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1. GENERAL

The Model 3-98 is a portable survey instrument with four linear ranges up to 500,000 cpm. The instrument features an internal pancake tube along with the capability of utilizing an external probe by a switch on the front-panel labeled INT/EXT. Separate high-voltage adjustments for the internal and external probes are provided. The high-voltage power supply is regulated and adjustable from 200 to 1000 V. The unit body is made of cast aluminum, including the meter housing. The can is 0.23 cm (0.090 in.) aluminum. Other operating features of the instrument include a unimorph speaker mounted to the instrument can with an audio ON-OFF capability, fast-slow meter response, meter reset button, and a six-position switch for selecting battery check or scale multiples of X0.1, X1, X10 and X100.

2. SPECIFICATIONS

RANGES: four linear range multiples of X0.1, X1, X10, and X100; typically used in combination with the 0-5k cpm meter dial, 0-5000,000 cpm is achieved with the range multiplier

METER: 1mA, 6.4 cm (2.5 in.) scale, with pivotand-jewel suspension

METER COMPENSATION: temperature compensation is provided by thermistors on the main board

INPUT SENSITIVITY: 30 mV, (±10 mV)

HIGH VOLTAGE: adjustable 400-1500 V

RESPONSE: 4 or 22 seconds for 90% of final meter reading

LINEARITY: ±5% of full scale

INTERNAL DETECTOR: pancake style GM detector with $1.7 \pm 0.3 \text{ mg/cm}^2$ window

WINDOW AREA: Active: 15.51 cm²; Open: 12.26 cm² Each range multiplier has its own calibration potentiometer.

Most Ludlum Measurements GM probes will operate on this unit, as will many of the scintillation detectors. The external high voltage is factory set for 900 V. For special requirements, it may be adjusted for operation with any GM or scintillator tube between 400 and 1500 V.

The unit is operated with two "D" cell flashlight batteries for operation from approximately 0 to 65 °C (32 to 150 °F). For temperature operation to -18 °C (0 °F), either very fresh alkaline or rechargeable NiCd batteries may be used. Battery drain averages 17 milliamperes.

PROTECTIVE SCREEN: stainless steel, 79% open

POWER: two standard "D" size batteries

BATTERY LIFE: exceeds 600 hours with a fresh set of alkaline "D" cell batteries

BATTERY DEPENDANCE: instrument calibration changes less than 3% within battery check limits on meter

AUDIO: built-in unimorph speaker with an ON-OFF switch

CONNECTOR: series "C," 706 U/G; BNC or MHV may also be provided

SIZE: 22.9 x 8.9 x 21.6 cm (9 x 3.5 x 8.5 in.) (H x W x L), with handle

WEIGHT: 1.4 kg (3 lb), less detector and batteries

FINISH: drawn-and-cast aluminum, with computer-beige polyurethane enamel and silk-screened nomenclature

3. DESCRIPTION OF CONTROLS AND FUNCTIONS

Range Multiplier Selector Switch: a six-position switch marked OFF, BAT, X100, X10, X1, X0.1. Turning the range selector switch from OFF to BAT position provides the operator a battery check of the instrument. A BAT check scale on the meter provides a visual means of checking the battery status. Moving the range selector switch to one of the range multiplier positions (X0.1, X1, X10, X100) provides the operator with typical overall ranges of 0-500 kcpm (for a typical meter dial it's 0-5 kcpm). Multiply the scale reading by the multiplier for determining the actual reading.

AUD ON-OFF Toggle Switch: In the ON position, the switch energizes the unimorph speaker, located on the left side of the instrument. The frequency of the clicks is relative to the rate of the incoming pulses. The higher the rate, the higher the audio frequency. The audio should be turned OFF when not required to reduce battery drain.

F-S Toggle Switch: Provides meter response. Selecting the fast, "F" position, of the toggle switch provides 90% of the final meter reading in four seconds. In slow, "S" position, 90% of the final meter reading takes 22 seconds. In the "F" position, there is a fast response and large meter deviation. In the "S" position, there is a slow response and damped meter deviation.

RESET Pushbutton: When depressed, provides a rapid means to drive the meter to zero.

INT/EXT Switch: a two-position switch used to alternate between the internal pancake tube and the external probe. In the INT position, the internal tube is utilized. In the EXT position, the external probe is utilized.

H.V. Adjustment: provides a means to vary the high voltage from 400 to 1500 volts. The high voltage setting may be checked at the probe connector with an appropriate voltmeter.

Range Calibration Adjustments: recessed potentiometers located under the calibration cover, on the right side of the front panel. These adjustment controls allow individual calibration for each range multiplier.

4. OPERATING PROCEDURES

Caution: Verify instrument voltage input rating before connecting to a power converter. If the wrong power converter is used, the instrument and/or power converter could be damaged.

Note: To open the Battery Lid, twist the lid button counterclockwise a quarter-turn. To close, twist clockwise a quarater-turn.

• Open the Battery Lid and install two "D" size batteries. Note (+) (-) marks on the inside of the lid. Match the battery polarity to these marks.

Note: The center post of flashlight battery is positive. Close the battery box lid.

- Switch the range switch to BAT. The meter should deflect to the battery check portion of the meter scale. If the meter does not respond, recheck that the batteries have proper polarity.
- Turn the INT/EXT switch to EXT.
- Connect a detector to the Model 3-98.

- Turn the instrument range switch to X100. Expose the detector to a check source. The speaker should click with the AUDIO ON-OFF switched to ON.
- Move the range switch to the lower scales until a meter reading is indicated. The toggle switch labeled F-S should have fast response in "F" and slow response in "S".
- Depress the RES switch. The meter should zero.
- Turn the INT/EXT switch to INT and hold the check source to the end of the can until a meter reading is indicated.

Note: To assure proper operation of the instrument between calibrations, an instrument operational check should be performed prior to use. A reference reading with a check source should be obtained at the time of initial calibration or as soon as possible afterwards, for confirming correct operation. Confirm the proper reading on each scale.

If the instrument does not read within 20% of the proper reading, it should be sent in to a calibration facility for recalibration.

5. CALIBRATION

5.1 Detector Operating Point

CAUTION: The detector operating voltage is connected to both detectors at all times, regardless of which position the detector INT/EXT switch is set. The maximum operating voltage for the internal GM detector is 1000 VDC; therefore, the external detector operating voltage must be kept below 1000 VDC.

• Switch the INT/EXT switch to the INT position and adjust the HVE control for 900 volts at the instrument connector.

NOTE: Measure high voltage with a Model 500 pulser on a high-impedance voltmeter with a high meg probe. If one of these is not available, use a voltmeter with a minimum of 1000 megohm input resistance.

- For external GM detector applications, the power supply may be adjusted for 450-550 volt and 900 volt GM tubes. Follow the above procedure, only set the supply at the new operating voltage.
- For scintillation counters, connect the scintillator. Expose the unit to a source and develop an operating voltage versus countrate plot. Set the operating voltage at the flattest portion of this curve.

5.2 Calibration CPM Meter Dial

To calibrate the cpm scale, a Ludlum Model 500 pulse generator is required.

- Connect the pulse generator to the instrument and adjust the pulse frequency to provide a 4/5-scale deflection on the X100 range (400,000 cpm). Adjust the X100 range calibration potentiometer as required.
- Adjust the pulse frequency to a 1/5 scale deflection on the X100 range (100,000 cpm) and confirm that the meter indicates ±10% of incoming pulses. Decrease the pulse frequency by decades and adjust each range calibration potentiometer accordingly.

6. MAINTENANCE

Instrument maintenance consists of keeping the instrument clean and periodically checking the batteries and the calibration.

An instrument operational check should be performed prior to each use by exposing both the internal and external detectors to a known source and confirming the proper reading on each scale.

Recalibration should be accomplished after any maintenance or adjustment of any kind has been performed on the instrument. Battery replacements are not considered to be maintenance and do not normally require the instrument to be recalibrated.

Ludlum Measurements recommends recalibration at intervals no greater than one year. Check the appropriate regulations to determine required recalibration intervals. The batteries should be removed and the battery contacts cleaned of any corrosion at least every three months. If the instrument has been exposed to a very dusty or corrosive atmosphere, more frequent battery servicing should be used.

Use a spanner wrench to unscrew the battery contact insulators, exposing the internal contacts and battery springs. Removing the handle will facilitate access to these contacts.

Note: Never store the instrument over 30 days without removing batteries. Although this instrument will operate at very high ambient temperatures, battery seal failure can occur at temperatures as low as 38 °C (100 °F).

7. THEORY OF OPERATION

7.1 Input

The external detector pulses are coupled from the detector through C3 to emitter follower Q5. R10 and R20 provide bias. R32 protects Q5 from input shorts. R38 couples the detector to the high-voltage supply.

The internal detector (V1) pulses are coupled from the detector through C27 to emitter follower Q7. R45 limits the current to V1. R21 and R41 provide bias to Q7. R40 protects Q7 from input shorts. R39 couples V1 to the high-voltage supply.

The internal detector is used only when the INT/EXT switch is in the INT position. In the EXT position, the external detector is used. When in the EXT position, P1-13 is grounded, turning off Q6, allowing the pulses from Q5 to pass on to the amplifier. P1-14 is opened, allowing R46 to bias Q9, pulling the pulses from the base of Q7 to ground and blocking them from the amplifier. In the INT position, P1-14 is grounded, turning on Q9, allowing the pulses from Q7 to pass onto the amplifier. P1-13 is opened allowing R47 to bias Q6, pulling the pulses from the base of Q5 to ground and blocking them from the amplifier.

7.2 Amplifier

A self-biased amplifier provides gain in proportion to R33, divided by R6 for the external detector and R33, divided by R44 for the internal detector. Transistor U9A provides amplification. U1 is coupled as current mirror to provide a load for Pin 3 of U4. The output self biases to 2 Vbe (approximately 1.4 volts) at Pin 1 of U4. This provides just enough bias current through Pin 3 of U4 to conduct all of the current from the current mirror. Positive pulses from Pin 7 of U4 are coupled to the discriminator.

7.3 Discriminator

Comparator U5 provides discrimination. The discriminator is set by the voltage divider, R8 and R5, coupled to Pin 3 of U5. These pulses are coupled to Pin 5 of U6 for meter drive and Pin 12 of U6 for audio.

7.4 Audio

Discriminator pulses are coupled to univibrator Pin 12 of U6. Front-panel audio ON-OFF selector controls the reset at Pin 13 of U6. When ON, pulses from Pin 10 of U6 turn on oscillator U2, which drives the can-mounted unimorph. The speaker tone is set by R13 and C12; duration by R36 and C23.

7.5 Digital Analog Convertor

Pins 10-15 of U1 are coupled as a current mirror. For each pulse of current through R9, an equal current is delivered to C22. This charge is drained off by R42. The voltage across C22 is proportional to the incoming count rate.

7.6 Scale Ranging

Detector pulses from the discriminator are coupled to univibrator Pin 5 of U6. For each scale, the pulse width of Pin 6 of U6 is increased by a factor of 10, with the actual pulse width being controlled by the front-panel calibration controls and their related capacitors. This arrangement allows the same current to be delivered to C22 by one-tenth of a count on the X.1 range as 100 counts on X1K range.

7.7 Meter Drive

The meter is driven by the emitter to Q3, coupled as a voltage follower in conjunction with Pin 1 of U3. For the battery test, the voltage follower is bypassed, and the meter movement is directly coupled to the battery through R26.

7.8 Meter Compensation

When the unit is provided with a hightorque meter movement, with 1.2 V drive, a temperature compensation circuit is provided on the main circuit board by way of components R15, R17, and R23.

7.9 Fast/Slow Time Constant

For the slow time constant, C29 is switched from the output of the meter drive to parallel C22.

7.10 Low Voltage Supply

Battery voltage is coupled to U8 and associated components (a switching regulator) to provide 5 V at Pin 5 to power all logic circuits. Unregulated battery voltage is used to power the meter drive (Q3) and the high-voltage blocking oscillator (Q2).

7.11 Low Voltage Reference

U7 provides a 1.22 V precision reference for HV supply.

7.12 High Voltage Supply

High voltage is developed by blocking oscillator Q2-T1 and rectified by voltage multiplier CR1, CR2, CR3, and CR4. Output voltage increases as current through Q1 increases, with maximum output voltage with Q1 saturated.

High voltage is coupled back through R12 to Pin 6 of opamp U3. R2 completes the high-voltage circuit-to-ground. Highvoltage output is set by R4 (HV Set), which sets bias of Pin 5 of U3. During stable operation, the voltage at Pin 6 of U3 will equal the voltage at Pin 5 of U3. Pin 7 of U3 will cause conduction of Q1 to increase or decrease until the high voltage seeks a level of stability.

PARTS LIST

Ref. No.	Description	Part No.	Ref. No.	Description	Part No.
Model 3-98 Survey Meter			U5	TLC372IP	06-6265
			U6	CD4098BE	06-6066
UNIT	Completely Assembled Model		U7	LM385Z-1.2	05-5808
UIII	3-98 Survey Meter	48-1135	U8	MAX631	06-6249
	5-98 Survey Weter	40-1155	U9	CMXT3904TRLF	05-5888
Main Cir	cuit Roard Drawing 363 X 525		U10	CMXT3906TRLF	05-5890
	cuit board, brawing 505 A 525		U11	CMXT3904TRLF	05-5888
BOARD	Assembled Circuit Board	5464-633	DIODES		
CAPACITORS			CR1-CR4	1N4007	07-6274
C1		04 5510	CR5	1N4148	07-6272
CI	0.0015μ F, 3kV, C	04-5518			
C2	0.01μ F, 100V, C	04-5523	RESISTORS		
C3	100pF, 3kV	04-5532			
C4	0.0027µF, 3kV, C	04-5520	R1-R2	1M, 250mW, 5%	10-7028
C5	220pF, 100V, C	04-5530	R3	10k, 250mW, 5%	10-7016
C6-C7	0.0015µF, 3kV, C	04-5518	R4	22k, 250mW, 5%	10-7070
C8	0.001µF, 100V, C	04-5519	R5	10k, 250mW, 5%	10-7016
C9	100µF, 10V, DT	04-5576	R6-R7	4.7k, 250mW, 5%	10-7014
C10	100pF, 3kV	04-5532	R8	43k, 250mW, 5%	10-7057
C11	0.0015µF, 3kV, C	04-5518	R9	33k, 250mW, 5%	10-7019
C12	470pF, 100V, C	04-5555	R10	100k, 250mW, 5%	10-7023
C13	0.01µF, 100V, C	04-5523	R11	10k, 250mW, 5%	10-7016
C14	1μF, 35V, DT	04-5575	R12	1 G, FHV-1, 2%	12-7686
C15	0.1µF, 100V, C	04-5521	R13	470k, 250mW, 5%	10-7026
C16-C17	100µF, 10V, DT	04-5576	R14	10k, 250mW, 5%	10-7016
C18	330pF, 100V	04-5531	R16	1k, 250mW, 5%	10-7009
C19	10µF, 20V, DT	04-5592	R17	301 OHM, 400mW, 1%	12-7855
C20	220pF, 100V, C	04-5530	R18	47k, 250mW, 5%	10-7020
C21	100pF, 100V, C	04-5527	R19	1k, 250mW, 5%	10-7009
C22	10µF, 20V, DT	04-5592	R20-R21	100k, 250mW, 5%	10-7023
C23	0.01µF, 100V, C	04-5523	R22	10k, 250mW, 5%	10-7016
C24	100µF, 10V, DT	04-5576	R24	200 OHM, 250mW, 5%	10-7006
C25	0.1µF, 35V, DT	04-5574	R25	2.2k, 250mW, 5%	10-7012
C27	100pF, 3kV, C	04-5532	R26	2.37k, 1/8W, 1%	12-7648
C29	47µF, 16V, DT	04-5550	R27	22k, 125mW, 5%	10-7070
C30	0.1µF, 35V, DT	04-5574	R28	100 OHM, 250mW, 5%	10-7004
			R29	8.2k, 250mW, 5%	10-7015
TRANSIS	STORS		R30	100k, 250mW, 5%	10-7023
			R31	1k, 1/4W, 5%	10-7009
Q1	2N3904G	05-5755	R32	10k, 250mW, 5%	10-7016
Q2	2N4402BU	05-5763	R33	82k, 250mW, 5%	10-7022
Q3	2N3904G	05-5755	R34	10k, 1/4W, 5%	10-7016
Q4	2N4402BU	05-5763	R35	100k, 250mW, 5%	10-7023
Q5-Q7	2N3904G	05-5755	R36	2.7M, 250mW, 5%	10-7029
Q8	2N7000	05-5820	R37	1k, 250mW, 5%	10-7009
-			R38	1M, 333mW, 1%	12-7609
INTEGRATED CIRCUITS			R39	33k, 250mW, 5%	10-7019
U1	CMXT3906TRLF	05-5890	R40	10k, 250mW, 5%	10-7016
U2	ICM7555	06-6136	R41	100k, 250mW, 5%	10-7023
U3	TLC27M7IP	06-6248	R42	180k, 250mW, 5%	10-7068
U4	CMXT3904TRLF	05-5888	R44	4.7k, 250mW, 5%	10-7014

Ref. No.	Description	Part No.	P4	MTA100 CONN-640456-4	13-8057	
R47	100k, 250mW, 5%	10-7023		MTA100	13-8088	
R48	10M, 250mW, 5%	10-7031	Ref. No.	Description	Part No.	
THERMI	STORS		<u>Chassis Wiring</u>	Chassis Wiring Diagram, Drawing 363 X 582		
RT15 RT23	150 Ohm, 333mW, 2% 150 Ohm, 333mW, 2%	07-6332 07-6332	AUDIO			
INDUCTO	ORS		DS1	UNIMORPH 60690	21-9251	
L1	470UHY	21-9600	CONNECTOR			
TRANSFO	ORMERS		J1	CONN-1-640442-6 MTA100	13-8187	
T1	L8050	40-0902	J2	CONN-640442-2 MTA100	13-8178	
MISCELLANEOUS		J3	CONN-640442-5 MTA100	13-8140		
W2-W9.	RECEPTACLE Cloverlea	ıf	J 4	CONN-640442-4 MTA 100	13-8170	
	011-6809	18-8771	J5	RECPT-UG706/U "C"	13-7751	
P1	CONN-1-640456-6	12 0124				
D7	MTA100X16 CONN 640456 2 MTA10	13-8134 0X2	SWITCHES			
12	CON10-040450-2 MIAIC	13-8073	01	C + 11 DA (00 010	00 6501	
J1	CONTACT#1414	18-9124	S1 S2	Centerlab PA600-210	08-6501	
J2	JACK-TEST 1128-09-03	19	52 53 54	55D50-01-2-AJN 7101 SV7 OF	08-0514	
		18-8806	55-54 S6	30-1 P/B	08-6517	
			50	50 I I/D	00 0017	
<u>Calibratio</u>	on Board, Drawing 363 X 528		BATTERY			
BOARD	Completely Assembled Calibration Board	5363-674	B1-B2	"D" Duracell Battery	21-9313	
			DETECTOR			
CAPACI	TORS					
~ .			V1	GM TUBE-LND7311	01-5008	
C1 C2	0.047ФF 100V C X7R 0.0047ФF 100V C X7R	04-5565 04-5570	MISCELLANI	MISCELLANEOUS		
RESISTO	RS		*	BATTERY LID W/CF	9363-986	
KESISTO	NS .		*	PORTABLE BATTERY	LID WITH	
R1-R2	1 Meg Trimmer	09-6814		STAINLESS CONTACT	2009-036	
R3	100k Trimmer	09-6813	*	PORTABLE BATTERY	NEGATIVE	
R4	1 Meg Trimmer	09-6814		CONTACT ASSY	2001-065	
R5	100k Trimmer	09-6813	*	PORTABLE BATTERY	POSITIVE	
R7	100k Trimmer	09-6813		CONTACT ASSY	2001-066	
			M1	PORT BEZEL		
RESISTO	R NETWORK		*	FRONT PANEL ASSY PORT DEEP CAN	4363-188	
RN1	NETWORK-10k SIP			ASSEMBLY	4363-615	
	8PIN	12-7720	*	MODEL 3-98 CAN ASSY	7 4363-737	
			*	Model 3-98 CASTING	9363-739	
MISCELI	LANEOUS		*	Model 3-97/3-98 MAIN HARNESS	8363-700	
P3	CONN-640456-5		*	PORTABLE KNOB	08-6613	

Ref. No.	Description	Part No.
*	PROBE KNOB-	
	MS 91528	08-6606
*	PORT BEZEL GLASS	
	W/O SCREWS	4363-352
*	METER MOVEMENT	
	(1mA)	15-8030
*	PORTABLE METER	
	FACE	7363-136
*	HARNESS-PORT	
	CAN WIRES	8363-462
*	PORTABLE BATTERY L	ID WITH
	STAINLESS CONTACT	2009-036
*	PORT. LATCH KIT	
	W/O BATT. LID	4363-349
*	PORT. CALIB. COVER	
	W/SCREWS	9363-200
*	PORT. HANDLE	
	(ROLLED) W/SCREWS	7363-139
*	PORT HANDLE FOR CLIP	
	W/SCREWS	7363-203
*	REPLACEMENT CABLE	
	(STD 39 inch)	40-1004
*	CLIP (44-3 TYPE)	
	W/SCREWS 700	02-026-01
*	CLIP (44-7 TYPE)	
	W/SCREWS 701	0-007-01
*	CLIP (44-6 TYPE)	
	W/SCREWS 70	010-008-01

DRAWINGS AND DIAGRAMS

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Calibration Board, Drawing 363 x 528 Calibration Board Component Layout, 363 x 529 (2 sheets)

Wiring Diagram, Drawing 363 x 582





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