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This equipment contains voltage hazardous to human life and safety, and is capable of inflicting personal injury.

If this instrument is to be powered the AC line (mains) through an autotransformer, ensure the common connector is connected to the neutral (earth pole) of the power supply.

Before operating the unit, ensure the conductor (green wire) is connected to the ground (earth) conductor of the power outlet. Do not use a two-conductor extension cord or a three-prong/two-prong adapter. This will defeat the protective feature of the third conductor in the power cord.

Maintenance and calibration procedures sometimes call for operation of the unit with power applied and protective covers removed. Read the procedures and heed warnings to avoid "live" circuit points.

Before operating this instrument:

1. Ensure the proper fuse is in place for the power source to operate.

2. Ensure all other devices connected to or in proximity to this instrument are properly grounded or connected to the protective third-wire earth ground.

If the instrument:

-        fails to operate satisfactorily
-        shows visible damage
-        has been stored under unfavorable conditions
-        has sustained stress

Do not operate until performance is checked by qualified personnel.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

The 346B Synthesized Calibrator unit, **Figure 1-1,** provides frequencies from 0.1Hz to 99999.9Hz in 0.1 Hz steps. The signal output is in millivolt and picocoulomb levels with selected units of RMS, pk, pk-pk, or DC. Levels from 0.010 to 9999 millivolts or picocoulombs can be selected. The Frequency and Level can be set either by the keypad on the front panel (local) or by the bus (remote). Remote operation is an optional feature. The unit operates as a stand-alone unit without the remote bus. Frequency accuracy is 2 parts in 100,000 and the level accuracy is 0.5% of set level ±0.2% of full scale.

Figure 1-1, 346B Synthesized Calibrator

The unit has non-volatile memory capacity to hold 24 files of 31 segments. Each of the 31 segments can have different frequency, level and units. The segment can be stepped manually or a dwell time between 1 and 9 seconds can be used to step through the segments.

Integrated circuitry is used throughout. The components are packaged on a printed circuit board with an integral power supply. A rack mount kit is provided and the unit dimensions are 3.5" high, 19" wide, and 13" deep.

The MILLIVOLT output is converted to picocoulomb at the PICOCOULOMB output. The frequency is the same; the picocoulomb level is the same as the millivolts ±0.3%.

Specifications

Millivolts Output

Impedance	Less than 20 Ohms.	
Connector	BNC (front and rear panels).	
Waveform Sinewave		
Operating Temperature	0º to 70º C	
Storage Temperature	-20º to 85º C	
Level	9.999, 99.99, 999.9, or 9999 mV full scale with RMS, PEAK, or PK-PK units.	
Freq Range	0.1 Hz–99999.9 Hz	
Distortion	5 Hz to 10,000 Hz	
	5 Hz to 5000 Hz	0.25%
	5000 to 10,000 Hz	0.5%
	10,000 to 99999.9 Hz	1%
Accuracy (Freq Set)	±20 ppm (0º to 70º C)	
Level Set Accuracy	0.5% of settings ±0.2% FS from 1 Hz to 100 kHz.	
Resolution	9999 mV Range	10 mV
	999.9 mV Range	1 mV
	99.99 mV Range	0.1 mV
	9.999 mV Range	0.01 mV
Waveform: Triangular Wave		
Level	9.999, 99.99, 999.9 or 9999 mV FS pk-pk units	
Level Set Accuracy	2% of settings ±0.3% FS 0.1 Hz to 100 kHz	
Waveform: Square Wave		
Rise/fall time (10%-90%)	Less than 1.2 µsec	
Asymmetry (@ 10 kHz)	Less than 1%	

Level	9.999, 99.99, 999.9 or 9999 mV FS pk-pk units
Level Set Accuracy	2% of setting ±0.3% FS

DC Output Millivolt (plus/minus)

Impedance	Less than 10 ohms.	
Level	9.999, 99.99, 999.9 or 9999 mV DC full scale.	
Level Set Accuracy	±0.5% of setting ±0.2% FS	
Resolution	9999 mV Range	1 mV
	999.9 mV Range	.1 mV
	99.99 mV Range	.01 mV
	9.999 mV Range	.001 mV

Square Wave Output

Impedance	Less than 1k ohm (5 mA max)
Waveform	Square wave.
Level	0 to 4 V ±1 Volt.
Rise/Fall Time	Less than 1.0 µsec

SWEEP INPUT

Wave Shape	Square wave 0 to 5 Volt level.
Frequency	Frequency equals 0.1 Hz/sec (10Hz input is 1 Hz/sec).

Controls

Power Switch	Applies power to circuit, when ON.
Keypad Frequency Selector	Six digit selection by keypad for 0.1Hz resolution.
Level Selector	Four digits 0.010–9999 settings of level.
Control	Selects RMS, Peak, pk-pk or DC units at the output

Displays (2)

	6 digit LED display (frequency)
	4 digit LED display (amplitude)
	5 LED's indicate (SEGMENT NUMBER)
	4 LED's indicate (functions)
	4 LED's indicate (units)
	2 LED's indicate PROG (program) or REM (remote)

Dimensions

	3.5" high
	19" wide
	13" deep

Power

	Operates either 115 or 230 V RMS AC power 50-400 Hz, at approximately 25 watts.

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Chapter 2
Operation

Programming Functions

Table 3-1, Programming Functions

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                        OPERATION
            MODEL 346B SYNTHESIZED CALIBRATOR
                  PROGRAMMING FUNCTIONS
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TO PROGRAM	PRESS THESE KEYS	PROVIDES
FREQ. (LAST DIGIT 0.1HZ)	FREQ. 1 2 3 4 ENTER FREQ. ⬆ FREQ. ⬇	123.4 HZ INCREASE DECREASE
LEVEL LEVEL INC LEVEL DEC	LEVEL 1 2 3 . 4 ENTER LEVEL ⬆ LEVEL ⬇	123.4 MILLIVOLTS INCREASE DECREASE
TIME	TIME 5	5 SEC DWELL
END OF AUTO STEPPING SEQ	TIME 0	STOPS THE AUTO STEPPING SEQ AT PREVIOUS SEG
GO TO SEG SEG INC SEG DEC	SEG 1 4 ENTER SEG ⬆ SEG ⬇	SEG #14 OF FILE NEXT SEGMENT PREVIOUS SEGMENT
START OR STOP OF AUTO STEPPING SEQ	START STOP	START STEPPING STOP STEPPING
SAVE FILE	SAVE 1 7 ENTER	SAVES SEQ FILE 17 EE CODE=FILE EXISTS PH CODE=MEM IS FULL
FILE RECALL	FILE 2 3 ENTER	RECALLS FILE #23
MODES AND (UNITS)	MODE	SINE, SQUARE TRIANGLE DC,PK, PK−PK, RMS
FILE (QUANTITY)	FILE TOTAL	TOTAL FILES STORED
FILES (USED)	FILE ⬆	LIST FILES IN MEMORY FROM 0 TO 99 LL CODE=END OF LIST
DELETE FILES	FILE MODE ENTER	DELETE ALL FILES
START AGAIN	CLEAR	CANCELS LAST ENTRY
(CALIBRATION)		

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SEQ  = SEQUENCE            PROG = PROGRAM
SEG  = SEGMENT             INC  = INCREASE
FREQ = FREQUENCY           DEC  = DECREASE
MEM  = MEMORY              AUTO = AUTOMATIC
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Operation

The 346B Synthesized Calibrator generates signals with frequencies from 0.1 Hz to 99999.9 Hz with 0.1 Hz resolution. The level of the signal can be set from 0.1 to 9999 millivolts or picocoulombs. It can generate sinewave, triangle wave, square wave, and DC. The following is a description of how to set the different parameters using the front panel keypad, **Figure 2-1**.

Turn the unit on by placing the power switch to ON position.
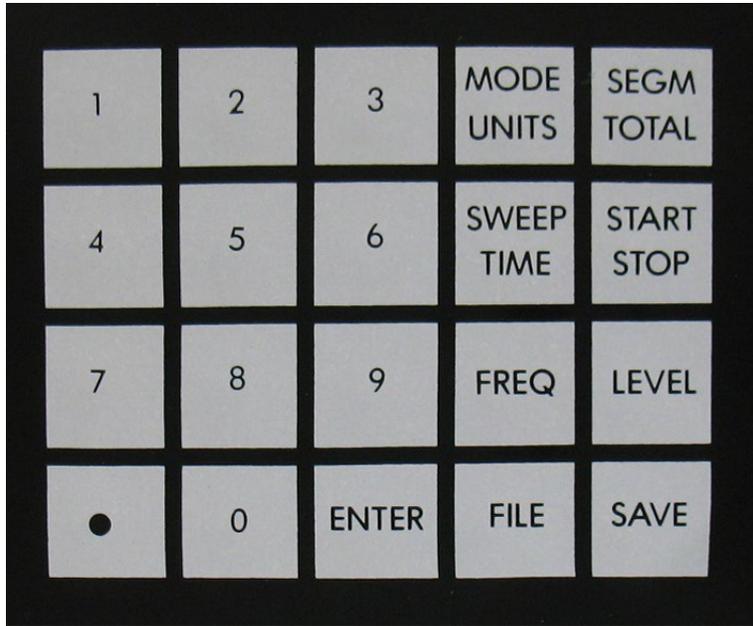
Figure 2-1, Front Panel Keypad

Grounds

There are two grounds on the terminal strip on the back panel of the unit, **Figure 2-2**, marked SIG for signal ground and CHAS for chassis ground The signal ground is the same ground as all the output BNC connectors. The chassis ground is connected to the chassis and the third wire on the input power line. These two grounds are connected together on the terminal strip when it is shipped from the factory. Separate the grounds, if the chassis ground of this 346B is not the same as the unit being tested.
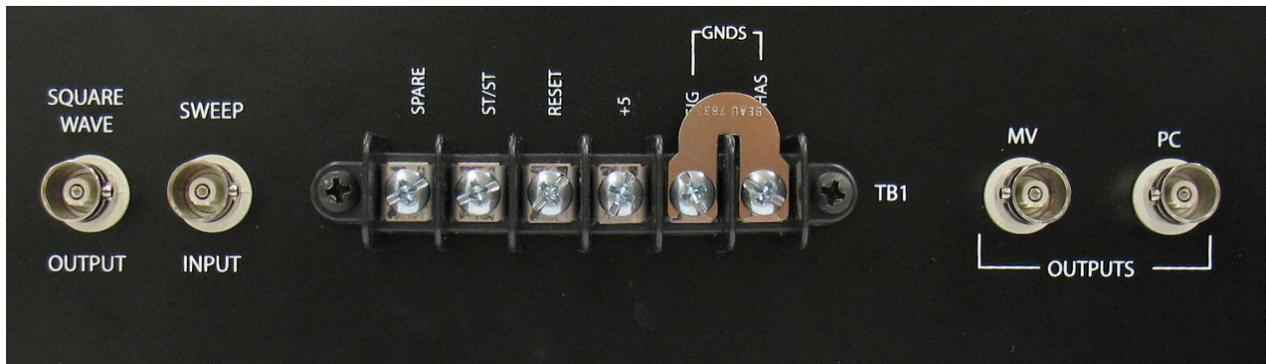
Figure 2-2, Rear Panel Terminal Strip and BNCs

Frequency Set Up

To set a new frequency, press the FREQ key. Enter the desired frequency using the keypad. Do not enter any decimal point, since the decimal point is always on the same location (0.1 Hz resolution). For example, to set the frequency for 250.0 Hz, press the following keys:

FREQ → 2 → 5 → 0 → 0 → ENTER

After the ENTER key is pressed, the PROG light will go off and the signal with the new frequency will be at the output jacks.

In order to increase or decrease the frequency by the ↑ and ↓ keys, simply press the FREQ key and then the ↑ and ↓ keys. This will increase and decrease the Frequency setting of the unit.

Level Set Up

To set a new level, press the LEVEL key on the keypad. Enter the desired level using the keypad. (Make sure the Level is in millivolts or picocoulombs). For example, to set the Level for 80.0 millivolts, press the following keys.

LEVEL → 8 → 0 → 0 → ENTER

After the ENTER key is pressed, the PROG light will go off and the signal with the new Level will be at the output jacks. If 4 digits is entered for the Level, the operator does not need to press the ENTER key, it automatically enters the data.

In order to increase or decrease the LEVEL by the ↑ and ↓ keys, simply press the level key and then ↑ and ↓ keys. This will increase and decrease the Level setting of the unit.

Units and Modes

The 346B provides 7 different outputs. These are: +DC, -DC, Sine Wave RMS, Sine Wave Peak, Sine Wave pk-pk, Square Wave pk-pk, and Triangular Wave pk-pk. Simply press MODE UNITS and step through the seven different options and observe the unit and mode LEDS.

Programmable Files

The 346B has an internal; non-volatile memory. The unit has the capability to store 24 files, each file can have up to 31 segments that include a frequency level and dwell time.

Segment Programming

When programming the segments of a file, the PROG STEP LED below the Freq indicator, will indicate .which segment is selected. For example, if the light for 1 and 4 are on, it means the segment 5 (1 + 4 = 5) is selected and it shows the frequency and level of that segment. While on that segment, the operator can make a change on the level and frequency of tlie segment (note the mode and unit selected at the time will be stored). In order to move to a different segment press the SEGM TOTAL key and the segment number. For example, to select segment 2, press the following keys:

SEGM TOTAL → 2 → ENTER

The PROG Step Light should indicate 2, and the frequency and level for that segment should show up on the indicators. It is also possible to increment the segments by pressing the following keys:

$$\boxed{\text{SEGM TOTAL}} \qquad \boxed{\uparrow}$$

This would move to the next segment and pressing:

$$\boxed{\text{SEGM TOTAL}} \qquad \boxed{\downarrow}$$

would move to the previous segment.

Each segment has a dwell time associated with it. This time can be any number between 1 to 9 seconds. This is used when the unit is programmed to step through the 31 different segments, and dwell at each segment for the programmed dwell time duration.

Press $\boxed{\text{SWEEP TIME}}$ and it shows the dwell time for that segment (it should indicate 1 to 9.). If a new dwell time is desired, press any key between 1 and 9 to change it to a new time, otherwise press $\boxed{\text{CLEAR}}$.

Once all of the 31 different segments have been programmed; the operator can cause the 346B to step through each segment and dwell at each segment for the preset time duration. This can be done either through the keypad or by using the two terminals on the back panel.

the keypad, press $\boxed{\text{START STOP}}$, and it will start the sequence. Press $\boxed{\text{START STOP}}$ again, and it will stop the sequence.

If there are less than 31 segments, set the dwell time for the segment after the last segment for 0. For example, if there are only 10 segments, set the dwell time for segment 11 for 0 second, and it will step through segments 1 through 10 and then it will stop.

Remote

From the remote, apply +5 Volts to the ST/ST Terminal and it will start the sequence. If you remove the +5 Volts, it will stop the sequence. Also if you apply +5 Volts to the RESET terminal, it will move to the first segment on the program. Therefore, if the test needs to start at segment one, first apply the +5 Volts to RESET, then remove it and apply the +5 Volts to the ST/ST terminal.

Save/File

The 346B has non-volatile SRAM which allows it to save 24 different files. Each file consists of up to 31 segments, or setups. Therefore, after all the parameters have been set for the segments (or segment, whichever will be used), the operator can save those segments, under a two-digit file number. Press $\boxed{\text{SAVE}}$ key, the PROG Light comes on, and the frequency indicator indicates P. Enter two digits (between 0 to 9) and then press $\boxed{\text{ENTER}}$. If you make a mistake anywhere in the sequence, press $\boxed{\text{CLEAR}}$ and start over again. For example, to save under File 22, press the following keys:

$$\boxed{\text{SAVE}} \; \rightarrow \; \boxed{2} \rightarrow \boxed{2} \rightarrow \; \boxed{\text{ENTER}}$$

If the code PH appears on the display, it indicates the 24 files are filled and no more files can be saved.

If the code EE appears on the display, it indicates a file with that file number already exists. If you press $\boxed{\text{ENTER}}$ it will replace the old file with the new file, if you press another key it will not save the file.

To recall a file, press $\boxed{\text{FILE}}$ and the two digit file number and then the $\boxed{\text{ENTER}}$ key. For example, to bring up File 22, press the following keys:

$$\boxed{\text{FILE}} \; \rightarrow \boxed{2} \rightarrow \boxed{2} \rightarrow \; \boxed{\text{ENTER}}$$

To check the total number of files which have been saved, press $\boxed{\text{FILE}}$ and then $\boxed{\text{SEGM TOTAL}}$. The number should appear on frequency indicator. Press any key to go back to normal operation.

To see the file numbers press $\boxed{\text{FILE}}$ and then $\boxed{\uparrow}$ key. The first file number will appear on the display, simply press $\boxed{\downarrow}$ key again and it will indicate the next file number until it displays LL which means the end of the files.

To delete all the files, press

$$\boxed{\text{FILE}} \; \rightarrow \; \boxed{\text{MODE UNITS}} \; \rightarrow \; \boxed{\text{ENTER}}$$

You cannot delete a single file, but you can save a new file in place of the old file number. For example, if you have File 22 which you don't need anymore, simply save the next file under the File 22. This would copy a new file in place of the old file which is no longer needed.

Sweep Input and Sweep UP-DN

The sweep input is a BNC connector on the rear panel. Input a square wave signal with a level of 0 to 5 Volts at a frequency ten times the desired linear sweep rate. The UP/DN terminal when at low level (0 Volt) causes the frequency to sweep down and when at +5 Volt to sweep up.

The SWEEP UP can be activated by pressing the $\boxed{\text{SWEEP TIME}}$ and then $\boxed{\uparrow}$ key. (There must be an input signal at the Sweep input jack on the rear panel). Press the key $\boxed{\downarrow}$ and it will sweep down. The $\boxed{\uparrow}$ and $\boxed{\downarrow}$ keys are used to change the sweep direction. Press $\boxed{\text{CLEAR}}$ and it stops the sweep.

RS 232 Bus Remote Operation

(The RS 232 Bus Assy TTI 4118 must be installed. See **Fig. 2-3** for help in installation.)

LIST OF RS 232 BUS COMMANDS

FR	Frequency
LE	Level
MD x	Mode x (0 to 6)
T x	Dwell time x (0 to 9) Seconds
ST1	Start the stepping sequence
ST2	Start the stepping sequence
ST3	Start Sweep Up
ST4	Start Sweep Down
ST5	Stop the Sweep
SA SG xx	Save under segment number xx (01 to 31)
RC SG xx	Recall Segment xx (01 to 31)
SA FI xx	Save under file number xx (00 to 99)
RC FI xx	Recall file number xx (00 to 99)
OT SS	Output the Frequency, Level, and mode of the present segment.
OT SG xx	Output Segment XX (01 to 31) status
OT FI	Output all the existing File numbers

NOTE: *All commands must be entered in capital letters, and there must be one space between each command.*

The MD Command could have 7 different possibilities:

	<u>Model,</u>	<u>Units</u>
MD 0	DC	-DC
MD 1	DC,	+DC
MD 2	SIN,	RMS
MD 3	SIN,	PK
MD 4	SIN,	PK-PK
MD 5	TR1,	PK-PK
MD 6	SQ,	PK-PK

Depending on the waveform needed, one of these 7 modes should be selected for each segment.

There is a 4-position switch marked S1 on the plug-in board for the RS 232 Interface. The following shows each switch setting for S1.

Position 1	ON	Speed 9600 bps
	OFF	Speed 4800 bps
Position 2	ON	Even parity, 7 character, 1 stop bit
	OFF	Odd parity, 7 character, 1 stop bit
Position 3	ON	Echo ON
	OFF	Echo OFF
Position 4	Not Used	
S2 Switch	Not Used	

Input strings received over the RS 232 Interface are not executed or checked for proper syntax until an input terminator is received. The valid terminator is LF (Line Feed) or CR (Carriage Return).

The unit is set at 9600 baud rate, even parity, 7 character, 1 stop bit, and echo OFF at the time of shipping factory. Therefore a communication port can be set up as:

OPEN"COM1:9600=,E,7,E,,CS,DS,CD" AS #1

which is COM1 at 9600 baud rate, even parity, 7 character, 1 stop bit, disregard clear to send, data set ready, and carrier detect.

The following shows some examples for different commands. To set the frequency for 200 Hz, use the following command:

"FR 200"

If there are more than one parameter to be set, just list them continuously one after the other. For example, to set the frequency for 500.6 Hz, Level for 20.8 millivolts rms sinewave (Mode 2), and dwell time of 5 seconds, use the following commands:

"FR 500.6 LE20.8 MD 2 T 5"

Once all the parameters for a segment is set, you can save that segment under a segment number. For example, to save under segment 20, use the following command:

"SA SG 20"

You can combine the two above strings into one command:

"FR 500.6 LE 20.8 MD 2 T 5 SA SG 20"

You can recall a segment and bring up the parameters on that segment by using the following command:

"RC SG 20"

This will bring up the parameters on segment number 20.

To save all 31 segments under a file number, use the command:

"SA FI 55"

This will save all the segments under File number 55. To recall a file, use the command:

"RC FI 60"

This will bring up all the 31 segments, which have been saved under File number 60.

There are some commands which can be used to cause the unit to output the proper information back to the computer. The command OT (output) should be in front of the string of commands, to receive information back from the unit. For example, if you need to receive the status of the present segment, use the following command:

"OT SS"

The status information will be put in a buffer. Therefore, right after the output command, the controller (computer) has to become a receiver in order to receive the information in the buffer. The received information would look like the following:

"FR 02000.0 LE 10.00 MD 2"

This indicates a sinewave of 2000.0 Hz at 10.00 millivolts RMS. To receive status on Segment 8, use the following command:

"OT SG 08"

The received information would look like the following:

"FR 10000.0 LE 580.0 MD 3 T 4"

which indicates a sinewave of 10000 Hz with a Level of 580 millivolts pk and dwell time of 4 seconds. If status of more than one segment is needed, just list them continuously one after the other. For example, to receive status of segments, 4, 12, and 21, use the command:

"OT SG04 SG 12 SG21"

The received information will show the status of each segment in that order.

To check the existing file numbers in the unit, use the following command:

"OT FI"

The output would look like the following:

"05 files 08 42 55 66 12"

which means there are 5 files in the unit, with file numbers 08, 42, 55, 66, and 12.

IEEE 488 Remote Operation

The optional IEEE 488 Bus Assy TTI 3869 must be installed to operate in Remote mode. See **Fig. 2-3** for installation information.

LIST OF IEEE 488 BUS COMMANDS

FR	Frequency
LE	Level
MD x	Mode x (0 to 6)
T x	Dwell time x (0 to 9) Seconds
ST1	Start the sweeping sequence
ST2	Stop the sweep sequence
ST3	Start Sweep Up
ST4	Start Sweep Down
ST5	Stop the Sweep
SA SG xx	Save under segment number xx (01 to 31)
RC SG xx	Recall Segment xx (01 to 31)
SA FI xx	Save under file number xx (00 to 99)
RC FI xx	Recall file number xx (00 to 99)
OT SS	Output the Frequency, Level, and mode of the present segment.
OT SG xx	Output Segment xx (01 to 31) status
OT FI	Output all the existing File numbers

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"FR 500.6 LE20.8 MD 2 T 5"

Once all the parameters for a segment is set, you can save that segment under a segment number. For example, to save under segment 20, use the following command:

"SA SG 20"

You can combine the two above strings into one command:

"FR 500.6 LE 20.8 MD 2 T 5 SA SG 20"

You can recall a segment and bring up the parameters on that segment by using the following command:

"RC SG 20"

This will bring up the parameters on segment number 20.

To save all 31 segments under a file number, use the command:

"SA FI 55"

This will save all the segments under File number 55. To recall a file, use the command:

"RC FI 60"

This will bring up all the 31 segments, which have been saved under File number 60.

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Installing IEEE Interface Board Assembly TT-3869

1. Remove top and bottom covers (3 screws at rear, 2 flat head screws at center. Retain hardware.

2. Remove screws, lockwashers on 2 threaded spacers on component side of PC Board near transformers. Retain hardware. Refer to **Figure 2-3**.

3. Slide Interface Board Assembly (TT-3869) into connector shell on rear panel. Engage PI, P2 headers into Hi-profile sockets on main PC Board. Push firmly into place after insuring: all pins are engaged.

4. Install screws, lockwashers removed in Step 2 above to hold board assembly.

5. Re-install top and bottom covers using hardware removed in Step 1 above.
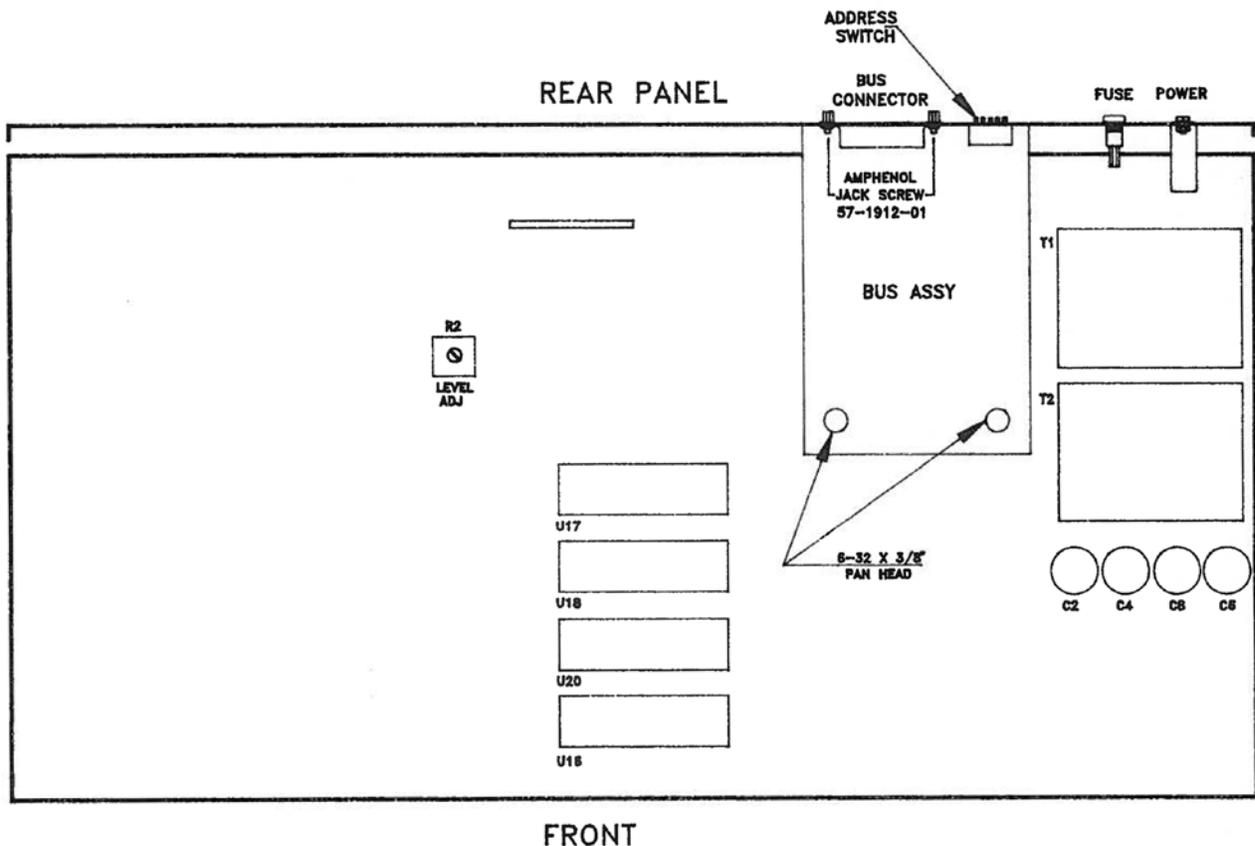
Figure 2-3, 346B Layout

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Chapter 3

Performance Test Procedure

General

The test provides a method to test the 346B Synthesized Calibrator for compliance to the manufacturer's specifications. The unit is designed with integrated circuitry and very stable parts. Astronics Test Systems recommends calibration on a one year schedule.

Test Equipment

Note: Equivalent test equipment may be substituted.

1. Digital Multimeter   Fluke 45 or equivalent (True RMS)

2. Frequency Counter   Leader LCD-822, or equivalent.

3. Oscilloscope   Tektronix 922

4. Distortion Analyzer   Hewlett Packard 334A

Test Set Up

A program file has been stored in memory under File Number 99. To recall File #99, perform the following keystroke sequence $\boxed{\text{FILE}}$, $\boxed{9}$, $\boxed{9}$ and $\boxed{\text{ENTER}}$. Set the program to segment #1 by performing the keystroke entry, $\boxed{\text{SEGM}}$, $\boxed{0}$, $\boxed{1}$, and $\boxed{\text{ENTER}}$. The frequency should indicate 00346.2, (coded for 346B), and the level indication will be 4 digits, with one digit to the right of the decimal point.

<u>NOTE: THIS FILE CAN BE ERASED.</u> THE INFORMATION FOR THIS FILE HAS BEEN INSERTED AT THE END OF THIS SECTION, IN THE EVENT THIS FILE GETS ERASED.

Test Procedures

1. Select segment #2 by performing the following keystroke sequence, $\boxed{\text{SEGM}}$ $\boxed{0}$ $\boxed{2}$ and $\boxed{\text{ENTER}}$

2. Observe DC mode, DC units, 00000.0 Hz, 9999 mV.

3. Connect the DC voltmeter to the MILLIVOLT OUTPUT BNC Connector.

4. Observe 9999 ±70 mV indication on the DC voltmeter.

5. Select segment #3, by using the keystroke sequence, $\boxed{\text{SEGM,}}$ and $\boxed{\uparrow}$.

6. Observe DC DC 00000.0 Hz, -999.9 mV with an indication of -999.9 ±7.0 mV on the DC voltmeter.

7. Select segment #4 by the method used in Step #5 and observe DC DC, 00000.0 Hz, 99.99 mV with an indication of 99.99 ±0.70 mV on the DC voltmeter.

8. Select segment #5 and observe DC DC, 00000.0 Hz, 9.999 mV with an indication of 9.999 ±0.07 mV on the DC voltmeter.

9. Connect a frequency counter to the SQUARE WAVE OUTPUT, and a true rms AC voltmeter to the MILLIVOLT OUTPUT.

10. Select segment #6. Observe SIN RMS, 00100.0 Hz, 9999 mV with an indication of 9999 ±70 mV rms on the AC voltmeter.

11. Select segment #7. Observe SIN RMS, 99,999.9 Hz, 9999 mV with an indication of 99,999.9 ±2.0 Hz on the frequency counter, and 9999 ±120 mV rms indication on the AC voltmeter.

12. Select segment #8. Observe, SIN RMS, 10,000.0 Hz, 9999 mV with indication of 10,000 ±0.2 Hz on the frequency counter and 9999 ±120 mV rms on the AC voltmeter.

13. Select segment #9. Observe, SIN PK, 01000.0 Hz, 9999 mV with an indication of 7070 ±50.0 mV rms on the AC voltmeter.

14. Select segment #10. Observe SIN PK-PK mode, 01000.0 Hz, 9999 mV with an indication of 3535 ±25 mV rms on the AC voltmeter.

15. Select segment #11. Observe SQ PK-PK, 01000.0 Hz, 9999 mV, with an indication of 5000 ±115 mV rms on the AC TRMS voltmeter or 5550 ±115 mV rms on the AC AVERAGING voltmeter.

16. Select segment #12. Observe TRI PK-PK, 01000.0 Hz, 3464 mV with an indication of 1000 ±23 mV on the AC TRMS voltmeter, and 970 ±23 mV on the AC AVERAGING voltmeter.

17. Connect an oscilloscope to the MILLIVOLT OUTPUT.

18. Select segment #6 and observe a clean sine wave with no distortion.

19. Press START/STOP and observe the waveforms as they appear. The intervals are set for 5 seconds and will stop at segment #12.

20. Connect the calibrator mV OUTPUT to Distortion Analyzer to verify Distortion is equal or less than the listed values with the mV OUTPUT level set at 9999 millivolts rms.

20 Hz	.25% (max)
100 Hz	.25% (max)
1 kHz	.25% (max)
10 kHz	.25% (max)
50 kHz	.5% (max)
100 kHz	1.0% (max)

File: 99-Performance Test Program

SEGMENT	FREQUENCY	MODE	LEVEL	UNITS	TIME	NOTES
01	00346.2	SIN	XXX.0	RMS	5	IS SEG XXX IS THE SERTIAL NO.
2	-	DC	9999	DC	5	SEG 2-5: SEG
3	-	DC	-999.9	DC	5	LEVEL CHECKS
4	-	DC	99.99	DC	5	
5	-	DC	9.999	DC	5	
6	00100.0	SIN	9999	RMS	5	FREQ RESPONSE CHECKS
7	99999.9	SIN	9999	RMS	5	
8	10,000.0	SIN	9999	RMS	5	
9	1000.0	SIN	9999	PEAK	5	MODE UNITS CHECKS
10	1000.0	SIN	9999	PK-PK	5	
11	1000.0	SQ	9999	PK-PK (AVG)	5	
12	1000.0	TRI	3464	PK-PK (AVG)	5	
13	00346.2	SIN	3464	RMS	0	

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Chapter 4

Calibration Procedure

The 346B Synthesized Calibrator is packaged on a single, printed circuit board. All the adjustments are accessible from the top of the unit with the top cover removed.

Test Equipment

Note: Equivalent equipment can be substituted.

Digital Multimeter	Keithley 191
Voltage to Charge Converter	Trig-Tek 2030
Charge Amplifier	Trig-Tek 203M
Distortion Analyzer	Hewlett Packard 334A

Procedure

Before turning on the unit, check the 115-230 VAC switch S1, **Figure 4-1,** near the transformer for proper setting to accommodate the power to be used. Connect the power cord to AC power and place the ON-OFF switch to ON.
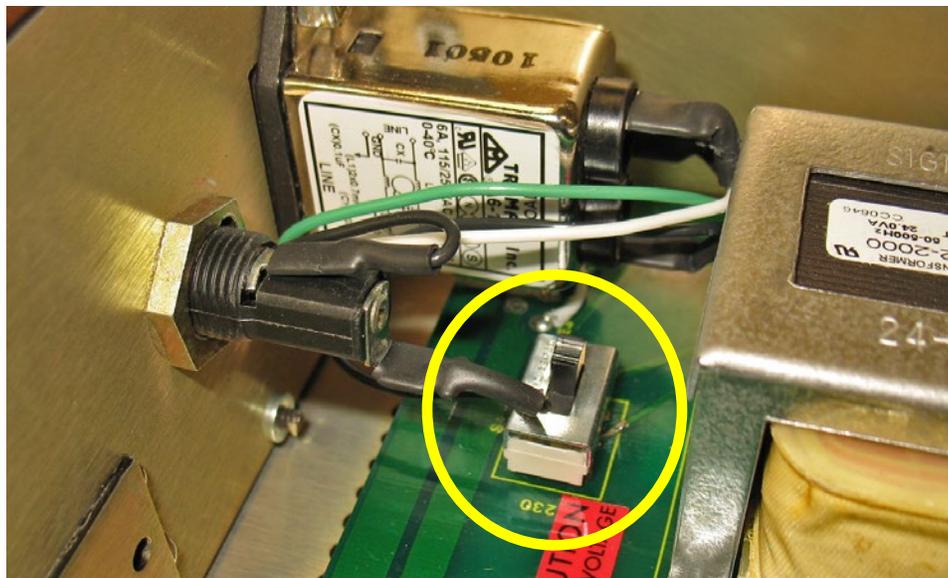
Figure 4-1, 115-230 VAC Switch S1

1. Connect the AC Voltmeter to the mV OUTPUT jack of the calibrator.

2. Select the SIN RMS mode. Set the frequency for 500.0 Hz and the level for 9999 millivolts (refer to **Chapter 2** Operation).

3. Set the Level ADJ R2, **Figure 4-2,** for an indication of 9999 ±2 millivolts on the AC voltmeter.
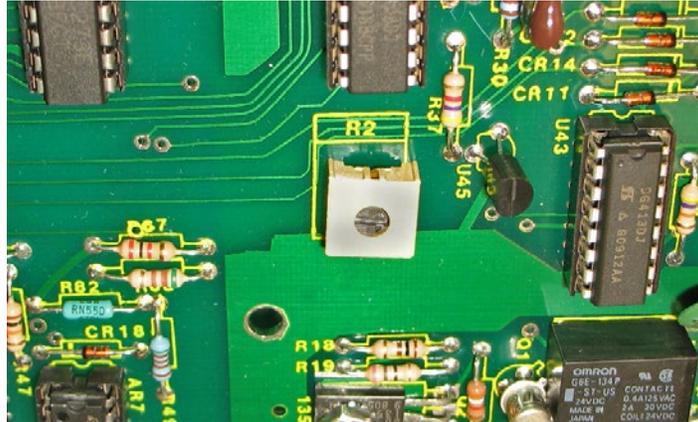
Figure 4-2, Adjustment Resistor R2

4. Select the SQ PK-PK mode.

5. Connect the oscilloscope to the mV OUTPUT.

6. Check that the rise and fall time (10 to 90%) are less than 1.2 µs at 10, 100, 1000, 10000, and 100000 Hz.

PC Output

The pC OUTPUT should vary less than ±0.5% from the mV OUTPUT. This procedure provides a means of checking the pC OUTPUT.

The method used is to compare the voltage to picocoulomb converter at the pC OUTPUT with a known converter, the 2030 Voltage to Charge Converter. The 2030 Voltage to Charge Converter is a precision 1000 pf capacitor with the proper shielding to assure noise free measurements.

1. Connect the input of the 2030 Voltage to Charge Converter to the Calibrator mV OUTPUT.

2. Connect the charge output of the Voltage to Charge Converter to the ACCEL input of the charge amplifier 203M or equivalent.

3. Set the charge amplifier input to 10 pC/g, and the LP filter to HIGH.

4. Select the SIN PK mode. Set the frequency for 500 Hz and the level for 9999 millivolts.

5. Use the sensitivity controls to set the meter for an indication of the charge amplifier for exactly 1000 g's.

6. Move the charge amplifier input lead from the output of the voltage to charge converter to the pC OUTPUT jacks front and rear panel. The new indication on the charge amplifier should be between 995 and 1005 for each output (front and rear panel).

Distortion

1. Connect the Distortion analyzer input to the calibrator mV OUTPUT.

2. Select the SIN RMS mode. Set the level for 9999 millivolts.

3. Check for less than 0.25% distortion at 10, 50, 100, 500, 1000, 5000, and 10000 Hz.

4. Check for less than 0.5% distortion at 20 k, 50 k, 70 k, and 100 kHz.

5. Disconnect all test equipment.

6. Replace the top cover (5 screws).

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Chapter 5

Trouble Shooting

This Chapter provides the operator with information regarding troubleshooting of the 346B.

The 346B consists of a mother board (Assy 3984), one indicator driver board (Assy 4045), and two display indicator boards (Assy 4031). The two indicator boards are plugged into the indicator driver board through a 12-pin SIP connector. The driver board gets connected to the mother board through a 20-pin connector and ribbon cable marked J1.

Power Supply

The Power Supply Section of the unit is located on the right side of the mother board. The transformer marked T1 provides the +18 and -18 Volts, and transformer T2 provides the +5 and -5 Volts.

Check the unit for 1/2 Amp Slow Blow Fuse, and be sure voltage selection switcher S1, **Figure 4-1**, is in the proper position for the power input voltage and the primary power voltage is within the ±10% limits.

Check the 4 regulators marked U1-U4 for the proper voltages.

Front Panel Keypad

Problem: **Unable to input anything from the keypad**

1. Check the blue connector from the front panel key pad to the display driver board. (Be sure it is plugged in completely).

2. The probable problem is the keyboard encoder. U3 on the display driver board. (Replace the part).

Save & Recall

<u>**Problem:**</u>   **Cannot save or recall any file.**

1. Check **Chapter 2,** Operation and make sure the procedure is followed correctly.

2. All the memory for file is filled up and there is no more room for any more files. Read to the SAVE/FILE in **Chapter 2,** Operation.

3. The SRAM could be bad. Replace U8 on the main board. Once the new SRAM is installed, you have to delete all the files in the SRAM and program the new files. (Refer to the SAVE/FILE in **Chapter 2,** Operation).

Frequency

<u>**Problem:**</u>   **The unit reads a different frequency than is entered.**

1. Make sure the ENTER key has been pressed; each of the 6 digits should have a number in it.

2. The problem could be with any of the 5 counters marked U21-U25. Replace one at a time to fix the problem.

3. The problem could also be caused by the I/0 ports. Replace the ports Ul7-U20 one at a time to fix the problem.

Level

<u>**Problem:**</u> **There is no output at the BNC connector.**

1. Could be a problem with the +18 or -18 Volts on the power supply. Check the regulators for proper voltages.

2. The output driver circuit could have been damaged, if there is a signal at pin 8 of U46 and no signal at pin 11 of U43 (any one of the transistor Q1-Q4 could be bad).

<u>**Problem:**</u> **The output level is not correct**

1. Make sure the ENTER key has been pressed and each of the 4 digits should have a number in it.

2. The unit may require calibration (Refer to **Chapter 4**, Calibration).

3. The D/A Converter could be bad. Replace U47 on the main board.