



Model 480B21

3-channel, Battery-powered, ICP® Sensor Signal Conditioner

Installation and Operating Manual

**For assistance with the operation of this product,
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OPERATION MANUAL FOR MODEL 480B21 BATTERY POWERED SIGNAL CONDITIONER

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Model 480B21 is a 3-channel ICP[®] Battery Power Signal Conditioner. The voltage gain switches offer amplification factors of 1, 10, and 100.

2.0 DESCRIPTION

Refer to Drawings and Specifications in the rear of this manual. Also see Figure 1 for Schematic Diagram.

The Model 480B21 operates from three self-contained 9-volt transistor radio batteries and supply constant-current power to the built-in sensor amplifier in ICP[®] sensors or in-line and adaptor amplifiers such as the 401-422 series. (See Guide G-0001 for a comprehensive coverage of the ICP[®] concept).

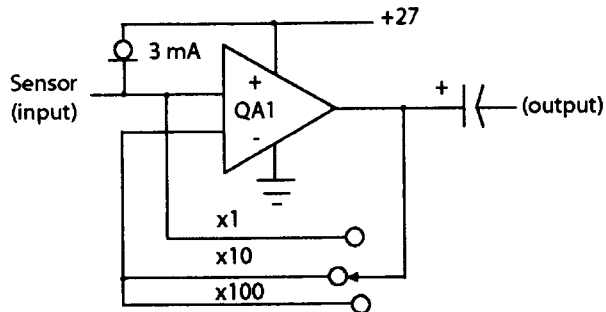


Figure 1
Schematic Diagram Model 480B21

A standard triax sensor jack is located on the front panel. This jack allows for a direct 3-channel cable connection to the input circuits. Use PCB Series 010D cable.

The unit is small enough to be easily carried in the field and, being battery operated, is especially noise-free and unaffected by ground loops. The low battery drain affords good battery life. An additional connector for an optional, DC power adapter is also included. Contact PCB for various adapters available.

Also, the gain amplifiers are "unpowered" in the gain of "1" position for extended battery life.

A notable feature is the unit's low-frequency response. (See Specification Sheets). Another feature is a front panel meter which serves as a fault monitor check for circuit connections, and when used in connection with a front panel momentary battery test rocker switch, can also check the condition of the batteries. Another refinement is a small jack on the top edge, which can be used for external, wide range, DC input (30-48 VDC).

The front panel meter referred to above is color-coded to monitor circuit faults and to check battery conditions. Subsequent sections of this manual will describe these functions in detail.

3.0 OPERATION

The fault monitor consists of a color-coded meter and a three-position selector switch. The switch selects the channel to be monitored.

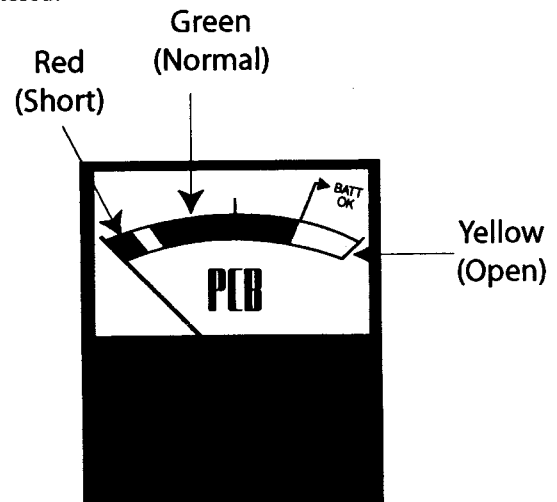


Figure 2
Fault Monitor Meter

When an ICP[®] sensor is connected to the input "SENSOR" jack, the meter will indicate approximately mid-scale (+13V nominal) if the sensor's built-in amplifier is functioning properly and cables are intact. (Certain special ICP[®] sensors such as low-noise or cryogenic units have lower turn-on voltage. Consult specification sheet).

In this manner, the meter can be used to continuously monitor the channel for normal operation.

Immediately after connecting a readout instrument (oscilloscope, meter, recorder, etc.) to the "output" jack the 47 μ F coupling capacitor will begin charging through the input resistance of the readout instrument. This charging will cause an apparent "drifting" of the output signal until the capacitor is fully charged. Such drifting is perfectly normal.

3.1 OUTPUT VOLTAGE LIMITATIONS

Certain ICP[®] sensors are capable of a 10 volt output voltage swing. The Model 480B21 with a 27V supply will allow the signal to go to ± 10 volts, assuming a 13 volt turn-on for the sensor.

3.2 CURRENT DRIVE LIMITATIONS

In the interest of battery life, the current output of Model 480B21 is fixed at 3 mA. This current will adequately handle high-frequency signals in cables up to approximately 100 ft. long. Longer cables can be driven, but with sacrifice of high-frequency response.

3.3 CHANGING THE BATTERIES

When the batteries require changing, as indicated by the front panel meter, proceed as follows:

Remove the cover on the rear panel of the 480B21. Lift each battery up, at the contact end, and remove batteries. Connect new 9-volt batteries in place and replace the rear cover. Notice the slots in case for proper cover placement, then slide into position.

In normal use, the life expectancy of the batteries is in excess of 25 hours of operation when gain is in the x10 or x100 position. When gain switch is in unity position, battery life is approximately 40 hours. Turn unit off when not in use to conserve battery life.

NOTE: Use Duracell® Mn 1604 or equivalent NEDA 1604A battery.

3.4 BATTERY TEST

The Models 480B21 incorporates a momentary battery test rocker switch as part of the ON/OFF switch.

Depressing this rocker, switches the meter from the "SENSOR" jack to the battery high side. Normal circuit operation is not affected by this action and releasing the rocker returns the meter to the sensor bias monitor function.

Replace batteries if meter pointer does not move to "BATT OK" mark on the meter when power is "ON", and "BATT TEST" rocker is depressed.

4.0 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

Aside from battery replacement, no Maintenance is required for these units. It is suggested, should trouble occur, that you contact the factory for assistance. A repair or replacement quotation is available at no charge. Before returning equipment for repair, it is recommended that the user confer with a factory application engineer (or international representative) to first troubleshoot the problem.

5.0 RETURN PROCEDURE

To expedite the repair process, contact a factory application engineer to obtain a RETURN MATERIAL AUTHORIZATION (RMA) number prior to sending equipment to the factory. Please have information, such as model number, serial number and description of the problem, available.

Customers outside the U.S. should consult their local PCB distributor for information on returning equipment. For exceptions to this guideline, please contact the International Sales department to request shipping instructions and an RMA.

For further assistance, please call the electronics Division Toll Free number: 888-828-8840 or fax us at (716) 684-0987. You may also receive assistance via e-mail at electronics@pcb.com or visit our web site at www.pcb.com.

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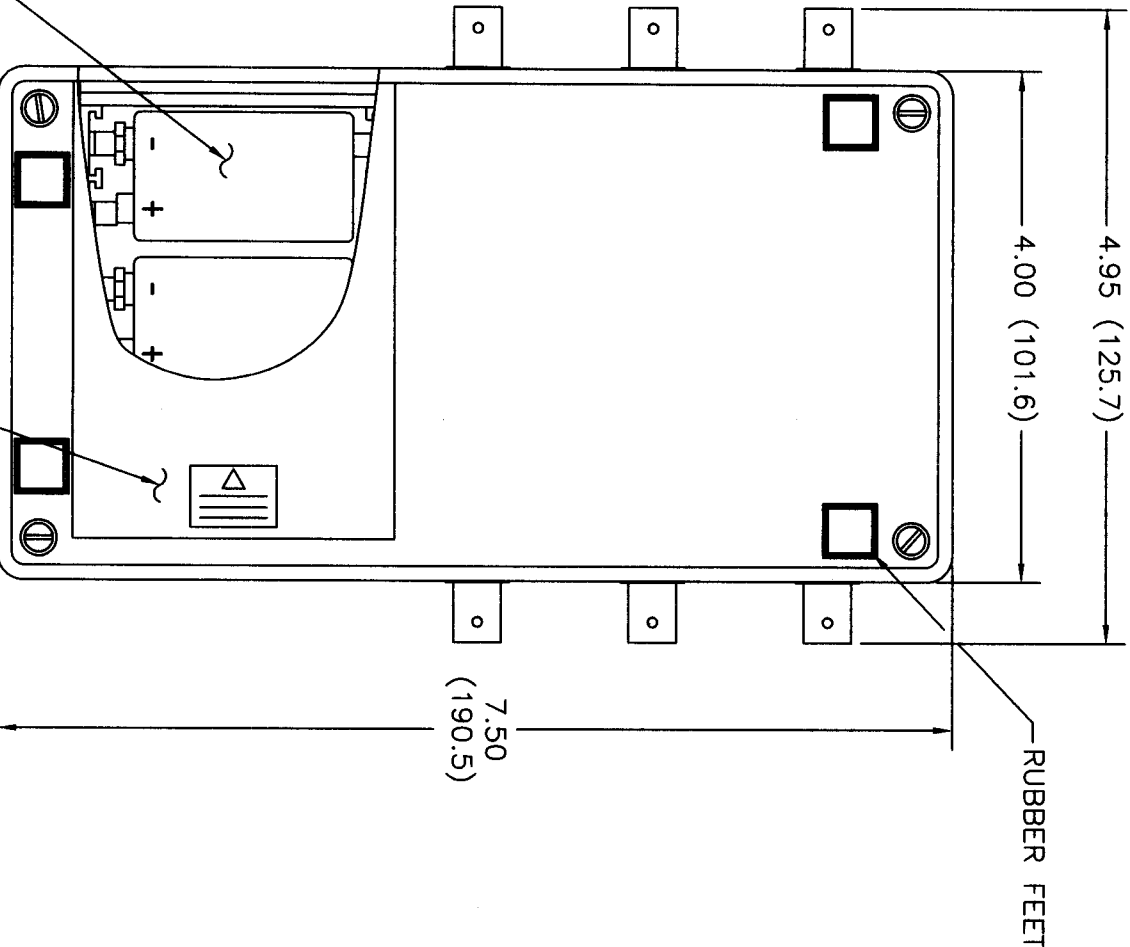
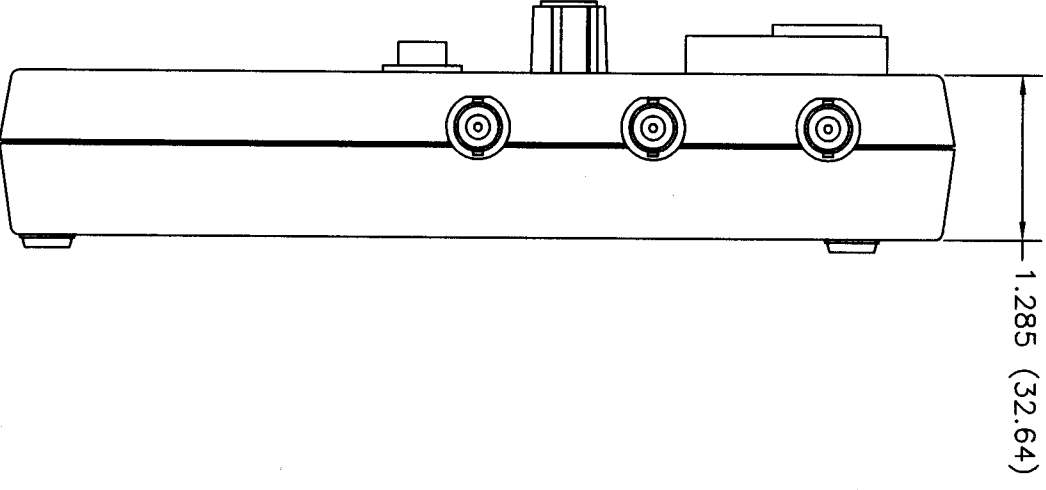
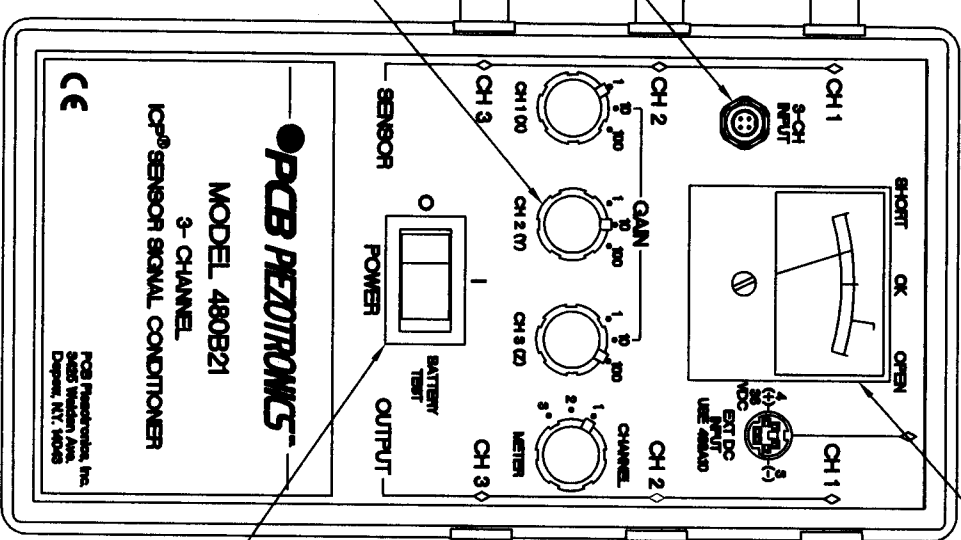
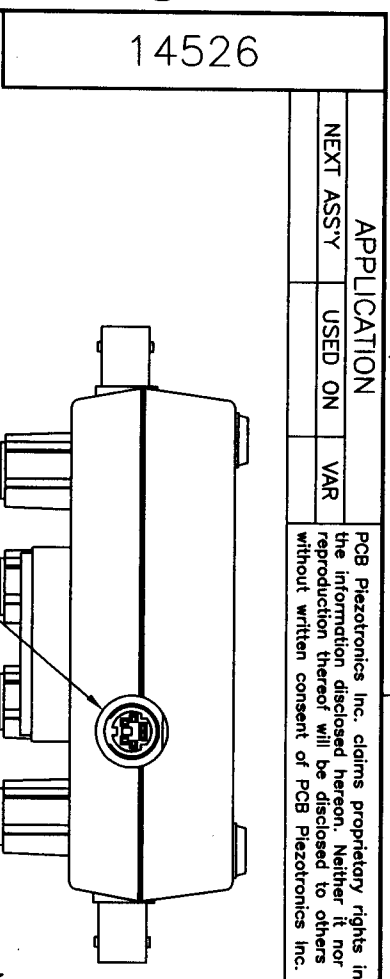
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