GR Type 1311 Audio Oscillator is recommended for this application at frequencies of $50,60,100,120$, $400,500,1000,2000,5000$, and $10,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$ because its output will not be distorted by over-loading and it has a matching transformer to drive low-impedance loads.

When the desired bridge voltage is higher than can be applied by the internal bridge transformer, the generator can be connected directly in the bridge circuit by connection to the BIAS jack (Figure 2-3a). In this connection, the generator is ungrounded and capacitance from its terminals to ground must be considered. Capacitance from the negative BIAS terminal to ground can cause a large error at high frequencies when low impedances are measured. Therefore, use a shielded cable and use the outer conductor to connect the low generator terminal to the positive BIAS terminal. Capacitance of over 100 pF from the positive BIAS terminal to ground can cause appreciable error (paragraph 4.6). A bridge transformer can be used to connect a generator to the BIAS jack, but this has no advantage over the use of the internal bridge transformer unless the external transformer has a higher voltage rating, as do the GR Type 578 Transformers (Figure 2-3b).


Figure 2-3. Methods of applying external ac.

### 2.5 MAXIMUM APPLIED AC VOLTAGE.

The maximum ac voltage that may be applied to the $1650-\mathrm{B}$ Impedance Bridge depends on:
a. the voltage and power ratings of each component (including the unknown),
b. the bridge circuit used,
c. the range used,
d. the position of the variable components,
e. the method of applying the voltage.

Exact limits for any specific measurement can be calculated from the circuit diagrams of Figure 2-1, and by insuring that the power dissipation in the ratio-arm
resistors and the rheostats is less than 0.5 W . If such a maximum voltage is applied, care must be taken to avoid any adjustments of the panel controls that would result in an overload.

A much simpler approach is to limit the power into the bridge to 0.5 W so that no bridge components can be damaged under any conditions. If the power rating of the unknown is less than 0.5 W , the input power should be reduced accordingly. A series resistor is the simplest way to limit the power. It should have a value of $R=\frac{E^{2}}{4 P}$, where $E$ is the open-circuit generator voltage and P the power rating of the unknown component.

The input transformer imposes the following further limit on the voltage applied to the EXT GEN jack:
$E_{\text {max }}=\frac{f}{5}$ volts ( $f$ in Hz ), or 100 volts,
whichever is smaller. This transformer has a 3-to-1 step-down ratio and an equivalent resistance, referred to the primary, of $20 \Omega$. Therefore, to limit the power applied to the bridge to 0.5 W , a series resistor of $\frac{E^{2}}{2}-20 \Omega$ should be placed in series with the external supply.

### 2.6 OPERATING PROCEDURE WITH ORTHONULL.

In the measurement of inductors whose Q is less than 1 or capacitors whose $D$ is greater than 1 , balancing procedure can be simplified and false nulls avoided by the use of Orthonull. It should be noted that Orthonull operates on all four bridges $\left(C_{s}, C_{p}, L_{s}\right.$, $L_{p}$ ) and at any frequency. It will facilitate the balance when the unknown is very lossy, i.e., has a high D or a low $Q$ at the frequency of measurement. The white sectors of the DQ dial are adjusted for 1 kHz . At other frequencies they don't apply. The balancing procedure (essentially the same as without Orthonull once the Orthonull mechanism is engaged) is as follows:
a. Set the bridge switches as described in the Operating Procedure Chart, depending on what is being measured. Connect the unknown to the UNKNOWN terminals and connect the external generator (if one is used) as described in paragraph 2.4.
b. Set the ORTHONULL SWITCH to IN.
c. Set the CGRL dial upscale (10 or 11 ).
d. Make the first balance with the DQ dial.
e. Adjust the CGRL dial for further balance (the DQ dial, ganged to the CGRL dial by the Orthonull mechanism, will follow). If the CGRL setting is less than 1 at balance, turn the CGRL MULTIPLIER switch to a lower range and rebalance.
f. Make further balances using first the DQ dial, then the CGRL dial, then the DQ dial, etc. until the meter reading cannot be reduced further.

When the Q is very low, the meter deflection will give several sharp dips as the CGRL dial is rotated. To find the best dip, rotate the CGRL dial slowly over a wide range without making another DQ adjustment.

Often the $Q$ is higher at some other frequency, and it is desirable to change the frequency of measurement. This is necessary if the inductor is above resonance and appears capacitive. A DQ Coverage Chart is shown in Figure 2•4.


Figure 2-4. DQ coverage chart.

## Section 3-Special Measurements

### 3.1 GENERAL.

The inclusion of the EXT DQ, BIAS, and OPP ARM jacks in the $1650-B$ permits many special measurements to be made. The EXT DQ jack allows extension of the DQ coverage at frequencies below 100 Hz , the BIAS jack allows a bias voltage or current to be applied across or through an unknown impedance, and the OPP ARM jack allows more accurate balancing of reactive resistors. The following section presents a few of the many applications possible with these external connection jacks.

### 3.2 APPLICATION OF DC BIAS TO CAPACITORS.

### 3.2.1 INTERNAL OSCILLATOR OPERATION.

Up to 600 V of dc bias may be applied to the unknown capacitor by any of several different methods.

The simplest method can be used for measuring only series capacitance; fortunately, this is how most capacitors are specified.

## WARNING

Charged capacitors form a shock hazard, and care should be taken to ensure personal safety during measurement and to be sure that the capacitors are discharged after measurement. The external de supply should also be handled carefully.

It is advisable to limit the power that may be drawn from the external dc supply to 0.5 W (by a resistor, fuse, or circuit breaker) in order to protect the bridge components in case the unknown is short-circuited.

a

b


C

d

e

Figure 3-1. Methods of applying dc voltages to capacitance.

The various methods of applying dc bias to capacitors and suggestions for their use are described in the three methods that follow:
Method 1. $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{s}}$ Bridge (Figure 3-1a).
In this method, up to 600 V may be applied on any range. Connect the negative terminal of the unknown capacitor (if polarized) to the LOW UNKNOWN terminal. The dc supply used should have a low ac output impedance. It is usually helpful to ground the negative side of the dc supply and to leave the bridge floating to avoid hum from the power line. If the negative side of the supply (BIAS jack body) is grounded, the bridge panel and LOW UNKNOWN terminal will be at low dc potential with low signal voltage on them.

## Method 2. $C_{p}$ Bridge (Figure 3-1b).

The same precautions mentioned in Method 1 apply here, and a blocking capacitor should be added using the EXT DQ jack. The positive side of the blocking capacitor should be tied to the tip of the phone plug. The voltage rating of this capacitor should be sufficient for the full dc applied. The capacitance required depends on the D of the unknown and on the accuracy required. The errors caused by this capacitor are:
$C$ measured $=C_{x}\left(1-\frac{C_{t}}{C_{b}} D_{x}^{2}\right)$
$D$ measured $=D_{x}\left(1+\frac{C_{t}}{C_{b}} D^{2}\right)$
where $C_{t}=0.1 \mu \mathrm{f}$ and $C_{b} \gg C_{t}$

Method 3. $C_{s}$ or $C_{p}$ Bridge ( $F$ igure 3-1c and e).
This method is recommended for small capacitors. The maximum voltages that may be applied to the $C_{s}$ and $C_{p}$ bridge are given in Table 3-1, but the maximum voltage on the bridge are a function of the CGRL-and-DQ-dial settings.

The ac impedance of the dc source should be high ( $>10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ ) to avoid shunting the detector, and the dc source should have low hum. The advantages of this circuit are that the bridge and supply are both grounded and the dc current can be easily limited by a resistor, since the impedance of the source should be high.

## WARNING

Note that the LOW UNKNOWN terminal has the high voltage on it in this method.

### 3.2.2 EXTERNAL AC GENERATOR OPERATION.

When both external ac and dc supplies are used, hum may be introduced by the capacitance to the line in the power transformers of these generators. The bridge should be set up as shown in Figure 3-1, with

| MAXIMUM <br> DABLE $3-1$ <br> TO CAPACITORS <br> BY METHOD 3 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Range <br> Multiplier | Max Volts <br> On Bridge | On Un Volts |
| 100 pF | 505 V | 500 V |
| 1 nF | 242 V | 220 V |
| 10 nF | 142 V | 71 V |
| 100 nF | 78 V | 7 V |
| $1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 72 V | 0.7 V |
| $10 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 71 V | 0.07 V |
| $100 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 71 V | 0.007 V |

both the ac and dc supplies grounded and the bridge not grounded. The ac generator should be shunted by a resistor if it does not provide a path for dc.

Method 3, paragraph 3.2.1, may also be used to apply dc bias. The bridge and both the ac and dc supplies are grounded (Figure 3-1), and the ac generator is connected to the EXT GEN jacks. This method is particularly useful for high-frequency measurements of small capacitors (paragraphs 2.4 and 3.2.1).

### 3.3 APPLICATION OF DC TO INDUCTORS.

Direct current may be supplied to inductors during measurement by any of several different methods so that incremental inductance measurements may be made. The various methods are described below along with suggestions for their use. A blocking capacitor ( $C_{b}$ in Figure 3-2) is needed only for the $L_{s}$ bridge shown. This capacitor (not supplied with the bridge) should be connected by a phone plug inserted into the EXT DQ jack. The errors caused by this capacitor are:
(1) $L_{s}$ measured $=L_{x}\left(1-\frac{C_{t}}{C_{b}} \frac{1}{Q_{x}{ }^{2}}\right)$
(2) $Q$ measured $=Q_{x}\left(1-\frac{C_{t}}{C_{b}} \frac{1}{Q_{x}{ }^{2}}\right) \quad C_{t}=0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$

To get the corrected results add $\left(\frac{C_{t}}{C_{b}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{Q_{x}{ }^{2}}\right)$ to the measured $L_{s}$ and $Q$. It will be necessary to solve for $Q_{x}$ in equation (2) but usually $Q_{\text {meas ured }} \approx Q_{x}$.

## WARNING

Large inductors carrying high currents are shock hazards. Reduce the dc to zero before disconnecting the dc supply or unknown inductor.

## Method 1. (Figure 3-2a.)

The maximum current is limited to that given in Table 3-2. The dc supply may be tied to ground and the instrument left floating as shown, where the capacitance of the bridge to ground shunts $R_{n}$ and causes a $D(1 / Q)$ error of $-\omega R_{n} C$. If the dc supply has low internal capacitive coupling to the power line, the bridge may be grounded and the dc supply left floating.

The blocking capacitor, $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{b}}$, must be of high enough rating to take a voltage equal to the maximum direct current in amperes times $1 \Omega$, the dc resistance of the transformer secondary.

The source impedance of the dc supply must be low compared with that of the unknown, since the bridge measures both of these impedances in series. A large capacitor $\left(C_{d}\right)$ shunting the dc supply is sometimes useful.

TABLE 3-2

| MAXIMUM DC THROUGH INDUCTORS <br> OR RESISTORS |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (METHODS 1 AND 2) |  |  |  |

## Method 2. (Figure 3-2b.)

The maximum current in this method is limited to that given in Table 3-2. The dc supply is connected to the BIAS jack with the signs reversed in order to keep the bridge case and dc supply both at zero volts dc from ground. The blocking capacitor $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{b}}$ must be able to take the full dc voltage. The ground connection may be made to either the panel or the de supply.

## Method 3. (Figure 3-2c.)

This method is recommended for large inductors, since the maximum current is the same for any range. In this method both the bridge and the dc supply are grounded.

The maximum allowable current for any range is 40 mA . The output impedance of the dc supply should be high enough to avoid loading the detector (a series resistor is often useful) and should have low hum.

The blocking capacitor $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{e}}$ must be able to take the dc IR drop across the unknown inductor, and $C_{b}$ must be able to take the whole dc voltage.

## Method 4. (Figure 3-2d.)

This method must be used with very large dc. The maximum voltage on the unknown is limited only by the rating of $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{f}}$. The ac source impedance of the dc supply must be much higher than the impedance of the unknown since the bridge measures the parallel combination of these two impedances. A large inductor, $\mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{a}}$, may be connected as shown to provide a high source impedance. Often it is possible to resonate the feed inductor to increase the source impedance further.




Figure 3-2. Methods of applying de to inductors. (Blocking capacitor $C_{B}$ is not supplied with the bridge.)

Also, the impedance of the blocking capacitor, $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{f}}$, should be low compared with the impedance of the unknown since it is directly in series with the unknown. The blocking capacitor, $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{b}}$, is not needed for this method and can be shorted out or removed.

## Method 5. (See Figure 3-2e.)

This method permits large or small dc currents by connecting a current source in parallel with the unknown inductor. The dc voltage is isolated from the bridge by capacitor $C_{f}$. The impedance of $C_{f}$ should be low compared to the unknown since they are in series. The current source impedance must be high relative to the unknown at the measuring frequency.

A current source with the proper impedance must be constructed because: 1) most regulated supplies that have current limiting have a large capacitor across the output terminals causing a low ac impedance, and 2) even the high slewing rate operational supplies


Figure 3-3. Dcecurrent supply for inductor measurements.
usually have a network across the output terminals that reduces their impedance to a few thousand ohms at 1 kHz . To construct a high impedance supply use any common ungrounded voltage supply (Kepco ABC series units) and feed the output through the circuit in Figure 3-3. Connect the output of this circuit to the unknown inductor (Figure 3-2e).

## CAUTION

> Short out the current source before disconnecting the inductor to prevent large transient voltages.

### 3.4 DC BIAS FOR AC RESISTANCE MEASUREMENTS.

A dc bias voltage and current may be applied to various types of nonlinear resistive elements such as diodes, varistors, and thermistors in order to measure small ac signal resistance. For voltage-sensitive devices, diodes, and varistors, the ac resistance is the slope of the dc voltage-current curve. For thermally sensitive devices, the ac resistance is equal to the dc resistance as long as the time constant is much longer than the period of the ac signal. Several methods of applying dc are shown in Figure 3-4.

## Method 1. (Figure 3-4a.)

In this method all of the current supplied flows through the unknown. The current is limited to the
amount given in Table 3-2. The dc source impedance should be low compared with that of the unknown, or the source should be shunted by a large capacitor as shown. If the dc supply is grounded, the bridge chassis may be at a potential of up to 6 V .

## Method 2. (Figure 3-4b.)

This method removes the dc supply from the bridge arm so that its impedance is not so important. The current in the unknown is equal to the current supplied multiplied by $\frac{R_{b}}{R_{a}+R_{b}}$, and should be limited to that given in Table 3-2. The voltage applied should be limited to 71 V . If the dc supply is grounded, the bridge chassis may be at a potential of up to 37 V .

## Method 3. (Figure 3-4c.)

This method permits grounding of both the bridge chassis and the dc supply. The current through the unknown is equal to the current supplied multiplied by $\frac{R_{a}}{R_{a}+R_{x}}$. The dc current and voltage limits are given in Table 2-1.

## Method 4. (Figure 3-4d.)

This method permits large currents through low resistors, since no current flows in the bridge. The resistor $R_{f}$ should be large compared with the unknown, and the blocking capacitor, $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{f}}$, should be able to take the dc voltage $I_{d c} R_{x}$. The impedance of the blocking capacitor should be low compared with that of the unknown.


Figure 3-4. Methods of applying de for ac resistance measurements.

### 3.5 MEASUREMENT OF AC RESISTANCE OR CONDUCTANCE WITH REACTANCE.

The ac resistance and conductance bridges of the $1650-\mathrm{B}$ are very useful for making incremental measurements of nonlinear components like Thyrite ${ }^{\left({ }^{(3)}\right.}$ varistors or diodes, and for measuring input and output impedances of field-effect transistors or transistor amplifiers, gyrators, impedance scalers, etc. For example, a negative impedance converter was being used to cancel some positive resistance in one arm of a bridge circuit, but the bridge was not balancing properly. A resistor was put in series with the negative impedance converter and the input impedance was measured. It was determined that the negative resistance had an inductive component, discussed below, which calculations showed to be the result of phase shift in the operational amplifier (Figure 3-5).


Figure 3-5. Operational amplifier.
If the null is not sharp, i.e., sensitive to a small change in the CGRL dial position, the "resistance" is either capacitive or inductive. A capacitive resistance is measured by connecting an external capacitance decade box ( $C_{D}$ ) from the HIGH UNKNOWN post on the bridge to the case (Figure 3-6). An inductive measurement is made by connecting an external capacitance decade box between the OPP ARM banana jack on the bridge and the case (Figure 3-7).

Measurements can be made in terms of conductance, also. The conductance bridge has $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{a}}$ and $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{b}}$


Figure 3-6. Circuit for measuring capacitive resistors.

$R_{x}=\frac{R_{N} R_{A}}{R_{B}}$
$L_{x}=R_{N} R_{A} C_{D} \quad$ is50.5
Figure 3-7. Circuit for measuring inductive resistors.
interchanged, causing the balance formulas to be as follows:

$$
\begin{aligned}
G_{X} & =\frac{R_{N}}{R_{A} R_{B}} \\
C_{X} & =\frac{R_{N}}{R_{A}} C_{D} \\
L_{X} & =R_{B} R_{A} C_{D}
\end{aligned}
$$

(Refer to paragraph 1.4 for term definitions.)
Monitor the active circuit's output voltage with an oscilloscope, and keep the 1650-B Bridge oscillator level reduced as much as possible to keep the device under test from saturating.

## NOTE

A sliding null can occur if the unknown is inductive because $R_{a}$ appears in the null equations of both $R_{x}$ and $L_{x}$.

### 3.6 MEASUREMENT OF TRANSDUCERS.

The small residuals, careful frequency compensation, Orthonull, and relatively high DQ resolution of the $1650-\mathrm{B}$ Bridge facilitate impedance analysis of transducers up to 100 kHz . Microphones, vibration pickoffs and ultrasonic transducers can be analyzed ${ }^{1,2}$ by the use of the $1650-\mathrm{B}$ Bridge to plot the ir impedance versus frequency curves.

Useful accessories for this work are a recording wave analyzer (GR Type 1910 Recording Wave Analyzer) and a frequency counter (GR Type 1191 Counter). Mechanical resonances are usually high $Q$, and since it takes time to balance the bridge for every point, one would like to know where the interesting regions are. The best procedure is to balance the bridge every 1 kHz or so, and sweep up and down about the frequency with the wave analyzer in the tracking geno erator mode. The measurements should be made with an $80-\mathrm{dB}$ potentiometer in the level recorder. When bumps occur in the plot of null voltage versus frequency, a region of interest is indicated and can be analyzed by balancing the bridge at this frequency. The wave analyzer is also very useful as a tuned null detector at frequencies above 20 kHz . The GR Type 1232 Tuned Amplifier and Null Detector can be used below 20 kHz for a detector, and with the addition of the GR Type 1232-P1 RF Mixer, frequencies greater than 20 kHz can be analyzed. The input impedance of the wave analyzer is high enough so that it can be connected between the LOW UNKNOWN terminal and

[^0]

Figure 3-8. Typical impedance-vs-frequency response of an ultrasonic transducer.
the case, but the rf mixer will have to be driven from the DET output jack.

The frequency counter is necessary to obtain high frequency resolution and accuracy. Conversion from $C$ and $D$ to real and imaginary parts of impedance are most conveniently done by a short computer program. Typical impedance curves are shown in Figures $3-8$ and 3-9. Consult paragraph 4.12 for measurement procedures and accuracy above 20 kHz .

### 3.7 RESONANT FREQUENCY OF TUNED CIRCUITS.

The resonant frequency of a series or parallel tuned circuit may be found by means of an external variable-frequency oscillator and the ac resistance bridge. The external oscillator is connected as described in paragraph 2.4, and the tuned circuit is connected to the UNKNOWN terminal.

The frequency and the CGRL dial are then varied for the best null attainable. The bridge indicates, at balance, the effective series resistance of a series tuned circuit or the effective parallel resistance of a parallel tuned circuit, while the oscillator indicates the resonant frequency.

### 3.8 SHIELDED THREE-TERMINAL COMPONENTS.

When the unknown is shielded and the shield is not tied to either unknown terminal, a three-terminal component is formed (Figure 3-10). The impedance Z of the component itself is the direct impedance of the


Figure 3-10. Shielded threeoterminal impedance.


Figure 3-9. Typical impedance-vs-frequency response of a piezoelectric microphone.
three-terminal system. To measure the direct capacitance of a three-terminal system, connect the third terminal to the panel of the instrument, using any grounded panel terminal or a ground lug with screw just below the UNKNOWN terminals. The capacitances to the shield have negligible effect as long as one of them is reasonably small (paragraph 4.6).

Often the shield of an inductor is not connected to either terminal. When the inductance and frequency are low so that stray capacitance across the inductor causes negligible error, the shield should be connected to the UNKNOWN terminal marked LOW. When the inductance (or frequency) is high, the effective inductance is increased because of the shunting capacitance. The error is $+100\left(\omega^{2} \mathrm{~L}_{x} \mathrm{C}_{x}\right) \%$ (paragraph 4.4). To avoid an inductance error, the shield may be tied to the panel of the bridge. The inductor terminal that has the larger capacitance to the shield should be tied to the LOW bridge terminal. A $Q$ error results from the capacitance from the other UNKNOWN terminal to the shield but a better measurement of $\mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{x}}$ is possible. (This connection does not affect the winding capacitance itself.)

### 3.9 REMOTE MEASUREMENTS.

Due to the small effect of stray capacitance to ground, particularly for capacitance measurements (paragraph 4.6), the unknown may be placed some distance away from the bridge. If at least one of the connecting leads is shielded, the capacitance between the leads is avoided. The shielded lead should be connected to the LOW UNKNOWN terminal, and the bridge should be grounded. The other lead may also be shielded, at the cost of increased capacitance to ground. When low impedance measurements are made, the effect of the lead resistance and inductance should be considered (paragraph 4.10).

### 3.10 MEASUREMENT OF GROUNDED COMPONENTS.

If the component to be measured is connected directly to ground, the component may be measured with the case of the $1650-\mathrm{B}$ floating off ground.

Either unknown terminal of an unknown capacitor may be grounded. Grounding the low terminal tolerates large capacitance from the case to ground, but increases sensitivity to hum. However, most of the hum can be removed by the internal $1-\mathrm{kHz}$ filter in the amplifier. Grounding the other unknown terminal decreases sensitivity to hum, but a capacitance of 1000 pF from the case to ground causes a $1 \%$ capacitance error (paragraph 4.6).

If the unknown is an inductor, the LOW terminal should be grounded.

Even when the bridge is floating, the bridge panel can be used as a guard terminal for three-terminal or remote measurements.

### 3.11 USE OF THE TYPE 1650-P1 TEST JIG.

### 3.11.1 GENERAL.

The Type 1650-P1 Test Jig (Figure 3-11) provides a means of making quick connections to the bridge with a pair of conveniently located clip terminals. When the 1650-B is set up for limit measurements (paragraph 3.12), the combination facilitates the rapid sorting of electrical components.

The jig is also useful for measurements on small capacitors because of its small zero capacitance and because the unknown component is positioned and shielded to make repeatable measurements possible.

### 3.11.2 INSTALLATION.

The test jig is connected to the bridge UNKNOWN terminals by means of the shielded Type 274 Connector attached to the jig. A three-terminal connection is necessary. The third connection is made by means of the screw, located directly below the UNKNOWN terminals, and the lug on the shield of the connector. This screw makes the ground connection to the jig and also holds the connector in place.

The leads of the test jig may be brought around in back of and underneath the bridge so that the jig may be located directly in front of the bridge without interference from the leads.


Figure 3-11. Type 1650-P1 Test Jig.

### 3.11.3 RESIDUAL IMPEDANCES OF THE TEST JIG.

The residual resistance of the leads is about 80 $\mathrm{m} \Omega$ (total) and the inductance is about $2 \mu \mathrm{H}$. The zero capacitance, when the leads are connected to the bridge, is negligible ( $\approx 0.2 \mathrm{pF}$ ). The shielded leads cause a capacitance to ground of about 100 pF each. Corrections may be necessary for the residual resistance and inductance when measurements are made on low impedances (paragraph 4.10). The capacitance to ground causes no error for capacitance measurements, but can cause a $D(1 / Q)$ error up to about 0.007 for inductance measurements (paragraph 4.6).

### 3.12 LIMIT TESTING.

The Type 1650 -B may be set up to provide a go-no-go indication useful for component testing. The panel meter is used as the indicator. The setup procedure is as follows:
a. Balance the bridge with one of the components to be measured (preferably one within tolerance).
b. Offset the CGRL dial by the desired tolerance, if the tolerance is symmetrical, or by one half of the total allowable spread if unsymmetrical.
c. Adjust the SENSITIVITY control for a fivedivision meter deflection.
d. Set the CGRL dial to the center value (the nominal value if the tolerance is symmetrical).
e. Connect each component to the bridge (or Type 1650 -P1 Test Jig). If the meter deflection is less than five divisions, the component is within limits.

When the unknown has a tolerance greater than $\pm 10 \%$, the limits may be in error by more than $1 \%$ if the above method is used. A sure method is to set the CGRL dial so that unknown components at both limits give the same deflection.

## Section 4-Accuracy

### 4.1 GENERAL.

Basically the 1650-B measures C, R, L, and G to within $1 \%$, and D and Q to $5 \%$; however, at the range extremes the accuracy naturally decreases. To know when the accuracy of your instrument decreases, consider the following:

1. What is the approximate magnitude of the impedance at the measuring frequency? A common 100$\mu \mathrm{F}$ capacitor has a $150-\mathrm{m} \Omega$ impedance at $10-\mathrm{kHz}$ (see Reactance Chart in the Appendix). The bridge residuals of $1 \mathrm{~m} \Omega$ and $0.2 \mu \mathrm{H}$ ( $10 \mathrm{~m} \Omega$ impedance) are in series with this low impedance along with the self inductance of any connecting leads to the unknown, thus causing the error to approach $10 \%$. Therefore, be wary of low impedances.
2. Visualize the unknown as having a reactive part and a real part in parallel. If the real part is very small then it essentially controls the impedance and the DQ dial will be the major balancing control. That is, the position of the CGRL dial won't affect the balance much, hence low accuracy. Therefore, be wary of high-loss components. Conversely, very low-loss components will not be too dependent on the DQ balance and hence will have low DQ accuracy. For example, measure the residual bridge capacitance.

In summary, if the impedance to be measured is very low, very high, or very lossy, read the relevant paragraphs in this section and make the required corrections. Note that, by increasing the measuring frequency, very small inductive impedances can often be
moved up; by decreasing the frequency, small capacitive impedances can be moved up into more easily measured areas.

### 4.2 DC RESISTANCE.

The accuracy of dc resistance measurements is $\pm 1 \%$ if the CGRL dial reading is between 1 and 11 as long as there is enough sensitivity. Below $1 \Omega$, the accuracy is limited to $\pm 10 \mathrm{~m} \Omega$ by the sensitivity. Above $100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$, an external supply is required to get $1 \%$ accuracy.

For low-resistance measurements, short, heavy leads should be used as connections to the unknown. The zero resistance of the leads should be measured with the free ends connected together, and subtracted from the bridge reading with the unknown in place. The user should be particularly careful when using bananapin connections. For best connection to the bridge, tighten the binding post hard enough to notch the wire inserted in the hole.

### 4.3 AC RESISTANCE.

The accuracy of the $R$ reading is $\pm 1 \%$ if the balance is made between 1 and 11 on the CGRL dial. Below 1 on the dial the accuracy is $\pm 1 / 2$ a division. Thus the over-all accuracy is $\pm 1 \%$ or $\pm 1$ milliohm, whichever is greater, as long as the 1 -milliohm residual resistance is subtracted from the R reading.

The residual resistance of $1 \mathrm{~m} \Omega$ is that of the binding posts themselves. For low-resistance measurements, short, heavy leads should be used as connections to the unknown. The zero resistance of the leads should be measured with the free ends connected together, and subtracted from the bridge reading with the unknown in place. The user should be particularly careful when using banana-pin connections. For best connection to the bridge, tighten the binding post hard enough to notch the wire inserted in the hole.

Since there is no internal Q adjustment on the R bridge, reactance affects only the ability to get a good sharp null. If the reactance is large enough to prevent a satisfactory balance, an external capacitor may be used to make a reactance balance (paragraph 3.5).

### 4.4 INDUCTANCE.

The accuracy of the $L$ reading is $\pm 1 \%$ if the balance is made between 1 and 11 on the CGRL dial. Below 1 on the dial the accuracy is $\pm 1 / 2$ division. Thus the over-all accuracy is $\pm 1 \%$ or $\pm 1 \mu \mathrm{H}$, whichever is greater, since $1 \mu \mathrm{H}$ is $1 / 2$ dial division on the lowest range. The $Q$ accuracy is given in terms of $D=1 / Q$ and is $\pm 5 \%$ or $\pm 0.001$, whichever is greater, with a CGRL reading of 1 or higher.

The residual (zero) inductance is less than 0.2 $\mu \mathrm{H}$, which is less than the accuracy of the bridge and therefore negligible. If external leads are used to connect to the unknown, this zero inductance is increased and should be subtracted from the bridge reading.

The residual resistance of the bridge is 1 milliohm, which causes a small $D(1 / Q)$ error. This error is less than 0.001 if $L_{x}$ is more than $160 \mu \mathrm{H}$. If long leads are used to connect to the unknown, this error can become appreciably greater and require a correction. The D error is

$$
+\frac{R_{o}}{\omega L_{x}} \text { (the } Q \text { error is } Q^{2} \frac{R_{o}}{\omega L_{x}} \text { ) }
$$

where $R_{o}$ is the total lead resistance.
The residual zero capacitance of 0.5 pF theoretically causes an error for inductors above 250 H . However, this small capacitance is almost always negligible compared with the capacitance of the winding of such a large inductor. If the inductor is shielded, a three-terminal measurement will reduce the effect of stray capacitance to the shield (paragraph 3.8). In order to reduce the effect of the winding capacitance it is necessary to reduce the measurement frequency. The inductance error due to a shunt capacitance $\mathrm{C}_{0}$ is $\omega^{2} \mathrm{C}_{0} \mathrm{~L}_{\mathrm{x}}{ }^{2}$, and this amount should be subtracted from the bridge reading (paragraph 4.10).

The inductance accuracy is reduced slightly if $Q$ is less than 0.1 . However, even with Orthonull, balance to $1 \%$ is impossible. Errors at other frequencies are discussed in paragraphs 4.11 and 4.12.

### 4.5 CAPACITANCE.

The accuracy of the C reading is $\pm 1 \%$ if the balance is made between 1 and 11 on the CGRL dial. Below 1 on the dial the accuracy is $\pm 1 / 2$ division. Thus the over-all accuracy possible is $\pm 1 \%$ or $\pm 1 \mathrm{pF}$, whichever is greater, since 1 pF is $1 / 2$ a dial division on the lowest range. The D accuracy is $\pm 5 \%$ or $\pm 0.001$, whichever is greater, with a CGRL dial reading of 1 or higher.

The residual ("zero") capacitance of the bridge terminals is approximately $1 / 2 \mathrm{pF}$, which is less than the accuracy of the bridge and, therefore, negligible. If external leads are used to connect the unknown, this zero capacitance is increased and should be subtracted from the bridge reading.

The residual resistance of the bridge is $1 \mathrm{~m} \Omega$, which theoretically causes a $D$ error of 0.006 when $C_{x}=1000 \mu \mathrm{~F}$. In practice, capacitors of this size have such large $D$ values that such an error is negligible. However, if leads are used to connect large capacitors, this D error can become important and a correction should be made. The $D$ error is $+\omega R_{0} C_{x}$ (where $R_{o}$ is the lead resistance), and this amount should be subtracted from the $D$ reading.

The residual inductance causes negligible error at 1 kHz even if $C_{x}=1000 \mu \mathrm{~F}$. However, connecting leads could have enough inductance to cause a C error when large capacitors are measured. The error is $+\omega L_{o} C_{x}$ (when $L_{o}$ is the lead inductance) and this amount should be subtracted from the $C$ reading.

The capacitance accuracy is reduced on the $C_{p}$ bridge when $D$ becomes larger than 10. However, even with the Orthonull balancing mechanism, balance to $1 \%$ precision is impossible; thus this error is negligible (paragraphs 4.8 and 5.2.4).

Errors for capacitance measurements at other frequencies are discussed in paragraphs 4.11 and 4.12.

### 4.6 EFFECTS OF CAPACITANCE TO GROUND.

The Type 1650 Bridge generally measures "ungrounded" components, since neither UNKNOWN terminal is connected directly to the panel. The panel should be connected to a good ground, especially if high-impedance components are to be measured. If the panel is not grounded, stray capacitances from the UNKNOWN terminals and panel to ground can produce an effective capacitance across the UNKNOWN terminals. With the panel grounded, capacitances from the UNKNOWN terminals to ground have a much less


Figure 4-1. Capacitance to ground for capacitance measurement.
serious effect. (For measurements of grounded components refer to paragraph 3.10.)

The effects of stray capacitances to the panel (ground) are usually negligible in the capacitance bridges (Figure 4-1). Capacitance from the LOW terminal to ground $\left(C_{A}\right)$ shunts the detector and causes no error. Capacitance from the other terminal to ground $\left(C_{B}\right)$ shunts the standard capacitor $\left(C_{T}\right)$ and produces an error of

$$
-\frac{C_{B}}{C_{T}} \times 100 \%=\frac{C_{B}}{0.1 \mu F} \times 100 \%
$$

Since $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{T}}$ is large, it takes 1000 pF to produce a $1 \%$ error (when D is small).

In the inductance bridge (Figure 4-2) $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{A}}$ is across the detector and has no effect, but $C_{B}$ shunts the CGRL rheostat. Capacitance across this rheostat causes a $D(1 / Q)$ error of $-\omega R_{N} C_{B}$. The $L$ error is usually negligible except when $Q_{x}$ is very low.

$$
\text { L meas }=L_{x}\left(1+\frac{\omega R_{N} C_{B}}{Q_{x}}\right)
$$

Thus, for inductance measurements, it is desirable to connect the terminal with the most capacitance to ground to the UNKNOWN terminal marked LOW.


Figure 4-2. Capacitance to ground for inductance measurement.

### 4.7 D AND Q ACCURACY.

D (or $1 / Q$ ) accuracy is dependent upon frequency and the CGRL dial setting.

CGRL dial setting of 1 or above:
$1-\mathrm{kHz}$ or lower: $\pm 0.001 \pm 5 \%$
Above $1-\mathrm{kHz}: \pm 0.001(\mathrm{f} / 1 \mathrm{kHz}) \pm 5 \%$
CGRL dial setting below 1 :
$1-\mathrm{kHz}$ or lower: $\ddagger(0.001)(1 /$ CGRL dial setting $)$ $\pm 5 \%$
Above $1-\mathrm{kHz}: \quad \pm(0.001)(1 / \mathrm{CGRL}$ dial setting) (f/1 kHz) $\pm 5 \%$

## NOTE

The percentage accuracy, $5 \%$, applies directly to $Q$, but the fixed-accuracy term, $\pm 0.001$, does not apply directly because $Q=1 / D=1 / \pm 0.001= \pm 1000$, which is not true. Also, the corrections for residual and lead impedances must be taken into account (paragraph 4.10).

### 4.8 ORTHONULL ACCURACY.

The advantage of Orthonull is illustrated in Figure $4-3$, which is a plot of the numbers of adjustments necessary for a balance. Not only does the Orthonull reduce the number of balances, but it permits $1 \%$ measurements that would otherwise be impossible below a $Q$ of $1 / 3$, due to the finite resolution of the DQ rheostat. This finite resolution causes the meter indication to vary in jumps when Orthonull is used at Q's below $1 / 3$. However, by choosing the best null, $1 \%$ accuracy is possible with Q's of less than 0.2 . As Q is further reduced, it is eventually impossible to achieve $1 \%$ balances. The accuracy that can be ex-


Figure 4-3. Number of balances vs $Q$.


Figure 4-4. Accuracy vs $D$ or $Q$.


Figure 4-5. $D Q$ ranges vs frequency.

TABLE 4-1

| CORRECTION TERMS FOR ERRORS DUE TO RESIDUAL AND LEAD IMPEDANCES* |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Measured Quantity | Series Resistance $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{o}}$ (1 $\mathrm{m} \Omega+$ leads) | Series Inductance $\mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{O}}(0.2 \mu \mathrm{H}+\text { leads })$ | Parallel Capacitance $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{o}}$ ( $0.5 \mathrm{pF}+$ leads ) |
| $\mathrm{C}_{\text {s }}$ | No Error | $-\omega^{2} L_{0} C_{x}{ }^{2}$ | $-\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{o}}\left(1-\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{x}}{ }^{2}\right)$ |
| D | $-\omega \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{x}} \mathrm{R}_{0}$ | $-\omega^{2} L_{0} C_{x} D_{x}$ | $+D_{x} \frac{C_{o}}{C_{x}}\left(1+D_{x}{ }^{2}\right)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{p}}$ | $+2 \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{o}} \omega \mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{x}} \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{x}}{ }^{2}$ | $-\omega^{2} L_{o} \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{x}}{ }^{2}\left(1-\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{x}}{ }^{2}\right)$ | $-\mathrm{C}_{0}$ |
| D | $-\omega C_{x} \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{o}}\left(1+\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{x}}{ }^{2}\right)$ | $-\omega^{2} L_{o} C_{x} \mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{x}}\left(1+\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{x}}{ }^{2}\right)$ | $+\frac{C_{0}}{C_{x}} D_{x}$ |
| R | $-\mathrm{R}_{0}$ |  |  |
| $L_{s}$ | No Error | $-L_{0}$ | $-\omega^{2} C_{0} L_{x}\left(1-\frac{1}{Q_{x}^{2}}\right)$ |
| Q | $+\mathrm{Q}_{\mathrm{x}}^{2} \frac{\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{O}}}{\omega \mathrm{~L}_{\mathrm{x}}}$ | $-\frac{L_{0}}{L_{x}} Q_{x}$ | $+\omega^{2} \mathrm{C}_{0} \mathrm{~L}_{\mathrm{x}}\left(\mathrm{Q}_{\mathrm{X}}+\frac{1}{\mathrm{Q}_{\mathrm{X}}{ }^{2}}\right)$ |
| $L_{p}$ | $+\frac{2 \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{O}}}{\mathrm{Q} \omega}$ | $-L_{o}\left(1-\frac{1}{Q^{2}}\right)$ | $-\omega^{2} C_{o} L_{x}^{2}$ |
| Q | $+\frac{R_{0}}{\omega L_{x}}\left(1+Q^{2}\right)$ | $-\frac{L_{0}}{L_{X}}\left(Q+\frac{1}{Q}\right)$ | $+\omega^{2} \mathrm{C}_{0} L_{x} \mathrm{Q}$ |

*Add or subtract from measured value as indicated.
pected with careful adjustment is plotted against $Q$ in Figure $4-4$. In the face of the fact that for low $Q$ values

$$
\frac{\mathrm{d}|\mathrm{Z}|}{|Z|}=Q^{2} \frac{\mathrm{dL}}{\mathrm{~L}}
$$

the eventual lack of accuracy is justified. For example, if $Q=0.03$, a $5 \%$ change in inductance is a change of only 45 parts per million in impedance.

As far as the user is concerned, the balancing procedure with Orthonull is essentially the same as without it. However, several suggestions for its use are given in paragraph 2.6.

### 4.9 D AND Q RANGES VS FREQUENCY.

The D and Q readings and ranges are functions of frequency. Also, in order to avoid errors in the $C$ and $L$ readings, the $D$ or $Q$ of the unknown is further limited. The resulting allowable $D$ and $Q$ ranges are given in terms of frequency and $D$ or $Q$ of the unknown at the measurement frequency in Figure 4-5.

The numbers on the various limits refer to the explanations below:

1. End of $D Q$ rheostat range.
2. First division on Low $D(0.001)$ and High $Q$ (1000) scales (no C or $L$ error).
3. Limited by D of standard capacitor (no C or Lerror).
4. $20-\mathrm{Hz}$ limit because of meter response.
5. 20 kHz , a nominal limit (range narrow above 20 kHz ).
6. C or $L$ error due to capacitance across standard $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{T}}$ and $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{T}}$.
7. C or L error due to inductance in DQ potentiometer and phase of CGRL potentiometer.
8. End of the low $D$ and high $Q$ scales. Use the low Q scale to extend the low D range, and the high $D$ scale to extend the high $Q$ range.
9. Limit of $1 \% \mathrm{C}$ and L accuracy, even with Orthonull (refer to paragraph 5.2.4).
10. C and L error may be $2 \%$ above this line owing to inductance in the DQ potentiometer.

Note that in the overlap area either the $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{s}}$ or the $C_{p}$ bridge may be used. Below 100 Hz is an area not covered by either bridge, requiring an external adjustment (refer to paragraph 4.11).

## 4. 10 CORRECTIONS FOR RESIDUALS.

At high frequencies, the errors resulting from the residual bridge impedances and from the connecting lead impedances become more important, often requiring corrections. The formulas for the correction terms are given in Table 4-1. These correction terms are first-order terms only.

### 4.11 OPERATION BELOW 1 kHz .

The wide overlap of ranges (Figure 4-5) permits $D$ and $Q$ coverage down to 100 Hz without external adjustment. Below 1 kHz , more of the low D and high $Q$ range can be used than is calibrated. In this region the low $Q$ scale can be used to indicate $D$ directly and the high $D$ scale used to indicate $Q$ directly with a maximum additional error of $2 \%$.

Below 100 Hz there is a D and Q range not covered by the internal DQ adjustment. An external rheostat or decade box may be used to extend the range of any of the $D$ or $Q$ scales. However, to avoid error, the low $D$ and high $Q$ ranges should not be extended beyond a value of 1 at frequency of measurement (Figure 4-5).

The low $D$ and low $Q$ scales are directly proportional to frequency. Therefore, the total $D$ or $Q$ value is the sum of the dial reading plus the $\omega R C$ product due to the external resistor. That is: low $\mathrm{D}=($ low D dial reading $+0.628 \mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{f}(\mathrm{k} \Omega, \mathrm{kHz})$ low $Q=($ low $Q$ dial reading $+0.628 \mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{f}(\mathrm{k} \Omega, \mathrm{kHz})$

The low $Q$ circuit has a fixed 32 -ohm resistor in series with the potentiometer, but that is included in the dial calibration.

The high $D$ and high $Q$ scales are inversely proportional to frequency, and the effects of the internal and external resistors are therefore not additive. The DQ rheostat should be set to a minimum (high $Q$ $=\infty$ or high $\mathrm{D}=50$ ), and the whole adjustment will be on the external resistance and will be:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { high } Q=\frac{1.592}{f R} \\
& \text { high } D=\frac{1.592}{f(R+0.032)}
\end{aligned}
$$

where $f$ is in $k H z$ and $R$ is in $k \Omega$.

## 4. 12 OPERATION ABOVE 20 kHz .

Although the specifications for the 1650 certify performance up to only 20 kHz for ac measurements, the bridge can be used with accuracy only somewhat reduced up to 100 kHz . At frequencies above 20 kHz , limits other than those shown in Figure $4-5$ restrict the accuracy attainable with the bridge. These limits can be stated as a percent error, which should be added to the basic one-percent accuracy given in the instrument specifications. The added error introduced above 20 kHz is always negative, and the net effect of the two errors will probably be negative. Table 4-2 shows $C_{p}-L_{s}$ accuracy at CGRL dial settings between 0.4 and 4 .

The average of the net accuracy limits is $\mathbf{- 0 . 5 \%}$ at $50 \mathrm{kHz},-1.25 \%$ at 100 kHz . If this amount is added to the measured value, the accuracy can be stated symmetrically as $\pm 1.5 \%$ at 50 kHz and $\pm 2.25 \%$ at 100 kHz .

TABLE 4-2
$\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{p}}$ - $\mathrm{L}_{s}$ ACCURACY BETWEEN 0.4 AND 4 ON THE CGRL DIAL.

| Frequency | Basic Bridge <br> Accuracy | Limits of Error <br> Added Above 20 kHz | Net Accuracy <br> Limits* |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 50 kHz | $\pm 1 \%$ | $+0,-1 \%$ | $+1 \%,-2 \%$ |
| 100 kHz | $\pm 1 \%$ | $+0,-2.5 \%$ | $+1 \%,-3.5 \%$ |

* below line 10 in Figure 4-5

Points to remember in measurements above 20 kHz are:

1. The $C_{p}-L_{s}$ bridges are more accurate than the $C_{s}-L_{p}$ bridges.
2. Accuracy is greater with the CGRL dial at a low setting, say between 0.4 and 4 .
3. While the basic $1 \%$ bridge accuracy may be plus or minus, the error introduced above 20 kHz is always minus. For greater accuracy between 50 and 100 kHz , add $1 \%$ to the indicated value.
4. When measuring D or Q above 20 kHz , always use the $C_{p}-L_{s}$ bridges.

The above information is given merely as a guide for those wondering what accuracy they might reasonably expect at frequencies from 20 to 100 kHz .

## NOTE

Bridges are not tested at these frequencies, and thus operation above 20 kHz is not included in the specifications.

## Section 5-Principles of Operation

### 5.1 GENERAL.

### 5.1.1 NULL METHODS.

Null methods have long been recognized as the most precise and convenient way to measure all types of impedance - resistive and reactive, inductive and capacitive, from low frequencies to uhf. Most null-type instruments are evolved from the century-old Wheatstone bridge, still the fundamental circuit for measuring dc resistance. Other null circuits, such as the admittance meter and transfer-function bridge, have been developed by General Radio to meet the diverse requirements of modern measurement. In all, General Radio produces bridges covering virtually the entire field of impedance measurement. Some of these bridges include built-in generator and detector and are thus complete, self-contained measurement systems. Others are available in combination with various GR oscillators and detectors, as complete assemblies.

### 5.1.2 DC BRIDGES.

The Wheatstone bridge measures an unknown resistance, $R_{x}$, in terms of calibrated standards of resistance connected as shown in Figure 5-1. The relation is:

$$
\begin{equation*}
R_{x}=\frac{R_{3} R_{2}}{R_{1}} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

which is satisfied when the voltage across the detector terminals is zero.

### 5.1.3 AC BRIDGES.

The Wheatstone bridge circuit is easily adapted to ac measurement. With complex impedances, two balance conditions must be satisfied, one for the resistive component and one for the reactive component. At balance:

$$
\text { or } \quad \begin{align*}
Z_{x} & =R_{x}+j X_{x}=Z_{3} Y_{1} Z_{2}  \tag{2}\\
Y_{x} & =G_{x}+j B_{x}=Y_{3} Z_{1} Y_{2}
\end{align*}
$$

Equation (2) expresses the unknown in terms of impedance components; equation (3) expresses the admittance. To satisfy these equations, at least one of the three arms 1,2 , or 3 must be complex.

The reactance $\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{x}}$ can be measured in terms of a similar reactance in an adjacent arm (Figure 5-2) or an unlike reactance in the opposite arm (Figure 5-3).

The complex arm required to satisfy the balance conditions of equation (2) or (3) is a combination of a


Figure 5-1. The general Wheatstone bridge circuit.


Figures 5-2 and 5-3. Circuits for capacio tance bridges in which like reactances (left) or unlike reactances (right) are compared.
reactance, in series or in parallel. With a series combination in an arm adjacent to the unknown or a parallel combination in the arm opposite the unknown, the bridge measures the equivalent series components of the unknown. Conversely, an adjacent parallel or an opposite series combination will yield a measurement of equivalent parallel components. (Every impedance can be expressed in terms of either series or parallel equivalents, as discussed below.)

If both components of this complex arm are adjustable, the balances for the real and imaginary parts of the unknown will be independent of each other and orthogonal. If only one component of the combination is adjustable, this component will be proportional to either the D or the Q of the unknown impedance. If the adjustable component is the more prominent of the two, as it is when very low-Q inductors are measured, the balance convergence is slow, if not impossible. The general-purpose Type 1650 Impedance Bridge uses a mechanical ganging of the bridge controls (called Orthonull) to facilitate convergence.

### 5.1.4 D AND Q.

An important characteristic of an inductor or a capacitor, and often of a resistor, is the ratio of resistance to reactance or of conductance to susceptance. The ratio is called dissipation factor, D, and its reciprocal is storage factor, Q . These terms are defined in Figure 5-4 in terms of phase angle $\theta$ and loss angle $\delta$. Dissipation factor is directly porportional to energy dissipated, and storage factor to energy stored, per cycle. Power factor ( $\cos \theta$ or $\sin \delta$ ) differs from dissipation factor by less than $1 \%$ when their magnitudes are less than 0.1.


$$
\begin{aligned}
& D=\cot \theta=\frac{R}{X}=\frac{G}{B}=\frac{1}{Q}=\tan . \delta \\
& \text { Power Foctor }= \\
& \cos \theta=\frac{R}{Z} \\
& Q=\tan \theta=\frac{X}{R}=\frac{B}{\theta}=\frac{1}{D}=\cot . \delta
\end{aligned}
$$

Figure 5-4. Vector diagram showing the relations between factors $D$ and $Q$, and angles $\theta$ and $\delta$.

In Figure $5-4, \mathrm{R}$ and X are series resistance and reactance, and $G$ and $B$ are parallel conductance and susceptance, of the impedance or admittance involved.

Dissipation factor, D, which varies directly with power loss, is commonly used for capacitors. Storage factor, Q , is more often used for inductors because it is a measure of the voltage step-up in a tuned circuit. Q is also used for resistors, in which case it is usually very small.
Series and Parallel Components
The 1650 gives the user the option of measuring the unknown in terms of either its series or parallel
equivalents. The choice is a matter of convenience for the problem at hand. Since the distinction between series and parallel equivalents is sometimes overlooked in texts, we will briefly summarize the relationships here.

Regardless of physical configuration, every impedance can be expressed, for any given frequency, as either a series or a parallel combination of resistance and reactance, as shown in Figure 5-5. The relations between the elements of Figure 5-5 are:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& R_{p}=\frac{1}{G_{p}}=\frac{R_{s}^{2}+X_{s}^{2}}{R_{s}}=R_{s}\left(1+Q^{2}\right) \\
& X_{p}=\frac{1}{B_{p}}=\frac{R_{s}^{2}+X_{s}^{2}}{X_{s}}=X_{s}\left(1+D^{2}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

In terms of series and parallel capacitive and inductive reactances, these relations become:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& C_{p}=C_{s}\left(\frac{1}{1+D^{2}}\right) \\
& C_{s}=C_{p}\left(1+D^{2}\right) \\
& L_{p}=L_{s}\left(1+\frac{1}{Q^{2}}\right) \\
& L_{s}=L_{p}\left(\frac{Q^{2}}{1+Q^{2}}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Where:
$\mathrm{Q}=\frac{\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{s}}}{\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{s}}}=\frac{\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{p}}}{\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{p}}}=\frac{\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{p}}}{\mathrm{G}_{\mathrm{p}}}=\frac{\omega \mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{s}}}{\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{s}}}=\frac{\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{p}}}{\omega \mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{p}}}=\frac{1}{D}$
and
$D=\frac{1}{Q}=\frac{R_{s}}{X_{s}}=\frac{X_{p}}{R_{p}}=\frac{G_{p}}{B_{p}}=\omega R_{s} C_{s}=\frac{1}{\omega R_{p} C_{p}}$
If Q is 10 or more (or if D is 0.1 or less), the difference between series and parallel reactance is no more than $1 \%$. For very low Q's or high D's, however, the difference is substantial: when $\mathrm{Q}=1, \mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{p}}$ is twice $\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{s}}$. If there were no losses in the reactive elements (i.e., $\mathrm{D}=0$ ), $\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{s}}$ and $\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{p}}$ would be equal.


## Substitution Methods

In many ac bridges, the unknown is connected in series or in parallel with the main adjustable component, and balances are made before and after the unknown is connected. The magnitude of the unknown then equals the change made in the adjustable component, since the total impedance of the unknown arm remains constant. The chief advantage of this substitution technique is that its accuracy depends only on the calibration of the adjustable arm and not on the other bridge arms (as long as they are constant). The substitution principle can also be used to advantage with any bridge if the balances are made with an external, calibrated, adjustable component.

### 5.1.5 BRIDGES WITH ACTIVE ELEMENTS.

If a potentiometer-amplifier combination is connected as a bridge element, fixed capacitance and conductance standards can be used, with current adjusted by variation of voltage rather than of impedance magnitude. The principle is used in the GR Type 1633 Incremental-Inductance Bridge, which can accurately measure nonlinear elements.

### 5.1.6 THE TRANSFORMER RATIO-ARM BRIDGE.

Transformer ratio arms, introduced almost a century ago, have recently come into considerable favor because of certain outstanding advantages. Ratio accuracies of a few parts per million are possible, even for transformer ratios of up to 1000 to 1 , and the ratio is virtually unaffected by age, temperature, and voltage.

Figure 5-6 shows a transformer bridge in elementary form. The balance condition for capacitance is

$$
\frac{C_{X}}{C_{N}}=\frac{N_{N}}{N_{X}}
$$

Figure 5-6. A capacitance bridge with transformer ratio


Figure 5-6 also explains the exceptional ability of the transformer bridge to make three-terminal measurements without the use of a guard circuit or auxiliary balance. Capacitances from the $H$ terminals appear across the low-impedance transformer winding, while those from the L terminals are across the detector, where they do no enter the balance expression. These capacitances are thus excluded from the measurement of direct capacitance, $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{x}}$, between H and L terminals. Because this type of bridge can tolerate relatively large capacitances from both sides of the unknown to the guard point, long cables with guard shields can be used for remote measurement, and circuit capacitances can often be measured in situ.

Conventional bridges can also be adapted for three-terminal measurements (although they generally cannot tolerate as low an impedance to guard). On the GR Types 1650 and 1608 Impedance Bridges, any stray capacitance is in parallel with a standard capacitor of at least $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ and usually has negligible effect. A Wagner-type guard circuit (GR Type 716-P4) is available for use with the GR Type 716 Capacitance Bridge. On the Type 1605 Impedance Comparator an electronic amplifier provides a guard point.

### 5.1.7 LIMIT BRIDGES AND COMPARATORS.

In limit bridges, the unbalance voltage of the bridge actuates a meter, which indicates the degree of deviation of one impedance from another. The GR Type 1652 Resistance Limit Bridge, which includes an adjustable standard resistor, can limit-test resistors over a wide range. The Type 1605 Impedance Comparator indicates the magnitude and phase differences between the unknown and an external standard. On this instrument, the availability of several sensitive ranges enables the user to measure small differences very accurately. For instance, the nominal $\pm 3 \%$ accuracy of the comparator is translated into an actual measurement accuracy of $\pm 0.009 \%$ on the $\pm 0.3 \%$ fullscale range if suitable standards are used.

### 5.1.8 THE AUTOMATIC BRIDGE.

The ultimate in convenience is a bridge that balances itself. The GR Type 1680 Automatic Capacitance Bridge fully automates the balance procedure - selecting range, balancing, and indicating both capacitance and loss in digital in-line form.

The implications of such automatic measurement are far-reaching. The conversion of bridge-measured data into digital and binary-coded form (the Type 1680 has a binary-coded decimal output) gives the bridge access to the whole modern arsenal of data-processing equipment - printers, tape-punchers, sorters, etc. Speed is one obvious byproduct of automatic equip-
ment: GR's automatic bridge takes about one-half second to achieve balance.

### 5.1.9 COAXIAL-LINE INSTRUMENTS.

## The Slotted Line

The upper-frequency limit of conventional bridge circuits using lumped-parameter elements depends on the magnitude of the residual impedances of the elements and leads. The corrections for these usually become unmanageable at frequencies above a few hundred megahertz, and circuits based on coaxialline techniques are more satisfactory.

One of the basic methods of measuring the impedance of a coaxial device is the measurement of the standing-wave ratio it introduces in a uniform line. The measurement is best made by a slotted line, an instrument consisting of a length of coaxial air line with a longitudinal slot in its outer conductor and an electrostatic probe, which enters the line through the slot. The probe is moved along the length of the line, sampling the field inside. Thus are the magnitudes and positions of voltage maxima and minima determined and, from this information, the impedance of an unknown connected to the line. In this instrument the impedance standard is the line itself, and its accuracy depends primarily on its physical dimensions.

General Radio offers two slotted lines: the Type $874-$ LBB, for general impedance measurements, and the highly accurate Type $900-\mathrm{LB}$, the most advanced slotted line available commercially.

## The Admittance Meter

The GR Type 1602 UHF Admittance Meter uses adjustable loops to sample the currents flowing in three coaxiallines fed from common source and terminated, respectively, in the unknown, a standard conductance, and a standard susceptance. The loops are adjusted so that the combined output from them is zero (a null balance). Scales associated with the three loops give the value of the unknown directly, in terms of admittance.

## The Transfer-Function and Immittance Bridge

The GR Type 1607 Transfer-Function and Immittance Bridge is similar to the Admittance Meter described above but also permits four-terminal measurements, such as those of forward and reverse transconductance and transsusceptance, transimpedance, and input-output voltage and current ratios. This bridge is widely used to evaluate the transfer characteristics of transistors and tubes in the vhf and uhf ranges.

### 5.1.10 GENERATORS AND DETECTORS.

Several GR bridges include both generator and detector. Some others - the Types 1615, 716-C, and

716-CS1 Capacitance Bridges and the Types 1632 and 1633 Inductance Bridges - are available as complete measuring assemblies, with generator, detector, interconnecting cables, relay rack, and other accessories. Unless one obtains such a complete system, he must carefully choose generator and detector to ensure satisfactory measurement results. (Even with a complete system, the user may at times wish to connect a different generator or detector to the bridge, and almost all GR bridges include panel connectors for such use.)

The chief generator requirements are good frequency stability, adequate power output, and low harmonic content. A wide choice of GR oscillators is available, covering the frequency range from audio to microwave.

Desirable detector characteristics are;

1. High sensitivity, preferably the ability to detect a few microvolts.
2. High selectivity, to reject harmonics, noise, and other interfering signals. This is particularly important in measurements on iron-core coils and other nonlinear elements.
3. Logarithmic or nearly logarithmic response, to minimize gain adjustment during the balancing procedure.
4. Good shielding, to prevent errors from extraneous pickup.

At audio frequencies, GR's Type 1232 Tuned Amplifier and Null Detector is recommended for its high sensitivity and for its general versatility in the lab. The Type 1212 Unit Null Detector is useful up to several megahertz. Crystal mixers are available for both the detectors, extending their frequency ranges to about 60 MHz . At these and higher frequencies, the heterodyne type of detector is preferred, because of its wide frequency range and excellent shielding. The GR Type 1241 Detectors operate from 70 kHz to 2000 MHz .

One of the most popular generator-detector combinations, the Type 1311 Audio Oscillator ( 50 Hz to 10 kHz ) with the Type 1232 Tuned Amplifier and Null Detector, is available in a single assembly as the Type 1240 Generator-Detector Assembly.

### 5.1.11 CONNECTIONS - SHIELDING.

Adequate ground connection and shielded generator and detector leads are always important, but they are particularly so at high frequencies. At audio and low radio frequencies, electrostatic shielding of leads is usually enough; above a few megahertz, coaxial leads, securely grounded to the detector, generator, and bridge shields, are necessary. GR's patch cords and cables (Table 1-1) are recommended for bridge connections.

### 5.21650 BRIDGE.

This section discusses some details of the construction and frequency compensation of the 1650 Bridge.

The variable bridge components are General Radio precision wire-wound rheostats. The CGRL rheostat uses a mechanical justifying mechanism for high accuracy, and the DQ rheostat has a $54-\mathrm{dB}$ logarithmic range. The standard capacitor is a General Radio Precision Polystyrene Capacitor and the resistors are $0.1 \%$, low temperature coefficient, metal-film resistors except for the 1 -ohm ratio arm that uses a $1 / 4 \%$ precision General Radio wire-wound card.

### 5.2.1 BRIDGE SWITCHING.

The CGRL MULTIPLIER switch (S101) selects the bridge range by switching in various ratio-arm resistors. Clockwise rotation of this two-rotor switch increases the multiplier value for the $G, R, L$, and $C$ bridges. Both ends of the range resistor are switched out so that the unused resistors can be grounded to reduce capacitance across this arm. Double, solidsilver contacts ensure low switch resistance and long switch life.

The CGRL PARAMETER switch (S102) selects the bridge circuits. The actions of this switch are such that it (1) selects the correct rotors of S101 and grounds one of the unused rotors, (2) selects the correct standard arm, and (3) reverses the bottom two arms of the bridge to form the $L$ and $R$ or $C$ and $G$ bridges.

The function switch sets up the correct internal source and detector circuits for the desired operation. When this switch is in either of the two external positions, the EXT GEN terminals, used for externally applied ac or dc, are connected in as the bridge source.

### 5.2.2 COMPENSATION TECHNIQUES.

To achieve the required $D-Q$ accuracy over such wide ranges, several compensating schemes are used. The components used for this purpose are listed below, with brief description of their functions. Component designations refer to the schematic wiring diagrams (Figures 6-6 and 6-9).

C2: This capacitor corrects for the phase shift caused by stray capacitance across the CGRL rheostat $\left(\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{N}}\right)$. This capacitor forms a three-terminal T-network with the two parts of the rheostat to produce an effective inductance to balance out the stray capacitance.

C3: This capacitor compensates for the inductance of the $1-\Omega$ ratio arm (R5).

C4: This capacitor compensates for the inductance of the $10-\Omega$ ratio arm (R6).

C 7 and C8: These capacitors correct the phase angle of the $D Q$ potentiometer $\left(\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{T}}\right)$ to compensate for
the inductance of the winding. Without compensation, this inductance would cause an error in $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{s}}$ and $\mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{p}}$ at high frequencies, and in $C_{p}$ and $L_{s}$ when the unknown has a very low $Q$ or high D.

C9: A sixth compensating capacitor consisting of two turns of grounded wire about the $1-\mathrm{M} \Omega$ resistor R13 compensates for the stray capacitance across R13.

### 5.2.3 BRIDGE SOURCES AND DETECTORS.

The dc bridge supply is taken from the four internal D cells, which supply about 6 V limited by a $100-\Omega$ resistor to a maximum of 60 mA . The dc indicator on the panel has a sensitivity of $2 \mu \mathrm{~A} / \mathrm{mm}$ near zero, a resistance of $75-\Omega$, and a shaped characteristic.

The ac source is a $1-\mathrm{kHz}$ transistor RC Wienbridge oscillator. The output voltage is about 1 V at the secondary of the 4-to-1 step-down transformer. The OSC LEVEL control adjusts output voltage by adjusting the voltage across the transformer primary.

The ac detector is a four-transistor, variable-gain amplifier, which uses a twin-T RC filter to obtain selectivity when on the AC INTERNAL 1 kHz position. This amplifier drives the panel meter to provide a visual ac null indication, and the output from the amplifier is supplied to the side panel DET phone jack.

The ac oscillator and detector combined draw approximately 10 mA from the internal $6-\mathrm{V}$ battery.

### 5.2.4 ORTHONULL.

Orthonull is a mechanical device that improves the bridge balance convergence when low $Q$ inductors or high D capacitors are measured. Ordinarily, balances with such components are tedious and often impossible due to the "sliding null" resulting from the interdependence of the two adjustments. Rapid balances are possible with Orthonull, which does not affect electrical balance but which does help avoid false nulls, improving bridge accuracy for low Q measurements.

The bridge output voltage for the $\mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{s}}$ (Maxwell) bridge can be expressed, as in the equation of Figure 5-7.

$$
\frac{E_{0}}{E_{I N}}=\frac{R_{x}+j \omega L_{x}-\left(\frac{R_{N} R_{A}}{R_{T}}+j \omega R_{N} R_{A} C_{P}\right)}{\text { DENOMINATOR }}
$$



Figure 5-7. Loci of $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{N}}$ and $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{T}}$ adjustments on Z plane.


IDEALIZED BALANCING LOCI $Q=1 / 2$
Figure 5-8. Loci of "sliding null" balance.

We will assume that the denominator is more or less constant in the region of the null. The numerator is the difference between the unknown impedance $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{x}}+$ $j \omega L_{x}$ and what can be called the "bridge impedance." The bridge output is proportional to this difference, which is the distance between them on the complex plane. To balance the bridge, the bridge impedance is varied by adjustment of $R_{N}$ (the CGRL dial) and $R_{T}$ (the DQ dial) until it equals the unknown impedance. An adjustment of $R_{T}$ varies only the real part of the bridge impedance, whereas an adjustment of $R_{N}$ varies both parts, and is therefore a multiplier of the bridge impedance. Thus, adjustment of $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{T}}$ moves the bridge impedance horizontally on the complex plane, while
adjustment of $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{N}}$ moves it radially (Figure 5-7). Each control is adjusted for a minimum voltage.

When $X \gg R$ (i.e., $Q$ is high) these two adjustments are almost orthogonal, and rapid convergence is possible. When $Q$ is low, however, the adjustment becomes more parallel and convergence is slow, causing a "sliding null", as shown in Figure 5-8, where $\mathrm{Q}=1 / 2$. With smaller Q 's, convergence is even slower.

The Orthonull device makes the two adjustments orthogonal by nonreciprocally ganging $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{N}}$ and $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{T}}$. From the equation it is apparent that if $R_{N} / R_{T}$ remained constant as $R_{N}$ was varied, only the imaginary part of the bridge impedance would change. But when $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{T}}$ is adjusted, $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{N}}$ must not move to vary only the real part. The solution is a simple mechanism to permit nonreciprocal action. Both the inherent difference in friction of the two rheostats and the pulley ratio favor torque transmission in the desired direction.

The ratio $R_{N} / R_{T}$ must be constant for variation in $R_{N}$ for any initial settings of $R_{N}$ and $R_{T}$, since $R_{T}$ may be moved independently of $R_{N}$. This requires rheostats with exponential characteristics (and logarithmic dials). The DQ rheostat is a $54-\mathrm{dB}$ exponential potentiometer with the correct initial resistance (R3) added when the $L_{s}$ and $C_{p}$ bridges are used. The CGRL rheostat is exponential in the dial range from 1 to 11 , and linear below 1. Thus, for correct Orthonull action, the CGRL dial must be in the range above 1 .

The Orthonull mechanism is shown in Figure 6-2. The clutch action is between the wire and the free pulley driven by the wire belt. The clutch is disengaged by the switch on the panel so that normal operation is possible for high-Q (low-D) components.

## Section 6-Service and Maintenance

### 6.1 WARRANTY.

We warrant that each new instrument manufactured and sold by us is free from defects in material and workmanship and that, properly used, it will perform in full accordance with applicable specifications for a period of two years after original shipment. Any instrument or component that is found within the two-year period not to meet these standards after examination by our factory, District Office, or authorized repair agency personnel will be repaired or, at our option, replaced without charge, except for tubes or batteries that have given normal service.

### 6.2 SERVICE.

The two-year warranty stated above attests the quality of materials and workmanship in our products. When difficulties do occur, our service engineers will assist in any way possible. If the difficulties cannot be eliminated by use of the following service instructions, please write or phone our Service Department (see rear cover), giving full information of the trouble and of steps taken to remedy it. Be sure to mention the type and serial numbers of the instrument.

Before returning an instrument to General Radio for service, please write to our Service Department or nearest District Office, requesting a Returned Material Tag. Use of this tag will ensure proper handling and identification. For instruments not covered by the warranty, a purchase order should be forwarded to avoid unnecessary delay.

### 6.3 MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.

The eighteen checks listed in Table 6-1 are given so that it can be determined that the instrument is in proper working condition (1) on receipt of a new bridge, (2) after a period of non-use, or (3) after repairs have been made to the bridge. If any specifications (READ column) are not met, refer to paragraph 6.4. Table 6-2 lists the recommended test equipment for these checks plus the equipment needed for the calibration procedures given later. Figure 6-1 shows the equipment connected in a block diagram form.


Figure 6-1. Test setup for service and maintenance of $1650-\mathrm{B}$.

TABLE 6-1
ACCURACY AND OPERATIONAL CHECKS

| EXTERNAL STANDARD |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CGRL } \\ & \text { SEL } \end{aligned}$ | Function Switch | CGRL <br> MULT | Read | Bridge Components in Circuit |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GR Cat. No. | Value |  |  |  |  | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{A}}$ | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{B}}$ or $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{T}}, \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{T}}$ | RN |
| 1440-9601 | $1 \Omega$ | R | INT 1 kHz | $100 \mathrm{~m} \Omega$ | $R=10, \pm 1 \mathrm{div}$ | R5, C3 | R4 | CGRL |
| 1440-9601 | $1 \Omega$ | R | INT 1 kHz | $1 \Omega$ | $\mathrm{R}=1, \pm 1 / 2 \mathrm{div}$ | R6, C4 | R4 | CGRL |
| 1440-9111 | $10 \Omega$ | R | INT 1 kHz | $10 \Omega$ | $\mathrm{R}=1, \pm 1 / 2 \mathrm{div}$ | R7 | R4 | CGRL |
| 1440-9621 | $100 \Omega$ | R | INT 1 kHz | $100 \Omega$ | $R=1, \pm 1 / 2 \mathrm{div}$ | R8 | R4 | CGRL |
| 1440-9631 | $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R | INT 6 V | $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | $R=1, \pm 1 / 2 \mathrm{div}$ | R10 | R4 | CGRL |
| 1440-9641 | $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R | INT 6 V | $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | $R=1, \pm 1 / 2 \mathrm{div}$ | R11 | R4 | CGRL |
| 1440-9651 | $100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | R | *EXT 200 V | $100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | $R=1, \pm 1 / 2 \mathrm{div}$ | R13, C9 | R4 | CGRL |
| 1440-9631 | $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | G | INT 1 kHz | 1 m U | $\mathrm{G}=1, \pm 1 / 2 \mathrm{div}$ | R7 | R4 | CGRL |
| $1440-9661$ in pa | $\left.\begin{array}{l} 1 \mathrm{M} \Omega \\ \text { allel with } \end{array}\right\}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{S}}$ | INT 1 kHz | 100 pF | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}C=10.3, \pm 1 / 2 \mathrm{div} \\ D=\text { note reading }\end{array}\right.$ | R13, C9 | DQ, C1 | CGRL |
| 1409-9706 | . $001 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ ) |  |  |  | ( about 0.159) |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1440-9661 \\ & \text { in par } \end{aligned}$ | $\left.\begin{array}{r} 1 \mathrm{M} \Omega \\ \text { allel with } \end{array}\right\}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{\text {S }}$ | INT 1 kHz | 1 nF | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}C=1.03, \pm 1 / 2 \mathrm{div} \\ D=\text { must be within }\end{array}\right.$ |  |  |  |
| 1409-9706 | . $001 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ ) | $\mathrm{C}_{\text {S }}$ |  |  | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}1 / 3 \text { div of } \\ \text { reading above }\end{array}\right.$ | R11 | DQ, C. 1 | CGRL |
| 1409-9706 | . $001 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{S}}$ | **EXT 1 kHz | 100 pF | $C=10, \pm 1$ div | R13, C9 | DQ, C1 | CGRL |
| 1409-9706 | . $001 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{5}$ | **EXT 1 kHz | 1 nF | $C=1, \pm 1 / 2 \mathrm{div}$ | R11 | DQ, C1 | CGRL |
| 1409-9712 | . $01 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{5}$ | **EXT 1 kHz | 10 nF | $C=1, \pm 1 / 2 \mathrm{div}$ | R10 | DQ, C1 | CGRL |
| 1409-9720 | . $1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{5}$ | **EXT 1 kHz | 100 nF | $C=1, \pm 1 / 2 \mathrm{div}$ | R9 | DQ, C1 | CGRL |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1409-9720 \\ & \text { in ser } \end{aligned}$ | $\left.\begin{array}{c} .1 \mu \mathrm{~F} \\ \text { es with } \end{array}\right\}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{\text {S }}$ | **EXT 4 kHz | 100 nF |  | R9 | DQ, C1 | CGRL |
| 1440-9621 | $100 \Omega \quad\}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{\text {S }}$ | EXT 4 kHz | 100 F |  | R | - | CGRL |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1409-9720 \\ & \text { in pa } \\ & 1440-9621 \end{aligned}$ | $\left.\begin{array}{l} .1 \mu \mathrm{~F} \\ \text { allel with } \\ 100 \Omega \end{array}\right\}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{p}}$ | **EXT 4 kHz | 100 nF | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} C=1, \pm 1 \mathrm{div} \\ D=3.98, \pm 3 / 4 \mathrm{div} \end{array}\right.$ | R9 | R3, DQ, C1 | CGRL |
| 1482-9712 | 100 mH |  | INT 1 kHz | 100 mH | $L=1, \pm 1 / 2 \mathrm{div}$ | R8 | R3, DQ, C1 | CGRL |
| 1482-9712 | 100 mH | $L_{p}$ | INT 1 kHz | 100 mH | $L=1, \pm 1 / 2 \mathrm{div}$ | R8 | $\mathrm{DQ}, \mathrm{C} 1$ | CGRL |

* From external power supply.
** From external signal source.


## TABLE 6-2

## RECOMMENDED TEST EQUIPMENT*



[^1]TABLE 6-3

| TROUBLE-ANALYSIS GUIDE |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CIRCUIT | DETAILED SERVICE INFORMATION (Paragraph) | FUNCTION SWITCH SETTING |  |  |  |
|  |  | AC EXTERNAL | AC INTERNAL 1 kHz | $\begin{gathered} \text { DC INTERNAL } \\ 6 \mathrm{~V} \end{gathered}$ | DC EXTERNAL |
| Oscillator | 6.6.6. | out (use external signal source) | in | out | out (use external power supply) |
| Detector | 6.6.7 | in | in | out | out (use external power supply) |
| Batteries | 6.5.1 | in | in | in | out (use external power supply) |
| Meter | 6.4.3 | in (external ind used) | in ator may be | in | in |
| Bridge | 6.4.5, 6.6.4 (DQ dial), 6.6.5 (CGRL dial), 6.6.8 | in | in | in | in |

Note that an equivalent, external circuit can be substituted for all of the major circuits, except the bridge circuit.

### 6.4 TROUBLE ANALYSIS.

### 6.4.1 PRELIMINARY CHECKS.

If satisfactory measurements are difficult or impossible to obtain, make the following external checks first:

1. Is the unknown component connected correctly?
2. Is the unknown what it is thought to be? Large inductors can look like capacitors at 1 kHz .
3. Are all the panel switches set properly?
4. Are the BIAS and EXT DQ jack switches closed? Insert a plug and short the plug to check.
5. Is the D so high ( Q so low) that Orthonull should be used?
6. Is OSC LEVEL control on?
7. Is DET SENS control on?
8. Are the batteries correctly in place?

### 6.4.2 TROUBLE-ANALYSIS GUIDE.

The Type 1650 Impedance Bridge incorporates five major circuits, one or more of which can be
switched out by means of the function switch as detailed in Table 6-3.

### 6.4.3 NO METER INDICATION.

No meter indication, or a low meter indication, may be due to weak or dead batteries, low oscillator output, poor detector sensitivity, or a faulty meter. If the trouble persists in the DC INTERNAL 6 V position of the function switch (where the oscillator and detector are switched out), the fault is in either the batteries or the meter circuit.

The batteries can be checked either by replacement or by substitution of an external dc power supply. In the latter case, set the bridge function switch to DC EXTERNAL. If the trouble persists, the meter is faulty.

The meter can be checked by connection of an external indicator (earphones, ac meter, oscilloscope, etc) to the DET jack.

TABLE 6-4

| MEASUREMENTS FOR CALIBRATION CHECK |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MEASUREMENT | STANDARD | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GENERAL } \\ & \text { RADIO } \\ & \text { CAT. NO. } \end{aligned}$ | BRIDGE CIRCUIT | RANGE MULTIPLIER SETTING | FAULTY COMPONENT |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { A } \\ & \text { B } \\ & \text { C } \\ & \text { D } \\ & \text { E } \\ & \mathrm{F} \\ & \mathrm{G} \\ & \mathrm{H} \\ & \mathrm{I} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1 \Omega \\ 1 \Omega \\ 100 \Omega \\ 100 \Omega \\ 10 \mathrm{k} \Omega \\ 10 \mathrm{k} \Omega \\ 1 \mathrm{M} \Omega \\ 0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F} \\ 0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1440-9601 \\ & 1440-9601 \\ & 1440-9621 \\ & 1440-9621 \\ & 1440-9641 \\ & 1440-9641 \\ & 1440-9661 \\ & 1409-9720 \\ & 1409-9720 \end{aligned}$ | RAC <br> RAC <br> RAC <br> RAC <br> RAC <br> RAC <br> RAC <br> CS <br> $\mathrm{C}_{S}$ | $\begin{gathered} 100 \mathrm{~m} \Omega \\ 1 \Omega \\ 10 \Omega \\ 100 \Omega \\ 1 \mathrm{k} \Omega \\ 10 \mathrm{k} \Omega \\ 100 \mathrm{k} \Omega \\ 100 \mathrm{nF} \\ 1 \mu \mathrm{~F} \end{gathered}$ | R5 R6 R7 R8 R10 R11 R13 (both C1 and R9) R9 |

### 6.4.4 NOISY OR ERRATIC BALANCES.

Noisy or erratic balances may be due to surface contamination of the wire-wound CGRL and DQ control rheostats. Contamination can form if the 1650 Impedance Bridge is idle for an extended period and can be remedied by rotation of the controls several times.

### 6.4.5 MEASUREMENT ERRORS.

Measurement errors are due to faulty bridgecircuit components, which can be located with the series of measurements listed in Table 6-4. Four standard resistors and one standard capacitor are needed for these measurements.

1. When any one measurement is in error, the faulty component is listed in Table 6-4.
2. When all resistance measurements are in error, R4 is out of tolerance.
3. When both capacitance measurements are in error, Cl is out of tolerance.
4. When all measurements are in error, the CGRL rheostat is in error.
5. When all measurements at either 1 or 10 on the CGRL dial are in error, the CGRL rheostat is in error at either 1 or 10 .
6. When all measurements are within tolerance, all the fixed components of the bridge are within tolerance, and the CGRL rheostat is correct at the 1 and 10 settings; the CGRL rheostat still may be incorrect between 1 and 10 .

### 6.5 REPAIR NOTES.

### 6.5.1 BATTERY REPLACEMENT.

The $1650-\mathrm{B}$ Impedance Bridge is powered by four D cells, which will last for over 500 hours' operation with normal use. The instrument can operate with somewhat reduced battery voltage, but the detector sensitivity will decrease, and the oscillator level will decrease and have increased distortion.

For a quick check of the battery, use the BAT CHECK position of the GENERATOR switch. If the meter reads low, replace the batteries.

To replace the battery cells:
a. Unscrew the two No. 10-32 screws from each side of the case (Figure 1-4).
b. Remove the instrument from the case.
c. Remove the old battery cells from the black fiber tube (refer to instructions on tube).
d. Observe the polarity markings on the fiber tube and insert the new battery cells.
e. Replace the tube between the contacts.
f. Reinstall the instrument in the case.
g. Tighten the four No. 10-32 screws.

### 6.5.2 ETCHED CIRCUIT REMOVAL.

For access to the etched circuit shown in Figure $6-2$, remove the two screws holding the top of the board in place and loosen the two screws at the bottom of the board one turn. Tilt the board out as in Figure 6-2.


Figure 6-2. Interior view of 1650-B Bridge.

### 6.6 CALIBRATION PROCEDURE.

### 6.6.1 GENERAL.

The few internal adjustments are factory set and normally do not require readjustment. Procedures for readjustment are included here, but should be used only when the operator is reasonably certain that readjustment is necessary.

### 6.6.2 EQUIPMENT REQUIRED.

The equipment necessary to perform the following calibration procedures is listed in Table 6-2.

### 6.6.3 ORTHONULL OPERATION.

With the switch in the OUT position, the CGRL and DQ dials must operate independently of each other.

With the lever in the ORTHONULL position, the CGRL dial must move the DQ dial but the $D Q$ dial must not move the CGRL dial; if performance is different and DQ dial moves the CGRL dial or the CGRL dial doesn't move the DQ dial, the ORTHONULL wire tension is incorrect. Adjust tension by repositioning the metal bracket under the ORTHONULL switch (Figure 6-2).

### 6.6.4 DQ DIAL.

Set the function switch to POWER OFF, the CGRL PARAMETER switch to $C_{p}$, and the $D Q$ dial fully counterclockwise ( 50 on HIGH D scale). Connect a dc resistance bridge between ground and either one of the BIAS terminals at jack J4. This setup allows the bridge to measure only the resistance of the $D Q$ rheostat in series with R3. With the DQ dial fully counterclockwise, its resistance is zero and the bridge measures only the resistance of R3, which should be $31.90 \Omega \pm 0.96 \Omega$, after allowance for bridge lead resistance. If the indication is abnormal and:

1. Resistance is too high - R3 is open or its value is too high.
2. Resistance is too low - R3 value is too low or C1 is leaky.

Set the DQ dial to 20 on HIGH D scale. The resistance should be $79.70 \Omega$. If necessary, reposition the $D Q$ dial on its shaft until the resistance is $79.70 \Omega$ at a setting of 20 . Then check the DQ dial calibration as given in Table 6-5. To reposition the dial, remove the knob and loosen the two set screws on the bushing. Turn the dial to the new position and reinstall the parts.

### 6.6.5 CGRL DIAL CHECK.

Keep the function switch set to POWER OFF, but change the CGRL PARAMETER switch to $L_{p}$. This connects the CGRL PARAMETER rheostat between ground and the BIAS terminals. The resistance measured should equal the setting of the CGRL dial in kilohms, as in Table 6-6.

TABLE 6-5

| DO DIAL CALIBRATION |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline \text { DQ DIAL } \\ \text { (HIGH D) } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { RESISTANCE } \\ & \text { (OHMS) } \end{aligned}$ | TOLERANCE ( $\pm 3 \%$ ) (OHMS) |
| 50 | 31.90 | 30.94 to 32.86 |
| 20 | 79.70 | slip DQ dial for exact reading |
| 10 | 159.20 | 154.40 to 163.98 |
| 5 | 319.00 | 309.43 to 328.57 |
| 2 | 797.00 | 773.09 to 820.91 |
| 1 | 1592.00 | 1544.24 to 1639.76 |
| 0.5 | 3190.00 | 3094.30 to 3285.70 |
| 0.2 | 7970.00 | 7730.90 to 8209.10 |
| 0.1 | 15920.00 | 15442.40 to 16397.60 |

Resistance is either too high or too low:
(1) DQ rheostat is out of tolerance.
(2) C 7 or C 8 is leaky.

TABLE 6-6

| CGRL DIAL CALIBRATION ADJUSTMENTS |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { RESISTANCE } \\ & \text { IN OHMS } \end{aligned}$ | TOLERANCE |  | ADJUST CAM SCREW |
| READING |  | $\pm$ | RANGE IN OHMS |  |
| 2.6 | 2600 | 1\% | 2574 to 2626 | 5 |
| 1.6 | 1600 | 1\% | 1584 to 1616 | 4 |
| 1.0 | 1000 | 1\% | 990 to 1010 | 3 |
| 0.52 | 520 | 1/4 div | 515 to 525 | 2 |
| 0.06 | 60 | 1/4 div | 55 to 65 | 1 |
| 4.0 | 4000 | 1\% | 3960 to 4040 | 6 |
| 6.5 | 6500 | 1\% | 6435 to 6565 | 7 |
| 10.0 | 10000 | 1\% | 9900 to 10100 | 8 |

If the resistances are within tolerance and the dials operate properly, disconnect the resistance bridge and proceed to paragraph 6.6.6.

CGRL justifying mechanism. If the readings are abnormal, the CGRL rheostat mechanical justifying mechanism must be readjusted. The CGRL rheostat mechanical justifying mechanism consists of eight cam screws located on the rear of the CGRL rheostat (Figure 6-2), numbered from 1 to 8 in a clockwise direction as indicated in the figure. To adjust, set them for the proper resistances as indicated in Table 6-6.

Vernier drive. The CGRL dial has a vernier planetary drive with a $7: 1$ reduction over a 90 -degree knob rotation. It consists of two solid gears and one spring gear in a triangular configuration centered in a combination of three outside rings (gear, cork, and solid metal). When a coarse setting is made, the cork ring slides inside the metal ring. When the vernier is used, the cork ring is similar to an engaged clutch and stops the rotation of the outside rings, leaving the internal reduction gears to rotate. It will not be necessary to disassemble these gears in any of the service procedures described in this instruction manual.

### 6.6.6 OSCILLATOR.

Set the function switch to AC INTERNAL 1 kHz and the OSC LEVEL control to its full cw position. Use the $C_{S}$ bridge with nothing connected to the UNKNOWN terminals. The CGRL control should be full cw. Perform the checks listed in Table 6-7 by measurement of the output of the oscillator between the collector of Q103 and ground.

If operation is found to be abnormal, perform a stage-by-stage voltage check of the transistors (refer

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Figure 6-3. Schematic for checking the detector circuit.
to Table 6-8). Check the battery voltage with the panel meter (BAT CHECK position) before reading transistor voltages.

### 6.6.7 DETECTOR.

To checkthe detector, set the controls as follows:

| PARAMETER | $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{s}}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| GENERATOR | AC EXTERNAL |
| CGRL | Full ccw |
| DQ | Full ccw |
| MULTIPLIER | $100 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ |
| DET SENS | Full cw |

Continue with the following procedure:
a. Connect a $100-\mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor between the UNKNOWN terminals.
b. Short out the EXT GEN terminals with a shorting plug. The null meter should deflect less than $1 / 2$ division due to noise. Remove the shorting plug.
c. Connect an external oscillator ( 1 kHz ) to the EXT GEN jack. Turn the CGRL control full cw. This sets up the circuit of Figure 6-3.
d. Use a $1-\mathrm{KHz}$ external oscillator and adjust the external oscillator's level control so there is 3 V

| OSCILLATOR PABLE 6-7 |  |
| :---: | :--- |
| MEASUREMENT | REMARKS |
| Frequency: |  |
| $1000 \mathrm{~Hz}, \pm 20 \mathrm{~Hz}$ | If frequency is incorrect, check <br> the values of R101, R102, R103, <br> C102 and C103. |
| Output voltage: |  |
| at least 2.7 volts rms | Measure with OSC LEVEL fully <br> clockwise. |
| Distortion: |  |
| less than 2.5\% | Low output or excessive distortion <br> may be due to weak batteries (refer <br> to paragraph 6.5.1). If the batteries <br> are normal, R107 or R108 may be <br> clipped out to increase the OSC <br> LEVEL slightly. |


| NOMINAL TRANSISTOR 6-8TABLTAGES* |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TRANSISTOR | COLLECTOR <br> (VOLTS) | BASE <br> (VOLTS) | EMITTER <br> (VOLTS) |
| Q151 | 4.6 | 2.2 | 1.6 |
| Q152 | 0.52 | 0.52 | 0.0 |
| Q153 | 5.0 | 0.52 | 0.0 |
| Q154 | 2.7 | 5.2 | 5.9 |
| Q101 | 0.6 | 4.3 | 5.0 |
| Q102 | 3.3 | 0.6 | 0.0 |
| Q103 | 0.13 | 4.6 | 5.4 |

*Measurement Conditions: DET SENS full ccw, OSC LEVEL full cw, GENERATOR switch at AC INTERNAL 1 kHz ; measurements made with GR Type 1806 ELECTRONIC VOLTMETER between component and ground; all voltages are positive. Voltages may vary $\pm 10 \%$.
rms between the HIGH terminal and the case of the bridge. This puts $30 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ rms into the amplifier, which should cause at least a 2 -division meter deflection.
e. Turn to AC INTERNAL 1 kHz and adjust the OSC LEVEL for 0.5 V rms between the HIGH terminal and the case of the bridge. This puts $5 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ rms into the amplifier and should cause at least a l-division deflection. If it doesn't, it can be that the oscillator frequency and the peak amplifier response don't coincide.

If the detector amplifier oscillates in the AC INTERNAL 1 kHz position, it could be that the feedback is too great. R155 should be increased to perhaps $20 \mathrm{k} \Omega$. The green and brown amplifier output wires at S103 should be routed away from the amplifier input wire, which is the shielded cable with the brown plastic band. If they are too close, the amplifier may oscillate. If the amplifier is inoperative, a stage-by-stage voltage check should be made (Table 6-8).

### 6.6.8 INTERNAL GENERATOR.

Use the setup of Figure 6-3 and measure the rms voltage between the HIGH terminal and the case. With the oscillator level full cw it should be within the range of 0.9 V to 1.1 V .

### 6.6.9 FINAL ACCURACY/OPERATIONAL CHECK.

The measurements given in Table 6-1 are designed to:

1. Check the accuracy of the ratio resistors, R4 to R14.
2. Check the continuity and proper operation of the CGRL PARAMETER, function, and CGRL MULTIPLIER switches and the EXT GEN and UNKNOWN terminals.
3. Recheck the accuracy of the DQ and CGRL dials.

Trouble-shooting notes:

1. Since the $D Q$ and CGRL dials have been checked, incorrect readings on any range will ordinarily be caused by the ratio resistor, $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{A}}$, for that range (R4 to R14).
2. If $R$ DC INTERNAL 6 V readings are incorrect, be sure the NULL meter is zeroed.

### 6.7 KNOB REMOVAL.

If it should be necessary to remove the knob on a front-panel control, either to replace one that has been damaged or to replace the associated control, proceed as follows:
a. Grasp the knob firmly with the fingers, close into the panel (or the indicator dial, if applicable), and pull the knob straight away from the panel.

## CAUTION

Do not pull on the dial to remove a dial/knob assembly. Always remove the knob first. To avoid damage to the knob and other parts of the control, do not pry the knob loose with a screw. driver or similar flat tool, and do not attempt to twist the knob from the dial.
b. Observe the position of the setscrew in the bushing, with respect to any panel markings (or at the full ccw position of a continuous control).
c. Release the setscrew and pull the bushing off the shaft. Use a No. 10 Allen wrench for the CGRL PARAMETER and MULTIPLIER bushings and a No. $1 / 4$ for the DQ bushings.
d. Remove and retain the black nylon thrust washer, behind the dial/knob assembly, as appropriate.

## NOTE

To separate the bushing from the knob, if for any reason they should be combined off the instrument, drive a machine tap a turn or two into the bushing for a sufficient grip for easy separation.

### 6.8 KNOB INSTALLATION.

To install a knob assembly on the control shaft:
a. Place the black nylon thrust washer over the the control shaft, if appropriate.
b. Mount the bushing on the shaft, using a small slotted piece of wrapping paper as a shim for adequate panel clearance.
c. Orient the setscrew on the bushing with respect to the panel-marking index and lock the setscrew with the appropriate hex-socket key wrench (paragraph 6.7c).

## NOTE

Make sure that the end of the shaft does not protrude through the bushing or the knob won't bottom properly.
d. Place the knob on the bushing with the retention spring opposite the setscrew.
e. Push the knob in until it bottoms and pull it slightly to check that the retention spring is seated in the groove in the bushing.

## NOTE

If the retention spring in the knob comes loose, reinstall it in the interior notch that has the thin slit in the side wall. It will not mount in the other notch.

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| 00142 | Jones Mfg. Co., Chicago, Illinois |
| 00194 | Walsco Electronics Corp., Los Angeles, Calif. |
| 00656 | Aerovox Corp., New Bedford, Mass. |
| 01009 | Alden Products Co., Brockton, Mass. |
| 01121 | Allen-Bradley, Co., Milwaukee, Wisc. |
| 01295 | Texas Instruments, Inc., Dallas, Texas |
| 02114 | Ferroxcube Corp. of America, Saugerties, N. Y. 12477 |
| 02606 | Fenwal Lab. Inc., Morton Grove, Ill. |
| 02660 | Amphenol Electronics Corp., Broadview, Ill. |
| 02768 | Fastex Division of IIl. Tool Works, Des Plaines, 111. 60016 |
| 03508 | G. E. Semiconductor Products Dept., Syracuse, N. Y. 13201 |
| 03636 | Grayburne, Yonkers, N. Y. 10701 |
| 03888 | Pyrofilm Resistor Co., Cedar Knolls, N. J. |
| 03911 | Clairex Corp., New York, N. Y. 10001 |
| 04009 | Arrow, Hart and Hegeman Electric Co., Hartford, Conn. 06106 |
| 04713 | Motorola Semi-Conduct Product, Phoenix, Ariz. 85008 |
| 05170 | Engineered Electronics Co., Inc., Santa Ana, Calif. 92702 |
| 05624 | Barber-Colman Co., Rockford, Ill. 61101 |
| 05820 | Wakefield Eng., Inc., Wakefield, Mass. 01880 |
| 07127 | Eagle Signal Div. of E. W. Bliss Co., Baraboo, Wisc. |
| 07261 | Avnet Corp., Culver City, Calif. 90230 |
| 07263 | Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corp., Mountain View, Calif. |
| 07387 | Birtcher Corp., No. Los Angeles, Calif. |
| 07595 | American Semiconductor Corp., Arlington Heights, Ill. 60004 |
| 07828 | Bodine Corp., Bridgeport, Conn. 06605 |
| 07829 | Bodine Electric Co., Chicago, Ill. 60618 |
| 7910 | Continental Device Corp., Hawthorne, Calif. |
| 07983 | State Labs Inc., N. Y., N. Y. 10003 |
| 07999 | Amphenol Corp., Burg Inst. Div., Delavan, Wisc. 53115 |
| 08730 | Vemaline Prod. Co., Franklin Lakes, |
| 09213 | General Electric Semiconductor, Buffalo, N. Y. |
| 09823 | Burgess Battery Co., Freeport, Ill. |
| 09922 | Burndy Corp., Norwalk, Conn. 06852 |
| 11599 | Chandler Evans Corp., W. Hartford, Conn. |
| 12498 | Teledyn Inc., Crystalonics Div., <br> Cambridge, Mass. 02140 |
| 12672 | RCA Commercial Receiving Tube and Semiconductor Div., Woodridge, N.J. |
| 12697 | Clarostat Mfg. Co. Inc., Dover, N. H. 03820 |
| 12954 | Dickson Electronics Corp., Scottsdale, Ariz. |
| 13327 | Solitrone Devices, Tappan, N. Y. 10983 |
| 14433 | ITT Semiconductors, W. Palm Beach, Florida |
| 14655 | Cornell Dubilier Electric Co., Newark N. J. |
| 14674 | Corning Glass Works, Corning, N. Y. |
| 14936 | General Instrument Corp., Hicksville, N. Y. |
| 15238 | ITT, Semiconductor Div. of Int. T. and T, Lawrence, Mass. |
| 15605 | Cutler-Hammer Inc., Milwaukee, Wisc. 53233 |
| 16037 | Spruce Pine Mica Co., Spruce Pine, N. C. |
| 19701 | Electra Mfg. Co., Independence, Kansas 67301 |
| 21335 | Fafnir Bearing Co., New Briton, Conn. |
| 24446 | G. E. Schenectady, N. Y. 12305 |
| 24454 | G. E., Electronic Comp., Syracuse, N. Y. |
| 24455 | G. E. (Lamp Div), Nela Park, Cleveland, Ohio |
| 24655 | General Radio Co., W. Concord, Mass 01781 |
| 26800 | American Zettler Inc., Costa Mesa, Calif. |
| 28520 | Hayman Mfg. Co., Kenilworth, N. J. |
| 28959 | Hoffman Electronics Corp., El Monte, Calif. |
| 30874 | International Business Machines, Armonk, N.Y. |
| 32001 | Jensen Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill. 60638 |
| 35929 | Constanta Co. of Canada Limited, Montreal 19, Quebec |
| 37942 | P. R. Mallory and Co. Inc., Indianapolis, Ind. |
| 38443 | Marlin-Rockwell Corp., Jamestown, N. Y. |
| 40931 | Honeywell Inc., Minneapolis, Minn. 55408 |
| 42190 | Muter Co., Chicago, 111. 60638 |
| 42498 | National Co. Inc., Melrose, Mass. 02176 |
| 4.3991 | Norma-Hoffman Bearings Corp., Stanford, Conn. 06904 |
| 49671 | RCA, New York, N. Y. |
| 49956 | Raytheon Mfg. Co., Waltham, Mass. 02154 |

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70903 Belden Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill. 60644

72136 Electro Motive Mfg. Co., Willmington, Conn.
764845 James Millen Mfg. Co., Malden, Mass. 02148
76545 Mueller Electric Co., Cleveland, Ohio 44114
76684 National Tube Co., Pittsburg, Penn.
76854 Oak Mfg. Co., Crystal Lake, Ill.
77147 Patton MacGuyer Co., Providence, R. I.
77166 Pass-Seymour, Syracuse, N. Y.
77263 Pierce Roberts Rubber Co., Trenton, N. J.
77339 Positive Lockwasher Co., Newark, N. J.
77542 Ray-O-Vac Co., Madison, Wisc.
77630 TRW, Electronic Component Div.,
Camden, N. J. 08103
77638 General Instruments Corp., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Shure Brothers, Inc., Evanston, Ill.
Sprague Electric Co., N. Adams, Mass.
Thomas and Betts Co., Elizabeth, N. J. 07207 TRW Inc. (Accessories Div), Cleveland, Ohio Torrington Mfg. Co., Torrington, Conn. Union Carbide Corp., New York, N. Y. 10017 United-Carr Fastener Corp., Boston, Mass. Victoreen Instrument Co., Inc.,

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Ward Leonard Electric Co., Mt. Vernon, N. Y Westinghouse (Lamp Div), Bloomfield, N. J.
Weston Instruments, Weston-Newark
Newark, N. J
Atlantic-India Rubber Works, Inc.
Chicago, Ill. 60607
Amperite Co., Union City, N. J. 07087
Bronson, Homer D., Co., Beacon Falls, Conn.
Canfield, H. O. Co., Clifton Forge, Va. 24422
Bussman Mfg. Div. of McGraw Edison Co., St. Louis, Mo.
Centralab, Inc., Milwaukee, Wisc. 53212 Continental Carbon Co., Inc., New York, N. Y. Coto Coil Co. Inc., Providence, R. I.
Chicago Miniature Lamp Works, Chicago, Ill.
Cinch Mfg. Co. and Howard B. Jones Div.
Chicago, Ill. 60624
Darnell Corp., Ltd., Downey, Calif. 90241

Dialight Co., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11237
General Instrument Corp., Capacito Newark, N. J. 07104
Drake Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill. 60656
Hugh H. Eby, Inc., Philadelphia, Penn. 19144
Hugh H. Eby, Inc., Philadelphia, Penn. 191
Elastic Stop Nut Corp., Union, N. J. 07083
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Erie Technological Products Inc., Erie, Penn.
Amperex Electronics Co., Hicksville, N. Y.
Carling Electric Co., W. Hartford, Conn.
Elco Resistor Co., New York, N. Y.
. F. D. Electronics Corp., Brooklyn, N. Y
Heinemann Electric Co., Trenton, N. J.
Industrial Condenser Corp., Chicago, Ill.
E. F. Johnson Co., Waseca, Minn. 56093

IRC Inc., Philadelphia, Penn. 19108
Kulka Electric Corp., Mt. Vernon, N. Y
Linden and Co., Providence, R. I.
ittelfuse, Inc., Des Plaines, Ill. 60016

Mueller Electric Co., Cleveland, Ohio 44114
National Tube Co., Pittsburg, Penn.
Patton MacGuyer Co., Providence
Pass-Seymour, Syracuse, N. Y.
Positive Lockwasher Co., Newark, N. J.
Ray-O-Vac Co., Madison, Wisc.
TRW, Electronic Component Div.
Camden, N. J. 08103
General Instruments Corp., Brooklyn, N. Y. Shakeproof Div. of Ill. Tool Work Elgin, Ill. 60120
Sigma Instruments Inc., S. Braintree, Mass.
Stackpole Carbon Co., St. Marys, Penn.
Tinnerman Products, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio
RCA, Commercial Receiving Tube and Semiconductor Div., Harrison, N. J. Wiremold Co., Hartford, Conn. 06110
Zierick Mfg. Co., New Rochelle, N. Y.
Zierick Mig. Co., New Rochelle, N. Y.
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Columbus Electronics Corp., Yonkers, N. Y.
Filton Co., Flushing, L. I., N. Y
Barry Controls Div. of Barry Wright Corp., Watertown, Mass.
Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., (Electronic Tube Div.), Emporium, Penn. Indiana Pattern and Model Works, LaPort, Ind. Switcheraft Inc., Chicago, Ill. 60630
Switcheraft Inc., Chicago, I1. 60630
Metals and Controls Inc., Attleboro, Mass.
Metals and Controls Inc., Attleboro, Mass.
Milwaukee Resistor Co., Milwaukee, Wisc.
Milwaukee Resistor Co., Milwaukee, Wi
Carr Fastener Co., Cambridge, Mass.
Victory Engineering Corp (IVECO),
Springfield, N. J. 07081
Bearing Specialty Co., San Francisco, Calif. Solar Electric Corp., Warren, Penn.
Union Carbide Corp., New York, N. Y. 10017
TRW Capacitor Div., Ogallala, Nebr.
Lehigh Metal Products Corp., Cambridge, Mass. 02140
TA Mfg. Corp., Los Angeles, Calif.
Precision Metal Products of Malden Inc., Stoneham, Mass. 02180
RCA (Electrical Cumponent and Devices) Harrison, N. J.
Cutler-Hammer Inc., Lincoln, Ill.
Gould Nat. Batteries Inc., Trenton, N. J.
Cornell Dubilier Electric Corp., Fuquay-Varina, N. C.
K and G Mfg. Co., New York, N. Y.
Holtzer Cabot Corp., Boston, Mass.
United Transformer Co., Chicago, Ill.
United Transformer Co., Chicago, Ill.
Mallory Capacitor Co., Indianapolis, Ind.
Mallory Capacitor Co., Indianapolis, Ind.
Westinghouse Electric Corp., Boston, Mass Westinghousc Electric Corp., Boston, Mass.
Hardware Products Co., Reading, Penn. 19602 Hardware Products Co., Reading, Penn. 19602 Continental Wire Corp., York, Penn. 17405 ITT Cannon Electric Inc., Salem, Mass.
Johanson Mfg. Co., Boonton, N. J. 07005 Johanson Mfg. Co., Boonton, N. J. 06109
Chandler Co., Wethersfield, Conn. 061 Dale Electronics Inc., Columbus, Nebr.
Elco Corp., Willow Grove, Penn.
General Instruments, Inc., Dallas, Texas
Honeywell Inc., Freeport, Ill.
Electra Insulation Corp., Woodside, Long Island, N. Y.
Edgerton, Germeshausen and Grier, Boston, Mass.
Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., Woburn, Mass.
Cramer Products Co., New York, N. Y. 10013
Raytheon Co. Components Div., Quincy, Mass
Tung Sol Electric Inc., Newark, N. J.
Garde Mfg. Co., Cumberland, R. I.
Alco Electronics Mfg. Co., Lawrence, Mass.
Continental Connector Corp., Woodside, N. Y.
Vitramon, Inc., Bridgeport, Conn.
Methode Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill.
General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.
Ansconda American Brass Co.,
Torrington, Conn
Hi-Q Div. of Aerovox Corp., Orlean, N. Y.
Texas Instruments Inc., Dallas, Texas 75209
Thordarson-Meissner Div. of McGuire, Mt. Carmel, Ill.
Microwave Associates Inc., Burlington, Mass. Military Standards
CBS Electronics Div. of Columbie Broadcasting Systems, Danvers, Mass.
Sealectro Corp., Mamaroneck. N. Y. 10544 North Hills Electronics Inc., Glen Cove, N. Y. Transitron Electronics Corp., Melrose, Mass. Atlee Corp., Winchester, Mass. 01890
Delevan Electronics Corp., E. Aurora, N. Y. Meissner Mfg., Div. of Maguire Industries, Inc., LRC Electronics, Horscheads, New York Sprague Products Co., N. Adams, Mass.

## Parts Lists and Diagrams

## ELECTRICAL PARTS LIST

| Ref. No. | Description | Part No. | Fed. Mfg. Code | Mfg. Part No. | Fed. Stock No. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CAPACITORS |  |  |  |  |  |
| C1 | Plastic, $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F} \pm 1 / 4 \%$ | 4860-4125 | 24655 | 4860-4125 |  |
| C2 | Mica, 150pF $\pm 5 \% 500 \mathrm{~V}$ | 4640-0600 | 72136 | CM15, 150pF $\pm 5 \%$ |  |
| C3 | Wax, $0.47 \mu \mathrm{~F} \pm 10 \% 400 \mathrm{~V}$ | 5020-0900 | 80183 | 78P4749453 |  |
| C4 | Ceramic, $.001 \mu \mathrm{~F} \pm 10 \% 500 \mathrm{~V}$ | 4406-2108 | 72982 | 811, . $001 \mu \mathrm{~F} \pm 10 \%$ | 5910-928-1476 |
| C6 | Oil, $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F} \pm 10 \% 600 \mathrm{~V}$ | 4510-4500 | 56289 | 73 P 10496 | 5910-928-1485 |
| C7 | Plastic, $.0068 \mu \mathrm{~F} \pm 10 \% 400 \mathrm{~V}$ | 4863-2689 | 56289 | 194P68294 |  |
| C8 | Plastic, $.047 \mu \mathrm{~F} \pm 10 \% 200 \mathrm{~V}$ | 4860-7869 | 84411 | $663 \mu \mathrm{~W} 0.047 \mu \mathrm{~F} \pm 10 \%$ |  |
| C9 | Distributed Capacitor | 1650-8390 | 24655 | 1650-8390 |  |
| C101 | Electrolytic, $200 \mu \mathrm{~F}+100-10 \% 12 \mathrm{~V}$ | 4450-0400 | 37942 | 97679 | 5910-799-9281 |
| C102 | Plastic, $0.01 \mu \mathrm{~F} \pm 1 \% 100 \mathrm{~V}$ | 4860-7752 | 84411 | $663 \mu \mathrm{~W}, 0.01 \mu \mathrm{~F} \pm 1 \%$ |  |
| C103 | Plastic, $0.01 \mu \mathrm{~F} \pm 1 \% 100 \mathrm{~V}$ | 4860-7752 | 84411 | $663 \mu \mathrm{~W}, 0.01 \mu \mathrm{~F} \pm 1 \%$ |  |
| C104 | Electrolytic, $3.3 \mu \mathrm{~F} \pm 20 \% 15 \mathrm{~V}$ | 4450-4600 | 56289 | 150D335X0015A2 | 5910-837-9325 |
| C105 | Plastic, $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F} \pm 10 \% 100 \mathrm{~V}$ | 4860-8250 | 84411 | $663 \mu \mathrm{~W}, 0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F} \pm 10 \%$ |  |
| C151 | Electrolytic, $5 \mu \mathrm{~F}+100-10 \% 50 \mathrm{~V}$ | 4450-3900 | 37942 | 204059539 C10X3 | 5910-448-5527 |
| C152 | Electrolytic, $15 \mu \mathrm{~F}+100-10 \% 15 \mathrm{~V}$ | 4450-3700 | 37942 | TT, $15 \mu \mathrm{~F}+100-10 \%$ |  |
| C153 | Electrolytic, $200 \mu \mathrm{~F}+100-10 \% 6 \mathrm{~V}$ | 4450-2610 | 37942 | TT, $200 \mu \mathrm{~F}+100-10 \%$ |  |
| C154 | Electrolytic, $10 \mu \mathrm{~F}+100-10 \% 25 \mathrm{~V}$ | 4450-3800 | 56289 | 30D106G025BB4M1 | 5910-952-8658 |
| C155 | Ceramic, $68 \mathrm{pF} \pm 5 \% 500 \mathrm{~V}$ | 4404-0685 | 72982 | $831,68 \mathrm{pF} \pm 5 \%$ |  |
| C156 | Plastic, $.01 \mu \mathrm{~F} \pm 1 \% 100 \mathrm{~V}$ | 4860-7752 | 84411 | $663 \mu \mathrm{~W}, 0.01 \mu \mathrm{~F} \pm 1 \%$ |  |
| C157 | Plastic, $.01 \mu \mathrm{~F} \pm 1 \% 100 \mathrm{~V}$ | 4860-7752 | 84411 | $663 \mu \mathrm{~W}, 0.01 \mu \mathrm{~F} \pm 1 \%$ |  |
| C158 | Plastic, $.02 \mu \mathrm{~F} \pm 1 \% 100 \mathrm{~V}$ | 4860-7853 | 84411 | $663 \mu \mathrm{~W}, 0.02 \mu \mathrm{~F} \pm 1 \%$ |  |
| C159 | Ceramic, $10 \mathrm{pF} \pm 10 \% 500 \mathrm{~V}$ | 4400-2999 | 72982 | $315 \mathrm{~N}, 10 \mathrm{pF} \pm 10 \%$ |  |
| C160 | Electrolytic, $5 \mu \mathrm{~F}+100-10 \% 50 \mathrm{~V}$ | 4450-3900 | 37942 | 2040595S9C10X3 | 5910-448-5527 |
| C161 | Plastic, $.02 \mu \mathrm{~F}+80-20 \% 50 \mathrm{~V}$ | 4402-3200 | 01121 | $36-203 \mathrm{~W}, 0.02 \mu \mathrm{~F}+80-20 \%$ | 5910-952-8659 |
| C162 | Ceramic, $100 \mathrm{pF}+5 \% 500 \mathrm{~V}$ | 4404-1105 | 72982 | $831,100 \mathrm{pF} \pm 5 \%$ |  |

DIODES

| CR1 | Type 1N4009 |
| :--- | :--- |
| CR2 | Type 1N4009 |
| CR101 | Type 1N4009 |
| CR102 | Type 1N4009 |

RESISTORS

| R1 | Potentiometer, $11.2 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| R2 | Potentiometer, $16.2 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |
| R3 | Film, $32.4 \Omega \pm 3 \% 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ |
| R4 | Film, $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 0.1 \% 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ |
| R5 | Potentiometer, $0.980 \Omega \pm 0.1 \%$ |
| R6 | Film, $10 \Omega \pm \pm / 4 \% 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ |
| R7 | Film, $100 \Omega \pm 0.1 \% 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ |
| R8 | Film, $1 \mathrm{~K} \Omega \pm 0.1 \% 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ |
| R9 | Film, $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 0.1 \% 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ |
| R10 | Film, $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 0.1 \% 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ |
| R11 | Film, $100 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 0.1 \% 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ |
| R13 | Film, 1M $\Omega \pm 0.1 \% 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ |
| R14 | Composition, $3.9 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 5 \% 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ |
| R15 | Composition, $100 \Omega \pm 5 \% 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ |
| R16 | Composition, $750 \Omega \pm 5 \% 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ |
| R17 | Composition, 220k $\Omega \pm 5 \% 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ |
| R18 | Potentiometer, Variable, $2.5 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 10 \%$ |
| R19 | Potentiometer, Variable, $50 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 10 \%$ |
| R101 | Film, $15.8 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 1 / 2 \% 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ |
| R102 | Film, $21.5 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 1 / 2 \% 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ |
| R103 | Film, $59 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 1 \% 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ |
| R104 | Film, $2.74 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 1 \% 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ |
| R105 | Composition, $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 10 \% 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}$ |
| R106 | Film $6.49 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 1 \% 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ |
| R107 | Composition, $150 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 10 \% 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}$ |
| R108 | Composition, $300 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 10 \% 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}$ |
| R109 | Composition, $3.6 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 10 \% 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}$ |
| R110 | Composition, $2 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 5 \% 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}$ |
| R111 | Composition, $2 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 5 \% 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}$ |
| R112 | Composition, $100 \Omega \pm 5 \% 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}$ |
| R151 | Composition, $200 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 5 \% 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}$ |
|  |  |

## 0977-4110

0977-4021
6450-9324
6188-2100
0510-4000
6452-0100 6188-0100 6188-1100 6188-1100 6188-2100 6188-3100 6188-4100 6100-2395 6100-1105 6100-1755 6100-4225 6000-0400 6020-0600 6451-2158
6451-2215 6450-2590 6450-1274 6099-3109 6450-1649 6099-4159 6099-4309 6099-2369 6099-2205 6099-2205 6099-1105 6099-4205

5905-279-3505 5905-190-8889 5905-195-9481 5905-192-0667 5905-034-5378 5905-539-4900

5905-279-4629
5095-279-4629

ELECTRICAL PARTS LIST (cont)

| Ref. No. | Description | Part No. | Fed. Mfg. Code | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mfg. Part } \\ & \text { No. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Fed. Stock } \\ \text { No. } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RESISTORS (Cont) |  |  |  |  |  |
| R152 | Composition, $200 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 5 \%$ 1/4 W | 6099-4205 | 75042 | BTS, $200 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 5 \%$ |  |
| R153 | Composition, $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 5 \% 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}$ | 6099-3105 | 75042 | BTS, $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 5 \%$ |  |
| R154 | Composition, $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 5 \% 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}$ | 6099-2105 | 75042 | BTS, $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 5 \%$ |  |
| R155 | Composition, $15 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 10 \% 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}$ | 6099-3159 | 75042 | BTS, $15 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 10 \%$ |  |
| R156 | Composition, $1 \mathrm{M} \Omega \pm 10 \% 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}$ | 6099-5109 | 75042 | BTS, $1 \mathrm{M} \Omega \pm 10 \%$ |  |
| R157 | Film, $16.9 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 1 \% 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ | 6450-2169 | 75042 | CEC-T0, $16.9 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 1 \%$ |  |
| R158 | Film, 16.9k $\Omega \pm 1 \% 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ | 6450-2169 | 75042 | CEC-T0, 16.9k $\Omega \pm 1 \%$ |  |
| R159 | Film, $6.65 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 1 \% 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$ | 6450-1665 | 75042 | CEC, $6.65 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 1 \%$ | 5905-581-4975 |
| R160 | Composition, $39 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 10 \% 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}$ | 6099-3399 | 75042 | BTS, $39 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 10 \%$ |  |
| R161 | Composition, $4.7 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 10 \% 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}$ | 6099-2479 | 75042 | BTS, $4.7 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 10 \%$ |  |
| R163 | Composition, $4.7 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 10 \% 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}$ | 6099-2479 | 75042 | BTS, $4.7 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 10 \%$ |  |
| R164 | Composition, $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 10 \% 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}$ | 6099-3109 | 75042 | BTS, $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 10 \%$ |  |
| R165 | Composition, $2 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 5 \% 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}$ | 6099-2205 | 75042 | BTS, $2 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 5 \%$ | 5905-279-4629 |
| R166 | Composition, $680 \Omega \pm 5 \% 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}$ | 6099-1685 | 75042 | BTS, $680 \Omega \pm 5 \%$ |  |
| R167 | Composition, $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 10 \% 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}$ | 6099-2109 | 75042 | BTS, $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega \pm 10 \%$ |  |
| transistors |  |  |  |  |  |
| Q101 | Type 2N3905 | 8210-1114 | 04713 | 2N3905 |  |
| Q102 | Type 2N3416 | 8210-1047 | 24446 | 2N3414 | 5961-989-2749 |
| Q103 | Type 2N3905 | 8210-1114 | 04713 | 2N3905 |  |
| Q151 | Type 2N3416 | 8210-1047 | 24446 | 2N3414 | 5961-989-2749 |
| Q152 | Type 2N3416 | 8210-1047 | 24446 | 2N3414 | 5961-989-2749 |
| Q153 | Type 2N3416 | 8210-1047 | 24446 | 2N3414 | 5961-989-2749 |
| Q154 | Type 2N3905 | 8210-1114 | 04713 | 2N3905 |  |
| Q155 | Type 2N1302 | 8210-1018 | 96214 | 2N1302 | 5960-086-0039 |

## mISCELLANEOUS

| B1 | Battery, 1.5 V |
| :--- | :--- |
| J1 | Jack |
| J2 | Jack |
| J3 | Jack |
| J4 | Jack |
| J5 | Jack |
| J6 | Jack |
| J7 | Jack |
| J8 | Jack |
| J101 | Jack |
| J102 | Jack |
| J103 | Jack |
| M1 | Meter |
| PL101 | Plug |
| PL102 | Plug |
| PL103 | Plug |
| S101 | Switch, Rotary |
| S102 | Switch, Rotary |
| S103 | Switch, Rotary |
| T1 | Transformer |


| 8410-0200(4) | 77542 | 2LP |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $4150-3200$ | 24655 | $4150-3200$ |
| $4150-3200$ | 24655 | $450-3200$ |
| $4260-1030$ | 82389 | \#111 |
| $4260-1041$ | 82389 | N112A |
| $0938-3000$ | 24655 | $0938-3000$ |
| $0938-3000$ | 24655 | $0938-3000$ |
| $4260-1041$ | 82389 | N112A |
| $4150-3200$ | 24655 | $4150-3200$ |
| Built In |  |  |
| Built In |  |  |
| Built In |  |  |
| 5730-1409 | 91929 | ME-3 |
| Part of Z2WIS-18L |  |  |
| Part of Z2WIS-18L |  |  |
| Parto of Z2WIS-21D |  |  |
| 7890-4680 | 24655 |  |
| $7890-4690$ | 24655 |  |
| $7890-4700$ | 24655 |  |
| $0746-4020$ | 24655 | $0746-4020$ |

NOTE: The number appearing on the foil side is not the part number. The dot on the foil at the transistor socket indicates the collector lead.


Figure 6-4. Etched circuit assembly ( $\mathrm{P} / \mathrm{N}$ 1650-2710).


Figure 6-6. Schematic diagram of the internal oscillator and detector.


Figure 6-5. Replaceable mechanical parts.

MECHANICAL PARTS LIST

| Figure 6.5 Reference | Name | Description | Part No. | Fed. Mfg. Code | Mfg. Part No. | Fed. Stock No. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | KNOB | PARAMETER switch knob | 5500-5420 | 24655 | 5500-5420 |  |
| 2 | PARAMETER dial | Marked dial and bushing assembly | 1650-1240 | 24655 | 1650-1240 |  |
| 3 | METER COVER | Plastic meter cover, Honeywell | ME-3-701 | - | - |  |
| 4 | KNOB | GENERATOR switch | 5500-5321 | 24655 | 55.00-5321 |  |
| 5 | KNOB | MULTIPLIER switch knob | 5500-5420 | 24655 | 5500-5420 |  |
| 6 | MULTIPLIER dial | Marked dial and bushing assembly | 1650-1250 | 24655 | 1650-1250 |  |
| 7 | KNOB | DET SENS knob | 5520-5221 | 24655 | 5520-5221 |  |
| 8 | INDICATOR | CGRL dial indicator | 5460-1303 | 24655 | 5460-1303 |  |
| - | SCREWS | Screw, binder head, No. 4-40, 1/4 in., panel gray | 7060-0902 | 24655 | 7060-0902 |  |
| 9 | KNOB | CGRL dial knob | 5520-5520 | 24655 | 5520-5520 |  |
| 10 | CGRL dial | Marked dial assembly | 1650-1520 | 24655 | 1650-1520 |  |
| 11 | GASKET | Rubber gasket around edge of panel | 5168-1350 | 24655 | 5168-1350 |  |
| 12 | GASKET | Rubber gasket around cover assembly | 5168-0680 | 24655 | 5168-0680 |  |
| 13 | CABINET ASSEMBLY | Entire flip-tilt cabinet including gasket | 4182-2002 | 24655 | 4182-2002 |  |
| 14 | FOOT | Rubber foot for cover assembly | 5260-0760 | 24655 | 5260-0760 |  |
| - | EYELET | Eyelet to hold foot to cover assembly | 5170-5030 | 24655 | 5170-5030 |  |
| 15 | KNOB | ORTHONULL ${ }^{\circledR}$ control knob | 5500-5321 | 24655 | 5500-5321 |  |
| 16 | KNOB | DQ Dial knob | 5520-5520 | 24655 | 5520-5520 |  |
| 17 | DQ dial | Marked dial and bushing assembly | 1650-1510 | 24655 | 1650-1510 |  |
| 18 | HANDLE ASSEMBLY | Complete cabinet handle assembly | 5361-2002 | 24655 | 5361-2002 |  |
| 19 | INDICATOR | DQ dial indicator | 1650-7161 | 24655 | 1650-7161 |  |
| - | SCREWS | Screw, binder head, No. 6-32, 5/8 in. | 7070-2900 | 24655 | 7070-2900 | 5305-938-9109 |
| - | SPACERS | Spacer, metal, No. 6, 3/8 in. | 7650-1300 | 24655 | 7650-1300 |  |
| 20 | KNOB | OSC LEVEL knob | 5520-5221 | 24655 | 5520-5221 |  |



| Name | GR <br> Part No. | Name | GR <br> Part No. |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| Cabinet | $4182-8210$ | Cover Assembly | $4170-2066$ |
| Spacer | $4170-0700$ | Nut Plate | $4170-1350$ |
| Pivot Stud | $4170-1000$ | Screw | $7080-1000$ |
| Screw* $^{\text {Handle Assembly }}$ | $7090-0075$ | W361-2002 | Washer | $88040-2450$.


| Name | GR <br> Part No. | Name | GR <br> Part No. |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| Mounting Plate <br> (Instruction Plate) | $7860-5770$ | Mounting Plate <br> (Name Plate) | $7864-8200$ |
| Stud | $4170-1100$ | Washer | $8140-0105$ |
| Slide |  |  |  |
| Handle | $4170-1270$ | Slide Washer | $4170-7030$ |

*Tighten 1/4-28 screws to $45-55 \mathrm{in}$. Ibs torque.
**Bend mounting plate to give $1 / 32$ to $1 / 16$ spacing, both sides.


Figure 6-8. Complete handle and mounting plate assembly (P/N 5361-2002).


Figure 6-9. Schematic diagram of 1650-B Impedance Bridge

## Appendix

The instruments on the following pages are useful accessories in certain applications of the bridge. Table A lists some of the instruments and their primary use with the bridge.

| BRIDGE ACCESSORIES |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| ACCESSORY* | APPLICATION |
| Type 1560-P95 Adaptor Cable | Connections to: <br> External bias. <br> Detector output. <br> External DQ potentiometer. |
| Type 1650-P1 Test Jig | Incoming inspection. <br> (Rapid checking of single components.) |
| Type 1412-BC Decade Capacitor | $\mathrm{R}_{\text {AC }}$ and GAC reactive balances. |
| Type 1350 Generator-Recorder Assembly | Transducer Analysis. (Investigating sharp resonances in mechanical transducers.) |
| Type 1232 Tuned Amplifier and Null Detector | External detector. |
| Types 1309, 1310, 1311, and 1313 Oscillators | External generators. |
| Type 1900 Wave Analyzer | High frequency ( $>20 \mathrm{kHz}$ ) tuned null detector. <br> Tracking generator. |
| Type 1191 Counter | Checking frequency of external ac generator. |

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## TUNED AMPLIFIER AND NULL DETECTOR <br> Type 1232-A

- 20 Hz to $20 \mathrm{kHz}, 50$ and 100 kHz
- $0.1-\mu \mathrm{V}$ sensitivity
- bandwidth approx 5\%
- 120-dB gain

The Type 1232 Detector is a sensitive, generalpurpose, metered audio amplifier. Intrinsically broadband ( $\pm 3 \mathrm{~dB}$ from 20 Hz to 20 kHz ), it has optional filtering that can be tuned continuously over the audiofrequency range or at spots up to 100 kHz .

Its utility as a null detector is enhanced by high gain, long-life battery power, and the optional logarithmic response characteristic. The output is adequate to drive headphones.

GENERATORRECORDER ASSEMBLY

Type 1350

- automatic frequency-response plotting
- 20 Hz to 20 kHz
- combines 1304-B with

1521 Graphic Level Recorder

This automatic, audio-frequency measuring system combines the Type 1304-B Beat-Frequency Audio Generator and Type 1521-B Graphic Level Recorder in a single assembly for the automatic plotting of frequency-response data. The recorder is a fully transistorized, single-channel, servo-type with a $40-\mathrm{dB}$, dynamic range plug-in potentiometer $(20-\mathrm{dB}, 80-\mathrm{dB}$, and linear potentiometer are also available).

The complete assembly includes the following:
1304-B Beat-Frequency Audio Generator with accessories, end frames and rack supports.

1521-B Graphic Level Recorder with accessories (including a $40-\mathrm{dB}$ potentiometer), 1521-P19 motor, end frames and rack supports.

1521-9427 Chart Paper, 10 rolls
274-NP Patch Cord
1521-P10B Drive Unit
1521-P15 Link Unit
1521-P16 Sprocket Kit
1560-P95 Adaptor Cable
1304-P1 Muting Switch


Constant generator output and uniform recorder response make this an excellent assembly for measuring the response of filters, attenuators, networks, loud-speakers, amplifiers, microphones, transducers, and complete acoustic systems.

The blank parts on the chart paper correspond to the to the length of the blank portion on the generator dial so that many charts can be recorded with complete synchronization of the chart and the dial frequency.

| Catalog <br> Number | Description |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Generator-Recorder Assembly |
| $1350-9701$ | 1350-A, for $60-\mathrm{Hz}$ supply |
| $1350-9494$ | 1350-AQ1, for $50-\mathrm{Hz}$ supply |

## EXTERNAL

General Radio manufactures several oscillators that can be used as external generators for a measurement bridge. Three oscillators in this group are the variable frequency type and the fourth is a fixed frequency generator.

The 1309 Oscillator has a variable range of 10 Hz to 100 kHz . Distortion, noise, and hum are exceptionally low in this instrument, and the output is flat over the entire frequency range。

The 1310 Oscillator offers constant output over a variable range from 2 Hz to 2 MHz with low distortion, high dial reso-

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Iution, and exceptional amplitude and frequency stability.
The 1313 Oscillator offers similar over-all performance to the 1309 but with variable, single-range frequency control from 10 Hz to 50 kHz to eliminate switching transients and to minimize possible error in setting a frequency.

The 1311 Audio Oscillator has eleven fixed frequencies. This oscillator is particularly suited for bridge measurements because of the shielded output-transformer secondary that minimizes the circulating ground currents and matches loads over a wide impedance range.


## DECADE CAPACITORS, RESISTORS, and INDUCTORS

The GR decade capacitors, resistors and inductors can be used to support the bridge externally. The 1412-BC Decade Capacitor is especially useful for ac resistive and conductive reactive balances. Consult the General Radio Catalog for details of each decade.


## DECADE CAPACITOR

## Type 1412-BC

- 50 pF to $1.11115 \mu \mathrm{~F}$
- better than 1-pF resolution
- accuracy $\pm(1 \%+5 \mathrm{pF})$
- low loss, leakage, dielectric absorption

| Catalog <br> Number | Description |
| :---: | :---: |
| $1412-9410$ | 1412-BC Decade Capacitor |

## DECADE RESISTOR

## Type 1434

- $+0.05 \%$ accuracy
- 5-, 6-, or 7-dial settability
- excellent stability, low cost


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 RESISTOR
## Type 1433

- $\pm 0.02 \%$ accuracy
- good frequency characteristics
- low temperature coefficient
- excellent stability
- low zero resistance


| Catalog Number |  | Type | Total Ohms | Ohms per Step | No. of Dials | Type 510 Decades |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bench | Rack |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1433-9700 | 1433-9701 | 1433-U | 111.1 | 0.01 | 4 | AA, A, B, C |
| 1433-9702 | 1433-9703 | 1433-K | 1111 | 0.1 | 4 | A, B, C, D |
| 1433-9704 | 1433-9705 | 1433-J | 11,110 | 1 | 4 | B, C, D, E |
| 1433-9706 | 1433-9707 | 1433-L | 111,100 | 10 | 4 | C, D, E, F |
| 1433-9708 | 1433-9709 | 1433-Q | 1,111,000 | 100 | 4 | D, E, F, G |
| 1433-9710 | 1433-9711 | 1433-T | 1111.1 | 0.01 | 5 | $A A, A, B, C, D$ |
| 1433-9712 | 1433-9713 | 1433-N | 11,111 | 0.1 | 5 | $A, B, C, D, E$ |
| 1433-9714 | 1433-9715 | 1433-M | 111,110 | 1 | 5 | B, C, D, E, F |
| 1433-9716 | 1433-9717 | 1433-P | 1,111,100 | 10 | 5 | C, D, E, F, G |
| 1433-9718 | 1433-9719 | 1433-Y | 11,111,000 | 100 | 5 | D, E, F, G, H |
| 1433-9720 | 1433-9721 | 1433-W | 11,111.1 | 0.01 | 6 | $A A, A, B, C, D, E$ |
| 1433-9722 | 1433-9723 | 1433-X | 111,111 | 0.1 | 6 | $A, B, C, D, E, F$ |
| 1433-9724 | 1433-9725 | 1433-B | 1,111,110 | 1 | 6 | B, C, D, E, F, G |
| 1433-9726 | 1433-9728 | 1433-Z | 11,111,100 | 10 | 6 | $C, D, E, F, G, H$ |
| 1433-9729 | 1433-9730 | 1433-F | 111,111.1 | 0.01 | 7 | $A A, A, B, C, D, E, F$ |
| 1433-9731 | 1433-9732 | 1433-G | 1,111,111 | 0.1 | 7 | $A, B, C, D, E, F, G$ |
| 1433-9733 | 1433-9734 | 1433-H | 11,111,110 | 1 | 7 | B, C, D, E, F, G, H |



The 1690-A is a sample holder of the Hartshorn and Ward type,* used for the measurement of dielectric constant, dissipation factor, and volume resistivity of 2-inch-diameter, or less, disks of dielectric material in accordance with ASTM test method D-150. It is suitable for any flat sample whose largest diameter is not over 2 inches and whose thickness is not over 0.3 inch.

It can be used with resonant circuits for susceptancevariation or frequency-variation measurements, with the Types 1615-A and 716-C Capacitance Bridges, the 874-LBB and 900-LB Slotted Lines, the 1602-B and 1609 immittance meters, the 1644-A Megohm Bridge, and the 1650-B Impedance Bridge.

## DIELECTRIC SAMPLE HOLDER

## Type 1690-A

- micrometer-electrode-type for dielectric disks
- wide frequency range; fits many instruments
- calibration corrects for fringing and strays
- stable mounting, complete shielding

A precision micrometer screw with a large knob drives a movable grounded electrode with respect to a fixed, insulated electrode. An accurately divided drum indicates the electrode spacing. The micrometer screw is electrically shunted by a metal bellows to assure a positive, low resistance-connection. A release mechanism automatically disengages the drive to prevent damage when the electrodes are in contact. The movable electrode adjusts itself to the plane of the specimen surface.

The vernier capacitor with the micrometer screw is for use in the susceptance-variation method of measurement, and for precise C balance with low-loss samples.

The assembly is mounted in a rugged aluminum casting which shields it on four sides. Tow removable cover plates, which permit access to the electrodes, complete the shielding. The holder can be mounted on either horizontal or vertical panels.

| Catalog <br> Number | Description |
| :---: | :---: |
| $1690-9701$ | 1690-A Dielectric Sample Holder <br> $1690-9602$ |
| 1690-P2 Adaptor Assembly (for connecting <br> to GR874 coaxial equipment) |  |

* L. Hartshorn and W. H. Ward, Proceedings of the Institution of Elec. trical Engineers, Vol. 79, pp. 597-609 (1936).


## DECADE INDUCTOR <br> Type 1491

- high-Q
- shielded toroidal cores for small mutual inductance little effect from external fields
- sealed against moisture

| Catalog Number |  | Description | Inductance |  | 940's |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bench | Rack |  | Total | Steps | Included |
|  |  | Decade Inductor |  |  |  |
| 1491-9701 | 1491-9711 | 1491-A | 0.111 H | 0.0001 H | DD, E, F |
| 1491-9706 | 1491-9716 | 1491-F | 1.111 H | 0.0001 H | DD, E, F, G |
| 1491-9703 | 1491-9713 | 1491-C | 1.11 H | 0.001 H | E, F, G |
| 1491-9707 | 1491-9717 | 1491-G | 11.111 H | 0.0001 H | DD, E, F, G, H |
| 1491-9704 | 1491-9714 | 1491-D | 11.11 H | 0.001 H | E, F, G, H |
| 1491-9702 | 1491-9712 | 1491-B | 11.1 H | 0.01 H | F, G, H |

## NOMOGRAPH FOR CONVERSION OF C, L, D AND Q AT 1 kHz

The nomograph below greatly simplifies the process of converting from series to parallel value (or vice versa) of inductance and capacitance, for values of dissipation factor up to 10 (Q down to 0.1 ). To illustrate use of the nomograph, assume a parallel capacitance of $2 \mu \mathrm{~F}$, and a D of 7. A straight line connecting these two points is seen to cross the center $\left(C_{S}\right)$ bar at 100 . Therefore, the equivalent series capacitance is $100 \mu \mathrm{~F}$.


## REACTANCE CHART

Always use corresponding scales


Figure 1 is the complete chart, used for rough calculations. Figure 2, which is a single decade of Figure 1 enlarged approximately 7 times, is used where two or three significant figures are to be determined.

## TO FIND REACTANCE

Enter the charts vertically from the bottom (frequency) and along the lines slanting upward to the left (capacitance) or to the right (inductance). Corresponding scales
(red or black) must be used throughout. Project horizontally to the left from the intersection and read reactance.

## TO FIND RESONANT FREQUENCY

Enter the slanting lines for the given inductance and capacitance. Project downward and read resonant frequency from the bottom scale. Corresponding scales (red or black) must be used throughout.

## REACTANCE CHART

Always obfain approximate value from Figure 1 before using Figure 2


FIGURE 2

Example: The point indicated in Figure 1 corresponds to a frequency of about 700 kHz and an inductance of $500 \mu \mathrm{H}$, or a capacitance of 100 pF , giving in either case a reactance of about 2000 ohms. The resonant frequency of a circuit containing these values of inductance and capacitance is, of course, 700 kHz , approximately.

## USE OF FIGURE 2

Figure 2 gives additional precision but does not place the decimal point, which must be located from a prelim-
inary entry on Figure 1. Since the chart necessarily requires two logarithmic decades for inductance and capacitance for every single decade of frequency and reactance, unless the correct decade for L and C is chosen, the calculated values of reactance and frequency will be in error by a factor of 3.16. In Figure 2, the capacitance scale is red; inductance scale is black.

Example: (Continued) The reactance corresponding to $500 \mu \mathrm{H}$ or 100 pF is 2230 ohms at 712 kHz , their resonant frequency.

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    ${ }^{2}$ L. E. Kinsler and A. R. Frey, Fundamentals of Acoustics, John Wiley \& Sons, Inc., 1962.

[^1]:    * Instruments recommended for minimum-performance standards and trouble analysis.
    ** Or Equivalent.

[^2]:    *GR instruments. For a detailed description see the General Radio Catalog.

