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HPRS SERIES

High-Power Decade Resistance Substituter

User and Service Manual

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WARNING



OBSERVE ALL SAFETY RULES
WHEN WORKING WITH HIGH VOLTAGES OR LINE VOLTAGES.

ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD. DO NOT OPEN CASE.
REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED PERSONNEL.

HIGH VOLTAGE MAY BE PRESENT WITH HIGH VOLTAGE OPTIONS.

WHENEVER HAZARDOUS VOLTAGES (> 45 V) ARE USED, TAKE ALL MEASURES TO
AVOID ACCIDENTAL CONTACT WITH ANY LIVE COMPONENTS:

- USE MAXIMUM INSULATION AND MINIMIZE THE USE OF BARE CONDUCTORS.

REMOVE POWER WHEN HANDLING UNIT.

POST WARNING SIGNS AND KEEP PERSONNEL SAFELY AWAY.



CAUTION



DO NOT APPLY ANY VOLTAGES OR CURRENTS TO THE TERMINALS OF THIS
INSTRUMENT IN EXCESS OF THE MAXIMUM LIMITS INDICATED ON
THE FRONT PANEL OR THE OPERATING GUIDE LABEL.

CASE MAY BECOME HOT
WHEN HIGH POWER IS APPLIED

Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

The High-Power Decade Resistance Substituter (**HPRS**) Series is a family of instruments offering a broad choice of high-power, excellent-performance resistance sources (Figure 1.1). High-power resistors are made available without sacrificing other electrical properties. Any number of decades is available in a choice of two accuracies.

The **HPRS** Series employs state-of-the-art precision resistors of various types for high accuracy, high stability, and low temperature and power coefficients-of-resistance.

The standard models offer a choice of three to nine decades. The panels are clearly labeled showing the step size and maximum voltage and current limitations for each decade.

With a resolution as low as 1 m Ω and a maximum resistance of 10 M Ω , the **HPRS** Series may be used as a general purpose substituter as well as a high-power load for testing power supplies and for other high-power applications.

Applications include calibration of meters and instruments. **HPRS** instruments are useful development

tools wherever precise resistances with high-power handling capacity are required.

The HPRS series complements the HRRS and HARS series, providing resistance steps as low as 1 m Ω . The units may be rack-mounted to serve as components in measurement and control systems.

This series is part of a family of resistance substituters suited to fill many engineering and testing needs. Consult IET for:

High power substituters - up to 400 W

High resistance substituters - to 1 T Ω

RTD simulators

Laboratory-standard-grade substituters - to 1 ppm accuracy

Programmable substituters - IEEE-488 or BCD.



Figure 1.1. HPRS Series High-Power Decade Resistance Substituter

Chapter 2

SPECIFICATIONS

For convenience to the user, the pertinent specifications are given in an **OPERATING GUIDE**, shown in Figure 2.1, affixed to the case of the instrument.

SPECIFICATIONS

Decade Total (Ω)	Resistance per step	Max.* Current per decade (A)	Max.* Power per step (W)	Temperature Coefficient (ppm/°C)
0.01	1 mΩ	6	0.036	90
0.1	10 mΩ	6	0.36	90
1.0	100 mΩ	6	3.6	90
10	1 Ω	5	25	50
100	10 Ω	1.5	25	50
1 k	100 Ω	0.5	25	50
10 k	1 kΩ	0.15	25 [†]	50
100 k	10 kΩ	0.05 [†]	25 [†]	50
1 M	100 kΩ	V limit [†]	V limit [†] 20	
10 M	1 MΩ	V limit [†]	V limit [†] 10	

* Subject to 250 W max. per unit.

† Subject to 1000 V (dc + ac peak) max.

Accuracy:

Option C: ±(0.5% + 20 mΩ) after zero subtraction.

Option F: ±(1.0% + 20 mΩ) after zero subtraction.

Type of Resistor: Resistance wire for 0.1 Ω and under; film power resistors for 1 Ω to 100 kΩ steps; low inductance wirewound resistors for 1 MΩ steps.

Terminals: Two five way binding posts and one ground post electrically connected to case.

Model	Dimensions	Weight
6 decades	43.9 cm W x 8.9 cm H x 10.2 cm D (17.3" x 3.5" x 4")	2.2 kg (4.8 lb)
7 decades		2.4 kg (5.3 lb)
8 decades		2.6 kg (5.7 lb)
9 decades	48.3 cm W x 17.8 cm H x 19.7 cm D (19.0 x 7.0 x 7.8")	5.1 kg (11.2lb)

ORDERING INFORMATION

Model* (1% Accuracy)	Total Resistance (Ω)	No. of Decades	Resolution (Ω)
HPRS-F-3-0.001	1	3	0.001
HPRS-F-3-0.01	10	3	0.01
HPRS-F-3-0.1	100	3	0.1
HPRS-F-3-1	1 k	3	10
HPRS-F-3-10	10 k	3	10
HPRS-F-3-100	100 k	3	100
HPRS-F-3-1K	1 M	3	1 k
HPRS-F-3-10K	10 M	3	10 k
HPRS-F-4-0.001	10	4	0.001
HPRS-F-4-0.01	100	4	0.01
HPRS-F-4-0.1	1 k	4	0.1
HPRS-F-4-1	10 k	4	1
HPRS-F-4-10	100 k	4	10
HPRS-F-4-100	1 M	4	100
HPRS-F-4-1K	10 M	4	1 k
HPRS-F-5-0.001	100	5	0.001
HPRS-F-5-0.01	1 k	5	0.01
HPRS-F-5-0.1	10 k	5	0.1

*For 0.5% accuracy substitute "C" for "F" in the part number.

Model* (1% Accuracy)	Total Resistance (Ω)	No. of Decades	Resolution (Ω)
HPRS-F-5-1	100 k	5	1
HPRS-F-5-10	1 M	5	10
HPRS-F-5-100	10 M	5	100
HPRS-F-6-0.001	1 k	6	0.001
HPRS-F-6-0.01	10 k	6	0.01
HPRS-F-6-0.1	100 k	6	0.1
HPRS-F-6-1(HPRS-150)	1 M	6	1
HPRS-F-6-10	10 M	6	10
HPRS-F-7-0.001	10 k	7	0.001
HPRS-F-7-0.01	100 k	7	0.01
HPRS-F-7-0.1(HPRS-200)	1 M	7	0.1
HPRS-F-7-1	10 M	7	1
HPRS-F-8-0.001	100 k	8	0.001
HPRS-F-8-0.01	1 M	8	0.01
HPRS-F-8-0.1(HPRS-200W)	10 M	8	0.1
HPRS-F-9-0.001	1 M	9	0.001
HPRS-F-9-0.01	10 M	9	0.01

OPTIONS

- RM Rack mountable case for standard 19" rack
- Programmable Version See PRS Series

HPRS SERIES HIGH POWER DECADE RESISTANCE SUBSTITUTER

CONSULT INSTRUCTION MANUAL FOR PROPER INSTRUMENT OPERATION

Decade Total (Ω)	Resistance per step	Max.* Current per decade (A)	Max.* Power per step (W)	Temperature Coefficient (ppm/ $^{\circ}$ C)
.009	1 m Ω	6	0.036	50
.09	10 m Ω	6	0.36	50
.9	100 m Ω	6	3.6	20
9	1 Ω	5	25	50
90	10 Ω	1.5	25	50
900	100 Ω	0.5	25	50
9 k	1 k Ω	0.15	25†	50
90 k	10 k Ω	0.05†	25†	50
900 k	100 k Ω	V limit†	V limit†	20
9 M	1 M Ω	V limit†	V limit†	10

* Subject to 250 W max. per unit.

† Subject to 1000 V (dc + ac peak) max.

Observe all safety rules when working with high voltages or line voltages. Connect the (G) terminal to earth ground in order to maintain the case at a safe voltage. Whenever hazardous voltages (>45 V) are used, take all measures to avoid accidental contact with any live components: a) Use maximum insulation and minimize the use of bare conductors. b) Remove power when adjusting switches. c) Post warning signs and keep personnel safely away.

Resistor Type: Resistance wire for 0.1 Ω steps and under; power film resistors for 1 Ω through 10 k Ω steps; wirewound and metal-film resistors for 100 k Ω steps; wirewound or film resistors for 1 M Ω steps and over.

Accuracy:

HPRS-F Series: \pm (1% + 20 m Ω) after subtraction of zero resistance,
HPRS-C Series: \pm (0.5% + 20 m Ω) after subtraction of zero resistance at 23 $^{\circ}$ C; traceable to NIST.

Terminals:

Two five way binding posts and one ground post electrically connected to case.



**CAUTION
CASE MAY BE HOT UNDER POWER**

MODEL:

SN:

WARNING



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Figure 2.1. Typical Operating Guide Affixed to Unit

Chapter 3

INSTALLATION

3.1 Initial Inspection

IET instruments receive a careful mechanical and electrical inspection before shipment. Upon receipt, verify that the contents are intact and as ordered. The instrument should then be given a visual and operational inspection.

If any shipping damage is found, contact the carrier and IET Labs. If any operational problems are encountered, contact IET Labs and refer to the warranty at the beginning of this manual. IET Labs will work with you until you are satisfied that your instrument is operating to fulfill the needs of your applications.

Save all original packing material for convenience in case shipping of the instrument should become necessary.

3.2 Installation

For a rack-mounted model, installation in a 19-inch rack may be made using the slots in the rack mounting ears. A mounting location that does not expose the unit to excessive heat is recommended.

For bench models, no installation as such is required, because this instrument series is not powered. Since it is a high-accuracy instrument, bench space should be provided that will not expose it to abuse and keep it protected from temperature extremes and contaminants.

3.3 Storage

If this instrument is to be stored for any lengthy period of time, it should be sealed in plastic and stored in a dry location. It should not be subjected to temperature extremes beyond the specifications. Extended exposure to such temperatures can result in an irreversible change in resistance, and require repair and/or recalibration

Chapter 4

OPERATION

4.1. Connection



4.1.1 General Considerations

The HPRS Series Decade unit provides three terminals labeled **H** (high), **L** (low), and **G** (ground.) The **H** and **L** terminals are connected to the ends of the resistor being set. the **G** terminal is connected to the case. The **G** terminal may be used as a guard or shield terminal. It may also be connected using a shorting link to either terminal to allow two-terminal as opposed to three-terminal measurement. See Figure 5.1.

In order to make proper use of the full performance capabilities of the HPRS unit, especially if low resistance or high power are important, take care in connecting to the terminals of the decade box.

In order to keep contact resistance to a minimum, make the most substantial and secure connection to the binding posts. They accept banana plugs, telephone tips, spade lugs, alligator clips, and bare wire. The largest or heaviest mating connection should be made, and, where applicable, the binding post should be securely tightened.

4.1.2 Electrical Considerations

As a good safety practice, the case should be grounded using the **G** terminal.

Since high voltages may be present, it is important to observe all precautions and safety rules.

CONNECT THE G (GND) TERMINAL TO EARTH OR OTHER SUITABLE GROUND IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE CASE AT A SAFE VOLTAGE.

WHENEVER HAZARDOUS VOLTAGES (>45 V) ARE USED, TAKE ALL MEASURES TO AVOID ACCIDENTAL CONTACT WITH ANY LIVE COMPONENTS:

-USE MAXIMUM INSULATION AND MINIMIZE THE USE OF BARE CONDUCTORS.

- REMOVE POWER WHEN SETTING SWITCHES.

- EXERCISE CARE WHEN HANDLING UNIT. CASE - ESPECIALLY REAR AND BOTTOM - MAY BECOME HOT IF HIGH POWER IS APPLIED FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD.

- POST WARNING SIGNS AND KEEP PERSONNEL SAFELY AWAY.

4.2 Dial Setting

Whenever the dials are used for positions 0-9, the resulting resistance is simply read from the panel dial setting directly. Both the decimal point and the steps are clearly marked on the panel.

4.3 Environmental Conditions

For optimal accuracy, the decade box should be used in an environment near 23°C and <50% RH. It should be allowed to stabilize at those conditions for at least two hours after any significant temperature variation.

Chapter 5

MAINTENANCE

5.1 Preventive Maintenance

The **HPRS** Decade Substituter is packaged in a ventilated case. If it is maintained in a generally clean or air-conditioned environment, cleaning will seldom be necessary. In a contaminated atmosphere, cleaning may be required.

To maintain optimal accuracy and stability, it is best not to open the case of the unit. In normal service, the switches require no additional lubrication. During the manufacturing process, a light lubrication is applied which in most instances is sufficient for the service life of the switches, and yet will not tend to collect dust.

5.2 Verification of Performance

5.2.1 Calibration Interval

The HPRS Series instruments should be verified for performance at a calibration interval of twelve (12) months. This procedure may be carried out by the user, if a calibration capability, is available, by IET Labs, or by a certified calibration laboratory. If the user should choose to perform this procedure, then the considerations below should be observed.

5.2.2 General Considerations

It is important, whenever testing the **HPRS** Series Decade Units, to be very aware of the capabilities

and limitations of the test instruments used. There are a some bridges and direct reading resistance meters or digital multimeters available that can verify the accuracy of these units, *especially* when used in conjunction with standards that can serve to confirm or improve the accuracy of the testing instrument.

Such instruments would have to be *significantly* more accurate than the specified accuracies for all applicable ranges, in order to perform this task, allowing for a band of uncertainty of the instrument itself. A few commercial models, bridges and meters, do exist that can do this; consult IET Labs for information.

It is important to allow both the testing instrument and the HPRS Substituter to stabilize for a number of hours at the nominal operating temperature of 23°C, and at < 50% RH. There should be no temperature gradients across the unit under test.

Proper metrology practices should be followed in performing this verification.

5.2.3 Procedure

1. Confirm the zero resistance of the unit.
2. Determine the allowable upper and lower limits for each resistance setting of each decade following the specified accuracy given in the Specifications Section of Chapter 2.
3. Confirm that the resistances fall within these limits.
4. If any resistances fall outside these limits, the associated switch assembly may be trimmed, repaired or replaced.

5.3 Schematic and Replacement Parts

Refer to Figure 5.1 for a basic schematic of the HPRS decade unit.

If you must order parts, give the model number and serial number from the bottom label, and a detailed description of the part or assembly.

5.4 Troubleshooting

If the verification procedure results in a failure, disassemble the unit as described below, and examine the parts in question to determine the necessary repair or replacement.

5.5 Disassembly, Component Replacement, and Reassembly

It is recommended that service be performed only by IET Labs or by qualified personnel.

5.5.1 Disassembly

Referring to Figure 5.2 to locate part numbers, proceed as follows:

1. Work in a clean environment.
2. Place the instrument on a flat surface and remove the 4 housing screws from the bottom of the instrument. The housing may now be removed.

5.5.2 Component Replacement

Determine and locate any faulty component that requires replacement.

To remove a decade switch assembly proceed as follows:

1. Label and unsolder the bus wires connecting the switch assembly to the resistive loads.
2. Loosen the screw holding the knob on the switch shaft and remove the knob.
3. Remove the nut holding the switch assembly on the front panel and remove the assembly.
4. Replace the assembly by reversing the above steps, making certain that the knob screw is aligned with the flat portion of the switch shaft.

5.5.3 Reassembly

1. Make certain that the 4 standoffs have not become loose; tighten as required.
2. Replace the housing: line up the holes in the standoffs with the holes in the case, and install the 4 housing screws.

5.6 Customer Service

The IET warranty attests to the quality of materials and workmanship in our products. For application assistance or if difficulties occur, our engineers will assist in any way possible. If you cannot eliminate the difficulty, please e-mail, FAX, or phone our Service Department, giving full information of the trouble and of steps taken to remedy it. Be sure to include the type and serial number of the instrument.

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 800-475-1220 or 617-969-0804 for technical support
 800-899-8438 or 516-334-5959 for customer service
 516-334-5988 for FAX
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5.7 Instrument Return

Before returning an instrument to IET for service please call our Service Department at 800-899-8438 for Return Material Authorization (RMA). Include a Purchase Order Number to insure expedient processing. Units under warranty will be repaired at no charge. For any questions on repair costs or shipment instructions, please contact our Service Department at the above number. To safeguard an instrument during shipment, please use packaging that

is adequate to protect it from damage, (i.e., equivalent to the original packaging) and mark the box “Delicate Electronic Instrument”. Return material should be sent freight prepaid to:

IET Labs, Inc.
10 Dedham Street
Newton, MA 02461

Attention: Service Department

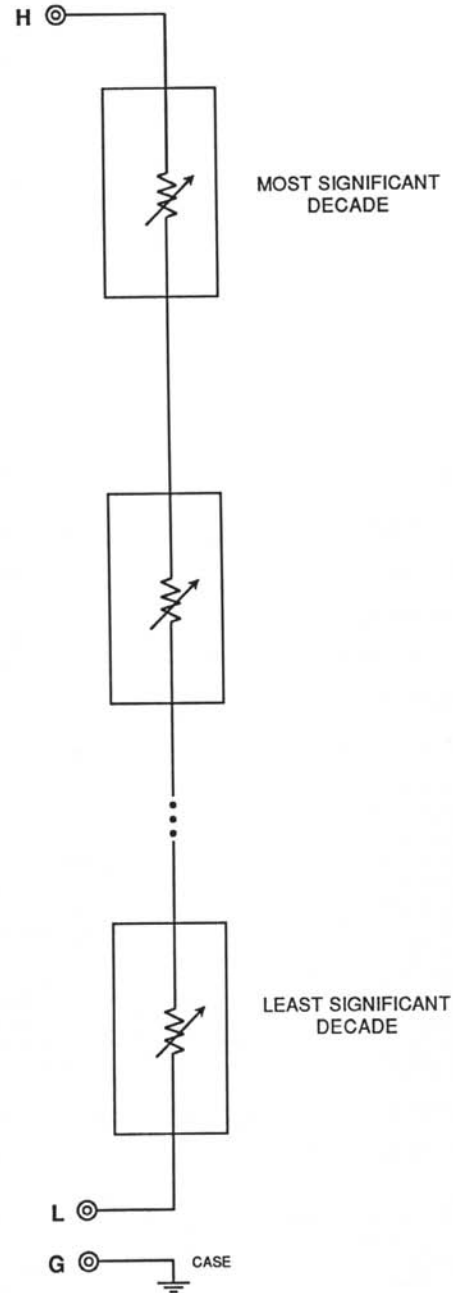


Figure 5.1. HPRS Series Schematic Diagram