### **Operation & Installation Manual**





# Model 8320 & 8321 Series Programmable Attenuator Units

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#### SAFETY SUMMARY

#### **DEFINITIONS.**

The following definitions apply to WARNINGS, CAUTIONS, and NOTES found throughout this manual.





An operating or maintenance procedure, practice, statement, condition, etc., which, if not strictly observed, could result in injury and/or death of personnel. Do not proceed beyond a WARNING symbol until all the indicated conditions have been fully understood and/or met.





An operating or maintenance procedure, practice, statement, condition, etc., which, if not strictly observed, could result in damage or destruction of the equipment or long-term health hazards to personnel. Do not proceed beyond a CAUTION symbol until all the indicated conditions have been fully understood and/or met.

#### NOTE

An essential operating or maintenance procedure, condition, or statement that must be highlighted.

#### **GENERAL PRECAUTIONS.**

The following are general precautions that are not related to any specific procedure and, therefore, do not appear elsewhere in this publication. These are precautions that personnel must understand and apply during various phases of instrument operation or service.





 Potentially lethal voltages are present in this instrument. Serious shock hazards from voltages above 70 volts may exist in any connector, chassis, or circuit board. Observe the following precautions:

- To minimize shock hazard, the instrument chassis must be connected to an electrical ground. Using the supplied three-conductor power cable ensures that the instrument can be firmly connected to the ac power source and electrical ground at a grounded power outlet. If using a 3-2 wire adapter be sure to connect the ground lead to earth ground.
- Use the buddy system any time work involving active high voltage components is required. Turn OFF the power before making/breaking any electrical connection. Regard any exposed connector, terminal board, or circuit board as a possible shock hazard. DO NOT replace any component or module with power applied.
- If test conditions to live equipment are required, ground the test equipment before probing the voltage or signal to be tested.
- Personnel working with or near high voltage should be familiar with modern methods of resuscitation.
- DO NOT wear jewelry (rings, bracelets, metal watches, and/or neck chains) while working on exposed equipment. Be very cautious about using hand tools near exposed backplanes, bus bars, and/or power supply terminals. Use properly insulated tools. When making test connections to the power supply terminals and bus bars, use only insulated probe tips.
- Verify that the instrument is set to match the available line voltage and the correct fuse is installed.
- DO NOT install substitute parts or perform any unauthorized modification to this instrument. Contact Aeroflex / Weinschel to acquire any information on replacement parts or returning the instrument for repair. Unauthorized modification can cause injury to personnel and/or destruction of the instrument.
- Operating personnel must not remove instrument covers. Component replacement or adjustments MUST BE performed by qualified service personnel.
- DO NOT operate the instrument near or in the presence of flammable gases or fumes.

#### **DETAILED PRECAUTIONS.**

The following WARNINGS, CAUTIONS and NOTES appear throughout the text of this manual and are repeated here for emphasis.



## CAUTION

- All procedures and/or steps identified as must be followed exactly as written and according to industry accepted ESDS device handling procedures. Failure to comply WILL RESULT in ESDS damage.
- DO NOT use a nylon bristle brush in any solvent as the bristles may dissolve and cause damage to the circuit card or component.
- DO NOT use ultrasonic cleaning on parts or assemblies containing electrical or electronic components.
- DO NOT bend pins of electrical connectors when using fiber-bristle brush.
- Compressed air used for cleaning and/or drying can create airborne particles that may enter the eye. Goggles/faceshields should be worn. DO NOT direct air stream towards self or other personnel. Pressure should be restricted to a maximum of 15 psi to avoid personal injury.
- Under no circumstances should a wire brush, steel wool, or abrasive compound be used on any surface. Using these items will cause extensive damage to the instrument's surface.

#### **NOTE**

DO NOT return any instrument or component to Weinschel Corporation without receiving prior factory authorization.

#### SAFETY SYMBOLS.

The following symbols are used to identify safety hazards found throughout this publication and/or located on the instrument.

## CAUTION HIGH VOLTAGE







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#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION:

**1-1 PURPOSE:** This manual contains setup and operation information for the API / Weinschel Model 8320 & 8321 Series, Programmable Attenuator Unit, P/N 193-8300-XX-XX.

- **1-2 SCOPE:** This manual is to be used in conjunction with the operation and installation of the Model 8320 & 8321 Series. The manual also provides a description of the assembly; block diagrams: and general maintenance procedures to maintain the instrument.
- **1-3 EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION:** API / Weinschel's 8320 and 8321 Series Programmable Attenuator Units represent a new streamlined approach in programmable attenuation for bench test and subsystem applications. Standard 8320 and 8321 Series designs house and control various API / Weinschel Programmable Attenuator Models (3200-XE, 3400, 150T, and 4200 Series) via front panel controls, Ethernet, USB and Serial communications interfaces. A GPIB (IEEE-488) interface is also available as an option.

The 8320 series are single or dual channel configurations housed in half rack enclosures. The 8321 series are multichannel configurations housed in 19 inch enclosures and can be configured for up to 12 attenuation channels. Both series can be configured for front or rear and through (front to rear) is only available for 8321 Series.

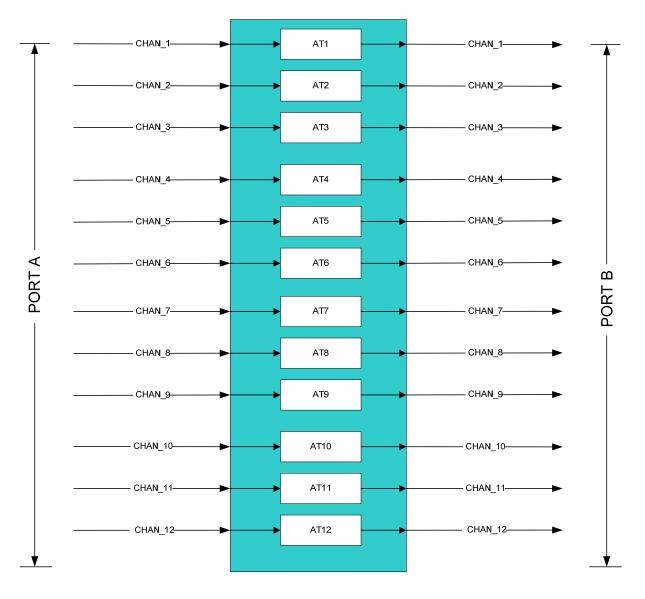


Figure 1. Simplified 12 Channel Block Diagram

**1-4. UNPACKING AND INSPECTION:** Upon unpacking the equipment, retain the shipping container and packing material for future shipment for recalibration. Perform the following initial inspection:

- a. Carefully look at the outside of the shipping container for discoloration, stains, charring, or other signs of exposure to excessive heat, moisture, or liquid chemicals. Check for any physical damage to the shipping container such as dents, snags, rips, crushed sections or areas, or similar signs of excessive shock or careless handling.
- b. With the equipment and any accessory package removed from the shipping container, check each item against the packing list or Items Supplied List. If any items are missing, contact the API / Weinschel Customer Service Department.
- c. Carefully inspect the equipment looking for dents, deep scratches, damaged or loose connector, or any other signs of physical abuse or careless handling. If damage is found, forward an immediate request to the delivering carrier to perform an inspection and prepare a concealed-damage report. DO NOT destroy any packing material until it has been examined by an agent of the carrier. Concurrently, report the nature and extent of damage to API / Weinschel, giving equipment model and serial numbers, so that necessary action can be taken. Under U.S. shipping regulations, damage claims must be collected by the consignee; DO NOT return the equipment to API / Weinschel until a claim for damages has been established.
- **2-5. RESHIPMENT:** Use the best packaging materials available to protect the unit during storage or reshipment. When possible, use the original packing container and cushioning material. If the original packing materials are not available, use the following procedure:
  - a. Wrap the storage cases in sturdy paper or plastic;
  - b. Place the wrapped storage cases in a strong shipping container and place a layer of shock-absorbing material (3/4 inch minimum thickness) around all sides of the unit to provide a firm cushion and to prevent movement inside the container.
  - c. If shipping the unit for service, attach a tag to indicate:
    - 1. model and serial numbers
    - 2. service required
    - 3. description of malfunction
    - 4. return address
    - 5. authorization to conduct repairs
    - 6. return authorization number
  - d. Thoroughly seal the shipping container and mark it FRAGILE. Ship to:

#### API / Weinschel, Inc.

Attn: Customer Service Department 5305 Spectrum Drive Frederick, MD 21703-7362 or to an authorized sales representative.

**1-6. STORAGE:** Storage of the Model 8320 & 8321 is possible for extended periods without incurring damage to internal circuitry if the Model 8320 & 8321 is packaged according to the instructions above. The safe limits for storage environment are as follows:

**Temperature:** -67° to +167 °F (-55° to +75°C) **Humidity:** 5% to 85% (non-condensing)

**1-7. RELATED MANUALS**: The following manuals contain information that may be used in conjunction with this manual to operate, service, or calibrate this instrument.

<u>Manual</u> <u>Title</u>

IM-608-1 Manual, Drawings & Replaceable Parts List, Model 8320 & 8321 Series & Specials

**1-8. ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE SENSITIVE:** The equipment documented in this manual contains certain Electrostatic Discharge Sensitive (ESDS) components or parts. Therefore, certain procedures/steps are identified by the use of the symbol (AS). This symbol is used in two ways:



#### CAUTION

All procedures and/or steps identified as must be followed exactly as written and according to accepted ESDS device handling procedures. Failure to comply **WILL RESULT** in ESDS damage.

- a. When the ESDS symbol is placed between a paragraph number and title all of that paragraph, including all subparagraphs, is considered ESDS device handling procedure.
- b. When the ESDS symbol is placed between a procedure/step number and the text that procedure is considered an ESDS device handling procedure.
- **1-9. ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS**: The following list contains abbreviations used throughout this manual. Abbreviations and acronyms that are not listed conform to MIL-STD-12D.

ESDS Electrostatic Discharge Sensitive

TBD To Be Determined

**1-10. SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:** The Model 8320 & 8321 Series and all related documentation must be reviewed for familiarization with safety markings and procedures before any operation and/or service. Refer to the SAFETY SUMMARY located at the beginning of this manual for a summary of safety information and procedures. Following these simple safety precautions will ensure safe operation and service of the unit.

#### 2. SPECIFICATIONS:

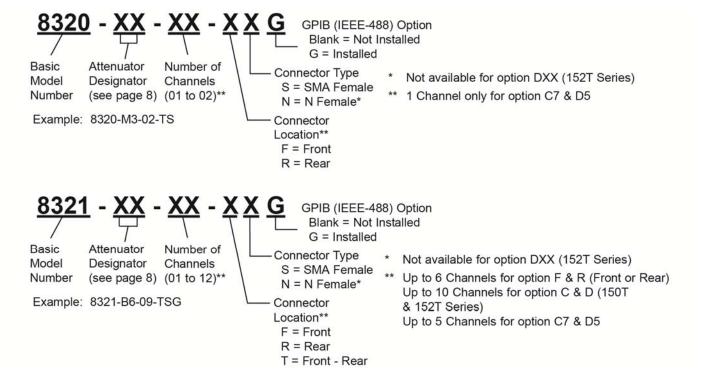
#### 2-1. GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Input Power Requirements	AC 100 to 240 Vac, 50/6	AC 100 to 240 Vac, 50/60 Hz, 180 Watts				
Environmental	Operating Temperature Storage Temperature: Humidity: Altitude:	0° to +50°C -67° to +167 °F (-55° to +75°C) 5% to 85% (non-condensing) 40,000' (12,192M)				
RS232 Bus <sup>(1)</sup> Serial I/O / Console Port	Connector: Signals: Baud Rates: Data Bits: Handshaking: Parity:	9-pin male D TXD, RXD, RTS, CTS, GND 9600 to 230400 8 None, RTS/CTS None				
USB 2.0	Connector:	USB, MINI B				
Ethernet	10/100 Base T Connector:	Standard RJ45				
IEEE-488 Bus <sup>(2)</sup> (GPIB option)	Connector: Protocols:	24-pin per IEEE-488.1 per IEEE-488.2				
RF Characteristics <sup>(3)</sup> Refer to API / Weir		/Specification Drawing 089-4418C.				

#### NOTES:

- 1. RS-232 can be used with standard PC serial port for short and medium distances (up to approximately 50 ft.)
- 2. GPIB/IEEE-488 model allows user-selectable addresses, (Not included on standard models, must be ordered as an option).
- 3. Refer to Individual data sheet for detailed specifications on internal programmable.

#### 2-2. CONFIGURATION MATRIX:



Electro-mechanical								
Frequency Range	Attenuator Designation		Attenuator Model	Range (dB)	Step Size (dB)	Insertion Loss (maximum)	VSWR (maximum)	☑ RoHs
		1	3205-1E	70	10	3.75 dB	1.4	
		2	3205-2E	55	5	3.75 dB	1.4	
		3	3205-3E	1.5	0.1	3.75 dB	1.4	
DC-3 GHz	_	4	3201-1E	31	1	4.00 dB	1.4	
DC-3 GHZ	A	5	3206-1E	63	1	4.25 dB	1.4	
		6	3200-1E	127	1	5.25 dB	1.4	
		7	3200-2E	63.75	0.25	5.25 dB	1.4	
		8	3209-1E	64.5	0.1	6.00 dB	1.4	
		1	3404-15	15	1	3.50 dB	1.55	
		2	3404-55	55	5	3.50 dB	1.55	
		3	3404-70	70	10	3.50 dB	1.55	
DC-6 GHz	В	4	3406-55	55	1	4.50 dB	1.55	
		5	3408-55.75	55.75	0.25	6.00 dB	1.55	
		6	3408-103	103	1	6.00 dB	1.55	
		7	3409-127	127	1	6.50 dB	1.55	
		1	150T-70	70	10	3.25 dB	1.75	✓
		2	150T-15	15	1	3.50 dB	1.95	✓
	İ	3	150T-75	75	5	3.50 dB	1.95	✓
DC-18 GHz	С	4	150T-110	110	10	3.50 dB	1.95	✓
		5	150T-31	31	1	3.75 dB	1.95	✓
		6	150T-62	62	2	3.75 dB	1.95	✓
		7	150T-15 & 150T-110	125	1	5.25 dB	1.95	✓
		1	152AT-70	70	10	4.75 dB	1.95	✓
		2	152T-15	15	1	5.00 dB	1.95	✓
DC-26.5 GHz	D	3	152T-75	75	5	5.00 dB	1.95	✓
		4	152T-90	90	10	5.00 dB	1.95	1
		5	152T-90 & 152T-15	105	1	6.50 dB	1.95	✓
Solid State					•			
		1	4226-63	63	1	4.75 dB	1.6	
0.8 to 2.5/3 GHz	J	2	4228-63.75	63.75	0.25	6.00 dB	1.6	
		3	4228-103	103	1	6.00 dB	1.6	
0.04 to 0.5 CUI-	1/	1	4238-63.75	63.75	0.25	10.00 dB	1.75	
0.01 to 2.5 GHz	K	2	4238-103	103	1	10.00 dB	1.75	
		1	4246-63	63	1	11.00 dB	2.0	
0.01 to 2.5 GHz	L	2	4248-63.75	63.75	0.25	14.00 dB	2.0	
		3	4248-103	103	1	14.00 dB	2.0	
		1	4205-31.5	31.5	0.5	4.50 dB	1.8	✓
0.2 to 6 GHz	М	2	4205-63.5	63.5	0.5	6.50 dB	1.8	✓
		3	4205-95.5	95.5	0.5	8.50 dB	2.0	✓

<sup>☑</sup> RoHs compliance dependent on attenuator installed. Some attenuators may NOT be compliant.

#### 3. INSTALLATION:

**3-1. RACKMOUNTING:** The Model 8321 Series is shipped with front panel rack mounting ears that will allow the unit to be mounted in any rack or cabinet that is designed according to EIA RS-310 or MIL-STD-189. Model 8320 is for bench use only.

- **3-2. INITIAL SETUP:** The following initial setup procedures should be performed prior to operating the Model 8320 & 8321 Series .
  - a. Perform inspection per paragraph 1-4 prior to connecting the 832X Series to any power source.
  - If applicable install the 8321 Series into a cabinet or rack, as required using customer supplied rack mount slides.
  - c. Connect all power, RF and system cables as required to the Model 832X Series.
- **3-3 INPUT/OUTPUT OPTIONS:** The following paragraphs provide a description of the connections that can be made to the Model 8320 & 8321 Series. Figures 2 (8320) and 3 (8321) show the location of these connectors and switches.



Sufficient power levels are present at the Power Input Assembly to cause personal injury. Ensure that the instrument power cord is DISCONNECTED before attempting to change fuses.

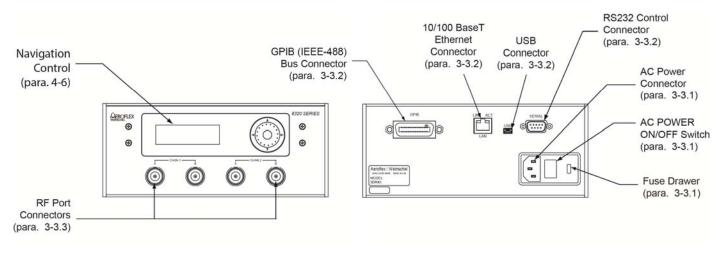


Figure 2. Model 8320 Front/Rear Panel Connectors

**3-3.1 POWER ENTRY MODULE ASSEMBLY:** The Power Entry Module Assembly located on the rear panel contains a three-prong AC power input connector and a fuse drawer assembly (Figure 2 and 3). The **Fuse Drawer Assembly** contains the line voltage fuse. The Model 832X Series uses a 250 Vac fuse which is 5 x 20 mm in size. The current rating of the fuse is stated on the rear of the unit.

The **AC Power Connector**, located on the left side of XF1 (Figure 2 and 3), is a plug-type, prong insert connector with three conductors for connection of the power cord (P/N 068-21) to the Power Supply Assembly located within the Unit. This connector also grounds the chassis of the Unit when the ac power cord is connected to a grounded wall outlet. If necessary, use a three prong to two-prong adapter and connect the adapter's ground lead to the outlet plate retaining screw.

The **Power ON/OFF Switch** is located on the rear panel and in part of the Power Entry Module Assembly. Placing the POWER ON/OFF switch in the ON position applies power to the instrument.

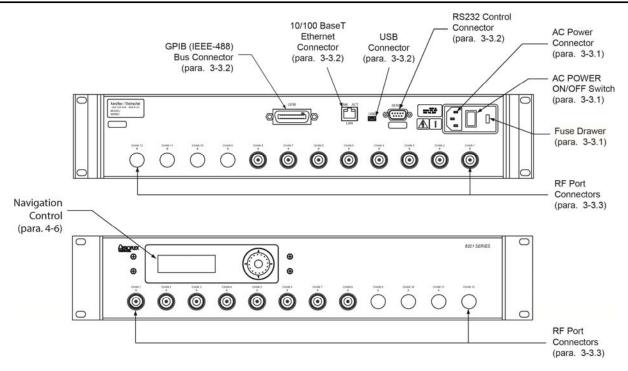


Figure 3. Model 8321 Front/Rear Panel Connectors



All electrical rack or chassis and machine elements should be Earth Grounded in installations where high level of electrical noise can be expected. The rack or chassis should be grounded with a rod or attached to a nearby earth structure such as a steel beam support beam. Connect each apparatus to a single ground point in a star configuration with low impedance cable. Scrape away paint and other nonconductive material from the area where a chassis makes contact with the enclosure. In addition to the ground connection made through the mounting bolt or stud, use a one-inch metal braid or size #8 AWG wire to connect between each chassis and the enclosure at the mounting bolt or stud.

**3-3.2. CONTROL CONNECTORS:** These connectors are located on the middle of the rear panel and consists of one is a standard 9 pin D connector and is identified as Serial, a USB Mini B connector supports USB 2.0: a standard RJ45 female connector to provide LAN connectivity in support of 10/100baseT and some unit contain an optional GPIB (IEEE488.1) connector. For more details about these connectors and their Pin outs can be located in paragraph 4 (Operation).



When applying an RF signal to the RF INPUT connector, DO NOT exceed the maximum allowable power level specifications of the unit.

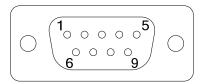
Do not over torque the SMA connectors more than 7 inch pounds. Damage may occur.

**3-3.3. RF PORT CONNECTORS:** A typical Model 8320 & 8321 Series Attenuator Unit contains 12 standard D holes on the front and rear panel allowing for single or multichannel configurations. Standard Model 8320 & 8321 are supplied with either SMA or Type N connectors that can be mounted on the front or rear panel. These connectors provide an input and output port where various types of RF signals can be applied to the devices internally mounted in the Model 8320 & 8321 (Connector location specified by customer when ordering). These connectors are per MIL-STD-348 interface dimensions and mate nondestructively per MIL-STD-212. Unused D holes are plugged.

#### 4. OPERATION:

**4-1. RS-232 SERIAL/CONSOLE PORT:** The RS232 port is available on a DE9M connector and utilizes three signals: TXD, RXD and GND along with the optional RTS and CTS handshaking signals. The connector pinout is configured as a DTE device, so connections to an external DTE device (such as a PC) would require the use of a null-modem cable. The format is fixed at N81 (no parity, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit), and the baud rate is selectable via software command at rates of from 9600 to 230400. By default, the unit is shipped to operate at 115200 baud, with the Console mode non-volatile memory (NVM) setting enabled (see below).

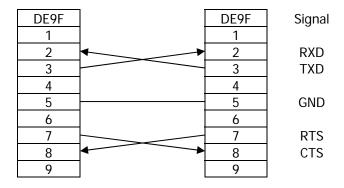
The serial port has two modes of operation: console and raw mode. Console mode provides a command-line interface (CLI) and is useful for interactive control via a terminal emulator. The Console mode sends command prompts ('>'), echoes received characters, supports the backspace key for simple editing, provides command line recall (CTRL-R), and issues error messages, while raw mode is a basic serial interface with none of these features and is typically more suitable for programming. The selection of raw versus console mode is done via the CONSOLE command, which can be used to enable/disable the console feature and optionally save the desired setting in non-volatile memory (see the CONSOLE command in the command reference for additional options).



RS-232 DE9M (DTE Pinout)

Pin	Signal	Name	Direction
1			
2	RXD	Receive Data	In
3	TXD	Transmit Data	Out
4			
5	GND	Signal Ground	
6			
7	RTS	Request To Send	Out
8	CTS	Clear To Send	In
9			

RS-232 Null-Modem Cable (DTE to DTE)



**4-2. 10/100BASET ETHERNET** The Ethernet port supports 10/100BaseT operation, with auto-negotiation of the interface speed and duplex mode. LED indicators are provided to indicate network LINK status (green) and TX/RX activity (YELLOW). Supported network protocols include: IP, UDP, TCP, ICMP, ARP, DHCP, and AUTOIP. A TELNET server is provided for a command-line interface that implements many of the functions of the serial console CLI. Both TCP and UDP servers allow connections to be established for general programming purposes. Additionally, the Microchip Announce protocol is implemented to provide support for the Microchip Ethernet Discovery tool, which is a UDP-based protocol used to detect ethernet devices on the network.

IP addressing modes supported include the use of a statically assigned fixed address, or dynamic address assignment using either DHCP or AutoIP. The use of DHCP requires a DHCP server to reside on the network. AutoIP is an address mode that can be used when no DHCP server is available. It automatically allocates an address from the special block of addresses 169.254.1.0 to 169.254.254.255 reserved for link-local addressing. These addresses are only valid on the link that the host is connected to, such as a local network segment or point-to-point connection, and are unroutable. See the SET IPADDR, SET DHCP, SET AUTOIP, and SHOW IPADDR commands for more information.

The TELNET server communicates using the standard port 23 typically used by the TELNET protocol. The implementation is a reduced-functionality version and does not support the full protocol, but it should function properly with many clients. The server only supports a single connection, does not require any login, and does not support options negotiation except for the initial state of the echo setting. The server does support an inactivity timeout, and allows the use of TELNET NOP commands sent by the client to keep a session open. By default, the timeout is set for 300 seconds (5 minutes), after which the server will automatically close the session if no activity has occurred. Many of these features are configurable by the user (see SET TELNET in the command reference). The status of the server can be seen using the SHOW NET TELNET command. An active TELNET connection may be closed from the telnet application on the client using the 'QUIT' command.

The unit provides a TCP server that can be used for control and status of the unit using the same text-based messages used by the serial port. By default, the server is configured to support a single connection and listen on a single port (port 10001), however the number of allowable connections can be changed to support up to 4 simultaneous users. Server settings, such as the number of connections, port number, keepalive timeout, inactivity close timer, and character echoing are programmable by the user (see SET TCP in the command reference). The status of the server(s) can be seen using the SHOW NET TCP command.

A UDP server is also provided that will accept command messages sent via UDP protocol using the same text-based messaging. UDP is a connection-less based protocol that is simpler and has less overhead than TCP. By default, the internal UDP server listens on port 20000, but this can be changed via the SET UDP SERVER command. It is important to note that UDP messages are not buffered, so sufficient time must be allowed between messages for the command to execute or a command/response scheme should be implemented to synchronize the messages.

Various network events generate status messages shown on the serial Console port. These events include TCP and TELNET server connect/disconnect messages and DHCP/AUTOIP address assignment changes. The status messages may be disabled if desired (see SET NETSTAT), but are enabled by default.

For simple device discovery, the Microchip Announce protocol is used. The Microchip Announce protocol is a UDP-based scheme used to detect devices supporting the protocol. The protocol broadcasts UDP packets to port 30303 containing the message, "Discovery: Who is out there?", and supporting devices respond with a UDP packet which provides the device IP and MAC address, as well as other info such as the firmware version. A copy of the Ethernet Device Discoverer application for MS Windows-based systems is provided on the CD supplied with the unit, or can be downloaded from the Microchip website.

**4-3. USB:** The USB port provides a USB Communications Device Class device (CDC) interface that allows programming via a virtual COM port using the same text-based commands as the serial port. For interaction with a terminal emulator, a console mode command-line interface (CLI) is provided for ease of use, and is user-configurable via the USB CONSOLE command. Refer to paragraph 4-14 for information on installing the USB CDC driver file.

**4-4. GPIB (IEEE488.1):** An optional GPIB interface is available on some units allowing for control via an IEEE-488 controller, and implements the functionality of IEEE488.2 standard protocol. The GPIB bus address is user-programmable via the SET GPIB ADDR command or via the front-panel (if installed). The default address is set to 10.

**4-5. SERIAL CONSOLE BOOT DISPLAY:** When the system powers up in serial Console mode, if you have a terminal emulator attached to the serial port you should see a screen showing the various installed features and system status. A typical screen is shown below.

API Weinschel 8321 Attn System b0.12 firmware: 1931145930xa

RF config

channel count: 16

attn config: 4205-95.5 95.5dB/0.5dB, 0.2-6GHz

rfsw count: 14 rfsw config: SP6T

GPIB: installed bus addr: 10

default network config

MAC address: 00:04:A3:BE:9F:E8

IP address: 0.0.0.0 subnet mask: 255.255.255.0

gateway : 0.0.0.0

netstat: enabled

DHCP: enabled AutoIP: enabled

>

\*\*netstat: link down

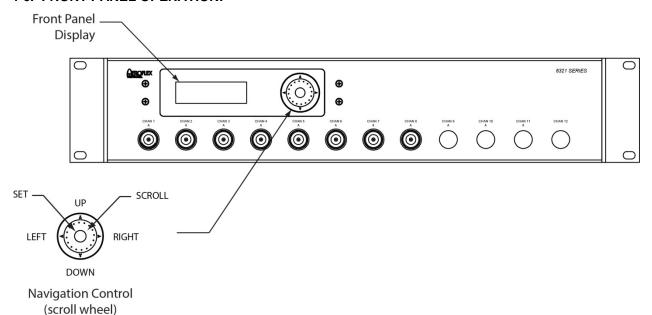
>

\*\*netstat: link up

>

\*\*netstat: DHCP IP address change: 10.100.103.50

#### 4-6. FRONT PANEL OPERATION:



The Navigation Control provides for menu selection and data entry. It consists of four navigation keys: UP, DOWN, LEFT, and RIGHT, along with a SET key and a Scroll wheel. Menu selections are made by using the UP and DOWN keys to highlight the current selection as indicated by the selection arrow (→) in the first column of the display. The currently highlighted item may be selected by using either the SET or RIGHT keys to select the entry. The LEFT key will always exit the current screen and return you to the previous menu.

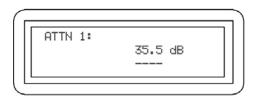
To change the value of a setting, select the entry (using the SET or RIGHT keys) and you will enter the Data editing screen for that parameter. The Data editing screen will show the parameter name on the first line and the current value on the second. The value that is currently selected for editing will be highlighted by underscore characters. For parameters that have multiple fields such as the four bytes of an IP address, the current editing focus can be changed using the RIGHT key to move to the next field.

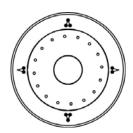
When changing an entry on a Data editing screen, the value can be changed using one of two methods depending upon the type of the parameter: increment mode or editing mode.

In increment mode, the UP and DOWN keys can be used to increase or decrease the current value. For RF devices such as attenuators and switches the device will also be programmed to the new setting with no further action required.

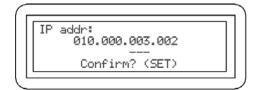
In editing mode, the SCROLL wheel can be rotated to change the displayed value, but the actual change will not be made until the SET key is pressed. When data is changed in the editing mode, the LCD will show a "Confirm? (SET)" message to indicate that the value has not yet been changed. If you wish to abort editing, you can use the LEFT key to discard any changes and leave the current screen. Otherwise, depressing the SET key will enter the displayed value.

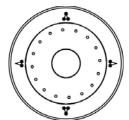
Example Attenuator Data editing screen (increment mode)





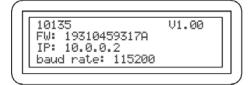
Example IP address editing screen showing multiple fields and editing mode

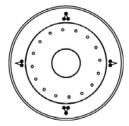




#### 4-4.1. Menus:

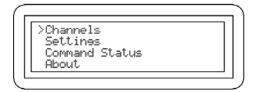
#### **Boot** screen

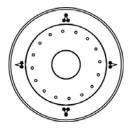




This screen is displayed for a few seconds at power on and shows the model number, firmware revision and file, and the current IP address and serial baud rate settings. Once the system initializes, the unit will switch to display the **Main** menu.

#### Main Menu

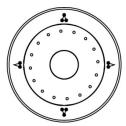




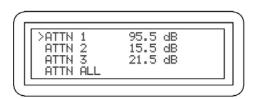
#### Channels Menu

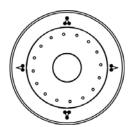
The **Channels** menu is used to display and change the settings of the RF devices installed in the unit. If multiple types of RF devices are installed, you may be presented with an additional menu allowing you to select between the different device types.





Once selected, you will be presented with a list of the devices and the current settings, similar to the display below.

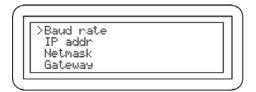


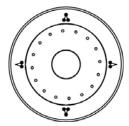


Depending on the capabilities of the unit (such as the number of installed devices) there may be multiple display pages associated with this menu. You can use the UP and DOWN keys to display any additional pages.

#### Settings Menu

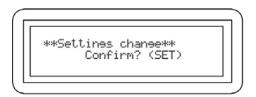
The **Settings** menu allows access to the system setup parameters, such as communication settings including the serial port baud rate, network settings and GPIB addresses (if installed).

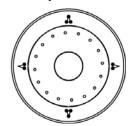




Additional settings may be available depending on any installed options. If so, there will be additional Settings menu entries that can be accessed by using the DOWN key to scroll to the next page.

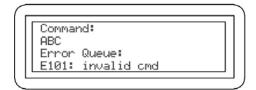
Unlike device control settings, some changes made to system setup parameters in the **Settings** menu do not take effect until the next system restart. These include parameters such as IP address, subnet mask, and serial baudrate. After making a change to one of these settings, when you exit the **Settings** menu you will be prompted with the ability to restart the system if desired. Depressing the SET key will restart the system with the parameter changes in effect.

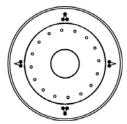




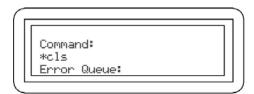
#### Command Status screen

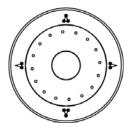
The **Command Status** screen displays remote commands being sent via any of the communication ports, along with the status of the current command error queue.





Under normal operation, the Error Queue line should be empty indicating no errors.





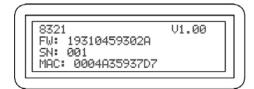
The Command screen is provided mainly as a status and troubleshooting aid, and may not reflect the entire sequences occurring during a remote session. The command and error queue displays are limited to the first 20 characters of a message and will truncate any characters exceeding that length.

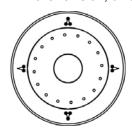
Updating the LCD display is a fairly slow operation, and the unit is capable of receiving and executing commands faster than the display can update. To minimize the impact that the display would have on command execution, the command display is only updated during idle periods. It is possible to keep the communications so busy that the display does not have a chance to update, or only updates every several operations.

The Error Queue displays the last entry in the error queue. Once an error has been generated it will be continued to be displayed until the error queue is read (using ERR?) or the queue is cleared (\*CLS). Sending a valid command does not clear the queue, so the error display may not reflect the result of the current command.

#### **About** screen

The **About** screen displays the model number, firmware revision, unit serial number and Ethernet MAC address.





**4-7. COMMAND OPERATION:** Commands are comprised of text-based ASCII strings. The command parser is case-insensitive, so either upper or lower case characters are acceptable. Command parameters may be separated with either an ASCII SPACE char (0x20) or an ASCII COMMA char (0x2E), but the separator character used must be the same within an individual command string. Additional SPACE characters are ignored. Typically, input program messages may be terminated using either an ASCII CR character (0x0D) or an ASCII LF character (0x0A), however this can be changed by using the SET EOS command. Command message strings are limited to 128 characters total, including the terminator. Multiple commands can be included in one message by separating the individual commands with an ASCII SEMICOLON character ';' (0x3B), up to the 128 character message limit. Response messages are terminated differently depending on the source of the command. Response messages sent over the serial port default to using both a CR (0x0D) and LF (0x0A) to terminate the line, while messages sent via a network TCP or UDP connection default to using a single CR (0x0D) terminator. The output terminator sequence may be changed using the SET EOS command. A list of supported commands can be seen by typing 'HELP' or '?' at the Console prompt.

The command structure/operation is similar to that used in IEEE 488.2, and includes some of the 488.2 Common Commands such as \*IDN?, \*RST, \*CLS, and \*OPC?, in addition to device specific commands. In 488.2, programming commands take one of two forms: a Program message or a Query message. Program messages are used to send commands to the device, while Query messages are used to elicit a response. Query commands are those that contain a '?' character. In general, the device does not generate any response to a program message unless the message contains a valid Query command. (Note that this does not apply when operating in Console mode, or when using some commands such as SHOW which are designed to provide the user general information). You can use this feature to provide a method to synchronize command execution with the controller by appending a Query to the desired command, and waiting for the response. For example, sending "\*CLS;\*OPC?" will place a "1" in the output queue when the \*CLS command has been executed. Query commands that return multiple values will have the values separated by an ASCII COMMA character (0x2E). If multiple Query commands are included in the same message, the individual query responses will be separated with an ASCII SEMICOLON character (0x3B).

An Error Queue is provided that logs the results of command/execution errors in a FIFO fashion. The queue entries can be read using the ERR? command, which returns both an error code and a descriptive text message, such as

#### 101, "invalid command"

When the queue is empty, ERR? returns the message **0**, "no error". The queue can be emptied by repeatedly sending ERR? until all entries are read from the queue, or via sending the \*CLS message. Note: There is a single Error Queue shared by all the command interfaces, such as the network socket connections, TELNET, and the serial Console. Since the TELNET and serial Console interfaces operate in an interactive fashion, if you are using multiple interfaces simultaneously the error messages may not appear on the expected interface. For example, errors generated by messages sent to the TCP server port may be shown on the serial console if it is in active use.

Unless otherwise specified, commands revert to their default setting at system reset/poweron, with the exception of the system setup and configuration commands (see SET). The various SET commands are used to update the settings in non-volatile memory (NVM), and do not typically take effect until the next system reset event unless otherwise noted.

**4-8. 488.2 STATUS REPORTING (GPIB):** The unit implements the 488.2 Status Reporting Structure, which for GPIB utilizes the IEEE488.1 status byte with additional data structures and rules. The Status Byte Register can be read with either a serial poll (GPIB operation only) or the \*STB? common query command. The Service Request Enable Register (SRE) allows the user to select which bits in the Status Byte Register may cause service requests. A bit value of one indicates that the corresponding event is enabled, while a bit value of zero disables an event. The Service Request Enable Register may be accessed with the \*SRE and \*SRE? common commands. The Status Byte Register may be cleared with the \*CLS common command, with the exception of the MAV bit, which is controlled by the operation of the Output Queue. The SRE Register is set to 0 at power-on, disabling all events.

Status Byte Register/ Service Request Enable Register Formats

	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0	
		RQS	ESB	MAV					
<u>Bit</u>	Mnemonic			Desc	<u>cription</u>				
6	RQS	Request	Service:	This bit, if se	et, indicates tl	hat the device	e is asserting	the SRQ sign	nal.
5	ESB	Event Status Bit:		This bit is truis true.	ue when an e	nabled event	in the Event	Status Regis	ter
4	MAV	Message	e Available:	This bit is tru	ue when there	e is valid data	available in	the output qu	eue.

The Standard Event Status Register is used to report various IEEE 488.2-defined events. The register contents may be accessed with the \*ESR? command. An Event Status Enable Register allows the user to select which bits in the ESR that will be reflected in the ESB summary message bit of the Status Byte Register. The Event Status Enable Register may be accessed with the \*ESE and \*ESE? common commands. The Event Status Register is cleared by an \*ESR? query or \*CLS common command. The ESE Register is set to 0 at power-on, disabling all events

Standard Event Status Register/ Standard Event Status Enable Register Formats

D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
PON	URQ	CME	EXE	DDE	QYE	RQC	OPC

<u>Bit</u>	Mnemonic		<u>Description</u>
7	PON	Power On:	This bit indicates that the device has powered-on.
6	URQ	User Request:	This event bit indicates that a local control is causing a User Request.
5	CME	Command Error:	The parser has detected a syntax error in the current command.
4	EXE	Execution Error:	The command could not be properly executed due to an illegal input range, or other inconsistent data.
3	DDE	Device Dependent Error:	A command could not properly complete due to some device specific error.
2	QYE	Query Error:	This bit indicates that either an attempt has been made to read data when there was none present, or that data in the Output Queue has been lost.
1	RQC	Request Control	The device is requesting control (not implemented).
0	OPC	Operation Complete:	This bit is generated in response to an *OPC command. It indicates that the unit has completed all pending operations.

The Status Reporting Registers may be used for serial and other communications, with certain limitations. The Status Byte Register can only be read via the \*STB? query command, as the comm port does not provide for a serial poll operation. Also, as data in the Output Queue is sent automatically during serial operation, the MAV message available bit in the STB serves no purpose.

**4-9. COMMAND EXECUTION AND BUFFERING:** Typically, simple commands execute in 1-2msecs, however certain commands such as switching an electromechanical relay-based attenuator may take significantly longer than this. During this time, input commands are buffered for later execution. Buffering typically provides space for approximately 20 commands, but this is command and interface dependent.

When operating at fast communication rates it is possible to exceed the buffering ability causing commands to be missed. For interfaces such as RS232, you can use hardware flow control to prevent this from occurring. For other interfaces, you can use a command/query scheme as a synchronization method. A simple example of this would be to append a query to the desired command, and waiting for the response. For example, sending "ATTN 1 10;\*OPC?" will place a "1" in the output queue when the ATTN command has been executed.

**4-10. COMMAND REFERENCE:** In the command descriptions that follow, argument types are described using the following additional conventions to indicate the relative size of the parameter:

byte - used to indicate an 8-bit unsigned integer word - used to indicate a 16-bit unsigned integer

int8 - 8-bit integer int16 - 16-bit integer int32 - 32-bit integer

string - character data, including the max number of characters allowable.

(i.e. string8 has a maximum of 8 characters)

Numeric arguments default to decimal (base 10) notation, but may optionally be provided in hex or binary if appropriate by using a "0x" prefix for hex or "0b" for binary. In addition, commands that accept a '0' or '1' argument will also accept the text strings 'OFF' and 'ON' in place of the numeric parameter. For example, "CONSOLE 1" and "CONSOLE ON" are equivalent.

Required command keywords are shown in CAPITAL letters, and arguments are shown in *italics*. Square brackets '[]' may be used to indicate an optional parameter, for example [select]. Optional parameters, if not supplied by the user, assume the default setting specified in the text.

**4-11. APPLICATION SPECIFIC COMMANDS:** For the following attenuation control commands there are a number of methods for specifying the attenuator *select* parameter. In the simplest form, *select* specifies a single numeric channel number from 1 to *n*, where *n* is the maximum number of installed attenuation channels (i.e., 1-12). For users familiar with API 8210A-based controllers, the *select* parameter may also be specified using the string prefix 'AT' along with the channel number (ie AT1. See the ATTN command for more information). In addition to specifying single attenuators, multiple attenuators may be selected by placing them into a named group, and then using that group name as the *select* parameter. When using a group, all attenuators in the group will be set to the same dB value. Currently, the system allows for two groups: a user-defined group and a predefined group named ALL. See the GROUP command for more information.

Attenuation value settings are specified in dB, with up to 2 digits of precision after the decimal point for attenuators that support step sizes of < 1dB. When specifying integral dB values, usage of the decimal point format is strictly option (ie '10' is the same as '10.00'). The attenuation setting must be a multiple of the attenuators intrinsic step size or the command will generate an error. For example, an attenuator that has a stepsize of 0.25 dB will accept settings of 0.25 and 0.5, but will generate an error if set to 0.3. For responses, attenuation values will be formatted to the base precision of the attenuator.

Certain attenuator types, such as relay-based models, have switching speed and cycle rate limitations which must be accounted for when programming. Switching speed requirements are built into the command execution time and are always enforced such that if you execute a command sequence such as "ATTN 1 10;\*OPC?" the response will not be sent until the attenuator has been programmed and has changed state. Typical switching speeds for these types of attenuators are in the 5-20 msec range, depending on the model. For relay-based attenuators, in addition to the switching speed there is also a maximum rate at which commands can be sent to an individual attenuator referred to as the cycling rate. This is a much longer period of time, and is typically in the 100-150 msec range (6-10 operations/second). Note that this delay is on a per attenuator basis, and will only be seen if an attempt is made to reprogram an attenuator before this time limit expires. Solid-state attenuators do not have these limitations, and can be switched at the maximum rate that commands are executed, which is typically in the 1-2 ms range. You can use the RFCONFIG? ATTN command to view the parameters associated with the attenuator type installed in the system.

**ATTN** 

**Function:** set attenuator **Syntax:** ATTN *select setting* 

**Argument(s):** select attenuator select 1-*n*, AT1-AT*n*, or a group name

setting attenuator setting, in dB. setting=0-max attenuation value, or MAX

Remarks: This command sets the specified RF attenuator(s) to the dB value provided by setting. If setting is

MAX, then the maximum dB value for that attenuator will be used.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

ATTN 1 10 // sets attn 1 to 10 dB

ATTN ALL MAX // sets all attenuators to their max value

ATTN AT1 15.75 // sets attn 1 to 15.75 dB (8210A compatibility mode)

ATTN?

Function: read attenuator setting

**Syntax:** ATTN? attnno

**Argument(s):** attnno attenuator select 1-n or AT1-ATn

**Remarks:** This command returns the current setting of the specified attenuator

Return Value: attenuator setting, in dB

Example(s):

ATTN 1 10 // sets attn 1 to 10 dB ATTN? 1 // read attn 1 setting

10 // returns attn 1 setting (10 dB)

**REF** 

Function: set attenuator reference

Syntax: REF select

**Argument(s):** select attenuator select 1-n, AT1-ATn, or a group name

**Remarks:** This command sets a reference for the specified RF attenuator(s). The reference value is set to the

attenuator's current setting. This command can be used with the RELATTN command.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

ATTN 1 10; REF 1 // sets attn 1 reference to the current setting (10 dB)

REF ALL // sets reference for all attenuators to their current settings

REF?

**Function:** read attenuator reference setting

Syntax: REF? attnno

**Argument(s):** attnno attenuator select 1-n or AT1-ATn

**Remarks:** This command returns the current reference attenuation level of the specified attenuator

Return Value: attenuator setting, in dB

Example(s):

ATTN 1 10 // sets attn 1 to 10 dB
REF 1 // sets attn 1 ref (ref=10 dB)
REF? 1 // read reference setting

10 // returns attn 1 reference setting (10dB)

#### **RELATTN**

**Function:** set attenuator relative to ref **Syntax:** RELATTN select setting

**Argument(s):** select attenuator select 1-*n*, AT1-AT*n*, or a group name

setting attenuator setting, in dB. Setting = +/- dB

Remarks: This command sets the specified RF attenuator(s) to the specified dB value relative to the

attenuator's reference setting.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

ATTN 1 10 // sets attn 1 to 10dB

REF 1 // sets attn 1 ref (ref=10dB)

RELATTN 1 5 // sets attn +5dB from the ref setting.

RELATTN 1 5 // sets attn +5dB from the ref setting, (10dB + 5dB = 15dB absolute)

RELATTN 1 -5 // sets attn -5dB from the ref setting, (10dB - 5dB = 5dB absolute)

#### **RELATTN?**

Function: read attenuator relative attenuation setting

**Syntax:** RELATTN? attnno

**Argument(s):** attnno attenuator select 1-n or AT1-ATn

**Remarks:** This command returns the current relative attenuation setting of the specified attenuator

**Return Value:** attenuator setting, in dB (+/-)

Example(s):

RELATTN 1 10 // sets attn +10dB from the ref setting
RELATTN? 1 // read attn 1 relative attn setting
10 // returns attn 1 relative setting (10dB)

#### **STEPSIZE**

**Function:** set attenuator stepsize **Syntax:** STEPSIZE *select setting* 

**Argument(s):** select attenuator select 1-n, AT1-ATn, or a group name

setting attenuator stepsize, in dB. Setting=0-max attenuation value

**Remarks:** This command sets the attenuation stepsize for the specified RF attenuator(s). This command can be used with the INCR and DECR commands to change the step value. Specifying a *setting* of 0 sets the stepsize to the intrinsic step value for the attenuator, in effect removing any previous STEPSIZE command.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

STEPSIZE 1 10 // sets attn 1 stepsize to 10dB

STEPSIZE ALL 0 // sets the stepsize for all attenuators to their native value (typ 1dB)

#### STEPSIZE?

**Function:** read attenuator stepsize setting

**Syntax:** STEPSIZE? attnno

**Argument(s):** attnno attenuator select 1-n or AT1-ATn

**Remarks:** This command returns the current stepsize of the specified attenuator

Return Value: attenuator setting, in dB

Example(s):

STEPSIZE 1 10 // sets attn 1 stepsize to 10dB STEPSIZE? 1 // read attn 1 stepsize setting 10 // returns attn 1 stepsize (10dB)

**INCR** 

**Function:** increment attenuator setting

Syntax: INCR select

**Argument(s):** select attenuator select 1-*n*, AT1-AT*n*, or a group name

**Remarks:** This command increments the current setting of the specified attenuator(s) by the attenuator's

STEPSIZE setting. **Return Value:** none

Example(s):

ATTN 1 5 // sets attn 1 to 5dB

STEPSIZE 1 10 // sets attn 1 stepsize to 10dB

INCR 1 // increments attn 1 by it's stepsize (5dB + 10dB = 15dB)

**DECR** 

**Function:** decrement attenuator setting

Syntax: DECR select

**Argument(s):** select attenuator select 1-*n*, AT1-AT*n*, or a group name

**Remarks:** This command decrements the current setting of the specified attenuator(s) by the attenuator's

STEPSIZE setting. **Return Value:** none

Example(s):

ATTN 1 15 // sets attn 1 to 15dB

STEPSIZE 1 10 // sets attn 1 stepsize to 10dB

DECR 1 // decrements attn 1 by it's stepsize (15dB - 10dB = 5dB)

**GROUP** 

**Function:** define an attenuator group **Syntax:** GROUP *name selectlist* 

**Argument(s):** name string, up to 10 characters in length (case-insensitive)

selectlist list of attenuator channel numbers. Up to *n* entries max (number of installed

channels)

**Remarks:** This command creates a user-defined group of attenuators which allows most commands to operate on multiple attenuators. The group is referenced using the *name* parameter, and may contain a listing of 1 to the max number of attenuators supported. There is a single user-defined group, and defining a group removes any previous user group definition. In addition to the user-defined group, the system automatically creates a group named ALL and adds each attenuator to that group.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

GROUP mygroup 2 4 6 // define a group named 'mygroup' containing attenuators 2, 4, and 6

ATTN mygroup 10 // sets the group (attenuators 2, 4, and 6) to 10dB

**GROUP?** 

**Function:** read user-defined attenuator group definition

Syntax: GROUP? Argument(s): none

Remarks: This command returns the current user-defined group definition, including the group name and

member attenuator list.

Return Value: name selectlist

Example(s):

GROUP mygroup 1 2 3 4 // define a group 'mygroup' containing attenuators 1, 2, 3 and 4

GROUP? // read group definition

MYGROUP, 1, 2, 3, 4 // returns name and a list of attenuators in the group

#### **CHAN**

**Function:** set default *select* parameter for various attenuation commands

Syntax: CHAN chselect

**Argument(s):** chselect attenuator channel select 1-n, or 0 to clear current channel

**Remarks:** This command sets a default value for the *select* parameter of all attenuation commands (with the exception of GROUP), allowing an abbreviated form of the commands to be used. Once set *chselect* remains in effect until changed via another CHAN command, or is reset via the CHAN 0 command. When a channel is selected, the *select* parameter in attenuation commands becomes optional, and if not included all *select* parameters will be replaced by the current *chselect* setting. This command is primarily for compatibility with previous API Weinschel 8310/8311 attenuation systems.

Return Value: none Example(s):

CHAN 2; ATTN 10 // sets chan to 2 (directing all further commands to attn 2), and sets attn2 to 10 dB

ATTN 20; ATTN? // sets current chselect (attn 2) to 20 dB and reads attn 2 setting

CHAN 3; ATTN 5; ATTN 2 10 // sets attn 3 to 5 dB and then overrides chselect, setting attn 2 to 10 dB

#### CHAN?

Function: read default channel setting

Syntax: CHAN? Argument(s): none

**Remarks:** This command returns the current setting of the CHAN *chselect* setting

Return Value: channel setting (0 for none)

Example(s):

CHAN 1; ATTN 10 // sets attn 1 to 10 dB CHAN? // read CHAN setting 1 // returns 1

#### **SHOW STAT**

Function: displays current settings

Syntax: SHOW STAT

Argument(s): none

**Remarks:** This command displays the current settings of the RF hardware. The list will change to reflect the type and number of devices installed in the system.

Example(s):

>show stat

ATTN 1: 63 ATTN 2: 63 ATTN 3: 63 ATTN 4: 63 ATTN 5: 63 ATTN 6: 63 ATTN 7: 63 ATTN 8: 63 ATTN 9: 63

ATTN 11: 63 ATTN 12: 63

ATTN 10: 63

#### **SHOW RFCONFIG**

**Function:** displays current RF configuration

Syntax: SHOW RFCONFIG

Argument(s): none

**Remarks:** This command displays the current RF hardware configuration

Example(s):

>show rfconfig RF config

channel count: 12

attn config: 4202-63 (0-63/1dB, 0.4-6GHz)

#### **SET DEFAULT**

**Function:** set the initial default settings for the RF hardware devices

Syntax: SET DEFAULT ATTN select setting

SET DEFAULT RFSW select setting

**Argument(s):** select device select 1-n, or ALL

setting default value

**Remarks:** This command can be used to change the default device settings. The parameter *select* specifies the individual device number (which changes the runtime default only), or ALL which changes the non-volatile memory default setting for all devices. For attenuators, the parameter *setting* specifies the attenuation value in dB, and may also be specified as MAX, in which case the maximum value for the attenuator(s) will be used. For RF switches, the parameter *setting* specifies the initial position setting of the switch(es). Note: if you require unique poweron defaults for each device then you must use a MACRO to set the desired states.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

SET DEFAULT ATTN 1 20 // sets attn 1 default to 20dB (runtime only)

SET DEFAULT ATTN ALL MAX // sets default for all attenuators to maximum setting (and saves it)

#### **SET RFCONFIG**

**Function:** set rf hardware installation

Syntax: SET RFCONFIG CHAN *numchan* [*numchan2*] // set the number of installed channels SET RFCONFIG ATTN *type* // sets the installed attenuator type

**Remarks:** This command can be used to change the RF configuration to support different chassis configurations. If the unit supports a single RF device type (ie attenuators only), then the SET RFCONFIG CHAN command only accepts a single parameter. If the unit supports multiple device types (ie both attenuators and switches), then SET RFCONFIG CHAN supports two parameters, with the first specifying the number of attenuators and the second specifying the number of switches.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

SET RFCONFIG CHAN 9 // sets number of installed channels to 9

#### **RFCONFIG?**

**Function:** read chassis configuration items

Syntax: RFCONFIG? CHAN // returns the number of installed channels

RFCONFIG? ATTN n // returns configuration info for attn n (model, range, etc)

RFCONFIG? LIST TYPE // returns a list of supported models

**Remarks:** These commands can be used to retrieve various chassis configuration settings.

RFCONFIG? CHAN returns the number of installed devices. If the unit is configured to support both attenuators and switches then this command returns two values (attenuators, switches). Otherwise it returns a single value.

RFCONFIG? ATTN returns the attn type, max attenuation, stepsize, switching speed (msec), cycle rate (msec), and a descriptive string.

RFCONFIG? LIST TYPE returns a list of the supported attn types

#### Example(s):

>RFCONFIG? ATTN 1

4205-95.5, 95.5, 0.5, 0, 0, "95.5dB/0.5dB, 0.2-6GHz"

#### 4-12. 488.2 COMMON COMMANDS

\*CLS

**Function:** clears the error status

Syntax: \*CLS Argument(s): none

Remarks: This function is used to clear the Error Queue

Return Value: none

Example(s):

\*CLS

\*IDN?

**Function:** Reads the system identification information

Syntax: \*IDN? Argument(s): none

Remarks: This function is used to read the system identification info, which is a string consisting of the following

data: manufacturer, model, serial number, and firmware version.

Return Value: idstr string id info

Example(s): \*IDN?

API Weinschel, 8331, 002, V1.00

\*OPC?

Function: Operation complete query

Syntax: \*OPC? Argument(s): none

**Remarks:** This function loads a '1' into the output queue when the Program Message Unit is executed. It's primary use is to provide an indication of command completion by including the command as the last one in a series of commands. It can be useful to synchronize operation and to prevent input buffer overflow.

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**Return Value:** 1 integer constant command completed

Example(s):

CMD1 1; CMD2 2; \*OPC?

1 // sends a '1' response when the three commands have been parsed and executed

\*ESR?

Function: Event Status Register query

Syntax: \*ESR? Argument(s): none

**Remarks:** This function reads the 488.2 Event Status Register. Reading the register also clears it.

**Return Value:** int8 integer status register

Example(s): \*ESR?

32 // indicates a Command Error

\*RST

**Function:** Performs a device application level reset.

Syntax: \*RST Argument(s): none

Remarks: This function is used to reset the device application settings. For a full device reset, see the REBOOT

command.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

\*RST

\*TST?

**Function:** Self-test query

Syntax: \*TST? Argument(s): none

**Remarks:** This function performs an internal self-test. Upon completion, the results of the test are loaded into

the output queue.

**Return Value:** testresults integer '0' indicates test passed. Non-zero indicates test failed.

Example(s): \*TST?

0 // returns a '0' when the test completes successfully.

\*OPC

**Function:** generate operation complete message

Syntax: \*OPC Argument(s): none

**Remarks:** The Operation Complete command generates an operation complete message in the Standard Event

Status Register when all pending operations have been finished.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

\*CLS;\*OPC

\*SRE

**Function:** Sets the Service Request Enable Register

**Syntax:** \*SRE *mask* 

**Argument(s):** *mask* byte, 0-255

**Remarks:** This command sets the Service Request Enable Register. The mask parameter represents the bit values of the register, where a bit value of one indicates an enabled condition and a bit value of zero indicates a disabled condition.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

\*SRE 255 // enable all bits

\*SRE?

Function: Read the Service Request Enable Register

Syntax: \*SRE? Argument(s): none

**Remarks:** This query returns the contents of the Service Request Enable Register.

Return Value: byte, 0-255

Example(s): \*SRE?

255 // SRE register

\*ESE

**Function:** Sets the Event Status Enable Register

**Syntax:** \*ESE *mask* 

**Argument(s):** *mask* byte, 0-255

**Remarks:** This command sets the Event Status Enable Register. The mask parameter represents the bit values of the register, where a bit value of one indicates an enabled condition and a bit value of zero indicates a disabled

condition.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

\*ESE 255 // enable all bits

\*ESE?

Function: Read the Event Status Enable Register

Syntax: \*ESE?
Argument(s): none

**Remarks:** This query returns the contents of the Event Status Enable Register.

Return Value: byte, 0-255

Example(s): \*ESE?

255 // ESE register

ERR?

Function: Read the Error Queue

**Syntax:** ERR?

SYST:ERR?

Argument(s): none

**Remarks:** This function returns the last entry in the error status queue, and a string description of the error code. Repeating the command will return the next entry, until the error queue is empty and returns a zero. The error queue may be cleared via the \*CLS command. Note that when using the command-line interface the Error Queue contents are automatically displayed after each command prior to issuing the CLI prompt.

Return Value: error number, "error description"

Example(s):

ERR?

101, "invalid command"

ERR? 0, "no error"

LLO

Function: Local lockout Syntax: LLO *enable* 

**Argument(s):** enable byte, 0-1 (or OFF/ON)

**Remarks:** This command controls the local lockout function which can be used to disable front panel control. Setting local lockout ON disables local operation, while setting it OFF enables local use. By default, this parameter is

OFF. Return Value: none

Example(s):

LLO 1 // turns on local lockout, disabling front panel LLO OFF // turns off lockout, enabling front panel operation

LLO?

Function: Local Lockout query

Syntax: LLO? Argument(s): none

**Remarks:** This function returns the current setting of the Local Lockout function.

**Return Value:** integer '0' indicates lockout off. Non-zero indicates lockout is active.

Example(s):

LLO OFF; LLO?

0 // returns a '0' indicating lockout is off

#### 4-13. SETUP AND CONFIGURATION COMMANDS:

**NOTE**: The SET commands are used to update settings which are stored in non-volatile memory (NVM), and do not typically take effect until the next system restart event (see REBOOT) unless otherwise noted. The settings listed here are dependent on the installed hardware, so not all settings are available on some implementations, such as the LCD and CANbus interfaces.

**SET EOS** 

Function: sets the Program Message Terminator and/or Response Message Terminator end of string

characters

**Syntax:** SET EOS interface inout val

Argument(s): interface protocol selection SERIAL, USB, GPIB, TCP, UDP, or ALL

inout PMT (input) or RMT (output)

*val* word, eos characters

**Remarks:** This function sets the input Program Message Terminator (PMT) or the output Response Message Terminator (RMT) sequences. Each communications port/protocol can have separate definitions. The *val* parameter specifies the character sequence used, and can specify up to two characters, typically as a hex word high byte-low byte pair. Common definitions for the terminators include the ASCII CR (0x0D) and LF (0x0A) characters. A single character may be specified either by using 0 for the high byte, such as 0x000D, or by only specifying a single character (ie 0x0D). On input, the message will terminate when either of the two character codes are received, while for output the characters are sent low byte then high byte, unless it is specified as 0. Note that the serial CONSOLE and network TELNET servers are excluded from this selection and always use a fixed CRLF (0x0A0D) sequence. The current settings may be viewed using the SHOW EOS command.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

SET EOS SERIAL PMT 0x0A0D // set serial input to terminate on either CR or LF

SET EOS SERIAL RMT 0x0A0D // set serial output sequence as CR-LF

SET EOS USB PMT 0x0A0D // set usb input to terminate on either CR or LF

SET EOS USB RMT 0x0A0D // set usb output sequence as CR-LF

SET EOS TCP PMT 0x0A0D // set tcp socket input to terminate on either CR or LF
SET EOS TCP RMT 0x0D // set tcp output sequence as a single CR character
SET EOS UDP PMT 0x0A // set udp socket input to terminate on Lf character only
SET EOS UDP RMT 0x0D // set udp output sequence as a single LF character

4-13.1. Serial Port

#### **SET SERIAL BAUDRATE**

**Function:** RS232 serial port baud rate setting **Syntax:** SET SERIAL BAUDRATE *rate* 

**Argument(s):** rate int32

**Remarks:** This function sets the baud rate for the RS232 serial port. The *rate* parameter may be any value from 9600 to 230400, with the standard rates being 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200, and 230400. This command will take effect immediately, and does not require a reboot. Note that this setting may be overridden by hardware DIP switches located on the controller assy.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

SET SERIAL BAUDRATE 115200

**SET SERIAL FLOW** 

**Function:** RS232 flow control

**Syntax:** SET SERIAL FLOW *enable* 

**Argument(s):** *enable* byte, 0-1 (or OFF/ON)

**Remarks:** This function can be used to selectively enable or disable the serial port hardware RTS/CTS flow control signals. A value of 0 (or OFF) disables flow control, while any other value (or ON) enables RTS/CTS handshaking. Flow control can be used to prevent loss of input data while the system is busy executing commands.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

SET SERIAL FLOW 1 // enable RTS/CTS flow control

#### 4-13.2. GPIB

#### **SET GPIB ADDR**

Function: GPIB address setting
Syntax: SET GPIB ADDR busaddr
Argument(s): busaddr byte, 0-30

**Remarks:** This function sets the GPIB bus address for both talker and listener functions. The busaddr

parameter may be any value from 0 to 30. This command will take effect immediately, and does not require a reboot.

The default setting for the GPIB addr is 10.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

**SET GPIB ADDR 21** 

#### 4-13.3. Network

#### **SET IPADDR**

**Function:** Sets the network IP address/mode **Syntax:** SET IPADDR [ipaddr | DHCP | AUTOIP]

Argument(s): ipaddr static IP address, in the form DDD.DDD.DDD.DDD

DHCP selects DHCP address mode (default)

AUTOIP selects AUTOIP mode

**Remarks:** This function sets the default IP address mode, allowing the choice between static or dynamic modes. There is some interaction between the various settings, but typically selecting one mode disables the others as follows:

#### Static IP

Setting a static fixed IP address automatically disables DHCP and AutoIP operation.

#### **DHCP**

Setting DHCP mode will enable both the DHCP and AutoIP modes. The existing static IP address (if any) will be erased. DHCP takes preference over any other selected mode. If the system is unable to obtain an address from a DHCP server on the network, it will switch over to AutoIP mode, where it will attempt to assign a link-local address.

#### **AutoIP**

Setting AUTOIP mode will enable the AutoIP function and disable DHCP operation for networks where a DHCP server is not available. The existing static IP address (if any) will be erased.

You can also use the SET DHCP and SET AUTOIP commands to combine modes and override the default addressing mode operation selected by this command. If doing so, you should use the SET IPADDR command prior to using SET DHCP or SET AUTOIP, as it has precedence. For example, you can use the SET IPADDR *ipaddr* to set a fixed IP, followed by SET DHCP ON to enable DHCP. The system would attempt to use DHCP, and if unable to obtain an address would use the static IP address *ipaddr*. Likewise, you can use SET IPADDR DHCP followed by SET AUTOIP OFF, in which case the system would only use DHCP and would never switch over to AutoIP mode. You can use the SHOW IPADDR command to view the current address in use, as well as the status of the DHCP and AUTOIP clients.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

SET IPADDR 10.0.0.2 // sets static IP, disables DHCP and AUTOIP

SET IPADDR DHCP // enables DHCP (and AutoIP)
SET IPADDR AUTOIP // enables AutoIP (disables DHCP)

**SET DHCP** 

**Function:** DHCP client control **Syntax:** SET DHCP *enable* 

**Argument(s):** *enable* byte, 0-1 (or OFF/ON)

Remarks: This function can be used to selectively enable or disable the DHCP client. A value of 0 (or OFF)

disables DHCP, while any other value (or ON) enables DHCP.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

SET DHCP 1 // enable DHCP
SET DHCP ON // enable DHCP
SET DHCP OFF // disables DHCP

**SET AUTOIP** 

**Function:** AutoIP client control **Syntax:** SET AUTOIP *enable* 

**Argument(s):** enable byte, 0-1 (or OFF/ON)

**Remarks:** This function can be used to selectively enable or disable the AutoIP client. A value of 0 (or OFF)

disables AutoIP, while any other value (or ON) enables AutoIP.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

SET AUTOIP 1 // enable AutoIP SET AUTOIP ON // enable AutoIP SET AUTOIP 0 // disables AutoIP

#### **SET NETMASK**

Function: Sets the network IP address subnet mask

**Syntax:** SET NETMASK *ipmask* 

**Argument(s):** *ipmask* subnet mask, in the form DDD.DDD.DDD.DDD

Remarks: This function sets the default IP subnet mask used when static IP addressing is selected. The default

value is 255.255.255.0 **Return Value:** none

Example(s):

SET NETMASK 255.255.255.0

#### **SET GATEWAY**

**Function:** Sets the network Gateway IP address

**Syntax:** SET GATEWAY ipaddr

**Argument(s):** ipaddr IP address, in the form DDD.DDD.DDD.DDD

**Remarks:** This function sets the default gateway/router IP address. Network packets that have a destination not reachable by the current IP configuration are sent to this address. The default value is 0.0.0.0, which disables the gateway function.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

**SET GATEWAY 10.0.0.100** 

#### SET TCP CONNECT

**Function:** Sets the number of TCP server connections

**Syntax:** SET TCP CONNECT numconnect

**Argument(s):** *numconnect* max number of connections, 1-4

Remarks: This function sets the maximum number of allowed simultaneous connections (users) that are

supported by the TCP server. The default is 1, allowing a single user.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

SET TCP CONNECT 4 // sets the server to allow up to 4 users

#### **SET TCP SERVER**

**Function:** Sets the TCP server port number Syntax: SET TCP SERVER portno

**Argument(s):** portno initial server port, 1024-65530

**Remarks:** This function sets the port number used to communicate with the internal TCP server(s). If multiple servers are installed then each server opens successive ports from this initial setting. For example, if 3 servers are installed, and *portno* = 10001, then server #1 opens port 10001, server #2 opens port 10002, and server #3 opens port 10003 (The system is set to use a single server by default. Consult the factory if multiple servers are required). The default port is 10001.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

SET TCP SERVER 1024 // sets the server to listen for connections on port 1024

#### **SET TCP KEEPALIVE**

**Function:** Sets the TCP keepalive rate **Syntax:** SET TCP KEEPALIVE *tout* 

**Argument(s):** *tout* keepalive timer value, in seconds (0, 10-7200)

**Remarks:** This function sets the value of the TCP keepalive timeout parameter. The TCP server uses this setting in order to keep a socket open by periodically sending keepalive packets during periods of inactivity. The value can be set for 10 to 7200 seconds (2 hours), or 0 to disable the keepalive function. The default is 30 seconds.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

SET TCP KEEPALIVE 60 // sets the keepalive timer to 60 seconds

#### **SET TCP TIMEOUT**

**Function:** Sets the TCP server inactivity timeout

**Syntax:** SET TCP TIMEOUT tout

**Argument(s):** *tout* inactivity timer value, in seconds (0 - 60)

**Remarks:** This function sets the value of the TCP server inactivity timeout parameter. The TCP server uses this setting in order to automatically close a connection if the client is inactive for a period of time. The value can be set for 0 to 60 seconds, with 0 (or OFF) disabling the inactivity timeout function. The default is 0 (inactivity timeout disabled).

Return Value: none

Example(s):

SET TCP TIMEOUT 10 // close connection if host is inactive for 10 seconds

#### **SET TCP ECHO**

**Function:** Sets the TCP server character echoing

Syntax: SET TCP ECHO onoff

**Argument(s):** onoff byte, 0-1 (or OFF/ON)

**Remarks:** This function controls the setting of character echoing for the TCP server(s). With echo on, the server echos each received character back to the sender on a character by character basis, while with the setting off no such echoing occurs. This is useful for testing connectivity, but can result in a large number of packets transactions and degrade performance. By default, TCP echo is OFF.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

SET TCP ECHO OFF // disables character echoing SET TCP ECHO 1 // enables character echoing

#### **SET UDP SERVER**

Function: Sets the UDP server port number

**Syntax:** SET UDP SERVER *portno* 

**Argument(s):** portno server port, 1024-65530

**Remarks:** This function sets the port number used to communicate with the internal UDP server. The default

port is 20000.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

SET UDP SERVER 1024 // sets the server to listen for messages on port 1024

#### **SET TELNET**

**Function:** Set TELNET server controls

Syntax: SET TELNET ECHO onoff // local server echo

SET TELNET OPTNEG *onoff* // TELNET options negotiation SET TELNET KEEPALIVE *onoff* // TELNET NOP keepalive

SET TELNET LOGIN *onoff* // require login

SET TELNET TIMEOUT secs // session inactivity timeout

**Argument(s):** onoff byte, 0-1 (or OFF/ON)

**Remarks:** This function controls various settings of the TELNET server operation. The current settings can be viewed using the SHOW NET TELNET command. Note that there are two TELNET server implementations available, a full and a reduced-functionality version, and not all parameters are supported by the reduced version. The default settings are: echo on, optneg on, NOP keepalive on, logon off, and an inactivity timeout of 300 seconds.

Return Value: none

#### **SET NETSTAT**

**Function:** network status message events control

**Syntax:** SET NETSTAT *enable* 

**Argument(s):** *enable* byte, 0-1 (or OFF/ON)

**Remarks:** This function can be used to control the display of network status messages on the serial console, including link up/down and port connect/disconnect messages. A value of 0 (or OFF) disables messages, while any other value (or ON) enables them. The default setting is on.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

SET NETSTAT 1 // enables logging of network events to the console

#### **Example NETSTAT messages:**

\*\*netstat: link up

\*\*netstat: link down

\*\*netstat: port 23: socket 2 connected to 10.0.0.101

\*\*netstat: port 23: disconnected

#### **IPCONFIG?**

Function: return network settings

Syntax: IPCONFIG? Argument(s): none

**Remarks:** This guery command returns the current network settings, including the IP address, subnet mask,

gateway address, DHCP enable, AutoIP enable, TCP server port, and the UDP server port. **Return Value:** IP addr, netmask, gateway, DHCP enable, AutoIP enable, TCP port, UDP port

Example(s):

**IPCONFIG?** 

10.100.103.80, 255.255.255.0, 0.0.0.0, 0, 0, 10001, 20000

#### 4-14. MACRO COMMANDS

The MACRO feature allows the user to create a series of commands that will be executed at unit power on initialization. Currently, there are provisions for a single 'poweron' macro that can store up to 128 commands in nonvolatile memory. Macro strings can contain any valid command (including concatenated command strings), up to the 128 character per command length restriction.

#### **MACRO OPEN**

Function: opens macro storage for writing

Syntax: MACRO OPEN

Argument(s): none Return Value: none

#### **MACRO CLOSE**

Function: finalizes macro Syntax: MACRO CLOSE

Argument(s): none Return Value: none

#### **MACRO ADD**

**Function:** adds (appends) command strings to the existing macro

MACRO ADD "commandstr" Syntax:

command text, in quotes **Argument(s):** commandstr

Return Value: none

#### MACRO DELETE

deletes existing macro contents Function:

Syntax: MACRO DELETE

Argument(s): none Return Value: none

#### **SHOW MACRO**

Function: display macro contents SHOW MACRO Syntax:

#### **Macro Example:**

// Here we create a poweron macro to change the default setting of four rf switches, RFSW 1-RFSW 4 // after setting the defaults, adding a \*RST will reinitialize the RF hardware to the new default values

```
MACRO OPEN
                                      // open macro for editing
MACRO ADD "set default rfsw 1 1"
                                      // change rfsw default settings
MACRO ADD "set default rfsw 2 2"
MACRO ADD "set default rfsw 3 1"
MACRO ADD "set default rfsw 4 2"
MACRO ADD "*RST"
                                      // adding a *RST to the macro will init the RF
MACRO CLOSE
                                      // close macro (and save it)
SHOW MACRO
```

num lines: 5 "set default rfsw 1 1" "set default rfsw 2 2" "set default rfsw 3 1" "set default rfsw 4 2"

name: poweron

"\*RST"

**4-15. SHOW COMMANDS:** The SHOW commands provide a method to view a variety of system settings and information. They are primarily meant for CLI usage such as the console mode or telnet, as the contents are system dependent and may change depending on the current mode, settings, and installed implementation features.

#### **SHOW EOS**

**Function:** Shows a summary of the EOS PMT and RMT message terminator settings

Example(s): >show eos

serial pmt: 0x0A0D serial rmt: 0x0A0D usb pmt: 0x0A0D usb rmt: 0x0A0D tcp pmt: 0x0A0D tcp rmt: 0x000D udp pmt: 0x0A0D udp rmt: 0x000D

#### **SHOW SET**

**Function:** Shows a summary of various configuration SET command settings

Example(s): >show set

serial baudrate: 115200

IP address = 10.0.0.2

subnet mask = 255.255.255.0

gateway = 0.0.0.0

addr\_conf = 0x03 (DHCP)

tcp keepalive timeout = 30

server port = 10001

 $telnet\_conf = 0x0F$ 

telnet timeout = 300

hostname = core18

#### **SHOW USB**

Function: Shows USB settings

Example(s): >show usb

protocol: CDC VID: 0x25EA PID: 0x206C ver: 0.10 status: 0xC1

#### **SHOW GPIB**

Function: Shows GPIB settings

Example(s): >show gpib

conf: installed addr: 10 pmt: 0x000A rmt: 0x000A

**SHOW NET** 

Function: Shows general network settings

Example(s): >show net

link status: up phy speed: 100 phy duplex: full

MAC address: 00:04:A3:12:2D:45

IP address: 10.0.0.2

subnet mask: 255.255.255.0

gateway : 0.0.0.0

DHCP: enabled

#### **SHOW IPADDR**

**Function:** Shows IP address mode and status

Example(s):

// Example #1: SET IPADDR DHCP status: no DHCP server found, using AUTOIP

>show ipaddr

IP address : 169.254.127.57 subnet mask: 255.255.0.0

default IP: 0.0.0.0

DHCP client: enabled server IP: none detected addr stat: not bound

AutoIP client: enabled addr stat: bound

// Example #2: SET IPADDR 10.0.0.2, SET DHCP ON status: no DHCP server found, using static IP

>show ipaddr

IP address: 10.0.0.2

subnet mask: 255.255.255.0

default IP: 10.0.0.2

DHCP client: enabled server IP: none detected addr stat: not bound

AutoIP client: disabled

// Example #2: SET IPADDR 10.0.0.2, SET DHCP ON status:, DHCP server detected, using DHCP

>show ipaddr

IP address: 192.168.0.2 subnet mask: 255.255.255.0

default IP: 10.0.0.2

DHCP client: enabled server IP: 192.168.0.1 addr stat: bound

AutoIP client: disabled

#### **SHOW NET TCP**

**Function:** Shows TCP server settings/status

Example(s): >show net tcp

tcp keepalive: 30 tcp echo: on

tcp server timeout: 0 tcp server port: 10001

number of servers: 1 connections per server: 1 port 10001: no connection

port 10001: socket 1 connected to 10.100.103.113

#### **SHOW NET UDP**

Function: Shows UDP server settings/status

Example(s): >show net udp

udp server port: 20000

#### **SHOW NET TELNET**

**Function:** Shows TELNET server settings/status

Example(s): >show net telnet

timeout: 300 flags echo: 1 keepalive: 1 neg options: 1 login: 0

max connections: 1 port 23: no connection

#### 4-16. MISC COMMANDS

**CONSOLE** 

**Function:** Console mode enable **Syntax:** CONSOLE *mode* 

**Argument(s):** mode byte 0, 1, 2, 3 or OFF, ON, ENABLE, DISABLE

**Remarks:** This function enables/disables the serial port console mode command-line interface and optionally updates the nvm setting. Setting *mode*=0 turns console off, *mode*=1 turns console on, *mode*=2 enables the console, and *mode*=3 disables the console. Modes 0 and 1 (OFF and ON) update the nvm setting, while modes 2 and 3 (ENABLE and DISABLE) do not. Note: This setting may be overridden by a hardware DIP switch located on the controller assembly.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

CONSOLE ON // turns on the console and updates nvm setting

CONSOLE ENABLE // turns on console for this session only

CONSOLE 0 // turns off the console and updates nvm setting

CONSOLE DISABLE // turns off console for this session only

**CONSOLE?** 

**Function:** Console mode query

**Syntax:** CONSOLE?

Argument(s): none

**Remarks:** This function returns the serial console mode nvm and DIP switch settings

Return Value: nvm, dipsw integer, integer

Example(s):

CONSOLE?

1, 0 // console nvm flag = 1, DIP switch = 0

**USB CONSOLE** 

**Function:** USB Console mode enable **Syntax:** USB CONSOLE *mode* 

**Argument(s):** mode byte 0, 1, 2, 3 or OFF, ON, ENABLE, DISABLE

**Remarks:** This function enables/disables the USB CDC console mode command-line interface and optionally updates the nvm setting. Setting *mode*=0 turns console off, *mode*=1 turns console on, *mode*=2 enables the console, and *mode*=3 disables the console. Modes 0 and 1 (OFF and ON) update the nvm setting, while modes 2 and 3 (ENABLE and DISABLE) do not.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

USB CONSOLE ON // turns on the USB console and updates nvm setting

USB CONSOLE ENABLE // turns on USB console for this session only

USB CONSOLE 0 // turns off the USB console and updates nvm setting

USB CONSOLE DISABLE // turns off USB console for this session only

**DELAY** 

Function: Delays execution (Pause)

**Syntax:** DELAY *msecs* 

**Argument(s):** msecs word, 0-65535 in msecs

**Remarks:** This command pauses execution for the specified time in msecs.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

ATTN 1 0; DELAY 100; ATTN 1 10 // waits 100 msecs between attn commands

**REBOOT** 

Function: system reset
Syntax: REBOOT
Argument(s): none

**Remarks:** This command performs a system reboot, similar to a poweron reset.

Return Value: none

Example(s):
REBOOT

**RUN** 

**Function:** run an auxiliary program function

Syntax: RUN cmd

**Argument(s):** cmd command function

LOADER

Remarks: This command runs an external function, such as the Flash Bootloader for downloading program

updates

Return Value: none

Example(s):

RUN LOADER // invokes the flash bootloader for update

LCD

Function: Adjust LCD display (if installed)

**Syntax:** LCD CONTRAST n

LCD BKLIGHT n

**Argument(s):** n byte, 0-255

Remarks: This function can be used to adjust the viewing parameters of the LCD display. Default values are

CONTRAST 128 and BKLIGHT 255.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

LCD CONTRAST 128

LCD BKLIGHT 0 // turns off backlight

TEMP?

**Function:** reads internal temperature sensor

**Syntax:** TEMP? [sensor]

**Argument(s):** sensor byte optional sensor number, 0-2. default=0 (internal) **Remarks:** This function returns the current temperature, in degrees C. Resolution is 0.5 degrees

Return Value: degC

Example(s): TEMP?

30.0

TIME?

Function: reads execution time

Syntax: TIME? Argument(s): none

**Remarks:** This function returns the current execution time from the start of the command message, in msecs.

Return Value: msecs integer32

Example(s):

CMDSTATS 0; TIME?; DELAY 10; TIME

1;11

## TIMESTAMP?

**Function:** sets/reads timestamp timer **Syntax:** TIMESTAMP [*clear*]

TIMESTAMP?

**Argument(s):** clear byte flag

**Remarks:** These functions can be used to time long periods, such as the elapsed time between a series of commands. TIMESTAMP records the current system 1ms tick counter, and TIMESTAMP? returns the time since the last TIMESTAMP command. Sending TIMESTAMP with a parameter of 0 erases the current timestamp, causing the TIMESTAMP? query to return the value of the system tick counter directly.

Return Value: ticks integer32

Example(s):

TIMESTAMP; DELAY 10; TIMESTAMP?; TIMESTAMP 0; TIMESTAMP?

10; 5065915

**REPEAT** 

Function: Enables command repetition/looping

Syntax: REPEAT count

**Argument(s):** count word, 1-65535

**Remarks:** This function causes the remainder of the current command message to be repeated count number of

times. Any commands included prior to REPEAT are executed a single time.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

ATTN 1 0; REPEAT 50; INCR 1; DELAY 100 // repeats INCR and DELAY 50 times

**SYSTEST** 

**Function:** performs a low-level system test

Syntax: SYSTEST select

**Argument(s):** select test select, varies by platform

WDT // test the watchdog timer function

STACK // test the stack over/underflow reset function

ALL // test aux hardware board FP // front-panel (if installed)

**Remarks:** This command performs a low-level test on the selected hardware. NOTE: These tests should be used with great caution, and should typically NOT be performed with any attached RF devices/hardware, as they may exercise them in an invalid fashion. They are typically used in serial console mode only. Consult the factory prior to performing any of these tests.

Return Value: various status messages

**HELP** 

Function: Displays a list of supported commands

Syntax: HELP [level]

? [level] (console mode enabled)

**Argument(s):** *level* help level, ALL or 1-3

**Remarks:** This command will display a list of all the commands with a short description of their function. The list is divided into multiple levels, with each level including more commands. HELP ALL will display a list of all supported commands.

Return Value: none

Example(s):

HELP // displays main application level commands

HELP ALL // displays all commands

#### 4-17. MISC NETWORK COMMANDS

**PING** 

Function: Sends ICMP ECHO packets

**Syntax:** PING *ipaddr* 

Argument(s): ipaddr destination IP address, in the form DDD.DDD.DDD.DDD

Remarks: This function performs a ping of the specified network address. It is primarily for console usage

Example(s):

>ping 10.100.103.113 pinging 10.100.103.113

reply time: 1 ms reply time: 1 ms reply time: 1 ms reply time: 1 ms

#### **TCP SERVER**

**Function:** TCP server control **Syntax:** TCP SERVER *cmd* 

INIT // reinitializes all server ports
CLOSE // closes all server ports
OPEN // reopens server ports

**Remarks:** This function allows control of the TCP server. It is primarily for testing/troubleshooting purposes

#### 4-18. UPDATING DEVICE FIRMWARE VIA SERIAL PORT

Requirements:

 a terminal emulator that supports XMODEM-CRC transfer (such as Windows Hyperterm, or the opensource TeraTerm)

- hex programming file (19311459xxx.HEX), where 'xxx' represents the specific file/revision.

Note: any CRC and version numbers displayed will change depending on the actual data file used.

The internal bootloader allows for downloading and programming of the unit via an RS232 serial port. It features a simple command-line interface, and supports downloading of standard Intel HEX format files that contain application Program Code memory (flash), Configuration memory settings, and Data memory (EEPROM) initialization sections. The bootloader supports transfers using the XMODEM-CRC protocol, so it can be used with any standard terminal emulator software such as Windows Hyperterminal. By default, transfers are done with a serial rate/format of 115200 N81.

To get into bootloader mode, from the main application command prompt, use the command RUN LOADER.

**API Weinschel Model xxxxx Vx.xx** 

firmware: 19311459xxx

>run loader

When the bootloader executes in 'loader' mode, you should see a sign-on message similar to

>run loader

Weinschel core18K loader V0.01

firmware: 19311459301x

osc stat: 00000011

:

The loader uses the ':' colon character as it's prompt. Because of program space constraints of the bootloader, there are minimal messages and responses to most commands. A '#' character indicates an error was detected. Other status messages are typically issued in the form

stat: 11000000

The commands to the bootloader are short two or three ASCII character sequences, and can be either upper or lower-case. A simple line-editor allows the use of the BACKSPACE key, and commands are executed when a carriage-return (CR) is detected. Commands include:

AC allow Configuration word update

AD allow Data Memory update

BL blank check

DL download and program HEX file

DLW download and program with 10 second wait

ED erase Data Memory
EP erase Program Memory

RS reset (reboot)

RN run application in Program Memory

XS checksum Program Memory (display only)

XSU checksum Program Memory and update ID locations

Since there is limited memory available to the microcontroller, there is only space for a single application. This requires the program memory to be erased prior to downloading a new file, and the programming must be performed as the HEX file is being transferred. Because of this, any failure in the download/programming process will leave the PIC without an application, and the process will have to be repeated. To simplify the operation, the DL download command performs all the steps typically required to reprogram an application. It performs a blank check, erases the ID checksum location (to signify that the program memory is invalid), erases the program code memory if necessary, downloads (and programs) the code, and, if successful, computes and updates the checksum IDLOC. A typical display of the DL operation looks like the following (note that the actual crc displayed will vary with the file downloaded)

:dl
blank check...\*not blank\*
erasing program...
begin download...CCCCCCC <begin XMODEM-CRC file transfer on PC>
stat: 11000000
crc: B6E3

Here you see the resulting status warnings indicating that Config and Data memory updates were disabled, and that programming was successful. Any other status result should produce a '\*fail\*' message in place of the crc display.

After issuing the DL command, you will see the 'begin download...' message and a series of 'C' characters as the loader attempts to initiate an XMODEM download. At this point, send the HEX file via XMODEM-CRC using your terminal emulator program. Many terminal emulators will automatically detect the XMODEM transfer type, but if it gives a choice, select XMODEM-CRC. For example, using Windows Hyperterm you would use the 'Transfer | Send File...' menu, enter the HEX file in the 'Filename' box (19311459xxx.HEX), select 'Xmodem' as the Protocol, and click 'Send'. Hyperterm will detect that the loader is using CRC error checking (as opposed to checksum). If you need to abort the download operation, send a few CTRL-C characters, and the loader should terminate the download.

Use XS command to check the status of the Program memory, which will perform a CRC checksum on the program memory contents as compared to the IDLOC CRC contents, which should match.

:xs crc: B6E3 idloc: B6E3

To exit the bootloader and run the main application, use the RN command (or cycle power). When the unit reboots, you should see the new version signon message.

:rn running app... API Weinschel Model xxxxx Vx.xx firmware: 19311459xxx

#### 4-19. USB driver file (AW83xxCDC.inf):

```
; Windows USB CDC ACM Setup File
; Copyright (c) 2000 Microsoft Corporation
; Copyright (C) 2007 Microchip Technology Inc.
[Version]
Signature="$Windows NT$"
Class=Ports
ClassGuid={4D36E978-E325-11CE-BFC1-08002BE10318}
Provider=%MFGNAME%
LayoutFile=layout.inf
;CatalogFile=%MFGFILENAME%.cat
DriverVer=03/11/2010,5.1.2600.2
[Manufacturer]
%MFGNAME%=DeviceList, NTamd64
[DestinationDirs]
DefaultDestDir=12
  Windows 2000/XP/Server2003/Vista/Server2008/7 - 32bit Sections
[DriverInstall.nt]
include=mdmcpq.inf
CopyFiles=DriverCopyFiles.nt
AddReg=DriverInstall.nt.AddReg
[DriverCopyFiles.nt]
usbser.sys,,,0x20
[DriverInstall.nt.AddReg]
HKR,,DevLoader,,*ntkern
HKR,,NTMPDriver,,%DRIVERFILENAME%.sys
HKR,,EnumPropPages32,,"MsPorts.dll,SerialPortPropPageProvider"
[DriverInstall.nt.Services]
AddService=usbser, 0x00000002, DriverService.nt
[DriverService.nt]
DisplayName=%SERVICE%
ServiceType=1
StartType=3
ErrorControl=1
ServiceBinary=%12%\%DRIVERFILENAME%.sys
  Windows XP/Server2003/Vista/Server2008/7 - 64bit Sections
[DriverInstall.NTamd64]
include=mdmcpq.inf
CopyFiles=DriverCopyFiles.NTamd64
AddReg=DriverInstall.NTamd64.AddReg
```

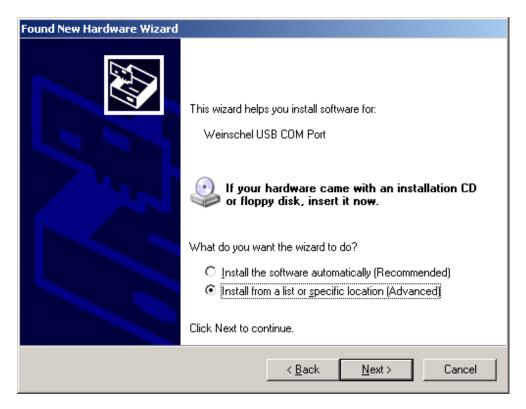
```
[DriverCopyFiles.NTamd64]
%DRIVERFILENAME%.sys,,,0x20
[DriverInstall.NTamd64.AddReg]
HKR,,DevLoader,,*ntkern
HKR,,NTMPDriver,,%DRIVERFILENAME%.sys
HKR,,EnumPropPages32,,"MsPorts.dll,SerialPortPropPageProvider"
[DriverInstall.NTamd64.Services]
AddService=usbser, 0x00000002, DriverService.NTamd64
[DriverService.NTamd64]
DisplayName=%SERVICE%
ServiceType=1
StartType=3
ErrorControl=1
ServiceBinary=%12%\%DRIVERFILENAME%.sys
;-----
; Vendor and Product ID Definitions
;-----
[SourceDisksFiles]
[SourceDisksNames]
[DeviceList]
%DESCRIPTION%=DriverInstall, USB\VID_25EA&PID_206C
[DeviceList.NTamd64]
%DESCRIPTION%=DriverInstall, USB\VID_25EA&PID_206C
;------
; String Definitions
; Modify these strings to customize your device
;------
[Strings]
MFGFILENAME="aw83xxcdc"
DRIVERFILENAME = "usbser"
MFGNAME="AeroflexWeinschel"
DESCRIPTION="Weinschel USB COM Port"
SERVICE="USB RS232 Emulation Driver"
```

#### 4-20. INSTALLING API WEINSCHEL USB CDC DRIVER:

Connect a USB cable from the unit to a USB port on the PC. Windows should detect the device and the New Hardware wizard should run.



Select 'No, not this time' and click 'Next'



Select 'Install from a specific location' and click 'Next'



Using the 'Browse' button, navigate to the drive/folder containing the AW83xxCDC.inf file. Select 'Next'

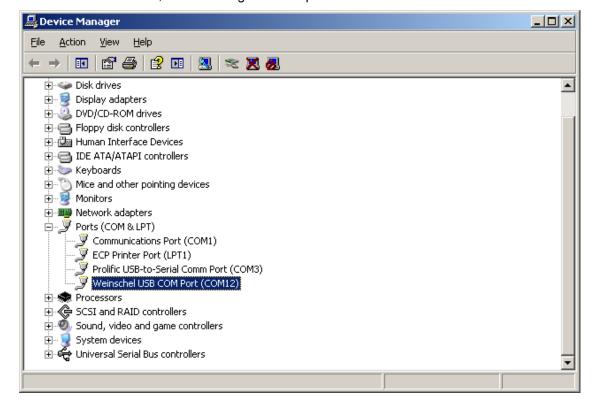


You will get a message stating that the driver is not signed. Select 'Continue Anyway'



The hardware wizard should complete. Select 'Finish', and you should get a message that your new hardware is installed any ready to be used.

To verify that the driver is installed properly, go to Device Manager and you should see an entry under Ports (COM & LPT) for Weinschel USB COM Port, and the assigned COM port number



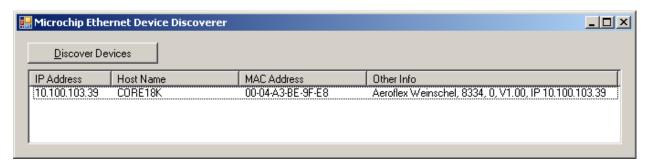
#### 4-21. ERROR CODES AND MESSAGES

```
// general hardware/system errors: 0-99
   "no error"
   "general err"
1
2
   "comm err"
   "reset event"
   "timer alloc err"
4
5
   "smbus err"
6
   "temp sensor err"
7
   "mcp iox err"
8
   "spi nvm err"
   "xsmbus err"
9
10 "xsmbus fault"
11 "network hdw err"
12 "mac addr err"
13 "lcd init err"
14 "mcp2515 hdw err"
15 "canbus rxb err"
16 "canbus txb err"
17 "usb hdw err"
18 "gpib hdw err"
// parser errors: 1xx
      "parser err"
100
      "invalid cmd"
101
      "arg err"
102
      "cmd unsupported"
103
      "input cmd len"
104
105
      "cmd not found"
      "syntax err"
106
// execution errors: 2xx
200
      "execution err"
201
      "input buf err"
// nvm and mpfs storage errors: 3xx
300
     "nvm err"
301
      "nvm format err"
302
      "nvm defaults set"
303
      "MPFS header err"
304
      "file open err"
      "SPI nvm fmt err"
305
  // application-level errors: 4xx
      "app err"
400
      "hardware failure"
401
      "not installed"
402
403
      "hardware lockout"
  // protocol errors: 5xx
     "protocol err"
500
     "telnet timeout"
501
```

#### 4-22. USING THE MICROCHIP ETHERNET DISCOVERER TOOL

The Microchip Ethernet Discoverer Tool is a PC application that aids in locating Ethernet devices on the network.

When the "Discover Devices" button is clicked, this application will transmit a broadcast UDP packet containing the message, "Discovery: Who is out there?" on the local network to port 30303. If any embedded devices with the Microchip Announce protocol enabled are connected to the network, they will respond with a UDP packet containing their host name, MAC address, and other info such as the model number and firmware version.



If you are unable to view the network setup with a serial or USB connection, this utility can be used to find the current IP address of any attached API Weinschel devices. You can then use TELNET to connect to the device and change the address using the SET IPADDR command.

#### 5. MAINTENANCE:

The following paragraphs provide general inspection and maintenance guide-lines for the Model 8320 & 8321 Series.

**5-1. INSPECTION:** Perform a visual inspection in conjunction with the maintenance activities schedule when a malfunction is suspected, or whenever an assembly is removed or replaced.

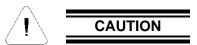
**5-2. PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE:** While the 8320 & 8321 Series requires very little preventive maintenance, it should not be subjected to physical abuse, severe mechanical shock, high humidity, or operating temperatures outside the specification range. The instrument should be kept free of excessive dirt and dust, since these can interfere with connector functions and with normal heat dissipation. The following paragraphs provide the preventive maintenance that is to be performed on the Unit.

Care should be taken to prevent strain on the interconnecting cables, since damage here may not always be apparent. Occasionally check the external cables and connectors for signs of cracked insulation and/or bent or worn pins. Tests show that connectors must be clean for accuracy and stability. This requires an inspection and cleaning of each connector immediately before use. For connector cleaning instructions, refer to paragraph 5-3. When cleaning precautions are observed regularly, connectors can maintain their stability for over several thousand connection cycles. Refer to Appendix A for more information about cables and connectors.

- **5-3. SPECIAL CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS:** The cleaning procedures for 8320 & 8321 Series are divided into five general groups: microwave coaxial cable assemblies, circuit card and modules; machined surfaces and hardware, chassis cleaning, and connector cleaning.
- **5-3.1. MICROWAVE COAXIAL CABLE ASSEMBLIES:** Appendix A (located at the end of this manual) provides all the necessary procedures for care, cleaning, and handling of microwave coaxial cable assemblies.
- **5-3.2 MACHINED SURFACES AND HARDWARE:** To remove light dirt and dust from mechanical parts such as castings, covers and other hardware proceed as follows:



Compressed air used for cleaning and/or drying can create airborne particles that may enter the eye. Goggles/ face-shields should be worn. DO NOT direct air stream towards self or other personnel. Pressure should be restricted to a maximum 15 psi to avoid personal injury.



Under no circumstances use a wire brush, steel wool, or abrasive compound. Using these items will cause extensive damage to the instrument's surface.

DO NOT use a nylon bristle brush in solvent as the bristles may dissolve and cause damage to the circuit card or component.

- a. Use 5 psi of clean, moisture-free compressed air or preferably dry nitrogen to blow loose dirt and dust from surface of item.
- b. Briskly brush isopropyl alcohol onto area to be cleaned with a fiber-bristle brush.
- c. Remove residue with lint-free cloth and repeat step "b" as a rinse.
- d. When parts are thoroughly clean, dry parts using 5 psi of clean, moisture-free compressed air or preferably dry nitrogen.

e. Clean smaller mechanical parts or hardware by dipping into a container of isopropyl alcohol. Remove dirt by brushing with fiber-bristle brush after parts have been immersed for several hours.

- Remove parts from isopropyl alcohol and rinse by immersing into a different container of isopropyl alcohol.
- g. When parts are thoroughly cleaned, dry parts using 5 psi of clean, moisture-free compressed air or preferably dry nitrogen.

**5-3.3 CONNECTOR CLEANING:** Where small amounts of rust, corrosion, and/or oxide deposits are present on connectors, clean externally with a soft-bristle brush, aluminum wool, or internally with an acid brush; then wash with a non-corrosive solvent. Exercise care to ensure no metal filing or residue remains inside the connector and the connector is thoroughly dry. Where rust, corrosion, and/or oxide deposits are present in large quantities, replace the connector.

**5-4. LINE VOLTAGE FUSE REPLACEMENT**: The following steps provide procedures to replace the line voltage Fuse Assembly. This unit accepts a T0.5A, 250 Vac fuse.



Sufficient power levels are present at the Power Input Assembly to cause personal injury. Ensure that the instrument power cord is DISCONNECTED before attempting to change fuses.



DO NOT connect or apply power to this instrument until the Power Entry Module Assembly has been adjusted to the operational line voltage.

- a. Disconnect the power cord from the Power Entry Module Assembly.
- b. Use a small screwdriver to pry open the Fuse Drawer.
- c. Slide out Fuse Drawer located in the center of the Power Entry Module Assembly.
- d. Remove defective fuse and replace with the correct fuse listed in the parts list.
- e. Snap the Fuse Drawer shut and re-connect ac power cord.

#### 6. REPLACEABLE PARTS LIST & DRAWINGS:

- **6-1 REPLACEABLE PARTS LIST (RPL):** Refer to IM-608-1 for the Model 8320 & 8321 Series RPL. The IM-608-1 manual contains a parts breakdown for the different configurations of the Model 8320 & 8321 Series into its assemblies and detailed parts.
- **6-2 ASSEMBLY AND COMPONENT LOCATION:** The assembly/component location and schematic diagrams for the Model 8320 & 8321 Series is located in the IM-608-1 manual by the drawing number. Drawing find numbers have also been included in the manuals RPL to help locate components or hardware.

This manual can be downloaded from the API / Weinschel website at:

http://www.weinschel.apitech.com/weinschel/pdfiles/IM-608-Models-8320-&-8321-preliminary.pdf

#### 7. CONTACTING API / WEINSCHEL:

In the event of a malfunction, contact API / Weinschel. An apparent malfunction of an instrument or component may be diagnosed over the phone by first contacting the Customer Service Department at API / Weinschel. DO NOT send the instrument or component back to the factory without prior authorization. When it is necessary to return an item, state the symptoms, catalog and type number of the instrument or component, and date of original purchase. Also write the Company name and your name and phone number on a card and tape the card to the item returned. Page provides further information regarding preparation of a unit for reshipment. Contact API / Weinschel Customer Service Department as follows:

Via mail: API / Weinschel, Inc. 5305

Spectrum Drive Frederick, MD 21703-7362 U.S.A.

Via Telefax: 301-846-9116

Via Phone: Call TOLL FREE 800-638-2048

Toll call # 301-846-9222

Via Website: <a href="www.weinschel.apitech.com">www.weinschel.apitech.com</a>
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#### 8. API / WEINSCHEL WARRANTY:

**PRODUCTS** - API / Weinschel warrants each product it manufactures to be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service anywhere in the world. API / Weinschel's only obligation under this Warranty is to repair or replace, at its plant, any product or part thereof that is returned with transportation charges prepaid to API / Weinschel by the original purchaser within TWO YEARS from the date of shipment.

The foregoing Warranty does not apply in API / Weinschel's sole opinion to products that have been subject to improper or inadequate maintenance, unauthorized modifications, misuse, or operation outside the environmental specifications for the product.

**SOFTWARE PRODUCTS-** API / Weinschel software products are supplied without representation or Warranty of any kind. API / Weinschel, therefore, assume no responsibility and will not accept liability (consequential or otherwise) arising from the use of program materials, disk, or tape.

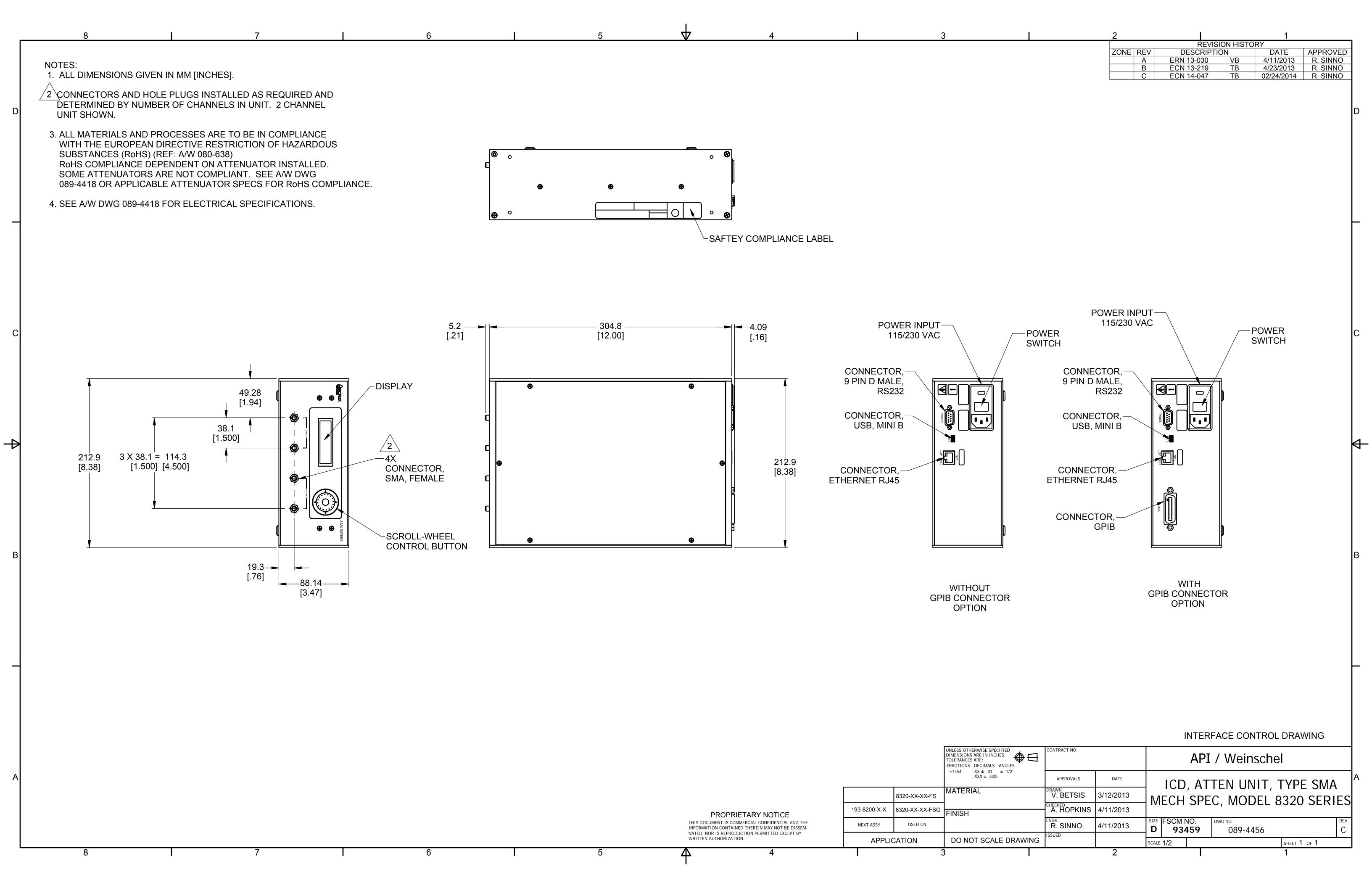
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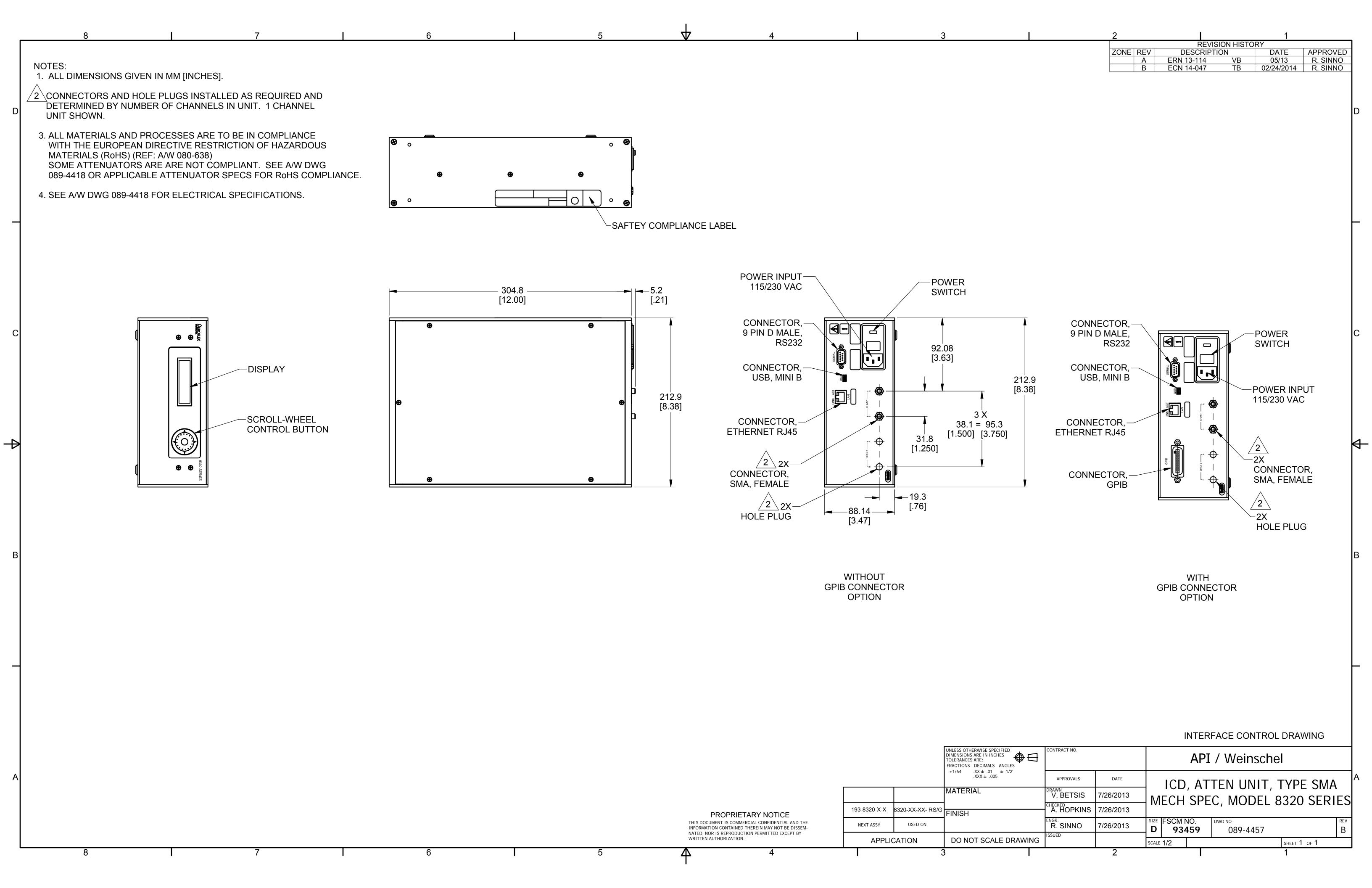
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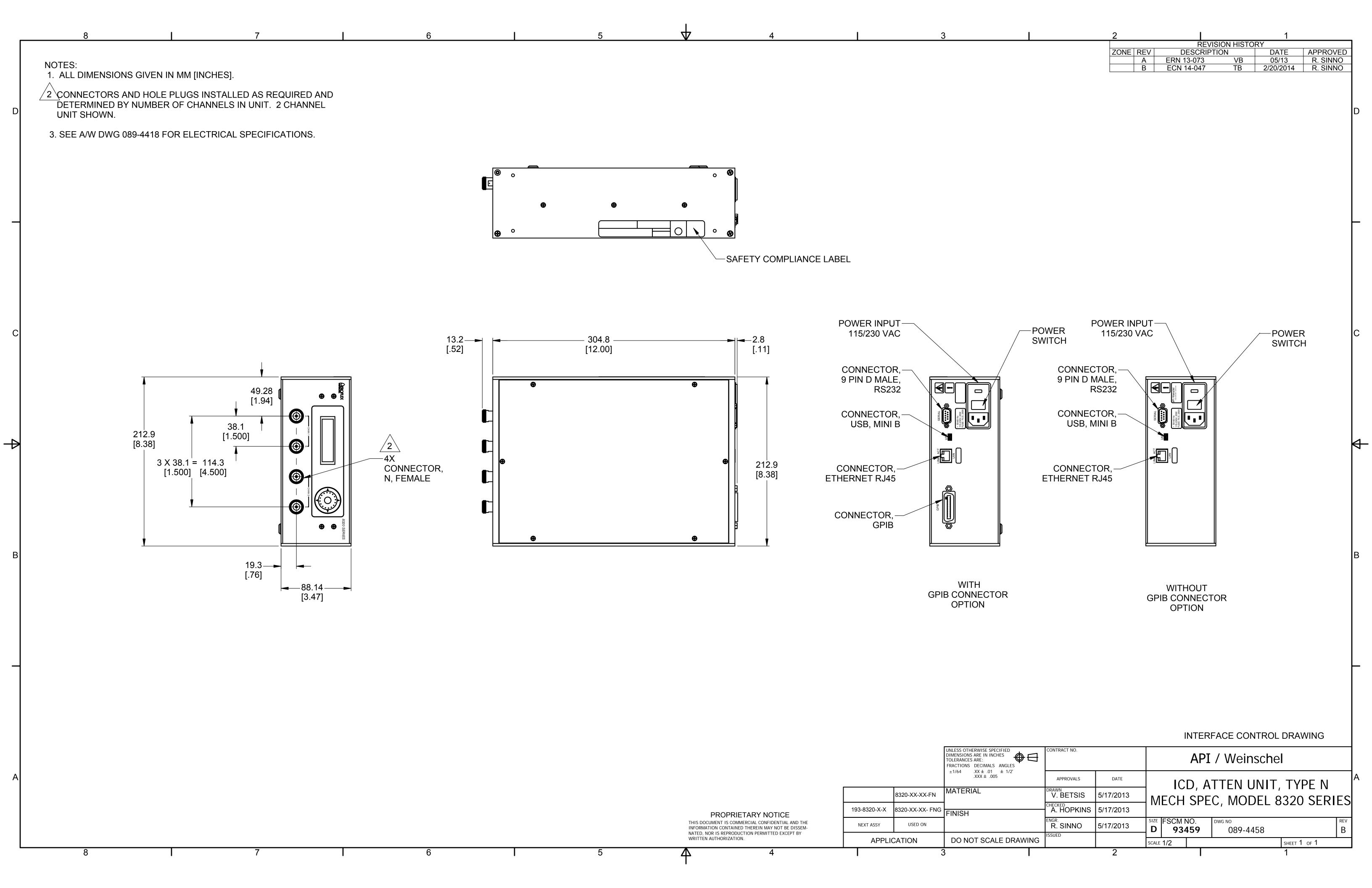


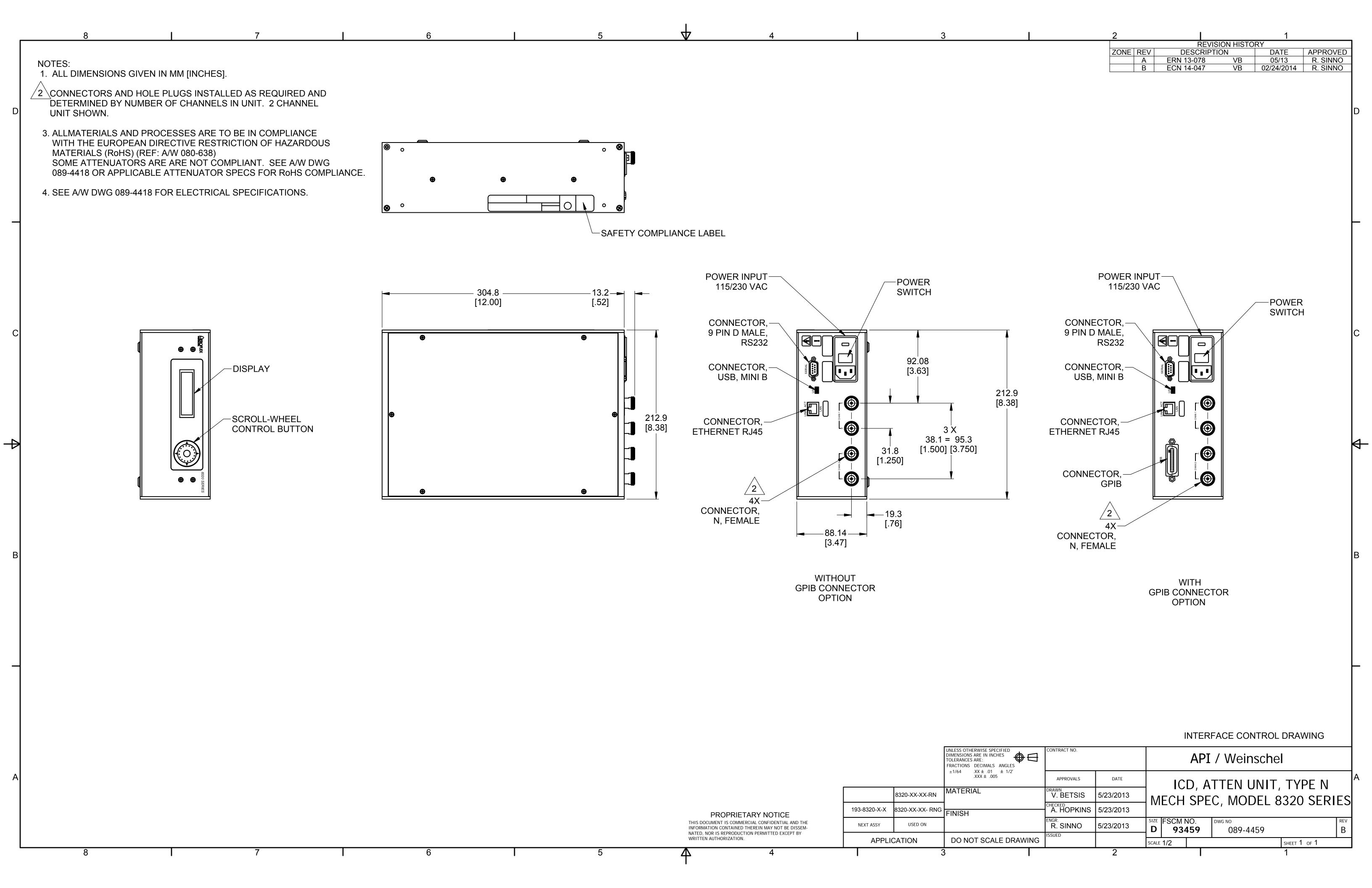


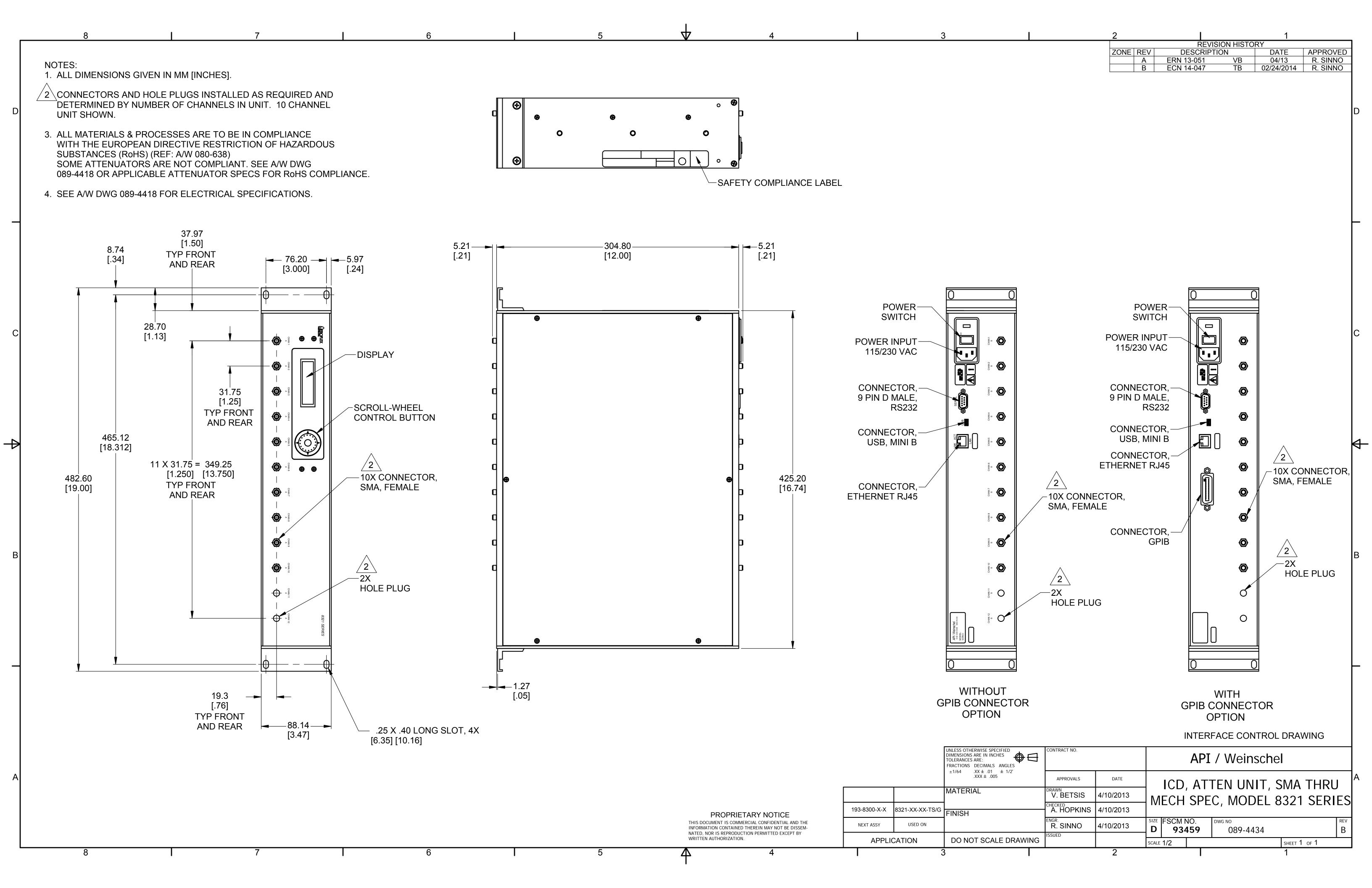
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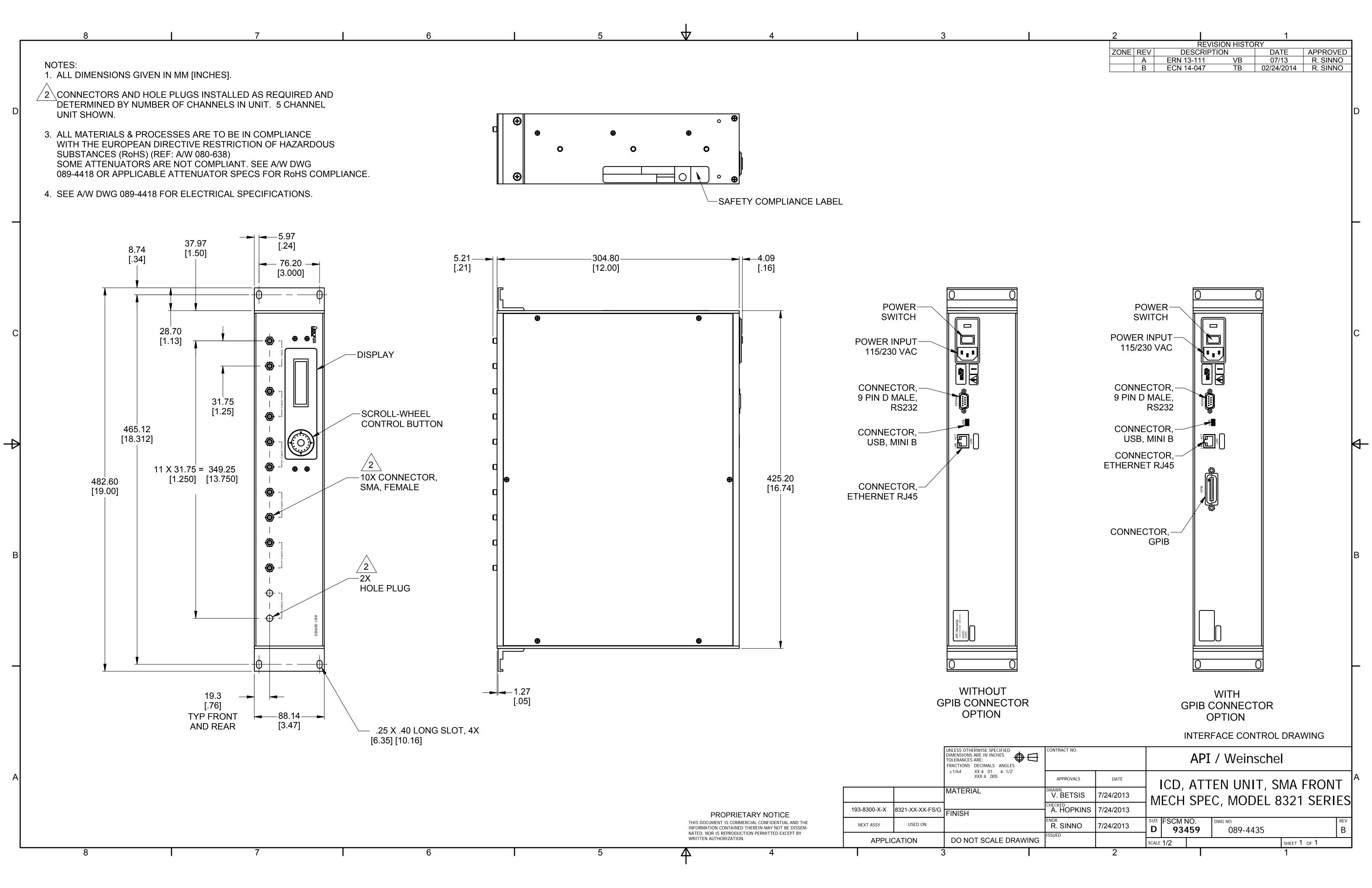


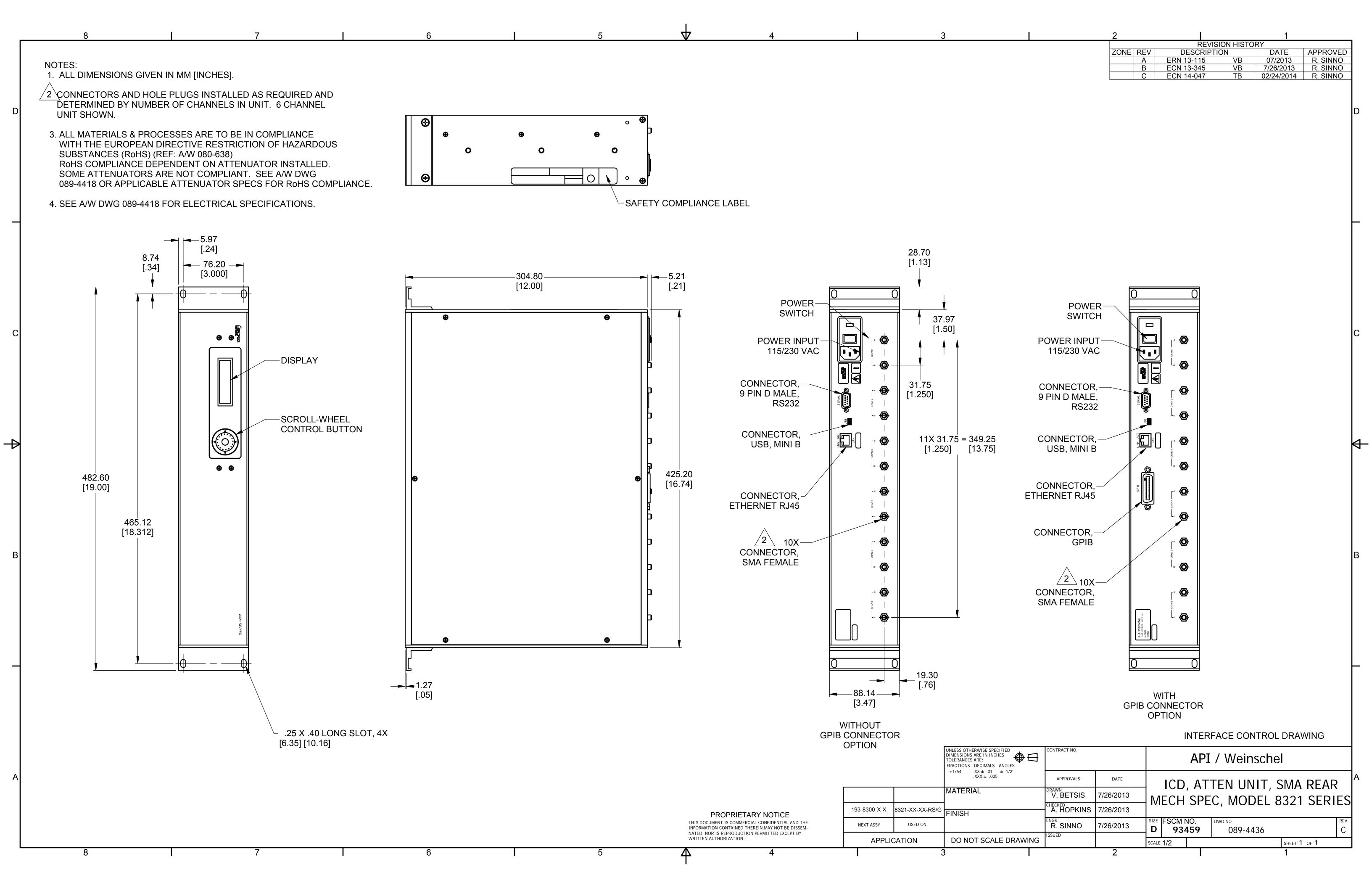


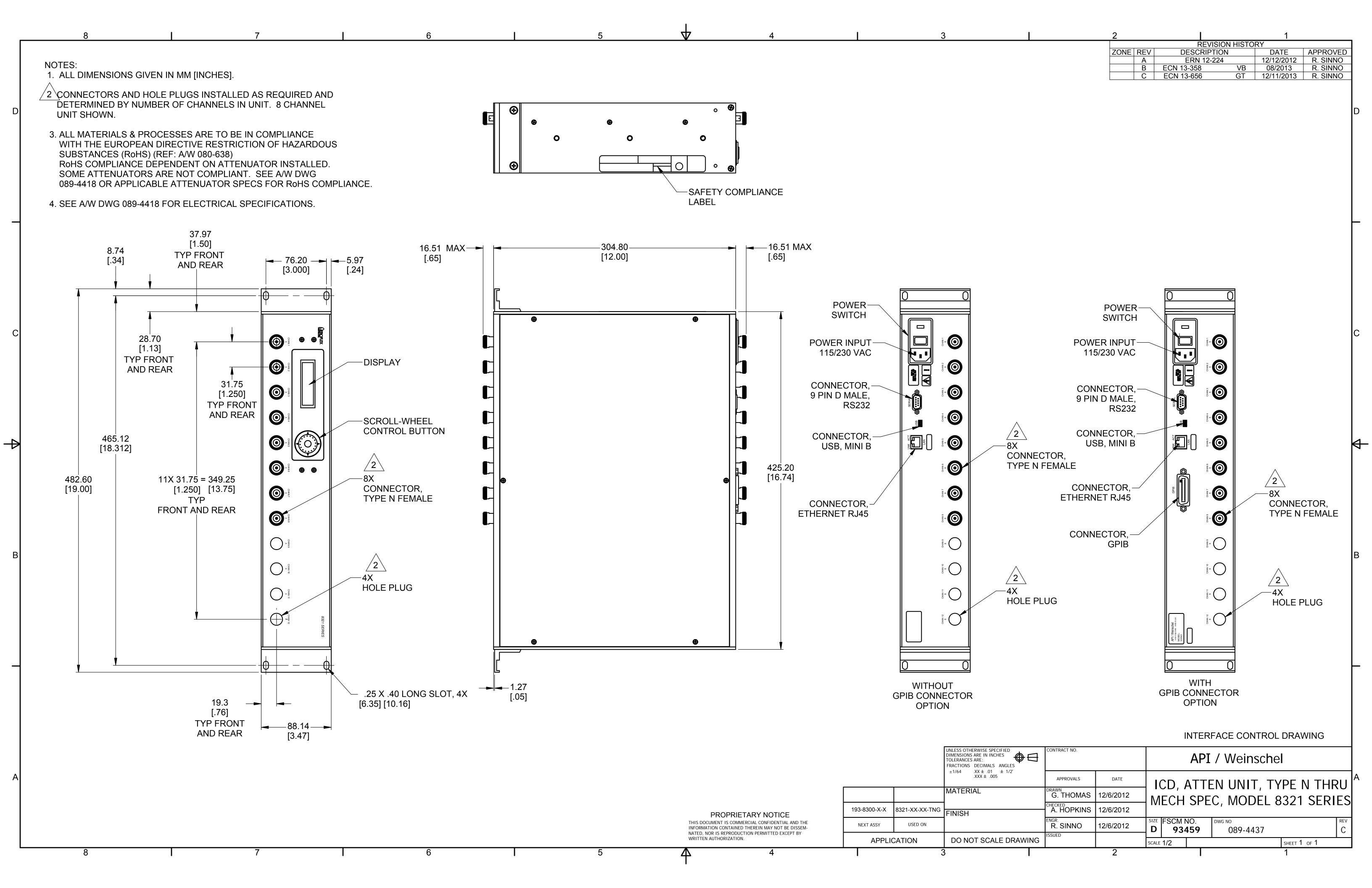


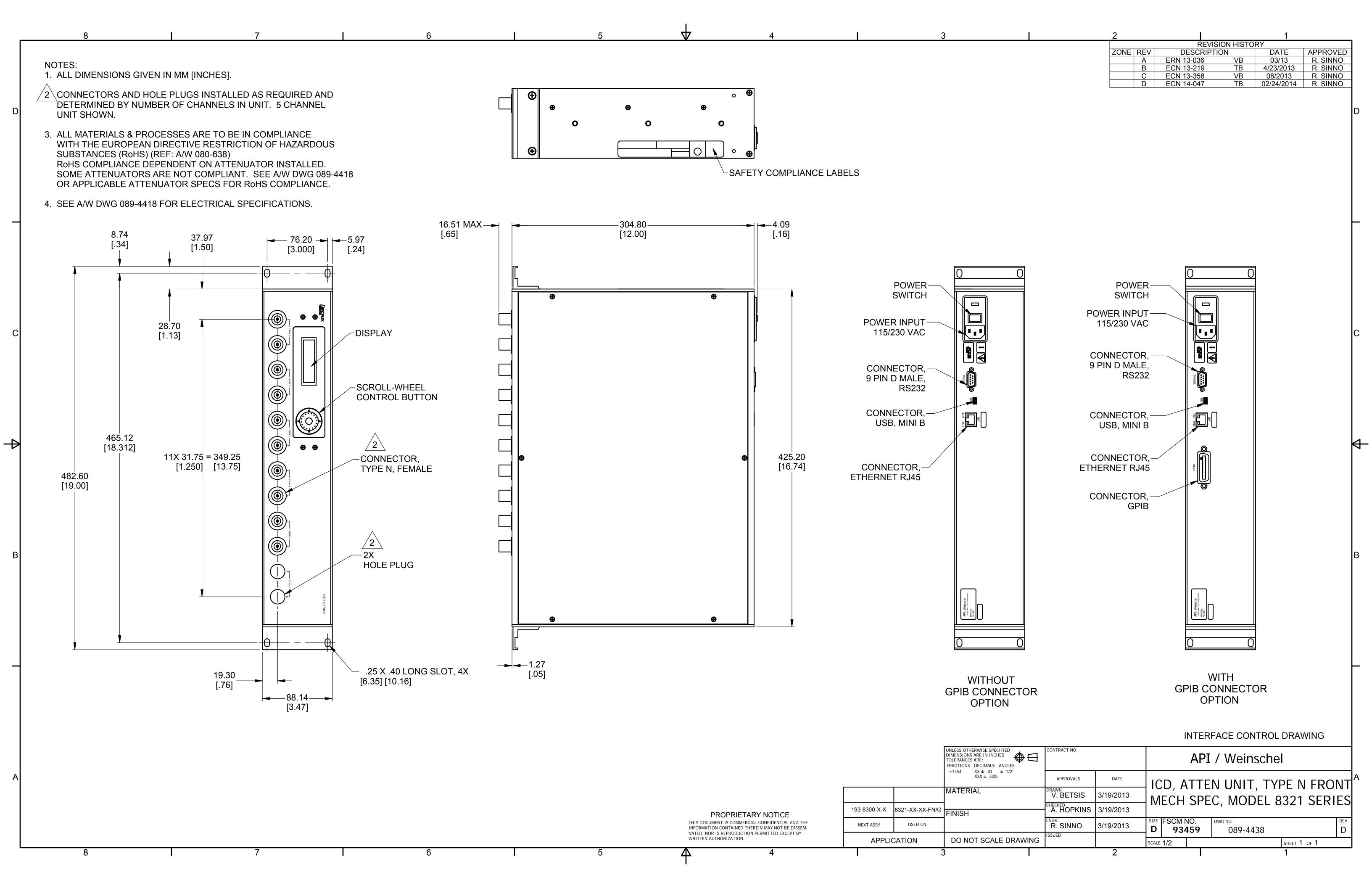


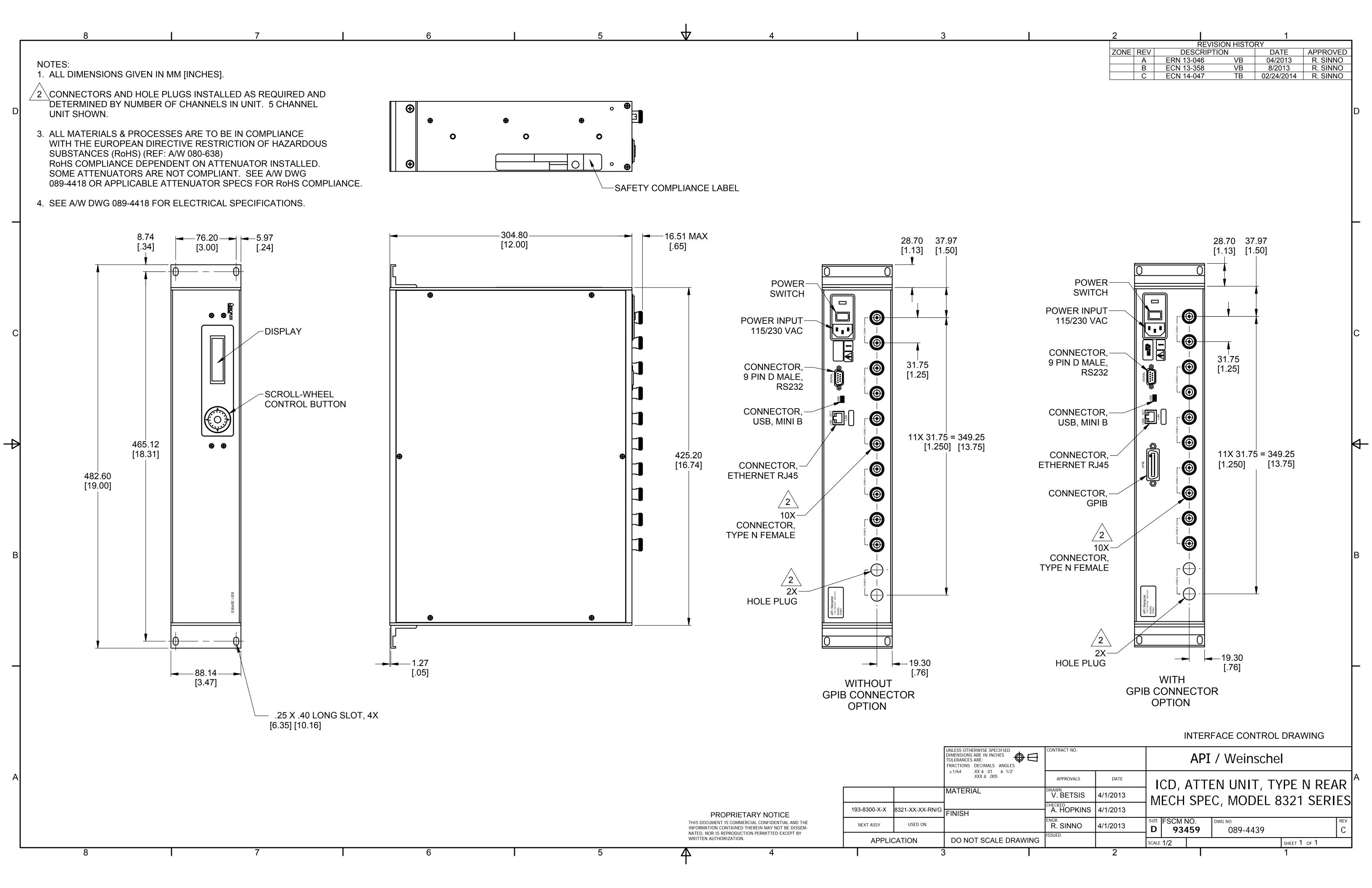


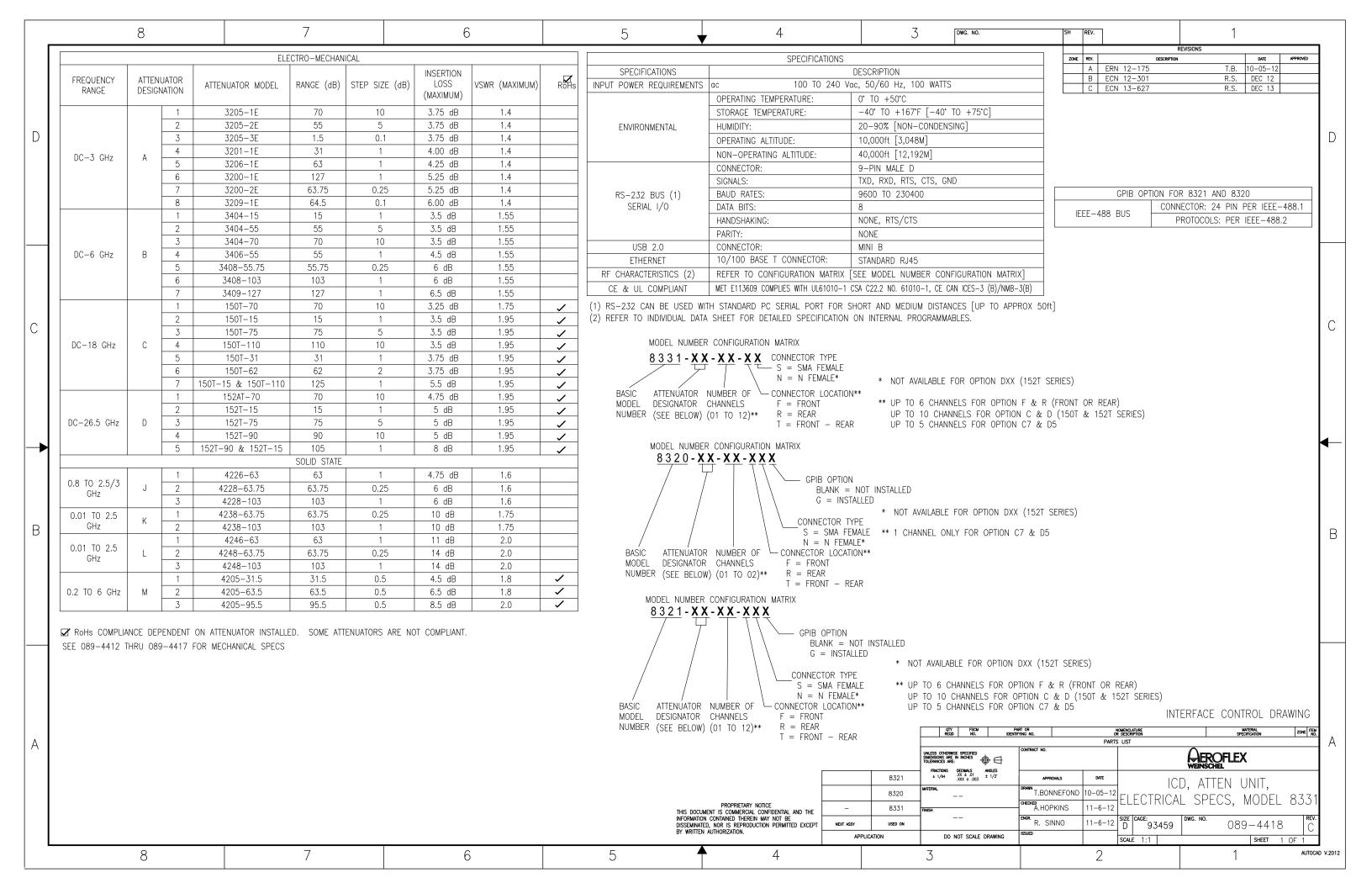












# APPENDIX A CARE AND HANDLING OF MICROWAVE COAXIAL CABLE ASSEMBLIES

#### A-1 CARE AND HANDLING OF ASSEMBLIES.

To ensure accurate measurements and optimal performance of Weinschel products, the microwave coaxial cable assemblies used in system and test setups must be properly used and maintained. Proper connections, routine inspection of all cables, and cleaning of the connectors are extremely important procedures which can prolong the longevity and accuracy of equipment.

#### A-2 CABLE INSPECTION.

Routinely check external cables for signs of cracked insulation, dents, twists, flattening, signs of jacket abrasion, or other signs of abuse. Wrinkles in the jacket indicate that the minimum bend radius has been exceeded. Most often, this occurs near the marker tubes and connectors.

Also inspect the connector interfaces for the following:

- Bent pins (male).
- Bent or missing tines (female).
- Worn or chipped plating.
- Damaged or displaced dielectric inserts.
- Thread damage.
- Folded or mushroomed outer interface rims.
- Mushroomed pin shoulders (male) or tine ends (female).
- Score lines on pins and outer interface rims visible to the unaided eye.
- Recessed or protruding pins.

It is advisable to clean the connectors prior to inspection to make subtle damage more apparent. If any of the above is noted, replace the assembly before its further use results in equipment damage. Also inspect the mating connectors for similar damage.

Inspect the connector interface for signs of debris. Debris may be in the form of:

- Plating chips or other metal particles.
- Dust or dirt.
- Oily films.
- Other miscellaneous foreign particles.

If signs of debris are present, clean the connector interface as directed in Paragraph A-6.

#### A-3 MAKING INITIAL CONNECTIONS.

Exercise caution when mating cables. Poor connections lead to poor system performance. They can also damage not only the cable assembly, but more significantly, front or rear panel connectors on the equipment itself which may be more difficult to repair.

**A-3.1 ALIGNING CONNECTORS.** Align the center lines of two connectors before actual mating. Male retaining nuts contain a small amount of necessary play which may make it possible to mate the threads without the pins being properly aligned. Pin misalignment can damage pins and dielectric inserts.

A-3.2 MATING CONNECTORS. Gently mate the connectors by hand, taking care not to force the coupling nut at the slightest resistance. It is often possible to feel whether or not the pins are mated. If the coupling nut is difficult to turn, either the pins are not mated, the coupling nut is cross-threaded, or one of the connectors has been damaged by excess torque.

Never hold a male connector coupling nut stationary while screwing a female connector into it. This rotation can erode the plating and damage both the outer interface rim as well as the pin. If the pins become locked, serious damage can result to both the equipment and the cable assembly.

#### A-4 ENSURING PROPER CONNECTOR TORQUE.

**A-4.1 OVERTORQUING.** Once connectors have been properly mated, apply only the proper amount of torque. Overtorquing damages both connectors involved. Also, a connector which has been damaged by overtorquing, in turn, damages every connector to which it is subsequently mated. It usually leads to poor system performance as well. Overtorque can cause:

- Bent pins.
- Recessed or protruding pins.
- Recessed or protruding dielectrics.
- Chipped plating.
- Damaged coupling threads.
- Coupling nut retaining ring damage.
- Mushroomed outer interface shells.
- Mushroomed pin shoulders.

**A-4.2 HEX-NUT TYPES.** To mate a connector of the hex-nut type, always use a torque wrench set to the correct torque value. Tighten the connector slowly until the wrench snaps. Tightening too quickly can cause the wrench to exceed its set limit. Do not snap the wrench more than once as this also causes overtorque.

**A-4.3 KNURLED NUTS.** Tighten connectors with knurled nuts by hand. If this does not provide sufficient tightness use a hex-nut connector and torque wrench instead. Never use pliers to tighten a connector. Table A-1 recommends torque specifications for the various types of connectors.

Table A-1. Recommended Torque Values

Connector	Recommended Torque	
GPC-7 (7mm) w/hex nut	14 in/lbs ± 1 in/lbs	
Type N w/hex nut	14 in/lbs ± 1 in/lbs	
SMA, 2.92mm, 3.5mm 2.4mm, WPM, WPM-3 WPM-4	7.5 in/lbs ± 0.5 in/lbs	
Type N & TNC (knurled)	Hand-tight	
BNC (knurled)	Hand-tight	

#### A-5 PROPER CABLE HANDLING.

Never exceed the minimum bend radius specified for a cable. Guard against tight bends at the end of connector strain relief tubing, or at the ends of marker tubing where they may be less noticeable. Although cable bend may seem slight, the actual radius of the bend at the point of angular departure may be far smaller than the acceptable radius.

Never pinch, crush or drop objects on cable assemblies. Also, do not drag a cable over sharp edges as this will pinch it and cause it to exceed the minimum bend radius.

Never use a cable assembly to pull a piece of equipment. Cables and connectors are not designed to support or move equipment.

- **A-5.1 SECURING CABLES.** Use toothed, rubber-lined "P-clamps" to hold cables in place. If it is necessary to use tie-wraps, use the widest possible wrap and the lowest setting on the gun to ensure the minimum pressure on the cable.
- **A-5.2 STORING CABLES.**When storing cables, minimize cable "set" by coiling them in large diameters (1 or 2 feet). Unroll the cable properly when it is ready to be used; do not pull the loops out hastily. Similarly, re-roll them when storing them away again.

#### A-6 CLEANING CONNECTOR INTERFACES.

Use the following guidelines in cleaning connector interfaces:

- a. Do not use chlorinated solvents including common tap water. These solvents are extremely penetrating and sometimes ruin otherwise good devices and assemblies.
- b. Moisten a cotton swab with isopropyl alcohol. Roll the swab on a paper towel to remove excess.
- c. Use the moistened cotton swab to wipe away debris. Do not try to dissolve the debris by overwetting the swab.
- d. Repeat the cleaning process using additional swabs as necessary. If metallic particles are embedded in the dielectric, use an eyeglass and a sharp pick in an attempt to dislodge them. Swab again.
- e. When satisfied that the interfaces are clean, blow them dry with dry compressed air, or preferably dry nitrogen (pressurized spray cans work well). Do not use breath.
- f. Clean the mating connectors. These may be the source of the debris.

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