

# **Agilent Technologies 8510C Network Analyzer**

## **On-Site Service Manual**

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## Safety and Regulatory Information

Review this product and related documentation to familiarize yourself with safety markings and instructions before you operate the instrument. This product has been designed and tested in accordance with international standards.

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### WARNING

**The WARNING notice denotes a hazard. It calls attention to a procedure, practice, or the like, that, if not correctly performed or adhered to, could result in personal injury. Do not proceed beyond a WARNING notice until the indicated conditions are fully understood and met.**

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### CAUTION

The CAUTION notice denotes a hazard. It calls attention to an operating procedure, practice, or the like, which, if not correctly performed or adhered to, could result in damage to the product or loss of important data. Do not proceed beyond a CAUTION notice until the indicated conditions are fully understood and met.

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## Instrument Markings



When you see this symbol on your instrument, you should refer to the instrument's instruction manual for important information.



This symbol indicates hazardous voltages.



The C-tick is a registered trademark of the Australian Spectrum Management Agency.



This symbol indicates that the instrument requires alternating current (ac) input.



The CE mark is a registered trademark of the European Community. If it is accompanied by a year, it indicates the year the design was proven.



The CSA mark is a registered trademark of the Canadian Standards Association.

1SM1-A

This text indicates that the instrument is an Industrial Scientific and Medical Group 1 Class A product (CISPER 11, Clause 4).



This symbol indicates that the power line switch is ON.



This symbol indicates that the power line switch is OFF or in STANDBY position.

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## Safety Earth Ground

This is a Safety Class I product (provided with a protective earthing terminal). An uninterruptible safety earth ground must be provided from the main power source to the product input wiring terminals, power cord, or supplied power cord set. Whenever it is likely that the protection has been impaired, the product must be made inoperative and secured against any unintended operation.

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## Before Applying Power

Verify that the product is configured to match the available main power source as described in the input power configuration instructions in this manual. If this product is to be powered by autotransformer, make sure the common terminal is connected to the neutral (grounded) side of the ac power supply.

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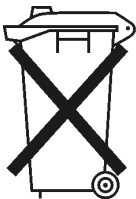
## Battery Information

The 8510C uses a lithium polycarbon monofluoride battery to power the instrument clock. The battery is located on the A7 I/O board of the 85101C display/processor. This battery is not field replaceable. Replace the A7 I/O board if the battery requires replacement.

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### WARNING

**Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended. Discard used batteries according to manufacturer's instructions.**



DO NOT THROW BATTERIES AWAY BUT  
COLLECT AS SMALL CHEMICAL WASTE.

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## Typeface Conventions

### *Italics*

- Used to emphasize important information:  
Use this software *only* with the Agilent Technologies xxxxxX system.
- Used for the title of a publication:  
Refer to the *Agilent Technologies xxxxxX System-Level User's Guide*.
- Used to indicate a variable:  
Type LOAD BIN *filename*.

### Instrument Display

- Used to show on-screen prompts and messages that you will see on the display of an instrument:  
The Agilent Technologies xxxxxX will display the message **CAL1** **SAVED**.

### Keycap

- Used for labeled keys on the front panel of an instrument or on a computer keyboard:  
Press **Return**.

### [Softkey]

- Used for simulated keys that appear on an instrument display:  
Press [**Prior Menu**].

### User Entry

- Used to indicate text that you will enter using the computer keyboard; text shown in this typeface must be typed *exactly* as printed:  
Type LOAD PARMFILE
- Used for examples of programming code:  
#endif//ifndef NO\_CLASS

### Path name

- Used for a subdirectory name or file path:  
Edit the file *usr/local/bin/sample.txt*

### Computer Display

- Used to show messages, prompts, and window labels that appear on a computer monitor:  
The **Edit Parameters** window will appear on the screen.
- Used for menus, lists, dialog boxes, and button boxes on a computer monitor from which you make selections using the mouse or keyboard:  
Double-click **EXIT** to quit the program.

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## **Hewlett-Packard to Agilent Technologies Transition**

This documentation supports a product that previously shipped under the Hewlett-Packard company brand name. The brand name has now been changed to Agilent Technologies. The two products are functionally identical, only our name has changed. The document still includes references to Hewlett-Packard products, some of which have been transitioned to Agilent Technologies.



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# **1 Service and Equipment**

## Overview

This On-Site Service Manual is a complete guide to test, repair, adjustment and installation of the 8510C network analyzer. It was written for qualified service personnel. Previous knowledge of a network analyzer system is assumed, but specific knowledge of the 8510 system is not required.

This manual addresses troubleshooting to the faulty board or assembly, not to the component level. When the faulty board or assembly has been isolated, contact Agilent and order the new part (refer to “[Contacting Agilent](#)” on page iii). In some cases, an exchange assembly is available, which costs less than a new part.

Due to the assembly level repair strategy, schematics and individual component lists are not included in this documentation.

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**NOTE**                    The original 85101C display/processor incorporated a cathode ray tube (CRT). The current design incorporates a liquid crystal display (LCD). In this manual, references to either CRT or LCD apply to both display designs unless otherwise noted.

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Some troubleshooting procedures, schematics, replaceable parts, and removal procedures may differ depending on the display installed. In such instances, display information (CRT or LCD) is documented separately. Some of the main differences are:

85101C Equipped with a CRT	85101C Equipped with an LCD
A4 GSP display board positioned vertically in card cage slot	A14 GSP display board positioned horizontally on chassis directly behind A15 LCD assembly
A11 CRT display	A15 LCD assembly (includes the A16 inverter board and backlight)
W1 cable and connections to boards	W4, W5, W6, W7, and W8 cables and connections to boards
Rear-panel multi-pin connector uses D1191A video cable (supplied) for external video connections (requires special video monitor)	Rear-panel multi-pin connector designed to work with external VGA compatible monitors (standard 15 pin VGA monitor cable not supplied)

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**NOTE**                    In this manual, GPIB and HP-IB refer to the same protocol.

GPIB allows either the system display/processor or an external controller to operate the various instruments of the system. The GPIB interface operates according to IEEE 488–1978 and IEC 625 standards and IEEE 728–1982 recommended practices.

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## On-Site Service Manual Organization

This manual is part of the documentation set included with the 8510C network analyzer. Refer to the front matter of the *8510C Operating and Programming Manual* for a graphic representation of the complete documentation set.

Tabs are used to divide the major chapters and sections. A chapter is a major topic division within the manual. A section is a division of information within a chapter. The names of the tabs and an explanation of their contents are listed below.

### Service and Equipment Overview (Chapter 1)

This chapter provides a brief summary of the service information in this manual, and a list of the test equipment required. It should be read before attempting any repairs.

### Safety/Licensing (Chapter 2)

This chapter contains safety and licensing information required for the 8510C.

### Theory of Operation (Chapter 3)

Read this section to learn about the 8510 system hardware and firmware and how the system operates, especially the phase lock circuitry.

### Main Troubleshooting Procedure (Chapter 4)

Turn to this chapter first when troubleshooting a system. It consists of a main procedure followed by sections with details on troubleshooting specific failures.

The following fold-outs are located at the back of this chapter:

- 8510C System-Level Troubleshooting Block Diagram (equipped with a CRT display)
- 8510C System-Level Troubleshooting Block Diagram (equipped with an LCD)
- 85101C Display/Processor Overall Block Diagram (equipped with a CRT display)
- 85101C Display/Processor Overall Block Diagram (equipped with an LCD)
- 85102 IF/Detector Overall Block Diagram
- 8510C Phase Lock Block Diagram
- 85101C A8 Motherboard Wiring Diagram (equipped with a CRT display)
- 85101C A8 Motherboard Wiring Diagram (equipped with an LCD)
- 85102 A25 Motherboard Wiring Diagram

The sections within this chapter are as follows:

- LCD Failures
- Self Test Failures
- Running Error Messages
- Unratioed Power Failures
- Power Supply Failures
- Performance Test Failures
- Software Failures

- Other Failures
- Service Program
- Error Terms

### **Replaceable Parts (Chapter 5)**

This chapter contains part numbers for replaceable parts and assemblies, and instructions on how to order them. Parts lists for instruments with CRT displays and LCDs are documented in separate sections.

### **Replacement Procedures (Chapter 6)**

This section contains procedures for disassembling or re-assembling the 8510C network analyzer after a part or assembly is replaced. Procedures that differ depending on the display installed, are documented separately.

### **Adjustments (Chapter 7)**

This chapter contains adjustment procedures.

### **Specifications and Performance Verification (Chapter 8)**

This chapter describes the following:

- System performance
- System Performance verification
- Specifications
- Software for specifications and performance verification
- How to verify system performance
- Performing system verification
- Using the software: A tutorial
- Operational check procedures
- Frequency test procedures
- Total system uncertainty test procedure
- How to run the system specifications
- Interpreting the specification and uncertainties printout
- Measurement uncertainties
- Sources of measurement errors
  - Generation of system measurement uncertainties
  - System error models
  - Dynamic accuracy error model
  - Measurement traceability

Substitution of system components

Calibration cycle

- Reference information for performance verification and specification
- Performance test record

## **Installation (Chapter 9)**

This chapter describes the following:

- Site preparation
- Checking the shipment and unpacking the system
- Configuring and connecting the system
- Checking the system operation

## **Preventive Maintenance (Chapter 10)**

This section details some simple procedures necessary to maintain the system.

## **Definition of an 8510 System**

There are many varieties of systems using an 8510 network analyzer. In the strictest sense, a basic 8510 system consists of the following:

1- 85101 Display/Processor

1- 85102 IF/Detector

1 (or more) - RF Test Set(s)

1 (or more) - Source(s)

Peripherals, such as controllers, plotters, printers, disk drives, and millimeter devices, may be added to the basic system.

## **Service Tools Available**

Special service tools used in the troubleshooting procedures can be ordered separately. These include extender boards, source emulator, test set emulator, cables, and so forth. The source emulator and test set emulator are used to verify operation of the other instruments in the system by substituting these service tools for the individual instruments they emulate.

## Table of Service Equipment

**Table 1-1** lists the equipment required to verify, adjust, and troubleshoot the network analyzer. The table also notes the use and critical specifications of each item, and the recommended models.

In addition to the test equipment listed in the table, the following tools are also required:

- #1 and #2 Pozidrive screwdrivers
- Flat-blade screwdrivers - small, medium, and large
- 5/16 inch open-end wrench (for SMA connector nuts)
- 3/16 inch and 5/16 inch hex nut drivers
- Non-conductive and non-ferrous adjustment tool
- Needle-nose pliers
- Tweezers
- Anti-static work mat with wrist strap
- T10 and T15 TORX drivers
- Miscellaneous cables, adapters, and other equipment as listed in [Chapter 5](#) ,  
“Replaceable Parts.”

**Table 1-1 Service Test Equipment**

Instrument Required	Critical Specifications	Recommended Model	Use
Oscilloscope	100 MHz, Dual Channel	Agilent 54622D	A,T
Oscilloscope Probes	10:1 Divider 1000:1 Divider (High Voltage)	Agilent 10074C N2771A	A,T
Calibration Kit	3.5 mm 2.4 mm	Agilent 85052B Agilent 85056A	P,T P,T
Verification Kit*	3.5 mm 2.4 mm	Agilent 85053B Agilent 85057B	P,T P,T
Test Port Cables*	3.5 mm 2.4 mm	Agilent 85131D Agilent 85133D	P,T P,T
Computer/Controller	–Laptop or PC running BASIC for Windows (Rev. 6.32 or greater under Windows 95/98/NT) –GPIB card for PCs (National Instrument or Hewlett-Packard) –PCMCIA card for Laptops (National Instruments)	various	A,P,T
Workstation	–Basic 5.0 or higher and 4 Mbytes RAM, and 3.0 for dual source systems –HP Vectra 386 with an 82300C BASIC language processor card –UNIX based workstation with Rocky Mountain BASIC (RMB)	HP 9000 Series 200 or 300	A,P,T A,P,T A,P,T
Photometer (CRT only)		Tektronix J16 Opt 2	A
Photometer Probe (CRT only)		Tektronix J6503 Opt 2	A
Light Occluder (CRT only)		Tektronix 016-0305-00	
Power Meter	50 MHz to 50 GHz	Agilent E4418B	P,T
Power Sensor	50 MHz to 26.5 GHz (3.5 mm) 1µW to 100mW 50 MHz to 50 GHz (2.4mm) 1 µW to 100 mW	Agilent 8485A Agilent 8487A	P,T P,T
Digital Multimeter	General Purpose DMM 32 mV to 300 V, ac/dc	Agilent 34401A	A,T
Frequency Counter	45 MHz to 26.5 GHz	Agilent 53151A Opt 001	A,P,T
10 dB Attenuator	45 MHz to 26.5 GHz (3.5 mm) 45 MHz to 50 GHz (2.4 mm)	Agilent 8493C Opt 010 Agilent 8490D Opt 010	P P
Power Splitter	45 MHz to 26.5 GHz (3.5 mm) 45 MHz to 50 GHz (2.4mm)	Agilent 11667B Agilent 11667C	A,P,T A,P,T
Pulse Generator	35 ns to 1 second pulse period	Agilent 81101A	A
Function Generator	20 MHz ± 1 Hz waveform frequency	Agilent 33250A	A
Dual Power Supply	Dual 0 to 15 Vdc	Agilent E3631A	A
Spectrum Analyzer	100 kHz to 26.5 GHz GPIB Controllable	Agilent E4407B	A
Degausser (CRT only)	200W input	Radio Shack 44-233	A
A - Adjustments P - Performance Verification T - Troubleshooting * Other calibration kits, verification kits, and cables may be required depending upon the system configuration			





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## **2 Safety/Licensing**

## GENERAL SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

### SAFETY SYMBOLS

This product and related documentation must be reviewed for familiarization with safety markings and instructions before operation. This product has been designed and tested in accordance with the standards listed on the Manufacturer's Declaration of Conformity, and has been supplied in a safe condition. The documentation contains information and warnings that must be followed by the user to ensure safe operation and to maintain the product in a safe condition.



Instruction manual symbol: the product will be marked with this symbol when it is necessary for the user to refer to the instruction manual (refer to Table of Contents).



Indicates hazardous voltages.



Indicates earth (ground) terminal.

### WARNING

The WARNING sign denotes a hazard. It call attention to a procedure, practice, or the like, which, if not correctly performed or adhered to, could result in personal injury. Do not proceed beyond WARNING until the indicated conditions are fully understood and met.

### CAUTION

The CAUTION sign denotes a hazard. It calls attention to an operating procedure, practice, or the like which, if not correctly performed or adhered to, could result in damage to or destruction of part or all of the product. Do not proceed beyond a CAUTION sign until the indicated conditions are fully understood and met.

### SAFETY EARTH GROUND

This is a Safety Class I product (provided with a protective earthing terminal). An uninterruptible safety earth ground must be provided from the main power source to the product input wiring terminals, power, cord, or supplied power cord set. Whenever it is likely that the protection has been impaired, the product must be made inoperative and secured against any unintended operation.

### BEFORE APPLYING POWER

Verify that the product is configured to match the available main power source per the input power configuration instructions provided in this manual. If this product is to be energized via an autotransformer make sure the common terminal is connected to the neutral (grounded side of the mains supply). The front panel LINE switch disconnects the mains circuits from the mains supply after the EMC filters and before other parts of the instrument.



Before switching on this instrument, make sure:

- the line voltage selector switch is set to the voltage of the mains supply.
- the correct fuse is installed.
- the supply voltage is in the specified range.

### SERVICING

### WARNING

Any servicing, adjustment, maintenance, or repair of this product must be performed only by qualified personnel.

- Adjustments described in this manual may be performed with power supplied to the product while protective covers are removed.

- Energy available at many points may, if contacted, result in personal injury. Capacitors inside this product may still be charged even when disconnected from their power source.

- To avoid a fire hazard, only fuses with the required current rating and of the specified type (normal blow, time delay, etc.) are to be used for replacement.

## 8510 Safety Information

In order to maintain safe operation of the 8510 system, read and follow the specific instructions in the Warnings, Cautions, and Notes found in the instruments and throughout this manual.

### Hazardous Instrument Areas with Power On

Each instrument in the 8510 system has areas that contain lethal voltages when the instrument has ac power applied. [Figure 2-1](#) and [Figure 2-2](#) show each of the instruments and their hazardous areas.



#### WARNING

**A shock hazard exists when the covers are removed. Also, the protective earth grounding on this equipment must be maintained to provide protection from electrical shock. Any service or adjustment performed with the covers removed should be performed by qualified service personnel only.**



#### CAUTION

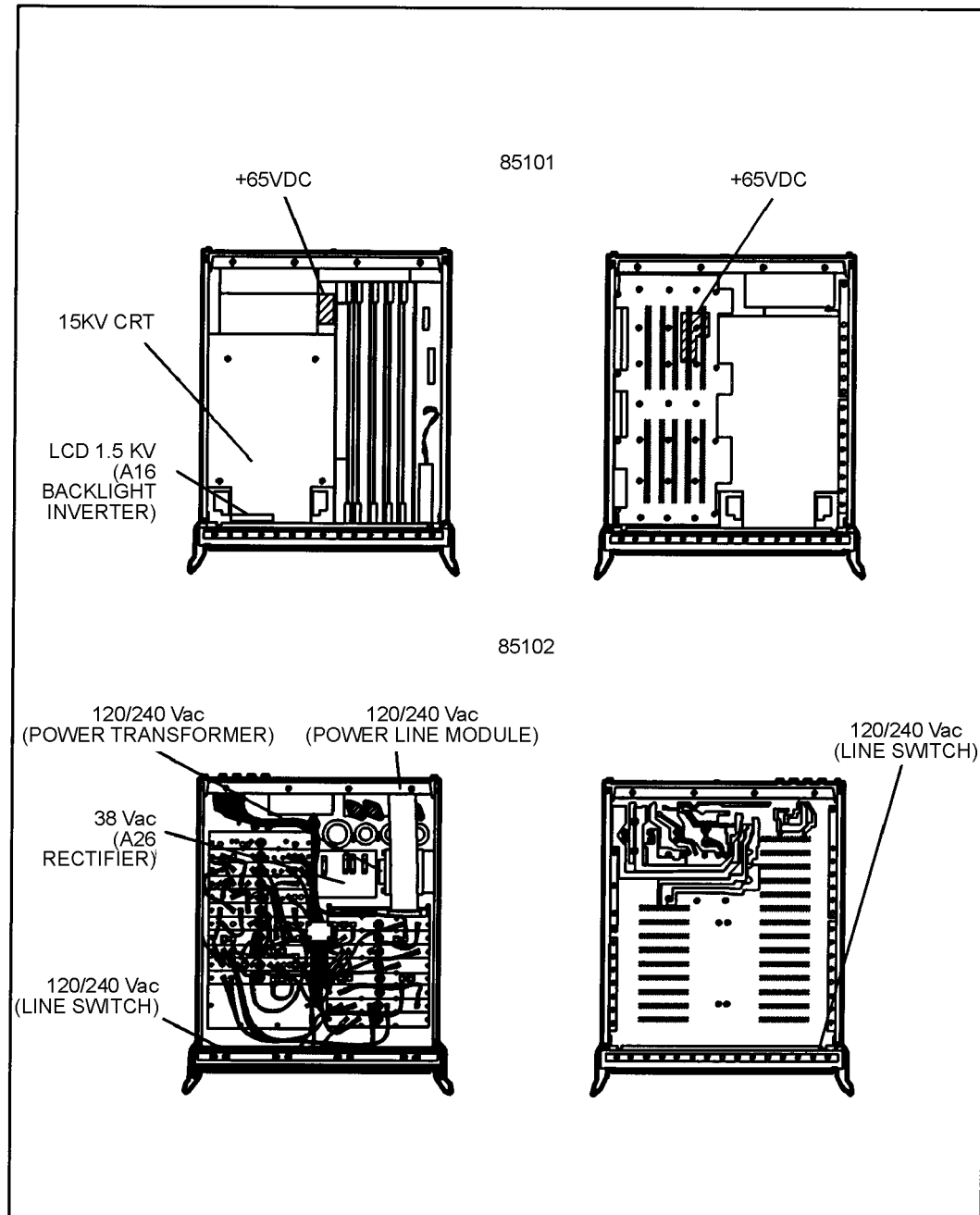
Turn off the line voltage before removing or replacing printed circuit boards. Damage to integrated circuits can occur if power is left on when printed circuit boards are removed or replaced. Whenever the 8510 system is serviced, an anti-static workstation should be used to avoid damage incurred by static discharge into the static-sensitive circuits of the 8510 system.



#### WARNING

**If this product is not used as specified, the protection provided by the equipment could be impaired. This product must be used in a normal condition (in which all means for protection are intact) only.**

**Figure 2-1 Location of Hazardous Voltages in 8510 Instruments (1 of 2)**

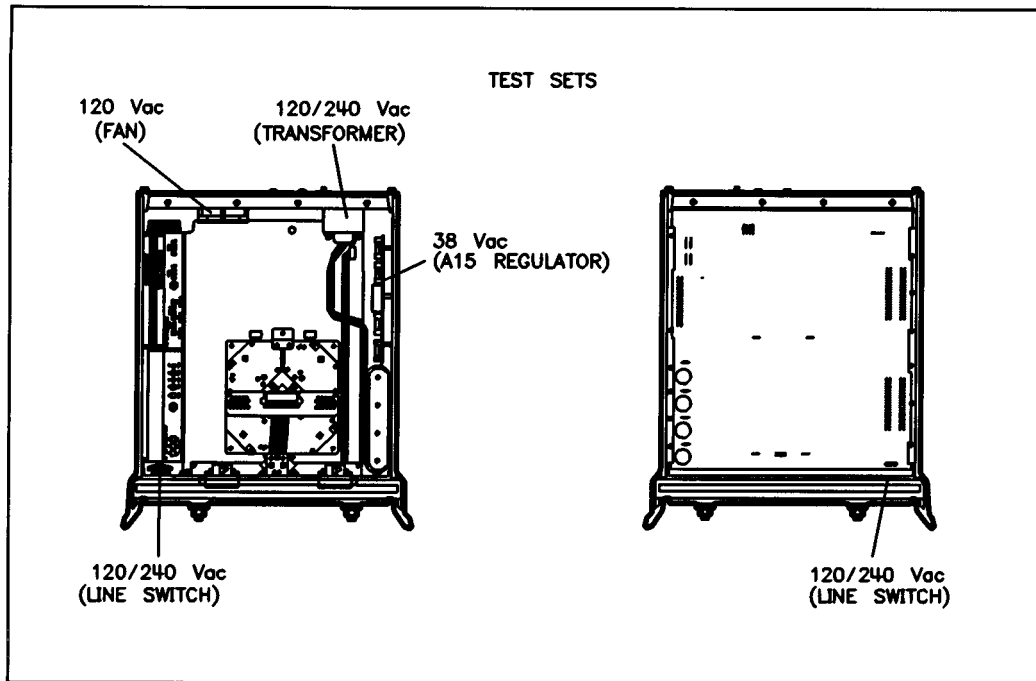


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**WARNING**

**The opening of covers or removal of parts is likely to expose dangerous voltages. Disconnect the product from all voltage sources while it is being opened. The power cord is connected to internal capacitors that may remain live for 5 seconds after disconnecting the plug from its power supply.**

**Figure 2-2**      **Location of Hazardous Voltages in 8510 Instruments (2 of 2)**



## Compliance with German FTZ Emissions Requirements

The Agilent 8510C network analyzer complies with German FTZ 526/527 Radiated Emissions and Conducted Emissions requirements.

This is to declare that the products listed below are in conformance with the German Regulation on Noise Declaration for Machines (Laermangabe nach der Maschinenlaermrrordnung -3. GSGV Deutschland).

<b>Instruments with fan installed/Gerate mit engebautem Ventilator</b>			
4195A	83631A/B	85101B/C	85309A
8350B	83640A/B	85102B/R	85106A-D
8620C	83642A	8511A/B	85108A/L
83601A/B	83650A/B	8512A	8702B
83602A	83651A/B	8513A	8703A
83620A/B	83420A	8514A/B	8719A
83621A/B	83421A	8515A	8720A-C
83622A/B	83422A	8516A	8722A
83630A/B	83423A	8517A/B	8753B/C
83624A/B	83424A	85105A	8757C/E
83630A/B	83425A	85110A/L	
<b>Acoustic Noise Emission/Geraeuschemisslon</b>			
LpA < 70dB Operator position Normal operation per ISO 7779		LpA < 70dB am Arbeitsplatz normaler Betrieb nach DIN 45635 t. 19	

## Compliance with Canadian EMC Requirements

This ISM device complies with Canadian ICES-001.

Cet appareil ISM est conforme a la norme NMB du Canada.

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## **3 Theory of Operation**

## Overview

This chapter describes the operation of the 8510 network analyzer system. “[The Base System](#)” describes one complete system in broad terms. This is the basis of all 8510 systems. Some systems are more specialized and complex, such as millimeter systems and pulse systems. These are explained in separate system manuals. However, disconnecting the specialized components of most 8510 systems will reduce them to the base system described here.

Other parts of this chapter describe the individual instruments within the system in detail sufficient to aid troubleshooting. In this manual, sources and test sets are troubleshot to the instrument level. The IF/detector and display/processor are troubleshot to the assembly level. For additional source or test set information, refer to their manuals.

The final sections of this chapter describe a typical measurement sequence and explain the system phase-locked loop.

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<b>NOTE</b>	In this chapter, "RF signal" and "RF signal path" refer to the main RF signal from the source. Depending on its place in the path, the "RF" may be RF, one of two IFs, or a digitized signal.
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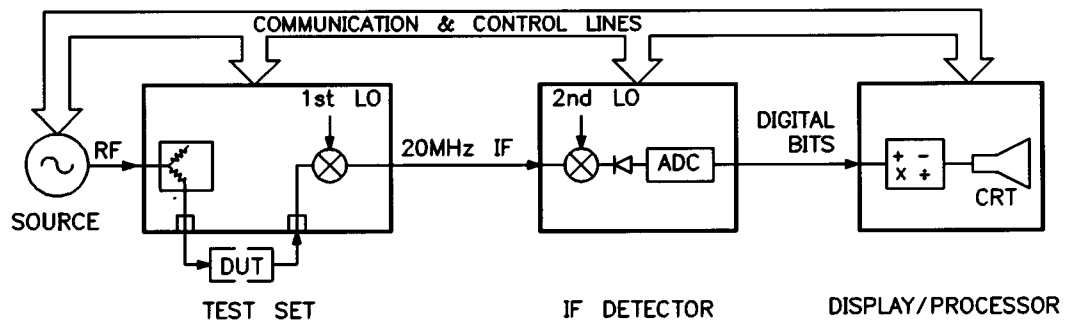
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## The Base System

The 8510 network analyzer base system used in this example consists of a source, a test set, the 85102 IF/detector, and the 85101 display/processor instruments (see [Figure 3-1](#)).

**Figure 3-1 Forward Transmission Test Signal Path in 8510 Base System**



The source produces RF signals that allow the network analyzer to examine DUTs (devices under test) with a signal applied.

The test set splits the source signal into a reference signal and a test signal. The test signal is transmitted through or reflected from the DUT and goes to the receiver for comparison to the reference signal. In [Figure 3-1](#), only the transmitted signal path is shown.

In the 8510 system, the test set also down-converts the source frequency (RF) to an IF of 20 MHz. The IF/detector down-converts the 20 MHz IF signals from the test set to 100 kHz and then detects, processes, and digitizes them.

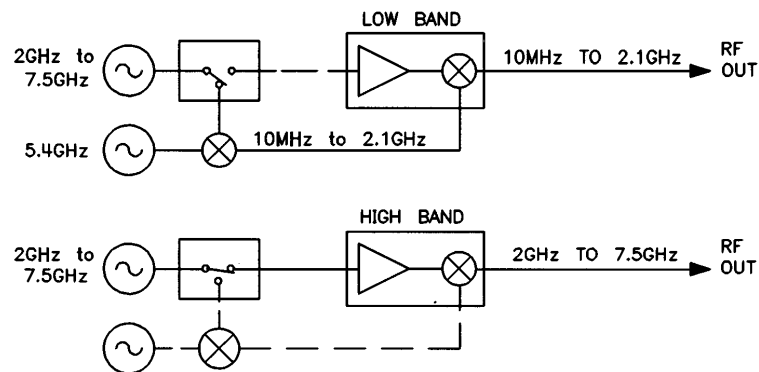
The display/processor compares the transmitted or reflected signal to the reference signal. It performs all of the math operations on the digitized signals and displays them. The display/processor also coordinates the actions of the system instruments. It is the system controller.

## Sources

The system source provides an RF stimulus over the desired frequency range and power level as set by the 8510. Most sources cover their full frequency range in several bands because the individual oscillators are limited in frequency range. Low frequency and higher frequency oscillators are used alone and mixed to produce the entire frequency range.

In the figure below, the source uses two oscillators for a frequency range of 10 MHz to 7.5 GHz. Oscillators with different frequency ranges and multipliers are also used to cover different frequency ranges.

**Figure 3-2 Source Covering Frequency Range in Two Bands**



The source lets the 8510 know its frequency over digital interconnect lines. It starts and stops its frequency sweeps in response to commands from the 8510. As explained below, the system can use a synthesized sweeper, a sweep oscillator, or both as a source.

### Synthesized Sweepers

Synthesized sweepers (or synthesizers) achieve frequency resolution to within a few hertz. 8510 dedicated Agilent 836X1 synthesized sources come with 1 Hz resolution standard; 1 Hz is optional on other 8360 series sources. Modern synthesizers are as fast as (or faster than) sweep oscillators in most circumstances. Older synthesizers tend to be slower but offer the same resolution.

A synthesizer can operate in step mode where it phase locks at each frequency point (for the number of points selected). At each point, it takes one or more measurements, depending upon the number of averages selected. It can also operate in ramp mode.

### Sweep Oscillators

Sweep oscillators (or sweepers) are less frequency accurate than synthesizers. They operate in ramp mode only. A sweeper is fast but less accurate and sweeps through the frequency range as many times as the selected averaging factor.

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## Test Sets

The standard test sets designed to work with the 8510 include the Agilent 8511, 8514, 8515, 8517, 85110. They differ in several respects: operating frequency range, dynamic range, front panel test port connectors, and internal RF path mechanics. An identification code in ROM or configuration switches within each test set allow the 8510 to recognize each type at power-up for proper operation.

Test sets have two main functions:

1. To separate the RF signal into reference and test signals.
2. To down-convert the RF signals to 20 MHz IF signals after separation.

Test sets separate the signals with couplers or triax bridges. During the RF to IF conversion, the test sets maintain the phase coherence of the measured signals so that they can be kept in ratioed pairs after calibration.

Most test sets for the 8510 are either sampler-based or mixer-based. A third type is the frequency converter.

### Sampler-Based Test Sets

These test sets have samplers driven by a VTO. The VTO, acting like a second source or LO (local oscillator), enables the samplers to down-convert the RF signal to an IF signal according to this formula:  $LO - RF = IF$ .

Note that the LO frequency must vary as the RF varies to maintain a constant IF of 20 MHz. The VTO summing amp board provides the control voltages to tune the VTO to the correct LO frequency. The VTO usually operates at between 50 and 300 MHz. The LO frequency is a harmonic of the VTO. Should the VTO ever go out of range, the processor will generate an error message: VTO OVERRANGE. These test sets have a narrow IF bandwidth of approximately  $\pm 3$  MHz.

### Mixer-Based Test Sets

These test sets have mixers driven by two sources. The second source enables the mixers to downconvert the RF signal to an IF signal according to this formula:  $LO - RF = IF$

Note that the LO frequency must vary as the RF varies to maintain a constant IF of 20 MHz. These test sets have a wider IF bandwidth than sampler test sets.

### 8511 Frequency Converter

The 8511 is a sampler-based test set without signal separation components (couplers or bridges). Its four front panel test ports connect directly to four samplers; it is basically a four-channel frequency converter. Its assemblies are otherwise identical to the other test sets. The special applications of this test set are documented in its manual and application notes.

## Test Set Control Path

The test set and the display/processor communicate over the 8510 system bus and the test set interface. The A4 GPIB (HP-IB) board is the control center of test set communications and logic. It contains an 8-bit microprocessor, a GPIB chip, and an identification code (in ROM) to initialize and identify the test set to the display/processor. This code works in conjunction with configuration switches in the test set.

The A4 board also controls several assemblies within the test set via a separate data/address bus. The bus enables the A4 processor to do the following:

- Read the configuration switches.
- Select the sampler(s) required to measure the desired signal.
- Operate the front panel LEDs.
- Program the switch/splitter and any programmable attenuators.
- Monitor the test set temperature and notify the display/processor if it gets too hot.

## Test Set Power-On Sequence

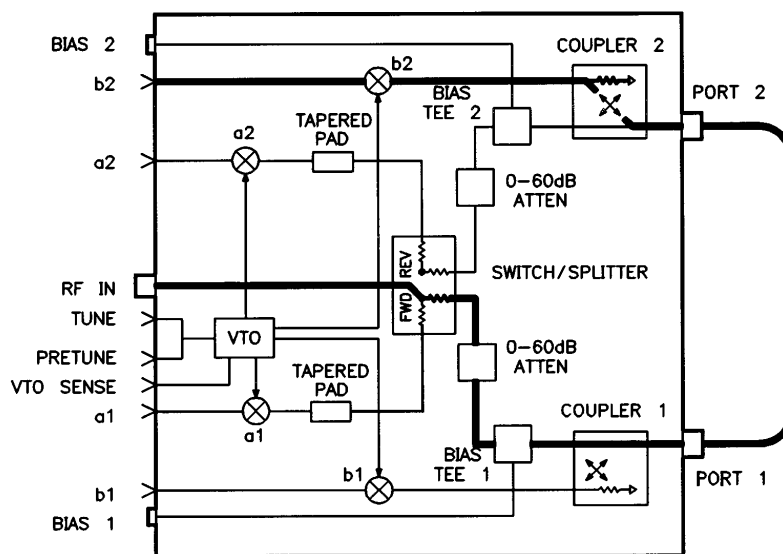
When power is applied to the test set, the A15 regulator board produces a power-on reset signal, PWON. PWON resets the control logic of the test set. When the power supply voltages are at their required levels, the PWON low-to-high signal transition resets the processor, the GPIB chip, and a data latch on the A3 summing amp board. Resetting the processor initiates a test set self-test program that checks the integrity of the ROM and RAM located on the A4 board. Resetting this data latch turns on all of the samplers in the test set.

The general effect of PWON is to put the test set in a default state at the time of power-on. This allows the test set to function even if the A4 GPIB board is defective or if there is no communication between the 85101 and the test set.

## Test Set Typical RF Path

The RF signal from the source enters the test set through the RF IN connector on the rear panel (see [Figure 3-3](#)). The RF is then applied to the switch/splitter: a combination of two power splitters and a solid state switch. This switch selects the power splitter to be used, and thereby selects the port that will receive incident RF power.

**Figure 3-3 RF Signal Path Thru Sampler Test Set for Forward Transmission Measurement S21**



For the forward transmission measurement  $S_{21}$  ( $b_2/a_1$ ), the RF signal path is as follows:

The source RF signal is input to the test set and separated by the switch/splitter to produce the test signal and the reference signal. The test signal first passes through the DUT and port 2 coupler. It is then applied to the  $b_2$  sampler for down-conversion to 20 MHz before being sent to the 85102 IF/detector. The reference signal is simultaneously applied to sampler  $a_1$ , where it is down-converted to a 20 MHz IF and also sent to the 85102.

In the case of an  $S_{11}$  forward reflection measurement ( $b_1/a_1$ ), the main difference from the  $S_{21}$  path operation is that the test signal is reflected from port 1 and coupled to the  $b_1$  sampler. There it is down-converted to the 20 MHz IF and sent to the 85102.

$S_{12}$  reverse transmission RF paths ( $b_1/a_2$ ) and  $S_{22}$  reverse reflection RF paths ( $b_2/a_2$ ) are similar to the transmission and reflection paths explained above. The differences are that the switch/splitter is switched to the reverse path position and that the  $a_2$  sampler is used in the reference signal path.

A similar process occurs during reverse measurements, when RF power is applied to port 2 of the test set.

The LO signal generated by the VTO/driver is phase locked to the source so that the desired VTO harmonic is 20 MHz greater than the source frequency. The phase-locked loop process is described in the “[System Phase Lock Operation](#)” section of this chapter.

## 85102 IF/Detector

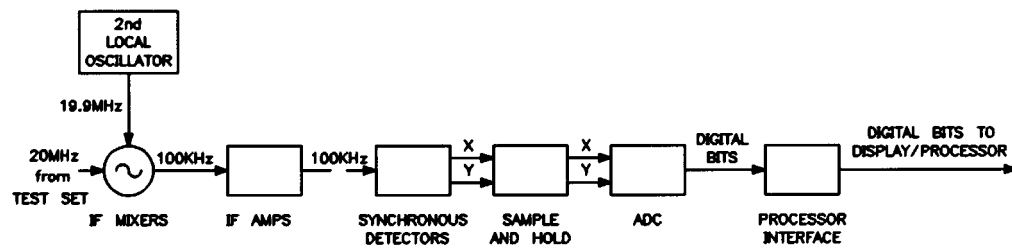
The IF/detector is the first half of the 8510 network analyzer. It performs a second down-conversion of the signals, detects them, and digitizes and multiplexes them for input to the display/processor. It also functions as part of the phase-locked loop. For the most part, it is controlled by the display/processor.

The assemblies of the IF/detector can be classified in four categories: signal path, control, phase locked loop, and miscellaneous.

### Signal Path Assemblies

The signal path assemblies down-convert, detect, digitize and multiplex the signals.

**Figure 3-4** Signal Path Assemblies of IF/Detector



**IF Mixers (A9, A11, A13, A14)** buffer, filter and mix the 20 MHz signals (with the 19.9 MHz LO signal) down to 100 kHz. The assemblies are electrically and mechanically identical.

**19.9 MHz Local Oscillator (A8)** assembly provides the LO signals for the IF mixer assemblies.

**Test and Reference IF Amplifiers (A10, A12)** autorange and amplify the signals to allow the detectors to operate in their optimal range. The assemblies are electrically and mechanically identical.

**Test and Reference Synchronous Detectors (A5, A7)** detect the X and Y pairs (test and reference) that have been mixed down to 100 kHz IF. The assemblies are electrically and mechanically identical.

**Sample and Hold (A17)** assembly multiplexes the X and Y pairs from the synchronous detectors.

**Analog-to-Digital Converter (A18)** assembly converts the X and Y pairs from the analog IF waveform to digital bits.

**Processor Interface (A24)** assembly transmits the digital bits to the display/processor and enables the IF/detector and display/processor to communicate.

## Control Assemblies

The control assemblies control the functioning and timing of the system and enable communication within the system. The phase lock assemblies are described later.

**Front Panel and Front Panel Interface (A1)** assembly enables the user to control the 8510, displays the status of power (on/off) and the active channel (1 or 2).

**ADC Control (A19)** provides the control for the A17 sample and hold assembly and the A18 analog-to-digital converter. It is controlled by the display/processor and works in conjunction with the A20 sweep ADC assembly.

**Sweep ADC (A20)** assembly triggers the sample and hold assembly to take data at the proper frequency intervals. Note that as the 8510 system sweeps, the intervals are determined by the display/processor.

**Clock (A6)** assembly provides four reference, timing and calibration signals:

- Reference IF signals for the main phase-locked loop
- Timing signals for the synchronous detectors
- Timing signals for the 19.9 MHz local oscillator
- The 100 kHz calibration signal for the IF

## Phase Lock Assemblies

**IF Counter (A21)** assembly counts the 20 MHz IF signal and checks for the power level and valid frequency count for both pretune and main lock.

**Pretune Phase Lock (A22)** assembly lets the system initiate a pretune phase lock based on the start frequency input to the display/processor. It also counts the VTO fundamental frequency.

**Main Phase Lock (A23)** assembly is used during pretune and as part of the main phase-locked loop.

## Miscellaneous Assemblies

**Motherboard (A25)** assembly interconnects all of the other assemblies.

**Regulator (A15)** assembly provides four regulated DC voltages:

+15 V   -15 V   +5 V   -5 V

**Rectifier (A26)** assembly rectifies line voltage (ac) to dc for the IF/detector.

## 85101 Display/Processor

The 85101 display/processor is the system controller, data processor, and display unit for the 8510 system. It consists of the processor, EEPROM non-volatile memory, the display, and I/O ports.

The 85101 controls the 85102 IF/detector via a dedicated interface bus (IF/display interconnect). It controls the test set and source via one dedicated GPIB (HP-IB) port (8510 system interconnect) and interfaces with an external controller, printer, or plotter via a second GPIB (HP-IB) port. In addition, the display/processor can address printers and plotters via two RS-232 ports.

### Processor Assemblies

**Processor Assembly (A5)** performs all system control and computation functions. This assembly contains:

- The main processor, or CPU (a 68020, 32 bit microprocessor)
- A separate math coprocessor
- The main processor memory (RAM, 2 Mbyte)
- The system ROM
- LEDs to indicate self test (and subtest) results

**Memory Board (A6)** consists of 26 EEPROMS arranged in 13 banks. The main program resides in this nonvolatile memory.

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### Display Assemblies (CRT)

**Graphics Processor (A4)** provides an interface between the processor and display assemblies. The CPU converts the formatted data to graphics commands and writes it to the graphics processor. The graphics processor converts the data to obtain the necessary video signals and sends the signals to the display. It also produces RGB output signals which are sent to the rear panel for use by optional external monitors. The assembly receives two power supply voltages: +5 V (for processing) and +65 V (not used but passed on to the display).



**CRT Display (A11)** is a 7.5 inch raster scan color CRT with associated drive circuitry. Automatic degaussing is performed when the instrument is turned on to minimize the magnetization of the CRT. It receives these inputs from the display processor:

- +65 V power supply
- Digital TTL horizontal and vertical sync signals
- RGB (red, green, and blue) video signals
- Background and intensity signals

### Display Assemblies (LCD)

**Graphics Processor (A14)** is the main interface between the A5 central processing unit (CPU) and the A15 liquid crystal display (LCD). The CPU converts the formatted data into GSP commands and writes it to the A14 graphics processor (GSP). The GSP processes the data to generate analog and digital video signals that are used for:

- The analog video signals generated are VGA compatible RGB video signals which are buffered and routed to the real panel.
- The digital video signals generated are translated to 3.3 volt levels, buffered and routed to the A15 LCD.

The A14 assembly receives the +5 V power from the motherboard that is used for processing and supplying power to the LCD (+3.3 V) and backlight inverter (+5 V).

**LCD Assembly (A15)** is an 8.4-inch liquid crystal display (LCD) with associated drive circuitry. It receives a +3.3 V power supply from the A14 graphics processor. The display receives the following signals from the A14:

- digital horizontal sync
- digital vertical sync
- digital blanking
- data clock
- digital red video
- digital green video
- digital blue video

The A15 LCD display includes the backlight lamp and inverter. The lamp attaches to the LCD display frame but is electrically separate. The backlight is powered by a separate connection to the attached backlight inverter (A16), which is also electrically separate.

**Backlight Inverter (A16)** is a part of the A15 LCD assembly. It receives a +5 V power supply and control signals from the A14 graphics processor. The control signals include backlight intensity. It outputs a high voltage used to drive the backlight lamp.

### Input/Output Assemblies

**Disc Drive Assembly (A2)** is a 1.44 Mbyte, double-sided disc drive. It can use standard or high-density 3.5 inch disks.

**I/O Assembly (A7)** is the main interface for the system. The main processor data, address, and control buses are routed throughout the 85101 via the motherboard and this assembly. It enables various parts of the system to communicate by supporting these components:

- real-time clock
- disc drive
- two RS 232 ports<sup>1</sup>
- two GPIB ports
- 85101 interrupt system
- 85102 interface
- front panel interface
- RPG counters

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**NOTE**

1) The RS 232 port in conjunction with 0.5 Mbyte DRAM on the processor assembly permit spooling data to printers and plotters.

2) RS 232 ports share only a small part of the 0.5 Mbyte DRAM; 400 K DRAM for port 1, and 100 K DRAM for port 2.

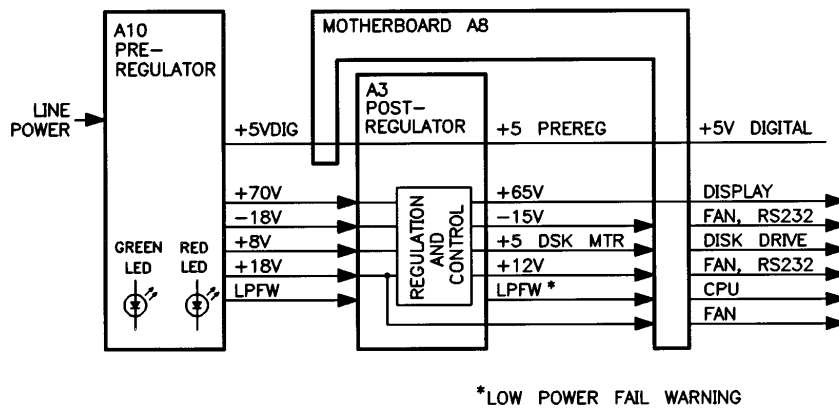
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## Power Supply

The power supply is a switching power supply. Its functions are distributed between the preregulator, post-regulator, and display assemblies.

**Preregulator (A10)** steps down and rectifies the line voltage. It provides a fully regulated +5 V digital supply, and several preregulated voltages that go to the A3 post-regulator assembly for additional regulation. [Figure 3-5](#) is a simplified block diagram of the power supply group.

**Figure 3-5 Power Supply Functional Group, Simplified Block Diagram**



The preregulator assembly includes the line power module, a 60 kHz switching preregulator, and overvoltage protection for the +5 V digital supply. It provides LEDs, visible from the rear of the instrument, to indicate circuit status.

**Line Power Module** includes the line power switch, voltage selector switch, and main fuse. The voltage selector switch adapts the instrument to local line voltages of approximately 115 V or 230 V. The main fuse protects the input side of the preregulator against drawing too much line current.

**Preregulated Voltages** are converted from line voltage by the switching preregulator. The regulated +5 V digital supply goes directly to the motherboard. The following partially regulated voltages are routed to the post-regulator for final regulation:

+70 V   -8 V   +8 V   +18 V

**Regulated +5 V Digital Supply** is regulated by the control loop in the preregulator. It goes directly to the motherboard, and from there to all assemblies requiring a digital supply. A +5 V sense line returns from the motherboard to the preregulator.

In order for the preregulator to function, the +5 VD supply must be loaded by one or more assemblies, and the +5 V sense line must be working. If not, the other preregulated voltages will be incorrect. However, this condition will not cause damage as all circuits are over- and under-voltage protected.

### Shutdown Indications

- The green LED is on in normal operation. It is off when line power is not connected, not turned on, or set too low, or if the line fuse has blown.
- The red LED is off in normal operation. It lights to indicate a +5 V supply fault or power transformer circuitry fault such as an undervoltage, overvoltage, overcurrent, or overtemperature condition.

**Post-Regulator (A3)** filters and regulates the dc voltages received from the preregulator. It provides fusing and shutdown circuitry for individual voltage supplies. It distributes regulated constant voltages to individual assemblies throughout the instrument. Five green LEDs provide status indications for the individual voltage supplies:

- +65 V (for CRT display, not used for LCD)
- -15 V (for the fan and [dropped to -12 V] for RS 232 ports)
- +5 PREREG (digital supply, also called +5 VDIG)
- +12 V (variable for the fan and fixed for RS 232 ports)
- +5 DSK MTR (for the disc drive motor)

The post-regulator consists of these circuits (among others):

- Shutdown circuit
- Variable fan speed circuit
- Low power circuit

**Shutdown Circuit** is triggered by overcurrent, overvoltage, undervoltage, or overtemperature. It protects the instrument by causing the regulated voltage supplies to be shut down. The voltages that are not shut down are the +5 VDIG digital supply from the preregulator and the fan supplies. If a fault occurs in any of the post-regulated voltages except +65 V, all but the +65 V and +5 VDIG shut down.

The shutdown circuit can be disabled momentarily for troubleshooting purposes. But do so quickly and carefully or components may be damaged.

**Variable Fan Speed Circuit** and an air flow detector provide fan power as needed. Fan power is derived directly from the +18 V and -18 V supplies from the preregulator. The fan is fused only with the line fuse so that it will continue to provide airflow and cooling when the instrument is otherwise disabled. If overheating occurs, the main instrument supplies are shut down and the fan runs at full speed. Full speed is normal at initial power-up.

**Low Power Fail Warning Circuit** (LPFW) detects low power and shuts down the CPU gracefully.

### **Voltage Indicators**

The five green LEDs along the top edge of the post-regulator assembly are on in normal operation, to indicate the correct voltage is present in each supply. If they are off or flashing, refer to [Chapter 4](#) to trace the cause of the problem.

**Display Power** is routed through the motherboard to the graphics processor assembly and then to the CRT/LCD.

## 8510 Typical System Measurement Sequence

1. The 8510 display/processor sets the source and test set VTO start frequencies.
2. The system achieves phase lock as explained in “[System Phase Lock Operation](#).”
3. The source begins one of two basic types of frequency sweep:
  - Step sweep mode: the system phase locks at each frequency point. This mode is accurate, relatively fast for current synthesizers, and relatively slow for older models.
  - Ramp sweep mode: the system phase locks at the start of each band crossing. This sweeper mode is fast but less accurate.
4. The test set separates RF power from the source into test and reference signals. The test signal is applied to the DUT and transmitted through or reflected from it.
5. The test set down-converts the RF signals (test and reference) into separate 20 MHz IF frequencies.
6. The IF/detector down-converts the 20 MHz signals to 100 kHz. It autoranges IF gain steps to maintain the IF signals at optimum levels for detection over a wide dynamic range.
7. The IF/detector applies each IF signal to a synchronous detector which generates DC voltages proportional to the magnitude and phase of each input signal. The synchronous detectors use digital techniques to develop outputs equal to the real (X) and imaginary (Y) parts of the signal.
8. The IF/detector digitizes the X and Y sample pairs.
9. The display/processor reads the sample pairs, processes them, and displays them on the CRT/LCD.

## System Phase Lock Operation

Components of the phase lock system are in each of the 8510 system instruments: the source, the test set, the IF/detector, and the display/processor. Therefore, a malfunction or bad connection in any of the instruments can cause a phase lock problem and generate a running error message.

Running error messages indicate that a fault was detected at a particular step in the phase lock sequence, not at a particular physical location. Running error messages allow the system to keep running. Until cleared, the messages remain on display even if the problem has ended.

Four main assemblies constitute the phase lock system:

- Pretune assembly (in the IF/detector)
- VTO summing amp assembly (in the test set)
- IF counter assembly (in the IF/detector)
- Main phase lock assembly (in the IF/detector)

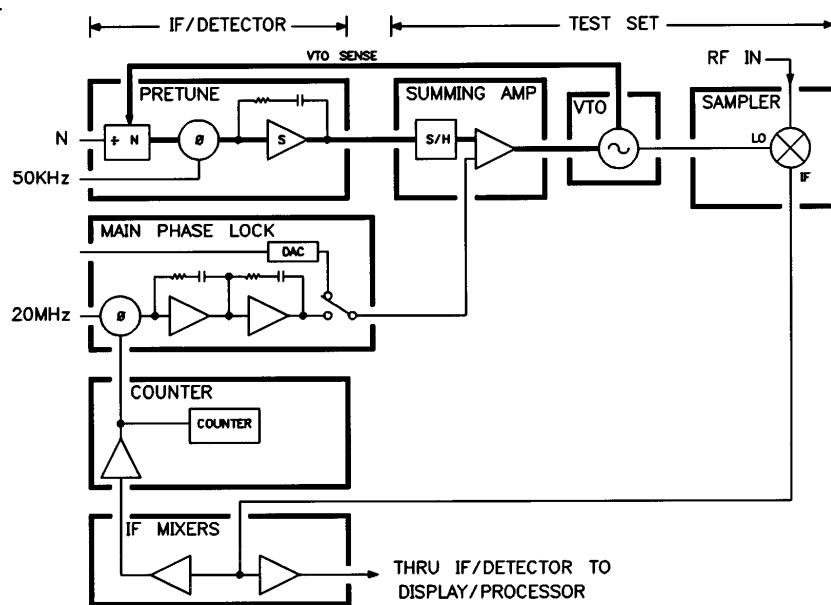
Additionally the display/processor memory and processor assemblies are involved in controlling and monitoring the phase lock system. The IF/detector IF mixer assemblies are part of the main phase-locked loop (but they are less important in determining loop operation).

The 8510 uses two separate phase-locked loops: a pretune phase-locked loop and a main phase-locked loop. The pretune phase-locked loop is a narrow bandwidth, synthesized, high accuracy loop. The main phase-locked loop locks to 20 MHz and has enough bandwidth to track the fast sweeping ramp.

### Pretune Phase Lock Sequence

A pretune phase lock sequence precedes the beginning of every sweep and each band crossing. Its main purpose is to generate an LO frequency about 20 MHz higher than the RF. To do this the processor computes the start frequency and all other necessary programming information. That information includes digital information for a DAC which drives the VTO, the appropriate harmonic number of the VTO, and a divide-by-N number.

**Figure 3-6 Simplified Pretune Phase-Locked Loop**



As shown above, during pretune, the pretune assembly tunes the VTO by putting the S/H (sample-and-hold circuit) into the track-always mode. In this mode, the main phase-locked loop is switched away from the phase detector to a DAC. The processor chooses a VTO frequency such that a resulting VTO harmonic comb frequency is 20 MHz above the RF of the source. The VTO summing amp assembly in the test set sums the pretune voltage and main lock voltage to tune the VTO to the desired frequency.

To confirm that the VTO frequency is correct, the pretune board divides it by N and compares it to a 50 kHz reference signal. If the frequency is not correct, the VTO is retuned with an error voltage. When the pretune frequency is correct, a comparator on the pretune board detects lock. In turn the processor reads a bit from the comparator. If the pretune circuit is unable to generate the correct VTO frequency, the processor displays this running error message: `PRETUNE FAILURE`.

For example, if the start frequency entered on the front panel is 1.8 GHz, the processor calculates the LO frequency required to produce a 20 MHz IF ( $1.8 \text{ GHz} + 20 \text{ MHz} = 1.82 \text{ GHz}$ ). Since 1.82 GHz is beyond the frequency range of the VTO, the actual LO frequency is a harmonic of the VTO, in this case the ninth harmonic. The VTO frequency is about 202.2 MHz ( $1.82 \text{ GHz} / 9$ ).

In summary, the pretune phase lock sequence tunes the VTO to a fundamental sampling rate and locks the pretune loop, based on the N number chosen by the processor.

## Pretune IF Count Sequence

This sequence consists of two or three steps: an IF count, an IF search routine when needed, and a check step.

**Pretune IF Count** is less a count than a check. It determines whether a comb frequency is near the RF input frequency. The IF counter of the IF/detector checks the presence and frequency of the IF. The processor selects the active IF sampler ( $a_1$ , or  $a_2$ ) with the PIN switch on the IF counter board.

The 8510 pretune synthesizer is accurate enough to pretune the comb frequency to within  $\pm 5$  MHz of the desired LO frequency. Ideally this creates an IF at 20 MHz ( $\pm 5$  MHz), the IF counter detects that the IF is strong enough to lock to, and then the IF counter counts the IF to within 10 kHz resolution.

If the IF is not approximately 10 MHz to 30 MHz, or if the IF counter has over-ranged, or if the IF is too weak to lock to, the processor ignores the count and begins the IF search routine.

**IF Search Routine** is a series of ever-widening steps of approximately 10 MHz that attempts to find the IF. After several attempts, if a valid count is found, the check step is performed. If the check step is successful, the main phase lock is released. If the check step is not successful, the search continues for two more sequences.

The IF may not be counted at the default location for several reasons. It could be out of range or too weak. Source linearity (including band-cross locations) and sweep point quantization errors on the sweep ADC board are the two major sources of error in the location of the IF. Bandpass filtering on the sampler preamps in the test set limits the available search window to about 20 MHz ( $\pm 10$  MHz). The filter is down about 15 dB at the edges.

**Check Step Sequence** algorithm determines (1) whether the IF is a product of the RF and (2) whether the IF is the correct sideband of the desired harmonic.

The algorithm initiates a second pretune to move the IF towards 20 MHz by approximately 5 MHz. If the comb frequency is on the high side (the correct side), the IF decreases. The processor begins the main phase lock sequence (described below).

If the comb line is on the low side (the wrong side), the IF increases. When the wrong sideband is detected, the processor pretunes the IF 40 MHz higher. Then it repeats the check step.

For example, assume the first count is 23 MHz. If the comb frequency is on the high side, the check step count is 18 MHz (it has moved toward and through 20 MHz). If the comb frequency is on the low side of the RF, the check step count is 28 MHz (it has moved away from 20 MHz).

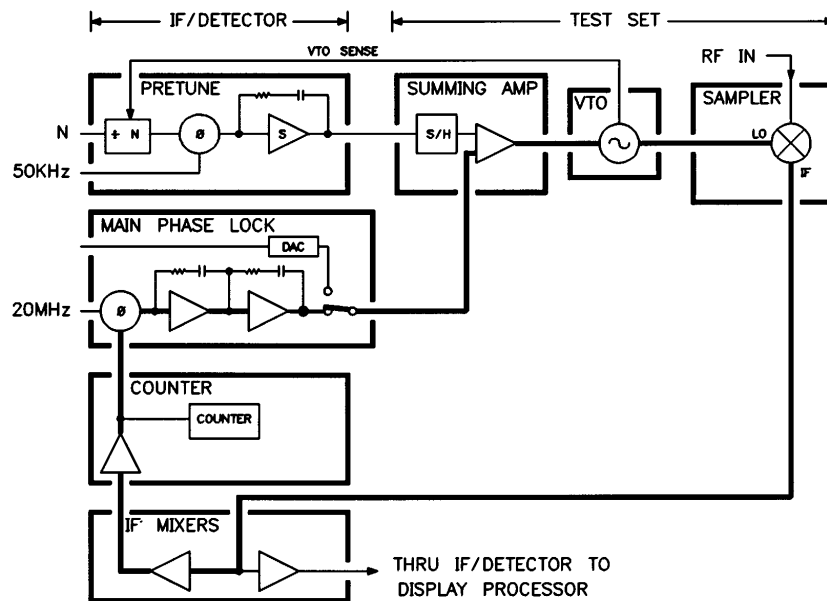
In summary, if the IF is not detected, if the check step fails, or if the IF is not found after the IF search routine, the processor displays this error message: NO IF FOUND



## Main Phase Lock Sequence

After a successful pretune sequence, the processor switches from pretune to main phase lock. During the switch, timing is very important. Any drift in source frequency, decrease in power, or fluctuation in the pretune loop could prevent phase lock.

**Figure 3-7 Simplified Main Phase Lock Loop**



As shown above, the S/H on the test set VTO summing amp holds the pretune voltage and VTO frequency constant. The main phase lock tracks the error signal of the phase detector to acquire the IF (about 20 MHz). Then it locks the IF to the 20 MHz reference signal. Once the IF is locked on 20 MHz, the processor begins the sweep. The phase-locked loop remains locked while holding the IF at a zero phase error (for the ramp output of the main phase lock board). If the loop cannot lock, the processor displays this error message:  
PHASE LOCK FAILURE.

## Monitoring Phase Lock

While making the measurement sweep, the processor monitors the IF count and power. If phase lock is lost during the sweep, the processor displays this error message:  
PHASE LOCK LOST.

The system attempts to lock one more time during the sweep. Lock may be recovered or not. If lock is not recovered, the loop stays unlocked until the next bandcrossing. In any case, the error message is displayed.

Phase lock problems of this nature may be caused by the main phase lock board (A23), or a power hole in the reference channel.

## Monitoring the VTO

If the VTO is driven near the end of its tested range but maintains lock, the processor displays this error message: VTO OVER-RANGE.

In essence, the system (especially the VTO) is operating near its limits. The system is still functioning properly, but it may become unreliable. Often this condition indicates the source should be calibrated to the 8510 through its trim sweep adjustment (refer to the *8510 Operating and Programming Manual*).

## Phase Lock Learn Mode

This mode enables the system, especially a sweeper-based system, to sweep quickly and accurately after the first sweep. In this context, the first sweep means the first sweep at a new start or stop frequency or new sweep speed. The first sweep takes longer than subsequent sweeps for two reasons:

1. Prior to the first sweep, the processor determines band-crossing frequencies based on default or calculated values. This determination takes some time.
2. At the end of the first sweep, the processor recalculates the band-crossing frequencies based on where it found the IF.

Recall that the sweep linearity of sweepers (like the Agilent 8350 and its associated plug-in) is approximately  $\pm 50$  MHz. This wide range almost invariably forces the 8510 to enter an IF search routine. The frequency inaccuracy of the sweeper displaces the IF and forces the search.

For example, assume a start frequency of 500 MHz. The 8510 pretunes the VTO to produce an LO of 520 MHz (20 MHz above the RF) and it expects to find the IF at 20 MHz (required for phase lock). But if the sweeper RF is actually 478 MHz, the IF would be 42 MHz (not 20 MHz as calculated). The 8510 would not find the IF initially. But after retuning the LO to 498 MHz, it would find the required 20 MHz IF.

	LO (VTO)	RF (Sweeper)	IF (LO-RF)
Calculated	520	500	<b>20</b>
Actual	520	478	<b>42</b>
Required	498	478	<b>20</b>

Finally, and here's where the learning takes place, the processor learns (remembers) the required LO frequency for an IF of 20 MHz (and phase lock). It then uses that value on subsequent sweeps. It sweeps faster because it need not recalculate pretune frequencies or search for the IF. The process is the same for the start frequency and all of the band crossings. The process is used after the system has maintained phase lock through all of the band crossings of the complete sweep.

## Phase Lock Cycle Summary (Including Running Error Messages)

The phase lock cycle occurs at every start frequency, at every band crossing, and at every point in step mode as follows:

**Pretune Phase Lock Sequence** pretunes a harmonic to the source frequency +20 MHz, locks the frequency, and checks for proper lock. If unsuccessful: `PRETUNE FAILURE`.

**Pretune IF Count Sequence** counts the IF, searches for it if unsuccessful, and checks the harmonic and sideband following a valid count. If unsuccessful: `NO IF FOUND`.

**Main Phase Lock Sequence** holds the pretune frequency, locks the main phase-locked loop, and checks for a 20 MHz IF. If unsuccessful: `PHASE LOCK FAILURE`.

If phase lock is lost during a sweep: `PHASE LOCK LOST`.

If the VTO reaches the end of its range before band crossing: `VTO OVER-RANGE`.

Theory of Operation  
Phase Lock Cycle Summary (Including Running Error Messages)

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## **4 Main Troubleshooting Procedure**

## Overview

This “Main Troubleshooting Procedure” provides a systematic series of checks to follow if the 8510 system appears to be faulty. If you follow these checks in the sequence given here, it will help you to isolate the cause of a problem in the least possible time. The checks in this main section are relatively brief. Whenever a problem is indicated, you will be referred to more detailed information in the following sections. The service flowchart is an abbreviated version of the detailed procedure on the opposite page. It is provided as a quick summary to be used by people who are already familiar with 8510 troubleshooting.

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If your 85101C display/processor is equipped with an LCD, you will find troubleshooting information for the A14 graphics display (GSP), A15 LCD assembly, and A16 inverter board in the “[LCD Failures](#)” section.

Also included are the following diagrams for reference in troubleshooting:

- 8510C System-Level Troubleshooting Block Diagram (equipped with a CRT display)
- 8510C System-Level Troubleshooting Block Diagram (equipped with an LCD)
- 85101C Display/Processor Overall Block Diagram (equipped with a CRT display)
- 85101C Display/Processor Overall Block Diagram (equipped with an LCD)
- 85102 IF/Detector Overall Block Diagram
- 8510C Phase Lock Block Diagram
- 85101C A8 Motherboard Wiring Diagram (equipped with a CRT display)
- 85101C A8 Motherboard Wiring Diagram (equipped with an LCD)
- 85102 A25 Motherboard Wiring Diagram

This manual provides troubleshooting information for the system and the 8510 network analyzer. You may also need to refer to the service manuals for the test set and the source.

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## Troubleshooting Outline

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**WARNING**            **Death or injury can result from voltages inside the instrument when it is connected to ac line power. Only qualified personnel who are aware of the hazards involved should perform service on this instrument when its covers are removed.**

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**CAUTION**            Turn off the line voltage before removing or replacing assemblies, to avoid damage to the instrument. Use an antistatic work station to avoid damage from static discharge.

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The troubleshooting strategy uses several different processes. This main procedure explains the appropriate times when each of these troubleshooting processes should be used.

- Control, configuration, and cabling pre-operational checks. These can quickly identify many failures.
- Specific procedures for certain obvious failures. When the nature of a failure is obvious, the procedure goes immediately to symptom-related troubleshooting steps.
- Internal diagnostics. The service program checks various circuits in the network analyzer.
- Hardware service tools. Test devices emulate the test set and source, to determine if the problem is in the analyzer.

## What's Wrong

First consider four questions before any other troubleshooting is attempted. These questions quickly focus the direction troubleshooting should take. The questions are:

- Are there any self-test failures?
- Are there any running error messages?
- Is there an unratiod power failure?
- Is there any other obvious failure type?

Before you continue with the individual troubleshooting for each of these problems, go to the [“Control, Configuration, and Cabling Pre-Operational Checks” on page 4-8](#). These checks can quickly correct up to 70% of failures.

### Self Test Failures

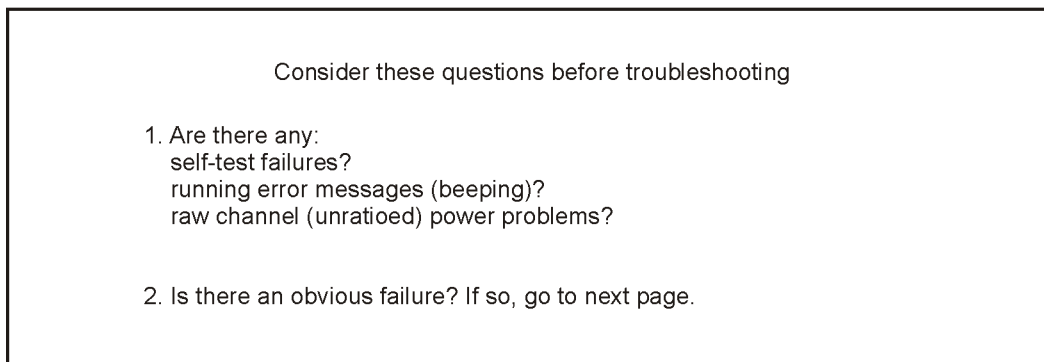
The network analyzer performs a series of self-tests each time it is powered up. If the analyzer passes all the tests, it loads and runs the operating system program.

A self-test failure is indicated on the display by one of the 14 self-test messages listed at the right side of the 8510C System-Level Troubleshooting Block Diagram. If one of these messages appears, go to [“Control, Configuration, and Cabling Pre-Operational Checks” on page 4-8](#) and then, if necessary, to [“Self Test Failures” on page 4-51](#).

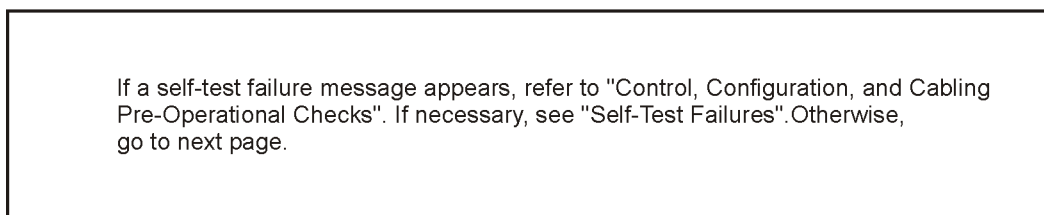


## Abbreviated 8510C System Service Flowchart

### WHAT'S WRONG?



### Self-Test Failures



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## Running Error Messages

Running error messages are the messages numbered 15 or higher listed on the right side of the 8510C System-Level Troubleshooting Block Diagram. They occur if the CPU detects an error during normal operation. When an error is detected and a running error message is displayed, the system usually continues to make measurements. Before troubleshooting a running error message, be sure it is consistent and repeatable. Press **ENTRY OFF** to remove the message from the screen, then press **MEASUREMENT RESTART** to initiate another sweep. Many times, a message such as `PHASE LOCK LOST` is only a momentary loss of lock that can be corrected on the next sweep. If the message disappears, there is no real problem. If the message repeats, go to [“Control, Configuration, and Cabling Pre-Operational Checks,”](#) and then if necessary to [“Running Error Messages.”](#)

## Unratioed Power Failures

A standard analyzer measurement is a ratio of two signals. For troubleshooting purposes, the frequency response of one signal only is checked in an unratioed absolute power mode through each of the signal paths. Observed problems can then be isolated to the components in the faulty signal path.

Go to [“Control, Configuration, and Cabling Pre-Operational Checks,”](#) and then follow the procedures in [“Unratioed Power Failures”](#) on page 4-85.

## Other Obvious Failure Types

Sometimes the nature of a failure may be obvious to a trained Agilent 8510 repair person, and you can go straight to the troubleshooting section for that type of failure. Obvious failure types (in addition to self-test failures, running errors, and unratioed power failures) are power supply failures, performance test failures, and software failures. (These failures may or may not seem obvious. It is not important to be able to recognize them; the total troubleshooting sequence will isolate them.)

## Power Supply Failures

If the analyzer appears dead, or the display is dark, or the fan is not operating properly, or the front panel LEDs are either not functioning or all remain lit, go to [“Control, Configuration, and Cabling Pre-Operational Checks”](#) on page 4-8 and then to [“Power Supply Failures”](#) on page 4-97.

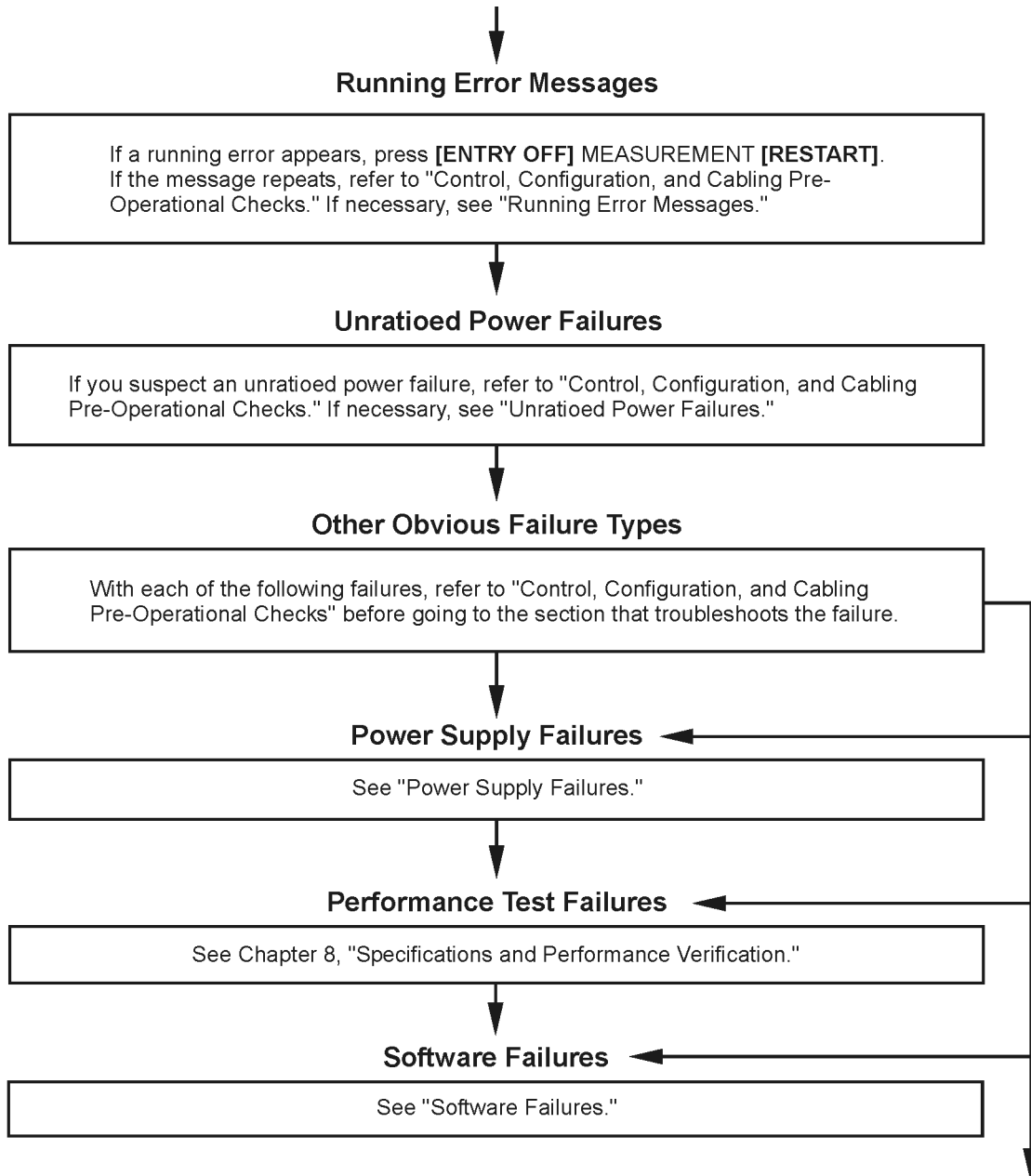
## Performance Test Failures

If you have performed the verification procedures in [Chapter 8](#) and any part of the tests resulted in a failure, go to [“Control, Configuration, and Cabling Pre-Operational Checks”](#) on page 4-8 and then to [“Performance Test Failures”](#) on page 4-119.

## Software Failures

If you have trouble running the operating system, or if there are problems controlling the system over GPIB, go to [“Control, Configuration, and Cabling Pre-Operational Checks”](#) on page 4-8 and then to [“Software Failures”](#) on page 4-121.

### Abbreviated 8510C System Service Flowchart (cont.)



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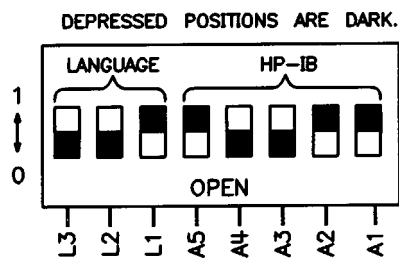
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## Control, Configuration, and Cabling Pre-Operational Checks

Refer to the 8510C System-Level Troubleshooting Block Diagram at the end of this section.

### Front and Rear Panel Checks

- Switch off power to all instruments. Switch them on, in this sequence: the source, test set, 85102, (also 85101 if an early version with power switch).
- If the display is not clear, try to improve it with the intensity control.
- Source front panel: switch settings are of no concern, except for the line power switch, because the source is under analyzer control.
- Make sure the power line modules on all instruments are set to the appropriate local line voltage.
- Check the GPIB addresses of all instruments.
- If the source is an 8360, make sure the language switch is set to 001 as shown:

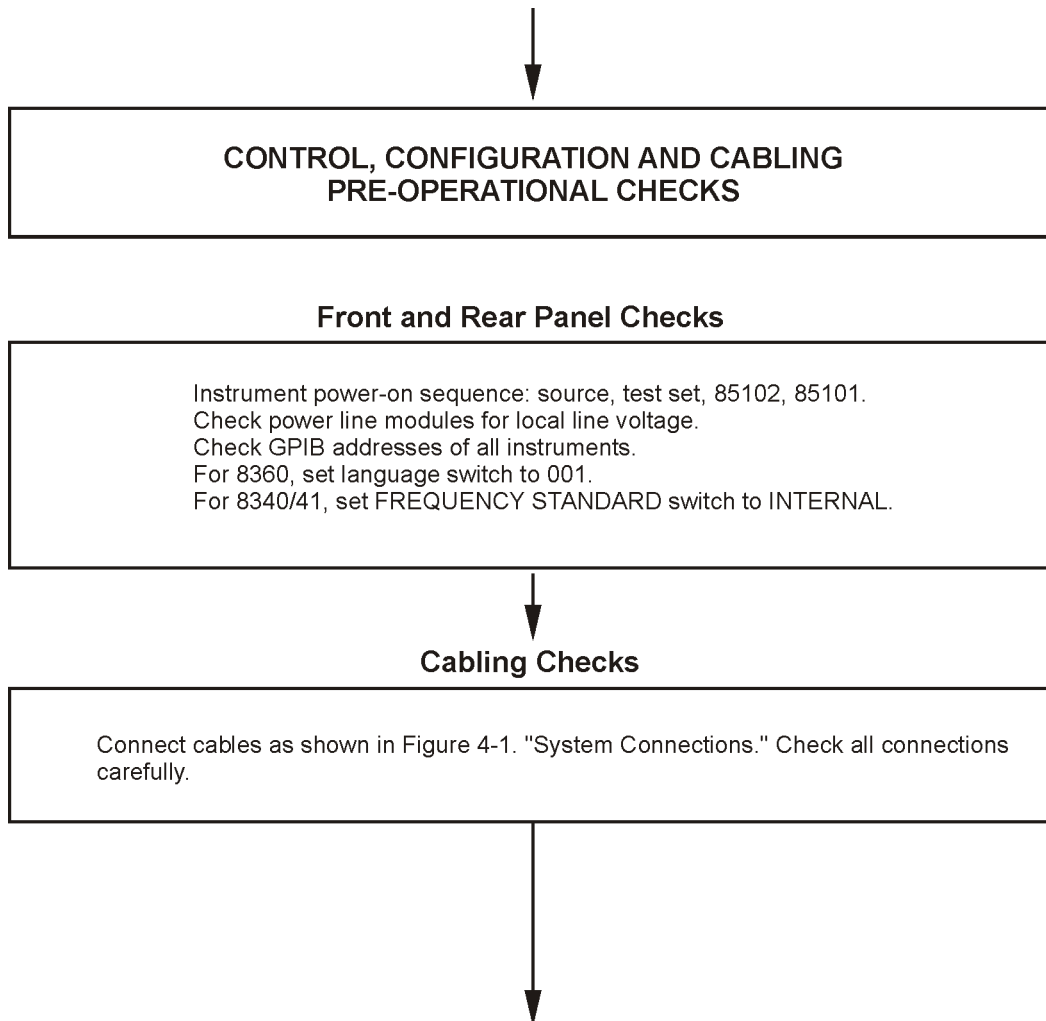


- If the source is an 8340/8341, make sure the rear panel FREQUENCY STANDARD switch is set to INTERNAL.

### Cabling Checks

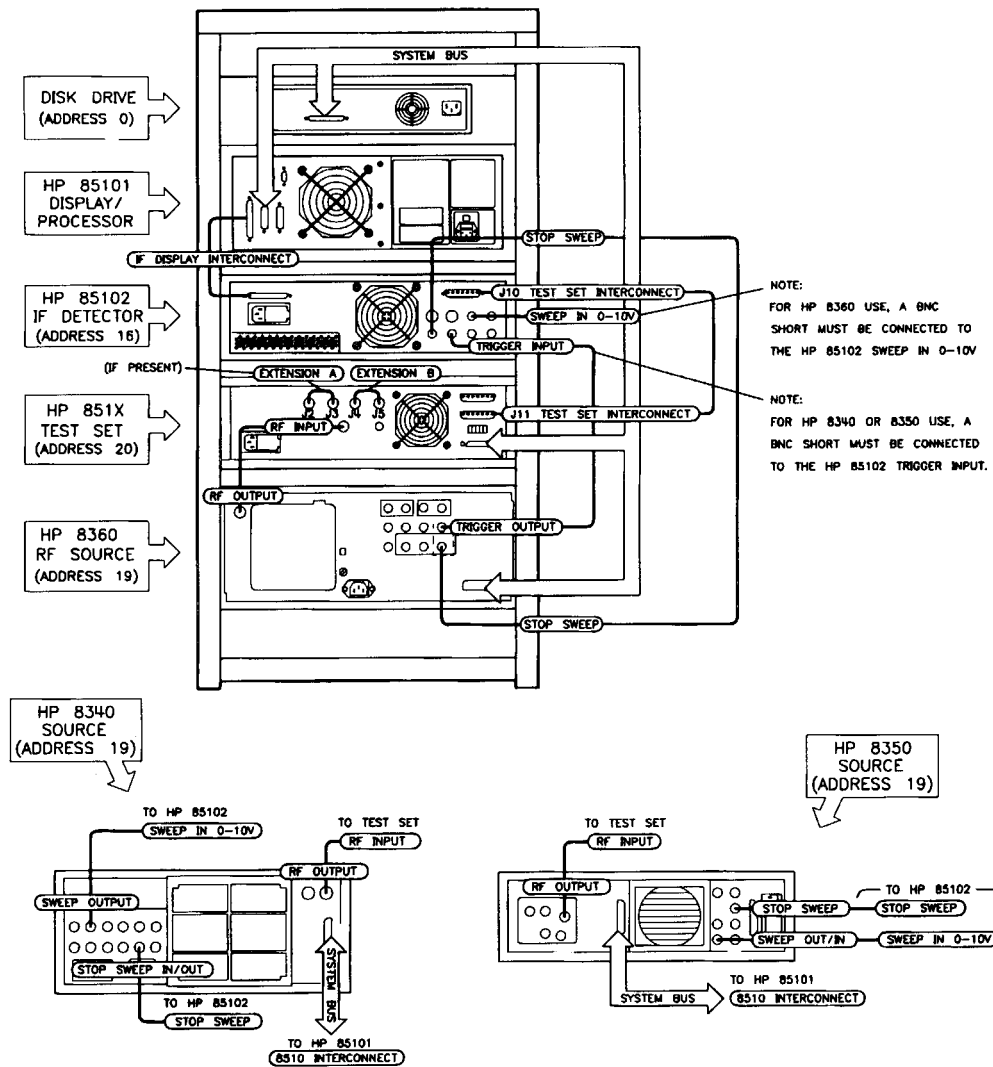
- Make sure the system cables are connected as shown in [Figure 4-1, "System Connections."](#)
- Make sure the test set rear panel reference port extension cables are in place. See [Chapter 9, "System Installation,"](#) for an explanation of these cables.
- Make sure the IF/detector interconnect cable AND the GPIB cable are connected between the 85101 and 85102.
- Make sure the source RF output cable is connected to the test set.
- If the source is an 8360, remove the SWEEP OUT/IN connections from the 8360 and 85102. Replace with TRIGGER IN/OUT.
- Disconnect the bias port BNCs and all other BNC cables (except SWEEP OUT/IN or TRIGGER IN/ OUT) for now. Exception: if the test set is an 8516, leave the SOURCE CONTROL cable connected between the source and the test set to double the 20 GHz source signal.

### Abbreviated 8510C System Service Flowchart (cont.)



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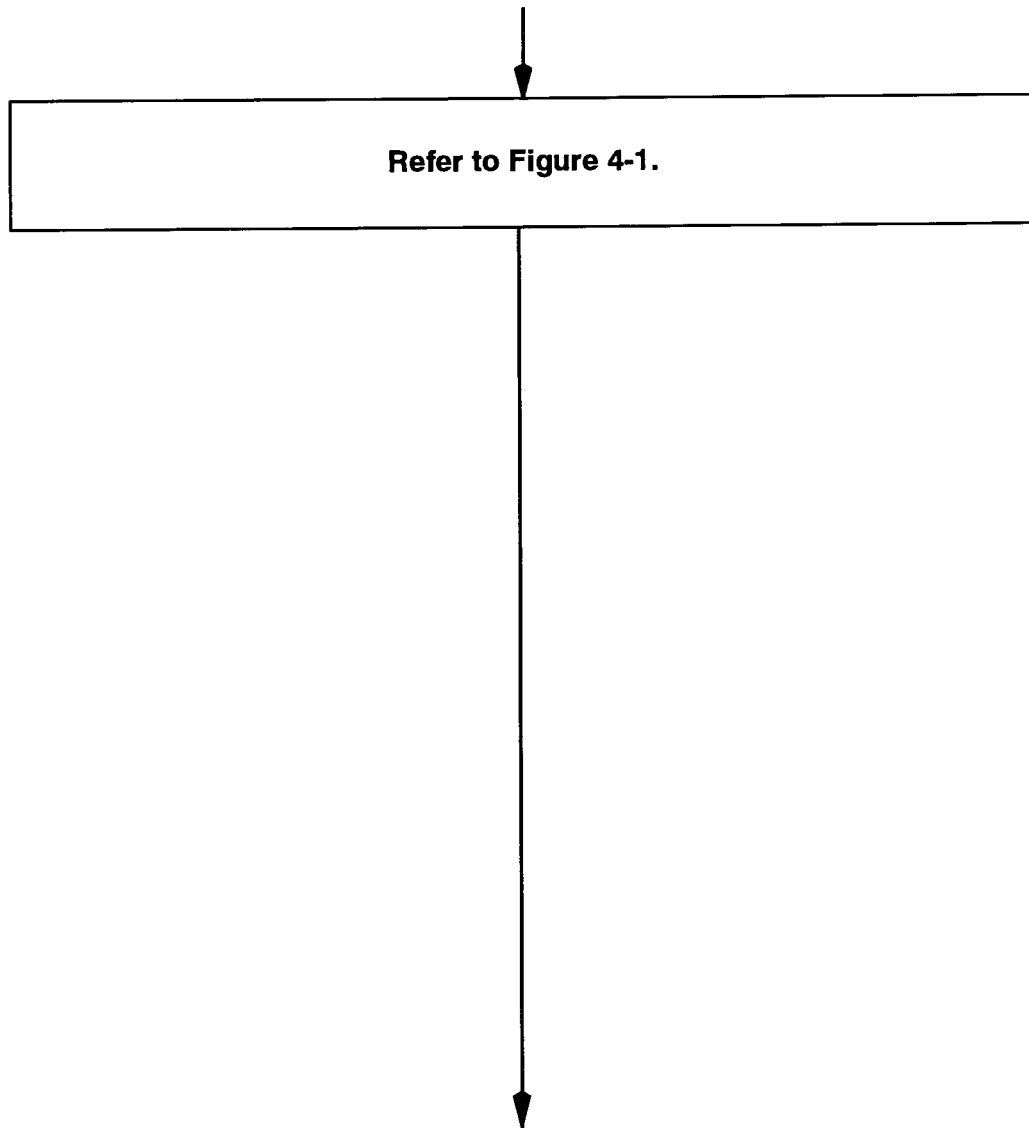
**Figure 4-1 System Connections**



**NOTES:**

1. Power cables must be connected to 85101, 85102, test set, source, and any peripherals.
2. Connect the reference port extension cables as shown in Figure 9-8. (Not applicable for 85110, 8516, 8517.)
3. For systems without controllers, connect any peripherals to the 8510 interconnect on the 85101. For systems with controllers, connect any peripherals and the controller to the GPIB connector on the 85101.
4. An 8340 or 8360 requires a source interconnect cable connection when the test set used is an 8516.

**Abbreviated 8510C System Service Flowchart (cont.)**



## Firmware Revisions

Check the 8510 operating system firmware revision. It must be C.06.00 or higher. On the analyzer, press **SYSTEM**, **[MORE]**, **[SERVICE FUNCTIONS]**, **[SOFTWARE REVISION]**.

## Upgrading an Agilent 8360 Source

For complete compatibility with revision C.07.00 or greater firmware, your source must be an Agilent 8360 series source. If an 8360 series source is not used, power domain and receiver calibration functions will not work.

The 8510C works with all 8360 synthesized sweeper models. However, some 8360 instruments must be upgraded to take advantage of two 8510C system features (quick step mode and test port power flatness correction). Refer to [Table 4-1](#).

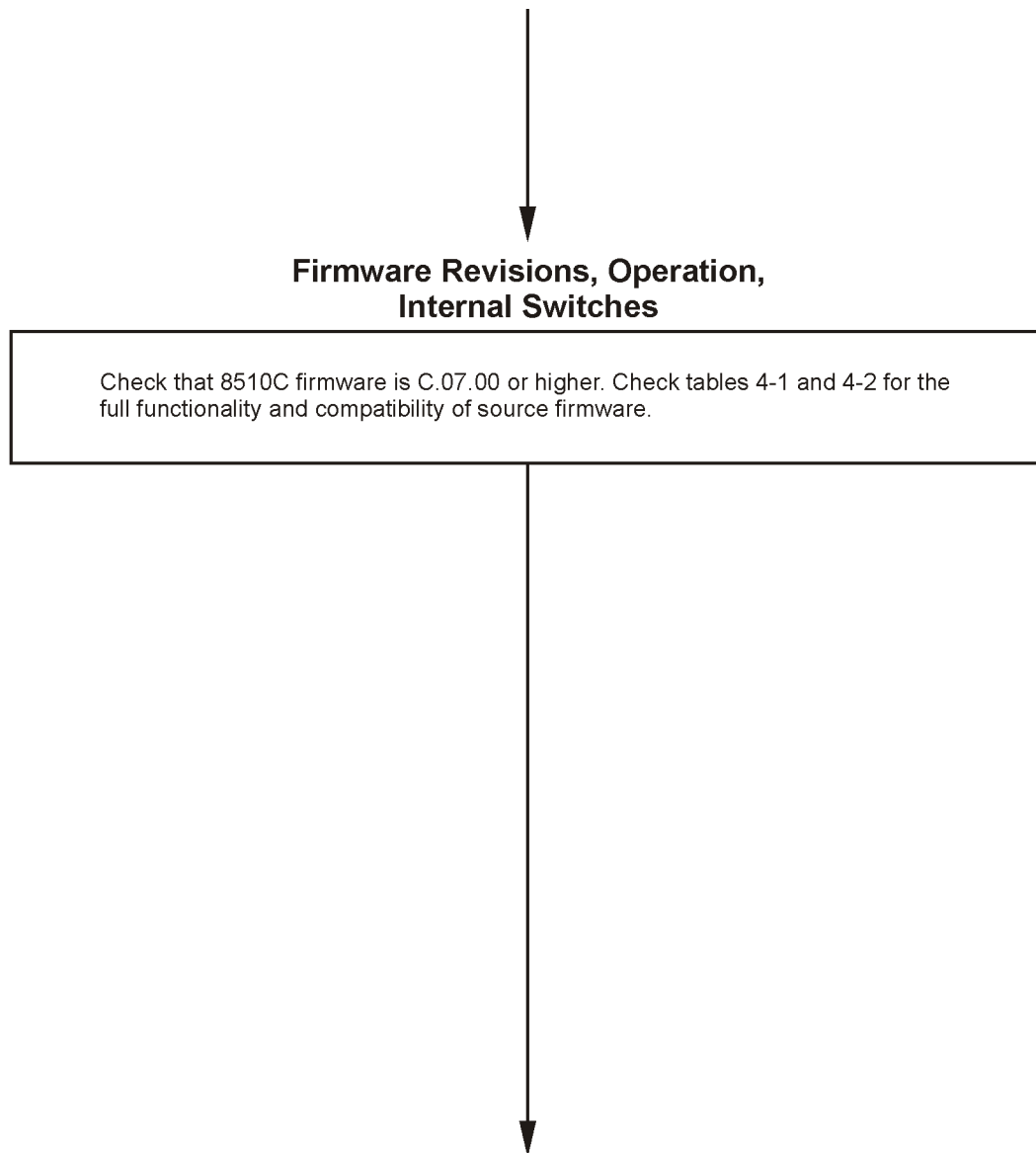
**Table 4-1 Upgrade Summary**

Agilent Model	Serial Prefix	Required for Test Port Flatness Correction and Quick Step Mode
83630A 83650A 83651A	All	No modification required <sup>1</sup>
83621A 83631A	< 3103A 3103A 3104A to 3111A ≥ 3112A	83601A upgrade kit <sup>2</sup> 08360-60167 firmware kit 08360-60201 firmware kit No modification required <sup>1</sup>
83620A 83622A 83623A 83624A 83640A 83642A	≤ 3103A 3104A to 3111A 3112A to 3144A ≥ 3145A	08360-60167 firmware kit <sup>3</sup> 08360-60201 firmware kit <sup>c</sup> No modification required <sup>1,3</sup> No modification required <sup>1</sup>

1. Fully compatible at time of shipment.
2. Includes installation.
3. Quick Step cannot be retrofitted to these models.



**Abbreviated 8510C System Service Flowchart (cont.)**



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**Table 4-2 Source Compatibility**

Agilent Instrument <sup>1</sup>	Firmware Revision Number (or Higher)	Modification Kit
8360 series synthesized sweeper	all <sup>2</sup>	unnecessary <sup>2</sup>
8340A synthesized sweeper	all	unnecessary
8340B synthesized sweeper	all	unnecessary
8341 A synthesized sweeper	all	unnecessary
8341 B synthesized sweeper	all	unnecessary
8350A sweep oscillator	6	08350-60100 <sup>3</sup>
8350B sweep oscillator	6	08350-60101
83522A RF plug-in	6	83525-60074
83525A/B RF plug-in	6	83525-60074
83540A/B RF plug-in	6	83525-60074
83545A RF plug-in	6	83525-60074
83550A RF plug-in	6	83550-60041
83570A RF plug-in	6	83525-60074
83572A RF plug-in	6	83572-60074
83590A RF plug-in	7	83590-60074
83592A RF plug-in	7	83592-60074
83592B RF plug-in	7	83592-60100
83592C RF plug-in	7	83592-60102
83594A RF plug-in	7	83594-60074
83595A RF plug-in	7	83595-60074
83595C RF plug-in	7	83595-60104
83596A RF plug-in	7	83596-60002
83597A RF plug-in	7	83597-60021
8360-series synthesizer	all	unnecessary
8620 sweep oscillator	cannot be used	
86200-series RF Plug-ins	cannot be used	
<p>1. The sources listed above are the only compatible sources as of December 1990. Consult your Agilent customer engineer for additional information. To check the firmware revision on your 8360, press <b>[SHIFT], [49]</b>. The revision appears in the FREQUENCY/TIME window. To check the firmware revision on your 83500 series RF plug-in, press <b>[SHIFT], [99]</b>. The revision appears in the POWER window. The firmware revision for all synthesized sweepers appears when the instrument power is switched.</p>		
<p>2. To take advantage of the quick step and test port power flatness correction features, some 8360-series synthesized sweepers must be upgraded. See Table 4-1 for a summary of upgrade kits required.</p>		
<p>3. Converts 8350A to 8510 compatibility</p>		

### 8360 Series Coupler to Bridge Detector

All 8510B/C systems when used with an 8360 series source that have a bridge detector inside will potentially cause an over-modulation running error message. If your 8510C has Rev.7.0 or greater, an RF unlevelled caution message will also be displayed.

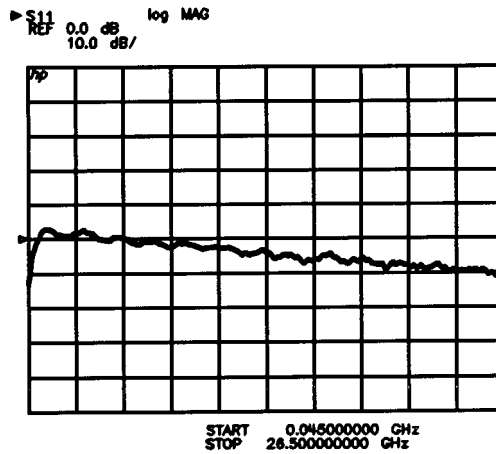
Agilent Model	Coupler to Detector Conversion Prefix	Determination
83620	Prefix equal to and greater than 3245A	will cause problem
83622	Prefix equal to and greater than 3245A	will cause problem
83630	Prefix equal to and greater than 3245A	will cause problem
83650	Prefix equal to and greater than 3245A	will cause problem
83621	Prefix equal to and greater than 3139A	will cause problem
83631	Prefix equal to and greater than 3139A	will cause problem
83651	Prefix equal to and greater than 3139A	will cause problem
83623	Couplers only	will not cause problem
83624	Couplers only	will not cause problem

### Workaround

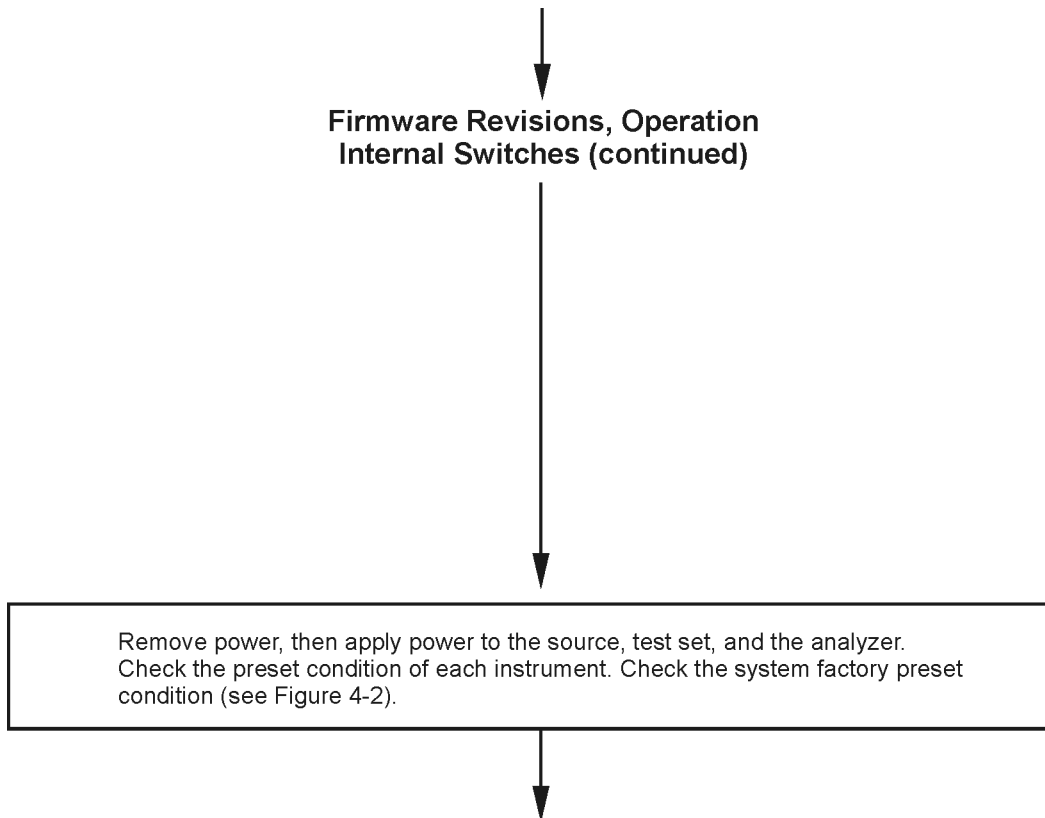
Increase your source power and use test set attenuators, or use a source that has a coupler in its leveling loop. The problem is caused by dc switching spikes from the test set RF pin diode switch getting back into the sources leveling loop and causing an unlevelled condition. If this is not satisfactory, there are three upgrade kits available: the 8514B/8515A/85110A (08510-60119), 8517A/B (08510-60118), and the 85110L (08510-60121) test sets. The upgrade kit will eliminate the RF switching spikes from getting back into the source leveling loop by installing a dc return between the RF input and RF pin diode switch inside the test set. Contact an Agilent customer engineer for installation of these kits.

- Switch off power. Switch on the source, the test set, then the analyzer. Check that each instrument preset condition is correct. Then check the system preset condition by pressing Instrument State **RECALL**, [**MORE**], [**FACTORY PRESET**]. The resulting analyzer display should be similar to [Figure 4-2](#).

**Figure 4-2** System Factory Preset State



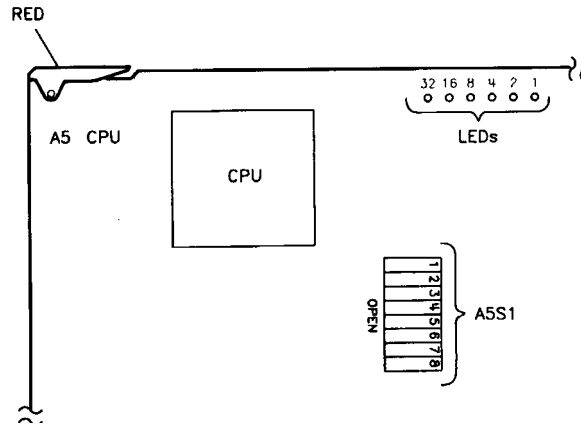
**Abbreviated 8510C System Service Flowchart (cont.)**



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- Remove the 85101C top cover. Remove the A5 CPU board and make sure the free run switch A5S1 is set to all zeroes. See [Figure 4-3](#).

**Figure 4-3 Location of Switch A5S1**



- Remove the test set top cover. Check the setting of configuration switch A3S1. The correct settings are shown at the left side of the 8510C System-Level Troubleshooting Block Diagram at the end of this procedure.
- If the source is an 8350, check the setting of configuration switch A3S1. The correct settings are shown at the left side of the 8510C System-Level Troubleshooting Block Diagram at the end of this procedure.

If you have completed the control, configuration, and cabling checks, and you still have a self-test failure, running error message, unratioed power failure, or other obvious failure type, go to the appropriate troubleshooting section. Otherwise, continue with [“No Obvious Failure Type”](#) on page 4-20.

### Abbreviated System Service Flowchart (cont.)



#### Firmware Revisions, Operation, Internal Switches (continued)

Remove the top covers.

85101 A5 CPU board free run switch: all zeros.

Test set A3S1 configuration switch: see troubleshooting block diagram.

8350 A3S1 configuration switch: see troubleshooting block diagram.

Make sure you have completed the control, configuration, and cabling checks.

If there is still a self-test failure, running error message, unratioed power failure, or other obvious failure type, then go to the appropriate troubleshooting section. If not, continue to "No Obvious Failure Type."



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## No Obvious Failure Type

### Verify the 85101C Display/Processor

The best approach to troubleshooting an 8510C when you are not aware of any obvious failure type is to verify that the 85101C display/processor is working properly. When its operation is verified, it will act as your diagnostic controller.

Reduce the analyzer system to its basic structure. Disconnect all peripherals such as printer, plotter, controller, and all their cables. The core system remaining should consist only of:

- 8510 network analyzer
- test set
- source

The system should be connected as shown in [Figure 4-1 on page 4-10](#).

If the 85101 display/processor passed the self-tests at power-up without displaying self-test failure messages 1 to 14, it is already verified to a 70% confidence level. The following tests will verify it to a 95% confidence level.

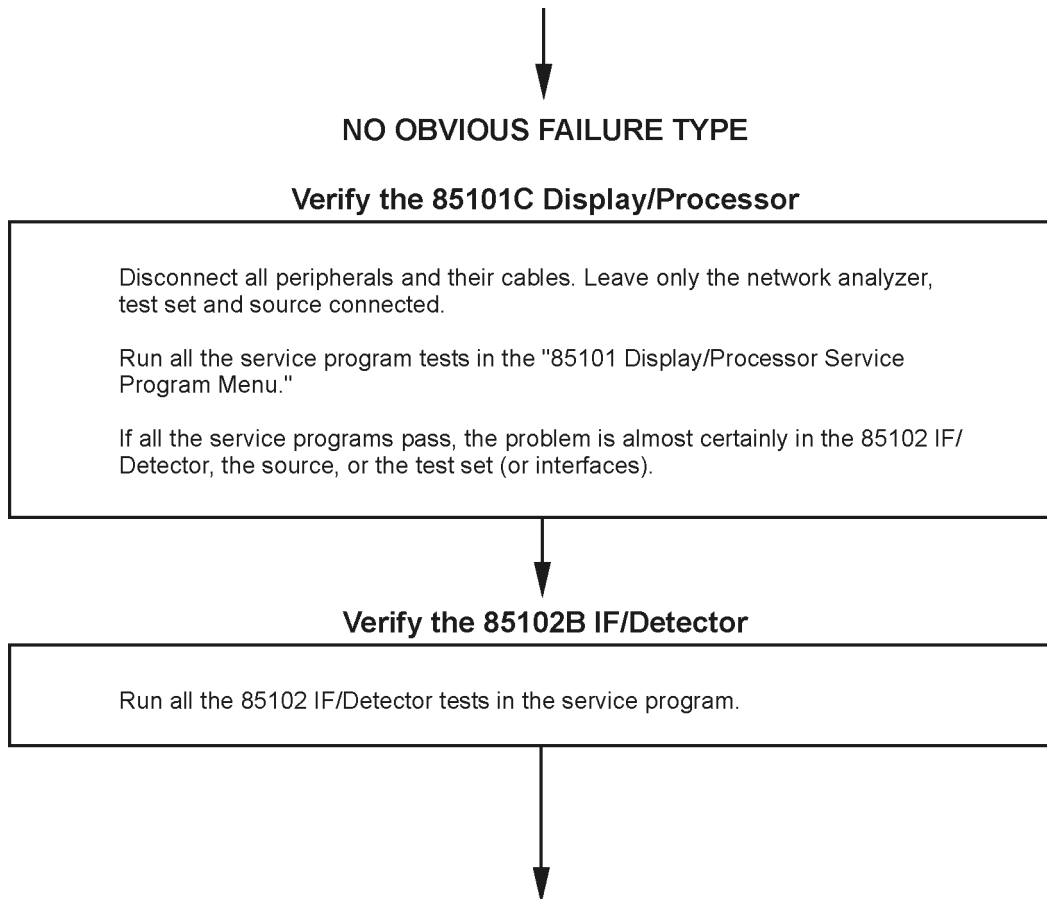
Run all the tests in the [“85101 Display/Processor Service Program Menu” on page 4-131](#). If a service program test fails, follow the instructions in the [“Service Program”](#) section. If all the tests pass, the problem is almost certainly in one of the remaining instruments: the 85102 IF/detector, the source, or the test set (or their interfaces).

### Verify the 85102 IF/Detector

Next, run the all the 85102 IF/Detector tests in the service program. This verifies the IF/detector to an 80% confidence level.



### Abbreviated 8510C System Service Flowchart (cont.)



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## Hardware Emulator Tools

Now that you know with a high degree of confidence that both halves of the network analyzer are working, the next step is to check the test set and the source. Special service tools are available that emulate a test set and a source: the part numbers are provided in [Chapter 5](#), “Replaceable Parts.”

### Test Set Emulator

This is a service adapter that substitutes for the test set, by connecting the 20 MHz IF signal from the 85102 back into the amplifier of the 85102. The total effect on the analyzer system is similar to connecting a good test set in a normal configuration. This can determine if a fault is in the test set or the 85102. Refer to [“Unratioed Power Failures” on page 4-85](#) for the procedure.

If this test indicates that the 85102 IF/detector is not the problem, its confidence level is now increased from 80% to 95%.

### Source Emulator

This is a 60 MHz bandpass filter, which is used to pass the third harmonic of the 85102 output signal to the test set to emulate a signal from an external source. (Actually, almost any source that has a 60 MHz signal or higher can be used.)

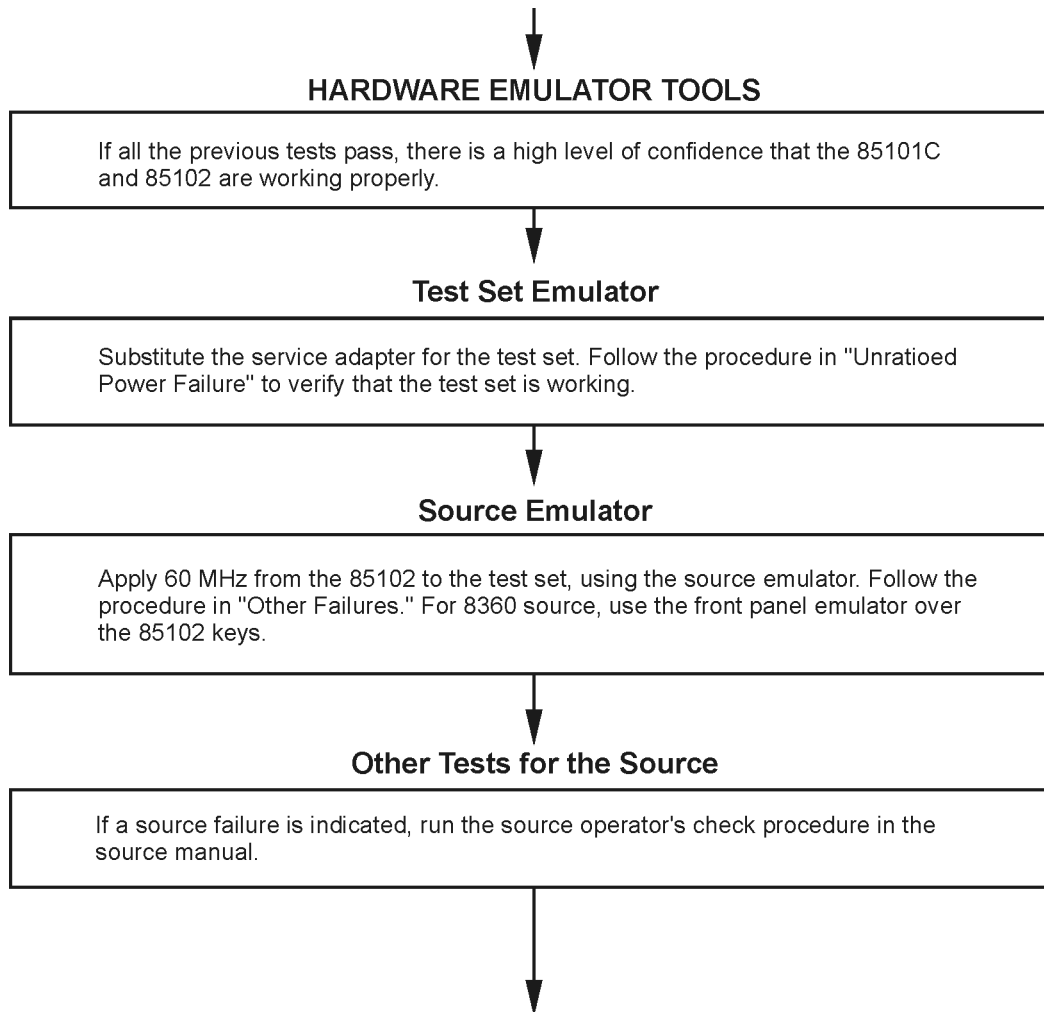
Refer to [“Other Failures”](#) for a procedure that uses the source emulator/tripler to determine whether or not the problem is in the source. Also available is an 8360 front panel emulator kit. This is an overlay that can be placed over the front panel keys of the 85102 IF/detector. The 85102 keys can then be used to run the built-in service diagnostics of the 8360, according to the key codes on the overlay. Press **SERVICE, [FULL SELF TEST]** to access the procedure.

### Other Tests for the Source

For additional assurance that the source is working, you can run the operator's check procedure in the source manual.

If the procedures in this 8510 service manual indicate a fault in the source, refer to the troubleshooting procedures in the service manual for that particular source.

### Abbreviated 8510C System Service Flowchart (cont.)



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HOW TO READ THIS BLOCK DIAGRAM:

THIS DIAGRAM SHOWS A TYPICAL HP8510 SYSTEM CONFIGURATION. NOTE THAT THE CIRCUIT BOARDS AND ASSEMBLIES HAVE NUMBERS PRECEDED BY THE LETTER 'A'. THAT NUMBER IDENTIFIES THE ASSEMBLY. THE OTHER NUMBERS REFER TO THE LIST ON THE RIGHT OF THIS FOLDOUT.

NUMBERS 1 - 14

THESE NUMBERS IDENTIFY THE SELF TEST THAT EXERCISES THE PARTICULAR ASSEMBLY, MOSTLY ON THE HP85102 I/F DETECTOR, TEST SET, AND HP SOURCE. THE NUMBERS IDENTIFY THE ASSEMBLIES WHERE THE ERROR IS DETECTED OR GENERATED. FOR MORE INFORMATION, REFER TO 'RUNNING ERROR MESSAGES' IN THE ON-SITE SERVICE MANUAL.

NUMBERS 15 - 36

THESE NUMBERS IDENTIFY THE BUILT-IN RUNNING ERROR MESSAGE THAT WILL APPEAR ON THE HP85101 CRT IF A SYSTEM FAILURE IS DETECTED, MOSTLY ON THE HP85102 I/F DETECTOR, TEST SET, AND HP SOURCE. THE NUMBERS IDENTIFY THE ASSEMBLIES WHERE THE ERROR IS DETECTED OR GENERATED. FOR MORE INFORMATION, REFER TO 'RUNNING ERROR MESSAGES' IN THE ON-SITE SERVICE MANUAL.

NUMBERS 37 - 41

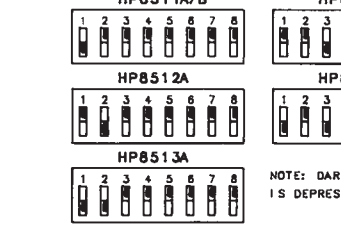
THESE NUMBERS IDENTIFY RUNNING ERROR MESSAGES ASSOCIATED WITH HP8360-SERIES SOURCES ONLY AND APPEAR ON THE HP85101 CRT.

NUMBERS 42 - 44

THESE ARE EXTRA TROUBLESHOOTING SUGGESTIONS.

TEST SET CONFIGURATION SWITCHES

LOCATED ON (A3) SUMMING AMP BOARD INSIDE TEST SET, MUST BE SET AS SHOWN BELOW:



NOTE: CONFIGURATION SWITCH SETTINGS ARE NOT USED ON OTHER TEST SETS SUCH AS HP8514B, 8516A, 8517A.

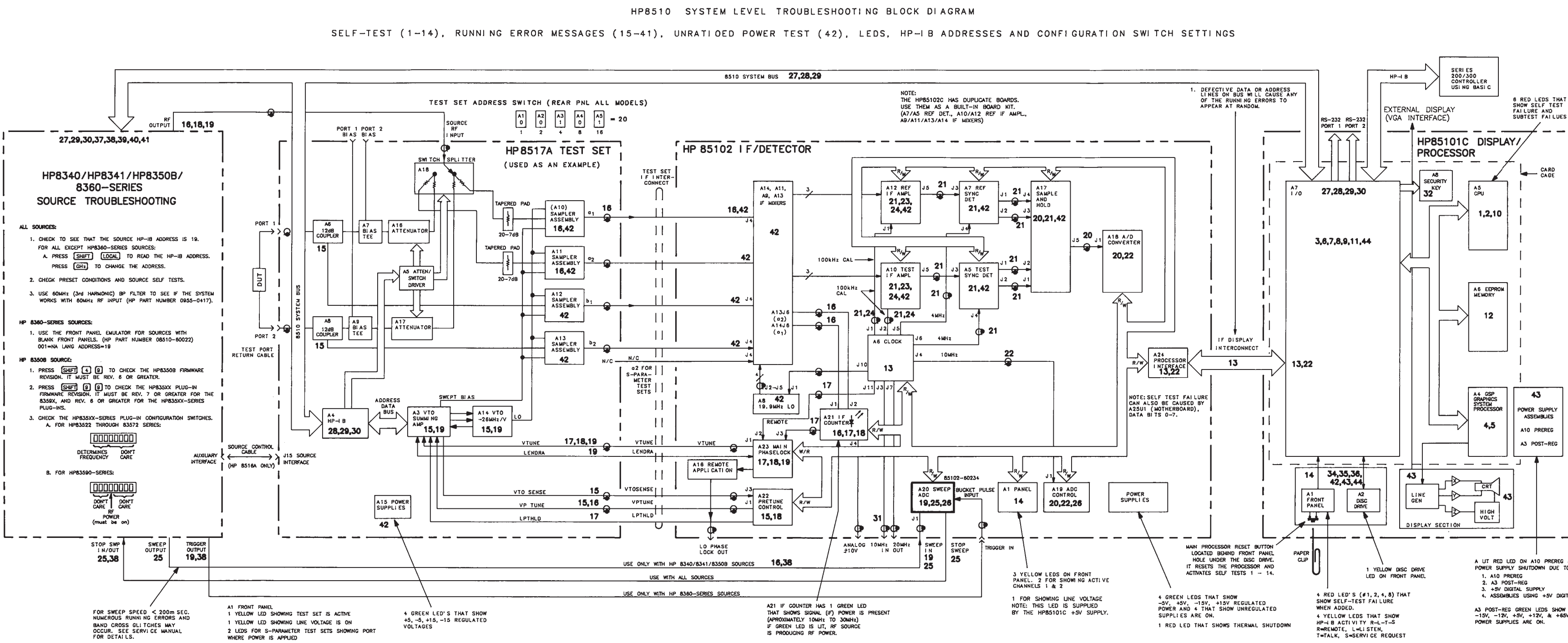
NOTE: PROBLEMS MAY RESULT IF THE SWITCH POSITIONS OF THE A3 CONFIGURATION SWITCH DO NOT REFLECT THE ACTUAL CONFIGURATION (MODEL) OF THE TEST SET. THIS IS A RESULT OF THE TEST SET PROCESSOR BELIEVING THAT IT HAS THE ATTRIBUTES OF A DIFFERENT MODEL TEST SET. THE CONFIGURATION SWITCH MUST BE SET TO REFLECT THE PROPER MODEL TEST SET WHATEVER THE A3 VTO SUMMING AMP IS REPLACED.

TEST SET DEFAULT SETTINGS:

THE DEFAULT STATE OF THE TEST SETS (TURN POWER OFF, PULL A4 HP85 BOARD AND TURN POWER BACK ON) IS TO HAVE ALL SAMPLES DISABLED, A14'S VTO BASED ON, PORT 1 AND 2 ATTENUATORS AT 0dB, AND THE SWITCH SPLITTER APPLYING RF POWER TO PORT 1.

FRONT PANEL FREQ CAL PROCEDURE FOR HP8350 PLUG-INS

- 1. PRESS (INSTR PRESET) [0] [0] [MHz]
2. ADJUST FREQ CAL CONTROL THROUGH ITS RANGE AND NOTE THE PORTION OF ITS RANGE THAT THE UNLEVELLED LIGHT IS TURNED ON. SET THE FREQ CAL CONTROL TO THE CENTER OF THIS RANGE.
3. IF NOT ADJUSTED, IT CAN CAUSE THE HP8510 TO LOSE PHASE-LOCK AT LOW FREQUENCIES.



SELF TESTS

- 1. A5 PROCESSOR EPROM (self test and service program PROM using checksum)
2. A5 PROCESSOR RAM (test processor memory using data complement technique)
3. A7 DATA BUS TEST (test I/O data bus)
4. A4 DISPLAY PROCESSOR
5. A4 DISPLAY RAM
6. A7 TIME/CLOCK/RS-232
7. A7 PUBLIC HP-IB (read/write test of HP-IB register)
8. A7 SYSTEM BUS (read/write test of system bus register)
9. INTERRUPT SYSTEM (test interrupts)
10. A5 MULTIPLIER (performs a complex multiply)
11. A7 DISC CONTROLLER
12. A8 NON-VOLATILE MEMORY TEST (read/write test)
13. IF DETECTOR DATA (read/write test data and address lines)
14. KEYBOARD (read HP 85101C keyboard for a stuck key)

RUNNING ERROR MESSAGES

- 15. FAILED PRETUNE/LOST PRETUNE
16. NO IF FOUND
17. PHASE LOCK FAILURE
18. PHASE LOCK LOST
19. VTO OVER-RANGE
20. ADC CAL FAILED
21. IF CAL FAILED - REFERENCE
IF CAL FAILED - TEST
IF CAL FAILED - BOTH (channels)
22. ADC NOT RESPONDING
23. IF OVERLOAD
24. AUTORANGE CAL FAILED
25. SOURCE SWEEP SYNC ERROR
26. SWEEP TIME TOO FAST
27. SOURCE (HP-IB) SYNTAX ERROR
28. TEST SET (HP-IB) SYNTAX ERROR
29. SYSTEM BUS ADDRESS ERROR
30. SYSTEM BUS SIO ERROR
31. UNABLE TO LOCK TO EXT 10 MHz REF
32. ERROR: SYSTEM KEY NOT INSTALLED
CAUTION: OPTIONAL FUNCTION: NOT INSTALLED
CAUTION: TIME DOMAIN KEY NOT INSTALLED
33. DISC HARDWARE PROBLEM
34. DISC COMMUNICATION ERROR
35. INITIALIZATION FAILED
36. DISC MEDIA WEARING OUT - REPLACE SOON

HP 8360-SERIES SOURCES RUNNING ERROR MESSAGES

- 37. FAILURE - FAULT INDICATOR ON
38. FAILURE - RF UNLOCKED
39. FAILURE - OVERMODULATION
40. FAILURE - SELF TEST FAILURE
41. INVALID SETUP - CHECK SYSTEM BUS CONFIGURATION (associated with incorrect power level/beam correction only)

OTHER TROUBLESHOOTING HINTS

- 42. Perform the unlevelled power test for a1, a2, b1, and b2. Refer to 'Unlevelled Power Failures' in the On-Site Service Manual.
43. The A11 display must be working in order for a normal display to be on the CRT.
44. If self test 11 passes, try to initialize a blank disc to further test the A2 disc drive.

- A UT RED LED ON A10 PREREG INDICATES A POWER SUPPLY SHUTDOWN DUE TO FAILURE OF:
1. A10 PREREG
2. A3 POST-REG
3. +5V DIGITAL SUPPLY
4. ASSEMBLIES USING +5V DIGITAL SUPPLY
A3 POST-REG GREEN LED SHOWS -15V, -12V, +5V, +12V, & +65V POWER SUPPLIES ARE ON.
4 RED LED'S (#1, 2, 4, 8) THAT SHOW SELF-TEST FAILURE WHEN ADDED.
4 YELLOW LED'S THAT SHOW HP-IB ACTIVITY R=L-T-S
R=REMOTE, L=LISTEN, T=TALK, S=SERVICE REQUEST
1 RED LED THAT SHOWS THERMAL SHUTDOWN
4 GREEN LED'S THAT SHOW -5V, +5V, -15V, +15V REGULATED POWER AND 4 THAT SHOW UNREGULATED SUPPLIES ARE ON.
3 YELLOW LED'S ON FRONT PANEL. 2 FOR SHOWING ACTIVE CHANNELS 1 & 2
1 FOR SHOWING LINE VOLTAGE
NOTE: THIS LED IS SUPPLIED BY THE HP85101C +5V SUPPLY.
A21 IF COUNTER HAS 1 GREEN LED THAT SHOWS SIGNAL (F) POWER IS PRESENT (APPROXIMATELY 10MHz TO 30MHz) IF GREEN LED IS UT, RF SOURCE IS PRODUCING RF POWER.
2 LEADS FOR S-PARAMETER TEST SETS SHOWING PORT WHERE POWER IS APPLIED
4 GREEN LED'S THAT SHOW +5, -5, +15, -15 REGULATED VOLTAGES
1 YELLOW LED SHOWING TEST SET IS ACTIVE
1 YELLOW LED SHOWING LINE VOLTAGE IS ON
2 LEADS FOR S-PARAMETER TEST SETS SHOWING PORT WHERE POWER IS APPLIED
1 YELLOW DISC DRIVE LED ON FRONT PANEL
1 YELLOW LED ON A10 PREREG INDICATES A POWER SUPPLY SHUTDOWN DUE TO FAILURE OF:
1. A10 PREREG
2. A3 POST-REG
3. +5V DIGITAL SUPPLY
4. ASSEMBLIES USING +5V DIGITAL SUPPLY
A3 POST-REG GREEN LED SHOWS -15V, -12V, +5V, +12V, & +65V POWER SUPPLIES ARE ON.



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USE THIS BLOCK DIAGRAM AS A QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO SYSTEM FAILURES AS WELL AS A GUIDE TO LED LOCATION AND MEANING. TEST SET ADDRESS AND CONFIGURATION SWITCH SETTINGS ARE ALSO SHOWN.

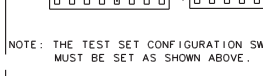
NUMBERS 1 - 14 THESE NUMBERS IDENTIFY THE SELF TEST THAT EXERCISES THE PARTICULAR ASSEMBLY, MOSTLY ON THE 85101 DISPLAY/PROCESSOR. FOR MORE INFORMATION, REFER TO 'SELF TEST FAILURES' IN THE ON-SITE SERVICE MANUAL.

NUMBERS 15 - 36 THESE NUMBERS IDENTIFY THE BUILT-IN RUNNING ERROR MESSAGE THAT WILL APPEAR ON THE 85101 CRT IF A SYSTEM FAILURE IS DETECTED. MOSTLY ON THE 85102 IF/DETECTOR, TEST SET, AND SOURCE. THE NUMBERS IDENTIFY THE ASSEMBLIES WHERE THE ERROR IS DETECTED OR GENERATED. FOR MORE INFORMATION, REFER TO 'RUNNING ERROR MESSAGES' IN THE ON-SITE SERVICE MANUAL.

NUMBERS 37 - 41 THESE NUMBERS IDENTIFY RUNNING ERROR MESSAGES ASSOCIATED WITH 8360-SERIES SOURCES ONLY AND APPEAR ON THE 85101 CRT.

NUMBERS 42 - 44 THESE ARE EXTRA TROUBLESHOOTING SUGGESTIONS.

TEST SET CONFIGURATION SWITCHES LOCATED ON (A3) SUMMING AMP BOARD INSIDE TEST SET.

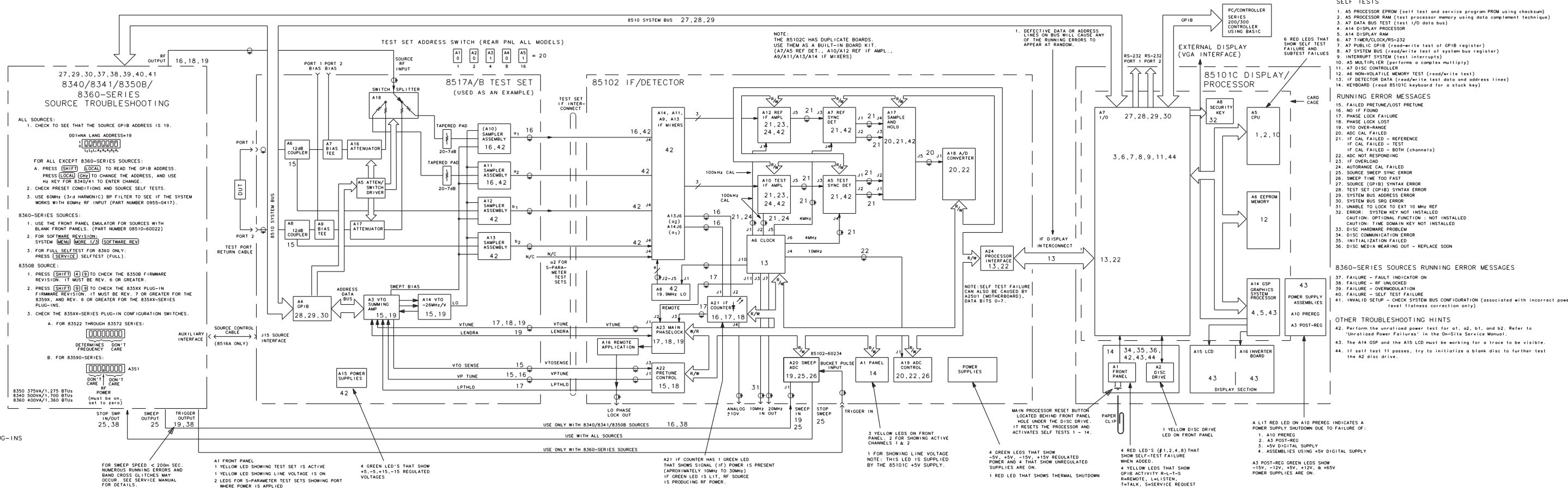


NOTE: THE TEST SET CONFIGURATION SWITCHES MUST BE SET AS SHOWN ABOVE.

TEST SET DEFAULT SETTINGS: THE DEFAULT STATE OF THE TEST SETS (TURN POWER OFF, PULL A4 GPIB BOARD AND TURN POWER BACK ON) IS TO HAVE ALL SAMPLERS ENABLED. A14'S VTO BIASED ON, PORT 1 AND 2 ATTENUATORS AT 0dB, AND THE SWITCH SPLITTER APPLYING RF POWER TO PORT 1.

FRONT PANEL FREQ CAL PROCEDURE FOR 8350 PLUG-INS: 1. PRESS (FREQ PRESET) [CW] [03] [MHz] 2. ADJUST FREQ CAL CONTROL THROUGH ITS RANGE AND NOTE THE PORTION OF ITS RANGE THAT THE UNVEILED LIGHT IS TURNED ON. SET THE FREQ CAL CONTROL TO THE CENTER OF THIS RANGE. 3. IF NOT ADJUSTED, IT CAN CAUSE THE 8510 TO LOSE PHASE-LOCK AT LOW FREQUENCIES.

8510 SYSTEM LEVEL TROUBLESHOOTING BLOCK DIAGRAM (LCD) SELF-TEST (1-14), RUNNING ERROR MESSAGES (15-41), UNRAIOTED POWER TEST (42), LEDS, GPIB ADDRESSES AND CONFIGURATION SWITCH SETTINGS

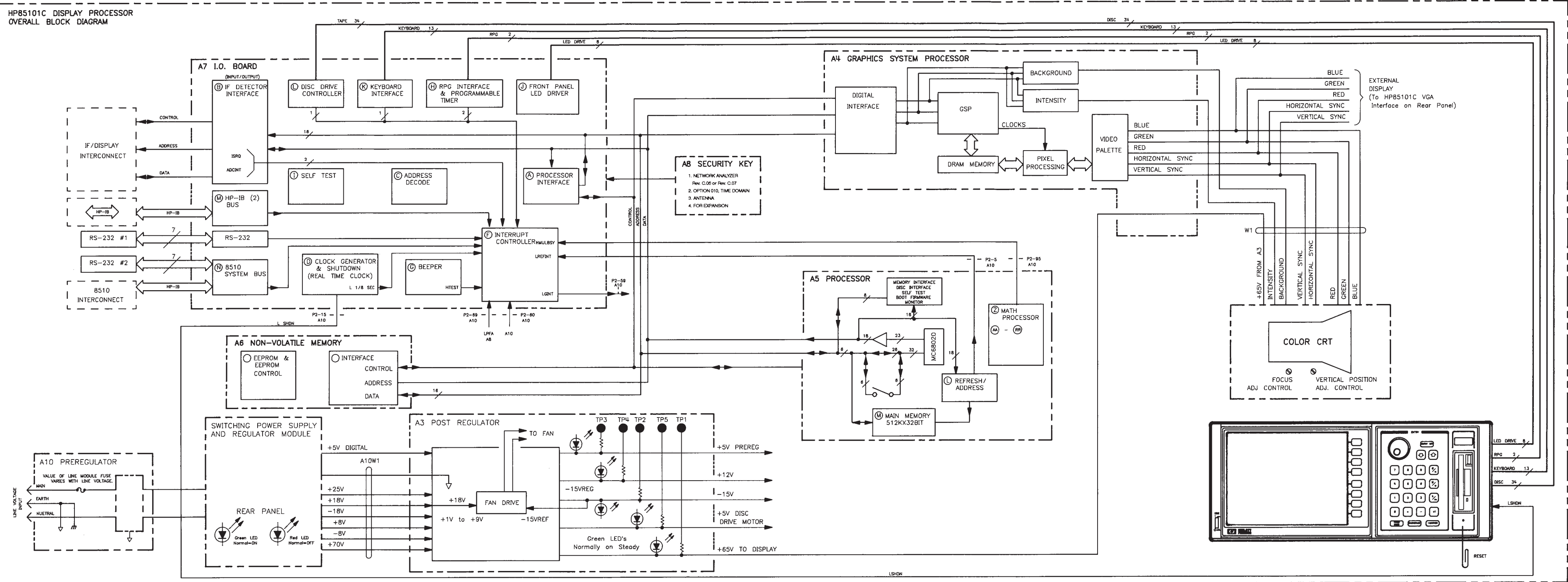


- SELF TESTS**
- AS PROCESSOR EPROM (self test and service program PROM using checksum)
  - AS PROCESSOR RAM (test processor memory using data complement technique)
  - DATA BUS TEST (test processor memory using data bus)
  - A14 DISPLAY PROCESSOR
  - A14 DISPLAY RAM
  - TIME/CLOCK/RS-232
  - A7 PUBLIC GPIB (read/write test of GPIB register)
  - A7 SYSTEM BUS (read/write test of system bus register)
  - INTERUPT SYSTEM (test interrupts)
  - AS MULTIPLIER (perform a complex multiply)
  - A5 CONTROL
  - A5 NON-VOLATILE MEMORY TEST (read/write test)
  - IF DETECTOR DATA (read/write test data and address lines)
  - KEYBOARD (read 85101C keyboard for a stuck key)
- RUNNING ERROR MESSAGES**
- FAILED PRETIME/LOST PRETUNE
  - NO IF FOUND
  - PHASE LOCK FAILURE
  - PHASE LOCK LOST
  - VTO OVER-RANGE
  - ADC CAL FAILED
  - IF CAL FAILED - REFERENCE
  - IF CAL FAILED - TEST
  - IF CAL FAILED - BOTH (channels)
  - ADC NOT RESPONDING
  - IF OVERLOAD
  - AUTORANGE CAL FAILED
  - SOURCE SWEEP SYNC ERROR
  - SWEEP TIME TOO FAST
  - SOURCE (GPIB) SYNTAX ERROR
  - TEST SET (GPIB) SYNTAX ERROR
  - SYSTEM BUS ADDRESS ERROR
  - SYSTEM BUS SIO ERROR
  - UNABLE TO LOCK TO EXT 10 MHz REF
  - ERROR - SYSTEM KEY NOT INSTALLED
  - CAUTION: OPTIONAL FUNCTION: NOT INSTALLED
  - CAUTION: TIME DOMAIN KEY NOT INSTALLED
  - DISC HARDWARE PROBLEM
  - DISC COMMUNICATION ERROR
  - INITIALIZATION FAILED
  - DISC MEDIA WEARING OUT - REPLACE SOON
- 8360-SERIES SOURCES RUNNING ERROR MESSAGES**
- FAILURE - FAULT INDICATOR ON
  - FAILURE - RF UNLOCKED
  - FAILURE - OVERMODULATION
  - FAILURE - SELF TEST FAILURE
  - INVALID SETUP - CHECK SYSTEM BUS CONFIGURATION (associated with incorrect power level - fitness correction only)
- OTHER TROUBLESHOOTING HINTS**
- Perform the unregulated power test for a1, a2, b1, and b2. Refer to 'Unregulated Power Failures' in the On-Site Service Manual.
  - The A14 GSP and the A15 LCD must be working for a trace to be visible.
  - If self test 11 passes, try to initialize a blank disc to further test the A2 disc drive.





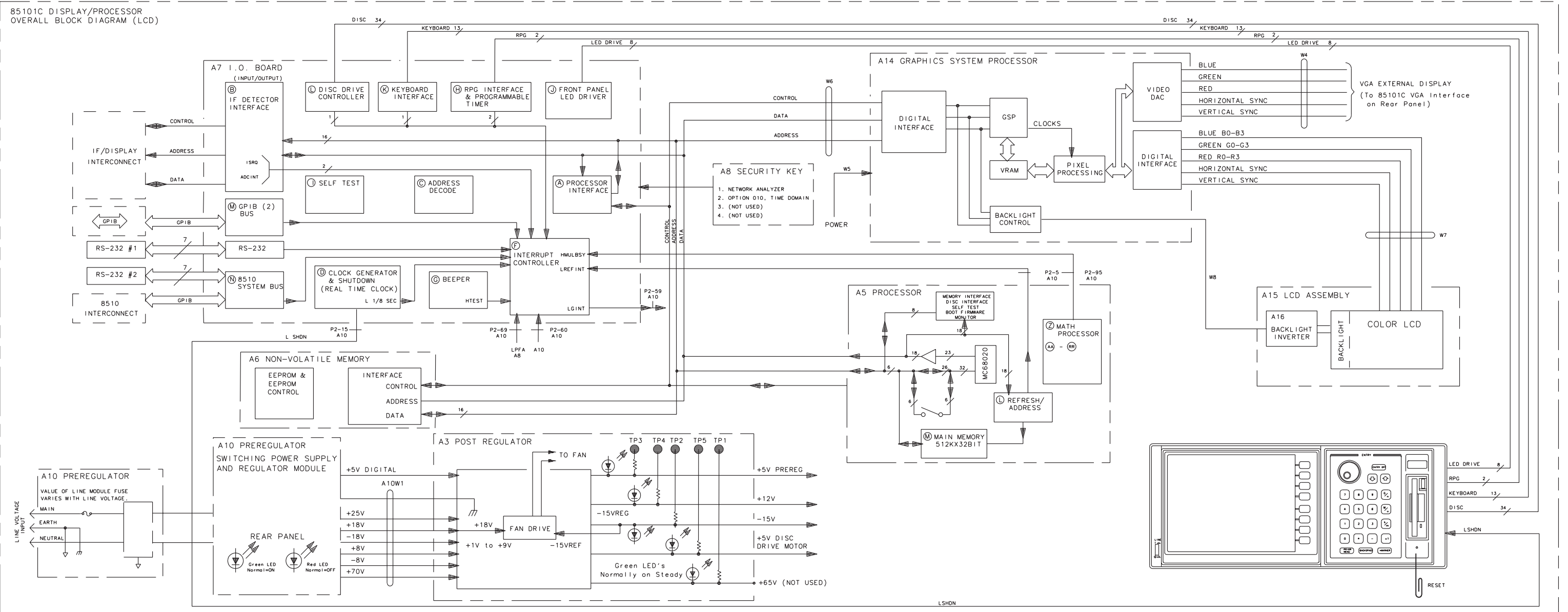
HP85101C DISPLAY PROCESSOR  
OVERALL BLOCK DIAGRAM



8510C Display/Processor Overall Block Diagram

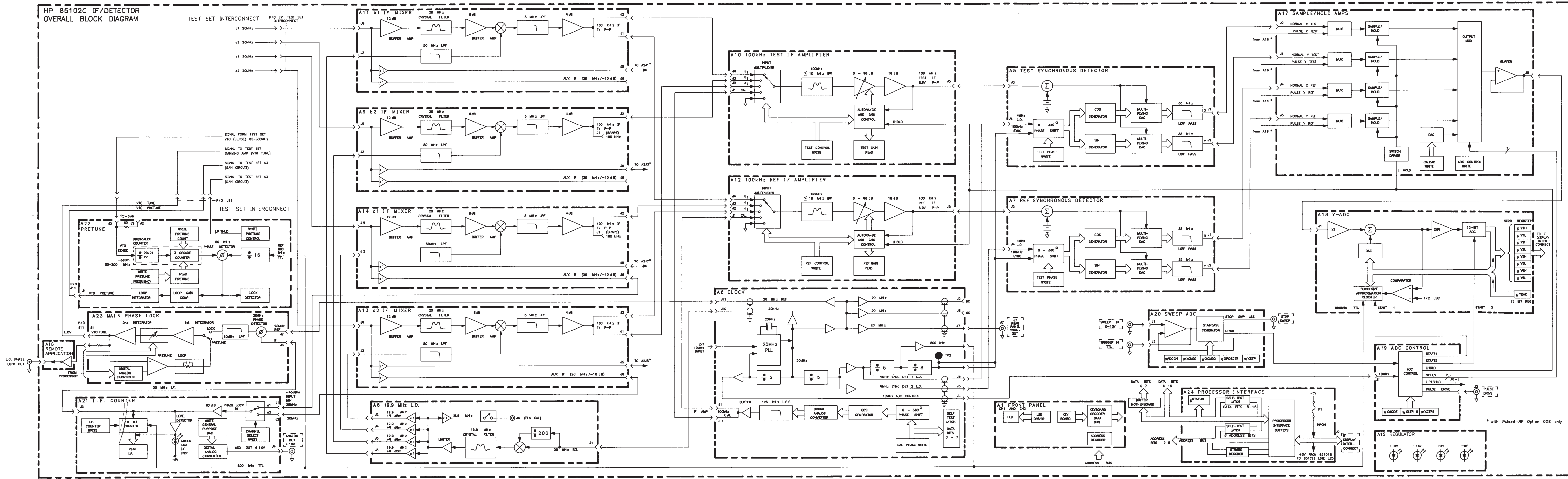


85101C DISPLAY/PROCESSOR  
OVERALL BLOCK DIAGRAM (LCD)





HP 85102C IF/DETECTOR  
OVERALL BLOCK DIAGRAM



85102C IF/Detector Overall Block Diagram



HP 8510C PHASE LOCK BLOCK DIAGRAM

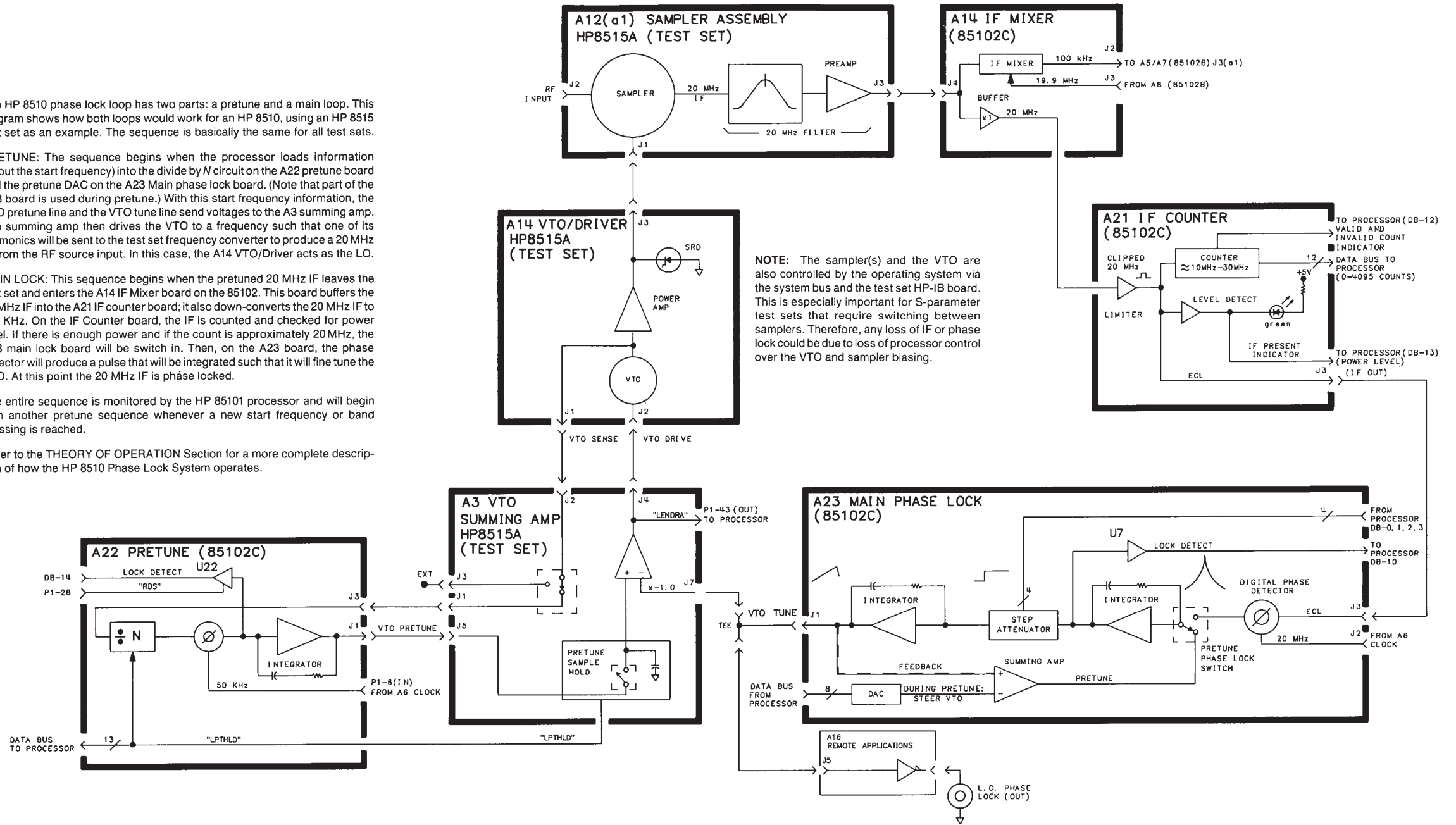
The HP 8510 phase lock loop has two parts: a pretune and a main loop. This diagram shows how both loops would work for an HP 8510, using an HP 8515 test set as an example. The sequence is basically the same for all test sets.

**PRETUNE:** The sequence begins when the processor loads information (about the start frequency) into the divide by *N* circuit on the A22 pretune board and the pretune DAC on the A23 Main phase lock board. (Note that part of the A23 board is used during pretune.) With this start frequency information, the VTO pretune line and the VTO tune line send voltages to the A3 summing amp. The summing amp then drives the VTO to a frequency such that one of its harmonics will be sent to the test set frequency converter to produce a 20 MHz IF from the RF source input. In this case, the A14 VTO/Driver acts as the LO.

**MAIN LOCK:** This sequence begins when the pretuned 20 MHz IF leaves the test set and enters the A14 IF Mixer board on the 85102. This board buffers the 20 MHz IF into the A21 IF counter board; it also down-converts the 20 MHz IF to 100 KHz. On the IF Counter board, the IF is counted and checked for power level. If there is enough power and if the count is approximately 20 MHz, the A23 main lock board will be switch in. Then, on the A23 board, the phase detector will produce a pulse that will be integrated such that it will fine tune the VTO. At this point the 20 MHz IF is phase locked.

The entire sequence is monitored by the HP 85101 processor and will begin with another pretune sequence whenever a new start frequency or band crossing is reached.

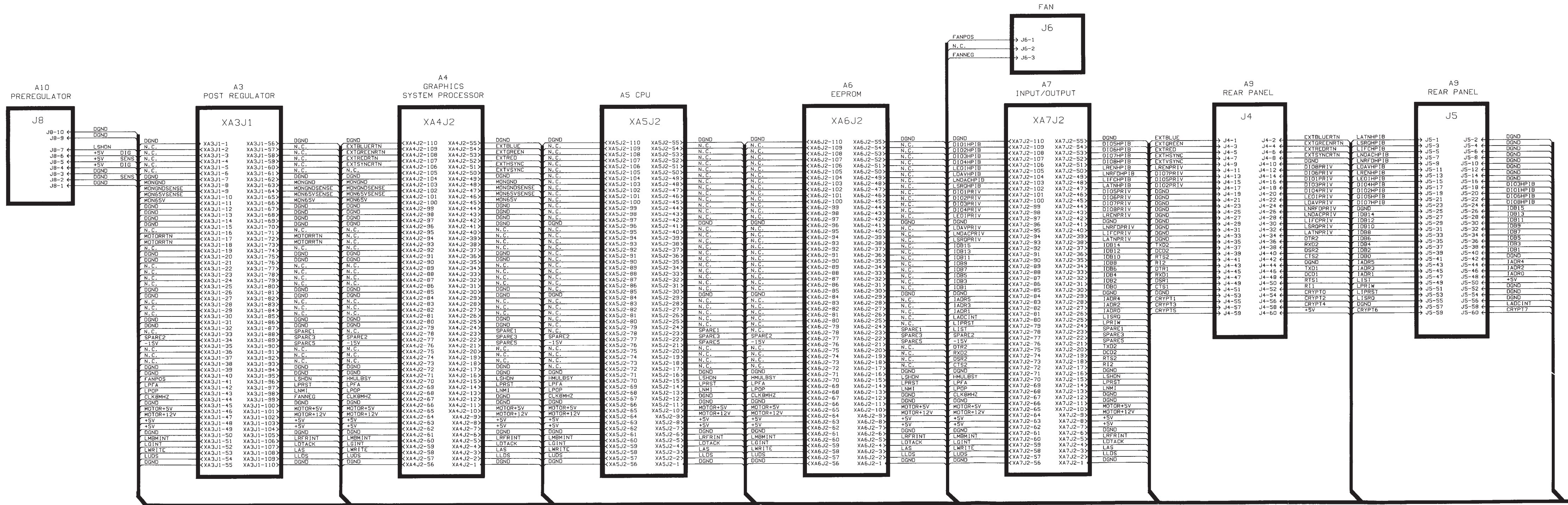
Refer to the THEORY OF OPERATION Section for a more complete description of how the HP 8510 Phase Lock System operates.

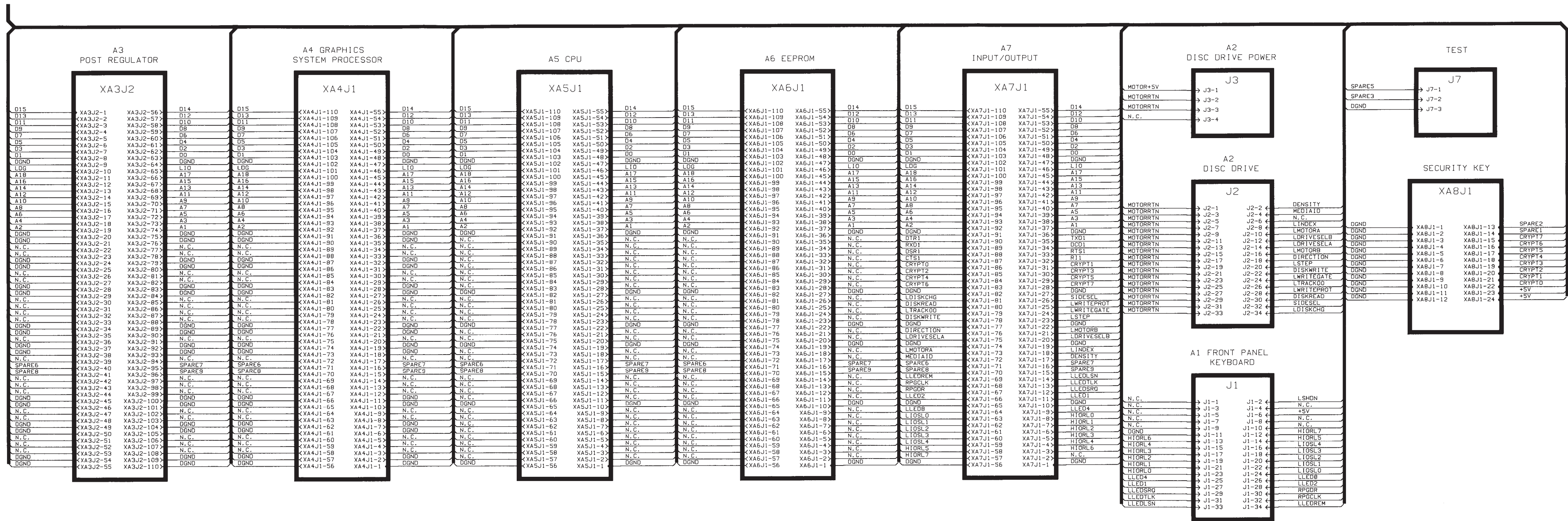


**NOTE:** The sampler(s) and the VTO are also controlled by the operating system via the system bus and the test set HP-IB board. This is especially important for S-parameter test sets that require switching between samplers. Therefore, any loss of IF or phase lock could be due to loss of processor control over the VTO and sampler biasing.



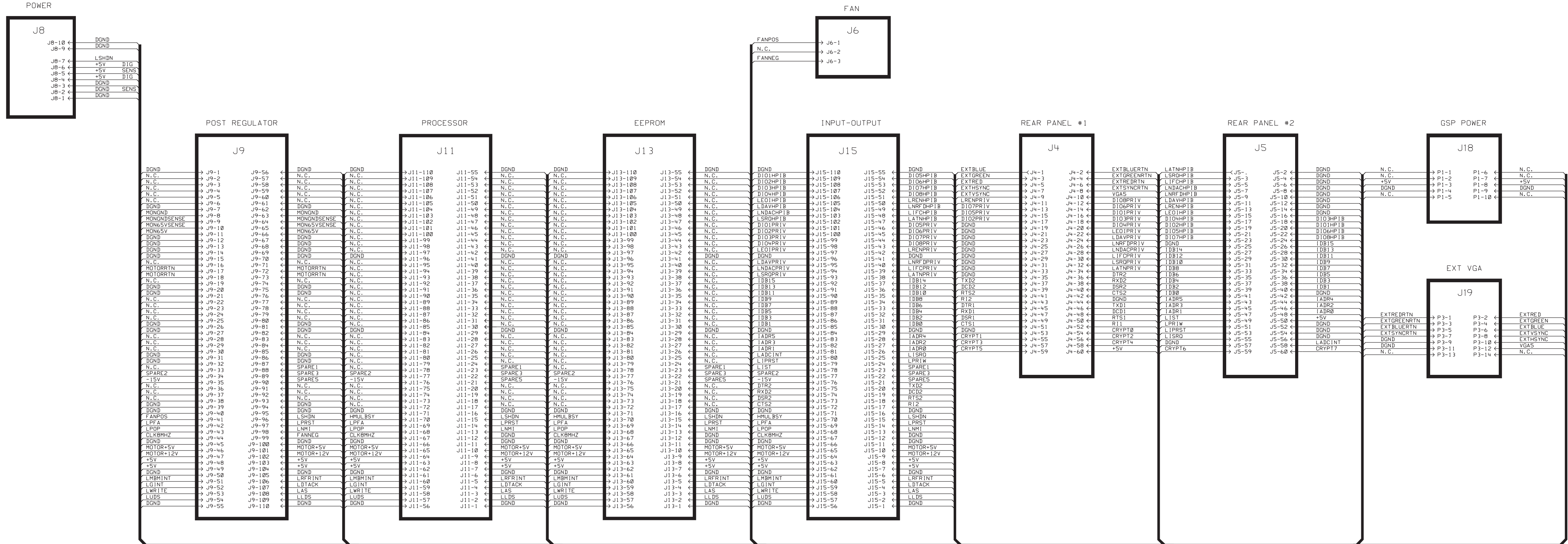


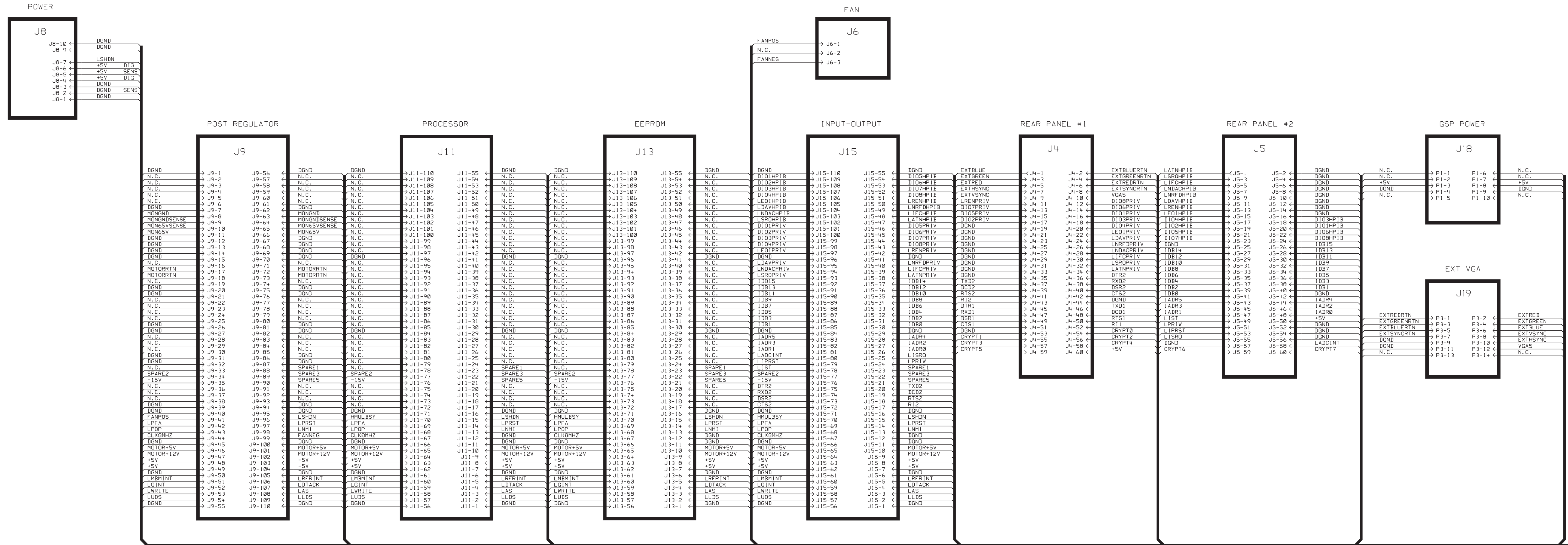




85101C A8 Motherboard Wiring Diagram (2 of 2)

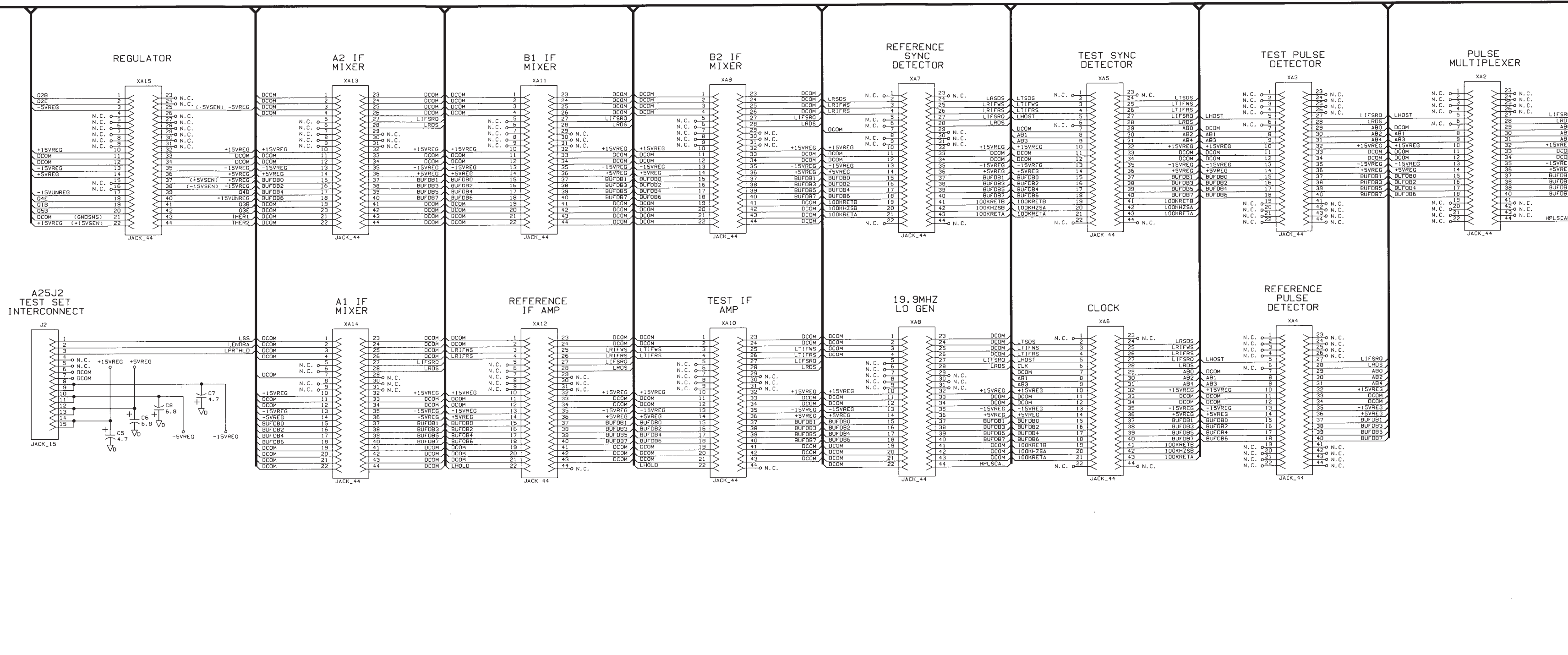
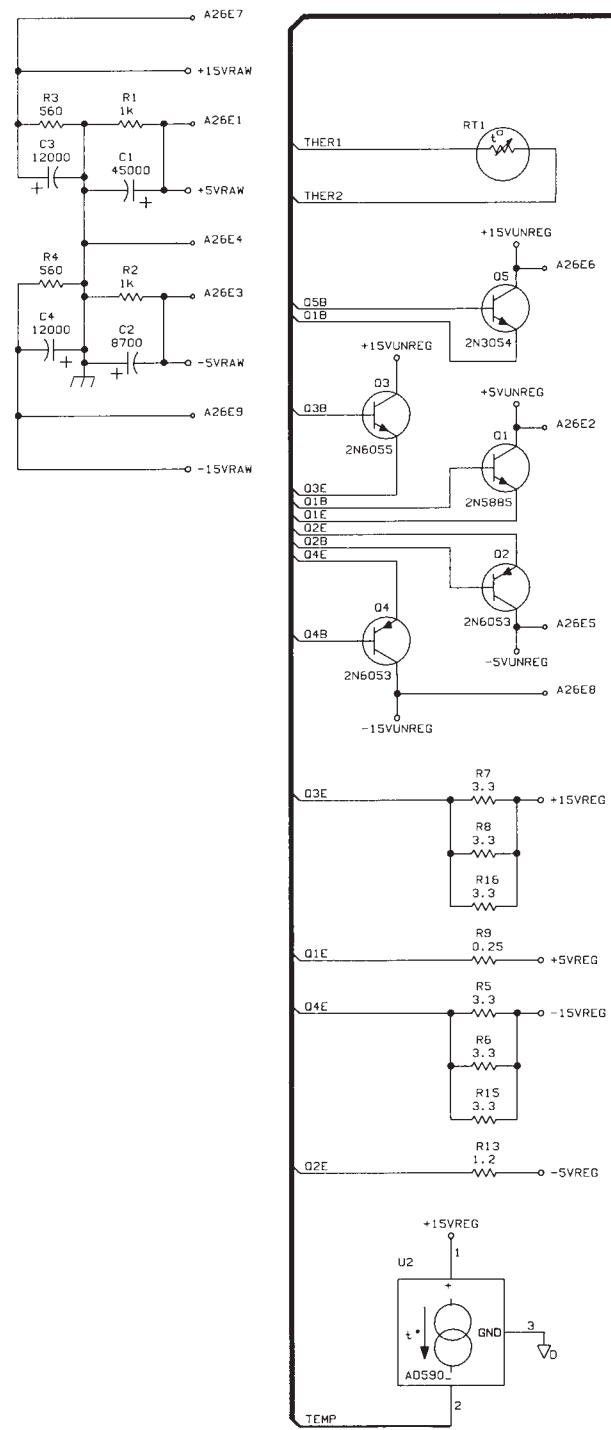














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## LCD Failures

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**NOTE** The information in this section is specific to an 85101C display/processor equipped with an LCD. Unless otherwise noted, this information does not apply to instruments with CRT displays.

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This procedure is intended to isolate the faulty assembly (A14, A15, or A16) if the display is dim, dark, or blank. If the display is illuminated and showing an image, but the color mix is faulty (or other image problems), refer to the A15 section, “[Troubleshooting Image Problems](#).”

1. If the display is dim, the backlight assembly is probably defective. Refer to “[LCD Assembly Details](#)” on page 6-18 for replacement procedures.
2. If the display remains dark after the instrument is turned on, follow the procedure in “[Verifying the Inverter Board and Backlight Lamp](#)” on page 4-49.
3. If the display lights-up when the instrument power is turned on, but the display remains blank, continue with the following:
  - a. Connect an external VGA monitor to the rear panel VGA output connector on the instrument.
  - b. If the external VGA monitor is blank, the A14 GSP display interface board assembly is probably defective.

Remove the top cover of the instrument to facilitate troubleshooting.

- c. If the external VGA monitor is functioning as expected, verify that the LCD data cable (W7) is properly connecting the A14 GSP display interface board to the A15 LCD. If the cable is properly connected and the display is blank, the most probable cause is the A15 LCD. If the LCD is defective, replace the complete display assembly. Refer to “[A15 LCD Assembly Replacement](#)” on page 6-16.



## A14 GSP Display Interface Board

### Circuit Description

The A14 graphics system processor (GSP) display interface board is the main interface between the A5 central processing unit (CPU) board and the A15 liquid crystal display (LCD). The A5 CPU board converts the formatted data into GSP commands and writes it to the A14 GSP display interface board. The GSP processes the data to produce/generate the necessary analog and digital video signals that are used for the following purposes:

- The analog video signals are used for the VGA compatible RGB output signals which are then routed to the rear panel.
- The digital video signals are translated to 3.3 volt levels and routed to the A15 LCD.

The A14 assembly receives +5 V from the motherboard that is used for processing and supplying power to the A16 backlight inverter board (+5 V) and the A15 LCD (3.3 V).

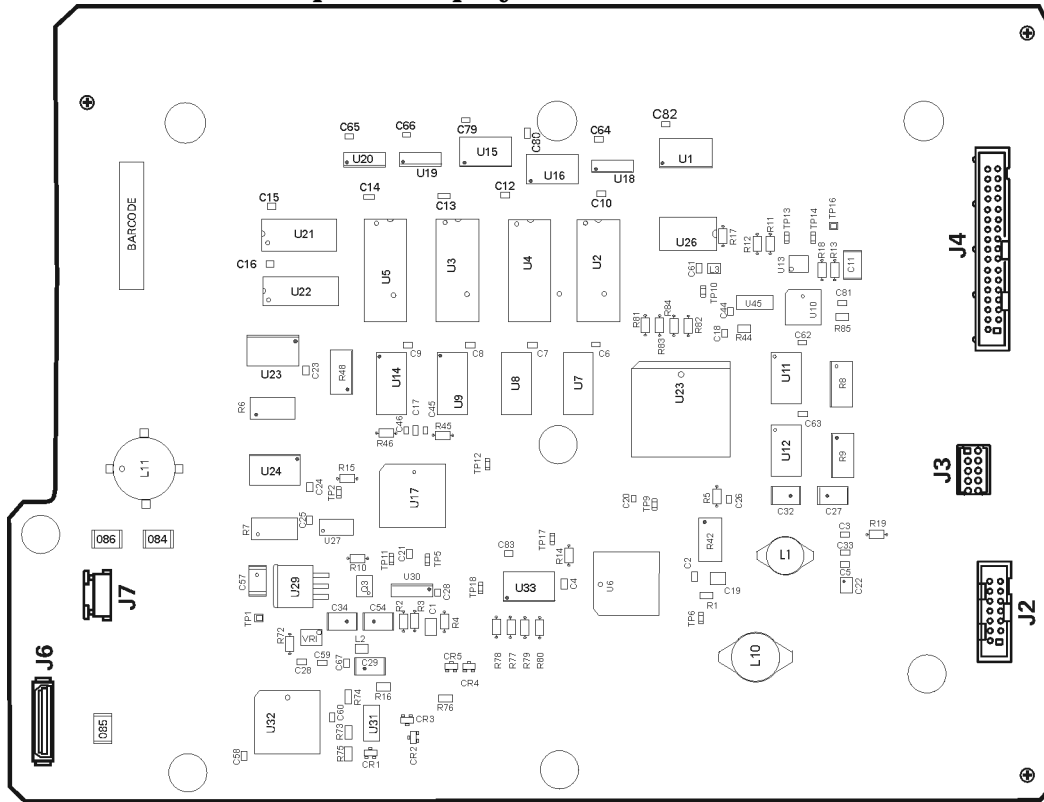
### Diagnostic Tests

Self tests and service program tests (see [“85101 Display/Processor Service Program Menu” on page 4-131](#)) check the functionality of the A14 graphics display (GSP) and the A15 LCD. If any of these display-related tests fail, it usually indicates that the display interface board needs to be replaced.

### Reference Information for Troubleshooting

Refer to [Figure 4-4](#) and [Table 4-3](#) for connector locations on the A14 GSP and pinout information from A14J4 to motherboard.

**Figure 4-4 A14 Graphics Display Board Connectors**



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**Table 4-3 A14J4 Pinouts**

J4 Pin	Signal	I/O	J4 Pin	Signal	I/O
1	GRD	I	18	ID3	I/O
2	GRD	I	19	ID0	I/O
3	ID14	I/O	20	ID1	I/O
4	ID15	I/O	21	GRD	I
5	ID12	I/O	22	GRD	I
6	ID13	I/O	23	IA2	I
7	ID10	I/O	24	IA3	I
8	ID11	I/O	25	RD/LWR	I
9	ID8	I/O	26	IA1	I
10	ID9	I/O	27	GRD	I
11	GRD	I	28	GRD	I
12	GRD	I	29	LDISPACK	O
13	OD6	I/O	30	LDISP	I
14	ID7	I/O	31	LDISPINT	O
15	ID4	I/O	32	LRESET	I
16	ID5	I/O	33	GND	I
17	OD2	I/O	34	GND	I

## A15 LCD

### Circuit Description

The A15 LCD assembly is an 8.4-inch liquid crystal display (LCD) with associated drive circuitry. It receives a +3.3 V power supply from the A14 graphics processor. The display receives the following signals from the A14:

- digital horizontal sync
- digital vertical sync
- digital blanking
- data clock
- digital red video
- digital green video
- digital blue video

The A15 LCD display includes the backlight lamp and inverter. The lamp attaches to the LCD display frame but is electrically separate. The backlight is powered by a separate connection to the attached backlight inverter (A16), which is also electrically separate.

Backlight Inverter (A16) is a part of the A15 LCD assembly. It receives a +5 V power supply and control signals from the A14 graphics processor. The control signals include backlight intensity. It outputs a high voltage used to drive the backlight lamp.

### Troubleshooting Image Problems

The following information assumes that the display is illuminated when the instrument is turned on. If the display remains dim, dark, or blank, refer to the section [“LCD Failures.”](#)

### Display Troubleshooting Procedure

The display should be bright with annotations and the text should be readable. This procedure allows you to check for non-functioning pixels and other problems.

1. Activate the default colors: Press **DISPLAY**, **[ADJUST DISPLAY]**, **[DEFAULT SETTINGS]**. If this does not correct the color problem, proceed to step 2.
2. Exercise the display test patterns by referring to [Table 4-4](#). Check for damaged pixels; look for the symptoms described in [“How to Identify a Faulty Display”](#) and other serious abnormalities.

If the A15 LCD is defective, replace the complete display assembly. Refer to [“A15 LCD Assembly Replacement”](#) on page 6-16.

### **What Is A Faulty Pixel?**

A pixel is a picture element that combines to create an image on the display. They are about the size of a small pin point. Damaged pixels can be either “permanently on” or “permanently off.”

- A “permanently on” pixel is red, green, or blue and is always displayed regardless of the display setting. It will be visible on a dark background.
- A “permanently off” pixel is always dark and is displayed against a background of its own color.

### **How to Identify a Faulty Display**

The display test has a sequence of red, green, blue, white, and black backgrounds. One or more of the following symptoms indicate a faulty display.

- complete rows or columns of “permanently on” or “permanently off” pixels
- more than five “permanently on” or “permanently off” pixels (not to exceed a maximum of two red or blue, or three green)
- two or more consecutive “permanently on” or “permanently off” pixels
- “permanently on” or “permanently off” pixels less than 6.5 mm apart

If any of these symptoms occur, replace the display.

### **Display Test Patterns**

Test patterns are used in the factory for display adjustments, diagnostics, and troubleshooting. They may be used for field service as needed. Test patterns are executed by pressing the following keys: **SYSTEM**, **[MORE]**, **[SERVICE FUNCTIONS]**, **[TEST MENU]**, **2, 2, =MARKER**, **1, =MARKER**, **3, =MARKER**, **7, =MARKER** and enter the test number.

**Table 4-4 Tests Pattern Descriptions**

Test Name	Description
Test Pat. 1	Displays an all white screen for verifying the light output of the A15 display and checks for color purity.
Test Pat. 2-4	Displays a red, green, and blue pattern for verifying the color purity of the display and also the ability to independently control each color.
Test Pat. 5	Displays an all black screen. This is used to check for stuck pixels.
Test Pat. 6	Displays a 16-step gray scale for verifying that the A14 display interface board can produce 16 different amplitudes of color (in this case, white). The output comes from the RAM on the GSP board, it is then split. The signal goes through a video DAC and then to an external monitor or through some buffer amplifiers and then to the internal LCD. If the external display looks good but the internal display is bad, then the problem may be with the display or the cable connecting it to the display interface board. This pattern is also very useful when using an oscilloscope for troubleshooting. The staircase pattern it produces will quickly show missing or stuck data bits.
Test Pat. 7	Displays the following seven colors: Red, Yellow, Green, Cyan, Blue, Magenta and White.
Test Pat. 8	Displays a color rainbow pattern for showing the ability of the A14 display interface board to display 15 colors plus white. The numbers written below each bar indicate the tint number used to produce that bar (0 and 100=pure red, 33=pure green, 67=pure blue). This pattern is intended for use with an external display.
Test Pat. 9	Displays the three primary colors (Red, Green, and Blue) at four different intensity levels. You should see 16 color bands across the screen. Starting at the left side of the display the pattern is: Black, four bands of Red (each band increasing in intensity), Black, four bands of Green (each band increasing in intensity), Black, four bands of Blue (each band increasing in intensity), Black. If any one of the four bits for each color is missing, the display will not look as described.
Test Pat. 10	Displays a character set for showing the user all the different types and sizes of characters available. Three sets of characters are drawn in each of the three character sizes. 125 characters of each size are displayed. Characters 0 and 3 cannot be drawn and several others are control characters (such as carriage return and line feed).
Test Pat. 11	Displays a bandwidth pattern for verifying the bandwidth of the EXTERNAL display. It consists of multiple alternating white and black vertical stripes. Each stripe should be clearly visible. A limited bandwidth would smear these lines together. This is used to test the quality of the external monitor.
Test Pat. 12	Displays a repeating gray scale for troubleshooting, using an oscilloscope. It is similar to the 16 step gray scale but is repeated 20 times across the screen. Each of the 3 outputs of the video palette will then show 20 ramps (instead of one staircase) between each horizontal sync pulse. This pattern is used to troubleshoot the pixel processing circuit of the A14 display interface board.
Test Pat. 13	Displays a convergence pattern for measuring the accuracy of the color convergence of the external monitor.
Test Pat. 14-15	Displays crosshatch and inverse crosshatch patterns for testing color convergence, linearization alignment. This is useful when aligning the LCD in the bezel.

## A16 Backlight Inverter Board

### Circuit Description

The A16 inverter assembly supplies the ac voltage for the backlight lamp in the A15 LCD assembly. This assembly takes the +5 Vdc from the A14 GSP and converts it to approximately 680 Vac steady state. At start-up, the voltage can reach up to 1.5 kVac. There are two control lines:

- digital ON/OFF
- analog brightness
  - 100 % intensity is 0 V
  - 50 % intensity is 4.5 V

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#### WARNING

**High voltage is present on the inverter board. Be careful when measuring signals and voltages on the board.**

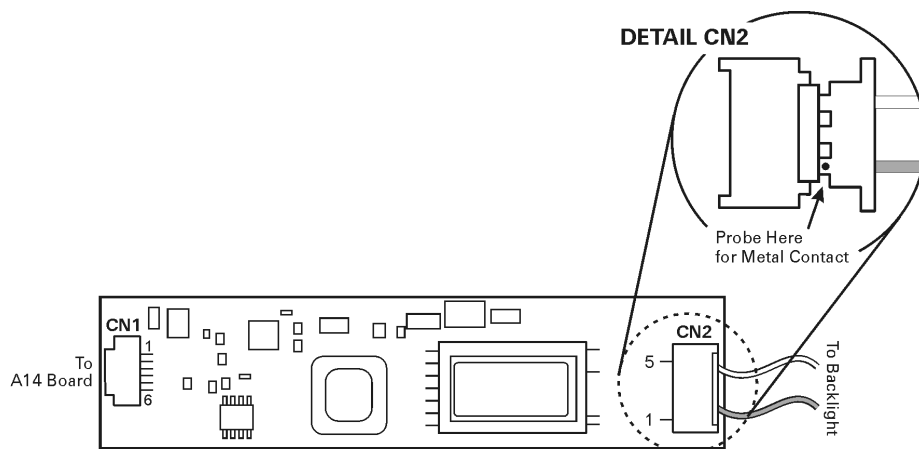
**Make sure the plastic cover on the inverter board is held securely in place by one of the mounting screws. This cover protects against inadvertent contact with the high voltage generated by the inverter.**

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### Verifying the Inverter Board and Backlight Lamp

Remove the top cover of the instrument to facilitate troubleshooting. Using [Figure 4-5](#) as a reference, measure the signals and voltages indicated in [Table 4-5](#). If the signals and voltages measure correctly, the inverter board is functioning properly.

**Figure 4-5 A16 Inverter Board Test Point Locations**



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**Table 4-5 A16 Inverter Board, Voltages and Signals**

Test Point	Signal or Voltage	Test Point	Signal or Voltage
CN1 pin 1	+5.1 Vdc	CN1 pin 5	0 V (ground)
CN1 pin 2	+5.1 Vdc	CN1 pin 6	0 V to +5.1 V
CN1 pin 3	39 mV (after completion of power-on)	CN2 pin 1 <sup>1</sup>	+900 V peak sinewave @ 38 kHz
CN1 pin 4	0 V (ground)	CN2 pin 5	ac neutral (referenced to pin 1)

1. This signal is referenced to chassis ground. For easier access to pin 1 of CN2, slide the plug slightly out of the fully seated position. This will expose a small piece of metal electrically connected to pin 1. (See detail CN2).

After measuring the test points on CN1 and CN2, match the results and perform the rework as indicated in the action column in [Table 4-6](#). After successful troubleshooting and repair, the LCD should operate normally, or at least be illuminated when the instrument is turned on.

**Table 4-6 Inverter Board Troubleshooting Steps**

Input (CN1)	Output (CN2)	Action
Good	Good	Replace the backlight lamp. See <a href="#">“LCD Assembly Details” on page 6-18</a> .
Good	Bad	Replace the A16 inverter. See <a href="#">“LCD Assembly Details” on page 6-18</a> .
Bad	Bad	Replace the flat flex cable (W8), or the A14 display interface board.

## Self Test Failures

### Overview

The 8510 self test sequence is a series of fourteen individual diagnostic tests that constitute the major part of the test menu. The test menu also contains four system commands, three disk commands, and two service commands. This section explains all of these tests and commands beginning with the self tests.

The self tests sequentially test most of the buses and circuits of the 85101C display/processor and a few circuits of the 85102 IF/detector. The self test sequence is initiated automatically at power-up but can also be run manually. If the 8510 passes all of the tests in the sequence, it loads and runs the operating system program.

### How to Use This Section

How you use this section depends on your situation. These are the major topics:

**Self Test and Other Failures** describes what happens prior to and during the self test sequence. It gives an example of a failed self test, describes the power-up self test sequence, and explains what subtests are.

**How to Identify a Self Test Failure** tells how to spot a self test and subtest failure.

**How to Troubleshoot a Self Test Failure** explains how to troubleshoot the 8510 when a self test fails.

**How to Access the Test Menu and Run a Self Test** tells how to access and run one or all of the self tests.

**System, Disc, and Service Commands** explains how to access and use these commands.

**Self Test Failures and Troubleshooting** lists all of the self tests, shows the most likely causes of failures (with percentages), and offers additional troubleshooting hints.

**How to Reload the Operating System** explains how to do this from memory and disc.



## Self Tests and Other Failures

Before or during self tests, the instrument may detect other failures. These are known as instrument errors and default test 15. The next paragraphs and [“What to Do If the R-L-T-S-8-4-2-1 LEDs Stay Lit \(Default Test 15\)”](#) explain these conditions.

### What to Do If an Instrument Error Occurs

An instrument error may occur at power-up before the self test sequence runs or as it runs. If this happens, one of the following messages is displayed on the display:

- Abort
- Break
- Instruction Error
- Address Error
- Processor Error

An example of a processor error message is displayed below.

#### PROCESSOR ERROR

The processor encountered, an error from which it could not recover.

Technical Details:

Address executed or next instruction was PC = 000 009C Status register at that time was SR = 2700

Top of memory stack after the error:

0002 FFAG 2700 0000 009C FFF1 423C 016C 0002

Reason for the error was:

Vector offset = 0010

Processor illegal instruction error

If any of the five messages above are displayed, reload the operating system (explained at the end of this section).

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<b>NOTE</b>	Do not use the memory operations menu softkeys: <b>[GO][SHOW]</b> , <b>[WRITE]</b> , <b>[CSHOW]</b> , and <b>[CWRITE]</b> . Agilent recommends that only qualified Agilent service personnel use these selections.
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If reloading the operating system does not eliminate instrument errors, contact your Agilent customer engineer.

### What to Do If the R-L-T-S-8-4-2-1 LEDs Stay Lit (Default Test 15)

Default test 15 is the condition when all eight of the front panel display/processor LEDs (R-L-T-S-8-4-2-1) stay lit. This condition occurs at the beginning of the self tests sequence. If it persists, it probably means that the sequence could not start or the processor was unable to clear the front panel LEDs.

If this condition occurs, check the numbered items below using the information on the power supply test points located in “Power Supply Failures” on page 4-97, or refer to the test points on the 85101 block diagram.

1. Check the +5 V power supply at the post-regulator. Refer to the “Power Supply Failures” section for information on power supply test points.
2. Confirm that the A4 GSP assembly (A14 GSP if equipped with an LCD) is properly seated.
3. Confirm that the A5 CPU assembly is properly seated.
4. Check that all A5S1 switches (see Figure 4-8) are closed.
5. Check these pins of the A5 assembly

Pin	Reading	Line
P2-13	> +2.5 V	LHMF
P2-45	< +0.7 V	HMULBSY
P2-59	> +2.5 V	LGINT (low general interrupt masked)
P2-68	> +2.5 V	LPOP (low power on pulse, from post-regulator)

6. Remove these assemblies: A7 I/O board, A6 EEPROM board, A4 graphics system processor board (A14 GSP if equipped with an LCD). Disconnect the IF/detector interconnect cable and the GPIB cable from display/processor rear panel. Verify that default error 15 is still present. If so, the trouble is isolated to the A5 CPU board assembly.

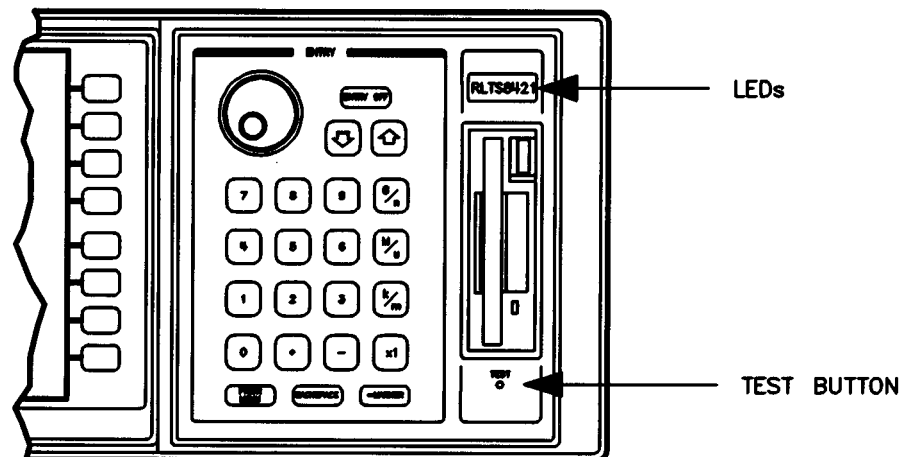
### Self Test Sequence

The sequence starts testing with the processor-ROM circuit (the kernel) in the display/processor and then tests: RAM, the data bus, various input/output registers, math processor, IF/detector interface, and the display/processor keyboard. Some of the tests are not completely exhaustive, but they do give an indication that these circuits are functional.

When no failures occur, the self test sequence runs as described below.

1. Press and hold the **TEST** button located on the front panel of the display/processor. The button is recessed about 1/2 inch. Use an adjustment tool or paper clip to reach it.

**Figure 4-6** Location of Display/Processor LEDs and Test Button



The eight LEDs (shown above) all light. This indicates that the +5 volt supply in the display/processor is operating properly.

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**NOTE** The events of the next seven steps happen quickly (about 15 seconds). If you do not observe each event, do not be concerned.

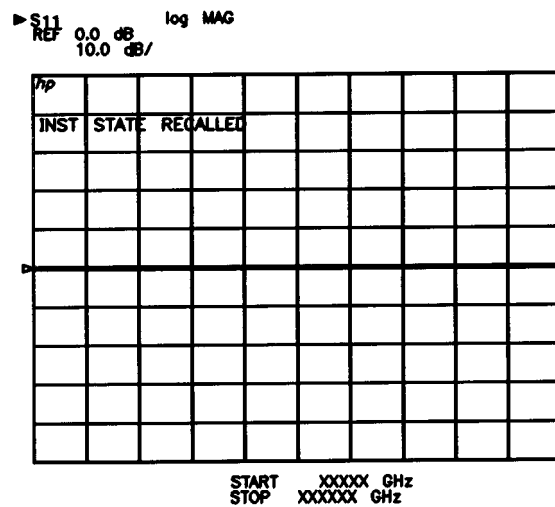
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2. Release the **TEST** button. All of the LEDs go out to signal the beginning of the self test.
3. The four numbered LEDs (1, 2, 4, 8) briefly flash. They indicate the number of the current test.
4. **TESTING** appears on the display.
5. The disk drive LED blinks.
6. **LOADING OPERATING SYSTEM** appears on the display. The system has completed the self test sequence. It is now loading the operating system software from nonvolatile memory into RAM, using a program in the self test ROM.
7. **SYSTEM INITIALIZATION IN PROGRESS**

**RECALLING INSTRUMENT STATE** appears on the display. The self test ROM has turned over control to the program stored in RAM. The initialization process continues.

8. **INST STATE RECALLED** appears on the display with a graticule (grid) and measurement trace (see [Figure 4-7](#)). The measurement/operating system software is now running.

**Figure 4-7** Typical Power-Up Display



The type of display that you see depends on the contents of instrument state 8. This power-up state is factory set to an  $S_{11}$  log-mag display over a typical default frequency range of 2 GHz to 18 GHz. However, instrument state 8 can be changed. Therefore, your display may appear different.

### Subtests

Subtests are the building blocks of most self tests. Subtests further isolate a self test failure by revealing which part of the self test failed. This information can help to further verify that a particular board is faulty.

In most repair situations, subtest information is not required or useful because of Agilent's assembly level repair strategy for this instrument.

If you want to simulate this type of failure to see an example of a failure message, press **9** and keep it pressed in. Then press **TEST**. Keep the entry key (9) pressed in until the failure message appears.

### How to Identify a Self Test Failure

Self test failures are displayed three ways:

- By the LCD/CRT
- By the front panel LEDs
- By the CPU board LEDs.

When the display is operating properly, it displays self test failure information as shown above. In such instances, read the "most likely causes for failure" and troubleshoot accordingly. To rerun the self test sequence (or a single self test) to verify the fault, refer to ["How to Run the Self Test Sequence Repeatedly."](#)

### How to Identify a Self Test Failure When the Display Is Not Working

When the display does not indicate a self test failure but you suspect a failure, observe the front panel LEDs. They may or may not indicate the failed self test.

If all of the front panel LEDs are lit, refer to [“What to Do If the R-L-T-S-8-4-2-1 LEDs Stay Lit \(Default Test 15\)” on page 4-53](#). (This is not a self test failure but default test 15 condition.)

If some combination of the 8-4-2-1 LEDs stays lit (and none of the R-L-T-S LEDs are lit), the binary sum of the numbers indicates the failed self test. Continue with the troubleshooting procedures below.

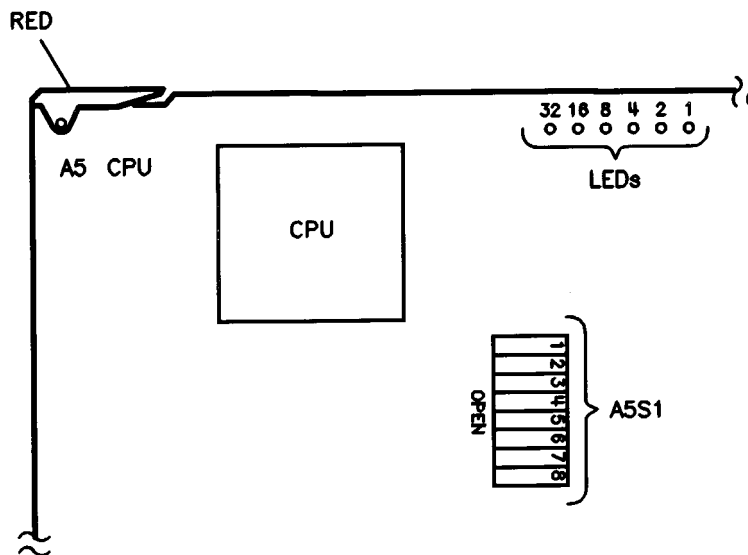
If some combination of the 8-4-2-1 LEDs stays lit (and only one, two, or three of the R-L-T-S LEDs are lit), the binary sum of the numbers indicates the failed subtest. To see what self test failed, continue with the next paragraph.

### How to Identify a Self Test Failure with the CPU Board LEDs

When neither the display nor the front panel LEDs indicate a self test failure but you suspect a failure, check the A5 CPU board as explained below.

1. Turn off the display/processor. Remove its top cover and locate the A5 board. It has red pull levers and six LEDs near its upper edge. The LEDs are labeled 32 16 8 4 2 1.

**Figure 4-8 Diagnostic LEDs and Switch A5S1 on A5 CPU Board**



At power-up, all six LEDs light for approximately two seconds. If a self test fails, the LEDs corresponding to the failed test will light for two seconds. Then the LEDs that correspond to the subtest number light and stay on. Self test 1 does not display a subtest number. Self test 15 is not coded.

- a. Turn on the instrument and note the first LED pattern. It is the self test number in binary format.
  - b. Note the second LED pattern. It is the subtest number in binary format.
3. Either refer to [Table 4-7 on page 4-60](#) to identify and troubleshoot the problem, or rerun the test to confirm it.

## How to Troubleshoot a Self Test Failure

If a self test failure message is visible on the display, troubleshoot the instrument based on the most likely causes for the failure. If the most likely causes for failure are not displayed, or for additional troubleshooting suggestions, refer to the appropriate self test paragraph in “Self Test Failures and Troubleshooting” on page 4-60.

### How to Access the Test Menu and Run a Self Test

To run a self test, you must first access the test menu. Then you can run the self test in one of three diagnostic modes:

- Run one test repeatedly
- Run the self test sequence once and stop (in case of a failure) or go on to run the main program (normal operation)
- Run the self test sequence in a repeating (and failure logging) loop.

### How to Access the Test Menu

If the operating system is running properly, press the **SYSTEM** key. Then press **[MORE]**, **[SERVICE FUNCTIONS]**, **[SERVICE MENU]**. The self test selections should appear with other selections.

If the instrument is off, press and hold in any key and turn on the instrument. When the keyboard self test failure message appears, release the key. Press **=MARKER** to enter the test menu.

With the instrument on, press and hold in any key. Then press and release the recessed **TEST** button. When the keyboard self test failure message appears, release the entry key. Press to enter the test menu.

Unless you entered the menu with the **SYSTEM** key, test 14 (binary 8 4 2) should be indicated on the front panel LEDs of the display/processor. If a fault occurred before test 14, the self test sequence has stopped and the LEDs indicate the test that failed. Press **=MARKER** to enter the test menu.

### How to Run a Single Self-Test Repeatedly

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**NOTE** This mode is not recommended for field use. It is typically used at the factory.

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Use this repeating mode with external test equipment to trace waveforms and signals through circuits in question and detect intermittent failures. Note that if an error is found, the front panel LEDs do not clear until you rerun the entire self test sequence (even if the fault has cleared).

Access the test menu and enter the number of the self test with the entry keys. Then press **=MARKER**. The test repeats continuously unless a processor error halts it.

To exit the loop, press any entry key.

### **How to Run the Self Test Sequence Once**

Press the recessed **TEST** button to run the self test sequence once.

Alternatively, access the test menu and enter number 17 (rerun self test) with the entry keys. Then press **=MARKER**.

### **How to Run the Self Test Sequence Repeatedly**

Access the test menu and enter number 18 (repeat test loop) with the entry keys. Then press **=MARKER**. Test 18 runs the entire self test continuously. It displays the number of times the sequence has passed, failed, and which test and subtest (if any) last failed.

In order to avoid wearing out EEPROM memory cells, the EEPROM write test routine is only performed for the first 20 cycles of a repeat loop. This applies only to the self test selections 12 (nonvolatile memory test) and 18 (repeat test loop).

### **How to Exit Self Test**

Press the recessed **TEST** button to exit any self test.



## Self Test Failures and Troubleshooting

This part lists each of the 14 self tests and suggests troubleshooting techniques in the event of a failure. The conditions listed under “Most Likely Causes of Failure” are a duplicate of information displayed on the display.

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**NOTE** The original 85101C display/processor incorporated a cathode ray tube (CRT). The current design incorporates a liquid crystal display (LCD).  
Self tests for the A4 display/processor (CRT design) and the A14 display/processor (LCD design) are functionally equivalent. The notation A4 (A14) indicates that the information applies to both designs.

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### Self Test Menu

The self test part of the main Service Functions test menu appears below in [Table 4-7](#). The LED pattern represents the binary code which appears on the front panel and A5 CPU board as explained earlier.

**Table 4-7 Self Test Menu and LED Pattern**

No.	Name of Test	LED Pattern					
		32	16	8	4	2	1
1	A5 Processor EPROM			no code			
2	A5 Processor RAM	.	.	.	.	O	
3	A7 Data Bus	.	.	.	.	O	O
4	A4 (A14) Display Processor	.	.	.	O	.	.
5	A4 (A14) Display Ram	.	.	.	O	.	O
6	A7 Timer/Clock/RS-232	.	.	.	O	O	.
7	A7 Public GPIB (HP-IB)	.	.	.	O	O	O
8	A7 System Bus	.	.	O	.	.	.
9	Interrupt System	.	.	O	.	.	O
10	A5 Multiplier	.	.	O	.	O	.
11	A7 Disk Controller	.	.	O	.	O	O
12	A6 Nonvolatile Memory	.	.	O	O	.	.
13	IF/Detector Data	.	.	O	O	.	O
14	Keyboard (performed after test 2)	.	.	O	O	O	.

“.” = LED off, “O” = LED on

The following paragraphs list the most likely cause of failure for each test. The percentage in parentheses is the probability that a particular item is at fault. The percentages may not always total 100%. One percent (1%) means very low probability.

Supplemental troubleshooting help is provided by these features:

- Additional troubleshooting hints (part of each test description)
- System-level troubleshooting block diagram
- Service program menu of the firmware and the Service Program section in this manual.

### **Test 1: A5 Processor EPROM**

Most likely cause of failure:

- A5 EPROM failure (60%)
- A5 processor board failure (40%)
- A8 motherboard trace/connector failure (1%)
- A4 (A14)/A6/A7 trace problem (1%)

Additional troubleshooting hints:

- Check the seating of the A5 board.
- In the main Service Functions test menu, press **2, 2, =MARKER** to enter the 8510 Service Program menu. Select 85101 Display/Processor Service Program and run the CPU Board Tests (A5).

### **Test 2: A5 Processor RAM**

Most likely cause of failure:

- A5 RAM failure (80%)
- A5 processor board failure (20%)
- A8 motherboard trace/connector failure (1%)
- A4 (A14)/A6/A7 trace problem (1%)

Additional troubleshooting hints:

- Remove A4 (A14), A6, and A7 from the instrument and rerun self test 2. If the failure clears, suspect one of the boards removed.
- In the main Service Functions menu, press **2, 2, =MARKER** to enter the 8510 Service Program menu. Select 85101 Display/Processor Service Program and run the CPU Board Tests (A5).

### **Test 3: A7 Data Bus**

Most likely cause of failure:

- A7 I/O board failure (80%)
- A5 processor board failure (20%)
- A8 motherboard trace/connector failure (1%)
- A4 (A14)/A6/A7 trace problem (1%)

Additional troubleshooting hints:

- Minimize the system: remove the A6 EEPROM board and A4 (A14) graphic signal processor board. Rerun test 3. If removing A6 or A4 (A14) appears to fix the problem, suspect A4 (A14), A6, and A7. The interrupt circuits on A7 may be faulty but only appear faulty with A6 and A4 (A14) installed.
- In the main Service Functions menu, press **2, 2, =MARKER** to enter 8510 Service Program menu. Select 85101 Display/Processor Service Program and run the I/O Board and Front Panel Tests (A1, A2, A7).

#### **Test 4: A4 (A14) Display Processor**

Most likely cause of failure:

- A4 (A14) graphics signal processor board failure (90%)
- A5 processor board failure (10%)
- A8 motherboard trace/connector failure (1%)

Additional troubleshooting hints:

- In the main Service Functions test menu, press **2, 2, =MARKER** to enter the 8510 service program menu. Select 85101 Display/Processor Service Program and run display board and CRT tests (A4, A11) or LCD tests (A14, A15).

#### **Test 5: A4 (A14) Display RAM**

Most likely cause of failure:

- A4 (A14) graphics signal processor board failure (90%)
- A4 (A14)/A6/A7 trace problem (5%)
- 85102 motherboard or connector or cable failure (5%)

Additional troubleshooting hints:

- In the main Service Functions test menu, press **2, 2, =MARKER** to enter the 8510 service program menu. Select 85101 Display/Processor Service Program and run display board and CRT test (A4, A11) or LCD tests (A14, A15).

#### **Test 6: A7 Timer/Clock/RS-232**

Most likely cause of failure:

- A7 I/O board failure (90%)

Additional troubleshooting hints:

- In the main Service Functions test menu, press **2, 2, =MARKER** to enter 8510 Service Program menu. Select 85101 Display/Processor Service Program and run the I/O Board and Front Panel Tests (A1, A2, A7).

#### **Test 7: A7 Public GPIB (HP-IB)**

Most likely cause of failure:

- A7 I/O board failure (90%)
- A5 CPU board failure (10%)
- A8 motherboard trace/connection failure (1%)

Additional troubleshooting hints:

- Minimize the system: remove A6 and all GPIB cables. Rerun self test number 7. If it does not pass, check the control lines.
- In the main Service Functions test menu, press **2, 2, =MARKER** to enter 8510 Service Program menu. Select 85101 Display/Processor Service Program and run the I/O Board and Front Panel Tests (A1, A2, A7).

### **Test 8: A7 System Bus**

Most likely cause of failure:

- A7 I/O board failure (80%)
- A5 CPU board (20%)
- A8 motherboard (1%)

Additional troubleshooting hints:

- Minimize the system: remove A6 and all GPIB cables. Rerun self test number 8. If it does not pass, check the control lines.
- In the main Service Functions test menu, press **2, 2, =MARKER** to enter 8510 Service Program menu. Select 85101 Display/Processor Service Program and run the I/O Board and Front Panel Tests (A1, A2, A7).

### **Test 9: A9 Interrupt System**

Most likely cause of failure:

- A7 I/O board failure (90%)
- A5 processor board failure (10%)
- A8 motherboard trace/connector failure (1%)

Additional troubleshooting hints:

- In the main Service Functions test menu, press **2, 2, =MARKER** to enter the 8510 Service Program menu. Select 85101 Display/Processor Service Program and run the CPU Board Tests (A5).

### **Test 10: A5 Multiplier**

Most likely cause of failure:

- A5 processor board failure (100%)

Additional troubleshooting hints:

- In the main Service Functions test menu, press **2, 2, =MARKER** to enter the 8510 Service Program menu. Select 85101 Display/Processor Service Program and run the CPU Board Tests (A5).

### **Test 11: A7 Disc Controller**

Most likely cause of failure:

- A7 I/O board failure (50%)
- A1A1 disk drive (50%)

Additional troubleshooting hints:

- Check the power supply to the disk drive. If out of tolerance, check the supplies on the power supply board.
- In the main Service Functions test menu, press **2, 2, =MARKER** to enter 8510 Service Program menu. Select 85101 Display/Processor Service Program and run the I/O Board and Front Panel Tests (A1, A2, A7).

### **Test 12: A6 Nonvolatile memory**

Most likely cause of failure:

- A6 nonvolatile memory board failure (70%)
- Nonvolatile memory not initialized (30%)

Additional troubleshooting hints:

- Make sure the A6 board is properly seated.
- In the main Service Functions test menu, press **2, 2, =MARKER** to enter the 8510 Service Program menu. Select 85101 Display/Processor Service Program and run the Non-Volatile Memory Board Tests (A6).

### **Test 13: IF/Detector Data**

Most likely cause of failure:

- 85102 interconnect cable missing or damaged (50%)
- 85102 A24 failure (20%)
- 85101 A7 I/O board failure (20%)
- 85102 A6 failure (10%)
- 85102 motherboard or connector or cable failure (1%)
- 85101 A8 motherboard or connector failure (1%)

Additional troubleshooting hints:

- In the main Service Functions test menu, press **2, 2, =MARKER** to enter the 8510 Service Program menu. Select 85101 Display/Processor Service Program and run the CPU Board (A5) Tests and the I/O Board and Front Panel Tests (A1, A2, A7).
- To troubleshoot the IF/detector, refer to the 85102 IF/Detector tests part of the [“Service Program”](#) section.

### **Test 14: Keyboard Test**

Most likely cause of failure:

- 85101 keyboard key was held down during power-up (80%)
- A7 I/O board failure (10%)
- A1 keyboard failure (10%)
- Keyboard connecting cable missing or damaged (1%)
- 85101 A8 motherboard or connector failure (1%)

Additional troubleshooting hints:

- In the main Service Functions test menu, press **2, 2, =MARKER** to enter the 8510 Service Program menu. Select 85101 Display/Processor Service Program and then select the I/O Board and Front Panel Tests (A1, A2, A7). Run the Keyboard and LEDs Test (A1, A7).

### **Self Test 14 Selected from Main Service Functions Test Menu**

To manually verify the complete operation of each key on the 85101 display/processor and 85102 IF/detector, select test 14. As you press each key, the LCD/CRT should display a different hex code. To exit this test, press the recessed **TEST** button.

## System, Disc, and Service Commands

### System Command 15: Run Main Program

The processor runs the self test sequence but disregards (does not stop for or report) any failures. Then it loads the operating system from memory to RAM and begins program execution.

### System Command 16: Memory Operations

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**CAUTION**                    **You can destroy the operating system in memory with this selection.**

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Agilent recommends that you do not use this selection unless assisted by a qualified Agilent customer engineer. This routine allows direct access to individual memory locations. Thus you can observe or change data. If you destroy the operating system in memory, reload the operating system with disk command 19 (below).

### System Command 17: Rerun Self Test

The processor runs the self test sequence once but stops if there are any failures. If there are no failures, it loads the operating system and begins program execution.

### System Command 18: Repeat Test Loop

The processor runs the self test sequence continuously. The LCD/CRT displays the number of times the sequence has passed (run without failure) and failed. This selection is a powerful mode for troubleshooting intermittent failures.

Press the recessed **TEST** button to exit the test loop.

### Disc Command 19: Load Program Disc

Use this selection to load or reload the operating system.

Slide the operating system disk into the disk drive. Press **SYSTEM**, **[MORE]**, **[SERVICE FUNCTIONS]**, **[TEST MENU]** to enter the Main Service Functions test menu.

In the Main Service Functions test menu, press **1, 9, =MARKER**. Select the program file labeled **PG\_8510C** and press **[LOAD FILE]** to load the operating system program into the network analyzer from the program file **PG\_8510C** on the disk. In about a minute, the operating system should be loaded and running. Refer to [“How to Reload the Operating System” on page 4-67](#) for more information on reloading the operating system.

If the memory board has not been initialized, refer to the [“85101 Nonvolatile Memory Board \(A6\) Tests”](#) part of the [“Service Program”](#) section.

The program file **PG\_8360FPE** is the 8360 series Front Panel Emulator program. It is not necessary to load this program separately as it is loaded automatically when the operating system **PG\_8510C** is loaded. See the [“8360 Service Program Menu” on page 4-145](#) for details on using the 8360 front panel emulator.

### **Disc Command 20: Record Program Disc**

Use this selection to record a backup copy of the operating system on an initialized (see below) blank disk. Use [DEFAULT TITLE] to select the default program filename PG\_8510C. Use [REPLACE MENU] to overwrite an existing program file on the disk.

Slide the disk into the disk drive. In the Main Service Functions test menu, press **2, 0, =MARKER**. Press [DEFAULT TITLE], and press [STORE FILE] to record the operating system program from the network analyzer to a program file PG\_8510C on the disk.

### **Disc Command 21: Initialize Disc**

Use this selection to initialize a disk prior to recording the operating system on it. You can use a disk that has been recorded on before or not, but it should be double-sided high density (1.44 MB) and of good quality.

Slide the disk into the disk drive. In the Main Service Functions test menu, press **2, 1, =MARKER**. In about a minute, the disk will be initialized in the LIF format needed for recording the operating system.

### **Service Command 22: Run Service Program**

Refer to the “[Service Program](#)” section to use this selection.

### **Service Command 23: Diagnose a Failure**

This selection displays the failure message for a self test and subtest of your choice. Use it to read failure messages when the display goes blank but is not faulty. Refer to “[How to Identify a Self Test Failure](#)” toward the beginning of this section. Obtain the self test and subtest numbers as directed.

Press **SYSTEM**, [MORE], [SERVICE FUNCTIONS], [TEST MENU] to enter the Main Service Functions test menu. Then press **2, 3, =MARKER** to display the “diagnose a failure” screen. Enter the self test and subtest numbers obtained above and press **=MARKER**. The LCD/CRT should display the appropriate failure messages.

## How to Reload the Operating System

You can reload the operating system from RAM or from the disk.

To reload from RAM, press the recessed **TEST** button. This re-initializes the system, reruns the self tests sequence, and (if no failures occur) displays the power-up instrument state number 8.

If the operating system does not reload properly from RAM, you can reload it from disk. But do so only as a last resort. Refer to [“Disc Command 19: Load Program Disc”](#) on page 4-65.

If the [“Disc Command 19: Load Program Disc”](#) or the Main Service Functions test menu cannot be accessed because of an operating system or loading error, then turn off the 85101C display/processor. Hold down the **=MARKER** key on the front panel while turning on the 85101C. Keep the **=MARKER** key pressed until the keyboard self test failure message appears on the display. Then release the **=MARKER** key. Press and release the **=MARKER** key again and the Test Menu will appear. [“Disc Command 19: Load Program Disc”](#) can now be used to reload the operating system.

If it does not solve the problem, contact an Agilent customer engineer for assistance.



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## Running Error Messages

### Running Error Messages as Built-In Diagnostics

Running error messages appear on the 8510C display whenever the 85101C CPU detects an error during normal operation. As a built-in diagnostic test, the CPU is constantly monitoring the overall system operation, especially that of the phaselock between the 85102 IF/detector, the test set and the source. Internal firmware routines are constantly checking power levels, phase relationships, frequency changes, operator commands, and so forth.

A message is displayed on the LCD/CRT whenever the CPU detects a fault. In other words, running error messages inform you of any detected faults while the system is running.

When an error is detected and a running error message is displayed, the system will usually continue running (making measurements). At this time the system has already passed the power-on self test diagnostics. Therefore, it is unlikely that a running error message indicates a problem in the 85101C display/processor unless the CPU has failed.

Whenever you get an error message, be sure it is a consistent and repeatable error. Press the **ENTRY OFF** key to remove the message from the display and then press the **MEASUREMENT RESTART** key to take another sweep. Many times, an error message like `PHASELOCK LOST` is only an intermittent loss of phase lock that can be corrected on the next sweep. If the message is gone, then there is no real problem. However, if the error message repeats, find that message in this section and note the possible causes and troubleshooting suggestions.

### Different Types of Running Error Messages

The four types of 8510C error messages are:

- Cautions
- Prompts
- Tells
- Errors

These four types are described below. Only those error messages which are related to service and repair are documented in this section. Refer to the *Keyword Dictionary* for an explanation of caution and tell messages. Messages such as those following are not documented in this section because they are not related to service and are mostly self-explanatory.

- FILE NOT FOUND (caution type)
- POSITION SLIDE THEN PRESS KEY TO MEASURE (prompt type)
- RECALLING CAL SET (tell type)
- INSUFFICIENT MEMORY (error type)

## Error Message Characteristics

The general characteristics of each type of error message are described in the following paragraphs.

### Caution Type Messages

These messages are preceded with the word `CAUTION` and are accompanied by a beeping tone. They usually indicate a problem with the 85102 IF/detector, test set, source, or disk drive. They are the main subject of this section because they are related to hardware failures more than the other types of messages. Except for those caution messages that are concerned with the disk or disk drive, most of these messages relate to the hardware phaselock system.

For example, if you disconnect the RF source power from the test set, the message `CAUTION: NO IF FOUND` will be displayed. Immediately, the CPU has determined that there is insufficient IF power and reports the error on the display. However, because the CPU uses the information supplied by the 85102 A21 IF counter assembly, it is possible that this board (A21) is faulty and not the IF signal. Therefore, be careful in your interpretation of these error messages. Remember, the message indicates that a problem has been detected on a certain assembly, but the message does *not* always indicate where the actual problem is located.

### Prompt Type Messages

Prompts are displayed whenever the CPU wants you to act during the normal running of the instrument. These messages do not indicate a failure. For example, if you have just finished calibrating the system and you do not have enough room to store the calibration, the prompt `NO SPACE FOR NEW CAL; DELETE A CAL SET` will be displayed. Here, the CPU knows that you have previously saved calibrations in all of the available cal sets. It is prompting you to delete one or more cal sets so that you can store the one you have just finished.

### Tell Type Messages

Tell messages are displayed whenever the CPU is telling you what it is doing or has done. This type of message does not indicate a failure or a problem unless the message is unrelated to a key you thought you pressed. For example, if you want to save the current state of the 8510C for any reason, you would press the `INSTRUMENT STATE SAVE` key on the 85102. The CPU would immediately recognize your command and tell you that it is obeying by displaying the message: `SAVING INST STATE`.

### Error Type Messages

These messages are displayed whenever the system cannot continue running because of a programming error. Error messages are not related to `CAUTION` messages. For example, if you have programmed the 8510C to perform a function requiring moving data to its internal memory and it does not have enough room to store the data, the message `INSUFFICIENT MEMORY` will be displayed on the LCD/CRT.

## Things to Remember about Running Error Messages

- They may be caused by either an internal problem or an operator error.
- In many cases, they will not stop the measurement sweep.
- They can be intermittent or permanent and, in the case of cautions, the message indicates where the failure is detected and not always where the problem exists.
- They may be caused by an 85101C CPU failure or error, not necessarily by the cause indicated in the message. However, this type of failure is rare.
- They remain on the display until you clear the message by correcting the problem, pressing **ENTRY OFF** and **MEASUREMENT RESTART**.

## Categories of Caution Running Error Messages

The following four types of CAUTION running error messages are used for service and troubleshooting:

### Phase Lock Running Error Messages

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**NOTE** Refer to [Chapter 3](#) for a detailed description of how these phase lock error messages are generated.

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- PRETUNE FAILURE
- PRETUNE LOST FAILURE
- NO IF FOUND
- PHASE LOCK FAILURE
- PHASE LOCK LOST
- VTO OVER RANGE

### IF/Detector ADC Running Error Messages

- ADC NOT RESPONDING
- ADC CAL FAILED
- IF CAL FAILED
- IF OVERLOAD
- AUTORANGE CAL FAILED

### Source Sweep Running Error Messages

- SOURCE SWEEP SYNC ERROR
- SWEEP TIME TOO FAST

### GPIB (HP-IB) Running Error Messages

- SOURCE SYNTAX ERROR
- SYSTEM BUS ADDRESS ERROR
- TEST SET SYNTAX ERROR

## Running Error Message Troubleshooting

### System-Level Troubleshooting Block Diagram

Use the system-level troubleshooting block diagram, as a reference guide for troubleshooting running error messages. Read “How to Read This Block Diagram” to the left of the block diagram. The running error messages are listed on the right, and have numbers associated with each message that cross-reference locations on the block diagram.

### Helpful Troubleshooting Hints

Before troubleshooting a caution running error message, first do the following:

- Make sure that the line power applied to all instruments is correct. Check all connections. Refer to [Chapter 9](#), “[System Installation](#),” if necessary.
- Make sure the source RF power and frequency are correct, as some phase lock errors are caused by these being improperly set.
- Be sure that the test set is properly downconverting the RF source input signal to 20 MHz. Refer to “[Unratioed Power Failures](#)” to verify test set operation.
- Always press the **ENTRY OFF** and **MEASUREMENT RESTART** keys several times after an error message is displayed. This will allow you to obtain the best indication of the true failure.

This is necessary because a running error message may be the result of the CPU executing a firmware instruction at the time of failure. Therefore, the displayed error message is indicating a related failure—not the actual failure. It is indicating a failure at the wrong place or wrong assembly. The error message that continually repeats is the running error message you want to troubleshoot.

- Make sure the system is powered up in the proper order, to avoid a possible phaselock error. The instrument power-on sequence is:

In systems with external controllers, switch on power to the controller last, the 85101C next to last.

In systems without external controllers, switch on power to the 85101C last.

- Always disconnect all unnecessary peripheral instruments and non-terminated GPIB cables from the system when troubleshooting.
- Check the cables and the connections to the boards. Remove the 85102 top cover and check that all snap-on cables are connected properly to the boards. Each cable is labeled with a **J** (jack) number that corresponds to the **J** input on the board cover.

## Alphabetical List of Caution Running Error Messages

Troubleshooting suggestions and probable causes of failure are given with the following list of messages.

Always press the **ENTRY OFF** and **MEASUREMENT RESTART** keys to see if the error message repeats. If it does not repeat, it is probably NOT a true error, but rather an intermittent failure. If it does repeat, locate the error message below and follow the troubleshooting suggestions.

### ADC Cal Failed

The 85102 A18 A/D converter assembly is calibrated by the ADC of the A17 sample/hold board. The 85101C CPU detects incorrect values of the measured bits and displays this message.

Possible cause of failure:

- 85102 A18 ADC board
- 85102 A17 sample and hold board
- 85102 A19 ADC control board

Troubleshooting:

- Run the 85102 service program tests in the Run All mode.
- Run the 85102 service program tests 1 (A19), 3 (A18), and 4 (A17).
- If the Service Program found no fault with any assembly, refer to [“Other Failures” on page 4-125](#) and run the 20 Hz Sine Wave Test.

### ADC Not Responding

The 85102 A18 ADC board is not sending an expected interrupt service request to the 85101C CPU. This message is the highest priority interrupt in the 8510C.

Probable cause of failure:

- 85102 A18 ADC
- 85102 A19 ADC control
- 85102 A24 CPU interface
- 85101C interrupt problem
- IF/display interconnect cable

Troubleshooting:

- Run 85102 service program tests in the Run All mode
- Run 85102 service program tests 1 (A19) and 3 (A18)
- Run 85101C service program tests (I/O board tests)
- If the service program found no fault with any assembly, refer to [“Other Failures” on page 4-125](#) and run the 20 Hz Sine Wave Test.

### **Autorange Cal Failed**

The CPU tries to calibrate the switchable gain amplifiers (0 dB, 12 dB, 24 dB, 36 dB, and 48 dB gain steps) on the 85102 IF amplifier boards (A10 and A12). If the measured values exceed the normal error limits, this message is displayed.

Probable cause of error:

- 85102 A10 or A12 IF amplifier

Troubleshooting:

- Run 85102 service program tests in the Run All mode.
- Run 85102 service program test 5 (A10/A12).

### **Caution: Optional Function Not Installed**

This message occurs if the A8 security key assembly in the 85101C is removed.

Probable cause of failure:

- Missing 85101C A8 security key

### **Disc Communication Error**

This message occurs when an external disk drive loses communication with the 85101C A7 I/O board assembly.

Probable cause of failure:

- Missing or bad GPIB cable between the 85101C and the external disk drive
- 85101C A7 I/O board

### **Disc Hardware Problem**

This message occurs when attempting access to an external disk drive, and indicates a hardware type problem with the drive. This message does not indicate a failure with the 8510C internal disk drive.

Probable causes of failure:

- Hardware failure in the external disk drive

### **Disc Read or Write Error**

This message indicates an internal disk drive communication failure. Probable causes of failure:

- Bad media disk
- 85101C A7 I/O board
- 85101C internal disk drive

### **Disc Media Wearing Out - Replace Soon**

This indicates that further use of the disk may cause loss of data. The external drive counts the number of disk revolutions and records that number on the disk. When a certain number of revolutions has occurred, the disk drive causes this caution error message to appear. The message is not prompted by a measure of a disk's magnetic properties, and is meant only to advise the user of a potential disk media failure.

Most probable cause of failure:

- Disk media in an external disk drive is old

### **Failure - Check System Bus Configuration**

This message refers to a failure of the 8360 series source. This is an indication of incorrect power level flatness (correction only). Refer to the source service manual for complete troubleshooting information.

### **Failure - Fault Indicator On**

This message refers to a failure of the 8360 series source. Refer to the source service manual for complete troubleshooting information.

### **Failure - Overmodulation**

This message refers to a failure of the 8360 series source. It appears when the RF output of the source is being overmodulated. Refer to the source service manual for complete troubleshooting information.

### **Failure - RF Unlocked**

This message refers to a failure of the 8360 series source. Refer to the source service manual for complete troubleshooting information.

### **Failure - Self Test Failure**

This message refers to a failure of the 8360-series source. It indicates a failure of the source CPU, CPU power supply, or a phaselock unlocked condition. Refer to the source service manual for complete troubleshooting information.

### **IF Cal Failed**

The 85102 A6 clock board provides a 100 kHz calibration signal to IF amplifiers A10 and A12. The 85101C CPU uses this signal to calibrate the 85102 IF amplifiers. If the calibration error exceeds a certain limit, the CPU displays this message on the display.

Probable cause of failure:

- 85102 100 kHz cal signal from A6 clock
- 85102 A10 or A12 IF amplifier
- 85102 A5 or A7 synchronous detector
- 85102 A17 sample/hold
- 4 MHz from the 85102 A6 clock assembly to the A7 and A5 sync detector assemblies.



### Troubleshooting:

- Run 85102 service program tests in the Run All mode.
- Run 85102 service program tests 4 (A17), 5 (A10/A12), and 6 (A5/A7).
- Both the test and reference channels may appear faulty, even though only one channel may have a problem. Swap the A5 and A7 boards, and also the A10 and A12 boards as they are the same to help determine if one or both of these matched boards are faulty.
- If the service program found no fault with any assembly, refer to “[Other Failures](#)” and run the 20 Hz Sine Wave Test.

### Further troubleshooting:

When the IF Cal Failed running error message is displayed, the 85102 A17 or A5/A7 boards may be faulty. Also, the A6, A5/A7, and A10/A12 could be faulty because they are also part of the IF section. The following tests will help you determine which of these board assemblies is faulty.

If there are spikes on the trace greater than 20 dB at bandpass points (2.4 GHz, 13.5 GHz, and 20.0 GHz), suspect a failure the A17 board.

Press **INSTRUMENT STATE RECALL**, **[MORE]**, **[FACTORY PRESET]** and look for the spikes explained above. If the error message appears and/or spikes appear at those points, follow the steps below:

1. Run the 85102 service program tests in the Run All mode.
2. If the Sync Detector test fails, the following message will appear on the display:

```
Failed
***SYNC DETECTOR TEST ***
Sample and hold line has no output. Check sample and hold (A17).
Check output amplifier on sync detector board (A7).
```

If this message appears as is or if it indicates the A5 board instead of A7, continue with the steps below. If another test failed with another message, refer to the information in “[Service Program](#)” for that test. If no tests fail, do not continue with this test.

3. Run the 85102 Service Program test 4, cal DAC test (A17) and the LCD/CRT should display: `Passed`. If it does not indicate `Passed`, you should suspect the A17 cal DAC assembly and not the A5 or A7 boards.
4. To determine which board is defective (sync detector A5 and A7 or Cal Dac A17), reverse the inputs to A17 as follows:
  - Swap cables J1 and J3
  - Swap cables J2 and J4

This exchange of cables means that the A5 or A7 board inputs to A17 are exchanged. Remember that the A5 and A7 boards are electrically and mechanically the same.

5. Run 85102 service program test 6, Synchronous Detector Test (A5, A7). If the display prompt indicates the same sync detector board (A5 or A7) that was in the first failure message, it means that the A17 board is defective. If the display prompt indicates that the other sync detector board is the problem, it means that the first sync detector is defective.

## **IF Overload (or O)**

The error message “CAUTION: IF OVERLOAD” is displayed and/or an O is displayed on the left side of the display.

Both error messages indicate that the 85102 IF amplifier (A10 or A12) is overloaded. The CPU detects the overload condition from a status bit on the A10 or A12 IF boards. The O on the left side of the display is usually an intermittent failure that can disappear during a measurement sweep.

Do not be overly concerned with this type of error. O can appear if you are measuring a device with a sharp change in response (typically greater than 24 dB). This is normal and happens because the 85102 A10/A12 IF amp autoranging cannot respond fast enough to a step in RF power greater than 24 dB at adjacent data points. It is sometimes possible to eliminate the O by doing one of the following:

- Slow down the sweep time
- Change ramp sweep to step sweep mode
- Change the number of points
- Change the frequency span

Probable cause of failure:

- Operator error. The 8510C may be operated in manual mode with the source power too high (samplers are receiving excessive RF power).
- There is no 20 dB pad on the thru cable for an R/T test set (8512).
- IF gain is too high. Access the IF gain test and control by pressing **AUXILIARY MENUS, SYSTEM, [MORE], [SERVICE FUNCTIONS], [IF GAIN]**.

Troubleshooting:

- Run 85102 service program tests in the Run All mode.

## **Initialization Failed**

This message occurs when a disk will not initialize in the 85101C disk drive.

Most probable failure:

- 85101C disk drive
- disk media

## **No IF Found**

This error is detected by the level detector and the 85102 A21 IF counter board. This is done using an algorithm in the 85101C math CPU to calculate the IF frequency. The A21 counter and the CPU check if the IF is within range and has enough power. If not, the CPU initiates a search mode that attempts to relocate the test set VTO harmonic to re-establish the 20 MHz IF. This message is displayed if the IF is not found, or is not within range.

Probable cause of failure:

- RF source signal may be absent, low in power, or at an incorrect frequency
- 85102 A21 IF counter board
- Test set samplers. Be sure that the test set A3 summing amplifier assembly has not biased the samplers off. Measure the voltage on the sampler control pin to each sampler

to verify TTL levels. 0 volts turns the sampler on and approximately 3 volts or greater turns it off. You can press the S-parameter front panel keys to toggle the samplers.

- Defective cable in the IF signal path
- Test set component failure: A weak VTO, bad power amplifier, step recovery diode, or 4-way power splitter in the VTO
- 85101C A5 math CPU
- 85102 stop sweep cable not connected
- Occasionally, the 85102 A20 sweep ADC can cause this error, accompanied by a Source Sweep Sync error message.

Troubleshooting:

- Check the RF source to test set cable.
- Run the 85102 service program in the Run All mode.
- Run 85101C service program test 1 (CPU A5), and the 85102 tests 2 (A20) and A (A21).
- Perform the unratiod power test in “[Unratiod Power Failures](#)” to see if the samplers are working.
- Check the IF test set interconnect cable.

If the test set is an 8514A or 8515A, compare the S11 and S22 traces. If one looks bad and the other looks good, the 85102 and 85101C are probably working. Therefore, suspect a problem with the test set or the IF test set interconnect cable. If both S11 and S22 look bad, first suspect a problem with the 85102 or the source.

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NOTE	This check does not work for 8512A and 8513A test sets. However, you can compare the a1 and b1 channels for unratiod power levels. Refer to “ <a href="#">Unratiod Power Failures</a> .”
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### Optional Function Not Installed

This message is prompted by attempting to use an option that has not been installed in the 8510C.

Most probable failure:

- Attempted use of an option that has not been installed (time domain or pulse, for example).

### Phase Lock Failure

Because pretune is accomplished and the IF is detected by the time you see this message, it usually means that the A22 pretune, samplers, A14 VTO, and A21 IF counter are functioning. When a phase lock failure occurs only after a successful pretune, and the main phase lock is switched in, and is detected by the 20 MHz IF counter and 85101C math CPU.

Probable cause of failure:

- 85102 A23 main phase lock assembly
- 85102 20 MHz reference signal from A6 clock assembly
- 85102 A21 IF counter assembly
- LPRTHLD line to test set A3 summing amplifier (from 85102 A22)

- Weak or noisy VTO in the test set. If you have an intermittent error message, see if the error message appears as you gently torque the VTO heat sink. If it does, the VTO assembly has a problem. Also, check the screws around the frequency converter (samplers) and VTO to be sure they are tight.

Troubleshooting:

- Run 85102 service program tests in the Run All mode.
- Run 85102 service program tests 8 (A22), 9 (A23), and A (A21).
- Check the A6 clock board (20 MHz signal). Refer to “[Other Failures.](#)”

### **Phase Lock Lost**

This error message indicates that the 8510C was phase locked but lost lock. Loss of phase lock is detected by the 85102 A21 20 MHz IF counter and the 85101C A5 CPU after pretune. Also, this error message is often intermittent. Be sure to press the **ENTRY OFF** and **MEASUREMENT RESTART** keys to verify that this is a repeatable message.

If this error message occurs when the 8430/41 source is in the RAMP mode, but not in the STEP mode, the problem is most likely the source or the 85102 A20 sweep ADC assembly. If so, be sure to check the A20 board with the service program diagnostics.

Probable cause of failure:

- Power holes or frequency error in the source
- 85102 A21 IF counter
- 85102 A22 pretune phase lock assembly
- 85102 A23 main phase lock
- Test set A3 VTO summing amplifier assembly
- Faulty or intermittent VTO assembly with < 15 dB power loss

Troubleshooting:

- Run 85102 service program tests in the Run All mode.
- Run 85102 service program tests 8 (A22), 9 (A23), and A (A21).
- Check the unratiod power level of test set signal path a1.
- Check all rear panel connections.

### **Pretune Failure (Pretune Lost Failure)**

The lock detector on the 85102 A22 pretune control assembly indicates that the pretune cycle has not occurred. The pretune cycle changes the VTO output to a frequency where one of its harmonics mixes with the RF to produce the 20 MHz IF.

The power from the VTO sense line must drop about 15 dB (to 18 dBm) before a VTO failure message occurs. This condition could cause the VTO frequency to be noisy and low in power.

Probable cause of failure:

- Test set power turned off
- Overheated or bad test set VTO
- 85102 A23 main phase lock board
- IF detector/test set interconnect cable
- 85102 A22 pretune assembly

- Test set A3 VTO summing amplifier
- LPRTHLD line to test set A3 summing amplifier (from 85102 A22 pretune assembly)

Troubleshooting:

- Run 85102 service program tests in the Run All mode
- Run 85102 service program tests 8 (A22) and 9 (A23)
- Check test set line power and fuses
- Check IF test set interconnect cable
- Refer to [“Unratioed Power Failures”](#) to check operation of the test set

### **Pulse Cal Failure On Test/Reference Channel(s) or Both Channels**

This error message reports a failure detected in the pulsed-RF circuitry.

Probable cause of failure:

- 85102 A6 clock board (for both channels only)
- 85102 A2 multiplexer board
- 85102 A3 and A4 (A14) test and reference channel detector boards
- 85102 A16 sample and hold board

### **Source GPIB (HP-IB) Syntax Error**

The source does not respond to a known good GPIB command.

Probable cause of failure:

- Source GPIB assembly
- 85101C A7 I/O assembly (GPIB portion)
- GPIB cable between the source and 85101C

Troubleshooting:

- Run 85101C service program test 2 (A7 I/O tests).

### **Source Sweep Sync Error**

The 8510C is not synchronized with the source. Specifically, the 85102 A20 sweep ADC is not properly tracking the 0 to 10 volt ramp from the source.

Probable cause of failure:

- 85102 A20 sweep ADC
- Stop sweep or sweep output cables not connected
- Defective source

Troubleshooting:

- Run 85102 service program tests in the Run All mode.
- Run 85102 service program test 2 (A20).
- Check all cabling. Refer to [Chapter 9 , “System Installation,”](#) particularly noting the stop sweep and sweep in/out connections.
- Refer to [“Unratioed Power Failures”](#) to check source operation.
- Use the trim sweep procedure in the *Operating and Programming Manual* to adjust the sweep ADC gain DAC.

### **Sweep Time Too Fast**

Too many sweep triggers or too rapid sweep triggers were sent from the 85102 A20 sweep ADC assembly. The 85102 A19 ADC control assembly sends a status bit indicating it did not have time to complete an A to D conversion before receiving the next sweep trigger.

Probable cause of error:

- 85102 A19 ADC control assembly
- 85102 A20 sweep ADC assembly
- Source sweep speed set too fast, especially in local operation

Troubleshooting:

- Run 85102 service program tests in the Run All mode.
- Run 85102 service program tests 1 (A19) and 2 (A20).
- If the service program found no fault with any assembly, refer to “[Other Failures](#)” and run the 20 Hz Sine Wave Test.
- Refer to “[Unratioed Power Failures](#)” to check source operation.

### **System Bus Address Error**

This message is displayed if the address of any 8510C system instrument is wrong or not recognized by the 85101C CPU.

Probable cause of failure:

- The source (19), test set (20), or plotter is at the wrong GPIB (HP-IB) address, or their line power is off.
- GPIB cable is not connected.
- GPIB cable or connector is faulty.
- 85101C A7 I/O assembly (GPIB portion)
- Test set A4 GPIB assembly

Troubleshooting:

- Run the 85101C service program test 2 (A7).
- Run the service program GPIB test for the test set A4 board.
- Check the cabling and the addresses on all instruments.
- Check the 8510C addresses. Press **AUXILIARY MENUS SYSTEM, [HP-IB ADDRESSES]**.

### **System Bus SRQ Error**

The 8510C system bus SRQ line is stuck and is not responding.

Probable cause of failure:

- Test set A4 GPIB assembly
- Source GPIB assembly
- 85101C A7 I/O assembly
- GPIB circuitry of any peripheral on the bus
- Bad GPIB cable or connector

Troubleshooting:

- Run 8510C Service program test 2 (A7)
- Run the service program test for the test set A4 GPIB board
- Check all GPIB cables and all addresses

### **Test Set GPIB (HP-IB) Syntax Error**

The test set does not respond to a known good GPIB command.

Probable cause of failure:

- Test set A4 GPIB assembly
- 85101C A7 I/O assembly (GPIB portion)
- GPIB cable between the test set and the 85101C

Troubleshooting:

- Run 85101C service program test 2 (A7).
- Run the service program test for the test set A4 GPIB board.
- Check all cables.

### **Unable to Lock to Ext 10 MHz Ref**

The 10 MHz external input to the 85102 A6 clock assembly is more than +500 Hz off frequency. The level should be > 0 dBm. If the external input is off frequency or is less than 0 dBm, the A6 assembly sets the LIFSRQ low, alerting the CPU to the unlocked condition.

This message is not applicable unless you are locking to an external source such as in an 8510C millimeter-wave system. In this case the external 10 MHz input on the 85102 is used to lock to the source.

If this error message occurs when the external 10 MHz input is not used, the probable causes of failure are:

- A6 clock assembly erroneously sets LIFSRQ low
- The A6 clock LIFSRQ signal is pulled low along the way to the 85101C A5 CPU
- +5 V input to the 85102 A6 clock is intermittent

Troubleshooting:

- Run 85102 service program tests in the Run All mode
- Check the 10 MHz input signal frequency and amplitude that you are applying to the rear panel of the 85102

### **VTO Over-Range**

The VTO swept beyond its normal range. It is detected by the A3 VTO “end of range” detector on the test set A3 VTO summing amplifier.

If this error occurs *only* when a 8430/41 source is used and is in ramp mode, the problem is probably either the 8430/41 source or the 85102 A20 sweep ADC assembly.

Probable cause of error:

- Test set VTO
- Test set A3 VTO summing amplifier

- 85102 A23 main phase lock
- 85102 A20 sweep ADC
- Source is off frequency
- VTUNE line to test set A3 summing amplifier (from 85102 A23 main phase lock assembly)
- 85102 0-10V swept input BNC cable is not connected (not used with 8360 series sources)

Troubleshooting:

- Run the 85102 service program tests in the Run All mode.
- Run 85102 service program tests 2 (A20) and 9 (A23).
- Check the source, especially the 0 to 10 volt ramp linearity.
- Check the test set VTO and A3 summing amp boards. Refer to “[Unratioed Power Failures.](#)”



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## Unratioed Power Failures

### Overview

This section checks test set RF functionality to isolate the problem to either the test set or the rest of the system. If the test set is at fault, this section helps to further isolate the faulty assembly within the test set.

The following test sets are covered in this section:

8514B

8514B Option 002/003

8515A

8516A

8516A Option 002/003

8517B

8517B Option 007

The procedure in this section is divided into two parts.

First, the service adapter is connected to the 85102 IF/detector to simulate basic operation of the test set. If the 85102 is operating correctly, then the test set is re-connected and the IF responses of the six RF signal paths are checked to verify test set operation. Knowing which test set assemblies are common to the RF signal paths of known IF signal responses is a powerful troubleshooting tool.

Second, you will check the output power levels of each test set sampler/mixer assembly and its associated IF amplifier alone. This is done by comparing the power levels and shape of the frequency response trace with traces supplied in this section. As each of the six RF signal paths are checked, you will record the results in a table. The most probable cause of failure is listed according to which RF signal path or paths are incorrect.

### Definition of Terms

The following terms are explained in greater detail in the *Operating and Programming Manual* included with the 8510C documentation.

#### User 1, 2, 3, and 4

These are user-defined parameters and allow measurement of unratioed power at the first frequency converter inputs for each of the reference and test signal paths. Therefore, the displayed frequency response of a user parameter is the combined test set sampler IF output response of 1) the source RF signal at the first converter input and 2) the test set VTO local oscillator signal.

The paths are initially defined as follows, and will be redefined during this procedure:

User 1 a1

User 2 b2

User 3 a2

User 4 b1

## RF Signal Paths

There are only four user parameters. However, in this procedure you will redefine parameters to display the IF frequency responses from six possible RF signal paths in the test set. [Table 4-8](#) shows the relationship between the RF signal path, path definition, and redefined user parameter as used in this procedure.

**Table 4-8 RF Signal Paths and User Parameters**

RF Path	Path Description	Redefined User Parameter	Drive	Phase Lock
1	a1	User 1	Port 1	a1
2	a2	User 3	Port 2	a2
3	b1 - Reflection	User 4	Port 1	a1
4	b2 - Reflection	User 2	Port 2	a2
5	b1 - Thru	User 4	Port 2	a2
6	b2 - Thru	User 2	Port 1	a1

## Ratioed and Unratioed Responses

A normal power level display for the 8510C is a ratio of two frequency responses; in the case of S11, the ratio is  $b1 / a1$ . The network analyzer automatically supplies power to and provides phase lock for one or more predefined ports to perform the selected measurement.

Ratioed measurements provide useful data but they can mask certain problems. For example, when measuring an S-parameter at a specific power level, a faulty RF input connector on the test set creates a 20 dB power hole. In this case, the power hole might be invisible because the S-parameter measurement ratios out the frequency response error.

This is why troubleshooting system problems in a ratioed measurement mode can be deceptive. The solution is to look at the IF signal responses of the six RF paths singly in order to check them in an unratioed mode.

## Troubleshooting with the Service Adapter

The service adapter substitutes for a test set, by connecting the 20 MHz IF signal from the 85102 back into the amplifier of the 85102. This is done to determine if a fault is in the test set or the 85102. This procedure does not check phase lock circuitry.

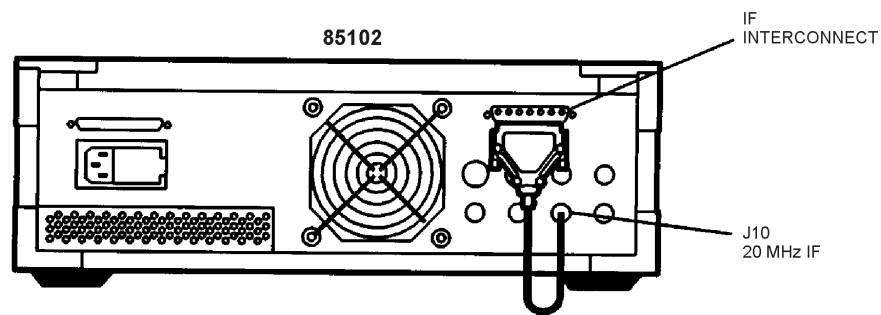
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**NOTE** Ignore any phase lock error messages that may appear during this procedure.

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1. Disconnect the test set from J1 test set interconnect on the 85102. Connect the service adapter as shown in [Figure 4-9](#). The service adapter is not supplied with each 8510C. Refer to [Chapter 5](#) to order this servicing tool.

**Figure 4-9 Service Adapter Connections**



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2. Press the following keys: **INSTRUMENT STATE RECALL**, **[MORE]**, **[FACTORY PRESET]**, **MARKER**, **STIMULUS MENU**, **[STEP]**, **PARAMETER MENU**.
3. Examine each user parameter (IF response) by pressing the corresponding softkey to observe the unratioed power level of User 1 through User 4. The traces should be flat lines, quite close to each other, as indicated by the marker value (typically about  $-28 \text{ dB} \pm 5 \text{ dB}$ ).

### **Service Adapter Conclusions**

#### **If one or more signal paths are incorrect**

The problem is most likely with the 85102. Stop this procedure and return to troubleshooting procedures for the 85102.

#### **If all signal paths are correct**

The 85102 is working properly. The problem is most likely with the source or the test set. Perform the following procedure to verify operation of the test set.

## Test Set Unratioed Power Troubleshooting

Use this procedure with the following test sets:

8514B

8514B Option 002/003

8515A

8516A

8516A Option 002/003

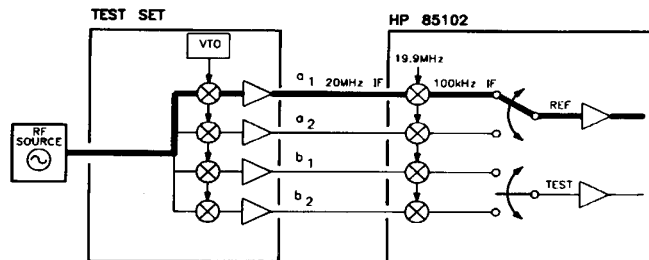
8517B

8517B, Option 007

Option 002 deletes the programmable step attenuators and the dc bias tees. Option 003 “reverses” the port 2 coupler to provide high forward dynamic range. Option 007 adds buffer amplifiers to provide high dynamic range.

Figure 4-10 shows a simplified diagram of RF signal paths tested in the unratioed power level tests.

**Figure 4-10** Simplified Signal Path of Unratioed Power Test



### Troubleshooting Foldouts

The following foldout diagrams correspond to different test sets: one each for the 8514B, 8515A, 8516A, and 8517B, and Options 002, 003, and 007 where appropriate. Each foldout shows all the signal paths and corresponding typical traces, as well as the troubleshooting procedure. Locate the foldout that corresponds with your test set and follow the troubleshooting procedure.

## TROUBLESHOOTING PROCEDURE

### Check RF Paths 1, 2, 3, and 4

These paths are:

RF Path 1 = User 1 = a1  
 RF Path 2 = User 3 = a2  
 RF Path 3 = User 4 = b1 Reflected  
 RF Path 4 = User 2 = b2 Reflected

- Do a factory preset of the analyzer and put the source into step mode. On the network analyzer press **INSTRUMENT STATE** [RECALL] [MORE] [FACTORY PRESET] **STIMULUS** [MENU] [STEP].
- To examine the four sampler IF signals it is necessary to redefine what port and sampler the analyzer uses for phaselock. Press **PARAMETER** [MENU] [User 3 a2] [REDEFINE PARAMETER] [DRIVE] [Port 2] [PHASE LOCK] [a2] [REDEFINE DONE] to redefine a2.  
  
Press [User 2 b2] [REDEFINE PARAMETER] [DRIVE] [Port 2] [PHASE LOCK] [a2] [REDEFINE DONE] to redefine b2.
- Connect an open (or short) to port 1 and port 2. This reflects power back to the b1 and b2 samplers through the coupler.
- Find the test set RF paths and example frequency response traces on this foldout. Press [User 1 a1] [User 2 b2] [User 3 a2] and [User 4 b1]. Each trace should be similar to the example traces on this foldout (typically within  $\pm 5$  dB).

Record the results for paths 1 through 4 (User 1 through User 4) in Table 4.3-3.

### Check RF Paths 5 and 6

These paths are:

RF Path 5 = User 4 = b1 Thru  
 RF Path 6 = User 2 = b2 Thru

- Connect a cable between port 1 and port 2.
- Press **PARAMETER** [MENU] [User 4 b1] [REDEFINE PARAMETER] [DRIVE] [Port 2] [PHASE LOCK] [a2] [REDEFINE DONE] to observe the b1 power level trace through path 5, illustrated on this foldout. The trace should be similar to the example trace (typically within  $\pm 5$  dB). Record the result for path 5 (good or bad) under the RF path diagram..
- Press **PARAMETER** [MENU] [User 2 b2] [REDEFINE PARAMETER] [DRIVE] [Port 1] [PHASE LOCK] [a1] [REDEFINE DONE] to observe the b2 power level trace through path 6, illustrated on this foldout. The trace should be similar to the example trace (typically within  $\pm 5$  dB). Record the result for path 6 (good or bad) under the RF path diagram.

## Find the Faulty Assembly

Try to match the observed results recorded under the RF path diagrams with the results listed in the table of most probable failures, below. Out of 32 possible variations, the table lists the variations that result from 12 of the most *probable* failures.

- If the observed results match a group of results in the table, investigate the most probable cause given in the table.
- If all the paths are good, then the test set is probably working properly. Return to the "Main Troubleshooting Procedure" to continue troubleshooting the system.
- If the observed results do not match any of those given in the table, re-evaluate and possibly re-measure your observed data. If the data is valid, troubleshoot using the RF path diagram(s) given in this foldout for the "bad" signal traces.

Path						Most Probable Failure
1 a1	2 a2	3 b1 refl.	4 b2 refl.	5 b1 thru	6 b2 thru	
-	-	-	-	-	-	Test set is not the problem
B	B	B	B	B	B	Source, source cable, VTO, cables from rear panel to switch splitter
-	B	-	B	B	-	Switch splitter
-	-	B	-	B	-	b <sub>1</sub> sampler
B	-	-	-	-	-	a <sub>1</sub> sampler
-	B	-	-	-	-	a <sub>2</sub> sampler
-	-	B	-	B	B	Port 1 connector or directional coupler
-	-	B	-	-	B	Attenuator 1, bias tee 1
-	-	-	B	B	-	Attenuator 2, bias tee 2
-	-	-	B	B	B	Port 2 connector or directional coupler

B = Bad  
 - = Good

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PATH 2 - a2

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PATH 3 - b1 Reflected

Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_

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PATH 4 - b2 Reflected

Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_

HP 8514B (STANDARD)

PATH 5 - b1 Thru

Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_

HP 8514B (STANDARD)

PATH 6 - b2 Thru

Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_

## TROUBLESHOOTING PROCEDURE

### Check RF Paths 1, 2, 3, and 4

These paths are:

- RF Path 1 = User 1 = a1
- RF Path 2 = User 3 = a2
- RF Path 3 = User 4 = b1 Reflected
- RF Path 4 = User 2 = b2 Reflected

- Do a factory preset of the analyzer and put the source into step mode. On the network analyzer press **INSTRUMENT STATE** [RECALL] [MORE] [FACTORY PRESET] **STIMULUS** [MENU] [STEP].
- To examine the four sampler IF signals it is necessary to redefine what port and sampler the analyzer uses for phaselock. Press **PARAMETER** [MENU] [User 3 a2] [REDEFINE PARAMETER] [DRIVE] [Port 2] [PHASE LOCK] [a2] [REDEFINE DONE] to redefine a2. Press [User 2 b2] [REDEFINE PARAMETER] [DRIVE] [Port 2] [PHASE LOCK] [a2] [REDEFINE DONE] to redefine b2.
- Connect an open (or short) to port 1 and port 2. This reflects power back to the b1 and b2 samplers through the coupler.
- Find the test set RF paths and example frequency response traces on this foldout. Press [User 1 a1] [User 2 b2] [User 3 a2] and [User 4 b1]. Each trace should be similar to the example traces on this foldout (typically within  $\pm 5$  dB).

Record the results for paths 1 through 4 (User 1 through User 4) in Table 4.3-3.

### Check RF Paths 5 and 6

These paths are:

- RF Path 5 = User 4 = b1 Thru
- RF Path 6 = User 2 = b2 Thru

- Connect a cable between port 1 and port 2.
- Press **PARAMETER** [MENU] [User 4 b1] [REDEFINE PARAMETER] [DRIVE] [Port 2] [PHASE LOCK] [a2] [REDEFINE DONE] to observe the b1 power level trace through path 5, illustrated on this foldout. The trace should be similar to the example trace (typically within  $\pm 5$  dB). Record the result for path 5 (good or bad) under the RF path diagram.
- Press **PARAMETER** [MENU] [User 2 b2] [REDEFINE PARAMETER] [DRIVE] [Port 1] [PHASE LOCK] [a1] [REDEFINE DONE] to observe the b2 power level trace through path 6, illustrated on this foldout. The trace should be similar to the example trace (typically within  $\pm 5$  dB). Record the result for path 6 (good or bad) under the RF path diagram.

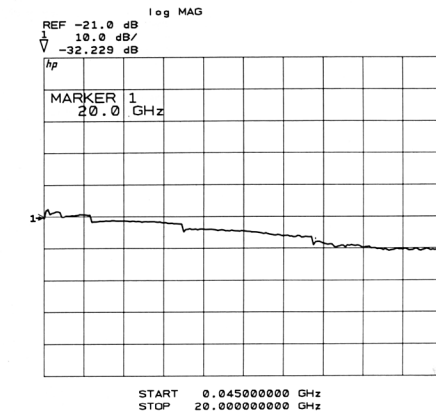
## Find the Faulty Assembly

Try to match the observed results recorded under the RF path diagrams with the results listed in the table of most probable failures, below. Out of 32 possible variations, the table lists the variations that result from 12 of the most *probable* failures.

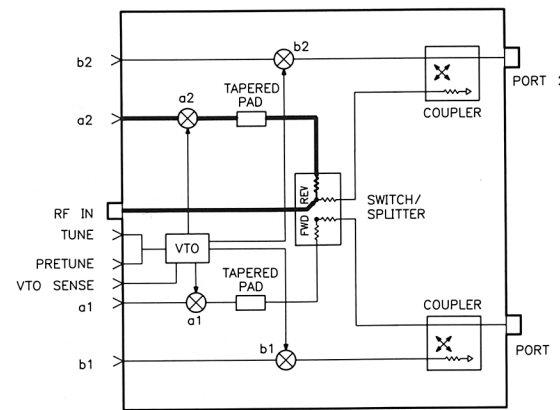
- If the observed results match a group of results in the table, investigate the most probable cause given in the table.
- If all the paths are good, then the test set is probably working properly. Return to the "Main Troubleshooting Procedure" to continue troubleshooting the system.
- If the observed results do not match any of those given in the table, re-evaluate and possibly re-measure your observed data. If the data is valid, troubleshoot using the RF path diagram(s) given in this foldout for the "bad" signal traces.

Path						Most Probable Failure
1	2	3	4	5	6	
a1	a2	b1 refl.	b2 refl.	b1 thru	b2 thru	Test set is not the problem
-	-	-	-	-	-	
B	B	B	B	B	B	Source, source cable, VTO, cables from rear panel to switch splitter
-	B	-	B	B	-	Switch splitter
B	-	B	-	-	B	Switch splitter
-	-	B	-	B	-	b1 sampler
B	-	-	-	-	-	a1 sampler
-	B	-	-	-	-	a2 sampler
-	-	-	B	-	B	b2 sampler
-	-	B	-	B	B	Port 1 connector or directional coupler
-	-	-	B	B	B	Port 2 connector or directional coupler

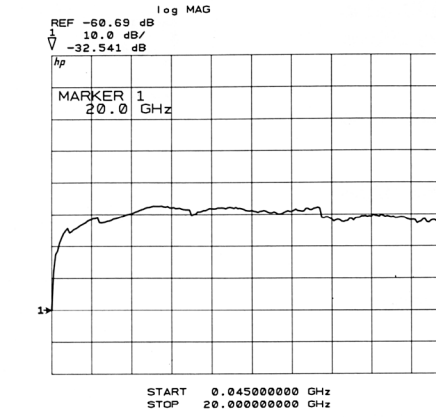
B = Bad  
- = Good



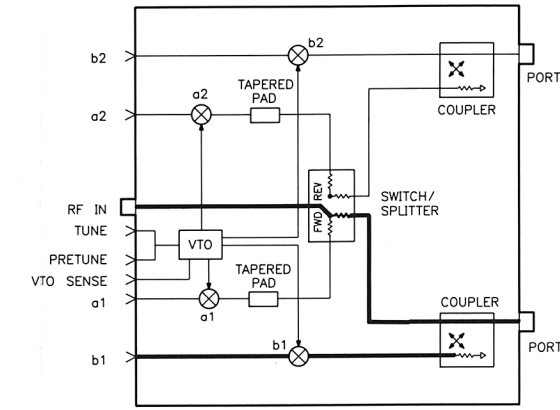
PATH 2 - a2



Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_

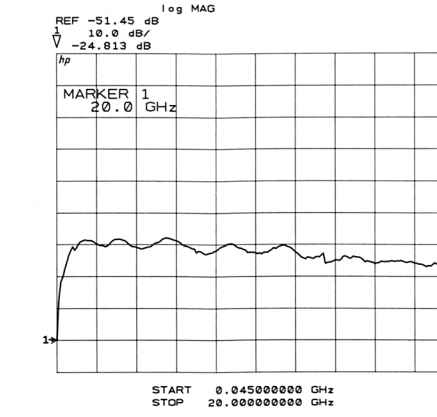


PATH 3 - b1 Reflected

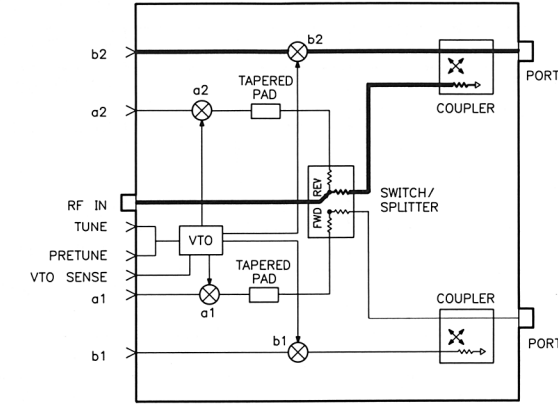


Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_

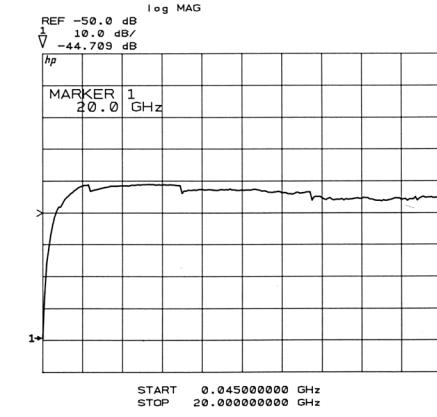
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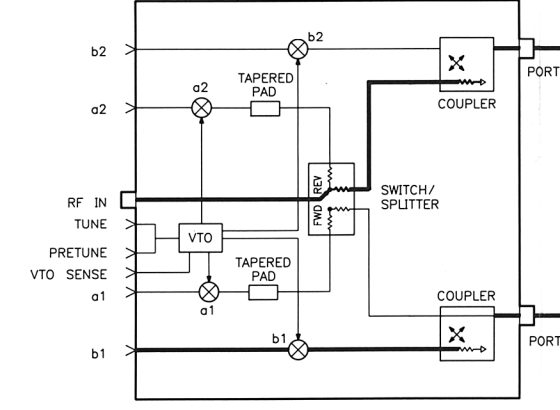
PATH 4 - b2 Reflected



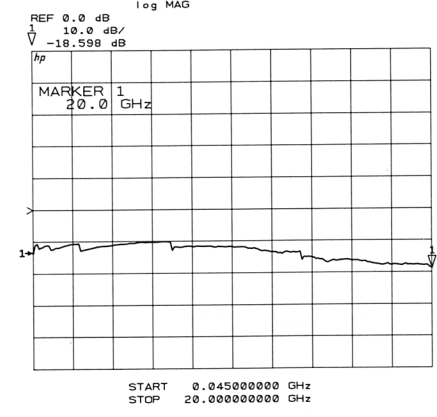
Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_



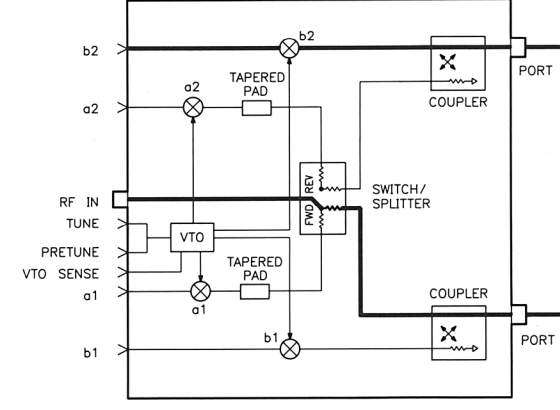
PATH 5 - b1 Thru



Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_



PATH 6 - b2 Thru



Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_



## TROUBLESHOOTING PROCEDURE

### Check RF Paths 1, 2, 3, and 4

These paths are:

- RF Path 1 = User 1 = a1
- RF Path 2 = User 3 = a2
- RF Path 3 = User 4 = b1 Reflected
- RF Path 4 = User 2 = b2 Reflected

- Do a factory preset of the analyzer and put the source into step mode. On the network analyzer press **INSTRUMENT STATE** [RECALL] [MORE] [FACTORY PRESET] STIMULUS [MENU] [STEP].
- To examine the four sampler IF signals it is necessary to redefine what port and sampler the analyzer uses for phaselock. Press **PARAMETER** [MENU] [User 3 a2] [REDEFINE PARAMETER] [DRIVE] [Port 2] [PHASE LOCK] [a2] [REDEFINE DONE] to redefine a2. Press [User 2 b2] [REDEFINE PARAMETER] [DRIVE] [Port 2] [PHASE LOCK] [a2] [REDEFINE DONE] to redefine b2.
- Connect an open (or short) to port 1 and port 2. This reflects power back to the b1 and b2 samplers through the triax bridge.
- Find the test set RF paths and example frequency response traces on this foldout. Press [User 1 a1] [User 2 b2] [User 3 a2] and [User 4 b1]. Each trace should be similar to the example traces on this foldout (typically within  $\pm 5$  dB).

Record the results for paths 1 through 4 (User 1 through User 4) in Table 4.3-3.

### Check RF Paths 5 and 6

These paths are:

- RF Path 5 = User 4 = b1 Thru
- RF Path 6 = User 2 = b2 Thru

- Connect a cable between port 1 and port 2.
- Press **PARAMETER** [MENU] [User 4 b1] [REDEFINE PARAMETER] [DRIVE] [Port 2] [PHASE LOCK] [a2] [REDEFINE DONE] to observe the b1 power level trace through path 5, illustrated on this foldout. The trace should be similar to the example trace (typically within  $\pm 5$  dB). Record the result for path 5 (good or bad) under the RF path diagram..
- Press **PARAMETER** [MENU] [User 2 b2] [REDEFINE PARAMETER] [DRIVE] [Port 1] [PHASE LOCK] [a1] [REDEFINE DONE] to observe the b2 power level trace through path 6, illustrated on this foldout. The trace should be similar to the example trace (typically within  $\pm 5$  dB). Record the result for path 6 (good or bad) under the RF path diagram.

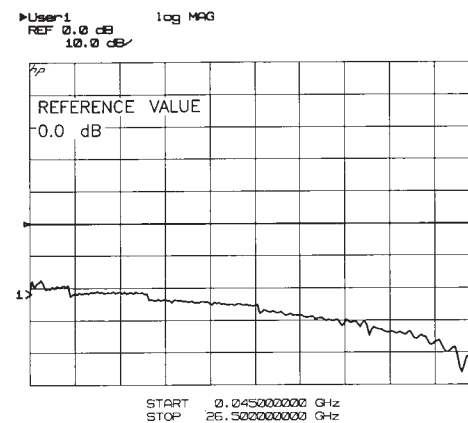
### Find the Faulty Assembly

Try to match the observed results recorded under the RF path diagrams with the results listed in the table of most probable failures, below. Out of 32 possible variations, the table lists the variations that result from 12 of the most *probable* failures.

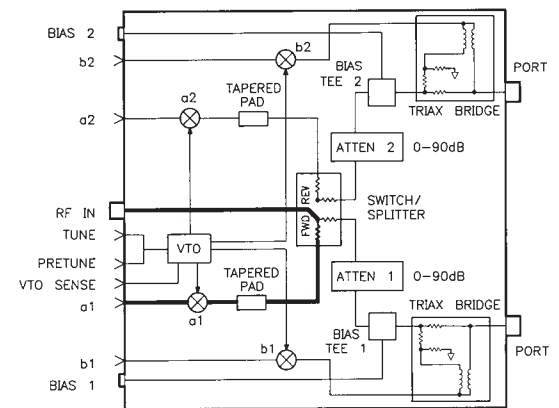
- If the observed results match a group of results in the table, investigate the most probable cause given in the table.
- If all the paths are good, then the test set is probably working properly. Return to the "Main Troubleshooting Procedure" to continue troubleshooting the system.
- If the observed results do not match any of those given in the table, re-evaluate and possibly re-measure your observed data. If the data is valid, troubleshoot using the RF path diagram(s) given in this foldout for the "bad" signal traces.

Path						Most Probable Failure
1	2	3	4	5	6	
a1	a2	b1 refl.	b2 refl.	b1 thru	b2 thru	Test set is not the problem
-	-	-	-	-	-	
B	B	B	B	B	B	Source, source cable, VTO, cables from rear panel to switch splitter
-	B	-	B	B	-	Switch splitter
B	-	B	-	-	B	Switch splitter
-	-	B	-	B	-	b <sub>1</sub> sampler
B	-	-	-	-	-	a <sub>1</sub> sampler
-	B	-	-	-	-	a <sub>2</sub> sampler
-	-	-	B	-	B	b <sub>2</sub> sampler
-	-	B	-	B	B	Port 1 connector or triax bridge
-	-	-	B	B	-	Attenuator 1, bias tee 1
-	-	-	B	B	B	Attenuator 2, bias tee 2
-	-	-	B	B	B	Port 2 connector or triax bridge

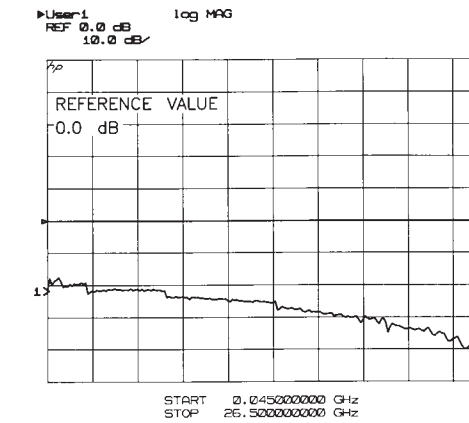
B = Bad  
- = Good



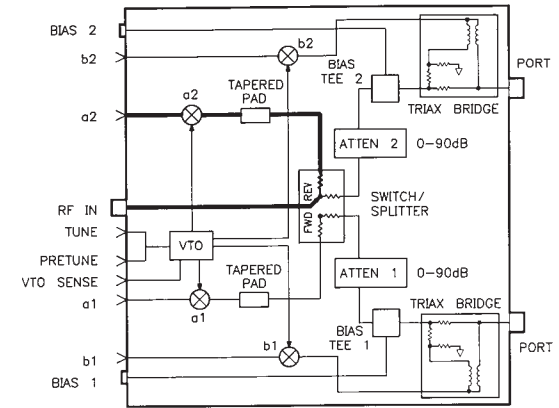
PATH 1 - a1



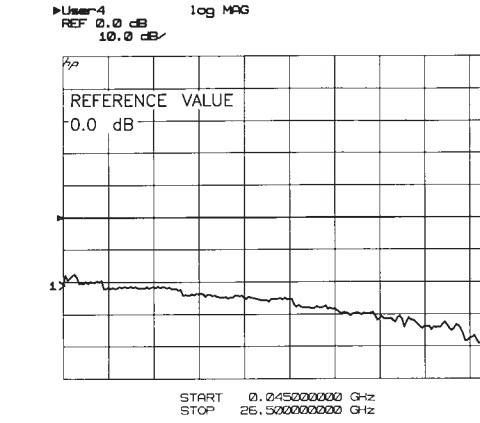
Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_



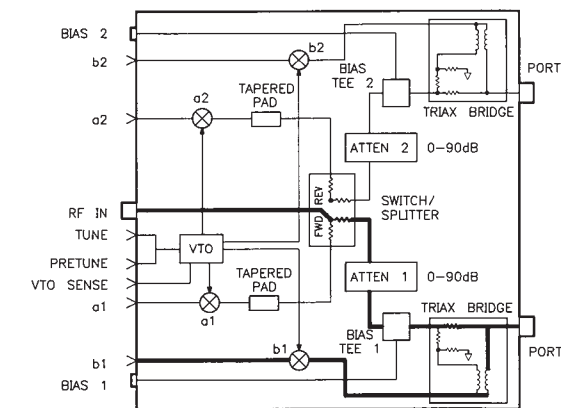
PATH 2 - a2



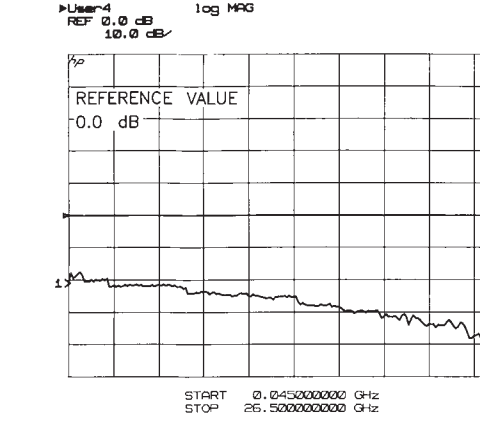
Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_



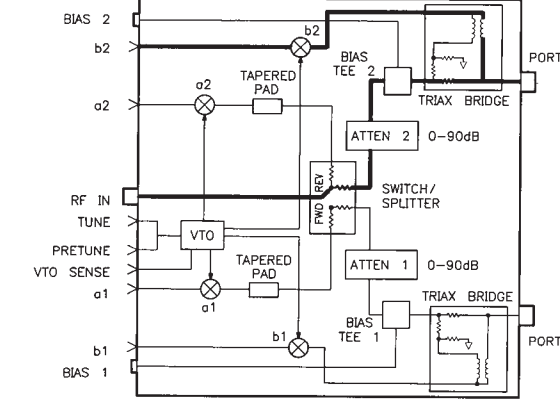
PATH 3 - b1 Reflected



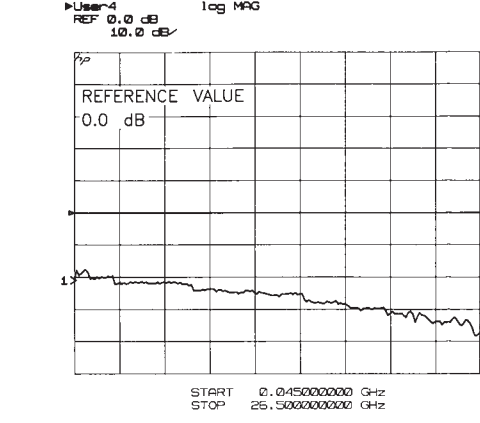
Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_



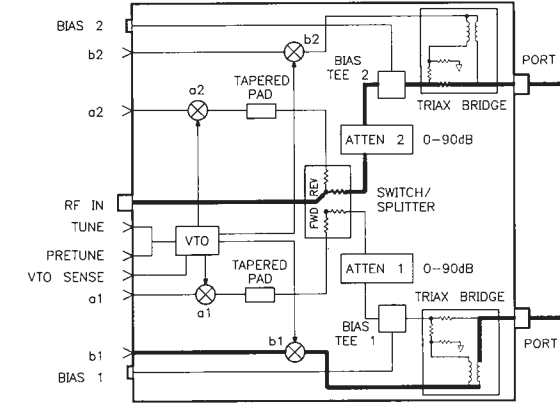
PATH 4 - b2 Reflected



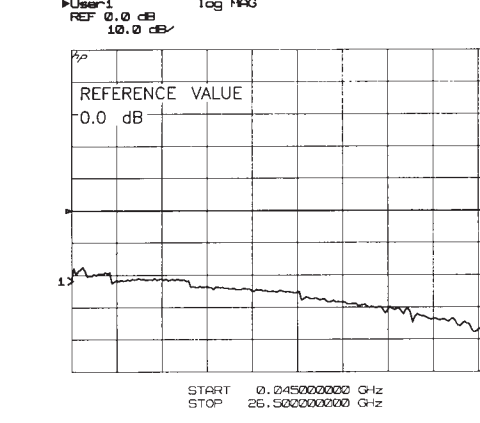
Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_



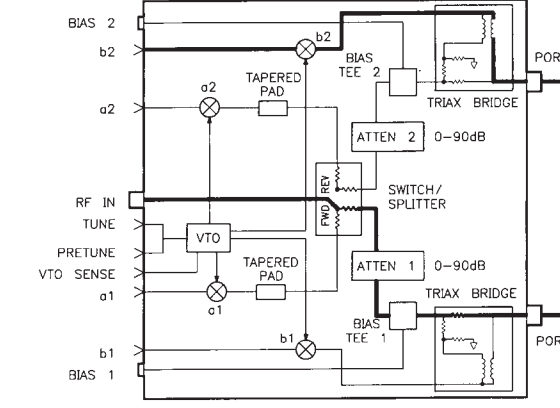
PATH 5 - b1 Thru



Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_



PATH 6 - b2 Thru



Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_



## TROUBLESHOOTING PROCEDURE

### Check RF Paths 1, 2, 3, and 4

These paths are:

- RF Path 1 = User 1 = a1
- RF Path 2 = User 3 = a2
- RF Path 3 = User 4 = b1 Reflected
- RF Path 4 = User 2 = b2 Reflected

- Do a factory preset of the analyzer and put the source into step mode. On the network analyzer press **INSTRUMENT STATE** **[RECALL]** **[MORE]** **[FACTORY PRESET]** **STIMULUS** **[MENU]** **[STEP]**.
- To examine the four sampler IF signals it is necessary to redefine what port and sampler the analyzer uses for phaselock. Press **PARAMETER** **[MENU]** **[User 3 a2]** **[REDEFINE PARAMETER]** **[DRIVE]** **[Port 2]** **[PHASE LOCK]** **[a2]** **[REDEFINE DONE]** to redefine a2.  
Press **[User 2 b2]** **[REDEFINE PARAMETER]** **[DRIVE]** **[Port 2]** **[PHASE LOCK]** **[a2]** **[REDEFINE DONE]** to redefine b2.
- Connect an open (or short) to port 1 and port 2. This reflects power back to the b1 and b2 samplers through the coupler.
- Find the test set RF paths and example frequency response traces on this foldout. Press **[User 1 a1]** **[User 2 b2]** **[User 3 a2]** and **[User 4 b1]**. Each trace should be similar to the example traces on this foldout (typically within  $\pm 5$  dB).  
Record the results for paths 1 through 4 (User 1 through User 4) in Table 4.3-3.

### Check RF Paths 5 and 6

These paths are:

- RF Path 5 = User 4 = b1 Thru
- RF Path 6 = User 2 = b2 Thru

- Connect a cable between port 1 and port 2.
- Press **PARAMETER** **[MENU]** **[User 4 b1]** **[REDEFINE PARAMETER]** **[DRIVE]** **[Port 2]** **[PHASE LOCK]** **[a2]** **[REDEFINE DONE]** to observe the b1 power level trace through path 5, illustrated on this foldout. The trace should be similar to the example trace (typically within  $\pm 5$  dB). Record the result for path 5 (good or bad) under the RF path diagram..
- Press **PARAMETER** **[MENU]** **[User 2 b2]** **[REDEFINE PARAMETER]** **[DRIVE]** **[Port 1]** **[PHASE LOCK]** **[a1]** **[REDEFINE DONE]** to observe the b2 power level trace through path 6, illustrated on this foldout. The trace should be similar to the example trace (typically within  $\pm 5$  dB). Record the result for path 6 (good or bad) under the RF path diagram.

## Find the Faulty Assembly

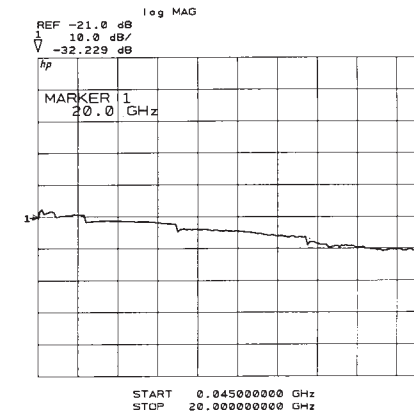
Try to match the observed results recorded under the RF path diagrams with the results listed in the table of most probable failures, below. Out of 32 possible variations, the table lists the variations that result from 12 of the most *probable* failures.

- If the observed results match a group of results in the table, investigate the most probable cause given in the table.
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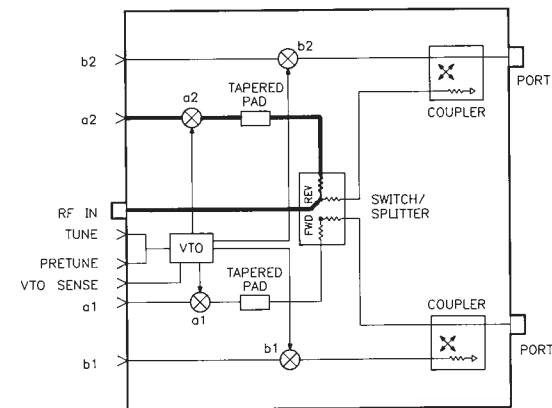
Path						Most Probable Failure
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a1	a2	b1 refl.	b2 refl.	b1 thru	b2 thru	
-	-	-	-	-	-	Test set is not the problem
B	B	B	B	B	B	Source, source cable, VTO, cables from rear panel to switch splitter
-	B	-	B	B	-	Switch splitter
-	-	B	-	B	-	b1 sampler
B	-	-	-	-	-	a1 sampler
-	B	-	-	-	-	a2 sampler
-	-	-	B	-	B	b2 sampler
-	-	B	-	B	B	Port 1 connector or directional coupler
-	-	-	B	B	B	Port 2 connector or directional coupler

B = Bad  
- = Good

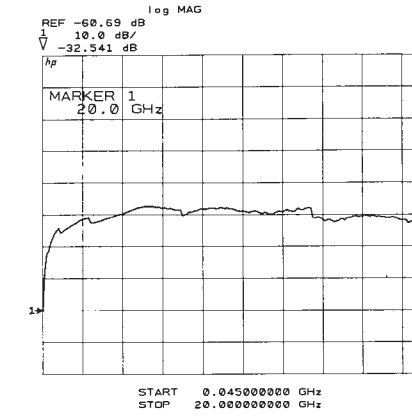
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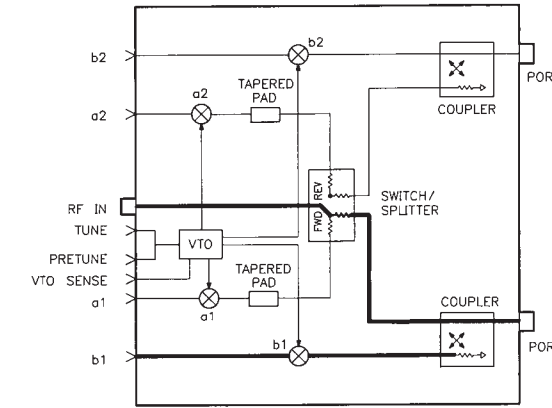
PATH 2 - a2



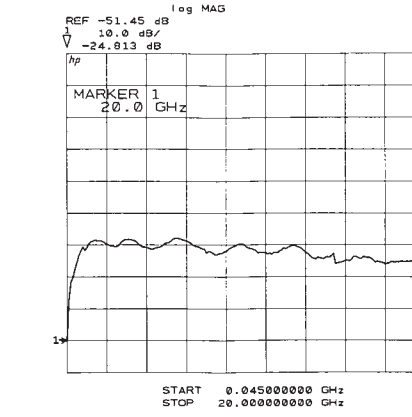
Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_



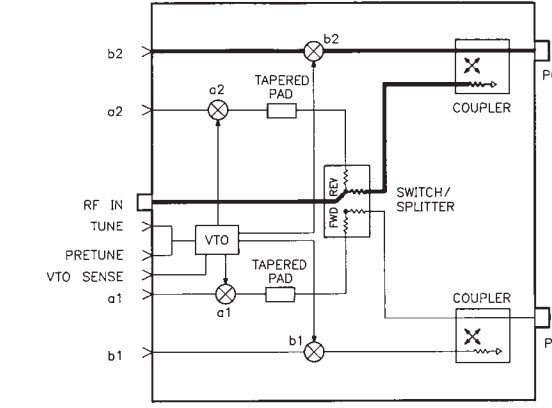
PATH 3 - b1 Reflected



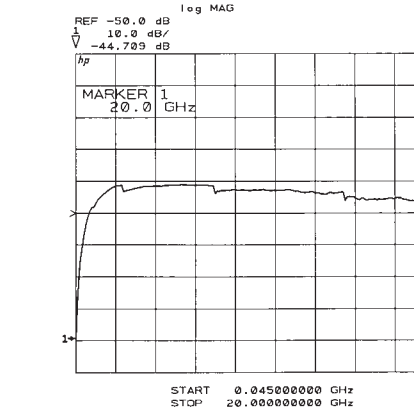
Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_



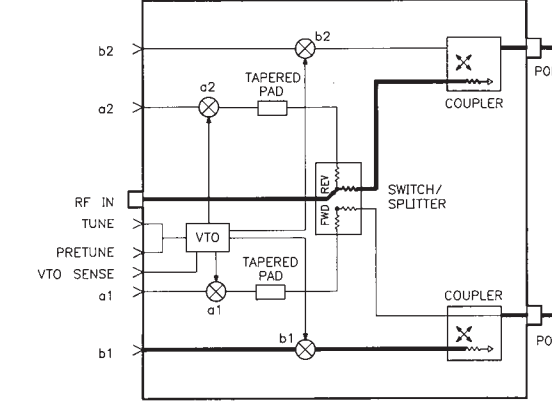
PATH 4 - b2 Reflected



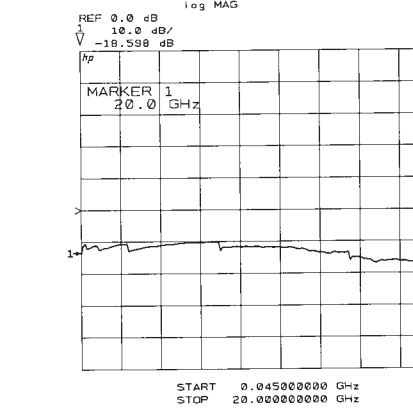
Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_



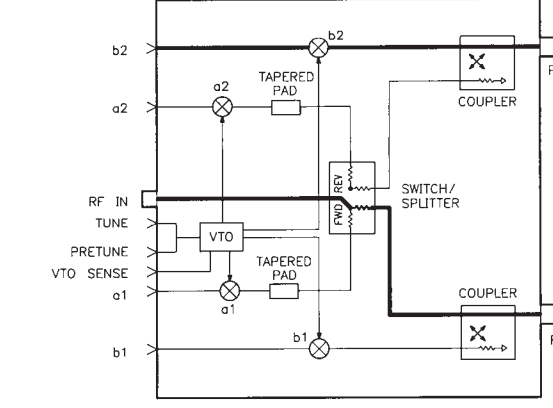
PATH 5 - b1 Thru



Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_



PATH 6 - b2 Thru



Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_

## TROUBLESHOOTING PROCEDURE

### Check RF Paths 1, 2, 3, and 4

These paths are:

- RF Path 1 = User 1 = a1
- RF Path 2 = User 3 = a2
- RF Path 3 = User 4 = b1 Reflected
- RF Path 4 = User 2 = b2 Reflected

- Do a factory preset of the analyzer and put the source into step mode. On the network analyzer press **INSTRUMENT STATE** **[RECALL]** **[MORE]** **[FACTORY PRESET]** **STIMULUS** **[MENU]** **[STEP]**.

- To examine the four sampler IF signals it is necessary to redefine what port and sampler the analyzer uses for phaselock.

Press **PARAMETER** **[MENU]** **[User 3 a2]** **[REDEFINE PARAMETER]** **[DRIVE]** **[Port 2]** **[PHASE LOCK]** **[a2]** **[REDEFINE DONE]** to redefine a2.

Press **[User 2 b2]** **[REDEFINE PARAMETER]** **[DRIVE]** **[Port 2]** **[PHASE LOCK]** **[a2]** **[REDEFINE DONE]** to redefine b2.

- Connect an open (or short) to port 1 and port 2. This reflects power back to the b1 and b2 samplers through the coupler.

- Find the test set RF paths and example frequency response traces on this foldout. Press **[User 1 a1]** **[User 2 b2]** **[User 3 a2]** and **[User 4 b1]**. Each trace should be similar to the example traces on this foldout (typically within  $\pm 5$  dB).

Record the results for paths 1 through 4 (User 1 through User 4) in Table 4.3-3.

### Check RF Paths 5 and 6

These paths are:

- RF Path 5 = User 4 = b1 Thru
- RF Path 6 = User 2 = b2 Thru

- Connect a cable between port 1 and port 2.
- Press **PARAMETER** **[MENU]** **[User 4 b1]** **[REDEFINE PARAMETER]** **[DRIVE]** **[Port 2]** **[PHASE LOCK]** **[a2]** **[REDEFINE DONE]** to observe the b1 power level trace through path 5, illustrated on this foldout. The trace should be similar to the example trace (typically within  $\pm 5$  dB). Record the result for path 5 (good or bad) under the RF path diagram..

- Press **PARAMETER** **[MENU]** **[User 2 b2]** **[REDEFINE PARAMETER]** **[DRIVE]** **[Port 1]** **[PHASE LOCK]** **[a1]** **[REDEFINE DONE]** to observe the b2 power level trace through path 6, illustrated on this foldout. The trace should be similar to the example trace (typically within  $\pm 5$  dB). Record the result for path 6 (good or bad) under the RF path diagram.

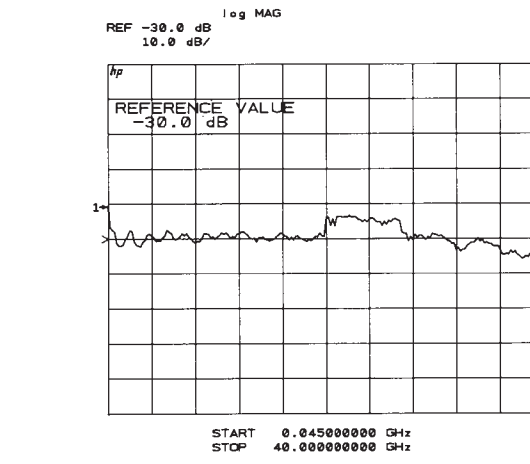
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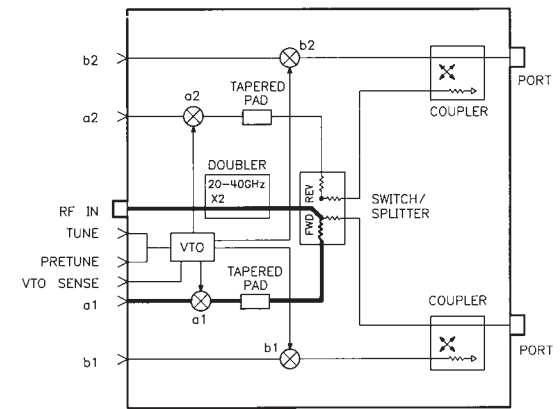
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Path						Most Probable Failure
1	2	3	4	5	6	
a1	a2	b1 refl.	b2 refl.	b1 thru	b2 thru	Test set is not the problem
-	-	-	-	-	-	Source, source cable, VTO, doubler, cables from rear panel to switch splitter
B	B	B	B	B	B	Switch splitter
-	B	-	B	B	-	Switch splitter
-	-	B	-	-	B	b <sub>1</sub> sampler
B	-	-	-	-	-	a <sub>1</sub> sampler
-	B	-	-	-	-	a <sub>2</sub> sampler
-	-	-	B	-	B	b <sub>2</sub> sampler
-	-	B	-	B	B	Port 1 connector or directional coupler
-	-	-	B	B	B	Port 2 connector or directional coupler

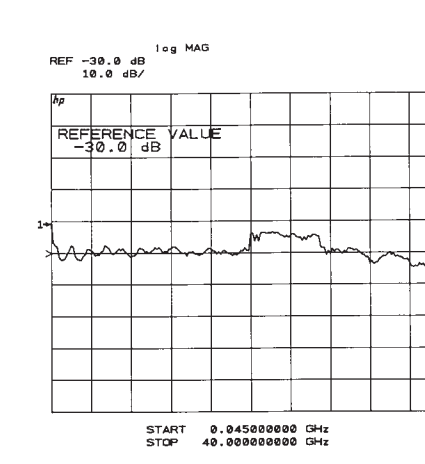
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- = Good



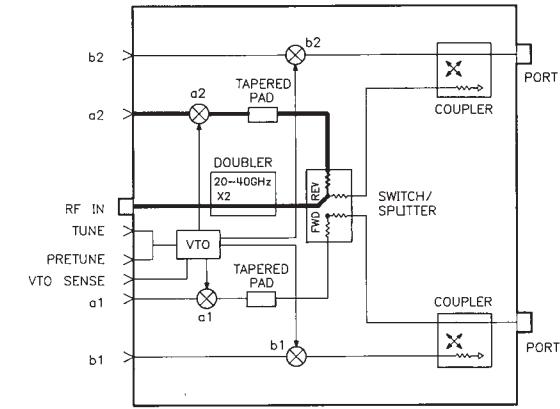
PATH 1 - a1



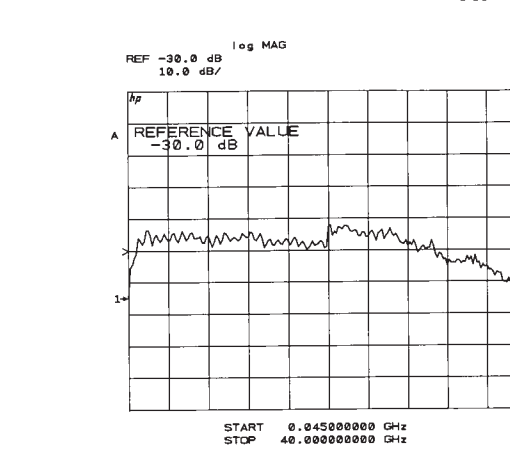
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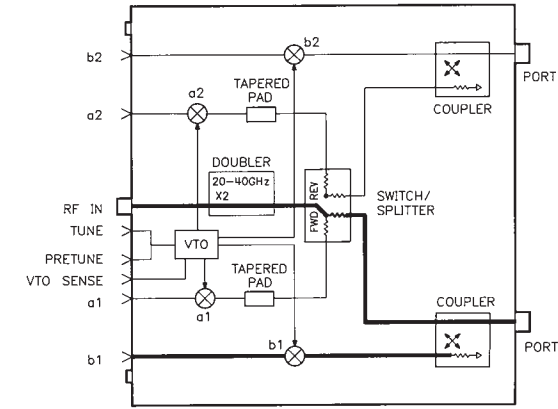
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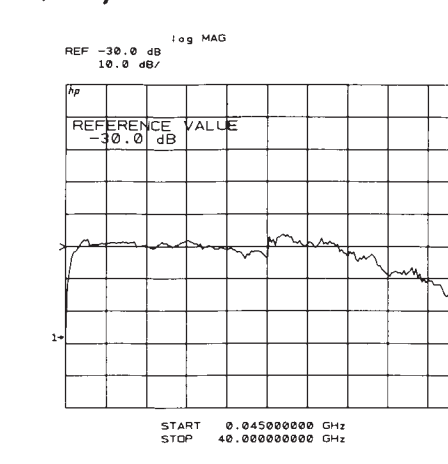
Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_



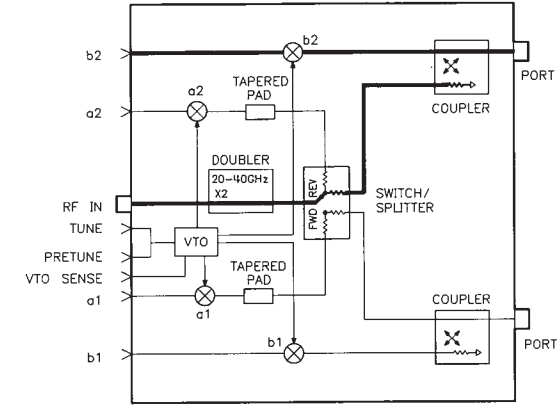
PATH 3 - b1 Reflected



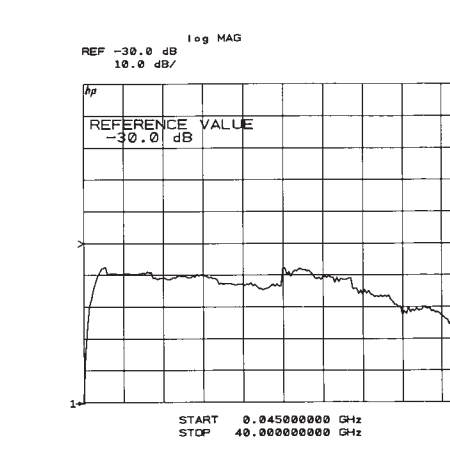
Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_



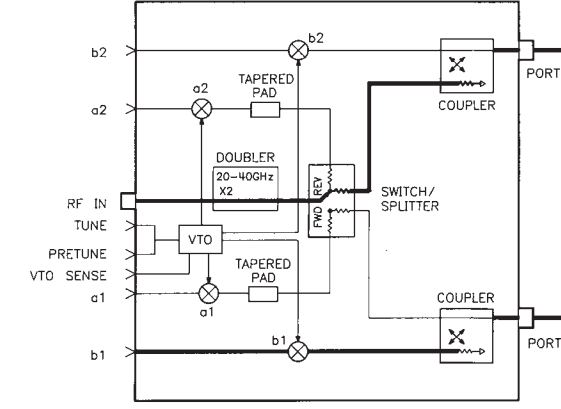
PATH 4 - b2 Reflected



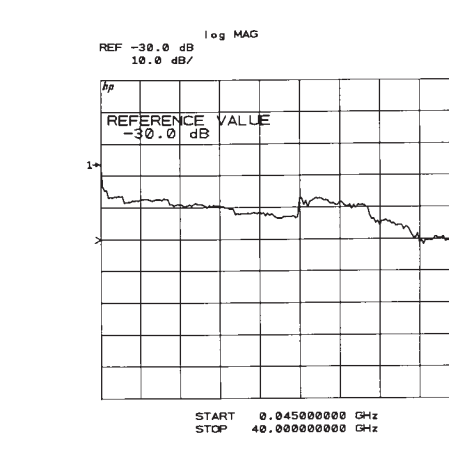
Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_



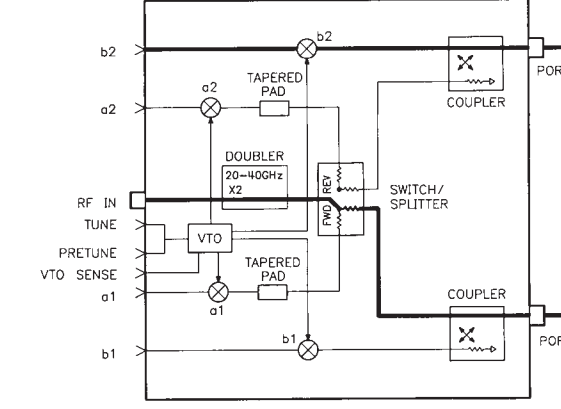
PATH 5 - b1 Thru



Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_



PATH 6 - b2 Thru



Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_

## HP 8516A (OPT. 002/003)

## TROUBLESHOOTING PROCEDURE

### Check RF Paths 1, 2, 3, and 4

These paths are:

- RF Path 1 = User 1 = a1
- RF Path 2 = User 3 = a2
- RF Path 3 = User 4 = b1 Reflected
- RF Path 4 = User 2 = b2 Reflected

1. Do a factory preset of the analyzer and put the source into step mode. On the network analyzer press **INSTRUMENT STATE** **RECALL** **[MORE]** **[FACTORY PRESET]** **STIMULUS** **MENU** **[STEP]**.
2. To examine the four sampler IF signals it is necessary to redefine what port and sampler the analyzer uses for phaselock. Press **PARAMETER** **MENU** **[User 3 a2]** **[REDEFINE PARAMETER]** **[DRIVE]** **[Port 2]** **[PHASE LOCK]** **[a2]** **[REDEFINE DONE]** to redefine a2. Press **[User 2 b2]** **[REDEFINE PARAMETER]** **[DRIVE]** **[Port 2]** **[PHASE LOCK]** **[a2]** **[REDEFINE DONE]** to redefine b2.
3. Connect an open (or short) to port 1 and port 2. This reflects power back to the b1 and b2 samplers through the coupler.
4. Find the test set RF paths and example frequency response traces on this foldout. Press **[User 1 a1]** **[User 2 b2]** **[User 3 a2]** and **[User 4 b1]**. Each trace should be similar to the example traces on this foldout (typically within  $\pm 5$  dB).

Record the results for paths 1 through 4 (User 1 through User 4) in Table 4.3-3.

### Check RF Paths 5 and 6

These paths are:

- RF Path 5 = User 4 = b1 Thru
- RF Path 6 = User 2 = b2 Thru

1. Connect a cable between port 1 and port 2.
2. Press **PARAMETER** **MENU** **[User 4 b1]** **[REDEFINE PARAMETER]** **[DRIVE]** **[Port 2]** **[PHASE LOCK]** **[a2]** **[REDEFINE DONE]** to observe the b1 power level trace through path 5, illustrated on this foldout. The trace should be similar to the example trace (typically within  $\pm 5$  dB). Record the result for path 5 (good or bad) under the RF path diagram..
3. Press **PARAMETER** **MENU** **[User 2 b2]** **[REDEFINE PARAMETER]** **[DRIVE]** **[Port 1]** **[PHASE LOCK]** **[a1]** **[REDEFINE DONE]** to observe the b2 power level trace through path 6, illustrated on this foldout. The trace should be similar to the example trace (typically within  $\pm 5$  dB). Record the result for path 6 (good or bad) under the RF path diagram.

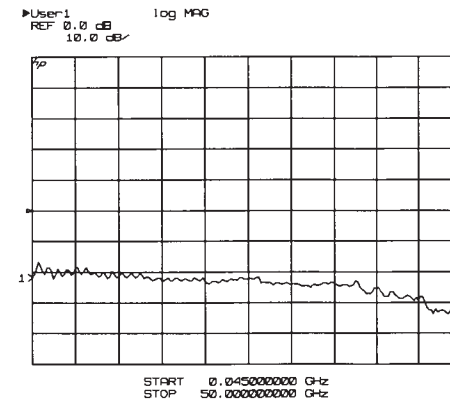
## Find the Faulty Assembly

Try to match the observed results recorded under the RF path diagrams with the results listed in the table of most probable failures, below. Out of 32 possible variations, the table lists the variations that result from 12 of the most probable failures.

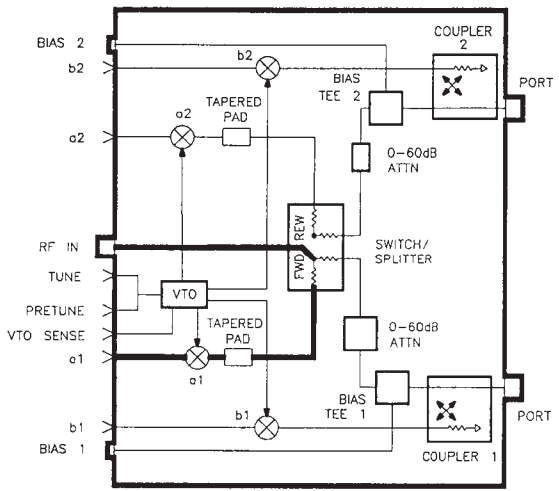
- If the observed results match a group of results in the table, investigate the most probable cause given in the table.
- If all the paths are good, then the test set is probably working properly. Return to the "Main Troubleshooting Procedure" to continue troubleshooting the system.
- If the observed results do not match any of those given in the table, re-evaluate and possibly re-measure your observed data. If the data is valid, troubleshoot using the RF path diagram(s) given in this foldout for the "bad" signal traces.

Path						Most Probable Failure
1	2	3	4	5	6	
a1	a2	b1 refl.	b2 refl.	b1 thru	b2 thru	
-	-	-	-	-	-	Test set is not the problem
B	B	B	B	B	B	Source, source cable, VTO, cables from rear panel to switch splitter
-	B	-	B	B	-	Switch splitter
B	-	B	-	-	B	Switch splitter
-	-	B	-	B	-	b <sub>1</sub> sampler
B	-	-	-	-	-	a <sub>1</sub> sampler
-	B	-	-	-	-	a <sub>2</sub> sampler
-	-	-	B	-	B	b <sub>2</sub> sampler
-	-	B	-	B	B	Port 1 connector or directional coupler
-	-	B	-	-	B	Attenuator 1, bias tee 1
-	-	-	B	B	-	Attenuator 2, bias tee 2
-	-	-	B	B	B	Port 2 connector or directional coupler

B = Bad  
- = Good

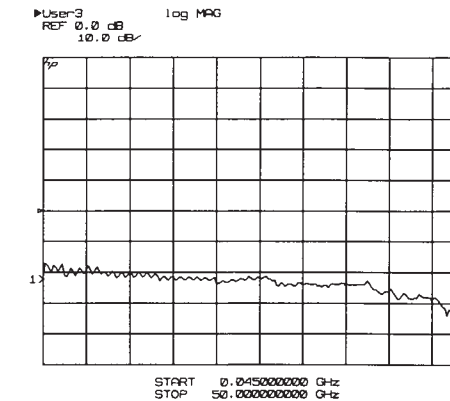


PATH 1 - a1

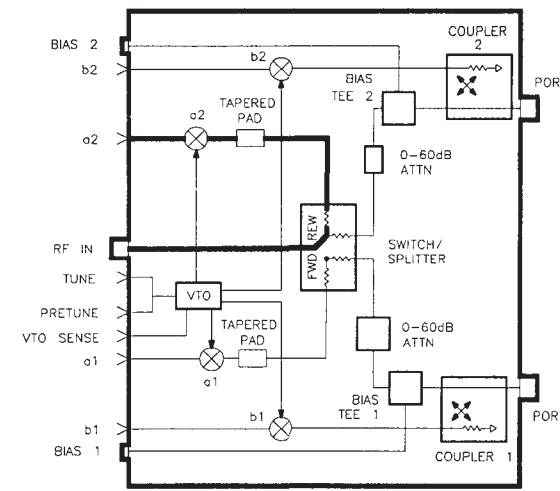


Path 1 a<sub>1</sub>

Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_

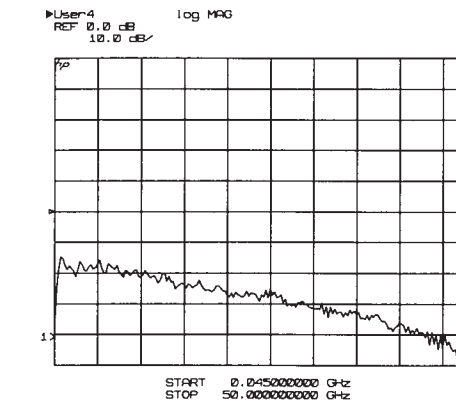


PATH 2 - a2

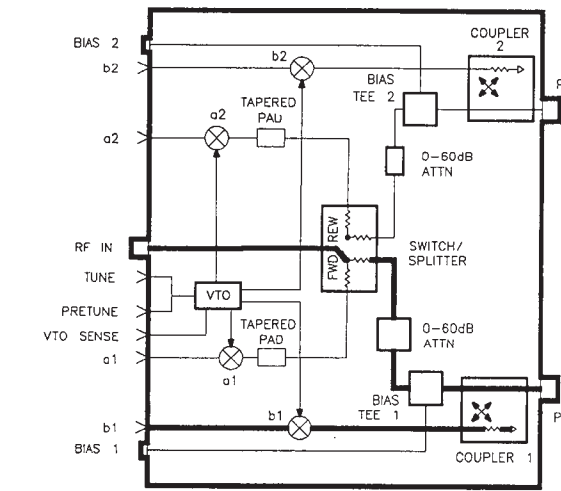


Path 2 a<sub>2</sub>

Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_

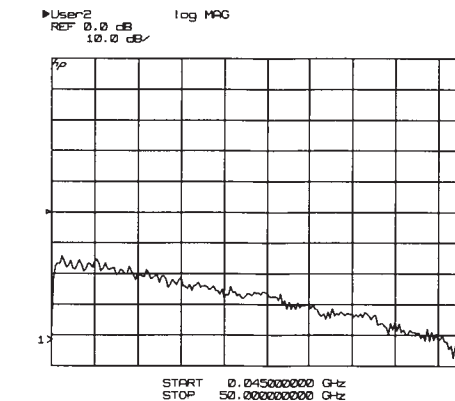


PATH 3 - b1 Reflected

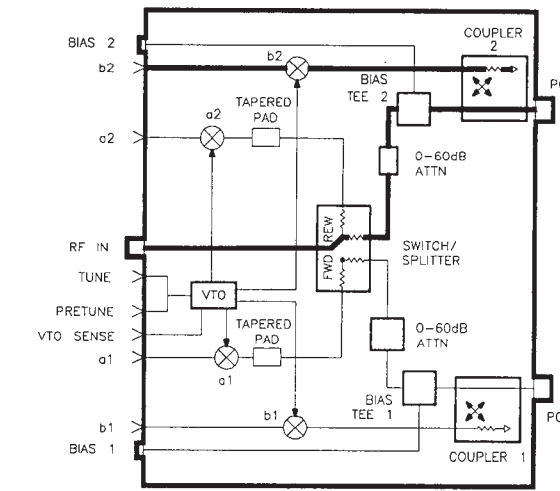


Path 3 b<sub>1</sub>

Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_

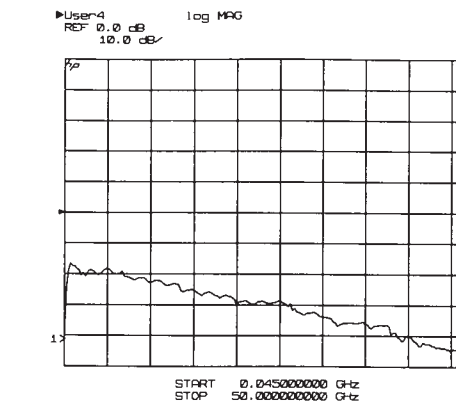


PATH 4 - b2 Reflected

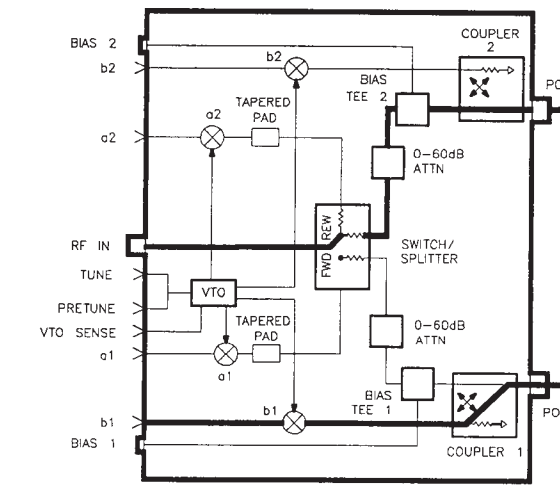


Path 4 b<sub>2</sub>

Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_

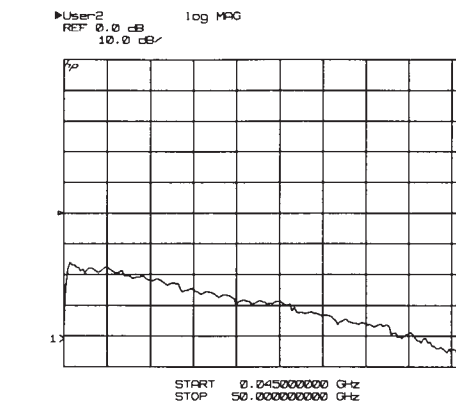


PATH 5 - b1 Thru

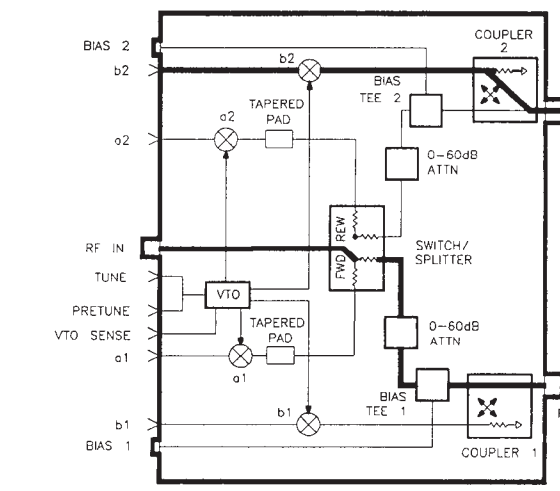


Path 5 b<sub>1</sub>

Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_



PATH 6 - b2 Thru



Path 6 b<sub>2</sub>

Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_

## HP 8517 (STANDARD)



## TROUBLESHOOTING PROCEDURE

### Check RF Paths 1, 2, 3, and 4

These paths are:

- RF Path 1 = User 1 = a1
- RF Path 2 = User 3 = a2
- RF Path 3 = User 4 = b1 Reflected
- RF Path 4 = User 2 = b2 Reflected

- Do a factory preset of the analyzer and put the source into step mode. On the network analyzer press **INSTRUMENT STATE** [RECALL] [MORE] [FACTORY PRESET] STIMULUS [MENU] [STEP].
- To examine the four sampler IF signals it is necessary to redefine what port and sampler the analyzer uses for phaselock. Press **PARAMETER** [MENU] [User 3 a2] [REDEFINE PARAMETER] [DRIVE] [Port 2] [PHASE LOCK] [a2] [REDEFINE DONE] to redefine a2. Press [User 2 b2] [REDEFINE PARAMETER] [DRIVE] [Port 2] [PHASE LOCK] [a2] [REDEFINE DONE] to redefine b2.
- Connect an open (or short) to port 1 and port 2. This reflects power back to the b1 and b2 samplers through the coupler.
- Find the test set RF paths and example frequency response traces on this foldout. Press [User 1 a1] [User 2 b2] [User 3 a2] and [User 4 b1]. Each trace should be similar to the example traces on this foldout (typically within  $\pm 5$  dB).

Record the results for paths 1 through 4 (User 1 through User 4) in Table 4.3-3.

### Check RF Paths 5 and 6

These paths are:

- RF Path 5 = User 4 = b1 Thru
- RF Path 6 = User 2 = b2 Thru

- Connect a cable between port 1 and port 2.
- Press **PARAMETER** [MENU] [User 4 b1] [REDEFINE PARAMETER] [DRIVE] [Port 2] [PHASE LOCK] [a2] [REDEFINE DONE] to observe the b1 power level trace through path 5, illustrated on this foldout. The trace should be similar to the example trace (typically within  $\pm 5$  dB). Record the result for path 5 (good or bad) under the RF path diagram..
- Press **PARAMETER** [MENU] [User 2 b2] [REDEFINE PARAMETER] [DRIVE] [Port 1] [PHASE LOCK] [a1] [REDEFINE DONE] to observe the b2 power level trace through path 6, illustrated on this foldout. The trace should be similar to the example trace (typically within  $\pm 5$  dB). Record the result for path 6 (good or bad) under the RF path diagram.

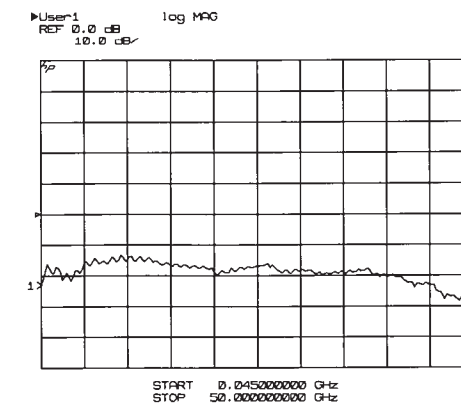
## Find the Faulty Assembly

Try to match the observed results recorded under the RF path diagrams with the results listed in the table of most probable failures, below. Out of 32 possible variations, the table lists the variations that result from 12 of the most *probable* failures.

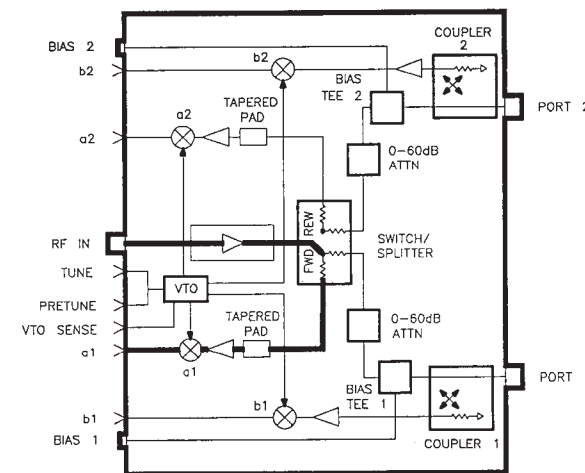
- If the observed results match a group of results in the table, investigate the most probable cause given in the table.
- If all the paths are good, then the test set is probably working properly. Return to the "Main Troubleshooting Procedure" to continue troubleshooting the system.
- If the observed results do not match any of those given in the table, re-evaluate and possibly re-measure your observed data. If the data is valid, troubleshoot using the RF path diagram(s) given in this foldout for the "bad" signal traces.

Path						Most Probable Failure
1	2	3	4	5	6	
a1	a2	b1 refl.	b2 refl.	b1 thru	b2 thru	Test set is not the problem
-	-	-	-	-	-	Source, source cable, VTO, cables from rear panel to switch splitter or input amplifier.
B	B	B	B	B	B	Switch splitter
-	B	-	B	B	-	Switch splitter
-	-	B	-	B	-	b <sub>1</sub> sampler, b <sub>1</sub> buffer amplifier
B	-	-	-	-	-	a <sub>1</sub> sampler, a <sub>1</sub> buffer amplifier
-	B	-	-	-	-	a <sub>2</sub> sampler, a <sub>2</sub> buffer amplifier
-	-	-	B	-	B	b <sub>2</sub> sampler, b <sub>2</sub> buffer amplifier
-	-	B	-	B	B	Port 1 connector or directional coupler
-	-	B	-	-	B	Attenuator 1, bias tee 1
-	-	-	B	B	-	Attenuator 2, bias tee 2
-	-	-	B	B	B	Port 2 connector or directional coupler

B = Bad  
- = Good

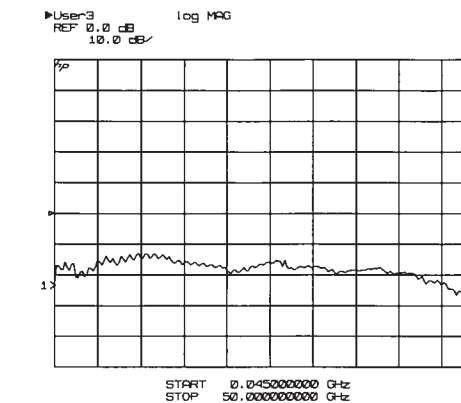


PATH 1 - a1

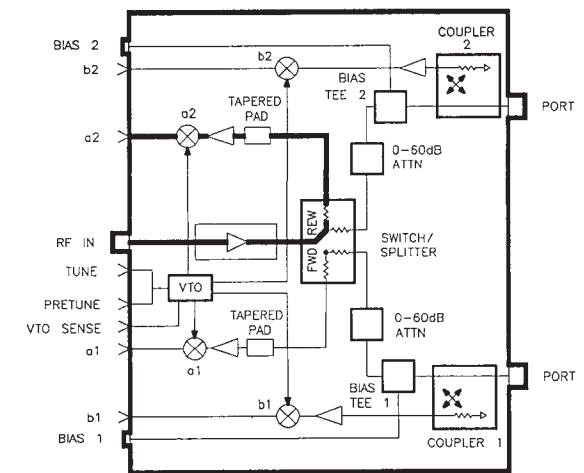


Path 1a<sub>1</sub> ,Opt 007

Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_

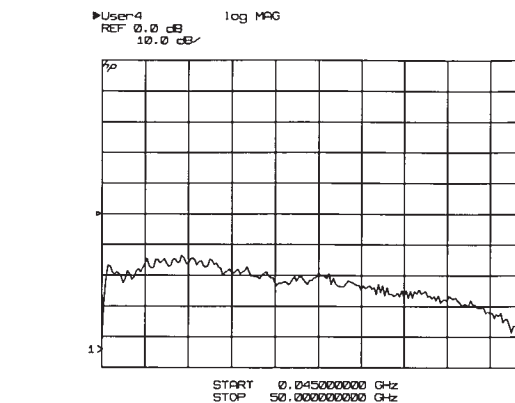


PATH 2 - a2

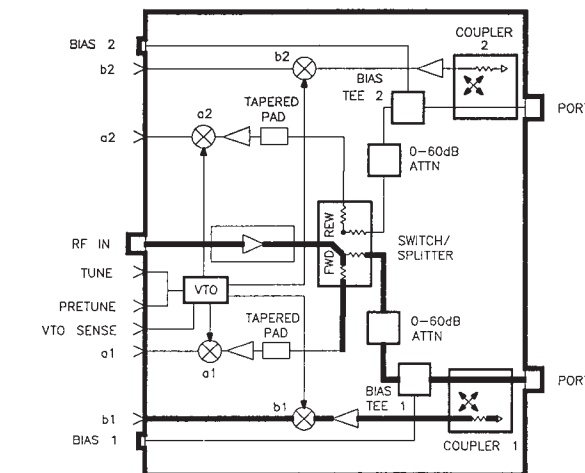


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Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_

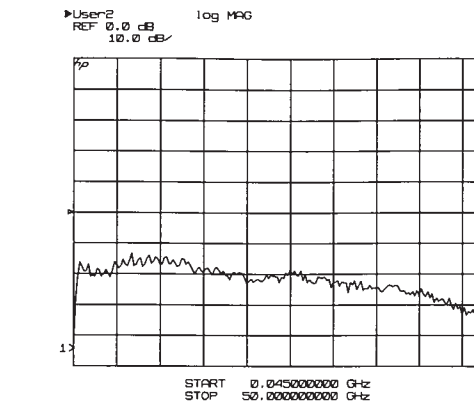


PATH 3 - b1 Reflected

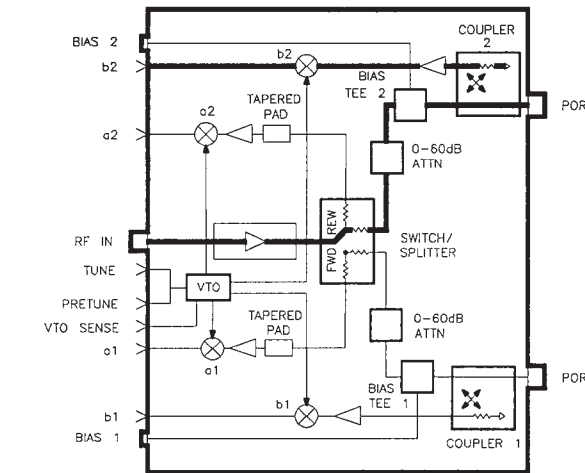


Path 3b<sub>1</sub> ,Opt 007

Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_

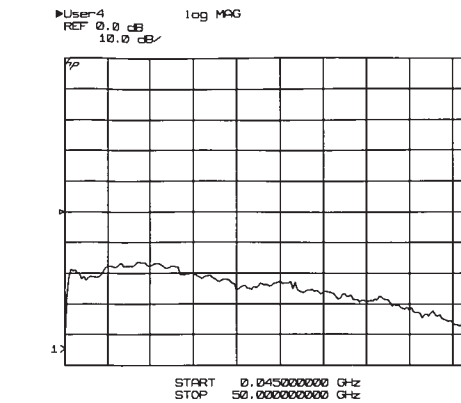


PATH 4 - b2 Reflected

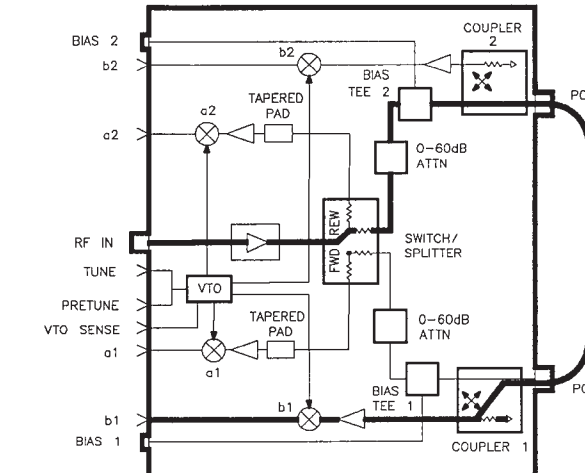


Path 4b<sub>2</sub> ,Opt 007

Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_

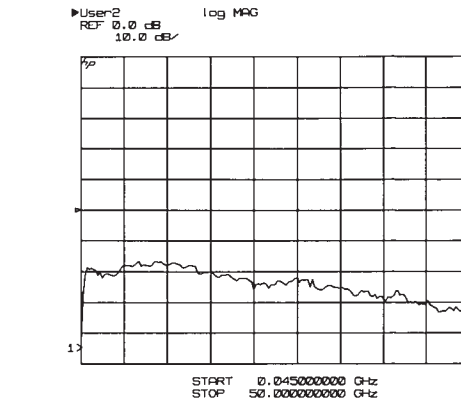


PATH 5 - b1 Thru

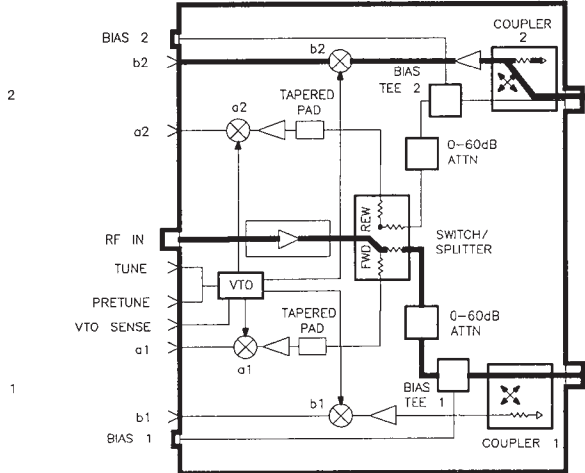


Path 5b<sub>1</sub> ,Opt 007

Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_



PATH 6 - b2 Thru



Path 6b<sub>2</sub> ,Opt 007

Good/Bad \_\_\_\_\_

## HP 8517B (OPTION 007)



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## Power Supply Failures

### Overview

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**NOTE** Use these procedures only if you were directed to this section from the main troubleshooting section and you believe the problem is in the 85101C or 85102 power supply.

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This section consists of procedures to troubleshoot the 85101 display/processor and 85102 IF/ detector power supplies to the assembly level. The procedures are designed to let you identify the bad assembly in either the 85101C or 85102 power supply in the shortest possible time.

The 85101C and 85102 supplies provide dc voltages to their own units independently. It is assumed that you know which unit has the suspected bad supply. If they are both suspected bad, begin by troubleshooting the 85101C power supply.

### 85101C Power Supplies Summary

Included are a short power supply troubleshooting summary and a longer, in-depth procedure. The summary is provided for troubleshooters who are familiar with the 85101C power supply circuitry. The in-depth procedure is provided for troubleshooters having minimum familiarity with the operation of the 8510C power supplies.

Refer to [Figure 4-11](#). The 85101C display/processor power supply consists of the following assemblies:

A10 preregulator assembly

A3 post-regulator board assembly

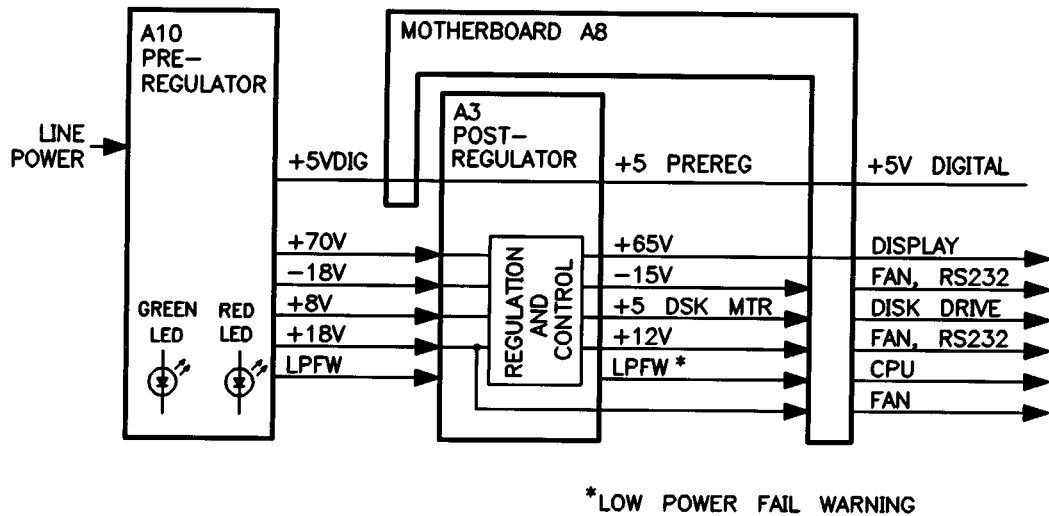
All assemblies are related to A10 and A3 since power is supplied to each assembly. Therefore, a failure of any assembly can affect the power supply.

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**NOTE** The 85101C equipped with an LCD uses the same A10 and A3 assemblies as an 85101C equipped with a CRT display. The +65 V supply from the A3 post-regulator is not used in the 85101C with an LCD and ends at the motherboard connector for A3. Refer to [Figure 4-11](#).

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**Figure 4-11 85101C Power Supply Simplified Block Diagram**



Refer to the “85101C Power Supplies Detailed Block Diagram” at the end of this section to see signal paths and specific connector pin numbers.

### 85102 Power Supplies Summary

The 85102 power supply consists of:

- A power transformer with two center-tapped secondary windings
- A separate bridge rectifier for each secondary winding
- Four regulators that supply  $-5$  V,  $-15$  V,  $+5$  V, and  $+15$  V
- Filtered but unregulated supply voltages of  $-5$  V,  $-15$  V,  $+5$  V, and  $+15$  V
- Fuses, test points, and LEDs for all regulated supplies

The 85102 power supply troubleshooting procedure is located in this section after the 85101C power supply troubleshooting procedure.

**Table 4-9 Power Supply Troubleshooting Summary (1 of 2)**

This summary gives an overview of the power supply troubleshooting procedure. If you are already familiar with troubleshooting the power supply, you may save time by following this summary instead of reading the entire procedure. Headings in this summary match the headings in the procedure. Troubleshooting procedures are preceded by a check.

### **85101C Display/Processor Supply Troubleshooting**

#### **Check the Green and Red LEDs on the A10 Preregulator**

#### **Check the Green LEDs on the A3 Post-Regulator**

#### **Measure Voltages on the A3 Post-Regulator**

#### **Determine Why the Green LED on A10 Is Not On Steadily**

- ✓ Check the line voltage, selector switch, and fuse.

#### **Determine Why the Red LED on A10 Is On or Flashing**

- ✓ Disconnect A10W1.
- ✓ Check the A10 preregulator and related assemblies.
- ✓ Measure voltages on A10W1 and at A3J1.
- ✓ Remove assemblies.
- ✓ Remove A8 motherboard connector cables.
- ✓ Check the operating temperature.
- ✓ Inspect the A8 motherboard.

#### **Determine Why the Green LEDs on A3 Are Not All On**

- ✓ Remove the A3 post-regulator from its motherboard connector (maintain A10W1 cable connection).
- ✓ Check the A3 fuses and voltages.
- ✓ Remove more assemblies.
- ✓ Disconnect display power cable (CRT only).
- ✓ Disconnect A15 LCD assembly cable and/or A16 backlight inverter cable (LCD only).
- ✓ Inspect motherboard.

#### **Fan Troubleshooting**

- ✓ Fan speeds
- ✓ Check the fan voltages.

#### **Intermittent Problems**

- ✓ Replace the A5 CPU board assembly.
- ✓ If the problem continues, replace the A10 preregulator assembly.



**Table 4-10 Power Supply Troubleshooting Summary (2 of 2)**

<b>85102 IF/Detector Power Supply Troubleshooting</b>
<b>Check the Green and Red LEDs on the A15 Regulator</b>
Four green LEDs should be on, one red LED off.
✓ If not, cycle power and measure the test points.
<b>Check the +5 V Test Points on A24 Interface</b>
✓ Remove assemblies and check 5V LED on A15.
<b>Check the LEDs and Output Voltages of A26 Rectifier</b>
Four green LEDs should be on.
✓ Measure at fuses: $\pm 22$ V and $\pm 11$ Vdc.
✓ Check line voltage selector.
<b>Check Connector P1</b>
✓ Unplug A26.

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## 85101C Display/Processor Power Supply Troubleshooting

Disconnect the 85101 IF/display interconnect cable at the 85101C display/processor rear panel.

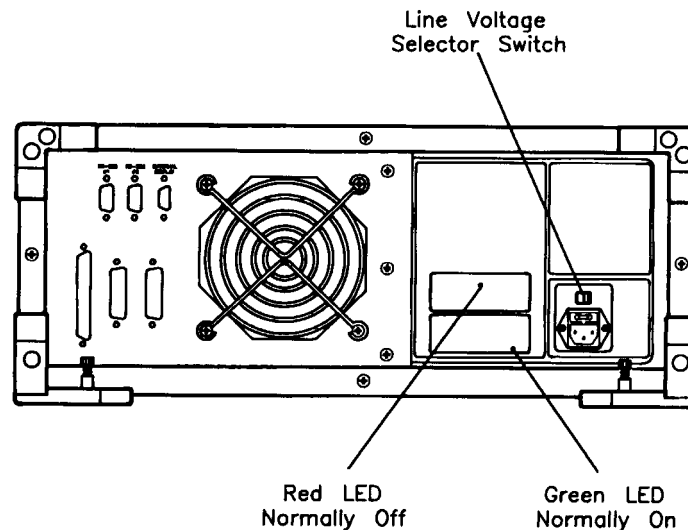
- If an error message appears on the display, refer to [“Running Error Messages.”](#)
- If the fan is not working, refer to [“Fan Troubleshooting”](#) near the end of this section.

### Check the Green and Red LEDs on the A10 Preregulator

Turn on the 85101C display/processor and look at the rear panel of the analyzer. Check the two power supply diagnostic LEDs on the A10 preregulator casting by looking through the holes located to the left of the line voltage selector switch (see [Figure 4-12](#)). Normally, the bottom (green) LED is on and the top (red) LED is off.

- If these LEDs are normal, then A10 is 95% verified. Continue this procedure at [“Check the Green LEDs on the A3 Post-Regulator.”](#)
- If the red LED is on or flashing, then refer [“Determine Why the Red LED on A10 Is On or Flashing.”](#)
- If the green LED is not on steadily, then the line voltage is missing or is insufficient to power the 85101C. Continue this procedure at [“Determine Why the Green LED on A10 Is Not On Steadily”](#) in this section.

**Figure 4-12**      **Location of A10 Preregulator Diagnostic LEDs**



### Check the Green LEDs on the A3 Post-Regulator

Turn off the 85101C. Remove the 85101C display/processor top cover and make sure that all board assemblies are firmly seated in their connectors. Turn the 85101C on. Locate the A3 post-regulator assembly and check to see if the five green LEDs on the top edge of this

assembly are on. Refer to [Figure 4-13](#) for locations of these LEDs.

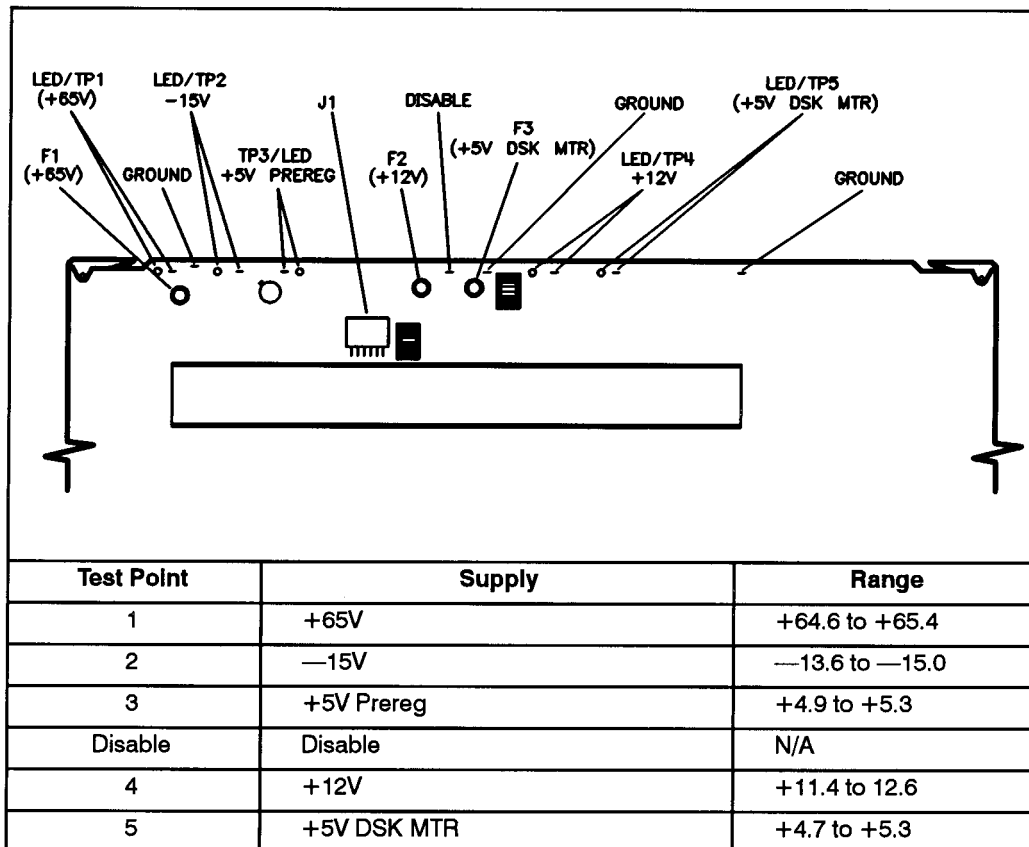
- If any LED on the A3 post-regulator is off or flashing, refer to “[Determine Why the Green LEDs on A3 Are Not All On](#)” later in this procedure.
- If all of the green LEDs on the top edge of A3 are on, there is a 95% confidence level that the power supply is verified. To confirm the last 5% uncertainty, continue this procedure with the next paragraph.

### Measure Voltages on the A3 Post-Regulator

Refer to [Figure 4-13](#) and measure the dc voltages on the A3 post-regulator test points. This figure lists the voltage and their limits.

- If the voltages are within their limits, the 85101C power supply is 100% verified.
- If the voltages are not within their limits, replace the A3 post-regulator.

**Figure 4-13 A3 Post-Regulator LEDs and Test Point Voltages**



## Determine Why the Green LED on A10 Is Not On Steadily

If the green LED is not on steadily, the line voltage is missing or is not enough to power the 85101C. Continue this procedure with the next paragraph.

### Check the Line Voltage, Selector Switch, and Fuse

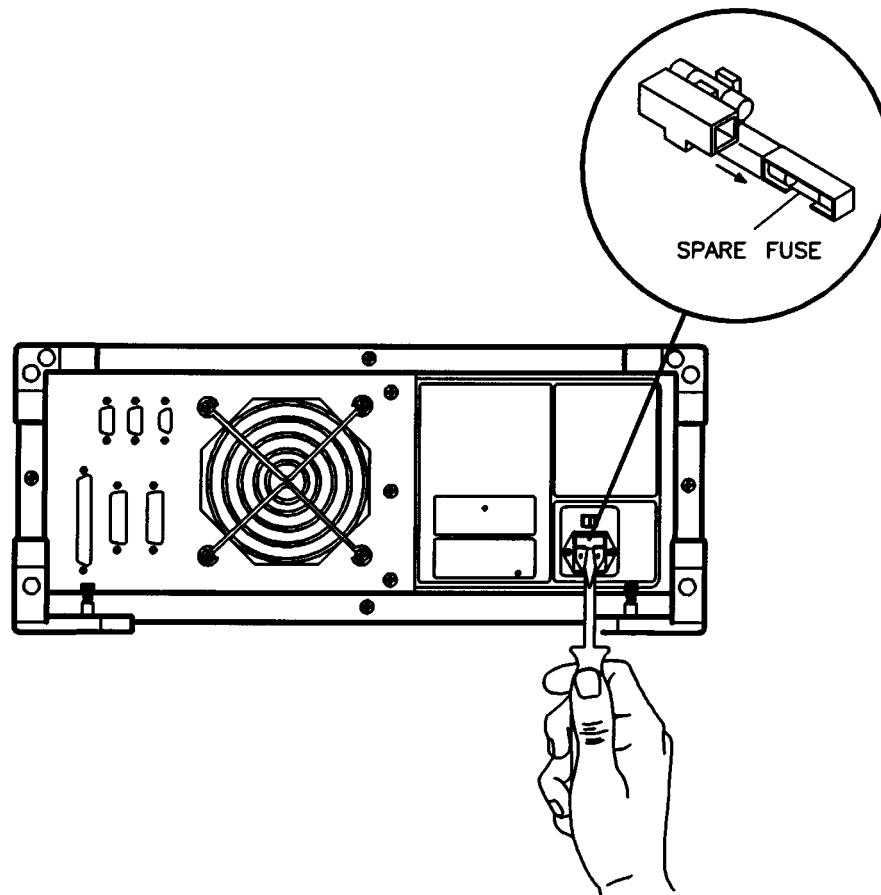
Check the main power line cord, line selector switch setting, line fuse, and actual line voltage to see that they are all correct.

Figure 4-12 (earlier in this procedure) shows the location of the line voltage selector switch. Use a small flat-bladed screwdriver to select the correct switch position.

Figure 4-14 shows how to remove the line fuse, using a small flat-bladed screwdriver to pry out the fuseholder. The line fuse is rated for 250 V at 3 amperes for operation at all line voltages. A spare fuse is provided in a plastic “drawer” in the line fuseholder as shown in the figure. The line fuse Agilent part number is 2110-0655.

- If the A10 green LED is still not on steadily after verification of correct line voltage, replace the A10 preregulator.

**Figure 4-14** Removing the Line Fuse



## Determine Why the Red LED on A10 Is On or Flashing

If the red LED is on, the problem may be in the A10 preregulator, the A3 post-regulator, the +5 V digital supply, or any of the assemblies obtaining power from the supplies. Continue with “[Check the Line Voltage, Selector Switch, and Fuse](#)” and then continue this procedure with the next paragraph.

### Disconnect A10W1

Refer to [Figure 4-15](#). Turn off the 85101C and disconnect cable A10W1 from the A3 post-regulator. Turn on the 85101C.

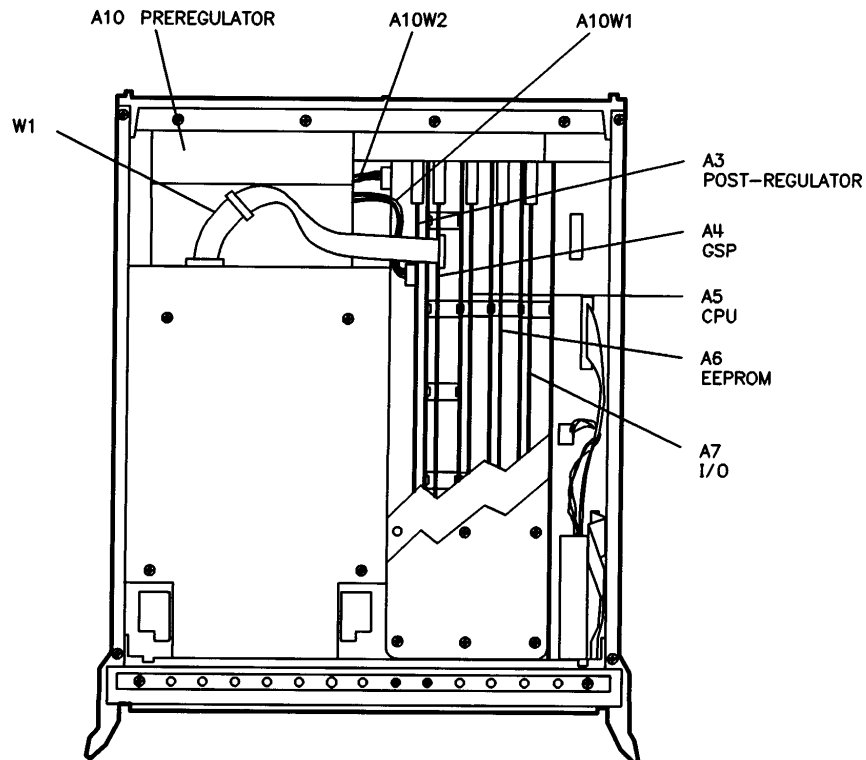
- If the red LED goes out after removing A10W1, the +5 V digital supply in A10 is verified. The problem is probably in the A3 post-regulator or one of the assemblies obtaining power from it. Refer to “[Check the A10 Preregulator and Related Assemblies](#)” to verify that the inputs to A3 and associated assemblies are correct.
- If the red LED is still on or flashing after removing A10W1, the problem is probably in the A10 preregulator or the +5 V digital supply. Replace the A10 preregulator.

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**NOTE** An 85101C with an LCD does not have W1 or A4. A10, A3, A10W1, A10W2 are the same in both CRT and LCD designs. See [Figure 5-12 on page 5-25](#) for a top view of an 85101C equipped with an LCD.

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**Figure 4-15** Location of 85101C Cables and Board Assemblies (CRT Only)



### Check the A10 Preregulator and Related Assemblies

The following paragraphs systematically check the assemblies to find the bad one.

#### Measure the voltages on A10W1 and at A3J1

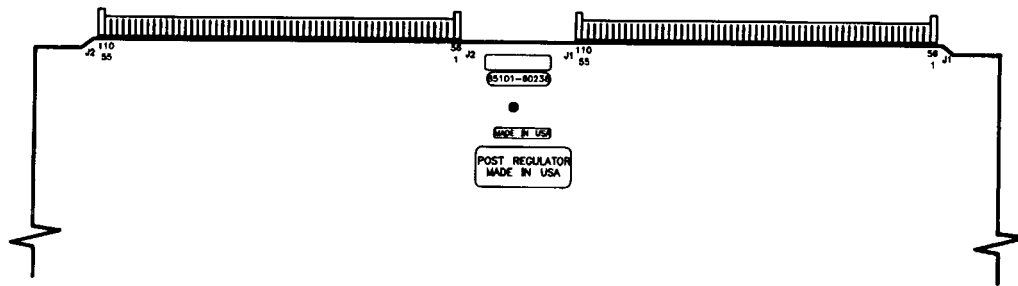
Turn off the 85101C and put the A3 post-regulator on an extender board. See [Figure 4-16](#).

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**NOTE** The A3 post-regulator assembly has its own special extender board for troubleshooting, Agilent part number 85101-60236. The connector pin numbers are reversed from extenders for the other board assemblies.

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**Figure 4-16** A3 Post-Regulator Extender Board



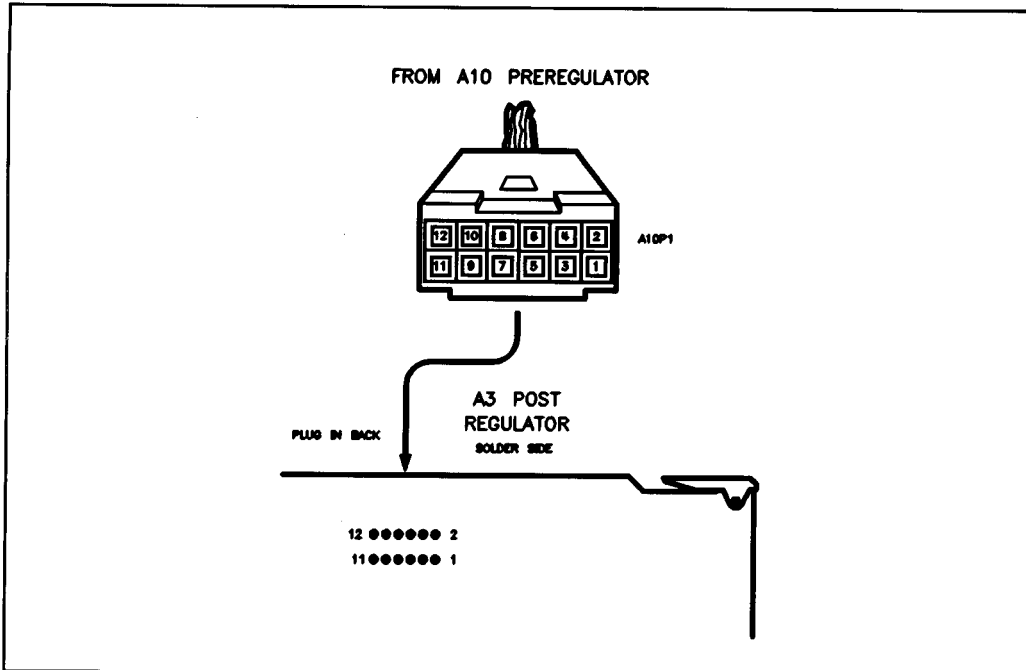
If the 85101C is equipped with a CRT, ribbon cable W1 from the A11 CRT display may remain disconnected from the A4 GSP board during this procedure. Disconnect A10 preregulator cable A10W1 from the A3J1 post-regulator connector. Turn on the 85101C and measure the voltages on the connector pins with a small probe. Compare the measured voltages with the voltages listed in [Figure 4-17](#).

- If the voltages are not within tolerance, replace the A10 preregulator.
- If the voltages are within tolerance, the A10 preregulator is working properly. Continue with this procedure.

Turn off the 85101C and connect A10 preregulator cable A10W1 to the A3J1 post-regulator connector. Turn on the 85101C and measure the voltages on the pins of A3J1. Compare these voltages with the voltages listed in [Figure 4-17](#).

- If the voltages are not within tolerance, either the A3 post-regulator or an assembly connected to it is loading down the A10 preregulator. Continue this procedure with [“Remove Assemblies.”](#)
- If the voltages are within tolerance, it is likely that the A3 post-regulator is good and both the A10 preregulator and A3 post-regulator are being loaded down by an assembly connected to it. Continue this procedure with [“Remove Assemblies”](#) to isolate the faulty assembly.

**Figure 4-17 A10P1 Plug Detail and Output Voltages**



A10P1 Wire	Wire Color Code	A10P1 Voltages (Disconnected from A3J1)	A10P1 Voltages (Connected to A3J1)*	A10 Preregulator Mnemonic (Supply Block Diagram)
1	-	0 (N/C)	+68 to +100	+70V
2	3	+125 to +100	+68 to +100	+70V
3,4	92	+22.4 to +33.6	+17.0 to +33.6	+18V
5,6	97	-22.4 to -33.6	-17.0 to -33.6	-18V
7	-	0 (N/C)	+7.4 to +14	+8V
8	96	+9.4 to +14	+7.4 to +14	+8V
9,10	95	N/A	N/A	NONE
11	94	N/A	N/A	NONE
12	-	0 (N/C)	0 (N/C)	NONE

\*The +5V digital supply must be loaded by one or more assemblies at all times, or the voltages shown here will be wrong. The +5V digital supply voltage connects from preregulator A10 to A8 motherboard connector A8J8.

## Remove Assemblies

Check power supply loading from the assemblies that are supplied by A10. Turn off the 85101C. Connect the A10W1 cable to the A3 post-regulator. Remove the following assemblies and then turn on the 85101C.

A4 (A14) GSP board

A5 CPU board

A6 EEPROM board

A7 I/O board

Disc drive power connector J3 on the A8 motherboard

- If the A10 red LED is still on, continue this procedure with .
- If the A10 red LED is off, disconnect line power from the 85101C. Plug the A4 (A14) GSP board assembly into the motherboard. If the LED lights, replace the A4 (A14) GSP assembly or the display assembly A11 (A15 or A16) connected to the A4 (A14) GSP board. To isolate the problem, check A4 (A14) for loading by the display assembly A11 (A15 or A16) before replacing A4 (A14).
- Continue to plug in the rest of the assemblies until the red LED lights. Replace the assembly that causes the LED to light.

## Remove A8 Motherboard Connector Cables

Turn off the 85101C. One at a time and in the order shown, remove the following cables from their motherboard connectors and turn the 85101C on until the red LED goes off. The cable and/or its supplied assembly that causes the red LED to go out when it is removed from its motherboard connector is bad.

A8J1 keyboard cable

A8J2 disc drive cable

- If the red LED is still on or flashing, continue this procedure with the next paragraph.

## Check the Operating Temperature

The temperature-sensing circuitry inside the A10 preregulator may be disabling the supply. Make sure the operating environment ambient air temperature does not exceed +55 degrees C (+131 degrees F), and that the 85101C fan is operating.

- If the fan does not seem to be operating correctly, refer to [“Fan Troubleshooting.”](#)
- If there does not appear to be a temperature problem, it is likely that the A10 preregulator is bad.



### **Inspect the A8 Motherboard**

If the red LED is still on after replacement or repair of the A10 preregulator, turn off the 85101C and inspect the A8 motherboard for solder bridges and other noticeable defects. Use an ohmmeter to check for shorts. In particular, check the following lines between the A10 preregulator and the A3 post-regulator:

- GNDDSENSE
- +5VDSSENSE
- +5V DIG
- DGND

Refer to the A8 motherboard wiring diagram to troubleshoot these suspected power supply lines. The wiring diagram is supplied at the end of the main troubleshooting section.

If the A10 red LED is still on after doing the above checks and isolating the A3 post-regulator by removing all of the assemblies, the fault is most likely in the A3 post-regulator or the A10 preregulator. If after replacing A3 and A10 the fault still exists, then replace the A8 motherboard with a new motherboard/card cage assembly.

### **Determine Why the Green LEDs on A3 Are Not All On**

The green LEDs along the top edge of the A3 post-regulator are normally on.

Flashing LEDs on A3 indicate that the shutdown circuitry on the A3 post-regulator is protecting power supplies from over current conditions by repeatedly shutting them down. This may be caused by supply loading on A3 or on any other assembly in the 85101C.

### **Remove the A3 Post-Regulator from Its Motherboard Connector**

Turn off the 85101C. Remove post-regulator A3 from its motherboard connector but *keep the A10-to-A3 cable (A10W1) connected to A3*. If the 85101C is equipped with a CRT, remove display power cable W1 (see [Figure 4-15](#)). Short to chassis ground any of the three common GND pins located on the top edge of the A3 post regulator. Turn the 85101C on.

- If any A3 post-regulator green LEDs other than +5 V PREREG is still off or flashing, continue with this procedure.
- If all LEDs are now on steadily except for the +5 V PREREG LED, the A10 preregulator and A3 post regulator are working properly and the trouble is excessive loading somewhere after the motherboard connections at post-regulator A3. Continue this procedure with [“Remove More Assemblies.”](#)

### **Check the A3 Fuses and Voltages**

If any of LEDs for the following supplies are completely off, first check their fuses:

- +65 V
- +12 V
- +5 V DSK MTR

The fuses for these supplies are all located on the top edge of the A3 post-regulator board assembly. Their supply circuits, test points and current ratings are listed in [Table 4-11](#).

The part numbers of these fuses are in [Chapter 5](#) in [Table 5-5](#).

**Table 4-11 A3 Post-Regulator Fuses**

LED/Test Point	Fuse Designator	Fuse Rating	Agilent Part Number
TP1	A3F1	1.5A, 125V	2110-0333
TP4	A3F2	2A, 125V	2110-0425
TP5	A3F3	2A, 125V	2110-0425

If any A3 fuse burns out, replace it. If it burns out again when power is applied to the 85101C, A3 post-regulator or A10 preregulator is bad. Determine which of these assemblies has failed as follows:

Remove the A10W1 cable at post-regulator A3 and measure the voltages at A10P1 with a voltmeter having a small probe. Compare the measured voltages with those in [Figure 4-17](#).

- If the voltages are within tolerance, replace post-regulator A3.
- If the voltages are not within tolerance, replace preregulator A10.
- If all A3 post-regulator green LEDs are now on, the A10 preregulator and A3 post-regulator are working properly and the trouble is excessive loading somewhere after the motherboard connections at A3. Continue this procedure with the next paragraph.

### Remove More Assemblies

Install post-regulator A3. Remove the jumper from the GND pin on the top edge of post-regulator A3 and chassis ground. This jumper was connected earlier in this procedure. Remove the following assemblies and turn on the 85101C:

A4 (A14) GSP board

A5 CPU board

A6 EEPROM board

A7 I/O board

Disc drive power connector J3 on the A8 motherboard

A8J1 keyboard cable

A8J2 disk drive cable

- If any of the A3 green LEDs are off or flashing, it is likely that the assemblies just removed are not causing the problem.
- If all A3 green LEDs are now on, turn off the 85101C.

Reinstall each assembly one at a time and turn on the 85101C after each is installed. The assembly that causes the A3 green LEDs to go off or flash is suspect. It is possible that this condition is caused by the A3 post-regulator supplying insufficient current. To check this, repeat the step but replace the assemblies in a different order to change the loading. If the same assembly appears to be faulty, replace that assembly. If a different assembly appears faulty, post-regulator A3 is most likely bad (unless both of the other assemblies are bad).

### **Disconnect Display Power Cable (CRT Only)**

Turn off the 85101C. If the 85101C is equipped with a CRT, remove the display power cable W1 (see [Figure 4-15 on page 4-104](#)). Turn on the 85101C.

- If all A3 green LEDs are now on, replace or repair the A11 display.
- If any of the A3 green LEDs are off or flashing, continue with [“Inspect Motherboard.”](#)

### **Disconnect A15 LCD Assembly Cable and/or A16 Backlight Inverter Cable (LCD Only)**

The A15 LCD assembly is powered through the A14 GSP board. Remove cable W7 from A14J6 to isolate the display. The A16 backlight inverter is also powered through the A14 GSP board. Remove cable W8 from A14J7 to isolate the backlight (refer to [Figure 6-4 on page 6-17](#) for an illustration of A15 LCD assembly).

- If all A3 green LEDs are now on, replace the associated assembly.
- If any of the A3 green LEDs are off or flashing, continue with [“Inspect Motherboard.”](#)

### **Inspect Motherboard**

Inspect the A8 motherboard for solder bridges and shorted traces.

## Fan Troubleshooting

### Fan Speeds

The fan speed is continuously variable depending upon temperature. It is normal for the fan to be at high speed when the instrument is just turned on, and then change to low speed when the instrument has cooled.

### Check the Fan Voltages

If the fan is dead, refer to the “85101C Power Supply Detailed Block Diagram” at the end of this section. The fan is driven by the +18 V and –18 V supplies coming from the A10 preregulator. Neither of these supplies is fused. The –18 V supply is regulated on A3, and remains constant at approximately –15 volts. It connects to the fan via the A8 motherboard.

The +18 V supply changes the voltage to the fan, depending on airflow and temperature information. Its voltage ranges from approximately +1.0 volts to +14.7 volts, and it also connects to the fan via the A8 motherboard.

### Intermittent Problems

Preset states that appear spontaneously (without pressing **INSTRUMENT STATE RECALL**, **[MORE]**, **[FACTORY PRESET]**) typically signal a power supply or A5 CPU assembly problem. Replace the A5 CPU board assembly as it is the most likely failure. If the problem continues, replace the A10 preregulator assembly.

## 85102 IF/Detector Power Supply Troubleshooting

Anytime during this procedure, refer to the “85102 Power Supply Detailed Block Diagram,” for an overview of the 85102 IF/detector power supplies.

Disconnect the interconnect cable from the rear panel. Switch on the 85102. Check to see that the amber LINE LED on the front panel is on (normal). If the front panel LED is off, it is likely there is a problem with the 85102 power supply; continue with this troubleshooting.

Exception: Some early models of 85102 derive the +5 V power for the front panel LED from the 85101, and the line LED in these models will therefore not light when the 85101 and 85102 are not connected.

### Check the Green and Red LEDs on the A15 Regulator

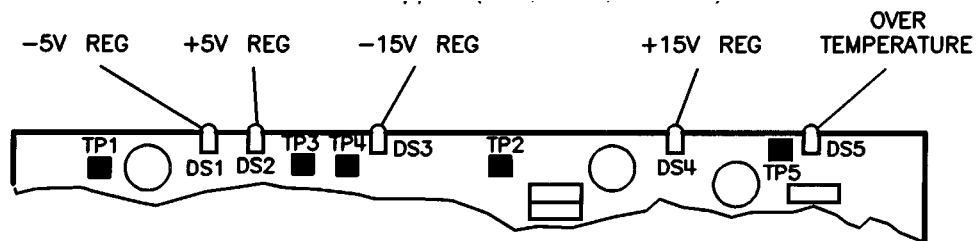
Partially slide back the top cover of the 85102. The A15 regulator is the board furthest back on the left side. Check the five LEDs on A15. Normally, the four green LEDs should be on and the red LED should be off. If so, the power supply is verified with 85% confidence. To increase the confidence level to 100%, go on to “[Check the +5 V Test Points on A24 Interface.](#)”

If the A15 red LED is on and one or more of the A15 green LEDs are off, one of the following conditions exists:

- A thermal shutdown has occurred.
- The thermal protection circuit has failed.
- The +15 V or –15 V supply has failed.

Cycle power on the 85102 to see if the thermal protection circuit will reset. If the heat sink temperature becomes too great, the +15 V supply is disabled. This causes the +15 V SENSE line to go low and disable one or more of the other supplies (–5 V, –15 V, and +5 V).

**Figure 4-18** A15 LEDs and Test Points



If one or more of the green LEDs is still off, measure the voltages at the corresponding test points (see [Figure 4-18](#)). They should measure:

A15TP5	+15 V
A15TP4	-15 V
A15TP3	+5 V*
A15TP1	-5 V

\* If the +5 V regulator is indicated as the suspected fault, the +5 V supply may be loaded down by another assembly. Continue to [“Check the +5 V Test Points on A24 Interface.”](#)

Otherwise, continue to [“Check the LEDs and Output Voltages of A26 Rectifier.”](#)

### **Check the +5 V Test Points on A24 Interface**

Measure the voltage at test points A24TP5, TP8, and TP7 on the A24 processor interface board. They should all measure +5 Vdc  $\pm$ 25 mV with < 10 mV p-p ripple. If so, the power supply is now verified with a confidence level increased to 100%.

If any of the test points does not measure +5 Vdc, the supply is probably being loaded down by another assembly. Switch off the instrument and try removing assemblies one at a time. (Switch on power after removing each, and switch off power again before removing the next.) Check the +5 V LED on A15 after each assembly is removed. When removing a particular assembly causes the LED to light, that assembly is probably defective and should be replaced.

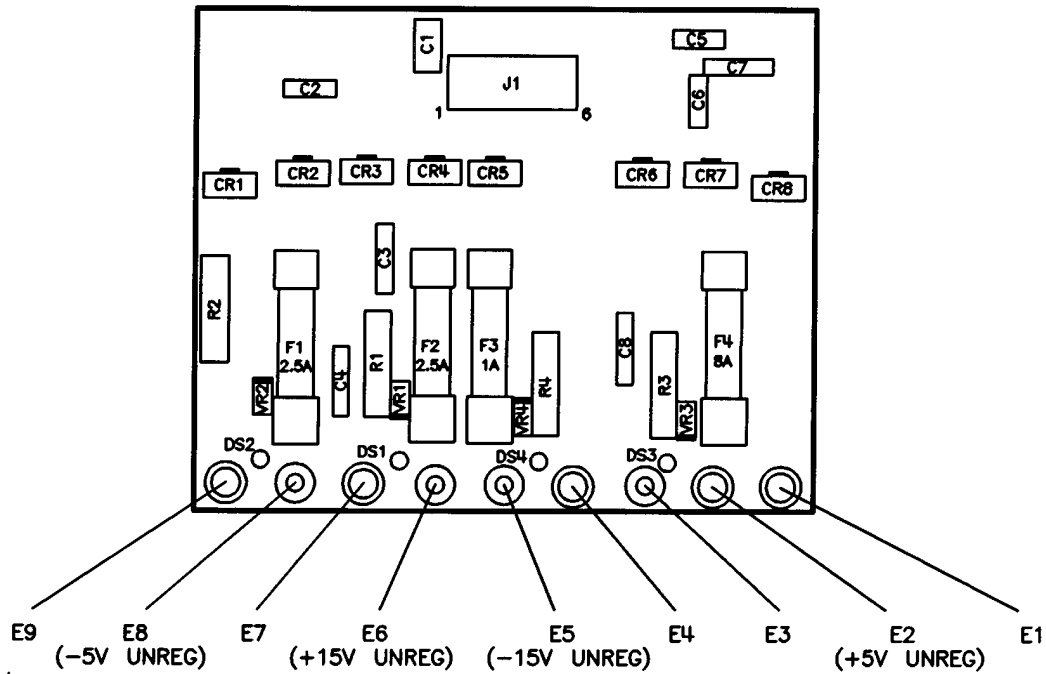
If removing assemblies does not cause the +5 V LED to light, the fault is probably in the A15 regulator. Replace A15.

### **Check the LEDs and Output Voltages of A26 Rectifier**

Check the four green LEDs on rectifier A26. They should all be on.

- If all the LEDs are off, check the power line module and P1 connector plug.
- If any one LED is out, check the continuity of the corresponding fuse. See [Figure 4-19](#).
- If an LED is off but its fuse is good, A26 is bad: replace it.
- If you change a fuse and its LED is still out, go to [“Check Connector P1”](#) to check the continuity of P1 and the unloaded ac secondary voltages from transformer T1.
- If the LEDs are on, this means that voltages are present, but it does not necessarily mean they are at the correct values.

**Figure 4-19 A26 Rectifier Fuse Locations**



Next measure the four unregulated output voltages of the rectifier. Measure at either side of the fuses (see [Figure 4-19](#)). The voltages should measure approximately  $\pm 22$  Vdc out of the 15 V rectifier, and  $\pm 11$  Vdc out of the 5 V rectifier.

- If all the voltages are low, check the line voltage selector setting for the proper line voltage.
- If the A26 voltages are correct, but one or more A15 LEDs are off or the voltages on A15 are incorrect, the problem is in A15 or the interface between A26 and A15.
- If the voltages are present but not correct, continue with the next paragraph.

## Check Connector P1

The line voltage may be loaded down by the A26 rectifier. Unplug P1 from A26J1. Refer to [Table 4-12](#) and check the open end of P1 for unloaded ac secondary voltages from transformer T1.

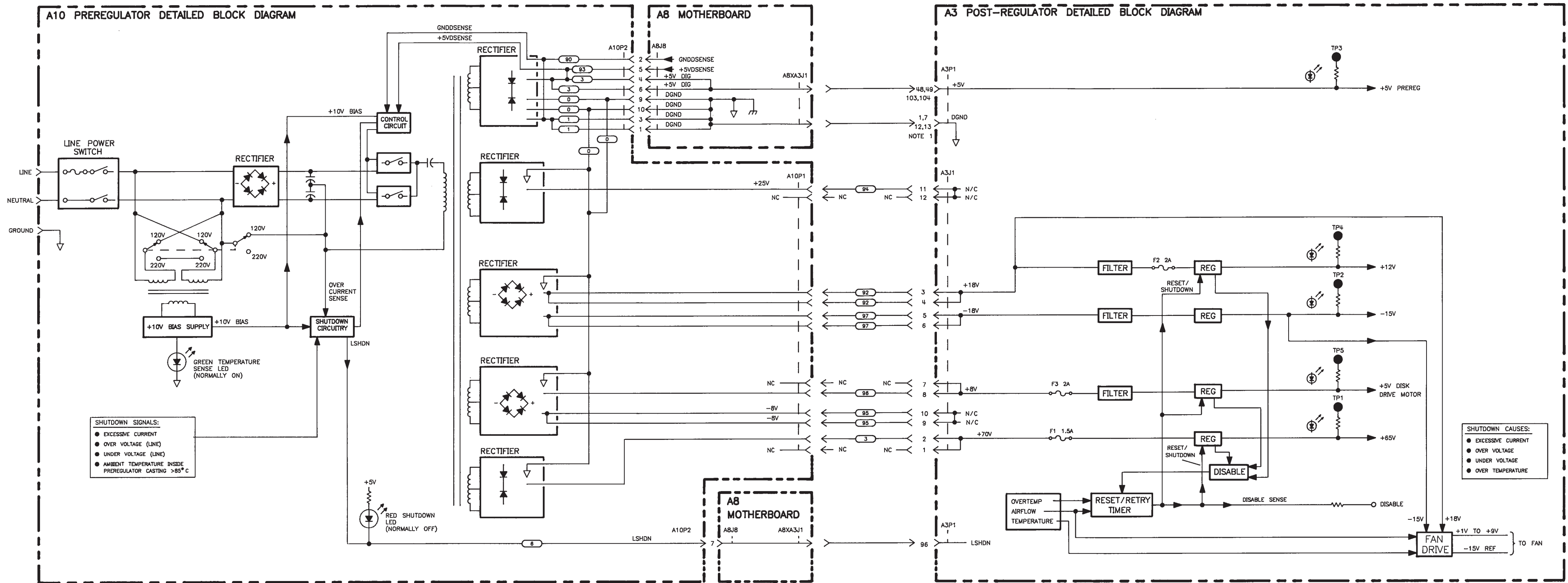
**Table 4-12 P1 AC RMS Voltages (Approximate)**

Measure Between P1 Pins	Wire Color	ac Voltage (RMS Approx.)
1 2	Yellow Yellow	37 V
1 4	Yellow Red	18.5 V
2 4	Yellow Red	18.5 V
3 6	Blue Blue	19.5 V
3 5	Blue Grey	10 V
6 5	Blue Grey	10 V

- If the voltages are approximately correct, replace A26.
- If the voltages are incorrect, the problem is in the power line module, transformer T1, or the connections.

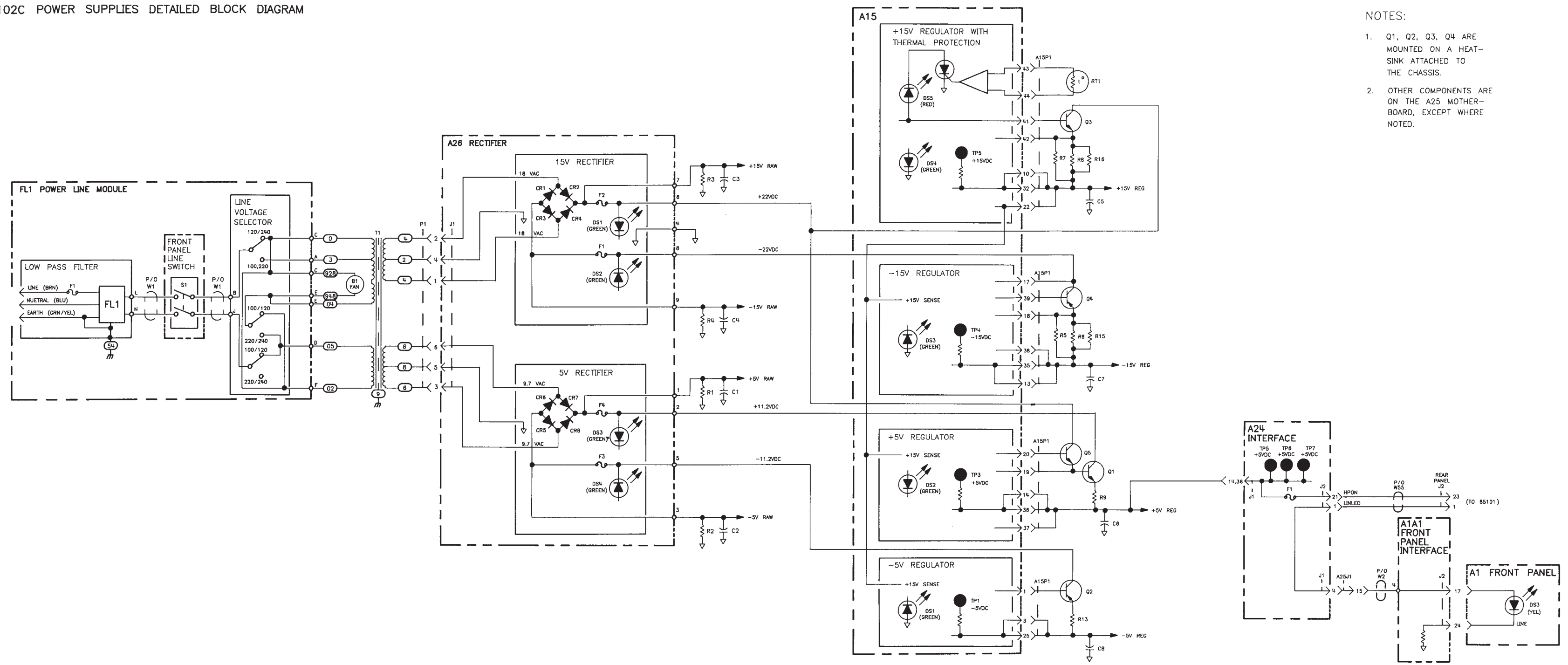


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85101C Power Supply Detailed Block Diagram

HP 85102C POWER SUPPLIES DETAILED BLOCK DIAGRAM



- NOTES:
1. Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4 ARE MOUNTED ON A HEAT-SINK ATTACHED TO THE CHASSIS.
  2. OTHER COMPONENTS ARE ON THE A25 MOTHERBOARD, EXCEPT WHERE NOTED.

## Performance Test Failures

### Overview

A performance test failure occurs whenever the performance verification data is not within specification limits. If you have performed the verification procedures in [Chapter 8](#) and any part of the tests has resulted in a failure, follow the steps below.

### Procedure

1. The measurement calibration is the first thing to suspect. If the failure was in an S11 or S22 measurement, suspect the sliding load, open and/or short connection made during the calibration. If the failure was an S21 or S12 measurement, suspect the test port cable and connectors.
2. Check the calibration devices to be sure they are clean, properly gaged, and not worn out. If the device has a collet or slot, make sure it is not damaged. Make sure all pin depths are correct. The manuals for the various kits include the device specifications. Refer to the connector care section for information about making connections and caring for calibration devices.
3. Check the verification devices to be sure they are clean, properly gaged, and not worn out. If a test set connector is out of tolerance when gaged, it may be repaired or shimmed to bring it into tolerance: refer to the appropriate kit manual. (If a test set connector is shimmed or repaired, recalibrate before repeating the verification.)
4. Check the ambient temperature. System performance is specified at an ambient temperature of  $+23 \pm 3$  °C. Therefore the environmental temperature must remain in the range of  $+20$  °C to  $+26$  °C. Once calibrated, the environmental temperature must not vary more than  $\pm 1$  °C. The temperature of the devices is also important, because their electrical characteristics change with temperature. The devices should have been removed from their slots in the boxes and set on top of the foam to allow them to reach room temperature.
5. Check the standards data in the verification printout against the printed data that came with the verification kit. Make sure that the cal coefficients are the correct ones for your kit. For example, the 85052B calibration kit should be using a revision B.xn.xx or B.n cal coefficient disk or tape where B = B type cal kit, n = revision number, x = don't care. If they do not agree, contact your Agilent customer engineer.
6. Perform the calibration and verification procedures again. Make sure all connections are good and properly torqued. (When you connect a device, you can gently tap on it with your finger to see if the display trace is stable. If not, reconnect the device and try again.)
7. If the procedure still fails and another calibration kit or verification kit is available, try substituting kits.
8. Use the verification program to print out the system error terms. If necessary, you will use this printout in step 10.

9. If the verification is still not successful, the problem is elsewhere in the system. Go to **“Unratioed Power Failures”** and perform the troubleshooting procedures in that section to see if the problem is in the test set.
10. If step 9 did not resolve the problem, refer to **“Error Terms”** and use the information there to analyze the error terms printout made in step 8.
11. If the verification still fails, return to the main troubleshooting procedures to check the system hardware.

## Software Failures

### Overview

Use the information in this section if you are having problems running the operating system or the verification software, or controlling the system over GPIB. Only use this section after going through the “[Control, Configuration, and Cabling Pre-Operational Checks](#)” in the “Main Troubleshooting Procedure.”

This section explains how to resolve software and firmware failures, and provides a list of 8510 operating system revisions, beginning with revision A.01.00.

### How to Resolve Software and Firmware Failures

The following procedure for the resolution of software and firmware failures is in two parts:

1. Make a list of programming codes or key-presses. Check the programming code descriptions with the documentation to verify that the intended operation is valid.
2. List all system components and the 8510C and source firmware revisions. For assistance, see “[Contacting Agilent](#)” on page [iii](#) in the front matter of this manual.

#### Part 1

##### List Programming Codes

If the 8510C system is manually controlled, make a list of 8510 key presses used to create the conditions that showed the problem. If you are using GPIB to control the system, check your program and list the GPIB programming codes being sent to the 8510 when the problem occurred. This list will be used in the following steps.

##### Check Programming Code Descriptions

Check the information on key press functions and/or mnemonics in the *Keyword Dictionary*. The entries in this document contain detailed descriptions of the manual operation and programmed operation of each function. Use the manual to verify how the commands should operate rather than assume they will operate in a certain way. Refer to the *Operating and Programming Manual* for example programs.

If the actual behavior of a function is different than its documented, intended behavior, continue this procedure with “[Part 2.](#)”

## Part 2

### List System Components and Firmware Revisions

Write down the following information prior to contacting Agilent in the next part of this procedure. The customer engineer (CE) will serve you better when this information is available:

- The exact system configuration including the model numbers of all system components in the system.
- The firmware revisions and serial numbers of the 8510C and the source(s) used. Check the 8510 revision by pressing **AUXILIARY MENUS SYSTEM, [MORE], [SERVICE FUNCTIONS], [SOFTWARE REVISION]**.
- The list of key presses or GPIB programming codes used to create the conditions that showed the problem. This list was created in “List Programming Codes,” earlier in this procedure.
- Any other details about the state of the system during failure that may be important to troubleshooting.

### Contact Agilent

If you need assistance, contact Agilent by internet, phone, or fax (see “[Contacting Agilent](#)” on page iii). Your CE has access to a software tracking system that includes reports of known problems and their solutions or workarounds.

### Firmware Revisions

The following firmware revisions for the 8510A, 8510B, and 8510C are listed for historical purposes. Information about any later versions used with the 8510C will be published as they occur.

**Table 4-13 8510 Operating System History**

Revision Number	Analyzer <sup>1</sup>	HP/Agilent Part Number	Significant Contribution
A.01.00	8510A	85101-10001 <sup>2,3</sup>	8510A first release. Order A.02.00.
A.02.00	8510A	85101-10001 <sup>2</sup>	11575A upgrade. Contains latest 8510A Operating System.
B.03.00	8510B	See Note 3	8510B first release. Major speed and feature enhancements.
B.03.11	8510B	85101-80070	11575B upgrade. Many improvements. New features for millimeter systems.
B.04.00	8510B	85101-80078	11575C upgrade. Requires two ICs. Adds many new features including 8516A operation. May require 8340/41 to be upgraded using 11875A kit.
B.05.00	8510B	85101-80081 <sup>3</sup>	Adds pulsed RF capability and improved external triggering. Included in both the 85111A and 11575D upgrade kits.
B.05.14	8510B	85101-80111	This release allowed operation of the 83420 lightwave test set software. It also fixed anomalies found with dual channel cal, TRL cal, millimeter system TRL cal, and triggering in FASTCW mode. Included in both the 85111 A and 11575E upgrades.
C.06.00	8510C	85101-80098 <sup>3</sup>	8510C first release. Features include a color and 4-parameter display, 3.5-inch disc drive, and RS-232 interface. 83650/51 50 GHz compatibility.
B.06.00	8510B	See Note 3	
C.06.30	8510C	85101-80098	Released for DOS support and color paintjet support.
B.06.30	8510B	85101-80102	Released for 8510B support of 50 GHz (83650/51), 8517 and quickstep.
C.06.50	8510C	85101-80113	11595G Rev. C.06.00-C.06.50 to C.06.54 (minor bug fixes)
B.06.50	8510B	85101-80109	11575F Rev. B.03.00-B.05.14 to B.06.54 (minor bug fixes)
C.06.54	8510C	85101-80113	11575G Rev. C.06.00-C.06.50 to C.06.54
B.06.54	8510B	85101-80109	11575F Rev. B.03.00-B.05.14 to B.06.54
C.06.58	8510C	85101-80132	Bug fix-8510 firmware problem with writing year 2000 and higher DOS file dates.
C.06.60	8510C	85101-80132	Bug fix-8510 firmware problem with 8360 series source firmware dated year 2000 and higher.



**Table 4-13 8510 Operating System History**

Revision Number	Analyzer <sup>1</sup>	HP/Agilent Part Number	Significant Contribution
C.07.00	8510C	85101-80116	Allows 8510C to work with 8517B Option 007 and power domain functions, limit lines, dissimilar connector compensations, and color printer compatibility features. <sup>4</sup>
C.07.10	8510C	85101-80116	Compatibility to calibrate inside of a pulse (instead of CW) for TRL calibrations and minor bug fix. <sup>4</sup>
C.07.14	8510C	85101-80116	Bug fix-8510 firmware problem with writing year 2000 and higher DOS file dates. <sup>4</sup>
C.07.16	8510C	85101-80116	Bug fix-8510 firmware problem with 8360 series source firmware dated year 2000 and higher. <sup>4</sup>
C.08.XX	8510C	85101-80116	Released to support 8510C equipped with color liquid crystal display (LCD). <sup>4, 5</sup>
<p>1. Replacement of 8510A or 8510B operating systems with time domain (option 010) must be ordered through Agilent (see <a href="#">“Contacting Agilent”</a>). In this case, the 85101 serial number is required.</p>			
<p>2. Revision A.01.00 is not orderable, even though it has the same part number as revision A.02.00. Revision A.02.00 is available.</p>			
<p>3. Not recommended for replacement; may contain many bugs.</p>			
<p>4. Included in 11575J Upgrade Kit. 11575J upgrades revision C.06.xx to the current version (C.07.xx or higher).</p>			
<p>5. An 85101C equipped with a liquid crystal display (LCD) requires C.08.XX or greater.</p>			

## Other Failures

### Overview

This section presents additional tests that can be used for the small percentage of failures that are not resolved by the other troubleshooting sections.

### Noisy Display Trace Test

Whenever the noise on the trace is greater than 1 dB when you first turn the instrument on, it means that the 85102 A18 ADC board may be faulty.

If the line power is cycled (off then on again), the noise may go away. If this occurs, there is probably a fault with the 85102 A18 ADC board although no apparent symptoms are present. Also, there may be no running error messages, no self test failures, and no service program test failures.

If the trace noise disappears when the power is cycled, replace the 85102 A18 ADC board.

### 20 Hz Sine Wave Test

This test checks the 85102 A17 sample and hold, 85102 A18 ADC, and the 85102 A19 ADC control board assemblies.

This procedure describes how to inject a signal into 85102 A17 J1, J2, J3, and J4 in order to test the A17 sample and hold capability for each of the four synchronous detector inputs. The procedure also tests the 85102 A18 ADC linearity and ability to do an analog-to-digital conversion. If this test passes, the 85102 A19 ADC control board is also functioning properly.

A signal generator is required that is capable of generating a 1.5 V p-p sine wave at approximately 20 Hz.

Running error messages displayed when these boards fail are included below:

ADC Cal Failed

ADC Not Responding

IF Cal Failed

Sweep Time Too Fast

### Procedure

1. Remove the 85102 IF/detector top cover. Then remove all four snap-on RF cables from A17 J1, J2, J3, and J4.
2. Use an external signal generator to inject an approximate 1.5 V p-p 20 Hz sine wave into A17J1. You can also use 50 or 60 Hz if your signal generator is not capable of producing 20 Hz.
3. On the 8510, press **INSTRUMENT STATE RECALL**, **[MORE]**, **[FACTORY PRESET]**. Set both start and stop frequencies to 500 MHz.

4. Set one of the A17 assembly multiplex inputs by pressing the following keys:  
**PARAMETER MENU**, and then select the appropriate **USER 1-4** keys as follows, beginning with User 1:  
[**USER 1 a1**] softkey for A17J3 or J4  
[**USER 2 b2**] softkey for A17J1 or J2  
[**USER 3 a2**] softkey for A17J1 or J2  
[**USER 4 b1**] softkey for A17J1 or J2  
Press: **FORMAT, MENU** and select one of the following:  
[**REAL**] softkey for A17J2 or J4  
[**IMAGINARY**] softkey for A17J1 or J3
5. Press **STIMULUS MENU, [MORE], [SINGLE]**.
6. Press **RESPONSE AUTO**.
7. The 8510C LCD/CRT should display two cycles of the 20 Hz sine wave.
8. Repeat steps 4 through 7 of the procedure for each of the A17 inputs J2, J3, and J4.

If the LCD/CRT does not display two cycles of the 20 Hz sine wave, then suspect the 85102 A17, A18, or A19 boards. Perform all of the possible tests for these boards to isolate the failure.

## Source Emulator/Tripler Test

This test uses a source emulator in place of the source to verify system operation when the source is suspected of having a fault. A 60 MHz signal is injected into the test set to emulate the source.

The “tripler” is a 60 MHz bandpass filter specially designed for the 8510. It operates by passing the third harmonic of the 85102 20 MHz output signal to the test set. However, almost any source that has a 60 MHz signal can be used. The 60 MHz bandpass filter is listed in [Chapter 5](#), “[Replaceable Parts](#).”

### Procedure

1. Connect the 60 MHz bandpass filter to the 85102 20 MHz out BNC connector. Then connect a flexible RF cable from the filter to the test set rear panel RF input connector. Press **INSTRUMENT STATE RECALL, [MORE], [FACTORY PRESET]**. After the system has done a factory preset, change the source GPIB address to 31. Press **AUXILIARY MENUS, SYSTEM, [HP-IB ADDRESSES], [SOURCE #1]**. Then press 31, x1.
2. Press **INSTRUMENT STATE, RECALL, [MORE], [FACTORY PRESET], MENUS, MARKER, STIMULUS, CENTER, 60, M/u, STIMULUS, SPAN, 100, k/m, STIMULUS, MENU, [STEP]** to set the displayed frequency to 60 MHz. Press **PARAMETER, MENU, [USER 1 a1], RESPONSE, [SCALE], 20, x1** to observe the user a1 parameter.

The LCD/CRT should display a trace at the marker value of approximately 50 dB. This power level is typical for the output of the 20 MHz out signal after filtering with the bandpass filter. If a power level within this range is displayed, it means that this RF

path is working in the system and that the source could be faulty. Refer to “[Unratioed Power Failures](#)” to further check the RF paths.

Check the remaining user parameters (RF paths). The results should be the same for each one. Remember that these user parameters are the output power levels for the incident, reflected, and transmitted signal paths from the test set frequency converter.

Press **PARAMETER MENU**, [**USER 2 b2**], [**REDEFINE PARAMETER**][**DRIVE**] [**PORT 2**] [**SCALE**] **20**, **x1** to observe the user b2 parameter.

3. Press **PARAMETER MENU**, [**USER 3 a2**], [**REDEFINE PARAMETER**], [**DRIVE**], [**PORT 2**], [**SCALE**], **20**, **x1** to observe the user a2 parameter.
4. Press **PARAMETER MENU**, [**USER 4 b1**], [**RESPONSE**], [**SCALE**], **20**, **x1** to observe the user b1 parameter.

If all the user parameters (RF paths) look good, the source is probably faulty. If they all look bad or if any one looks bad, the test set is faulty (probably the VTO or a sampler). Refer to “[Unratioed Power Failures](#)” to further check the RF paths in the test set.

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## Service Program

### Overview

The diagnostic tests and commands contained in the 8510 service program give a relatively fast and complete check of the 8510 system. When your 8510 system appears to have a failure, you can use this program along with other procedures to check the instrument board assemblies. The service program tests do not completely check all board assemblies, but are designed to exercise the most vulnerable parts of each board. If all tests pass, there is a 90% confidence level that all board assemblies tested are good.

After you familiarize yourself with this program, you can refer to the menu map included in this section. It is a map of all service program tests and the assemblies checked by each test.

Run the service program to:

- identify/verify a failed assembly after a self test failure.
- identify/verify a failed assembly after a running error message.
- check board assemblies whenever a board assembly problem is suspected.
- verify repair of a replaced board assembly.

### Tools Required

The following items are required to run all parts of the service program:

- 85102 emulator board assembly
- 8510 service adapter
- Two BNC cables

The 85102 emulator board assembly and the 8510 service adapter are available individually. Refer to [Chapter 5](#) for Agilent part numbers and ordering information.

## Running the 8510 Service Program

AUXILIARY MENUS SYSTEM, [MORE][SERVICE FUNCTIONS], [TEST MENU]  
22, =MARKER

Refer to the menu map included in this section. It shows all service program tests and assemblies tested.

### How to Interpret Service Program Test Results

The service program tests do not completely check all board assemblies, but are designed to exercise the most vulnerable parts of each board. If all tests pass, there is a 90% confidence level that all board assemblies tested are good.

If service program tests indicate a failure in a board assembly, there is a 75% probability that the board assembly indicated is bad. First make sure there are no fundamental problems such as an improperly-seated board, and so forth.

If the 8510C has failed and the service program tests pass, then check to see that there are no fundamental problems such as wrong cable connections, error messages due to improperly-seated boards, or “extra” GPIB cables attached to the analyzer but not to anything else.

### 8510 Service Program Menu Map

The service program menu map is located at the end of this section. From this map, you can access separate menus for testing the 85101C, 85102, the test set or source.

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## 85101 Display/Processor Service Program Menu

From this menu access four different menus associated with 85101C troubleshooting. You can enter this menu by pressing **1**, =**MARKER**. Use it to select the specific menu that you want. The four categories correspond to the four boards in the card cage—instructions for removing and replacing boards in it are given in [Chapter 6](#), “[Replacement Procedures](#).” Note that the boards tested in each menu are shown in parentheses below.

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<b>NOTE</b>	If you disconnect the 85101 display/processor from all of the other instruments, you can verify its stand-alone operation. Disconnect all GPIB cables and all other cables so that only the line voltage cord remains. Turn on the 85101C by pressing the line switch on the left edge of the 85101C.
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### 85101 CPU Board Tests (A5)

This menu tests the functions of the CPU board, the address bus, and the data bus. The tests marked with an asterisk are intended for factory use only.

#### **DRAM Refresh Test.. 1**

Tests the dynamic RAM refresh controller. The interrupt system is turned on and is delayed by 8 ms before checking that a refresh interrupt occurred.

#### **Read/Write/Shift Accumulator Test.. 2**

Tests the math processor on the A5 CPU. Press **0** and =**MARKER** to run this test automatically. Data is written into the accumulators, shifted, and then read back and checked for proper results. A manual version of this test is for factory use only.

#### **Multiplier Test.. 3**

Tests the math processor by doing multiplication in the registers. Run this test in auto mode to find any failures in the multiplier. A manual version of this test is for factory use only.

#### **Complex Multiply Test.. 4**

This is the same test as self test 10 except for one difference. If there is an error, it displays the expected and received data rather than just the fact that it is faulty due to an error.

#### **Circle Test (Exercises Multiplier).. 5**

This sets up a data pattern to the multiplier bus in order to troubleshoot the multiplier circuits. This test was designed for factory troubleshooting only.

#### **Signature Analysis - Multiplier.. 6**

Signature analysis is intended for factory use only. This test generates a pattern that can be used to check math processor signatures on the A5 CPU.



**Signature Analysis - Address Bus.. 7**

Signature analysis is intended for factory use only. This test provides a stimulus for checking signatures on the address bus.

**Signature Analysis - (Data Bus).. 8**

Signature analysis is intended for factory use only. Provides a stimulus for checking signatures on the Display Generator data bus.

## **85101 I/O Board and Front Panel Tests (A1, A2, A7)**

The A7 I/O board is located in the card cage. The A1 front panel board includes the keyboard, and A2 is the disk drive assembly. These assemblies work together to perform front panel commands and disk media transfer operations.

### **Disc Controller Bus Test (A7).. 1**

This test reads and writes to registers on the A7 I/O that control the disk drive.

### **Disc Write/Read Test (A2, A7).. 2**

This tests the status of the disk drive, adjusts to high or low density disks, and then writes and reads to one sector of the disk on each side. It writes again in another location, then reads back everything and verifies. If there is no disk in the drive, or if it is write-protected, then the status will be displayed and the test halted.

### **Timer Test (A7).. 3**

This tests all three sections of the programmable timer. It is set up with a known value and then read back to see that it has counted down.

### **Serial I/O Test (A7).. 4**

A special interconnect electronic tool is required to perform this test. This tool is not available to the field. This tests the bi-directional communication of the serial I/O ports on the rear panel of the 85101C. Data flow is from RS-232 Port 1 to RS-232 Port 2, and then the data is sent back to RS-232 Port 1.

### **Timer Clock Peripheral (TCP) Tests (A7).. 5**

This is a combination of seven tests that check out and set the TCP chip for beeper and time/date functions.

### **CPU to GPIB (HP-IB) Test (A7).. 6**

This routine creates a test pattern, then initializes the GPIB chip to cause an internal echo of the data. The resulting data is compared to the original, and error messages are generated. The above sequence is repeated for each port. Nothing should be connected to the rear panel during this test.

### **Bidirectional GPIB (HP-IB) Test (A7) .. 7**

Tests the ability of the GPIB chips to communicate with each other in both directions (to and from). The display message will prompt you to connect the GPIB to the SYSTEM bus. Use the GPIB cable that would normally connect the test set to the 85101C, and make the connection from the system bus to the GPIB on the rear panel of the 85101C. Then run the test. If the test fails, the A7 board, the cable connection, or the cable may be faulty.

### **Static Interrupt System Test (A7).. 8**

This routine exercises the CPU interrupt system on the A7 I/O board. This is a “static” test of the interrupt system; it is a simple means of detecting major system problems.

### **RPG Test (A1, A7).. 9**

Tests the RPG (rotary pulse generator) knob and front panel interface to that knob. Run the test and verify that the displayed RPG count is 00 Hex. Turn the knob counterclockwise and verify that the count increases. Then turn the knob clockwise and verify that the count decreases. You can go either way because the count wraps around from 00 Hex to FF Hex.

### **Keyboards and LEDs Test (A1, A7).. A (G/n)**

Tests the front panel keys and LEDs and their interface to the A7 I/O board. Run the test and first check that the 85101C front panel LEDs (RLTS 1248) are flashing on and off. If they are not, the A1 or A7 board is faulty. However, if they are flashing, continue the test by pressing the key that is displayed on the LCD/CRT. After each key is displayed, press that same key on the front panel.

### **85102 Interface Test (A7).. B (M/u)**

This test verifies that the 85101C can communicate with the 85102. It requires the 85102 emulator (listed in [Chapter 5](#)). This emulates or takes the place of the 85102 IF/detector. The emulator can be connected in two different ways:

1. Connect the male end directly to the IF-display interconnect on the back of the 85101C.
2. Connect the IF/display interconnect cable to the IF-display interconnect, and then connect the female end to the other end of the cable. Using it this way, you can determine if there is any problem with the IF-display interconnect cable.

### **Dynamic Interrupt System Test (A7).. C (k/m)**

This test is used in the factory only and is not intended for use in the field. It requires a different 85102 electronic emulator board.

### **Security Keys Interface Test (A7).. D (x1)**

This test is used in the factory only and is not intended for use in the field. A special electronic tool is required.

### **Watchdog Timer Test (A7).. E (+/-)**

Tests the ability of the CPU watchdog timer to reset the processor. Running this test will also reset the 8510C as if you pressed the recessed front panel TEST button. It will be necessary for you to enter the service program again if you run this test.

## **85101 Display Board and CRT Tests (A4, A11) or LCD Tests (A14, A15)**

### **GSP Address Decoder Stimulus Loop..1**

This test strobes the interface address lines between the CPU and the graphics system processor (GSP) for oscilloscope troubleshooting. A scope trigger is provided by HTEST on the A7 I/O board. LED 1 is lit to indicate this test is active to help the troubleshooter who may not have a functioning display. The scope pattern is not clear except to those familiar with the patterns of good working units.

### **GSP Data Line Stimulus Loop.. 2**

This test sends a continuous loop of “walking 1s” to the CPU-GSP interface data lines for scope troubleshooting. LED 2 is lit to indicate an active test. A scope trigger is provided by HTEST on the A7 I/O board. Press the recessed front panel TEST button to exit this test.

### **Ramp Background DAC Loop.. 3 (CRT) or Ramp Background DAC Loop.. 3 (LCD)**

A continuous negative-going staircase pattern should be seen at TP4 on the A4 or A14 (LCD) GSP board. A scope trigger is provided by HTEST on the A7 I/O board. This signal is generated by applying a digital ramp to the background (or backlight) DAC. LEDs 1 and 2 are lit to indicate that the test is active.

### **Ramp Intensity DAC Loop.. 4 (CRT) or Ramp Intensity DAC Loop.. 4 (LCD)**

A continuous negative-going staircase pattern should be seen at TP5 on the A4 or A14 (LCD) GSP board. A scope trigger is provided by HTEST on the A7 I/O board. This signal is generated by applying a digital ramp to the intensity (or unused) DAC. LED 4 is lit to indicate that the test is active.

### **Calibrate Background and Intensity.. 5 (CRT) or Save Time, Date, and LCD Backlight Settings.. 5 (LCD)**

CRT: A password is required to run this test. It also requires a special digital photometer with probe and a light occluder. A three-step grayscale is used to set background where all three steps are just visible. Intensity is then set. All settings and the date are then stored. For a complete procedure, refer to [Chapter 7 , “Adjustments.”](#)

LCD: This test is used in the factory to save the time, date, and LCD backlight settings after adjustment.

### **Recall Background and Intensity Calibration.. 6 (CRT) or Recall Time, Date, and LCD Backlight Settings.. 6 (LCD)**

CRT: This recalls the calibration that is stored in nonvolatile memory and loads the appropriate DACs with the data.

LCD: This test is used in the factory to recall the time, date, and LCD backlight settings for diagnostic purposes.

### **Screen Test Patterns.. 7**

CRT: This test provides 15 screen patterns for use in evaluating and adjusting the display. With these patterns, the following display qualities can be evaluated:

color purity

grayscale

focus

astigmatism

geometric distortion

convergence

Use the up/down keys, RPG knob, or the numeric keypad to select different patterns. To exit this test, press =MARKER.

LCD: This test is used for diagnostics and troubleshooting. Refer to [“Display Test Patterns” on page 4-47](#) in the [“LCD Failures”](#) section for more information.

### **Softkey Label Alignment Pattern.. 8**

This is a screen test pattern used to vertically align the display to the softkey positions. (This test is for CRT displays only and does not apply to LCDs.)

## 85101 Nonvolatile Memory Board (A6) Tests

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**CAUTION** These tests require initialization of the EEPROMs on the A6 EEPROM board. This procedure erases parts of the operating system. The operating system **MUST** be reloaded after these tests are completed. Do not run these tests unless you are sure they are required for service, and unless you can reload your operating system from disk, when finished.

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### Password Entry

When the A6 EEPROM board test menu is selected from the 85101 Display/Processor Service Program menu, a message is displayed that requires a password to allow access to these tests. The password is 8515.

The purpose of the password is to ensure that these destructive tests are not run by accident.

### Initialize Memory Board.. 1

This routine is used to initialize a new or repaired A6 EEPROM board prior to loading the operating system. It must be done at least once to an A6 board or the assembly will not function. This test should not be used for any other reason because it will erase the operating system code in that area of memory. It takes approximately five seconds to complete.

When the test is run, the message "Board Initialization in Progress..." will be displayed. When the EEPROMs have been initialized, the message "Initialization Completed" will be displayed.

After the test, it may be necessary to recalibrate the display and the beeper frequencies.

### Complete Memory Board Unformatted Write/Read Test.. 2

This test checks the ability of non-volatile memory (EEPROMs) to correctly store data. This test takes approximately two minutes to complete.

The test writes to and reads from each EEPROM and reports where the first error occurred by giving the memory bank position, including upper (most significant) or lower (least significant) byte in the bank.

The subtest number that failed is reported. Normally, a good memory will report subtest 0.

Press =MARKER to re-initialize memory and return to the main menu of the nonvolatile memory board tests.

### Complete Memory Board Formatted Write/Read Test.. 3

This test prompts the user for a hexadecimal bit pattern to write into and read from memory. Then it prompts for the start and stop page numbers. Normally, you would start at page 0000 and stop on the last available page in memory. These page numbers depend on how many EEPROMs are loaded in the A6 EEPROM board. Running test 8 will show how many pages are in your A6 EEPROM board, provided the board successfully initialized.

In the 85101C there is error-correction firmware that can cover up defects in EEPROM in this test. The usefulness of this test may therefore be limited and may best be used to check the error-correction capabilities. Use “[Write Unformatted Data to Selected Memory Locations.. 5](#)” to perform pattern writes in an uncorrected mode. This will destroy initialization and hardware calibration data.

#### **Read/Verify Test 3 Data Again.. 4**

This test re-verifies the data stored in memory from the prior test. It reports the first failed page. As explained in the previous test, error-correction is on the test and will not reliably show EEPROM failures.

#### **Write Unformatted Data to Selected Memory Locations.. 5**

The board must be re-initialized after this procedure. This test allows the user to input the size of the memory to write to, and the location and pattern. It reports problems with the write if any, and prompts to allow looping writes. The test reads the pattern back, and reports all locations where a pattern mismatch exists. There is no formatting, and hardware cal data may be lost. Also, repeated looping writes to EEPROM will reduce memory life span.

#### **Read/Verify Test 5 Data Again.. 6**

This test re-verifies the data stored in memory from the previous test. It displays any errors exactly as the previous test would display them. This re-verification is useful for detecting the type of EEPROM failure where memory is lost after a lapse of time.

#### **Read Locations Where Hardware Cal Data Is Stored..7**

This lists the data stored in formatted pages 1 and 2 of the A6 EEPROM board, and the data stored in page 1 of the timer clock peripheral RAM on the A7 I/O board. The date for the background and intensity DAC cal is also stored.

#### **Show Non-Volatile Memory Parameters.. 8**

This uses the EEPROM driver firmware to find out how it has calculated certain memory parameters. The A6 EEPROM board must be initialized for the driver to have the information. It returns the value for number of formatted pages and the present position of the memory pointer.

#### **Reset Memory to Default Hardware Cal Data.. 9**

This is meant for use by the factory only. This test requires the user to enter a password. It initializes memory and then loads pages 1 and 2 with the hardware default cal data. This should be done only as a last resort when all memory is lost.

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## 85102 IF/Detector Service Program Menu

This is the primary 85102 menu. It allows you to select any of the tests for the IF/detector.

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**NOTE** Read the following instructions before using the 85102 diagnostics.

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### Hardware

These tests require that the source, test set, and all peripherals be disconnected from the system. In place of the source and test set, connect the 85102 test adapter. Refer to [Chapter 5](#), “[Replaceable Parts](#),” for the part number of this tool.

Connect the adapter, using a BNC cable, from the 20 MHz output on the rear panel of the 85102 to the J1 Test Set Interconnect (IF interconnect), also on the rear panel of the 85102. This test adapter takes a fixed 20 MHz IF reference signal from the 85102 and uses it in place of the 20 MHz IF from the test set. The test set downconverts the source RF to a 20 MHz IF. To verify the 20 MHz output, use an oscilloscope terminated in 50 ohms and you should see an approximate 0.7 volt p-p square wave signal with rounded corners. Or, if the scope is not terminated in 50 ohms, the 20 MHz signal is a distorted signal (like a sine-wave with a large third harmonic) of about 1.8 volts p-p.

Also connect a separate BNC cable from the ANALOG  $\pm 10V$  to the SWEEP IN 0-10V, both located on the rear of the 85102. This connection will provide a trigger input to the sweep ADC in the 85102.

### 85102 Prompt Message

A message will appear on the display, prompting you to make the connections explained in the paragraph titled “Hardware” above. Be sure you make these connections, or the diagnostics will not report valid results.

After making the connections, press **=MARKER** to get to the 85102 IF/detector service program menu. Remember to reconnect the proper system cables after you are finished. Refer to [Chapter 9](#), “[System Installation](#),” if necessary.

### Order of Testing

These tests must be run in a specific order because of the relationship between the boards in the 85102. There is a specific signal flow that corresponds to the arrangement of the boards in this instrument. Therefore, it is recommended that you use the Run All mode first whenever you suspect a problem or replace a board in this instrument. This Run All mode will run all the tests in a specific order. Later, you can run the tests individually. Also, the Run All or any individual tests can be looped repeatedly to look for intermittent errors.

Again, because of the interdependence of the boards, it is possible to fail a specific test although the real failure is due to a problem on a different board. This is because the other board provided a faulty signal to the board that appeared to fail.



The following sequence is recommended to minimize the chance of erroneous test failures. When running the tests separately, run them in the order below:

1. ADC control test (A19)
2. Sweep ADC (A20), ADC (A18), and 100 kHz IF amplifiers (A10, A12)
3. Cal DAC (A17), Mixers (A9, A11, A13, A14), synchronous detectors (A5, A7), and all others

### **If the Test Does Not Verify or Isolate the Failure**

If after running these service program tests, you suspect a single board, use the Run All mode first and then run the single board test afterward. If running the test does not verify the failure, refer to [“Other Failures.”](#) That section contains additional information about some of the tests in this program. For example, if you have a running error message, and you are referred to this section to run a test, but it passes, check [“Other Failures”](#) to see if there is any further testing you can do.

### **Failure After Repair**

If a failure is detected after a board is replaced, the failure may be the result of a board that is indirectly related to the failed board. If this happens, you should check the following boards: A15 power supply, A6 clock board, and the A24 processor interface. Those boards affect all other boards and, if they are faulty, they can cause most other boards to fail a test. Be sure to check those boards if a replaced board still fails a test.

### **ADC Control Test (A19).. 1**

Tests the ability of the A18 ADC board to execute a complete set of conversions and generate an ADC interrupt request. This test verifies that the processor can trigger the ADC state machine on the A19 ADC control board. It also verifies that the state machine on A19 sequences properly and that a conversion is actually completed by the closely related A18 ADC board. Also, it verifies that the A19 repeat and delay counters are working properly.

Other causes of failure on this test may be:

- A faulty A6 clock board
- A faulty 10 MHz input to the A19 ADC control board
- A faulty 800 kHz signal in to the A18 ADC board

### **Sweep ADC Test (A20).. 2**

This test checks the following items on the A20 sweep ADC board:

- pulse generator
- trigger generator
- sweep counter
- input buffer
- sweep crossing detector
- staircase generator

It also tests the analog output DAC programmability of the A21 IF counter board. The A6 clock board must be working properly for this test to pass.

### **ADC Test (A18).. 3**

This test verifies that the board can be operated in calibration mode. It also verifies proper operation of the offset current source, 12-bit ADC, and all data RAMS. Failure messages may indicate which data bits are faulty. These types of messages are only useful for factory repair technicians.

Other causes of failure of this test may be:

- The multiplexer of the A17 sample and hold board is injecting a signal into the A18 ADC board. If it does fail, remove the W24 cable that connects A17 sample and hold to A18 ADC. If it passes after that, the A17 sample and hold board is probably faulty.

### **Cal DAC Test (A17).. 4**

This test verifies that the CAL DAC on the A17 sample and hold board can properly calibrate the eight-bit DAC on the A18 ADC board. The ADC test should be run prior to this test. Additionally, the running error message "ADC CAL FAILED" can be the result of a faulty A17 sample and hold board.

Other causes of failure of this test may be:

- A faulty A18 ADC board, primarily the 10 volt reference.

### **100 kHz IF Amplifier Test (A10, A12).. 5**

This test verifies the ability of the test and reference amplifier boards (A10 and A12, respectively) to pass and amplify the 100 kHz IF signals.

Other causes of failure of this test may be:

- Faulty A24 processor interface board
- Faulty 100 kHz IF address decoder on the A6 clock board
- Faulty 100 kHz Cal signal on the A6 clock board
- If both boards (A10, A12) fail, the A6 clock is probably faulty.

### **Synchronous Detector Test (A5, A7).. 6**

This test verifies that both A5 and A7 synchronous detector boards are working properly. It is also used to detect failures with the A17 sample and hold board circuitry. However, you must run the ADC test (A18) and 100 kHz IF amp test (A10, A12) before running this test. If those tests pass, then you can run this test and have confidence in the results.

Other causes of failure of this test may be:

- Faulty A18 ADC and/or A19 ADC control board
- Faulty A10 or A12 IF amplifiers
- Faulty A6 clock board

### **20 MHz Mixer Test (A9, A11, A13, A14).. 7**

This test verifies the ability of the A9, A11, A13, and A14 mixer boards to downconvert the 20 MHz IF signals to 100 kHz. This test is a good example of the use of the 20 MHz output of the 85102. Before running this test, be sure that the 100 kHz IF amplifier test (A10, A12) has passed.

Other causes of failure of this test may be:

- Faulty A10/A12 IF amplifier boards
- Faulty 20 MHz signal from the A6 clock board
- Faulty 19.9 MHz signal from the A8 LO generator

#### **Pretune Phase Lock Test (A22).. 8**

This test verifies the ability of the A22 pretune control board to count the 20 MHz signal on the VTO sense line. The test also verifies that the phase detector on the A22 pretune control is working. Refer to [Chapter 3](#) , “[Theory of Operation](#),” for more information on how the phase lock system operates.

#### **Main Phase Lock Test (A23).. 9**

This test verifies the operation of the attenuator switches, lock indicator, search/off set DAC, and mode switch. Refer to [Chapter 3](#) , “[Theory of Operation](#),” for more information on how the phase lock system operates.

#### **IF Counter Test (A21) .. A (G/n)**

This test verifies the operation of the following circuits on the A21 IF counter:

- Reference channel select switch
- Counter circuit
- Gate generator
- Amplifier limiter

Other causes of failure of this test may be:

- A13 and/or A14 mixer boards that provide the 20 MHz signals to the A21 IF counter

#### **Run All the Above Tests - - B (M/u)**

Each test is run sequentially.

#### **85102 Front Panel Test.. C (k/m)**

This test allows you to check each front panel key. You press the key and the test verifies its operation. This test is not done in the Run All The Tests selection.

## Test Set GPIB (HP-IB) Service Program Menu

The tests on this menu verify the ability of the A4 GPIB board in the test set to execute certain commands. Also, these tests verify operation of the A5 attenuator/switch driver board for S-parameter test sets only. These tests can be run with the test set connected to the entire system and also with the test set only connected to the 85101C. For more troubleshooting information about the test set, refer to “Unratioed Power Failures.”

### Preset Test Set.. 1

This test initializes the test set to its own preset state:

- 0 dB attenuation
- Power to port 1
- S11 display
- Active light on port 1

The test set must be at GPIB address 720 or just 20 on the switches. If this test fails, the failure message will remain on the display even if you run any other test or if you run this test again and it passes. To clear the failure message from the display, exit this menu and return.

### Switch Active Light.. 2

This test toggles the front panel active light when the =MARKER key is pressed. This test verifies that the light is working properly.

### Switch Port 1,2 Lights.. 3

This test switches the two front panel LEDs on an S-parameter test set to display all four possible states: 00, 01, 10, 11. This test verifies that the A5 board can switch power between the ports—separately and together. Also, the test set A5 attenuator/switch driver board has two LEDs that should also light as you press the =MARKER key to toggle the power to all four states.

### Activate Port 1,2 Attenuator.. 4

This test alternately activates/deactivates port 1 and 2 attenuators. This test is used together with the following test to verify that the attenuators in the S-parameter test set are functioning.

### Increment Active Attenuator .. 5

This tests the test set attenuator of the activated port (selected by test 4 above) by incrementing attenuation in 10 dB steps (0 to 90 dB). You may be able to hear the relays clicking as the values are changed. The value of the sum of the ON green LEDs on the A5 attenuator/switch driver board should equal the number indicated on the display.

### **Select New GPIB (HP-IB) Address.. 6**

This test changes the address that the 85101C will seek when performing future test set GPIB commands. Remember, it does not change the address of the actual test set DIP switches. If you use this routine to change the 8510C test set address, remember to change the switches on the test set to match the changes you make.

## **8360 Service Program Menu**

This menu accesses the menus and corresponding functions resident in the 8360 series sources. This is done by communicating with the source over the GPIB, sending commands to and receiving responses from the source.

### **GPIB (HP-IB) Test.. 1**

This tests the communication between the 85101C GPIB interface and the 8360 source GPIB interface. The 85101C sends a command to the 8360 source asking for identification and the source sends back its identifying string if the communication is successful.

### **Front Panel Emulator.. 2**

This is primarily used to access the menus resident in 836X1 sources that do not have a front panel. It is used to perform diagnostics and calibration of the source. This is done by using a combination of the softkeys on the 85101C and hardkeys on the 85102. A front panel overlay for the 85102 shows the location and function of the keys on the 85102 that access the menus and control the various source functions. The front panel overlay is shown in the available service tools section in [Chapter 5 , “Replaceable Parts.”](#)

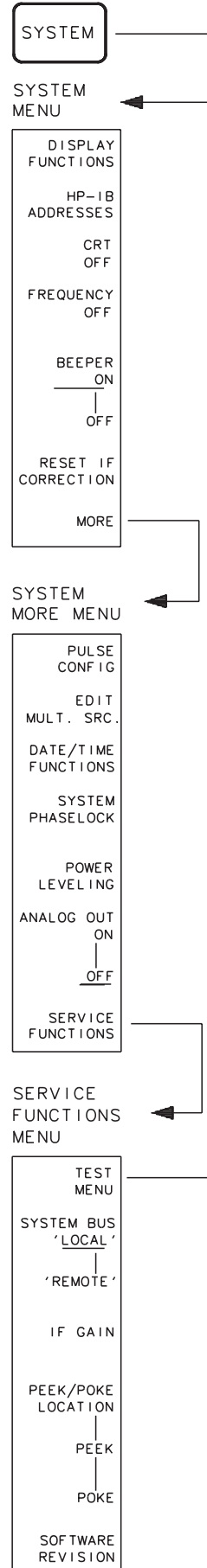
### **Change GPIB (HP-IB) Address (default is 19).. 3**

This allows you to select the source within a system to be addressed by the front panel emulator. This is used if the system has multiple sources (i.e, RF and LO) or an RF source at a different GPIB address than the default. Make sure that the dip switches on the desired source are set the same as this selection.

The default address for an RF source in an 8510 system is 19. The default address for an LO source is 18.

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AUXILIARY MENUS



### MAIN SERVICE FUNCTIONS MENU

<b>LOOPING SELF TESTS</b>	<b>SYSTEM COMMANDS</b>
1 A5 PROCESSOR EPROM	15 RUN MAIN PROGRAM
2 A5 PROCESSOR RAM	16 MEMORY OPERATIONS
3 A7 DATA BUS	17 RERUN SELF TEST
4 A4 DISPLAY PROCESSOR	18 REPEAT TEST LOOP
5 A4 DISPLAY RAM	
6 A7 TIMER/CLOCK/RS-232	<b>DISC COMMANDS</b>
7 A7 PUBLIC HP-IB	19 LOAD PROGRAM DISC
8 A7 SYSTEM BUS	20 RECORD PROGRAM DISC
9 INTERRUPT SYSTEM	21 INITIALIZE DISC
10 A5 MULTIPLIER	<b>SERVICE COMMANDS</b>
11 A7 DISC CONTROLLER	22 RUN SERVICE PROGRAM
12 A6 NON-VOLATILE MEMORY	23 DIAGNOSE A FAILURE
13 IF DETECTOR DATA	
14 KEYBOARD	

ENTER SELECTION, THEN PRESS =MARKER

### HP8510 SERVICE PROGRAM MENU

HP85101 DISPLAY/PROCESSOR SERVICE PROGRAM	1
HP85102 IF/DETECTOR SERVICE PROGRAM	2 (See next page)
TEST SET HP-IB SERVICE PROGRAM	3 (See next page)
HP8360 SERVICE PROGRAM	4 (See next page)
RETURN TO MAIN SERVICE FUNCTIONS MENU	F (see note 1)

NOTES: (1) Hex digits A thru F are assigned to [G/n], [M/u], [k/m], [X1], [+/-], and [.] respectively.  
 (2) To make a selection, type the number indicated, then press =MARKER.  
 (3) The default value on data entry is zero.

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### HP85101 DISPLAY/PROCESSOR SERVICE PROGRAM MENU

CPU BOARD TESTS (A5)	1
I/O BOARD AND FRONT PANEL TESTS (A1, A2, A7)	2
DISPLAY BOARD AND CRT TESTS (A4, A11)	3
NON-VOLATILE MEMORY BOARD TESTS (A6)	4
RETURN TO HP8510 SERVICE PROGRAM MENU	F [.]

### HP85101 CPU BOARD TESTS (A5)

DRAM REFRESH TEST	1
READ/WRITE/SHIFT ACCUMULATOR TEST	2
MULTIPLIER TEST	3
COMPLEX MULTIPLY TEST	4
CIRCLE TEST (EXERCISES MULTIPLIER)	5
*SIGNATURE ANALYSIS - MULTIPLIER	6
*SIGNATURE ANALYSIS - ADDRESS BUS	7
*SIGNATURE ANALYSIS - DATA BUS	8
RETURN TO HP85101 SERVICE PROGRAM MENU	F [.]

\* - For factory use only.  
 TO RETURN TO THIS MENU AFTER COMPLETING A TEST, PRESS THE =MARKER KEY

### HP85101 I/O BOARD AND FRONT PANEL TESTS (A1, A2, A7)

DISC CONTROLLER BUS TEST (A7)	1
DISC WRITE/READ TEST (A2, A7)	2
TIMER TEST (A7)	3
SERIAL I/O TEST (A7)	4
TIMER CLOCK PERIPHERAL (TCP) TESTS (A7)	5
CPU TO HP-IB TEST (A7)	6
BIDIRECTIONAL HP-IB TEST (A7)	7
STATIC INTERRUPT SYSTEM TEST (A7)	8
RPG TEST (A1, A7)	9
KEYBOARD AND LEDS TEST (A1, A7)	A [G/n]
HP85102 INTERFACE TEST (A7)	B [M/u]
*DYNAMIC INTERRUPT SYSTEM TEST (A7)	C [k/m]
*SECURITY KEYS INTERFACE TEST (A7)	D [X1]
WATCHDOG TIMER TEST (A7)	E [+/-]
RETURN TO HP85101 SERVICE PROGRAM MENU	F [.]

\* - For factory use only.  
 TO RETURN TO THIS MENU AFTER COMPLETING A TEST, PRESS THE =MARKER KEY

### HP85101 DISPLAY BOARD AND CRT TESTS (A4, A11)

GSP ADDRESS DECODER STIMULUS CRT LOOP	1
GSP DATA LINE STIMULUS LOOP	2
RAMP BACKGROUND DAC LOOP	3
RAMP INTENSITY DAC LOOP	4
CALIBRATE BACKGROUND AND INTENSITY	5
RECALL BACKGROUND AND INTENSITY CALIBRATION	6
SCREEN TEST PATTERNS	7
SOFTKEY LABEL ALIGNMENT PATTERN	8
RETURN TO HP85101 SERVICE PROGRAM MENU	F [.]

TO RETURN TO THIS MENU AFTER COMPLETING A TEST, PRESS THE =MARKER KEY

### PASSWORD ENTRY \*

CAUTION: The following tests will erase non-volatile memory. To access these tests, enter the password, then press =MARKER. To exit, just press =MARKER.

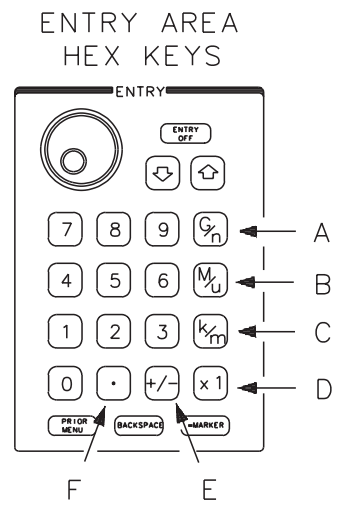
(Refer to the Service Manual for the password)

\*NOTE:  
 Password is: '8515'  
 Be sure to have a backup of the operating system.

### HP85101 NON-VOLATILE MEMORY BOARD (A6) TESTS

INITIALIZE MEMORY BOARD	1
COMPLETE MEMORY BOARD UNFORMATTED WRITE/READ TEST	2
COMPLETE MEMORY BOARD FORMATTED WRITE/READ TEST	3
READ/VERIFY TEST 3 DATA AGAIN	4
WRITE UNFORMATTED DATA TO SELECTED MEMORY LOCATIONS	5
READ/VERIFY TEST 5 DATA AGAIN	6
READ LOCATIONS WHERE HARDWARE CAL DATA IS STORED	7
SHOW NON-VOLATILE MEMORY PARAMETERS	8
*RESET MEMORY TO DEFAULT HARDWARE CAL DATA	9
RETURN TO HP85101 SERVICE PROGRAM MENU	F [.]

\* - For factory use only.  
 TO RETURN TO THIS MENU AFTER COMPLETING A TEST, PRESS THE =MARKER KEY





HP8510 SERVICE PROGRAM MENU

HP85101 DISPLAY/PROCESSOR SERVICE PROGRAM	1 (See prev. page)
HP85102 IF/DETECTOR SERVICE PROGRAM	2
TEST SET HP-IB SERVICE PROGRAM	3
HP8360 SERVICE PROGRAM	4
RETURN TO MAIN SERVICE FUNCTIONS MENU	F (see note 1)

NOTES: (1) Hex digits A thru F are assigned to [G/n], [M/u], [k/m], [X1], [+/-], and [.] respectively.

(2) To make a selection, type the number indicated, then press =MARKER.

(3) The default value on data entry is zero.

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TEST SET HP-IB SERVICE PROGRAM MENU

PRESET TEST SET	1
SWITCH ACTIVE LIGHT	2
*SWITCH PORT 1,2 LIGHTS	3
*ACTIVATE PORT 1,2 ATTENUATOR	4
*INCREMENT ACTIVE ATTENUATOR	5
SELECT NEW HP-IB ADDRESS	6
RETURN TO HP8510 SERVICE PROGRAM MENU	F [.]

\* - For test sets with appropriate feature.

NOTES: (1) To repeat a function, press =MARKER.  
(2) The default Test Set HP-IB address is 20.

HP8360 SERVICE PROGRAM MENU

HP-IB TEST	1
FRONT PANEL EMULATOR	2
CHANGE HP-IB ADDRESS (default is 19)	3
RETURN TO HP8510 SERVICE PROGRAM MENU	F

On the HP85102 rear panel, connect '20 MHz OUT' to 'J1 TEST SET INTERCONNECT' using the service adapter and a BNC cable. Also, connect 'ANALOG + - 10V' to 'SWEEP IN 0-10V' using another BNC cable. Failure to do so will result in false error messages.\*\*

PRESS =MARKER TO CONTINUE . . .

\*\* NOTE :  
Disconnect BNC cables from 85102 to source when running tests. Failure to do so will result in false error messages.

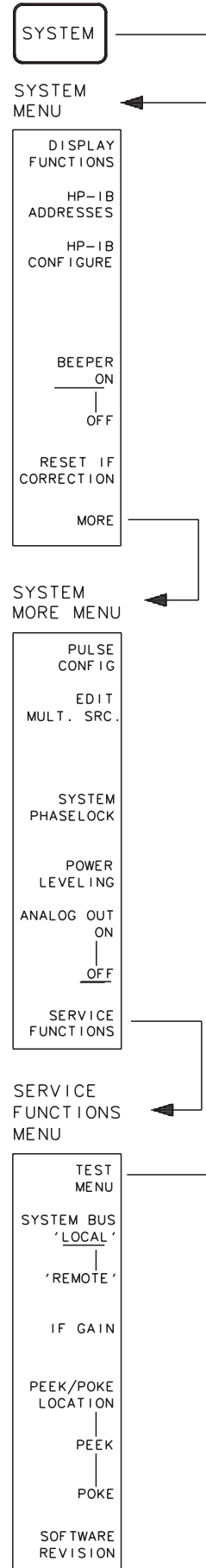
HP85102 IF/DETECTOR SERVICE PROGRAM MENU

ADC CONTROL TEST (A19)	1
SWEEP ADC TEST (A20)	2
ADC TEST (A18)	3
CAL DAC TEST (A17)	4
100 kHz IF AMPLIFIER TEST (A10, A12)	5
SYNCHRONOUS DETECTOR TEST (A5, A7)	6
20 MHz MIXER TEST (A9, A11, A13, A14)	7
PRETUNE PHASE LOCK TEST (A22)	8
MAIN PHASE LOCK TEST (A23)	9
IF COUNTER TEST (A21)	A [G/n]
RUN ALL THE ABOVE TESTS ***	B [M/u]
HP85102 FRONT PANEL TEST	C [k/m]
RETURN TO HP8510 SERVICE PROGRAM MENU	F [.]

NOTE: Always check cables leading to and from boards with suspected problems.

\*\*\* NOTE :  
May fail tests 1 or 2 due to processor speed issue when running all tests. If tests 1 and 2 pass individually then assume the instrument is OK.

AUXILLARY MENUS



**MAIN SERVICE FUNCTIONS MENU**

<b>LOOPING SELF TESTS</b>	<b>SYSTEM COMMANDS</b>
1 A5 PROCESSOR EPROM	15 RUN MAIN PROGRAM
2 A5 PROCESSOR RAM	16 MEMORY OPERATIONS
3 A7 DATA BUS	17 RERUN SELF TEST
4 A14 DISPLAY PROCESSOR	18 REPEAT TEST LOOP
5 A14 DISPLAY RAM	
6 A7 TIMER/CLOCK/RS-232	<b>DISC COMMANDS</b>
7 A7 PUBLIC GPIB	19 LOAD PROGRAM DISC
8 A7 SYSTEM BUS	20 RECORD PROGRAM DISC
9 INTERRUPT SYSTEM	21 INITIALIZE DISC
10 A5 MULTIPLIER	<b>SERVICE COMMANDS</b>
11 A7 DISC CONTROLLER	22 RUN SERVICE PROGRAM
12 A6 NON-VOLATILE MEMORY	23 DIAGNOSE A FAILURE
13 IF DETECTOR DATA	
14 KEYBOARD	

ENTER SELECTION, THEN PRESS =MARKER

**8510 SERVICE PROGRAM MENU**

85101 DISPLAY/PROCESSOR SERVICE PROGRAM	1
85102 IF/DETECTOR SERVICE PROGRAM	2 (See next page)
TEST SET GPIB SERVICE PROGRAM	3 (See next page)
8360 SERVICE PROGRAM	4 (See next page)
RETURN TO MAIN SERVICE FUNCTIONS MENU	F (see note 1)

NOTES: (1) Hex digits A thru F are assigned to [G/n], [M/u], [k/m], [X1], [+/-], and [.] respectively.  
 (2) To make a selection, type the number indicated, then press =MARKER.  
 (3) The default value on data entry is zero.

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**85101 DISPLAY/PROCESSOR SERVICE PROGRAM MENU**

CPU BOARD TESTS (A5)	1
I/O BOARD AND FRONT PANEL TESTS (A1, A2, A7)	2
DISPLAY BOARD AND LCD TESTS (A14, A15)	3
NON-VOLATILE MEMORY BOARD TESTS (A6)	4
RETURN TO 8510 SERVICE PROGRAM MENU	F [.]

**85101 CPU BOARD TESTS (A5)**

DRAM REFRESH TEST	1
READ/WRITE/SHIFT ACCUMULATOR TEST	2
MULTIPLIER TEST	3
COMPLEX MULTIPLY TEST	4
CIRCLE TEST (EXERCISES MULTIPLIER)	5
*SIGNATURE ANALYSIS - MULTIPLIER	6
*SIGNATURE ANALYSIS - ADDRESS BUS	7
*SIGNATURE ANALYSIS - DATA BUS	8
RETURN TO 85101 SERVICE PROGRAM MENU	F [.]

\* - For factory use only.  
 TO RETURN TO THIS MENU AFTER COMPLETING A TEST, PRESS THE =MARKER KEY

**85101 I/O BOARD AND FRONT PANEL TESTS (A1, A2, A7)**

DISC CONTROLLER BUS TEST (A7)	1
DISC WRITE/READ TEST (A2, A7)	2
TIMER TEST (A7)	3
SERIAL I/O TEST (A7)	4
TIMER CLOCK PERIPHERAL (TCP) TESTS (A7)	5
CPU TO GPIB TEST (A7)	6
BIDIRECTIONAL GPIB TEST (A7)	7
STATIC INTERRUPT SYSTEM TEST (A7)	8
RPG TEST (A1, A7)	9
KEYBOARD AND LEDS TEST (A1, A7)	A [G/n]
85102 INTERFACE TEST (A7)	B [M/u]
*DYNAMIC INTERRUPT SYSTEM TEST (A7)	C [k/m]
*SECURITY KEYS INTERFACE TEST (A7)	D [X1]
WATCHDOG TIMER TEST (A7)	E [+/-]
RETURN TO 85101 SERVICE PROGRAM MENU	F [.]

\* - For factory use only.  
 TO RETURN TO THIS MENU AFTER COMPLETING A TEST, PRESS THE =MARKER KEY

**85101 DISPLAY BOARD AND LCD TESTS (A14, A15)**

GSP ADDRESS DECODER STIMULUS LOOP	1
GSP DATA LINE STIMULUS LOOP	2
RAMP BACKLIGHT DAC LOOP	3
RAMP UNUSED DAC LOOP	4
SAVE TIME, DATE, AND LCD BACKLIGHT SETTINGS	5
RECALL TIME, DATE AND LCD BACKLIGHT SETTINGS	6
SCREEN TEST PATTERNS	7
SOFTKEY LABEL ALIGNMENT PATTERN (NOT USED)	8
RETURN TO 85101 SERVICE PROGRAM MENU	F [.]

TO RETURN TO THIS MENU AFTER COMPLETING A TEST, PRESS THE =MARKER KEY

**PASSWORD ENTRY \***

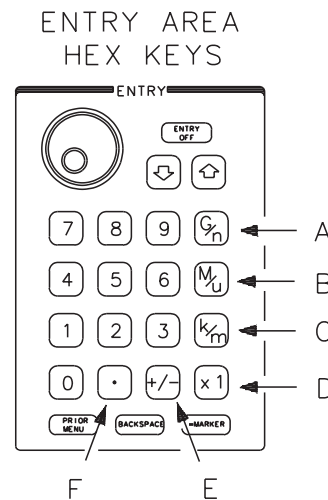
CAUTION: The following tests will erase non-volatile memory. To access these tests, enter the password, then press =MARKER. To exit, just press =MARKER.  
 (Refer to the Service Manual for the password)

**\* NOTE :**  
 Password is: '8515'  
 Be sure to have a backup of the operating system.

**85101 NON-VOLATILE MEMORY BOARD (A6) TESTS**

INITIALIZE MEMORY BOARD	1
COMPLETE MEMORY BOARD UNFORMATTED WRITE/READ TEST	2
COMPLETE MEMORY BOARD FORMATTED WRITE/READ TEST	3
READ/VERIFY TEST 3 DATA AGAIN	4
WRITE UNFORMATTED DATA TO SELECTED MEMORY LOCATIONS	5
READ/VERIFY TEST 5 DATA AGAIN	6
READ LOCATIONS WHERE HARDWARE CAL DATA IS STORED	7
SHOW NON-VOLATILE MEMORY PARAMETERS	8
*RESET MEMORY TO DEFAULT HARDWARE CAL DATA	9
RETURN TO 85101 SERVICE PROGRAM MENU	F [.]

\* - For factory use only.  
 TO RETURN TO THIS MENU AFTER COMPLETING A TEST, PRESS THE =MARKER KEY



8510 SERVICE PROGRAM MENU

85101 DISPLAY/PROCESSOR SERVICE PROGRAM	1 (See prev. page)
85102 IF/DETECTOR SERVICE PROGRAM	2
TEST SET GPIB SERVICE PROGRAM	3
8360 SERVICE PROGRAM	4
RETURN TO MAIN SERVICE FUNCTIONS MENU	F (see note 1)

NOTES: (1) Hex digits A thru F are assigned to [G/n], [M/u], [k/m], [X1], [+/-], and [.] respectively.

(2) To make a selection, type the number indicated, then press =MARKER.

(3) The default value on data entry is zero.

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TEST SET GPIB SERVICE PROGRAM MENU

PRESET TEST SET	1
SWITCH ACTIVE LIGHT	2
*SWITCH PORT 1,2 LIGHTS	3
*ACTIVATE PORT 1,2 ATTENUATOR	4
*INCREMENT ACTIVE ATTENUATOR	5
SELECT NEW GPIB ADDRESS	6
RETURN TO 8510 SERVICE PROGRAM MENU	F [.]

\* - For test sets with appropriate feature.

NOTES: (1) To repeat a function, press =MARKER.  
(2) The default Test Set GPIB address is 20.

8360 SERVICE PROGRAM MENU

GPIB TEST	1
FRONT PANEL EMULATOR	2
CHANGE GPIB ADDRESS (default is 19)	3
RETURN TO 8510 SERVICE PROGRAM MENU	F

On the 85102 rear panel, connect '20 MHz OUT' to 'J1 TEST SET INTERCONNECT' using the service adapter and a BNC cable. Also, connect 'ANALOG + - 10V' to 'SWEEP IN 0-10V' using another BNC cable. Failure to do so will result in false error messages.\*\*

PRESS =MARKER TO CONTINUE . . .

\*\* NOTE :  
Disconnect BNC cables from 85102 to source when running tests. Failure to do so will result in false error messages.

85102 IF/DETECTOR SERVICE PROGRAM MENU

ADC CONTROL TEST (A19)	1
SWEEP ADC TEST (A20)	2
ADC TEST (A18)	3
CAL DAC TEST (A17)	4
100 kHz IF AMPLIFIER TEST (A10, A12)	5
SYNCHRONOUS DETECTOR TEST (A5, A7)	6
20 MHz MIXER TEST (A9, A11, A13, A14)	7
PRETUNE PHASE LOCK TEST (A22)	8
MAIN PHASE LOCK TEST (A23)	9
IF COUNTER TEST (A21)	A [G/n]
RUN ALL THE ABOVE TESTS ***	B [M/u]
85102 FRONT PANEL TEST	C [k/m]
RETURN TO 8510 SERVICE PROGRAM MENU	F [.]

NOTE: Always check cables leading to and from boards with suspected problems.

\*\*\* NOTE :  
May fail tests 1 or 2 due to processor speed issue when running all tests. If tests 1 and 2 pass individually then assume the instrument is OK.

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## Error Terms

### Overview

Error terms are factors used for error correction, or accuracy enhancement, in the analyzer system when correction is turned on. Error terms are numbers generated and stored in internal arrays during a measurement calibration. They are also known as *E-terms* or measurement calibration coefficients. Descriptions of the individual error terms are provided at the end of this section.

Error terms can also serve a diagnostic purpose. Specific parts of the analyzer system and accessories contribute to the values of the error terms. Since we know this correlation and we know what typical error terms look like, we can examine error terms to monitor system performance or to identify faulty components in the system.

Error terms are created by measuring well-defined calibration devices over the frequency range of interest and comparing the measured data with the ideal model for the devices. Neglecting drift and random errors (such as noise), the differences represent systematic (repeatable) errors of the network analyzer system. The resulting measurement calibration coefficients are good representations of some raw error sources of the system.

Use the procedures in this section to generate and examine error terms. This information can be useful in two ways.

### Preventive Maintenance

A stable, repeatable system should generate repeatable error terms over long time intervals, for example six months. Make a hardcopy record (print or plot) of the error terms, then periodically compare current error terms with the record. A sudden shift in error terms reflects a sudden shift in systematic errors or a degradation of cal standards, and may indicate the need for further troubleshooting. A long term trend usually reflects drift, connector or cable wear, or gradual degradation of calibration devices, indicating the need for further investigation and preventive maintenance. Note that the system may still conform to specifications. The cure is often as simple as cleaning and gaging connectors and cal standards or inspecting cables.

### Troubleshooting

If a subtle failure or minor performance problem is suspected, the magnitude of the error terms should be compared against values generated previously with the same system and calibration kit. This comparison will produce the most precise view of the problem.

Consider the following while troubleshooting. These procedures are especially good for determining if a calibration is bad or the test set is faulty.

- ✓ All parts of the network analyzer system, including cables and calibration devices, can contribute to systematic errors and impact the error terms.
- ✓ Connectors must be clean, gaged, and within specification for error term analysis to be meaningful.
- ✓ Avoid unnecessary bending and flexing of the cables following measurement calibration, to minimize cable instability errors.

- ✓ Use good connection techniques during the measurement calibration. The connector interface must be repeatable. Refer to information in the test set manual and cal kit manuals for information on connection techniques and on cleaning and gaging connectors.
- ✓ Use error term analysis to troubleshoot minor, subtle performance problems. Refer to the main troubleshooting procedures in the beginning of this chapter if a blatant failure or gross measurement error is evident.
- ✓ It is often worthwhile to perform the procedure twice (using two separate measurement calibrations) to establish the degree of repeatability. If the results do not seem repeatable, check all connectors and cables.
- ✓ The errors displayed by the verification program may be greater than the specified total uncertainty errors that you print out using the specifications program. This can be due to bad connections during calibration or verification; or to devices, cables, or rear panel test set extension links that are faulty (dirty or damaged). In addition, defective calibration devices can be the cause of degraded error term data, just as careless calibration methods can.

## Measurement Calibration

Always perform a measurement calibration before doing the error term inspection. If the system includes an S-parameter test set, do a full 2-port calibration. For systems with a reflection/transmission test set, do a one-path 2-port calibration.

## Error Terms Inspection Procedure

This procedure uses the specifications software to display and print out the system error terms. It compares the raw error terms to the printout of the specifications, to show whether any E-terms are out of specification.

### Equipment

- HP 9000 200 or 300 series controller (except 9826) with 4 megabytes of available memory after loading BASIC, or PC with BASIC for Windows.
- Specifications/verification software
- Calibration kit
- Compatible printer

### Procedure

1. Set up the system with the controller connected to the 8510 over GPIB.
2. Refer to [Chapter 8](#), “Performance Verification and Specifications,” for instructions on running the specifications/verification software.
3. Within the specifications/verification program, use the controller softkeys to select the configuration of your system.
4. Select the system specs menu, then test port errors (correction off) to view the forward direction E-terms. Print out the E-terms.

5. Select the reverse direction E-terms, and print them out.
6. Perform the appropriate measurement calibration (2-port for a system with an S-parameter test set, one-path 2-port for a transmission/reflection test set).
7. Select the verification program with the `VERIFY SYSTEM` selection. Select `DISPLAY ETERM` to display the error terms.
8. On the printouts you made in steps 4 and 5, find the column of raw error terms. Use these raw error term figures to compare to the displayed E-terms.
9. Select each E-term and compare the display trace to the raw specifications in the corresponding printouts. Use the 8510 marker to read the trace values.

If the trace values are close to or better than the specified values, this is a normal situation.

If the trace value is significantly worse than the specified value, first suspect the calibration. Recalibrate, and display the E-terms again. If this does not solve the problem, the fault is in the cables or calibration devices, the test set, or the source. Try substituting cables and calibration devices. If the problem still exists after another recalibration, refer to the section [“Unratioed Power Failures” on page 4-85](#).

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<b>NOTE</b>	If you cannot solve the problem, save the results of this entire procedure, and contact an Agilent customer engineer.
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## Error Term Descriptions

The following paragraphs describe the individual error terms, the devices used to characterize them in a measurement calibration, the measurements they affect, and explain how they relate to faults in the system.

### Directivity (Edf and Edr)

These are the uncorrected forward and reverse directivity errors of the system (mainly of the test set). These terms vary with frequency, but values that are worse than the specifications may indicate an error or mechanical malfunction in the test set or in the devices used for the reflection calibration. The calibration device used to characterize the directivity error term is usually a load. This may be a lowband fixed load for frequencies below 2 GHz, a broadband fixed load, a sliding load for frequencies above 2 GHz, or it may be an offset load for higher frequencies. The measurements most affected by directivity errors are low-reflection measurements: high-reflection measurements may appear normal.

### Source Match (Esf and Esr)

These are the forward and reverse uncorrected source match terms of the driven port. The source match, in this case, is determined primarily by the match of the test set power splitter and the main line coupler or bridge. In some test sets, the match of the bias tees and step attenuators is also included. The calibration devices used to characterize source match are the short and the shielded open, or offset short for millimeter-wave devices. A bad connection of either of these during the calibration procedure can cause bad source match E-term data. The measurements most affected by source match errors are high-reflection measurements, and transmission measurements of highly reflective DUTs. Poor source match, when associated with poor directivity, is probably an indication of a defective coupler or bridge in the test set. Poor source match alone may be caused by a mismatch in the test set, the test set port connector, the cable between the RF source and the test set, or the RF source itself. Try inserting a 3 dB or 6 dB pad between the RF source cable and the test set rear panel to see if this improves the source match error. If it does, the problem is most likely the cable or the RF source.

### Reflection Tracking (Erf and Err)

Tracking is the difference between the frequency response of the reference channel and the frequency response of the test channel. Large variations in the reflection tracking E-terms may indicate a problem in the reference or test signal path in the test set, or bad connections during the measurement calibration procedure. The calibration devices used to characterize the reflection tracking error terms are the short (or offset short) and the shielded open. All reflection measurements (of both high and low reflection devices) are affected by the reflection tracking errors.

### **Isolation (Crosstalk) (Exf and Exr)**

These are the uncorrected forward and reverse isolation error terms that represent the leakage between the test port paths. The isolation error coefficients are characterized when fixed loads are connected to both test ports in the calibration procedure. Any signal that appears in the test channel is coupled from the reference channel. The crosstalk term should be very small. It affects both reflection and transmission measurements, primarily when the test channel signal is at a very low level, especially transmission measurements where the insertion loss of the DUT is large (for example >40 dB attenuation).

### **Load Match (Elf and Elr)**

These are the forward and reverse uncorrected load match errors, a measure of the impedance match of the output port of a two-port device, including the match of test port cables. Load match error terms are characterized by measuring the responses of a thru connection during the calibration procedure (S11 for all test sets plus S22 for S-parameter test sets). Large variations in the forward or reverse load match error terms may indicate a bad thru cable or, if a reflection/transmission test set is used, a bad system attenuator. The measurements most affected by load match errors are all transmission measurements, and reflection measurements of a two-port device with low insertion loss (for example an airline).

### **Transmission Tracking (Etf and Etr)**

Tracking is the difference between the frequency response of the reference channel and the frequency response of the test channel. Large variations in the transmission tracking E-terms may indicate a problem in the reference or test signal path in the test set, or bad connections during the measurement calibration procedure. Transmission tracking error terms are characterized from the transmission measurements of a thru connection in the measurement calibration procedure. All transmission measurements are affected by transmission tracking errors.

### **Notes**

1. The TRL (thru-reflection-line) calibration method uses a thru connection, an airline, and a short or open to obtain all twelve error terms. No individual TRL device is identified with any single error term using this method.
2. Be extremely cautious when interpreting the results of E-term displays compared with specification printouts. A system failure is indicated only if the error is significantly worse than the specification.
3. The values listed for reflection tracking and transmission tracking refer only to the ripple of the frequency response. However, the reflection and transmission tracking E-terms include both the tracking E-term (ripple) and the frequency response rolloff. It is difficult to determine what part of the E-term ripple is independent of the rolloff. Therefore, the reflection and transmission tracking E-terms may not be as useful as the other values.





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## **5            Replaceable Parts**

## Overview

This chapter contains illustrations and corresponding parts lists of the major assemblies, cables, and other hardware, software, and accessories for use with the analyzer.

Parts tables for individual test sets and sources are in their respective manuals.

Sections include parts listings for:

- Software and documentation
- Available service tools
- 85101C equipped with a CRT display
- 85101C equipped with an LCD
- 85102B

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<b>NOTE</b>	The original 85101C display/processor incorporated a cathode ray tube (CRT display). The current design incorporates a liquid crystal display (LCD).
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## Exchange Assemblies

Some of the major assemblies can be replaced on a rebuilt exchange (R-E) basis. Exchange, factory-repaired and tested assemblies are available only on a trade-in basis; the defective assemblies must be returned for credit, within 30 days. For this reason, assemblies required for spare parts stock must be ordered by the new assembly part number.

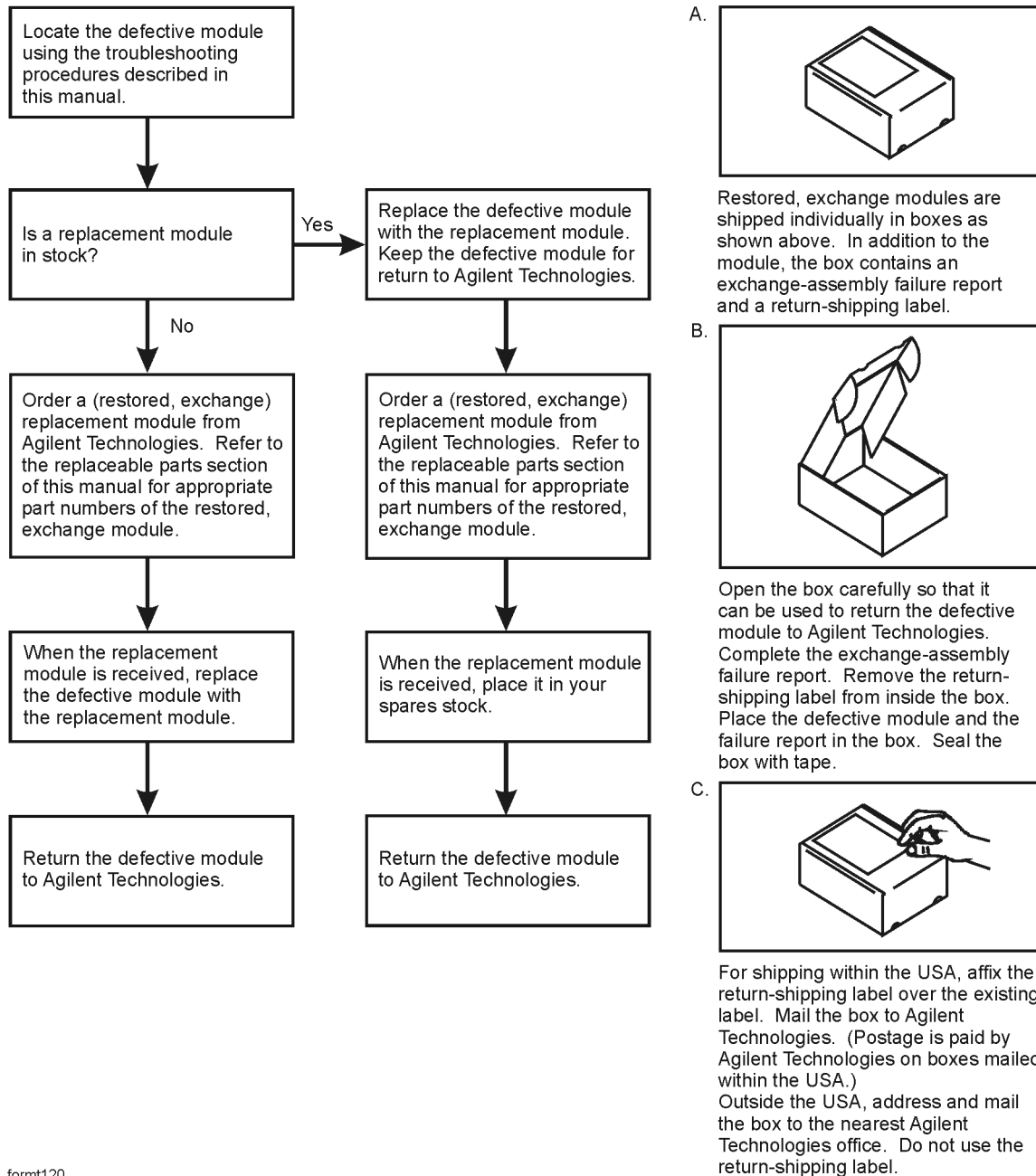
[Figure 5-1](#) explains the rebuilt module exchange procedure. R-E assembly part numbers are listed in the parts list below the part numbers for the corresponding new assemblies

## Ordering Information

To order a part listed in the replaceable parts tables, quote the Agilent part number, indicate the quantity required, and address the order to the nearest Agilent office.

**Figure 5-1 Module Exchange Program**

The module exchange program described here is a fast, efficient, economical method of keeping your instrument in service.



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**Table 5-1 Reference Designations, Abbreviations, Multipliers and Manufacturer's Code List**

Reference Designators	C	G
A.....Assembly	C.....Capacitance	GROM.....Grommet
B.....Fan, Motor	CA.....Cable	GRV.....Grooved
C.....Capacitor	CBL.....Cable	<b>H</b>
E.....Miscellaneous Electrical Part	CER.....Ceramic	HD.....Head
F.....Fuse	CHAM.....Chamfer	HEX.....Hexagonal
FL.....Filter	CKT.....Circuit	HLD.....Hold
J.....Electrical Connector (Stationary Portion), Jack	CNDCT.....Conductor	HNDL.....Handle
MP.....Miscellaneous, Mechanical Part	CNTR.....Control, Controller	HT.....Heat
Q.....Silicon, Controlled Rectifier (SCR), Transistor, Triode, Thyristor	CONN.....Connector	<b>I</b>
R.....Resistor	CONT.....Control, Controller	IC.....Integrated Circuit
T.....Transformer	CONVTR.....Converter	ID.....Identifying, Inside Diameter
U.....Integrated Circuit Microcircuit	CPU.....Central Processing Unit	IF.....Intermediate Frequency
W.....Cable, Transmission Path, Wire	CVR.....Cover	IN.....Inch
X.....Crystal Unit (Piezoelectric Quartz)	<b>D</b>	INTL.....Internal
<b>Abbreviations</b>	DARL.....Darlington Pair	I/O.....Input/Output
<b>A</b>	DBL.....Double	<b>J</b>
AD.....Analog to Digital	DEG.....Degree	JKT.....Jacket
ADC.....Analog to Digital Converter	DET.....Detector	<b>K</b>
ADPT.....Adapter	DIP.....Dual In-Line Package	KB.....Keyboard
AL.....Aluminum	<b>E</b>	<b>L</b>
AMP.....Amplifier	EEPROM.....Electronically Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory	L.....Left
APC.....Amphenol Precision Connector	EMU.....Emulator	LBL.....Label
ASSY.....Assembly	EXT.....External, Extension	LFT.....Left
AWG.....American Wire Gauge	<b>F</b>	LG.....Long
AY.....Assembly	F.....Female	LK.....Lock
<b>B</b>	FEM.....Female	LKWR.....Lock Washer
B.....Band	FL.....Flat	LO.....Local Oscillator
BD.....Board	FLG.....Flange	<b>M</b>
BLK.....Black	FLTR.....Filter	M.....Male, Metric
BNC.....Type of Connector	FM.....Film	Mach.....Machined
BP.....Band Pass	FRNT.....Front	MFR.....Manufacturer
BSC.....Basic	FRT.....Front	MISC.....Miscellaneous
BSHG.....Bushing	FT.....Current Gain Bandwidth	MM.....Millimeter
	FXD.....Fixed	MO.....Metal Oxide

**Table 5-1 Reference Designations, Abbreviations, Multipliers and Manufacturer's Code List**

MTG.....Mounting	REF.....Reference	SYS.....System
MTLC.....Metalic	RF.....Radio Frequency	<b>T</b>
MXR.....Mixer	RFI.....Radio Frequency Interference	T.....Thickness, Teeth
<b>N</b>	RGB.....Red, Green, Blue	TA.....Tantalum
NO.....Number	RND.....Round	TC.....Thermoplastic
NPN.....Negative, Positive, Negative (Transistor)	RPG.....Rotary Pulse Generator	THD.....Thread
NYL.....Nylon	RR.....Rear	THK.....Thick
<b>O</b>	RT.....Right	THKNS.....Thickness
OD.....Outside Diameter	<b>S</b>	THRM.....Thermal
<b>P</b>	SCE.....Source	TNG.....Tongue
PAN.....Panel	SCR.....Screw, Silicon Controlled Rectifier	TPG.....Tapping
PAN-HD.....Pan Head	SER.....Serial	TTL.....Transistor Transistor Log
PC.....Printed Circuit	SGL.....Single	TX.....Torx
PD.....Pad, Palladium, Pitch Diameter, Power Dissipation	SHFT.....Shaft	<b>U</b>
PERF.....Perforated	SI.....Silicon	UL...Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.
PKG.....Package	SK.....Sink	UNCT.....Undercut
PL.....Phase Lock, Plain, Plate, Plug	SKT.....Skirt, Socket	<b>V</b>
PNP...Positive, Negative, Positive (Transistor)	SLDR.....Solder	V.....Volt
POLYU.....Polyurethane	SMB.....Subminiature type B (Snap-on Conductor)	VGA.....Video Graphics Adapter
POZI.....Pozidrive	SMPL.....Sample	<b>W</b>
PROC.....Processor	SPCL.....Special	W.....Watt, Width
PVC.....Polyvinyl Chloride	STR.....Strapped, Stop	WD.....Width
PW.....Power Wirewound	SUBMIN.....Subminiature	<b>X</b>
PWR.....Power	SW.....Switch	XDCR.....Transducer
<b>R</b>	SWP.....Sweep	XSTR.....Transistor
R.....Right	SYNC.....Synchronous	

**Table 5-2 Abbreviations, Multipliers, and Manufacturer's Code List**

Multipliers								
Abbreviation	Prefix	Multiple	Abbreviation	Prefix	Multiple	Abbreviation	Prefix	Multiple
T	tera	10 <sup>12</sup>	da	deka	10	n	nano	10 <sup>-9</sup>
G	giga	10 <sup>9</sup>	d	deci	10 <sup>-1</sup>	p	pico	10 <sup>-12</sup>
M	mega	10 <sup>6</sup>	c	centi	10 <sup>-3</sup>	f	femto	10 <sup>-15</sup>
k	kilo	10 <sup>3</sup>	m	milli	10 <sup>-3</sup>	a	atto	10 <sup>-16</sup>
			μ	micro	10 <sup>-6</sup>			
Manufacturer's Code List								
Mfr. No.	Manufacturer Name		Address				Zip Code	
00000	Any satisfactory supplier							
00853	Sangamo Elec Co S Carolina Div		Pickens		SC	29671		
01295	Texas Instr Inc Semicon Cmpnt Div		Dallas		TX	75222		
24355	Analog Devices Inc		Norwood		MA	02062		
28480	Agilent Co Corporate Hq		Palo Alto		CA	94304		
56289	Sprague Electric Co		North Adams		MA	01247		
75402	Trw Inc Philadelphia		Philadelphia		PA	19108		
91673	Dale Electronics		Columbus		NE	68601		

## Software, Documentation, and Accessories

**Table 5-3**

Part Number	Qty	Description	Mfr Code	Mfr Part Number
<b>Software</b>				
85101-80116	1	Operating System Firmware (for LCD or CRT displays)	28480	85101-80116
08510-10033	1	Test Set Specifications and Performance Tests Disk. <b>Note</b> - These tests are used for all test sets except the 8511A/B.	28480	08510-10033
08510-10024	1	85102 and Test Sets Adjustment Software	28480	08510-10024
08510-10034	1	Master Calibration Disk	28480	08510-10034
85103-10002	1	Software Toolkit Disk	28480	85103-10002
<b>Documentation</b>				
08510-90275	1	8510C Operating and Service Manual Set	28480	08510-90275
Includes the following separately available manuals:				
08510-90281	1	Operating and Programming Manual	28480	08510-90281
08510-90280	1	Keyword Dictionary	28480	08510-90280
08510-90282	1	On-Site Service Manual	28480	08510-90282
08510-90283	1	Test Sets and Accessories Binder	28480	08510-90283
<b>Accessories</b>				
6010-1134		Dove Grey touch-up paint for front panel frame and painted portions of front handles	28480	6010-1134
6010-1137		French Grey touch-up paint for side, top, and bottom covers	28480	6010-1137
6010-1138		Parchment Grey touch-up paint for rack mount flanges, rack support shelves and front panels.	28480	6010-1138

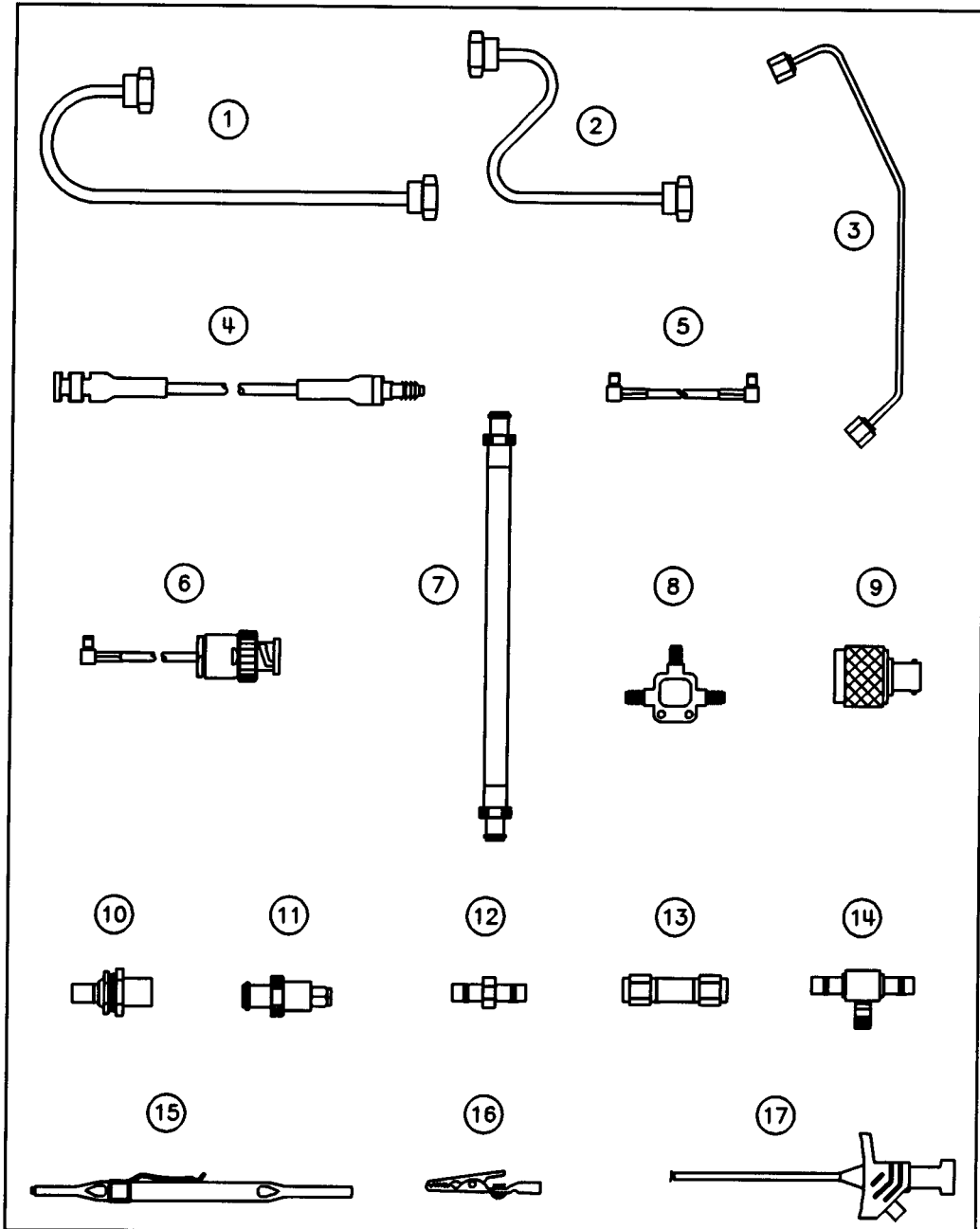


## Available Service Tools

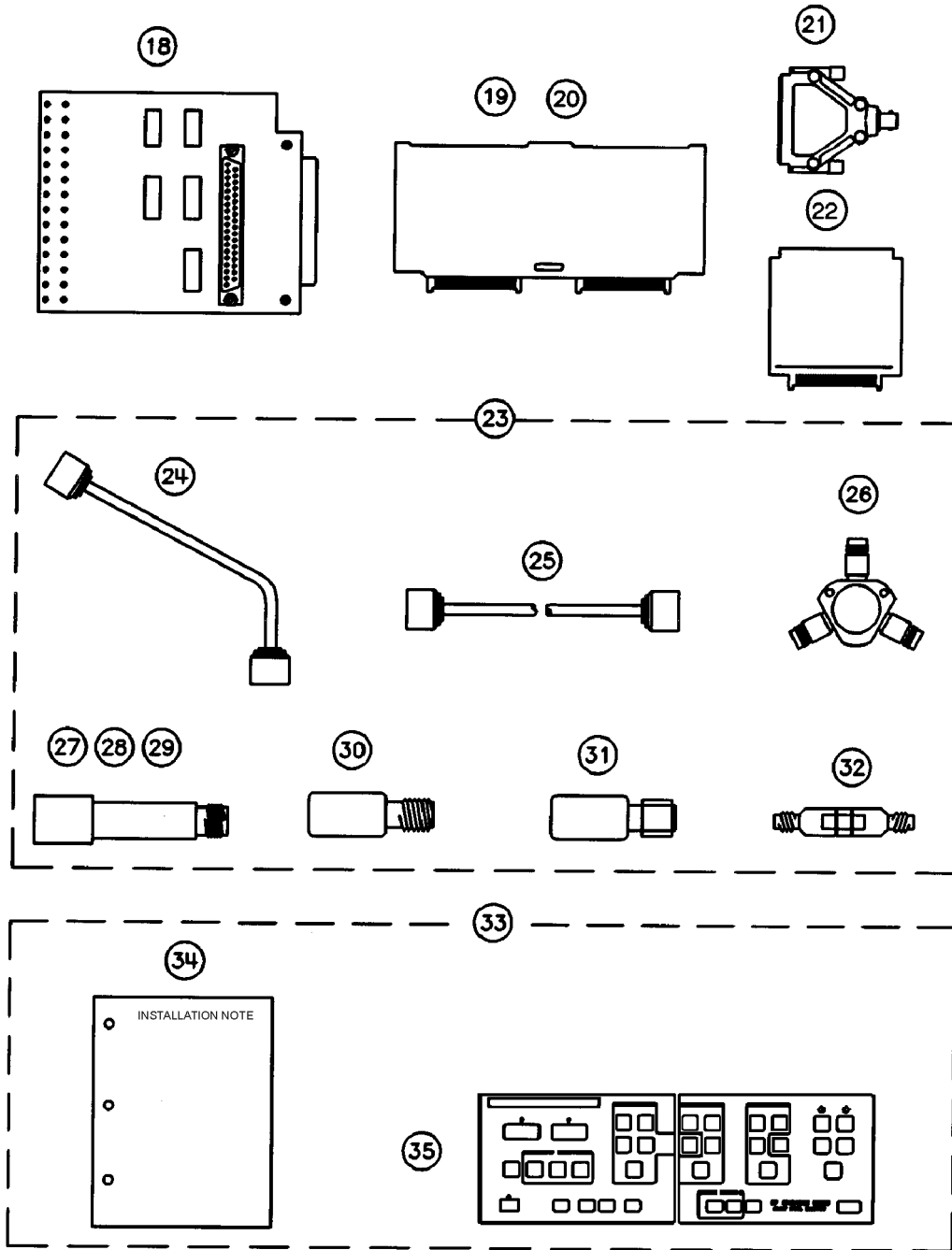
**Table 5-4**

Ref Desig	Agilent Part Number	Description	Mfr Code	Mfr Part Number
1	08510-20001	CABLE RF – TEST 1	28480	08510-20001
2	08510-20002	CABLE RF – TEST	28480	08510-20002
3	08517-20019	CABLE FLEX SOURCE, 50 GHZ	28480	08517-20019
4	08513-60009	CABLE FLEX SOURCE 26.5	28480	08513-60009
5	5061-1022	CABLE ASSEMBLY	28480	5061-1022
6	5062-7230	CABLE ASSEMBLY BNC– SNAP	28480	5062-7230
7	0955-0417	FILTER, BP 60 MHZ, BNC – SOURCE EMULATOR	28480	0955-0417
8	5086-7408	POWER SPLITTER	28480	5086-7408
9	1250-0780	ADAPTER M TYPE – N F BNC	28480	1250-0780
10	1250-1236	ADAPTER F BNC F SMB	28480	1250-1236
11	1250-1200	ADAPTER F BNC M SMA	28480	1250-1200
12	1250-0669	ADAPTER M SMB M SMB	28480	1250-0669
13	1250-2330	ADAPTER M 3.5 MM M 2.4 MM*	28480	1250-2330
14	1250-1391	ADAPTER TEE MFM SMB	28480	1250-1391
15	8710-0630	ALIGNMENT TOOL .08 SCDR	28480	8710-0630
16	1400-0088	ALLIGATOR CLIP	28480	1400-0088
17	1490-0025	TEST PROBE	28480	1490-0025
18	85101-60209	BOARD ASSY– 85102 EMULATOR	28480	85101-60209
19	85101-60236	85101 POST– REGULATOR EXTENDER BOARD	28480	85101-60236
20	85101-60237	85101 STANDARD EXTENDER BOARD	28480	85101-60237
21	85102-60210	SERVICE ADAPTER–TEST SET EMULATOR	28480	85102-60210
22	85102-60030	BOARD ASSEMBLY – SERVICE EXTENDER	28480	85102-60030
27	8493C OPT 010	APC 3.5 10DB PAD	28480	8493C OPT 010
	2110-0001	FUSE 1A 250V 85102 A26F3*	28480	2110-0001
	2110-0002	FUSE 2A 250V 85102 F1 LINE FUSE*	28480	2110-0002
	2110-0012	FUSE .51 250V 85102 A24F1*	28480	2110-0012
	2110-0083	FUSE 2.5A 250V 85102 A26F1, A26F2*	28480	2110-0083
	2110-0333	FUSE 1.5A 125V– 85101C A3F1*	28480	2110-0333
	2110-0342	FUSE 8A 250V – 85102 A26F4*	28480	2110-0342
	2110-0425	FUSE 2A 125V – 85101C A3F2, A3F3*	28480	2110-0425
	2110-0655	FUSE 3.15A 250V – 85101C LINE FUSE*	28480	2110-0655
	9300-1367	WRIST STRAP, ANTI – STATIC, ADJUSTABLE (DOES NOT INCLUDE CORD)*	28480	9300-1367
	9300-0980	GROUNDING CORD, 5 FEET LONG (USE WITH WRIST STRAP)*	28480	9300-0980
	9300-0797	ANTI-STATIC EQUIPMENT MAT (4 FT. X 2 FT.)*	28480	9300-0797
23	08511-60016	8511B SERVICE TOOLS KIT THE FOLLOWING 8511B SERVICE TOOLS MAY BE ORDERED AS A KIT OR ORDERED SEPARATELY:	28480	08511-60016
24	08511-20025	RF TEST CABLE (TWO SUPPLIED IN KIT)	28480	08511-20025
25	08511-20031	RF CABLE SOURCE, 2 FT LG	28480	08511-20031
26	11667C	50 GHZ POWER SPLITTER	28480	11667C
28	08490-60011	FIXED ATTENUATOR, 6 DB (TWO SUPPLIED IN KIT)	28480	08490-60011
29	08490-60012	FIXED ATTENUATOR 20 DB	28480	08490-60012
30	85138B	FIXED LOAD, 50 OHM F 2.4 MM	28480	85138B
31	85138A	FIXED LOAD, 50 OHM M 2.4 MM	28480	85138A
32	1250-2188	ADAPTER F 2.4MM F 2.4MM	28480	1250-2188
33	08510-60022	8510/8360 FRONT PANEL EMULATOR KIT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE INCLUDED IN THE 8510/8360 FRONT PANEL EMULATOR KITS ARE AVAILABLE SEPARATELY:	28480	08510-60022
34	08510-90268	INSTALLATION NOTE	28480	08510-90268
35	85102-80115	PANEL OVERLAY *NOT ILLUSTRATED	28480	85102-80115

**Figure 5-2 Available Service Tools**



**Figure 5-3 Available Service Tools**



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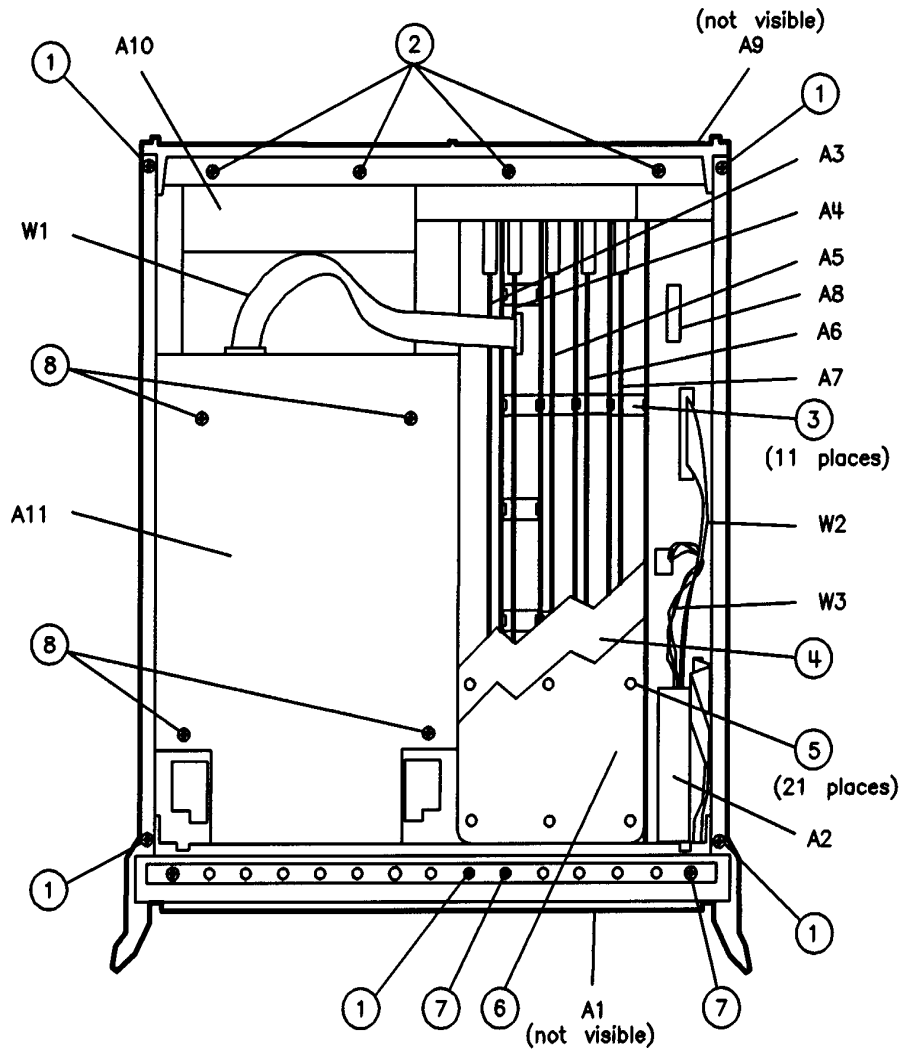
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## Replaceable Parts for an 85101C Equipped with a CRT

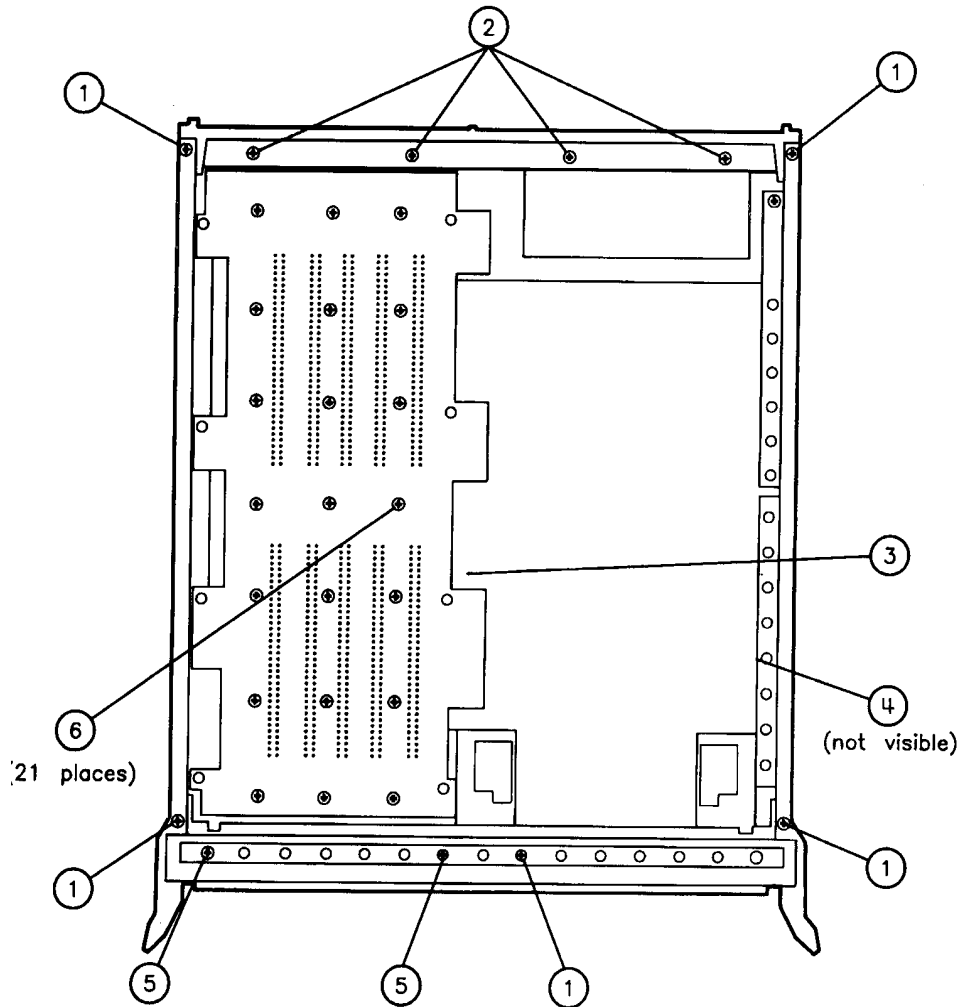
**Table 5-5 85101C Top Internal with CRT**

Ref Desig	Agilent Part Number	Qty	Description	Mfr Code	Mfr Part Number
A1	85101-60249	1	FRONT PANEL WITH KEYBOARD ASSEMBLY	28480	85101-60249
A2	0950-2075	1	DISC DRIVE	28480	0950-2075
A3	85101-60244	1	POST-REGULATOR BOARD ASSEMBLY (NEW)	28480	85101-60244
A3	85101-69244		POST-REGULATOR BOARD ASSEMBLY (R-E)	28480	85101-69244
A3F1	2110-0333	1	FUSE 1.5A 125V NTD	28480	2110-0333
A3F2	2110-0425	1	FUSE 2A 125V NTD .25 X .27	28480	2110-0425
A3F3	2110-0425	1	FUSE 2A 125V NTD .25 X 2.7	28480	2110-0425
A4	85101-60243	1	GRAPHICS SYSTEM PROCESSOR ASSEMBLY (NEW)	28480	85101-60243
A4	85101-69243		GRAPHICS SYSTEM PROCESSOR ASSEMBLY (R-E)	28480	85101-69243
A5	85101-60245	1	CPU BOARD ASSEMBLY	28480	85101-60245
A5	85101-69245		CPU BOARD ASSEMBLY (R-E)	28480	85101-69245
A6	85101-60238	1	EEPROM BOARD ASSEMBLY (NEW)	28480	85101-60238
A6	85101-69238		EEPROM BOARD ASSEMBLY (R-E)	28480	85101-69238
A7	85101-60272	1	INPUT/OUTPUT BOARD ASSEMBLY (NEW)	28480	85101-60272
A8	85101-60263	1	SECURITY KEY BOARD ASSEMBLY (NEW) (NO IC SUPPLIED)	28480	85101-60263
A8IC1	85101-69273		SECURITY KEY IC, 8510C STANDARD (REBUILT- EXCHANGE ONLY) Revision 6.XX-8.XX firmware	28480	85101-69273
A8IC2	85101-69268		SECURITY KEY IC, 8510C TIME DOMAIN OPT 010 (REBUILT-EXCHANGE ONLY)	28480	85101-69268
A9	85101-60246	1	REAR PANEL WITH BOARD ASSEMBLY	28480	85101-60246
A10	0950-3488	1	PREREGULATOR ASSEMBLY (NEW)	28480	0950-3488
A10F1	2110-0655	1	FUSE 3.15A 250V	28480	2110-0655
A11	2090-0210	1	DISPLAY ASSEMBLY (NEW)	28480	2090-0210
W1	85101-60257	1	RIBBON CABLE ASSEMBLY	28480	85101-60257
W2	85101-60254	1	RIBBON CABLE - DISK DRIVE	28480	85101-60254
W3	85101-60259	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY, DISK DRIVE POWER	28480	85101-60259
1	0515-2086	5	MACH SCREW M4.0 7MM TX	28480	0515-2086
2	0515-0377	4	MACH SCREW M3.5 10MM TX	28480	0515-0377
3	85101-40014	11	PC BOARD SPACER	28480	85101-40014
4	85101-20055	1	RFI GASKET, TOP	28480	85101-20055
5	0515-0372	21	MACH SCREW M3.0 8MM FLP TXP	28480	0515-0372
6	85101-00051	1	CARD CAGE COVER	28480	85101-00051
7	0515-1400	2	MACH SCREW M3.5 8MM FLP TXP	28480	0515-1400
8	0515-0433	4	MACH SCREW M4.0 8MM TX	28480	0515-0433

Figure 5-4 85101C Top Internal with CRT Display

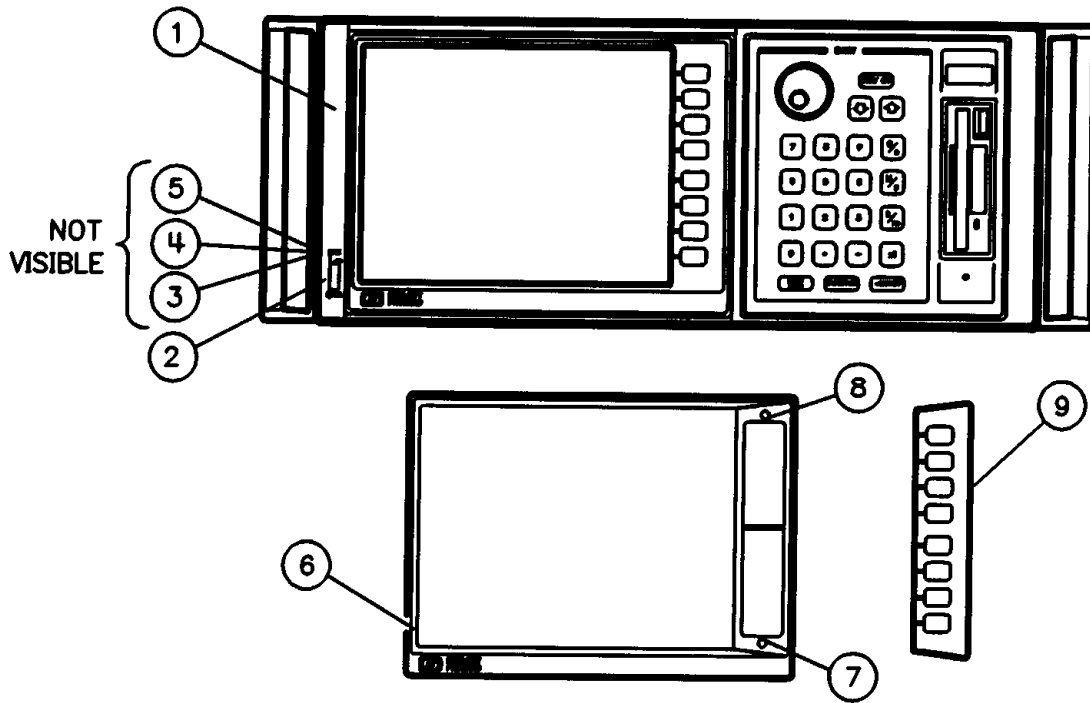


**Figure 5-5 85101C Bottom Internal with CRT Display**



Ref Desig	Part Number	Qty	Description	Mfr Code	Mfr Part Number
1	0515-2086	5	MACH SCREW M4.0 7MM TX	28480	0515-2086
2	0515-0377	4	MACH SCREW M3.5 10MM TX	28480	0515-0377
3	85101-60267	1	MOTHERBD/CARD CAGE ASSY (INCLUDES FRAME CORNER STRUTS)	28480	85101-60267
4	5180-8500	1	MYLAR DISPLAY INSULATOR	28480	5180-8500
5	0515-1400	2	MACH SCREW M3.5 8MM FLP TX	28480	0515-1400
6	0515-0372	21	MACH SCREW M3.0 8MM PN TX	28480	0515-0372

**Figure 5-6 85101C Front Panel External with CRT Display**



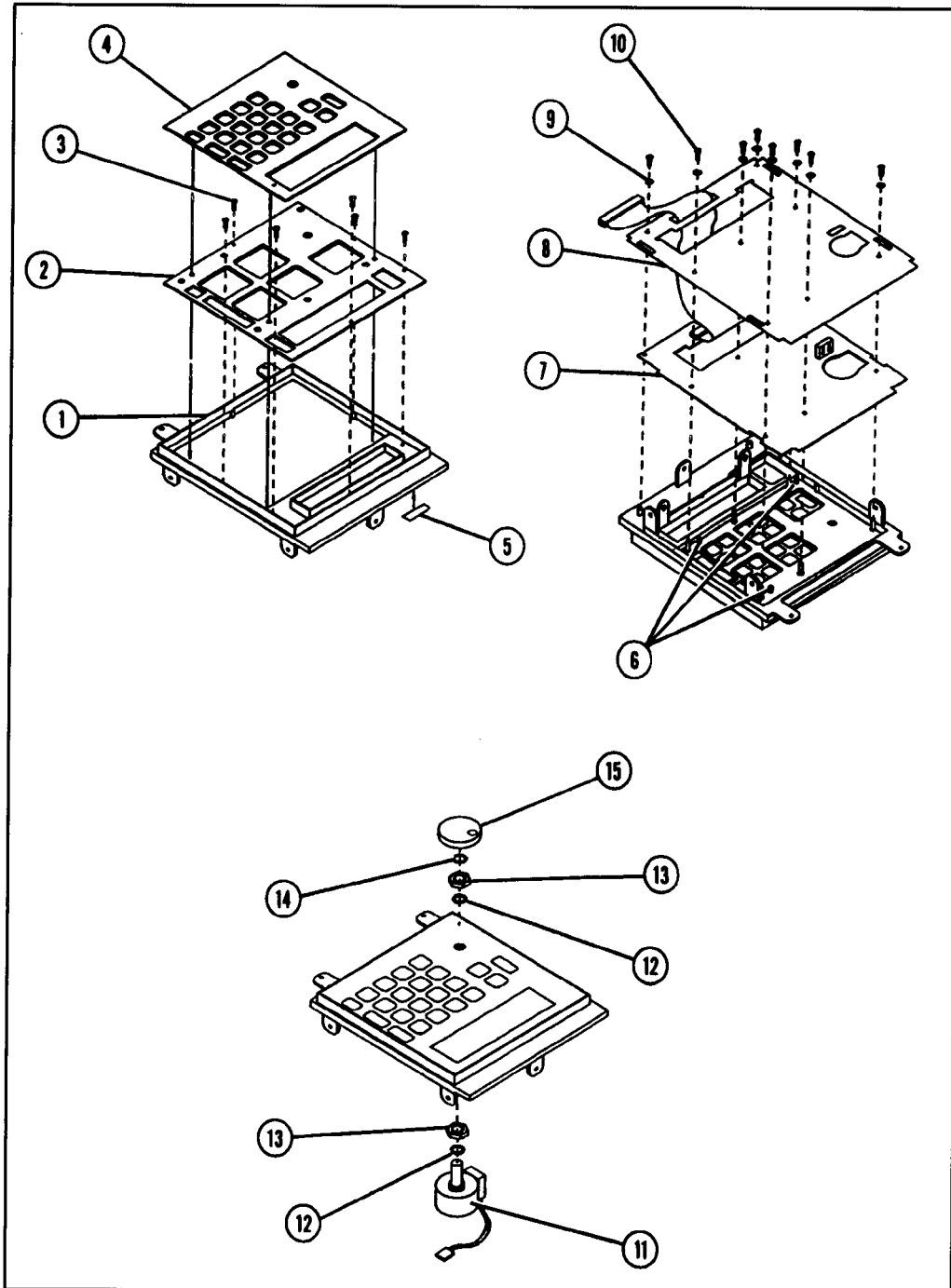
Ref Desig	Agilent Part Number	Qty	Description	Mfr Code	Mfr Part Number
1	85101-40011	1	BEZEL SUPPORT	28480	85101-40011
2	08757-40005	1	LINE SWITCH BUTTON	28480	08757-40005
3	1460-1573	1	SPRING-EXTENSION.138-IN-OD	28480	1460-1573
4	08753-00048	1	LINE SWITCH ACTUATOR	28480	08753-00048
5	08753-00036	1	SWITCH INSULATOR	28480	08753-00036
6	5062-7208	1	SUBASSEMBLY, BEZEL	28480	5062-7208
7	0515-1402	1	SCREW MACH M3.5 8 PCPNTX	28480	0515-1402
8	0515-1402	1	SCREW MACH M3.5 8 PCPNTX	28480	0515-1402
9	08757-40012	1	SOFT YS COVER	28480	08757-40012



**Table 5-6 85101C Front Panel Internal with CRT Display**

Ref Desig	Agilent Part Number	Qty	Description	Mfr Code	Mfr Part Number
	85101-60249		FRONT BEZEL AND SUBPANEL	28480	85101-60249
1	85101-20056	1	FRONT BEZEL	28480	85101-20056
2	85101-00062	1	SUB PANEL	28480	85101-00062
3	0515-1946	6	MACH SCREW M3.0 6MM TX	28480	0515-1946
4	85101-80084	1	FRONT DRESS PANEL	28480	85101-80084
5	7121-4611	1	LABEL-MADE IN USA	28480	7121-4611
6	0510-1148	3	PUSH ON RETAINER	28480	0510-1148
7	85101-60239	1	KEYBOARD ASSEMBLY	28480	85101-60239
8	85101-20053	1	AIR DAM	28480	85101-20053
9	3050-0105	8	WASHER FLAT .125 ID	28480	3050-0105
10	0515-0430	8	MACH SCREW M3.0 6MM TX	28480	0515-0430
11	85101-60234	1	ROTARY PULSE GENERATOR (RPG)	28480	85101-60234
12	2190-0016	2	WASHER LK INTL T3/8 IN .377ID	28480	2190-0016
13	2950-0043	2	NUT HEX DBLCHAM 3/8-32-THD .094IN THK	00000	Order by desc.
14	3050-0180	1	TEFLON WASHER	28480	3050-0180
15	0370-3033	1	KNOB BASE 250 JG	28480	0370-3033

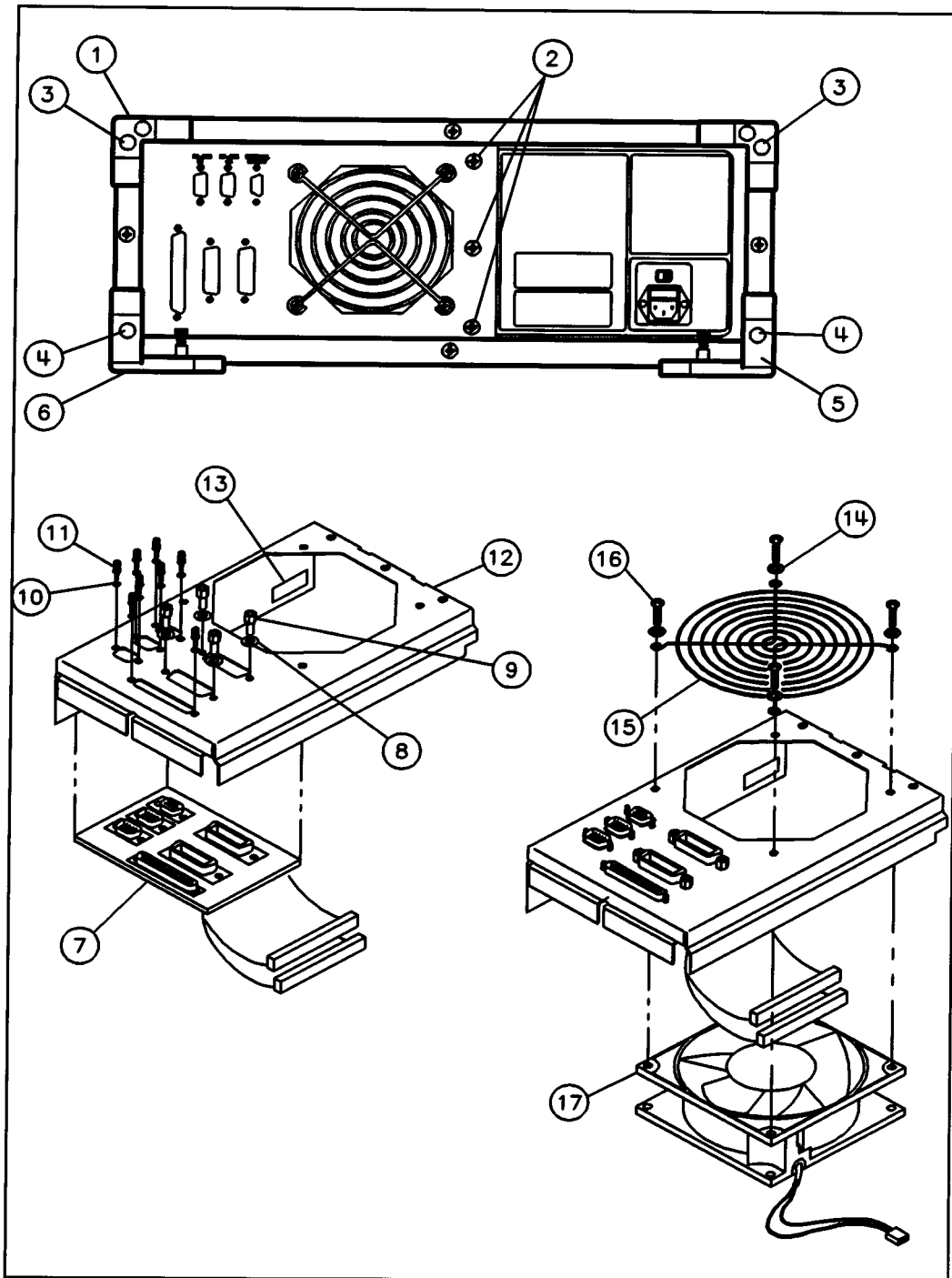
**Figure 5-7**      **85101C Front Panel Internal with CRT Display**



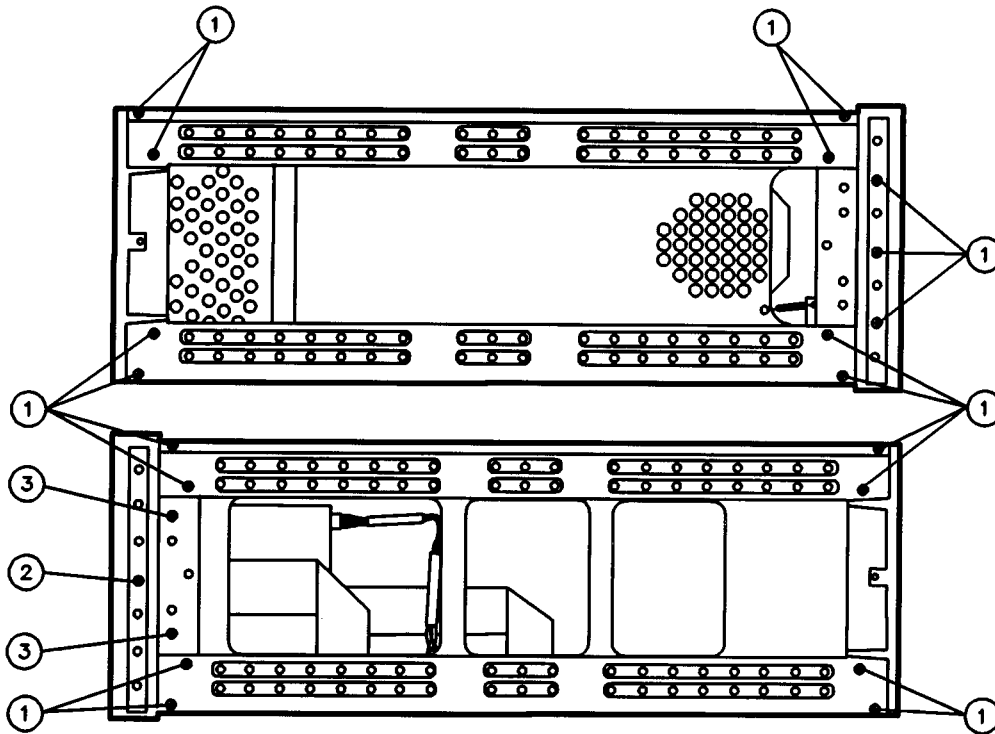
**Table 5-7 85101C Rear Panel with CRT Display**

Ref Desig	Agilent Part Number	Qty	Description	Mfr Code	Mfr Part Number
1	5041-8821	2	STANDOFF – REAR PANEL	28480	5041-8821
2	0515-0372	3	MACH SCREW M3.0 8MM PN TX	28480	0515-0372
3	0515-1232	2	MACH SCREW M3.5 8MM PN PD	28480	0515-1232
4	0515-0892	2	MACH SCREW M3.5 12MM PN PD	28480	0515-0892
5	5021-8537	1	LOCKING FOOT, RIGHT	28480	5021-8537
6	5021-8539	1	LOCKING FOOT, LEFT	28480	5041-8539
7	85101-60241	1	REAR PANEL BOARD ASSEMBLY	28480	85101-60241
8	2190-0586	4	WASHER LK, HLCL 4.0MM	28480	2190-0586
9	0380-0643	4	STANDOFF HEX .255IN.LG 6-32	28480	0380-0643
10	2190-0584	8	WASHER, LK M3.0 NOM	28480	2190-0584
11	1251-7812	8	CONNECTOR, JACKSCREW	28480	1251-7812
12	85101-00045	1	REAR PANEL	28480	85101-00045
13	7121-4611	1	LABEL, MADE IN USA	28480	7121-4611
14	3050-1192	4	WASHER FL M3.5 NOM	28480	3050-1192
15	3160-0281	1	FINGER GUARD	28480	3160-0281
16	0515-0379	4	MACH SCREW M3.5 16MM PN TX	28480	0515-0379
17	08415-60036	1	FAN –TUBE AXIAL	28480	08415-60036

Figure 5-8 85101C Rear Panel with CRT Display



**Figure 5-9 85101C Left and Right Sides with CRT Display**

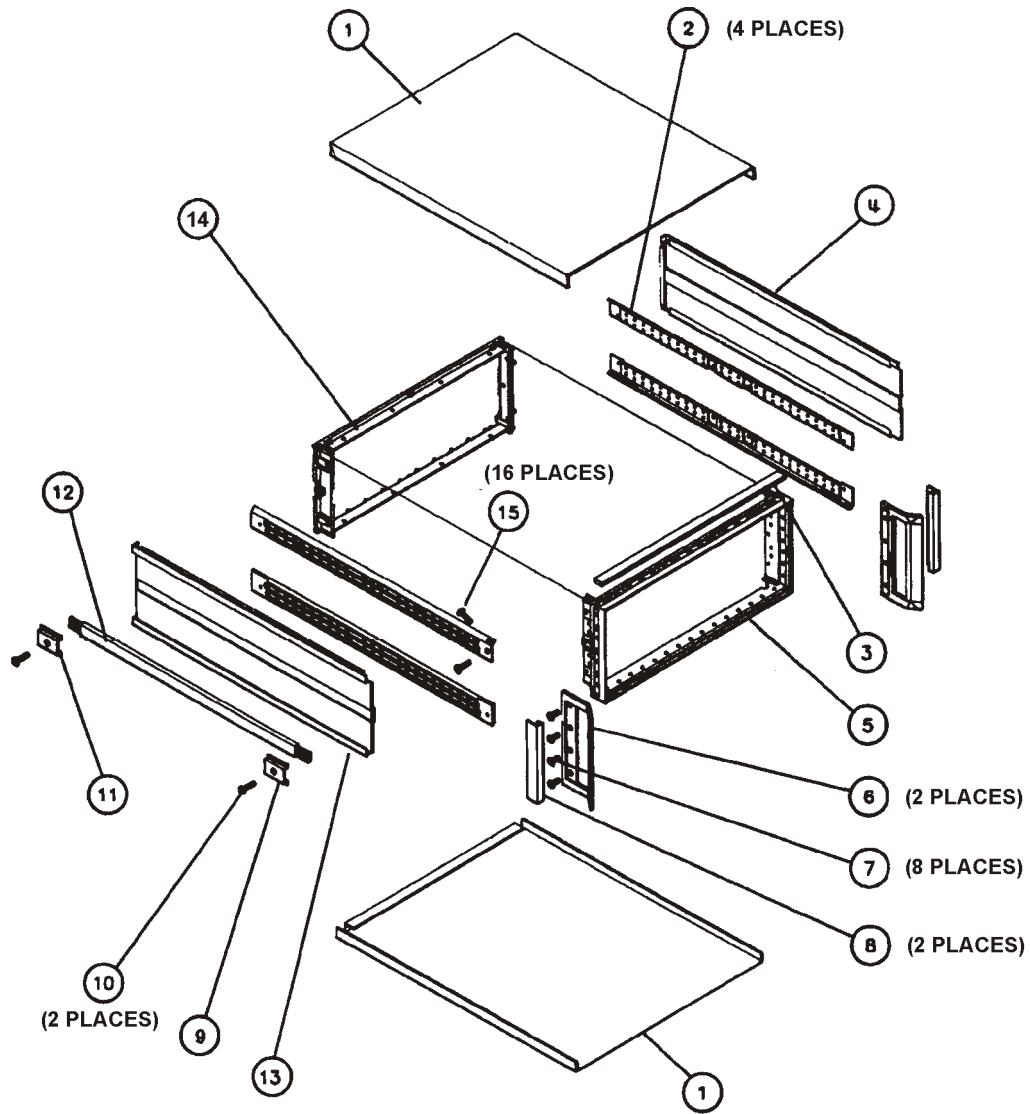


Ref Design	Agilent Part Number	Qty	Description	Mfr Code	Mfr Part Number
1	0515-2086	19	MACH SCREW M4.0 7MM TX	28480	0515-2086
2	0515-1400	1	MACH SCREW M3.5 8MM TX	28480	0515-1400
3	0515-1402	2	MACH SCREW M3.5 8 PCPNTX	28480	0515-1402

**Table 5-8 85101C Cabinet Parts with CRT Display**

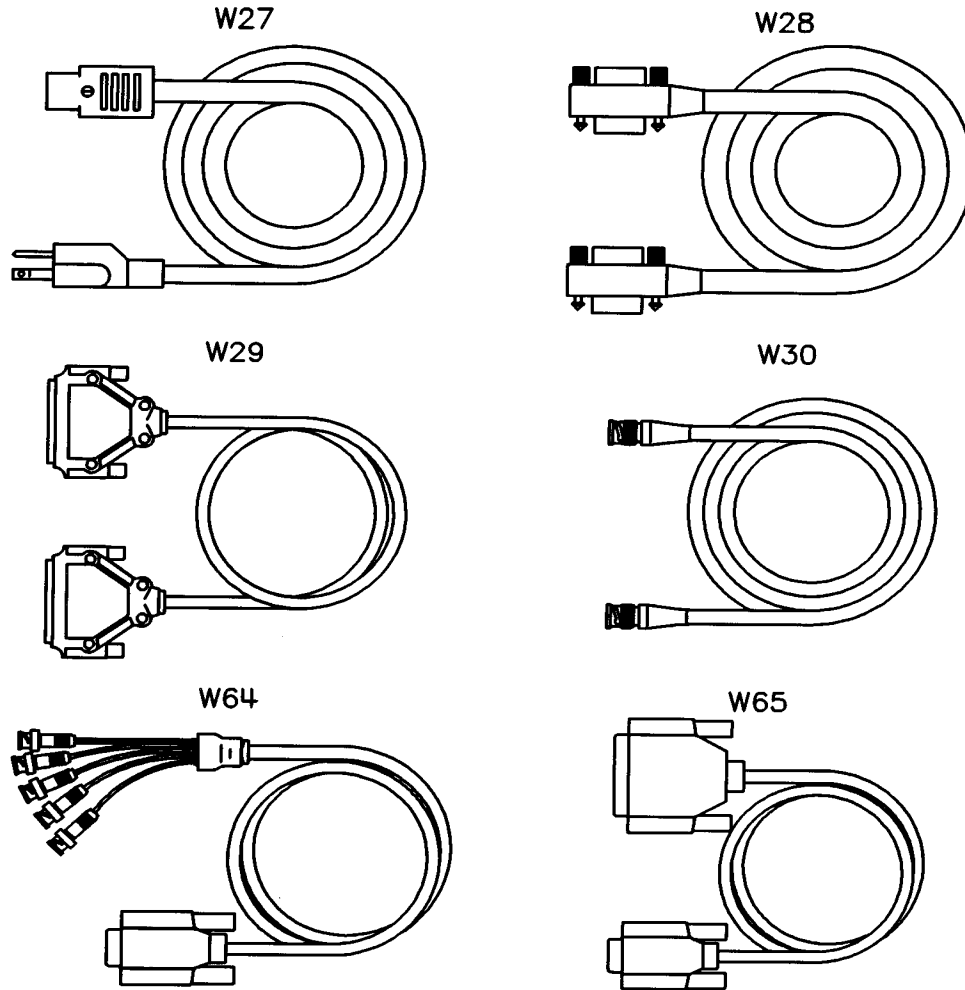
Ref Desig	Agilent Part Number	Qty	Description	Mfr Code	Mfr Part Number
1	5062-3735	2	TOP AND BOTTOM COVER	28480	5062-3735
2	5021-5837	4	CORNER STRUT*	28480	5021-5837
3	5041-8802	1	TRIM STRIP	28480	5041-8802
4	5062-3817	1	COVER, SIDE -PERFORATED	28480	5062-3817
5	5021-8405	1	FRONT FRAME	28480	5021-8405
6	5062-3800	1	HANDLE ASSEMBLY	28480	5062-3800
7	0515-0896	8	MACH SCREW M4.0 10MM FL PD	28480	0515-0896
8	5021-8497	2	TRIM, FRONT HANDLE	28480	5021-8497
9	5041-8821	1	STRAP HANDLE CAP, FRONT	28480	5041-8821
10	0515-1132	2	MACH SCREW M5.0 10MM FL PD	28480	0515-1132
11	5041-8820	1	STRAP HANDLE CAP, REAR	28480	5041-8820
12	5062-3704	1	STRAP HANDLE	28480	5062-3704
13	5062-3842	1	COVER, SIDE - HANDLE	28480	5062-3842
14	5061-5806	1	REAR FRAME	28480	5061-5806
15	0515-2086	16	MACH SCREW M4.0 7MM FLP TX	28480	0515-2086
			*NOTE: corner struts are part of motherboard/card cage assy. (part number 85101-60267)		

**Figure 5-10 85101C Cabinet Parts with CRT Display**



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**Figure 5-11 8510C Cable Assemblies with CRT Display**



Ref Desig	Agilent Part Number	Qty	Description	Mfr Code	Mfr Part Number
W27	8120-1348	2	CABLE ASSY 18 AWG 3-CNDCT BLK-JKT	28480	8120-1348
W28	8120-3445	1	GPIB CABLE 1 METER	28480	8120-3445
W29	08510-60101	1	CBL AY IF DISPLAY	28480	08510-60101
W30	8120-2592	2	CBL AY BNC 1 METER	28480	8120-2582
W64	D1191A	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY FOR CRT DISPLAY	28480	D1191A
W65	24542G	2	CABLE, SERIAL RS-232	28480	24525G

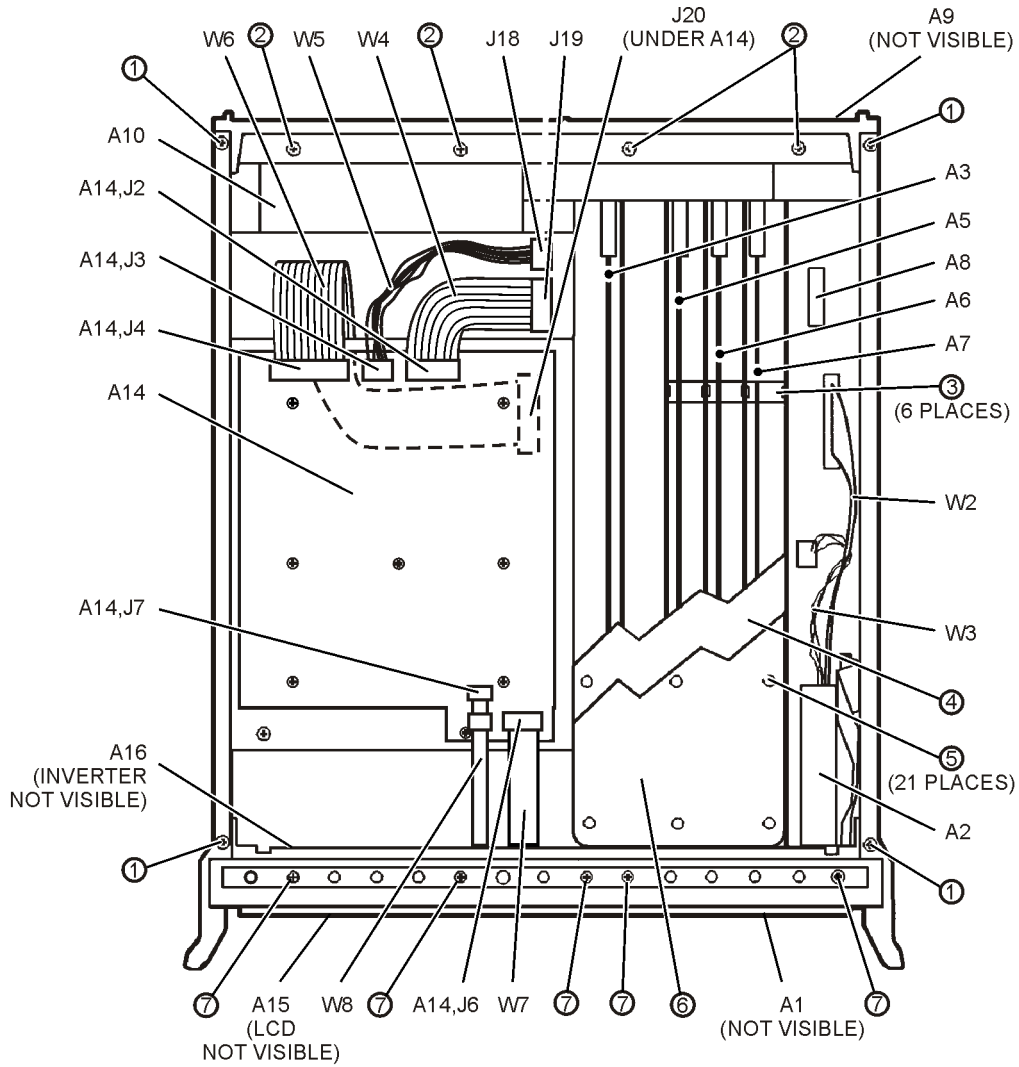


## Replaceable Parts for an 85101C Equipped with an LCD

**Table 5-9 85101C Top Internal with LCD**

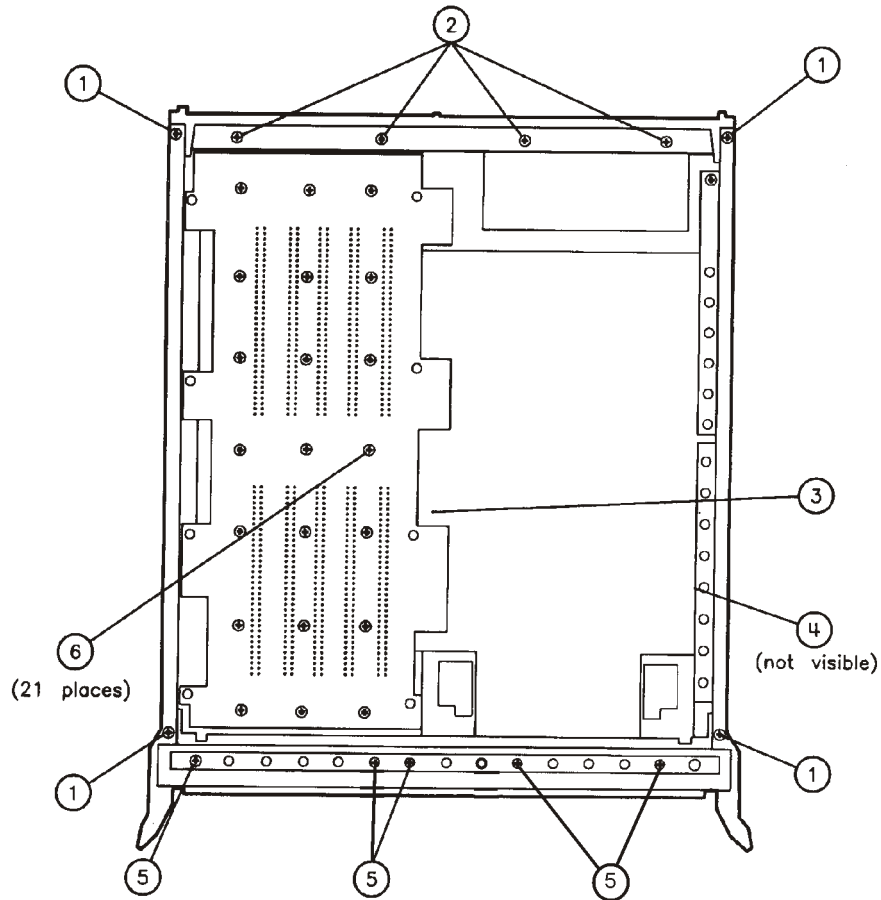
Ref Desig	Agilent Part Number	Qty	Description	Mfr Code	Mfr Part Number
A2	0950-2075	1	DISC DRIVE	28480	0950-2075
A3	85101-60244	1	POST-REGULATOR BOARD ASSEMBLY (NEW)	28480	85101-60244
A3	85101-69244		POST-REGULATOR BOARD ASSEMBLY (R-E)	28480	85101-69244
A3F1	2110-0333	1	FUSE 1.5A 125V NTD	28480	2110-0333
A3F2	2110-0425	1	FUSE 2A 125V NTD .25 X .27	28480	2110-0425
A3F3	2110-0425	1	FUSE 2A 125V NTD .25 X 2.7	28480	2110-0425
A4			NOT ASSIGNED		
A5	85101-60298	1	CPU BOARD ASSEMBLY	28480	85101-60298
A6	85101-60238	1	EEPROM BOARD ASSEMBLY (NEW)	28480	85101-60238
A6	85101-69238		EEPROM BOARD ASSEMBLY (R-E)	28480	85101-69238
A7	85101-60272	1	INPUT/OUTPUT BOARD ASSEMBLY (NEW)	28480	85101-60272
A8	85101-60263	1	SECURITY KEY BOARD ASSEMBLY (NEW) (NO IC SUPPLIED)	28480	85101-60263
A8IC1	85101-69273		SECURITY KEY IC, 8510C STANDARD [8510C REVISION 6.XX-8.XX FIRMWARE] (REBUILT- EXCHANGE ONLY)	28480	85101-69273
A8IC2	85101-69268		SECURITY KEY IC, 8510C TIME DOMAIN OPTION 010 (REBUILT-EXCHANGE ONLY)	28480	85101-69268
A9	85101-60295	1	REAR PANEL WITH BOARD ASSEMBLY	28480	85101-60295
A10	0950-3488	1	PREREGULATOR ASSEMBLY (NEW)	28480	0950-3488
A10F1	2110-0655	1	FUSE 3.15A 250V	28480	2110-0655
A11		1	NOT ASSIGNED		
A14	85101-60293	1	GRAPHICS SYSTEM PROCESSOR ASSEMBLY	28480	85101-60293
A15	85101-60297	1	LCD ASSEMBLY	28480	85101-60297
A16	0950-3379	1	INVERTER	28480	0950-3379
W2	85101-60254	1	RIBBON CABLE - DISK DRIVE	28480	85101-60254
W3	85101-60259	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY, DISK DRIVE POWER	28480	85101-60259
W4	85101-60299	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY, 14C 28 AWG	28480	85101-60299
W5	08757-60071	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY, POWER	28480	08757-60071
W6	0857-60076	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY, 34C 28 AWG	28480	0857-60076
W7	8121-0576	1	CABLE, DATA FOR LCD 31C	28480	8121-0576
W8	8121-8842	1	CABLE, INVERTER 6C	28480	8121-8842
1	0515-2086	4	MACH SCREW M4.0 7MM TX	28480	0515-2086
2	0515-0377	4	MACH SCREW M3.5 10MM TX	28480	0515-0377
3	85101-40014	6	PC BOARD SPACER	28480	85101-40014
4	85101-20055	1	RFI GASKET, TOP	28480	85101-20055
5	0515-0372	21	MACH SCREW M3.0 8MM FLP TXP	28480	0515-0372
6	85101-00051	1	CARD CAGE COVER	28480	85101-00051
7	0515-1382	5	MACH SCREW M3.5 6 PCFLTX	28480	0515-1382

**Figure 5-12 85101C Top Internal with LCD**



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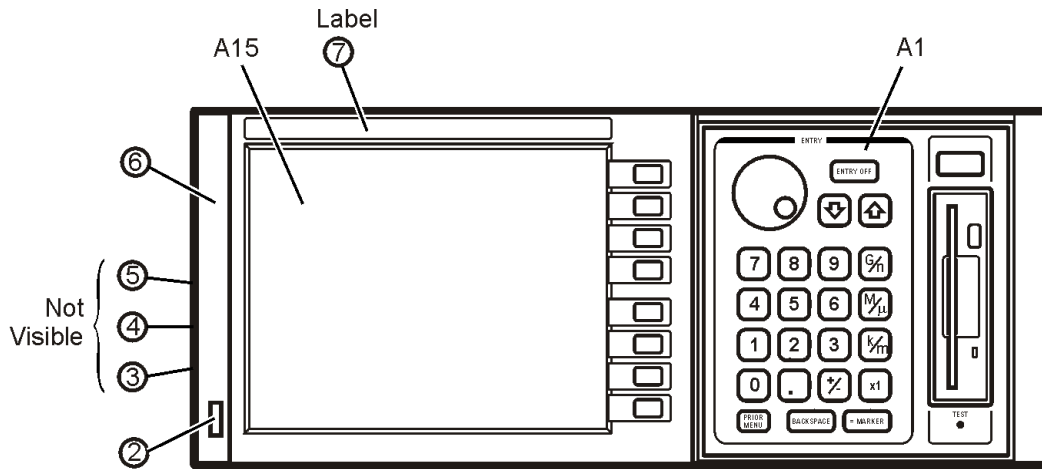
**Figure 5-13 85101C Bottom Internal with LCD**



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Ref Desig	Agilent Part Number	Qty	Description	Mfr Code	Mfr Part Number
1	0515-2086	4	MACH SCREW M4.0 7MM TX	28480	0515-2086
2	0515-0377	4	MACH SCREW M3.5 10MM TX	28480	0515-0377
3	85101-60300	1	MOTHERBD/CARD CAGE ASSY (INCLUDES FRAME CORNER STRUTS)	28480	85101-60300
5	0515-1382	5	MACH SCREW M3.5 6 PCFLT X	28480	0515-1382
6	0515-0372	21	MACH SCREW M3.0 8MM PN TX	28480	0515-0372

**Figure 5-14 85101C Front Panel External with LCD**



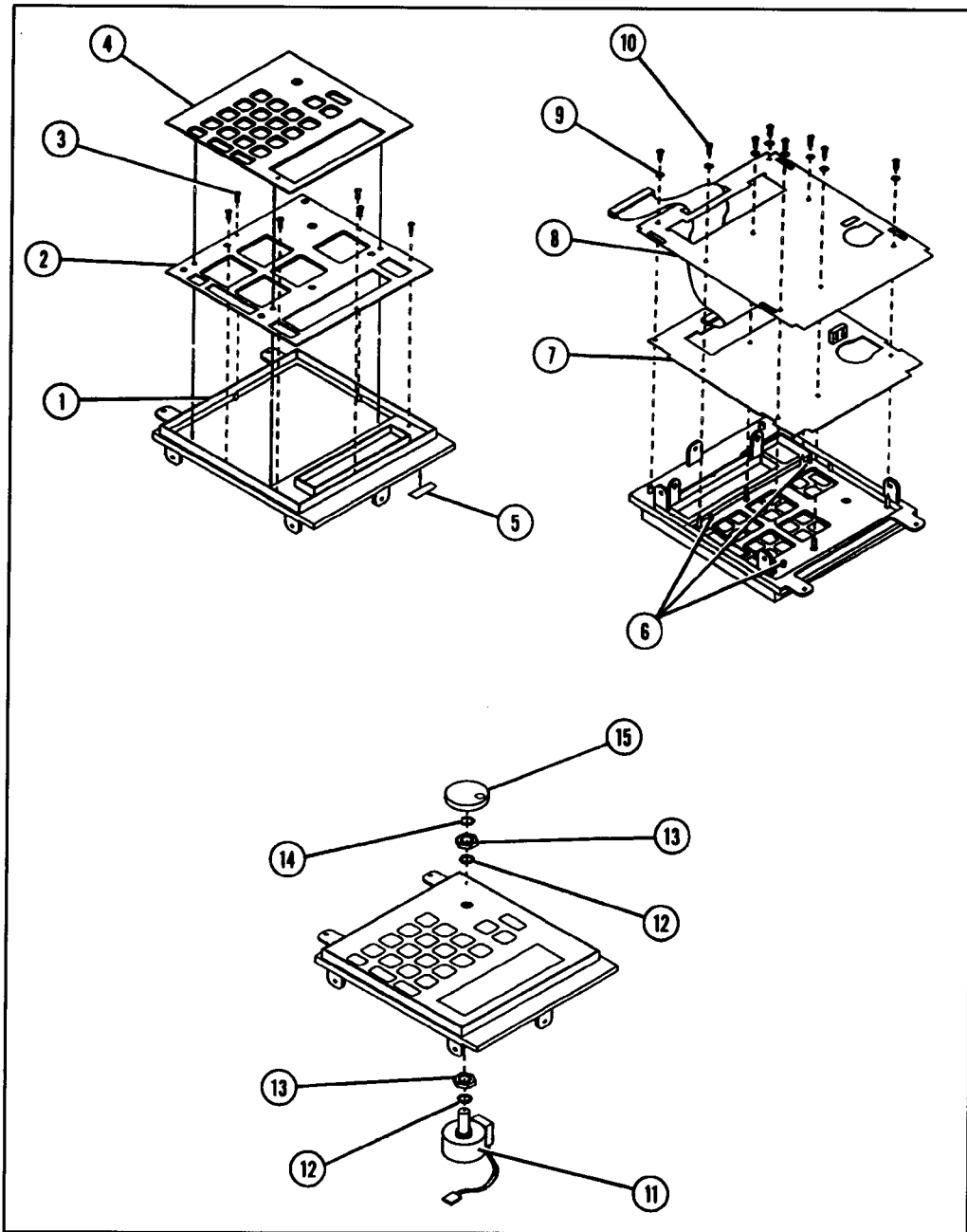
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Ref Desig	Agilent Part Number	Qty	Description	Mfr Code	Mfr Part Number
A15	85101-60297	1	A15 LCD ASSEMBLY	28480	85101-60297
2	08757-40005	1	LINE SWITCH BUTTON	28480	08757-40005
3	1460-1573	1	SPRING-EXTENSION.138-IN-OD	28480	1460-1573
4	85101-00081	1	LINE SWITCH ACTUATOR	28480	85101-00081
5	08753-00036	1	SWITCH INSULATOR	28480	08753-00036
A1	85101-60296	1	A1 FRONT PANEL ASSEMBLY	28480	85101-60296
6	85101-80135	1	OVERLAY-RIGHT SIDE	28480	85101-80135
7	85101-80136	1	NAME PLATE	28480	85101-80136

**Table 5-10 85101C Front Panel Internal with LCD**

Ref Desig	Agilent Part Number	Qty	Description	Mfr Code	Mfr Part Number
1	85101-20299	1	FRONT BEZEL	28480	85101-20299
2	85101-00062	1	SUB PANEL	28480	85101-00062
3	0515-1946	6	MACH SCREW M3.0 6MM TX	28480	0515-1946
4	85101-80084	1	FRONT DRESS PANEL	28480	85101-80084
5	7121-4611	1	LABEL-MADE IN USA	28480	7121-4611
6	0510-1148	3	PUSH ON RETAINER	28480	0510-1148
7	85101-60288	1	KEYBOARD ASSEMBLY	28480	85101-60288
8	85101-20053	1	AIR DAM	28480	85101-20053
9	3050-0105	8	WASHER FLAT .125 ID	28480	3050-0105
10	0515-0430	8	MACH SCREW M3.0 6MM TX	28480	0515-0430
11	85101-60234	1	ROTARY PULSE GENERATOR (RPG)	28480	85101-60234
12	2190-0016	2	WASHER LK INTL T3/8 IN .377ID	28480	2190-0016
13	2950-0043	2	NUT HEX DBLCHAM 3/8-32-THD .094IN THK	00000	Order by desc.
14	3050-0180	1	TEFLON WASHER	28480	3050-0180
15	0370-3033	1	KNOB BASE 250 JG	28480	0370-3033

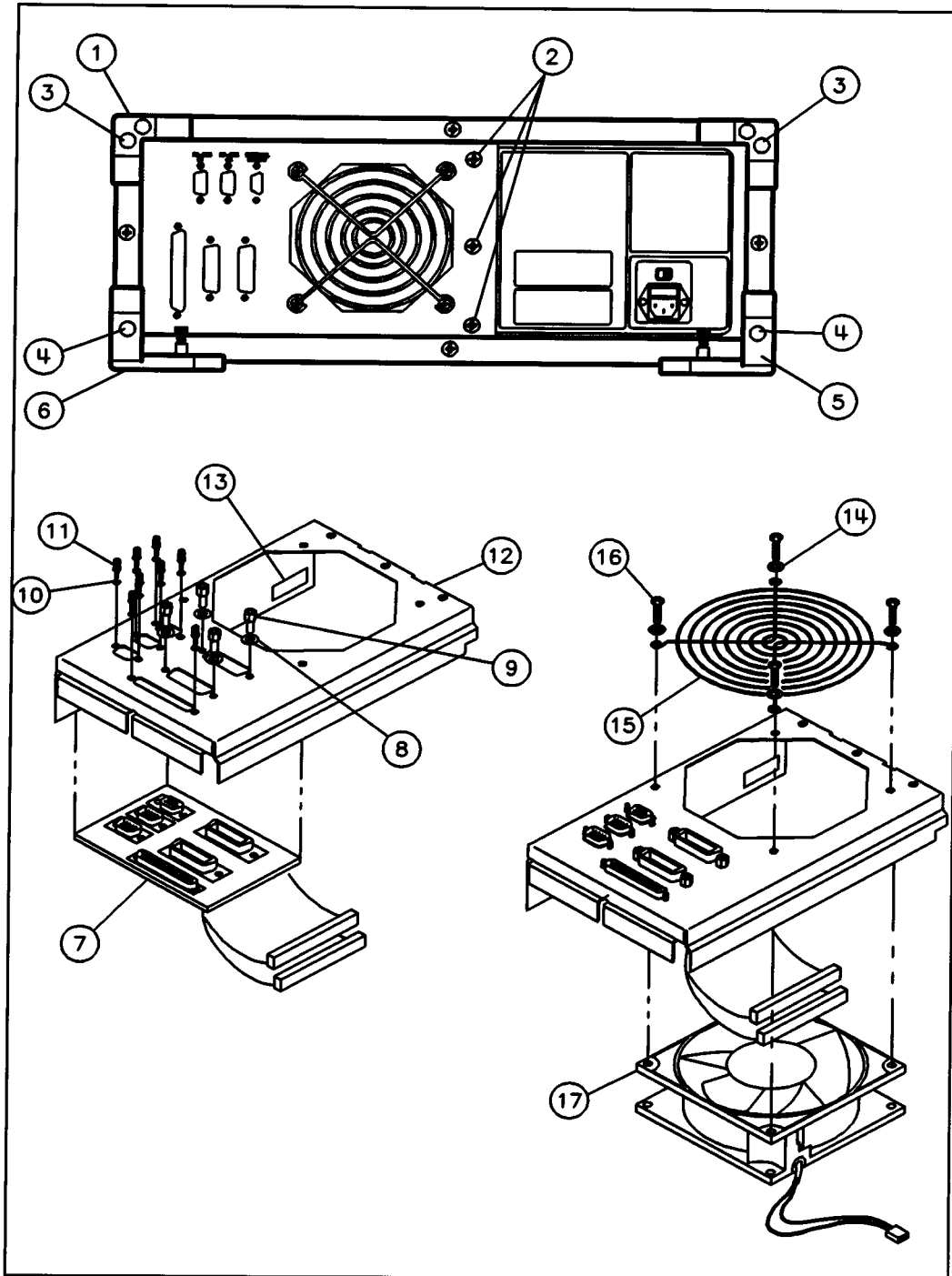
Figure 5-15 85101C Front Panel Internal with LCD



**Table 5-11 85101C Rear Panel External with LCD**

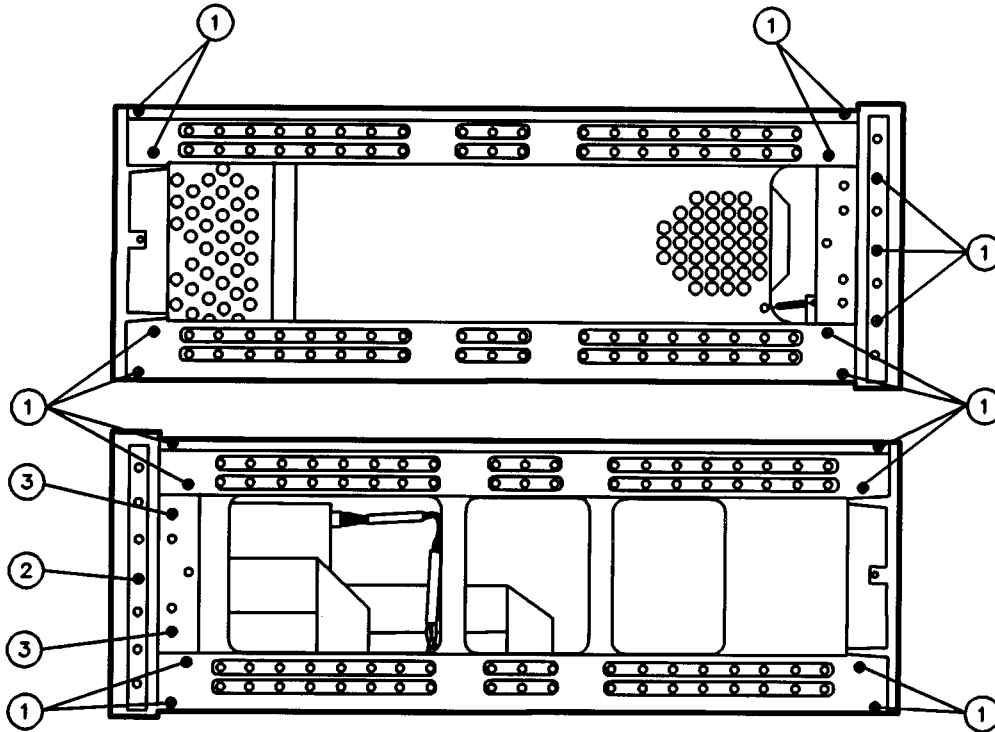
Ref Desig	Agilent Part Number	Qty	Description	Mfr Code	Agilent Part Number
1	5041-8821	2	STANDOFF – REAR PANEL	28480	5041-8821
2	0515-0372	3	MACH SCREW M3.0 8MM PN TX	28480	0515-0372
3	0515-1232	2	MACH SCREW M3.5 8MM PN PD	28480	0515-1232
4	0515-0892	2	MACH SCREW M3.5 12MM PN PD	28480	0515-0892
5	5021-8537	1	LOCKING FOOT, RIGHT	28480	5021-8537
6	5021-8539	1	LOCKING FOOT, LEFT	28480	5041-8539
7	85101-60290	1	REAR PANEL BOARD ASSEMBLY	28480	85101-60290
8	2190-0586	4	WASHER LK, HLCL 4.0MM	28480	2190-0586
9	0380-0643	4	STANDOFF HEX .255IN.LG 6-32	28480	0380-0643
10	2190-0584	8	WASHER, LK M3.0 NOM	28480	2190-0584
11	1251-7812	8	CONNECTOR, JACKSCREW	28480	1251-7812
12	85101-00082	1	REAR PANEL	28480	85101-00045
13	7121-4611	1	LABEL, MADE IN USA	28480	7121-4611
14	3050-1192	4	WASHER FL M3.5 NOM	28480	3050-1192
15	3160-0281	1	FINGER GUARD	28480	3160-0281
16	0515-0379	4	MACH SCREW M3.5 16MM PN TX	28480	0515-0379
17	08415-60036	1	FAN –TUBE AXIAL	28480	08415-60036

Figure 5-16 85101C Rear Panel with LCD





**Figure 5-17 85101C Left and Right Sides with LCD Display**

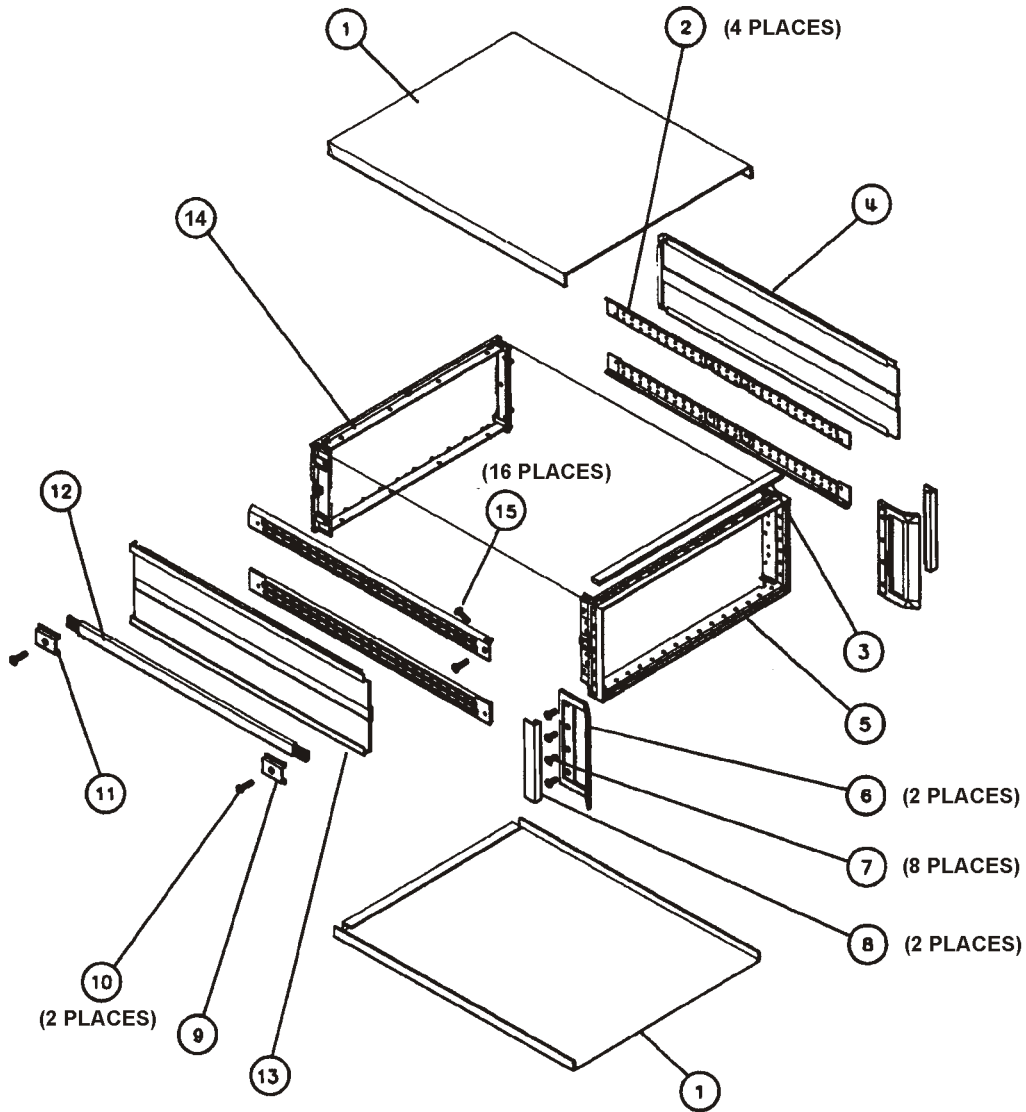


Ref Desig	Agilent Part Number	Qty	Description	Mfr Code	Mfr Part Number
1	0515-2086	19	MACH SCREW M4.0 7MM TX	28480	0515-2086
2	0515-1382	1	MACH SCREW M3.5 8MM TX	28480	0515-1382
3	0515-1402	2	SCREW MACH M3.5 8 PCPNTX	28480	0515-1402

**Table 5-12 85101C Cabinet Parts with LCD**

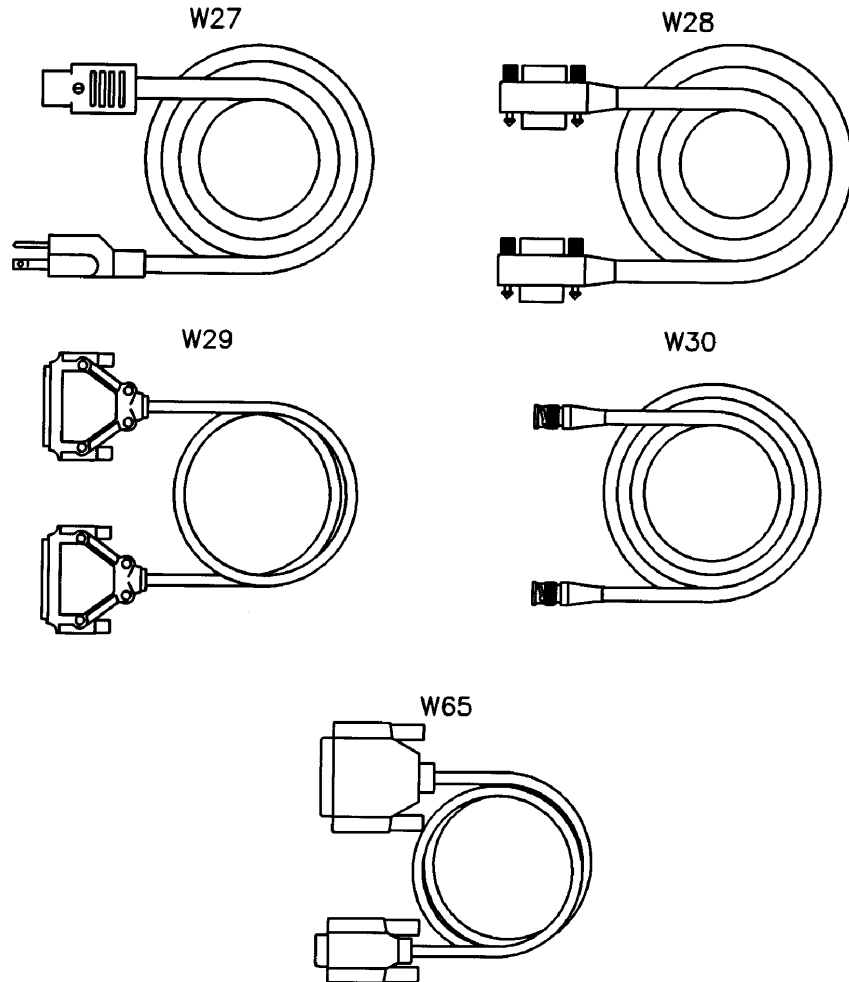
Ref Desig	Agilent Part Number	Qty	Description	Mfr Code	Mfr Part Number
1	5062-3735	2	TOP AND BOTTOM COVER	28480	5062-3735
2	5021-5837	4	CORNER STRUT*	28480	5021-5837
3	5041-8802	1	TRIM STRIP	28480	5041-8802
4	5062-3817	1	COVER, SIDE -PERFORATED	28480	5062-3817
5	5021-8405	1	FRONT FRAME	28480	5021-8405
6	5062-3800	1	HANDLE ASSEMBLY	28480	5062-3800
7	0515-0896	8	MACH SCREW M4.0 10MM FL PD	28480	0515-0896
8	5021-8497	2	TRIM, FRONT HANDLE	28480	5021-8497
9	5041-8821	1	STRAP HANDLE CAP, FRONT	28480	5041-8821
10	0515-1132	2	MACH SCREW M5.0 10MM FL PD	28480	0515-1132
11	5041-8820	1	STRAP HANDLE CAP, REAR	28480	5041-8820
12	5062-3704	1	STRAP HANDLE	28480	5062-3704
13	5062-3842	1	COVER, SIDE - HANDLE	28480	5062-3842
14	5061-5806	1	REAR FRAME	28480	5061-5806
15	0515-2086	16	MACH SCREW M4.0 7MM FLP TX	28480	0515-2086
			<b>*NOTE:</b> corner struts are part of motherboard/card cage assy. (part number 85101-60300)		

**Figure 5-18 85101C Cabinet Parts with LCD**



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**Figure 5-19 8510C Cable Assemblies with LCD**



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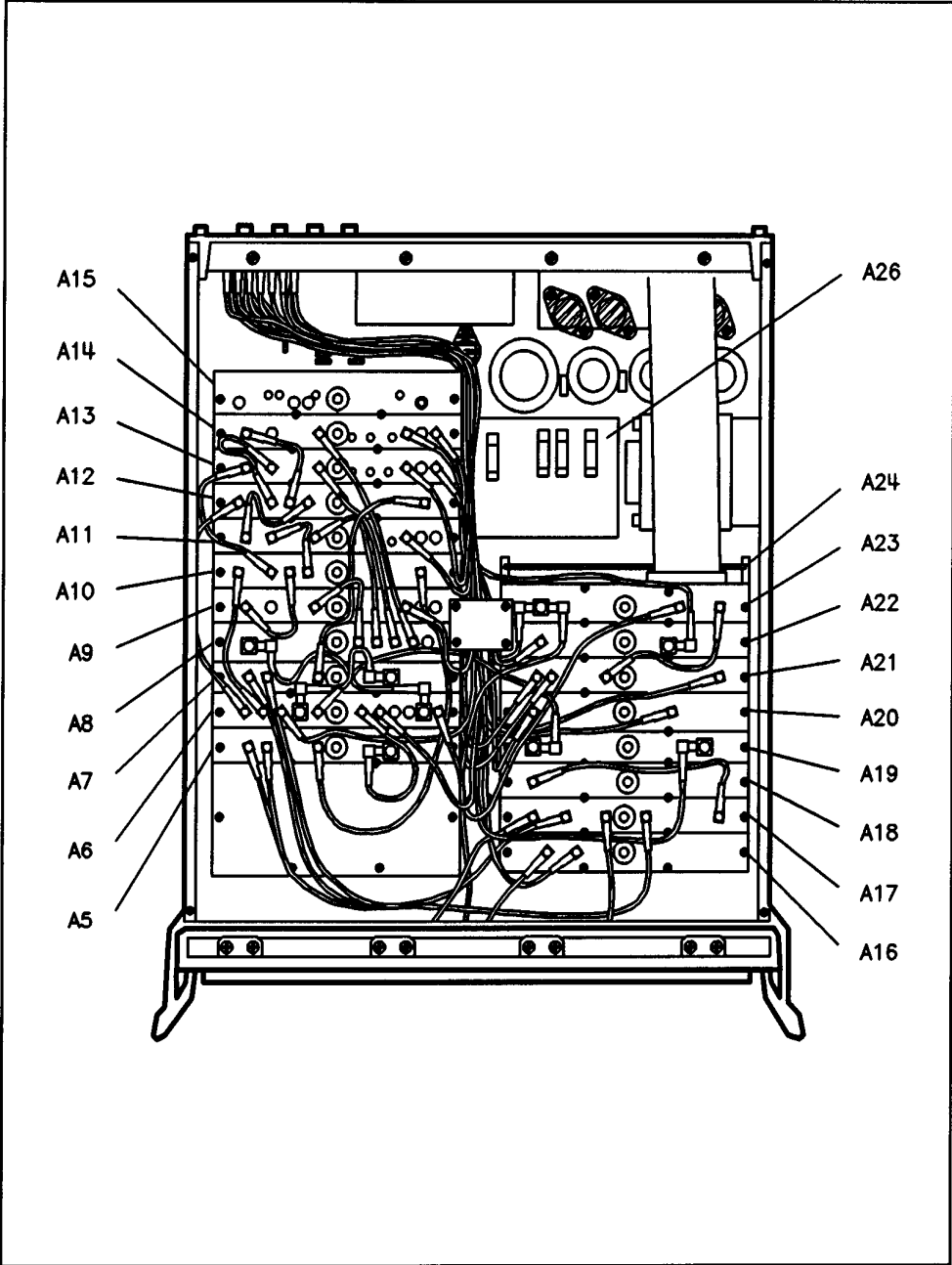
Ref Desig	Agilent Part Number	Qty	Description	Mfr Code	Mfr Part Number
W27	8120-1348	2	CABLE ASSY 18 AWG 3-CNDCT BLK-JKT	28480	8120-1348
W28	8120-3445	1	GPIB CABLE 1 METER	28480	8120-3445
W29	08510-60101	1	CBL AY IF DISPLAY	28480	08510-60101
W30	8120-2592	2	CBL AY BNC 1 METER	28480	8120-2582
W65	24542G	2	CABLE, SERIAL RS-232	28480	24525G

## 85102B Replaceable Parts

**Table 5-13 85102 Board Location**

Ref Desig	Agilent Part Number	Qty	Description	Mfr Code	Mfr Part Number
A2			NOT SHOWN (PULSE OPT ONLY)		
A3			NOT SHOWN (PULSE OPT ONLY)		
A4			NOT SHOWN (PULSE OPT ONLY)		
A5	85102-60203	1	BOARD ASSY, TEST SYNCHRONOUS DET. (NEW)	28480	85102-60203
A5	85102-69203		BOARD ASSY, TEST SYNCHRONOUS DET. (R-E)		85102-69203
A6	85102-60006	1	BOARD ASSEMBLY, CLOCK (NEW)	28480	85102-60006
A6	85102-69006		BOARD ASSEMBLY, CLOCK (R-E)	28480	85102-69006
A7	85102-60203	1	BOARD ASSY, TEST SYNCHRONOUS DET. (NEW)	28480	85102-60203
A7	85102-69203		BOARD ASSY, TEST SYNCHRONOUS DET. (R-E)	28480	85102-69203
A8	85102-60008	1	BOARD ASSEMBLY 19.9 MHZ L.O. (NEW)	28480	85102-60008
A8	85102-69008		BOARD ASSEMBLY 19.9 MHZ L.O. (R-E)	28480	85102-69008
A9	85102-60261	1	BOARD ASSEMBLY, B2 IF MIXER (NEW)	28480	85102-60261
A10	85102-60010	1	BOARD ASSEMBLY, TEST IF AMPLIFIER (NEW)	28480	85102-60010
A10	85102-69010		BOARD ASSEMBLY, TEST IF AMPLIFIER (R-E)	28480	85102-69010
A11	85102-60261	1	BOARD ASSEMBLY, B1 IF MIXER (NEW)	28480	85102-60261
A12	85102-60010	1	BOARD ASSEMBLY, REF IF AMPLIFIER (NEW)	28480	85102-60010
			(SAME AS A10; USE PREFIX A12)		
A12	85102-69010		BOARD ASSEMBLY, REF IF AMPLIFIER (R-E)	28480	85102-69010
			(SAME AS A10; USE PREFIX A12)		
A13	85102-60261	1	BOARD ASSEMBLY, A2 IF MIXER (NEW)	28480	85102-60261
			(SAME AS A9; USE PREFIX A13)		
A14	85102-60261	1	BOARD ASSEMBLY, A1 IF MIXER (NEW)	28480	85102-60261
			(SAME AS A9; USE PREFIX A14)		
A15	85102-60015	1	BOARD ASSEMBLY REGULATOR (NEW)	28480	85102-60015
A16	85102-60235	1	REMOTE APPLICATIONS BOARD (NEW)	28480	85102-60235
A17	85102-60212	1	BOARD ASSEMBLY, SAMPLE AND HOLD (NEW)	28480	85102-60212
A17	85102-69212		BOARD ASSEMBLY, SAMPLE AND HOLD (R-E)	28480	85102-69212
A18	85102-60208	1	BOARD ASSEMBLY, A/D CONVERTER (NEW)	28480	85102-60208
A18	85102-69208		BOARD ASSEMBLY, A/D CONVERTER (R-E)	28480	85102-69208
A19	85102-60019	1	BOARD ASSEMBLY, ADC CONTROL (NEW)	28480	85102-60019
A19	85102-69019		BOARD ASSEMBLY, ADC CONTROL (R-E)	28480	85102-69019
A20	85102-60234	1	BOARD ASSEMBLY SWEEP ADC (NEW)	28480	85102-60234
A21	85102-60021	1	BOARD ASSEMBLY, IF COUNTER (NEW)	28480	85102-60021
A21	85102-69021		BOARD ASSEMBLY, IF COUNTER (R-E)	28480	85102-69021
A22	85102-60272	1	BOARD ASSEMBLY, PRETUNE CONTROL (NEW)	28480	85102-60272
A22	85102-69272		BOARD ASSEMBLY, PRETUNE CONTROL (R-E)	28480	85102-69272
A23	85102-60240	1	BOARD ASSEMBLY, MAIN PHASE LOCK (NEW)	28480	85102-60240
A24	85102-60024	1	BOARD ASSY, PROCESSOR INTERFACE (NEW)	28480	85102-60024
A24	85102-69024		BOARD ASSY, PROCESSOR INTERFACE (R-E)	28480	85102-69024
A26	85102-60273	1	BOARD ASSEMBLY, RECTIFIER (NEW)	28480	85102-60273
A26	85102-69273		BOARD ASSEMBLY, RECTIFIER (R-E)	28480	85102-60273

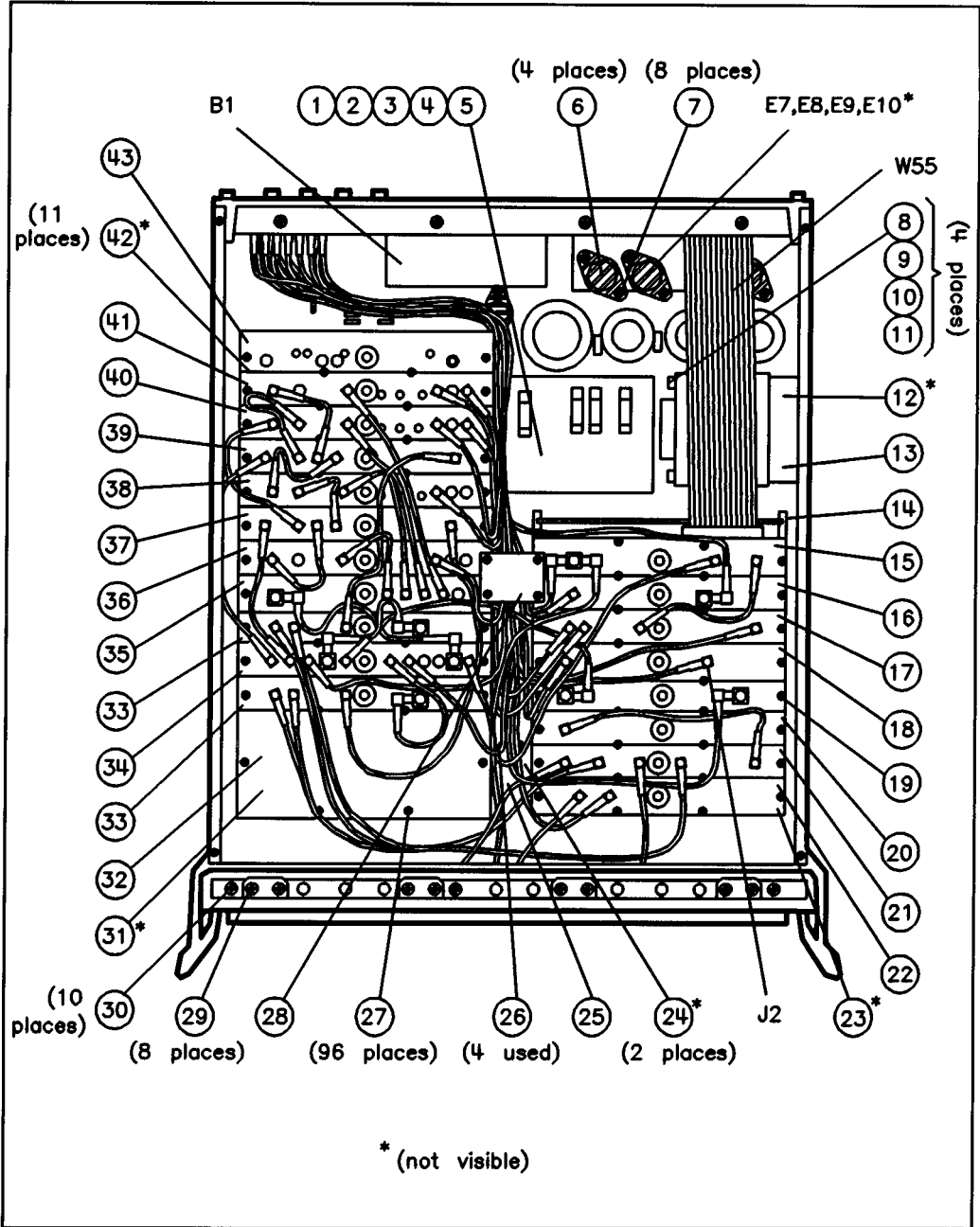
**Figure 5-20**      **85102 Board Location**



**Table 5-14 85102 Top Internal**

Ref Desig	Agilent Part Number	Qty	Description	Mfr Code	Mfr Part Number
B1	08756-20073	1	FAN ASSEMBLY	28480	08756-20073
E7	0340-0596	4	INSULATOR-XSTR THRM-CNDCT	28480	0340-0596
E8	0340-0596		INSULATOR-XSTR THRM-CNDCT	28480	0340-0596
E9	0340-0596		INSULATOR-XSTR THRM-CNDCT	28480	0340-0596
E10	0340-0596		INSULATOR-XSTR THRM-CNDCT	28480	0340-0596
J2	1250-1391	1	ADAPTOR TEE MFM SMB	28480	1250-1391
Q1	1854-0679	1	TRANSISTOR NPN 2N5885 SI TO-3 PD=200W	28480	1854-0679
Q2, Q4	1853-0351	2	TRANSISTOR PNP 2N6053 SI DARL TO-3	28480	1853-0351
Q3	1854-0611	1	TRANSISTOR NPN 2N6055 SI DARL TO-3	28480	1854-0611
W55	85102-60191	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY INTER CON	28480	85102-60191
1	0570-0111	5	SM 632 .375RDSL	28480	0570-0111
2	1390-0104	1	FASTENER-SNAP-IN GROM PANEL THKNS	28480	1390-0104
3	1390-0281	1	FASTENER-SNAP-IN PLGR PANEL THKNS	28480	1390-0281
4	85102-20058	1	SAFETY COVER	28480	85102-20058
5	85102-20059	1	SAFETY COVER	28480	85102-20059
6	1205-0399	4	HEAT SINK SGL TO-3-CS	28480	1205-0399
7	2200-0113	8	SCREW-MACH 4-40.625-IN-LGPAN-HD-POZI	00000	Order by desc.
8	2190-0017	4	WASHER-LK HLCL NO.8 .168-IN-ID	28480	2190-0017
9	2510-0138	4	SCREW MACH 8-32 3-IN-LG PAN-HD-POZI	00000	Order by desc.
10	3050-0005	4	WASHER-SHLDR NO.6.14-IN-ID.375-IN-OD	28480	3050-0005
11	3050-0139	4	WASHER-FL MTLC NO.8 .172-IN-ID	28480	3050-0139
12	85102-20070	2	MOUNT TRANSFORMER	28480	85102-20070
14	08505-20133	1	ENCLOSURE CKT	28480	08505-20133
15	85102-00023	1	COVER-RF MAIN PHASE LOCK	28480	85102-00023
16	85102-00022	1	COVER-RF PRETUNE CONTROL	28480	85102-00022
17	85102-00021	1	COVER-RF IF COUNTER	28480	85102-00021
18	85102-00020	1	COVER-RF SWP A/D CONVERTER	28480	85102-00020
19	85102-00019	1	COVER-RF A/D CONVERTER	28480	85102-00019
20	85102-00018	1	COVER-A/D CONVERTER	28480	85102-00018
21	85102-00017	1	COVER-RF SAMPLE/HOLD	28480	85102-00017
22	85102-00053	1	COVER-RF REMOTE APPLICATIONS	28480	85102-00053
23	85102-00060	1	GASKET-RF COVER	28480	85102-00060
24	85102-00029	2	BRACKET	28480	85102-00029
25	85102-00028	1	BRACKET-WIREWAY	28480	85102-00028
26	2360-0115	36	SCREW-MACH 6-32.312-IN-LGPAN-HD-POZI	00000	Order by desc.
27	2200-1271	16	SCREW-SM 440.375ETPNTX	28480	2200-1271
28	85102-00037	1	CLIP	28480	85102-00037
29	0515-2316	8	SCREW-SMM3.5 6 PCPNTX	00000	Order by desc.
30	2360-0334	10	SCREW- SM 632 .312FLPD	28480	2360-0334
31	85102-20061	1	GASKET-RF COVER	28480	85102-20061
32	85102-00040	1	COVER-BLANK A2-3-4	28480	85102-00040
33	85102-00005	1	COVER-RF SYNCHRONOUS DETECTOR	28480	85102-00005
34	85102-00006	1	COVER A6 CLOCK	28480	85102-00006
35	85102-00008	1	COVER-RF 19.9 MHZ LO	28480	85102-00008
36	85102-00009	1	COVER-RF B2 IF MIXER	28480	85102-00009
37	85102-00010	1	COVER-TEST IF AMP	28480	85102-00010
38	85102-00011	1	COVER-RF B1 IF MIXER	28480	85102-00011
39	85102-00012	1	COVER-REF IF AMP	28480	85102-00012
40	85102-00013	1	COVER-RF A2 IF MIXER	28480	85102-00013
41	85102-00014	1	COVER-RFA1 IF MIXER	28480	85102-00014
42	85102-20163	1	ENCLOSURE CKT	28480	85102-20163
43	85102-00015	1	COVER-REGULATOR	28480	85102-00015

Figure 5-21 85102 Top Internal

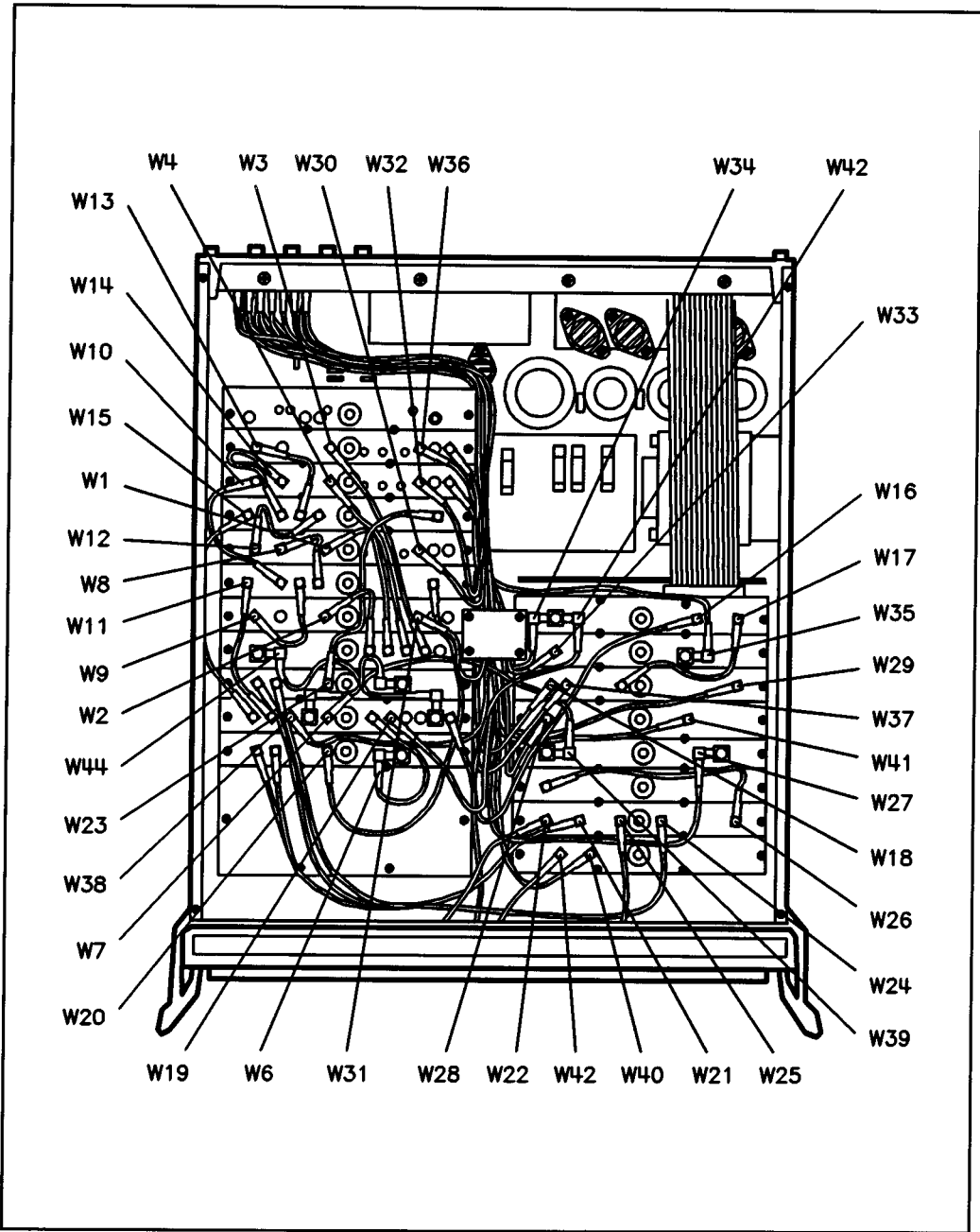




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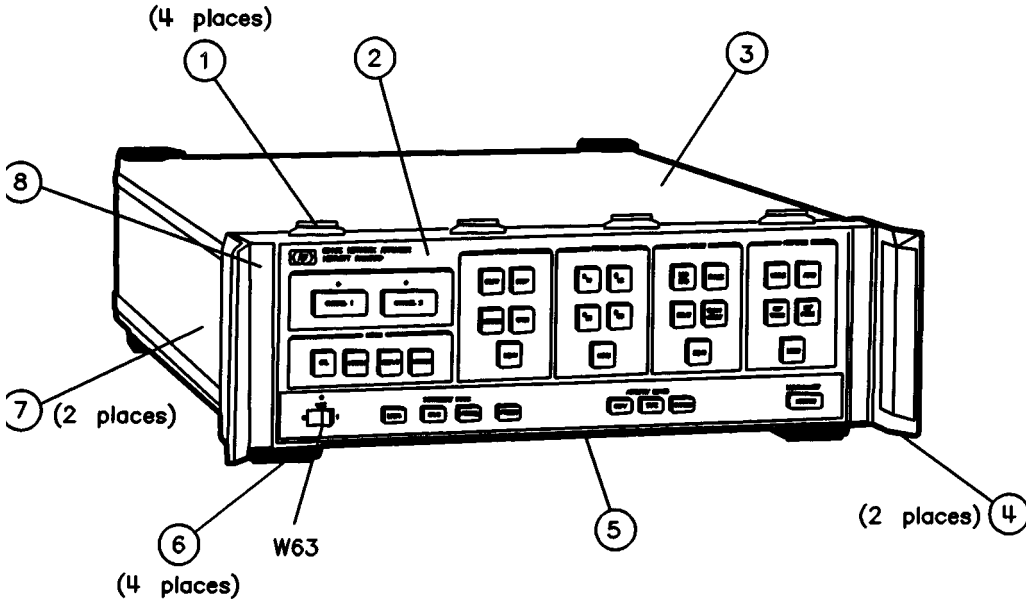
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W3	85102-60133	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A8J5-A14J3	28480	85102-60133
W4	85102-60134	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A8J4-A13J3	28480	85102-60134
W5			NOT ASSIGNED		
W6	85102-60136	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A6J6-A5J4	28480	85102-60136
W7	85102-60137	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A6J5-A7J4	28480	85102-60137
W8	85102-60138	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A11J2-A10J4	28480	85102-60138
W9	85102-60139	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A9J1-A10J3	28480	85102-60139
W10	85102-60140	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A13J1-A10J2	28480	85102-60140
W11	85102-60141	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A6J2-A10J1	28480	85102-60141
W12	85102-60142	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A11J1-A12J4	28480	85102-60142
W13	85102-60143	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A14J1-A12J3	28480	85102-60143
W14	85102-60144	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A13J2-A12J2	28480	85102-60144
W15	85102-60145	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A6J1-A12J1	28480	85102-60145
W16	85102-60146	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A6J11-A23J2	28480	85102-60146
W17	85102-60147	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A21J3-A23J3	28480	85102-60147
W18	85102-60148	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A14J6-A21J1	28480	85102-60148
W19	85102-60149	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A6J7-J7	28480	85102-60149
W20	85102-60150	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A10J5-A5J3	28480	85102-60150
W21	85102-60151	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A5J1-A17J2	28480	85102-60151
W22	85102-60152	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A5J2-A17J1	28480	85102-60152
W23	85102-60153	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A12J5-A7J3	28480	85102-60153
W24	85102-60154	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A7J1-A17J4	28480	85102-60154
W25	85102-60155	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A7J2-A17J3	28480	85102-60155
W26	85102-60156	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A17J5-A18J1	28480	85102-60156
W27	85102-60157	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A19J2-J3	28480	85102-60157
W28	85102-60158	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A20J1-J5	28480	85102-60158
W29	85102-60159	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A21J4-J6	28480	85102-60159
W30	85102-60160	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY J1A2-A11J4	28480	85102-60160
W31	85102-60161	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY J1A3-A9J4	28480	85102-60161
W32	85102-60162	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY J1A4-A13J4	28480	85102-60162
W33	85102-60163	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY J1A5-A22J1	28480	85102-60163
W34	85102-60164	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY J1A6-A23J1	28480	85102-60164
W35	85102-60165	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY J1A7-A22J3	28480	85102-60165
W36	85102-60166	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY J1A1-A14J4	28480	85102-60166
W37	85102-60167	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A13J6-A21J2	28480	85102-60167
W38	85102-60168	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A6J3-J4	28480	85102-60168
W39	85102-60169	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A6J4-A19J1	28480	85102-60169
W40	85102-60223	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A16J2-REAR PANEL J9	28480	85102-60223
W41	85102-60224	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A20J2-REAR PANEL J10	28480	85102-60224
W42	85102-60222	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A16J1-A23J1	28480	85102-60222
W43			NOT ASSIGNED		
W44	85102-60174	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A6J10-A8J1	28480	85102-60174

Figure 5-22 85102 Cable Locations





**Figure 5-24 85102 Front**

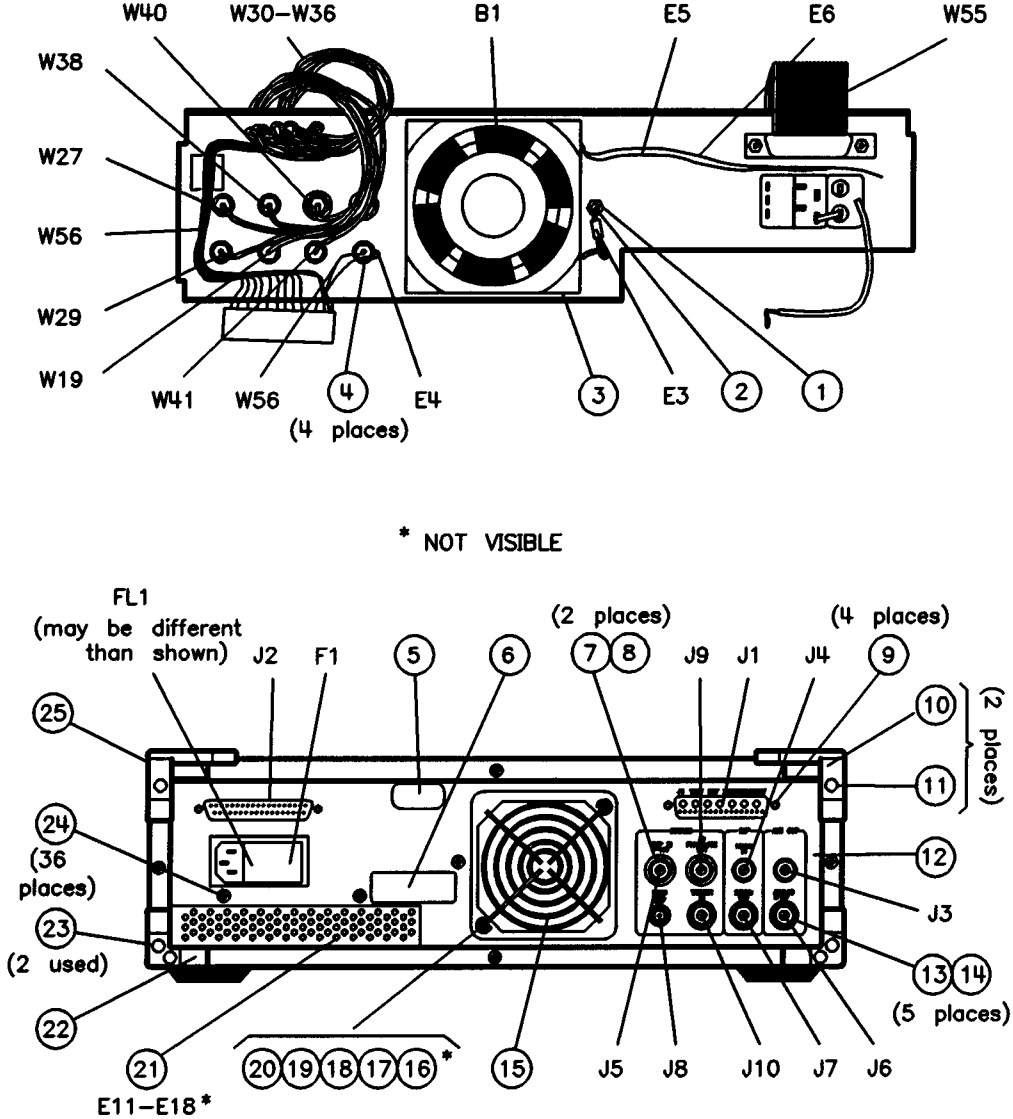


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1	1600-1423	4	VERTICAL LOCK (FRONT)	28480	1600-0367
2	85102-80116	1	DRESS PANEL	28480	85102-80116
3	5062-3735	1	COVER TOP 18"	28480	5062-3735
4	5062-3799	2	HANDLE ASSEMBLY FRONT	28480	5062-3799
5	85102-00043	1	BOTTOM COVER	28480	85102-00043
6	5041-8801	4	FOOT-BOTTOM	28480	5041-8801
7	5062-3757	2	COVER ASSEMBLY SIDE	28480	5062-3757
8	85102-20054	1	FRONT BEZEL MACH	28480	85102-20054
W63	85102-60193	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY LINE SWITCH	28480	85102-60193

**Table 5-16 85102 Rear**

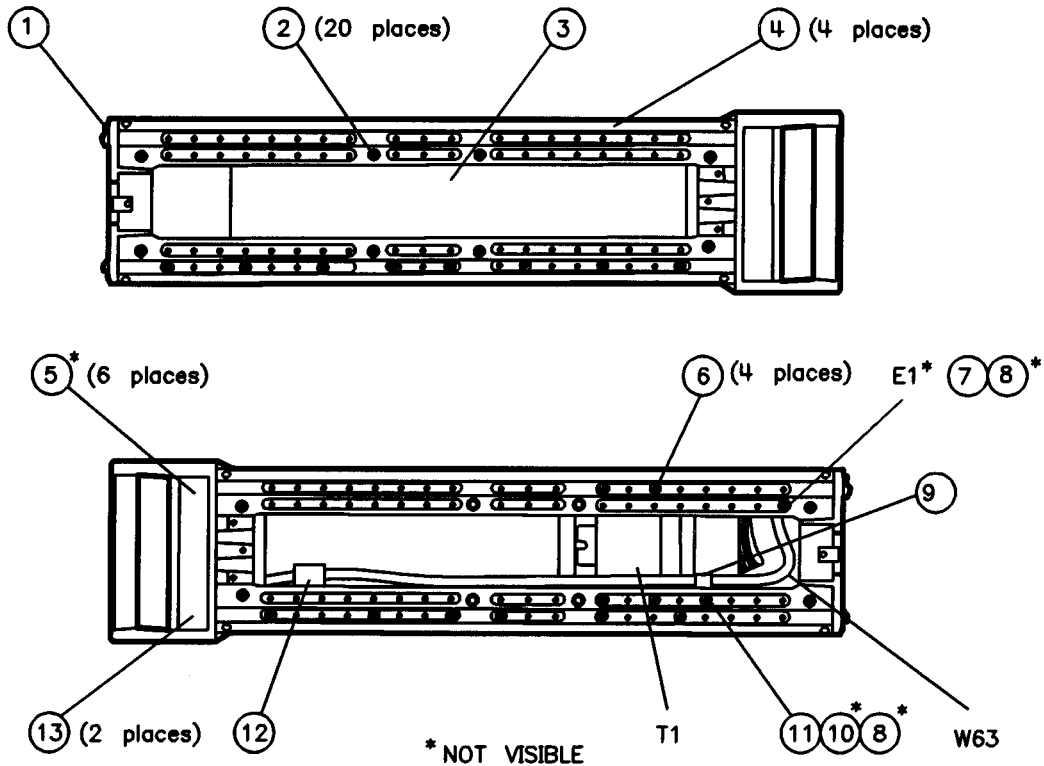
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E3	0360-0031	1	TERMINAL-CRIMP R-TNG #6 22-16-AWG RED	28480	0360-0031
E4	0360-1632	1	TERMINAL-SLDR LUG LK-MTG FOR-#3/8-SCR	28480	0360-1632
E5	0362-0227	2	CONNECTOR-SGL CONT SKT 1.14-MM-BSC-SZ	28480	0362-0227
E6	0362-0227	2	CONNECTOR-SGL CONT SKT 1.14-MM-BSC-SZ	28480	0362-0227
E11-18	1200-0147	8	INSULATOR-FLG-BSHG-NYLON	28480	1200-0147
F1	2100-0002	1	2A 250V NTD 1.25X.25 UL	75915	2100-0002
FL1	0960-0443	1	LINE MODULE-FILTERED	28480	0960-0443
J1	1251-2197	1	CONNECTOR-R&P 24F	28480	1251-2197
J2	1250-1391	1	ADAPTOR TEE MFM SMB	28480	1250-1391
J4	1250-0870	1	CONNECTOR-RF BNC FEM SGL-HOLE-RR 50-OHM	28480	1250-0870
J5	1250-1091	1	CONNECTOR-RF BNC FEM SGL-HOLE-RR 50-OHM	28480	1250-1091
J6	1250-0870	1	CONNECTOR-RF BNC FEM SGL-HOLE-RR 50-OHM	28480	1250-0870
J7	1250-0870	1	CONNECTOR-RF BNC FEM SGL-HOLE-RR 50-OHM	28480	1250-0870
J8	1250-0083	1	CONNECTOR-RF BNC FEM SGL-HOLE-FR 50-OHM	28480	1250-0083
J9	1250-1091	1	CONNECTOR-RF BNC FEM SGL-HOLE-FR 50-OHM	28480	1250-1091
J10	1250-0870	1	CONNECTOR-RF BNC FEM SGL-HOLE-FR 50-OHM	28480	1250-0870
W19	85102-60149	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A6J7-J7	28480	85102-60149
W27	85102-60157	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A19J2-J3	28480	85102-60157
W29	85102-60159	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A21J4-J6	28480	85102-60159
W30	85102-60160	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY J1A2-A11J4	28480	85102-60160
W31	85102-60161	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY J1A3-A9J4	28480	85102-60161
W32	85102-60162	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY J1A4-A13J4	28480	85102-60162
W33	85102-60163	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY J1A5-A22J1	28480	85102-60163
W34	85102-60164	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY J1A6-A23J1	28480	85102-60164
W35	85102-60165	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY J1A7-A22J3	28480	85102-60165
W36	85102-60166	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY J1A1-A1J4	28480	85102-60166
W38	85102-60168	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A6J3-J4	28480	85102-60168
W40	85102-60223	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A16J2-REAR PANEL J9	28480	85102-60223
W41	85102-60224	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY A20J2-REAR PANEL J10	28480	85102-60224
W55	85102-60191	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY DISPLAY INTERFACE	28480	85102-60191
W56	85102-60192	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY TEST SET INTERFACE	28480	85102-60192
1	2420-0001	3	NUT-HEX-W/LKWR 6-32-THD .109-IN-THK	00000	Order by desc.
2	2360-0193	5	SCREW-MACH 6-32.25-IN-LG PAN-HD-POZI	28480	2360-0193
3	0400-0010	4	GROMMET-RND-.25-IN-ID-.375-IN-GRV-OD	28480	0400-0010
4	2950-0043	1	NUT-HEX-DBL-CHAM 3/8-32-THD .094-IN-THK	00000	Order by desc.
5	7121-2380	1	LABEL-SERIAL NUMBER	28480	7121-2380
6	7120-4835	1	LABEL-INFORMATION .75-IN-WD2-IN-LG PPR	28480	7120-4835
7	3050-1094	1	WASHER-FL MTLC 1/2 IN .505-IN-ID	28480	3050-1094
8	00310-48801	2	SHOULDERED WASHER	28480	00310-48801
9	1251-2942	4	LOCK-SUBMIN D CONN	28480	1251-2942
10	5021-8540	1	LOCK FOOT L RT	28480	5021-8540
11	0515-1402	2	SCREW-SMM3.5 8 PCPNTX	00000	Order by desc.
12	85102-00056	1	REAR PANEL	28480	85102-00056
13	0590-1251	5	NUT-SPCLY 15/32-32-THD .1-IN-THK .562-WD	00000	Order by desc.
14	2190-0102	5	WASHER-LK INTL T 15/32 IN .472-IN-ID	28480	2190-0102
15	3160-0300	1	FINGER GUARD	28480	3160-0300
16	0510-0110	3	NUT-CAP 6-32-THD .281-IN-THK .312-A/F	00000	Order by desc.
17	2190-0006	2	WASHER-LK HLCL NO.6 141-IN-ID	28480	2190-0006
18	2190-0007	4	WASHER-LK INTL T NO 6.141-IN-ID	28480	2190-0007
19	2360-0205	2	SCREW-MACH 6-32.75-IN-LG PAN-HD-POZI	00000	Order by desc.
20	3050-0227	4	WASHER-FL MTLC NO.6 149-IN-ID	28480	3050-0227
21	85102-20057	1	HEAT SINK	28480	85102-20057
22	5040-7221	2	FOOT-REAR	28480	5040-7221
23	0515-2317	3	SCREW-SMM3.5 12 PCPNTX	00000	Order by desc.
24	2360-0115	36	SCREW-MACH 6-32.312-IN-LG PAN-HD-POZI	00000	Order by desc.
25	5021-8538	1	LOCK FOOT L LFT	28480	5021-8538
	08360-60026	1	BD ASSY- FP FLT BNC	28480	08360-60026

Figure 5-25 85102 Rear



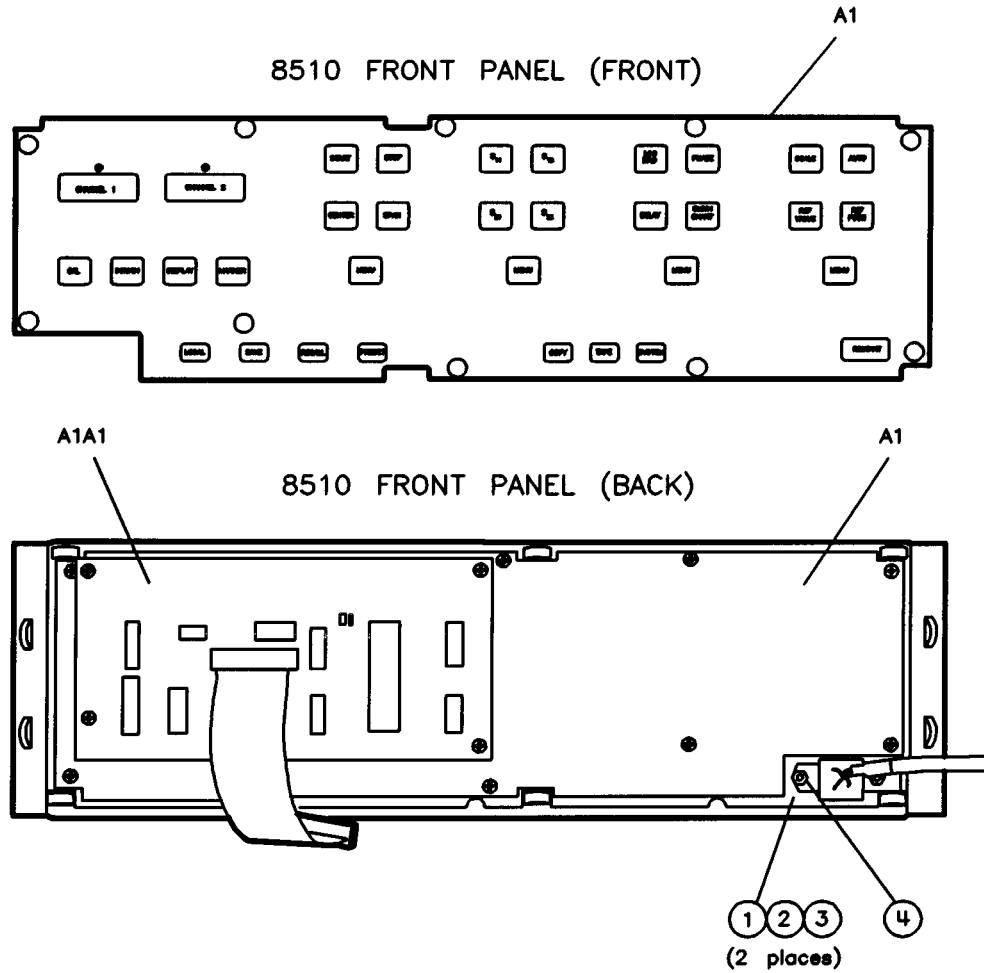
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	0590-0663	2	NUT-HEX 4-40	28480	0590-0663
	3050-0235	2	WASHER FLAT .117 IN-ID	28480	3050-0235
	3050-0011	2	WASHER FLAT .130 IN-HD	28480	3050-0011
	2200-0107	2	SCREW-MACH 440 .375 IN LG PAN-HD-POZI	28480	2200-0107

**Figure 5-26 85102 Left and Right Internal**



Ref Desig	Agilent Part Number	Qty	Description	Mfr Code	Mfr Part Number
E1	0360-0009	1	TERMINAL-SLDR LUG PL-MTG FOR-#6-SCR	28480	0360-0009
T1	9100-4388	1	TRANSFORMER	28480	9100-4388
W63	85102-60193	1	CABLE ASSEMBLY LINE SWITCH	28480	85102-60193
1	5021-5804	1	FRAME REAR	28480	5021-5804
2	0515-1367	20	SCREW-MACH 8-32.25-IN-LG 100 DEG	00000	Order by Desc.
3	5001-8232	1	GUSSET SIDE	28480	5001-8232
4	5021-5837	4	STRUT CORNER 18"	28480	5021-5837
5	2360-0334	6	SCREW-SM 632 .312FLPD	28480	2360-0334
6	2510-0049	4	SCREW-MACH 8-32 .5-IN-LG PAN-HD-POZI	00000	Order by Desc.
7	2360-0115	36	SCREW-MACH 6-32 .312-IN-LG PAN-HD-POZI	00000	Order by Desc.
8	2420-0002	3	NUT-HEX 6-32	00000	Order by Desc.
9	1400-0017	1	CLAMP-CABLE .312-DIA .375-WD NYL	28480	1400-0017
10	3050-0227	4	WASHER-FL MTLN NO. 6 .149-IN-ID	28480	3050-0227
11	2360-0121	3	SCREW-SM 632 .500PNPD	00000	Order by Desc.
12	1400-0757	1	CLAMP-CABLE .25-DIA 1-WD PVC	28480	1400-0757
13	5020-8896	2	FRONT HANDLE TRIM	28480	5020-8896

**Figure 5-27 85102 Front Panel Board Assembly**



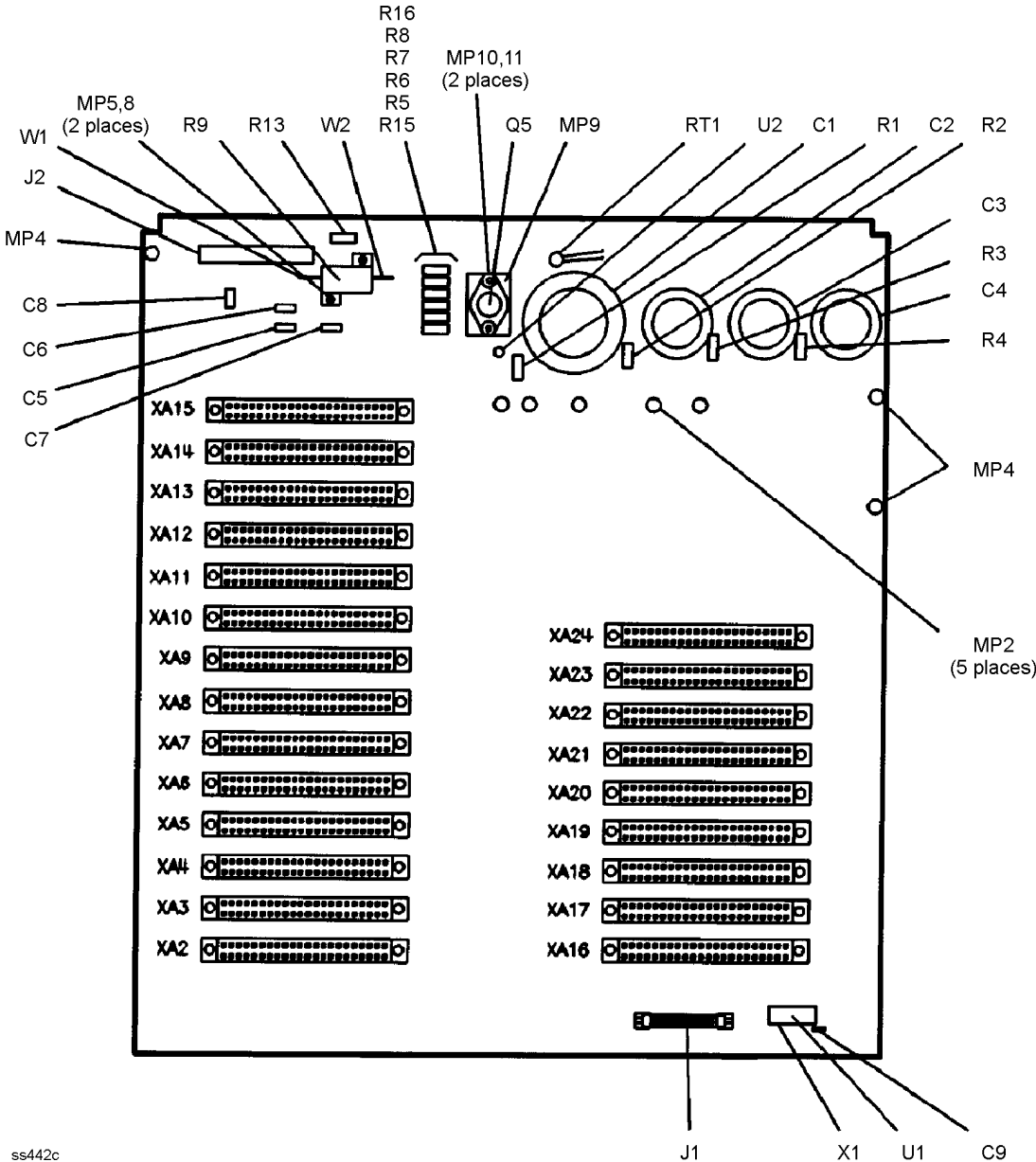
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A1	85102-69001	1	BOARD ASSEMBLY, FRONT PANEL (R-E)	28480	85102-69001
A1A1	85102-60029	1	BOARD ASSY, FRONT PANEL INTERFACE (NEW)	28480	85102-60029
A1A1	85102-69029	1	BOARD ASSY, FRONT PANEL INTERFACE (R-E)	28480	85102-69029
1	0380-0020	2	SPACER-RND .25-IN-LG .128-IN-ID	00000	Order by Desc.
2	2190-0019	2	WASHER-LK HLCL NO. 4. 115-IN-ID	28480	2190-0019
3	2260-0001	2	NUT-HEX-DBL-CHAM 4-40-THD .094-IN-THK	28480	2260-0001
4	85102-60214	1	SUB PANEL	28480	85102-60214



**Table 5-17 85102 Motherboard (1 of 2)**

Ref Desig	Agilent Part Number	Qty	Description	Mfr Code	Mfr Part Number
C1	0180-3017	1	CAPACITOR-FXD .045F+75-105VDC AL	28480	0180-3017
C2	0180-0453	1	CAPACITOR-FXD 8700UF+75-100VDC AL	28480	0180-0453
C3	0180-2671	2	CAPACITOR-FXD .012F+75-100VDC AL	00853	5001232U030AC2A
C4	0180-2671		CAPACITOR-FXD .012F+75-100VDC AL	00853	5001232U030AC2A
C5	0180-1731		CAPACITOR-FXD 4.7UF±100VDC TA	56289	150D475X9050B2
C6	0180-0116		CAPACITOR-FXD 6.8UF±100VDC TA	56289	150D685X9035B2
C7	0180-1731		CAPACITOR-FXD 4.7UF±100VDC TA	56289	150D475X9050B2
C8	0180-0116		CAPACITOR-FXD 6.8UF±100VDC TA	56289	150D685X9035B2
C9	0160-4084		CAPACITOR-FXD .1UF±200VDC CER	28480	0160-4084
J1	1251-5800	1	CONNECTOR 26-PIN M POST TYPE	28480	1251-5800
J2	1251-3901	1	CONNECTOR 15-PIN M POST TYPE	28480	1251-3901
MP2	1251-5595	5	POLARIZING KEY -POST CONN	28480	1251-5595
MP4	0360-0124	3	CONNECTOR SGL CONT PIN .04-IN-BSC-SZ-RND	28480	0360-0124
MP5	0360-0124	2	CONNECTOR SGL CONT PIN .04-IN-BSC-SZ-RND	28480	0360-0124
MP8	2200-0105	2	SCREW-SM 440 .312PNPD	00000	Order by Desc.
MP9	1205-0421	1	HT SK TO66	28480	1205-0421
MP10	2420-0001	2	NUT HEX 6-32	28480	2420-0001
MP11	0570-0111	2	SCREW MACHINE 6-32	28480	0570-0111
Q5	1854-0072	1	TRANSISTOR NPN 2N3054 SI TO-66 PD=25W	28480	1854-0072
R1	0764-0016	2	RESISTOR 1K 5W MO TC=0±200	28480	0764-0016
R2	0764-0016		RESISTOR 1K 5W MO TC=0±200	28480	0764-0016
R3	0764-0015	2	RESISTOR 560 5W MO TC=0±200	28480	0764-0015
R4	0764-0015		RESISTOR 3.3 PW MO TC=0±400	28480	0764-0015
R5	0811-1672	6	RESISTOR 560 5W MO TC=0±200	75042	BWH2-3R3-J
R6	0811-1672		RESISTOR 3.3 5W PW TC=0±400	75042	BWH2-3R3-J
R7	0811-1672		RESISTOR 3.3 5W PW TC=0±400	75042	BWH2-3R3-J
R8	0811-1672		RESISTOR 3.3 5W PW TC=0±400	75042	BWH2-3R3-J
R9	0811-2048	1	RESISTOR .25 15W PW TC=0±90	91637	RH25-T2-1/4-F
R13	0811-1667	1	RESISTOR 1.2 5W PW TC=0±400	75042	BWH2-1R2-J
R15	0811-1672		RESISTOR 3.3 5W PW TC=0±400	75042	BWH2-3R3-J
R16	0811-1672		RESISTOR 3.3 5W PW TC=0±400	75042	BWH2-3R3-J
RT1	0837-0126	1	THERMISTOR DISC 1K-OHM TC=-4.4DEG	28480	0837-0126
U1	1820-2075		IC MISC TTL LS	01295	SN74LS245N
U2	1826-0061		IC TEMP XDCR TO-52 PKG	24355	AD590KH
W1-2	8151-0013	2	WIRE 22 1X22	28480	8151-0013
X1	1200-0639	1	SOCKET-IC 20-CONT DIP DIP-SLDR	28480	1200-0639
XA2-XA24	1251-7882	23	CONNECTOR-PC EDGE 2-ROWS	28480	1251-7882

**Figure 5-28 85102 Motherboard (1 of 2)**

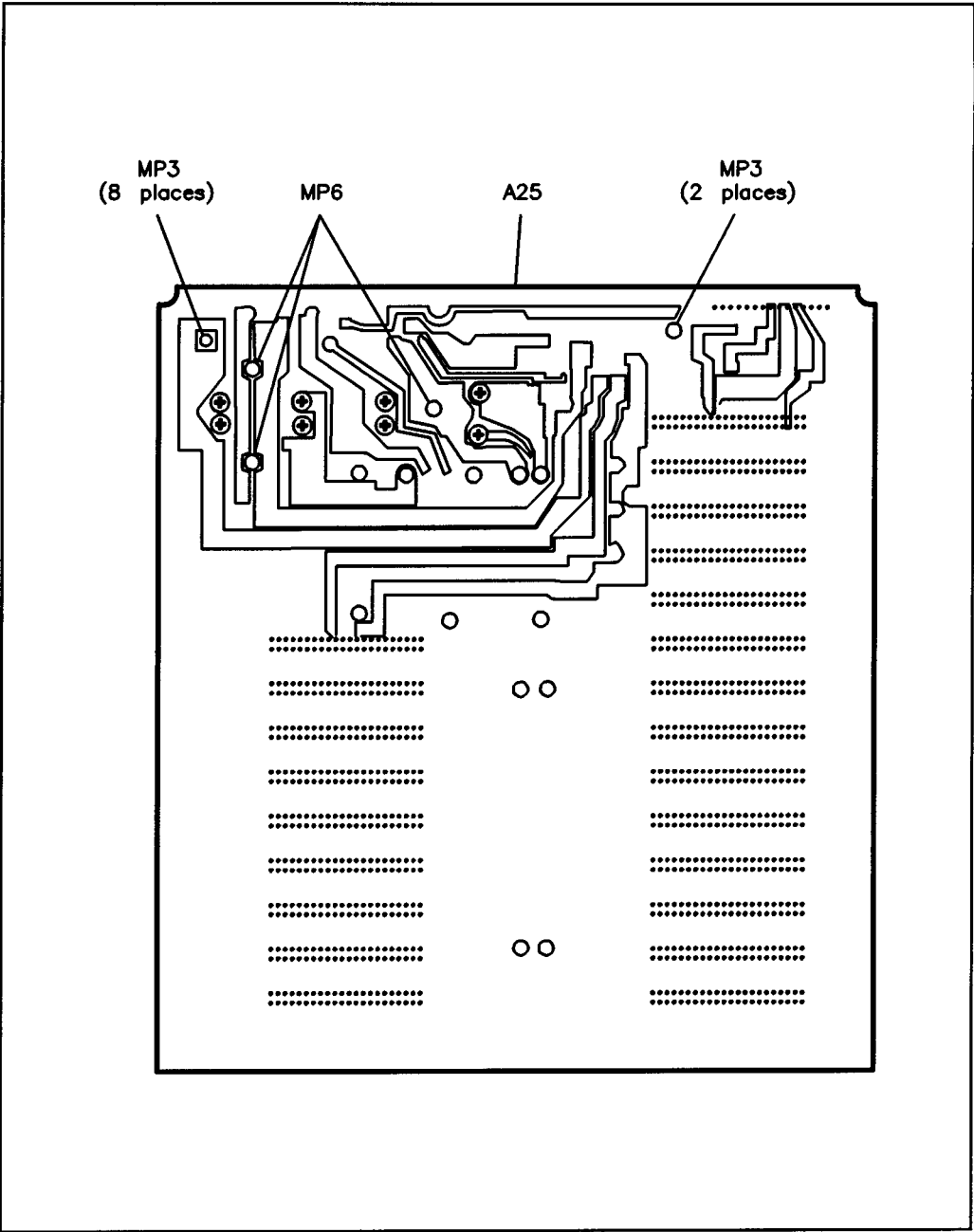


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**Table 5-18 Motherboard (2 of 2)**

Ref Desig	Agilent Part Number	Qty	Description	Mfr Code	Mfr Part Number
A25	85102-60229	1	BOARD ASSEMBLY, MOTHER The following parts are not supplied when A25 is ordered: A25C1, A25C2, A25C3, A25C4, A25Q1, A25Q2, A25Q3, A25Q4	28480	85102-60229
MP3	0360-0124	4	CONNECTOR-SGL CONT PIN .04-IN-BSC-SZ RND	28480	0360-0124
MP6	0360-0124		CONNECTOR-SGL CONT PIN .04-IN-BSC-SZ RND	28480	0360-0124

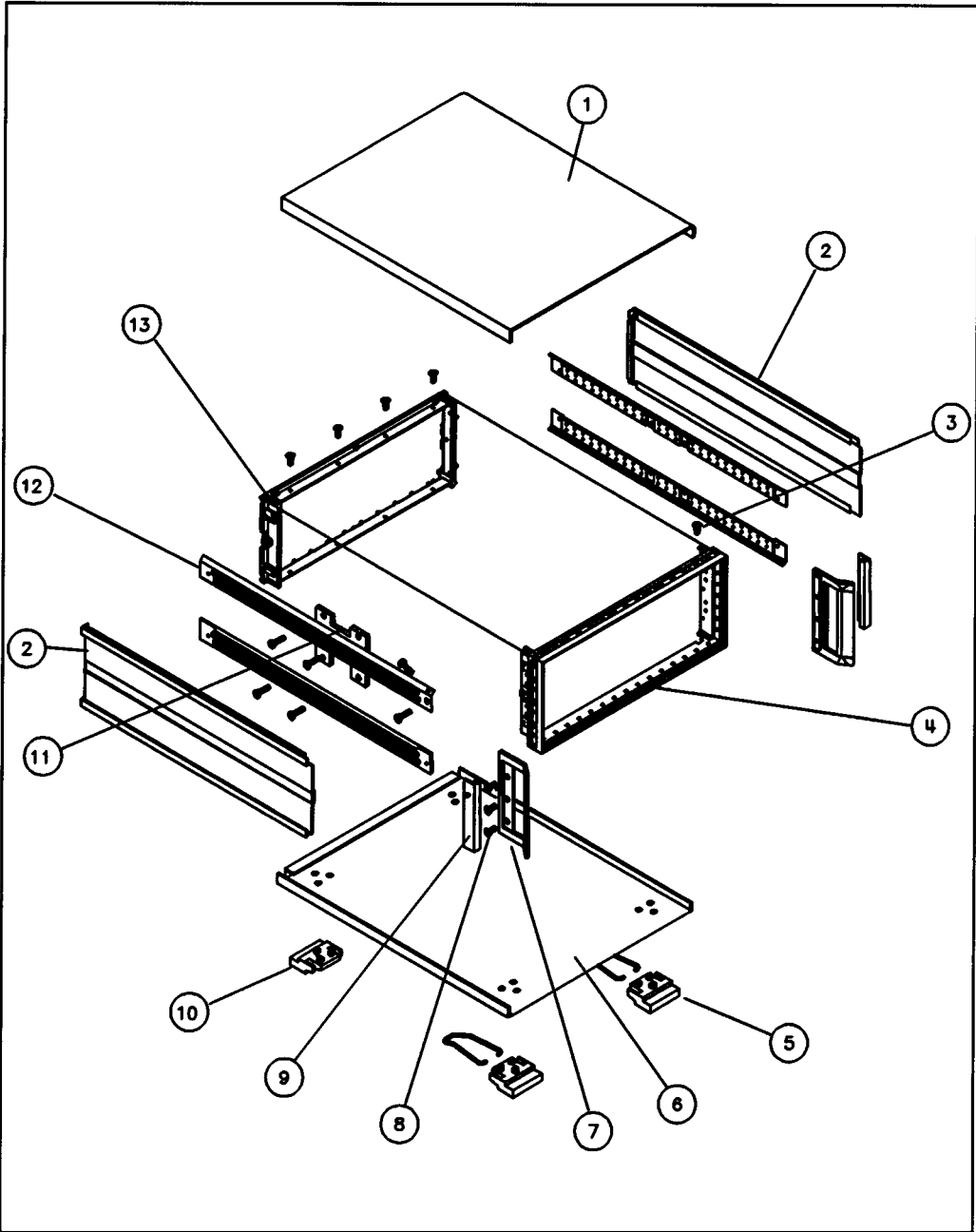
Figure 5-29 85102 Motherboard (2 of 2)



**Table 5-19 85102 Cabinet Parts**

Ref Desig	Agilent Part Number	Qty	Description	Mfr Code	Mfr Part Number
1	5062-3735	1	COVER TOP 18"	28480	5062-3735
2	5062-3757	2	COVER ASSEMBLY SIDE	28480	5062-3757
3	0515-2086	8	SCREW-SMM4.0 7 PCFLTX	28480	0515-2086
4	5021-8403	1	FRAME FRONT	28480	5021-8403
5	5041-8801	4	FOOT-BOTTOM	28480	5041-8801
6	85102-00061	1	BOTTOM COVER	28480	85102-00061
7	5062-3799	2	HANDLE ASSEMBLY FRONT	28480	5062-3799
8	0515-0396	6	SCREW-MACH 8-32.375-IN-LG 100 DEG	28480	0515-0396
9	5021-8496	2	TRIM FRONT HANDLE	28480	5021-8496
10	5041-8821	2	FOOT-REAR	28480	5041-8821
11	5001-8232	1	GUSSET SIDE	28480	5001-8232
12	5021-5837	4	STRUT CORNER 18"	28480	5021-5837
13	5021-5804	1	FRAME REAR	28480	5021-5804

Figure 5-30 85102 Cabinet Parts





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## **6 Replacement Procedures**



## Overview

### 85101C Replacement Procedures

The original 85101C Display/Processor incorporated a cathode ray tube (CRT). The current design incorporates a liquid crystal display (LCD). Some replacement procedures may differ depending on the display installed. In such instances, each display (CRT or LCD) is documented separately.

#### 8510C Equipped with a CRT Display

Front panel (A1)\*  
Rotary pulse generator (RPG)  
Disk drive (A2)  
CRT display (A11)\*  
Rear panel (A9)  
Preregulator (A10)  
Motherboard/card cage assembly\*

#### 8510C Equipped with an LCD

Front panel (A1) \*  
Rotary pulse generator (RPG)  
Disk drive (A2)  
LCD assembly (A15)\*  
Rear panel (A9)  
Preregulator (A10)  
Motherboard / card cage assembly\*

\* Assembly differs in 8510C models with CRT and LCD displays.

### 85102B Replacement Procedures

Front panel  
Rectifier board (A26)  
Power supply capacitors (C1, C2, C3, and C4)  
Rear panel

### Adjustments and Performance Tests

When an assembly is replaced, adjustments may be necessary to assure the analyzer meets its specifications. Refer to [Figure 7-3](#) to identify the adjustment(s) required after replacing an assembly. In addition to any necessary adjustments, performance verification may be needed depending on the assembly replaced.

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**WARNING**                    **The ac line voltage inside the instrument can, if contacted, produce fatal electrical shock. DISCONNECT BOTH AC POWER CORDS FOR ALL DISASSEMBLY PROCEDURES! With the ac power cables connected to the instrument, the ac line voltage is present on the terminals of the line power modules on the rear panels, and the LINE power switch, whether the switch is ON or OFF. Be aware that capacitors inside the instrument may remain charged for 5 seconds even though the instrument has been disconnected from its ac power source.**

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**Table 6-1                    Disassembly Tools Required**

Tool	Agilent Part Number
Large Pozidrive	8710-0900
Small Pozidrive	8710-0899
Torx driver T-10	8710-1623
Torx driver T-15	8710-1622
Nut driver 1/4 in.	8720-0002
Nut driver 7/16 in.	8720-0006
Allen wrench No. 6 (1/16 in.)	5020-0289
Small flat blade screwdriver	8730-0008
Needlenose pliers	8710-0595
Conductive Loctite	0470-0573
Insulated clip leads	N/A

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## 85101C Replacement Procedures



**ATTENTION**  
**Static Sensitive**

**Handle only at Static Safe  
Work Stations**

**This product contains static-sensitive components. When handling these components or assemblies, work on an anti-static surface and use a static grounding wrist strap.**

## A1 Front Panel Replacement

### Tools Required

Large Pozidrive screwdriver

Very small flat blade screwdriver

T-10 Torx screwdriver

### Procedure

The items shown in parentheses refer to the corresponding item numbers in Figure 6-1.

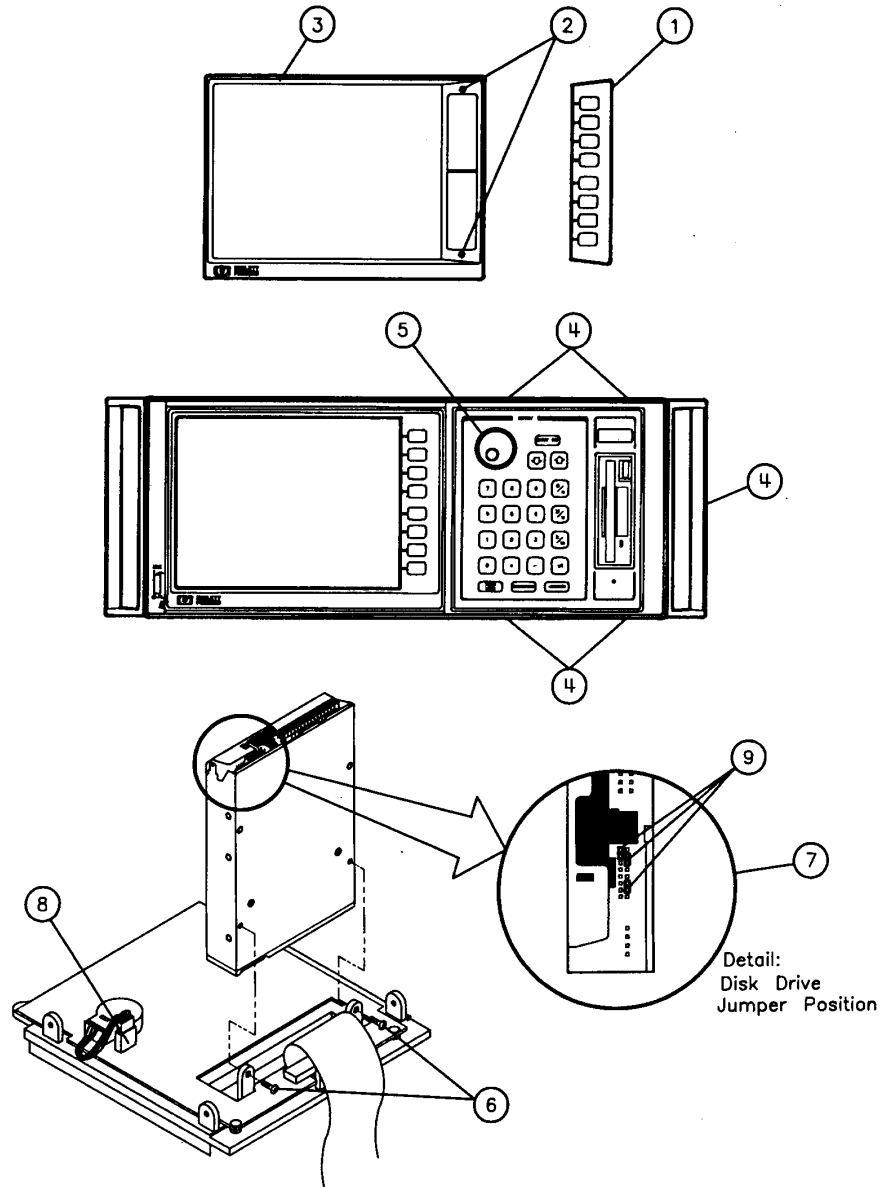
#### To Disassemble

1. Disconnect the power cords and remove the top and right side covers.
2. For an 85101C equipped with an LCD, perform the disassembly procedure in [“A15 LCD Assembly Replacement” on page 6-16](#) followed by step 6 and step 7 below. For an 85101C equipped with a CRT, continue with step 3 through step 7.
3. Remove the bezel's softkey cover (item 1) by sliding your fingernail under the left edge, near the top or bottom of the cover. Pry the softkey cover away from the bezel. If you use another tool, take care not to scratch the glass.
4. Remove the two screws and washers (item 2) exposed by the previous step. Remove the bezel (item 3) from the frame.
5. Remove the trim strip from the top edge of the front frame by prying under it with a flat screwdriver.
6. Remove five screws: two from the top edge of the frame, two from the bottom edge of the frame and one from the side edge of the frame (item 4).

#### To Reassemble

7. Disconnect the two ribbon cables from the motherboard by pressing down and out on the connector locks. Disconnect the disc drive power cable from the motherboard. Remove the front panel by pulling it straight out of the frame.
8. To install a front panel, reverse the preceding steps. Torque all screws to 113 N-cm (10in-lb).

Figure 6-1



## **Rotary Pulse Generator (RPG) Replacement**

### **Tools Required**

Large Pozidrive screwdriver  
Very small flat blade screwdriver  
7/16 in. open-end wrench or nut driver  
No. 6 Allen wrench (1/16 in.)  
T-10 Torx screwdriver

### **Procedure**

The items shown in parentheses refer to the corresponding item numbers in Figure 6-1.

### **To Disassemble**

1. Perform the front panel (A1) disassembly procedure.
2. Using a 1/16 in. Allen wrench, loosen the screws in the RPG knob (item 5). Pull the knob off the RPG shaft.
3. Remove the teflon sleeve, nut and washer from the RPG shaft.
4. Disconnect the cable from the A1 J2 RPG connection (item 8) and remove the RPG from the front panel assembly.

### **To Reassemble**

5. Reverse steps 2 through 4. Perform step 8 of front panel (A1) replacement procedure.

## A2 Disk Drive Replacement

### Tools Required

Large Pozidrive screwdriver  
Very small flat blade screwdriver  
T-10 Torx screwdriver  
Needlenose pliers

### Procedure

The items shown in parentheses refer to the corresponding item numbers in [Figure 6-1](#).

### To Disassemble

1. Perform the A1 front panel disassembly procedure.
2. Remove the two screws holding the disc drive to the front panel (item 6).
3. Remove the disc drive from the front panel assembly.

### To Reassemble

4. Reverse steps 2 and 3. Torque the two screws in step 2 to 79 N-cm (7 in-lb). Perform step 8 of A1 front panel replacement.

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NOTE	If a new disk drive is being installed and it has jumpers, verify the jumper positions (item 7) before installing. If necessary, use needlenose pliers to move the jumpers (item 9) to their correct positions.
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## A11 CRT Display Replacement

### Tools Required

Large Pozidrive screwdriver  
Small Pozidrive screwdriver  
Small flat blade screwdriver  
T-10 Torx screwdriver  
T-15 Torx screwdriver

### Procedure

The items shown in parentheses refer to the corresponding item numbers in [Figure 6-1](#).

### To Disassemble

1. Disconnect the power cords and remove the top cover.
2. Remove the bezel's softkey cover (item 1) by sliding your fingernail under the left edge near the top or bottom of the cover. Pry the softkey cover away from the bezel. If you use another tool, take care not to scratch the glass.
3. Remove the two screws and washers (item 2) exposed by the previous step. The bezel is now free from the frame. Remove the bezel (item 3) and the gasket behind it.

Refer to [Figure 6-2](#) for the rest of this procedure.

4. Remove the four screws (item 1) from the top of the display.
5. Remove the display cable grounding clip (item 2) from the display unit.
6. Remove 21 screws (item 7) from the card cage cover.
7. Remove the card cage cover (item 8), the RFI gasket (item 6) and the PC board spacers (item 5).
8. Disconnect the display power cable assembly (item 3) from the display processor board.
9. Gently slide the display forward and out of the steel display enclosure.
10. Disconnect the display power cable assembly (item 3) from the display. To make the connector inside the display more accessible, remove the top cover of the display (2 screws).

## To Reassemble

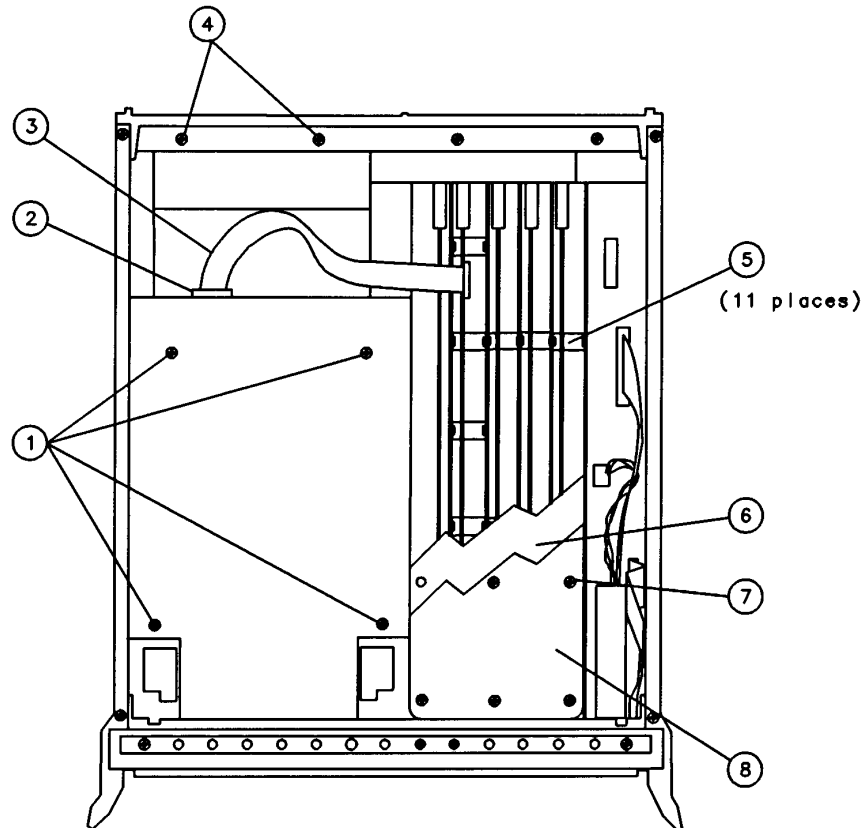
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**NOTE** Before installing a new display, remove the four screws from the rear panel of the new display assembly. Slide off the one-piece bottom and rear cover of the new display and discard.

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11. Remove the display power cable assembly shipped with the new display unit
12. Install the display power cable assembly (item 3) used in the 85101C to the new display unit.
13. To install a new display unit, reverse the preceding steps. When replacing the four screws in step 4, first hand tighten them, then torque to 237 N-cm (21 in-lb). Torque all other screws to 113 N-cm (10 in-lb).

**Figure 6-2 CRT Replacement**



## A9 Rear Panel Replacement

### Tools Required

Large Pozidrive screwdriver

T-10 Torx screwdriver

T-15 Torx screwdriver

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**NOTE** Old (CRT) chassis uses T-10 screwdriver. New (LCD) chassis uses a combination of T-10 and T-15 screwdrivers.

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### Procedure

#### To Disassemble

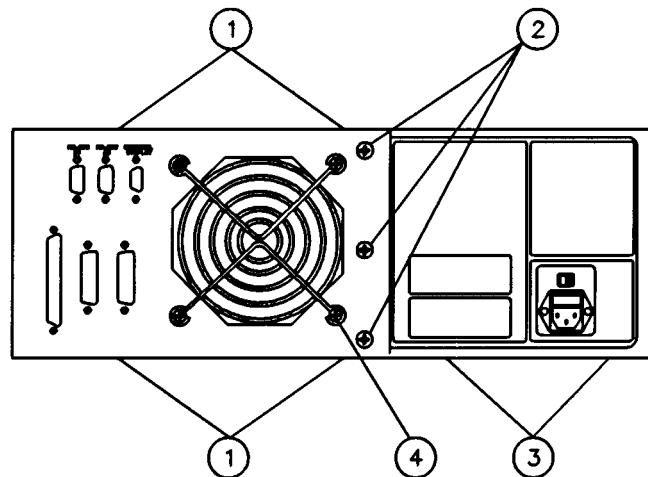
The items shown in parenthesis refer to the corresponding item numbers in [Figure 6-3](#).

1. Disconnect the power cords and remove the top and bottom covers.
2. Remove seven screws: two from the top edge of the frame and two from the bottom edge of the frame (item 1); and three from the middle of the rear panel of the instrument (item 2).
3. Slide the rear panel partway out to access the ribbon cable connections to the motherboard.
4. Remove the ribbon cables from the motherboard and slide the rear panel out.

#### To Reassemble

5. Reverse the preceding steps. Torque frame screws (item 1) to 113 N-cm (10 in-lb). Torque rear panel screws (item 2) to 79 N-cm (7 in-lb).

**Figure 6-3**



## **A10 Preregulator Replacement**

### **Tools Required**

T-10 Torx screwdriver

T-15 Torx screwdriver

Large Pozidrive screwdriver

### **Procedure**

The items shown in parentheses refer to the corresponding item numbers in Figure 6-2.

#### **To Disassemble**

1. Perform the rear panel (A9) disassembly procedure.
2. Disconnect the preregulator cable from the A3 post-regulator board. If necessary, remove the 21 screws (item 7) from the card cage cover. Remove the card cage cover (item 8), the RFI gasket (item 6), and the PC board spacers (item 5).
3. Remove the four screws in the rear frame; two on the top and two on the bottom (item 4).
4. Pull the preregulator assembly away from the frame. Disconnect the cable harness assembly at the J8 preregulator connection on the motherboard.

#### **To Reassemble**

5. To install a new preregulator, reverse steps 2 through 4. Torque all screws to 113 N-cm (10 in-lb). Perform step 5 of rear panel replacement procedure.

## **Motherboard/Card Cage Assembly Replacement**

### **Tools Required**

Large Pozidrive screwdriver  
Small Pozidrive screwdriver  
Very small flat blade screwdriver  
T-10 Torx screwdriver  
T-15 Torx screwdriver

### **Procedure**

#### **To Disassemble**

1. Disconnect the power cords and remove all handles and covers.
2. Perform the front panel (A1) disassembly procedure (which removes the LCD assembly). If the 85101C is equipped with a CRT, perform the CRT display (A11) disassembly procedure.
3. Perform the rear panel (A9) disassembly procedure.
4. Perform the preregulator (A10) disassembly procedure.
5. Remove all PC boards from the instrument.
6. Remove all screws from the frame of the instrument. The front and rear frame are now free from the motherboard / card cage assembly.

#### **To Reassemble**

7. Reverse the preceding steps, torquing screws to 113 N-cm (10 in-lb).

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## A15 LCD Assembly Replacement

The LCD assembly consists of the display glass, the LCD and backlight, and the inverter board. Refer to “[LCD Assembly Details](#)” for replacement of these parts.

### Tools Required

Large Pozidrive screwdriver

Small Pozidrive screwdriver

Very small flat blade screwdriver

T-10 Torx screwdriver

T-15 Torx screwdriver

### Procedure

The items shown in parentheses refer to the corresponding item numbers in [Figure 6-5](#).

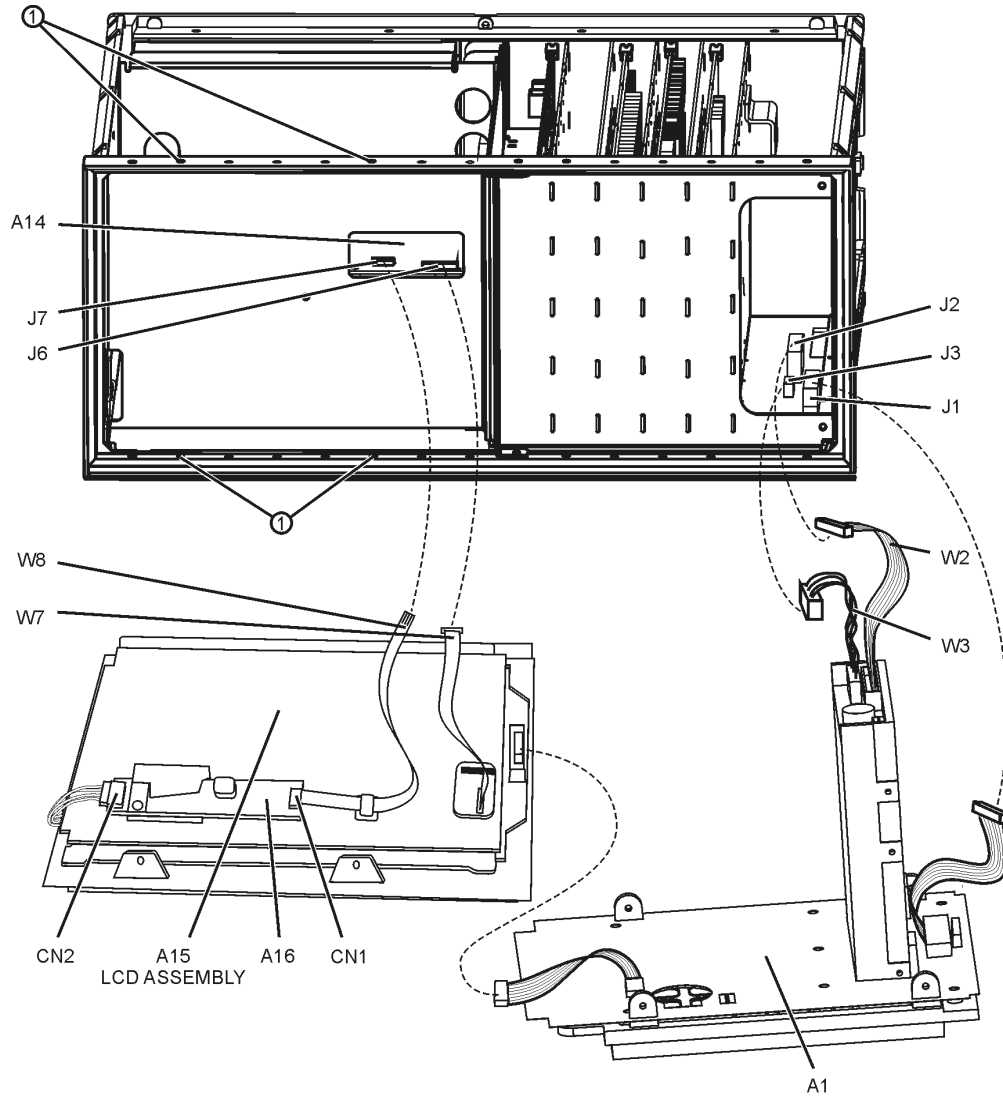
#### To Disassemble

1. Disconnect the power cords and remove the top cover.
2. Disconnect the LCD data cable (W7) from connector J6 on the front of the A14 display (GSP) board by pulling straight up on the cable plug.
3. On the A14 display (GSP) board, slide the two ears on connector J7 toward the front of the instrument to release the flat flex cable (W8) from the connector. Then remove the cable from the connector.
4. Remove the trim strip from the top edge of the front frame by prying under it with a flat screwdriver.
5. Remove the two top screws and the two bottom screws (item 1) from the LCD assembly side of the instrument frame.
6. While holding the LCD assembly, rotate it slightly out of the frame.
7. Disconnect the ribbon cable from the softkey keyboard on the back of the LCD assembly.

#### To Reassemble

8. Reverse the preceding steps. Torque all screws to 113 N-cm (10 in-lb).

**Figure 6-4**      **A15 LCD Assembly Replacement**



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## LCD Assembly Details

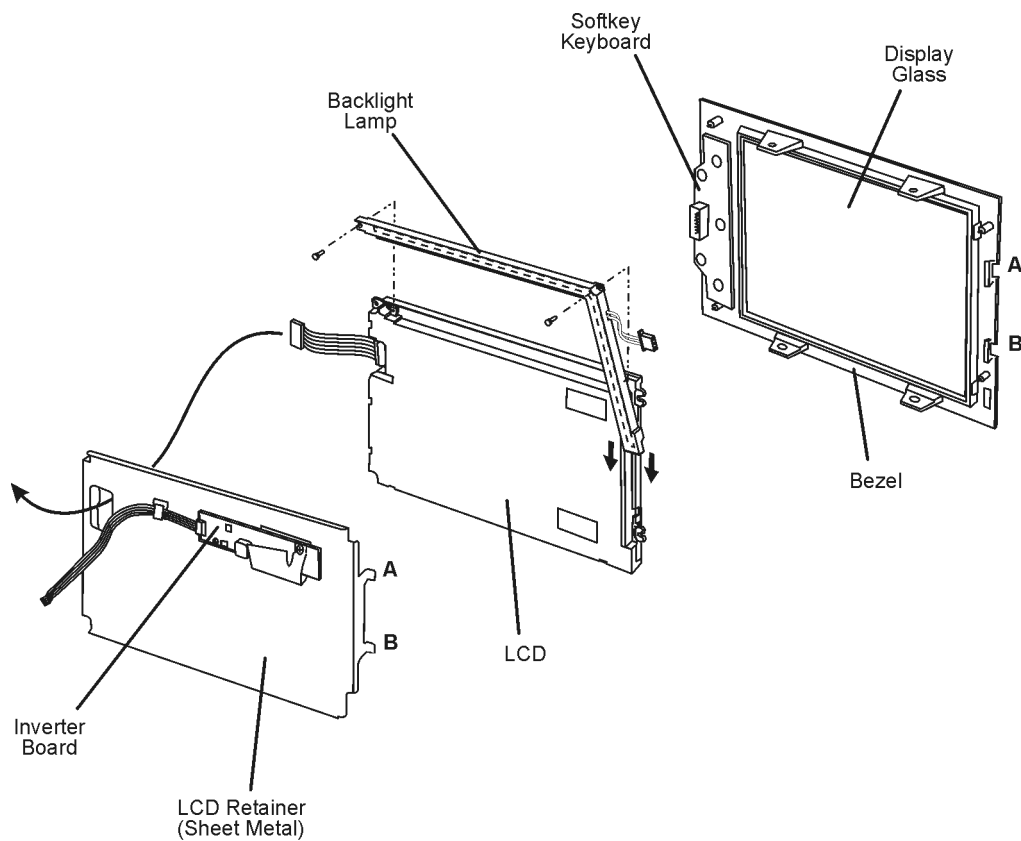
The LCD assembly consists of the display glass, the LCD and backlight, and the inverter board. See [Chapter 5](#) for associated part numbers.

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**NOTE** To avoid dust or dirt particles from getting in between the display glass and the LCD, do not completely remove the LCD from the bezel.

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**Figure 6-5 LCD Assembly Details**



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## **Procedure**

### **To Disassemble**

1. Disconnect the power cord.
2. Remove the LCD assembly. Refer to [“A15 LCD Assembly Replacement.”](#)
3. Remove the two nuts behind the softkeys that secure the sheet metal LCD retainer.
4. Tilt the sheet metal LCD retainer up before sliding tabs A and B free.

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<b>NOTE</b>	To avoid dust or dirt particles from getting in between the display glass and the LCD, do not completely separate the display from the bezel.
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### **Helpful Hints**

- When replacing the backlight lamp, remove the two screws holding the lamp in place on the LCD. Tilt the LCD in the bezel just enough to allow the lamp to be replaced.
- If the inverter is replaced be sure the plastic cover is held securely in place by one of the mounting screws.
- If the LCD is to be replaced, the complete LCD assembly should be replaced.

### **To Reassemble**

5. Reverse the order of the disassembly procedure.

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## 85102B Replacement Procedures



**ATTENTION**  
**Static Sensitive**

**Handle only at Static Safe  
Work Stations**

**This product contains static-sensitive components. When handling these components or assemblies, work on an anti-static surface and use a static grounding wrist strap.**

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## Front Panel Replacement

### Tools Required

- Large Pozidrive screwdriver
- Small Pozidrive screwdriver
- T-15 Torx screwdriver

### Procedure

The items shown in parentheses refer to the corresponding item numbers in [Figure 6-6](#).

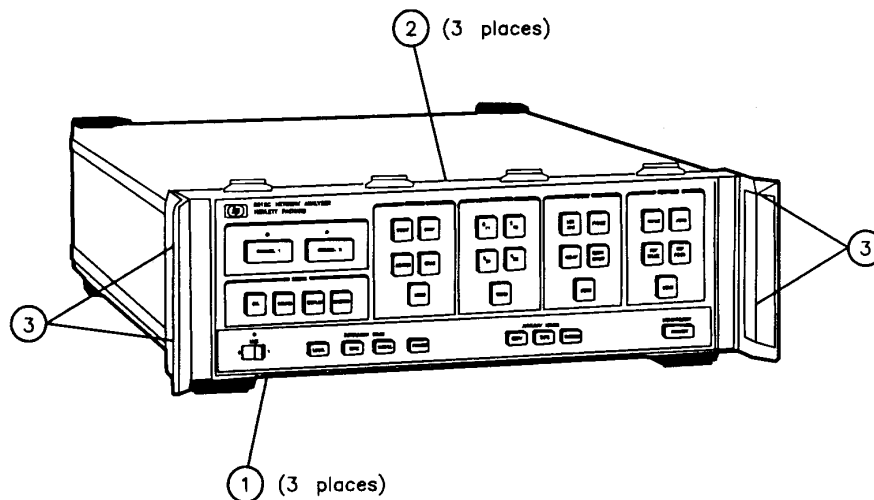
#### To Disassemble

1. Disconnect the power cords.
2. Remove the instrument handles. Screws are located under the plastic covers.
3. Remove the three screws from the bottom edge of the frame (item 1).
4. Remove seven screws: three from the top edge of the frame (item 2), and two each from each side edge of the frame (item 3).
5. Disconnect the ribbon cable from the front panel interface board and the wires from the transformer. The front panel is now free of the instrument.

#### To Reassemble

6. Reverse the above procedure to install the front panel. Torque all frame screws to 113 N-cm (10 in-lb). Torque the handle screws to 237 N-cm (21 in-lb).

**Figure 6-6**



## **Rectifier Board Replacement**

### **Tools Required**

Large Pozidrive screwdriver

Small Pozidrive screwdriver

Small flat blade screwdriver

1/4 in. nut driver

Insulated clip leads (2)

T-15 Torx screwdriver

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### **WARNING**

**Even with the power cords disconnected, dangerous voltages may be present on the capacitors in the instrument. Perform the following procedure to discharge the power supply capacitors before performing the disassembly procedure.**

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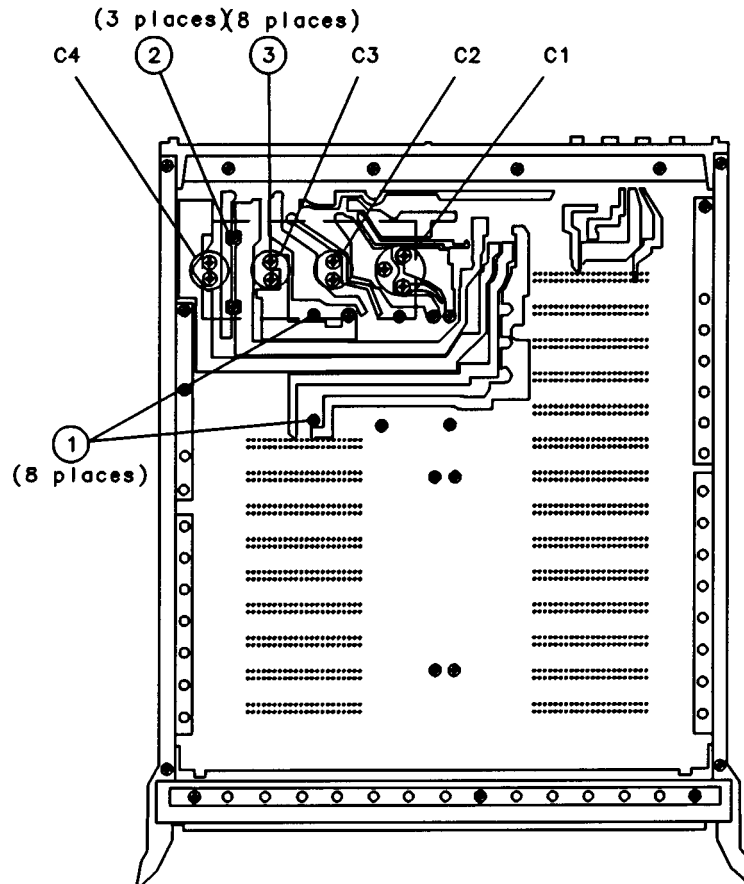
### Capacitor Discharge Procedure

1. Disconnect the power cords and remove top and bottom covers.

Refer to [Figure 6-7](#) for this portion of the procedure.

2. On the bottom of the instrument, remove three screws (item 2) from the plastic safety cover. Carefully remove the cover taking care not to touch capacitor terminals (eight large Pozidrive screws) (item 3).
3. Connect the chassis of the instrument to earth ground.
4. Discharge the capacitors one-by-one by attaching one end of an insulated clip lead to the chassis and the other end of the clip lead to the capacitor terminal (large Pozidrive screws) (item 3). *Do this to every capacitor terminal.*

**Figure 6-7**



### To Disassemble

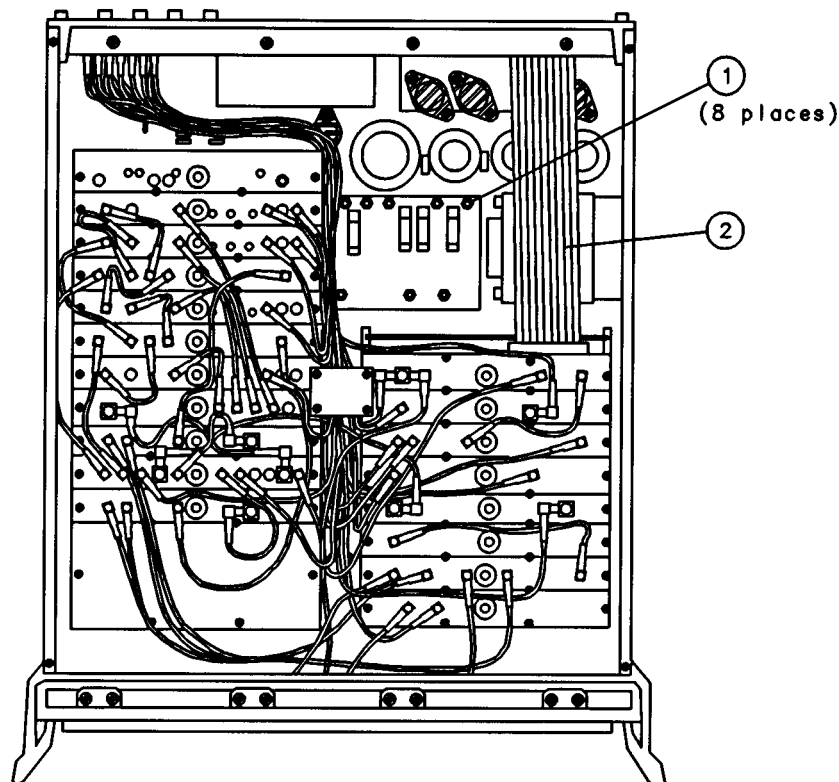
Refer to [Figure 6-8](#) for this portion of the procedure.

1. From the top side of the rectifier board, remove the two clear plastic safety covers. Pull the top one off using the black handle. Remove the four plastic screws to remove the lower cover.
2. Disconnect the wire harness from the rectifier board.
3. Using a 1/4 in. nut driver, remove the eight hex nuts from the rectifier board (item 1). Refer to [Figure 6-7](#) for the rest of this procedure.
4. Turn the instrument over. Remove the eight rectifier board screws (item 1) from the motherboard. The rectifier board can now be removed from the instrument.

### To Reassemble

5. Reverse steps 1 through 4. Hand-tighten the plastic screws in step 1. Torque all other screws to 79 N-cm (7 in-lb).

**Figure 6-8**





## Power Supply Capacitor Replacement (C1, C2, C3 and C4)

### Tools Required

Large Pozidrive screwdriver  
Insulated clip leads (2)  
T-15 Torx screwdriver

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**WARNING**                    **Even with the power cords disconnected, dangerous voltages may be present on the capacitors in the instrument. Perform the the following procedure to DISCHARGE THE POWER SUPPLY CAPACITORS BEFORE PERFORMING THE DISASSEMBLY PROCEDURE.**

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### Capacitor Discharge Procedure

The items shown in parentheses refer to the corresponding item numbers in [Figure 6-7](#).

1. Disconnect the power cords and remove top and bottom covers.
2. On the bottom of the instrument, remove the three screws (item 2) from the plastic safety cover. Carefully remove the cover taking care not to touch capacitor terminals (eight large Pozidrive screws) (item 3).
3. Connect the chassis of the instrument to earth ground.
4. Discharge the capacitors one-by-one by attaching one end of an insulated clip lead to the chassis and the other end of the clip lead to the capacitor terminal (large Pozidrive screws) (item 3). Do this to every capacitor terminal.

### To Disassemble

5. Remove the two screws (item 3) of the desired capacitor and remove the capacitor.

### To Reassemble

6. To install a new capacitor, apply one drop of conductive Loctite to each capacitor screw hole and install the capacitor. Torque the capacitor screws to 237 N-cm (21 in-lb). Torque the plastic shield screws to 79 N-cm (7 in-lb).

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**NOTE**                    It is important to observe polarity when installing a capacitor. There is a plug in the bottom of the capacitor that can be seen through a hole in the motherboard if the capacitor is installed correctly.

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## Rear Panel Replacement

### Tools Required

Large Pozidrive screwdriver

Small Pozidrive screwdriver

T-15 Torx screwdriver

### Procedure

The items shown in parentheses refer to the corresponding item numbers in [Figure 6-9](#).

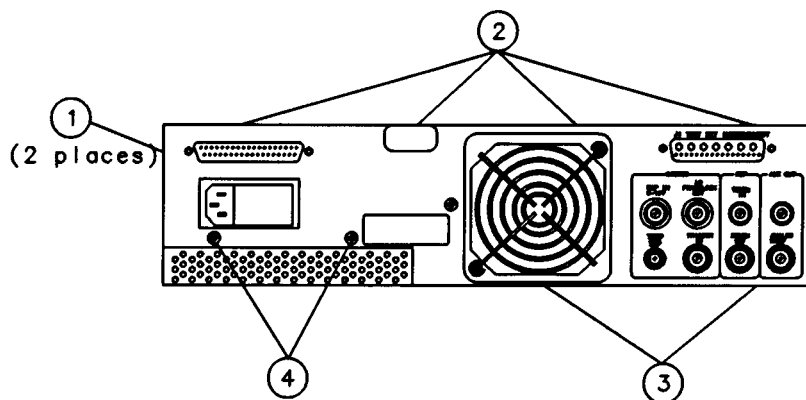
### To Disassemble

1. Disconnect the power cords and remove all covers.
2. Remove two screws from the bottom edge of the frame (item 3), four screws from the top edge of the frame (item 2) and two screws from the rear panel (item 4).
3. Disconnect the 14 (or 13) BNC to SMB coaxial cables leading from the rear panel to the corresponding PC board covers inside the 85102. (Reference designators W19, W27, W28, W30, W32, W32, W33, W34, W35, W36, W38, W40, and W41.) For additional information on the location of specific cables, see [Figure 5-22, "85102 Cable Locations."](#)
4. Disconnect the ribbon cable from the A24 processor interface board. (See item 2, [Figure 6-8](#).)
5. Disconnect the wire harness assembly from A25J2 on the motherboard.
6. Remove two screws (item 1) from the left side frame and disconnect the ground wires.
7. Disconnect all wires from the transformer.
8. Remove the rear panel.

### To Reassemble

9. Reverse the preceding steps. Torque screws to 113 N-cm (10 in-lb).

**Figure 6-9**



## **Related Adjustments Procedures**

When an assembly is replaced, adjustments may be necessary to assure the analyzer meets its specifications. Use [Table 7-3](#) to identify the adjustment(s) required after replacing an assembly. In addition to any necessary adjustments, performance verification may be needed depending on the assembly replaced.

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# **7 Adjustments**

## Overview

This chapter provides adjustment procedures for the 8510 network analyzer. These procedures should be used (1) after replacement of a part, or (2) when performance tests show that the specification cannot be met. [Table 7-1](#) lists the adjustment procedures by the order they appear in this chapter. [Table 7-2](#) lists all adjustable components by reference designator, name, and the function adjusted. [Table 7-3](#) lists adjustment procedures that interact between assemblies and lists the adjustment procedures that must be done when an assembly is replaced or repaired.

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<b>NOTE</b>	Allow the analyzer system to warm up for one hour before making any adjustments.
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The 85102 IF detector adjustments are semi-automated. Each adjustment procedure requires a controller connected to the 8510 bus (labeled "GPIB" on the display/processor rear panel). The 85102 and Test Set Service adjustments disk is also required.

The system source must be connected to the system bus to do the 85102 adjustments. A test set is not required. Yet, if a test set is not connected, the following cautions are displayed on the analyzer: "CAUTION: SYSTEM BUS ADDRESS ERROR" and "CAUTION: VTO FAILURE." Both error messages may be safely ignored.

The 85102 IF/detector adjustments are independent of one another. You only need to do the adjustment procedure associated with the module that has been replaced.

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## Safety Considerations

This instrument is designed according to international safety standards. However, this manual contains information, cautions, and warnings that must be followed to insure safe operation. Service and adjustments should be done only by qualified service personnel.

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WARNING	<b>Adjustments in this chapter are done with power supplied to the instrument and protective covers removed. There are voltages at many points in the instrument that can, if contacted, cause personal injury. Adjustments should be done only by trained service personnel.</b>
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WARNING	<b>Before removing or installing any assembly or printed circuit board in the 85101C or 85102, remove the power cord from the rear panel.</b>
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WARNING	<b>Capacitors inside the instrument may still contain a charge, even if the instrument is disconnected from its source of supply. Use a non-metallic adjustment tool whenever possible.</b>
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## Equipment Required

Table 7-4 lists the equipment required for the adjustment procedures. All recommended equipment refers to Agilent model or part numbers unless otherwise indicated. If the test equipment recommended is not available, other equipment may be used if the performance meets the critical specifications listed in the table. The test setup used for an adjustment procedure is shown on the display.

## Adjustment Tools

For safety reasons, Agilent recommends that a non-metallic tuning tool is used for all adjustment procedures. Never try to force any adjustment control in the instrument. This is especially critical when tuning variable slug-tuned inductors and variable capacitors.

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NOTE	Many adjustment procedures require the use of various miscellaneous tools and accessories. Adjustment procedures reference the tools and accessories.
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## Related Adjustments

Table 7-3 lists any adjustments that interact with, or relate to, other adjustments. It is important that adjustments listed in Table 7-3 are done in the order shown to insure that the instrument meets its specifications.

## Resealing of Components

The steps to adjust a sealed component follow:

1. Remove the seal to adjust the component.
2. Reseal the component using a silicone rubber compound that does not contain acetic acid.

## Loading the Controller Basic Language System

Before loading the adjustments software, you must load a controller language system as follows:

### Loading Basic 2.0

1. With the controller power off, insert the 98611A Basic 2.0 system disk into either the right or left disk drive. Switch the power on to the controller.
2. When BASIC is finished loading, remove the disk and insert the 98612A extended BASIC 2.1 disk into the same disk drive you used to load the Basic system.
3. Type `LOAD BIN "AP2-1"`, then press **RETURN** or **EXECUTE** or **EXEC**.

### Loading Basic 3.0 or Higher

1. With the controller off, insert the 98613A Basic 3.0 (or higher) system disk into either the right or left disk drive. Switch the power on to the controller.
2. When Basic is finished loading, remove the disk. Insert the Basic 3.0 (or higher) drivers disk or the language extensions and drivers disk into the same disk drive you used to load the BASIC system.
3. The following extension files must be loaded into the controller memory.

Drivers	Extensions
DISC	MAT, KBD
GPIB	IO, GRAPH

If you have any of the following system configurations, the following driver and/or extension files also must be loaded:

Configuration	Driver File	Extension File
SRM	DCOMM	SRM
9885 disk drive	9885	
CS80 disk drive	CS80	
9122 disk drive	CS80	

To load the files, type LOAD BIN "filename" for each driver filename (and each extension filename, if you have the double-sided language extensions and drivers disk), then press RETURN or EXECUTE or EXEC.

4. When all the driver files are loaded, remove the disk.

If you have the double-sided language extensions and drivers disk, the procedure is complete.

If you do not have the double-sided language extensions and drivers disk, insert the Basic 3.0 (or higher) language extensions disk into the same disk drive.

5. Type LOAD BIN "filename" for each extension filename, then press RETURN or EXECUTE or EXEC.

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**NOTE**                      The original 85101C display/processor incorporated a cathode ray tube (CRT). The current design incorporates a liquid crystal display (LCD). The first three adjustments apply only to an the 85101C equipped with a CRT. There are no equivalent adjustment procedures for an 85101C equipped with an LCD.

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**Table 7-1                      Adjustment Procedures**

Title	Procedure Number	Assembly Adjusted
Vertical Position and Focus Adjustments (85101C equipped with a CRT)	1	A11
Display Degaussing (Demagnetizing) ( 85101C equipped with a CRT)	2	A11
Display Intensity Adjustments (85101C equipped with a CRT)	3	A11
Sweep ADC Gain Adjustment (85102)	4	A20
IF Mixer Adjustment (85102)	5	A9, A11, A13, A14
IF Amplifier Adjustment (85102)	6	A10
Synchronous Detector Adjustment (85102)	7	A5, A7
Clock Adjustment (85102)	8	A6



**Table 7-2 Adjustable Components in Alpha-Numeric Order**

Reference Designator	Adjustment Name	Adjustment Procedure Number	Adjustment Function Number
<b>85101 Display Processor</b>			
A11	DISPLAY VERTICAL POSITION	1	Aligns softkey labels with softkeys (85101C equipped with a CRT)
A11	DISPLAY FOCUS	1	Adjusts for optimum focus of display (85101C equipped with a CRT)
A11	DISPLAY DEGAUSSING	2	Demagnetizes Display (85101C equipped with a CRT)
A11	DISPLAY BACKGROUND INTENSITY	3	Sets "black level" of front panel intensity control of display background (85101C equipped with a CRT)
A11	DISPLAY OPERATING DEFAULT INTENSITY	3	Sets maximum limit of front panel intensity control (85101C equipped with a CRT)
<b>85102 IF Detector</b>			
A5L4	X OUTPUT FILTERING	7	Minimizes higher order products from appearing at the X-component output
A5L5	X OUTPUT FILTERING	7	Minimizes higher order products from appearing at the X-component output
A5L6	Y OUTPUT FILTERING	7	Minimizes higher order products from appearing at the Y-component output
A5L7	Y OUTPUT FILTERING	7	Minimizes higher order products from appearing at the Y-component output
A6R51	CLOCK	8	Adjusts for a clock frequency of 20 MHz
A7L4	X OUTPUT FILTERING	7	Minimizes higher order products from appearing at the X-component output
A7L5	X OUTPUT FILTERING	7	Minimizes higher order products from appearing at the X-component output
A7L6	Y OUTPUT FILTERING	7	Minimizes higher order products from appearing at the Y-component output
A7L7	Y OUTPUT FILTERING	7	Minimizes higher order products from appearing at the Y-component output
A9C6	20MHZ XTAL FILTER	5	Adjusts for minimum bandpass ripple
A9C7	20MHZ XTAL FILTER	5	Adjusts for minimum bandpass ripple
A9C8	20MHZ XTAL FILTER	5	Adjusts for minimum bandpass ripple
A10L1	100KHZ TUNED FILTER	6	Tunes the filter to 100 kHz
A11C6	20MHZ XTAL FILTER	5	Adjusts for minimum bandpass ripple
A11C7	20MHZ XTAL FILTER	5	Adjusts for minimum bandpass ripple

**Table 7-2 Adjustable Components in Alpha-Numeric Order**

Reference Designator	Adjustment Name	Adjustment Procedure Number	Adjustment Function Number
A11C8	20MHZ XTAL FILTER	5	Adjusts for minimum bandpass ripple
A12L1	100KHZ TUNED FILTER	6	Tunes the filter to 100 kHz
A13C6	20MHZ XTAL FILTER	5	Adjusts for minimum bandpass ripple
A13C7	20MHZ XTAL FILTER	5	Adjusts for minimum bandpass ripple
A13C8	20MHZ XTAL FILTER	5	Adjusts for minimum bandpass ripple
A14C6	20MHZ XTAL FILTER	5	Adjusts for minimum bandpass ripple
A14C7	20MHZ XTAL FILTER	5	Adjusts for minimum bandpass ripple
A14C8	20MHZ XTAL FILTER	5	Adjusts for minimum bandpass ripple
A20R26	SWEEP ADC GAIN	4	Compensates for component tolerances in the staircase generation circuit.

**Table 7-3 Related Adjustment Procedures**

<b>Assembly Replaced or Repaired</b>	<b>Adjustment Procedure Number, If Replaced</b>
<b>85101 Display/Processor</b>	
A1 Front Panel	none
A2 Disk Drive	none
A3 Post-Regulator Board	none
A4 Graphic System Processor (CRT)	1,3 (85101C equipped with a CRT display)
A5 CPU Board	1,3 (85101C equipped with a CRT display)
A6 EEPROM Board	1,3 (85101C equipped with a CRT display)
A7 Input/Output Board	none
A8 Security Key Board	none
A9 Rear Panel	none
A10 Preregulator	none
A11 Display	1, 3 (85101C equipped with a CRT display)
A14 Graphic System Processor (LCD)	none (85101C equipped with a LCD display)
A15 LCD Assembly	none (85101C equipped with a LCD display)
A16 Backlight Inverter Board	none (85101C equipped with a LCD display)
<b>85102 IF/Detector</b>	
A1 Front Panel	none
A1A1 Front Panel Interface	none
A2-A4 (Pulse Option only)	
A5 Test Synchronous Detector	7
A6 Clock	8
A7 Reference Synchronous Detector	7
A8 19.9 MHz LO	none
A9 B2 IF Mixer	5
A10 Test IF Amplifier	6
A11 B1 IF Mixer	5
A12 Reference IF Amplifier	6
A13 A2 IF Mixer	5
A14 A1 IF Mixer	5
A15 Regulator	none
A16 Remote Applications	none
A17 Sample and Hold	none
A18 ADC	none
A19 ADC Control	none
A20 Sweep ADC	4
A21 IF Counter	none
A22 Pretune	none
A23 Main Phase Lock	none
A24 Interface	none
A25 Motherboard	none
A26 Rectifier	none

**Table 7-4 Test Equipment for 8510 Adjustments**

Instrument	Recommended Model <sup>a</sup>	Critical Specifications
Controller	HP 9000 series 200 or 300	No substitute
Photometer	Tektronix J16 Option 2	No substitute
Photometer Probe	Tektronix J6503 Option 2	No substitute
Light Occluder	Tektronix 016-0305-00	No substitute
Degausser	Radio Shack Model 44-233	200 W input
Spectrum Analyzer	E4407B	100 kHz to 26.5 GHz GPIB controlled
Frequency Counter	53151A Opt 001	45 MHz to 26.5 GHz
Function Generator	33250A	Fast Sweep, less than 10 msec
RF Source	8360, 8340 series	45 MHz to 20 GHz

a. Agilent model number unless otherwise indicated.

## Procedure 1. CRT Vertical Position and Focus Adjustments

These display adjustments apply only to 8510C systems equipped with a CRT display. No display adjustments, other than those in this manual, can be done in the field (this includes both customers and service centers). Any other adjustments to the display will void the warranty.

### Equipment

screwdriver (non-conductive) flat head

### Description and Procedure

There is one vertical position adjustment and one focus adjustment. In general, these adjustments should not be required.

Warm-up time: 30 minutes.

### Vertical Adjustment

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<b>NOTE</b>	The vertical position can be adversely affected by magnetic interference. Before adjusting the vertical position, be sure the analyzer is in a non-magnetic environment and the CRT is degaussed.
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1. To access vertical position and focus adjustment controls, remove the side panel nearest the display.
2. Insert a narrow, non-conductive, flat head screwdriver (at least 2 inches long) into the vertical position hole.
3. Adjust the control for the best alignment of the softkey label with the softkeys. See [“Service Program”](#) in [Chapter 4](#) for procedure to display the Softkey Label Alignment Pattern.

### Focus Adjustment

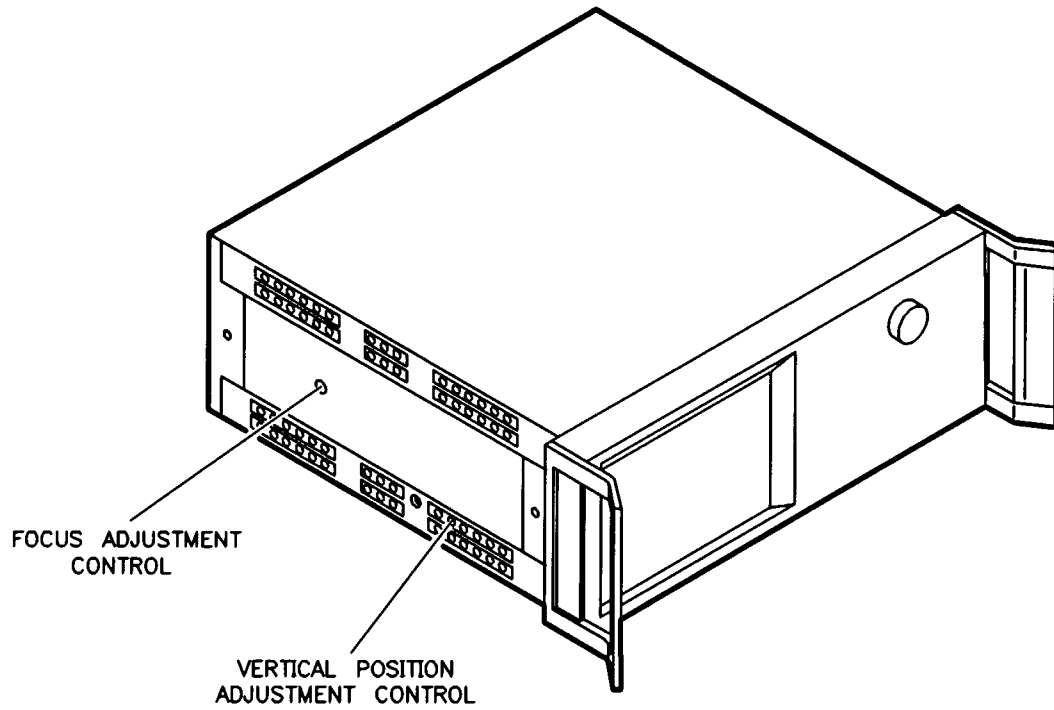
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<b>NOTE</b>	The CRT focus can be adversely affected by the CRT intensity set too high or by magnetic interference.
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4. Use the same screwdriver used in step 3 to adjust the focus until the display has the best readability. Look for equal width of both the horizontal and vertical segments of the "H" character. Also check the focus in all four corners of the CRT.

**Figure 7-1 Vertical Position and Focus Adjustment Controls (CRT Only)**



## Procedure 2. CRT Display Degaussing (Demagnetizing)

### Equipment

Degausser

### Description and Procedure

As with all color CRT monitors, the display is very susceptible to external magnetic fields. These fields can originate from many sources including metal frame tables and from the earth. The usual symptom is a discoloration or slight dimming of the display (usually near the top left corner of the CRT). In extreme cases, a total color shift may be observed; for example, a trace that was red may shift to green. This shift does not suggest a problem with the display; it is characteristic of color displays. If the display becomes magnetized, or if color purity is a problem, cycle the power several times. Leave the instrument off for at least 15 seconds before switching on the power. This will trigger the automatic degaussing circuit in the display.

If this is insufficient to get color purity, a commercially available degausser (demagnetizer) must be used (either a CRT demagnetizer or a bulk tape eraser can be used). Follow the manufacturer's instructions keeping in mind the following; it is imperative when demagnetizing the display that the degausser is not placed closer than 4 inches (10 cm) from the face of the CRT. Generally, degaussing is done with a slow rotary motion of the degausser, moving it in a circle of increasing radius while simultaneously moving away from the CRT. [Figure 7-2](#) shows the motion for degaussing the display.

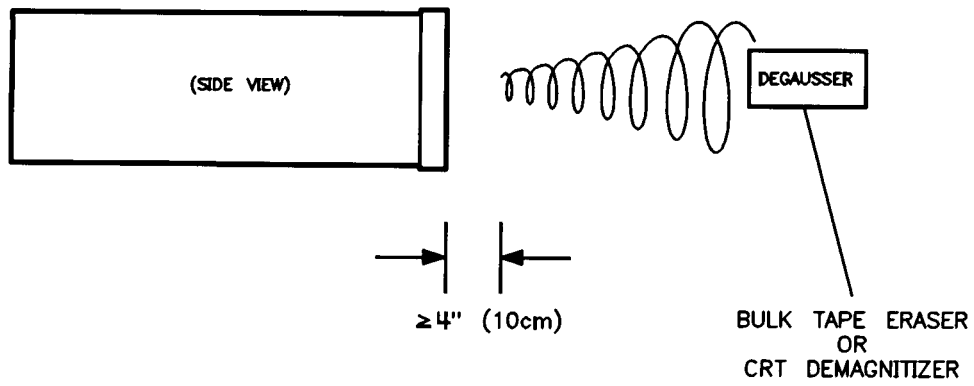
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<b>CAUTION</b>	Applying an excessively strong magnetic field to the CRT face can permanently destroy the CRT.
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Like most displays, the CRT can be sensitive to large magnetic fields generated from unshielded motors. In countries that use 50 Hz, some 10 Hz jitter may be observed. If this problem is observed, remove the device causing the magnetic field.

**Figure 7-2 Motion for Degaussing the Display**





## Procedure 3. CRT Display Intensity Adjustments

### Equipment

photometer	Tektronix J16 Option 2
photometer probe	Tektronix J6503 Option 2
light occluder	Tektronix 016-0305-00

### Description and Procedure

There are two display intensity adjustments: background (black), and operating default. In general, these adjustments should not be required. Yet, when either the A5 CPU, A4GSP, A6 EEPROM, or A11 display assembly is replaced, do a visual inspection of the display. If it appears to need adjustment, proceed with these adjustments.

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**NOTE** This procedure should be done with a photometer and only by qualified service personnel.

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Warm-up time: 30 minutes.

### Background Intensity (Black) Adjustment

1. Remove the top cover of the analyzer.
2. In a dimly lit room (or with the analyzer CRT shaded from bright lights), press:  
**PRESET, SYSTEM**  
**[MORE], (softkey 8)**  
**[SERVICE FUNCTIONS], (softkey 8)**  
**[TEST MENU], (softkey 1)**  
**2, 2, =MARKER**  
**1, =MARKER**  
**3, =MARKER**  
**5, =MARKER**  
**8, 5, 1, 7, =MARKER**  
**x1,**
3. Alternating vertical bars of three different intensities are shown on the CRT. Each bar has a number written below it (either 0, 1, or 2).  
  
Adjust the analyzer front panel knob until the vertical bar labeled "1" is just barely visible against the black border. Vertical bar "0" must not be visible (indistinguishable

from the black border).

4. When the adjustment is complete, press =MARKER.

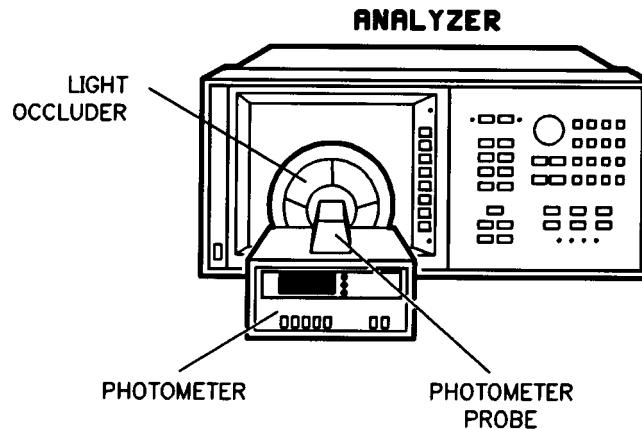
## Operating Default Intensity Adjustment

This adjustment sets the default level of the display intensity. The analyzer normally presets to the same intensity level that was last used. This level is stored in volatile memory. If you switch the power on and off, the memory is lost. Then the analyzer uses the default display intensity to ensure that the display is visible and eliminate concern that the display may not be functioning.

The level is set using a photometer that measures the output light.

1. To start the adjustment, press =MARKER.
2. Set the photometer probe to NORMAL. Press POWER on the photometer to switch the power on and allow 30 minutes warm-up. Zero the photometer according to the manufacturer's instructions. The analyzer CRT should have an all white screen.

**Figure 7-3** Maximum Intensity Adjustment Setup



3. Center the photometer on the analyzer CRT as shown in [Figure 7-3](#). Adjust the analyzer front panel knob to the maximum (clockwise) position. If the photometer registers greater than 100 NITs, turn the front panel knob until a reading of no more than 100 NITs registers on the photometer.

If the photometer does not register a reading of 100 NITs, the display is faulty. Refer to [Chapter 4](#), “[Main Troubleshooting Procedure](#).”

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**NOTE** The intensity level is read without a display bezel installed. The glass filter transmits 60% of the display light, therefore 100 NITs would be 60 NITs with the bezel installed.

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## Procedure 4. Sweep ADC Gain Adjustment

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**NOTE** This procedure does not work with an 8360 series source. You must use an 8340/41/A/B.

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### Equipment

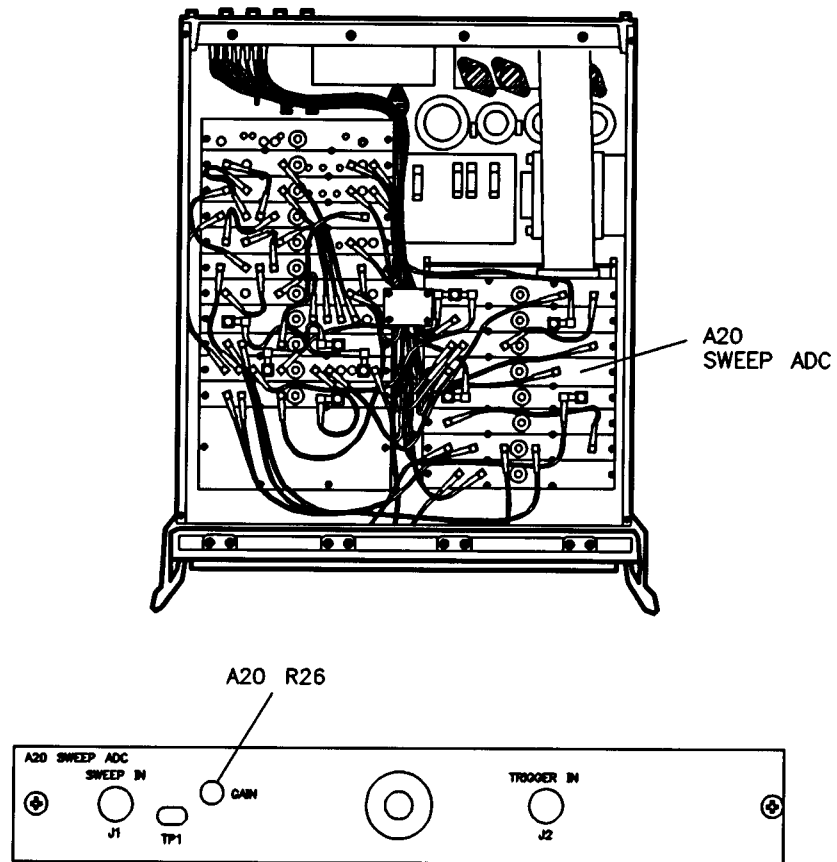
12" SMB assembly	5061-1022
M-F-M SMB tee	1250-1391
85102 service adjustments disk	08510-10024
Controller	HP 9000 series 200 or 300

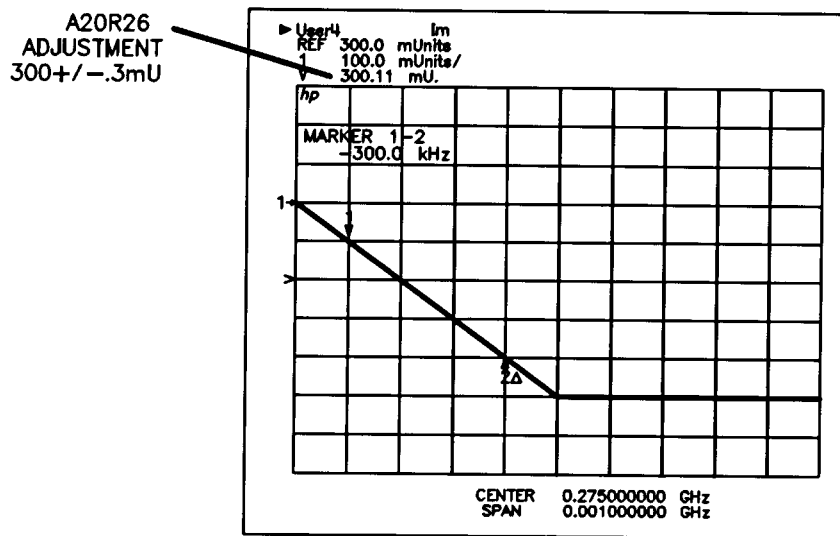
### Description and Procedure

When the 8510 system is making a swept frequency measurement, it must sample the data at points equally spaced between the start and stop frequencies. The sweep analog-to-digital converter (ADC) controls when to trigger the sample-and-hold amplifiers so that the data will be taken at the correct frequencies. The A20 sweep ADC board generates a staircase waveform that tracks the sweep voltage from the source. This procedure adjusts the sweep ADC gain to compensate for component tolerance in the staircase generation circuit.

1. After loading BASIC into the controller memory, insert the 85102 Service adjustments software disk into the controller disk drive. (Refer to the beginning of the chapter for a procedure on how to load BASIC.)
2. Type `LOAD "ADJ_85102"` EXECUTE.
3. When the program is loaded, press RUN.
4. Press the softkey that selects the sweep ADC adjustment.
5. Switch off the analyzer power. Configure the equipment as the controller display shows.
6. Switch on the analyzer power, but switch on the display/processor last to avoid system "lockup."
7. When a graticule appears on the analyzer display, the instrument has finished initializing. Press [CONTINUE] on the controller.
8. The following prompt is displayed:  
`ADJUST GAIN (R26) FOR 300 ±0.3mUnits`
9. Refer to [Figure 7-4](#) for the location of A20R26. Adjust A20R26 so that the mUnit shown on the analyzer display is  $300 \pm 0.3$ . (Refer to [Figure 7-5](#).)

Figure 7-4 Location of Sweep ADC Gain Adjustment



**Figure 7-5 Display of Sweep ADC Adjustment**

10. When the adjustment is complete, press [CONTINUE] to return to the menu.
11. If you are unable to adjust A20R26 within the given specification, and the following prompt is displayed, refer to the troubleshooting chapter:  
ADC CONTROL GAIN is beyond limit press CONTINUE
12. Switch off the analyzer power and return all the equipment to the original configuration. Be sure to reconnect all the 85102 cables in the original configuration.

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## Procedure 5. IF Mixer Adjustment

### Equipment

Spectrum analyzer	E4407B
Function generator	33250A
4-ft BNC to SMB cable assembly (2)	5062-7230
Adapter, male N to female BNC	1250-0780
85102 service adjustments disk	08510-10024
Controller	HP 9000 series 200 or 300

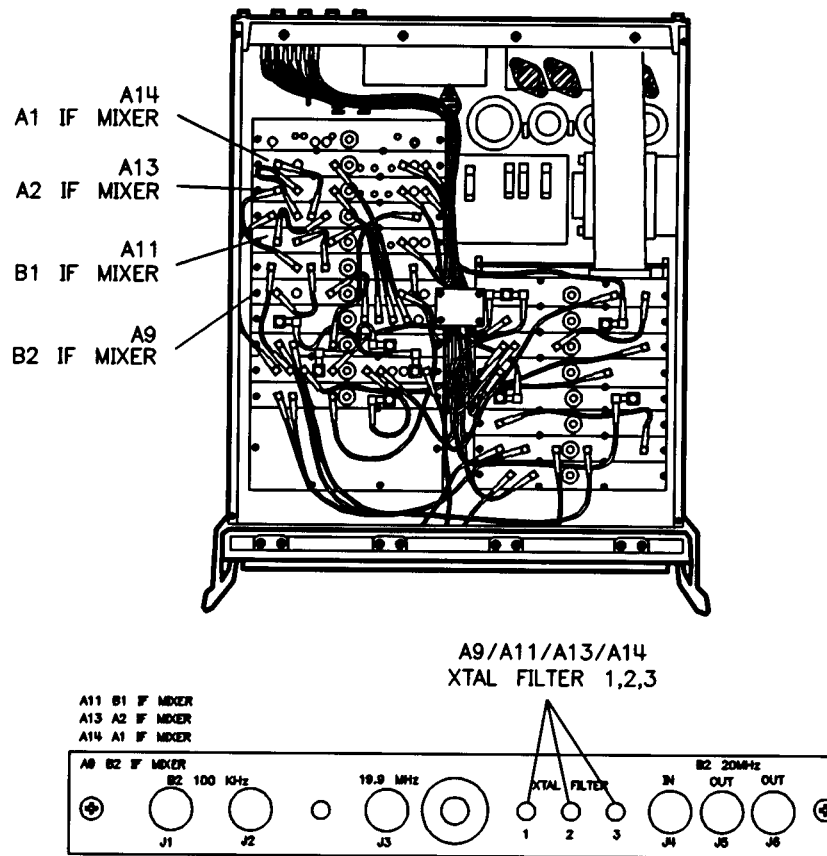
### Description and Procedure

The IF mixers convert the 20 MHz first IF signals from the test set to 100 kHz second IF signals, which go to the IF amplifiers. The 20 MHz IF signals are mixed with the 19.9 MHz signals from the 19.9 MHz LO board (A8). The 20 MHz IF signals are also buffered and sent to the IF counter (A21). All four IF mixers are identical. In the following procedure, the signal generator simulates the test set. The signal is fed into the mixer board while the output of the mixer is monitored on the spectrum analyzer. The following adjustments optimize the matching of the crystal filter to the IF thereby minimizing the test set noise appearing at the mixer output.

1. After loading BASIC into the controller memory, insert the 85102 service adjustments software disk into the controller disk drive. (Refer to the beginning of the chapter for a procedure on how to load BASIC.)
2. Type `LOAD "ADJ_85102" EXECUTE`.
3. When the program is loaded, press **RUN**.
4. Press the softkey that selects the IF mixer adjustment.
5. The following prompt is displayed:  

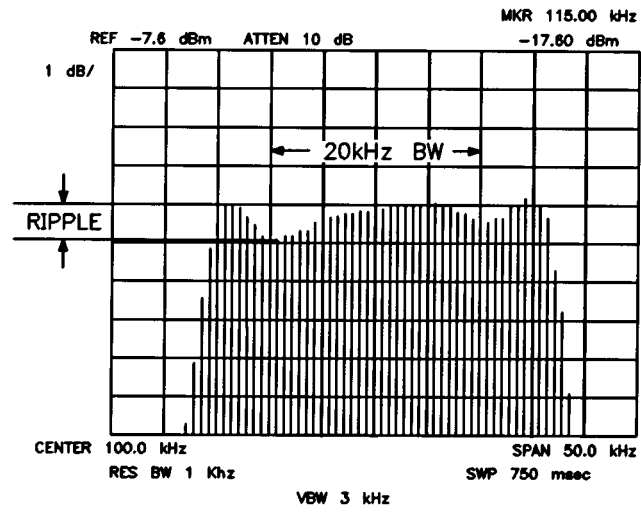
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Model number of spectrum analyzer being used. Select a softkey.
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6. Press the appropriate softkey.
7. Switch off the analyzer power. Configure the equipment as the controller display shows. Make sure that the addresses of the test equipment match the addresses appearing on the controller.
8. Switch on the analyzer power, but switch on the display/processor last to avoid system "lockup."

**Figure 7-6 Location of the IF Mixer Adjustments**



9. When a graticule appears on the analyzer display, the instrument has finished initializing. Press **[CONTINUE]** on the controller.
10. The following prompt is displayed:  
 ADJUST XTAL FILTER 1, 2 AND 3 FOR MINIMUM RIPPLE <math>< 1/2 \text{ dB}</math> (20 kHz BW)
11. Refer to [Figure 7-6](#) for the location of the XTAL FILTER adjustments. To get the minimum ripple of the RF envelope seen on the spectrum analyzer, iterate XTAL FILTER adjustments 1, 2, and 3. Adjust for minimum ripple at 100 kHz  $\pm$  10 kHz (see [Figure 7-7](#)).
12. If you are unable to adjust the XTAL FILTER within specification, or if the following prompt is displayed, check the equipment setup for configuration errors, or refer to the troubleshooting chapter.  
 100kHz LEVEL TOO LOW (<math>< -20 \text{ dBm}</math>)
13. When the adjustment is complete, press **[CONTINUE]** to return to the menu.
14. Switch off the analyzer power and return the equipment to the original configuration. Be sure to reconnect all the 85102 cables in the original configuration.

**Figure 7-7 IF Mixer Adjustment Waveform**





## Procedure 6. IF Amplifier Adjustment

### Equipment

Service extender board	85102-60030
Adapter, SMB M-M (2)	1250-0669
12-inch SMB cable assembly (2)	5061-1022
85102 service adjustments disk	08510-10024
Controller	HP 9000 series 200 or 300

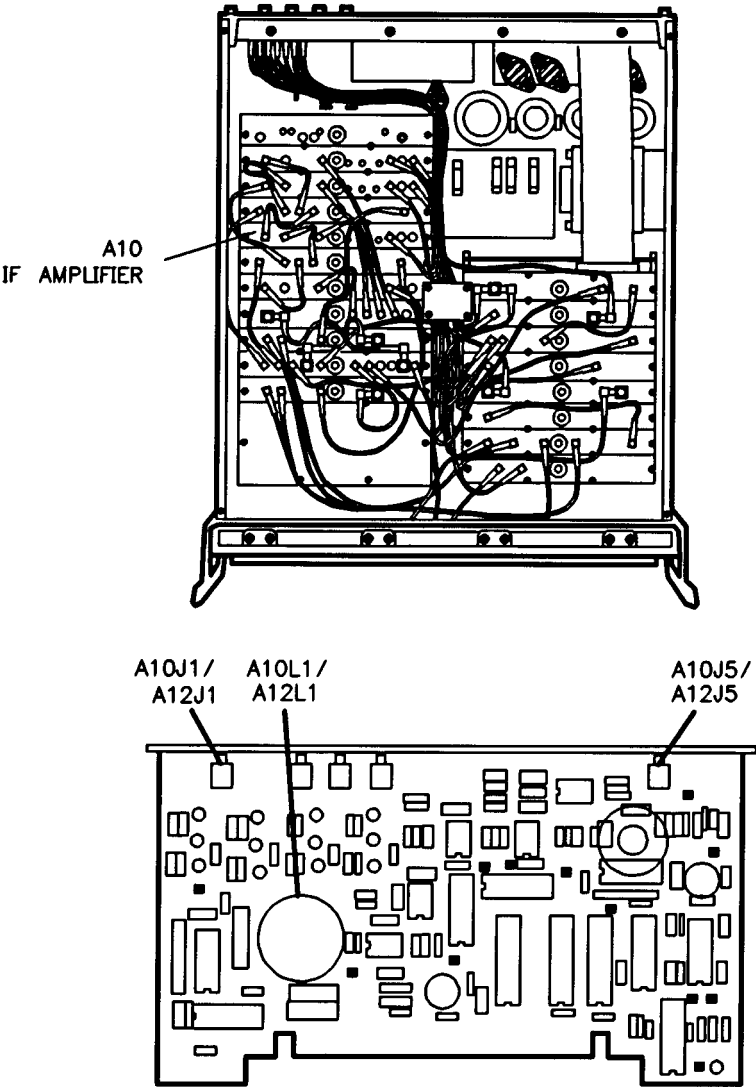
### Description and Procedure

The 100 kHz IF amplifiers provide port selection, switchable IF gain, and autoranging for the 100 kHz IF signal. The 100 kHz IF mixer output is passed through a single-section bandpass filter. The following procedure peaks the A10 and A12 IF amplifiers by adjusting the circuit bandwidth to a center frequency of 100 kHz.

1. After loading BASIC into the controller memory, insert the 85102 service adjustments software disk into the controller disk drive. (Refer to the beginning of the chapter for a procedure on how to load BASIC.)
2. Type `LOAD "ADJ_85102" EXECUTE`
3. When the program is loaded, press **RUN**.
4. The following prompt is displayed:  

```
Adjustment on which if AMPL module? Select a softkey.
```
5. Press the appropriate softkey.
6. Switch off the analyzer power. Remove the board (A10 or A12) from the 85102 and install it on an extender board. Reconnect the cables, as the controller display shows, using adapters and extra cables provided in the service kit. It is necessary only to reconnect the cables that are noticed in the setup on the display.
7. Switch on the analyzer power, but switch on the display/processor last to avoid system "lockup."
8. When a graticule appears on the analyzer display, the instrument has finished initializing. Press **[CONTINUE]** on the controller.

**Figure 7-8** Location of IF Amplifier Adjustments



9. The following prompt is displayed:

```
>>>>COARSE  ADJUST<<<<<  
ADJUST L1 TO PEAK TRACE ON 8510 CRT.
```

10. Refer to [Figure 7-8](#) for the location of L1. Adjust L1 so that the horizontal line on the analyzer display is at its maximum vertical location.

11. Press [CONTINUE].

12. The following prompt is displayed:

```
>>>>FINE ADJUST<<<<<
```

```
RE-ADJUST L1 TO PEAK TRACE ON 8510 CRT
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(re-center trace with '=marker' key if necessary)
```

13. Repeat step 10. If necessary, press **=MARKER** on the analyzer to re-center the trace.

14. When the adjustment is complete, press **[CONTINUE]** on the controller to return to the menu.

15. If either of the following prompts is displayed, check the equipment setup for configuration errors, or refer to the troubleshooting chapter:

```
AMPLIFIER OUTPUT <-30 dBm TOO LOW. REPAIR BOARD OR TEST-SETUP.
```

**or**

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AMPLIFIER OUTPUT >-20 dBm TOO HIGH. REPAIR BOARD OR TEST-SETUP.
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16. Switch off the analyzer power and return the equipment to the original configuration. Be sure to tighten the screws when reinstalling the board into the mainframe; loose screws can cause crosstalk in the instrument. Also be sure to reconnect all the 85102 cables in the original configuration.

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## Procedure 7. Synchronous Detector Adjustment

### Equipment

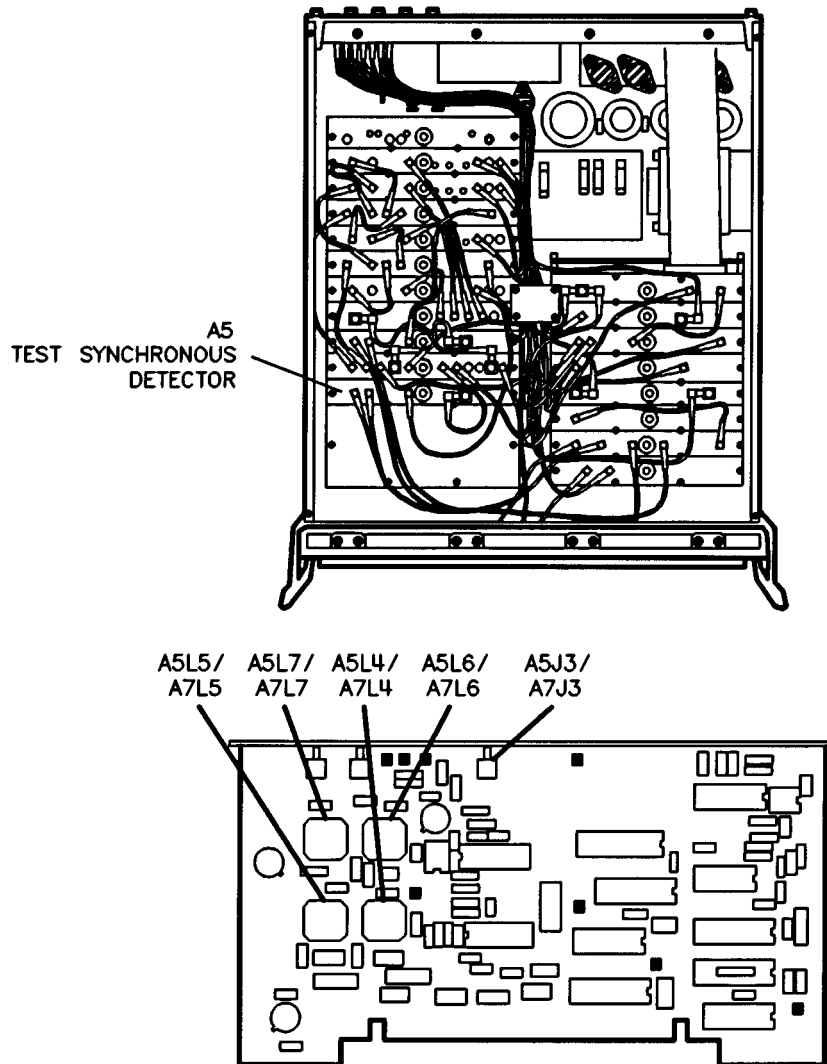
Function generator	33250A
Service board extender	85102-60030
4 ft BNC to SMB cable assembly	5062-7230
(2) 12" SMB cable assembly	5061-1022
(2) adapter, SMB M-M	1250-0669
85102 service adjustments disk	08510-10024
Controller	HP 9000 series 200 or 300

### Description and Procedure

The A5 and A7 synchronous detector assemblies provide two voltages that are equal to the real and imaginary components of the vector representing the input signal to the sample and hold assembly. The following procedure adjusts the two output filters of the synchronous detector to equalize the delay through them.

1. After loading BASIC into the controller memory, insert the 85102 service adjustments software disk into the controller disk drive. (Refer to the beginning of the chapter for a procedure on how to load BASIC.)
2. Type `LOAD "ADJ_85102" EXECUTE`.
3. When the program is loaded, press `RUN`.
4. Press the softkey that selects the synchronous detector adjustment.
5. The following prompt is displayed:  
`Adjustment on which SYNC DET module? Select a softkey.`
6. Press the appropriate softkey.
7. Switch off the analyzer power. Remove the board (A5 or A7) from the 85102 and install it on the extender board. Reconnect the cables, as the controller display shows, using adapters and extra cables provided in the service kit. It is necessary only to reconnect the cables that are noted in the setup on the display.
8. Switch on the analyzer power, but switch on the display/processor last to avoid system "lockup."
9. When a graticule appears on the analyzer display, the instrument has finished initializing. Press `[CONTINUE]` on the controller.

**Figure 7-9** Location of Synchronous Detector Adjustments



10. The following prompt is displayed:

CENTER THE CORES IN L4 & L5.

USING THE 8510 DISPLAY, ADJUST L6 & L7 FOR MINIMUM RIPPLE

**(minimize the high frequency ripple)**

THEN ADJUST L4 & L5 TO FURTHER REDUCE RIPPLE

If the following prompt is displayed, check equipment setup for configuration errors, or refer to the troubleshooting chapter:

SIGNAL LEVEL IS TOO LOW

IT MEASURES XXX dB BUT SHOULD BE >-15 dB

CHECK SETUP OR REPAIR BOARD

11. Refer to [Figure 7-9](#) for the location of L4 and L5. To center L4 and L5 adjustable inductors, rotate each inductor fully counterclockwise (until the core is as far out as it will go), then three turns clockwise.

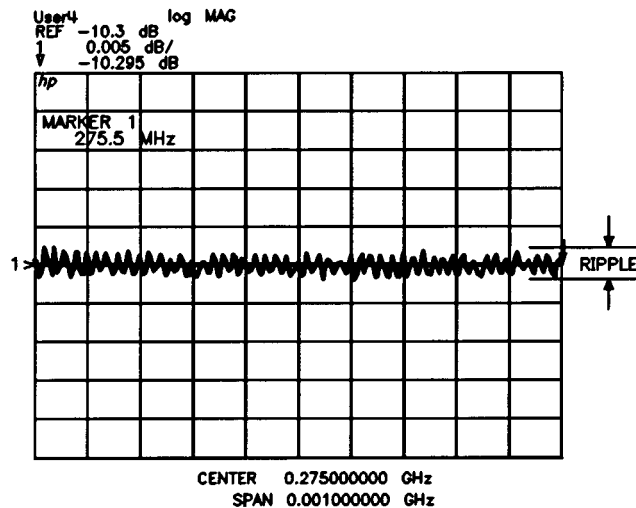
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**CAUTION** Be careful not to rotate the inductors too far clockwise. Damage may occur to the inductors.

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12. Refer to [Figure 7-9](#) for the location of L6 and L7. Alternately adjust L6 and L7 to get the minimum ripple seen on the analyzer display (see [Figure 7-10](#)).
13. Alternately adjust L4 and L5 to minimize the ripple. Typically the ripple is less than 0.01 dB.
14. When the adjustment is complete, press [CONTINUE] to return to the menu.
15. Switch off the analyzer power and return the equipment to the original configuration. Be sure to tighten the screws when reinstalling the board into the mainframe: loose screws can cause crosstalk in the instrument. Also be sure to reconnect the 85102 cables in the original configuration.

**Figure 7-10 Synchronous Detector Adjustment Waveform**



## Procedure 8. Clock Adjustment

### Equipment

Frequency counter	53151A Opt 001
4-ft BNC to SMB cable assembly	5062-7230
85102 service adjustments disk	08510-10024
Controller	HP 9000 series 200 or 300

### Description and Procedure

The clock assembly generates the reference signals for the main phase-locked loop, the 19.9 MHz LO generator, and the YADC. It also provides timing and LO signals for the 100 kHz synchronous detectors, and a sinusoidal signal that is used to calibrate the 100 kHz IF system.

The 20 MHz LO oscillator is composed of an integrated circuit in a phase-locked loop whose VCO is crystal controlled to run at 20 MHz. By adjusting R51, the free-running frequency of the VCO can be fine tuned to 20.0 MHz. This procedure adjusts the DC voltage input to the VCO, on the A6 clock board, to fine tune the free-running frequency to 20 MHz.

1. After loading BASIC into the controller memory, insert the 85102 service adjustments software disk into the controller disk drive. (Refer to the beginning of the chapter for a procedure on how to load BASIC.)
2. Type `LOAD "ADJ_ 85102" EXECUTE`.
3. When the program is loaded, press **RUN**.
4. Press the softkey that selects the clock adjustment.

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**NOTE** For this procedure, the frequency counter input impedance switch maybe set to either 50 ohms or 1M ohms.

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5. Switch on the analyzer power, but switch on the display/processor last to avoid system "lockup."
6. When a graticule appears on the analyzer display, the instrument has finished initializing. Press **[CONTINUE]**.
7. The following prompt is displayed:  

```
ADJUST R51 FOR 20 MHz ±50 HZ
```
8. Refer to [Figure 7-11](#) for the location of A6R51. Adjust A6R51 for a frequency counter reading of 20 MHz ±50 Hz.
9. When the adjustment is complete, press **[CONTINUE]** to return to the menu.

10. If either of the following prompts is displayed, refer to the troubleshooting chapter:

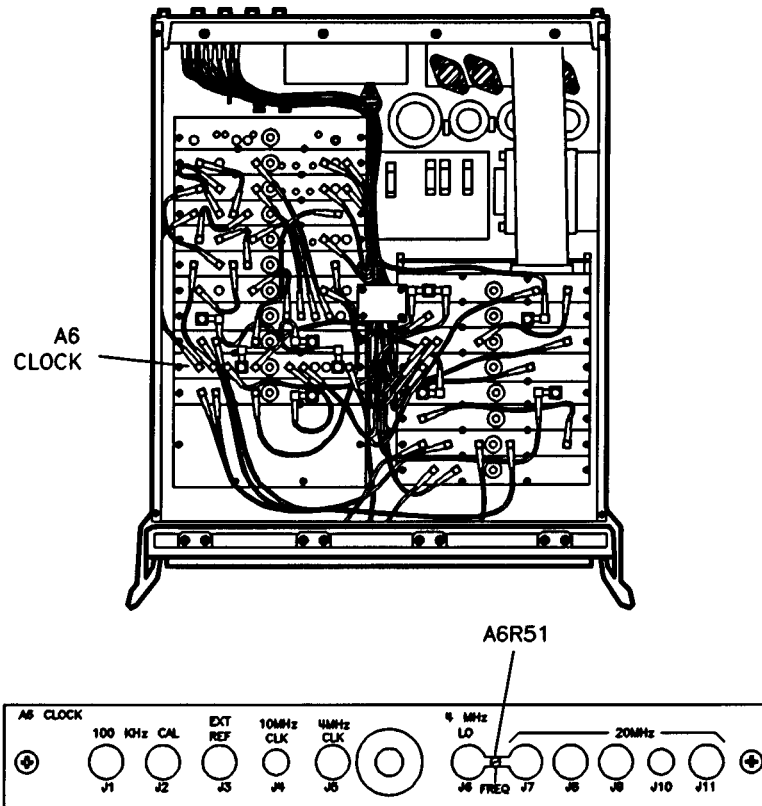
```
20 MHz FREQUENCY COUNTS  
LIMIT: 20 MHz ±50 Hz; Freq Delta <10 Hz  
FIRST COUNT = XXXXXXXX  
SECOND COUNT = XXXXXXXX  
FREQUENCY IS OUT OF LIMIT
```

or

```
FREQUENCY UNSTABLE, COUNT 1-COUNT 2 TOO LARGE
```

11. Switch off the analyzer power and return the equipment to the original configuration.  
Be sure to reconnect the 85102 cables in the original configuration.

**Figure 7-11** Location of Clock Adjustment





Adjustments  
**Procedure 8. Clock Adjustment**

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# **8 Performance Verification and Specifications**

## Overview

This chapter describes the following topics:

- System performance
- System performance verification
- Specifications
- Software for specifications and performance verification
- How to verify system performance
- Performing system verification
- Using the software: A tutorial
- Operational check procedures
- Frequency test procedures
- Total system uncertainty test procedure
- How to run the system specifications
- Interpreting the specification and uncertainties printout
- Measurement uncertainties
- Sources of measurement errors
  - Generation of system measurement uncertainties
  - System error models
  - Dynamic accuracy error model
  - Measurement traceability
  - Substitution of system components
  - Calibration cycle
- Reference information for performance verification and specification
- Performance test record

## System Performance

The performance of a network analyzer system is attributable to the accuracy and stability of the entire system. The accuracy of the system is dependent on the measurement error correction. The error correction, also known as measurement calibration, is dominated by the quality of the calibration kit devices and the device models. The stability of the measurement calibration is dependent on the raw performance of each system component.

### Individual System Components

The following characteristics and conditions of the system components affect the performance of the combined system configuration.

- Operating characteristics (source frequency accuracy, test set stability, test port cable stability, and connector type).
- User-selected operating conditions (analyzer measurement parameter (S11, S21, S12, S22), averaging, source sweep mode, sweep speed, and power).
- Condition and quality of the components.

### Calibration Kit

The quality of the measurement calibration is dominated by the accuracy of the calibration kit device models and how closely the actual electrical performance of the device meets the model. Model limitations can be overcome by using a calibration method that requires a less precise device model. For example, a TRL (thru-reflection-line) calibration method requires less precise modeling of the devices than an open-short-load method. Measurement calibration errors occur when the expected, or modeled, electrical performance of the calibration standard deviates from the actual electrical performance of the standard. The calibration kit should be periodically recertified to ensure the actual electrical performance matches the model. Refer to the calibration kit manual for information on how to recertify your kit.

### Measurement Process

The measurement process includes the measurement of calibration and test devices. This process encompasses connector care, the amount of flex on test port cables, the method of measurement calibration, the way you make connections (for both the measurement calibration and the DUT measurement), and connection repeatability. Connection quality is typically a small component of total system measurement error when connections are correctly made. However, poor connection quality can induce errors that significantly affect the accuracy of the measurement.

### Measurement Errors

Measurement errors prevent measured data from being a true representation of the unknown test device. In all applications, measurement errors can influence the application goals.

Network analysis measurement errors can be separated into three types: systematic errors (those which are stable and repeatable), random errors (those which are random in nature and cannot be characterized and removed), and drift errors (those associated with temperature, humidity, pressure, or other factors related to time). Measurement errors that remain after measurement calibration are called residual measurement errors. See the "Measurement Calibration" chapter in the operating manual for a detailed description of the systematic errors corrected by measurement calibration.

The measurement errors of the system are explained in relationship to error model flowgraphs and uncertainty equations later in this chapter.

If measurement accuracy (measurement uncertainty) specifications were written for each possible 8510 system configuration and measurement condition, several thousand specifications would need to be generated. Therefore, the specifications/performance verification software calculates the total measurement uncertainty of different systems. This allows you to print out the specifications for your system configuration. Refer to ["How to Run the System Specifications and Uncertainties Program"](#) in this chapter to determine the system performance of your 8510 system. To verify this calculated system performance, refer to ["How to Verify System Performance."](#)

### **Systematic Errors**

These errors result from imperfections in the calibration standards, connector standards and interface, interconnecting cables, and instrumentation. Measurement calibration can reduce systematic errors.

### **Random Errors**

These non-repeatable errors are due to trace noise, noise floor, cable repeatability, and connector repeatability. They affect both transmission and reflection measurements. Measurement calibration does not correct random errors.

### **Drift Errors**

These errors result from frequency drift and instrumentation drift. They affect both transmission and reflection measurements. Instrumentation drift is primarily temperature-related. Measurement calibration does not correct drift errors.

## System Performance Verification

Performance verification is a process that verifies that the overall system is making measurements within the expected total measurement uncertainties. The entire system (hardware, calibration kit, and connections) is verified using the following procedures:

- Operational checks
- Frequency tests (8340 and 8360 only)
- Total system uncertainty test
- Recommended process checks

### Operational Checks Description

The first level of system performance verification is a series of recommended, but not required, functional checks. The assessment of the system operating environment and the functional operation of the system components help identify faulty equipment. The procedures check the environmental temperature and humidity, the typical power out of the analyzer measurement channels, the typical system dynamic range, and the connector dimensions (pin depths). Test port cable stability is also tested in a subset of the operational checks procedure.

The “[Operational Check Procedures](#)” is located later in this chapter.

### Frequency Tests Description

The second level of the system performance verification is for synthesized sources only. (The 8350 source frequency accuracy is tested during the total system uncertainty test procedure.) The source frequency accuracy is checked across the entire sweep range in both the swept and the CW sweep modes.

The “[Frequency Test Procedures](#)” is located later in this chapter.

### Total System Uncertainty Test Description

The procedure consists of calibrating the analyzer with a calibration kit, measuring a set of characterized devices, and comparing the resultant measured data to the data and uncertainty limits supplied with the verification kit. The device data provided with the verification kit has a traceable path to NIST. The total measurement uncertainty limits for the performance verification are the sum of the factory measurement uncertainties and the uncertainties associated with measuring the same devices on the system being verified. The difference between the factory-measured data and the verification-measured data must fall within the total uncertainty limits at all frequencies for the total system uncertainty test to pass. You can compare the factory system measurement uncertainty to your system measurement uncertainty in “[Comparing System Measurement Uncertainties for the Performance Verification Devices](#)” located later in this chapter.

The performance verification software calculates the total measurement uncertainty for each measurement, and determines if the system being verified meets that total

uncertainty limit. The results of the performance verification can be immediately viewed and printed.

When an 8510 system passes this test, it does not ensure the system meets all the performance specifications. However, it does show the system being verified measures the same devices with the same results as a factory system that was verified in a "bottoms-up" approach.

The "Total System Uncertainty Test Procedure" is located later in this chapter.

## Recommended Process Checks Description

To assure the continued correct operation of the analyzer system, the following process checks should be done periodically.

- Recertify your calibration kit at the interval stated in your calibration kit manual (or more often, depending on the amount of use).
- Review the connector care information summarized on the blue connector care card. Consult a calibration kit manual for more detailed information to ensure that you are using correct connection techniques.
- Record the system raw error terms and compare them to periodically generated lists of the same raw error terms. By tracking the error terms, you can monitor when the system is beginning to drift, and use the data to help troubleshoot the system. Refer to the "Error Terms" section of [Chapter 4](#) in this manual for information on how to generate a list of error terms.
- Periodically measure the same device (daily, for example) and compare the current results to the results previously measured. When the data begins to deviate greatly, refer to [Chapter 4](#) in this manual.

## Specifications

Specifications are the limiting values of the individual system errors that describe the system performance. This performance is different for each type of 8510 system configuration (depending on test set, source, connector type, calibration method, and cables). System specifications, for your system configuration, can be generated with the performance verification/specifications software. Except for the examples in this chapter, there are no system specifications in the manual. (Example printouts appear under the title [“Interpreting the Specification and Uncertainties Printouts.”](#))

[“Measurement Uncertainties”](#) later in this chapter, explains the sources and types of measurement errors and how they relate to measurement uncertainties.

To generate system specifications, follow the [“How to Load the Software”](#) and [“How to Run the System Specifications and Uncertainties Program”](#) procedures in this chapter.



## Software for Performance Verification and Specifications

Both the performance verification and the specifications use the same software.

The program consists of a number of menus and forms that are selected by controller hardkeys and softkeys. The program softkeys are always labeled on the display and correspond to the menu selections you make. When you want to change an item or move to another selection, you can use the program softkeys or the controller arrow keys (up/down) or the [Next] and [Previous] keys.

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**NOTE** Using the BASIC **STOP** or **PAUSE** keyboard keys will not reset the program. Even pressing the keyboard BASIC **RESET** key will not reset the program's menus to their default settings. The program keeps data in the controller memory so that you can perform other computer tasks when paused in the middle of the program. You can then rerun the program without having to reload files.

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The program database includes error models for hardware components of the system. The software only generates specifications and allows performance testing for system hardware that is included in the database. For example, specifications for systems using cables other than those available through Agilent cannot be generated because error models for them are not contained in the data. Refer to "[Substitution of System Components](#)" located later in this chapter.

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**NOTE** Specifications for a system using an 8511 frequency converter test set can be generated using this software (refer to "[Reference Information for Performance Verification and Specifications](#)" in this chapter). However, the performance verification must be performed with 8511 performance verification software (shipped with 8511 frequency converters).

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**NOTE** For 8510 systems that have their own system manual, refer to that manual for performance verification instructions.

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## System Performance Equipment

The table below shows the equipment required to do the system performance verification and to run the specifications/measurement uncertainties program.

**Table 8-1          Equipment Required<sup>a</sup>**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8510C network analyzer and accessories</li><li>• test set</li><li>• source<sup>b</sup></li><li>• For PC based Performance Verification  Laptop or PC running BASIC for Windows (Rev. 6.32 or greater under Windows 95/98/NT). GPIB card for PCs (National Instruments or Hewlett-Packard) PCMIA card for Laptops (National Instruments)</li><li>• For workstation based Performance Verification  HP 9000 200 or 300 series controller (except 9826<sup>c</sup> and 9816<sup>d</sup>) with 4 megabytes of available memory after loading BASIC (1 megabyte memory boards are available for all 200 and 300 computers) Other controllers include: HP Vectra 386 with an HP 82300C BASIC language processor card UNIX based workstation with Rocky Mountain BASIC (RMB) Various workstations with BASIC 5.0 or higher, drivers, and language extensions disks (uses approximately 0.6 megabytes of memory)</li><li>• 8510 Specification Performance Verification software (08510-10033, Revision A.05.01, DOS and LIF formats)</li><li>• Compatible printer or plotter</li><li>• Cables: test port cables (2) coax 3.5 mm (m to f)</li><li>• Adapters: 2.4 mm (f) to 3.5 mm (f) for 50 GHz system) 3.5 mm (f) to BNC (m)</li><li>• 53151A Opt 001, 10 Hz to 26.5 GHz frequency counter</li><li>• Calibration kit (customer supplied)</li><li>• Verification kit (customer supplied)</li></ul>
<p>Note: It is not required to have the 8510 system connected to the computer/controller when generating specifications, or measurement uncertainties. All that is required is the software and computer/controller. A printer is required for hardcopy output.</p>

- a. All of the equipment listed is required for performance verification.
- b. 8360 source with 1 Hz resolution needed to pass performance verification.
- c. Wrap around display problem.
- d. Only 2.0 Mb of memory

## How to Load the Software

There are many ways to load BASIC, therefore the example below is one common sequence. Refer to the manual of your computer for an exact procedure.

1. Insert the BASIC disc into the controller disc drive 0.
2. Cycle the power of the controller to activate the BASIC start up.

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**NOTE**                    You must have 3 megabytes of memory for the program to run. To check this, type `SYSTEM$ ( "AVAILABLE MEMORY" ) RETURN`.

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3. After BASIC is loaded, the drive LED goes off and a "BASIC ready" prompt appears on the controller display. Remove the disc.

4. The following binary files must be loaded into the controller memory:\*

ERR

CLOCK

MAT

I/O

HP-IB

To check which binary files are already loaded in the controller memory, type:

`LIST BIN RETURN`

5. To load the binary files, insert the language extensions disc in the disc drive and type:

`LOAD BIN "ERR" RETURN LOAD BIN "CLOCK" RETURN LOAD BIN "MAT" RETURN LOAD BIN "I/O" RETURN`

6. To load the HP-IB binary file, remove the language extensions disc and insert the drivers disc into the disc drive and type:

`LOAD BIN "HPIB"`

Remove the drivers disc.

7. Type `MSI " : , 700 , 0" RETURN` on the controller to specify the system mass storage device (drive '0' of the disc drive).

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**NOTE**                    \* This procedure is used only with older revisions of BASIC (i.e. 3.0). BASIC 5.0 automatically loads these files.

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**NOTE** The mass storage device must be set to the correct location for the program to run smoothly.

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8. Insert the program disk into the computer's disk drive.
9. Set the active drive. Type `MSI` and enter the mass storage specifier.
10. Type `LOAD "SPECS_8510"` and wait for the program to be installed.
11. Type `RUN` to start the program.

The initial screen displays the program revision and the data revision numbers. These numbers are also listed on the disk label. Refer to these numbers if you contact Agilent about your software product.

12. Follow the instructions on the controller display to set the date and time. When the correct date and time are set, type `Y` at the prompt.
13. The hardware configuration menu is displayed with a highlighted field around the active selection. Use the `[Next]` and `[Previous]` keys to change the selection in the highlighted area. Use the cursor keys to move the highlighted box to each piece of hardware. Match the list of system hardware to your system configuration, and select the calibration technique.

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**NOTE** If the test set is an 8516, the source selection must be 834X016 or 8360X016. Older 8340 sources may require modification to work with the 8516.

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**NOTE** When generating specifications for 8511 systems, select no source, no cal kit, no cables, and no verification kit. See ["Reference Information for Performance Verification and Specifications"](#) later in this chapter.

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14. To load the data files from the disc, press `[Done]`.
15. The program presents the main menu. From here you can select one of four other menus:
  - System configuration
  - System specifications
  - System uncertainty
  - Verify system
  - A brief explanation of the menu choices follows:

**[System Config]** - This menu presents the choice of returning to the hardware configuration menu or entering the software configuration menu. The software configuration menu allows you to set the addresses of your 8510 and your printer/plotter, or select plotter trace pens.

**[System Specs]** - In this menu you can choose several types of tables and formats for a hard copy of both forward and reverse error terms.

**[System Uncert]** - This menu allows you to print or plot dynamic accuracy or total uncertainty for your system configuration.

**[Verify System]** - This menu allows you to verify system performance.

If you want to verify the performance of your system, follow the next procedure. If you want to generate system specifications, follow the procedure in [“How to Run the System Specifications and Uncertainties Program.”](#)

## Using the Keyboard or Mouse for Program Control

Use of the keyboard or mouse is supported in the software program. The list below provides a brief overview of the different methods for controlling the cursor and modifying values.

Cursor Keys	Use the cursor keys (arrow keys) to move the cursor up, down, left, and right.
<b>[Done]</b> or <b>SELECT</b>	Use either the softkey or the <b>SELECT</b> keyboard key to complete data entry. Always press the key to retain edited data.
<b>HOME</b>	Use the <b>HOME</b> key to page forward. Combine the <b>SHIFT</b> key with the <b>HOME</b> key to return to previous pages.
Mouse	Use the mouse to position the cursor on a specific character or field. Click the mouse select button to edit the data. You may find that using the mouse is less efficient than using the cursor keys. The sensitivity of the mouse makes it awkward to position.
<b>TAB</b>	Use the keyboard tab key to move from one data entry field to the next, or when columns are used, from one column to the next. Combine the <b>SHIFT</b> key with the <b>TAB</b> key for reverse-tabbing.

## In Case of Difficulty

- Check that the mass storage device is specified (refer to step 7).
- Check that the BASIC revision is 3.0 or higher. 5.0 is preferred.
- Check that the controller has at least 3 megabytes of memory. Type `"SYSTEM$( "AVAILABLE MEMORY" )" RETURN.`
- Check that all the required binary files are loaded in the controller memory (refer to step 4).
- If the program is still not running correctly, cycle the power of all the instruments.

## How to Verify System Performance

The system performance verification process is summarized below:

1. Operational checks
  - a. Environment and device temperature check
  - b. User parameters check (unratioed power)
  - c. Inspect, clean, and gage connectors
  - d. Cable check
  - e. Dynamic range check
2. Frequency tests
  - a. CW frequency accuracy test
  - b. Swept frequency accuracy test
3. Total system uncertainty test
  - a. The program sets the frequency range of the 8510 system to the corresponding frequency of the traceable verification devices.
  - b. The program prompts you to perform a full 2-port measurement calibration.
  - c. You measure the verification devices.
  - d. The program compares the measured data with the traceable data and uncertainty limits supplied with the verification devices, and generates pass/fail results.
4. Defining a custom system in the software
  - a. The first menu that appears in version A.03.01 software is the Hardware Configuration menu.
  - b. From this menu, choose the model numbers of the hardware you are using.
  - c. If you plan to make measurements with a custom test setup, choose model numbers from this menu that most closely matches the capability of the equipment you are using.
  - d. To calibrate a custom system, new features in the software allow you to modify error-term parameters.
  - e. You can store the error-term changes in tables, compute customized specifications from the new error terms, then use the tables for plots and system verification.
  - f. If you plan to use hardware configuration values listed in the Hardware Configuration menu already, follow the “No” path in the flowchart, [Figure 8-1](#). To create unique specifications for a custom system, follow the “Yes” path in [Figure 8-1](#).

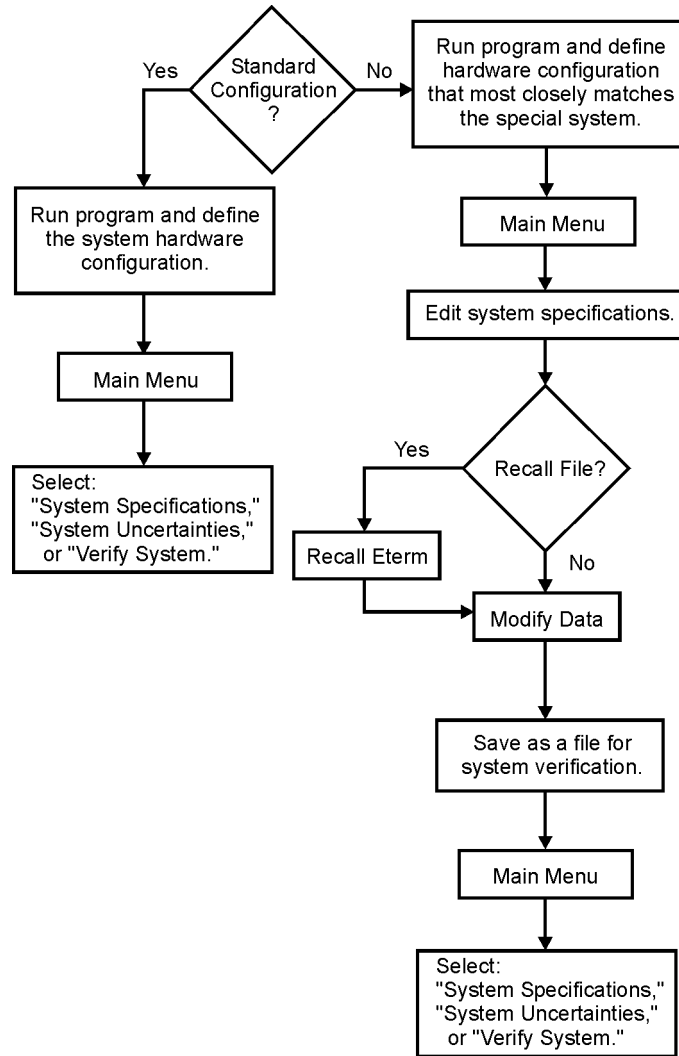
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**NOTE**

**LIMITATION OF WARRANTY.** Agilent Technologies does not warrant the performance of systems that are customized by the user. That is, systems already customized at the factory as special systems are warranted; however, if you customize the system at your facility, the performance warranty cannot be applied.

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**Figure 8-1** Flowchart for Selecting to Modify Specifications



## Choosing to Edit Specifications

1. After installing the software program, press **[Hardware Config]** from the System Config menu. Select hardware models that most closely match the equipment you are using.  
Exact model numbers may not match, but similar capabilities (frequency range, power range, and so forth) need to be matched as closely as possible. Selections such as no source and no calibration kit are available if there are no similar models of equipment.
2. After completing hardware configuration and model selection, press **[Done]** to save the information.
3. From the Main menu display, select **[Edit Specs]**.

By selecting **[EDIT SYST SPECS]** from the Main menu, you can modify error terms for your hardware configuration. You can use the modified data to compute custom uncertainties to use during performance verification. Refer to [“Using the Error Term Table Editor” on page 8-19](#) to learn how to edit specifications.

## Using Customizing Features

In addition to the ability to edit error terms and compute custom specifications you can save, recall, and label your customized information.

## Using Markers on Uncertainty Plots

Markers automatically turn on when the uncertainty plot is displayed. The marker appears on the plot as a vertical dashed line. To display the plot and use the marker function, refer to the steps below:

1. From the Main menu, press **[Syst Uncert]**.
2. From the plot options, choose the desired selections.
3. Press **[Done]** to display the graph.
4. To move the marker, use the left- or right-arrow keys.

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<b>NOTE</b>	You can control the position of the marker with the mouse, however, it is not recommended. The mouse's sensitivity may make it too awkward to use.
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5. Read the marker values along the bottom row of the display. The readings include the X-axis value, and marker readouts for each frequency range.
6. Use the **[Marker (ON) OFF]** key to turn markers on or off.
7. Use the **[Mkr Sens]** key to change the marker sensitivity. You can choose a marker sensitivity of 1, 3, or 10. The setting determines the distance the marker moves on the graticule each time you press the left- or right-arrow key.



## Choosing User-Generated Error Terms

To select edited error terms for generating system specifications tables, refer to the steps below:

1. Press **[System Specs]** in the Main menu.
2. Choose User Parameters for Table Type:.
3. Use the softkeys within the menu to edit other selections as needed.
4. Press **[Done]** to display the specifications table.

## Generating Customized System Uncertainty Plots

To select edited error terms for generating system uncertainty data, refer to the steps below:

1. Press **[System Uncert]** in the Main menu.
2. For Compute Using:, select User Parameters.
3. Use the softkeys within the menu to edit other selections as needed.
4. Press **[Done]** to display uncertainty plots.

## Using User-Generated Specifications in System Verification

You can choose user-generated specifications for system verification. Refer to the steps below:

1. Press **[Verify System]** in the Main menu.
2. Press **[Select Standard]**.
3. Move the cursor to Verify Using: and select User Parameters.
4. Use the softkeys within the menu to edit other selections as needed.
5. Press **[Done]** to begin system verification.

## Entering S-parameters of the DUT

You can edit the S-parameter values for your specific device under test. Refer to the steps below:

1. Press **[System Uncert]** in the Main menu.
2. Locate the S-parameter data fields in the middle of the display. Notice the default values of  $S_{11} = S_{22} = 0$ , and  $S_{21} = S_{12}$ .
3. To enter an S11 value, press **[Previous]** until the asterisk beside S11 (lin) blinks (indicating the data field is activated).
4. Use the keyboard to enter the new S11 (linear) value.

5. Move to the next data field and press **[Next]** or **[Previous]** as needed to edit the remaining S-parameter data fields and to enter the device length (in cm). *Notice that S11 and S22 are in linear units, while S21 and S12 are in dB.*
6. Press **[Done]** to display the DUT's system uncertainty.

### **Entering User Labels or Comments on Plots**

If desired, use the features in this software to enter your own titles or comments on plots. The label you enter appears on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> line of the title at the top of the plot.

1. Press **[System Uncert]** in the Main menu.
2. Move to User Label 1 and press **[Previous]** until the asterisk in the data field blinks.
3. From the keyboard, enter the label or title you want to appear on the output.
4. If desired, repeat the above two steps to enter User Label 2.
5. Press **[Done]** when you are finished entering user labels to display the plot.

### **Entering User Labels or Comments System Verification Reports**

If desired, use the features in this software to enter your own titles or comments on system verification reports. The comment you enter appears on the test record for the selected verification kit device.

1. Press **[Verify System]** in the Main menu.
2. Press **[Select Standard]**.
3. Move to the Comment selection at the bottom of the screen.
4. Press **[Previous]** until the asterisk in the data field blinks.
5. From the keyboard, enter a one-line comment that you want to appear on the system verification report.
6. If desired, repeat the above two steps to enter a second comment line.
7. Press **[Done]** when you are finished entering comments.

## Performing System Verification

After configuring the system, decide whether you want to choose user generated specs or software defined uncertainties. Select **[Verify System]** in the Main menu. In this menu, you can start the 8510C system verification using either the defined system specifications or custom specifications calculated from edited error term values. To choose the desired specifications for system verification, follow the steps below:

1. Press **[Select Standard]**.
2. Go to Verify Using.
3. Select either Specifications for defined values or User Parameters to use the customized specifications.

For additional information on performing system verification, refer to the [“Total System Uncertainty Test Description”](#) later in this chapter.

## Changing Error Term Values

Before you start editing the error terms, determine the characteristics of the equipment in your system that are not already defined in the software. As an example, you may plan to use a calibration kit that is manufactured by a company other than Agilent. You need to determine the directivity of the load in this kit. You may want to use custom cables; if so, you need to know the loss factor. You also need to know which error terms to edit and what values to enter for the error terms changed.

Refer to the 8510 System Uncorrected and Corrected Error flowgraphs at the end of this chapter. Review the error term labels and locations. You need to understand which error term gets modified with respect to the unique components within your system setup. In the Uncorrected Error Model flowgraph, the device-under-test is identified with the labels S11, S21, S22, and S12 and is in the center of the graph. You can use the location of the device in this illustration to help you determine which error term to change.

In there are examples to help you understand how to change error terms for some typically used hardware modifications.

## Handling Customized Error Terms

The information you need to understand about customized error terms is explained in this section. The topics are listed below:

- Using the error term table editor
- Saving edited error term values
- Recalling a custom error term table file

## Using the Error Term Table Editor

To display an error term table for editing, select **[Edit Specs]** in the Main menu.

Refer to the Error Model flowgraphs at the end of this chapter. Find the error term of interest on the figure. The figure can help you determine the relative, physical location of the error term in your system configuration.

Refer to the steps below to edit the values:

1. Locate the error term in the displayed table that represents the error term of the hardware change.
2. Use the mouse, arrow keys, or **TAB** key to position the cursor at the term that needs to be edited.
3. Use the number keys to enter the values.
4. Continue editing error terms until your system or device is defined.
5. Press **[Done]** when you have finished editing error terms.
6. At the prompt `Re-compute effective terms from raw terms?`, respond with **Yes**.

The function of the Edit Specs menu keys are described below:

<b>[Undo Term]</b>	Use this key to restore all values of the currently highlighted error term to the value listed just prior to your most recent change. If you have changed an error term, then changed it again, but you want to restore the value to your first change, press <b>[Undo Term]</b> . Use <b>[Reset All]</b> only if you want to use the software's predefined error terms.
<b>[Undo All]</b>	Use this key to restore the values of all the error terms to the previous change. As with <b>[Undo Term]</b> , this key changes all the error terms of the table to previously changed values. Use <b>[Reset All]</b> only if you want to use the software's predefined error terms.
<b>[Reset Term]</b>	Use this key to restore the value of the currently highlighted error term to the software's predefined error term values.
<b>[Save Eterms]</b>	Use this key to save the edited error term table under a file name you specify.
<b>[Recall Eterms]</b>	Use this key to display a data field for you to enter the name of an error term table file to recall. You need to press <b>[Next]</b> or <b>[Previous]</b> until the asterisk flashes before entering a filename.
<b>[Done]</b>	Use this key when you have finished editing the error term table. New uncertainties are computed based on the error terms.
<b>[Prior Menu]</b>	Use this key to return to a previous menu.

## Saving Edited Error Term Values

Use the new features in the software to save your specific error terms in a user-parameters file. Use the following steps to save customized error terms.

The original data files are isolated from changes made to the error term tables for your specific system. As a result, you can choose to use standard error terms, or your customized values.

1. After editing error term tables, press the **[Done]** key to save edited terms.
2. From the Main menu, press **[Edit Specs]**, **[Save Eterms]**.
3. Enter a file name and directory, if needed, for the new data in the space provided.

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<b>NOTE</b>	To enter a file name, press <b>[Next]</b> or <b>[Previous]</b> until the blinking asterisk* appears beside the blank input field. The blinking asterisk indicates that you can edit the current field. The program allows you to choose a previously entered file name or type in a new one. Use the <b>[Next]</b> and <b>[Previous]</b> keys to select another file name.
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## Recalling a Custom Error Term File

After saving the custom file to disk, you can recall it for use whenever the system you plan to use matches your current hardware configuration.

To recall a customized error term table file, use the steps below:

1. From the Main menu, press **[Edit Specs]**, **[Recall Eterms]**.
2. Edit the file name and directory if necessary.
3. Press **[Done]** to retrieve the file.

At this point, the user can make any of the following choices:

- Edit more specifications.
- Return to the Main menu and choose **[System Specs]**, **[System Uncertainty]**, or **[Verify System]**.

To use edited specifications, you need to select user parameters. The user parameters are available within the following menus:

- In the **[System Specs]** menu, for table type, choose User Parameters.
- In the menu under Compute Using, select User Parameters.
- In the **[Verify System]** menu, press **[Select Standard]**, then select Verify Using: User Parameters.

## Using the Software: A Tutorial

The tutorial chapter is intended to help you get comfortable using features of the software. The features allow you to create your own equipment specifications for a calibration test setup. Additional marker features simplify determining the results of these customized setups. Answers to the questions are provided in tables at the end.

- Selecting the hardware for an 8510SX system
- Examining error term tables, exercise 1
- Computing uncertainty curves, exercise 2
- Editing specifications, exercise 3
- Answers to tutorial questions

### Selecting the Hardware for an 8510SX System

After loading the software (as directed in the section following the flowchart, [Figure 8-1](#)), the first selection menu that appears is the Hardware Configuration menu. For this tutorial, select the following equipment:

- ✓ 8510C network analyzer
- ✓ 8515A test set
- ✓ 83631A synthesized source
- ✓ 85052C 3.5 mm TRL cal kit (choose TRL calibration)
- ✓ 85131F 3.5 mm test port cable set
- ✓ 85053B 3.5 mm verification kit

### Examining Error Term Tables, Exercise 1

Select **[System Specs]** from the Main menu. Review the following descriptions to learn more about a few of the menu selections.

Output Table	You can look at the residual errors with correction on, the test port errors with correction off, the test set channel (B1, B2, A1, A2) errors with correction off, or All Tables.
Table Type	Choose Specification, Data Sheet, or User Parameter values.  <b>Data sheet</b> values are published in Agilent's technical literature. The values do not include effects due to cable stability or system drift errors.  <b>Specification</b> values are used during system verification.  <b>User parameter</b> values are tables which have been modified by the user with the <b>[Edit Specs]</b> function.

To examine the error terms tables, select All Tables. You see displayed both the effective (corrected) and raw (uncorrected) error terms. Refer to [Table 8-2](#) at the end of this section for answers to the questions below:

1. Which effective error term would dominate when you measure the following?
  - a. A very good 50W termination?
  - b. A short circuit?
  - c. An amplifier with 10 dB of gain?
  - d. The isolation of a switch?
2. What is the raw directivity at 26.5 GHz?  
How does it compare to the data sheet?
3. What is the difference between system and receiver dynamic range?

## Computing Uncertainty Curves, Exercise 2

Select [**System Uncert**] from the Main menu. Review the following descriptions to learn more about a few of the menu selections.

Parameter	Select the appropriate s-parameter.
Format	Choose magnitude or phase.
Uncertainty Limit	Selection applies only to transmission measurements where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The "Upper Limit" is <math>20 \times \log(1 + \text{error})</math>.</li><li>• The "Lower Limit" is <math>20 \times \log(1 - \text{error})</math>.</li><li>• The lower limit always produces the <i>larger</i> uncertainty value.</li></ul>
Compute	Choose from the worst-case uncertainty, RSS uncertainty, dynamic range, or test-port power levels. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RSS uncertainties are calculated with the RSS of all systematic errors, but the 3-sigma values of random errors are still used for 99.7% certainty.</li><li>• Dynamic accuracy shows the worst-case uncertainty due to IF residuals and detector inaccuracies, without the effects of noise, frequency response, directivity, port match, cross-talk, and connector repeatability.</li></ul>
Compute Using	The uncertainty may be computed using <code>Specification</code> , <code>Data Sheet</code> , or <code>User Parameter</code> (user modified) values.

The specific s-parameters and electrical length of the DUT can also be entered. This is important for determining the phase uncertainty of 8350B sweeper-based systems.

Look at the worst-case uncertainty curves (data sheet) for S11 and S21 magnitude and phase. Notice that you can generate read-out values on the display with the vertical "marker." Instructions about using the marker are in the section following [“Using Markers on Uncertainty Plots.”](#) Refer to [Table 8-3](#) for answers to the questions.

1. On the S11 magnitude uncertainty curve (at 26.5 GHz), do the following:
  - Estimate effective directivity.
  - Compare the estimate with the data sheet value.
2. On the S21 magnitude uncertainty curve (at 26.5 GHz), do the following:
  - Estimate system dynamic range.
  - Compare the estimate with the data sheet value.
3. Compare the S11 and S21 phase uncertainty curves.

### **Editing Specifications, Exercise 3**

The exercises in this section present typical examples of customizing a test setup. Each exercise presents a task, followed with a related question. The answers to the questions are in tables located at the end of the chapter. You are referred to the specific table number for the exercise you are doing.

Each exercise presents a different aspect of changing error terms for customizing specifications. The exercises do not need to be completed in any particular order.

- ✓ Exercise 3a shows you how to modify error terms for a custom system.
- ✓ Exercise 3b shows you how to modify error terms for a custom test set.
- ✓ Exercise 3c shows you how to edit error terms for custom cables in a test setup.
- ✓ Exercise 3d shows you how to edit error terms to calculate uncertainties for measuring a non-ideal test device.

Select [**Edit Specs**] from the Main menu. This selection allows you to edit the system specifications tables. You can change power levels, averaging factors, or error terms. After you finish editing, the software prompts you to recompute the effective terms that are calculated by the program (crosstalk, noise on trace, noise floor, power ref, power max, and power min).

Review the modify/edit key descriptions of the menu selections in [“Handling Customized Error Terms”](#) in this section.

### **Using a Custom Calibration Kit, Exercise 3a**

You have purchased a 3.5 mm broadband load calibration kit from another manufacturer. You want to use this kit on an 8510SX system to make reflection measurements at 26.5 GHz. The known return loss of a broadband load at 26.5 GHz is 35 dB. There is a  $+2^\circ$  phase error on both the open and short terminations.



These factors require that you change the following error terms to the values listed:

- ✓ Effective directivity of  $-35$  dB
- ✓ Port match of  $-35$  dB
- ✓ Reflection tracking of  $0.024$

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**TIP** In the hardware configuration menu, select the 85052D calibration kit and edit the effective terms. Remember to select User Parameters when generating the S11 magnitude uncertainty curve.

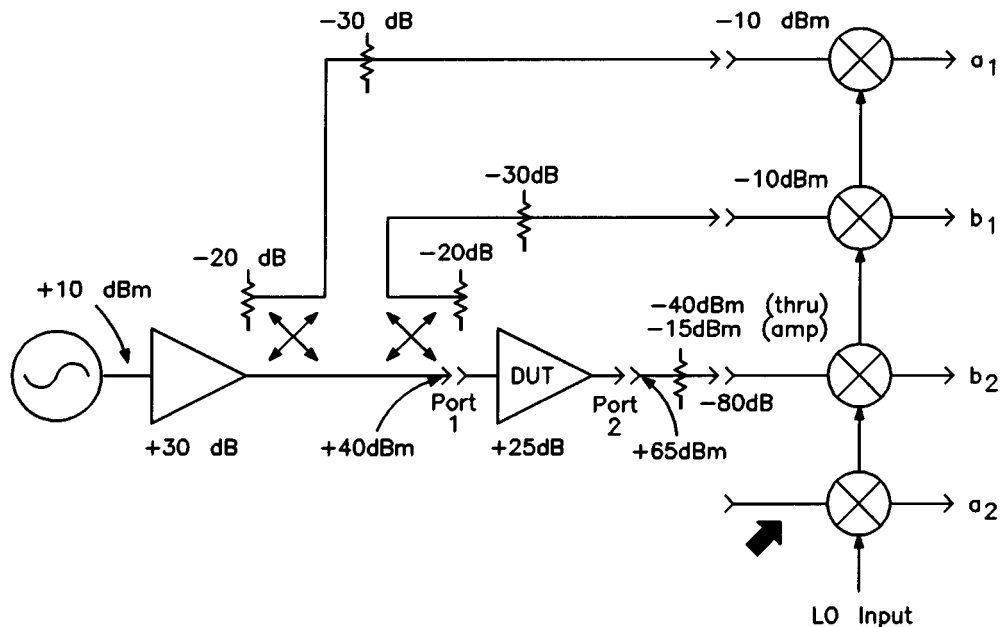
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- *Task:* Generate an S11 magnitude uncertainty curve for this measurement.
- *Question:* How can you verify that the S11 magnitude uncertainty curve is correct? Answers are provided in [Table 8-4](#).

### Using a Special Test Set, Exercise 3b

You want to compute the S21 uncertainty at 26.5 GHz for a customized high-power measurement setup using the same 8511A. A block diagram of the setup is shown in [Figure 8-2](#).

**Figure 8-2** Equipment Setup Block Diagram



For the hardware configuration, choose the following:

- ✓ 8511A test set
- ✓ No source
- ✓ No calibration kit
- ✓ No cables
- ✓ No verification kit

Use the broad band-load calibration method. Assume the following:

Effective directivity of  $-30$  dB

Reflection tracking of 0.011

Source match of  $-25$  dB

Load match of  $-30$  dB

- Task:* Plot the S21 magnitude uncertainty uppercase uncertainty.
- Question:* What is the difference between this result and the lowercase uncertainty? Refer to [Table 8-6](#) for the answer.

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**TIP**                      Modify the effective terms and the raw-loss terms. Don't forget to select **[User Parameters]** when you start generating the S21 magnitude uncertainty curves.

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### Using Non-Standard Test Cables, Exercise 3c

You are using a pair of non-standard 3.5 mm flexible cables. You want to approximate the measurement uncertainty for an 8510SX system over the system's entire frequency range. While you cannot guarantee the results, you can change certain error terms to provide satisfactory results.

- Question:* Assuming you have specified "No Cables" in the Hardware Configuration menu, which error terms do you need to degrade to account for this cable? Refer to [Table 8-7](#) for answers.

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**TIP**                      Consider how the cables impact your measurements.

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The cable's known worst-case loss is 1.85 dB at 16 GHz and 0.25 dB at 45 MHz. You can determine the RF cable loss by assuming that, similar to Agilent cables, the total loss on these cables has a constant dc-loss component and an RF-loss component that varies with the square root of the frequency (in GHz).

The error term is "Loss/sqrt (F-GHz) port 1, 2 cable." Use the following formula to calculate the error term (assuming  $F_1 > F_2$ ):

$$\frac{\text{Loss1} - \text{Loss2}}{\sqrt{F_1(\text{GHz}) - F_2(\text{GHz})}}$$

- *Question:* What is the value of this error term for the cables described above?
- *Question:* Which transmission and reflection tests do you perform to determine the stability of the non-standard cables? Refer to the *8510C On-Site Service Manual* as needed.

While you are working on the system, you perform a 2-port calibration. Then, you connect the cables together and store the transmission measurement in memory. Next, you bend the connected cables by the same amount that the cables are bent during a measurement.

Looking at S21/M (data/memory), you find the cable's transmission magnitude repeatability to as indicated below:

- ±0.02 dB, for frequency range ending at 2 GHz
- ±0.03 dB, for frequency range ending at 8 GHz
- ±0.04 dB, for frequency range ending at 20 GHz
- ±0.06 dB, for frequency range ending at 26 GHz

The S21/M phase measurements showed ±0.1° around 0° at 1 GHz.

You find the cable's reflection magnitude stability, Crm, to be the following values:

- 45 dB at 2 GHz
- 41 dB at 8 GHz
- 35 dB at 20 GHz
- 31 dB at 26 GHz

- *Question:* What are the new values for the following error terms? Refer to [Table 8-8](#) to verify answers.

Port 1: Ld1c, Lf1c, Crm1, Ctm1, Cpf1

Port 2: Ld2c, Lf2c, Crm2, Ctm2, Cpf2

- *Task:* Knowing the information above, press **[Edit Specs]**. Enter the new values for the above error terms. Use the **[Next]** and **[Tab]** keys to edit values.
  - a. Enter the error terms Lf1c, Lf2c, Cpf1, and Cpf2 as constants over the software's frequency breakpoints. At any frequency, you can calculate the actual total RF loss with the following equation (where x = 1 or 2, depending on the port used):

$$\text{Ldxc} + \text{Lfxc} \times \sqrt{(\text{frequency in GHz})}$$

b. Use the following equation to determine the phase stability:

$$C_{tmx} + C_{pfx} \times (\text{frequency in GHz})$$

After allowing the software to recompute the uncertainties, look at the uncertainty curves. How do they compare with a system that uses Agilent 85131F cables?

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**TIP** Remember to select `User Parameters` when generating the uncertainty curves for the non-standard cables.

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### Using a Non-Ideal Test Device, Exercise 3d

You want to determine the measurement uncertainties for a 20 dB fixed attenuator. You want to use this attenuator to make a measurement over the frequency range of 45 MHz to 26.5 GHz. The attenuator has a worst case SWR of 1.25. The device length is about 3 cm. Refer to [Table 8-9](#) for the answers.

To determine the attenuator uncertainties, use the following 3.5 mm 8510 system:

- ✓ 8510C network analyzer
- ✓ 8515A test set
- ✓ 83631A synthesized source
- ✓ 85052B calibration kit (choose a sliding load calibration)
- ✓ 85131B/D cables
- ✓ 85053B verification kit
- Task:* Generate the worst-case uncertainty specifications for an S21 magnitude measurement, using the lower limits.
- Question:* What are the measurement uncertainties in each frequency range for the attenuator measurement?

## Answers to Tutorial Questions

Exercise questions from the tutorials are repeated in the first column of the tables. Answers are stated in the column to the right of the question.

**Table 8-2 Examining Error Term Tables, Exercise 1 Answers**

Questions	Answers
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Which effective error term would dominate when you measure the following:</li> <li>2. For a good 500W termination?</li> <li>3. For a short circuit?</li> <li>4. For an amplifier with 10 dB of gain?</li> <li>5. For switch isolation?</li> </ol>	<p>The dominant error terms are:</p> <p>The directivity term.</p> <p>The source match term.</p> <p>The load match term.</p> <p>The crosstalk term.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. What is the raw directivity at 26.5 GHz? How does this value compare with the data sheet value?</li> </ol>	<p>The value should be about -27 dB.</p> <p>The raw directivity at 26.5 GHz on the data sheet is -27 dB.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. What is the difference between “system” and “receiver” dynamic range?</li> </ol>	<p>Notice that in the first table (Residual Errors - Correction On), there are two values for effective dynamic range. One refers to the system dynamic range, while the other refers to the receiver dynamic range. These terms are defined below:</p> <p>a. System dynamic range = <math>P_{ref} - P_{min}</math></p> <p>b. Receiver dynamic range = <math>P_{max} - P_{min}</math></p> <p><i>P<sub>ref</sub> is the nominal or reference power at the test port.</i></p> <p><i>P<sub>min</sub> is the minimum power that can be measured above the noise floor.</i></p>
	<p><i>P<sub>max</sub> is the maximum power that can be applied to port 2 before 0.1 dB compression.</i></p>

**Table 8-3 Computing Uncertainty Curves, Exercise 2 Answers**

Questions	Answers
<p>1. On the S11 magnitude uncertainty curve (at 26.5 GHz), what is the estimated effective directivity?</p> <p>How does the estimated value compare with the data sheet value?</p>	<p>The value is 0.004 linear, which is equivalent to -48 dB. To estimate the effective directivity, look for the uncertainty when <math>S_{11} = 0</math> (a perfect load).</p> <p>-48 dB is close to the data sheet value of 50 dB.</p>
<p>2. On the S21 magnitude uncertainty curve (at 26.5 GHz), what is the estimated system dynamic range?</p> <p>Does the value correspond with the data sheet?</p>	<p>The estimated value is around 68 dB or 70 dB, depending upon how you read the graph. To estimate the dynamic range, look on the S21 uncertainty curve. The curve shows S21 in dB from reference power. Find where the uncertainty becomes too large.</p> <p>Too large can be considered to be &gt;6 dB uncertainty (estimated dynamic range about 68 dB), where the noise power equals the signal power, or &gt;10 dB uncertainty, which is off the graph, corresponding to 70 dB dynamic range.</p> <p>The data sheet value of 74 dB corresponds with the estimated value.</p>
<p>3. Compare the S11 and S21 phase uncertainty curves with the data sheet. Why are they different?</p>	<p>The data sheet values for these curves do not include the effects of cable stability and system drift errors.</p>

**Table 8-4 Using a Custom Calibration Kit, Exercise 3a Answers**

Questions	Answers
<p>1. How can you verify that the S11 magnitude uncertainty curve is correct?</p>	<p>At <math>S_{11} = 0</math>, the value for the 26.5 GHz curve should be about -35 dB, or 0.0178 linear, since that is the of return loss of the load.</p>

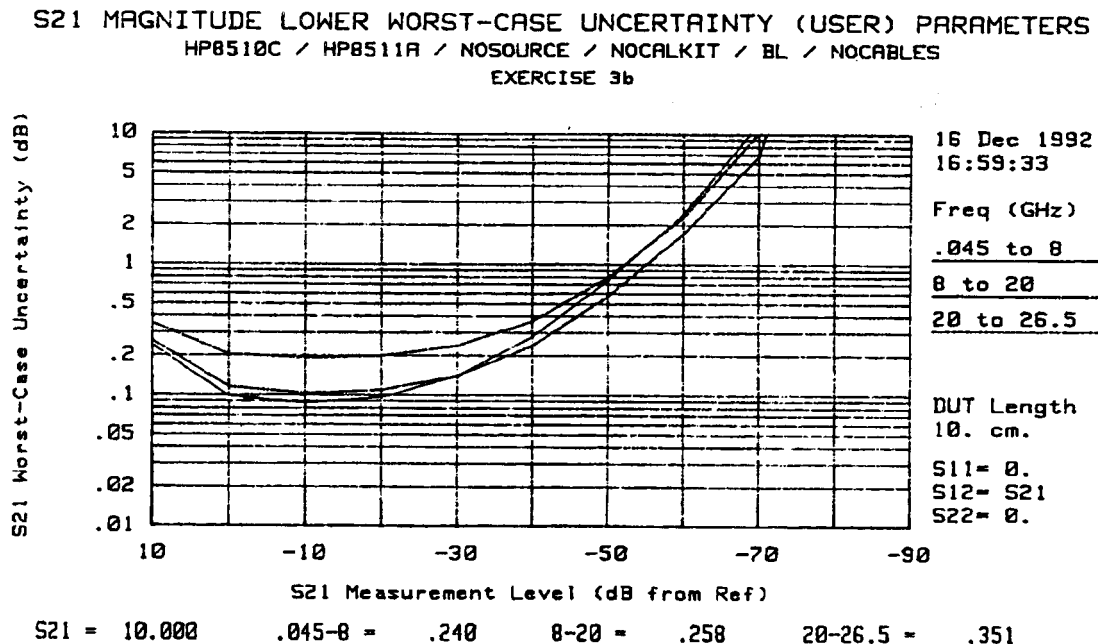
**Table 8-5 Error Terms to Modify for Generating Uncertainty Curves**

Error Term	Value
Power of source	10 dB
Effective directivity	-30 dB
Effective reflection tracking	0.011 dB
Effective source match	-25 dB
Effective load match	-30 dB
Effective power ref (out) port 1	40 dBm
Loss/dc source to port 1	30 dB
Loss/dc port 1 to B1	-50 dB
Loss/dc port 2 to B2	-80 dB
Loss/dc source to A1	-50 dB

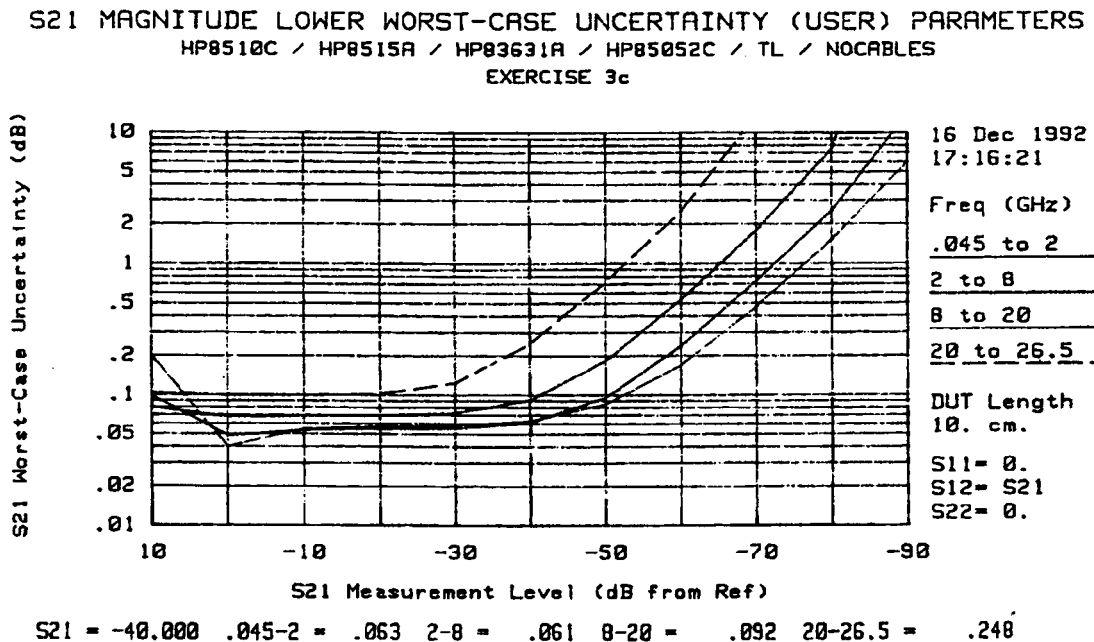
**Table 8-6 Using a Special Test Set, Exercise 3b Answers**

Error Term	Value
1. What is the difference between the S21 upper-case magnitude uncertainty and the lower-case uncertainty?	As expected, the lower-case uncertainty is larger than the upper-case uncertainty. The plots for both the upper- and lower-case uncertainty are shown in <a href="#">Figure 8-3</a> and <a href="#">Figure 8-4</a> .

**Figure 8-3 S21 Magnitude Upper-Case Uncertainty, User Parameters & for Special Test Set**



**Figure 8-4 S21 Magnitude Lower-Case Uncertainty, User Parameters & for Special Test Set**





**Table 8-7 Using Non-Standard Test Cables, Exercise 3c Answers**

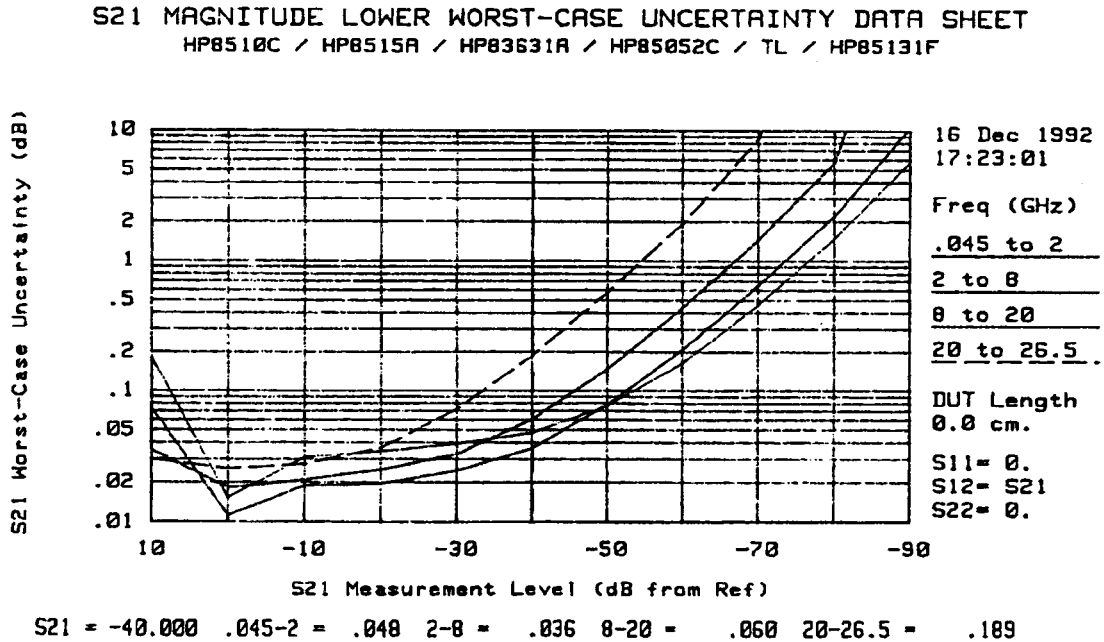
Questions	Answers
Assuming you have specified No Cables in the Hardware Configuration menu, which error terms do you need to degrade to account for these cables?	Cable loss, dc and RF. Reflection and transmission repeatability.
What is the calculated worst-case loss of the custom cables?	0.4 dB should be the calculated loss error term result.
Which reflection and transmission test should you perform to determine the stability of the non-standard cables?	For transmission stability: Connect the cables together and measure S21. Look at S21/M, then bend the cables.  For reflection stability: Connect the short to port 1 cable and measure S11. Look at S11/M, then bend the cables. Repeat the reflection measurement on port 2 cable and measure S22.

**Table 8-8 Error Term Values Needed for This Custom Cable**

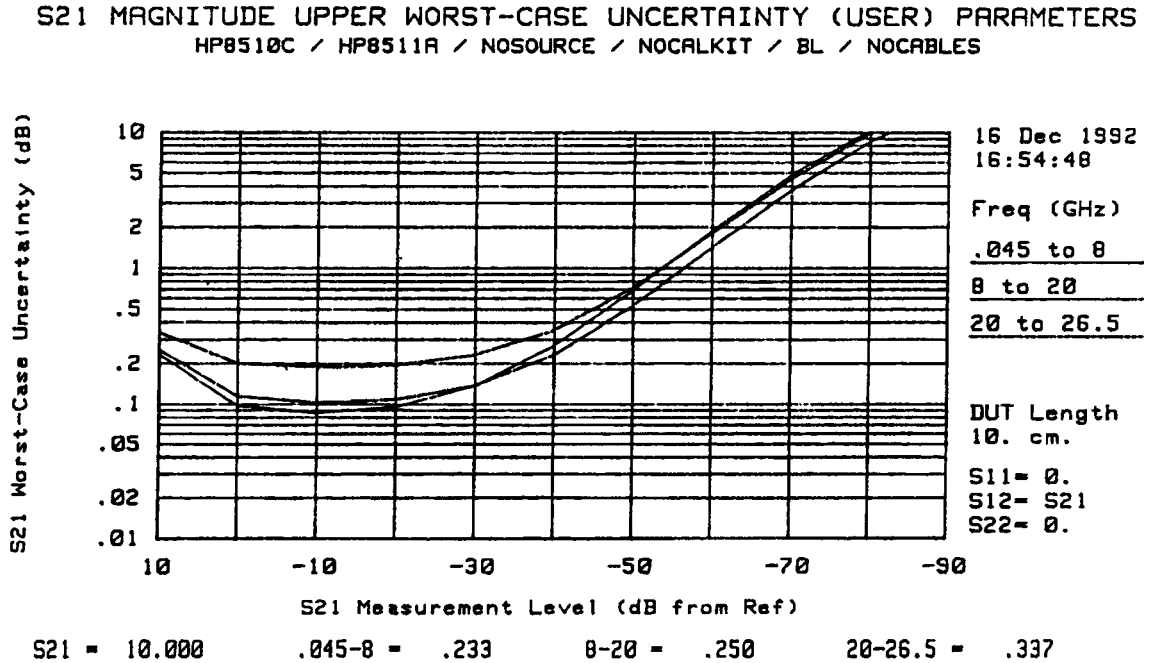
Question	Port 1 ETerm	Port 2 ETerm	2.0 GHz	8.0 GHz	20 GHz	26.5 GHz
What are the new calculated values for port 1 and port 2 error terms?	Ld1c	Ld2c	-0.25 dB	-0.25 dB	-0.25 dB	-0.25 dB
	Lf1c	Lf2c	-0.40 dB	-0.40 dB	-0.40 dB	-0.40 dB
	Crm1	Crm2	-45.0 dB	-41.0 dB	-35.0 dB	-31.0 dB
	Ctm1	Ctm2	0.02 dB	0.03 dB	0.04 dB	0.06 dB
	Cpf1	Cpf2	0.10 dB	0.10 dB	0.10 dB	0.10 dB

Review the graph of the new error terms in the figures that follow. The uncertainties are higher for the system using non-standard cables than for the system using HP/Agilent 85131F cables. See [Figure 8-5](#) and [Figure 8-6](#).

**Figure 8-5 S21 Magnitude Uncertainty Using Custom Cables**



**Figure 8-6 S21 Magnitude Uncertainty Using 85131F Cables**



**Table 8-9 Using Non-Ideal Test Device, Exercise 3d Answers**

Questions	Answers
<p>What are the measurement uncertainties for each frequency range in the attenuator measurement?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. After setting up the hardware configuration for the non-ideal test device, go to the Main menu and press the <b>[System Uncert]</b> key.</li> <li>b. Select a plot for S21 magnitude, Lower Limit, Worst-Case Uncertainty, and Computed Using = Specifications.</li> <li>c. Notice that by default, the program assumes an "ideal" test device which has <math>S_{21} = S_{12}</math>, with no reflection from either the input or output ports.</li> <li>d. Next, move to the space for entering S11 and press <b>[Previous]</b> until the asterisk blinks. Type in <math>S_{11} = 0.11</math>, the linear value (from <math>SWR = 1.25</math>).</li> <li>e. Go to S21, press <b>[Previous]</b> until the asterisk blinks. Type in <math>-20</math> dB for S21.</li> <li>f. Go to S12, press <b>[Previous]</b> until the asterisk blinks. Type in <math>S_{12} = -20</math> dB.</li> <li>g. Go to S22, press <b>[Previous]</b> until the asterisk blinks. Type in <math>S_{22} = 0.11</math>, the linear value.</li> <li>h. Enter the device length as 3 cm.</li> <li>i. Press <b>[Done]</b> to display the uncertainty plot. Use the marker to read the uncertainty values when S21 is <math>-20</math> dB.</li> </ol>
<p>Using the marker, what are the uncertainty values when S21 is <math>-20</math> dB for the different frequency ranges?</p>	<p>at 0.045 GHz to 2 GHz 0.065 dB uncertainty                      at 2.0 GHz to 8.0 GHz 0.077 dB uncertainty                      at 8.0 GHz to 20 GHz 0.111 dB uncertainty                      at 20 GHz to 26.5 GHz 0.129 dB uncertainty</p>

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## Operational Check Procedures

The following operational checks are highly recommended, but not required. The assessment of the system operating environment and the functional operation of the system components help identify faulty equipment.

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**CAUTION**                      Use an antistatic work surface and wrist strap to lessen the chance of electrostatic discharge.

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### Environment and Device Temperature Check

1. Measure the temperature and humidity of the environment and write the values on the test record, located at the end of this chapter.

The performance is specified at an ambient temperature of  $+23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 3^{\circ}$ . Therefore, the environmental temperature *must* remain in the range of  $+20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+26\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Once the measurement calibration has been done, the ambient temperature must be held to  $\pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

2. Open the calibration and verification kits and place all the devices on top of the foam so they will reach room temperature.

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**NOTE**                              Temperature of the device is important because device dimensions (electrical characteristics) change with temperature.

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3. Switch on the power to the system instruments. Switch on the controller last and the 85101 next to last. To achieve the maximum system stability, allow the system instruments to warm up for at least 1 hour before measurement calibration.

### User Parameters Check (Unratioed Power)

Refer to the “[Unratioed Power Failures](#)” section in [Chapter 4](#) for a procedure to check that the system RF power level is correct.

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**NOTE**                              Check the user parameters with the source at different power levels and in the ramp and step modes.

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## Inspect, Clean, and Gage Connectors

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**CAUTION** SMA connectors can easily damage the verification devices. Always use adapters when verifying a system with SMA connectors.

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1. Visually inspect all the connectors for any burrs, gold flakes, or places where the gold is worn.
2. Clean all the connectors with alcohol and foam-tipped swabs. Dry the connectors with dry foam-tipped swabs.
3. Gage all devices, cables, and test port connectors. The procedures for correct use of gages are in the calibration kit manuals.

### Cable Check

The following series of cable tests (return loss, insertion loss, magnitude stability, phase stability, and connector repeatability) can be done to check the stability of a test port cable. This check is recommended to avoid spending a considerable amount of time on the verification only to have a failure caused by the cables.

#### Return Loss of Cables

1. Press **STIMULUS MENU**, [STEP].
2. Perform an S11 1-port measurement calibration at test port 1. Use a lowband load and a sliding load for the loads portion of the calibration. (If your calibration kit is an economy grade, use the broadband load only.) If necessary, refer to the operating manual for a detailed measurement calibration procedure.

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**NOTE** If the fixed load in your calibration kit is labeled **BROADBAND**, you can use this load in the lowband portion of the measurement calibration.

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3. Connect the test port cable to **PORT 1** and tighten to the specified torque for the connector type.
4. Connect a broadband termination to the end of the cable.
5. To measure S11 of the cable and load combination, press **Parameter S11**.
6. To measure the return loss over the entire specified band, press **MARKER**, turn the front panel knob, and look for the worst case S11 measurement.

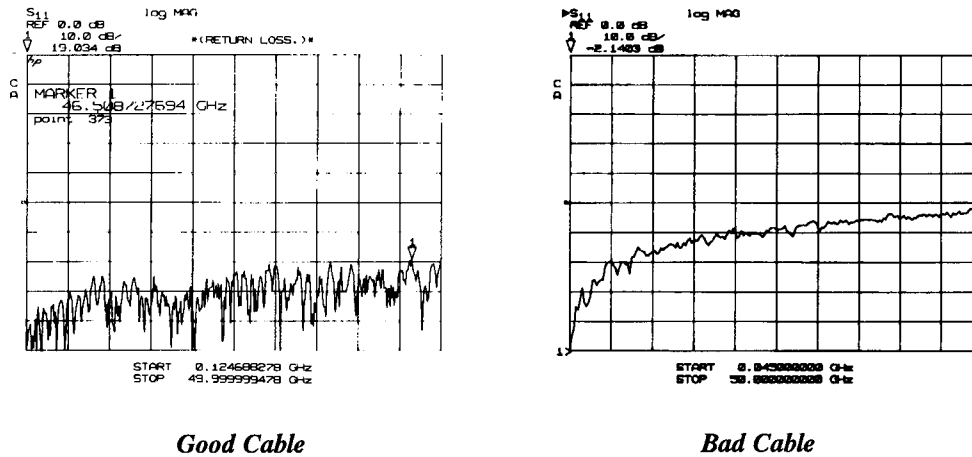
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**NOTE** The termination used at the cable end must be significantly higher in performance than the cable under test.

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See [Figure 8-7](#) for an example of a return loss measurement. Refer to the cable manual to see if the cable meets the return loss specification.

**Figure 8-7 Return Loss Measurement of Cables**



**Insertion Loss of Cables**

1. Replace the load with a short.
2. To measure the insertion loss of the cable over the entire specified band, press **MARKER**, turn the front panel knob, and look for the worst case measurement.

Power holes >0.5 dB indicate a bad cable. See [Figure 8-8](#) for example insertion loss measurements of a good and a bad cable. Refer to the cable manual to see if the cable you are measuring meets its insertion loss specification.

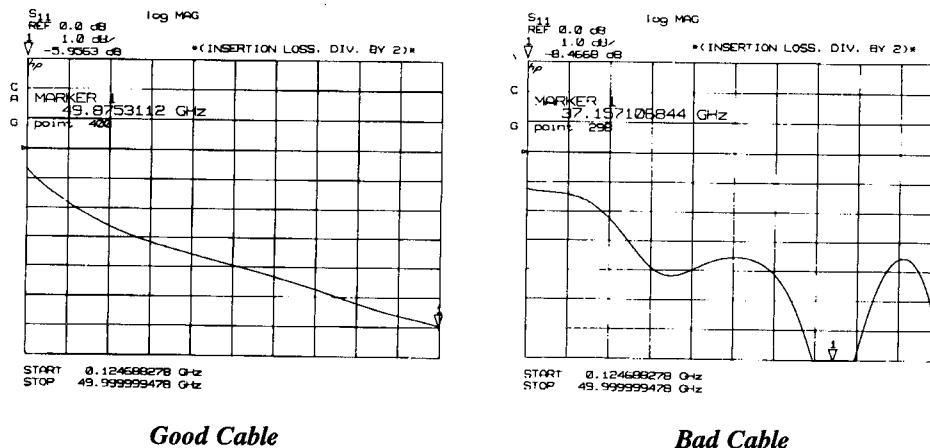
In this S11 measurement, the displayed trace results from energy being propagated down the cable and reflected back from the short. Therefore, the correct insertion loss is approximately the measured value divided by 2 (one-way path loss of the cable).

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**NOTE** It is normal for the data trace to have a roll-off toward the high end of the frequency range.

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**Figure 8-8 Insertion Loss Measurements of Cables**



## Magnitude and Phase Stability of Cables

1. To measure magnitude and phase stability, press the following keys on the analyzer:  
**DISPLAY, [DUAL CHANNEL], [SPLIT]**  
**CHANNEL 1, LOG MAG**  
**RESPONSE MENU, [AVERAGING ON], 6, 4, x1**  
**CHANNEL 2, PARAMETER S11, FORMAT PHASE**  
**RESPONSE MENU, [AVERAGING ON], 6, 4, X1**
2. Connect a short at the end of the cable.
3. Hold the cable in a straight line, and press the following keys to normalize the displayed traces:  
**CHANNEL 1, DISPLAY, [DATA → MEMORY 1], [MATH (/)]**  
**CHANNEL 2, DISPLAY, [DATA → MEMORY 2], [MATH (/)]**
4. Make a gradual 90° bend in the middle of the cable.

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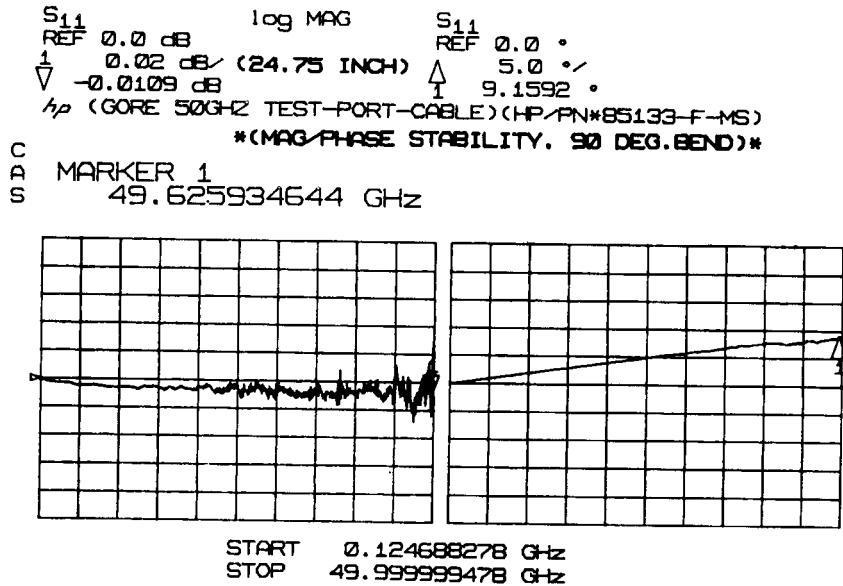
<b>NOTE</b>	The specification in the cable manual is determined from a transmission measurement (not a reflection measurement) and using a particular radius of a bend.
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5. To change the scale of the displayed traces, press:  
**CHANNEL 1, RESPONSE, SCALE, STEP, [↓]** (repeat arrow key)  
**CHANNEL 2, RESPONSE, SCALE, STEP, [↓]** (repeat arrow key)
6. To mark the end of the cable's specified range, place a marker on the highest specified frequency of the cable. Press: **MARKER**, (enter the specified frequency), **G/n**.
7. Place a marker on the largest deflection that goes above and below the reference line and is within the specified frequency range. See [Figure 8-9](#) for example plots of this measurement.  
Press: **MARKER, [MARKER 2]** , (turn the front panel knob)

In this S11 measurement, the displayed trace results from energy being propagated down the cable and reflected back from the short. Therefore, the measured deflection value must be divided in half to reach the correct value. Refer to the cable manual to see if the cable meets the magnitude and phase stability specifications.

**Figure 8-9 Cable Magnitude and Phase Stability**



### Cable Connector Repeatability

1. To measure the cable connector repeatability, connect a broadband termination at the end of the cable.

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**NOTE** The connector repeatability specification that the specifications/performance verification software computes is not related to this check. It is determined from the same connector type as the calibration kit devices.

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2. Press the following keys on the analyzer:  
**CHANNEL 1, DISPLAY, [SINGLE CHANNEL], [DATA],  
 RESPONSE MENU, [AVERAGING ON], 1, 2, 8, x1**
3. To normalize the data trace, press:  
**DISPLAY, [MORE], [MATH OPERATIONS], [MATH (-)]  
 DISPLAY, [DATA → MEMORY 1], [MATH (-)]  
 RESPONSE, REF VALUE, -, 5, 0, x1**
4. Disconnect and then reconnect the cable to the test port. Tighten the connection to the specified torque for the connector type.
5. To add the data trace of the reconnected cable to memory, press:  
**DISPLAY, [DATA → MEMORY 1]**
6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 at least 3 times to look for modes. Modes appear when a harmonic of the source fundamental frequency is able to propagate through the cable or connector.



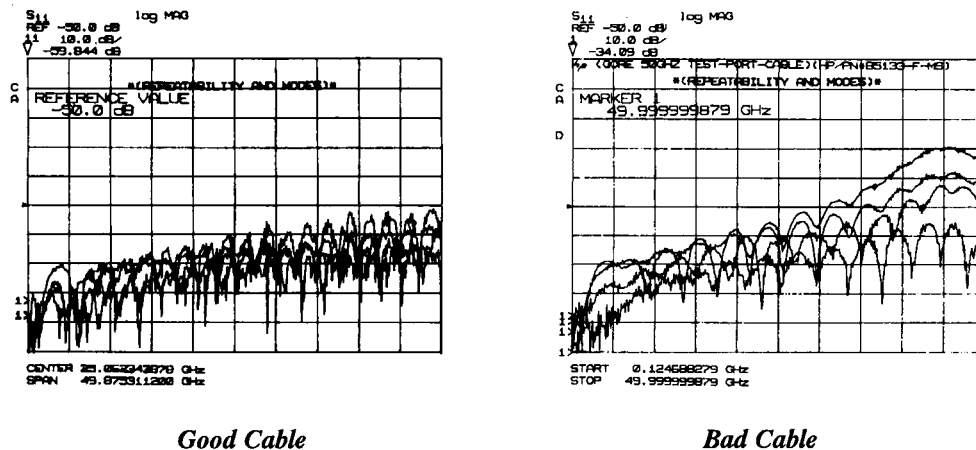
Any mode that appears each time the cable is connected and reconnected will affect measurement integrity. Refer to the example plot in [Figure 8-10](#).

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**NOTE** The connector repeatability measurement should be done at the test port as well as at the end of the test port cable.

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**Figure 8-10 Connector Repeatability Examples**



### Dynamic Range Check

This check requires a full 2-port measurement calibration with isolation and 1024 averages. Since the total measurement uncertainty test also requires the same measurement calibration, this check should be done in the first portion of that test.

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**NOTE** Each system configuration has a different dynamic range specification. Use the effective dynamic range specifications (Ref-min Edrr2, Edrr1) that are found on the residual error (w/correction on) table generated from the specifications/performance verification software.

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1. Terminate each test port with a broadband load (included in the calibration kit). On the analyzer, press:

**FORMAT LOG MAG**

**PARAMETER S21**

**RESPONSE MENU, [AVERAGING ON]**

(for sweepers) 1, 2, 8, x1

(for synthesizers) 1, 0, 2, 4, x1

Allow at least one complete sweep (until the asterisk at the left side of the display disappears).

2. Compare the measured dynamic range to the specification on the generated table.

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**NOTE**            Test sets with Option 003 (reversed coupler) have a different specification for forward and reverse measurements. Measure the dynamic range in both S12 and S21 parameters.

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## Frequency Test Procedures

The frequency tests are only for 8340/8360 sources. The 8350 source frequency accuracy is tested during the total system uncertainty test.

Source frequency accuracy is tested across the entire sweep range in both the swept and CW sweep modes.

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**NOTE** Allow at least one hour for the system instruments to warm up.

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### CW Frequency Accuracy Test

The front panel emulation software, contained on the 8510 operating system disc, is required to do this test for an 83621/31/51. The analyzer keypad overlay is part of the front panel emulator kit.

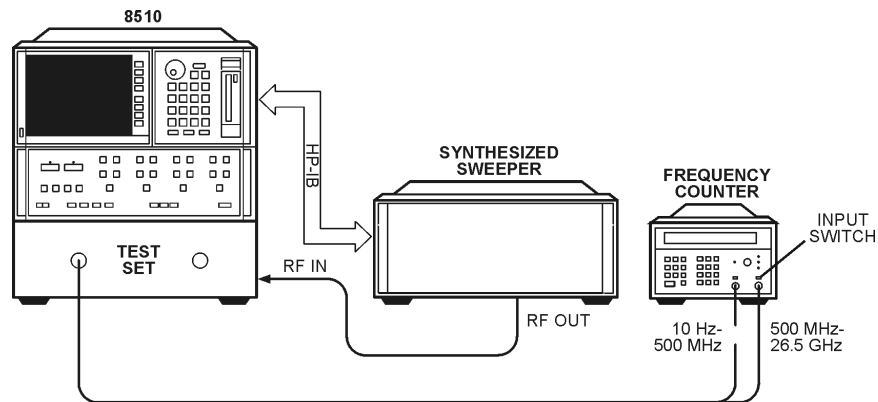
1. Connect the equipment as shown in the figure below.

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**NOTE** If the source and test set operate below 500 MHz, connect the test set output to the 10 Hz to 500 MHz BNC connector on the frequency counter. The input switch on the frequency counter must also be in the 10 Hz to 500 MHz position.

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**Figure 8-11 CW Frequency Accuracy Setup**



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2. To preset the instruments, press: **INSTRUMENT STATE, RECALL, [MORE], [FACTORY PRESET]**.
3. To set the frequency from the analyzer front panel, press:  
**STIMULUS CENTER, MENU, [SINGLE POINT]** and enter the start frequency of the source or test set, whichever is higher.

Measure the frequency with the counter, and record this value on the test record located at the end of this chapter.

4. From the analyzer front panel, enter the stop frequency of the source or test set, whichever is lower. (For an 83640 or 83651, omit this step and follow the appropriate next step.)

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**NOTE** Make sure the test set output is connected to the 500 MHz to 26.5 GHz input on the frequency counter. The input switch must also be set to the 500 MHz to 26.5 GHz position.

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Measure the frequency with the counter, and record the value on the test record located at the end of this chapter.

**For the 83640**

5. From the analyzer front panel, enter **2, 6, ., 5, G/n**.

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**NOTE** Make sure the test set output is connected to the 500 MHz to 26.5 GHz input on the frequency counter. The input switch must also be set to the 500 MHz to 26.5 GHz position.

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Measure the frequency with the counter, and record the value on the test record located at the end of this chapter.

6. In the 83640, an internal frequency doubler is used to generate frequencies of 20 GHz through 40 GHz. Since the highest frequency that the frequency counter can measure is 26.5 GHz, the doubler is disabled for the measurement at 40 GHz, providing an RF output of 20 GHz. This verifies a 40 GHz output except for the operation of the doubler. Since the doubler is engaged to produce the 26.5 GHz RF output, the operation of the doubler is verified in the 26.5 through 40 GHz.

On the synthesizer, press:

**SERVICE, [MORE], [TOOLS MENU]**

**[MORE], [DISABLE DOUBLER], (asterisk on)**

**CW, 4, 0, G/n**

Measure the frequency with the counter and record the value on the test record located at the end of this chapter.

**For the 83651**

5. From the analyzer front panel, enter **2, 6, ., 5, G/n**

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**NOTE** Make sure the test set output is connected to the 500 MHz to 26.5 GHz input on the frequency counter. The input switch must also be set to the 500 MHz to 26.5 GHz position.

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Measure the frequency with the counter, and record the value on the test record located at the end of this chapter.

6. Insert the 8510 operating disc into the analyzer disc drive to run the front panel emulation software.

In the 83651, an internal frequency doubler is used to generate frequencies of  $\geq 26.5$  GHz through 50 GHz. Since the highest frequency that the frequency counter can measure is 26.5 GHz, the doubler is disabled for the measurement at 50 GHz, providing an RF output of 25 GHz. This verifies a 50 GHz output except for the operation of the doubler. Since the doubler is engaged to produce the 26.5 GHz RF output, the operation of the doubler is verified in the 26.5 GHz measurement.

7. On the analyzer, press:

**AUXILIARY MENUS, SYSTEM**

**[MORE] [SERVICE FUNCTIONS]**

**[TEST MENU]**

**1, 9, (LOAD PROGRAM DISC), =MARKER**

**[↓], [LOAD FILE]**

**2, (FRONT PANEL EMULATOR), =MARKER**

8. Put the keypad overlay on the analyzer front panel. (The overlay is part of the front panel emulator kit.)

9. To set the stop frequency of the 83651, press the following keys on the analyzer:

**FREQUENCY, CW, 5, 0, G/n**

**[SERVICE], [D4], (more), [k2], (Tools Menu)**

**[k4], (more), [k4], (Disable Doubler), (asterisk on)**

Measure the frequency with the counter and record the value on the test record located at the end of this chapter.

10. Follow the instructions on the analyzer display to exit the front panel emulator software.

### **In Case of Difficulty**

If the measured values do not meet the specifications listed on the test record, refer to the source manual for adjustment and troubleshooting instructions.

### **Swept Frequency Accuracy Test**

This check is helpful for systems that are primarily operated in ramp mode, and is optional. This procedure is not part of performance verification. Performance verification requires step-mode only.

The front panel emulation software, contained on the 8510 operating system disc, is required to do this test for an 83621/31/51. The analyzer keypad overlay is part of the front panel emulator kit.

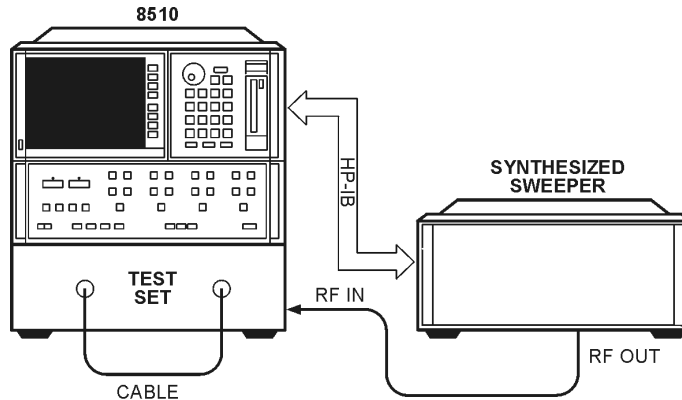
1. Connect the equipment as shown in [Figure 8-12](#).

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**NOTE** The 8514/8515 test sets must have the ports unbalanced. Connect long cables between the front panel ports and short cables between the back panel ports (or vice versa).

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**Figure 8-12 Swept Frequency Accuracy Setup**



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2. To preset the system instruments, press:

**INSTRUMENT STATE RECALL, [MORE], [FACTORY PRESET]**

**For 83621/31/51 Synthesizers:**

3. Run the front panel emulation software. On the analyzer, press:

**AUXILIARY MENUS, SYSTEM**

**[MORE], [SERVICE FUNCTIONS]**

**[TEST MENU]**

**1, 9, (LOAD PROGRAM DISC), =MARKER**

**[↓], [LOAD FILE]**

**2, (FRONT PANEL EMULATOR), =MARKER**

Put the keypad overlay on the analyzer front panel. (The overlay part of the front panel emulator kit.)

4. To initiate a synthesizer full user cal, that includes auto track and sweep span cal, press:

**[USER CAL], [k0], (Full Usr Cal), [k0], (proceed)**

The user cal takes a few minutes to complete.

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**NOTE** Auto track is not an adjustment; it must be done to ensure the source specifications are met. Agilent recommends you do an auto track every time you do a measurement calibration.

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5. Follow the instructions on the analyzer display to exit the front panel emulator software.

Continue with step 6.

#### **For All Other 8360 Series Synthesizers**

3. To initiate an auto track, press the following keys on the synthesizer:  
**PRESET, USER CAL, [FREQ CAL MENU], ONCE**
4. To initiate a sweep span cal, press the following keys on the synthesizer:  
**PRESET, USER CAL, FREQ CAL MENU, [Sweep Span Once], ONCE**

Continue with step 6.

#### **For 8340/41 Series Synthesizers**

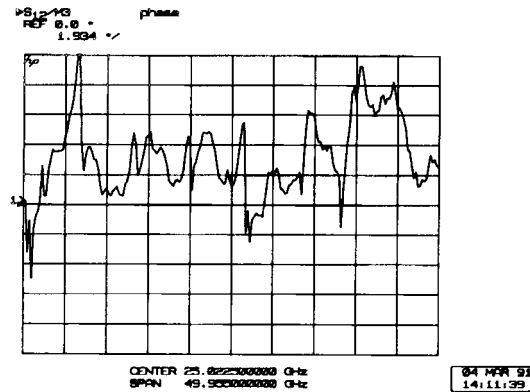
3. To initiate an auto track, press the following keys on the synthesizer:  
**PRESET, SHIFT, PEAK**
4. Continue with step 6.

#### **For All Synthesizers**

6. Press the following keys on the analyzer:  
**PARAMETER S21, FORMAT, PHASE, STIMULUS MENU, [STEP]**  
Allow at least one complete sweep (until the asterisk is gone).
7. To normalize the measurement, press:  
**MENUS DISPLAY, [DATA→MEMORY 2], [MATH (/)]**
8. To offset the center frequency by 5 MHz, press **STIMULUS CENTER** and increase the displayed value by 5 MHz. For example, for a 45 MHz to 50 GHz sweep, the center frequency should be changed from 25.0225 to 25.0275 GHz.
9. Press **RESPONSE SCALE** and use the front panel knob to adjust the scale factor so that the flat trace is shifted to the bottom or top graticule. (Where the trace variations are approximately halfway above and below the last graticule.)
10. Press **STIMULUS CENTER** and change the displayed frequency by 10 MHz. This places the trace on the opposite side of the display. The amount of the frequency shift now represents a vertical scaling of 1 MHz per division.
11. Press **STIMULUS CENTER** and return the frequency to the original setting. The phase measurement should return to 0°.

12. Press **STIMULUS MENU**, [**RAMP**], [**SWEEP TIME**], **.**, **5**, **x1**. The display shows the difference between step and ramp sweep modes. An example of a full band measurement at 1 MHz per division is shown in the figure below.
13. Measure the trace variation with the 1 MHz per division scale. Record the results on the test record located at the end of this chapter.

**Figure 8-13 Typical Ramp Sweep Frequency Accuracy**

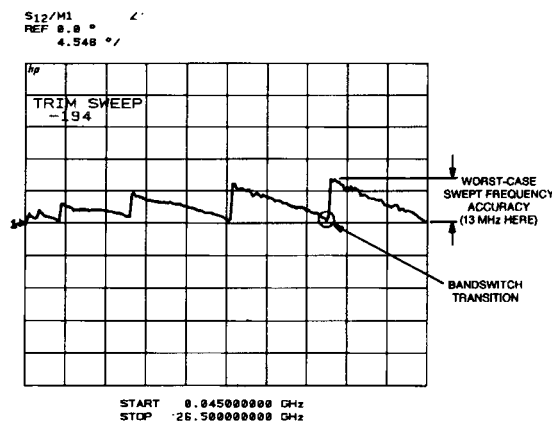


**For 8340/41 Series Synthesizers:**

14. On the synthesizer, press **CAL**, [**MORE**], [**TRIM SWEEP**] and adjust the front panel knob to position the highest frequency bandswitch transition point on the reference line. Refer to the figure below.

Record the maximum trace variation on the test record located at the end of this chapter.

**Figure 8-14 Typical Trace Variation for 8340/41 Swept Frequency Accuracy**



**In Case of Difficulty**

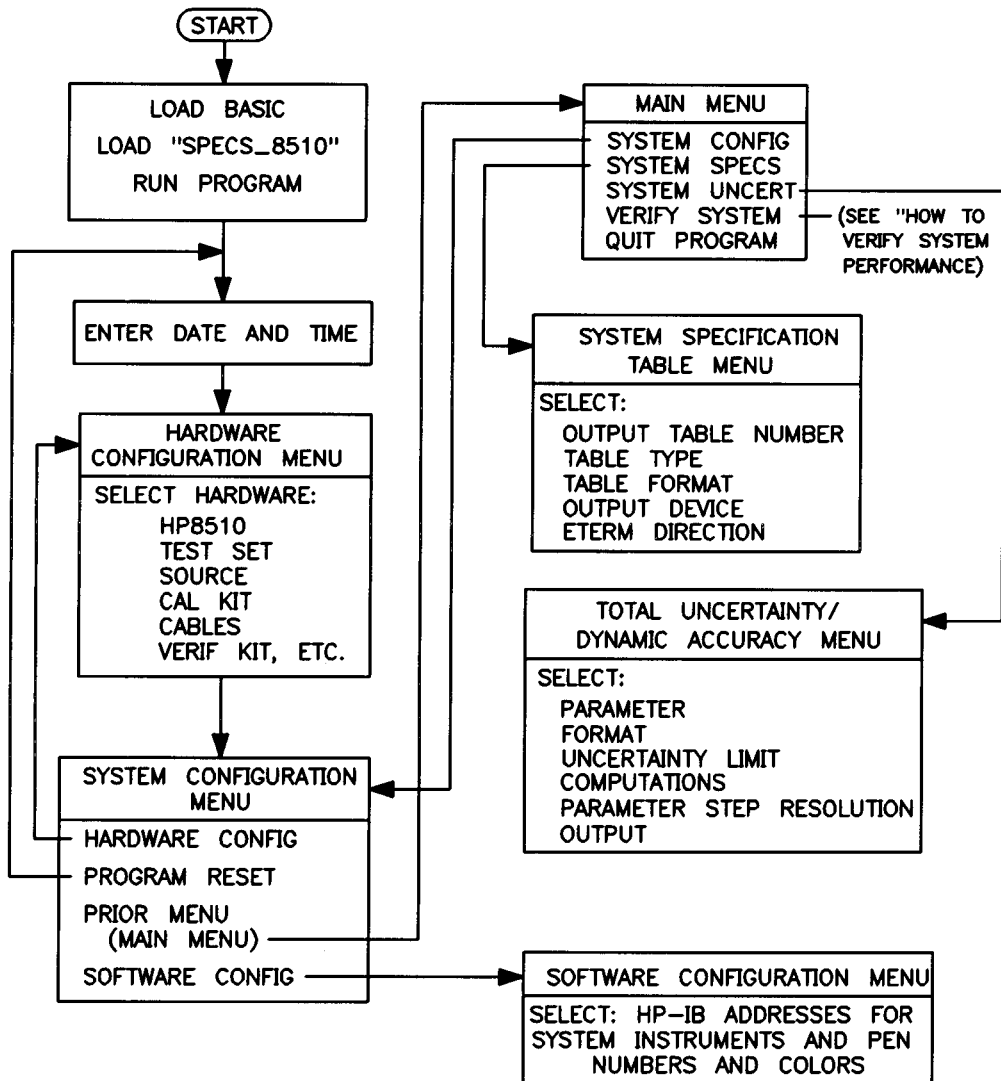
If the measured values do not meet the specifications listed on the test record, refer to the source manual for adjustment and troubleshooting instructions.



## Total System Uncertainty Test Procedure

The figure below shows a menu map of the performance verification program. Step-by-step instructions follow.

**Figure 8-15 Performance Verification Program**



1. Perform the ["How to Load the Software"](#) procedure earlier in this chapter.
2. To run the performance verification, press:  
[Verify System], [Serial Numbers]
3. Complete the list of system component and kit serial numbers. Also fill in the NIST test numbers from the verification kit. Press [DONE] when the list is complete.

4. To begin a measurement calibration, insert the calibration kit data disc into the analyzer disc drive, and press **[System Cal]**.

If the list does not match your system, press **[Prior Menu]**, **[Prior Menu]**, **[System Config]** to return to the hardware configuration menu to correct the list. If the list does match your system, press **[Resume]**.

5. Follow the cable connection instructions on the display and then press **[Resume]**.

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**NOTE** Tighten all connections to the correct torque.

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6. If your system operates at 45 MHz and your verification kit contains the device characterization data for 45 MHz, insert the verification kit data disc into the analyzer disc drive and press **[Resume]**. After the 45 MHz data is loaded, press **[Yes]**.

If your system does not operate at 45 MHz or if your verification kit does not contain device characterization data for 45 MHz, press **[Bypass]**.

If you do not know if your verification kit disc has data for 45 MHz, the software will automatically detect whether or not the disc contains the data.

7. Insert the calibration kit data disc into the analyzer disc drive. Press **[Resume]**.
8. Measure the environmental temperature and record the results on the test record at the end of this chapter.
9. After allowing a 1 hour warm up, perform a full 2-port measurement calibration by connecting the calibration devices and pressing the corresponding keys on the analyzer. *Do not hold the calibration devices* when the analyzer is measuring them. (Use a TRL calibration whenever possible. Otherwise, for the loads portion of the calibration, use the sliding and lowband loads or the broadband load for economy calibration kits.) Refer to the operating manual for a detailed measurement calibration procedure.

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**NOTE** If you are using a TRL measurement calibration technique, be extremely careful not to move the test port cables. Cable movement, between measurement calibration and verification, may introduce enough error to cause a verification failure. If the highest accuracy measurement calibration is desired, Agilent recommends that you place the cables in a fixture to prevent cable movement.

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Save the measurement calibration in one of the analyzer registers. When the measurement calibration is completed and saved, press **[Resume]**.

If you have selected a performance verification for 45 MHz, perform a full 2-port measurement calibration at 45 MHz. (Use only the lowband load for the loads portion of the calibration). Save the measurement calibration in a different analyzer register. When the measurement calibration is completed and saved, press **[Resume]**.

10. Press **[Select Standard]** and fill in the serial number for the verification standard listed.
11. Leave the number of averages at 1024 unless you changed it for the measurement calibration. The number of averages **MUST** be the same for the measurement calibration **AND** the verification device measurements.

12. Select the appropriate register(s) where you saved the measurement calibration(s).
13. Select the 45 MHz measurement if the system operates in that frequency range and the characterization data is available. Press **[Done]**.
14. Insert the verification kit disc into the analyzer disc drive and press **[Resume]**.
15. Measure the environmental temperature and record the results on the test record at the end of this chapter.

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<b>NOTE</b>	For specified performance, the environmental temperature at the time of verification <i>must be</i> within 1 °C (1.8 °F) of the measurement calibration temperature.
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16. Press **[Measure Data]**.
17. If the measurement calibration sets and corresponding analyzer registers that appear on the display are not correct, return to the system calibration menu by pressing **[Prior Menu]**, **[Prior Menu]**.  
  
If the measurement calibration sets are valid, connect the verification device between the test port cables and press **[Resume]**.
18. After the measurement is complete, view the results of each parameter measurement. Press:  
  
**S11, S12, S21, S22.**
19. Press **[Print All]** to create a hardcopy of the verification results.
20. If the system passes all the parameter measurements of the device, press **[Select Standard]** to select another verification device measurement.  
  
If the system does not pass all the parameter measurements, refer to [“If the System Fails Performance Verification”](#) later in this chapter.
21. Use the cursor keys and the **[Next]** and **[Previous]** softkeys to select another verification standard and to change the device serial number. Press **[Done]**, **[Resume]**.
22. Repeat steps 16 through 21 until all the devices in the verification kit are measured.  
  
The system performance verification is complete. Refer to Examples 8–3 and 8–4 to interpret the printout of your measurement results.

## **Comparing System Measurement Uncertainties for the Performance Verification Devices**

You can determine your system measurement uncertainty and compare it to the factory uncertainty for each frequency measurement of each verification device. The comparison calculation can be done by following the steps below.

1. Extract a factory measurement uncertainty value from the verification device data (contained in the verification kit or make a printout using the software).
2. Subtract the value in step 1 from the total measurement uncertainty value on the performance verification printout.

The example below shows where the equation values are located on the device data sheet and the verification printout. The example also shows how the equations can be arranged to make a table. A blank table is provided for you to write the comparison equations for your system.

HEWLETT-PACKARD DEVICE CHARACTERIZATION DATA SHEET FOR 8510  
 Date : 3 Jul 1990. Kit: 85057A, Serial No. 2803A00356  
 Item : 20 dB ATTENUATOR, 85057-60010, Serial No. 00649  
 Ambient conditions: 23 deg. C., Uncertainties for Factory Test System  
 PORT IDENTIFICATION : With the device label facing the user:  
 Port 1 (A) is on the left and Port 2 (B) is on the right

FREQ GHz	MAG db	S21		S12				
		UNC /-%	ANG deg	UNC /-%	ANG deg			
0.045	-19.722	.140	-1.49	1.04	-19.742	.141	-1.09	1.14
1.000	-19.715	.043	-27.51	.42	-19.707	.044	-27.49	.49
2.000	-19.724	.043	-54.92	.46	-19.725	.045	-54.89	.55
4.000	-19.751	.043	-109.66	.50	-19.750	.046	-109.64	.59
8.000	-19.812	.071	-140.86	.81	-19.813	.072	-140.88	.88
10.000	-19.852	.072	-86.23	.88	-19.857	.073	-86.23	.94
12.000	-19.904	.070	31.62	.93	-19.902	.073	31.63	1.01
16.000	-20.018	.070	-77.59	1.06	-20.028	.073	-77.53	1.13
18.000	-20.087	.070	-132.07	1.12	-20.088	.072	-132.07	1.19
20.000	-20.159	.070	173.46	1.19	-20.160	.073	173.48	1.25
22.000	-20.237	.108	119.07	1.50	-20.240	.110	119.03	1.56
26.000	-20.408	.110	10.51	1.65	-20.411	.112	10.61	1.70
30.000	-20.575	.111	-97.58	1.78	-20.569	.114	-97.59	1.84
34.000	-20.737	.109	158.77	1.90	-20.737	.113	158.75	1.96
36.000	-20.620	.109	101.06	1.97	-20.604	.112	101.08	2.02
38.000	-20.884	.136	47.49	2.24	-20.856	.142	47.40	2.32
40.000	-20.918	.180	-5.89	2.60	-20.917	.193	-5.73	2.72

FREQ GHz	MAG lin	S11		S22				
		UNC /-%	ANG deg	UNC /-%	ANG deg			
0.045	.00476	0.0484	174.44	180.00	0.00180	0.0506	-23.62	180.00
1.000	.00425	0.0378	166.41	63.17	0.0246	0.0410	-60.92	180.00
2.000	.00370	0.0378	145.19	180.00	0.0281	0.0409	-94.57	180.00
4.000	.00705	0.0378	107.29	32.67	0.0240	0.0559	152.85	180.00
8.000	.00915	0.0759	15.01	56.28	0.0747	0.0922	61.76	180.00
10.000	.01207	0.0760	-21.83	39.27	0.1074	0.0923	11.05	59.94
12.000	.01532	0.0761	-56.81	36.08	0.1322	0.0923	-28.82	45.14
16.000	.01269	0.0760	-133.19	37.11	0.1188	0.0923	86.31	59.00
18.000	.00936	0.0759	164.95	54.49	0.0332	0.0920	-132.61	180.00
20.000	.00900	0.0758	62.63	57.80	0.0574	0.0921	14.13	180.00
22.000	.01771	0.0788	6.69	26.87	0.1649	0.1078	-6.31	42.11
26.000	.03423	0.0797	-78.00	13.95	0.3321	0.1085	-82.85	20.55
30.000	.03759	0.0797	-150.38	12.79	0.3593	0.1086	-149.69	19.28
34.000	.01749	0.0786	137.40	27.32	0.1810	0.1080	133.53	38.48
36.000	.00621	0.0781	78.95	180.00	0.0923	0.1077	99.48	180.00
38.000	.01084	0.0802	-67.46	48.37	0.0253	0.1325	-18.23	180.00
40.000	.01603	0.0814	-97.87	31.21	0.0968	0.1351	-68.02	180.00

\* Note: Uncertainties for frequency data points below 500 KHz do not apply when used with 8512 or 8514 test sets.

HP8510C PERFORMANCE VERIFICATION 13:52:25 18 Jan 1991

Verif Std: 20 dB Attenuator Ser #: 00649 Origin: // 3/90  
 Verif Kit: HP85057A -- 2.4mm Ser #: Z903A00356 Origin: // 3/90

Network Analyzer: HP8510C S/N: 3831A0614 2844A85418  
 Test Set: HP8517A S/N: 3037A00117  
 Source: HP83651A S/N: 3027A00117  
 Calibration Kit: HP85056D S/N: 3017A00117  
 Calibration Technique: BL  
 Test Port Cable: HP85131F

MSA Test Numbers: #1: 000000000000 #2: 000000000000  
 #3: 000000000000 #4: 000000000000  
 #5: 000000000000 #6: 000000000000  
 #7: 000000000000 #8: 000000000000

Comments:

Freq (GHz)	Factory		User		Diff (A-B)	Total Uncert +/-	Factory		User		Diff (A-B)	Total Uncert +/-
	Meas'd (A)	Mag (B)	Meas'd (A)	Mag (B)			Meas'd (A)	Mag (B)	Meas'd (A)	Mag (B)		
0.045	0.00476	0.0484	0.00476	0.0484	0.00000	0.0506	0.00476	0.0484	0.00476	0.0484	0.00000	0.0506
1.000	0.00425	0.0378	0.00425	0.0378	0.00000	0.0410	0.00425	0.0378	0.00425	0.0378	0.00000	0.0410
2.000	0.00370	0.0378	0.00370	0.0378	0.00000	0.0409	0.00370	0.0378	0.00370	0.0378	0.00000	0.0409
4.000	0.00705	0.0378	0.00705	0.0378	0.00000	0.0559	0.00705	0.0378	0.00705	0.0378	0.00000	0.0559
8.000	0.00915	0.0759	0.00915	0.0759	0.00000	0.0922	0.00915	0.0759	0.00915	0.0759	0.00000	0.0922
10.000	0.01207	0.0760	0.01207	0.0760	0.00000	0.0923	0.01207	0.0760	0.01207	0.0760	0.00000	0.0923
12.000	0.01532	0.0761	0.01532	0.0761	0.00000	0.0923	0.01532	0.0761	0.01532	0.0761	0.00000	0.0923
16.000	0.01269	0.0760	0.01269	0.0760	0.00000	0.0923	0.01269	0.0760	0.01269	0.0760	0.00000	0.0923
18.000	0.00936	0.0759	0.00936	0.0759	0.00000	0.0920	0.00936	0.0759	0.00936	0.0759	0.00000	0.0920
20.000	0.00900	0.0758	0.00900	0.0758	0.00000	0.0921	0.00900	0.0758	0.00900	0.0758	0.00000	0.0921
22.000	0.01771	0.0788	0.01771	0.0788	0.00000	0.1078	0.01771	0.0788	0.01771	0.0788	0.00000	0.1078
26.000	0.03423	0.0797	0.03423	0.0797	0.00000	0.1085	0.03423	0.0797	0.03423	0.0797	0.00000	0.1085
30.000	0.03759	0.0797	0.03759	0.0797	0.00000	0.1086	0.03759	0.0797	0.03759	0.0797	0.00000	0.1086
34.000	0.01749	0.0786	0.01749	0.0786	0.00000	0.1080	0.01749	0.0786	0.01749	0.0786	0.00000	0.1080
36.000	0.00621	0.0781	0.00621	0.0781	0.00000	0.1077	0.00621	0.0781	0.00621	0.0781	0.00000	0.1077
38.000	0.01084	0.0802	0.01084	0.0802	0.00000	0.1325	0.01084	0.0802	0.01084	0.0802	0.00000	0.1325
40.000	0.01603	0.0814	0.01603	0.0814	0.00000	0.1351	0.01603	0.0814	0.01603	0.0814	0.00000	0.1351

NOTE: Total Uncert = Factory System Uncertainty + User System Uncertainty.  
 Legend: N -- Parameter Verification Not Required.  
 PASSED: S11 Verification Measurement of the 20 dB Attenuator.

### Example 8-1 Comparing Measurement Uncertainties

Freq GHz	Total Uncertainty	—	Factory Uncertainty	=	System Measurement Uncertainty
0.045	0.01348	—	0.00484	=	0.00864
1.000	0.01242	—	0.00378	=	0.00864
2.000	0.01241	—	0.00378	=	0.00863

**Example 8-2 Table for Comparing Measurement Uncertainties**

Freq GHz	Total Uncertainty	—	Factory Uncertainty	=	System Measurement Uncertainty

## Interpreting the Performance Verification Results

Two example printouts are used to explain the various columns.

### Example 8-3 Performance Verification (S21 Measurement)

HP8510B PERFORMANCE VERIFICATION 10:11:47 10 Aug 1990

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2 Verif Std: 20 dB Attenuator Ser #: 01371 Origin: 12/20/88  
 Verif Kit: HP85053B --- 3.5mm Ser #: 00301 Origin: 12/20/88

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3 Network Analyzer: HP8510B S/N:  
 Test Set: HP8515A S/N:  
 Source: HP83631A S/N:  
 Calibration Kit: HP85052D S/N:  
 Calibration Technique: BL S/N:  
 Test Port Cables: HP85131B

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4 (B) Test Numbers: #: #:  
 #: #:  
 #: #:  
 #: #:  
 Comments:

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Freq [GHz]	S21 MAGNITUDE (dB)				S21 PHASE (deg)			
	Factory Meas'd [A]	User Meas'd [B]	Diff Mag [A-B]	Total Uncert +/-	Factory Meas'd [A]	User Meas'd [B]	Diff Phase [A-B]	Total Uncert +/-
1.500	-20.110	-20.105	-.005	.078	-60.84	-60.78	-.07	.85
2.000	-20.117	-20.111	-.006	.078	-81.09	-80.99	-.10	.94
3.000	-20.129	-20.120	-.009	.089	-121.57	-121.42	-.15	1.10
4.500	-20.155	-20.151	-.004	.090	177.81	178.00	-.19	1.45
6.000	-20.175	-20.171	-.004	.089	117.16	117.39	-.22	1.69
8.500	-20.203	-20.199	-.004	.087	56.56	56.87	-.30	1.94
10.000	-20.210	-20.202	-.008	.089	36.35	36.64	-.29	2.04
12.000	-20.220	-20.231	.011	.148	-4.06	-3.71	-.35	2.61
14.500	-20.254	-20.262	.008	.148	-64.66	-64.29	-.37	2.86
16.000	-20.287	-20.282	-.005	.148	-125.19	-124.87	-.32	3.12
17.500	-20.280	-20.280	.000	.146	174.19	174.59	-.40	3.36
18.000	-20.347	-20.332	-.015	.147	113.64	114.13	-.49	3.62
18.500	-20.363	-20.346	-.017	.147	53.08	53.56	-.48	3.80
18.000	-20.378	-20.366	-.012	.146	-7.46	-6.96	-.50	4.12
19.500	-20.396	-20.389	-.007	.143	-67.99	-67.59	-.40	4.36
20.000	-20.394	-20.386	-.008	.142	-88.26	-87.94	-.31	4.43
21.000	-20.399	-20.407	.007	.246	-128.69	-128.30	-.39	5.31
22.500	-20.399	-20.356	-.043	.256	170.58	170.93	-.35	5.63
24.000	-20.379	-20.323	-.057	.268	109.85	110.27	-.42	5.95
25.500	-20.362	-20.275	-.087	.280	49.10	49.61	-.51	6.30
25.500	-20.322	-20.319	-.003	.290	8.53	8.81	-.28	6.54

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NOTE: Total Uncert = Factory System Uncertainty + User System Uncertainty.

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11 PASSED: S21 Verification Measurement of the 20 dB Attenuator.

**NOTES:**

- 1 Time and date of performance verification
- 2 Verification device and kit identification with the date of the latest kit certification
- 3 System components identification and calibration technique: broadband load (BL)
- 4 Verification kit test numbers that document the traceable path to a national standard
- 5 Measurement parameter: S21 magnitude and phase
- 6 Frequency of the data point
- 7 Results of magnitude measurement as measured at the factory
- 8 Results of magnitude measurement as measured in the performance verification
- 9 Difference between the factory and verification measurements (this must be less than the total uncertainty to pass)
- 10 Total measurement uncertainty which is the sum of the factory system uncertainty and the uncertainty of the system being verified
- 11 Result of the performance verification measurement

### Example 8-4 Performance Verification (S22 Measurement)

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HP85100 PERFORMANCE VERIFICATION                               10:11:47  10 Aug 1990
-----
Verif Std: 20 dB Attenuator                               Ser #: 01371      Origin: 12/20/88
Verif Kit: HP85053B -- 3.5mm                             Ser #: 00301      Origin: 12/20/88
-----
Network Analyzer:      HP85100                          S/N:
Test Set:              HP8515A                          S/N:
Source:               HP83631A                          S/N:
Calibration Kit:      HP85052D                          S/N:
Calibration Technique: BL
Test Port Cables:     HP85131B
-----
NBS Test Numbers:    #:                               #:
                    #:                               #:
                    #:                               #:
                    #:                               #:
Comments:
    
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S22 MAGNITUDE (lin)										S22 PHASE (deg)			
Freq [GHz]	Factory Meas'd (A)	User Meas'd (B)	Diff Mag (A-B)	Total Uncert +/-	Factory Meas'd (A)	User Meas'd (B)	Diff Phase (A-B)	Total Uncert +/-					
1.500	.01317	.01115	.00202	.01234	91.87	98.59	-6.72	N	58.38				
2.000	.01503	.01219	.00284	.01235	70.02	70.03	-.01	N	50.33				
3.000	.01791	.01492	.00299	.01709	32.89	31.51	1.39	N	61.87				
4.500	.02306	.01782	.00523	.01776	-5.84	-12.63	6.79	N	47.85				
6.000	.02290	.01533	.00756	.01776	-47.38	-58.99	11.61	N	48.53				
7.500	.02100	.01516	.00584	.01774	-89.14	-86.16	-2.98	N	53.75				
8.000	.02056	.01220	.00836	.01774	-104.17	-105.72	1.55	N	55.16				
9.000	.01887	.01441	.00446	.02124	-131.76	-108.12	-23.64	N	80.20				
10.500	.01994	.02020	-.00026	.02125	-169.07	-139.57	-29.49	N	73.77				
12.000	.02107	.02779	-.00672	.02125	163.47	-171.06	-25.47	N	68.65				
13.500	.02398	.03423	-.01025	.02127	138.67	147.41	-8.74	N	58.77				
15.000	.02981	.03684	-.00703	.02131	115.06	109.97	5.09	N	46.65				
16.500	.03383	.03351	.00032	.02134	94.42	69.98	24.44	N	41.41				
18.000	.03520	.02459	.01061	.02135	70.96	44.07	26.88	N	40.17				
19.500	.03494	.01350	.02157	F .02134	51.78	25.70	2.68	N	40.79				
20.000	.03354	.02775	.00579	.02133	49.02	45.60	3.42	N	42.53				
21.000	.03092	.01839	.01253	.03783	36.25	58.79	-22.54	N	180.00				
22.500	.03244	.02986	.00258	.03787	26.45	35.22	-8.77	N	180.00				
24.000	.03524	.03913	-.00390	.03792	6.22	-2.29	8.51	N	84.45				
25.500	.03858	.03636	.00222	.03799	-23.62	-35.31	11.69	N	72.72				
26.500	.03829	.04705	-.00876	.03800	-52.04	-87.63	35.58	N	73.81				

NOTE: Total Uncert = Factory System Uncertainty + User System Uncertainty.

Legend: N -- Parameter Verification Not Required.  
F -- Parameter Verification failed.

5 FAILED: S22 Verification Measurement of the 20 dB Attenuator.

NOTES:

- 1 Measurement parameter: S22 magnitude and phase
- 2 Difference between the factory measurement and the verification measurement is more than the total uncertainty (the system failed verification)
- 3 Difference between the phase measured at the factory and the phase measured in the verification is not required for this measurement parameter (or for S11)
- 4 Definitions for any annotation that appears next to the measurement differences
- 5 Result of the performance verification measurement

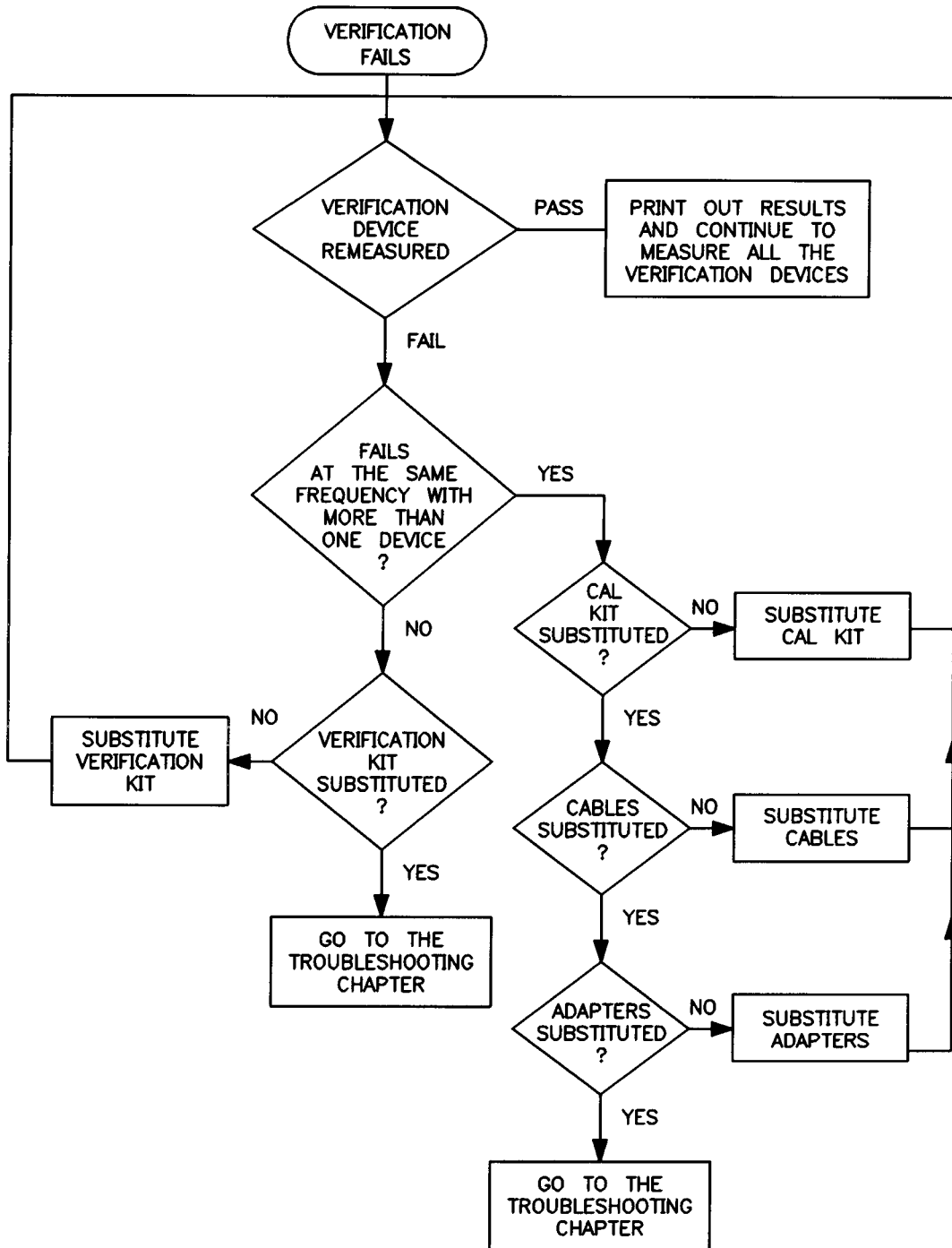


## **If the System Fails Performance Verification**

- Disconnect and reconnect the device that failed the verification. Then remeasure the device.

If the performance verification still fails:

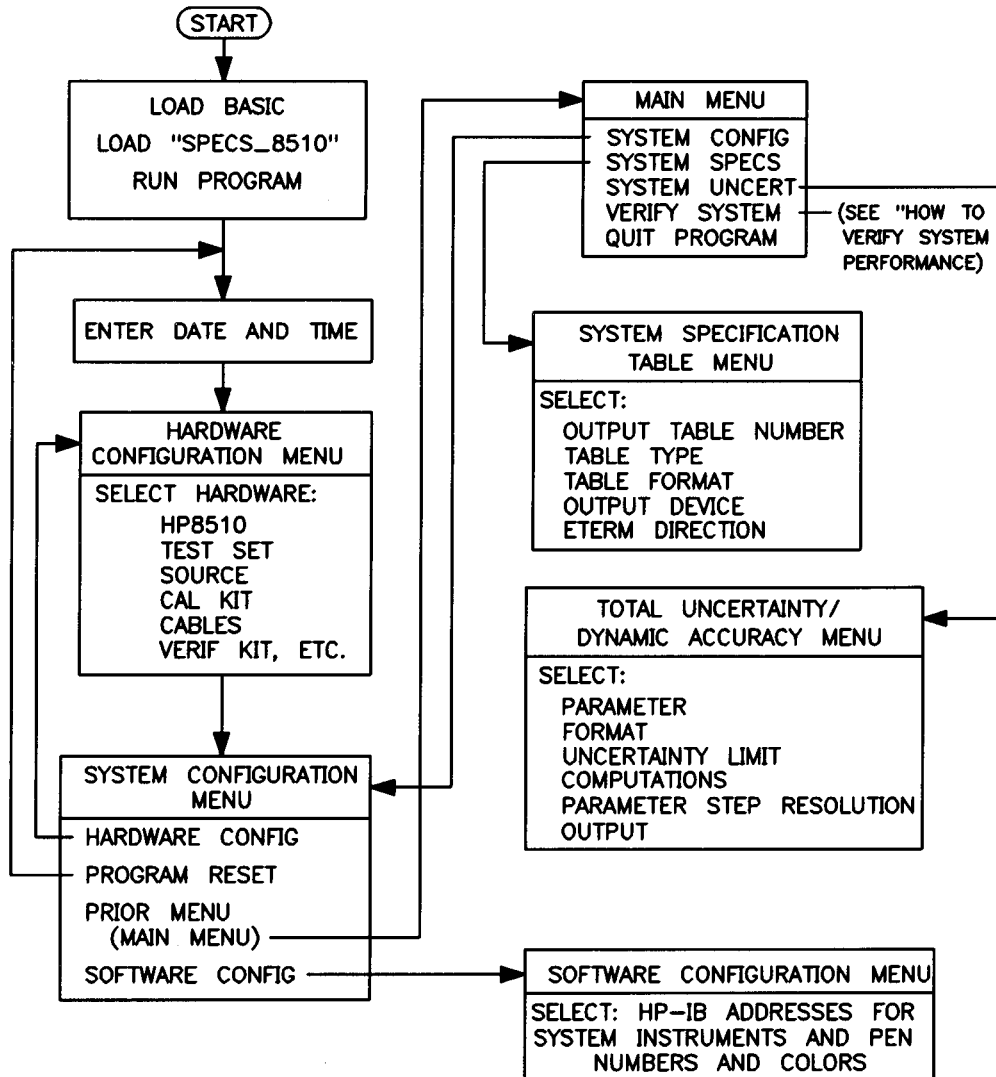
- Continue to measure the rest of the verification devices and printout the results of all four measurement parameters.
- Print the error terms and examine them for anomalies near the failure frequencies. (Refer to “[Error Terms](#)” in [Chapter 4](#) .)
- Make another measurement calibration and follow the flow chart on the next page.
- Verify that the data disk from the verification kit is for an 8510 and not for an 8720.



## How to Run the System Specifications and Uncertainties Program

The figure below shows a menu map of the system specifications and uncertainties program. Step-by-step instructions follow.

**Figure 8-16 Menu Map of System Specifications and Uncertainties Program**



1. Perform the “[How to Load the Software](#)” procedure located earlier in this chapter.
2. To specify which type of system specifications you want to generate, press:  
**[System Specs]**

The active (highlighted) window is used to choose the following:

- The table you want
- The type of table: data sheet or specifications
- The table format: linear or dB
- The output device: display or printer
- The Eterm direction: forward, reverse, or forward/reverse

The data sheet table is identical to the specifications table except that the cable stability errors and system drift errors are excluded. The tables can be generated in two different modes:

**CORRECTION ON** (after measurement calibration). These system specifications are values based upon residual errors after a measurement calibration (as specified in the configuration menu by the type of calibration and calibration kit used). These errors are the "effective" system errors.

**CORRECTION OFF** (uncalibrated). These system specifications are values based on the same system configuration but without a measurement calibration. These errors are the "raw" system errors.

3. Press the **[Next]** or **[Previous]** softkeys to change the selection in the window.

For example, if you select **[All Tables]**, **[Specifications]**, **[dB]**, and **[CRT]** and press the **[Done]** softkey, the controller display will quickly display or scroll through the system specifications (as explained in “[Reference Information for Performance Verification and Specifications](#)” later in this chapter). You can temporarily pause the printing that goes to the display by pressing any key on the keyboard. To continue printing again, press any key.

4. Make the selections you want and press the **[Print]** softkey to print them out.
5. Press **[Prior Menu]** to return to the main menu.
6. To print or plot dynamic accuracy or total uncertainty for the system configuration specified, press **[System Uncert]**. These specifications are available as plots or tables, based on data sheet or system specification values with upper or lower limits (explained in “[Reference Information for Performance Verification and Specifications](#)” later in this chapter).

Dynamic accuracy errors are a function of signal power level and are calculated and included as a component of the total uncertainty calculation. They can be described as follows: the down-converted RF signal passes through the 85102 IF detector, and is either attenuated or amplified in order to be further down-converted and processed for display. Because of this, the signal has some magnitude and phase inaccuracies that vary with signal levels. By plotting the dynamic accuracy specifications of your system, you can see how dynamic accuracy changes with power level.

Dynamic accuracy or total system uncertainty values (with correction ON) are calculated using equations derived from a flowgraph model of the measurement system. Therefore, total uncertainty can be described as a computation of all the residual errors that affect your measurement.

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**NOTE** Total measurement uncertainty is also highly dependent on the device being measured. For the purpose of the uncertainty plots, the following ideal device assumptions are made.

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For S11 and S22 uncertainties, the device is a one-port device, therefore the value of S21 and S12 are  $-\infty$  dB. The value of S11 or S22 is varied.

For S21 and S12 uncertainties, the device is a reciprocal two-port device with perfect input/output match, therefore S11 and S22 are  $\Phi$  (linear) and S21 = S12. The value of S21 or S12 is varied. For phase uncertainty calculations, an arbitrary length (of 10 cm) is assumed. If your device is longer than 10 cm, your phase uncertainty will be greater than the value shown. Likewise, if your device length is shorter than 10 cm, your phase uncertainty will be less than the value shown.

For system performance verification, the S-parameters of the verification standards measured at the factory are used in the actual uncertainty calculations.

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**NOTE** At any time, you can return to the hardware configuration menu and change any of the items. For example, if you change calibration kits you can print out the specifications for the same system with the different calibration kit and compare the results.

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7. Make the menu selections you want and press the [Done] softkey when finished. The same keys used in the system specs menu are used to select and toggle the selections in this menu.

The program computes the values and the controller beeps each time the values for a particular frequency band are completed.

The table or plot appears on the controller display with a softkey selection for sending the display to the printer or plotter.

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**NOTE** If you want to run the performance verification on your system, keep the program running and refer to [“How to Verify System Performance” on page 8-13](#). If you want to exit the program, press the [Quit Program] key in the main menu.

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The examples that follow are explanations of typical tables and plots generated by this program.

## Interpreting the Specification and Uncertainties Printouts

Example printouts are used to explain the various information included. Refer to the system error model later in this chapter for the association of the error terms with the system error flow graph.

### Example 8-5 Residual Errors

① System Specifications -- Residual Errors (Correction ON)

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Network Analyzer:      HP8510B -- Enhanced Model
Test Set:              HP8516A003 -- 2.4mm S-Parameter (45MHz-40GHz)
Source:               HP836X016 -- 836K & 8516 Synth. (10MHz-40GHz)
Calibration Kit:      HP85056A -- 2.4mm Slotless Standard Grade
Calibration Technique: SL -- Sliding Load Cal
Test Port Cables:     HP85133D -- pair short cables (2.4mm-7.62mm)
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Description Of Error Term	Eterm   Symb1	Frequency (GHz)			
		.045-2	2-20	20-36	36-40
Power of Source (dBm)  Pa		-3.15	-3.31	+4.77	+32.00
Power Slope of Source/Freq-ghz (dB)  Paaf		.28	.36	.13	-.63
Averaging factor (x1)  Avg		1024	1024	1024	1024
Loss of Attenuator 1 (dB)  La1		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Loss of Attenuator 2 (dB)  La2		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cable Flex Factor (Lin)  Cff		1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Drift in Room Temperature (deg C)  Drt		1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Effective Fwd Directivity (dB)  Efd		-41.90	-41.90	-37.90	-37.90
Effective Fwd Refl tracking (+/-dB)  Efr		.0014	.0062	.0201	.0201
Effective Fwd Source match (dB)  Efs		-41.40	-37.90	-33.00	-33.00
Effective Fwd Crosstalk (dB)  Efc		-120.56	-111.95	-98.10	-86.91
Effective Fwd Trans tracking (+/-dB)  Eft		.0453	.0569	.1352	.1381
Effective Fwd Load match (dB)  Elf		-41.90	-41.90	-37.90	-37.90
Effective Fwd Noise on Trace (+/-dB)  Efmt		.0009	.0013	.0052	.0086
Effective Fwd Noise Floor (dB)  Efnf		-99.31	-90.70	-77.15	-66.46
Effective Power Ref (out) port1 (dBm)  Epr1		-11.32	-13.26	-15.71	-25.61
Effective Power max (in) port2 (dBm)  Epx2		-5.88	+2.0	-.31	+4.8
Effective Power min (in) port2 (dBm)  Epn2		-110.59	-103.93	-92.03	-92.03
Effective Dyn Rng (Ref-Min) pt2 (dB)  Edrr2		99.28	90.67	77.12	66.42
Effective Dyn Rng (max-Min) pt2 (dB)  Edrx2		104.72	104.22	92.52	92.51

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#### NOTES:

- 1 Table type: specifications of residual errors (error terms left after a measurement calibration).
- 2 The system instruments, calibration kit, and calibration technique (selected in the hardware configuration menu) that the specifications have been generated for.
- 3 Conditions of the system that the specifications are based on.
- 4 The systematic residual errors.
- 5 The typical reference power at port 1, maximum power at port 2, minimum power at port 2, and dynamic range.
- 6 The symbol for the error terms, that is used in the system error model located later in this chapter.
- 7 The specifications are generated for each frequency band.

### Example 8-6 Raw Test Port Errors

System Specifications -- Test Port Errors (Correction OFF)						
-----						
Network Analyzer: HP8510B -- Enhanced Model						
Test Set: HP8516A003 -- 2.4mm S-Parameter (45MHz-40GHz)						
Source: HP836X016 -- 836X & 8516 Synth. (10MHz-40GHz)						
Calibration Kit: HP85056A -- 2.4mm Slotless Standard Grade						
Calibration Technique: SL -- Sliding Load Cal						
Test Port Cables: HP85133D -- pair short cables (2.4mm-2.4mm)						
-----						
Description Of Error Term	:Eterm :	Frequency (GHz)				
		:Symb1 :	.045-2	2-20	20-36	36-40
-----						
Drift Source Frequency (+/-GHz)	:Dsr :	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
-----						
Raw Fwd Directivity (dB)	:Rfd :	-14.00	-7.00	-7.00	-7.00	-7.00
Raw Fwd Reflection tracking (+/-dB)	:Rfr :	27.0000	8.0000	11.0000	19.0000	19.0000
Raw Fwd Source match (dB)	:Rfs :	-10.00	-10.00	-7.00	-6.50	-6.50
Raw Fwd Crosstalk (dB)	:Rfc :	-85.00	-85.00	-72.00	-65.00	-65.00
Raw Fwd Transmission tracking (+/-dB)	:Rft :	19.0000	15.0000	12.0000	14.0000	14.0000
Raw Fwd Load match (dB)	:Rfl :	-10.00	-10.00	-7.00	-7.00	-7.00
-----						
Low Freq Cutoff Source to port1 (GHz)	:Fcs1 :	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Low Freq Slope Source to port1 (dB)	:Fss1 :	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-----						
Loss/Dc Source to port1 (dB)	:Lds1 :	-7.61	-6.94	-6.47	-6.11	-6.00
Loss/sqr(F-ghz) Source to port1 (dB)	:Lfs1 :	-1.24	-1.72	-4.71	-27.27	-27.27
-----						
Drift Mag/deg-c Src to port1 (+/-dB)	:Dms1 :	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Drift Ph/deg-c Src to port1 (+/-deg)	:Dps1 :	.1510	.1510	.1510	.1510	.1510
Drift Ph/deg-c/F-ghz Src-pt1 (+/-deg)	:Dpfs1 :	.0146	.0146	.0146	.0146	.0146
-----						
Connector Repeat Ref1 port1 (dB)	:Crr1 :	-75.00	-68.00	-62.00	-62.00	-62.00
Connector Repeat Trans port1 (dB)	:Crt1 :	-75.00	-68.00	-62.00	-62.00	-62.00
Connector Repeat Ref1 port2 (dB)	:Crr2 :	-75.00	-68.00	-62.00	-62.00	-62.00
Connector Repeat Trans port2 (dB)	:Crt2 :	-75.00	-68.00	-62.00	-62.00	-62.00
-----						
Loss/Dc port1 Cable (dB)	:Ld1c :	-.19	-.19	-.19	-.19	-.19
Loss/sqr(F-ghz) port1 Cable (dB)	:Lf1c :	-.54	-.54	-.54	-.54	-.54
-----						
Cable Refl Mag stab port1 (dB)	:Crm1 :	-66.60	-54.00	-49.10	-44.50	-44.50
Cable Trns Mag stab port1 (+/-dB)	:Ctm1 :	.0010	.0019	.0042	.0041	.0041
Cable Ph/F-ghz stab pt1 (+/-deg/GHz)	:Cpf1 :	.0235	.0121	.0118	.0123	.0123
-----						
Loss/Dc port2 Cable (dB)	:Ld2c :	-.19	-.19	-.19	-.19	-.19
Loss/sqr(F-ghz) port2 Cable (dB)	:Lf2c :	-.54	-.54	-.54	-.54	-.54
-----						
Cable Refl Mag stab port2 (dB)	:Crm2 :	-66.60	-54.00	-49.10	-44.50	-44.50
Cable Trns Mag stab port2 (+/-dB)	:Ctm2 :	.0010	.0019	.0042	.0041	.0041
Cable Ph/F-ghz stab pt2 (+/-deg/GHz)	:Cpf2 :	.0235	.0121	.0118	.0123	.0123
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**NOTES:**

- 1 Table type: specifications of raw errors associated with the test ports.
- 2 The system instruments, calibration kit, and calibration technique (selected in the hardware configuration menu) that the specifications have been generated for.
- 3 The systematic error terms without measurement calibration including the drift, connector, and cable error terms.
- 4 The symbol for the error terms, that is used in the system error model located later in this chapter.

**NOTE:** Refer to the system error model later in this chapter for the association of the error terms with the system error flow graph.

### Example 8-7 Raw B1 Channel Errors

System Specifications -- B1 Channel Errors (Correction OFF)					
-----					
Network Analyzer: HP85100 -- Enhanced Model					
Test Set: HP8516A003 -- 2.4mm 5-Parameter (45MHz-40GHz)					
Source: HP836X016 -- 836X & 8516 Synth. (10MHz-40GHz)					
Calibration Kit: HP85056A -- 2.4mm Slotless Standard Grade					
Calibration Technique: SL -- Sliding Load Cal					
Test Port Cables: HP851330 -- pair short cables (2.4mm-2.4mm)					
-----					
Description Of Error Term	:Eterm :	Frequency (GHz)			
	:Syml :	.045-2	2-20	20-36	36-40
-----					
Low Freq Cutoff port1 to B1 (GHz)	:Fc1b1 :	.950	.950	.950	.950
Low Freq Slope port1 to B1 (dB)	:Fs1b1 :	-6.00	-6.00	-6.00	-6.00
-----					
Drift Mag/deg-c port1 to B1 (+/-dB)	:Dm1b1 :	.0403	.0403	.0403	.0403
Drift Ph/deg-c port1 to B1 (+/-deg)	:Dp1b1 :	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Drift Ph/deg-c/F-ghz pt1-B1 (+/-deg)	:Dpf1b1 :	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
-----					
Loss/Dc port1 to converter B1 (dB)	:Ld1b1 :	-14.71	-14.54	-14.59	-14.25
Loss/sqr(F-ghz) port1 to conv B1 (dB)	:Lf1b1 :	.15	-.27	-.26	-10.57
Loss/Dc converter to I.f. B1 (dB)	:Ld1vb1 :	-4.03	-3.28	-11.50	-12.00
Loss/Freq-ghz conv to I.f. B1 (dB)	:Lf1vb1 :	.77	-.06	0.00	0.00
-----					
Damage Level B1 (dBm)	:D1b1 :	+17.00	+17.00	+17.00	+17.00
Pwr at Conv for 0.1 db Comp B1 (dBm)	:Pcc1b1 :	-10.00	-10.00	-15.00	-15.00
-----					
Raw rms Noise on Trace B1 (+/-dB)	:Rnt1b1 :	.0070	.0090	.0360	.0360
Raw rms Noise Floor B1 I.f. (dBm)	:Rnf1b1 :	-800.00	-800.00	-800.00	-800.00
Raw rms Noise Floor B1 Conv (dBm)	:Rnf1bc :	-100.30	-101.20	-101.50	-102.00
-----					
REsiduals of B1 I.f. (dBm)	:Reb1b1 :	-140.00	-140.00	-140.00	-140.00
REsiduals of B1 Conv (dBm)	:Reb1bc :	-800.00	-800.00	-800.00	-800.00
Linearity of Xtal B1 (+/-dB)	:L1b1 :	.0030	.0030	.0030	.0030
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I.f. Gain Err1 -34~-46 dbm B1 (+/-dB)	:Ge1b1 :	.0050	.0050	.0050	.0050
I.f. Gain Err2 -46~-58 dbm B1 (+/-dB)	:Ge2b1 :	.0100	.0100	.0100	.0100
I.f. Gain Err3 -58~-70 dbm B1 (+/-dB)	:Ge3b1 :	.0150	.0150	.0150	.0150
I.f. Gain Err4 -70~-oo dbm B1 (+/-dB)	:Ge4b1 :	.0250	.0250	.0250	.0250
-----					
Mag error vs Phase shift B1 (+/-dB)	:Mpb1 :	.0030	.0030	.0030	.0030
-----					

**NOTES:**

- 1 Table type: specifications of raw errors associated with the B1 channel signal path
- 2 The system instruments, calibration kit, and calibration technique (selected in the hardware configuration menu) that the specifications have been generated for.
- 3 These specifications refer to the errors contributed by the test set from the test port, through the coupler, and into the sampler (down-converter). The tables show values that are already included in the calculations for system specifications. Their use is limited to inspecting the flowgraph error terms that exist between the coupler or bridge and the sampler.
- 4 The symbol for the error terms, that is used in the system error model located later in this chapter.

**NOTE:** Refer to the system error model later in this chapter for the association of the error terms with the system error flow graph.



**Example 8-8 Raw B2 Channel Errors**

1 System Specifications -- B2 Channel Errors (Correction OFF)					
-----					
Network Analyzer: HP8510B -- Enhanced Model					
Test Set: HP8516A003 -- 2.4mm 5-Parameter (45MHz-40GHz)					
Source: HP836X016 -- 836X & 8516 Synth. (10MHz-40GHz)					
Calibration Kit: HP85056A -- 2.4mm Slotless Standard Grade					
Calibration Technique: SL -- Sliding Load Cal					
Test Port Cables: HP85133D -- pair short cables (2.4mm-2.4mm)					
-----					
Description Of Error Term	:Term :	Frequency (GHz)			
		:Symbl :	.045-2	7-20	20-36
-----					
low Freq Cutoff port2 to B2 (GHz)	:Fc2b2 :	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
low Freq Slope port2 to B2 (dB)	:Fs2b2 :	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-----					
Drift Mag/deg-c port2 to B2 (+/-dB)	:Dm2b2 :	.0475	.0475	.0475	.0475
Drift Ph/deg-c port2 to B2 (+/-deg)	:Dp2b2 :	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Drift Ph/deg-c/F-ghz pt2-B2 (+/-deg)	:Dpf2b2 :	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
-----					
Loss/Dc port2 to converter B2 (dB)	:Ld2b2 :	-3.65	-3.42	-3.79	-3.24
Loss/sqr(F-ghz) port2 to conv B2 (dB)	:Lf2b2 :	-.79	-.96	-0.25	-1.92
Loss/Dc converter to I.f. B2 (dB)	:Ldv1b2 :	-4.03	-3.28	-11.50	-12.00
Loss/Freq-ghz conV to I.f. B2 (dB)	:Lfvlb2 :	.77	-.06	0.00	0.00
-----					
Damage Level B2 (dBm)	:D1b2 :	+13.00	+13.00	+13.00	+13.00
Pwr at Conv for 0.1 db Comp B2 (dBm)	:Pc2b2 :	-10.00	-10.00	-15.00	-15.00
-----					
Raw rms Noise on trace B2 (+/-dB)	:Rntb2 :	.0070	.0090	.0360	.0300
Raw rms Noise Floor B2 I.f. (dBm)	:Rnfb2i :	-800.00	-800.00	-800.00	-800.00
Raw rms Noise Floor B2 Conv (dBm)	:Rnfb2c :	-101.20	-101.20	-101.50	-102.00
-----					
REsiduals of B2 I.f. (dBm)	:Reb2i :	-140.00	-140.00	-140.00	-140.00
REsiduals of B2 Conv (dBm)	:Reb2c :	-800.00	-800.00	-800.00	-800.00
Linearity of Xtal B2 (+/-dB)	:Lxb2 :	.0030	.0030	.0030	.0030
-----					
I.f. Gain Err1 -34~-46 dbm B2 (+/-dB)	:Ge1b2 :	.0050	.0050	.0050	.0050
I.f. Gain Err2 -46~-58 dbm B2 (+/-dB)	:Ge2b2 :	.0100	.0100	.0100	.0100
I.f. Gain Err3 -58~-70 dbm B2 (+/-dB)	:Ge3b2 :	.0150	.0150	.0150	.0150
I.f. Gain Err4 -70~-90 dbm B2 (+/-dB)	:Ge4b2 :	.0250	.0250	.0250	.0250
-----					
Mag error vs Phase shift B2 (+/-dB)	:Mpb2 :	.0030	.0030	.0030	.0030
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**NOTES:**

- 1 Table type: specifications of raw errors associated with the B2 channel signal path.
- 2 The system instruments, calibration kit, and calibration technique (selected in the hardware configuration menu) that the specifications have been generated for.
- 3 These specifications refer to the errors contributed by the test set from the test port, through the coupler, and into the sampler (down-converter). The tables show values that are already included in the calculations for system specifications. Their use is limited to inspecting the flowgraph error terms that exist between the coupler or bridge and the sampler.
- 4 The symbol for the error terms, that is used in the system error model located later in this chapter.

**NOTE:** Refer to the system error model later in this chapter for the association of the error terms with the system error flow graph.

### Example 8-9 Raw A1 Channel Errors

System Specifications -- A1 Channel Errors (Correction OFF)					
-----					
Network Analyzer: HP8510B -- Enhanced Model					
Test Set: HP8516A003 -- 2.4mm S-Parameter (45MHz-40GHz)					
Source: HP836X016 -- 836X & 0516 Synth. (10MHz-40GHz)					
Calibration Kit: HP85056A -- 2.4mm Slotless Standard Grade					
Calibration Technique: SL -- Sliding Load Cal					
Test Port Cables: HP85133D -- pair short cables (2.4mm-2.4mm)					
-----					
Description Of Error Term	:Eterm :	Frequency (GHz)			
		:Symb1 :	.045-2	2-20	20-36
-----					
Low Freq Cutoff Source to A1 (GHz)	:Fcsal :	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Low Freq Slope source to A1 (dB)	:Fssal :	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-----					
Drift Mag/deg c Source to A1 (+/-dB)	:Dnsa :	.0403	.0403	.0403	.0403
Drift Mag/deg c Source to A1 (+/-dB)	:Dpsal :	.1518	.1518	.1518	.1518
Drift Ph/deg-c/F-ghz Src-A1 (+/-deg)	:Dpfsal :	.0146	.0146	.0146	.0146
-----					
Loss/Dc Source to A1 (dB)	:Ldsc1 :	-26.47	-25.87	-26.24	-21.35
Loss/sqrt(F-ghz) Source to A1 (dB)	:LFsc1 :	-.48	-.90	-.82	-8.75
Loss/Dc converter to I.f. A1 (dB)	:Ldvia1 :	-4.03	-3.28	-11.50	-12.00
Loss Freq-ghz conv to I.f. A1 (dB)	:LFvia1 :	.77	-.06	0.00	0.00
-----					
Damage Level A1 (dBm)	:Dl1a1 :	+20.00	+20.00	+20.00	+20.00
Power at Conv for 0.1 db Comp A1 (dBm)	:Pccal :	-10.00	-10.00	-15.00	-15.00
-----					
Raw rms Noise on Trace A1 (+/-dB)	:Rntal :	.0070	.0090	.0360	.0360
Raw rms Noise Floor A1 I.f. (dBm)	:Rnfal1 :	-800.00	-800.00	-800.00	-800.00
Raw rms Noise Floor A1 Conv (dBm)	:Rnfal2 :	-101.20	-101.20	-101.50	-102.00
-----					
Residuals of A1 I.f. (dBm)	:Rea11 :	-140.00	-140.00	-140.00	-140.00
Residuals of A1 Conv (dBm)	:Rea12 :	-800.00	-800.00	-800.00	-800.00
Linearity of Xtal A1 (+/-dB)	:Lxal1 :	.0030	.0030	.0030	.0030
-----					
I.f. Gain Err1 -34 -40 dbm A1 (+/-dB)	:Ge1a1 :	.0050	.0050	.0050	.0050
I.f. Gain Err2 -46 -56 dbm A1 (+/-dB)	:Ge2a1 :	.0100	.0100	.0100	.0100
I.f. Gain Err3 -58 -70 dbm A1 (+/-dB)	:Ge3a1 :	.0150	.0150	.0150	.0150
I.f. Gain Err4 -70 -80 dbm A1 (+/-dB)	:Ge4a1 :	.0250	.0250	.0250	.0250
-----					
Mag error vs Phase shift A1 (+/-dB)	:Mpa1 :	.0030	.0030	.0030	.0030
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**NOTES:**

- 1 Table type: specifications of raw errors associated with the A1 channel signal path.
- 2 The system instruments, calibration kit, and calibration technique (selected in the hardware configuration menu) that the specifications have been generated for.
- 3 These specifications refer to the errors contributed from the source to the A1 sampler signal path. The tables show values that are already included in the system specifications.
- 4 The symbol for the error terms, that is used in the system error model located later in this chapter.

**NOTE:** Refer to the system error model later in this chapter for the association of the error terms with the system error flow graph.

**Example 8-10 Raw A2 Channel Errors**

① System Specifications -- A2 Channel Errors (Correction OFF)

Network Analyzer: HP85100 -- Enhanced Model  
 Test Set: HP8516A003 -- 2.4mm S-Parameter (45MHz-40GHz)  
 Source: HP835X016 -- 835X & 8516 Synth. (10MHz-40GHz)  
 Calibration Kit: HP85055A -- 2.4mm Slotless Standard Grade  
 Calibration Technique: SL -- Sliding Load Cal  
 Test Port Cables: HP85133D -- pair short cables (2.4mm-2.4mm)

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Description Of Error Term	:Eterm :	Frequency (GHz)				
		:Syml :	.045-2	Z-20	Z0-35	35-40
Low Freq Cutoff Source to A2	(5Hz) :Fcsa2 :		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Low Freq Slope source to A2	(dB) :Fssa2 :		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Drift Mag/deg Source to A2 (1% dB)	(dB) :Dmsa2 :		.0475	.0475	.0475	.0475
Drift Ph/deg Source to A2 (1% deg)	(deg) :Dpsa2 :		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Drift Ph/deg/F GHz Src: A2 (1% deg)	(deg) :Dpfsa2 :		.0173	.0173	.0173	.0173
Loss/DC Source to A2	(dB) :Ldca2 :		-26.47	-25.86	-26.21	-21.37
Loss/sqrt(F) High Source to A2	(dB) :Lfca2 :		-.49	-.92	-.84	-8.77
Loss/BW Converter to I.F. A2	(dB) :Ldvia2 :		-4.03	-3.28	-11.50	-12.00
Loss/Freq GHz ConV to I.F. A2	(dB) :Lfvia2 :		-.77	-.06	0.00	0.00
Damage Level A2	(dBm) :Dla2 :		+20.00	+20.00	+20.00	+20.00
Per at Conv for 0.1 db Comp A2	(dBm) :Pcca2 :		-10.00	-10.00	-15.00	-15.00
Raw rms Noise on Trace A2	(dBm) :Rnta2 :		.0070	.0090	.0360	.0360
Raw rms Noise Floor A2 I.F.	(dBm) :Rnfa2 :		-800.00	-800.00	-800.00	-800.00
Raw rms Noise Floor A2 Conv	(dBm) :Rnfa2c :		-101.20	-101.20	-101.50	-102.00
Residuals of A2 I.F.	(dBm) :Rea2i :		140.00	140.00	-140.00	-140.00
Residuals of A2 Conv	(dBm) :Rea2c :		-800.00	-800.00	-800.00	-800.00
Linearity of Xtal A2	(1% dB) :Lwa2 :		.0030	.0030	.0030	.0030
I.F. Gain Err1 -34 -40 dbm A2 (1% dB)	(dB) :Ge1a2 :		.0050	.0050	.0050	.0050
I.F. Gain Err2 -46 -58 dbm A2 (1% dB)	(dB) :Ge2a2 :		.0100	.0100	.0100	.0100
I.F. Gain Err3 -58 -70 dbm A2 (1% dB)	(dB) :Ge3a2 :		.0150	.0150	.0150	.0150
I.F. Gain Err4 -69 -80 dbm A2 (1% dB)	(dB) :Ge4a2 :		.0250	.0250	.0250	.0250
Mag error vs Phase shift A2 (1% dB)	(dB) :Mpa2 :		.0030	.0030	.0030	.0030

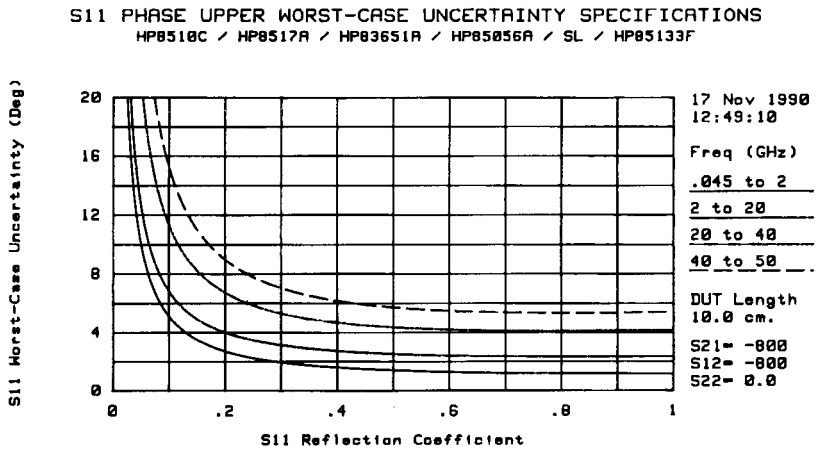
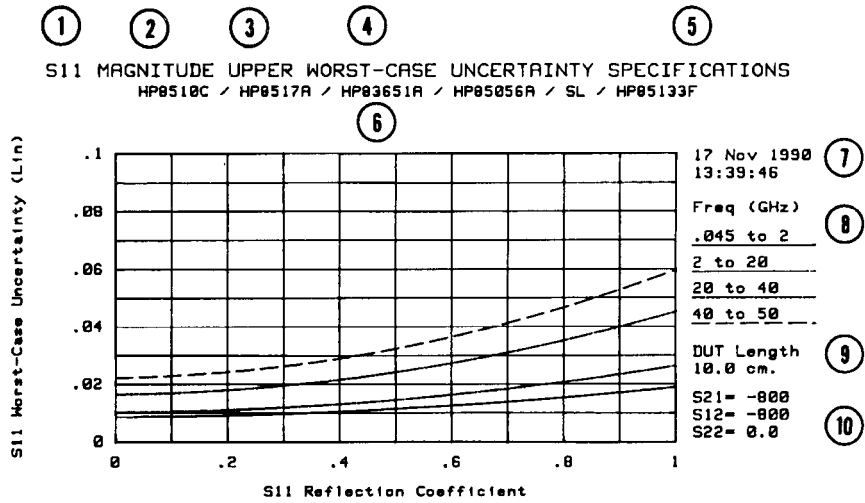
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- 1 Table type: specifications of raw errors associated with the A2 channel signal path.
- 2 The system instruments, calibration kit, and calibration technique (selected in the hardware configuration menu) that the specifications have been generated for.
- 3 These specifications refer to the errors contributed from the source to the A2 sampler signal path. The tables show values that are already included in the system specifications.
- 4 The symbol for the error terms, that is used in the system error model located later in this chapter.

**NOTE:** Refer to the system error model later in this chapter for the association of the error terms with the system error flow graph.

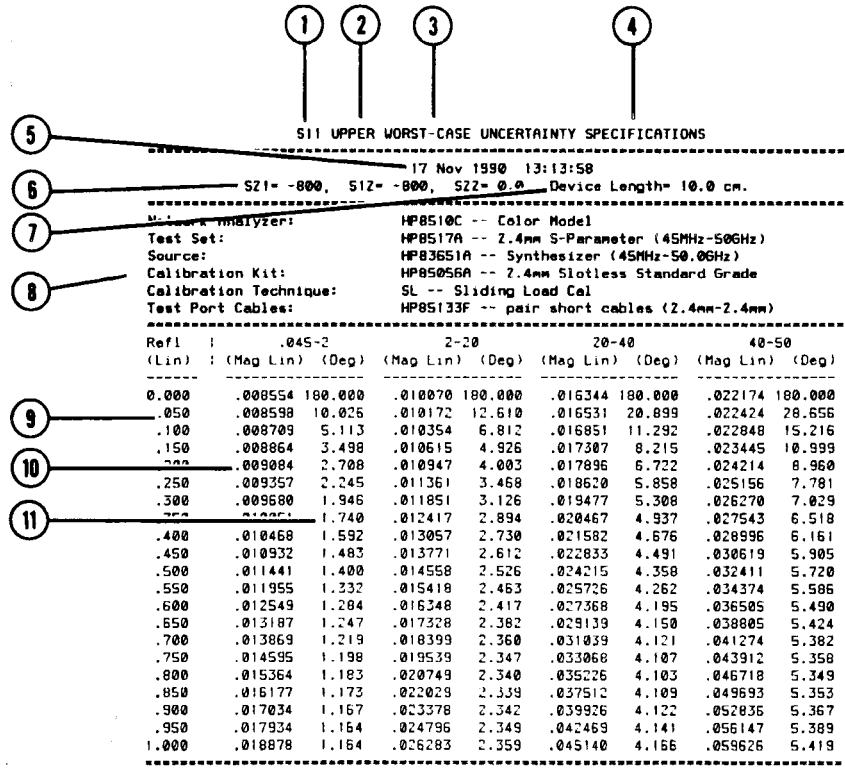
**Example 8-11 S11 Uncertainty Specifications Plots**



**NOTES:**

- 1 Measurement parameter: S11.
- 2 Data format: magnitude (unitless measurements such as reflection coefficient magnitude or transmission coefficient magnitude) or phase (phase shift of data versus frequency).
- 3 Uncertainty limits: upper or lower (the limits only apply to transmission measurements).
- 4 Type of plot: worst-case uncertainties (This is a "field" "bottoms-up" uncertainty analysis of the HP 8510 being verified, using the worst case specifications of the HP 8510 system).
- 5 Table type: specifications or data sheet (data sheet is identical to the specifications table except that the cable stability errors and system drift errors are excluded).
- 6 System instruments: selected in the hardware configuration menu.
- 7 Time and date the plot was made.
- 8 Data trace patterns for each frequency band.
- 9 DUT length is assumed to be 10 cm (the DUT length for the data sheet values and for systems using sweepers is 0 cm).
- 10 For reflection plots (S11 or S22), the values of the other three S-parameters will be = 0 (linear). For transmission plots (S21 or S12), S11 and S22 = 0 (linear), and S21 = S12.

### Example 8-12 S11 Uncertainty Specifications Table



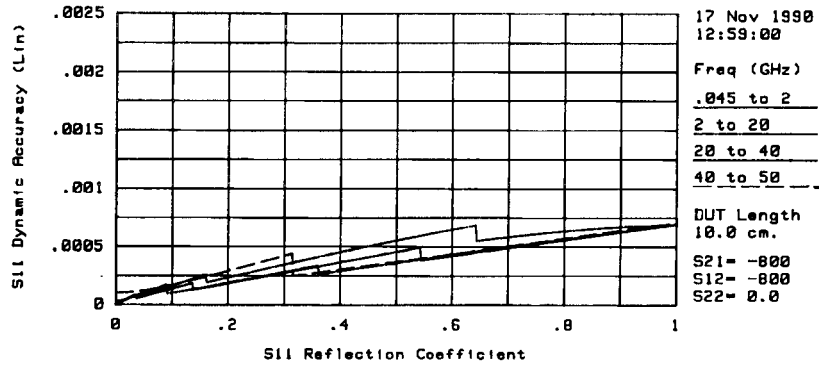
**NOTES:**

- 1 Measurement parameter: S11.
- 2 Uncertainty limits: upper or lower (the limits only apply to transmission measurements).
- 3 Type of plot: worst-case uncertainties (This is a "field" "bottoms-up" uncertainty analysis of the HP 8510 being verified, using the worst case specifications of the HP 8510 system).
- 4 Table type: specifications or data sheet (data sheet is identical to the specifications table except that the cable stability errors and system drift errors are excluded).
- 5 Time and date the plot was made.
- 6 For reflection plots (S11 or S22), the values of the other three S-parameters will be = 0 (linear). For transmission plots (S21 or S12), S11 and S22 = 0 (linear), and S21 = S12.
- 7 DUT length is assumed to be 10 cm airline (the DUT length for the data sheet values is 0 cm).
- 8 System instruments: selected in the hardware configuration menu.
- 9 Reflection coefficient (linear magnitude).
- 10 Magnitude uncertainty data for each frequency band (linear magnitude).
- 11 Phase uncertainty data for each frequency band (degrees).

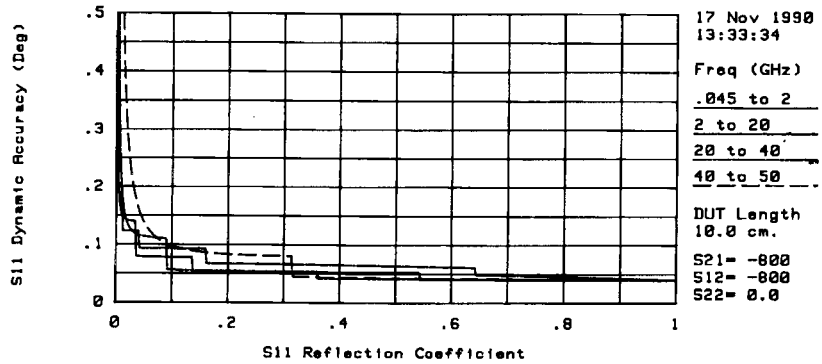
*S11 Uncertainty Specifications Table*

### Example 8-13 S11 Dynamic Accuracy Specifications Plots

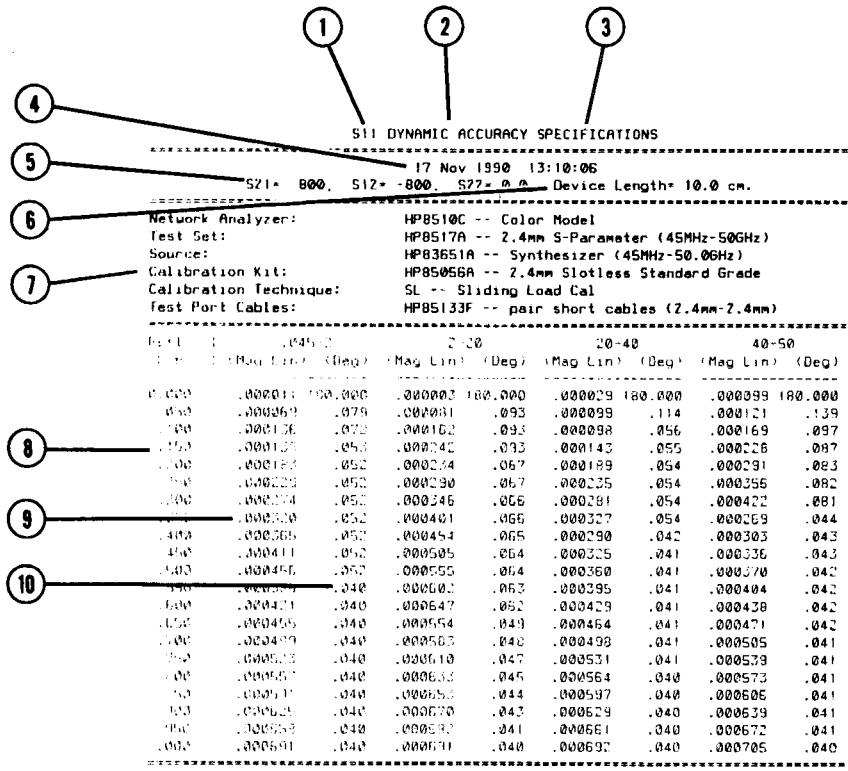
S11 MAGNITUDE DYNAMIC ACCURACY SPECIFICATIONS  
HP8510C / HP8517A / HP83651A / HP85056A / SL / HP85133F



S11 PHASE DYNAMIC ACCURACY SPECIFICATIONS  
HP8510C / HP8517A / HP83651A / HP85056A / SL / HP85133F



**Example 8-14 S11 Dynamic Accuracy Specifications Table**

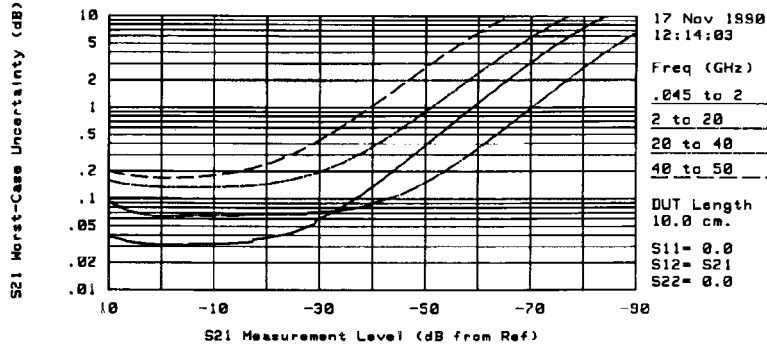


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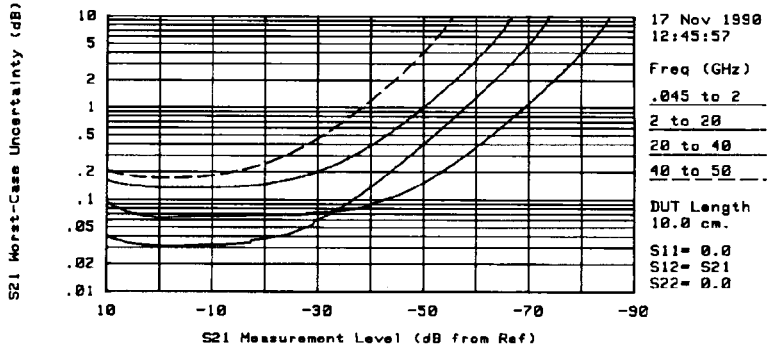
- 1 Measurement parameter: S11.
- 2 Type of plot: dynamic accuracy (overall magnitude detection accuracy as a function of levels for signals or arbitrary phase).
- 3 Table type: specifications or data sheet (data sheet is identical to the specifications table except that the cable stability errors and system drift errors are excluded).
- 4 Time and date the plot was made.
- 5 For reflection plots (S11 or S22), the values of the other three S-parameters will be = 0 (linear). For transmission plots (S21 or S12), S11 and S22 = 0 (linear), and S21 = S12.
- 6 DUT length is assumed to be 10 cm (the DUT length for the data sheet values is 0 cm).
- 7 System instruments: selected in the hardware configuration menu.
- 8 Reflection coefficient (linear magnitude).
- 9 Magnitude uncertainty data for each frequency band (linear magnitude).
- 10 Phase data for each frequency band (degrees).

**Example 8-15 S21 Uncertainty Specifications Plots**

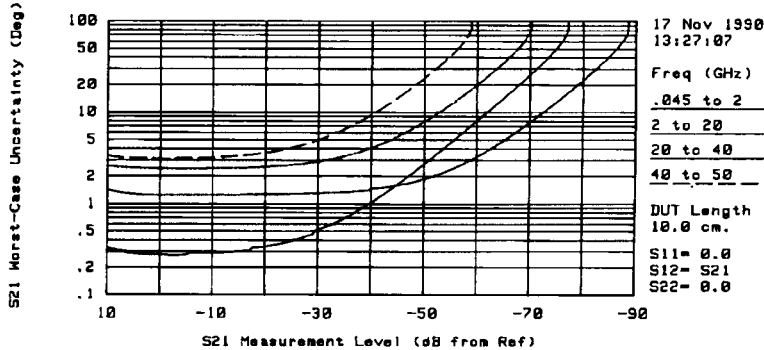
S21 MAGNITUDE UPPER WORST-CASE UNCERTAINTY SPECIFICATIONS  
 HP8510C / HP8517A / HP83651A / HP85056A / SL / HP85133F



S21 MAGNITUDE LOWER WORST-CASE UNCERTAINTY SPECIFICATIONS  
 HP8510C / HP8517A / HP83651A / HP85056A / SL / HP85133F



S21 PHASE UPPER WORST-CASE UNCERTAINTY SPECIFICATIONS  
 HP8510C / HP8517A / HP83651A / HP85056A / SL / HP85133F





### Example 8-16 S21 Uncertainty Specifications Table

**S21 UPPER WORST-CASE UNCERTAINTY SPECIFICATIONS**

17 Nov 1990 13:16:55  
 S11= 0.0, S12= S21, S22= 0.0 Device Length= 10.0 cm.

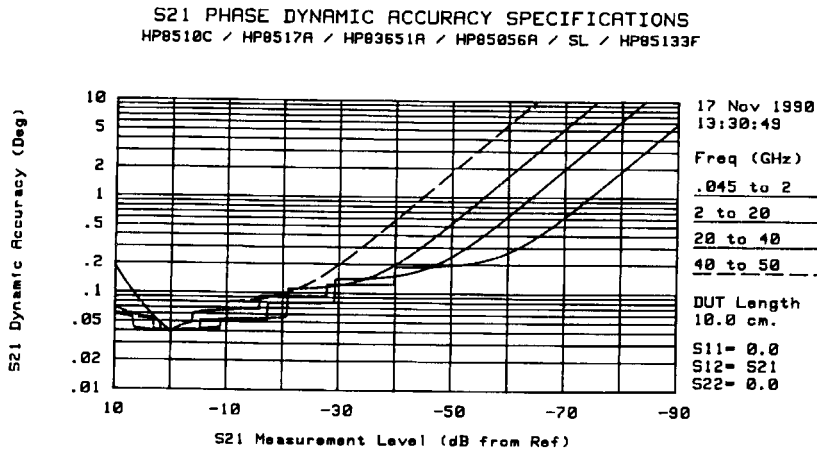
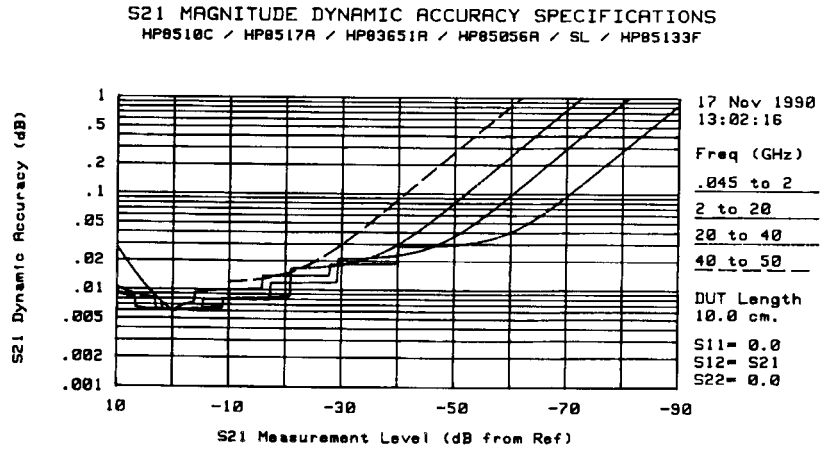
Network Analyzer: HP8510C -- Color Model  
 Test Set: HP8517A -- 2.4mm S-Parameter (45MHz-50GHz)  
 Source: HP83651A -- Synthesizer (45MHz-50.0GHz)  
 Calibration Kit: HP85056A -- 2.4mm Slotless Standard Grade  
 Calibration Technique: SL -- Sliding Load Cal  
 Test Port Cables: HP85133F -- pair short cables (2.4mm-2.4mm)

Level (dB)	.045-2		2-20		20-40		40-50	
	(Mag dB)	(Deg)	(Mag dB)	(Deg)	(Mag dB)	(Deg)	(Mag dB)	(Deg)
10.0	.0386	.329	.0927	1.427	.1582	2.598	.2015	3.316
5.0	.0330	.286	.0702	1.278	.1395	2.473	.1752	3.141
0.0	.0314	.276	.0631	1.231	.1332	2.430	.1681	3.096
-5.0	.0312	.276	.0649	1.247	.1322	2.425	.1702	3.115
-10.0	.0322	.290	.0652	1.250	.1336	2.439	.1795	3.185
-15.0	.0331	.301	.0654	1.251	.1367	2.467	.2008	3.336
-20.0	.0373	.342	.0676	1.275	.1447	2.531	.2399	3.607
-25.0	.0433	.391	.0681	1.281	.1640	2.670	.3115	4.098
-30.0	.0603	.515	.0724	1.319	.1972	2.900	.4390	4.979
-35.0	.0860	.693	.0763	1.351	.2588	3.322	.6620	6.551
-40.0	.1352	1.025	.0910	1.460	.3692	4.079	1.0454	9.357
-45.0	.2242	1.627	.1107	1.597	.5630	5.432	1.6882	14.398
-50.0	.3817	2.706	.1504	1.867	.8980	7.846	2.7258	23.641
-55.0	.6557	4.629	.2241	2.367	1.4639	12.171	4.3111	42.002
-60.0	1.1229	8.065	.3558	3.268	2.3873	20.035	6.5677	180.000
-65.0	1.8966	14.257	.5865	4.879	3.8203	35.129	9.5327	180.000
-70.0	3.1224	25.764	.9830	7.755	5.8995	78.081	13.1367	180.000
-75.0	4.9490	50.296	1.6466	12.921	8.6881	180.000	17.2405	180.000
-80.0	7.4735	180.000	2.7144	22.395	12.1421	180.000	21.6926	180.000
-85.0	10.6918	180.000	4.3394	41.268	16.1343	180.000	26.3687	180.000
-90.0	14.5019	180.000	6.6411	180.000	20.5116	180.000	31.1810	180.000

**NOTES:**

- 1 Measurement parameter: S21.
- 2 Uncertainty limits: upper or lower (the limits only apply to transmission measurements).
- 3 Type of plot: worst-case uncertainties (This is a "field" "bottoms-up" uncertainty analysis of the HP 8510 being verified, using the worst case specifications of the HP 8510 system).
- 4 Table type: specifications or data sheet (data sheet is identical to the specifications table except that the cable stability errors and system drift errors are excluded).
- 5 Time and date the plot was made.
- 6 For reflection plots (S11 or S22), the values of the other three S-parameters will be = 0 (linear). For transmission plots (S21 or S12), S11 and S22 = 0 (linear), and S21 = S12.
- 7 DUT length is assumed to be 10 cm (the DUT length for the data sheet values and systems using sweepers is 0 cm).
- 8 System instruments: selected in the hardware configuration menu.
- 9 Power level the specifications apply to (dB).
- 10 Magnitude uncertainty data for each frequency band (dB).
- 11 Phase uncertainty data for each frequency band (degree).

**Example 8-17 S21 Dynamic Accuracy Specifications Plots**



### Example 8-18 S21 Dynamic Accuracy Specifications Table

**S21 DYNAMIC ACCURACY SPECIFICATIONS**

17 Nov 1990 13:08:57  
 S11= 0.0, S12= S21, S22= 0.0 Device Length= 10.0 cm.

Analyzer: HP8510C -- Color Model  
 Test Set: HP8517A -- 2.4mm S-Parameter (45MHz-50GHz)  
 Source: HP83651A -- Synthesizer (45MHz-50.06GHz)  
 Calibration Kit: HP85056A -- 2.4mm Slotless Standard Grade  
 Calibration Technique: SL -- Sliding Load Cal  
 Test Port Cables: HP85133F -- pair short cables (2.4mm-2.4mm)

Level (dB)	.045-2		2-20		20-40		40-50	
	(Mag dB)	(Deg)	(Mag dB)	(Deg)	(Mag dB)	(Deg)	(Mag dB)	(Deg)
10.0	.0090	.060	.0278	.184	.0105	.070	.0093	.061
5.0	.0063	.042	.0112	.074	.0085	.056	.0082	.054
0.0	.0060	.040	.0060	.040	.0060	.040	.0061	.040
-5.0	.0051	.040	.0095	.062	.0062	.041	.0054	.042
-10.0	.0079	.052	.0100	.065	.0081	.054	.0068	.045
-15.0	.0080	.053	.0102	.067	.0082	.054	.0128	.085
-20.0	.0118	.078	.0141	.093	.0085	.056	.0147	.097
-25.0	.0119	.079	.0141	.093	.0171	.113	.0195	.128
-30.0	.0212	.140	.0186	.123	.0183	.121	.0298	.197
-35.0	.0217	.143	.0187	.123	.0217	.143	.0500	.331
-40.0	.0230	.152	.0283	.187	.0300	.198	.0869	.576
-45.0	.0289	.178	.0286	.189	.0473	.313	.1528	1.017
-50.0	.0365	.241	.0296	.196	.0804	.532	.2693	1.804
-55.0	.0569	.377	.0326	.215	.1402	.932	.4728	3.207
-60.0	.0961	.638	.0404	.267	.2464	1.649	.8235	5.707
-65.0	.1674	1.115	.0583	.386	.4326	2.927	1.4142	10.184
-70.0	.2939	1.972	.0942	.625	.7545	5.206	2.3746	18.325
-75.0	.5149	3.502	.1606	1.059	1.2990	9.283	3.8574	33.993
-80.0	.8951	6.231	.2793	1.872	2.1904	16.668	5.9954	63.828
-85.0	1.5326	11.127	.4874	3.309	3.5797	30.665	8.8432	100.000
-90.0	2.5624	20.068	.8463	5.874	5.6067	65.084	12.3482	100.000

- 1 Measurement parameter: S21.
- 2 Type of plot: dynamic accuracy (overall magnitude detection accuracy as a function of level for signals or arbitrary phase).
- 3 Table type: specifications or data sheet (data sheet is identical to the specifications table except that the cable stability errors and system drift errors are excluded).
- 4 Time and date the plot was made.
- 5 For reflection plots (S11 or S22), the values of the other three S-parameters will be = 0 (linear). For transmission plots (S21 or S12), S11 and S22 = 0 (linear), and S21 = S12.
- 6 DUT length is assumed to be 10 cm (the DUT length for the data sheet values is 0 cm).
- 7 System instruments: selected in the hardware configuration menu.
- 8 Power level the specifications apply to (dB).
- 9 Magnitude uncertainty data for each frequency band (dB).
- 10 Phase uncertainty data for each frequency band (degrees).

## Measurement Uncertainties

### Overview

In any measurement, certain measurement errors associated with the system add uncertainty to the measured results. This uncertainty defines how accurately a device under test (DUT) can be measured.

Network analysis measurement errors can be separated into two types: raw and residual. The raw error terms are the errors associated with the uncorrected system that are called systematic (repeatable), random (non-repeatable), and drift errors. The residual error terms are the errors that remain after a measurement calibration.

The error correction procedure, also called measurement calibration, measures a set of calibration devices with known characteristics. It uses the measurement results to effectively remove systematic errors, using the vector math capabilities of the analyzer. The residual systematic errors remain after error correction, primarily due to the limitations of how accurately the electrical characteristics of the calibration devices can be defined and determined.

The random (non-repeatable) and drift errors, cannot be corrected because they cannot be quantified and measured during the measurement calibration and device measurement. However, the effects of random errors can be reduced through averaging. Random errors, that occur during a measurement calibration, are part of the error correction and become systematic errors when the calibration is turned on.

For this reason, it is best to use a large number of averages during measurement calibration to reduce to the effect of the random errors. The averaging may then be reduced for device measurement. The residual systematic errors along with the random and drift errors continue to affect measurements after error correction, adding an uncertainty to the measurement results. Therefore, measurement uncertainty is defined as the combination of the residual systematic (repeatable), random (non-repeatable), and drift errors in the measurement system after error correction.

Measurement uncertainties of any analyzer system are highly dependent on the characteristics of the device under test. The expected measurement uncertainty of your analyzer system, when measuring the verification kit devices, can be determined by using the performance verification software. The expected measurement uncertainty of ideal terminations and thus may be determined by using the uncertainties portion of the software.

The following measurement uncertainty equations and system error models (flowgraphs) show the relationship of the systematic, random, and drift errors. These are useful for predicting overall measurement performance.

## Sources of Measurement Errors

### Sources of Systematic Errors

The residual (after measurement calibration) systematic errors result from imperfections in the calibration standards, the connector interface, the interconnecting cables, and the instrumentation. All measurements are affected by dynamic accuracy and frequency error effects. For reflection measurements, the associated residual errors are effective directivity, effective source match, and effective reflection tracking. For transmission measurements, the additional residual errors are effective crosstalk, effective load match, and effective transmission tracking.

The listing below shows the abbreviations used for systematic errors that are in the error models and uncertainty equations.

- Efd, Erd = effective directivity
- Efs, Ers = effective source match
- Efr, Err = effective reflection tracking
- Efc, Erc = effective crosstalk
- Efl, Erl = effective load match
- Eft, Ert = effective transmission tracking
- Crm, Ctm = cable stability (deg./GHz)
- Ab1, Ab2 = dynamic accuracy
- F = frequency

The sources for dynamic accuracy error effects are from errors during self-calibration, gain compression in the microwave frequency converter (sampler) at high signal levels, errors generated in the synchronous detectors, localized non-linearities in the IF filter system, and from LO leakage into the IF signal paths.

### Sources of Random Errors

The random error sources are noise, connector repeatability and dynamic accuracy. There are two types of noise in any measurement system: low level noise (noise floor) and high level noise (phase noise of the source).

Low level noise is the broadband noise floor of the receiver which can be reduced through averaging or by changing the IF bandwidth.

High level noise or jitter of the trace data is due to the noise floor and the phase noise of the LO source inside the test set.

Connector repeatability is the random variation encountered when connecting a pair of RF connectors. Variations in both reflection and transmission can be observed.

The listing below shows the abbreviations used for random errors in the error models and uncertainty equations.

- Rnt = raw noise on trace (rms)
- Rnf = raw noise on floor (rms)
- Crr1 = port 1 connector reflection repeatability error
- Crtl = port 1 connector transmission repeatability error
- Crr2 = port 2 connector reflection repeatability error
- Crt2 = port 2 connector transmission repeatability error

### **Sources of Drift Errors**

Drift has two categories: frequency drift of the signal source and instrumentation drift. Instrumentation drift affects the magnitude and phase of both reflection and transmission measurements.

The primary causes for instrumentation drift are the thermal expansion characteristics of the interconnecting cables within the test set and the conversion stability of the microwave frequency converter.

The list below shows the drift errors in the error models and uncertainty equations.

- Dmxbx, Dmsax = drift magnitude
- Dpxbx, Dpsax = drift phase
- Dpfbx, Dpfsax = drift phase/f

### **Sources of Additional Measurement Errors**

Two additional categories of measurement errors are connection techniques and contact surfaces.

The connection techniques category includes torque limits, flush setting of sliding load center conductors, and handling procedures for beadless airlines.

The contact surfaces category includes cleaning procedures, scratches, worn plating, and rough seating.

These types of errors are not accounted for in the uncertainty analysis.

## Measurement Uncertainty Equations

Any measurement result is the vector sum of the actual test device response plus all error terms. The precise effect of each error term depends on its magnitude and phase relationship to the actual test device response. When the phase of an error response is not known, phase is assumed to be worst case (–180 to + 180 degrees). Random errors such as noise and connector repeatability are generally combined in a root-sum-of-the-squares (RSS) manner.

Due to the complexity of the calculations, the performance verification/specifications software calculates the system measurement uncertainty. The following equations are representative of the equations the performance verification/specifications software uses to generate the system measurement uncertainty plots and tables.

### Reflection Uncertainty Equations

#### Total Reflection Magnitude Uncertainty (Erm)

An analysis of the error model in [Figure 8-18](#) yields an equation for the reflection magnitude uncertainty. The equation contains all of the first order terms and the significant second order terms. The terms under the radical are random in character and are combined on an RSS basis. The terms in the systematic error group are combined on a worst case basis. In all cases, the error terms and the S-parameters are treated as linear absolute magnitudes.

Reflection magnitude uncertainty (forward direction)

$$E_{rm} = \text{Systematic} + \sqrt{(\text{Random})^2 + (\text{Drift})^2}$$

$$\text{Systematic} = E_{fd} + E_{fr} S_{11} + E_{fs} S_{11}^2 + S_{21} S_{12} E_{fl} + A_{b1} S_{11}$$

$$\text{Random} = \sqrt{(C_r)^2 + (R_r)^2 + (N_r)^2}$$

$$C_r = \sqrt{(C_{rm1})^2 + (2C_{tm1}S_{11})^2 + (C_{rm1s11})^2 + (C_{rm2}S_{21}S_{12})^2}$$

$$R_r = \sqrt{(C_{rr1} + 2C_{rt1}S_{11} + C_{rr1}S_{11}^2)^2 + (C_{rr2}S_{21}S_{12})^2}$$

$$N_r = \sqrt{(E_{fnt}S_{11})^2 + E_{fnf}^2}$$

$$\text{Drift \& Stability} = D_{m1b1} S_{11}$$

where:

$E_{fnt}$  = effective noise on trace

$E_{fnf}$  = effective noise floor

$C_{rt1}$  = connector repeatability (transmission)

$C_{rr1}$  = connector repeatability (reflection)

$C_{tm1}$  = cable 1 transmission magnitude stability

$C_{rm1}$  = cable 1 reflection magnitude stability

$C_{rm2}$  = cable 2 reflection magnitude stability

$D_{ms1}$  = drift magnitude × °C source to port 1

$E_{fs}$  = effective source match error

$E_{fr}$  = effective reflection tracking error

$E_{fl}$  = effective load match error

$E_{fd}$  = effective directivity error

$C_{rr2}$  = connector repeatability (reflection)

- The detailed equation for each of the previous terms is derived from the signal flow model in [Figure 8-18](#). Due to the complexity of combining these terms manually, the specifications/performance verification software calculates the terms for you. However, the software makes some ideal device assumptions:
- For S11 and S22 uncertainties the device is a one-port device, therefore the value of S21 and S12 are  $-\infty$  dB. The value of S11 or S22 is varied.
- For S21 and S12 uncertainties, the device is a reciprocal two-port device with perfect input/output match, therefore S11 and S22 are f (linear) and S21 = S12. The value of S21 or S12 is varied.

### **Reflection Phase Uncertainty (Erp)**

Reflection phase uncertainty is determined from a comparison of the magnitude uncertainty with the test signal magnitude. The worst case phase angle is computed. This result is combined with the error terms related to thermal drift of the total system, port 1 cable stability, and phase dynamic accuracy.

$$Erp = \text{Arcsin} (Erm/S11) + 2Cpf1f + Dps1 + Dpfs1f$$

where:

Cpf1 = cable phase/frequency port 1

Dps = drift phase/degree source to port 1

Dpfs = drift phase/degree/frequency source to port 1



## Transmission Uncertainty Equations

### Transmission Magnitude Uncertainty (Etm)

An analysis of the error model in [Figure 8-18](#) yields an equation for the transmission magnitude uncertainty. The equation contains all of the first order terms and some of the significant second order terms. The terms under the radical are random in character and are combined on an RSS basis. The terms in the systematic error group are combined on a worst case basis. In all cases, the error terms are treated as linear absolute magnitudes.

Transmission magnitude uncertainty (forward direction)

$$E_{rt} + \text{Systematic} + \sqrt{(\text{Random})^2 + (\text{Drift \& Stability})^2}$$

$$\text{Systematic} = (E_{ft} + E_{fs}S_{11} + E_{fl}S_{22} + E_{fs}E_{fl}S_{21}S_{12} + A_{b2})S_{21}$$

$$\text{Random} = \sqrt{(C_t)^2 + (R_t)^2 + (N_t)^2}$$

$$C_t = S_{21}\sqrt{(C_{tm1})^2 + (C_{tm2})^2 + (C_{rm1s11})^2 + (C_{rm2S22})^2}$$

$$R_t = S_{21}\sqrt{(C_{rt1})^2 + (C_{rt2})^2 + (C_{rr1S11})^2 + (C_{rr2S22})^2}$$

$$N_t = \sqrt{(E_{fnt}S_{21})^2 + E_{fnf}^2}$$

$$\text{Drift \& Stability} = D_{m2b2}S_{21}$$

where:

Crt2 = Connector repeatability (transmission) port 2

Crr2 = Connector repeatability (reflection) port 2

Efnt = effective noise on trace

Efnf = effective noise floor

Crr1 = connector repeatability (reflection)

Crt1 = connector repeatability (transmission)

Ctm1 = cable 1 transmission magnitude stability

Crm1 = cable 1 reflection magnitude stability

Ctm2 = cable 2 transmission magnitude stability

Crm2 = cable 2 reflection magnitude stability

Dms1 = drift magnitude °C source to port

Efs = effective source match error

Eft = effective transmission tracking error

Efl = effective load match error

Efc = effective crosstalk error

The detailed equation for each of the above terms is derived from the signal flow model in [Figure 8-18](#). Due to the complexity of combining these terms manually, the performance verification/ specifications software calculates the terms for you. However, the software makes some ideal device assumptions:

- For S11 and S22 uncertainties the device is a one-port device, therefore the value of S21 and S12 are  $-\infty$  dB. The value of S11 or S22 is varied.
- For S21 and S12 uncertainties, the device is a reciprocal two-port device with perfect input/output match, therefore S11 and S22 are  $\phi$  (linear) and  $S21 = S12$ . The value of S21 or S12 is varied.

### **Transmission Phase Uncertainty (Etp)**

Transmission phase uncertainty is calculated from a comparison of the magnitude uncertainty with the test signal magnitude. The worst case phase angle is computed. This result is combined with the error terms related to phase dynamic accuracy, cable phase stability, and thermal drift of the total system.

$$E_{tp} = \text{Arcsin}(E_{rt}/S_{21}) + 2C_{pf1f} + D_{ps1} + D_{pfs1f}$$

where:

$C_{pf1}$  = Cable phase/frequency port 1

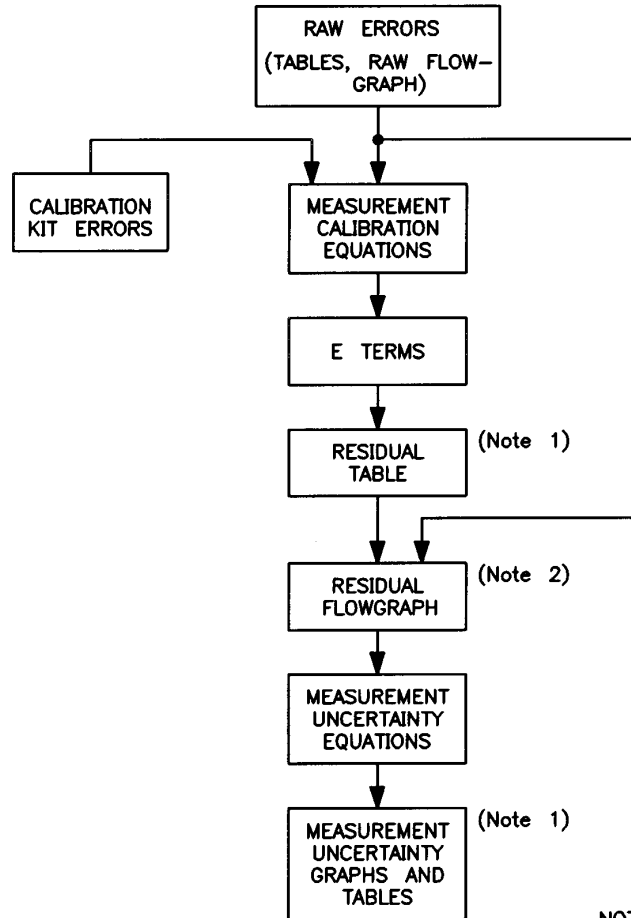
$C_{pf2}$  = Cable phase/frequency port 2

$D_{ps1}$  = drift phase/degree source to port 1

$D_{pfs1}$  = drift phase/degree/frequency source to port 1

## Generation of System Measurement Uncertainties

Figure 8-17 System Measurement Uncertainties Generation Process



NOTES:

1. Program can print this out.
2. See Figure 8-13.

The system raw errors are combined with the uncertainties of the calibration kit standards in a manner determined by the measurement calibration process. This results in a set of specifications for the residual error terms (effective directivity, tracking, source match, load match, crosstalk and dynamic range). The residual error terms are included in the corrected system flowgraph. The flow graph is then solved with measurement uncertainty equations, resulting in the measurement uncertainty and dynamic accuracy tables and plots. See [Figure 8-17](#) for the graphic representation of this process.

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NOTE	Examples of generated system uncertainties and dynamic accuracy are located earlier in this chapter.
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## System Error Models

The system error model flowgraphs, illustrated in the following pages, show the relationship of the various error sources in the forward and reverse directions. These flowgraphs can be used to analyze overall measurement performance. Use the lists of error terms in the following tables as a guide to the abbreviations in the error model flowgraphs. The additional information column helps clarify how the error terms are derived.

The system flowgraphs show the following:

- Error model of the uncorrected analyzer system (without measurement calibration)
- Error model of the corrected analyzer system (the residual errors remaining after measurement calibration)

**NOTE** In all of the terms below, f= the forward direction and r= the reverse direction.

**Table 8-10 Residual Error Term Symbols**

Error Term	Term Symbol	Additional Information
Power of Source ‡	Ps	Condition
Averaging factor	Avg	Condition
Loss of Attenuator 1 ‡	La1	Condition
Loss of Attenuator 2 ‡	La2	Condition
Cable Flex Factor *	Cff	Condition
Drift in Room Temperature*	Drt	Condition
Effective Directivity *, †	Efd, Erd	Fac. Comp.
Effective Refl Tracking *, †	Efr, Err	Fac. Comp.
Effective Source match *, †	Efs, Ers	Fac. Comp.
Effective Crosstalk *	Efc, Erc	Fac. Comp.
Effective Trans Tracking *, †	Eft, Ert	Fac. Comp.
Effective Load Match *, †	Efl, Erl	Fac. Comp.
Effective Noise on Trace *	Efnt, Ernt	Fac. Comp.
Effective Noise Floor *	Efnf, Ernf	Fac. Comp.
Effective Power Ref (out) port1,2	Epr1, Epr2	Typical
Effective Power maX (in) port1,2	Epx2, Epx1	Typical
Effective Power miN (in) port1,2	Epn2, Epn1	Typical
Effective Dny Rng (Ref-min) port1,2	Edrr1, Edrr2	Fac. Comp.
Effective Dny Rng (maX-min) port1,2	Edrx1, Edrx2	Fac. Comp.
*Used in the corrected error model flowgraph to determine measurement uncertainty.		
†Related to specifications of calibration kit devices and measurement calibration techniques.		
‡Used in the corrected error model flowgraph to determine dynamic accuracy.		

**Table 8-11 Test Port Error Term Symbols**

Error Term	Eterm Symbol	Additional Information
Drift Source Frequency	Dsf	Typical
Raw Directivity	Rfd, Rrd	Factory
Raw Reflection Tracking	Rfr, Rff	Typical
Raw Source Match	Rfs, Rrs	Factory
Raw Crosstalk	Rfc, Rrc	Factory
Raw Transmission Tracking	Rft, Rrt	Typical
Raw Load Match	Rfl, Rrl	Factory
Low Freq Cutoff Source of port to 1,2†	Fcs1, Fcs2	Fac. Comp.
Low Freq Slope Source of port to 1,2†	Fss1, Fss2	Fac. Comp.
Loss/dc Source to port to 1,2†	Fcs1, Fcs2	Typical
Loss/sqr(F-GHz) Source to port to 1,2†	Fss1, Fss2	Typical
Drift Mag/deg-c Src to port to 1,2†	Dms1, Dms2	Fac. Char.
Drift Ph/deg-c Src to port to 1,2†	Dps1, Dps2	Fac. Char.
Drift Ph/deg-c/F-GHz Src to port to 1,2†	Dpfs1, Dpsf2	Fac. Char.
Connector Repeat Refl port 1,2*	Crr1, Crr2	Fac. Char.
Connector Repeat Trans port 1,2*	Crt1, Crt2	Fac. Char.
Loss/dc port 1,2 Cable†	Ld1c, Ld2c	Cust. Site
Loss/sqr(F-GHz) port 1,2 Cable†	Lf1c, Lf2c	Cust. Site
Cable Refl Mag stab port 1,2*	Crm1, Crm2	Fac. Char.
Cable Trans Mag stab port 1,2*	Ctm1, Ctm2	Fac. Char.
Cable Ph/F-GHz stab port 1,2*	Cpf1, Cpf2	Fac. Char.
*Used in the corrected error model flowgraph to determine measurement uncertainty.		
†Used in the corrected error model flowgraph to determine dynamic accuracy.		

**Table 8-12 Channel Error Term Symbols**

Error Term	Eterm Symbol	Additional Information
low Freq Cutoff port 1,2 to b1, b2‡ Source to a1, a2	Fc1b1, Fc2b2 Fcsa1, Fcsa2	Fac. Comp.
low Freq Slope port 1,2 to b1, b2‡ Source to a1, a2	Fs1b1, Fc2b2 Fssa1, Fssa2	Fac. Comp.
Drift Mag/deg-c port 1,2 to b1, b2†* Source to a1, a2	Dm1b1, Dm2b2 Dmsa1, Dmsa2	Fac. Char.
Drift Ph/deg-c port1, 2to b1, b2* Source to a1, a2	Dp1b1, Dp2b2 Dpsa1, Dpsa2	Fac. Char.
Drift Ph/deg-c/F-GHz Src to port to 1,2* Source to a1, a2	Dpf1b1, Dpf2b2 Dpfsa1, Dpfsa2	Fac. Char.
Loss/dc port 1,2 to convertor b1, b2‡ Source to a1, a2	Ld1b1, Ld2b2 Ldsa1, Ldsa2	Typical
Loss/sqr(F-GHz) port 1,2 to conv. b1,b2‡ Source to a1, a2	Lf1b1, Lf2b2 Lfsa1, Lfsa2	Typical
Loss/dc convertor to IF‡	Ldvib1, Ldvib2 Ldvia1, Ldvia2	Typical
Loss (F-GHz) convertor to IF‡	Lfvib1, Lfvib2 Lfvia1, Lfvia2	Typical
Damage Level‡	D1b1, D1b2 D1a1, D1a2	Fac. Char.
Power at conver. for 0.1 compress.‡	Pccb1, Pccb2 Pcca1, Pcca2	Factory
Raw rms IF noise floor	Rntb1, Rntb2 Rnta1, Rnta2	Factory
Residuals at IF‡	Rnfb1i, Rnfb2i Rnfa1i, Rnfa2i	Factory
Linearity of Xtal‡	Lxb1, Lxb2 Lxa1, Lxa2	Factory
IF Gain Err1 -34 to - 46 dBm‡	Ge1b1, Ge1b2 Ge1a1, Ge1a2	Factory
IF Gain Err2 -46 to - 58 dBm	Ge2b1, Ge2b2 Ge2a1, Ge2a2	Factory
IF Gain Err3 -58 to - 78 dBm	Ge3b1, Ge3b2 Ge3a1, Ge3a2	Factory
IF Gain Err4 -78 to -∞ dBm	Ge4b1, Ge4b2 Ge4a1, Ge4a2	Factory
Mag Error vs Phase Shift B1, B2, A1, A2	Mpb1, Mpb2 Mpa1, Mpa2	Factory

\*Used in the corrected error model flowgraph to determine measurement uncertainty.

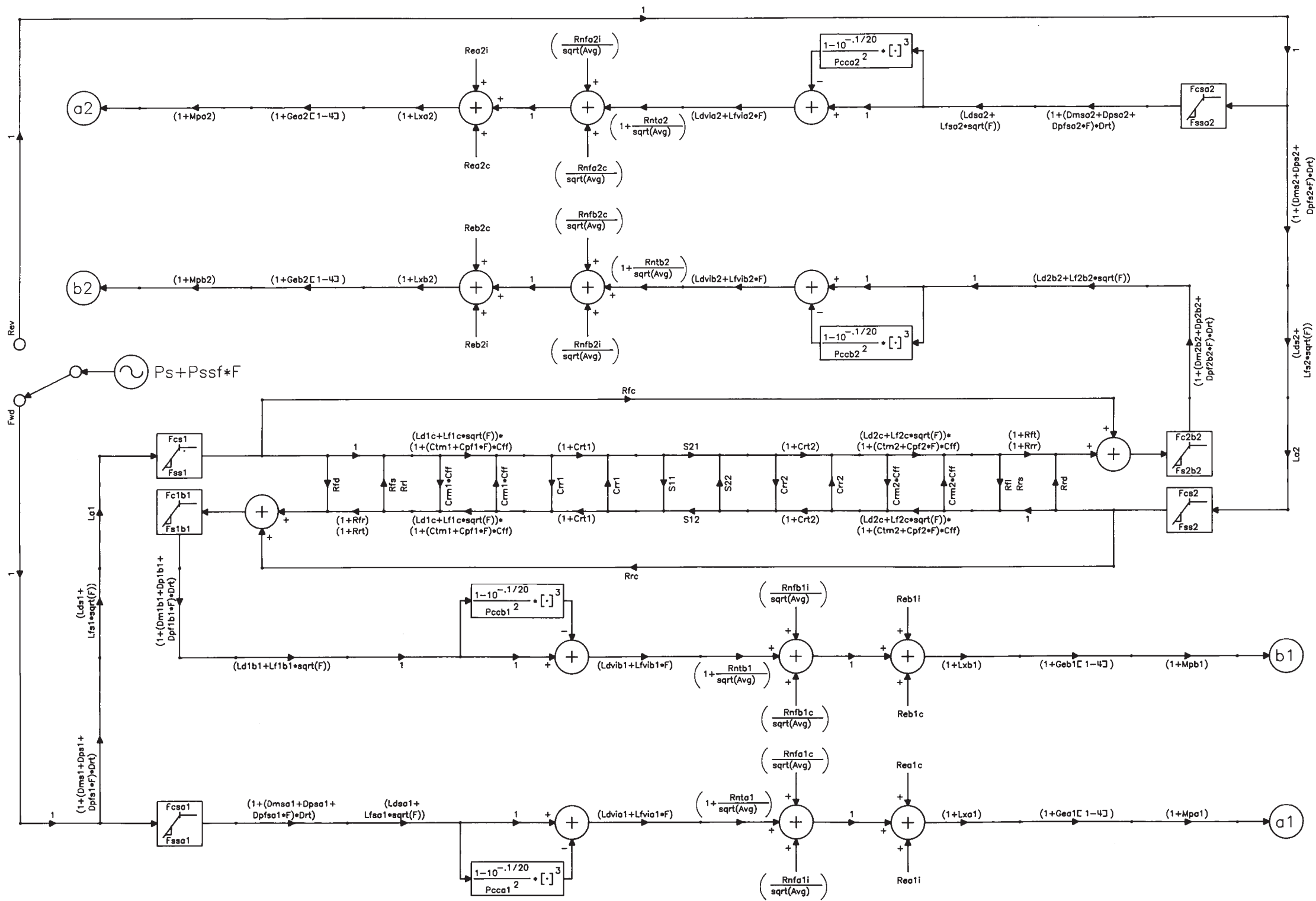
‡Used in the corrected error model flowgraph to determine dynamic accuracy.

## Additional Information Definitions

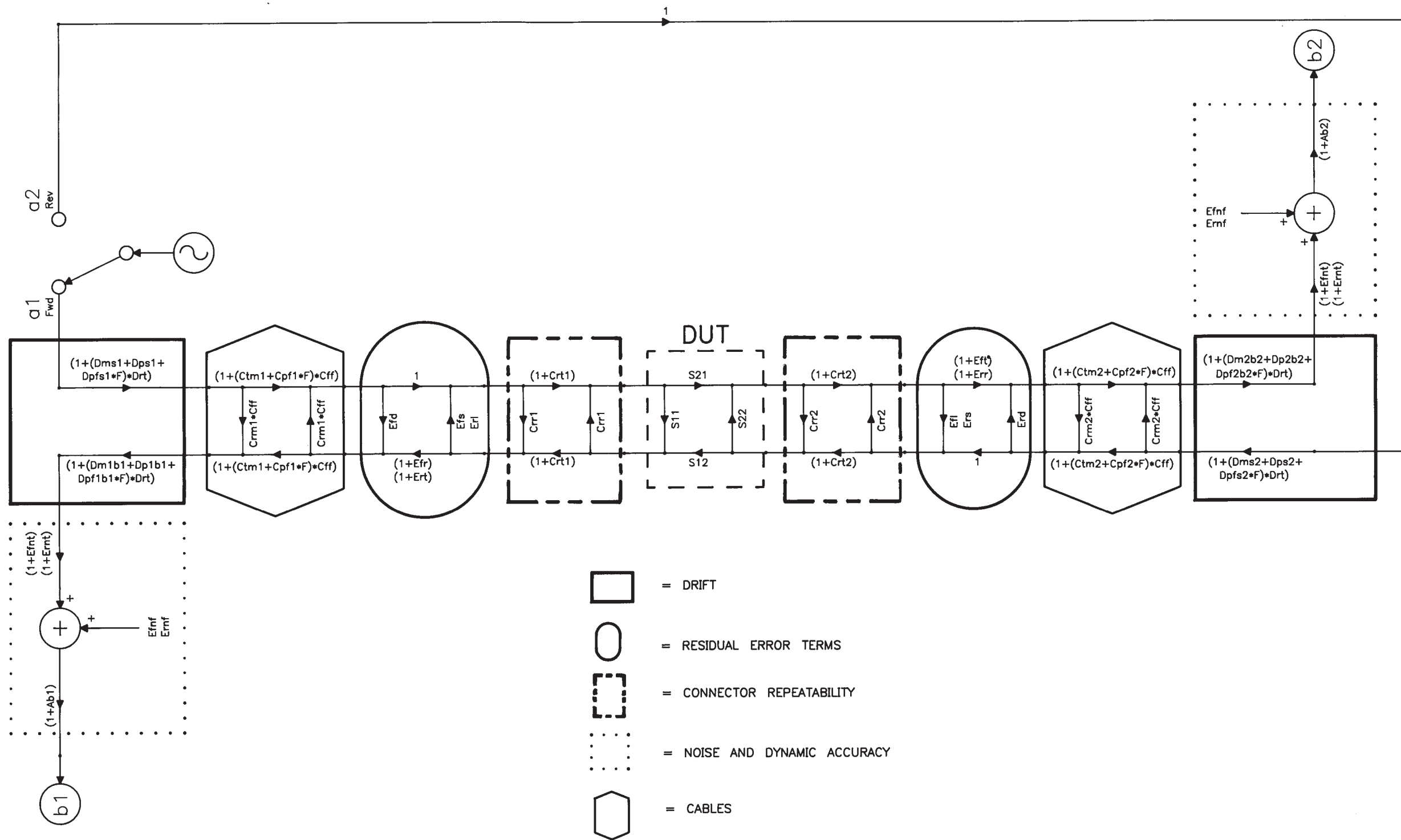
Cust. Site	Verified in the factory and verifiable at the customer's site using the performance verification software.
Factory	Verified in the factory on all units before shipment. Not tested at the customer's site.
Fac. Comp.	Factory computed—verified in the factory by mathematical derivation using the measured performance of the system components and calibration standards. Not tested at the customer's site.
Fac. Char.	Factory characterized parameter set by measuring a number of units. Verified in the factory by measurements on a random sampling. Not tested at the customer's site
Typical	Non-warranted performance characteristics intended to provide information useful in applying the 8510 system. Typical characteristics are representative of most systems, though not necessarily tested in each system. Not tested at the customer's site.
Condition	A condition of the measurement or calculation.



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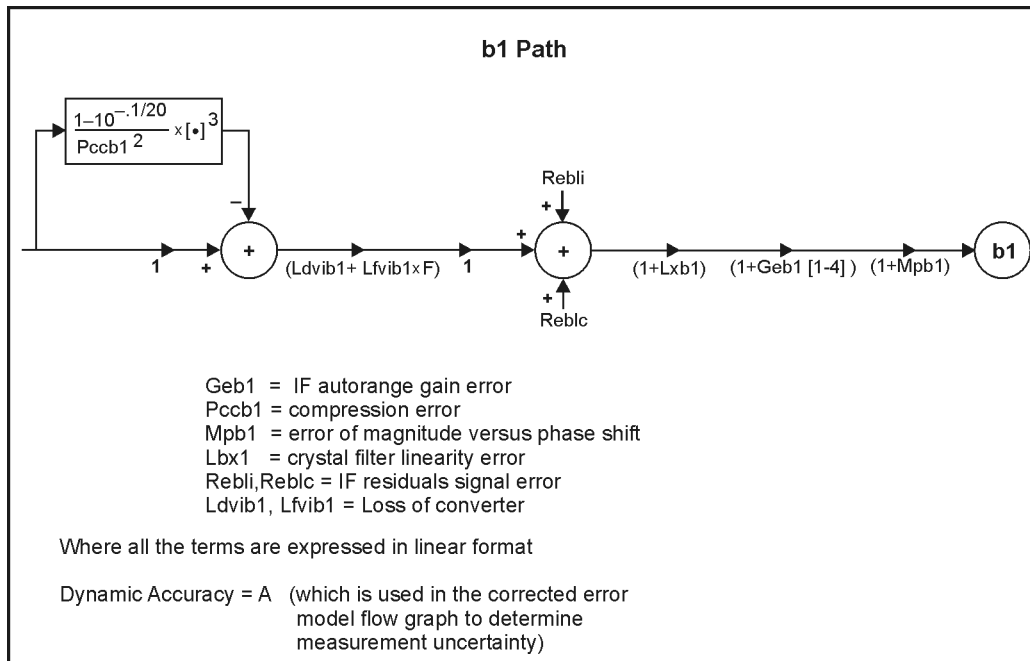




## Dynamic Accuracy Error Model

The dynamic accuracy value used in the system uncertainty equations is obtained from the following error model. Example plots of generated dynamic accuracy curves are located earlier in this chapter.

**Figure 8-18** Dynamic Accuracy Error Model Flowgraph



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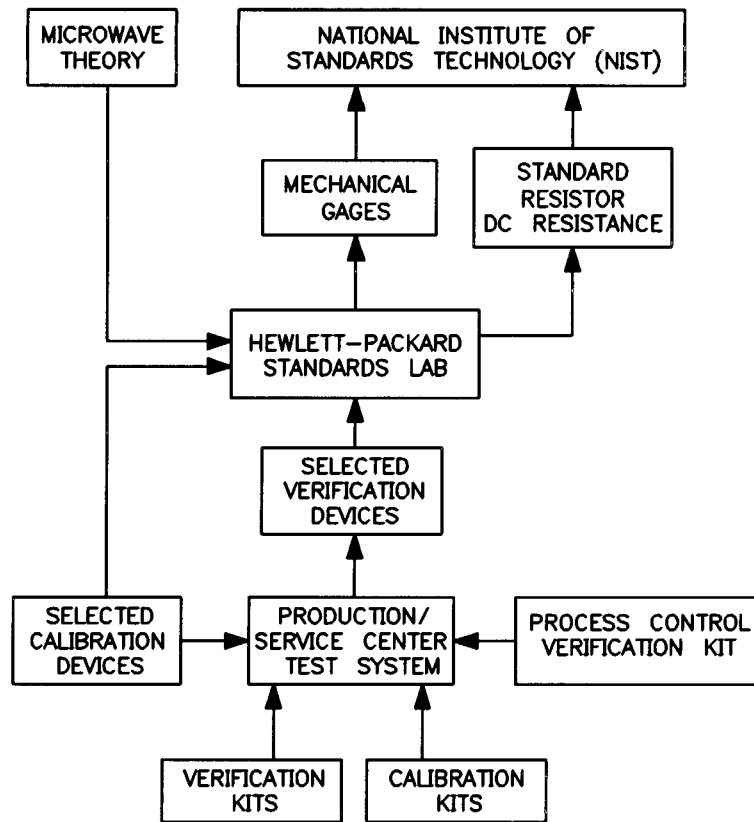
## Measurement Traceability

To establish a measurement traceability path to a national standard for a network analyzer system, the overall system performance is verified through the measurement of device characteristics that have a traceability path. This is accomplished by electrically measuring devices in an Agilent verification kit. Refer to [“How to Verify System Performance”](#) for the system performance verification procedure.

The measurement of the verification kit device characteristics has a traceable path because the factory system that characterizes the devices is calibrated and verified by measuring standards that have a traceable path to the National Institute of Standards Technology (NIST). This chain of measurements defines how the verification process brings NIST traceability to the 8510 system measurements. Therefore, when your analyzer system is verified through the performance of the [“Total System Uncertainty Test Procedure,”](#) a measurement traceability path is established.

Figure 8-19 shows the traceability path for the calibration and verification standards.

**Figure 8-19 National Institute of Standards Technology Traceability Path for 8510 System Calibration and Verification Standards**



## Substitution of System Components

All Agilent components that are specified for an 8510 system provide a top-quality system product that ensures good measurements. The performance verification can be performed with 8510 system components other than those manufactured by Agilent. However, when the components used are not part of a specified 8510 system, the measurement integrity can be compromised.

### Source Substitution

Sources other than those listed in the source compatibility table in the “[System Installation](#)” chapter are not compatible with the 8510 system communication. Therefore, there can be no source substitutions for a system performance verification.

### Cable Substitution

The test port cables specified for an 8510 system have been characterized for connector repeatability, magnitude and phase stability with flexing, return loss, insertion loss, and aging rate. Since the performance of test port cables is a very significant contributor to the system performance, substituting specified cables with cables that have not been carefully characterized will increase the uncertainty of your measurement verification. If a

substitute cable is used that is of lesser quality than characterized in the verification program, the performance verification is no longer valid. Refer to the plots in the cable checks (earlier in this chapter) that show the difference in performance between good and bad cables. It is highly recommended to periodically check test port cables to determine if they are good.

If the system verification is performed with non-Agilent cables and fails but is then repeated with Agilent cables and passes, the non-Agilent cables are at fault. (It must be documented in the comments area of the performance verification printout that non-Agilent cables were used in the system.) The effects of the non-specified cables cannot be taken into account in the performance verification procedure without fully characterizing the cables and modifying the verification program to include this data. Contact an Agilent system engineer for more information.

### **Calibration Kit Substitution**

The accuracy of the 8510 when used with any calibration kit is dependent on how well the kit standards are defined.

The measurement specifications for the 8510 system include measurement calibration with an Agilent calibration kit. Measurement calibrations made with user defined or modified calibration kits are not subject to the 8510 performance specifications, although a procedure similar to the standard verification procedure may be used. Contact an Agilent system engineer for more information.

### **Calibration Cycle**

The recommended system calibration cycle is once every year. However, that does not extend past the test ports of the test set if non-Agilent cables are used (test port cables, test fixtures, adapters, etc.). The calibration cycle for the system is unknown with non-Agilent cables, and must be determined by the owner since the stability, repeatability, and aging rate characteristics of the test port cables are unknown. The user of the system should determine the calibration interval based on the amount of use and the degree of cable movement.



## Reference Information for Performance Verification and Specifications

The information listed in this section helps to correctly generate specifications, prepare the program for performance verification, and interpret any results.

### 8510 System Specification Criteria (Assumptions)

The specifications for any system are valid only when certain conditions are met. Agilent assumes that the following criteria is met for all specifications.

1. Sources: Synthesizers are in step mode, not ramp mode. Sweepers are in ramp mode.
2. Temperature of System: Uncorrected = 0 to 55 degrees C. Corrected = 23 degrees  $\pm$  3 degrees at calibration. Also,  $\pm$  1 degree from calibration must be maintained for valid verification and for measurements within specified uncertainty limits.
3. Reflection/Transmission Test Sets: Use a 10 dB attenuator for 8513 and a 20 dB attenuator for 8512 on the transmission thru path. These attenuators are available by ordering 8492A option 20 (20 dB, 7 mm) or 8493C option 10 (10 dB, 3.5 mm). Devices are connected directly to test port 1 for reflection measurements. For transmission measurements, the device is connected to test port 1, the attenuator is connected to the end of the device, and the cable is connected between the attenuator and port 2.
4. System Configurations: Specifications apply to systems configured with hardware items available in the 8510 specifications database.
5. Test Set Ports, RF Input Connectors, Reference Channel Power: Characteristics for the test set ports, RF input connectors, and maximum and minimum reference channel power are defined in the test set manuals.

### 45 MHz Calibration and Verification

If the verification kit data disc has 45 MHz data, always use the fixed load for the loads portion of the 45 MHz calibration, and always select the lowband load from the menu.

### –800 dB or 180 Degree Values

The program will not display a magnitude value less than –800 dB or a phase value greater than  $\pm$  180 degrees (covers the full Smith chart). Therefore, whenever these values appear, it is likely that even greater values were calculated. For example, if a magnitude error is a negative number that is less than –800 dB (for example: –4,000 dB or minus infinity) it will appear as –800 dB.

## Aborting Plots and Printouts with the [ABORT] Key

You can press this softkey whenever you want to stop plotting or printing a program selection. Use this key instead of turning off the peripheral or pressing the controller **STOP** or **PAUSE** key. Some printers and plotters will continue after [ABORT] is pressed because data is held in an internal buffer.

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<b>NOTE</b>	If incorrect characters or traces appear on the printout, turn OFF the printer enhancement selection in the software configuration menu.
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## Adapters (Test Port)

When you use adapters on a test set, the program will calculate and include the adapter errors. The program compares the test set port connector type to the calibration kit and determines if an adapter is required for that configuration.

## Attention Messages ... and "SCPP" Settings

When the program exercises the 8510 to determine if it and its peripherals are correctly addressed and responding, it will display a message if there is a problem. This message will tell you to check the GPIB address. Check the software configuration menu addresses so that they correspond to the address switches set on the peripherals.

SCPP is an BASIC abbreviation for select code primary address. It is possible to have an 8510 address anywhere from 716 through 3130, depending upon your system address configuration.

## BASIC 5.0 and HP-UX Systems (setting the time on your system)

If you are using BASIC 5.0 that is running from a hard disc shared with an HP-UX system, you may find that the time displayed by the program is incorrect because BASIC requires explicit information to set the correct time. Do not use the program to change the system clock. Instead, use the TIMEZONE IS command to set the correct time and re-run the program. Refer to the *BASIC Language Reference* manual.

## Calculated Error Terms

Some of the error terms that appear in the specifications are calculated by the program. They are not fixed values on the database. In both forward and reverse directions, they are:

- Effective Forward/Reverse Crosstalk
- Effective Forward/Reverse Noise on the Trace
- Effective Forward/Reverse Noise Floor
- Effective Power Ref (out) port 1, 2
- Effective Power max (in) port 2, 1
- Effective Power min (in) port 2, 1
- Effective Dynamic Range (Ref-min) port 2, port 1
- Effective Dynamic Range (max-min) port 2, port 1

## Connections and Connector Maintenance

Always keep your connectors and cables in good working order by following the instructions in the respective manuals. As a general rule, clean all connections prior to calibration and verification with the recommended cleaning solution and lint-free swabs.

## Controller Displays and High-Resolution Monitors

Tabular data displays do not stop at the top of each page on the display. If the controller display memory is not capable of displaying the entire table, you can press any key to stop the scrolling table and then press any key to continue the display. You can also pause the program with the BASIC **PAUSE** or **STOP** key and then use the UP/DOWN arrow keys to scroll the display. Afterward, you can use the BASIC **CONTINUE** key to resume program operation (you may have to reset the BASIC softkeys to menu softkeys by pressing **USER** or **SHIFT**, **USER** , depending on your keyboard).

## 8350B Sweep Oscillators as System Sources

Additional magnitude and phase errors are introduced into the system by these sweepers.

Frequency accuracy of 8350B/83592A (25 ±5 degrees C)					
BAND:	0	1	2	3	Full Band
Frequency range (GHz)	.01–2.4	2.4–7	7–13.5	13.5–20	.01–20
Frequency accuracy (MHz):					
Ramp sweep (typical)	±5	±6	±25	±30	±50
Ramp sweep (typical, using Trim Sweep)	±5	±6	±8	±10	±15

## 8510 mm-Wave Systems

Performance verification procedures for mm-wave systems, and the 85106 racked system, are provided with mm-wave products and documented in 8510 mm-wave system manuals.

## 8511 Frequency Converter Test Sets

When generating specifications for systems using an 8511 frequency converter test set, specify the following in the hardware configuration menu:

- No source
- No test port cables
- No cal kit
- No verification kit

When no source is specified, a –20 dBm power level is assumed at the samplers during calibration.

When a source is chosen, the performance verification software assumes no loss between the source and samplers, thereby causing the software to show an "overload" on the samplers.

8511 performance verification procedures and software are provided with the 8511 - they are not part of this program.

## **Controller Keyboard Keys**

The program is capable of responding to many of the BASIC operating system key presses, including **INSERT CHAR**, **DELETE CHAR**, **INSERT LINE**, etc.

## **Controller Displays with Limited Scrolling Capabilities**

Some controllers do not have enough screen memory to allow you to scroll through a display of a table. This is especially true for high resolution monitors. Agilent recommends that you always print out the specifications.

## **DUT Length (N cm) and Default S-Parameter Values**

A default DUT length and the values of the other three S-parameters will always appear on uncertainty and dynamic accuracy plots. This length is based on a 10 cm airline. The DUT length for data sheet values is 0 cm.

For the reflection plots (S11 or S22), the values of the other three S-parameters; will be = 0 (linear). For transmission plots (S21 and S12), S11 and S22 = 0 (linear), and S21 = S12.

## **Explanation of the Wording on Tables**

Origin = date the verification kit was certified

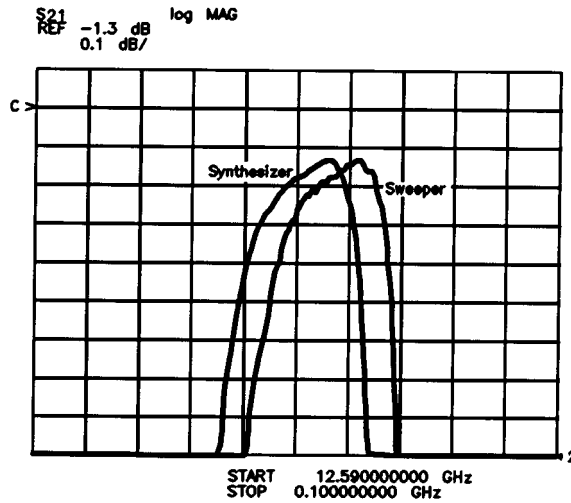
Factory = verification kit disc data

Field = uncertainty calculated by the program

## **Magnitude Errors Due to Device Frequency Response**

When measuring high frequency selective devices, 8350B frequency errors can cause additional magnitude uncertainty. As shown in the following filter measurement, frequency errors cause a shift in the measured data, resulting in a difference between the measured data and the actual data. Also, the measurement data shows increased noise due to the residual FM of the sweeper.

**Figure 8-20**



## Measurement Calibration Method

Before verification, you must do a full two-port calibration for systems with S-parameter test sets and a one-path two-port calibration for systems with reflection/transmission test sets.

The calibration method selected in the program is based on the type of load you use: sliding load, offset load, broadband load, or TRL.

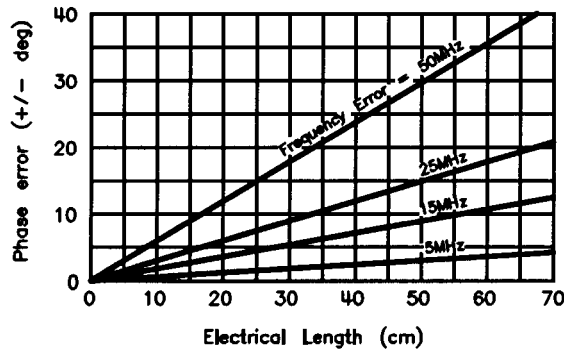
## Phase Errors Due to Device Electrical Length

In measurements of devices with finite electrical length, the frequency accuracy of the sweeper causes additional uncertainty in phase measurements. The phase uncertainty  $DQ$  is given by the following equation:

$$DQ = (-360/c)(F)(L)$$

Where  $c$  is the propagation velocity in a vacuum ( $3 \times 10^{10}$  cm/sec),  $DF$  is the frequency accuracy specification of the sweeper in ramp mode, and  $L$  is the length of the device under test. The following plot shows this uncertainty for the 8350B/83592A:

**Figure 8-21**



## NIST Numbers

The National Institute of Standards Technology (NIST) measures Agilent standards and returns the results to Agilent with a test number and a date.

NIST numbers are supplied with the certificate of calibration that comes with your verification kit. The numbers are kept on record, at Agilent. They are used to document the traceable path of the measured kit data to NIST Below is a typical set of numbers:

738/236940-86  
738/234708-85  
738/230170-83  
731/237627-86  
233661

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**NOTE** These numbers are supplied and authorized for use by NIST. They refer to device tests made by NIST The 83, 85, and 86 numbers that appear after the dash (-) are the latest revision dates for each test. Contact Agilent if you have any further questions regarding these numbers.

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## Omit Isolation Measurement for 8350B Sources

If you are using an 8350B source, omit the isolation measurement in the measurement calibration sequence. The isolation measurement removes crosstalk, but requires a large number of averages since this type of error occurs below the noise floor. The software sets the 8350B to 128 averages which is not enough averages for a correct measurement of the crosstalk. Unless the number of averages is 1024 or more, the measurement creates a larger error than it is correcting for. If 1024 or more averages are taken, the measurement calibration process would take approximately 30 minutes. Also, the test sets do not introduce enough crosstalk that this error removal is critical.

## Parameter Step Resolution (Software Configuration Menu)

The software configuration menu allows you to specify how many data points will be used to generate plot traces. This is called the parameter step resolution size. Using this feature you can increase or decrease the trace resolution on plots. Since the grid scale is always a fixed size, you can select tabular data to examine exact scale values.

## Performance Verification Criteria

A complete performance verification requires that you measure all of the devices in your kit. Do not change any of the 8510 parameters or stimulus settings that the program uses for your system. The averaging factor should always be 1024 for synthesizers (for example, 8360/8340/8341) and 128 for sweepers (for example 8350B). For sweepers, the program always sets the 8510 sweep time to 500 milliseconds. Remember that sweep time does not apply to synthesizers because the system is in step mode. The four devices are slightly different for each configuration. However, every kit has one of the following:

- 20 dB attenuator
- 40 or 50 dB attenuator
- Airline (length varies with kit type)
- 25 ohm mismatch airline (length varies with kit type)

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**NOTE** Systems with an 8350 as a source use a shorted airline instead of the 25 ohm mismatch airline. This is because of the sweeper's phase and magnitude errors (explained in "[8350B Sweep Oscillators as System Sources](#)" in this reference section). Use the flush short from the calibration kit.

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## Plotters and Printers

The verification program requires that the printer be connected on the controller's GPIB.

The plotter can be on either the 8510 system bus (default state in the software configuration menu) or the controller's GPIB. When it is connected to the 8510 system bus, plots can be made from the 8510 display or from the controller display. However, the 8510 does not have to be connected to a controller to generate specifications. Therefore, without an 8510 connected and running, you would connect the plotter to the controller's GPIB.

## Plot Label Information

If you set the date and time when you first run the program, the correct date and time when the plot is made appears in the upper right corner of the plot.

Plots will also be labeled with the system hardware models. However, some of the sources will not have their correct A, B, or C labels. For example, 8340B sources will be labeled as 8340A. This is only on plots and does not mean that the program is faulty. The program must eliminate the slash (/) that occurs after hardware configuration labels such as 8340A/B.

## Plotter Pens

The software configuration menu lists pen numbers (#) and colors. If your plotter has a pen wheel, the pen numbers correspond to the wheel numbers. Otherwise, plotters with only two pens use the first and second pens listed. The color relates to color monitors and the choice of pen colors is arbitrary. When the plotter is connected to the 8510 system bus, you can use the 8510 **COPY** key on the front panel to access its plotting capabilities for plotting 8510 displays.

## Plot Traces on the Controller Display

Some traces may appear to be missing from program plots that show four frequency bands. Whenever three traces appear (instead of four), it is because the bands have the same values and are overlaid. This overlay cannot be distinguished on low resolution monitors or plotters. For example, the S11 magnitude uncertainty specifications for an 8510 using an 8340 source and an 8514 test set have the same uncertainty values for traces labeled 8 to 18 GHz and 18 to 20 GHz. Plot traces are designed for all controller/CRT combinations, but they appear best on high resolution color monitors.

When the program is calculating the values for plot traces, it beeps each time a trace is calculated. Therefore, if you hear four beeps, but only see three traces, that indicates that four traces were generated but one is overlaid on the other.

## Program Modifications

It is *not* possible to modify this program. Contact an Agilent system engineer for more information. If you experience a problem with the program, contact Agilent with a description of the problem.

## Ramp Mode Operation for Synthesizers

Ramp sweep is tested in “[Frequency Test Procedures](#)” as part of the system performance verification. The performance verification software sets the synthesizer to a step mode for a system using a synthesizer as the source. Do not set the synthesizer to ramp sweep because the program will not correctly execute its commands in that mode. (However, the program will switch the source back to the step mode.)

## Remote or Local Operation

The program automatically sets the 8510 to local (front panel) operation whenever it expects you to press any keys on the 8510. For example, this would happen when you are expected to make a measurement calibration. Remote operation occurs whenever the program is controlling the 8510 over the GPIB bus.

## System Hang-Ups or Other Problems

If the system or the controller will not respond during verification, press **LOCAL** and **PRESET** on the 8510, and re-run the program. If a printer is connected to the system, cycle the power to all the instruments (including the printer).



## Test Set Channel Signal Path Specifications: a1, b1, a2, b2

These specifications refer to the errors contributed by the test set from the test port, through the coupler, and onto the sampler (down-converter). The tables show values that are already included in the data sheet or system specifications. Their use is limited to inspecting the flowgraph error terms that exist between the coupler or bridge and the sampler.

## Test Set Rear Panel Extension Links

The program will prompt you to use the long or short test set rear panel extension links, depending on the test set and the cables you have selected.

A rule-of-thumb for these extension links is:

- Reflection/transmission test sets use short links
- S-parameter test sets use long links

## Trim Sweep Procedure

The 8510 trim sweep procedure is especially designed for use with 8350B, 8340, and 8341 sources (not necessary for 8360 in ramp mode). The procedure will improve the frequency accuracy of your system. It does this by aligning more closely the 8510 frequencies to those of the sweeper. Refer to [“8350B Sweep Oscillators as System Sources”](#) in this reference section.

## Uncertainty and Dynamic Accuracy Limits: Upper or Lower

The uncertainty and dynamic accuracy menu (in the uncertainty portion of the software) allows you to select lower or upper uncertainty limits. The limits only apply to transmission measurements. If you did select the upper limit for a reflection measurement, its value would be the same as the lower limit.

For transmission measurements, the limits are the worst case values that will add to or subtract from the measurement. These limits are derived from the equations:

$$\text{Upper Limit} = 20 \log[1 + U_{ij}/S_{ij}]$$

$$\text{Lower Limit} = 20 \log[1 - U_{ij}/S_{ij}]$$

where  $U$  is the uncertainty and  $S$  is the measured S-parameter, and  $ij$  is a vector number.

Whenever  $U_{ij}/S_{ij} = 1$ , the worst case is be times the log of 2 (6 dB) for the upper limit, and 20 times the log of 0 (minus infinity) for the lower limit. This is due to vector numbers adding in phase and subtracting out of phase.

For example, if you were measuring a 60 dB band-stop filter, and the upper limit was 6 dB, you could add 6 dB to the measurement:  $-60 \text{ dB} - 6 \text{ dB} = -54 \text{ dB}$ . And, if the lower limit was minus infinity, the measurement of the filter could be considered  $-54 \text{ dB}$  or less.

## Performance Test Record

The complete system performance verification record includes the printout from the performance verification software, this test record, and a certificate of calibration.

Use this sheet to record the results of the frequency tests. You may wish to copy this sheet to retain it as a master.

**Table 8-13 Performance Test Record**

Test Facility _____	Report Number _____
_____	_____
_____	Date _____
_____	Date of Last System Calibration _____
_____	_____
Tested By _____	Customer _____
Text Equipment Used      Model Number	Trace Number      Cal Due Date
1. Frequency Counter _____	_____
Ambient temperature _____ °C	Relative Humidity _____ %
Ambient temperature at measurement calibration _____ °C	Ambient temperature at performance verification _____ °C

**Table 8-14 Performance Test Record**

Test Description	Minimum Specification	Results	Maximum Specification	Measurement Uncertainty <sup>a</sup>
CW Frequency Accuracy				
Worst Case Value:				
45 MHz <sup>b</sup>	44.999955 MHz		45.000045 MHz	±10 Hz
2 GHz <sup>c</sup>	1.999998 GHz		2.000002 GHz	±10 Hz
20 GHz <sup>d</sup>	19.99998 GHz		20.00002 GHz	±4 kHz
26.5 GHz <sup>e</sup>	626.4999735 GHz		26.5000265 GHz	±5 kHz
40 GHz <sup>f</sup>	39.99996 GHz		40.00004 GHz	±5 kHz
50 GHz <sup>g</sup>	24.999975 GHz		25.000025 GHz	±5 kHz
Swept Frequency Accuracy				
Worst Case Value:				
Start Freq			0.1% of sweep (8360)	±150 kHz
Stop Freq			1% of sweep (8340/41)	
Worst Case Value: <sup>d</sup>				
Start Freq			0.1 % of sweep (8360)	±150 kHz
Stop Freq			1% of sweep (8340/41)	

- a. The measurement uncertainty is quoted for these performance tests using only the recommended models specified in [Table 8-1](#). The measurement uncertainty quoted represents limits of ±3 times the equivalent standard deviation (3s) and is intended to represent a 99% confidence level.
- b. For all sources except 83622/24.
- c. 83622/24 only
- d. 83620/21/22/23/24 and 8341 only.
- e. 83631/40/51 and 8340 only.
- f. 83640 only
- g. 83651 only

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## **9 System Installation**

## Overview

This chapter provides instructions for installing and interconnecting an 8510 system in either a cabinet or a bench-top configuration. System installation consists of the following steps:

1. Preparing the site
2. Checking the shipment and unpacking the system
3. Configuring and connecting the system
4. Checking the system operation

The basic system is defined as follows:

- 8510C (which consists of an 85101C display/processor and an 85102 IF detector)
- 851x test set
- Microwave source

(Peripherals, such as controllers, plotters, printers, disk drives, and millimeter devices, may be added to the basic system.)

## Options

The following options are available for the 8510C.

Option Number	Description
008	Adds pulse capability
010	Adds time domain capability
908	Adds a rack flange mounting kit (without front handles)
910	Adds a duplicate manual set
913	Adds a rack flange mounting kit (with front handles)
W30	Extended service warranty, 2-year return-to-Agilent
W31	Extended service warranty, 2-year on-site

## Scheduling Installation

If you have ordered on-site installation and verification, be sure that all system components have been delivered, unpacked, and collected at the installation site. [See “Checking the Shipment and Unpacking the System” on page 97.](#) Also be sure the site preparation is complete, as described in this chapter. Then contact the Agilent customer engineer to schedule the installation and system verification.

## Preparing the Site

### Environmental Requirements

The environment must meet the conditions listed in the table below.

**Table 9-1 Environmental Conditions**

<b>Temperature</b>	
For operation	+5 °C to +40 °C (41°F to 104 °F)
For measurement calibration	+20 °C to +26 °C (+68 °F to +79 °F)
For performance verification	±1 °C (±1.8 °F) of the measurement calibration temperature
For storage	-40 °C to +65 °C -40 °F to +158 °F)
<b>Humidity</b>	
For operation	5% to 95% at +40 °C or less (non-condensing)
For storage	5% to 95% at +65 °C or less (non-condensing)
<b>Pressure Altitude</b>	
For operation	less than 4,600 meters (15,000 feet)
For storage	less than 4,600 meters (15,000 feet)

**NOTE** Accuracy enhancement is dependent, in part, on a stable temperature environment. If your environmental temperature has a tendency to fluctuate more than ±1 °C, periodically perform a system verification to ensure that the system has been correctly calibrated.



**ATTENTION**  
**Static Sensitive**

**Handle only at Static Safe  
Work Stations**

## System Heating and Cooling

Install air conditioning and heating, if required.

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### CAUTION Ventilation Requirements

When installing the product in a cabinet, the convection into and out of the product must not be restricted. The ambient temperature (outside the cabinet) must be less than the maximum operating temperature of the product by 4 °C for every 100 watts dissipated in the cabinet. If the total power dissipated in the cabinet is greater than 800 watts, then forced convection must be used.

Air conditioning requirements depend on the amount of heat produced by the instruments. Use the BTU/hour ratings from the table below to determine the total rating of your system. Each VA rating is multiplied by 3.4 to determine the BTU/hour rating of each instrument.

To convert the total BTU/hour figure to “tons,” divide the total BTU/hour value by 12,000. A “ton” is the amount of heat required to melt a ton (907 kg) of ice in one hour.

**Table 9-2 Maximum VA Ratings and BTU/Hour Rating of Instruments**

Agilent Instrument	Maximum VA Rating <sup>1</sup>	VA Subtotal	Maximum BTU/hour	BTU/hour Subtotal
<b>Standard Equipment</b>				
85101 Display Processor	250		850	
85102 IF Detector	210		714	
8340 Synthesized Sweeper or	500		1,700	
8360 Synthesized Sweeper or	400		1,360	
8350 with Plug- In	375		1,275	
851x RF Test Set	145		323	
Standard System Total				
<b>Accessory Equipment</b>				
9000 Series 300	250		850	
19 inch CRT 98751A, 98752A, 98753A, 98754A	420		1,430	
16 inch CRT 98785A, 98789A	200		680	
Typical Hard Disk Drive	65		222	
HP LaserJet II	170 to 800		580 to 2,720	
HP PaintJet	20		68	
HP 7440A Plotter	100		340	
<b>System Total</b>				
1. Values are based on 120 Vac supplied to each instrument at 60 Hz				

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**CAUTION** This product is designed for use in Installation Category II and Pollution Degree 2 per IEC 61010-1 and 664 respectively.

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## Space Requirements

An area must be provided for the system instruments. The following table lists the space required for different configurations and includes the additional space for proper ventilation.

**Table 9-3 System Space Requirements**

	Height	Width	Depth
85043C System Cabinet <sup>a</sup> (without work surface)	132 cm (52 in)	60 cm (24 in)	92 cm (36 in)
Bench-Top System <sup>b</sup> (arranged as single stack) (arranged as two stacks)	60 cm (24 in)	45 cm (18 in)	60 cm (24 in)
	–	113cm	60 cm
	–	(45 in)	(24 in)

- a. Refer to [Figure 9-4](#) for a recommended cabinet configuration.  
b. Refer to [Figure 9-5](#) for bench-top configurations.

## Electrical Requirements

To determine the power requirements of a particular system, add the volt/amp ratings of the individual instruments. These ratings can be found on the rear panel of the instrument near the line module. The voltage and frequency information can also be found in the same general location.

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### WARNING

**Install the instrument so that the ON/OFF switch is readily identifiable and is easily reached by the operator. The ON/OFF switch or the detachable power cord is the instrument disconnecting device. It disconnects the mains circuits from the mains supply before other parts of the instrument. Alternatively, an externally installed switch or circuit breaker (which is readily identifiable and is easily reached by the operator) may be used as a disconnecting device.**

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### Example 8510 System (includes test equipment and peripherals)

- Voltage: 90 to 127, 195 to 253 volts ac
- Power: 1100 VA maximum
- Frequency: 47.5 to 66 Hertz

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### NOTE

In addition to the power outlets required for operation of the 8510 system, three power line outlets should be provided for service equipment.

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## **Electromagnetic Interference**

8510 conducted and radiated interference is in compliance with German Messempfänger-Postverfügung 526/527/1979 (Kennzeichnung Mit F-Nummer/Funkschutzzeichen).

## **Non-Agilent System Cabinet Requirements**

Using a non-Agilent system cabinet may result in measurement inaccuracy and reliability problems due to overheating. The following conditions must be met when a system is installed in a non-Agilent cabinet.

- Air temperature at the fan intake of each instrument must not exceed the ambient temperature specified for that instrument
- Minimum clearance for adequate cooling:
  - ✓ 0.5 in. between stacked instruments
  - ✓ 3.0 in. between instrument side and cabinet
  - ✓ 6.0 in. between rear panel and instrument and cabinet

## **Other Requirements**

Install a telephone next to the system in case assistance is needed.

## Checking the Shipment and Unpacking the System

### Checking the Shipment

Ensure that all system components ordered have arrived by comparing the shipping forms to the original system purchase order.

Keep the shipping containers in one area and do not unpack them until all the instruments are delivered. As you unpack the system components, compare the serial numbers on the shipping forms to the serial numbers on the instruments.

### Unpacking the System

If any container or instrument is damaged or incomplete, save the packing materials and notify both the carrier and Agilent. See [“Contacting Agilent” on page iii](#).

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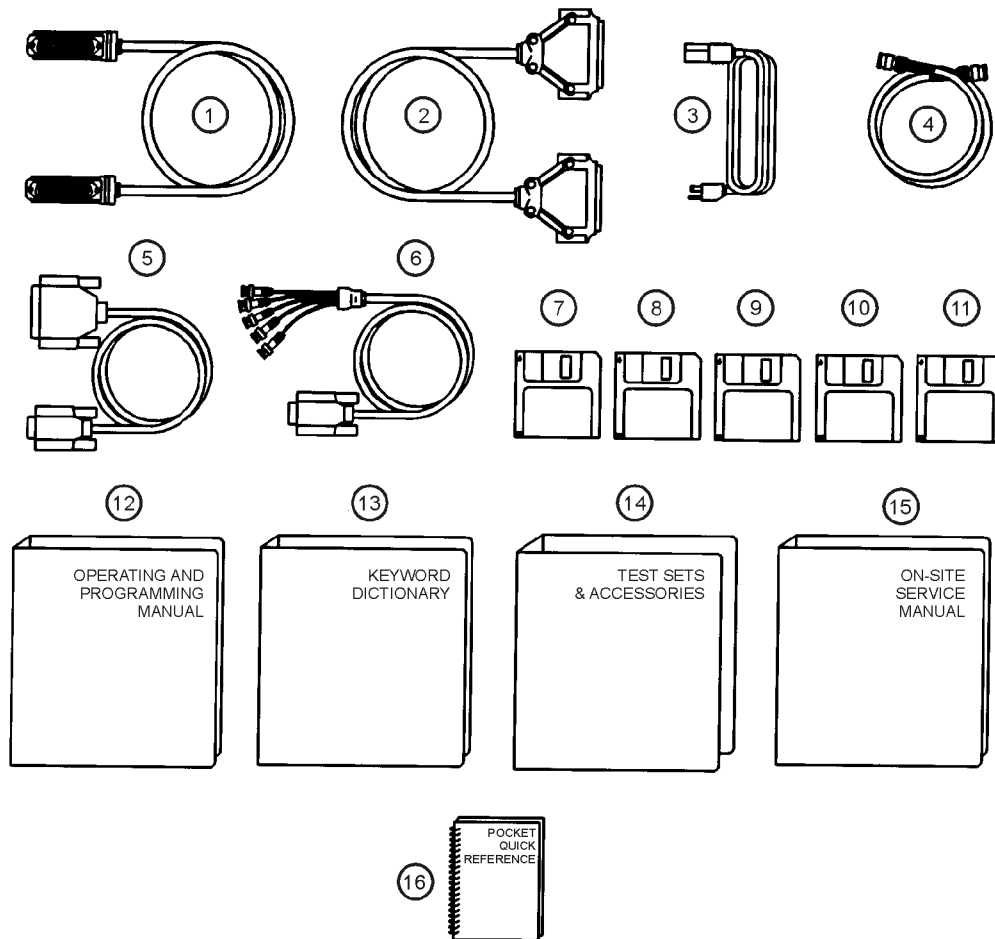
**WARNING**

**Some of the instruments are heavy and can cause injury.  
Unpack them on the floor, and handle them carefully.**

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When you unpack the 8510, check that you have received the accessories illustrated in [Figure 9-1](#).

**Figure 9-1 Accessories Supplied**



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1. GPIB Cable	9. 85102 Adjustments Software Disk
2. IF Display Interconnect Cable	10. Specifications and Performance Verification Disk
3. Power Cables (2)	11. Software Toolkit Disk
4. BNC Cables (2)	12. Operating and Programming Manual
5. RS-232 Cable	13. Keyword Dictionary
6. External Display Cable (for CRT only)	14. Test Sets and Accessories Binder
7. Operating System Disk	15. On-Site Service Manual
8. Master Calibration Data Disk	16. Pocket Quick Reference

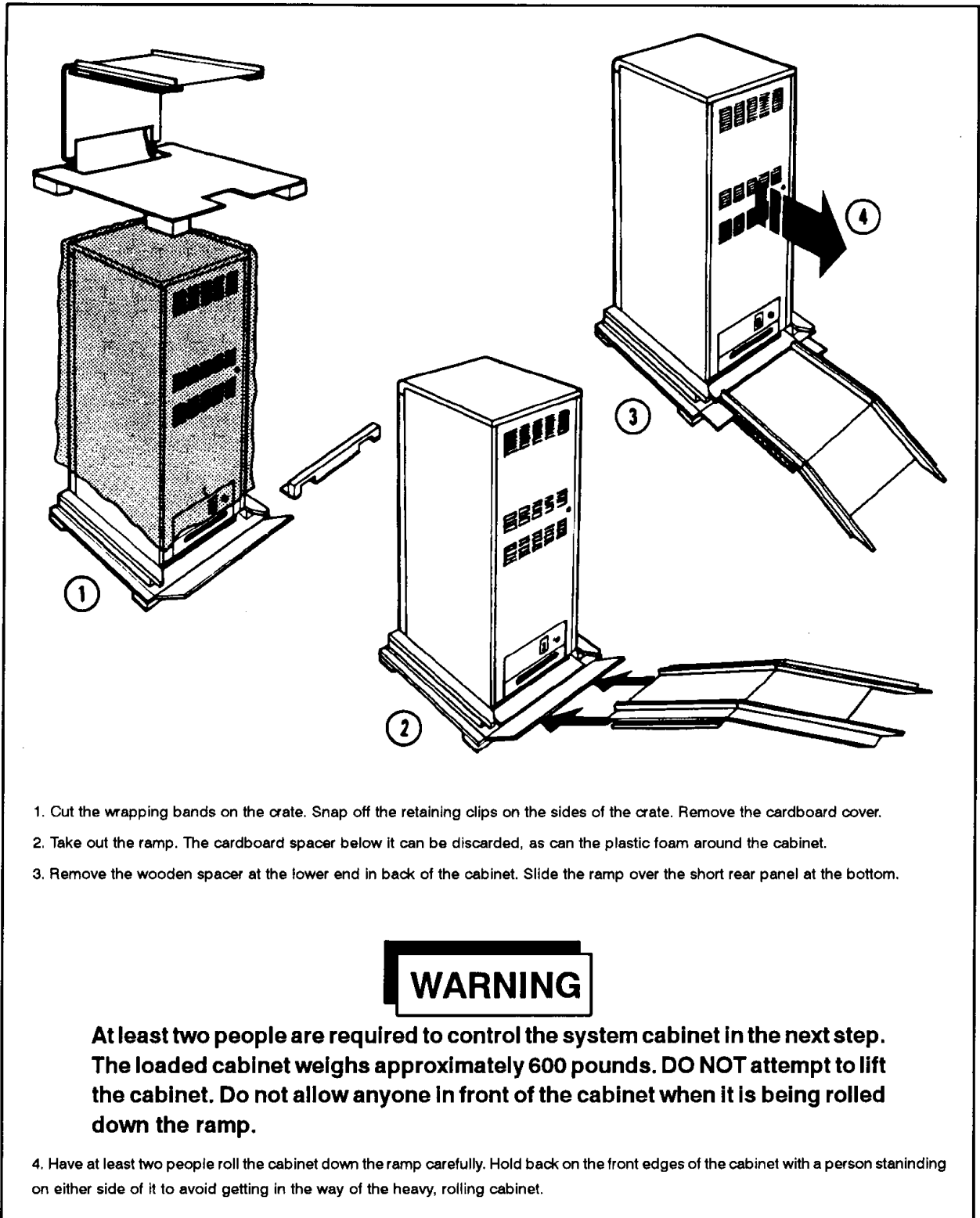
## Unpacking the System Cabinet

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**CAUTION**      The cabinet packaging is designed for the system cabinet standing upright on a pallet. Do not store or install instruments in the cabinet when it is on its side or back. Major damage to the instruments and to the cabinet can occur.

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**Figure 9-2 Unpacking the System**



## Repacking

If it is necessary to ship any of the instruments in the 8510 system, pack each instrument separately in a double-wall cardboard carton made of 350-pound test material. Place enough shock-absorbing material around all sides of the instrument to prevent any movement inside the container. Containers and materials similar to those used for factory shipments are available from Agilent. See [“Contacting Agilent” on page iii](#).

If an instrument is being returned to Agilent for service, please attach a tag indicating the nature of the problem and the person to contact for more information about the service required. Identify the instrument by model number and full serial number and list the other system instruments it is used with.

## Configuring and Connecting the System

### Line Voltage and Fuses

Set the line voltage for each instrument according to the voltage of the ac power source. Typically, line voltage is set with a line voltage selector switch or a voltage selector card at the rear panel of the instrument.

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**CAUTION**            Severe damage to the instruments can result if line voltage settings are incorrect when power is applied.

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Use an autotransformer if the line voltage is not within the following voltage ranges: 90 to 127 V, or 195 to 253 V. Some of the instruments may have wider ranges as noted in their operating and service manuals.

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**WARNING**            **Death by electrocution is possible if both the common terminal of an autotransformer and the protective earth terminals of the 8510 system instruments are not connected to earth ground.**

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**CAUTION**            Always use the three-prong ac power cord supplied with this product. Failure to ensure adequate earth grounding by not using this cord may cause product damage.

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Verify the value of the line voltage fuses in all instruments of the system. The correct fuse values are listed on the rear panel of each instrument.

## Source Compatibility Requirements

If you are installing a source that is not the newest version available, it must have the modification or firmware revision or both noted in the table below for 8510 compatibility.

**Table 9-4 Source Compatibility and Modification Kits**

Instrument	Firmware Revision Number (or Higher)	Modification Kit
8360 series synthesized sweeper	all	unnecessary
8340A synthesized sweeper	all	unnecessary
8340B synthesized sweeper	all	unnecessary
8341A synthesized sweeper	all	unnecessary
8341B synthesized sweeper	all	unnecessary
8350A sweep oscillator	6	08350-60100 <sup>1</sup>
8350B sweep oscillator	6	08350-60101
83522A RF plug-in	6	83525-60074
83525A/B RF plug-in	6	83525-60074
83540A/B RF plug-in	6	83525-60074
83545A RF plug-in	6	83525-60074
83550A RF plug-in	6	83550-60041
83570A RF plug-in	6	83525-60074
83572A RF plug-in	6	83572-60074
83590A RF plug-in	7	83590-60074
83592A RF plug-in	7	83592-60074
83592B RF plug-in	7	83592-60100
83592C RF plug-in	7	83592-60102
83594A RF plug-in	7	83594-60074
83595A RF plug-in	7	83595-60074
83595C RF plug-in	7	83595-60104
83596A RF plug-in	7	83596-60002
83597A RF plug-in	7	83597-60021
8360-series synthesizer	all	unnecessary
8620 sweep oscillator	cannot be used	
86200-series RF Plug-ins	cannot be used	
1. Converts 8350A to 8510 compatibility		
Note: The sources listed above are the only compatible sources as of December 1990. Consult your Agilent customer engineer for additional information.		

To check the firmware revision on your 8350, press **SHIFT, 4, 9**. The revision appears in the FREQUENCY/TIME window.

To check the firmware revision on your 83500 series RF plug-in, press **SHIFT, 9, 9**. The revision appears in the POWER window.

The firmware revision for all synthesized sweepers appears when the instrument power is switched on.



## Configuring the System in a Cabinet

If your system will be used in a system cabinet follow the configuration instructions here. Otherwise, refer to “[Configuring the System on a Bench-Top](#)” later in this chapter.

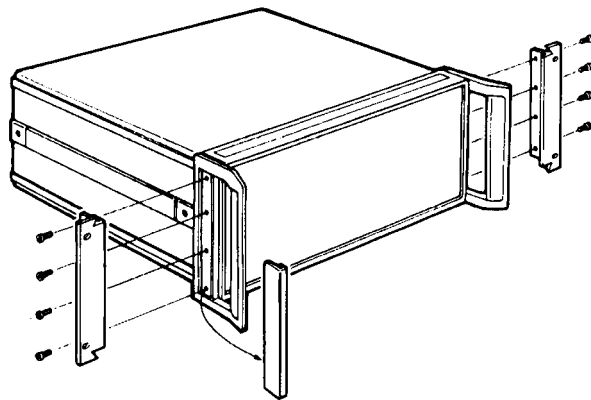
### Preconfigured Systems

If the system is shipped in the system cabinet, inspect for loosened connections and conclude the installation procedure with “[Checking System Operation](#)” later in this chapter.

### Systems that Are Not Preconfigured

1. Place the empty cabinet in the operating area. Then lower the feet at the bottom corners of the cabinet to prevent movement.
2. Remove the instrument feet and pull-out instruction card assemblies (if any).
3. Attach the rack-mount flanges with the instrument placed partly on the support shelves of the cabinet.

**Figure 9-3**      **Attaching Flanges to Instruments with and without Handles**

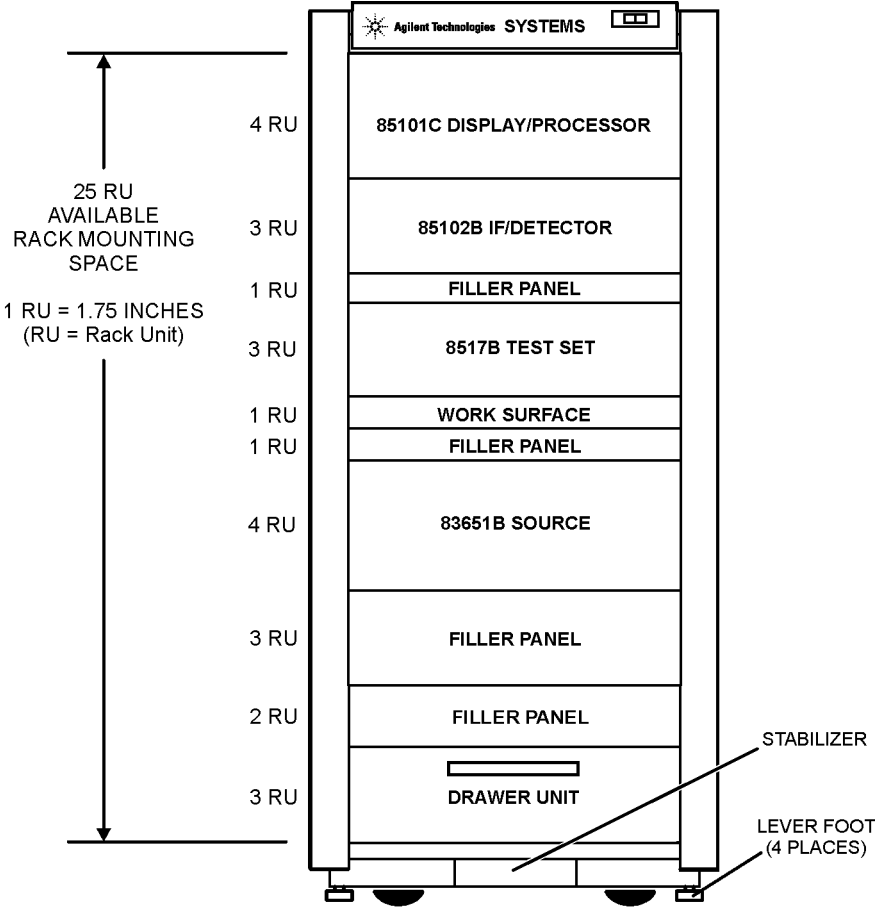


Slide each instrument into the cabinet and secure it with the dress screws provided. See [Figure 9-4](#) for a recommended cabinet configuration.

**Recommended Cabinet Configuration**

Figure 9-4 illustrates a recommended system cabinet configuration. Shown is a typical configuration of a standard 85107B system installed in an 85043C system rack.

**Figure 9-4 85107B System in 85043C System Rack (Typical)**

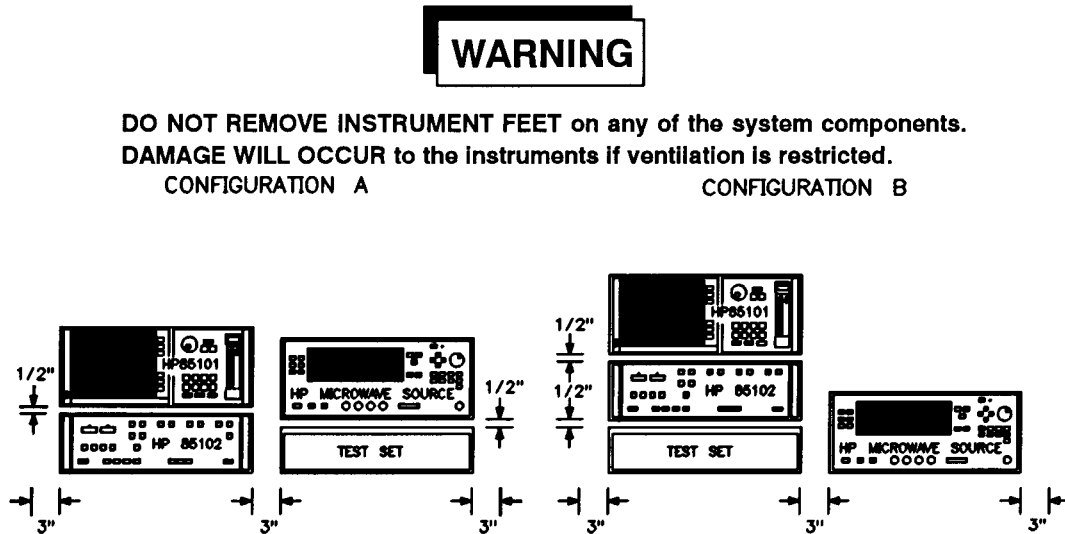


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## Configuring the System on a Bench-Top

Set up instruments in one of the configurations in Figure 9-5. Different configurations are possible, including single stack and equal stack (2x2) styles.

**Figure 9-5 Typical Bench-Top Configurations**

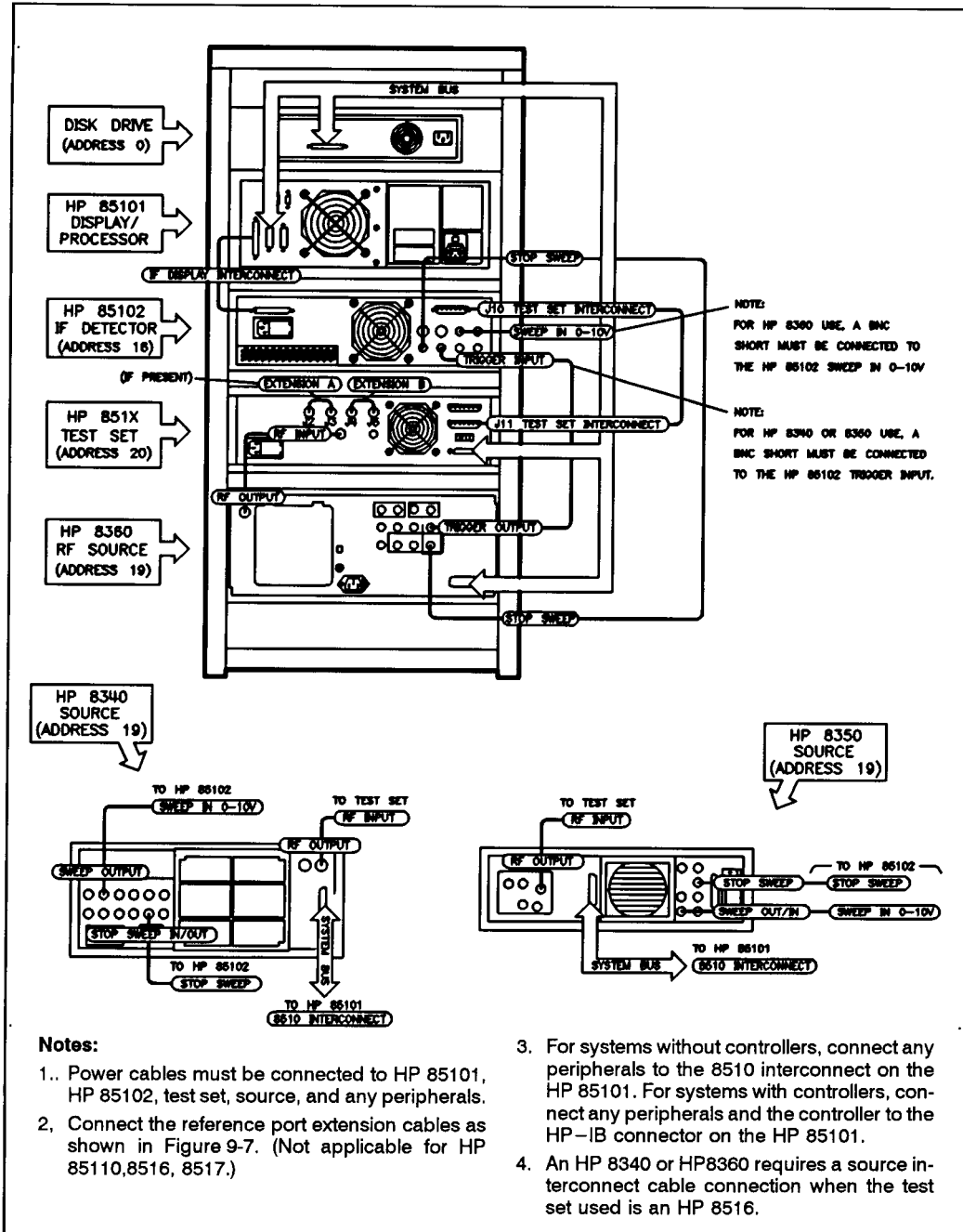


Model	Width	Height	Depth	Approximate Weight
85101C with a CRT display	41.875 cm (16.75 in)	17.5 cm (7 in)	21.25 in (53.125 cm)	22.3 kg (49 lb)
85101C with an LCD	41.875 cm (16.75 in)	17.5 cm (7 in)	21.25 in (53.125 cm)	13.2 kg (33 lb)
85102B	41.875 cm (16.75 in)	13.126 cm (5.25 in)	21.25 in (53.125 cm)	20.5 kg (45 lb)

## Making System Connections

The 8510 system requires that several types of cables be connected (see Figure 9-6).

**Figure 9-6** System Connections

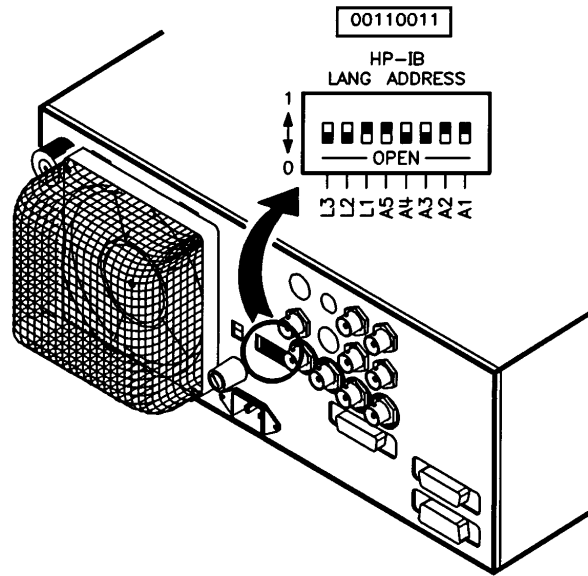


## 8360 Series Source GPIB (HP-IB) Language Switch

When using an 8360 series source, its rear panel GPIB (HP-IB) language switches should be set as shown in [Figure 9-7](#).

Darkened switch positions indicate a depressed switch.

**Figure 9-7** 8360-Series Source GPIB (HP-IB) Language Switch



## Grounding Power Cables

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**WARNING**      **An uninterrupted safety earth ground must be provided from the main power source to the supplied power cable(s) to prevent injury or death.**

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In compliance with international safety standards, the 8510 system instruments are equipped with 3-wire power cables.

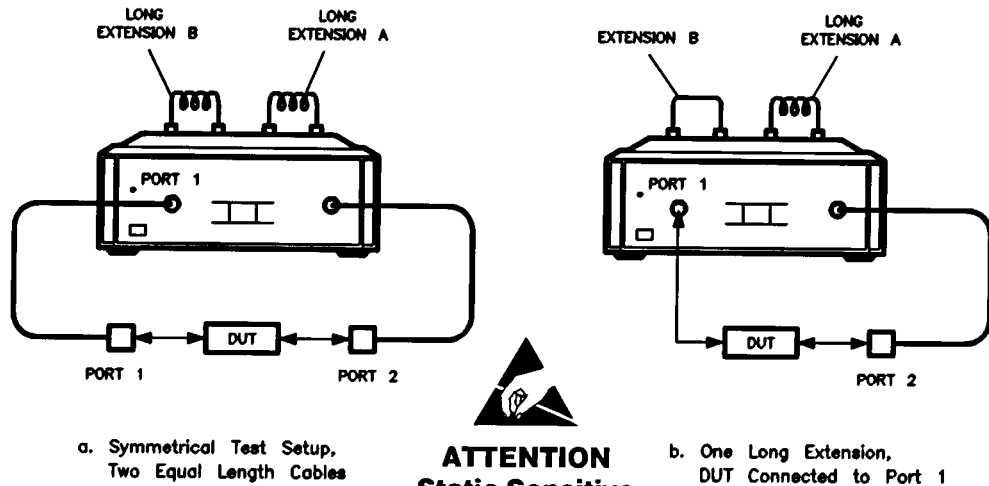
For systems using the cabinet, connect the instruments directly to the power strip inside the cabinet, using the 3-conductor grounded power cables supplied with the system cabinet. Do not modify these power cables.

## Reference Port Extension Cables (not applicable for 85110, 8516, 8517)

Connect the reference port extension cables (rpecs), as indicated in the following figure, to balance the test port signal path with the reference signal path. Part numbers of the long and short rpecs are listed in the test set manuals.

### Recommended When Using Ramp Mode

**Figure 9-8**      **Reference Port Extension Cables**



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**Handle only at Static Safe**

## General Purpose Interface Bus (GPIB) Cables

GPIB allows either the system display/processor or an external controller to operate the various instruments of the system. (GPIB interface operates according to IEEE 488–1978 and IEC 625 standards and IEEE 728–1982 recommended practices. References to GPIB and HP-IB refer to the same protocol.)

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**NOTE** Always turn off power to instruments when connecting GPIB cables.

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As many as fifteen instruments can be connected in parallel on GPIB, but proper voltage levels and timing relationships must be maintained. Observe the following limitations:

- 2 meters (6 feet) is the maximum cable length to each instrument
- 20 meters (65 feet) is the maximum total cable length between all units.

The following GPIB cables are available:

10833C 4 m (13 feet)

10833B 2 m (6 feet)

10833A 1 m (3 feet)

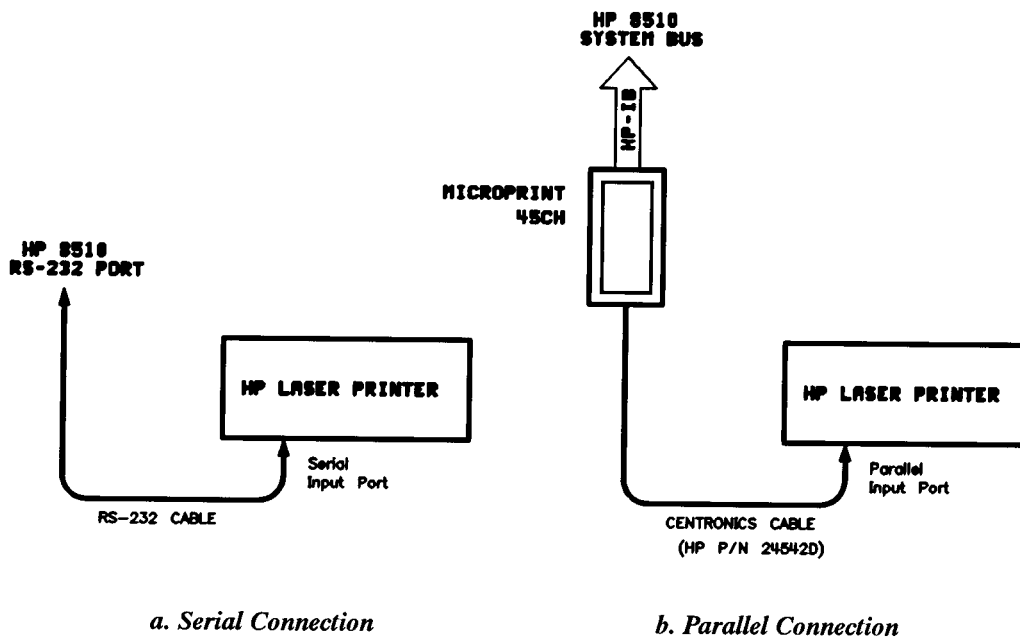
10833D 0.5 m (1.5 feet)

## Serial Printer Setup

1. See [Figure 9-9](#). Connect the desired 8510C serial input to the laser printer serial input and turn on the laser printer.
2. Use the laser printer controls to select the serial bus, and select a BAUD rate of 9,600. Refer to the laser printer user's guide for instructions. These settings will remain in effect even if you turn the laser printer OFF.

For further information about printer setup, including parity, stop bit, and so forth, refer to the following information: "Address of Printer: RS-232 Port #1" in the *8510C Keyword Dictionary*, and "Copy" in the *8510C Operating and Programming Manual*.

**Figure 9-9 Laser Printer Connections**



## Parallel Printer Setup

As shown in [Figure 9-9](#), the parallel setup requires a GPIB (HP-IB) to parallel port adapter. In order to use currently available printers, adapters, such as MicroPlot 50A and MicroPrint 45CH, are available from Intelligent Interfaces. For more information, consult their website at: [www.intelligentinterfaces.com](http://www.intelligentinterfaces.com).

1. If using the Microprint 45CH, you must set it to address 01 as explained in its user's guide.
2. Connect the 45CH GPIB input to the 8510C system bus.
3. Connect the output of the 45CH to the laser printer Centronics input.
4. Make sure the 45CH ac adapter module is set to the proper line voltage, then plug it in.
5. Make sure the 8510C is set up for an (GPIB) HP-IB printer at address 701. On the 8510C. Press LOCAL, [MORE], [PRINTER: HP-IB].
6. Turn on the laser printer.

For further information about printer setup, refer to "Copy" in the *8510C Operating and Programming Manual*.

## Switching On Power

- In systems with controllers, switch on power to the controller last, 85101 next to last.
- In systems without controllers, switch on power to the 85101 last.



## Making a Backup Operating System Disk

Hold down the =MARKER key on the analyzer and cycle the power on the analyzer (switch on 85101 last). Holding down the =MARKER key makes the instrument detect a failure so it will show self test error 14, sub test 2. Press =MARKER again to enter the power-up self test menu.

Disable the write-protect feature on the blank disk by sliding the tab to the closed position. Insert the disk into the analyzer and press 2, 1, =MARKER. The disk is initialized when the analyzer display shows "INITIALIZATION COMPLETE."

Press 2, 0, =MARKER. When the disk is recorded, write-protect it by sliding the tab to the open position.

## Checking System Operation

The following system operation checks confirm that the system is functional and ready for performance verification or operation or both. These simple checks are optional and primarily serve to establish confidence in the integrity of the system.

### 8510 Self-Test

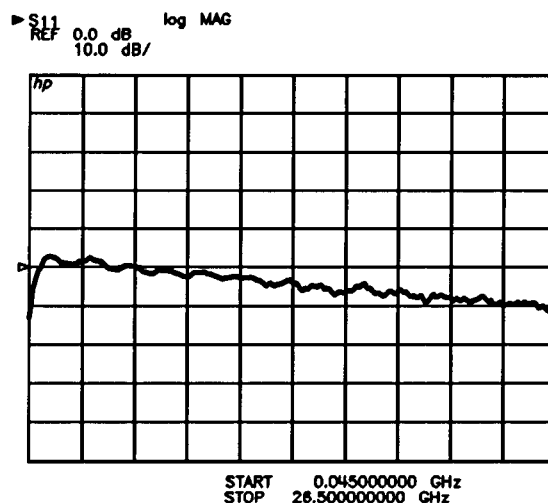
Press the analyzer front panel TEST activator to run the self-test sequence. Observe the display for the following sequence:

- TESTING
- LOADING OPERATING SYSTEM
- SYSTEM INITIALIZATION IN PROGRESS
- RECALLING INSTRUMENT STATE

### Preset Check

Press INSTRUMENT STATE, RECALL, [MORE], [FACTORY PRESET] on the analyzer. The display should show a trace similar to the figure below.

**Figure 9-10** Typical Preset State Display



### **S-Parameter Test Set Check**

1. Press **S12** (in the **PARAMETER** area of the analyzer) to further confirm that the system is ready for performance verification or operation. The trace should drop to the bottom graticule of the display.
2. Press **AUTO** in the **RESPONSE** area of the analyzer. The trace should reappear near the center of the display, probably with a change in scale.
3. Connect an RF cable to ports 1 and 2 of the test set. The trace should rise toward the top of the display.
4. Press **AUTO** again. The trace should reappear near the center of the display, probably with another change in scale.

### **User Parameters (Unratioed Power) Check**

Refer to “[Unratioed Power Failures](#)” in the troubleshooting chapter for a procedure to check the unratioed power.

This concludes the basic system tests. To thoroughly check the performance of the system, refer to procedures in [Chapter 8](#), “[Performance Verification and Specifications](#).” To operate the system, refer to the operating manual.

### **In Case of Difficulty**

Incorrect operation can be indicated by:

- Error messages or error codes on the analyzer display
- Abnormal system response or operation

The most likely causes of problems for newly installed systems are poor cable connections or system bus address errors.

Switch off the line power to all instruments and carefully recheck all cable connections and GPIB addresses, referring to [Figure 9-6](#). Then power-up the system instruments again in the correct sequence.

If the problem still exists, refer to the troubleshooting chapter or contact your local Agilent customer engineer.



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# **10 Preventive Maintenance**

## Overview

Preventive maintenance consists of five tasks that should be performed at least every six months. If the instrument is used daily on a production line or in a harsh environment, the tasks should be performed more often. Preventive maintenance contains these tasks:

- Maintain proper air flow.
  - Inspect and clean connectors.
  - Clean the glass filter and CRT or Clean the LCD.
  - Degauss the display (CRT only).
  - Inspect the error terms.
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## Maintain Proper Air Flow

It is necessary to maintain constant air flow in and around your 8510 system. If the message, “CAUTION: Test Set Is Too Hot!!” is displayed, immediately inspect for items (a piece of paper for example) on the test set fan. Items on top of the test set or around the system may also impede the air flow. The test set *will not* shut down if it becomes too hot! If the 85101 or 85102 overheat, the system will shut down until the temperature drops to the operating range.

Additionally, it is recommended that the source fan filter (if any) be inspected once a week and cleaned as necessary.

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## Inspect and Clean Connectors

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**WARNING**      **To prevent electrical shock, disconnect the 8510 system from the mains before cleaning. Use a dry cloth or one slightly dampened with water to clean the external parts. Do not clean internally.**

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For accurate and repeatable measurement results, it is essential that connectors on calibration and verification devices, test ports, cables and other devices be cleaned and gaged regularly. It is also necessary that standard devices are handled and stored properly, and that all connectors are regularly inspected for signs of damage. This not only ensures the best performance from the connectors, but also extends their life. Refer to a calibration kit manual for a detailed description of microwave connector care techniques. This manual also describes proper techniques for making connections.

Visually inspect the test port connectors. They should be clean and the center conductor pin is centered. If so, gage the microwave connectors (gages are supplied in Agilent calibration kits). Confirm that the center pin recession is correct. Refer to the “Specifications” section in the test set manual for connector specifications.

Also inspect, clean, and gage the connectors of the calibration kit and verification kit devices. Refer to the kit manuals for center pin recession specifications.

### Clean the Test Set Rear Panel Extensions

Over a period of time, the test set rear extensions can affect the performance of the 8510 system unless they, and the corresponding bulkhead connectors they are connected to, are kept clean. Use a swab and alcohol to clean the rear extensions and the bulkhead connectors. Be careful not to damage the center conductors of the bulkhead connectors.

Notice that these bulkhead connectors provide a direct path to the samplers. The appropriate static precautions, as outlined in the *Microwave Connector Card* and test set manual, should be used to prevent damage to the static-sensitive samplers.



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Work Stations**

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## Clean the Glass Filter and CRT or Clean the LCD

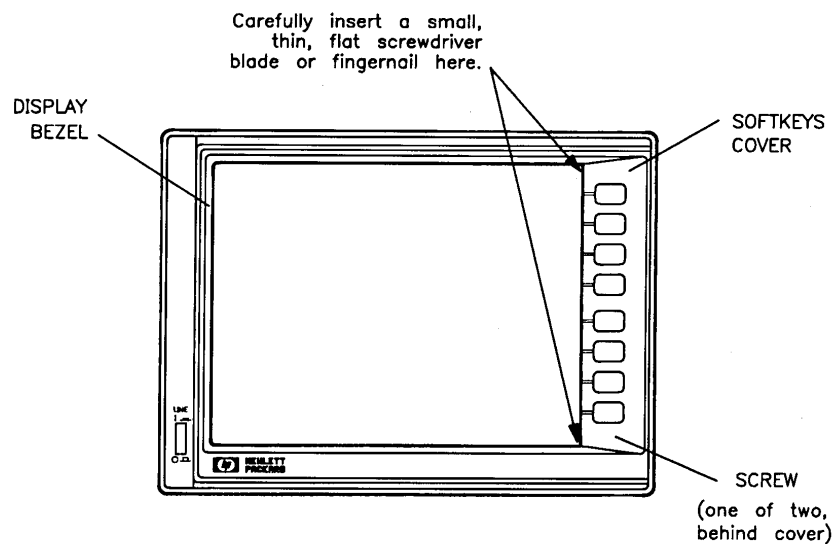
### 85101C Equipped with CRT Display

A gasket between the CRT and glass filter limits air dust infiltration between them. Therefore, cleaning the outer surface of the glass filter is usually sufficient. Use a soft cloth and, if necessary, a cleaning solution recommended for optical coated surfaces. Agilent part number 8500-2163 is one such solution.

If, after cleaning the outer surface of the glass filter, the CRT appears dark or dirty or unfocused, clean the inner surface of the filter, and the CRT.

1. Remove the softkeys cover (a plastic cover through which the front panel softkeys protrude). Carefully insert a thin, flat screwdriver blade (or your fingernail) between the upper left corner of the softkeys cover and the glass filter (see [Figure 10-1](#)). Be extremely careful not to scratch or break the glass. Pull the cover forward and off.
2. Remove the two screws that are now uncovered.

**Figure 10-1 Removing the Glass Filter**



3. Remove the display bezel assembly by pulling out the end that is now free. Pivot the bezel around its left edge until it is released.
4. Clean the CRT surface and the inner glass filter surface gently.
5. Allow the surfaces to dry and then reassemble the instrument.

### 85101C Equipped with an LCD

The LCD is covered by a protective glass and bezel assembly. Clean the surface of the glass and bezel using a soft cloth and, if necessary, a cleaning solution recommended for optical coated surfaces. Agilent part number 8500-2163 is on such solution.

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## Degauss (Demagnetize) the Display (CRT Only)

If the display becomes magnetized, or if color purity is a problem, cycle the power several times.

Leave the instrument off for at least 15 seconds before turning it on. This will activate the automatic degaussing circuit in the analyzer display.

If this is insufficient to achieve color purity, a commercially available demagnetizer must be used (either a CRT demagnetizer or a bulk tape eraser can be used). Follow the manufacturer's instructions keeping in mind the following: it is imperative that at first it be placed no closer than 4 inches (10 cm) from the face of the CRT while demagnetizing the display. If this distance is too far to completely demagnetize the CRT, try again at a slightly closer distance until the CRT is demagnetized. Generally, degaussing is accomplished with a slow rotary motion of the degausser, moving it in a circle of increasing radius while simultaneously moving away from the CRT. [Figure 10-2](#) shows the motion for degaussing the display.

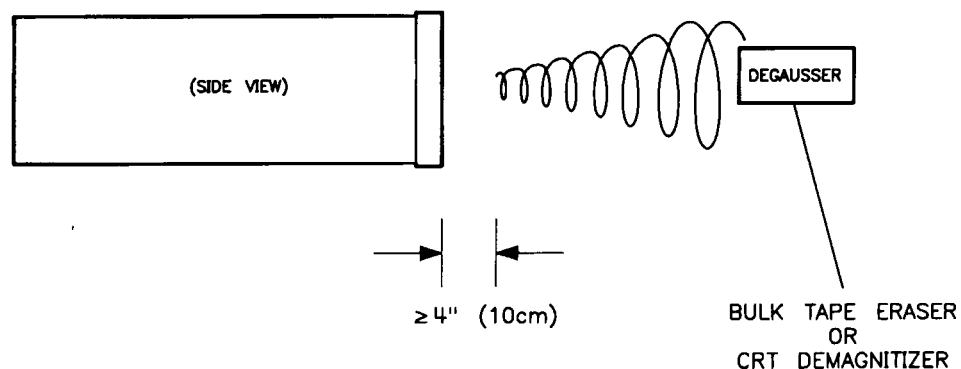
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**CAUTION** Applying an excessively strong magnetic field to the CRT face can destroy the CRT.

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Like most displays, the CRT can be sensitive to large magnetic fields generated from unshielded motors. In countries that use 50 Hz, some 10 Hz jitter may be observed. If this problem is observed, remove the device causing the magnetic field.

**Figure 10-2 Motion for Degaussing the Display**





## Inspect the Error Terms

Error terms (E-terms or calibration coefficients) are an indication of the condition of the instrument, its calibration kits, and cables. When tracked over a period of time, error terms can signal and identify system component and performance degradation. Error term comparisons are best made with data generated periodically by the same instrument and calibration kit (the kit normally used with the analyzer). For this reason, generating error terms at the time of installation and at regular intervals thereafter is recommended.

A log book can be a helpful to store the error term plots. Error term plots are generated by performing the verification procedure.

Refer to the operating manual for information on how to perform a full 2-port or TRL 2-port microwave calibration. To inspect the error terms or compare them to typical values, refer to “[Error Terms](#)” in [Chapter 4](#) , “[Main Troubleshooting Procedure](#).”

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# **11 Instrument History**

## **Overview**

This manual applies directly to analyzers with serial prefix numbers indicated on the title page. If your analyzer has a lower serial prefix and you need additional documentation, it will be located in this section.

The original HP 85101C display/processor incorporated a cathode ray tube (CRT). The current design incorporates a liquid crystal display (LCD). In this manual, references to either CRT or LCD apply to both display designs unless otherwise noted.

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