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INSTRUCTION BOOK

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

**TERMALINE<sup>®</sup>**  
**LOAD RESISTOR**  
**SERIES 8400**

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## Safety Precautions

The following are general safety precautions that are not necessarily related to any specific part or procedure and do not necessarily appear elsewhere in this publication.

### Keep Away From Live Circuits

Operating personnel must at all times observe general safety precautions. Do not replace components or make adjustments inside equipment with the high voltage supply turned on. To avoid casualties, always remove power.

### Do Not Service or Adjust Alone

Under no circumstances should any person reach into an enclosure for the purpose of service or adjustment of equipment except in the presence of someone who is capable of rendering aid.

### Shock Hazard

Do not attempt to disconnect an RF transmission or any other high voltage line while power is present. Radiated RF power is a potential health hazard.

### Resuscitation

Personnel working with or near high voltage should be familiar with modern methods of resuscitation.

### Safety Symbols

#### WARNING


Warning notes call attention to a procedure which, if not correctly performed, could result in personal injury.

#### CAUTION

Caution notes call attention to a procedure which, if not correctly performed, could result in damage to the instrument.



This symbol appears on the equipment indicating there is important information in the instruction manual regarding that particular area.

 Note: Calls attention to supplemental information.

## Warning Statements

The following safety warnings will appear in the text and are repeated here for emphasis.

### WARNING

When power is in the upper range of the load's capacity, the radiator will become hot - care should be used in touching the equipment.

### WARNING

Do not attempt to disconnect these loads from the coaxial cable while RF energy is still being applied. Leaking RF power is a potential health hazard.

## Caution Statements

The following equipment cautions appear in the text and are repeated here for emphasis.

### CAUTION

The load is designed for operation in a horizontal plane only, with mounting brackets down. Do not operate in any other position.

### CAUTION

Do not operate this equipment continuously above the rated 600 W. Load failure will result.

## Safety Statements



### USAGE

ANY USE OF THIS INSTRUMENT IN A MANNER NOT SPECIFIED BY THE MANUFACTURER MAY IMPAIR THE INSTRUMENT'S SAFETY PROTECTION.

### USO

EL USO DE ESTE INSTRUMENTO DE MANERA NO ESPECIFICADA POR EL FABRICANTE, PUEDE ANULAR LA PROTECCIÓN DE SEGURIDAD DEL INSTRUMENTO.

## BENUTZUNG

WIRD DAS GERÄT AUF ANDERE WEISE VERWENDET ALS VOM HERSTELLER BESCHRIEBEN, KANN DIE GERÄTESICHERHEIT BEEINTRÄCHTIGT WERDEN.

## UTILISATION

TOUTE UTILISATION DE CET INSTRUMENT QUI N'EST PAS EXPLICITEMENT PRÉVUE PAR LE FABRICANT PEUT ENDOMMAGER LE DISPOSITIF DE PROTECTION DE L'INSTRUMENT.

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QUALORA QUESTO STRUMENTO VENISSE UTILIZZATO IN MODO DIVERSO DA COME SPECIFICATO DAL PRODUTTORE LA PROIZIONE DI SICUREZZA POTREBBE VENIRNE COMPROMESSA.



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LAS INSTRUCCIONES DE SERVICIO SON PARA USO EXCLUSIVO DEL PERSONAL DE SERVICIO CAPACITADO. PARA EVITAR EL PELIGRO DE DESCARGAS ELÉCTRICAS, NO REALICE NINGÚN SERVICIO A MENOS QUE ESTÉ CAPACITADO PARA HACERLO.

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## About this Manual

This instruction book covers the Models 8401, 8402, and 8404 Termaline Load Resistors.

This instruction book is arranged so that essential information on safety is contained in the front of the book. Reading the Safety Precaution section before operating the equipment is strongly advised.

The remainder of this Instruction Book is divided into chapters and sections.

### Operation

First time operators should read Chapter 1 - Introduction, Chapter 2 - Theory of Operation, and Chapter 3 - Installation, to get an overview of equipment capabilities and how to install it. An experienced operator can refer to Chapter 4 - Operating Instructions. All instructions necessary to operate the equipment, are contained in this chapter.

### Maintenance

All personnel should be familiar with calibration and repair information found in Chapter 5 - Maintenance. If a failure should occur, the troubleshooting section will aid in isolating and repairing the failure.

### Parts

For location of major assemblies or parts refer to the part lists and associated drawings in Chapter 5.

### Changes To This Manual

We have made every effort to ensure this manual is accurate. If you should discover any errors, or if you have suggestions for improving this manual, please send your comments to our factory. This manual may be periodically updated. When inquiring about updates to this manual, refer to the part number and revision level on the title page.





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This publication refers to the Termaline Load Resistors Models 8401, 8402, and 8404. The difference between models is listed in the specifications. These models will generally be referred to as a load throughout this manual.

**Purpose and Function** These loads are portable, general purpose 50 ohm coaxial RF transmission line terminations. They are self-contained units requiring no outside power source or additional equipment. They provide an accurate, dependable, and practically nonreflective termination for testing and adjusting RF transmitters operating in the stated frequency band.

Some examples of the uses of these loads are:

- ♦ As a substitute antenna.
- ♦ For tuning RF transmitters - under nonradiating conditions.
- ♦ For making routine tests and adjustments.
- ♦ As a substitute for any 50 ohm circuit loading element.

**Description** These models are rectangular in shape with transverse fins encasing an oil-dielectric-filled coolant cylinder. Extra thick fins at the front and rear are bent 90° to form bottom mounting flanges. These flanges are supports for free standing use or brackets for fixed mounting. Flange holes are provided for this purpose. A retractable handle is recessed in the radiator fins.

**Performance Characteristics and Capabilities** The loads can absorb and dissipate up to 600 W of RF power continuously. They show a VSWR of 1.1 to 1.0 from dc to 1000 MHz, 1.2 to 1.0 from 1000-2800 MHz, and 1.3 to 1.0 from 2800-3000 MHz.

**Dimensions and Weight** All three models have the same dimensions: 16-1/16 inches L x 5-15/16 inches W x 8-1/2 inches H (408 x 151 x 216 mm). They each have a net weight of 19.6 lb (8.9 kg) and a shipping weight of approximately 25 lb (11.34 kg).

**Power and Utility Requirements** These load resistors are passive devices that are self contained and do not require a source of power or utility

service to perform their function, other than the RF input power.

**Environmental Requirements** The load should be operated in an environment as free of dust and vibration as possible. For proper operation the ambient temperature should remain within the range of -40°C to +45°C (-40°F to +113°F). Allow at least 12 inches (304.8 mm) of clear space around the load to provide an unimpeded flow of convection air currents for adequate heat dissipation.

**Items Supplied** The load is equipped with:

- ♦ Model 8401 — Female N “QC” (quick change) connector.
- ♦ Model 8402 — Female C “QC” (quick change) connector with a dust cap and secured by a ball chain anchor.
- ♦ Model 8404 — Female N with a Male N/Male N adaptor, dust cap, and secured by a ball chain anchor.
- ♦ Instruction Manual

**Item Required** Coaxial cable with the appropriate connector plug.

**Tools and Test Equipment**

- ♦ Screwdriver — for disassembly of this equipment.
- ♦ An ohmmeter with an accuracy of 1 percent or better at 50 ohms — is recommended for checking the resistance value of the resistor.

## Specifications

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| <b>Impedance:</b>   | 50 ohms nominal  |
| <b>VSWR:</b>        |  |
| dc-1000MHz          | 1.1:1.0 Maximum  |
| 1000-2800MHz        | 1.2:1.0 Maximum  |
| 2800-3000MHz        | 1.3:1.0 Maximum  |
| <b>Connectors:</b>  |  |
| Model 8401          | Female N "QC" type normally supplied                         |
| Model 8402          | Female C "QC" type with dust cap normally supplied           |
| Model 8404          | Same as 8401 plus UG-57G/U N(M) to N(M) adapter and dust cap |
| <b>Power Range</b>  | 600 W continuous   |
| Frequency Range     | dc-3000 MHz  |
| Dimensions          | 16-1/16"L x 5-15/16" W x 8-1/2"H<br>(408 x 151 x 216 mm)     |
| Ambient Temperature | -40°C to +45°C (-40°F to +113°F)                             |
| Coolant Method      | Oil dielectric and air convection currents                   |
| Weight              | 19.6 lb (9 kg)   |
| Operating Position  | Horizontal only  |
| Finish              | Grey Powder Coat   |



**General** The Models 8401, 8402, and 8404 Terminal Load Resistors consist essentially of a carbon film-on-ceramic resistor immersed in a dielectric coolant. The resistor, individually selected for its accuracy, is enclosed in a special exponentially tapered housing. This provides a linear reduction in surge impedance directly proportional to the distance along the resistor. When surrounded by the dielectric coolant, the characteristic impedance is therefore 50 ohms at the front (connector end), 25 ohms at the mid-point to compensate for the resistance already passed over, and zero ohms at the rear where the resistor joins the housing, forming the return conductor of the coaxial circuit. This produces a uniform and practically reflectionless line termination over the stated frequencies for the load resistor.

**Cooling** The dielectric coolant is chosen for its desirable dielectric and thermal characteristics. Cooling of the load is accomplished by natural fluid and air convection currents. The 0.7 gallon of dielectric coolant carries the electrically generated heat from the resistor to the walls of the cylindrical cooling tank. This tank is encased in a set of radiating fins constructed from heavy gauge aluminum alloy and firmly pressed onto the cylinder. The heat from the dielectric fluid is transferred to the surrounding air by the fins.

Expansion of the coolant, caused by the rise in its temperature, is allowed by means of a synthetic rubber diaphragm (not visible) inside the rear cover dome of the unit.





### Location

#### CAUTION

The load is designed for operation in a horizontal plane only, with mounting brackets down. Do not operate in any other position.

Install the Termaline Load Resistor in a location that:

1. Has sufficient room to provide at least twelve inches (304.8 mm) of free space around and above the unit.
2. Is the shortest possible distance, or cable length from the transmitting equipment.
3. Ensures the operation of the load in a horizontal position only, with the handle on top.

**Mounting** The load may be used for portable operation or for fixed installation, that is, it may stand free or may be secured to a bench or any convenient flat surface. The front and rear fins are made of heavier gauge material bent outward 90 degrees to form mounting flanges. At each corner of these flanges is a rubber bumper foot attached with an acorn nut. To fasten the load by means of its base mounting flanges:

1. Remove the four rubber bumpers
2. Fasten the load with four screws. Put one screw in each of the four 9/32 inch holes.

Note: Use screws up to 1/4 inch diameter.

The holes are arranged in a 5-1/8 x 12-17/32 inch rectangle (130.2 x 318.3 mm).



**Use and  
Function of  
Controls**

Because these are passive devices, there are no operating controls on the Load Resistors.

**Initial  
Adjustments**

No initial adjustments are required other than to connect the load to the RF source by means of a coaxial cable equipped with a suitable matching connector plug.

**Start-up**

1. Connect a Male type plug, which mates with the RF input connector, to the load.
2. Connect the load to the transmitting equipment under test with 50 ohm coaxial cable.
3. After the transmitter has been connected to the load, proceed according to the transmitter manufacturer's instructions.

When reconnecting the antenna, it may be necessary to slightly readjust the transmitter due to possible differences in VSWR between the load and the antenna system.

**Normal  
Operation****WARNING**

When power is in the upper range of the load's capacity, the radiator will become hot - care should be used in touching the equipment.

Having no indicators or controls, these loads require no special operating procedures or surveillance when properly used.

**Operating Under  
Emergency,  
Adverse, or  
Abnormal  
Conditions****CAUTION**

Do not operate this equipment continuously above the rated 600 W. Load failure will result.

**Shutdown** Because the loads are passive devices, there is no way to turn them off. Power must be shut off at the source of the RF energy.

**Emergency  
Shutdown**

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WARNING</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Do not attempt to disconnect these loads from the coaxial cable while RF energy is still being applied. Leaking RF power is a potential health hazard.</p> |
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Turn off the RF power at the source.

This chapter contains operator maintenance instructions, troubleshooting, and parts information.

**Troubleshooting**

| <b>Problem</b>  | <b>Possible Cause</b>          | <b>Remedy</b>   |
|---|--------------------------------|---|
| Leakage of coolant oil around band or radiator housing. | Clamping band not tight.       | Tighten clamping band with a screwdriver.                     |
|   | Faulty O-Ring (front).         | Replace per the RF Load Resistor paragraph.                   |
|   | Faulty diaphragm (rear).       | Replace per the Diaphragm and Coolant Oil paragraph.          |
| Overheating of the radiator.                            | Transmitter power is too high. | Reduce the transmitter power.                                 |
|   | Coolant level is too low.      | Add more coolant per the Diaphragm and Coolant Oil paragraph. |
|   | Faulty RF section.             | Replace the RF section per the RF Load Assembly paragraph.    |
| High or low dc resistance values.                       | Faulty RF input connector.     | Replace per the RF connector replacement paragraph.           |
|   | Loose RF input connector.      | Tighten the connector with a screwdriver.                     |
|   | Faulty RF section assembly.    | Replace the RF section per the RF Load Assembly paragraph.    |

**Cleaning** The principle maintenance required by the operator will be the cleaning of the radiator fins. Periodically wipe away the accumulated dust and lint. If the insulator or metallic contact surfaces of the connector should become dirty or grimy, wipe them off with a soft cloth and use a contact cleaner that is self drying and leaves no residue to clean the inaccessible internal parts.

**Inspection** With the rugged and simple construction of the Load Resistors, periodic inspection will be necessary at only about six-month intervals. Inspection should include the items listed below:

1. Oil Leakage - Check for coolant oil seepage around the radiator tank, particularly at the front and back around the underside of the clamping band.
2. Inspect the Load for completeness and general condition of the equipment.

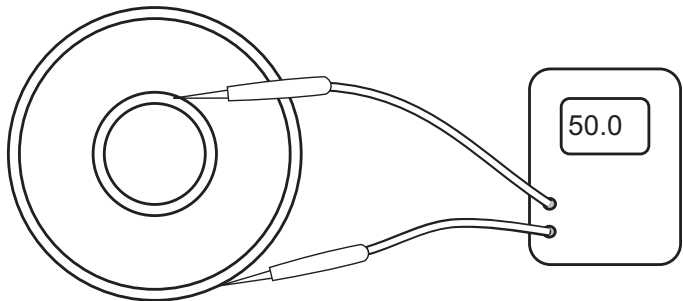
The Troubleshooting Chart lists the symptoms of commonly encountered troubles, their causes, and suggested corrective measures. Use this chart as a guide when analyzing symptoms.

**Preventive Maintenance** Because of the basic simplicity of construction, no special maintenance procedures are required. Keep the equipment clean, and occasionally check the coolant level in the radiator tank.

**DC Resistance** Check the condition of the load resistor by accurate measurement of the dc resistance between the inner and outer conductors of the RF connector. Use an ohmmeter with an accuracy of 1 percent or better at 50 ohms for this purpose. The measured resistance should be a nominal 50 ohms,  $\pm 2$  ohms. Perform this test only when the load has cooled down to room temperature. Refer to figure 1.

Figure 1

DC  
Resistance  
Measurement



## **Disassembly**

There are no special techniques required for the repair or replacement of components in the loads. A screwdriver is the only tool needed.

**RF Connector Replacement** The connector is a patented “Quick Change” design.

This process does not interfere with the essential coaxial continuity of the load resistor RF input or the coolant oil seal.

For replacement, proceed as follows:

1. Remove the four 8-32 x 5/16 inch round head machine screws from the corners of the RF connector.
2. Pull the connector straight out of its socket.

**Diaphragm and Coolant Oil** Remove the diaphragm to replace or examine the coolant oil. Replacement of the diaphragm and coolant are listed in the steps below:

1. Stand the load vertically, with the back end up. Brace it carefully to avoid tipping it over.
2. Loosen the clamp screw until the clamping band is released.
3. Remove the diaphragm cover and lift the diaphragm from the back end of the radiator tank. Inspect the diaphragm. It should be soft and pliable. If it has hardened or shows signs of surface cracks, replace it.
4. The coolant oil level should be about one inch below the top of the radiator cylinder. If the oil appears to be contaminated; i.e., it doesn't have a clear light yellow color, replace it.

**RF Load Resistor Assembly** To replace the load resistor assembly, it is not necessary to drain the unit of coolant oil. Proceed with the steps below:

1. Stand the load vertically, with the front end up.
2. Loosen the clamp screw until the clamping band is released.
3. Hold the load assembly by the RF connector and pull the assembly slowly out of the radiator al-

lowing coolant excess to drip back into the radiator.

4. Inspect the O-Ring seal which is located just inside the mounting flange of the resistor assembly. Do not reuse the O-Ring if it is not soft and pliable or if it shows signs of surface cracks.

### **Assembly**

**RF Connector** Before pushing the RF connector in, be sure that the projecting center contact pin on the connector is carefully engaged and properly seated in the mating socket of the load resistor input.

Install the four 8-32 x 5/16 inch round head machine screws into the corners of the RF connector.

**Diaphragm and Coolant Oil** To assemble, follow the instructions below.

1. Fill the unit with coolant until the level is about one inch (25.4 mm) below the top of the radiator cylinder.
2. Install the diaphragm and place the diaphragm cover on the back end of the radiator tank.
3. Install and tighten the clamping band screw.
4. Check for leaks. Pay particularly close attention to the area around the clamping band.

### **RF Load Resistor Assembly**

To replace the assembly:

1. Hold the load assembly by the RF connector and slowly lower the assembly into the radiator
2. Place the clamp band on and tighten the clamp screw until the clamping band is tight.
3. Place the unit on its flanges, in a horizontal position.
4. Check for leaks. Pay particularly close attention to the area around the clamping band.



## **REPAIRS**

Any maintenance or service procedure beyond the scope of those provided in this chapter should be referred to a qualified service center.

**Preparation For Shipment** Wrap and tape the RF connector to keep out foreign material, then pack and brace the load in a suitable container. A sturdy corrugated paper box is recommended.

**Storage** No special preparations are needed for storage other than to cover the equipment to keep out dust and dirt. Store the unit in a clean dry environment where the ambient temperature will remain within the approximate working range of the instrument -40°C to +45°C (-40°F to +113°F).

## **Customer Service**

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**Replacement Parts List**

| <b>Item</b> | <b>Qty.</b>          | <b>Description</b>                                     | <b>Part Number</b>            |
|-------------|----------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| 1           | 1                    | Radiator assembly<br>Model 8401 & 8404                 | 2440-001-1                    |
|             |                      | Model 8402   | 2440-013                      |
| 2           | 1                    | RF Section assembly                                    | 8401-002                      |
| 3           | .7 gal (2.65 liters) | Dielectric coolant                                     | 5-030-3<br>(1 gal. container) |
| 4           | 1                    | “QC” connector:  | See below*                    |
| 5           | 1                    | Diaphragm  | 2430-015                      |
| 6           | 1                    | Diaphragm cover  | 2430-148                      |
| 7           | 2                    | Clamp band<br>(includes 10-32 x 1-1/2” clamping screw) | 2430-055                      |
| 8           | 1                    | O-Ring seal  | 5-453                         |
| 9           | 4                    | Bumper foot  | 5-049                         |
| 10          | 4                    | Acorn nut  | 8110-171                      |
| 11          | 1                    | Radiator handle(Omitted from Model 8402)               | 2440-009                      |
| 12          | 1                    | Plug, Filler   | 7500-040                      |
| 13          | 1                    | O-Ring, Filler Plug                                    | 8110-041                      |
| 14          | 1                    | Adaptor Male N/Male N (Model 8404)                     | 5-790-1                       |
| 15          | 1                    | Dust cap for Female N (Model 8404)                     | 5-297                         |

**\*Available QC Type Connectors**

|             |          |                    |          |
|-------------|----------|--------------------|----------|
| N-Female    | 4240-062 | LT-Male            | 4240-012 |
| N-Male      | 4240-063 | C-Female           | 4240-100 |
| HN-Female   | 4240-268 | C-Male             | 4240-110 |
| HN-Male     | 4240-278 | UHF-Female(SO-230) | 4240-050 |
| LC-Female** | 4240-031 | UHF-Male (PL-259)  | 4240-179 |
| LC-Male     | 4240-025 | 7/8" EIA Air Line  | 4240-002 |
| LT-Female   | 4240-018 |                    |          |

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