## HP 11793A MICROWAVE CONVERTER



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# HP 11793A MICROWAVE CONVERTER 

## SERIAL NUMBERS

This manual applies directly to instruments with serial numbers prefixed 2520A.

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For additional important information about serial numbers, see INSTRUMENTS COVERED BY THIS MANUAL in Paragraph 4.

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## 1 Regulatory Information

 (Updated March 1999)
## Safety Considerations <br> GENERAL

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 IEC Publication 1010, "Safety Requirements for Electronic Measuring Apparatus," and has been supplied in a safe condition. This instruction documentation contains information and warnings which must be followed by the user to ensure safe operation and to maintain the product in a safe condition.

## SAFETY EARTH GROUND

A 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.

## SAFETY SYMBOLS

Indicates instrument damage can occur if indicated operating limits are exceeded.
Indicates hazardous voltages.
Indicates earth (ground) terminal

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

CAUTION A CAUTION note denotes a hazard. It calls attention to an operation 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 an CAUTION note until the indicated conditions are fully understood and met.

Safety Considerations for this Instrument

WARNING This product is a Safety Class I instrument (provided with a protective earthing ground incorporated in the power cord). The mains plug shall only be inserted in a socket outlet provided with a protective earth contact. Any interruption of the protective conductor inside or outside of the product is likely to make the product dangerous. Intentional interruption is prohibited.

Whenever it is likely that the protection has been impaired, the instrument must be made inoperative and be secured against any unintended operation.
If this instrument is to be energized via an auto transformer (for voltage reduction), make sure the common terminal is connected to the earth terminal of the power source.

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.

No operator serviceable parts in this product. Refer servicing to qualified personnel. To prevent electrical shock, do not remove covers.

Servicing instructions are for use by qualified personnel only. To avoid electrical shock, do not perform any servicing unless you are qualified to do so.

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 my remain live for 5 seconds after disconnecting the plug from its power supply.

For Continued protection against fire hazard, replace the line fuse(s) only with 250 V fuse(s) or the same current rating and type (for example, normal blow or time delay). Do not use repaired fuses or short circuited fuseholders.

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.

This product is designed for use in Installation Category II and Pollution Degree 2 per IEC 1010 and IEC 664 respectively. FOR INDOOR USE ONLY.
This product has autoranging line voltage input, be sure the supply voltage is within the specified range.

To prevent electrical shock, disconnect instrument from mains (line) before cleaning. Use a dry cloth or one slightly dampened with water to clean the external case parts. Do not attempt to clean internally.
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 $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ 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.

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## SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

## GENERAL

This product and related documentation must be reviewed before operation for familiarization with safety markings and instructions.
This product is a Safety Class I instrument (provided with a protective earth terminal).

## BEFORE APPLYING POWER

Verify that the product is set to match the available line voltage and the correct fuse is installed.

## SAFETY EARTH GROUND

An uninterruptible safety earth ground must be provided from the main power source to the prodact input wiring terminals, power cord, or supplied power cord set.

## SAFETY SYMBOLS

$\triangle$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).
$\zeta$ Indicates hazardous voltages.
Indicates earth (ground) terminal.

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## CAUTION

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## WARNING

Interrupting the protective (grounding) conductor (inside or outside the instrument) or disconnecting the protective earth terminal will cause a potential shock hazard that could result in personal injury. (Grounding one conductor of a two conductor outlet is not sufficient protection).

Whenever it is likely that the protection has been impaired, the instrument must be made inoperafive and be secured against any unintended operation.

If this instrument is to be energized via an autotransformer (for voltage reduction), make sure the common terminal is connected to the earth terminab of the power source.

Servicing instructions are for use by service-trained personnel only. To avoid dangerous electric shock, do not perform any servicing unless qualified to do so.

Adjustments described in the manual are performed with power supplied to the instrument while protective covers are removed. Energy available at many points may, if contacted, result in personal injury.

Capacitors inside the instrument may still be charged even if the instrument has been discosnetted from its source of supply.

For continued protection against fire hazard, replace the line fuses) only with 250 V fuses) of the same current rating and type (for example, normal blow, time delay, etc.). Do not use repaired fuses or short-circuited fuseholders.


MODEL 11793A

IF INPUT CABLE
(HP Part Number 11793-60006)


FREQUENCY CONTROL CABLE
(HP Part Number 8120-1838)


LO INPUT CABLE
(HP Part Number 11793-60009)


LINE POWER CABLE

Figure 1. HP Model 11793 A Microwave Converter with Accessory Cables

## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

This Operating and Service Manual contains information about initial inspection, operation, performance tests, adjustments, troubleshooting and repair of the HP Model 11793A Microwave Converter.

## 2. Specifications

The HP 11793A Microwave Converter does not have "hard specifications" against which the instrument can be tested for performance standards or limits. Instead, the Local Oscillator (LO) Requirements are listed in Table 1. These requirements are the performance standards or limits against which the instrument can be tested. The supplemental characteristics listed in Table 2 are not warranted requirements but are typical characteristics included as additional information for the user.

Table 1. LO Requirements

| LO Amplitude Range | Frequency (GHz) | Conditions |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| +8 dBm to +13 dBm | 2 to 18 | Without Option 001, 011 or 021 |
| +7 dBm to +13 dBm | 18 to 26.5 | Without Option 001, 011 or 021 |
| 0 dBm to +5 dBm | 18 to 26.5 | With Option 001, 011 or 021 |

Table 2. Supplemental Characteristics
RF Input Connector: Precision 3.5 mm male
LO Input Connector: Precision 3.5 mm male IF Output Connector: Type-N female
Rear Panel Control Connector: BNC female
Dimensions:
Height: 88 mm ( 3.5 in .)
Width: 425 mm ( 16.7 in .)
Depth: 528 mm (20.8 in.)
HP System II Module Size:
Height: 88 mm ( 3.5 in .)
Width: 1 Modular Width
Depth: $508 \mathrm{~mm}(20 \mathrm{in}$.)

## 3. Safety Considerations

This product is a Safety Class I instrument; that is, one provided with a protective earth terminal. The Microwave Converter and all related documentation must be reviewed before operation for complete familiarization with safety markings and instructions. Refer to the Safety Considerations page found at the beginning of this manual for a summary of the safety information. Safety information pertinent to the task at hand (that is, installation, operation, performance testing, or service) is found throughout this manual.

## 4. Instruments Covered by This Manual

This instrument has a two-part serial number. The first four digits and the letter comprise the serial number prefix. The prefix is the same for all identical instruments; it changes only when a change is made to the instrument. The last five digits form a sequential suffix which is unique to each instrument. The contents of this manual apply directly to instruments having the serial prefix listed under Serial Numbers on the title page.

An instrument manufactured after the printing of this manual may have a serial prefix that is not listed on the title page. This unlisted serial prefix indicates that the manual for this instrument is supplied with a Manual Changes supplement that documents the differences.

In addition to change information, the supplement may contain information for correcting errors in the manual. To keep this manual as current and accurate as possible, Hewlett-Packard recommends that you periodically request the latest Manual Changes supplement. The supplement is identified with the manual print date and part number that appear on the title page. Complimentary copies of the supplement are available on request from your nearest Hewlett-Packard office.

For information concerning a serial prefix not listed on the title page or in the Manual Changes supplement, contact your nearest Hewlett-Packard office.

## 5. Description

The HP Model 11793A Microwave Converter down-converts microwave input signals in the range from 1.3 to 26.5 GHz . For frequencies below 1.3 GHz , signals are routed directly to the input of the measuring instrument. Instruments suitable for lower frequency measuring are the HP 8901B Modulation Analyzer or the HP 8902A Measuring Receiver.

For input signals above 1.3 GHz , the Microwave Converter routes the signal through an internal mixer which mixes the input signal with an external local oscillator. The difference frequency (that is, the intermediate frequency or IF) is filtered, amplified, and then appears at the IF OUTPUT connector. The IF should be between 10 and 700 MHz .

The Microwave Converter requires a +8 dBm leveled output from the LO. For LOs with insufficient power above 18 GHz , an optional internal amplifier ( 18 GHz to 26.5 GHz ) is available. The measuring instrument controls switching of the RF path and of the LO amplifier via a rear-panel connection on the Microwave Converter.

## 6. Options and Accessories

## Electrical Options

The options are summarized in Table 3. The following list describes each option:
Option 001. Adds an 18 to 26.5 GHz LO amplifier to the standard instrument.
Option 010. Moves the LO INPUT to the right side of the front panel.
Option 011. Moves the LO INPUT to the right side of the front panel and adds the 18 to 26.5 GHz LO amplifier.

Option 020. Moves all front-panel connectors to the rear panel.
Option 021. Moves all front-panel connectors to the rear panel and adds the 18 to 26.5 GHz LO amplifier.

Table 3. HP 11793A Option Guide

| LO <br> Amplifier | Front-Panel Placement <br> of LO Input |  | Rear Panel <br> Placement for <br> All Connectors |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Left Side | Right Side | Option 020 |
| Not Installed | Standard | Option 010 | Option 021 |
| Installed | Option 001 | Option 011 | On |

## Mechanical Options

Instruments with Serial Prefix 2407A have System II cabinet parts and hardware that are English thread. Instruments with Serial Prefix 2520A and higher have System II cabinet parts and hardware that are METRIC thread.

When ordering Option 907, 908, or 909 for instruments with serial number prefix 2407A (English thread), use the HP part number in parenthesis.

Option 907 (Front-Handle Kit). Ease of handling is increased with front-panel handles. To retrofit a standard instrument, order HP part number 5061-9688 (5061-0088).

Option 908 (Rack-Flange Kit). All necessary hardware and installation instructions are included to enable mounting of the Microwave Converter in a rack with 482 mm (standard 19 in .) spacing. To retrof it a standard instrument, order HP part number 5061-9674 (5061-0074) which has standard 4.45 cm (1.75 in.) hole spacing.

Option 909 (Rack-Flange and Front-Handle Combination Kit). This kit is not simply a front-handle kit and rack-flange kit packaged together. The combination is made up of unique parts which include both functions. To retrofit a standard instrument, order HP part number 5061-9675 (5061-0075) which has $4.45 \mathrm{~cm}(1.75 \mathrm{in}$.) hole spacing and is a standard flange.

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& \text { Option } 907 \\
& \text { Front Handle Kit } \\
& \left.-\int\right\rfloor \rightarrow \\
& \text { Option } 908 \\
& \text { Rack Flange Kit } \\
& \text { Option } 909 \\
& \text { Rack Flange and Front } \\
& \text { Handle Combination Kit }
\end{aligned}
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Figure 2. Rack Mounting Options

## Accessories Supplied

The accessories supplied with the Microwave Converter are shown in Figure 1.
a. The line power cable may be supplied in several plug configurations, depending on the destination of the original shipment. Refer to the Paragraph 12 "Power Cables" in this manual.
b. Fuses with a 0.75 A rating for both 115 and 230 Vac (HP part number 2110-0063) are supplied.
c. The control cable ( HP part number $8120-1838$ ) is a 30 cm ( 12 in. ) flexible cable with male BNC 50 ohm connectors on each end. It connects to the frequency offset mode output of the measuring instrument.
d. The LO cable (HP part number 11793-60009) is a 36 cm ( 14.5 in .) flexible cable with 3.5 mm female end connectors. The LO cable includes a 3.5 mm male to Type-N male adapter. The cable connects to the output of the LO source. Options 001, 011 , and 021 delete the adapter.
e. The IF cable (HP part number 11793-60006) is a 25 cm ( 10 in .) flexible cable with Type-N male 50 ohm end connectors. The cable connects to the RF input of the measuring instrument.

## 7. Recommended Test Equipment

Table 4 lists the test equipment recommended to check, adjust, and troubleshoot the Microwave Converter. The Minimum Specifications column describes the essential requirements for each piece of test equipment. If substitute equipment is used, it must meet or exceed the minimum specifications.

Table 4. Recommended Test Equipment

| To Operate and Test the Microwave Converter |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Instrument Type | Minimum Specification | Suggested Model |
| Measuring Instrument | Contains specific circuitry to control the HP 11793A. | HP 8901B or HP 8902A* |
| Sensor Module | Must have a frequency range of 26.5 GHz and be compatible with the measuring instrument. | HP 11792A* |
| Microwave LO Source | See LO Amplitude Range in Table 1, LO Requirements. Note that the required output power depends on the LO amplifier option in the HP 11793A. | HP 86738** |
| Microwave Signal Source | Frequency Range: 2 to 26.5 GHz Output Level: -1 to +1 dBm | HP 8673B |
| "No substitution recommended. <br> *If the LO amplifier option is not in the HP 11793A use the HP 8673B Option 008. |  |  |
| To Troubleshoot the Microwave Converter |  |  |
| Instrument Type | Minimum Specification |  |
| Multimeter | DC Volts Range: 100 V <br> DC Volts Accuracy: $2 \%$ <br> AC Volts Range: 100 V <br> AC Volts Accuracy: $10 \%$ at 50 Hz |  |
| Power Supply | Range: 0 to 5 V Output: 10 mA |  |
| RF Test Equipment | Troubleshooting of the microwave components of the Microwa measurements to 26.5 GHz of gain or insertion loss, SWR, pow frequency. Instruments which are required to perform these ta tors and sweepers, network analyzers, spectrum analyzers, and companying couplers, pads, line stretchers, etc. Select the app use standard test procedures to make these measurements. | Converter requires , conversion loss, and include: signal generapower meters with acpriate equipment and |

## 8. INSTALLATION

## 9. Initial inspection

Inspect the shipping container for damage. If the shipping container or cushioning material is damaged, the shipping materials should be kept until the contents of the shipment have been checked for completeness and the instrument has been checked mechanically and electrically. If there is mechanical damage or if the instrument does not pass the performance tests, notify the nearest Hewlett-Packard office. Keep the damaged shipping materials (if any) for inspection by the carrier and a Hewlett-Packard representative.

## 10. Power Requirements

The Microwave Converter requires a power source of $115,230 \mathrm{Vac}(+10 \%,-20 \%), 48$ to 66 Hz . Power consumption is 20 VA maximum.

## 11. Line Voltage Selection



Before the instrument is plugged in, it must be set to the voltage of the power source, or damage to the instrument may result.

A line voltage switch enables selection of either 115 V or 230 V . The line voltage is indicated on this rear-panel switch. Slide the switch to the proper line voltage for operation.

## 12. Power Cables

## WARNING

BEFORE CONNECTING THIS INSTRUMENT, the protective earth terminal of the instrument must be connected to the protective conductor of the (Mains) power cord. The Mains plug shall only be inserted in a socket outlet provided with a protective earth contact. The protective action must not be negated by the use of an extension cord (power cable) without a protective conductor (grounding). Grounding one conductor of a two-conductor outlet is not sufficient protection.

This instrument is provided with a three-wire power cable. When connected to an appropriate ac power receptacle, this cable grounds the instrument cabinet. The type of power-cable plug shipped with the instrument depends on the country of destination. See Table 5 for part numbers of the available power cables and Mains plugs.

## 13. Mating Connectors

All coaxial connectors (except the RF Input) used with the Microwave Converter are provided on the three accessory cables supplied with the instrument listed under Paragraph 6, " Accessories Supplied ". The RF Input connector should be of the APC 3.5 mm female 50 ohm type. Refer to Table 2, Supplemental Characteristics for the correct type and location for mating each connector.

[^0]Table 2-2. AC Power Cables Available

| Plug Type | Cable HP Part Number | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{C} \\ & \mathbf{D} \end{aligned}$ | Plug Description | Cable Length (inches) | Cable Color | For Use In Country |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 8120-1351 \\ & 8120-1703 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 4 \end{aligned}$ | Straight*BS1363A $90^{\circ}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 90 \\ & 90 \end{aligned}$ | Mint Gray Mint Gray | United Kingdom, Cyprus, Nigeria, Rhodesia, Singapore |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 8120-1369 \\ & 8120-0696 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 4 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Straight*NZSS198/ASC112 } \\ & 90^{\circ} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 79 \\ & 87 \end{aligned}$ | Gray Gray | Austrailia, New Zealand |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 8120-1689 \\ & 8120-1692 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | Straight*CEET-Y11 $90^{\circ}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 79 \\ & 79 \end{aligned}$ | Mint Gray Mint Gray | East and West Europe, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, (unpolarized in many nations) |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 8120-1378 \\ & 8120-1398 \\ & 8120-1754 \\ & 8120-1378 \\ & 8120-1521 \\ & 8120-1676 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \\ & 5 \\ & 7 \\ & 1 \\ & 6 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | Straight*NEMA5-15P $90^{\circ}$ <br> Straight"NEMA5-15P <br> Straight*NEMA5-15P <br> $90^{\circ}$ <br> Straight*NEMA5-15P | $\begin{aligned} & 80 \\ & 80 \\ & 36 \\ & 80 \\ & 80 \\ & 36 \end{aligned}$ | Black <br> Black <br> Black Jade Gray Jade Gray Jade Gray | United States, Canada, Mexico, Japan (100V or 200V), Philippines, Taiwan |
|  | 8120-2104 | 3 | Straight"SEV1011 1959-24507 <br> Type 12 | 79 | Gray | Switzerland |
|  | 8120-0698 | 6 | Straight*NEMA6-15P |  |  | United States, Canada |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 8120-1957 \\ & 8120-2956 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Straight*DHCK107 } \\ & 90^{\circ} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 79 \\ & 79 \end{aligned}$ | Gray Gray | Denmark |
|  | 8120-4211 | 7 | Straight*IEC83-B1 | 79 | Black | South Africa, India |
|  | 8120-1860 | 6 | Straight*CEE22-VI <br> (Systems Cabinet Use) |  |  |  |
| *Part number shown for plug is industry identifier for plug only. Number shown for cable is HP Part Number for complete cable including plug. <br> $E=$ Earth Ground; $L=$ Line; $N=$ Neutral |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## 14. Operating Environment

The operating environment should be within the following limitations:

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Temperature ........................ }\mp@subsup{0}{}{\circ}\textrm{C}\mathrm{ to }+5\mp@subsup{5}{}{\circ}\textrm{C
Humidity ......................... <95% relative at 40. 
Altitude ..........................<4570 meters (15000 feet)
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## 15. Bench Operation

The instrument cabinet has plastic feet which are shaped to insure self-alignment when stacked in a system configuration.

## 16. Rack Mounting

Rack mounting information is provided with the rack mounting kits. If the kits were not ordered with the instrument as options, they may be ordered through the nearest Hewlett-Packard office. Refer to Paragraph 6, under "Mechanical Options" for kit information. See Figure 2, Rack Mounting Options.

## 17. Storage and Shipment

The instrument should be stored in a clean, dry environment. The following environmental limitations apply to both storage and shipment.

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Temperature (Standard) ..................... -5\mp@subsup{5}{}{\circ}\textrm{C}\mathrm{ to }+7\mp@subsup{5}{}{\circ}\textrm{C}
Temperature (Options 001,011, and 021)\ldots.. -25 % to +75 % C
Humidity ..............................< <95% relative
Altitude ...................................... 15 300 meters (50 000 feet)
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## 18. Packaging

Original Packaging. Containers and materials identical to those used in factory packaging are available through Hewlett-Packard offices. If the instrument is being returned to Hewlett-Packard for servicing; attach a tag indicating the type of service required, return address, model number, and full serial number. Also, mark the container FRAGILE to ensure careful handling. In any correspondence refer to the instrument by model number and full serial number.

Other Packaging. The following general instructions should be used for repackaging the instrument with commercially available materials.
a. Wrap the instrument in heavy paper or plastic. (If shipping to a Hewlett-Packard office or service center, attach a tag indicating the type of service required, return address, model number, and full serial number.)
b. Use a strong shipping container. A double-wall carton made of 2.4 MPa ( 350 psi ) test material is adequate.
c. Use enough shock-absorbing material; a 7.5 to 10.0 cm ( 3 to 4 in .) layer around all sides of the instrument to provide a firm cushion and to prevent movement in the container. Protect the front panel with cardboard.
d. Seal the shipping container securely.
e. Mark the shipping container FRAGILE to ensure careful handling.

## 19. Operation

## WARNING

Before the Microwave Converter is plugged in, all protective earth terminals, extension cords, auto-transformers, and devices connected to it should be connected to a protective earth grounding socket. Any interruption of the protective earth grounding will cause a potential shock hazard that could result in personal injury.


Before the Microwave Converter is plugged in, it must be set to the same line voltage as the power source or damage to the instrument may result.

The HP 11793A Microwave Converter is designed to be operated remotely by the measuring instrument in its frequency offset mode. Operation of the Microwave Converter is, therefore, under control of the measuring instrument.

## 20. Operating Instructions

To operate the Microwave Converter, plug in the power cord and connect the signal and control cables as indicated in Figure 3, Microwave Converter Interconnections and Test Set-up. Refer to Table 1, LO Requirements, for LO power requirements.


This instrument does not have an on/off switch or front-panel power indicator light. Power is supplied to the instrument as soon as the power cord is plugged in to the line voltage source.


Figure 3. Microwave Converter Interconnections and Typical Test Setup

## 21. Panel Features

Front-panel features consist of the LO input, RF input, and the IF output connectors. For Options 020 and 021, the connectors are located on the rear panel. See Figure 4, Front-Panel Features for the standard locations of front-panel connectors.

Rear-panel features are the Line Voltage Select Switch, Fuse, Power Cord and the Frequency Offset input connectors. See Figure 5, Rear-Panel Features.

## 22. Operator Checks

Operator's checks consist of insuring that a fuse of proper value is installed, that the power cord is plugged in, that the signal/control lines are connected, and that both the measuring instrument and the external LO are connected and turned on.

## 23. Operator Maintenance

The only maintenance needed by the Microwave Converter is replacement of the primary power fuse.
To replace the fuse, insert a standard screwdriver into the fuseholder and push in against the spring. Turn counterclockwise (while pushing with a slight pressure) until the fuseholder is released. Remove and replace the fuse with a new fuse of identical value.


LO INPUT: The LO input, 3.5 mm connector, couples an external oscillator signal source to the instrument.

RF INPUT: The RF input, 3.5 mm connector couples the microwave input signal into the instrument. The maximum allowable input power is +30 dBm (1watt), the input impedance is 50 ohms nominal.

Figure 4. Front-Panel Features


Figure 5. Rear-Panel Features

## 24. Performance Tests

## Description

Performance testing consists of a general functional check to verify the instrument down-converts and switches RF paths properly. Since the Microwave Converter is designed to operate with specific HP instrumentation, no substitution is recommended.

## Equipment

Measuring Instrument .................... HP 8901B or HP 8902A
Sensor Module .............................. HP 11792A
Microwave LO Source .................... See Table 4
Microwave Signal Source ................. HP 8673 B (up to 26 GHz w Amplifier) HP 8673B Option 008 (up to 26 GHz , (w/o Amplifier) HP 8672A Option 008 (up to 18 GHz , w/o Amplifier)
RF Signal Source ............................... 8642 B, HP 8660C/86602B, HP 8662A, HP 8663A

## Procedure

1. Connect the equipment as shown in Figure 3. Set the two microwave sources to $C W$. Set the microwave signal source to 0 dBm .

## NOTE

Check that the measuring instrument's RF Power calibration factors match the sensor module. The measuring instrument must be in frequency offset mode in order to enter the RF Power calibration factors into the Frequency Offset mode RF Power Cal Factor Table.
2. Set the microwave LO source frequency and level as listed in Table 6. Performance Tests Instrument Settings. For each setting, perform the following steps:
a. Set the frequency of the microwave signal source as listed.
b. On the measuring instrument, key in 27.3 SPCL . Key in the frequency of the microwave LO source (in MHz ), then press the MHz key.
c. On the measuring instrument, measure RF frequency and RF Power (in that order). The measuring instrument's display should read as indicated in table 6. (The listed frequency is a nominal value.)
3. Set the RF signal source to 1270 MHz . and level -10 dBm .
4. On the measuring instrument, key in 27.3 SPCL and enter 0 MHz . This leaves the measuring instrument in frequency offset mode with 0 MHz offset. Measure RF Frequency and RF Power (in that order).

Table 6. Performance Test Instrument Settings

| LO Source |  | Signal Source |  | Measuring Instrument Display |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Frequency (MHz) | Level (dBm) | Frequency (MHz) | Level (dBm) | Frequency (MHz) |
| 2063 | +8 | 2000 | -15 | 2000 |
| 10063 | +8 | 10000 | -15 | 10000 |
| 17263 | +8 | 17200 | -15 | 17200 |
| 18063 | 0 * | 18000 | -15 | 18000 |
| 18063 | +8** | 18000 | -15 | 18000 |
| 25963 ********* | $0 \times$ | 25900 | -15 | 25900 |
| 25 963*** | +8** | 25900 | -15 | 25900 |
| *Use this level only <br> -Use this level only .--Omit this step if max | LO amplifier is LO amplifier is system freque | led (Option 001, 011 or stalled (Option 001, 01 18 GHz . | 021). |  |

## 25. Adjustments

The only adjustment necessary is setting the +12 V power supply. Connect a dc voltmeter to the case of VR3. (See Service Sheet 3.) Adjust AlR 5 on the Al Switch Control Assembly until the voltage is between +11.9 and +12.1 Vdc.

## 26. Replaceable Parts

Table 7 lists all replaceable parts in alphanumeric order by reference designator. Table 8 contains the names and addresses that correspond to the manufacturer's code numbers.

## 27. Replaceable Parts List

Table 7, Replaceable Parts, is organized as follows:
a. Electrical assemblies and their components in alphanumeric order by reference designation.
b. Chassis-mounted parts and mechanical parts in alphanumeric order by reference designation.

The following information is provided for each part:
a. The Hewlett-Packard part number.
b. Part number check digit (CD).
c. The total quantity (Qty) is provided on the first entry of the part number.
d. The description of the part.
e. A typical manufacturer of the part in a five-digit rode.
f. The manufacturer's number for the part.

## 28. Parts List Updating (Manual Changes Supplement)

Production changes to the instrument made after the publication date of this manual are denoted by a change in the serial-number prefix. Changes to the parts list are recorded by serial prefix on a Manual Changes supplement. Also, errors in the manual are noted in the Errata portion of the Manual Changes supplement.

## 29. Illustrated Parts Breakdowns

The components that compose the Microwave Converter are illustrated in the component locator diagrams in Figure 13, and in the illustrated parts breakdown photographs of Figures 7 and 8.

Table 7. Replaceable Parts


See introduction to this section for ordering information.

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| Reference Designation | HP Part Number | $\begin{aligned} & C \\ & D \end{aligned}$ | Qty | Description | Mfr Code | Mfr Part Number |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| U1 | 0955-0218 | 7 | 1 | AMPLIFIER-MICROWAVE FREQ RRNGE: 18GHZ TO (OPTIONS OO1, 011 AND 021 ONL.Y) | 28480 | 0955-0218 |
| U2 | $0520-0130$ $0955-0237$ | 1 | 1 | SCREW-MACH $2-56.375-$ IN-LG PRN-HO-POZI | 00000 28480 | ORDER BY DESCRIPTION $0955-0237$ |
|  | 0520-0133 | 4 | 2 | SCREW-MACH 2-56.5-IN-LG PAN-HD-POZI | 00000 | OROER BY DESCRIPTION |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 2190-0045 \\ & 2950-0132 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8 \\ & 6 \end{aligned}$ |  | WASHER-LK HLCL NO. 2 . 088-IN-ID <br> NUT-HEX-DBL-CHAM 7/16-28-THD .094-IN-THK | 28480 00000 | $2190-0045$ <br> ORDER BY DESCRIPTION |
| U3 | $\begin{aligned} & 0955-0217 \\ & 0515-0680 \\ & 2190-0584 \\ & 3050-0891 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6 \\ & 5 \\ & 0 \\ & 7 \end{aligned}$ | 1 | MIXER-MICROWAVE FREQ RANGE: LO: 2.0 GHZ SCREW-MACH M3 $\times 0.5$ GMM-LG PAN-HO WASHER-LK HLCL 3.0 MM 3.1-MM-ID WASHER-FL MTLC 3.0 MM 3.3-MM-ID | $\begin{aligned} & 28480 \\ & 28480 \\ & 28480 \\ & 28480 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0955-0217 \\ & 0515-0688 \\ & 2190-0584 \\ & 3050-0891 \end{aligned}$ |
| W1 | 11793-20002 | 1 | 1 | LO INPUT CRBLE, SEMI-RIGID: J1 TO U3 (STANDRRD ONLY) | 28480 | 11793-20002 |
| W2 | 11793-20003 | 2 | 1 | IF OUTPUT CABLE, SEMI-RIGID: J2 TO S2 (STANDARD AND OPTIONS 001, 010 AND 011 | 28480 | 11793-20003 |
| W3 | 11793-20004 | 3 | 1 | ONLY) <br> RF INPUT CABLE, SEMI-RIGID: J3 TO S2 (STANDARD AND DPTIONS 001, 010 AND 011 ONLY) | 28480 | 11793-20004 |
| W4 | 11793-20101 | 1 | 1 | LO INPUT CRBLE, SEMI-RIGID: JI TO SI (LEFT SIDE: OPTION 001 ONLY) | 28480 | 11793-20101 |
| W5 | 11793-20103 | 3 | 1 | LO AMPLIFIER OUTPUT CRBLE, SEMI-RIGID: <br> U1 TO S1 (OPTIONS 001, 011 RND 021 ONLY) | 28480 | 11793-20103 |
| W6 | 11793-20102 | 2 | 1 | MIXER INPUT CRBLE, SEMI-RIGID: S1 TO U3 (OPTIONS 001, 011 AND 021 ONLY) | 28480 | 11793-20102 |
| W7 | 11793-60013 | 8 | 2 | MIXER OUTPUT CABLE RSSEMBLY, FLEX-CORX (912): U3 TO FL1 | 28480 | 11793-60013 |
| W8 | 11793-60013 | 8 |  | IF AMPLIFIER OUTPUT CABLE ASSEMBLY, FLEX-CORX (312): U2 TO S2 | 28480 | 11793-60013 |
| W9 | 11793-20104 | 4 | 1 | LO AMPLIFIER INPUT CABLE, SEMI-RIGID: SI TO U1 (OPTIONS 001, O11 RND O21 ONLY) | 28480 | 11793-20104 |
| W10 | 11793-60011 | 6 | 1 | MODULE HRRNESS ASSEMBLY (STANDRRD AND OPTIONS 010 AND 020 ONLY) | 28480 | $11793-60011$ $0515-1084$ |
|  | 0515-1084 $0535-0004$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \\ & 9 \end{aligned}$ | 4 | SCREW-MACH M3 $\times 0.5$ 12MM-LG PAN-HD NUT-HEX DBL-CHAM M3 $\times 0.52 .4 \mathrm{MM}-T H K$ | 28480 00000 | $0515-1084$ <br> ORDER BY DESCRIPTION |
|  | 2190-0584 | 0 |  | WASHER-LK HLCL $3.0 \mathrm{MM} \mathrm{3.1-MM-ID}$ | 28480 | 2190-0584 |
| W11 | 11793-60012 | 7 | 1 | MODULE HARNESS RSSEMBLY (OPTIONS OO1, 011, AND 021 ONLY) | 28480 | 11793-60012 |
| W12 | $\begin{aligned} & 11793-60007 \\ & 0535-0004 \\ & 2190-0584 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 9 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | 1 | MODULE CABLE, FLAT: R1J1 TO J9 NUT-HEX DBL-CHRM M3 $\times 0.52 .4 \mathrm{MM}-$ THK WASHER-LK HLCL 3.0 MM 3.1-MM-ID | $\begin{aligned} & 28480 \\ & 00000 \\ & 28480 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11793-60007 \\ & \text { ORDER BY DESCRIPTION } \\ & 2190-0584 \end{aligned}$ |
| W13 | 11793-60010 | 5 | 1 | CRELE ASSEMBLY, COAX: J8 TO A1 | 28480 | $11793-60010$ |
|  | 1250-0952 | 3 | 1 | CONTRCT-RF CONN BNC/TNC:FEM CTR | 24931 | C232-2 |
|  | 1250-0958 | 9 | 1 | BUSHING RF CONN BNC/TNC: FOR INTL | $24931$ | CS 105-3 $1250-0960$ |
|  | 1250-0964 | 7 | 1 | NUT-RF CONN BNC/TNC: CLAMP NUT FOR | 24931 | N126-2 |
|  | 1400-0025 | 0 |  | CLAMP-CABLE 5-DIA . 5-LD NYL | 28480 | 1400-0025 |
|  | $2190-0102$ $2950-0035$ | $8$ | 1 | UASHER-LK INTL T 15/32 IN : 472-IN-ID NUT-HEX-DBL-CHAM 15/32-32-THD | $\begin{aligned} & 28480 \\ & 00000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2190-0102 \\ & \text { ORDER BY DESCRIPTION } \end{aligned}$ |
| W14 | 11793-20106 | 6 | 1 | LO INPUT CABLE, SEMI-RIGID: J4 TO SI (RIGHT SIDE: OPTION 011 ONLY) | 28480 | 11793-20106 |
| W15 | 11793-20107 | 7 | 1 | RF INPUT CABLE, SEMI-RIGID: J5 TO S1 (OPTIONS 020 AND 021 ONLY) | 28480 | 11793-20107 |
| W15 | 11793-20108 | 8 | 1 | IF OUTPUT CABLE, SEMI-RIGID: 37 TO S2 (OPTIONS 020 RND O21 ONLY) | 28480 | 11793-20108 |
| W17 | 11793-20109 | 9 | 1 | LO INPUT CRBLE, SEMI-RIGIO: J6 TO U3 (OPTION 020 ONLY) | 28480 | 11793-20109 |
| W18 | 11793-20110 | 2 | 1 | LO INPUT CRBLE, SEMI-RIGID: J6 TO Si (OPTION 021 ONLY) | 28480 | 11793-20110 |
| W19 | 11793-20111 | 3 | 1 | LO INPUT CABLE. SEMI-RIGID: J4 TO U3 (RIGHT SIDE: OPTION 010 ONLY) | 28480 | 11793-20111 |
| W20 | 11793-60009 | 2 | 1 | LO INPUT CRBLE, FLEX: 35MM MRLE (ACCESSORY) | 28480 | 11793-60009 |
| W21 | 11793-80006 | 9 | 1 | IF OUTPUT CRBLE, FLEX: 5M MALE (ACCESSORY) | 28480 | 11793-60006 |
| W22 | 8120-1838 | 8 | 1 | CRBLE ASSY-COAX 50-OHM 12-IN-LG JGK (ACCESSORY) | 28480 | 8120-1838 |

See introduction to this section for ordering information.

Table 8. Code List of Manufacturers



NOTE: MP21 AND MP22
ARE HOLE PLUGS.

Figure 6. Cabinet Parts


Figure 7. Illustrated Parts Breakdown for Standard and Option 010


Figure 8. Illustrated Parts Breakdown for Options 001, and 011

## 30. Ordering Information

To order a part listed in the replaceable parts table, include the Hewlett-Packard part number (with the check digit) and the quantity required. Address your order to the nearest Hewlett-Packard office. The check digit will ensure accurate and timely processing of your order. To order a part that is not listed in the replaceable parts table, include the instrument model number, instrument serial number, description and function of the part, and the quantity of parts required. Address the order to the nearest Hewlett-Packard office.

## 31. Manual Changes

These paragraphs contain manual change instructions for backdating this manual for HP Model 11793A Microwave Converters with the serial number prefix 2407A.

Instruments with Serial Prefix 2407A have System II cabinet parts and hardware that are English thread. Instruments with Serial Prefix 2520A and higher have System II cabinet parts and hardware that are METRIC thread.

In Table 7. Replaceable Parts, both English and Metric thread part numbers are listed for the System II cabinet parts. These correct part numbers are referenced under the instrument's serial number prefix.

Instruments with the serial number prefix 2407A have MP3 (rear frame), MP 8 (rear panel), and associated english thread hardware, that are screwed together. These parts have been changed to a riveted, one piece assembly that is referenced to MP8. To replace MP8 you must order the Rear Panel Assembly 11793-20009, and the metric screws for the side struts and rear feet.

## 32. SERVICE

## 33. Principles of Operation

## Simplified Block Diagram

A simplified block diagram of the Microwave Converter is shown in Figure 10 . The signal at the RF INPUT connector is routed through an input switch either to the Direct Path (and out the IF OUTPUT connector), or to the Down-Convert Path. The Down-Convert Path has a 3 dB RF Attenuator (to improve input SWR), a Mixer (the down-converter), an IF Low-pass Filter (to remove the sum component of the mixing process while passing the difference component), and a +15 dB IF Amplifier (to restore signal loss through the Down-Convert Path).

Usually, the LO frequency selected is higher than the frequency of the input signal. (The measuring instrument assumes this.) The difference frequency (the IF) is filtered by the IF Low-Pass Filter, which has a 3 dB corner of 800 MHz . The IF should be kept between the range of 10 and 700 MHz .

If the instrument has the optional LO Amplifier installed, the measuring instrument automatically switches in the amplifier whenever an LO frequency greater than 18 GHz is selected.

## Service Sheets 1 and 2 (Input Signal Down-Converter)

A single input on the rear panel: the FREQ OFFSET INPUT, has three logic states which control both the switching of the RF two paths, and the insertion of the optional LO Amplifier. The Level Comparator senses the three states and drives the appropriate switches.

Service Sheets 1 and 2 are the schematic diagrams of the RF circuitry of the Microwave Converter. Service Sheet 1 (SS1) documents the standard Microwave Converter (without the LO Amplifier option), and Service Sheet 2 (SS2) documents the Microwave Converter with the LO Amplifier.

The operation of the RF components is discussed in the principles of operation for the Simplified Block Diagram above. Note that the RF switches (S1 and S2), shown in the schematic, automatically interrupt the current flowing into the energized solenoid once the plunger switches the RF contacts. The plungers latch via permanent magnets.

## Service Sheet 3 (A1 Switch Control Assembly)

The Level Comparator (U1A and U1B) and Decoder (U3A, U3B, and U3C) decode a three level input (through the rear-panel FREQ OFFSET INPUT connector) into binary levels that control the RF switches (see SS1 and SS2). The AND gates (U2) are simply open-collector inverters, which drive the transistors (Q2, Q3, Q4, Q5) to switch on and energize the solenoids of the RF switches. Table 9 summarizes the decoding.

Table 9. Decoding of the Offset Frequency Input

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { RF } \\ & \text { Path } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { LO } \\ \text { Amp } \end{gathered}$ | Level at FREQ OFFSET INPUT | $\begin{gathered} \text { U1A } \\ \text { Pin } 1 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { U1B } \\ \text { Pin } 6 \end{gathered}$ | U3A <br> Pin 3 | $\begin{gathered} \text { U3B } \\ \text { Pin } 6 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { U3C } \\ & \text { Pin } 8 \end{aligned}$ | Q2 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Direct Down-Convert Down-Convert | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Out } \\ & \text { In } \\ & \text { Out } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} <2.0 \mathrm{~V} \\ 2.0 \text { to } 3.8 \mathrm{~V} \\ >3.8 \mathrm{~V} \end{gathered}$ | H H L | L H H | H L H | H L | L L L | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Off } \\ & \text { On } \\ & \text { Off } \end{aligned}$ | Off On On | On Off Off | On Off On |

The power supplies used are:

- The unregulated +26 V supplies drive current to the RF switch solenoids, and is the input to the +12 V Regulator.
- The regulated +12 V is the only adjustable supply. It is the current input to the +5 V Regulator as well as the reference from which both the Level Comparator references are derived, and the RF Amplifiers are powered.
- The regulated +5 V supplies current to most logic devices.

Either the +26 or +12 V supply can trigger the Over-Voltage Protection should the respective voltage exceed +42 or +12 V . LED DS 1 gives an indication that the supply is nominally operational.

## 34. Troubleshooting

## WARNING

Primary AC power is present within instrument when line voltage power cord is connected to the instrument.

Maintenance described herein is performed with power supplied to the instrument and with protective covers removed. Such maintenance should be performed only by service-trained personnel who are aware of the hazards involved.

## CAUTION

Use the correct torque wrench when installing sub-miniature connectors.

Do not exceed the following torque settings for this instrument:
1.5 Nm for the 3 mm (T10) screws
2.0 Nm for the 4 mm (T15) screws
0.7 Nm ( $6.3 \mathrm{in} . \mathrm{lb}$ ) for $S M A$ connectors
0.7 Nm ( 6.3 in.lb) for Type -N connectors

## General

Troubleshooting information is broken down into three categories:

- RF devices,
- control devices, and
- power supplies.

Either a compatible measuring instrument or a power supply connected to the FREQ OFFSET INPUT, can be used to control the RF switches. If a power supply is used, set it to $0,+3$, or +5 Vdc as dictated by Table 9.

## RF Devices (Service Sheets 1 and 2)

Because of the diversity of test equipment and techniques available for troubleshooting the high-frequency devices, no specific procedures are given. Check the performance parameters of the RF devices against the following table, Table 10. Also check connectors and cables.

Table 10. Performance Parameters

| Device | Periormance Parameters to Check |
| :---: | :---: |
| AT1 <br> 3 dB <br> Attenuator | Attenuation: 2.5 to 3.5 dB at 18 GHz 2.0 to 4.0 dB at 26.5 GHz SWR: <1.25:1 at 26.5 GHz |
| FL1 <br> Low-Pass <br> Filter | 3 dB Corner: 900 to 1100 MHz <br> Passband Insertion Loss: $<0.25 \mathrm{~dB}$ at 800 MHz |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { S1, S2 } \\ & \text { Switch } \end{aligned}$ | Insertion Loss: $<1.5 \mathrm{~dB}$ at 26.5 GHz SWR: <2.0:1 at 26.5 GHz |
| U1 <br> LO <br> Amplifier | Frequency Range: 18 to 26.5 GHz <br> Gain: $>11 \mathrm{~dB}$ <br> SWR: <2.5:1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { U2 } \\ & \text { IF } \\ & \text { Amplifier } \end{aligned}$ | Frequency Range: 10 to 700 MHz <br> Gain: 14 dB <br> SWR: <1.8:1 |
| U3 Mixer | LO Frequency Range: 2 to 26.5 GHz RF Frequency Range: 1.3 to 26.5 GHz LO Power: >+8 dBm Conversion Loss: $<10 \mathrm{~dB}$ SWR: <4:1 |

## Control Devices (Service Sheet 3)

Set a power supply to 0 Vdc and connect it to the FREQ OFFSET INPUT connector. Set the supply to 0 , +3 , and +5 Vdc respectively, and compare the logic levels of the logic devices with those listed in Table 9. When specifically checking the drive transistors $\mathrm{Q} 2, \mathrm{Q} 3, \mathrm{Q} 4$, or Q 5 , note the following:

The switch solenoids automatically disconnect after completion of switching. Therefore, it is difficult to distinguish between a drive transistor that is on but not drawing current, or one that is off and not drawing current. The collector voltages will differ by only a few mV . If any of the transistors are known to be working, compare the on and off voltages of the suspected transistor against those of a known good one.

## Power Supplies (Service Sheet 3)

Check the points indicated in the schematic diagram for dc level and ac ripple. Note that the +5 V Regulator is dependent on the +12 V Regulator.

## Equipment

Refer to Table 4, Recommended Test Equipment.

## 35. Repair

## Cleanliness

Do not handle the A1 Switch Control Assembly board more than necessary. If dirt or moisture from the hands comes in contact with the circuit side of the Al board, the circuits may become inoperative. Do not use solder flux remover on the circuit board.

## 36. Cleaning the Control-Line Switch Contacts

These instructions pertain to switches $S 1$ (in instruments with the LO amplifier option), and/or S2 (standard and LO amplifier option configuration) located within the RF module. See Figure 9, Switch Contact Location.


Figure 9. Switch Contact Location

1. Remove the switch from the RF module. Refer to Paragraphs 39 or $40, \mathrm{RF}$ Module disassembly procedures.
2. Remove the two screws on the switch cover and remove the cover.
3. Saturate the edge of a sheet of durable paper with alcohol.
4. Insert the paper under one of the contacts, and while pressing gently on the contact, slide the paper through. Do not allow the alcohol to run inside the switch assembly. Do not allow the paper to shred. Do this several times and repeat for the other switch contact.
5. Saturate the edge of another sheet of paper with a freon-type degreaser and repeat step 4.
6. Remove any shreds of paper that may have lodged in the contacts.
7. Reinstall the switch cover. Note the orientation of the feedthrough terminals on the cover with respect to the switch contacts.
8. Replace the switch according to Paragraphs 41 or 42 , RF Module assembly procedures.

## 37. Instrument Disassembly Procedure

The 11793A Microwave Converter uses metric connecting hardware in the form of 3 mm (T10) and 4 mm (T15) Torxhead screws (except for two small English thread Pozidriv screws mounting U1 to MP17). Use the Torxhead size T10 and T15 hits that are provided, to disassemble and re-assemble the instrument. The recommended torque wrench for use with the Torxhead bits may be ordered as HP part number 8730-0012.

The major component blocks of the 11793A Microwave Converter are MP14 (RF Signal Processing Module), A1 (A1 Switch Control Assembly), and T1 (Power Transformer). The RF module and the A1 assembly are mounted on MP13 (the Main Deck). The power transformer is mounted on MP2, the instrument chassis left side strut. See Figures 6,7 , and 8 to locate and identify parts and assemblies.

Note that Option 020 and 021 instruments differ from the standard and other option models in that the main deck and transformer locations inside the instrument are reversed when compared to the standard and other option models as shown in Figures 7 and 8. In Option 020 and 021 models, the RF module is in the rear of the instrument), and the transformer is mounted in the front left corner.

The following procedures allow the removal of the Microwave Converter components from within the instrument chassis.

1. Remove the top and bottom covers by loosening the screw in the middle of each cover rear edge. These are captive screws and will cause the cover to push away from the front frame. Slide each cover toward rear of the instrument to disengage, then lift up and away from the instrument.
2. Remove the side covers in the same manner as that of the top and bottom covers.
3. Remove the plastic trim from the top of the front frame by inserting a screwdriver into the rear slots and gently prying up the strip.
4. Disconnect J 8 on the rear panel by removing the $9 / 16$ inch retaining nut and lock washer.
5. Instruments with serial number prefix 2520A have MP8 (back panel) riveted to MP3 (rear frame). To remove the rear frame, unscrew the four corner screws that connect MP2 (side struts) to MP3. Pull off the two wires 05 and 0 (black/green and black) on the LINE VOLTAGE switch (both wires are of the quick disconnect type).

For instruments with serial number prefix 2407A, remove MP8 (back panel) from MP3 (rear frame) by unscrewing eight screws. Pull off the two wires 05 and 0 (black/green and black) on the LINE VOLTAGE switch (both wires are of the quick disconnect type).
6. Turn the instrument around so that the front of the instrument faces to the operator's left. Desolder the 6, 5, 4, and 0 (blue, green, yellow, and black) wires from the A1 assembly.
7. To remove $T 1$ power transformer and its mounting bracket, unscrew the four screws located on MP20 (mounting bracket). Separate transformer and the mounting bracket by removing the four long screws passing through the transformer case.
8. To remove the A1 assembly disconnect $W 12$ (gray ribbon cable) at AlJ1 board connector, unscrew the two screws at the VR3 heat sink, and turn the three board mounting stand-offs a 1/4 turn counterclockwise.
9. To remove MP13 (main deck) and MP14 (RF module), remove the six Torxhead screws located on the top and bottom of MP1 (front frame). Remove the six screws connecting MP2 (side struts) to MP13 (main deck). While supporting MP9, MP10 (front- and sub-panel) in one hand, carefully slide MP13 (main deck) forward through the front frame opening just enough to reach the inside cable connections.


Be careful that you do not bend the coax cables. Possible attenuation or interference of the $R F$ signal may result.
a. When inside connections can be reached, use a $5 / 16$ open-end wrench to disconnect the semi-rigid coaxial cables from the front-panel connectors.
b. Carefully set aside the front panel and slide the main deck assembly out of the instrument chassis.

To remove the main deck on Options 020 and 021 , disconnect the input cable connectors at the back panel. Remove the main deck screws, then lift one side of the Main deck up until it clears the side strut.
10. To remove MP14 (RF module) from MP13 (main deck), remove the four screws that hold the module to the main deck.

## 38. Instrument Assembly Procedure

Note that Option 020 and 021 instruments differ from the standard and other option models in that the main deck and transformer locations inside the instrument are reversed, when compared to the standard and other option models as shown in Figures 7 and 8 . In Option 020 and 021 models, the RF module is in the rear of the instrument), and the transformer is mounted in the front left corner.
Use the correct torque wrench when installing sub-miniature
connectors.
Do not exceed the following torque settings for this instrument:
1.5 Nm for the 3 mm (T10) screws,
2.0 Nm for the 4 mm (T 15) screws.

1. Place the RF Module upside down with the semi-rigid coax cables pointing to the left. Position the main deck over the module with the four holes in the deck aligning with the four screw holes in the module base. (The A1 assembly mounting stand-offs on MP13 (main deck) should be upside down and on the opposite side of MP13 from the assembler.) Attach with four screws.
2. Take the main deck assembly (coax cables facing to the left) and slide into the main chassis through the front frame (the two notches indicate the bottom edge and should be down). When the coax cables are within two inches of the front frame edge, carefully connect the semi-rigid coax cables to their respective front-panel connectors, using a $5 / 16$ inch open-end wrench.

For Option 020 and 021 instruments, main deck reassembly is just the opposite of disassembly.


Be careful that you do not bend the coax cables. Possible attenuation or interference of the $R F$ signal may result.
3. Carefully slide the main deck assembly into the instrument chassis until the front panel is within the front frame and the mounting holes are aligned. Attach the front panel with the six Torxhead screws: 3 top, 3 bottom.
4. Attach the main deck assembly to the side struts using the six screws: three screws to a side.
5. Turn the instrument over. With the three A1 assembly mounting stand-offs on the main deck (MP13) adjacent to the assembler, mount the A1 assembly to the main deck assembly. The three large holes in the A1 assembly must align with the three mounting stand-offs, and the heat sink holes must align with the deck mounting holes. Firmly seat the A1 assembly on the mounting stand-offs and lock the stand-offs by turning the screw heads a $1 / 4$ turn clockwise.
6. Fasten the transistor heat sink to the deck with two screws.
7. Connect W12 to A1J1.
8. Mount transformer to the mounting bracket using the four long transformer screws. Mount the bracket to the left side strut at the third and eighth holes (counting forward from the rear frame) with four screws. Make sure that the transformer secondary wires $(4,5,6)$ face the corner of the Al Switch Control Assembly.
9. Replace rear frame assembly to the side struts by connecting with four screws at the frame corners. On instruments with serial number prefix 2407A, mount the rear panel to the rear frame using eight screws. Ensure that the panel is aligned so that the electrical hardware is in the same corner as the transformer.
10. Connect the black/green primary wire (05) on the transformer to the bottom right LINE VOLTAGE lug (underneath the white/brown/gray wire [918]). Connect the black primary wire (0) to the upper right LINE VOLTAGE lug.
11. Solder the colored secondary wires from the transformer to their respective solder pads on the A1 Assembly: yellow to 4 , green to 5 ; and blue to 6 . Solder the black wire to the GND pad.
12. Reconnect $\mathbf{J} 8$ (on W13) to the rear panel (in the FREQ OFFSET INPUT opening) using the $9 / 16$ inch lock washer and nut.
13. Replace the side panels by centering each panel in the track formed by the side strut edges. Slide the panel from the rear forward until the captive screw on the rear edge of the panel is in contact with the rear frame. The screw should be in position to be tightened into the frame. The panel will move forward into place as the screw is tightened.
14. Replace the top cover by placing the cover onto the upper frame of instrument, then slide cover toward front of instrument. Tighten screw in middle of rear edge of cover while applying a slight upward pressure on the leading edge (to keep the edge from jamming on front frame). Guide cover into slot in the top of the front frame. Turn instrument over and repeat for the bottom cover.
39. RF Module Disassembly Procedure for Std, Option 010, \& 020 Instruments

## NOTE

When referring to switch ports: port \#1 is the far left (SMA) connector, port \#2 is the second SMA connector, etc., when holding the switch (label up) with the SMA connectors facing you.

1. Disconnect W12 (gray ribbon cable) at A1J1.
2. Remove module cover (MP16) by removing the ten cover screws.
3. Disconnect cables W7 and W8 using a $5 / 16$ open-end wrench: W7 from U3 Mixer and FL1 Filter, W8 from U2 IF Amp and S2 Switch, port \#4.
4. Unsolder orange wire from U2.
5. Remove U2 and FL1 from MP16 by removing the two screws securing U 2 , then loosening the filter clamp screw, and sliding the assembly out.
6. Disconnect the LO input semi-rigid coax cable (W1 in Standard instruments, W19 in Option 010 instruments, or W17 in Option 020 instruments) at U3, being careful not to bend, crimp, or kink the cable. The radio frequency interference (RFI) shielding grommet can be removed by slipping the grommet off of the cable via the cable access slit.
7. Repeat step 6 for W 2 (RF/IF Output) at S2 port \#3.
8. Repeat step 6 for W 3 (RF Input) at S 2 port \#2.
9. Unscrew the two Torxhead screws that secure the MP18 mixer mounting bracket to the MP14 module base.

## NOTE

Remember the order in which the stiffener bar and mixer bracket are assembled. The stiffener bar and mixer bracket assembly order is different between each brand of mixer used.
10. Disconnect U3 Mixer from AT1 Attenuator. U3 Mixer and bracket can then be disassembled.
11. Disconnect AT1 from S2.
12. Remove S2 from MP14 module base by removing the two corner screws.
13. Unsolder the three control wires (1, 2, 5) from S2.
14. Remove the Spira Shield (RF "EMI" gasket situated in the module base lip) only if damaged, or replacement of MP14 module base.
40. RF Module Disassembly Procedure for Option 001, 011, \& 021 Instruments

## NOTE

When referring to switch ports: port \#I is the far left (SMA) connector, port \#2 is the second SMA connector, etc., when holding the switch (label up) with the SMA connectors facing you.

1. Disconnect W12 (gray ribbon cable) at A1J1.
2. Remove MP16 module cover by removing the 10 cover screws.
3. Disconnect cables $W 7$ and $W 8$ using a $5 / 16$ open-end wrench: W 7 from U3 mixer and FL1 Filter, W8 from U2 IF Amp and S2 Switch, port \#4.
4. Unsolder the orange and white/orange wires (3, 93) from U2. Unsolder the gray and white/orange wires (8, 93) from Ul.
5. Remove U2 and FL1 from MP16 by removing the two screws securing $U 2$, then loosen the filter clamp screw and slide the assembly out.
6. Disconnect W9 from S1, port \#1 and U1.
7. Disconnect the LO input semi-rigid coax cable (W4 in Option 001; W14 in Option 011; or W18 in Option 021 ) from S1, port \#2, being careful not to bend, crimp, or kink the cable. The radio frequency interference (RFI) shielding grommet can be removed by slipping the grommet off of the cable via the cable access slit.
8. Disconnect W6 from S1, port \#3 and U3.
9. Disconnect W5 from S1, port \#4 and U1 (power terminal side).
10. Unscrew the two Torxhead screws that secure the U1MP17 Amplifier mounting bracket to MP 14 module base. The U1 amplifier and bracket can then be removed.
11. Unscrew the two Torxhead screws that secure the MP18 mixer mounting bracket to MP14 module base.

## NOTE

Remember the order in which the stiffener bar and mixer bracket are assembled. The stiffener bar and mixer bracket assembly order is different between each brand of mixer used.
12. Disconnect U3 from the Attenuator (AT1). U3 Mixer and bracket can then be disassembled.
13. Disconnect W2 from S2, port \#3, being careful not to bend, crimp, or kink the cable.
14. Disconnect $W 3$ from $S 2$, port \#2, being careful not to bend, crimp, or kink the cable.
15. Disconnect AT1 from S2, port \#1.
16. Remove switches S1 and S2 from MP14 module base by removing the two screws that secure each switch.
17. Unsolder the control wires on each switch (6, 4, \& 92 on S1; 5, 1, \& 2 on S2).
18. Remove the Spira Shield (RF gasket situated in the module base lip) only if damaged, or necessary for MP 14 module base replacement.

## 41. RF Module Assembly Procedure for Std, Option 010, \& 020 Instruments

1. Spira Shield (RF gasket) replacement:

Spira Shield is inserted into a groove in the module base (MP14). Within the groove at spaced intervals, are a series of rectangular protrusions called bosses. Insertion and seaming should begin and finish at a boss.
a. Use finger protection (such as a rubber finger protector) when working with the Spira Shield.
b. Start at a boss on a straight section of the groove. Push the shielding into the groove using a protected finger. Guide and twist the shielding to the next boss with the other hand.
c. At the next boss twist the shielding into a tight curl, guide it through the groove, then allow the shielding to expand to hold itself in place.
d. When an opening in the outer wall of the module is encountered, the shielding should be cut diagonally. Begin the threading procedure on the other side of the opening.
e. Twist the shielding tighter when rounding corners.
2. Solder the three control wires to the $S 2$ terminals as follows: green to 1 , brown to 2 , and red to $\mathrm{C}(+)$.
3. With the cable slots of the module facing towards the assembler, mount S2 (label up and the ports pointing to the center of the module) in the left hand side of the module base.
4. Connect AT1 to port \#1 of S2.
5. Connect U3 to the mixer bracket, ensuring that the mixer side port (which connects to the IF output) faces opposite to the bracket mounting holes.
6. Connect U3 to AT1, but do not tighten.

## NOTE

Mixer construction varies with manufacturer, and thus, is assembled within the RF Module differently. For example, a Norsal mixer has a stiffener bar placed between the mixer mounting bracket and the base mounting castings. An RHG mixer has a stiffener bar placed above the mixer mounting bracket.
7. Attach the mixer assembly to the module base, but do not tighten the screws.
8. Tighten the connection to AT1, then tighten the Mixer assembly screws.
9. Connect W1 (in Standard instruments), W19 (in Option 010 instruments), or W 17 (in Option 020 instruments) to the right port of the mixer (cable slots in module should be facing assembler). Ensure that the radio frequency interference (RFI) shielding grommet cradles the cable in the slot with the cable access slit facing to the side.
10. Connect W2 to S2, port \#3. Ensure that the RFI Grommet is in place as above in step 9.
11. Repeat step 10 for W 3 to S 2 , port \#2.
12. Attach U2 to the module cover.
13. Solder the orange wire to the U 2 amplifier terminal.
14. Place filter clamp around FL1 and attach loosely to the cover.
15. Connect FL1 to U2. Tighten FL1 clamp.
16. Connect W7 to U3 and FL1.
17. Connect W8 to U2 and S2, port \#4.
18. Secure module cover to base. Snug the screws down finger tight, then tighten the screws, working from the center out.
19. Connect W12 to AlJ1.
42. RF Module Assembly Procedure for Option 001, 011, \& 021 Instruments

1. For Spira Shield (RF gasket) replacement, refer to step 1 under Paragraph 41 above.
2. Wrap and solder the control wires to the S1 and S2 terminals as follows: blue to S1 terminal 1 , yellow to $S 1$ terminal 2 , white/red to $S 1$ terminal $C(+)$;
green to $S 2$ terminal 1, brown to $S 2$ terminal 2, orange, white/red to $S 2$ terminal $C(+)$.
3. With the cable slots of MP14 RF module facing towards the assembler, mount S1 (label up and the ports pointing to the center of the module) in the right side of the module base; mount S2 in the left side of the module base. Secure the switches with the four long Torxhead screws.
4. Connect AT1 to S2, port \#1.
S. Connect U3 to the mixer bracket, ensuring that the mixer side port (which connects to the IF output) faces opposite to the bracket mounting holes.
5. Connect U3 to AT1, but do not tighten.

## NOTE

Mixer construction varies with manufacturer, and thus, is assembled within the RF Module differently. For example, a Norsal mixer has a stiffener bar placed between the mixer mounting bracket and the base mounting castings. An RHG mixer has a stiffener bar placed above the mixer mounting bracket.
7. Attach the mixer assembly to the module base, but do not tighten the screws.
8. Tighten the connection to AT1, then tighten the mixer assembly screws.
9. Assemble U1 HF LO Amplifier and the U1MP17 Mounting Bracket. Ensure that the Ul power terminal labels are up, and that the terminals face towards switch S2.
10. Attach and secure U1 Amplifier assembly to MP14 module base.
11. Connect W3 to S2, port \#2 (cable slots in module should be facing assembler). Insure that the radio frequency interference ( RFI ) shielding grommet cradles the cable in the slot with the cable access slit facing to the side.
12. Connect W2 to S2, port \#3. Ensure that the RFI Grommet is in place as described in step 11.
13. Connect W5 to the left port of U1 Amplifier and to S1, port \#4.
14. Connect W6 to the right port of U3 mixer and to S1, port \#3.
15. Connect the LO input semi-rigid coax cable (W4 in Option 001 instruments; W14 in Option 011 instruments; or W18 in Option 021 instruments) to S 1 , port \#2. Insure that the RF grommet is in place as described in steps 11.
16. Connect W9 to the right port of U 1 and to S 1 , port \#1.
17. Attach U2 to MP16 module cover.
18. Solder both the orange and white/orange wires $(3,93)$ to the U 2 amplifier terminal.
19. Place filter clamp around FL1 and attach loosely to the cover.
20. Connect FL1 to U2. Tighten FL1 clamp.
21. Connect W7 to U3 and FL1.
22. Connect W8 to U2 and S2, port \#4.
23. Secure module cover to base. Snug the screws down finger tight, then tighten the screws, working from the center out.
24. Connect W12 to A1J1.





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    Use the correct torque wrench when installing sub-miniature connectors.

    Tighten 3.5 mm connectors to 0.7 Nm ( 6.3 in.lb). Tighten Type-N connectors to 0.7 Nm ( $6.3 \mathrm{in} . \mathrm{lb}$ ).

