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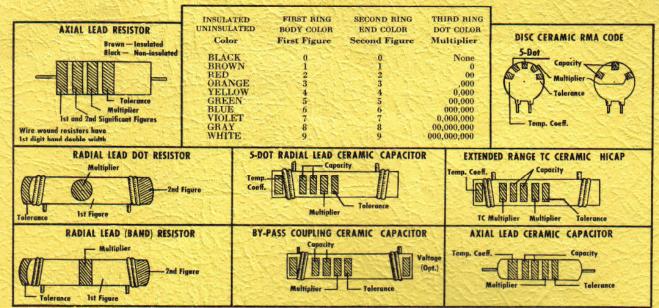
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THE WORLD'S FINEST ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT IN KIT FORM

HANDITESTER MODEL M-1 スニー

STANDARD COLOR CODE — RESISTORS AND CAPACITORS



The standard color code provides all necessary information required to properly identify color coded resistors and capacitors. Refer to the color code for numerical values and the zeroes or multipliers assigned to the colors used. A fourth color band on resistors determines tolerance rating as follows: Gold = 5%, silver = 10%. Absence of the fourth band indicates a 20% tolerance rating.

Range Milliamperes.
Meter Movement....
AC Rectifier

Accuracy....

The physical size of carbon resistors is determined by their wattage rating. Carbon resistors most commonly used in Heath-kits are ½ watt. Higher wattage rated resistors when specified are progressively larger in physical size. Small wire wound resistors ½ watt, 1 or 2 watt may be color coded but the first band will be double width.

Range DC Volts....
Range AC Volts....

SPECIFICATIONS

0-3,000 Ohms 30 Ohms Center

0-300,000 Ohms 3000 ohms Center 0-10 MA 0-100 MA DC

400 Microampere 3" Dual half wave Full scale 10-30-300-1,000 and 5,000 Volts



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Size "C"

No. 1 Flashlight cell

Streamline molded phenolic

1% divider and calibrating resistors provided Meter movement 2% of full scale

Ohmmeter Battery.

ASSEMBLY AND USE
HEATHKIT HANDITESTER
MODEL M-1

CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

The Heathkit Handitester uses a 400 microamperse meter movement. This movement is shunted with resistors to provide a uniform 1 milliampere load on both AC and DC ranges. This allows the use of but one set of divider resistors on both AC and DC and provides a simplicity of switching which is handled with only one switch--there are no separate AC-DC switches to forget.

The AC rectifier circuit uses a high quality Bradley rectifier in a dual half wave hookup. The dual half wave type was chosen because of its excellent linear characteristics. A comparison of the red AC scale with the black DC scale shows this.

The obnumeter uses a 11/2 volt internal battery in series with the unknown resistance. The low range is obtained by shunting the meter circuit with a known low resistance.

The milliampere ranges are obtained by shunting the basic meter movement with the proper shunts. The meter is provided with a hairline type pointer which can be read with maximum accuracy. Always read AC voltages on the RED scale. DC voltages are always read on the BLACK scale. The 10 and 30 volt ranges are read directly. The 300 volt range is obtained by adding one zero (0) to the 30 volt scale; the 1,000 volt range by adding two zeros (00) to the 10 volt scale; and the 5,000 volt range by adding three zeros (000) to the 5 volt scale.

The divisions for the 30 volt scale are found above the red and black lines while the divisions for the 5 and 10 volt scales are below the red and black lines.

"Lo" ohms are read directly from the ohms scale, which is the top scale. "Hi" ohms range is obtained by multiplying the scale by 100. In using the ohms ranges, the test leads are always shorted together and the ohms adjust control adjusted until the meter pointer is exactly on the zero (0) of its scale. When the pointer can no longer be adjusted for full scale, the flashlight battery should be replaced.

In all uses, the black test lead is negative or common and should be connected to the "Com" jack. The red lead which is positive or hot should be connected to "V-C-MA" for all uses and ranges except the 5,000 volt range. For the 5,000 volt range, move the red lead to the jack marked "5,000 V."

CAUTION.—HIGH VOLTACES ARE DANGEROUS. USE EXTREME CARE. It is best on the 5,000 volt range to connect the instrument before the voltage is applied. Make the measurement without touching the test leads. Be certain that all condensers are discharged before removing the test leads.

To read milliamperes, connect the test leads in series with the current to be measured. Always use the higher scale at the start, as the meter can readily be damaged by overload. For the 10 milliampere range, use the 10 volt scale, adding one zero (0) for the 100 milliampere range.

CAUTION: The meter cannot be guaranteed against overload on any range--always start with the highest range, lowering it to obtain the reading in the middle section of the scale if possible.

Functional diagrams showing the circuit for each type of use are shown on the schematic diagram

NOTE: ALL GUARANTEES ARE VOIDED AND WE WILL NOT REPAIR OR SERVICE INSTRUMENTS IN WHICH ACID CORE SOLDER OR PASTE FLUXES HAVE BEEN USED. WHEN IN DOUBT ABOUT SOLDER, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT A NEW ROLL PLAINLY MARKED "ROSIN CORE RADIO SOLDER" BE PURCHASED.

ASSEMBLY

This Handitester uses the finest quality materials and deserves the best of workmanship. Work slowly, checking each step. The pictorial diagram shows the approximate location of each part. The assembly instructions to follow give the proper order of assembly--follow them, checking off each step as completed.

Thoroughly familiarize yourself with the layout pictorial and read the instructions completely through before starting. Many components are supplied by the manufacturer with leads that are longer than the particular application requires. Of course, all excess lead lengths should be removed so as to permit neat and direct installation of the component involved. Following this procedure will very definitely result in superior operation of the instrument and will afford the kit builder a definite sense of satisfaction and pride in having constructed a neat, professional appearing instrument.

Make a good mechanical joint of each connection--metal to metal, as solder itself is not a good conductor and serves only to hold the connection rigid. When soldering, use enough heat at the point of connection to allow a smooth, even flow of solder. Avoid excessive use of solder to prevent a possible solder flux flooding condition. Be sure to use solder that is plainly marked, "Rosin core solder."

Check the parts against the parts list--identify each part. This will avoid throwing away small parts in the packing.

STEP BY STEP ASSEMBLY AND WIRING

Check off each step as it is completed. Make all wiring to terminals mechanically strong. Connections should be soldered only when so indicated in the step by step procedure.

When assembling parts to the molded meter cover, use a soft cloth on your work bench or table to prevent scratching or otherwise marring the cover.

MECHANICAL ASSEMBLY

- () Assemble battery holder to meter studs as shown in pictorial. It is important that one set of nuts be used as spacers between the meter and battery holder.
- () Mount ohms adjust control to bracket using two #1-72 control nuts.
- () Mount bracket to molded cover by pressing speed nut over stud in cover, as shown in pictorial, with the control projecting through slot opening provided. This assembly should be carefully done so that the mounting stud will not be broken.
- () Mount the meter rectifier to bracket with one self tapping screw as shown in pictorial.
-) Install the three banana jack inserts in the cover. Bend the solder end slightly so that the inserts cannot be pulled out from the cover.

SWITCH WIRING

In this construction procedure the switch should be completely wired before mounting to instrument case. It is important that the switch be properly oriented in respect to its final assembly to panel before resistor mounting and wiring are completed. Notice the location of dummy lugs #6 and #7 on lower deck of switch assembly. These dummy lugs can be used as a guide in the proper wiring of the switch and its assembly to the meter cover.

- (\(\sigma\) On lower and middle decks connect bare wire between lugs \(\pi 1-\pi 2-\pi 3-\pi 4\) and \(\pi 9-\pi 10-\pi 11-\pi 12\)
- (~) On upper deck connect bare wire between lugs #2-#11, lugs #3-#10 and between lugs #4-#9 Use spaghetti covering.
- (~) On upper deck connect 700K Ω 1 watt resistor between lug #2 and lugs #12 and #1 which are connected together.
- () On upper deck connect 270K \(\Omega \) resistor between lug #10 and #11
- () On upper deck connect 20K \(\Omega \) resistor between lug #3 and #4.
- (Δ) Between lower and middle deck connect 2516 Ω resistor between dummy lug #6 on lower deck and long lug under lug #11 on middle deck. (This resistor may be placed inside the switch alongside the shaft.)
- (~) On lower deck connect 29 \Omega resistor between dummy lug #6 and lug #8.
- (\sim) Connect 9750 Ω resistor between lug #4 on upper deck and lug #4 on middle deck.
- ($\ensuremath{\mathcal{A}}$ Connect 417 Ω resistor between lug #3 on middle deck and lug #3 on lower deck.
- Install 9500 Ω resistor between lug #9 on upper deck and dummy lug #7 on lower deck.
- () Install 7000 Ω resistor between lug #10 on middle deck and lug #10 on lower deck.
- () Connect 2.51 Ω resistor between long lug #5 on lower deck and lug #5 on upper deck
- () Connect a bare wire between middle deck lug #5 and upper deck lug #5.
- () Connect 26 Ω resistor between long lug #5 on lower deck and lug #6 on upper deck.
- () Connect a bare wire between middle deck lug #6 and upper deck lug #6

Note: When soldering connection avoid excessive use of rosin flux and do not allow a flux flooding condition to occur between switch terminals.

(/) Solder all connections except the following: Middle deck, lug #9 and long lug under #11; lower deck, long lug #5, dummy lugs #6 and #7 and lug #9.

FINAL ASSEMBLY

- (\checkmark) Mount the wired switch through bracket hole and cover; fasten securely with control lockwasher and control nut.
- (v) Wire the rectifier to the switch by connecting the red wire to lug #9 on middle deck, the centerwire to dummy lug #7 on lower deck; the remaining wire to lug #9 on the lower deck. Solder all these connections.
- (v) Wire the control and the meter to the switch by connecting meter + to long lug under #11 on middle deck; meter - and outside contact on control to long contact lug under #8 on the lower deck; center contact on control to lugs #7 and #8 connected together on the middle deck. Solder these connections.

- (*) Wire the battery contacts to the switch by connecting the + lug to dummy lug #6 on the lower deck; the lug to lugs #7 and #8 connected together on the upper deck. Solder these connections.
- (v) Wire the banana jacks to the switch by connecting the "common" jack to the long lug #5 on lower deck; the middle "V-O-MA" jack to the long lug below #3 on the upper deck; and the "5,000 V" jack to the long lug below #12 on the upper deck using two resistors, 2 megohm 2 watt in series, each covered with a large piece of spaghetti as shown in pictorial. Solder these connections.
- () Install flashlight cell observing polarity (the center contact is +) and fasten the knob on the selector switch. It may be necessary to slightly alter the switch mounting so that the pointer knob will line up with panel markings.
- () Slip the completed unit into the case and fasten with the four long screws.
- (\sqrt{semble}) has the test leads using the black sleeve and banana plug assembly to the black test lead, solder the alligator clip to the remaining end.
- (V) Assemble the red sleeve and banana plug assembly to the red test lead and fasten the red test prod to the remaining end of the lead.
- With completed instrument in horizontal position, check mechanical zero position of meter pointer. If adjustment is required turn the small black screw located just below scale opening. Tap meter lightly during adjusting procedure. For maximum accuracy always use meter in horizontal position.

USE .

TO MEASURE D. C. (A. C.) VOLTAGE

Plug black test lead into "Com" jack.
Plug red test lead into "V-O-MA" jack.
Set selector to 1,000 DCV (AcV).
Connect black test lead clip to negative (or common) on source under test.
Touch red test prod to positive (or høt) on source under test.
If reading is less than 300 volts, turn selector to 300 volts.
If reading is less than 30 volts, turn selector to 30 volts.

Making this procedure a habit will prevent overload and resultant damage.

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TO MEASURE D.C. (A.C.) VOLTAGE BETWEEN 1,000 AND 5,000 VOLTS

CAUTION -- HIGH VOLTAGES MAY BE DANGEROUS

Plug black test lead into "Com" jack.
Plug red test lead into "5,000 V" jack.
Set selector switch to 1,000 DCV (ACV):

With source turned off, connect black test lead clip to negative (or cold) and red test prod to positive (or bot) on source under test.

With the state of the body of the turner turn source on and observe reading.

Without fource and observe reading drop back to zero, then disconnect the leads.

Making this procedure a habit may prevent serious accidents.

TO MEASURE RESISTANCE

Plug red test lead into "V-O-MA" jack. Set selector to "Lo" ohms. Plug black test lead into "Com" jack.

Touch red test prod to black test lead clip.

Move "ohms adjust" until pointer reads exactly full scale.

other terminal of unknown resistance. Clip black test lead to one terminal of unknown resistance and touch red test prod to

Observe resistance in ohms on upper meter scale

find resistance in ohms. reconnect to unknown. If reading is more than 500 ohms, set selector to "Hi" ohms, set "ohms adjust" and Multiply reading obtained by 100 by adding two zeros (00) to

When it is no longer possible to set "adjust ohms" to full scale, the flashlight cell must

TO MEASURE D. C. CURRENT

Plug red test lead into "V-O-MA" jack. Set selector to 100 DC MA. Plug black test lead into "Com" jack.

With source turned off, break the circuit under test at a convenient point and connect black test lead clip to the more negative side of the break and the red test prod to the more positive side of the break.

Turn source on and be prepared to turn it off again instantly if the pointer should go off

If reading is below 10 MA, turn selector to 10 DC MA.

Most meter failures are due to careless operation on a current range. Making this procedure a habit will prevent overload and resultant damage This instrument is not suitable for measuring AC current.

Always check the selector switch before making any test, as the meter will be damaged by making voltage measurements on the MA ranges or making any high voltage measurement on a low range.

ACCURACY

scale. The accuracy of the multiplier and shunt resistors is within 1%. the DC ranges of the instrument would be within 3% of full scale. on the 1,000 volt range the accuracy of the movement will be within 20 volts at any point of the The accuracy of the meter movement is within 2% of full scale, which means that, for instance Thus the accuracy on

5% on the AC ranges. , the inaccuracy of the rectifier is added to this figure, which results in an accuracy within

meter loads the circuit under test, and a lower reading is observed. This, however, is not an inaccuracy of the meter, as the meter accurately reads the voltage in the circuit with the instrument connected. But keep in mind that the voltage with the meter across the circuit is not neces-When using this instrument to measure voltages in high impedance circuits, the resistance of the sarily the same as the circuit voltage without the meter attached

When comparing this instrument with another instrument, consider that the accuracy of the other may deviate in the opposite direction. Therefore when comparing two instruments of 5% accuracy, the difference might be a total of 10%.

IN CASE OF DIFFICULTY

the wires on the diagrams with a colored pencil as each wire and part is checked. It is often helpful to have a friend check over the wiring to eliminate mistakes consistently overlooked Recheck the wiring, by comparing it with either the wiring diagram or the pictorial. Trace over

SERVICE

If, after applying the information contained in this manual and your best efforts, you are still able to its customers. facilities which the Heath Company makes availgested that you take advantage of the technical unable to obtain proper performance, it is sug-

general source of technical information involving kit modifications nor anything other than the to you at no charge. Its primary purpose is to normal and specified performance of HEATHKIT intended, and is not equipped to function as a maintenance of HEATHKIT equipment, It is not difficulty in the construction, tained for your benefit, This service is available The Technical Consultation Department is mainassistance for those who encounter operation or

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- will not be necessary to write. hints and suggestions listed in this manual under in Case Of Difficulty, Possibly it Before writing, fully investigate each of the
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- Identify the kit model number and date of purchase, if available.
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print the name and address twice.) In short, he will devote full time to the problem at hand, and through his familiarity with the kit, plus your accurate report, he will be able to give you a complete and helpful answer. If replacement parts are required, they will be shipped to you, subject to the terms of the Warranty. through the letter, hence the suggestion to the correct spelling of name and address, assumptions nor waste time checking files for tious suggestions. He will make no incorrect what you have done in cause of trouble and, made since it was shipped to you. He will know what you have done in an effort to locate the whether or not engineering changes have been to correct. With the above information, the consultant will (The automatic letter opener sometimes cuts like it to do for you and the difficulty you wish know exactly what kit you have, what you would The date of purchase tells thereby, avoid repeti-

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able on all obtained at than the Heath Company. using information available from sources other must be made at the discretion of the kit builder special purposes. Therefore, such modifications responsibility for proposed circuit changes for obtained at or through your local library, as well as at most electronic equipment stores. Although the Heath Company sincerely welcomes or more of the many publications that are avail-HEATHKIT equipment for special applications, it is suggested that you refer to any one For possible to design, test, evaluate and assume all comments and suggestions, it would be iminformation regarding modification of phases of electronics. They can be

REPLACEMENTS

ment operation can be traced to a faulty component. without difficulty. Occasionally improper instruquirements and ordinarily will fulfill its function has been carefully selected to meet design re-Material supplied ent. Should inspection reveal the necessity replacement, write to the Heath Company supply all of the following information. with HEATHKIT products

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The Heath Company reserves the right to discon-

viously sold. incorporate new features in instruments preany time without incurring any obligation to

A Thoroughly identify the part in question by using the part number and description found in the manual Parts List.

- B Identify the type and model number of kit in which it is used.
- 0 Mention date of purchase.
- D. Describe the nature of defect or reason for requesting replacement.

The Heath Company will promptly supply the necessary replacement. PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THE ORIGINAL COMPONENT UNTIL ment of parts that may have been broken or damaged through carelessness on the part of not the kit builder. this SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED TO DO SO, Do ment dismantle the component in question as will void the guarantee. This replacepolicy does not cover the free replace-

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

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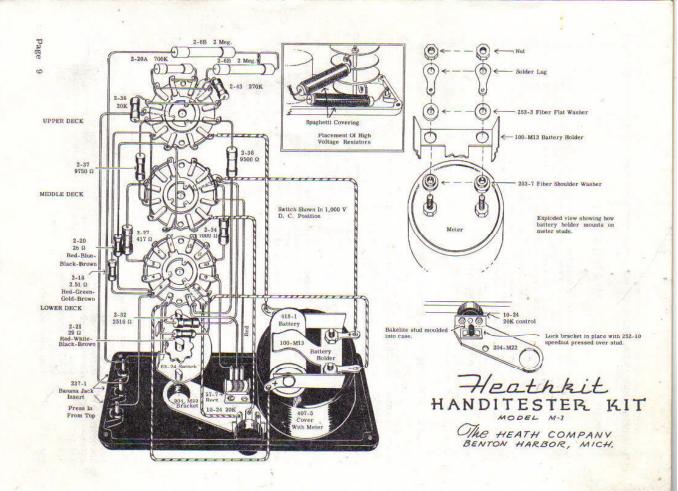
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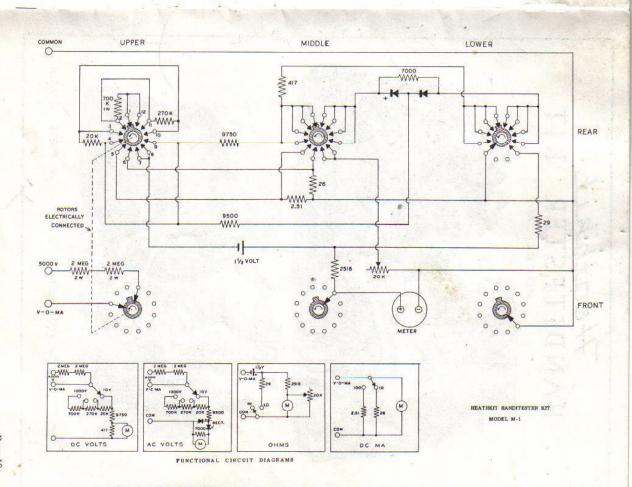
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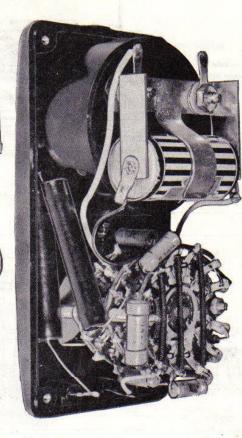
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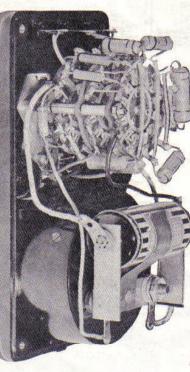
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