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CALIBRATION PROCEDURE FOR TRUE RMS VOLTMETER JOHN FLUKE, MODELS 8920A AND 8921A

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SECTION I IDENTIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION

1. Test Instrument Identification. This bulletin provides instructions for the calibration of True RMS Voltmeter, John Fluke, Models 8920A and 8921A. The manufacturer's manual was used as the prime data source in compiling these instructions. The equipment being calibrated will be referred to as the TI (test instrument) throughout this bulletin.

a. Model Variations. Model 8920A has BNC input and model 8921A has double banana input.

b. Time and Technique. The time required for this calibration is approximately 2 hours, using the dc and low frequency technique.

2. Forms, Records, and Reports

a. Forms, records and reports required for calibration personnel at all levels are prescribed by TB 750-25.

b. Adjustments to be reported are designated (R) at the end of the sentence in which they appear. When adjustments are in tables, the (R) follows the designated adjustment. Report only those adjustments made and designated with (R).

3. Calibration Description. TI parameters and performance applications which pertain to this calibration are in table 1.

Test								
instrument								
parameters	Performance Specifications							
Ac voltage	Range: 0 to 700 V							
_	Accuracy: $\pm\%$ of voltage re	ccuracy: \pm % of voltage reading or (\pm dB)						
		-						
Range								
	Frequency ¹	2 mV	20 mV	200 mV	2 V	20 V	200 V	700
								V
	10 to 20 Hz	5 (.5)						
	20 to 50 Hz	3 (.35)	2 (.25)	1(.15)				
	50 Hz to 200 kHz	2 (.25)	1 (.15)	.5 (.5)				
	200 kHz to 1	3 (.35)	2 (.25)	.7 (.15)				
	MHz							
	1 to 2 MHz 4 (.4		(.4)		3 (.35)		N/A	
	2 to 10 MHz	N/A	4 (.4)		3 (.35)		N/A	
	10 to 20 MHz	N/A		5 (.	5)		N/A	

Table 1. Calibration Description

See footnotes at end of table.

	Table 1. Calibration Description - Continued			
Test instrument parameters	Derformance Specifications			
1	Performance Specifications			
Linear	Range: 0 to 2 V dc			
analog	Accuracy: ±1%			
output				
(model				
8920A				
only)				
Ac + dc	Range: 0 to 700 V			
voltage	Accuracy: Add to ac specifications:			
	Above 2 mV ±(10 digits or .5 dB)			
	Below 2 mV ±(100 digits or 5 dB)			
	Use 50 Hz to 200 kHz specifications for dc only.			
dB display	Range: 12 ranges: 50, 75, 93, 110, 124, 135, 150, 300, 600, 900, 1000, and 1200Ω.			
mode	dB resolution: 0.01 dB			
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¹Maximum V Hz product is 1 x 10⁸.

SECTION II EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

4. Equipment Required. Table 2 identifies the specific equipment to be used in this calibration procedure. This equipment is issued with Secondary Transfer Calibration Standards Set AN/GSM-286. Alternate items may be used by the calibrating activity. The item selected must be verified to perform satisfactorily prior to use and must bear evidence of current calibration. The equipment must meet or exceed the minimum use specifications listed in table 2.

5. Accessories Required. The accessories required for this calibration are common usage accessories, issued as indicated in paragraph 4 above, and are not listed in this calibration procedure.

	105	le 2. Minimum Specifications of E	Manufacturer and model
Common nomo		Minimum use specifications	
Common name	Develter	Minimum use specifications	(part number)
CALIBRATOR	Dc voltage:		John Fluke, Model 5700A/CT
	Range: 1 mV		(p/o MIS-35947); w/
		nV, ± 0.375% , ± 4%	amplifier, John Fluke, Model
			5725A (5725A)
	0.4	25 and 2.5 V, ± 1.12%	
	Assolts as		
	Ac voltage:	wW to 600 W	
		nV to 600 V 10 Hz to 20 MHz	
	Frequency:	10 HZ to 20 MHZ	
	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Voltage</u> <u>Accurac</u>	x + (0/2)
	10 Hz 40 Hz		25 75
	40 HZ		
		19 mV 0.	
	500 Hz	190 mV to 600 V 0. 1.9 mV 0.	25 5
	500 HZ		
	1 1.11-		125
	1 kHz	$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & mV & 0. \\ 10 & mV & 0 \end{array}$	
			25
	r luia		125
	5 kHz	1.9 mV 0. 19 mV 0.	
			25 125
			125
	40 kHz		125
	40 kHz 50 kHz		125
	100 kHz		25
	100 111-		125
	190 kHz 990 kHz	1 mV 0.	
			75
		1 mV 1	25
			25 F
		10 mV 0.	J
	5 MHz 20 MHz	10 mV 1 10 mV 1.	25
	190 kHz		125
	990 kHz		175
	5 MHz		75
	20 MHz	100 mV to 3 V 1.	25
	Dange: 15	2 to + 15 1 V do	John Eluka Madal 88404/AE
MULTIMETER	0	2 to +15.1 V dc	John Fluke, Model 8840A/AF
	Accuracy: ±	0.17%	(AN/GSM-64D)

Table 2. Minimum Specifications of Equipment Required

SECTION III CALIBRATION PROCESS

6. Preliminary Instructions

a. The instructions outlined in paragraphs **6** and **7** are preparatory to the calibration process. Personnel should become familiar with the entire bulletin before beginning the calibration.

b. Items of equipment used in this procedure are referenced within the text by common name as listed in table 2.

c. Unless otherwise specified, verify the result of each test and, whenever the test requirement is not met, take corrective action before continuing with the calibration. Adjustments required to calibrate the TI are included in this procedure. Additional maintenance information is contained in the manufacturer's manual for this TI.

d. When indications specified in paragraphs **8** through **11** are not within tolerance, perform the power supply check prior to making adjustments. After adjustments are made, repeat paragraphs **8** through **11**. Do not perform power supply check if all other parameters are within tolerance.

e. Unless otherwise specified, all controls and control settings refer to the TI.

7. Equipment Setup

WARNING

HIGH VOLTAGE is used or exposed during the performance of this calibration. DEATH ON CONTACT may result if personnel fail to observe safety precautions. REDUCE OUTPUT(S) to minimum after each step within the performance check where applicable.

a. Remove top cover from TI by removing four bottom screws.

b. Observe that slide switches S209 and S210 (fig. 1) are set for proper 120 V operation (both slide switches to left with white dot toward rear).

c. Replace top cover but do not secure with screws.

NOTE

All test points and adjustments are shown in figure 1. Remove top cover only to make connections or adjustments and replace immediately upon completion.

- **d.** Connect TI to a 115 V ac power source.
- e. Press **POWER** pushbutton to **ON** and allow at least 1 hour for warmup.

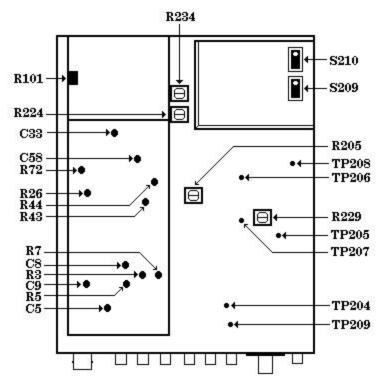


Figure 1. Test points and adjustment locations - top view.

8. Low and Midband Accuracy

a. Performance Check

(1) Connect calibrator **OUTPUT HI** and **LO** to TI **INPUT**.

(2) Press and release all front panel pushbuttons to out position, except **LO RANGE ENABLE** and **POWER**.

- (3) Connect a short between TP204 and TP209 (fig. 1).
- (4) Set calibrator for a 1 V, 500 Hz output. Record TI indication.
- (5) Press **RANGE HOLD/AUTO** pushbutton to **HOLD**.

(6) Set calibrator for a .1 V, 500 Hz output. If TI does not indicate one-tenth of value recorded in (4) above, perform $\mathbf{b}(1)$ and (2) below.

(7) Press and release **RANGE HOLD/AUTO** pushbutton to **AUTO**.

(8) Set calibrator for a 2.5 V dc output.

(9) Press **FUNCTION AC+DC/AC** pushbutton to **AC+DC**. If TI does not indicate between 2.388 and 2.612 V, perform **b**(3) below.

(10) Set calibrator for a .25 V dc output. If TI does not indicate between .2388 and .2612 V, perform ${f b}(4)$ below.

(11) Press and release **FUNCTION AC+DC/AC** pushbutton to **AC**.

(12) Set calibrator for voltages and frequencies listed in table 3. If TI does not indicate within limits specified, perform appropriate adjustments.

(13) Remove short connected between TP204 and TP209 (fig. 1).

Calib		Test instrument			
out		indications			
	Î				Adjustments
Frequency	Voltage	Range	Min	Max	(R)
500 Hz	100 mV	200 mV	99.50 mV	100.50 mV	R2051
500 Hz	1.9 mV	2 mV	1.8620 mV	1.9380 mV	R441
50 kHz	100 mV	200 mV	99.50 mV	100.50 mV	C9
500 Hz	1 V	2 V	.9950 V	1.0050 V	R3
500 Hz	100 V	200 V	99.50 V	100.50 V	R7
50 kHz	1 V	2 V	.9950 V	1.0050 V	C52
50 kHz	100 V	200 V	99.50 V	100.50 V	C8 ²
10 Hz	1.9 mV	2 mV	1.8050 mV	1.9950 mV	
40 Hz	1.9 mV	2 mV	1.8430 mV	1.9570 mV	
5 kHz	1.9 mV	2 mV	1.8620 mV	1.9380 mV	
10 Hz	19 mV	20 mV	18.050 mV	19.950 mV	
40 Hz	19 mV	20 mV	18.620 mV	19.380 mV	
5 kHz	19 mV	20 mV	18.810 mV	19.190 mV	
100 kHz	19 mV	20 mV	18.810 mV	19.190 mV	
10 Hz	190 mV	200 mV	180.50 mV	199.50 mV	
40 Hz	190 mV	200 mV	188.10 mV	191.95 mV	
5 kHz	190 mV	200 mV	189.05 mV	190.95 mV	
100 kHz	190 mV	200 mV	189.05 mV	190.95 mV	
10 Hz	1.9 V	2 V	1.8050 V	1.9950 V	
40 Hz	1.9 V	2 V	1.8810 V	1.9190 V	
5 kHz	1.9 V	2 V	1.8905 V	1.9095 V	
100 kHz	1.9 V	2 V	1.8905 V	1.9095 V	
10 Hz	19 V	20 V	18.050 V	19.950 V	
40 Hz	19 V	20 V	18.810 V	19.190 V	
5 kHz	19 V	20 V	18.905 V	19.095 V	
100 kHz	19 V	20 V	18.905 V	19.095 V	
10 Hz	190 V	200 V	180.50 V	199.50 V	
40 Hz	190 V	200 V	188.10 V	191.90 V	
5 kHz	190 V	200 V	189.05 V	190.95 V	
100 kHz	190 V	200 V	189.05 V	190.95 V	
40 Hz	600 V	700 V	594.00 V	606.00 V	
5 kHz	600 V	700 V	597.00 V	603.00 V	
40 kHz	600 V	700 V	597.00 V	603.00 V	
+DC ³	1 V	2 V	.9850 V	1.0150 V	
+DC	1 mV	AUTO	.8800 mV	1.1200 mV	

Table 3. Low and Midband Accuracy (10 Hz to 100 kHz)

¹Interaction exists between R44 and R205 (fig. 1). Repeat both adjustments as required. ²Interaction exists between C8 and C5 (fig. 1). Repeat both adjustments as required. ³Press **FUNCTION AC+DC/AC** pushbutton to **AC+DC**.

b. Adjustments

(1) Adjust R101 (fig. 1) until TI indicates one-tenth of value recorded in $\mathbf{a}(4)$ above (R).

(2) Press and release **RANGE HOLD/AUTO** pushbutton to **AUTO** and repeat **a**(4) through (6) above.

NOTE

Due to the coarseness of adjustments in (3) and (4) below, it is only necessary to adjust within the tolerance listed.

(3) Adjust R72 (fig. 1) until TI indicates between 2.49 and 2.51 V (R).

(4) Adjust R26 (fig 1.) until TI indicates between .249 and .251 V and repeat $\mathbf{a}(8)$ through (10) above (R).

9. High Frequency Response

a. Performance Check

(1) Connect calibrator **OUTPUT HI** and **LO** to TI **INPUT**.

(2) Press and release all front panel pushbuttons to out position, except **LO RANGE ENABLE** and **POWER**.

(3) Set calibrator for a 1 mV, 1 kHz output. TI will indicate between 0.98 and 1.02 mV. Record TI indication

(4) Set calibrator for a 10 mV, 1 kHz output. TI will indicate between 9.9 and 10.1 mV. Record TI indication

(5) Set calibrator for a 100 mV, 1 kHz output. TI will indicate between 99.5 and 100.5 mV. Record TI indication

(6) Set calibrator for a 1 V, 1 kHz output. TI will indicate between 0.995 and 1.005 V. Record TI indication

(7) Set calibrator for a 3 V, 1 kHz output. TI will indicate between 2.985 and 3.015 V. Record TI indication

(8) Connect calibrator **WIDEBAND** to TI **INPUT** using calibrator wideband cable and 50Ω feedthrough termination.

(9) Set calibrator for a 1 mV, 1 kHz wideband output.

(10) Adjust calibrator amplitude output adjustment controls until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in (3) above, then press calibrator **NEW REF** key.

(11) Set calibrator to 2 MHz and adjust amplitude output adjustment controls until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in (3) above. If calibrator **Error** display indication is not within ± 4 percent, perform **b**(1) below.

(12) Set calibrator to 990 kHz and adjust amplitude output adjustment controls until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in (3) above. Calibrator **Error** display indication will be within ± 3 percent.

(13) Set calibrator to 190 kHz and adjust amplitude output adjustment controls until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in (3) above. Calibrator **Error** display indication will be within ± 2 percent.

(14) Set calibrator for a 10 mV, 1 kHz wideband output.

(15) Adjust calibrator amplitude output adjustment controls until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in (4) above, then press calibrator **NEW REF** key.

(16) Set calibrator to 20 MHz and adjust amplitude output adjustment controls until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in (4) above. If calibrator **Error** display indication is not within ± 5 percent, perform **b**(2) below.

(17) Set calibrator to 5 MHz and adjust amplitude output adjustment controls until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in (4) above. Calibrator **Error** display indication will be within ± 4 percent.

(18) Set calibrator to 990 kHz and adjust amplitude output adjustment controls until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in (4) above. Calibrator **Error** display indication will be within ± 2 percent.

(19) Set calibrator to 190 kHz and adjust amplitude output adjustment controls until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in (4) above. Calibrator **Error** display indication will be within ± 1 percent.

(20) Set calibrator for a 100 mV, 1 kHz wideband output.

(21) Adjust calibrator amplitude output adjustment controls until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in (5) above, then press calibrator **NEW REF** key.

(22) Set calibrator to 20 MHz and adjust amplitude output adjustment controls until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in (5) above. If calibrator **Error** display indication is not within ± 5 percent, perform **b**(3) below.

(23) Set calibrator to 5 MHz and adjust amplitude output adjustment controls until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in (5) above. Calibrator **Error** display indication will be within ± 3 percent.

(24) Set calibrator to 990 kHz and adjust amplitude output adjustment controls until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in (5) above. Calibrator **Error** display indication will be within ± 0.7 percent.

(25) Set calibrator to 190 kHz and adjust amplitude output adjustment controls until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in (5) above. Calibrator **Error** display indication will be within ± 0.5 percent.

(26) Set calibrator for a 1 V, 1 kHz wideband output.

(27) Adjust calibrator amplitude output adjustment controls until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in (6) above, then press calibrator **NEW REF** key.

(28) Set calibrator to 20 MHz and adjust amplitude output adjustment controls until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in (6) above. If calibrator **Error** display indication is not within ± 5 percent, perform **b**(4) below.

(29) Set calibrator to 5 MHz and adjust amplitude output adjustment controls until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in (6) above. Calibrator **Error** display indication will be within ± 3 percent.

(30) Set calibrator to 990 kHz and adjust amplitude output adjustment controls until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in (6) above. Calibrator **Error** display indication will be within ± 0.7 percent.

(31) Set calibrator to 190 kHz and adjust amplitude output adjustment controls until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in (6) above. Calibrator **Error** display indication will be within ± 0.5 percent.

(32) Set calibrator for a 3 V, 1 kHz wideband output.

(33) Adjust calibrator amplitude output adjustment controls until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in (7) above, then press calibrator **NEW REF** key.

(34) Set calibrator to 190 kHz and adjust amplitude output adjustment controls until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in (7) above. Calibrator **Error** display indication will be within ± 0.5 percent.

(35) Set calibrator to 990 kHz and adjust amplitude output adjustment controls until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in (7) above. Calibrator **Error** display indication will be within ± 0.7 percent.

(36) Set calibrator to 5 MHz and adjust amplitude output adjustment controls until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in (7) above. Calibrator **Error** display indication will be within ± 3 percent.

(37) Set calibrator to 20 MHz and adjust amplitude output adjustment controls until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in (7) above. Calibrator **Error** display indication will be within ± 5 percent.

b. Adjustments

(1) Adjust calibrator amplitude output adjustment controls for a 0 percent **Error** display indication and adjust R43 (fig. 1) until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in $\mathbf{a}(3)$ above (R).

(2) Adjust calibrator amplitude output adjustment controls for a 0 percent **Error** display indication and adjust C33 (fig. 1) until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in $\mathbf{a}(4)$ above (R).

(3) Adjust calibrator amplitude output adjustment controls for a 0 percent **Error** display indication and adjust C58 (fig. 1) until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in $\mathbf{a}(5)$ above (R).

(4) Adjust calibrator amplitude output adjustment controls for a 0 percent **Error** display indication and adjust R5 (fig. 1) until TI indication equals TI indication recorded in $\mathbf{a}(6)$ above (R).

10. dB Display Mode

a. Performance Check

- (1) Connect calibrator **OUTPUT HI** and **LO** to TI **INPUT**.
- (2) Press and release all front panel pushbuttons to out position, except **POWER**.

(3) Press **RANGE HOLD/AUTO** pushbutton to **HOLD** and **STEP UP** pushbutton to **2 V** range.

(4) Set calibrator for a 1 V, 50 kHz output. Adjust calibrator amplitude output adjustment controls for a 1.000 V TI indication.

(5) Press **DISPLAY dB/VOLTS** pushbutton to **dB**.

(6) Set **dBm REFERENCE (W)** switch to **50**. TI will indicate between +13.00 and +13.02 dB.

(7) Set **dBm REFERENCE (W)** switch to settings listed in table 4. TI will indicate within limits specified.

Table 4. dB Display Mode					
Test instrument					
dBm REFERENCE (W)	Indications (dB)				
switch settings	Min	Max			
75	+11.23	+11.25			
93	+10.30	+10.32			
110	+9.57	+9.59			
124	+9.05	+9.07			
135	+8.68	+8.70			
150	+8.22	+8.24			
300	+5.21	+5.23			
600	+2.20	+2.22			
900	+.44	+.46			
1000	00	02			
1200	79	81			

(8) Set calibrator for a 1 V, 50 kHz output.

(9) Press **DISPLAY REL/dBm** pushbutton to **REL**. TI will indicate between - 0.01 and +0.01 dB.

(10) Press and release **RANGE HOLD/AUTO** pushbutton to **AUTO**.

(11) Adjust calibrator for a 10 V, 50 kHz output. TI will indicate between +19.99 and +20.01 dB.

b. Adjustments. No adjustments can be made.

11. Linear Analog Output (Model 8920A Only)

a. Performance Check

(1) Connect calibrator **OUTPUT HI** and **LO** to TI **INPUT**.

(2) Connect multimeter **INPUT HI** and **LO** to TI rear panel **LINEAR ANALOG OUTPUT**.

(3) Press and release all front panel pushbuttons to out position, except **POWER**.

(4) Set calibrator for a 1 V, 500 Hz output. If multimeter does not indicate a dc voltage equivalent to TI display within ± 1 percent, perform **b**(1) below.

(5) Press **RANGE HOLD/AUTO** pushbutton to **HOLD** and set calibrator for a 100 mV, 500 Hz output. If multimeter does not indicate a dc voltage equivalent to TI display within ± 1 percent, perform **b**(2) and (3) below.

(6) Set calibrator for a 500 mV, 500 Hz output. Multimeter will indicate a dc voltage equivalent to TI display within ± 1 percent.

b. Adjustments

(1) Adjust R224 (fig. 1) until multimeter indicates a dc voltage equivalent to TI display (R).

(2) Adjust R234 (fig. 1) until multimeter indicates a dc voltage equivalent to TI display(R).

(3) Repeat **a**(3) through (5) above for best compromise.

12. Power Supply

NOTE

Do not perform power supply check if all other parameters are within tolerance.

a. Performance Check

(1) Press and release all front panel pushbuttons except **POWER**.

CAUTION

To avoid damage to equipment, do not adjust ± 15 V supplies with TI in overrange.

(2) Connect multimeter **INPUT HI** to TP206 and **INPUT LO** to TP205 (fig. 1). If multimeter does not indicate between +14.90 and +15.10 V, perform $\mathbf{b}(1)$ below.

(3) Connect multimeter **INPUT HI** to TP208 (fig. 1). If multimeter does not indicate between -14.80 and -15.20, perform $\mathbf{b}(2)$ below.

(4) Connect multimeter \mathbf{INPUT} HI to TP207 (fig. 1). Multimeter will indicate between +4.75 and +5.25 V.

b. Adjustments

(1) Adjust R229 (fig. 1) until multimeter indicates +15.00 V (R).

(2) Readjust R229 (fig. 1) for best in-tolerance compromise for both -15 and +15 V at TP208 and TP206 (fig. 1).

13. Final Procedure

- **a**. Deenergize and disconnect all equipment.
- **b**. Annotate and affix DA label/form in accordance with TB 750-25

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