Model 480E09

1-Channel, battery-powered, ICP® sensor signal conditioner, gain x1, x10,

Installation and Operating Manual

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Models 480E09/E06 are ICP® Battery Power Units with gain. The voltage gain switch offers amplification factors of 1, 10, and 100.

NOTE: The only difference between the models is that the 480E09 unit features BNC connectors while the 480E06 unit features microdot connectors.

2.0 DESCRIPTION

Refer to Drawings and Specifications in the front of this manual. Also see Figure 1 for Schematic Diagram common for both Models 480E09 and 480E06.

The 480E09/E06 models operate from three self-contained 9-volt transistor radio batteries and supply constant-current power to the built-in transducer amplifier in ICP® transducers or in-line and adaptor amplifiers such as the 401 and 402 series. (See Guide G-0001 for a comprehensive coverage of the ICP® concept).

Also, the gain amplifier is "unpowered" in the gain of "1" position for extended battery life.

A notable feature common to these units is the low-frequency response. (See Specification Sheets).

Another feature common to these units is a front panel meter which serves as fault monitor check for circuit connections and, when used in connection with a front panel momentary battery test rocker switch, can also check the condition of the batteries. Another refinement is a small phone jack on the front panel which can be used as an external DC power source with inputs up to 27 volts.

The front panel meter referred to above is color-coded to monitor circuit faults and to check battery conditions. Subsequent sections of this manual will describe these functions in detail.

3.0 OPERATION

With no transducer connected to the Models 480E09/E06, move the rotary switch to the desired gain position. The front panel voltmeter will read the battery voltage. (+27 volts for fresh batteries). The voltmeter is scaled to read 27-volts full scale without the transducer in the system. (see figure 2).

A transducer ("XDCR") jack is located at the front panel as well as a signal output jack labeled "SCOPE". These jacks are both female BNC jacks (for the 480E09) which mate directly with the PCB Model 002C cable.

Both units use easy-to-change batteries (see Section 3.3) and are physically easy to operate.

The units are small enough to be easily carried in the field and, being battery operated, are especially noise-free and unaffected by ground loops. The low battery drain affords good battery life. An additional connector for battery charging permits use of rechargeable batteries.

When an ICP® transducer is connected to the input "transducer" jack, the meter will indicate approximately mid-scale (+11V nominal) if the transducer's built-in amplifier is functioning properly and cables are intact. (Certain special ICP® transducers such as low-noise or cryogenic units have lower turn-on voltage. Consult specification sheet).
In this manner, the meter can be used to continuously monitor the system for normal operation.

Immediately after connecting readout instrument (oscilloscope, meter, recorder, etc.) to the "output" jack, the 22µF coupling capacitor will begin charging through the input resistance of the readout instrument. This charging will cause an apparent "drifting" of the output signal until the capacitor is fully charged. Such drifting is perfectly normal.

3.1 OUTPUT VOLTAGE LIMITATIONS

Certain ICP® transducers are capable of a 10-volt output voltage swing. The Models 480E09/E06 with 27V supply will allow the positive-going side of the signal to go to ±14 volts. The negative-going side of the signal is capable of -8 volts assuming a 10-volt turn-on for the transducer.

3.2 CURRENT DRIVE LIMITATIONS

In the interest of battery life, the current output of Models 480E09/E06 is fixed at 2mA. This current will adequately handle high-frequency signals in cables up to approximately 100 ft. long. Longer cables can be driven, but with sacrifice of high-frequency response.

3.3 CHANGING THE BATTERIES

Should the batteries require changing, as indicated by the front panel voltmeter, proceed as follows:

Remove the one screw at the rear panel of both the 480E09/E06 and remove the unit from its plastic case.

Unsnap battery from connectors and remove batteries. Connect new 9-volt batteries in place, replace rear cover and re-screw. Be sure the insulator between the PC board and the battery is in place.

In normal use, the life expectancy of the batteries is in excess of 40 hours of operation when gain is in the x10 or x100 position. When gain switch is in unity position, battery life is approximately 80 hours. Turn unit off when not in use to conserve battery life.

NOTE: Use Mallory Duracell Mn 1604 or equivalent NEDA 1604A battery.

3.4 BATTERY TEST

The Models 480E09/E06 Power Units incorporate a momentary battery test rocker switch as part of the ON/OFF switch.

Depressing this rocker switches the meter from the "XDCR" jack to the battery high side.

Normal circuit operation is not affected by this action and releasing the rocker returns the meter to the transducer bias monitor function.

Replace batteries if meter pointer does not move to "BATT OK" mark on the meter when power is "ON", and "BATT TEST" rocker is depressed.

3.5 BATTERY CHARGING

Plug 488A02 charger into front panel jack and with unit off, recharge for 14 hours. Full charge supplies 10 mA constant current to batteries. (With unit "ON" only a trickle charge of about 2mA is available for the batteries). The standard 488A02 operates on 110V; the prefix "F" indicates 220V operation (F488A02).

CAUTION
Do not use recharger unless unit has rechargeable batteries installed (Varta TR7/8 or Eveready N88).

3.6 EXTERNAL BATTERY CONNECTION

The external battery connector (which takes a #750 switchcraft phone plug) is intended for use when longer battery life is desired. Model 073A05 Long Life Battery Pack uses 6V lantern batteries connected in series to provide 24 volts to the unit.

4.0 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

Aside from battery replacement, no maintenance is required for these units. It is suggested, should trouble occur, that you contact the factory for assistance.

If the unit must be returned, please describe the problem in a brief note.

A quotation for repair of out-of-warranty equipment should be requested.

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# BATTERY-POWERED SIGNAL CONDITIONER

## Performance

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<td>Fault/Bliss Monitor/Meter(± 1 V)(midscale)</td>
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## Environmental

- Temperature Range: 32 to 120 °F, 0 to 50 °C

## Electrical

- Excitation Voltage(To Sensor): 25 to 29 VDC
- Constant Current Excitation(To Sensor): 2.0 to 3.2 mA
- DC Offset(Maximum): <30 mV
- Spectral Noise(1 Hz)(Gain 1) | 0.25 μV/√Hz | -132 dB |
| (10 Hz)(Gain 1) | 0.07 μV/√Hz | -143 dB |
| (100 Hz)(Gain 1) | 0.05 μV/√Hz | -146 dB |
| (1 kHz)(Gain 1) | 0.04 μV/√Hz | -148 dB |
| (10 kHz)(Gain 1) | 0.03 μV/√Hz | -150 dB |
- Broadband Electrical Noise(1 to 10,000 Hz)(Gain x1) | 3.25 μV rms | -110 dB rms |
- Spectral Noise(1 Hz)(Gain 10) | 2.2 μV/√Hz | -113 dB |
| (10 Hz)(Gain 10) | 2.0 μV/√Hz | -114 dB |
| (100 Hz)(Gain 10) | 1.1 μV/√Hz | -119 dB |
| (1 kHz)(Gain 10) | 0.55 μV/√Hz | -125 dB |
| (10 kHz)(Gain 10) | 0.3 μV/√Hz | -130 dB |
- Broadband Electrical Noise(1 to 10,000 Hz)(Gain x10) | 49 μV rms | -86 dB rms |
- Spectral Noise(1 Hz)(Gain 100) | 20 μV/√Hz | -94 dB |
| (10 Hz)(Gain 100) | 19 μV/√Hz | -94 dB |
| (100 Hz)(Gain 100) | 12 μV/√Hz | -98 dB |
| (1 kHz)(Gain 100) | 5.5 μV/√Hz | -105 dB |
| (10 kHz)(Gain 100) | 2 μV/√Hz | -114 dB |
- Broadband Electrical Noise(1 to 10,000 Hz)(Gain x100) | 599 μV rms | -65 dB rms |
- Power Required(Standard) | Internal Battery |
| Internal Battery | Internal Battery |
| Type | 9V |
| DC Power | 15 mA |
| Battery Capacity | 3 |
| DC Power | 18 to 30 VDC |

## Physical

- Electrical Connector(Input, sensor) | BNC Jack |
- Output (conne) | BNC Jack |
- External Power (DC) | 3.5 mm Diameter |
- Battery Charger | Miniature Jack |
- Size (Depth x Height x Width) | #722 Switchcraft Jack |
- Weight(Including Batteries) | 2.4 in x 4.0 in x 2.9 in |
| | 0.7 lb |

## Optional Versions

- Rechargeable option, includes rechargeable batteries and charger:
  - Internal Battery(Quantity): 3
  - Battery Life(Rechargeable Ni MH): 20 hours

## Notes:

- Excitation voltage to sensor limited by optional DC power voltage.
- Through internal current limiting regulator.
- With 1M ohm load.
- Provided by optional external DC power supply.
- Low frequency response specified into 1M ohm load.
- After Serial Number 24699, previously HFR was 100K Hz.
- See PCB Declaration of Conformance PS024 for details.