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* Part Number - National Stock Number Cross Reference Index

SECTION 0

INTRODUCTION

0-1. Scope

This manual describes the PL-1399/U Spectrum Analyzer. It includes technical data, installation, operation and maintenance instructions. The PL-1399/U is referred to throughout this manual as the Hewlett-Packard Model 8553B.

0-2. Indexes of Publications

Refer to the latest issue of the DA Pam 310-4 to determine if there are any new editions, changes, additional publications or modification work orders pertaining to the equipment.

0-3. Maintenance Forms, Records and Reports

a. Reports of Maintenance and Unsatisfactory Equipment. Department of the Army forms and procedures used for equipment maintenance will be those prescribed by TM 38-750, The Army Maintenance Management System.

b. Report of Packaging and Handling Discrepancies. Fill out and forward SF-364 (Report of Discrepancy (ROD)) as prescribed in AR 735-11-2/DLAR 4140.55/NAVMATINST 4355.73/AFR 400.54/MCO 4430.3E.

c. Discrepancy in Shipment Report (DISREP) (SF361). Fill out and forward Discrepancy in Shipment Report (DISREP) (SF-361) as prescribed in AR 55-38/NAVSUPINST 4610.33BIAFR 75-18/MCO P4610.19C/DLAR 4500.15.

0-4. Reporting Equipment Improvement Recommendations (EIR)

If your 8853B Plug-In needs improvement, let us know. Send us an EIR. You, the user, are the only one who can tell us what you don't like about your equipment. Let us know why you don't like the design. Tell us why a procedure is hard to perform. Put it on an

SF-368 (Quality Deficiency Report). Mail it to Commander, US Army Communications-Electronics Command, ATTN: DRSEL-ME-MQ, Fort Monmouth, NJ 07703. We'll send you a reply.

0-5. Administrative Storage

The 8853B RF Section can be stored in stockrooms, warehouses or other protected facilities. The equipment should be protected from excessive humidity, sand, dust and chemical contaminants. Before putting the 8853B RF Section in administrative storage, make the following preparations:

a. Complete the performance tests of Section IV, and if necessary, perform adjustments as indicated in Section V to assure that the unit is completely operable.

b. If the original packing material is not available, at least protect the unit with protective plastic or paper wrapping. Place the unit in a carton or box with makeshift protective packing material around it.

c. Store the equipment indoors, protected from the elements. Maintain the equipment at moderate temperatures and humidity.

0-6. Destruction of Army Electronics Materiel

Destruction of Army electronics materiel to prevent enemy use shall be in accordance with TM 750-244-2.

0-7. Warranty Information

The Spectrum Analyzer, PL-1399/U is warranted by Hewlett-Packard for 12 months. Warranty starts on the date found on DA Form 2410 or DA Form 2408-16 in the logbook. Report all defects in material or workmanship to your supervisor, who will take appropriate action.

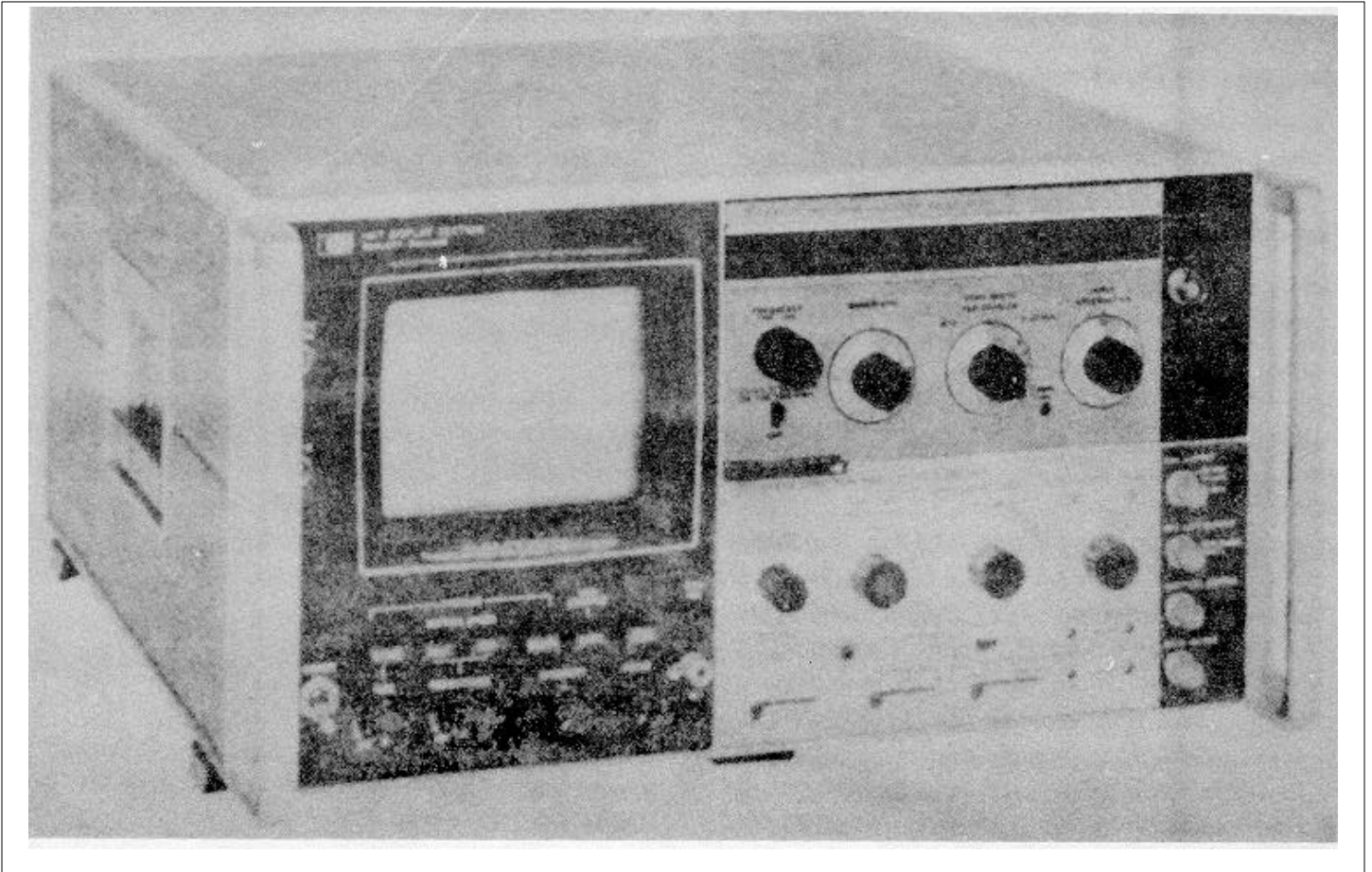


Figure 1-1. Model 8553B Spectrum Analyzer RF Section with 141T Display Section and 8552A Spectrum Analyzer IF Section

Section I**SECTION I****GENERAL INFORMATION****1-1. INTRODUCTION.**

1-2. This manual contains all information required to install, operate, test, adjust and service the Hewlett-Packard Model 8553B Spectrum Analyzer RF Section. This section covers instrument identification, description, options, accessories, specifications and other basic information.

1-3. Figure 1-1 shows the Hewlett-Packard Model 8553B Spectrum Analyzer RF Section with the Model 8552A Spectrum Analyzer IF Section and the Model 141T Display Section.

1-4. The various sections in this manual provide information as follows:

SECTION II, INSTALLATION, provides information relative to incoming inspection, power requirements, mounting, packing and shipping, etc.

SECTION III, OPERATION, provides information relative to operating the equipment.

SECTION IV, PERFORMANCE TESTS, provides information required to ascertain that the instrument is performing in accordance with published specifications.

SECTION V, ADJUSTMENTS, provides information required to properly adjust and align the instrument.

SECTION VI, PARTS LIST, provides ordering information for all replaceable parts and assemblies.

SECTION VII, MANUAL CHANGES, contains information required to adapt this manual to 75 ohm, H01/H02 RF Sections. Also contains manual backdating information.

SECTION VIII, SERVICE, includes information for servicing the instrument.

1-5. INSTRUMENTS COVERED BY MANUAL.

1-6. Hewlett-Packard instruments carry an eight digit serial number (see Figure 1-2) on the back panel. When the serial number prefix on the instrument serial number plate of your instrument is the same as one of

the prefix numbers on the inside title page of this manual, the manual applies directly to the instrument. When the instrument serial number prefix is not listed on the inside title page of initial issue, manual change sheets and manual up-dating information is provided. Later editions or revisions to the manual will contain the required change information in Section VII.

1-7. DESCRIPTION.

1-8. The HP Model 8553B Spectrum Analyzer RF Section is shown in Figure 1-1 with the Model 8552A Spectrum Analyzer IF Section and the Model 141T Display Section. Table 1-1, Specifications, and Table 1-2, Supplemental Performance Characteristics, are for the 8553B RF Section when used with an 8552A IF Section and the 140 Display Section.

1-9. The Analyzer is a highly sensitive super-heterodyne receiver with spectrum scanning capabilities up to 110 MHz. Output video from the receiver circuits is applied to the CRT in the display section; thus, a signal or group of signals can be analyzed in the frequency domain. Input signals are plotted on the CRT as a function of amplitude versus frequency. The amplitude (y-axis) of the CRT is calibrated in absolute units of power (dBm) or voltage ($\mu\text{V}/\text{mV}$); accordingly, absolute and relative measurements of both amplitude and frequency can be made.

1-10. Controls of the instruments are arranged for easy operation. For wide spectrum analysis, the operator can use a preset scan of 0 to 100 MHz. For more detailed study, the spectrum width can be progressively narrowed to .2 kHz, or the scanning capabilities can be eliminated altogether to use the instrument as a fixed frequency receiver. A bandwidth of 300 kHz is automatically selected for preset scan operation; for variable scan and fixed frequency operation, narrower bandwidths can be selected by the operator.

1-11. OPTIONS

1-12. The 8553B/8552 Spectrum Analyzer is available with 75 ohms input/output impedance. The 8553B Option H01 has a Western Electric WE-506A type input connector and the 8553B Option H02 has a BNC input connector. Specifications for the 75 ohm options are listed in Table 1-1 and Section VII lists the changes necessary to adapt this manual to them.