# Model 96A V/f Preamplifier

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# Limited Warranty

Except as otherwise provided herein, the Seller warrants to Buyer that the equipment sold hereunder, whether it is new equipment or remanufactured (reconditioned) equipment, is, at the time of shipment to Buyer from Seller, free from defects in material and workmanship. As Buyer's sole exclusive remedy under this warranty Seller agrees either to repair or replace, at Seller's sole option and free of part charge to Buyer, any part or parts of such equipment which, under proper and normal conditions of use prove to be defective within 12 months from the date of receipt by the Buyer. Warranty period for equipment requiring installation by Seller will commence on completion of standard installation services. If customer delays installation beyond 45 days after delivery, the warranty period will commence to run 45 days after delivery. After installation, any realignment, readjustment, recleaning or recalibration, provided it does not relate to a proven defect in material or workmanship, shall be performed only at Seller's then current rates for service.

# **Exclusions and Limitations**

It is recognized that some parts by their nature (expendable items) may not function for one full year; therefore, excluded from the foregoing warranty are filaments, anodes, cathodes, multipliers, retard grids, special ceramics, ionizers, along with other such parts mentioned in the applicable operating manual.

The foregoing warranty excludes certain major items or accessories specifically indicated on applicable price lists or quotations, as to which Seller passes to Buyer whatever warranty is provided to Seller by the manufacturer or the

specific warranty indicated by the price list or quotation.

This warranty does not cover loss, damage, or defects resulting from transportation to the Buyer's facility, improper or inadequate maintenance by Buyer, buyer-supplied software or interfacing, unauthorized modification or misuse, operation outside of the environmental specifications for the equipment or improper site preparation and maintenance.

## **Product Service**

All claims must be brought to the attention of Seller within 30 days of the failure to perform.

Seller at his option may require the product to be returned to the factory, transportation prepaid, for repair.

# Refund of Purchase Price

In lieu of the foregoing, Seller may at any time elect, in its sole discretion, to discharge its warranty by accepting the return of such equipment and refunding any portion of the purchase price paid by Buyer.

# Software and Firmware Products

The sole exclusive warranty applicable to software and firmware products provided by Seller for use with a processor will be as follows: Seller warrants that such software and firmware will conform to Seller's program manuals current at the time of shipment to Buyer when properly installed on that processor. Seller does not warrant that the operation of the processor software or firmware will be uninterrupted or error free.

No other warranty is expressed or implied. Seller expressly disclaims the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose.

# **OPERATOR SAFETY SUMMARY**

All PHI Systems have been designed to assure operator safety. However, like all other sophisticated instruments, continual operator safety is dependent on the proper use of system components. Such use is described in the manuals supplied with each unit.

LISTED BELOW ARE WARNINGS APPLICABLE TO THIS EQUIPMENT. ALL PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THIS EQUIPMENT MUST FULLY UNDERSTAND THE WARNINGS AND THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE HAZARD IS TO BE REDUCED OR ELIMINATED.

## WARNING

THE PRODUCT(S) COVERED IN THIS MANUAL HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO FUNCTION SAFELY WITH THE REQUIRED DEGREE OF PRECISION WHEN USED IN THE PRESCRIBED MANNER.

WE DO NOT RECOMMEND THAT THIS EQUIPMENT BE MODIFIED FOR ANY NON-STANDARD APPLICATION SINCE HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS MAY RESULT. DUE TO THE FACT THAT PHYSICAL ELECTRONICS DIVISION OF PERKINELMER HAS NO CONTROL OVER CUSTOMER MODIFICATIONS TO PHI PRODUCTS SHIPPED, IT DISCLAIMS ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY MALFUNCTIONS OR ACCIDENTS THAT MAY RESULT!

# <u>DANGER</u> ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD

HIGH VOLTAGES ARE PRESENT IN THE SYSTEM WHEN THE SYSTEM POWER INPUT LINES ARE CONNECTED. DISCONNECT INPUT POWER AT THE WALL BEFORE MAKING ANY ADJUSTMENTS. REFER SERVICING TO PERSONNEL WHO HAVE BEEN TRAINED AND HAVE WORKING EXPERIENCE WITH VOLTAGES IN EXCESS OF 50 VOLTS.

ALL ELECTRICAL CABLES ASSOCIATED WITH VARIOUS UNITS INCLUDED IN A SYSTEM ARE WELL SHIELDED. HOWEVER, CARE MUST BE TAKEN NEVER TO COME IN CONTACT WITH ANY ASSOCIATED TERMINALS WHEN THE POWER IS ON. SOME OF THESE LEADS CARRY POTENTIALLY LETHAL HIGH VOLTAGES. OTHER LEADS MAY CARRY SUFFICIENT RF POWER TO INFLICT SEVERE BURNS.

## RF INTERFERENCE

THIS EQUIPMENT GENERATES, USES, AND CAN RADIATE RADIO-FREQUENCY ENERGY, AND IF NOT INSTALLED AND USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTION MANUAL, MAY CAUSE INTERFERENCE TO RADIO COMMUNICATIONS. OPERATION OF THIS EQUIPMENT IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA IS LIKELY TO CAUSE INTERFERENCE IN WHICH CASE THE USER AT HIS OWN EXPENSE WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE WHATEVER MEASURES MAY BE REQUIRED TO CORRECT THE INTERFERENCE.

# SECTION I

# THEORY OF OPERATION

#### GENERAL OPERATING DESCRIPTION

The PHI Model 96A V/F Preamp detects analyzer collector current and converts the output to a proportional frequency or amplified analog signal.

#### INPUT AMPLIFIERS

The voltage-to-frequency preamp receives an input current from the collector of the analyzer electron multiplier. Referring to the block diagram, Figure 1, the first stage converts the current to a signal voltage with a bandwidth of about 10 kHz. An output connector is available at this point which is marked LOCK-IN. The signal is also further amplified by the second stage after which it goes to a voltage-to-frequency converter.

#### V/F CONVERTER

This stage produces a pulse train, whose frequency is linearly proportional to the input and whose maximum frequency is 1 mHz. The pulse train is sent to a one-shot multivibrator which reduces the width of each pulse from 500 nanoseconds to 100 nanoseconds. This is done so that when the pulses are sent through the pulse transformer at the 1 mHz rate, that this transformer has time to recover and consequently will not cause the secondary voltage to dc level shift.

#### **ISOLATION TRANSFORMER**

A pulse transformer is used as the coupling medium to shift the signal reference to ground level from the multiplier voltage level.

#### **OUTPUT AMPLIFIERS**

After the signal is transmitted through the transformer, it is sent through a second oneshot multivibrator which widens the pulses back to their original 500 nanoseconds width. This is done because the next stage frequency-to-voltage converter requires it for proper operation. The FREQ OUT connector is the output signal of the second one-shot multivibrator. The frequency-tovoltage converter reconverts the pulse train back to an analog signal. The last stage in the unit takes the voltage signal from the frequency-to-voltage converter and amplifies once more before it is sent to the ANALOG OUT connector.

#### **POWER SUPPLIES**

A floating power supply is used to power the stages before the pulse transformer. Primary power for this floating supply and the voltages to run the ground referenced circuitry are obtained from the PHI Model 32-100 Multiplier Supply.

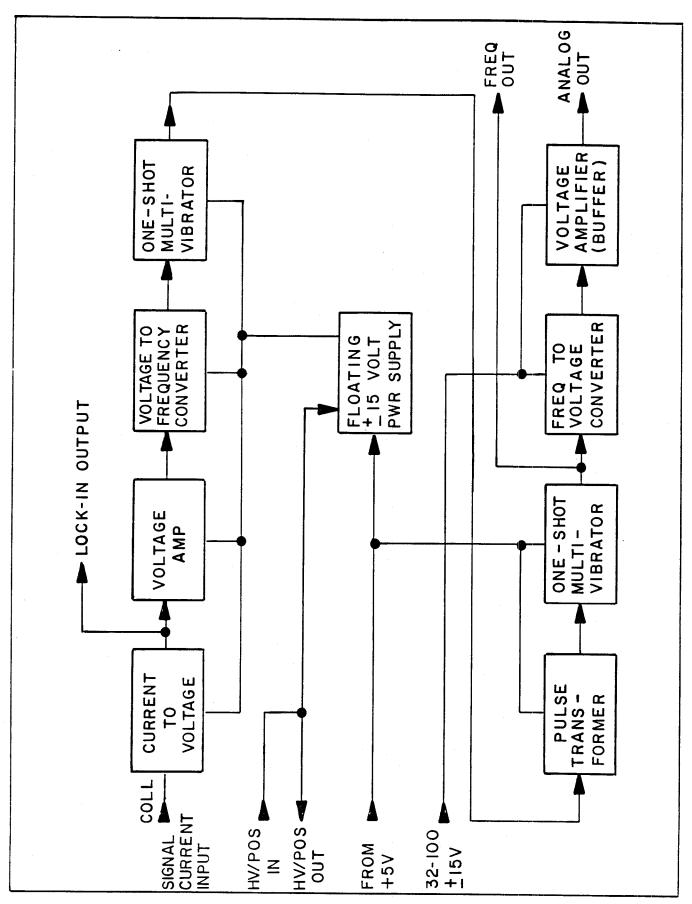


Figure 1 Block diagram, voltage-to-frequency amplifier.

# SECTION II

# CALIBRATION AND MAINTENANCE

#### CALIBRATION SETUP

This calibration procedure provides for bench calibration of the V/F Preamp using standard test equipment.

# /WARNING/

## **Electric Shock Hazard**

High voltages are present when the preamp is connected to the PHI Model 32-100 Multiplier Supply. Disconnect cables before calibrating. Refer calibration to qualified personnel.

## **Test Equipment Needed**

The following test equipment is needed to calibrate the preamp:

- DVM (3 1/2 digit).
- Universal Power Supply.
- Test Cables.
- Oscilloscope.
- Frequency Counter.
- Universal Current Source.
- Special Test Cover (provides access holes for potentiometers and cables).

## Visual Check

Visually inspect printed circuit board for open or shorted conductors.

Visually inspect all wiring inside the box for possible shorts or opens.

Check for tightness of mounting of all components.

# ALIGNMENT, CALIBRATION AND TESTING

All measurements are ±10 percent unless stated otherwise.

#### **Power Supply Check**

Connect the Universal Power Supply with ±15 V and +5 V to the POWER-IN connector J1 on the preamp box. Turn the power switch ON. With the dvm, measure the voltage as follows:

IC AR1 - Pin 7 + 14 V ± 1 V AR1 - Pin 4 - 14 V ± 1 V Note: Common on AR1 - Pin 3 Short C9 with a clip lead.

#### AR1 Offset Adjustment

With the dvm, measure the voltage at TP2. Adjust R23 for 0 V  $\pm 1$  mV.

#### V/F Adjustment

- With the oscilloscope, measure at FREQ OUT.
  - Adjust R18 for approximately 0 Hz.
  - Adjust R15 for 0.45 V, ±1 mV on TP1.
  - Adjust R37 for 0 V, ±1 mV on ANALOG OUTPUT.
- 2. Connect the Universal Current Source to the COLLECTOR connector J4 and the HV/POS IN connector J6. Set the current source for -500 nA.

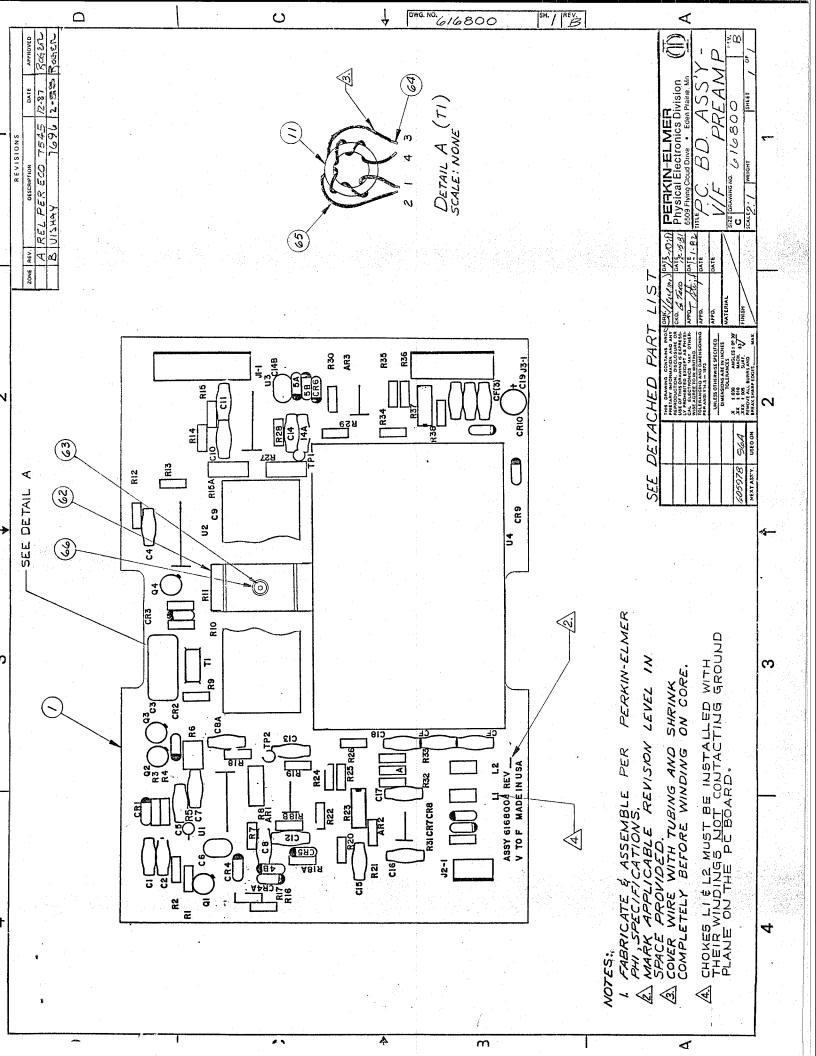
- 3. With dvm, measure the voltage at TP2. It should be approximately 10 V. Install the test cover.
- 4. With the Frequency Counter, measure at FREQ OUT. Adjust R8 for 1 mHz, ±100 Hz.
- 5. With scope, check for 500 nsec ±100 nsec pulse at FREQ OUT.
- 6. Adjust R28 for 10 V, ±50 mV on ANALOG OUT.
- 7. Set Current Source to -5 nA.

- Adjust R18 for 10 kHz on FREQ OUT.
- Adjust R37 for 0.1 V on ANALOG OUT.
- 8. Set Current Source to -500 nA. Repeat steps 4-7.
- Disconnect the current source. Adjust R23 for 3 kHz, ±10 Hz at FREQ OUT.
- 10. Remove test cover, remove clip lead and install cover.

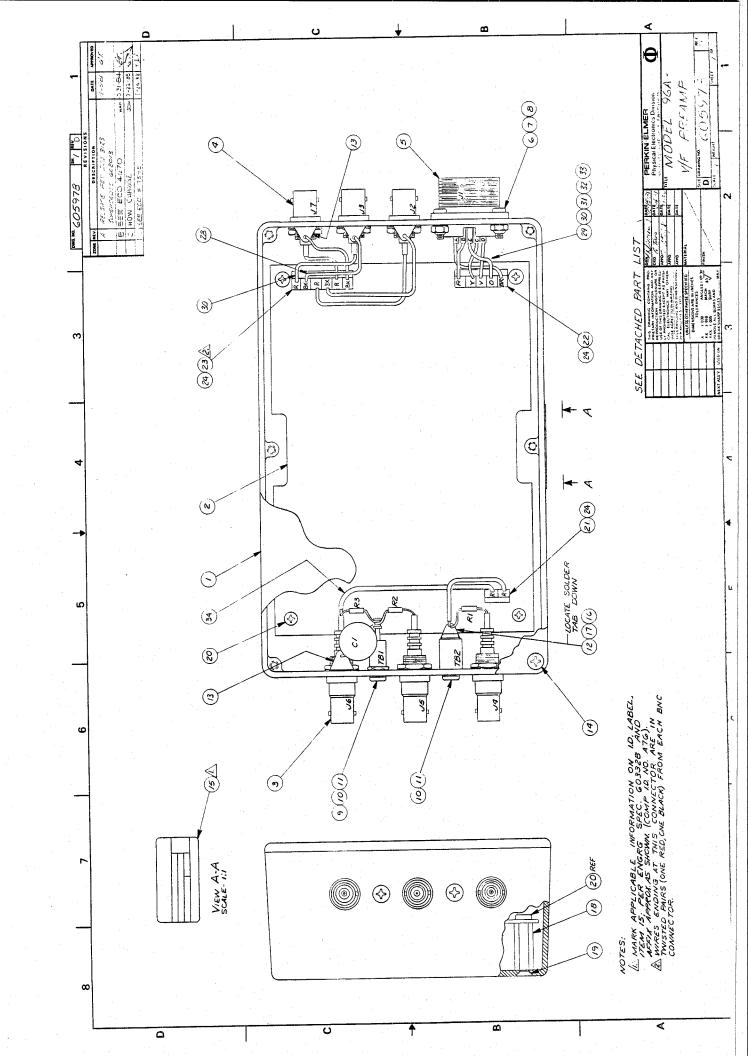
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