

Service Manual

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I. Introduction

This manual is designed to help you troubleshoot and service the Humareader plate reader. It is divided into 7 main sections:

- I. Introduction
- II. Hardware Description
- III. Auxiliary and Optional Equipment
- IV. Principles of Operation
- V. Troubleshooting
- VI. Alignment
- VII. Schematics, layouts, and other information including service tests and descriptions

1. Features

The Humareader microwell plate reader is an economical, versatile, and rugged instrument for performing endpoint procedures. The main features are:

- A. Extended photometric range (0.0-3.0 absorbance.)
- B. Fully automatic read of single strips to full plates.
- C. Four filters standard with both monochromatic and bichromatic capabilities (6 filters available on request).
- D. A full on board software menu. Calculations supported are:
 - 1. Single Calibrator (in singlicate and duplicate)
 - 2. Multi-Calibrator (in singlicate and duplicate)
 - a. Point to Point
 - b. Regression (linear/linear, log/linear, linear/log, and log/log)
 - c. Polynomial Curve Fit
 - 3. Cutoff (with or without cutoff controls)
- E. User memory for test creation and storage, real time and date.
- F. Curve plotting functions.
- G. Serial and/or parallel interfaces.

2. Specifications

Photometric

Linear Measurement Range:	0.00 to 3.0 Absorbance Units (A)
Photometric Accuracy:	+/- (1% of the reading + 0.01 A from 0 to 1.5A) +/- (2% of the reading + 0.01 A from 1.5 to 3.0A)
Stability:	Drift of no more than 0.005A in 8 hours
Warm up time:	45 seconds, built-in
Light Source:	Tungsten Lamp
Standard Wavelengths:	Humareader: 405, 450, 492, and 600nm Six Filter UV Option: 405, 450, 492, 630, 545, and 340 nm Six Filter VIS Option: 405, 450, 492, 630, 545, and 690 nm (Substitute filters from 400nm-700nm, available on special order)
Type of filter:	3 cavity sealed interference, 10nm half bandpass typical
Vessel:	Standard 96 well plates (round or flat bottom wells) also accepts strip trays of standard size (8x12 configuration)

Electronic and Software

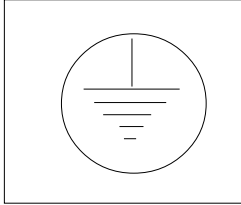
Microprocessor	Z80A
Speed:	Reads, calculates and prints results for 1 plate in about 2 minutes
Display:	2 line LCD, alpha numeric
Keyboard:	29 key, enunciating, membrane switch
Calculation Modes:	Absorbance only, single point calibration from a standard, cutoff, uptake, point to point curve fit, best fit linear, ln, and quadratic
Other features:	Mixer, real-time clock, self check system, controls locator, partial plate reading, complete user prompting, flags and error messages, cutoff comparisons, curve editing and graphing, monochromatic option, read format 8 vs 12 direction
Fuse Requirements:	Two 1/2 A SLOW BLOW 3AG
Power Requirements:	110-120/220-240 VAC, 50-60 Hz, 50 W (switch selectable)
Serial Port:	Output only, 2400 Baud, 1 start bit, 8 data, 1 stop, no parity, no handshake serial cable provided

Other

Safety Certification:	Listed to UL 1262, Laboratory Equipment
Enclosure:	Fire-retardant ABS Plastic cover with metal base
Dimensions:	Approx. 17"x 14.5" X 7" 25 lbs, 43 x 37 x 18 cm, 11.4 kg
(available from your dealer) Optional Accessories:	serial printer, DRI-DYE Check Strips (for instrument QC), PC-Plate Reader or MacPlate Reader (interface packages)

3. Power Requirements

For units for use at 110-120 V inside the US: Use a UL listed cord set consisting of a minimum 18 AWG, Type SVT or SJT three conductor cord, maximum 15 feet in length, rated 10 A, 125 V, with a parallel blade, grounding type attachment plug. The cord set provided by the manufacturer meets these requirements.



For units for use at 220-240 V inside the US: Use a UL listed cord as above, except rated 250 V, with a tandem blade, grounding type attachment plug.

The safety classification of this instrument is Class 1. To avoid the risk of electric shock, the third prong of the AC power plug must be connected to conductive parts internal to the equipment by means of internal toothed solder lugs and stainless steel screws and nuts marked internally by the IEC 417 symbol 5019 (see margin). DO NOT loosen or remove these screws.

4. Voltage Selection

Locate the voltage select switch on the rear panel. This is a 2 position slide switch that will configure the instrument to accept either 230V or 115V input. Do not connect equipment to the power supply before changing the line voltage selection switch.

Warning: To prevent permanent damage to the instrument, the voltage select switch must be set for the appropriate input voltage prior to powering up.

When you can see the 230V label, the instrument is set for 230V input. If you plug the instrument into a 115V power supply while 230V is selected, the instrument will have insufficient operating power.

To select 115V input, insert a straight screw driver blade (or similar instrument) into the slot on the switch, and slide it into its alternate position. Upon sliding the switch, you will see the 115V label appear.

Warning: If the instrument is configured to accept 115V and you plug it in to a 230V power supply, the fuses will blow and permanent damage to the electronics may result.

The circuit used should be substantially free of large voltage transients (Kilovolt amp loads) such as large pumps, large centrifuges, refrigerators and freezers, air conditioners, large autoclaves, ovens, and dryers. The instrument may fail to operate normally if the power supply is interrupted. If this occurs, turn the instrument off for a moment. When you turn the instrument back on, it will resume normal operation, but a standard curve which was not stored in non-volatile memory will be lost.

The fuses are located internally in the instrument; there are two fuses, fusing both sides of the main power supply. Fuse failure is a very rare occurrence and should indicate malfunction of the equipment requiring service by qualified personnel.

The fuses used with this instrument are 1/2 Amp Slow blow 250 V 3AG, dimensions 1/4 x 1-1/4" (6.3 x 32 mm). For continued protection against risk of fire, use the same fuse for either 115 or 230 V line voltage selection.

The power requirements label, located on the bottom of the instrument, is summarized below.

Power Requirements:

Input voltage range, 110-120 or 220-240 volts alternating current, switch selectable (indicated as 115 or 230).

Current consumption is 0.4 Amperes when in the 115 range and 0.2 Amperes when in the 230 range.

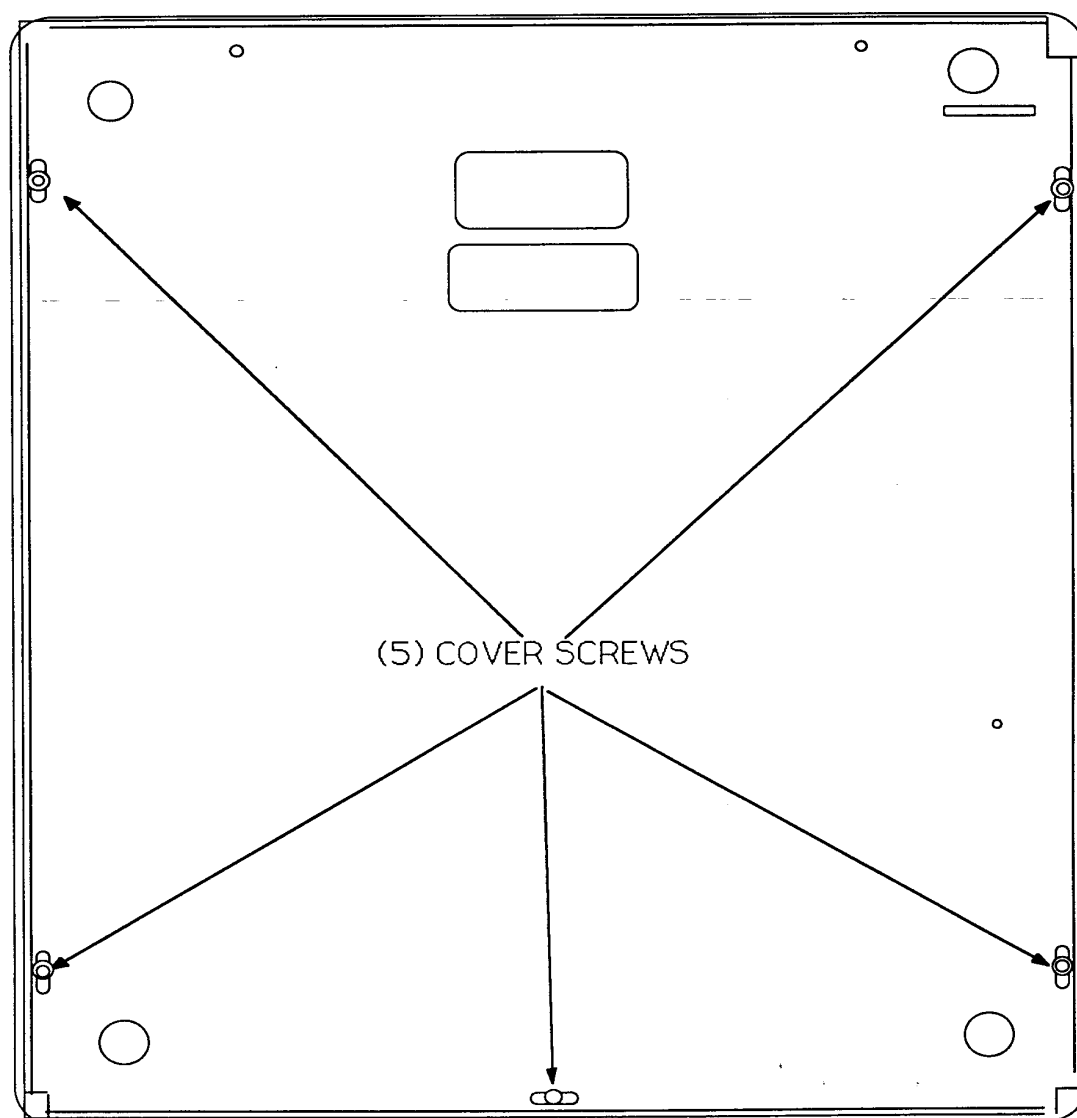
Operating power consumption is 50 Watts.

Frequency of the alternating current is 50-60 Hertz.

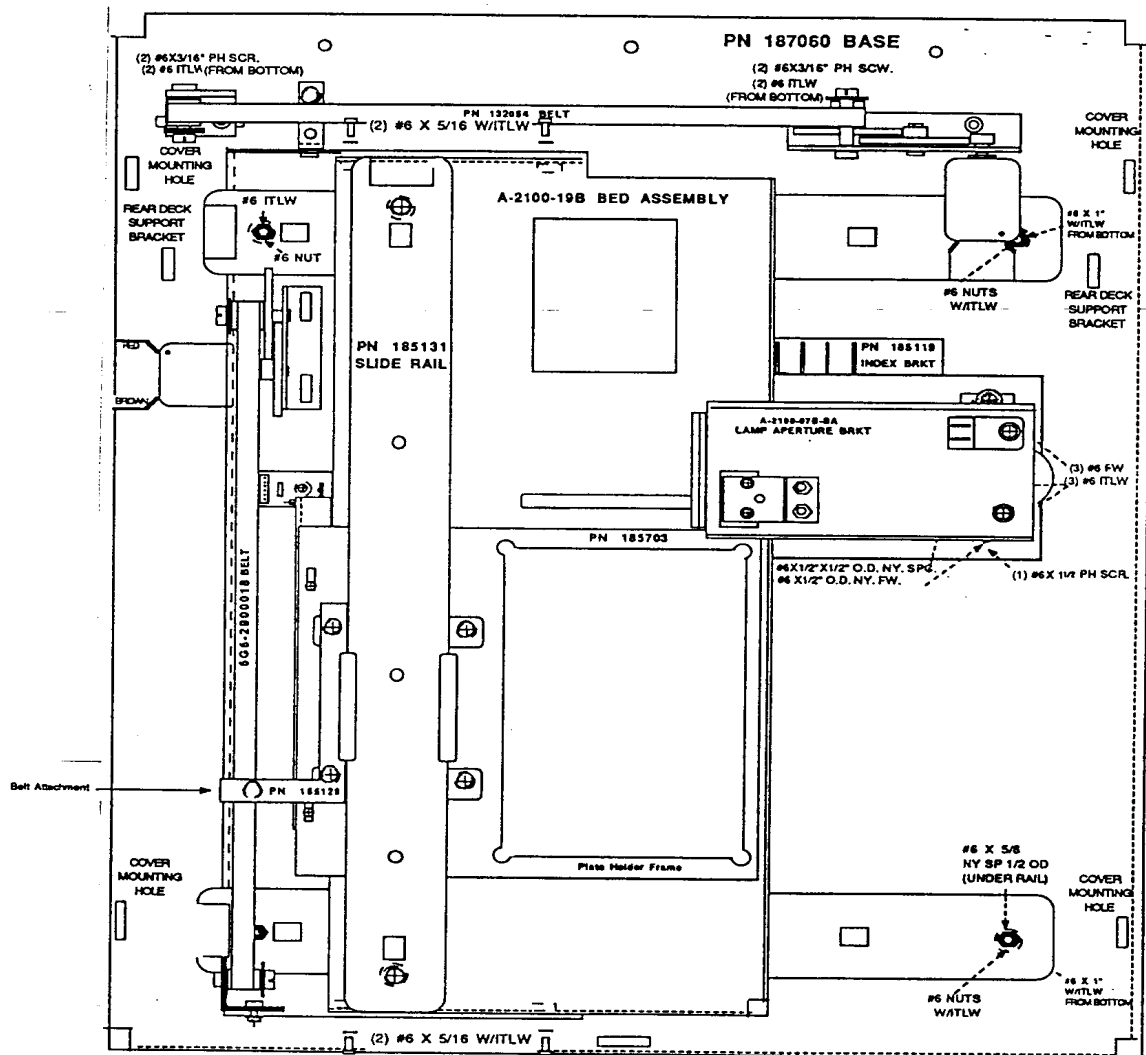
Fuse requirements are two 1/2 Amp Slow blow 250V 3AG type fuse.

5. Cover Removal

Unplug the instrument, then turn it over, and place it on a padded or protective surface. Remove the 5 #4 self-tap screws as shown. Do not remove any other screws. Place the unit back on its feet. Lift off the cover and place it directly behind the instrument. This will allow access to all internal assemblies.



6. General Layout



II. Hardware Description

1. The Chassis

The chassis consists of three main elements:

1.1 Cover: The cover is a pressure formed fire-retardant ABS enclosure meeting UL specification 94V-0. It is attached to the main chassis with five #4 self-tap screws. The cover front panel assembly which it attached to main cover contains the LCD display, the interface circuit board, keyboard assembly (keypads and overlay), and the hatch panel (containing the optional parallel interface.)

1.2 Base: The base supports the rear electronic deck, and is the foundation for the plate transport and photometer mechanisms.

1.3 Rear Deck or Electronic Support Deck: The deck is the platform mounted on the rear of the base. It contains the main circuit board and the electronic support system. It is hinged so that it may be swung back revealing the AC line connections, fuses, and the plate transport mechanism.

2. Plate Transport Mechanism

The Plate Transport system consists of three main elements:

2.1 Drive Mechanisms (2): One of the two drive mechanisms move the plate in the X or A-H direction, and the other moves it in the Y or 1-12 direction.

2.2 Position Detection Systems (2): The detection system for each axis consists of one index bracket and two optical gates or opto-switches.

2.3 Carriage Mechanism: The carriage mechanism consists of three linear, ball-bearing slides, the upper carriage, the lower carriage, and the microwell retainer frame for holding the 96 well microwell plate in place while it is transported to the read site.

3. The Photometer Mechanism

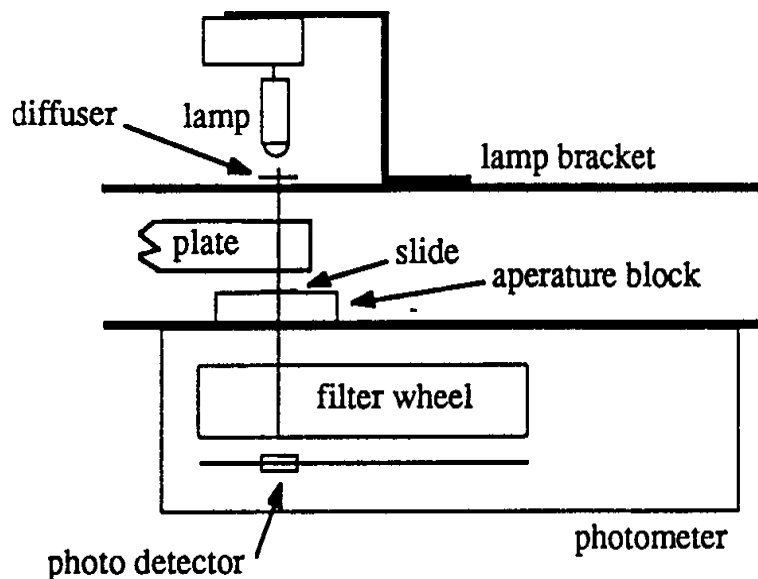
The photometer mechanism consists of 4 elements:

3.1 The Filter Wheel and Rotation Mechanism: The filter wheel is rotated by a small DC motor connected to the wheel by a rubber belt. The wheel speed is software controlled to 4 revolutions a second. As the wheel turns, the filters mounted in it pass between the light source and the photodetector. When the filter passes through the light beam, the reading is taken.

3.2 Filter Wheel Position Detection System: Optical gates like those used in the Plate Position Detection System are used to control the filter wheel. Normally the infrared light from the LED side of the gate is blocked, but when the small holes in the filter wheel pass by, the light passes through, and the microprocessor receives a signal. There are two sets of holes. One set consists of four holes, one at each filter. When one of these holes is detected, the filter is lined up, and a sample is taken. The other set is only one hole and it is used primarily for synchronizing the filter count.

3.3 Light Source: The light source consists of the lamp itself, the diffuser, the lamp aperture block, and the protective glass slide. The light, originating at the lamp, passes through the diffuser, then through the plate, the glass slide, the aperture block, and then into the photometer. This area is also known as the read site. The lamp and filter wheel motor are connected to the junction PCB with an IDC (Insulation Displacement Connector.)

3.4 Optical Detection System: This system consists of the interference filters, the light sensitive photodiode, the operation amplifier, and the position detectors described in section 3.3. Note: The photodiode, and the operational amplifier are mounted on the



III. Auxiliary and Optional Equipment

1. Auxiliary Equipment

Serial Printer. The Humareader can print its results out to an Epson compatible serial printer using the included serial interface port. The data is sent at 2400 baud, No Parity, 8 data bits, and 1 stop bit. The connection requires the custom cable included with the Reader.

2. Optional Equipment

2.1 Parallel Port: Most of the Humareaders have a 25 pin female connector on the back of the hatch cover. This connector is a standard parallel port. A cable to a parallel printer can be purchased from any computer store. See the schematic for the pinouts.

2.2 PC-Plate Reader: This package allows the Plate Reader to be controlled from an IBM-PC/Compatible. Using the computer keyboard, the user sets up and runs tests. The data can then be saved to disk and later imported into a spreadsheet. Test parameters can also be saved to disk. A 360K 5 1/4" or (800K 3 1/2") disk, cable, instructions, and an EPROM upgrade (if necessary) are included.

2.3 MacPlate Reader: This package performs the same functions as PC-Plate Reader for the Macintosh. Program comes on an 800K 3 1/2" disk. Cable, instructions, and EPROM upgrade (if necessary) are included.

IV. Principles of Operation

This section of the manual describes the operation and the interaction of the Plate Reader's main systems. Almost all systems are controlled by the Z80 microprocessor on the main circuit board.

1. Front Panel Electronics

1.1 The Interface Board: All of the systems on the front panel (keyboard, display, and parallel port) are centered around the 2100-100 interface board. The interface board is connected to the main board via a 26 pin double row header cable. Note: Earlier units used a 26 pin DIP cable.

1.2 The Display: The LCD is driven directly off of the Z80 bus. Address decoding is done on the interface board. See the 2100-100 schematic for more information.

1.3 The Keyboard: The keyboard consists of two identical 4 X 4 membrane keypads. The large keys are actually made up of the two smaller ones. The software recognizes them as the same key. Ports PB0 through PB7 provide the key scan input, and ports PC0 through PC3 provide the scan output. The keys are connected as shown in the drawing in section V.1. Scanning is performed from PB0 to PB7 and reading from PC0 to PC3. The input ports (PC0-3) are pulled up by a 10K SIP.

1.4 The Parallel Port: The parallel port uses the 8255 located on the interface board. Both the input and output signals are buffered through the two 74HC14s located on the interface board. A cable runs from the board to the hatch panel where the connector is located.

2. Normal Carriage Movement

Home position is when the carriage is as far left and front as it can go. In order to sense the home position, the X axis-opto switch must be clear of the X indexing bracket at the left end of the bracket. The Y axis indexing bracket must move clear of the Y axis opto switch at both ends of its travel. The mechanism must be able to be positioned so that the last well (12th well of the plate) can be put at the read site. This is the slot in the index bracket nearest the front of the Reader.

3. Position Detection System

3.1 The Optical Switches: The position of both axes is detected by two nearly identical electro-optical detectors, also referred to as opto-switches. The indexing brackets act to interrupt the light path between the two halves of the switch. The TTL level signal is sent back to the main circuit board to the 8255 PPI and on to the Z80 CPU. The state of the switches is indicated by the 7 segment LED mounted on the main board. Each one of the segments corresponds to one of the gates. Not all segments are used. See section V.3.8. Note: On earlier units, four discrete LEDs are used. The indexing bracket has two sets of slots. The thin slots are used to position the wells in the read site and are read by the upper opto switch. The wider

slots (located every other well) are read by the shorter opto switch, and are used to verify that the plate transport mechanism is functioning correctly.

3.2 The X Axis Switch: The optical switch for the X axis (left/right) is located on the lower carriage, near the rear center, and can be seen through the large rectangular cutout in the upper carriage. The small circuit board on which the LED and transistors are mounted is attached to the lower carriage by a small angle bracket and spacer. It moves with the carriage. Infrared light from the LED half of the switch, marked "L" on the PCB, shines through index bracket which is mounted on the chassis. The transistor side, which has the black stripe and is marked "T" on the PCB picks up the light from the LED. The connector is on the top edge of the circuit board, and the wires point upwards. Note: Later units have two switches and the earlier ones have only one.

3.3 The Y Axis Switch: The optical switch for the Y axis is mounted on the lower carriage in about the middle of the left side. The Y indexing bracket is attached to the frame. Infrared light from the LED half of the switch, marked "L" on the PCB, passes through the movable indexing bracket. The transistor side of the switch which is marked with a black stripe, and labeled "T" on the PCB picks up the light. The connector is on the left edge of the circuit board, wires pointing left.

3.4 Electrical Connection: A cable made up of 6 separate wires attached to an IDC connector starts from the main board and runs to the X opto switch. From there it goes to the Y opto switch.

4. Plate Transport Mechanisms

4.1 Drive Mechanisms: The two axis movement of the plate (X and Y or left/right and in/out) is powered by identical low voltage DC motors. Each motor is geared down 32:1 and attached to a pulley which drives a belt. The belts are attached directly to the carriage by a #4-40 screw through a small hole in the belt. The X axis belt is attached to the lower carriage, and the Y axis belt is attached to the frame. Both motors are connected to the main circuit board on the rear deck. From the main circuit board, a ten conductor cable travels to the junction board. Four wires from the cable go from the junction board to the motors. The rest go to the photometer assembly. In parallel to both motors is a 100 $\frac{1}{2}$ watt resistor. Both resistors are located on the junction board. Note: The earlier units did not have the junction board. The wiring went directly to the motor, and the resistors were located directly on the motor. Both motors are driven by the L293B driver chip located on the main board. The driver chip is run by the 8255 programmable interface chip.

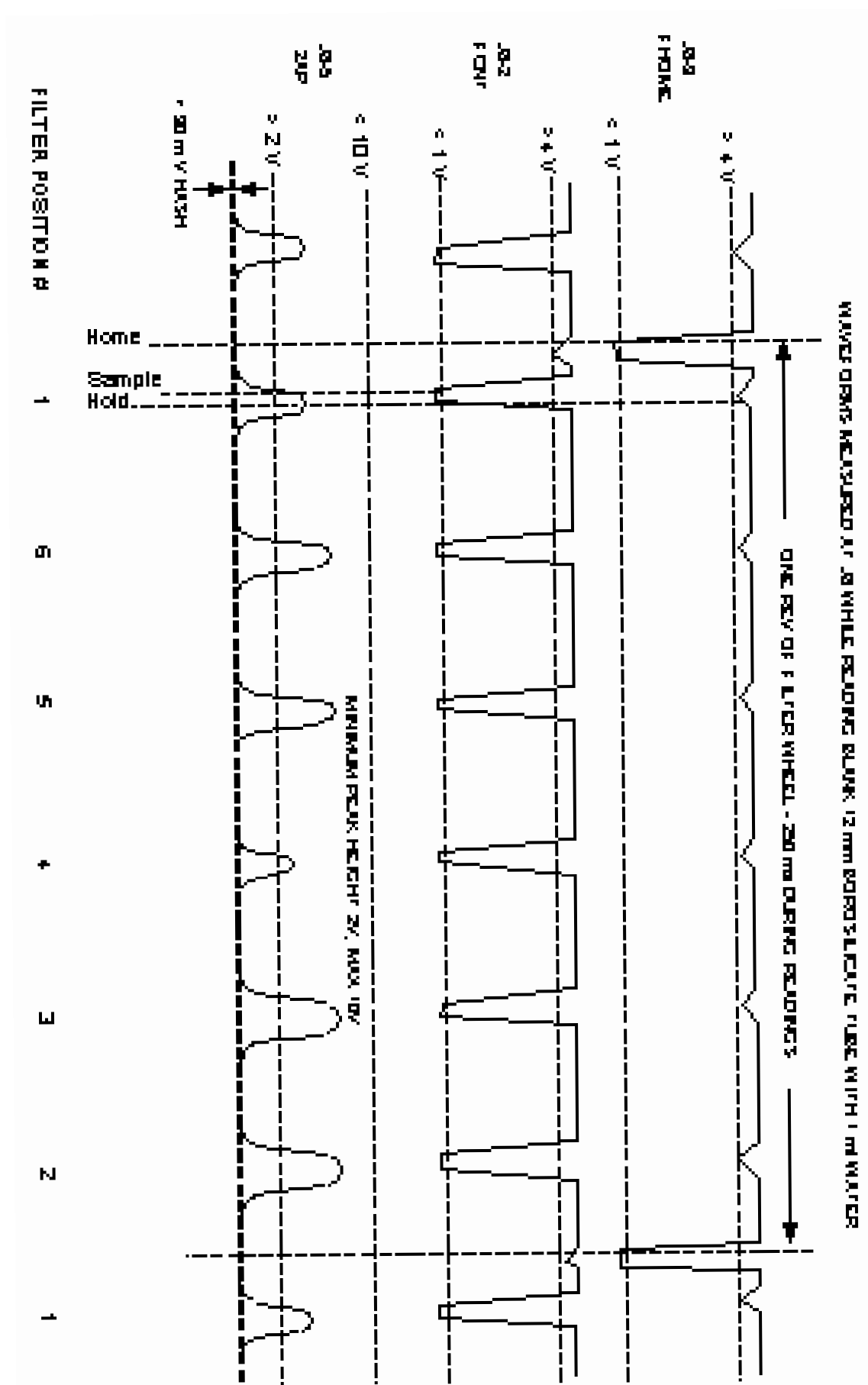
4.2 Carriage Mechanism: The carriage mechanism consists of the linear ball-bearing slides, the upper carriage, the lower carriage, and the retainer frame that holds the microwell plate. The upper position of the carriage extends over the read site and is supported in the center by a mechanical damper. The damper, affixed to the top of the photometer steadies the mechanism when in motion, and reduces mechanical vibration. The retainer frame which holds the microwell plate and moves it to the read site also has damping material in its corners. This holds the plate securely in place while in motion. There should be sufficient clearance between

the top of the plate and the underside of the photometer lamp bracket so that the two do not come in contact.

5. Photometer Mechanism

The Humareader uses a single channel silicon diode detector to read the light, and a gas-filled lens-end tungsten lamp operated at 6 volts as the light source. The continuously rotating filter wheel (see section II.3) contains four 3 cavity interference filters, and is located inside the photometer housing underneath the microwell plate. This arrangement greatly reduces problems due to ambient light and allows the open frame structure of the plate transport system. The photometer is operated under microprocessor control. The filter wheel is software controlled to 4 revolutions per second. Infrared opto switches provide commutation (filter identification) using the holes in the edge of the filter wheel. One pair provides a count pulse, and the other provides a home indication. See the timing diagram below:

Each filter peak is sampled and held and simultaneously converted from an analog signal to a digital absorbance by an exponential capacitor decay circuit and one of the 16 bit counters in the 8253. (See the photometer schematic.) The photometer output is proportional to the power of the light signal whereas the width of the positive phase of the pulse at the 8253 counter chip is proportional to the absorbance. The resistance across the log cap (simple RC decay) determines the base of the log (10 for absorbance.) and is used to adjust the low end absorbance calibration (gain.) Another potentiometer is used to null the offset voltages in the circuits and serves to adjust the hi-end absorbance indications.



V. Troubleshooting

Presented below are some possible problems and their solutions

1. Keyboard Problems

1.1 No keys function.

If on power up the LCD functions, the interconnection between the main circuit board and the interface board is OK. If the unit beeps continuously at power-up and no keys function, either the cable is not plugged in correctly, the keytail is shorted, or there is a stuck key. Unplug each of the keypads to determine which of the keypads is malfunctioning. Check that the tracks are covered down to the insertion point. If the covering has been damaged, insulate it with clear tape. If the problem still persists, massage over the keypad until the beeping starts. If necessary, stick the key with a pin to equalize the air pressure inside. If necessary, replace the keypad.

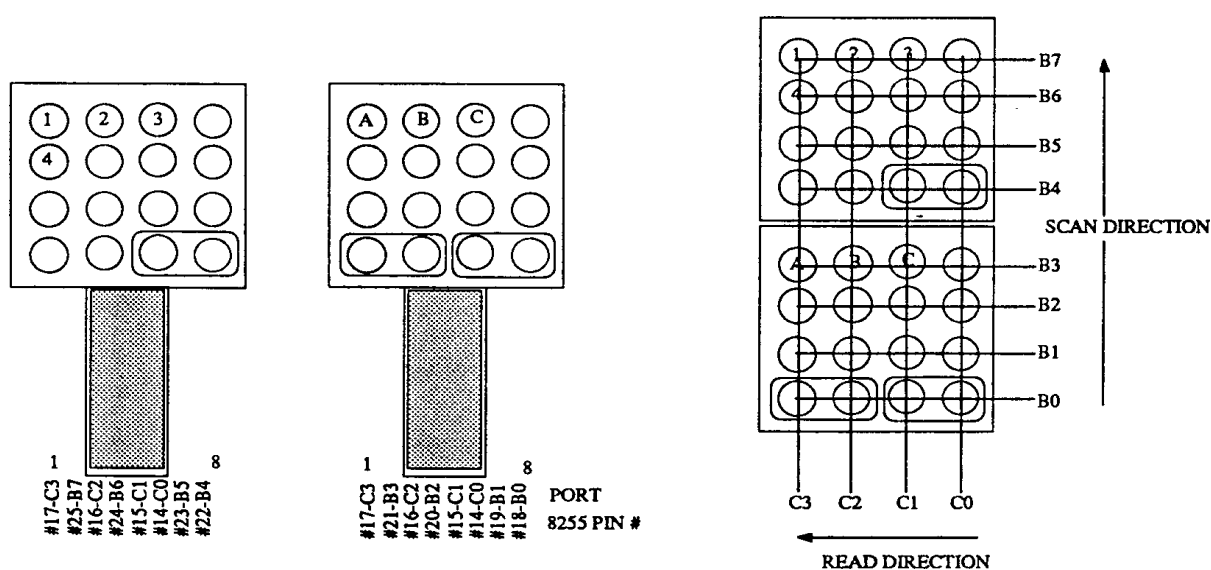
1.2 A row or column of the keypad does not function.

Check that the keytails are properly inserted and covered to 1/4" from the end as discussed in section 5.1.1. If a row (horizontal) does not function, check that the low level on the appropriate line of Port B can be transmitted to the desired line of Port C. See the drawing below. It is highly unlikely that a component has failed. It is more likely that a plated through hole on the interface board has failed. Trace the circuit on the board, and replace if necessary.

1.3 The keyboard does not function, and neither does the display.

The problem is probably the connection between the interface board and the main board. Make sure that the 26 pin cable is plugged in correctly on both ends.

2. Photometer Problems



2.1 Lamp Low message is displayed

Check that the lamp is illuminated and is properly aligned. Select test #186, and the filter voltages will be displayed in the following order: 0=405nm, 1=450nm, 2=600nm, and 3=492nm. Make sure that all are greater than 2 volts. If a particular channel is low, the filter may be degrading. Replace if less than 1 volt. **Make sure the lamp is OK first.**

2.2 Wheel does not rotate.

Check that the 10 conductor wire that goes from the main circuit board to the junction board is installed properly. If the filter wheel is running, but the filter wheel does not seem to be rotating, check the two rubber belts. If the motor is not turning then check that the motor has between +5 and +6 volts across the motor terminals. (Make sure that the reader is attempting to read a plate or running test 186) If there is no voltage on the motor, check for a high level on ULN2003, pins 1 and 2. Also check that the 7806 has +6 volts on its output terminal.

2.3 Wheel runs at an uncontrolled rate.

Check that the wheel count pulse is being transmitted to the NMI pin of the Z80. It should be a narrow, negative spike. Also check that the wheel home pulse is arriving at the 8255 port, PC6 pin 11. If neither are present and the cables are installed correctly, check the IR LED pair on top of the photometer housing for 1.2 to 1.5 volts between the black and the white wire. +5 volts here indicates an open LED or unterminated return.

3. Mechanism Errors

The most commonly encountered problem with the Humareader series of plate readers is a mechanism error. This means that the microprocessor was unable to effect the desired movement or that after being moved the plate was determined to be in an incorrect position. Several aides are available to assist technical personnel in diagnosing and correcting this problem:

- 1) The location of the last mechanism error is recorded and can be recalled by running test #188.
- 2) On the main circuit board is a 7 segment LED display. Each segment shows the state of one of the opto switches. (Note: Only the outer four segments are used.) These LEDs can be used to determine the proper position of the plate.
- 3) Selecting test #187 allows the operator to single step through the plate by pressing the "enter" key.

3.1 A Note on Mechanism Errors

When the display shows -"Mechanism error at PS-W" where PS-W indicates the first invalid plate, strip, and well respectively, the instrument is alerting the operator to difficulty getting to the proper location in the allotted time. This message is generally indicative of restriction in free movement or of failure of component(s) in the drive train. See also: the operators manual, section on mechanical control.

Although component failure is rare, mechanism failure or degradation is usually caused when parts come loose, or the shipping screw is not used when shipping the machine. Most failures can be readily fixed by doing in-the-field adjustments. Typical problem areas are pinion gears, spur gears, gear shafts, belt clamps or any part under stress when shipped.

To install the shipping screw, first move the carriage to the home position. When installing the screw make sure that it does not bend or put pressure on the lower carriage bracket.

3.2 The Pinion Gear

Problems occur when the pinion gear to motor shaft contact slips. Either the gear slips off the motor shaft or the motor shaft spins without turning the gear. This is usually noticed when the instrument is first turned on as a fast whirring noise is heard and mechanism movement on one axis is absent. If the fit of the pinion gear on either the X or Y motor shaft feels loose or can be readily pulled or slid with finger nail pressure from the motor shaft, thread the hole inside the pinion gear with a 2-56 tap and replace the gear by pushing on the shaft with finger pressure. As with all gears, whenever testing fit, removing, or replacing gears, do not touch gear teeth with any kind of tool, or damage to the teeth will occur resulting in gear meshing noise. If, especially after fitting new gears, a loud sawing sound appears to be coming from the pinion gear meshing with the combination gear, adjust the mesh by loosening the motor attachment screws and move the motor so the backlash gives the least amount of noise. A small gap between gears is desirable. Do not leave so small a gap that gear is slowed due to extra friction.

3.3 The Drive Train

Problems occur when drive train backlash is excessive. Usually this occurs when either the pulley to gear contact or the belt to carriage contact is loose. Excessive backlash is usually noticed when grabbing the carriage with one hand while either applying medium pressure to move the carriage and holding the pinion gear stationary with the other hand or when applying light pressure, with spur gears which come loose on timing pulleys (#2-56 screws),

3.4 The Belt Clamp

Problems with a belt clamp which comes loose (#4-40 1/4" screw and FW). Other problems occur when for example the shipping screw is left in or out at an inappropriate time, or the customer disassembles more than is necessary, or one part or another comes loose in shipment.

3.5 Belt Tension

If there is a problem with belt tension, a loud popping noise may be heard when the mechanism reaches the normal end of its travel in either the X or the Y direction.

A-H belt: This belt is located at the rear and may be adjusted by loosening the (2) screws below the left idler pulley bracket. Adjust the tension by moving the bracket accordingly.

1-12 belt: Loosen the (2) screws holding the motor drive assembly and slide it according to the desired tension adjustment.

3.6 Mechanism error "out of the box."

The Humareader's are shipped from the factory with a shipping screw to hold the plate transport mechanism during shipment. This screw, located on the bottom of the machine must be removed before using the reader. If the screw is still in place a mechanism error will be indicated by the message "MECHANISM ERROR AT .". Normally the message would indicate the well at which the error occurred. However, since the screw is blocking all motion, the message will be displayed without a location.

3.7 Mechanism errors at the ends of plate.

If a mechanism error occurs repeatedly at well 12 or H, there is a good chance that the bearing race within a transport guide has moved such that it is obstructing the plate movement at its extremes. This problem is simply corrected. Note the "plate can't get home -- move plate left" is an indication of this condition.

The bearing race may be re-positioned without removing the cover by moving the plate frame manually through its range. For example, if well 12 cannot be read, move the plate frame toward the back of the machine until a resistance is felt, then push harder until the motion resumes. Continue pushing until a hard stop is felt. The race is now re-positioned. If well H cannot be read, perform this procedure by pushing the transport bed right until the resistance is felt. Alternately, the race may be moved by holding the plate frame and pushing the race back with a thin screwdriver.

3.8 Randomly located mechanism errors

If mechanism errors occur at random locations on the plate, a more detailed analysis is required.

Remove the cover of the machine per the cover removal procedure in section I.5. Set the cover to one side or to the back leaving the cable to the interface board attached to the main PC board. Move the plate holder by hand through its range of motion. Feel for any mechanical resistance over the range. It is possible that a fastener has worked loose or that a wire is snagging at some place. Next, note the proper indication on the 7 segment LED. The function of each segment is shown in the margin.

Note: Earlier units have four discrete LEDs. They are read left to right as follows:

- 1) Y axis (1-12) well indicator Off=on well
- 2) Y axis (1-12) odd/even Well 1=on, 2 off etc
- 3) X axis (A-H) odd even well A=off, B=on etc
- 4) X axis (A-H) well indicator Off=on well

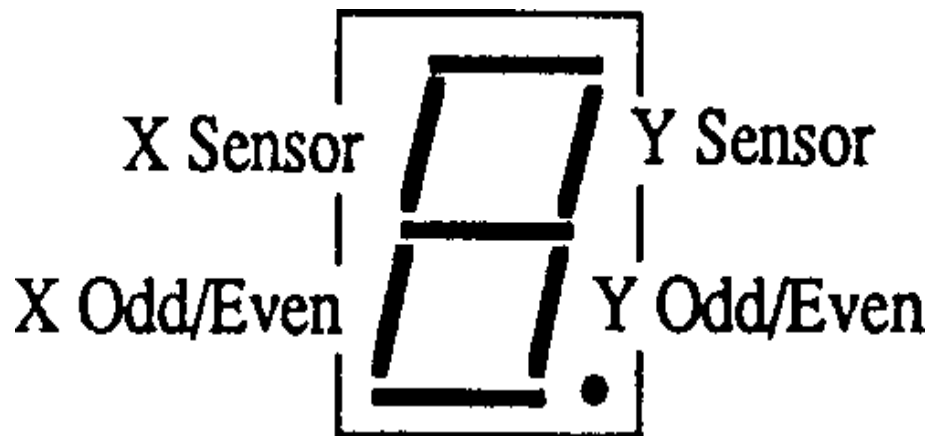
As the plate is moved, each LED should function accordingly. Failure of any LED to light/extinguish at the proper position will result in a mechanism error. Note: the well indicator is position sensitive and a slight overshoot will cause this indicator to light. This is normal. If any LED fails, check the connectors located at each sensor board. Pay careful attention to the insertion of the wires into the connectors. A wire that is not fully inserted (displaced) will cause a problem. Component failure is highly unlikely. Most of the time, the problem is a probably a faulty mechanical connection or mounting. Check that no sensor pair has been mechanically disturbed. Check the voltages at the connector on the main PC board. As the IR LEDs are connected in series (2 each), an open in the interconnect will result in lighted LEDs for either both odd/detectors or both position detectors. The straight through (unobstructed) phot. transistor voltage should be less than 0.5 volts.

4. Drive mechanism problems

Check that the motor pinion gear has not worked off the shaft or along the shaft and disengaged from the 2nd stage gear. Press the pinion back on the shaft and if necessary spot with a small amount of thread locker or similar rapid bond adhesive. Take care to use a sparing amount such that it does not wick into the motor.

There is a possibility that overly tight belt tension will stall the drive. The belts should be modestly deflectable--if they pop on the return to home position they are too loose.

There have been a few cases where shipping the instrument without the shipping screw installed has resulted in the A-H drive pulley shaft mount (press fastener) pulling from the bracket. The shaft should extend straight from the bracket and not lean. If pulled loose, remove the assembly by loosening the 2 mounting screws through the base then remove the shaft. Using a vise, press the fastener back into place.



VI. Alignment

1. A Note on Alignment

Critical to high end performance (>2.0 absorbance units) is the proper alignment of the plate transport system and photometer assembly. Any time the photometer assembly is moved, this alignment procedure must be performed. However, the mechanical alignment should not change once set.

2. Lamp and Lamp Assembly Alignment

The lamp should always be positioned to illuminate the lamp aperture and screen evenly. Further the body of the lamp must point straight down. Caution: The lamp may be hot. Do not allow it to contact the diffusion screen. (See the lamp replacement procedure.) If the lamp does not point vertically down, it may be aimed by grasping the lamp lightly with a pair of needle nose pliers and then bending the leads to achieve the desired orientation. It is also necessary that the lamp aperture be positioned directly over the photometer entrance aperture. If it is not evenly illuminating the lamp plate aperture, align it by loosening the lamp bracket screws moving the lamp bracket until even filling is achieved. Tighten the screws. A significant misalignment of any of these will deteriorate the > 2.0 abs performance. The lamp aperture plates have alignment holes, such that a rod (either .09 or .12 od) may be passed through the lamp aperture plate and into the photometer housing in order to check this alignment.

3. Plate Transport Alignment

Alignment of the plate transport system is accomplished by moving the photometer assembly so that the lamp beam/photometer entrance lies on a vertical line passing through the center of the well.

For the following steps it will be necessary to use the test plate available from Human GmbH or a modified standard plate. The plate must be altered to reduce the light passing through the wells to a small dot in the center of several wells. This may be achieved by inserting washers or using a marking pen to color the bottoms of the wells leaving only the centers open. Use the wells in the center of the plate for this alteration.

Insert the test plate or the modified regular plate into the plate holder frame. Place the unit in the single step mode by selecting test #187. If necessary then select the absorbance mode using any filters. Press the READ button. The instrument will then move the plate to read well A-1.

Advance the plate to the center of the plate by using the Enter key as required. When one of the occluded wells is parked at the photometer observe the illumination of the photometer entrance. The circle of light on the entrance should be centered. If not, loosen the (3) photometer hold down screws (See fig. PLATE ALIGNMENT). Move the photometer such that the entrance is centered in the illumination. Tighten the screws. Move to the next well. Check and repeat.

4. Checking the Readings

As a final check on the alignment, prepare a Dri-Dye Check Strip or prepare a dilution of a material that reduces to approximately 2.0 abs.

Read the Dri-Dye as specified in the package insert. Compare the results to the expected values. Next turn the plate around, repeat the readings. They should agree to within +/- 1% +.005 abs. This must be especially true at the 2.0 abs end. Any significant deviations at the high ends indicates unacceptable alignment.

Filter Replacement

Materials and equipment:

- Replacement filter set
- Phillips screw driver
- Flat blade screw driver
- Silicone adhesive

Procedure:

Materials / tools required:

Replacement filter with neutrals and wheel location drawing
1-Phillips screw driver
1 -small flat blade screw driver

Silicone glue

Step 1:

Disconnect the unit from the AC mains and detach the power cord. Remove the cover and unplug the cover cable per the instructions in the service manual. Set the cover out of the way.

Step 2:

Locate the photometer. Unplug the 4 pin lamp and motor cable from the interconnect printed circuit board (PCB). Using the flat blade screw driver, unplug the grey cable from the interconnect PCB.

Step 3:

This is an important step. Locate the (3) red stand-offs retaining the photometer to the chassis base. From the bottom of the unit, remove the (3) 6-32 screws securing the photometer to the chassis. Remove the photometer assembly with the red spacers attached. Note: Do not remove the spacers from the photometer. Removing or altering their position on the photometer will require the unit be re-aligned per the procedure in the service manual. Do not move the lamp or the lamp bracket.

Step 4:

Remove the (4) 6-32 screws retaining the photometer cover. Set the cover aside. Remove the (2) 4-40 screws securing the photometer PCB. Remove the drive belt from the filter wheel. Using the flat blade screwdriver, remove and loosen the filter wheel shaft. Remove the wheel. Remove the shaft taking care not to misplace the nylon spacer/washers.

Step 5:

Referring to the filter position drawing, locate the filter to be removed. The filter may be pushed from the wheel using the eraser end of a pencil or other blunt object. Remove any neutral or screen disks that may remain in the filter cavity within the wheel. Locate the neutral filters and/or screens that were included with the replacement filter and drop them first into the cavity. Now insert the filter with the mirror side down. Using the smallest amount of silicone glue, place (2) dabs on either side of the filter to prevent it from working loose. Do not block the centre of the filter.

Step 6:

Re-install the filter wheel on the bracket taking care not to pinch any washer under the shaft. Tighten the shaft. Replace the belt. Replace the photometer PCB taking care to centre the board around the shaft. Tighten the (2) 4-40 screws. Replace the optical cover taking care to position the grey cable in the slot of the cover. Do not pinch the cable under the cover. Insert the (4) 6-32 screws and snug up. Do not over tighten.

Step 7:

Install the photometer assembly to the chassis by replacing the (3) 6-32 screws through the base. Insert the (2) cables removed in step ~ 2.

Step 8:

Check that the lamp hangs vertically down and is aimed at the screen and aperture. This step is only required if the lamp was disturbed during the above Operations. If necessary refer to the lamp alignment procedure in the Service manual.

Step 9:

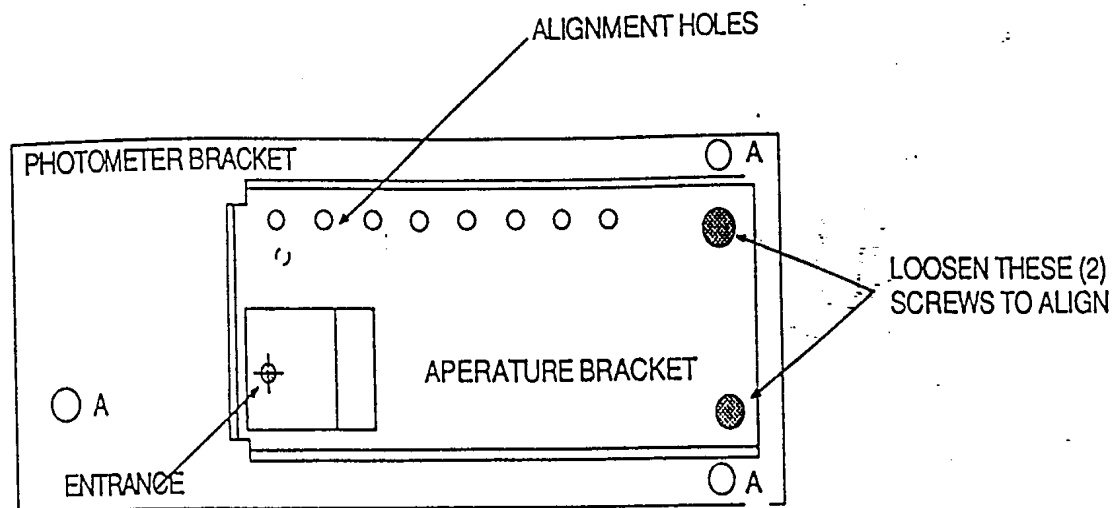
plug the cover cable back into the main PCB. Replace the cover but do not install the cover screws. If an updated EPROM was included with the filter replacement kit, install it now referring to the EPROM replacement sheet.

Step 10:

Attach the power cord and connect the unit to the mains supply. Turn the unit on. Select Test ~ 186. The displayed numbers represent the voltages of the installed filters. All voltages should be between 2 and 11 volts. To terminate this mode, press Clear as required.

Step 11:

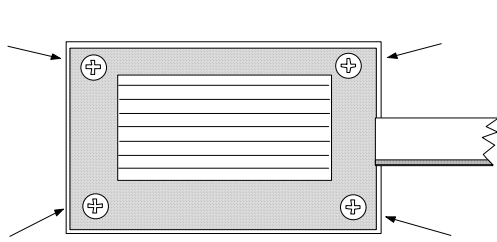
Detach the unit from the mains supply. Replace the (5) cover screws.

LAMP APERTURE PLATE ALIGNMENT.

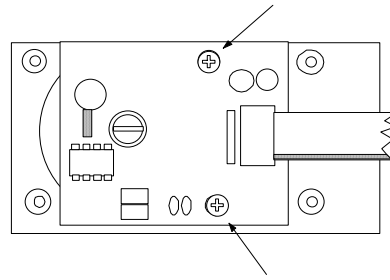
THE LAMP APERTURE HOLE DIRECTLY BELOW THE LAMP MUST LIE DIRECTLY ABOVE THE PHOTOMETER ENTRANCE APERTURE. THIS ENTRANCE SHOULD BE UNIFORMLY AND SYMETRICALLY ILLUMINATED.

ALIGNMENT HOLES IN THE APERTURE BRACKET WITH CORRESPONDING HOLES IN THE PHOTOMETER BRACKET MAY BE USED TO EFFECT THIS ALIGNMENT.

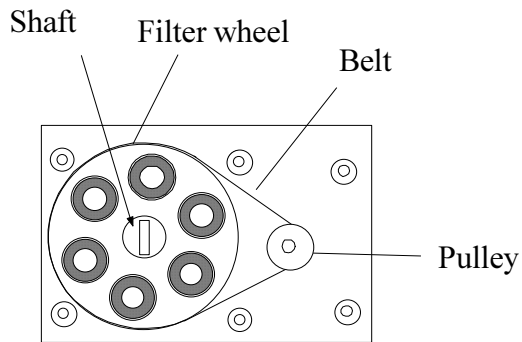
INSERT A .093" RGD THRU THE ALIGNMENT HOLES INTO THE PHOTOMETER BRACKET HOLES AND ASSURE THAT THE ROD STANDS VERTICALLY UP.



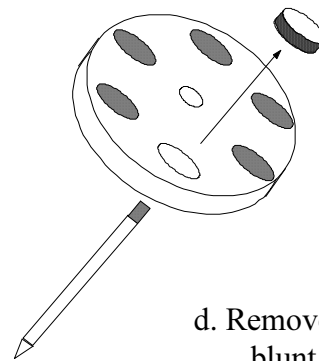
a. Remove screws holding photometer cover.



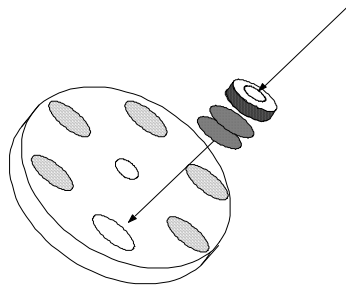
b. Remove screws holding photometer PCB.



c. Remove filter wheel belt and filter wheel.

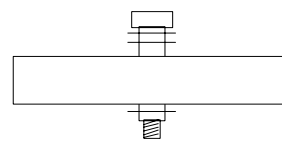


d. Remove filter with blunt object.



e. Install neutral density filters, dot screens, and interference filters.

One or two nylon washers as disassembled.



One nylon washer

f. Assemble washers and filter wheel to filter wheel shaft.

Figure 12. Filter Replacement

Lamp Replacement

The lamp should be replaced only if it fails to light, or several filter voltages are reported as low.

Materials and equipment:

- Replacement lamp
- Phillips screw driver
- Flat blade screw driver

Procedure:

1. Set the power switch to OFF (O). Open the instrument. Refer to Figure 3, Chassis Layout. Locate the strip mechanism and the lamp bracket.

CAUTION

Lamp is HOT. Allow the lamp to cool before handling.

3. Refer to Figure 10, Lamp Replacement. Loosen but do not remove the lamp terminal screws. Do not loosen or remove any other screws. Remove the lamp by lowering it out of the connector.
4. Use a pair of pliers or tweezers to handle the new lamp. Avoid handling with bare skin, since the oil from your skin can reduce lamp life. Insert the lamp leads into the connector until they bottom out. The lamp lens end must be centered on the aperture and the lamp body must be perpendicular to the horizontal. While holding the lamp in alignment, tighten the lamp terminal screws.
5. Set the power switch to ON. Shield your eyes from the lamp beam and observe the projection of the beam onto the aperture. Refer to Figure 11, Spot Alignment. The spot should be small and centered on the aperture. The spot should be sufficiently large to just encircle the aperture. If the spot is not centered, repeat step 4.
6. Select test #186. The instrument prints the detected voltage for each filter position. All voltages should be between 2.00 volts and 10.00 volts. If all the voltages report low, repeat step 4 until optimum lamp position is obtained.

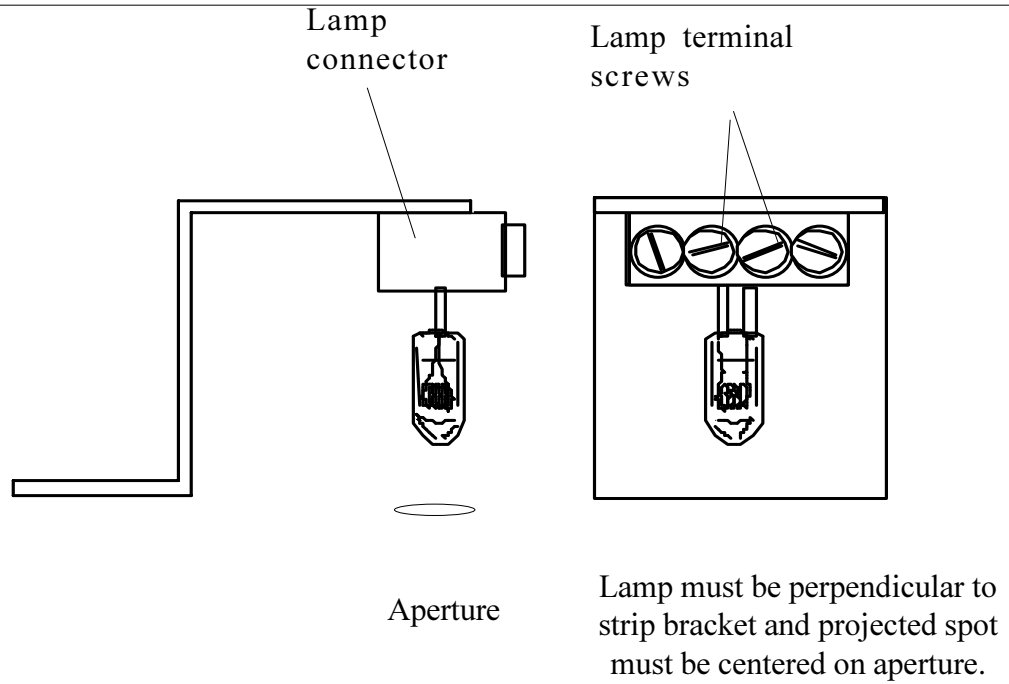


Figure 10. Lamp Replacement

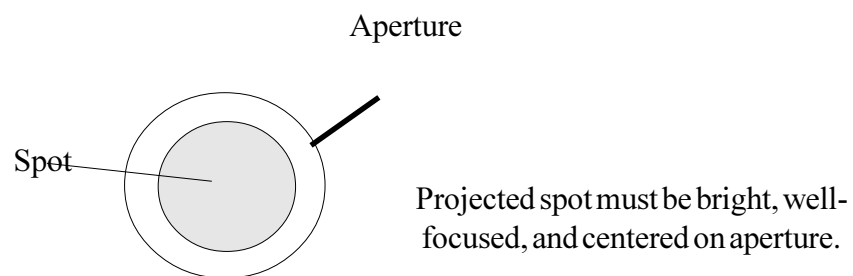


Figure 11. Spot Alignment

Filter Label

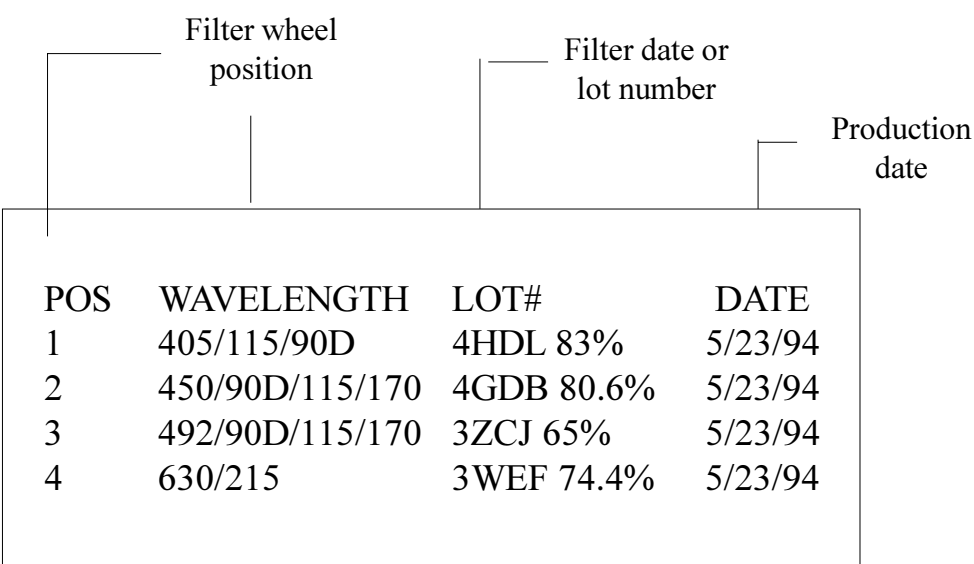
The filter label located on the photometer cover describes the specific filter wheel configuration for your particular instrument. Refer to Figure 14.

Filter wheel position (POS) is the physical placement of the filter on the wheel. The filter wheel position numbers are shown in Figure 13. Note the position of the Index hole and the Home hole.

Each filter position can have several filter elements installed. Configuration (WAVELENGTH column) describes the various screens and filters in that position. Each element is separated by a slash (/). The first 3 digit value in this column is always the wavelength of the interference filter, in nanometers. The other values indicate either dot screens, neutral density filters, or transmittance filters. A "D" suffix indicates a dot screen and the first two digits are the percent blockage. A 2 digit value followed by a percent sign signifies a dot screen. A 3 digit value (other than the first value in the line) indicates one or more transmittance filters. The first digit is the quantity; the last two digits are the percent transmittance. A 2 digit value separated by a decimal point indicates a neutral density filter. The value is the absolute absorbance of the filter. "BLOCKED" indicates an opaque disk is installed in that position.

LOT# is the interference filter manufacturers' production code lot number or date. The percent transmittance for the lot is included in this column.

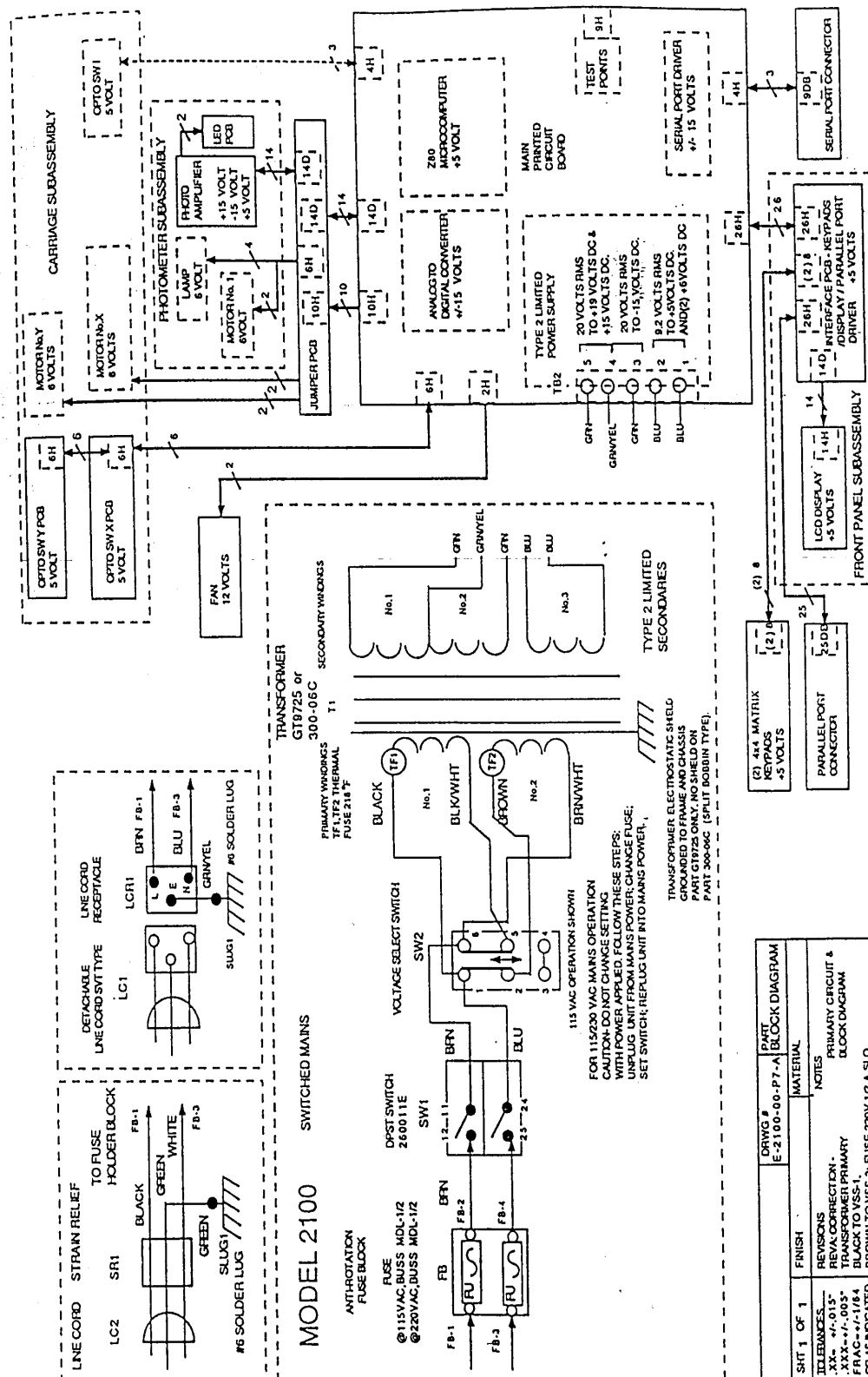
The production date (DATE) is the date the filter wheel was assembled.



POS	WAVELENGTH	LOT#	DATE
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2	450/90D/115/170	4GDB 80.6%	5/23/94
3	492/90D/115/170	3ZCJ 65%	5/23/94
4	630/215	3WEF 74.4%	5/23/94

Figure 14. Filter Label

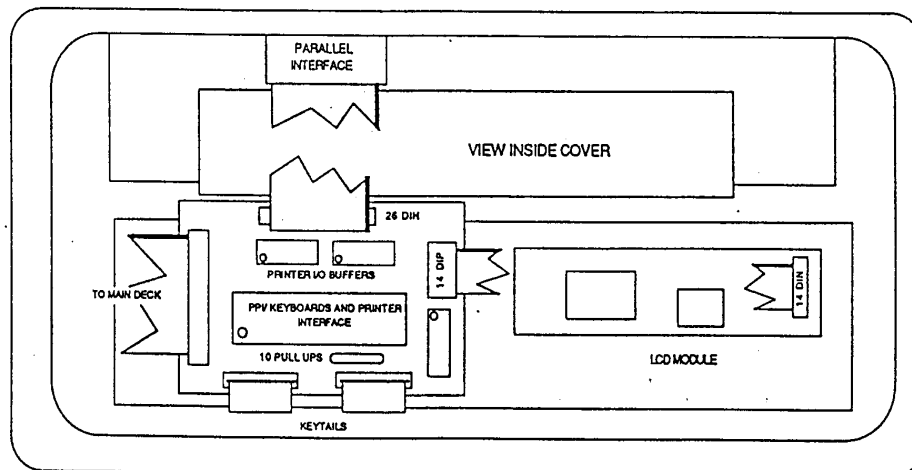
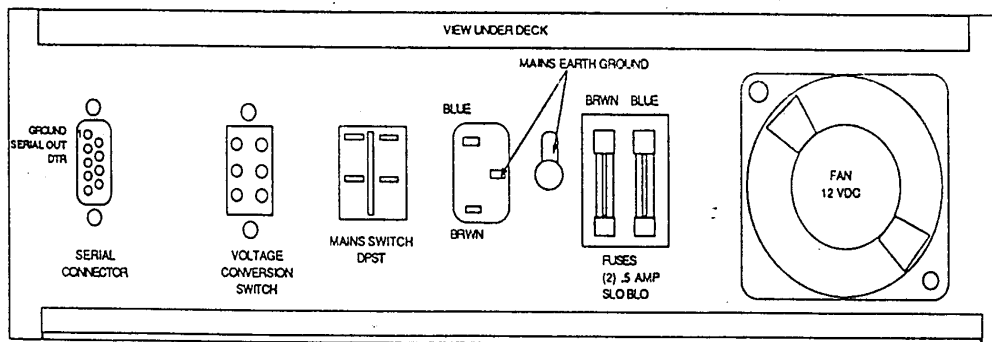
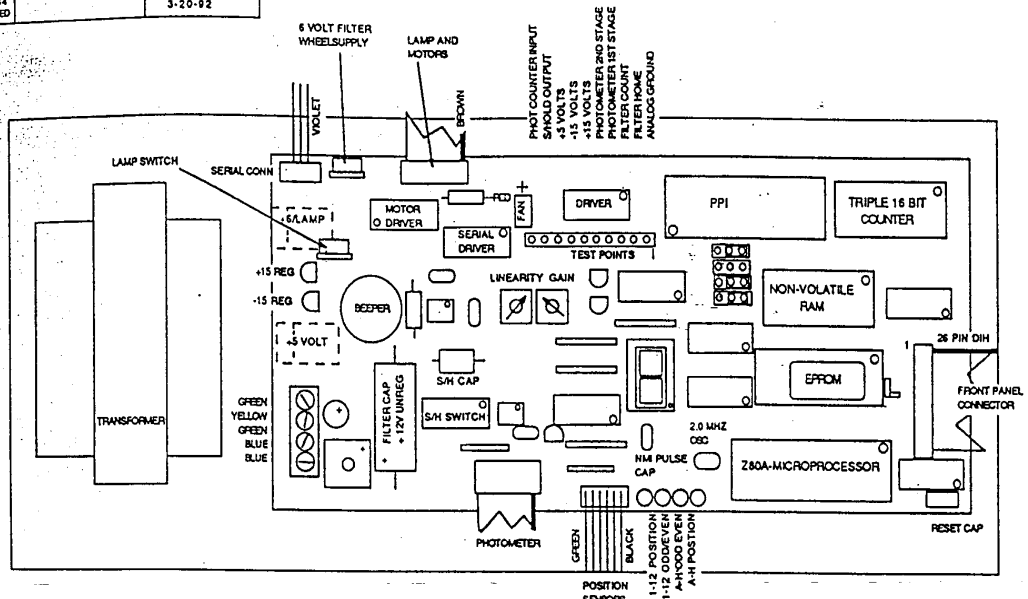
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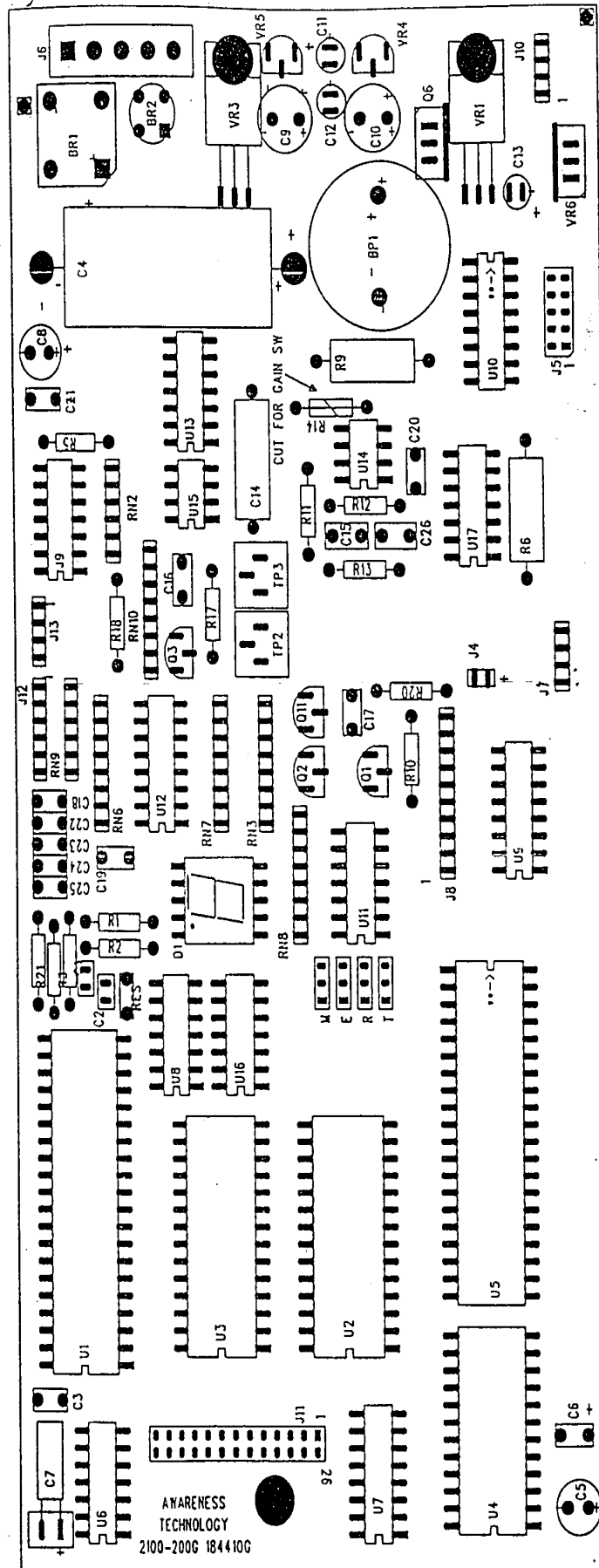
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2100-200G (CR) 2100 MAIN BOARD PCA 995008



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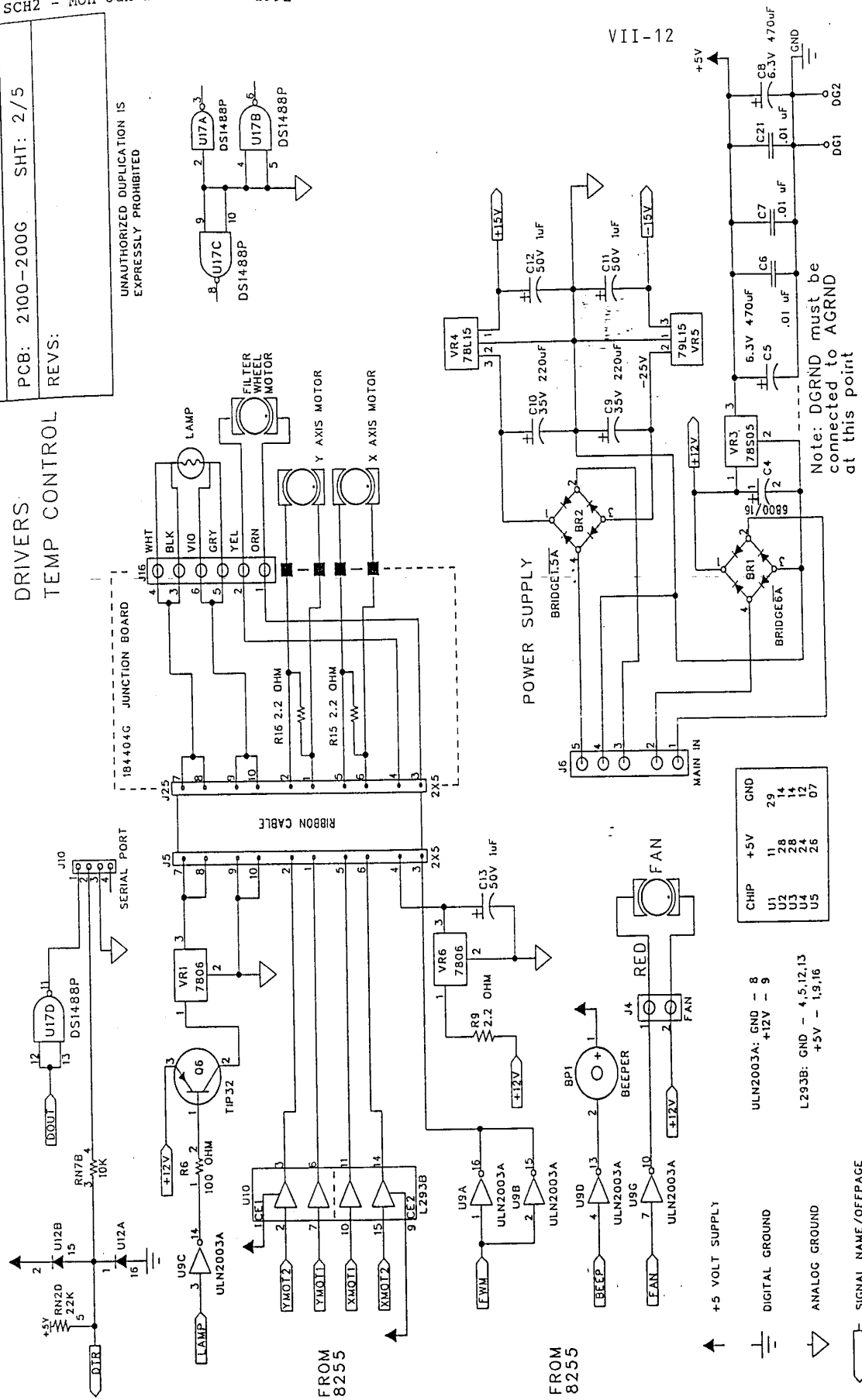
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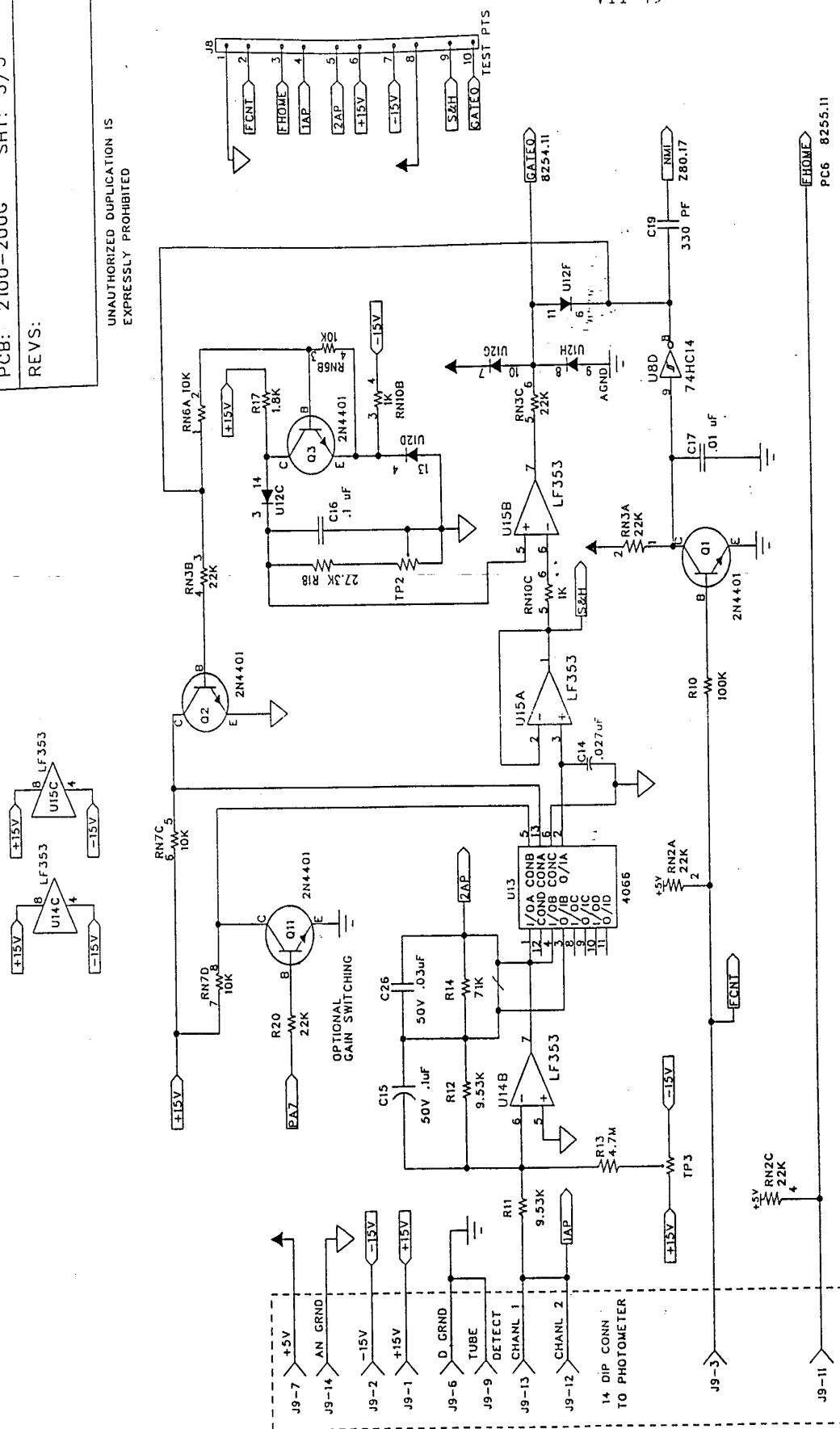
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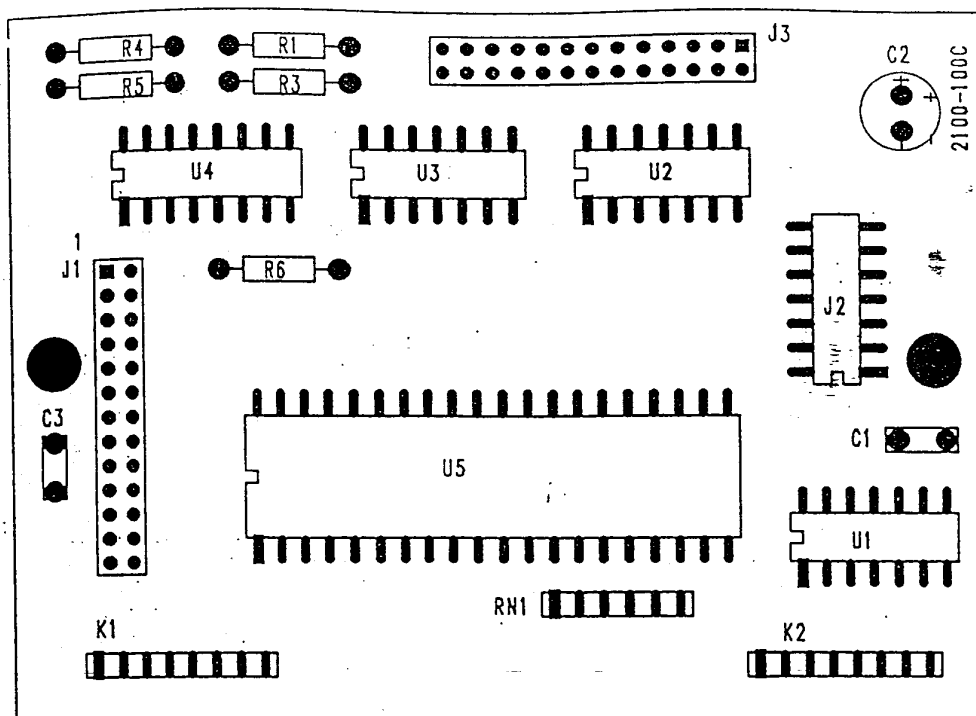
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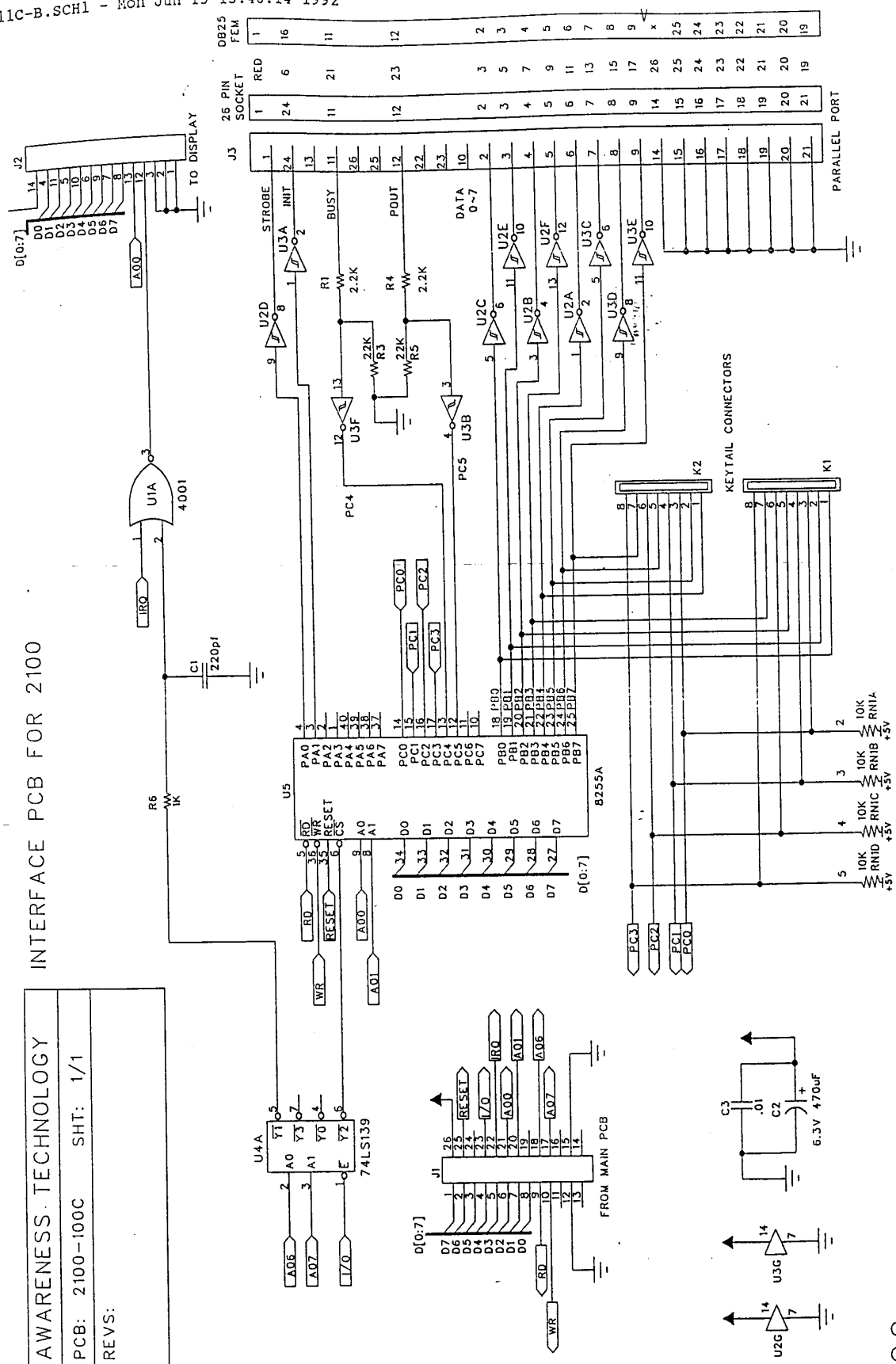
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C1	220pf CAP
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C3	.01pf CAP
J1	2-ROW, 26 PIN HEADER
J2	14 PIN DIP SOCKET
J3	2-ROW, 26 PIN HEADER
K1	KEYTAIL CONNECTOR
K2	KEYTAIL CONNECTOR
R1	2.2K 1/4W
R3	22K 1/4W
R4	2.2K 1/4W
R5	22K 1/4W
R6	1K 1/4W
RN1	10K SIP
U1	4001
U2	74HC14
U3	74HC14
U4	74LS139
U5	8255

AWARENESS. TECHNOLOGY

PCB: 2100-100C SHT: 1/1

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Service Test Codes

Test number	Function
99	Print stored tests
100	Date format change
183	Erase user defined tests and set memory to 8 open channels
185	Simulates a 50 plate run and checks for errors
186	Shows filter voltages
187	Advance mechanism 1 step when ENTER is pressed
188	Displays location of last mechanism error
189	Displays total number of plates read
190	Runs 3 plates at 405 and 630 nm
213	Opens additional memory space