MULTI-NETWORK CABLE TESTER KIT

MODEL TCT-255K



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INTRODUCTION

The TCT-255 Cable Tester is a convenient instrument for testing different unshielded wiring schemed communication cable with RJ-11 and RJ-45 connectors and coax cable. This tester can be used for testing cables before and/or after they are installed. The tester offers easy operation by having to push only one button. Testing status is indicated by multiple LEDs and an auto power-off function maximizes battery life.

The unique design of the TCT-255 allows you to place the parts over their corresponding symbol in the schematic drawing on the surface of the PC board during assembly. This technique maximizes the learning process while keeping the chances of an assembly error at a minimum. It is very important, however, that good soldering practices are used to prevent bad connections.

The actual assembly is broken into **SEVEN SECTIONS**. After each assembly, you will be instructed to make certain tests and measurements to prove that each section is functioning properly. The theory for each section, or stage, should be read before the test is started. This will provide the student with an understanding of what that stage has been designed to accomplish, and how it actually works. If a test fails to produce the proper results, a troubleshooting guide is provided to help you correct the problem. For testing you need to have only a voltmeter for measuring DC and AC.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

You can see a block diagram of the TCT-255 in Figure 1 below.



The TCT-255 Cable Tester has five basic blocks:

1. Power Supply

It powers all of the circuits of the tester (not including the terminator). The power supply has a low battery indicator (less than 7.5V) and a circuit to disconnect power 30 - 50 seconds after the last push on the test switch.

2. Oscillator

Uses a 555 timer IC with two resistors and one capacitor. They control the free running frequency and duty cycle.

3. Step Pulses with Counter

The outputs change by the positive pulses from the test button switch.

4. Switches and LED Indicator

It includes eight electronic switches for operating the indicators (16 LEDs).

5. Terminator

Connected to cable under test. Identifies the polarity signals.

IDENTIFYING RESISTOR VALUES

Use the following information as a guide in properly identifying the value of resistors.

| BANI | D 1 | BAND 2 | | | |
|--------|-------|--------|-------|---|---|
| 1st D | igit | 2nd D | igit | | |
| Color | Digit | Color | Digit | | |
| Black | 0 | Black | 0 | | |
| Brown | 1 | Brown | 1 | | |
| Red | 2 | Red | 2 | | |
| Orange | 3 | Orange | 3 | | |
| Yellow | 4 | Yellow | 4 | | |
| Green | 5 | Green | 5 | | |
| Blue | 6 | Blue | 6 | | |
| Violet | 7 | Violet | 7 | | Γ |
| Gray | 8 | Gray | 8 | | Γ |
| White | 9 | White | 9 | ' | |

| Multiplier | | | |
|------------|------------|--|--|
| Color | Multiplier | | |
| Black | 1 | | |
| Brown | 10 | | |
| Red | 100 | | |
| Orange | 1,000 | | |
| Yellow | 10,000 | | |
| Green | 100,000 | | |
| Blue | 1,000,000 | | |
| Silver | 0.01 | | |
| Gold | 0.1 | | |
| | | | |

| Resistance Tolerance | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|--|--|--|
| Color | Tolerance | | | |
| Silver | <u>+</u> 10% | | | |
| Gold | <u>+</u> 5% | | | |
| Brown | <u>+</u> 1% | | | |
| Red | <u>+</u> 2% | | | |
| Orange | <u>+</u> 3% | | | |
| Green | <u>+</u> .5% | | | |
| Blue | <u>+</u> .25% | | | |
| Violet | <u>+</u> .1% | | | |
| • | | | | |



IDENTIFYING CAPACITOR VALUES

Capacitors will be identified by their capacitance value in pF (picofarads), nF (nanofarads), or μ F (microfarads). Most capacitors will have their actual value printed on them. Some capacitors may have their value printed in the following manner. The maximum operating voltage may also be printed on the capacitor.

| Multiplier | For the No. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 9 |
|------------|-------------|---|----|-----|----|-----|------|-----|-----|
| Multiplier | Multiply By | 1 | 10 | 100 | 1k | 10k | 100k | .01 | 0.1 |

Note: The letter "R" may be used at times to signify a decimal point; as in 3R3 = 3.3First Digit Multiplier Tolerance The letter M indicates a tolerance of $\pm 20\%$ The letter K indicates a tolerance of $\pm 10\%$ The letter J indicates a tolerance of $\pm 5\%$

The value is $10 \times 1,000 = 10,000$ pF or $.01\mu$ F 100V

CONSTRUCTION

Introduction

Assembly of your TCT-255 Multi-Network Cable Tester Kit will prove to be an exciting project and give you much satisfaction and personal achievement. If you have experience in soldering and wiring techniques, then you should have no problem with the assembly of this kit. Care must be given to identifying the proper components and in good soldering habits. Above all, take your time and follow these easy step-by-step instructions. Remember, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". Avoid making mistakes and no problems will occur.

Safety Procedures

- Wear eye protection when soldering.
- Locate soldering iron in an area where you do not have to go around it or reach over it.
- Do not hold solder in your mouth. Solder contains lead and is a toxic substance. Wash your hands thoroughly after handling solder.
- Be sure that there is adequate ventilation present.

Assemble Components

In all of the following assembly steps, the components must be installed on the top side of the PC board unless otherwise indicated. The top legend shows where each component goes. The leads pass through the corresponding holes and the board is turned to solder the component leads on the foil side. Solder immediately unless the pad is adjacent to another hole which will interfere with the placement of the other component. Cut excessive leads with a diagonal cutter. Then, place a check mark in the box provided next to each step to indicate that the step is completed. Be sure to save the extra leads for use as jumper wires if needed.



Mount Part

Bend Leads to Hold Part

Solder and Cut Off Leads

Rx - 100Ω 5% 1/4W Resistor (brown-black-brown-gold)

Soldering

The most important factor in assembling your cable tester kit is good soldering techniques. Using the proper soldering iron is of prime importance. A small pencil type soldering iron of 25 - 40 watts is recommended. **The tip of the iron must be kept clean at all times and well tinned.** Many areas on the PC board are close together and care must be given not to form solder shorts. Size and care of the tip will eliminate problems.

For a good soldering job, the areas being soldered must be heated sufficiently so that the solder flows freely. Apply the solder simultaneously to the component lead and the component pad on the PC board so that good solder flow will occur. Be sure that the lead extends through the solder smoothly indicating a good solder joint. **Use only rosin core solder of 63/37 or 60/40 alloy.**

DO NOT USE ACID CORE SOLDER! Do not blob the solder over the lead because this can result in a cold solder joint.

Heat Sinking

Electronic components such as transistors, IC's, and diodes can be damaged by the heat during soldering. Heat sinking is a way of reducing the heat on the components while soldering. Dissipating the heat can be achieved by using long nose pliers, an alligator clip, or a special heat dissipating clip. The heat sink should be held on the component lead between the part and the solder joint.



Heat Sink (this can be ordered as part of Elenco's Solder Ease Kit Model SE-1).

Figure 6

A poorly soldered joint can greatly affect small current flow in circuits and can cause equipment failure. You can damage a PC board or a component with too much heat or cause a cold solder joint with insufficient heat. Sloppy soldering can cause bridges between two adjacent foils preventing the circuit from functioning.

What Good Soldering Looks Like

A good solder connection should be bright, shiny, smooth, and uniformly flowed over all surfaces.

Soldering a PC board

1. Solder all components from the copper foil side only. Push the soldering iron tip against both the lead and the circuit board foil.



- Allow the solder to flow around the connection. Then, remove the solder and the iron and let the connection cool. The solder should have flowed smoothly and not lump around the wire lead.
- 4. Here is what a good solder connection looks like.







Types of Poor Soldering Connections

1. **Insufficient heat** - the solder will not flow onto the lead as shown.



 Insufficient solder let the solder flow over the connection until it is covered. Use just enough solder to cover the connection.



 Excessive solder could make connections that you did not intend to between adjacent foil areas or terminals.



4. Solder bridges - occur when solder runs between circuit paths and creates a short circuit. This is usually caused by using too much solder. To correct this, simply drag your soldering iron across the solder bridge as shown.



TROUBLESHOOTING

- 1. One of the most frequently occurring problems is poor solder connections.
 - a) Tug slightly on all parts to make sure that they are indeed soldered.
 - b) All solder connections should be shiny. Resolder any that are not.
- c) Solder should flow into a smooth puddle rather than a round ball. Resolder any connection that has formed into a ball.
- d) Have any solder bridges formed? A solder bridge may occur if you accidentally touch an adjacent foil by using too much solder or by dragging the soldering iron across adjacent foils. Break the bridge with your soldering iron.

SECTION A

Power Supply

PARTS LIST - SECTION A

| | | | RESISTORS | |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| Qty. □ 2 □ 1 □ 1 □ 1 | Symbol R12, R17 R16 R15 R9 | Description 1kΩ 5% 1/4W 5.6kΩ 5% 1/4W 12kΩ 5% 1/4W 3.3MΩ 5% 1/4W | Color Code brown-black-red-gold green-blue-red-gold brown-red-orange-gold orange-orange-green-gold | Part # 141000 145600 151200 173300 |
| | | | CAPACITORS | |
| Qty. □ 1 | Symbol C2 | Value 22μF | Description Electrolytic Radial | Part # 272244 |
| | | | SEMICONDUCTORS | |
| Qty. 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | Symbol D17 D18 Q2, Q3 Q1 D19 U4 | Value 1N4001 1N4736 1N5235 2N3904 2N3906 40106 | Description Silicon Diode Zener Diode 6.8V 1W Zener Diode 6.8V 0.5W Transistor NPN Transistor PNP LED Red Integrated Circuit (IC) Hex Inverter | Part # 314001 314736 315235 323904 323906 350003 330106 |
| | | | MISCELLANEOUS | |
| Qty. 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | Symbol SW1 | Description PC Board Tester TC ⁻ Switch Push Button I Battery 9V Battery Snap 9V | T-200 DPDT | Part # 517041 540203 590009 590098 |
| □ 1 □ 1 □ 1 □ 1 | U4 | Spacer Socket IC 14-pin Tubing #20 1/2" Solder | | 624018 664014 890020 9ST4 |

* Packaged in a separate bag, used for testing only.

PARTS IDENTIFICATION



ASSEMBLE THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS TO THE PC BOARD

In all of the following steps the components must be installed on the top legend side of the PC board. The board is turned to solder the component leads on the foil side.



SECTION A - POWER SUPPLY

When the SW1 (test button) is pushed, capacitor C2 (see schematic diagram, Figure 1) is charged to the battery voltage. Transistor Q1 turns on and all of the circuits in the tester are powered. If you don't push SW1, capacitor C2 begins discharging. When the voltage on C2 is less than 0.7V, transistor Q1 and the power turn off after 30-50 seconds.

When the voltage of the battery is less than 7.5V, transistors Q2 and Q3 turn on and LED D19 (Low Battery) lights. The diode D17 protects the tester from wrong polarity input voltage.

TESTING

- \Box 1. Connect the battery to the battery snap.
- □ 2. Set the voltmeter to read 20VDC and connect the COM lead to the negative (--) side of the battery and the V lead to the positive (+) side of the battery as shown in Figure 2. The meter should indicate 9-10VDC. Push switch SW1.



- 3. Remove the V lead from the positive (+) side of the battery and move to pad of pin 4 of IC U5. The meter should indicate the same voltage, but after 30-50 seconds, the voltage should drop to 0V.
- □ 4. Push the switch SW1 again. The meter should indicate the same voltage as in step 2. If not:
 - a) Check that the battery snap is connected with the the right polarity as shown in the assembly instructions.
 - b) Check that the transistor Q1 is 2N3906 and mounted with the emitter, base and collector leads as shown in the assembly instructions.



- c) Check that R9, R12 and C2 are the correct values.
- d) Check that D17, D18, C2, U4 and SW1 are installed as shown in the assembly instructions.
- □ 5. Bend the zener diode 1N4736 (6.8V 1W, located in a separate bag) as shown in Figure 3.



Push the switch SW1 again and short the battery by the zener diode for 1-2 seconds (the side with the band should be touching the "+" terminal of the battery, see Figure 2). LED D19 (Lo Batt.) should be lit. Remove the zener diode and the LED should turn off. If not:

- a) Check that the transistors Q2 and Q3 are 2N3904 and mounted as shown in the assembly instructions.
- b) Check zener diode D18 and LED D19. Be sure that they are installed as shown in the assembly instructions.
- c) Check that resistors R15, R16 and R17 are the correct values.

Remove the battery from the battery snap and the leads from the tester.

SECTION B

Oscillator

PARTS LIST - SECTION B

| | | | RESISTORS | |
|------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Qty. | Symbol | Description | Color Code | Part # |
| □ 1 | R13 | 18kΩ 5% 1/4W | brown-gray-orange-gold | 151800 |
| □ 1 | R14 | 100kΩ 5% 1/4W | brown-black-yellow-gold | 161000 |
| | | | CAPACITORS | |
| Qty. | Symbol | Value | Description | Part # |
| □ 1 | C3 | 1μF | Electrolytic Radial | 261047 |
| | | | SEMICONDUCTORS | |
| Qty. | Symbol | Value | Description | Part # |
| □ 1 | U5 | 555 | Integrated Circuit (IC) 555 Timer | 330555 |
| | | | MISCELLANEOUS | |
| Qty. | Symbol | Description | | Part # |
| □ 1 | U5 | Socket IC 8-pin | | 664008 |
| | | - | | |

PARTS IDENTIFICATION



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Figure I





SECTION B - OSCILLATOR

The oscillator section consists of a 555 timing circuit, resistors R13, R14, and capacitor C3. The 555 IC is configured as an astable or free-running oscillator. The values of the resistor R14 and capacitor C3 set the output frequency at 8Hz. The IC will produce a continuous 8Hz square wave from pin 3 as long as it is powered.



TESTING

- \Box 1. Connect the battery to the battery snap.
- 2. Set the voltmeter to read 20VAC and connect the COM lead to the negative (–) side of the battery and the V lead to pad of pin 8 of IC U3 as shown in Figure 5. The meter should indicate 0V. Push switch SW1. The meter should indicate 3-5VAC. If not:
 - a) Check U5 and C3 to be sure that they are installed as shown in the assembly instructions.
 - b) Check R13 and R14 are the correct values.

Remove the battery from the battery snap and the leads from the tester.



SECTION C

Step Pulses with Counter

PARTS LIST - SECTION C

| | | | RESISTORS | |
|------------|--------|------------------|--|--------|
| Qty. | Symbol | Description | Color Code | Part # |
| □1 | R11 | 680kΩ 5% 1/4W | blue-gray-yellow-gold | 166800 |
| □ 1 | R10 | 1.2MΩ 5% 1/4W | brown-red-green-gold | 171200 |
| | | | CAPACITORS | |
| Qty. | Symbol | Value | Description | Part # |
| □ 1 | C1 | .001µF | Discap (102 or .001) | 231035 |
| | | | SEMICONDUCTORS | |
| Qty. | Symbol | Value | Description | Part # |
| □ 1 | UI | 4017 | Integrated Circuit (IC) Decade Counter | 334017 |
| | | | MISCELLANEOUS | |
| Qty. | Symbol | Description | | Part # |
| □ 1 | U1 | Socket IC 16-pin | | 664016 |

PARTS IDENTIFICATION



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Figure J





SECTION C - STEP PULSES WITH COUNTER

In this section, a 4017 counter IC and a 40106 inverter IC are used to control eight electronic switches. A short positive pulse must be generated and applied to the clock input of the 4017 IC whenever switch SW1 is depressed. This is done by wiring three inverters in series. When switch SW1 is depressed, the voltage at pin 1 of the 40106 is pulled to ground. This low condition is then inverted three times to produce a positive pulse to the CLK pin of the 4017.

The 4017 IC is a five-stage Johnson decade counter. The IC has 10 outputs, but only one output will be driven high at any given time, the other nine will be low. For each pulse at the clock (CLK) input, the output will move one position. In this design, only eight outputs are used, the ninth output is wired to the reset (RST) pin. When the reset pin goes high, it sets the Q0 output high again. The clock enable (ENA) pin is tied to ground, so every clock pulse will move the output.



TESTING

- \Box 1. Connect the battery to the battery snap.
- 2. Set the voltmeter to read 20VDC and connect the COM lead to the negative (-) side of the battery and the V lead to pin 3 of IC U1 as shown in Figure 7.
- □ 3. Push switch SW1 until the voltmeter indicates 9-10VDC.
- □ 4. Move the V lead of the voltmeter to pin 2. The voltmeter should indicate 0V. Push SW1 again. The voltmeter should indicate 8-9VDC.

In the same manner, test the outputs of the counter (pins 4, 7, 10, 1, 5, and 6).

If the test results are not satisfactory, then:

a) Check U1. Be sure that it is installed as shown in the assembly instructions.

Remove the battery from the battery snap and the leads from the tester.



SECTION D

Switches and LED Indicator

PARTS LIST - SECTION D

| | | | RESISTORS | |
|------------|--------|--------------------|--|--------|
| Qty. | Symbol | Description | Color Code | Part # |
| □ 8 | R1-R8 | 200Ω 5% 1/4W | red-black-brown-gold | 132000 |
| | | | CAPACITORS | |
| Qty. | Symbol | Value | Description | Part # |
| □ 1 | C4 | 470μF 16V | Electrolytic Radial | 284744 |
| | | | SEMICONDUCTORS | |
| Qty. | Symbol | Value | Description | Part # |
| | D1-D16 | | LED Red | 350003 |
| □2 | U2, U3 | 74HC4066 | Integrated Circuit (IC) Quad Analog Switch | 394066 |
| | | | MISCELLANEOUS | |
| Qty. | Symbol | Description | | Part # |
| □ 1 | J2 | F-Connector | | 590500 |
| □ 1 | J1 | Modular Jack RJ-45 | | 621028 |
| □2 | | Spacer | | 624006 |
| □2 | U2, U3 | IC Socket 14-pin | | 664014 |

PARTS IDENTIFICATION

| Resistor | Resistor Electrolytic | | IC Socket 14-pin | |
|-------------|-----------------------|---|------------------|--|
| | | ALL | | |
| F-Connector | Modular Jack | LED | Spacer | |
| | | | 9333333 1 | |

ASSEMBLE THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS TO THE PC BOARD

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Figure K

Mount and solder the F-connector to the PC board in the location shown. Note: The connector must be soldered in straight.





ASSEMBLE THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS TO THE PC BOARD (cont.)

| □ Spacer |
|----------------|
| (see Figure M) |
| 🗆 D9 - LED |
| 🗆 D10 - LED |
| 🗆 D11 - LED |
| 🗆 D12 - LED |
| 🗆 D13 - LED |
| 🗆 D14 - LED |
| 🗆 D15 - LED |
| 🗆 D16 - LED |
| (see Figure N) |





Figure N Mount the LEDs onto the spacer as shown. Note the flat side of the LED in relation to the marking on the PC board. Solder and cut off the excess leads.

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| Spacer |
|----------------|
| (see Figure M) |
| 🗆 D1 - LED |
| 🗆 D2 - LED |
| 🗆 D3 - LED |
| 🗆 D4 - LED |
| 🗆 D5 - LED |
| 🗆 D6 - LED |
| 🗆 D7 - LED |
| 🗆 D8 - LED |
| (see Figure N) |



SECTION D - SWITCHES AND LED INDICATOR

In this section, two quad analog switches (74HC4066) and 16 LEDs are used to indicate which pins are being tested and the type of cable. Figure 8 shows the logic diagram for each switch. Each switch contains an input, output and a control pin. The inputs are connected to the oscillator section and the outputs to two LEDs and connector. The control pins connect to the outputs of the 4017 IC (see Figure 10).

When switch A is closed, capacitor C charges and discharges at the oscillator frequency. This causes LEDs D1 and D2 to blink at the same rate (see Figure 9a).

Connecting a straight cable, LED D3 will light only during the charging cycle. The diode in the terminator only allows the current flow in one direction (see Figure 9b).

Connecting a cross-pinning cable, LED D4 will light only during the discharging cycle (see Figure 9c).





TESTING

- \Box 1. Connect the battery to the battery snap.
- □ 2. Push the switch SW1. Two vertical LEDs should be blinking at a frequency of approximately 8Hz.
- 3. Test the other pairs of LEDs by pushing switch SW1. For every step, there should be only two vertical blinking LEDs. If not, then:
 - a) Check U2, U3, C4 and diodes D1-D16. Be sure that they are installed as shown in the assembly instructions.
 - b) Check that the resistors R1-R8 installed are the correct values.
 - c) Check the soldering on the modular jack and F-connector.



SECTION E

Terminator

PARTS LIST - SECTION E

| Otv | Symbol | Value | SEMICONDUCTORS Description | Dart # |
|------------|--------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------|
| | D1-D4 | 1N4148 | Diode | 314148 |
| | | | MISCELLANEOUS | |
| Qty | Symbol | Description | | Part # |
| □ 1 | • | PC Board Term | inator LD-100 | 510005 |
| □ 1 | J2 | F-Connector | | 590500 |
| □ 1 | J1 | Modular Jack R | J-45 | 621028 |
| | | | | |

PARTS IDENTIFICATION



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SECTION E - TERMINATOR

The terminator uses four diodes to identify the polarity of the input signals. The diodes are placed in series with wires 1-8, 2-7, 3-6, and 4-5 (see Figure 11).



SECTION F

Assemble Telecom Cables

PARTS LIST - SECTION F

MISCELLANEOUS

| Qty. | Symbol | Description | Part # |
|------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| □ 4 | | Plug RJ-45 | 621032 |
| □ 2' | | Cable Flat 8 Wires | 870984 |

PARTS IDENTIFICATION



ASSEMBLE THE TELECOM CABLES

For testing and troubleshooting the tester, you need to assemble straight and cross-pinning cables.

For cutting, stripping, and crimping, use a standard tool for RJ-45 plugs (flat cable).

Elenco Electronics has modular crimping tools Models ST-500 and HT-568.



 \Box Cut the 2' telecom cable in half (see Figure 12).

□ Using the instructions for your tool, make two cables (straight and cross-pinning) as shown in Figures 13 - 15. Make sure that you make a clean cut on the cable.



SECTION G

Final Test and Assembly

PARTS LIST - SECTION G

| MISCELLANEOUS | | | |
|---------------|--------|--|--------|
| Qty. | Symbol | Description | Part # |
| □2 | | F to BNC Adapter | 596020 |
| □ 1 | | Button Cap | 622006 |
| □ 1 | | Case Top Tester | 623114 |
| □ 1* | | Case Top Terminator | 623115 |
| □ 1 | | Case Bottom Tester | 623211 |
| □ 1* | | Case Bottom Terminator | 623212 |
| □1 | | Cover Battery | 623401 |
| □ 1 | | Velcro Hook and Loop Set | 628002 |
| □2 | | Screw #4 5/16" AB Phillips Pan Head | 642442 |
| □ 4 | | Screw 3 x 12mm Thread Cutting Phillips Flat Head | 643104 |
| □ 1 | | Screw M3 x 10mm Machine Phillips Flat Head | 643105 |
| □ 1* | | Screw 2.6 x 10mm Thread Cutting Phillips Flat Head | 643107 |
| □ 1* | | Label Terminator | 727050 |
| □ 1 | | Label Tester | 727051 |

* Used for the assembly of the terminator.

PARTS IDENTIFICATION



SECTION G - FINAL TEST

Straight Cable

- I. Connect one end of the straight cable to the modular jack on the PC board of the terminator and the second end to the PC board of the cable tester as shown in Figure 16a.
- 2. Push switch SW1 until the two vertical LEDs D1 and D9 are blinking alternately and LED D16 should be blinking too.



3. Check the other LEDs by pressing switch SW1 and referring to Table 1 below. The single blinking LED should always be on the top row.

| # | Two Vertical Blinking LEDs | Straight Cable Single Blinking LED on Top Row |
|---|-------------------------------|---|
| 1 | D1 and D9 | D16 |
| 2 | D2 and D10 | D15 |
| 3 | D3 and D11 | D14 |
| 4 | D4 and D12 | D13 |
| 5 | D5 and D13 | D12 |
| 6 | D6 and D14 | D11 |
| 7 | D7 and D15 | D10 |
| 8 | D8 and D16 | D9 |

Table 1

If the LEDs are not functioning properly, then:

- a) Check the cable using a master tester.
- b) Check the ICs U2, U3 and LEDs D1-D16 on the PC board of the tester. They should be mounted as shown in the assembly instructions.
- c) Check that resistors R1-R8 on the PC board of the tester are the correct values (200Ω).
- d) Check diodes D1-D4 on the PC board of the terminator. Be sure that the diodes are installed as shown in Figure D in the assembly instructions.

Cross-Pinning Cable

- I. Remove the straight cable and connect the cross-pinning cable to the modular jacks on the PC boards of the tester and terminator.
- D 2. Push switch SW1 until the two vertical LEDs D1 and D9 are blinking alternately and LED D8 should be blinking too.
- □ 3. Check the other LEDs by pressing switch SW1 and referring to Table 2 below. The single LED should always be on the bottom row. If not, then:
 - a) Check the cable using the master tester.
 - b) Check diodes D1-D4 on the PC board of the terminator. Be sure that the diodes are installed as shown in Figure D in the assembly instructions.

| Та | b | e | 2 | |
|----|---|---|---|--|
| | | | | |

| # | Two Vertical Blinking LEDs | Cross-Pinning Cable Single Blinking LED on Bottom Row |
|---|-------------------------------|---|
| 1 | D1 and D9 | D8 |
| 2 | D2 and D10 | D7 |
| 3 | D3 and D11 | D6 |
| 4 | D4 and D12 | D5 |
| 5 | D5 and D13 | D4 |
| 6 | D6 and D14 | D3 |
| 7 | D7 and D15 | D2 |
| 8 | D8 and D16 | D1 |

Short Test

- I. Push switch SW1 until the two vertical LEDs D4 and D12 are blinking alternately and LED D5 is blinking too.
- 2. Using a short piece of wire or a discarded lead from one of the components, short the F-connector on the terminator PC board as shown in Figure 16b.



The LED D13 should be blinking too. Remove the jumper and LED D13 should turn off. If not, then:

a) Check the F-connector on the terminator PCB.

□ 3. Short the F-connector on the tester PC board. The LED D13 should be blinking again. If not, then:

a) Check the F-connector on the terminator PCB.

□ 4. Remove the cable from the modular jacks on the PC board and proceed to the final assembly.

SECTION G - FINAL ASSEMBLY OF TESTER

- $\hfill\square$ Push the button cap onto the switch as shown in Figure O.
- Mount the PC board to the top case, as shown in Figure P, with two #4 5/16" phillips screws.
 Note: The button cap should be centered in the top case hole. Make sure that the Lo Batt LED goes through the hole in the case.
- □ Wrap the wires from the battery snap around the battery housing as shown in Figure Q.



- □ Mount the bottom case to the front case, as shown in Figure Q, using four 3 x 12mm flat phillips screws. Be sure that the battery snap is through the battery compartment hole as shown.
- □ Connect the 9V battery to the battery snap and place it into the case. Slide the battery cover onto the case as shown in Figure R.



FINAL ASSEMBLY OF TESTER (cont.)

- Insert the M3 x 10mm machine phillips screw into the battery cover hole, as shown in Figure S, and tighten.
- Peel the backing off of the label and stick it onto the front case as shown in Figure T. Use the hole in the middle to line up the label. Note: Be very careful when applying this label. The adhesive is very sticky and when the label is on, it's on!



FINAL ASSEMBLY OF TERMINATOR

- □ Before assembling, check that the excess leads from the F-connector are cut off (see page 16).
- □ Assemble the terminator as shown in Figure U. Insert the 2.6 x 10mm flat phillips screw and tighten down.



 Peel the backing off of the terminator label and carefully place it onto the unit as shown in Figure V.
 Note: Be sure that the terminator has been tested and is in working order before you apply the label.



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FINAL ASSEMBLY (cont.)

Peel off the two backings, and attach the two velcro pieces onto the terminator and the tester in the location shown in Figure W.



SPECIFICATIONS

CATEGORY OF CABLE

- Unshielded communication cable with RJ-11 and RJ-45 connectors.
- Ethernet 10 Base-T, Token Ring, EIA/TIA-568A/B, AT&T 258A, and USOC.
- 50 or 75Ω coaxial cable with F connectors.
- 50 or 75 Ω coaxial cable with BNC connectors. Must use F to BNC adapters.

Maximum testing length for all cable types is 1,000 feet.

MULTIPLE FUNCTIONS

- Testing cables before or after their installation.
- Mapping Function (to test individual wire pairs or coaxial cables).
- Cable identification (straight or cross-pinning).
- Pair identification (straight or cross-pinning).
- Open/short wiring test.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

- Operating Conditions: 0°C 45°C / 32°F 113°F 70% RH max.
- Storage Conditions: -10°C 50°C / 14°F 122°F 80% RH max.

POWER

- · Standard or alkaline 9V battery
- Low battery indicator (Lo Batt.)
- Auto power-off function (30 s)

OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Connect one end of the cable to be tested to the terminator and the other end to the cable tester as shown in Figure 17.
- 2. Push the TEST (power) button and read the result.

Good Pair: Two vertical and one single blinking LEDs. The location of the single LED indicates a straight or cross-pinning for the pair.

Open Pair: Only two vertical LEDs blinking.

Short: Four or more LEDs are blinking (two or more wires are shorted).

- 3. Push the TEST button again and read the result for the next pair.
- 4. For testing coax cable, use the middle LEDs (boxed in as coax on the unit).
- 5. If you do not push the button for 30 seconds, it will automatically shut off.



WIRING SCHEMES



| RJ-11 (4-Wire) Straight-Pinning | RJ-11 (4-Wire) Cross-Pinning |
|---|--|
| (Y) 1 1 (G) 2 2 (R) 3 3 (BL) 4 4 | (Y) 1 1 (G) 2 2 (R) 3 3 (BL) 4 4 |
| NOTE: Cross-Pinning is for typical telephon | e use. |
| RJ-11 (6-Wire) Straight-Pinning | RJ-11 (6-Wire) Cross-Pinning |
| (BL) 1 1 (Y) 2 2 (G) 3 3 (R) 4 4 (BK) 5 5 (W) 6 6 | (BL) 1 (Y) 2 (G) 3 (R) 4 (BK) 5 (W) 6 |
| RJ-45 (8-Wire) Straight-Pinning | RJ-45 (8-Wire) Cross-Pinning |
| (BL) 1 1 (OR)2 2 (BK) 3 3 (R) 4 4 (G) 5 5 (Y) 6 6 (BN) 7 7 (S) 8 8 | (BL) 1 (OR)2 (BK) 3 (R) 4 (G) 5 (Y) 6 (BN) 7 (S) 8 (C) 7 (C) 8 (C) 7 (C) 8 (C) 7 (C) 8 (C) 7 (C) 8 (C) 8 (C) 7 (C) |

MAINTENANCE

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

To clean, wipe the case with a damp cloth and detergent (do not use abrasives or solvents).

When the Lo Batt. LED lights up, you need to replace the battery. The terminator does not use a battery.

BATTERY REPLACEMENT

The tester is powered by a single standard or alkaline 9V battery. Use the following procedure to replace the battery.

- 1. Disconnect the cables from the tester.
- 2. Using a phillips screwdriver, remove the battery cover screw and open the battery cover.

- 3. Carefully remove the old battery and replace with a new battery.
- 4. Reinsert the battery into the case, dressing the battery leads so that they will not be pinched between the case and the battery cover.
- 5. Reinstall the battery cover and screw.

SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM



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