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1413 Precision

Decade Capacitor

User and Service Manual

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OBSERVE ALL SAFETY RULES
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Dangerous voltages may be present inside this instrument. Do not open the case
Refer servicing to qulified personnel

HIGH VOLTAGES MAY BE PRESENT AT THE TERMINALS OF THIS INSTRUMENT

WHENEVER HAZARDOUS VOLTAGES (> 45 V) ARE USED, TAKE ALL MEASURES TO AVOID ACCIDENTAL CONTACT WITH ANY LIVE COMPONENTS.

USE MAXIMUM INSULATION AND MINIMIZE THE USE OF BARE CONDUCTORS WHEN USING THIS INSTRUMENT.

Use extreme caution when working with bare conductors or bus bars.

WHEN WORKING WITH HIGH VOLTAGES, POST WARNING SIGNS AND KEEP UNREQUIRED PERSONNEL SAFELY AWAY.

CAUTION

DO NOT APPLY ANY VOLTAGES OR CURRENTS TO THE TERMINALS OF THIS INSTRUMENT IN EXCESS OF THE MAXIMUM LIMITS INDICATED ON THE FRONT PANEL OR THE OPERATING GUIDE LABEL.

Section 1
Introduction

1.1 Purpose

The Type 1413 Precision Decade Capacitor is both a high-quality, wide-range standard and a reliable component for systems. It can be used as a bench model for versatility, or it can be rack-mounted.

This six-decade capacitor features fine adjustment over a wide range of capacitance, with excellent accuracy. Any value in the range of 0 to 1.111 11 μF can be set, with a resolution of 1 pF.

Other units up to 10,000 μF are available; consult IET.

1.2 Description

The six decades have steps of 1, 10, 100, 1000 pF, and 0.01 and 0.1 □F. Air capacitors are used for the two lower decades, with precision silvered-mica capacitors for the others. Air trimmers are used for trimming the two lowest silvered-mica decades.

The connections to the inner shield and to the case are shown in Figure 1-1. Low terminal-to-guard and detector-input capacitances are obtained by dividing the shielding into two parts. When the two parts are connected together, the 1413 becomes a well-shielded three-terminal capacitor with extremely low zero capacitance. The connections are made by means of BNC connectors on the rear of the cabinet. The inner contacts provide the connections to the capacitors. The outer shells connect to the shields and, when connected together, form the third terminal of the capacitor.

The stability of the 1413 (refer to Specifications) is such that it should not require readjustment with normal service. However, should it become desirable, the four lower decades contain trimmer capacitors that are accessible for this purpose (refer to Section 5.4).

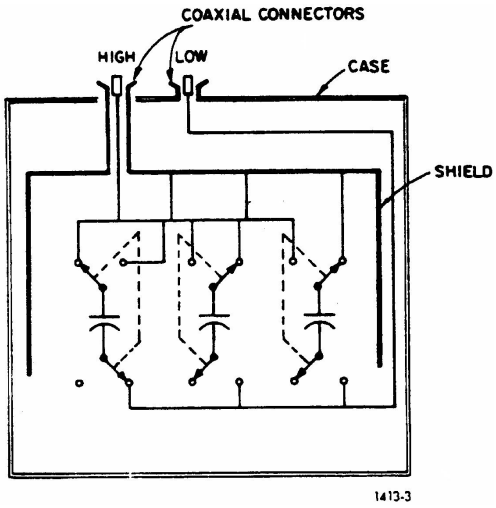


Figure 1-1. Elementary schematic diagram of the Type 1413 Decade Capacitor. Connections for all 24 capacitors are similar to those for the three capacitors shown.

1.3 Controls and Connectors

The controls and connectors on the front and rear of the 1413 are shown in Figures 1-2 and 1-3.

1.4 Inspection and Unpacking

Inspection - If the shipping carton appears damaged, contact the carrier immediately and request that their agent be present when the instrument is unpacked. If the instrument appears to be damaged when unpacked, have the agent witness its condition, take photos of the instrument and carton, and retain the carton until the matter is resolved. Perform an electrical check immediately to determine if any internal damage has occurred and file any required claims with the carrier. It may be necessary to return the instrument to IET
for evaluation, repair estimate and actual repair.

Unpacking - The instrument is wrapped in plastic, and desiccant may be included if the environmental conditions and destination warrant. Do not unwrap the instrument until ready to use or install. For bench use, the bail will raise the front of the instrument if desired. Refer to 2.2 for rack-mounting instructions.

Figure 1-2. Front panel on the Capacitor. Six 11-position switches with knobs and dials to set desired value of capacitance between HIGH and LOW terminals.

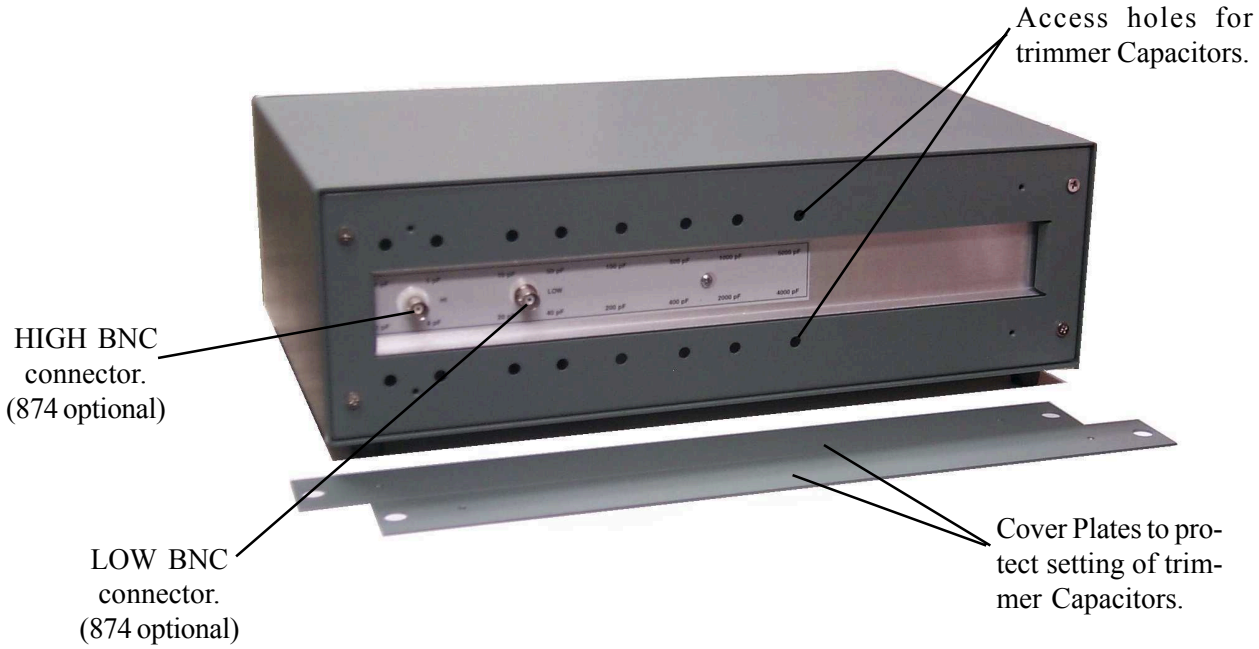


Figure 1-3. Connection on the rear panel of the 1413.

Section 2
Specifications

Range: 0 to 1.111 11 □F. controlled by six in-line-readout dials.

Accuracy: ±(0.05% + 0.5 pF) at 1 kHz.

Stability: ±(0.01% +0.1 pF) per year.
Temperature coefficient:
<<20 ppm/°C from 10 to 50°C.

Zero Capacitance: <0.1 pF.

Voltage Rating: 500 V pk max up to 10 kHz.

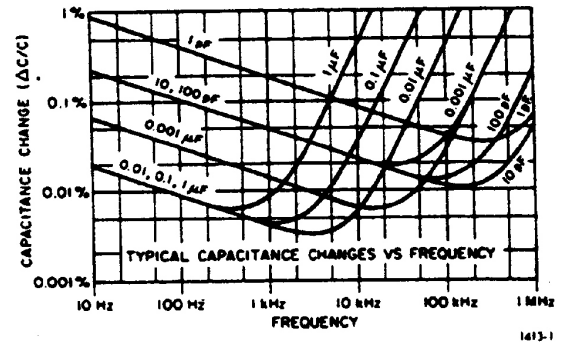
	1 pF to 100 pF	101 pF to 1000 pF	1001 pF to 2000 pF	2001 pF to 0.1 μF	0.1 μF to 1.11111 μF
Dissipation Factor, max at 1 kHz	0.002	0.001	0.0005	0.0003	0.0004
Insulation Resistance, 3 term., after 2 m at 500 V dc	≧ 5 x 10^{10} Ω				≧ 5 x 10^{9} Ω
Terminal Capacitance, max					
high to case	4 pF	8 pF	10 pF	30 pF	60 pF
high to guard	80 pF	105 pF	115 pF	165 pF	200 pF
low to guard	45 pF	70 pF	80 pF	110 pF	120 pF

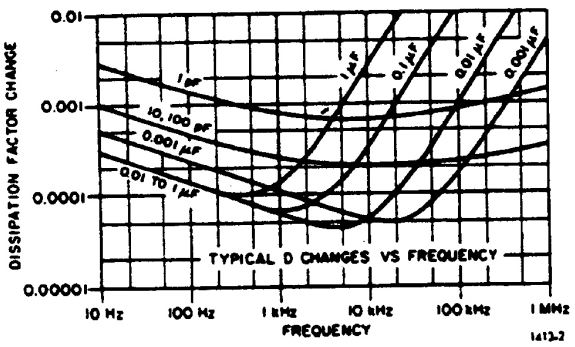
Interface: Connections, 2 rear-mounted bnc connectors, adaptable to most other types.

Available: 0480-9703 Rack Adaptor Set to convert bench models to rack models.

Mechanical: Convertible bench/rack cabinet.
Dimensions (w x h x d):
17 x 5.59 x 11.96 in. (432 x 142 x 304 mm);
rack 19 x 5.22 x 10.9 in. (483 x 133 x 505 mm).

Weight: Bench 23 lb (10.5 kg) net, 29 lb (13.5 kg) shipping; rack 24 lb (11 kg) net, 30 lb (14 kg) ship-





Catalog Number	Description
1413-9700	Bench Model
1413-9701	Rack Model
0480-9703	Rack-Adaptor Set

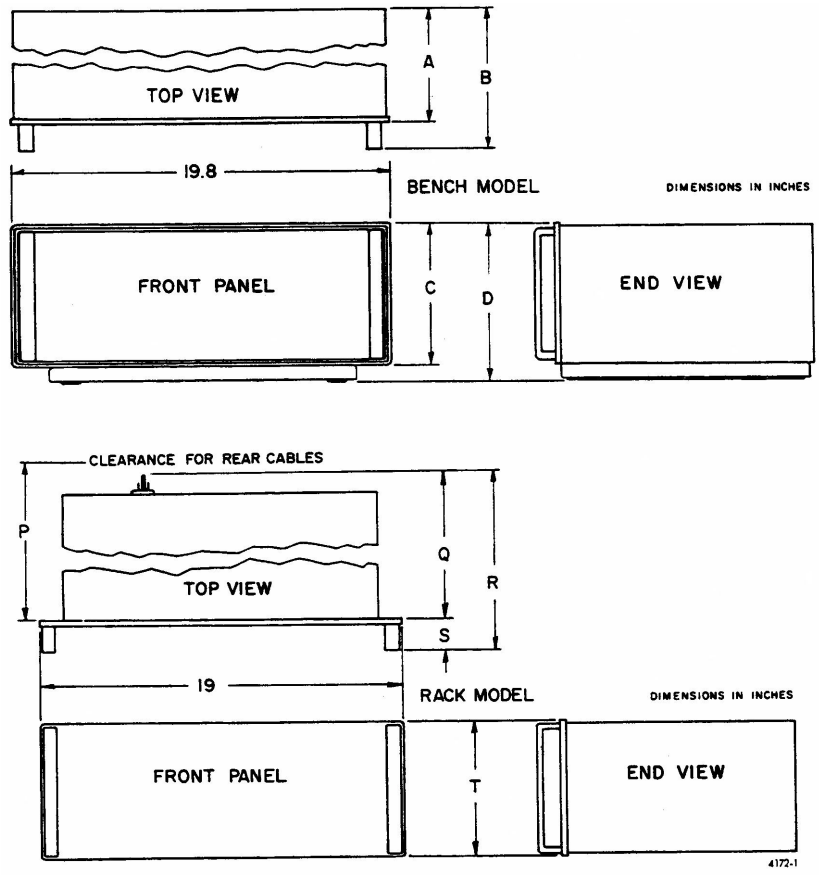
Section 3
Operating Procedure

3.1 Dimensions

The dimensions of both the bench and relay-rack models of the 1413 are shown in Figure 3-1, and are also listed in Section 2.

3.2 Mounting

The 1413 may be ordered enclosed in a cabinet for bench use (P/N 1413-9700). If ordered for rack mounting (P/N 1413-9701), it is shipped with Rack-Adaptor Set P/N 0480-9703, which includes all hardware necessary for mounting the instrument in a standard 19-in. rack or cabinet (refer to Table 3-1). (Order the Rack-Adaptor set alone if a bench model is to be converted for rack mounting.)



Bench Model
A = 10-25/32
B = 11-31/32
C = 5-7/32
D = 5-19/32

Rack Model
Q = 10-21/32
R = 12-5/32
S = 1-1/2
T = 5-7/32

Figure 3-1. Dimensions of the bench and relay-rack models.

Table 3-1
PARTS INCLUDED IN RACK-ADAPTOR SET
P/N 0480-9703

Fig. 3-2 Ref	No. Used	Description	Part No.
C	2	Rack-Adaptor Assembly (handle)	0480-4903
	1	Hardware Set	0480-3080
		Includes:	
D		4 Screws, BH 10-32x 5/16"	
E		4 Screws, BH 10-32x9/16", with nylon cup washers	

CAUTION

Remove the cabinet only when converting the instrument from bench to rack mounting or vice versa. Use extreme care. Do not change the position of the leads or components, as doing so may alter the calibration. IET recommends taking accurate spot readings before and after this procedure in order to verify that the instrument's electrical characteristics have not been affected. Cover the unit with a plastic sheet when working on the cabinet. Clean the inside of the cabinet thoroughly when installation is complete. Replace the instrument in the cabinet as soon as possible after the work is completed.

To install the instrument in a rack:

a. Loosen the four captive 10-32 screws in the rear of the cabinet until the chassis is free; slide the chassis forward, out of the cabinet.

b. Match drill the cabinet for proper positioning of the rack-mount adaptors.

c. Remove the four feet and the bail from the cabinet if required for clearance.

d. Attach one Rack Adaptor Assembly (G) to each side of the cabinet using the hardware supplied.

e. Install the instrument in the cabinet and lock it in place with the four captive screws in the rear panel that were loosened in step a.

f. Slide the entire assembly into the relay rack and install it with the four 9/16-inch screws with captive nylon cup washers (E). Use two screws on each side and tighten them by inserting a screwdriver through the holes in the handles.

To reconvert the instrument for bench use, reverse the above procedure. Seal the mounting holes if the working environment warrants such action.

3.3 Connections

CAUTION

The voltage rating of the 1413 is 500 V pk maximum up to 10 kHz, varying approximately inversely with frequency above 10 kHz. Do not exceed these values.

3.3.1 Three-Terminal Capacitor

When the 1413 is used as a three-terminal capacitor, the outer conductors (shells) of the two bnc connectors must be connected together, to provide complete shielding.

If binding-post connections are desired, these can be provided by standard adaptors plugged into the bnc connectors on the rear of the 1413. Plug the adaptors into the 1413 with the shield binding posts adjacent to each other. These shield posts can then be connected together with a shorting link .

Section 4
Theory

4.1 Circuit Description

Each decade consists of four capacitors with values in the ratio of 1-2-2-5. They are connected in parallel in different combinations to provide ten equal steps of capacitance. Individual capacitors that are not used at a particular setting of the switches are completely disconnected from the circuit and their high side is connected to the inner or "guard" shield. The inner shield and the wiring are arranged to keep the capacitance at the zero setting to a very low value (< 0.1 pF) and to keep the capacitance from HIGH to case and from HIGH and LOW to the inner shield to a minimum.

An elementary schematic is shown in Figure 1-1 and the complete schematic circuit diagram is given in Figure 7-1.

4.2 Frequency Characteristics

Typical variations of capacitance and dissipation factor with frequency are shown in Section 2.

Section 5
Service

5.1 Customer Service

The IET warranty attests to the quality of materials and workmanship in our products. For application assistance or if difficulties occur, our engineers will assist in any way possible. If you cannot eliminate the difficulty, please e-mail, FAX, or phone our Service Department, giving full information of the trouble and of steps taken to remedy it. Be sure to include the type and serial number of the instrument.

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800-475-1220 or 617-969-0804 for technical support

800-899-8438 or 516-334-5959 for customer service

516-334-5988 for FAX

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5.2 Instrument Return

Before returning an instrument to IET for service please call our Service Department at 800-899-8438 for a Return Material Authorization (RMA). Supply a Purchase Order Number or Credit Card information to insure expedient processing. Units under warranty will be repaired at no charge. For any questions on repair costs or shipping instructions, please contact our Service Department at the above number. To safeguard an instrument during shipment, please use packaging that is adequate to protect it from damage, (i.e., equivalent to the original packaging) and mark the box “Delicate Electronic Instrument” and also with the RMA number. Material should be sent freight prepaid to:

IET Labs, Inc.
10 Dedham Street
Newton Highlands, MA 02461

Attention: Service Department

Table 6-2
Connections for Terminal-Capacitance Measurements

Measurement	Connection	Lead Type
HIGH to Case	Bridge L to 1413 HIGH	Patch cord
	Bridge H to outer shell of 1413 LOW	Shielded clip lead
	Bridge GND to inner conductor of 1413 LOW	Single banana plug patch cord
HIGH to Guard	Bridge H to shell, and L to inner conductor of 1413 HIGH	Shielded clip leads
	Bridge GND to shell and inner conductor of 1413 LOW	Patch cord with alligator clips
LOW to Guard	Bridge L to 1413 LOW	Patch cord
	Bridge H to shell of 1413 HIGH	Shielded clip lead
	Bridge GND to inner conductor of 1413 HIGH	Single banana plug patch cord

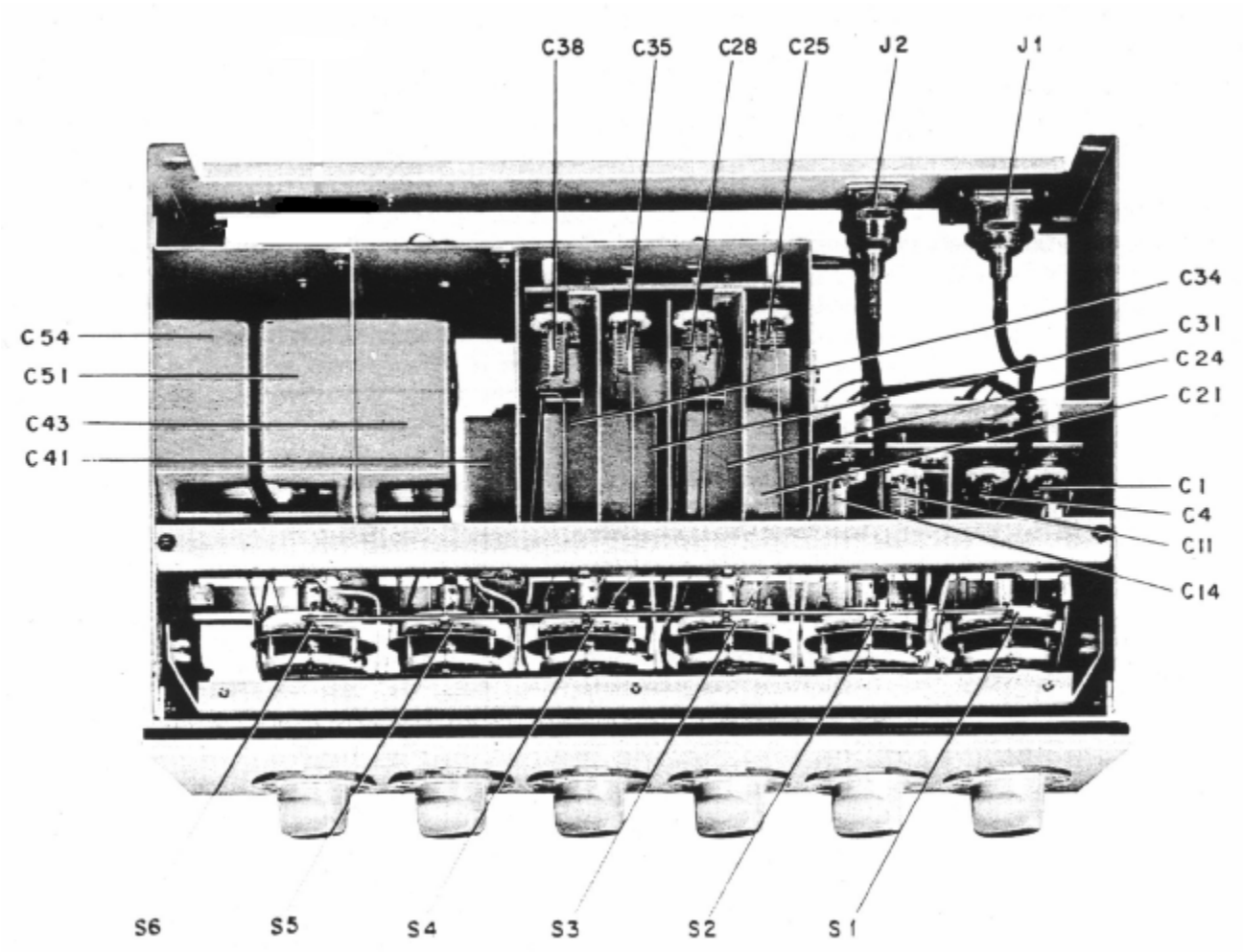

Figure 6-1. Top interior view of the Capacitor.

ELECTRICAL PARTS LIST

Ref Des	Description	IET Part No.
CAPACITORS		
Cl	Air Dielectric, 1.4-5.0 pF	4380-3500
C2	Air Dielectric, 1.4-5.0 pF	4380-3500
C3	Air Dielectric, 1.4-5.0 pF	4380-3500
C4	Air Dielectric, 1.7-8.7 pF	4380-3600
C5	Quartz, Var., 0.6-1.8 pF,	4910-1180
C11	Air Dielectric, 2.7-19.6 pF	4380-3700
C12	Air Dielectric, 2.7-19.6 pF	4380-3700
C13	Air Dielectric, 2.7-19.6 pF	4380-3700
C14	Air Dielectric, 2.7-19.6 pF	4380-3700
C15	Ceramic, 33 pF ±5%, NPO, 500V	4410-0335
C21	96.3 pF ±1 pF	0505-4030
C22	196.0 pF ±1 pF	0505-4031
C23	196.0 pF ±1 pF	0505-4031
C24	496.0 pF ±1.3 pF	0505-4032
C25	Air Dielectric, 1.7-8.7 pF	4380-3600
C26	Air Dielectric, 1.7-8.7 pF	4380-3600
C27	Air Dielectric, 1.7-8.7 pF	4380-3600
C28	Air Dielectric, 1.7-8.7 pF	4380-3600
C31	986.1 pF ±2.1 pF	0505-4033
C32	1989 pF ±5 pF	0505-4034
C33	1989 pF ±5 pF	0505-4034
C34	4989 pF ±5 pF	0505-4035
C35	Air Dielectric, 2.7-19.6 pF	4380-3700
C36	Air Dielectric, 2.7-19.6 pF	4380-3700
C37	Air Dielectric, 2.7-19.6 pF	4380-3700
C38	Air Dielectric, 2.7-19.6 pF	4380-3700
C41	10,000 pF ±2.5 pF	0505-4036
C42	20,000 pF ±5 pF	0505-4037
C43	20,000 pF ±5 pF	0505-4037
C44	.05 µF ±12.5 pF	0505-4038
C51	0.1 µF ±12.5 pF	0505-4039
C52	0.2 µF ±50 pF	0505-4040
C53	0.2 µF ±50 pF	0505-4040
C54	0.5 µF ±125 pF	0505-4041

MECHANICAL PARTS LIST

Front View (See Fig 1-2)

Qty	Ref	Description	IET Part No.
1	1	Cabinet asm., includes:	4181-2901
1		Bail*	
1		Gasket (mat'l.)	0051-0006
1		Foot, left front*	
1		Foot, right front*	
2		Foot, l & r, rear*	
		*Part of foot/bail kit	
6	2	Knob/Dial assembly	350020
6	3	Cap, knob	350019

Rear View (See Fig 1-3)

Qty	Ref	Description	IET Part No.
1	1	Connector, bnc, isolated (Std.) (Other types optional)	31-10/800-2540-03
1	2	Connector, bnc (Other types optional)	31-221/UG-1094
2	3	Cover Plate	1413-8190