

SPECIFICATION D.C. NANOVOLTMETER MODEL N1a

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| RANGE             | 11 basic ranges + 10nV f.s.d. to + 1mV f.s.d.<br>X10 <sup>3</sup> Attenuator. 3mV to 1V.<br>X10 <sup>6</sup> Attenuator 3V to 1KV.   |
| METER             | 4" Mirror scale. Centre zero, calibrated<br>10-0-10 and 3-0-3.   |
| ACCURACY          | Direct output + 0.2%<br>Isolated output ± 0.5%<br>Meter 2%   |
| ZERO DRIFT        | Typically 500pV/°C.  |
| LONG TERM DRIFT   | No long term drift detectable.   |
| NOISE             | Equivalent noise resistance approximately<br>60 ohms. Peak to peak noise voltage depends<br>on filter setting, e.g. filter time const-<br>ant 5 seconds gives peak to peak noise volt-<br>age approx. 900 pV with s/c input. |
| SOURCE RESISTANCE | Up to 1Mohm.   |
| RESOLUTION        | Better than 300pV.   |
| INPUT RESISTANCE  | Direct input greater than 30Mohms 3 sec-<br>onds after a step input, increasing with<br>time to over 10 <sup>9</sup> ohms. Attenuator. 1Mohm.  |
| OFFSET CURRENT    | Nominally zero at 23 °C. Temperature<br>coefficient typically 2pA/°C.  |
| RESPONSE TIME     | Depends on setting of filter and range.<br>Minimum 250ms.<br>Maximum 40 seconds.   |
| FILTER            | Six position low pass filter operated<br>by a switch on the front panel.   |

**OFFSET** 10 turn potentiometer calibrated 0-1000 with nine position switch giving maximum offsets of plus and minus 100nV, 1uV, 10uV, 100uV and an 'off' position. resolution better than 0.02%. Accuracy better than 1%.

**SERIES MODE REJECTION** Greater than 80dB with superimposed line signal less than 0.3mV p/p degenerating to 40dB at 5mV.

**COMMON MODE REJECTION** Greater than 180dB at 50Hz (output to input)

**OUTPUTS** Direct and isolated outputs giving 0 to + Iv for full scale defelection. Amplifier gain equals Iv divided by the range setting in volts.

**ISOLATION** Input to case or output typically  $10^{11}$  ohms shunted by IpF unbalanced capacity.

**CONNECTORS** Input, low thermal e.m.f. terminals for basic ranges. Screw terminal/4mm socket for attenuator. Outputs 4mm sockets at rear.

**POWER SUPPLY** Internal rechargeable battery giving more than 50 hours operation from a full charge. Internal charger fully charges the battery in 16 hours with the instrument switched off or 20 hours when in use.

**DIMENSIONS**

|        |                    |                            |
|--------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Width  | 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ " | (365mm)                    |
| Depth  | Inc. Handles       | 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (285mm) |
| Height | Inc. Feet          | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (165mm)  |

**WEIGHT** 18 $\frac{3}{4}$  lbs (8.5 Kg)

## INTRODUCTION

The EM D.C. Nanovoltmeter model N1a is an extremely sensitive D.C. measuring instrument, designed for specialist application in the fields of calibration, scientific research and engineering. State of the art technology is used to ensure that extremely low levels may be measured with ease and convenience.

The equipment is all solid state and employs an input modulator, A.C. amplifier, and demodulator in the input amplifying stages. The techniques used allow overall negative feedback around the input amplifier, which gives a high input impedance and closely controlled gain.

The overall gain of the instrument is controlled by negative feedback networks of the input amplifier and also the following amplifier stages.

The offset control is applied at the summing junction of the input amplifier stage, and this allows small voltage changes to be measured in comparatively large levels.

The outputs of the amplifier appear at the rear panel. The direct output is used where isolation is not wanted and the full linearity of the instrument is required. There is also an isolated output.

## OPERATION

**SWITCHING ON.** The settling time of the instrument will depend on the filter time constant selected. To save time, it may be advantageous to select filter position 1 until the amplifier has settled and then to adjust as required. This will save delay caused by the time constant of the filter and the wide dynamic range of the input amplifier. No 'warming up' time is necessary.

**RANGE.** There are 11 basic ranges, and potentials from 1mV down to a few hundred pico volts may be measured. The response time of the instrument varies with the filter setting and increases on the lowest ranges as well. The basic ranges are used in conjunction with the direct (Hi X1, Lo) input terminals.

**SCALE.** When voltages higher than 1mV need to be measured, the scale switch should be set to  $X10^3$  for up to 1v and  $X10^6$  for higher than 1v. The attenuated input terminal (Hi Att) and the common or Lo terminal must be used.

**FILTER.** The instrument is fitted with a variable low pass filter having six positions, position six having the narrowest bandwidth. The time constant is increased in a 1-2-5 sequence, and the actual time is constant on all but the lowest 3 ranges, where the bandwidth is reduced, filter time constants are given in the accompanying tables.

**OFFSET.** The offset voltage control is provided to allow small changes in comparatively large voltages to be measured. It is also useful to neutralize thermal e.m.f.s. from the circuit under test. The offset switch has 9 positions. The central position disconnects the offset circuit. The four right hand positions indicate the maximum positive offset which may be applied by adjusting the ten turn calibrated potentiometer. The four left hand positions apply a negative offset voltage.

**ZERO.** This control is used to bring the input amplifier to zero, and should only be used with the input terminals short circuited by a clean, pure copper strap, which is used as an input reference. The zero control should not need adjustment in normal use.

**CURRENT ZERO.** A fine current offset control is adjustable through a hole in the switch box lid. This gives approximately 3pA per turn of the trimmer.

**BATTERY CHECK.** The on/off switch contains a check for each of the two internal batteries. If the voltage of either battery falls below 8v, the mains supply should be connected.

**CHARGER.** The batteries will be charged automatically when the A.C.mains supply is connected. Whether or not the instrument is switched on, and the charger indicator will be illuminated. When the charger is not in use, it is preferable to disconnect the mains lead from the instrument, thereby allowing the complete advantage of battery operation. The battery will be completely charged in 16 hours, with the instrument switched off, or 20 hours if it is switched on, and will give about 50 hours of operation from a full charge.

**INPUT TERMINALS.** The direct input terminals have been designed for low thermal e.m.f.s. characteristics, and ease of operation. The voltage applied to the direct input (Hi X 1) should not be allowed to exceed 1mV in order to avoid unwanted thermo-electric effects. Connections should be made using clean, pure copper wire. If potentials greater than 1mV are to be measured, then the attenuator input terminal (Hi Att) should be used in conjunction with the appropriate setting of the "scale" switch. The terminal marked "case" is a direct connection to the chassis of the instrument, and is earthed when the mains is connected.

**OUTPUT.** The outputs are taken from the red and black sockets at the rear of the instrument. One output is isolated from the input, both outputs have a level of plus and minus 1v for full scale deflection, and are capable of driving 1mA. The amplifier gain is 1 volt divided by the range setting in volts. The green socket at the rear is connected to the case and is earthed when the mains is connected.

#### MEASURING NANOVOLTS.

When making measurements at very low levels, care must be exercised to minimise the effects of unwanted signals. These

Can arise principally from the following causes:

1. Noise
2. Thermal e.m.f.
3. Electric & magnetic fields
4. Ground loops
5. Interference.

1. NOISE. This is generated in all conductors, by thermal agitation of electrons. In a perfect conductor the noise voltage developed across the conductor is given by:

$$e_n = \sqrt{4KTR\Delta F}.$$

From this equation, it appears that the noise may be minimised by reducing source impedance, cooling, and limiting bandwidth. In many cases, only the latter is practical, and this has the disadvantage of increasing the time necessary to resolve very low levels.

2. THERMAL e.m.f. A potential arises at the junction of dissimilar conductors and even at the contact between two pieces of material which are nominally similar. All junctions should be kept at the same temperature, and as close together as possible.

3. ELECTRIC & MAGNETIC FIELDS. The effects of these sources of unwanted signal can be minimised by keeping the area enclosed, by the circuit under test, to a minimum. Measurement leads should be twisted pairs, and the whole circuit should be screened, if necessary, using high permeability substances such as mumetal.

4. GROUND LOOPS. This source of unwanted signal is familiar even with normal signal levels. At ultra low levels, even more care is necessary, and all common connections should be made to a single point. The EM d.c. detector is battery operated and so may be connected without contributing to the problem.

5. INTERFERENCE. One of the chief causes of difficulty in measuring ultra low potentials is interference from noisy mains supplies. Signals which may be too small to view with an oscilloscope are frequently present in circuits under test, especially when there are many pieces of equipment connected, which are powered from the mains supply. These signals may be many hundreds of times the full scale of the voltmeter, and small, slow changes in amplitude may appear as input noise. External filtering, screening, or isolation of power supplies may be necessary.

The detector incorporates a low pass filter, which may be switched in to minimise the effects of noise from the circuit under test, if measurement time permits.

Another useful feature is the offset control. This may be used to back off a potential from the circuit under test, and so small changes may be measured more easily. The zero control should not be used for this purpose. This control is for maintaining the amplifier's internal zero, which should only be checked using a clean pure copper strap across the input terminals, as a zero reference.

## CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

The low thermal e.m.f. terminals are connected to the input unit via matched copper conductors, and a thermal equaliser.

The input unit operates as a modulator, whose output is an A.C. signal, proportional to the d.c. input. The A.C. is taken to the input of an A.C. amplifier, on p.c.b.1d, whose output is coupled by means of a transformer, to the demodulator. The demodulator consists of T2 to T5, and is an active bridge driven in synchronism with the modulator. The amplified and restored d.c. signal is taken to the input of IC2, and a d.c. potential from RT2 is brought to the summing junction of IC2.

The signal at the output of IC2 is further amplified by IC3. The feedback networks of IC1, IC2, and IC3, control the gain and phase shift of the input amplifier. The output of the input amplifier is connected via Pin 4 to the feedback network which controls the gain of the input amplifier.

The output of the input amplifier stage is taken via R22 to IC5. This is a stable d.c. amplifier whose gain is controlled by the switched feedback network operated via the 'Range' switch. This feedback network also contains a series of capacitors, switched by the 'Filter' switch. The output of IC5 goes to a further amplifier stage using IC6. IC6 has a fixed resistor R31, in its feedback, and this is shunted by a series of capacitors which are switched by the 'Filter' switch. RT4 is the overall gain adjustment. The output of IC6 is taken to the direct output of the instrument and also to the meter and the input of the isolator.

The modulator and demodulator drive functions are provided by the circuit including IC7, IC8, IC9, T8, and T9. IC7 is a stable square wave generator, which drives a shaping network using T8, T9, and IC8. The signals at pins 9 and 10 are used to operate the modulator circuit. The demodulator drive is taken from the outputs of IC9.

IC10 is a quad amplifier and is connected as four voltage regulators to provide the stable supplies needed for the d.c. amplifier circuits. D4 is a band gap device and is used as the basic reference voltage.

The amplifier output is at pin 8 of p.c.b.1d, and this is connected via IC1 on p.c.b.2c, and the on/off switch to the meter. The meter is short circuited when the instrument is switched off.

The isolator, output stage, and battery charger are contained on p.c.b.2c. IC2 is a dual phase switching stage, which is driven from the oscillator on p.c.b.1d. The outputs of IC2 are connected to a transformer, Tr2. The current in the secondary circuit of Tr2 is rectified and smoothed and provides the power for the output stage. Tr2 also drives the synchronous demodulator, IC6. The signal from the output of the main amplifier is connected to pin 1, the input of p.c.b.2.

The signal at pin 1 is connected via r.f. filters to the direct output of the instrument. This output is used when isolation is not needed, and when maximum linearity is required.

Pin 1 is also connected to an amplifier stage which raises the level to drive the meter, and also to undergo modulation in IC3 and thence to the signal isolating transformer, Tr1. The output of Tr1 is demodulated by IC6, and then passed through an active filter stage, IC7, whose output is taken, via r.f.filters to the isolated output at the rear panel of the instrument.

The output of Tr3 is rectified and taken via D10 and R28 to the instrument batteries. A further output via R27 goes to the front panel charging indicator. The batteries can give high current and so each is fused at 200mA and the mains input is fused at 100mA anti-surge.

A terminal is provided at the front and rear of the instrument which is connected to the case.

### ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURE

1. ACCESS. Remove the screw holding the top cover in place, and slide off the top cover. Remove the six screws holding on the switch box lid and lift it off. p.c.b.1 containing the main amplifier and drive circuits may be moved upwards to gain access to the components, if necessary. Do not under any circumstances, interfere with the input unit, which is mounted in foam plastic at the right hand side of the switch box. If this unit is suspected of being faulty, then the instrument must be returned to the manufacturer for servicing.
2. POWER SUPPLY. Check the voltage at pin 11 of p.c.b.1, referred to 13, using a digital voltmeter with an accuracy of 0.1%. The reading should be + 6.2v adjusted by RT10. Check the voltage at pin 12, and adjust RT11 if necessary until the reading is - 6.2.v.
3. INPUT MODULATOR. The input modulator drive circuit is very stable and should not need adjustment during the life of the instrument. The following procedure should be undertaken only if absolutely necessary. Disconnect the wire from 4 on p.c.b.1. Connect a link across C4. Connect a function generator to the input terminals, via an attenuator, to give a level of about 10 microvolts. The frequency range should be 0.1Hz to 10KHz with a sine wave signal. Connect an oscilloscope to TP1, and trigger it externally from TP3. Set the time base to 1mS/cm and sensitivity to 2v/cm. With the generator set to about 20Hz adjust RT9 for maximum constant amplitude, without any steps in the response. Sweep the frequency down to 0.1Hz and check that maximum amplitude is maintained without discontinuities. It should be noted that the signal will increase at very low frequency because of the characteristic of the amplifier. Reconnect the wire to pin 4 of p.c.b.1. Remove the link across C4.

4. ZERO. Connect a clean pure copper strap between the input terminals, and set the front panel zero control to the middle of its travel. With the instrument switched off, check the mechanical zero on the meter. Switch on and set the range to 1mV. Adjust RT3 for less than 0.1mV at the rear panel direct output. Adjust RT2 on p.c.b.2 for zero on the meter, and adjust RT4 for zero at the isolated output. Connect the oscilloscope to TP1. Adjust RT7 and RT8 for minimum spike amplitude. Replace the input strap by a 100K ohms resistor. Switch to the 10uV range and adjust RT2 for zero. Some noise from the 100K resistor will be observed. Replace the input strap and switch to the most sensitive range. Wait until any thermal e.m.fs have equalised and then adjust the front panel zero control for zero on the meter. Repeat these tests if necessary.

5. SENSITIVITY. Connect a d.v.m. to the direct output terminals at the rear of the instrument, set to the 1v range. switch the nanovoltmeter to the 1mV range. Apply an input of exactly 1mV and adjust RT4 on p.c.b.1c for 1.000 volts out. Adjust RT1 on p.c.b.2 for f.s.d. on the meter. Connect the input strap and switch to the 100uV range. Switch the 'offset' switch to minus 100uV. Turn the offset control to maximum and adjust RT10 on p.c.b.1 to read minus 1.000v on the d.v.m. Switch to offset positive and check that the d.v.m. reads plus 1.000v. A small adjustment of RT11 will correct any discrepancy. With a calibrated source connected to the input check the other ranges. Switch to the 1mV range and connect the d.v.m. to the isolated output. Check that the isolator gain is within + 0.5%. Remove the test equipment and replace the covers on the instrument.



## Parts list

## Mainframe

|     |               |        |            |        |            |
|-----|---------------|--------|------------|--------|------------|
| R1  | Resistor      | 300R   | 0.1%       | 50ppm  |            |
| R2  | Resistor      | 1K0    | 0.1%       | 50ppm  |            |
| R3  | Resistor      | 3K0    | 0.1%       | 50ppm  |            |
| R4  | Resistor      | 10K    | 0.1%       | 50ppm  |            |
| R5  | Resistor      | 30K    | 0.1%       | 50ppm  |            |
| R6  | Resistor      | 100K   | 0.1%       | 50ppm  |            |
| R7  | Resistor      | 300K   | 0.1%       | 50ppm  |            |
| R8  | Resistor      | 1M0    | 0.1%       | 50ppm  |            |
| R9  | Resistor      | 3M0    | 0.1%       | 50ppm  |            |
| R10 | Resistor      | 10M    | 0.1%       | 50ppm  |            |
| R11 | Resistor      | 30M    | 0.5%       | 100ppm |            |
| R12 | Resistor      | 1M0    | 0.25%      | 100ppm | Thick Film |
| R13 | Resistor      | 1K0    | 0.25%      | 100ppm |            |
| R14 | Resistor      | 1R0    | 0.25%      | 100ppm |            |
| R15 | Resistor      | 62K    | 0.25%      | 100ppm |            |
| R16 | Resistor      | 620K   | 0.25%      | 100ppm |            |
| R17 | Resistor      | 6.2M   | 0.25%      | 100ppm |            |
| R18 | Resistor      | 62M    | 1%         | 100ppm |            |
| R19 | Resistor      | 33M    | 5%         |        | Thick Film |
| R20 | Resistor      | 1M0    | 1%         |        | Metal Film |
| R21 | Resistor      | 1M0    | 1%         |        | Metal Film |
| R22 | Resistor      | 1M0    | 1%         |        | Metal Film |
| R23 | Resistor      | 1M0    | 1%         |        | Metal Film |
| R24 | Resistor      | 1M0    | 1%         |        | Metal Film |
| R25 | Resistor      | 1M0    | 1%         |        | Metal Film |
| R26 | Resistor      | 1M0    | 1%         |        | Metal Film |
| R27 | Resistor      | 1M0    | 1%         |        | Metal Film |
| R28 | Resistor      | 1M0    | 1%         |        | Metal Film |
| R29 | Resistor      | 1M0    | 1%         |        | Metal Film |
| R30 | Resistor      | 20K    | 1%         |        | Metal Film |
| R31 | Resistor      | 20K    | 1%         |        | Metal Film |
| RT1 | Potentiometer | 100K   |            |        | Ten Turn   |
| RT2 | Potentiometer | 5K     |            |        | Ten Turn   |
| RT3 | Potentiometer | 100K   |            |        |            |
| C1  | Capacitor     | .047uF | 10%        | 63v    |            |
| C2  | Capacitor     | 0.1uF  | 10%        | 63v    |            |
| C3  | Capacitor     | 0.22uF | 10%        | 63v    |            |
| C4  | Capacitor     | 0.47uF | 10%        | 63v    |            |
| C5  | Capacitor     | 1.0uF  | 10%        | 63v    |            |
| C6  | Capacitor     | .047uF | 10%        | 63v    |            |
| C7  | Capacitor     | 0.1uF  | 10%        | 63v    |            |
| C8  | Capacitor     | 0.22uF | 10%        | 63v    |            |
| C9  | Capacitor     | 0.47uF | 10%        | 63v    |            |
| C10 | Capacitor     | 1.0uF  | 10%        | 63v    |            |
| F1  | Fuse          | 100mA  |            |        |            |
| F2  | Fuse          | 100mA  |            |        |            |
| F3  | Fuse          | 100mA  | Anti surge |        |            |

## P.c.b.1d.

|     |              |      |    |            |
|-----|--------------|------|----|------------|
| R1  | Resistor     | 3K9  | 1% | Metal Film |
| R2  | Resistor     | 3K9  | 1% | Metal Film |
| R3  | Resistor     | 5K6  | 1% | Metal Film |
| R4  | Resistor     | 2M2  | 5% | Metal Film |
| R5  | Resistor     | 820R | 1% | Metal Film |
| R6  | Resistor     | 22K  | 1% | Metal Film |
| R7  | Resistor     | 2K2  | 1% | Metal Film |
| R8  | Resistor     | 10K  | 1% | Metal Film |
| R9  | Resistor     | 10M  | 5% | Metal Film |
| R10 | Resistor     | 100R | 1% | Metal Film |
| R11 | Resistor     | 1M   | 1% | Metal Film |
| R12 | Resistor     | 1K   | 1% | Metal Film |
| R13 | Resistor     | 100K | 1% | Metal Film |
| R14 | Resistor     | 10K  | 1% | Metal Film |
| R15 | Resistor     | 10M  | 1% | Metal Film |
| R16 | Resistor     | 220K | 1% | Metal Film |
| R17 | Resistor     | 1K   | 1% | Metal Film |
| R18 | Resistor     | 47R  | 1% | Metal Film |
| R19 | Resistor     | 47R  | 1% | Metal Film |
| R20 | Resistor     | 10K  | 1% | Metal Film |
| R21 | Resistor     | 3K0  | 1% | Metal Film |
| R22 | Resistor     | 3K0  | 1% | Metal Film |
| R23 | Not required |      |    |            |
| R24 | Resistor     | 3K0  | 1% | Metal Film |
| R25 | Resistor     | 10K  | 1% | Metal Film |
| R26 | Resistor     | 1K   | 1% | Metal Film |
| R27 | Not required |      |    |            |
| R28 | Resistor     | 2M7  | 5% | Metal Film |
| R29 | Resistor     | 3M0  | 1% | Metal Film |
| R30 | Not required |      |    |            |
| R31 | Resistor     | 10M  | 1% | Metal Film |
| R32 | Resistor     | 1K5  | 1% | Metal Film |
| R33 | Not required |      |    |            |
| R34 | Not required |      |    |            |
| R35 | Not required |      |    |            |
| R36 | Not required |      |    |            |
| R37 | Not required |      |    |            |
| R38 | Not required |      |    |            |
| R39 | Not required |      |    |            |
| R40 | Not required |      |    |            |
| R41 | Resistor     | 10K  | 1% | Metal Film |
| R42 | Resistor     | 10K  | 1% | Metal Film |
| R43 | Resistor     | 560K | 1% | Metal Film |
| R44 | Resistor     | 330K | 1% | Metal Film |
| R45 | Resistor     | 1K0  | 1% | Metal Film |
| R46 | Resistor     | 1M   | 1% | Metal Film |
| R47 | Resistor     | 4K7  | 1% | Metal Film |
| R48 | Resistor     | 4K7  | 1% | Metal Film |
| R49 | Resistor     | 3K0  | 1% | Metal Film |
| R50 | Resistor     | 3K0  | 1% | Metal Film |
| R51 | Resistor     | 100K | 1% | Metal Film |
| R52 | Resistor     | 100K | 1% | Metal Film |
| R53 | Resistor     | 100K | 1% | Metal Film |
| R54 | Resistor     | 220K | 1% | Metal Film |
| R55 | Resistor     | 100K | 1% | Metal Film |
| R56 | Resistor     | 100K | 1% | Metal Film |
| R57 | Resistor     | 10M  | 5% | Metal Film |
| R58 | Resistor     | 10M  | 5% | Metal Film |

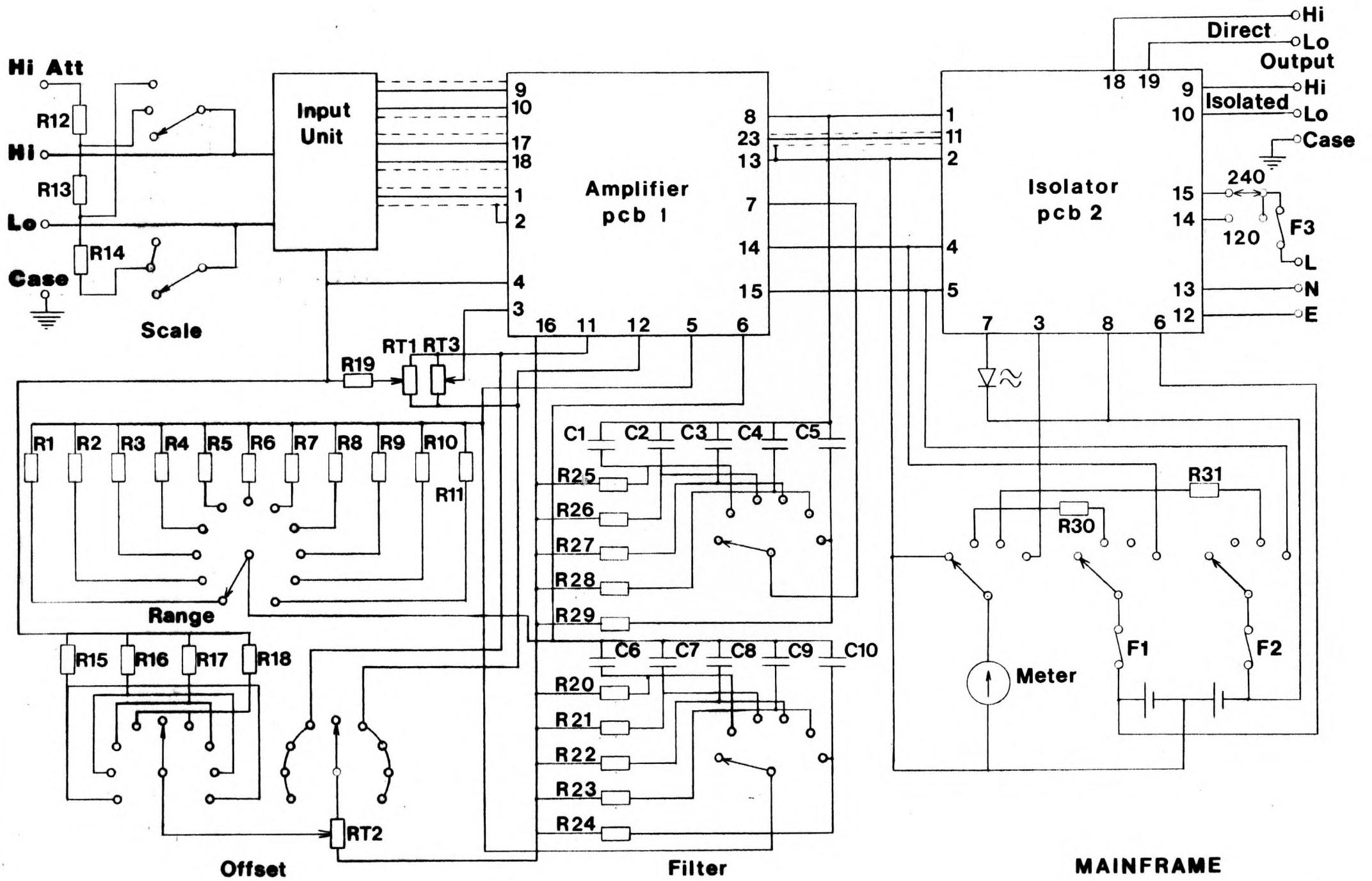
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|-----|--------------|-------|-----|---------------|------|
| R59 | Resistor     | 10M   | 5%  | Metal Film    |      |
| R60 | Resistor     | 10M   | 5%  | Metal Film    |      |
| R61 | Resistor     | 100K  | 1%  | Metal Film    |      |
| R62 | Resistor     | 47K   | 1%  | Metal Film    |      |
| R63 | Resistor     | 220R  | 1%  | Metal Film    |      |
| R64 | Resistor     | 220R  | 1%  | Metal Film    |      |
| R65 | Resistor     | 10K   | 1%  | Metal Film    |      |
| R66 | Resistor     | 10K   | 1%  | Metal Film    |      |
| R67 | Resistor     | 10K   | 1%  | Metal Film    |      |
| R68 | Resistor     | 100K  | 1%  | Metal Film    |      |
| R69 | Resistor     | 100K  | 1%  | Metal Film    |      |
| R70 | Resistor     | 39K   | 1%  | Metal Film    |      |
| R71 | Resistor     | 1K0   | 1%  | Metal Film    |      |
| R72 | Resistor     | 120K  | 1%  | Metal Film    |      |
| R73 | Resistor     | 30K   | 1%  | Metal Film    |      |
| R74 | Resistor     | 100K  | 1%  | Metal Film    |      |
| R75 | Resistor     | 100K  | 1%  | Metal Film    |      |
| R76 | Resistor     | 120K  | 1%  | Metal Film    |      |
| R77 | Resistor     | 30K   | 1%  | Metal Film    |      |
| R78 | Resistor     | 100K  | 1%  | Metal Film    |      |
| R79 | Resistor     | 100K  | 1%  | Metal Film    |      |
| R80 | Resistor     | 100K  | 1%  | Metal Film    |      |
| R81 | Not required |       |     |               |      |
| R82 | Not required |       |     |               |      |
| R83 | Not required |       |     |               |      |
| R84 | S.O.T.       |       |     |               |      |
| R85 | S.O.T.       |       |     |               |      |
| R86 | S.O.T.       |       |     |               |      |
|     |              |       |     |               |      |
| C1  | Capacitor    | 3.3pF | 10% | Ceramic       |      |
| C2  | Capacitor    | 100nF | 20% | Ceramic       | 30V  |
| C3  | Capacitor    | 100nF | 20% | Ceramic       | 30V  |
| C4  | Capacitor    | 470nF | 10% | Polycarbonate | 100V |
| C5  | Capacitor    | 100nF | 10% | Polyester     | 100V |
| C6  | Capacitor    | 100nF | 10% | Polyester     | 100V |
| C7  | Capacitor    | 10nF  | 10% | Polyester     | 100V |
| C8  | Capacitor    | 100pF | 10% | Ceramic       | 100V |
| C9  | Capacitor    | 2u2   | 10% | Polyester     | 100V |
| C10 | Capacitor    | 47nF  | 10% | Polycarbonate | 100V |
| C11 | Capacitor    | 100nF | 10% | Polyester     | 100V |
| C12 | Capacitor    | 100nF | 10% | Polyester     | 100V |
| C13 | Capacitor    | 22nF  | 10% | Polyester     | 100V |
| C14 | Not required |       |     |               |      |
| C15 | Not required |       |     |               |      |
| C16 | Not required |       |     |               |      |
| C17 | Capacitor    | 100nF | 20% | Ceramic       | 30V  |
| C18 | Capacitor    | 100nF | 20% | Ceramic       | 30V  |
| C19 | Capacitor    | 100nF | 20% | Ceramic       | 30V  |
| C20 | Capacitor    | 2n2F  | 1%  | Polystyrene   |      |
| C21 | Capacitor    | 2n2F  | 1%  | Polystyrene   |      |
| C22 | Capacitor    | 100nF | 10% | Polyester     | 100V |
| C23 | Capacitor    | 100nF | 10% | Polyester     | 100V |
| C24 | Capacitor    | 100nF | 10% | Polyester     | 100V |
| C25 | Capacitor    | 100nF | 10% | Polyester     | 100V |
| C26 | Capacitor    | 220nF | 20% | Ceramic       | 100V |
| C27 | Capacitor    | 220nF | 20% | Ceramic       | 100V |
| C28 | Capacitor    | 47uF  | 20% | Electrolytic  | 10V  |
| C29 | Capacitor    | 220nF | 20% | Ceramic       | 30V  |
| C30 | Capacitor    | 220nF | 20% | Ceramic       | 30V  |
| C31 | Capacitor    | 47uF  | 20% | Tantalum      | 10V  |
| C32 | Capacitor    | 47uF  | 20% | Tantalum      | 10V  |

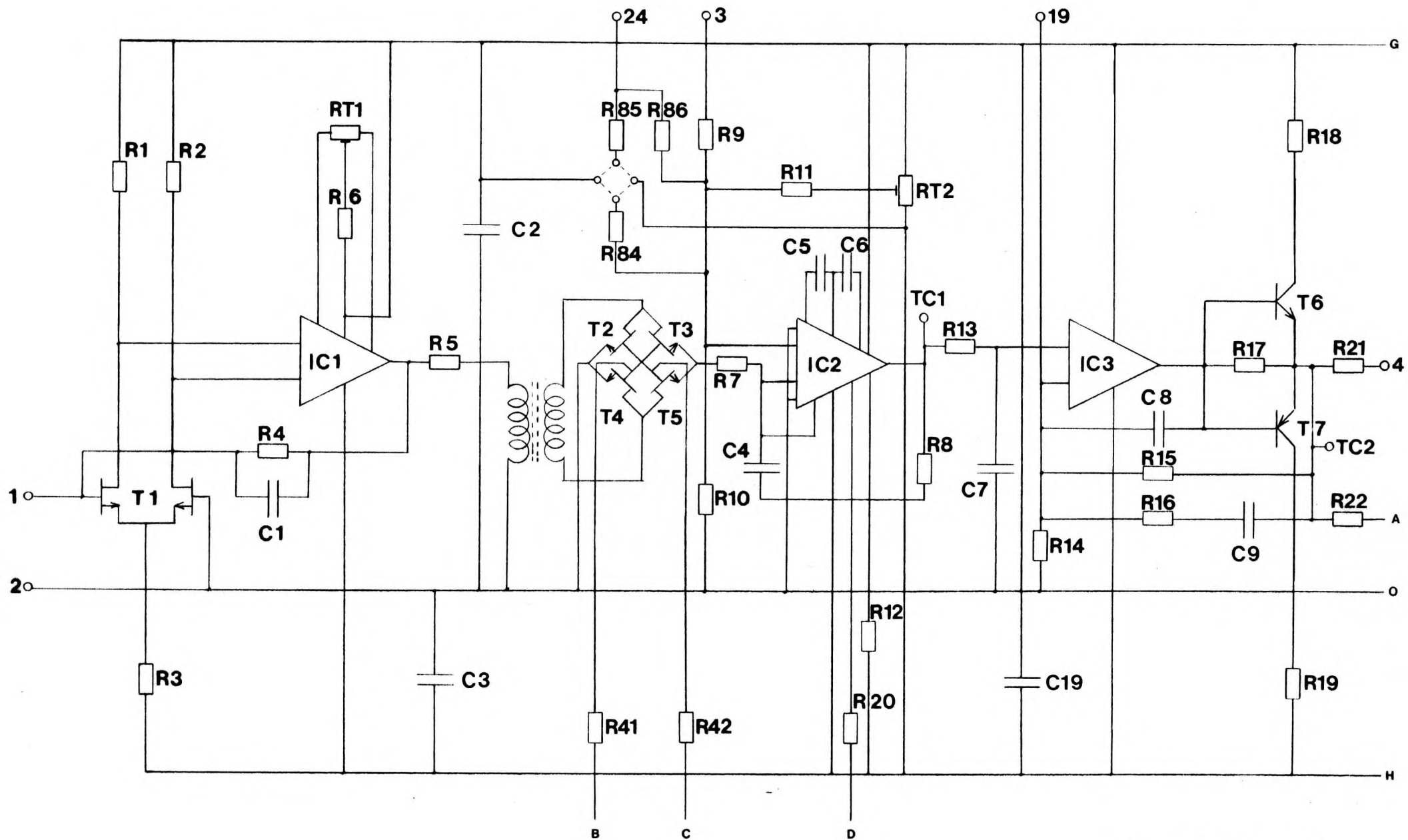
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| C33  | Capacitor          | 47uF       | 20% | Tantalum | 10V |
| C34  | Capacitor          | 47uF       | 20% | Tantalum | 10V |
| D1   | Diode              | 1N4148     |     |          |     |
| D2   | Diode              | 1N4148     |     |          |     |
| D3   | Diode              | 1N4148     |     |          |     |
| D4   | Diode              | 04BJ       |     |          |     |
| D5   | Not required       |            |     |          |     |
| D6   | Not required       |            |     |          |     |
| D7   | Not required       |            |     |          |     |
| D8   | Not required       |            |     |          |     |
| T1   | Transistor         | 2N6484     |     |          |     |
| T2   | Transistor         | J304       |     |          |     |
| T3   | Transistor         | J304       |     |          |     |
| T4   | Transistor         | J304       |     |          |     |
| T5   | Transistor         | J304       |     |          |     |
| T6   | Transistor         | 2N2484     |     |          |     |
| T7   | Transistor         | BCY71      |     |          |     |
| T8   | Transistor         | BCY71      |     |          |     |
| T9   | Transistor         | 2N2484     |     |          |     |
| T10  | Transistor         | BF244B     |     |          |     |
| T11  | Transistor         | BF244B     |     |          |     |
| T12  | Transistor         | J175       |     |          |     |
| T13  | Transistor         | J175       |     |          |     |
| IC1  | Integrated Circuit | NE5534N    |     |          |     |
| IC2  | Integrated Circuit | ICL7650CPD |     |          |     |
| IC3  | Integrated Circuit | TL071CP    |     |          |     |
| IC4  | Integrated Circuit | ICL7650CPD |     |          |     |
| IC5  | Not required       |            |     |          |     |
| IC6  | Integrated Circuit | TL071CP    |     |          |     |
| IC7  | Integrated Circuit | CA3130E    |     |          |     |
| IC8  | Integrated Circuit | TL062CP    |     |          |     |
| IC9  | Integrated Circuit | TL062CP    |     |          |     |
| IC10 | Integrated Circuit | TL064CP    |     |          |     |
| RT1  | Potentiometer      | 100K       |     |          |     |
| RT2  | Potentiometer      | 100K       |     |          |     |
| RT3  | Potentiometer      | 100K       |     |          |     |
| RT4  | Potentiometer      | 100K       |     |          |     |
| RT5  | Not required       |            |     |          |     |
| RT6  | Not required       |            |     |          |     |
| RT7  | Potentiometer      | 5K         |     |          |     |
| RT8  | Potentiometer      | 5K         |     |          |     |
| RT9  | Potentiometer      | 100K       |     |          |     |
| RT10 | Potentiometer      | 2K         |     |          |     |
| RT11 | Potentiometer      | 1K         |     |          |     |

## Isolator

|     |               |        |     |       |              |     |
|-----|---------------|--------|-----|-------|--------------|-----|
| R1  | Resistor      | 100R   | 1%  | 50ppm | Metal Film   |     |
| R2  | Resistor      | 5K6    | 1%  | 50ppm | Metal Film   |     |
| R3  | Resistor      | 10K    | 1%  | 50ppm | Metal Film   |     |
| R4  | Resistor      | 20K    | 1%  | 50ppm | Metal Film   |     |
| R5  | Resistor      | 1K5    | 1%  | 50ppm | Metal Film   |     |
| R6  | Not required  |        |     |       |              |     |
| R7  | Resistor      | 1K     | 1%  | 50ppm | Metal Film   |     |
| R8  | Not required  |        |     |       |              |     |
| R9  | Resistor      | 1M     | 1%  | 50ppm | Metal Film   |     |
| R10 | Resistor      | 1M     | 1%  | 50ppm | Metal Film   |     |
| R11 | Resistor      | 39K    | 1%  | 50ppm | Metal Film   |     |
| R12 | Resistor      | 22K    | 1%  | 50ppm | Metal Film   |     |
| R13 | Resistor      | 100K   | 1%  | 50ppm | Metal Film   |     |
| R14 | Resistor      | 100K   | 1%  | 50ppm | Metal Film   |     |
| R15 | Resistor      | 100K   | 1%  | 50ppm | Metal Film   |     |
| R16 | Not required  |        |     |       |              |     |
| R17 | Not required  |        |     |       |              |     |
| R18 | Not required  |        |     |       |              |     |
| R19 | Not required  |        |     |       |              |     |
| R20 | Resistor      | 1M     | 1%  | 50ppm | Metal Film   |     |
| R21 | Resistor      | 1M     | 1%  | 50ppm | Metal Film   |     |
| R22 | Resistor      | 150K   | 1%  | 50ppm | Metal Film   |     |
| R23 | Resistor      | 470K   | 1%  | 50ppm | Metal Film   |     |
| R24 | Resistor      | 470K   | 1%  | 50ppm | Metal Film   |     |
| R25 | Resistor      | 47K    | 1%  | 50ppm | Metal Film   |     |
| R26 | Resistor      | 1K5    | 1%  | 50ppm | Metal Film   |     |
| R27 | Resistor      | 4K7    | 1%  | 50ppm | Metal Film   |     |
| R28 | Resistor      | 120R   | 5%  | 2.5w  |              |     |
| R29 | Not required  |        |     |       |              |     |
| RT1 | Potentiometer | 1K     |     |       |              |     |
| RT2 | Potentiometer | 100K   |     |       |              |     |
| RT3 | Potentiometer | 5K     |     |       |              |     |
| RT4 | Potentiometer | 100K   |     |       |              |     |
| C1  | Not required  |        |     |       |              |     |
| C2  | Capacitor     | 100nF  |     |       | Ceramic      |     |
| C3  | Capacitor     | 100nF  |     |       | Ceramic      |     |
| C4  | Not required  |        |     |       |              |     |
| C5  | Not required  |        |     |       |              |     |
| C6  | Capacitor     | 47uF   |     |       | Tantalum     | 16V |
| C7  | Capacitor     | 47uF   |     |       | Tantalum     | 16V |
| C8  | Capacitor     | 330uF  |     |       | Electrolytic | 10V |
| C9  | Capacitor     | 330uF  |     |       | Electrolytic | 10V |
| C10 | Capacitor     | 470nF  | 10% |       | Polyester    | 63V |
| C11 | Capacitor     | 220nF  |     |       | Polyester    | 63V |
| C12 | Capacitor     | 22nF   |     |       | Polyester    | 63V |
| C13 | Capacitor     | 1000uF |     |       | Electrolytic | 40V |

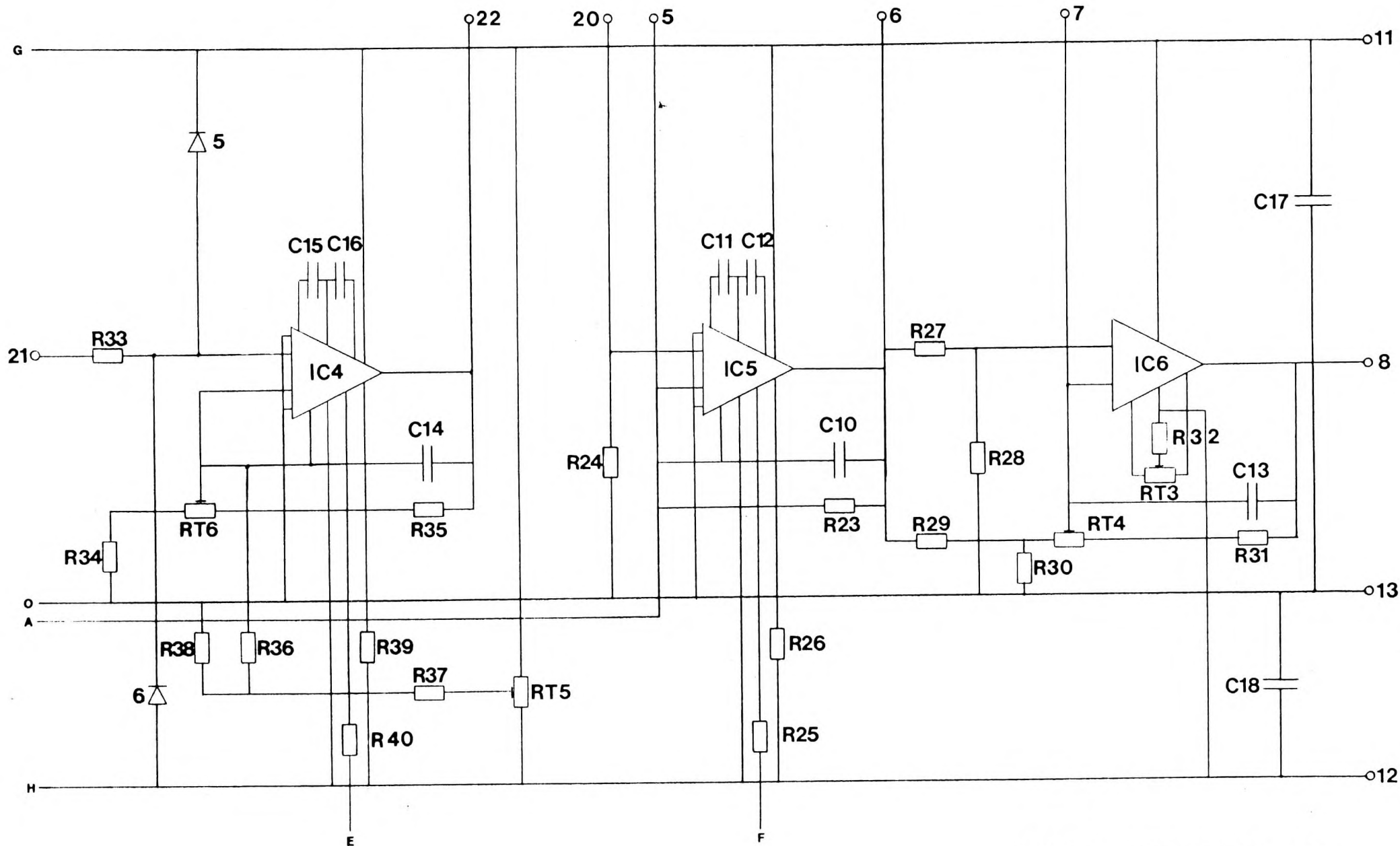
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| D1  | Diode              | 04BJ     |
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| D3  | Diode              | 1N4148   |
| D4  | Diode              | 1N4148   |
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| D6  | Diode              | 1N4148   |
| D7  | Diode              | 1N4148   |
| D8  | Diode              | 1N4148   |
| D9  | Diode              | 1N4148   |
| D10 | Diode              | 1N4004   |
| D11 | Diode              | W04      |
|     |                    |          |
| IC1 | Integrated Circuit | TLO61CP  |
| IC2 | Integrated Circuit | TLO62CP  |
| IC3 | Integrated Circuit | HEF4066P |
| IC4 | Integrated Circuit | TLO62CP  |
| IC5 | Not required       |          |
| IC6 | Integrated Circuit | HEF4066P |
| IC7 | Integrated Circuit | TLO61CP  |
|     |                    |          |
| L1  | Inductor           | 1mH r.f. |
| L2  | Inductor           | 1mH r.f. |
| L3  | Inductor           | 1mH r.f. |
|     |                    |          |
| Tr1 | Transformer Signal |          |
| Tr2 | Transformer Power  |          |
| Tr3 | Transformer Mains  |          |



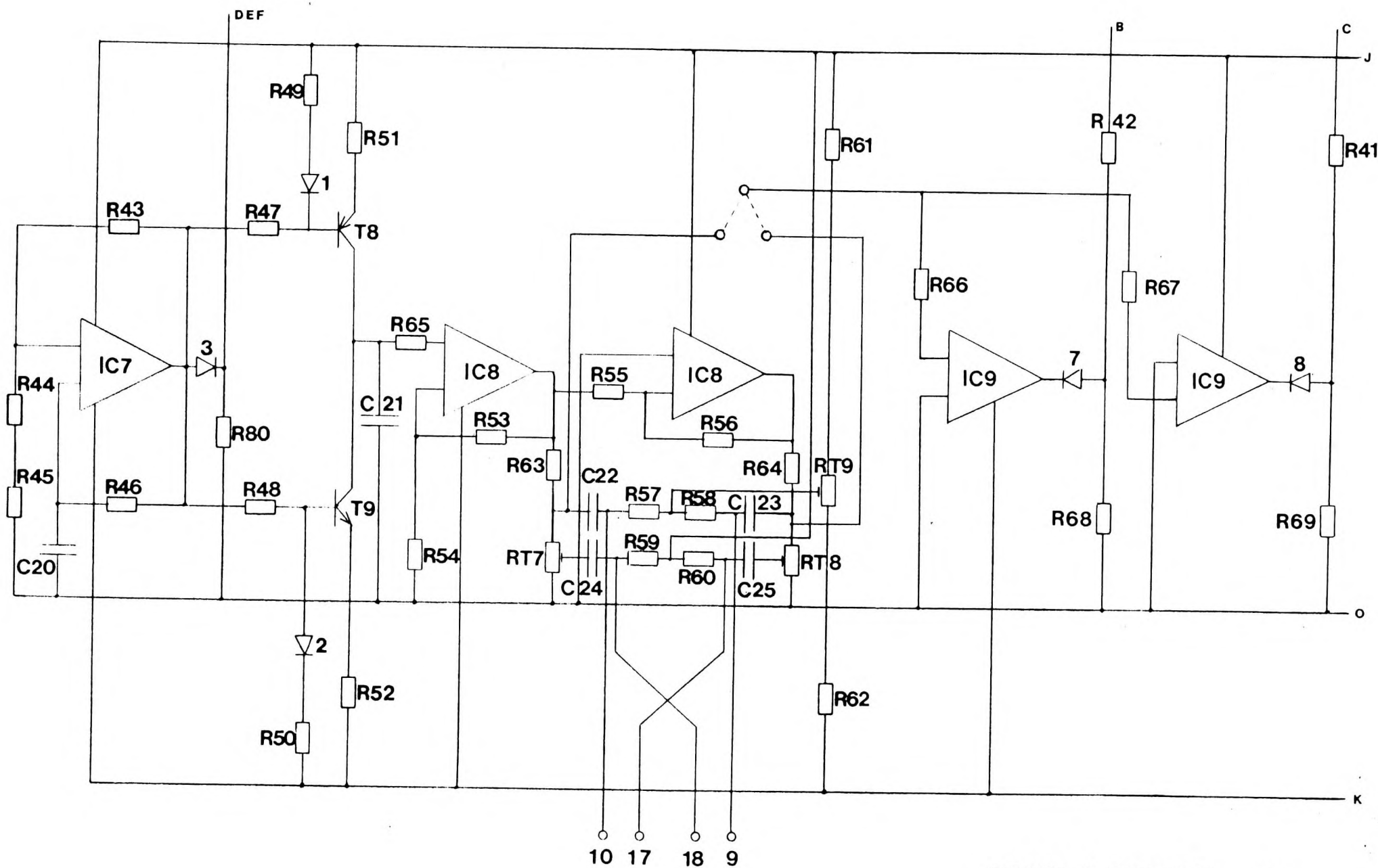


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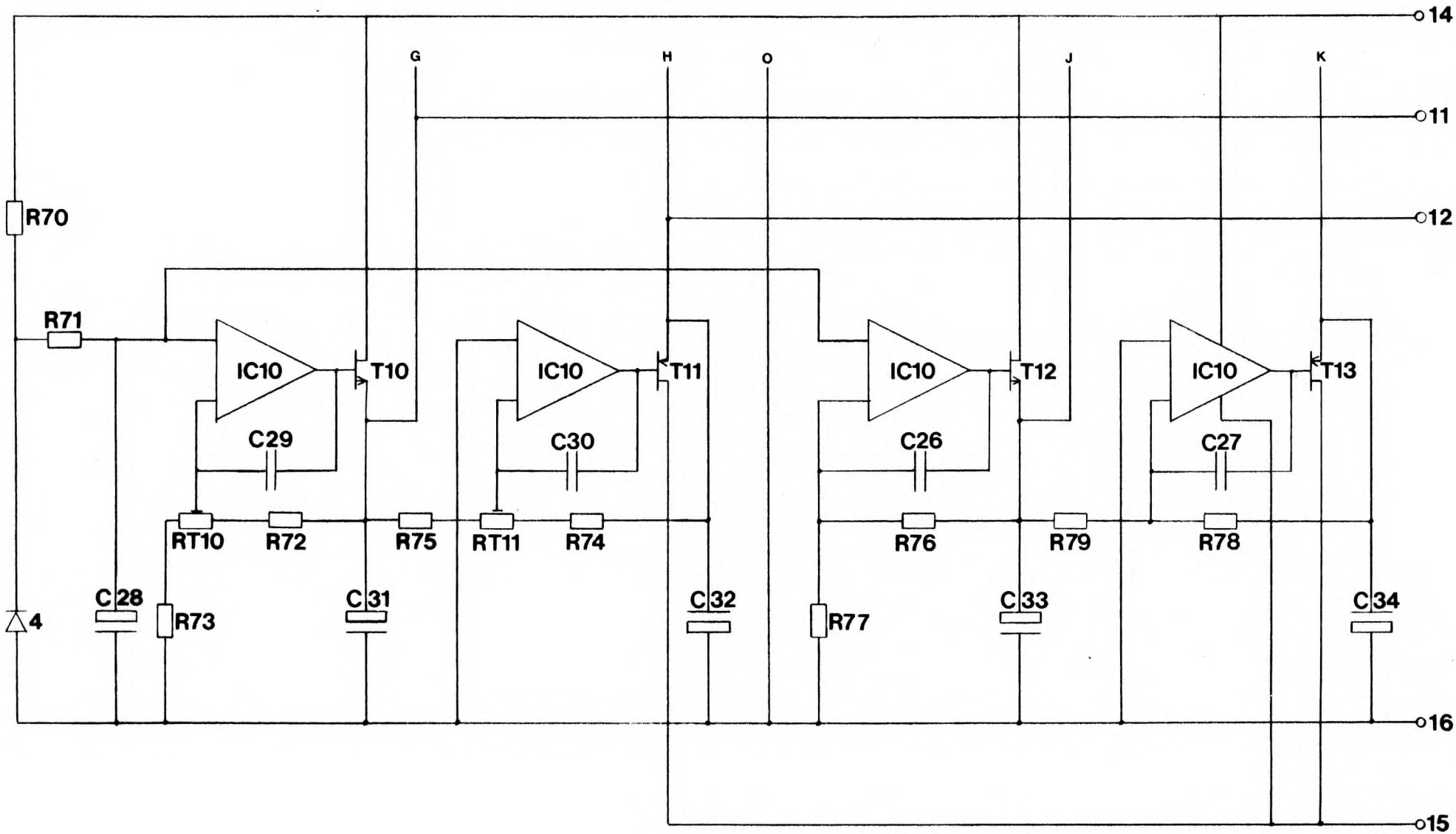




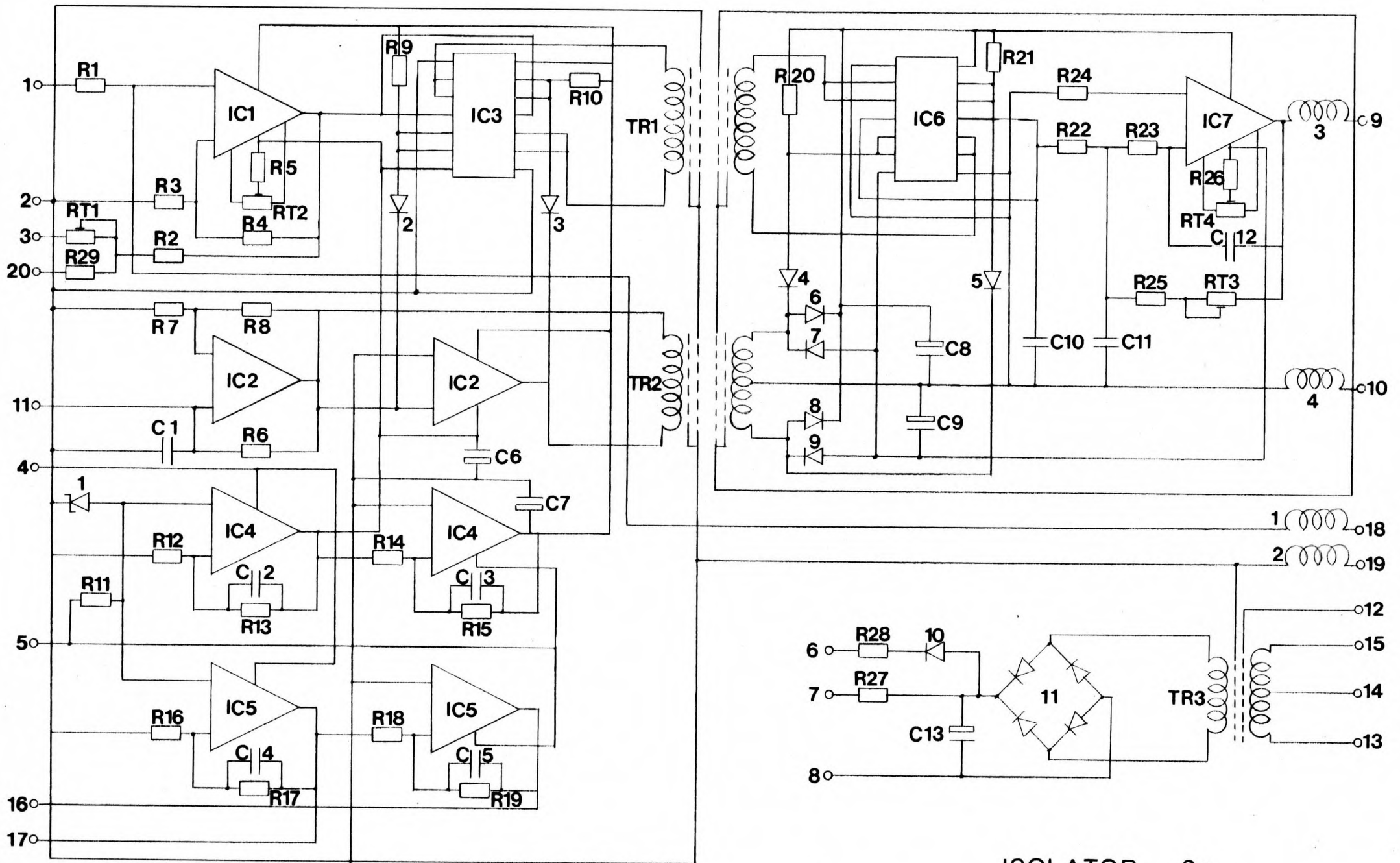
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DRIVE & SHAPER 1d



REGULATOR 1d



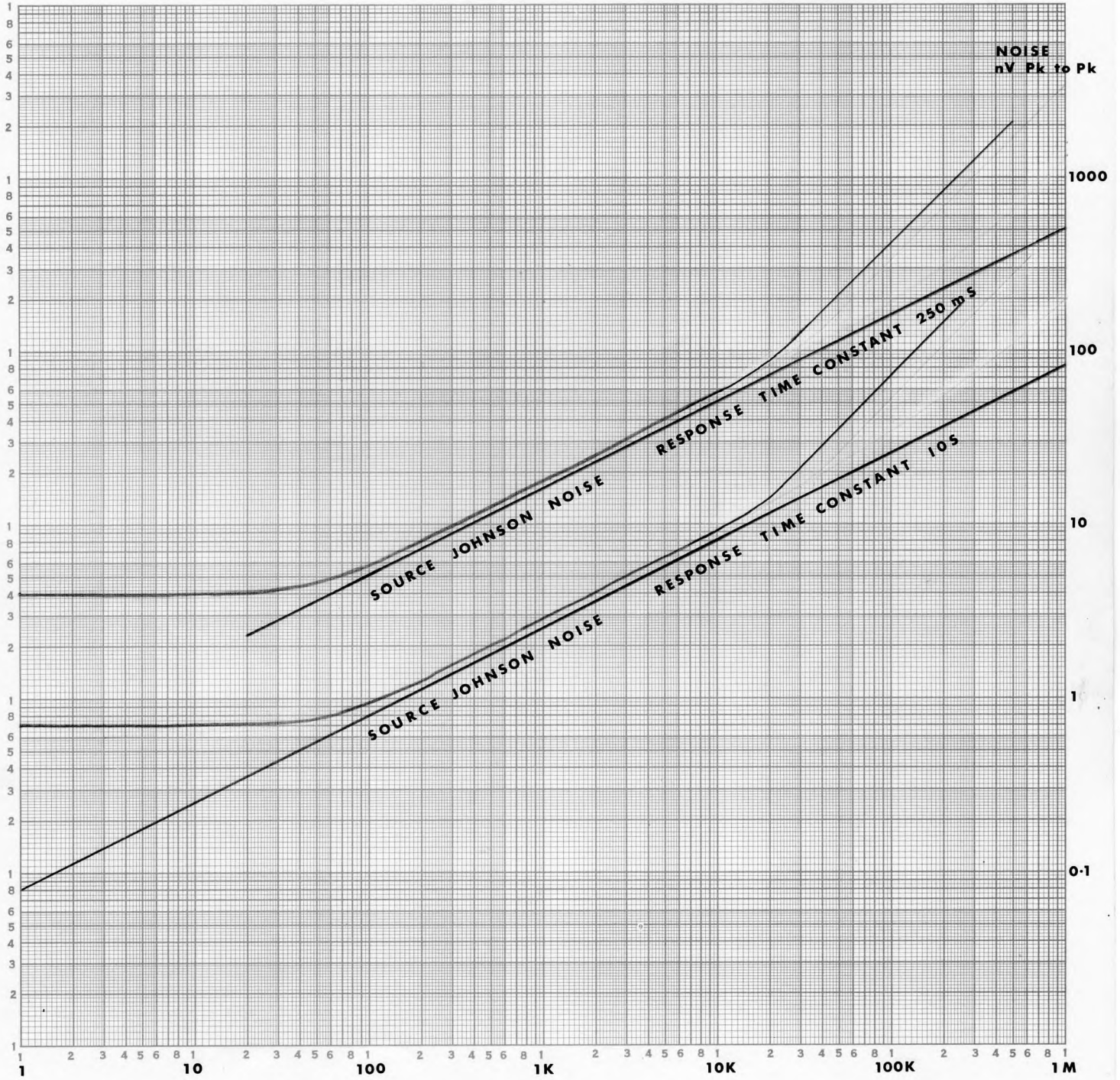
ISOLATOR 2c

N1a Response Time Constant (Seconds)

| Range | Filter Position |     |     |     |     |    |
|-------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
|       | 1               | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6  |
| 1mV   | 0.25            | 0.7 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 10 |
| .3mV  | 0.25            | 0.7 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 10 |
| .1mV  | 0.25            | 0.7 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 10 |
| 30uV  | 0.25            | 0.7 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 10 |
| 10uV  | 0.25            | 0.7 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 10 |
| 3uV   | 0.25            | 0.7 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 10 |
| 1uV   | 0.25            | 0.7 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 11 |
| .3uV  | 0.3             | 0.9 | 1.5 | 2.7 | 6.0 | 12 |
| .1uV  | 0.4             | 1.1 | 1.8 | 3.2 | 7.0 | 13 |
| 30nV  | 0.7             | 2.1 | 3.1 | 6.0 | 11  | 23 |
| 10nV  | 1.5             | 3.1 | 5.5 | 11  | 21  | 40 |

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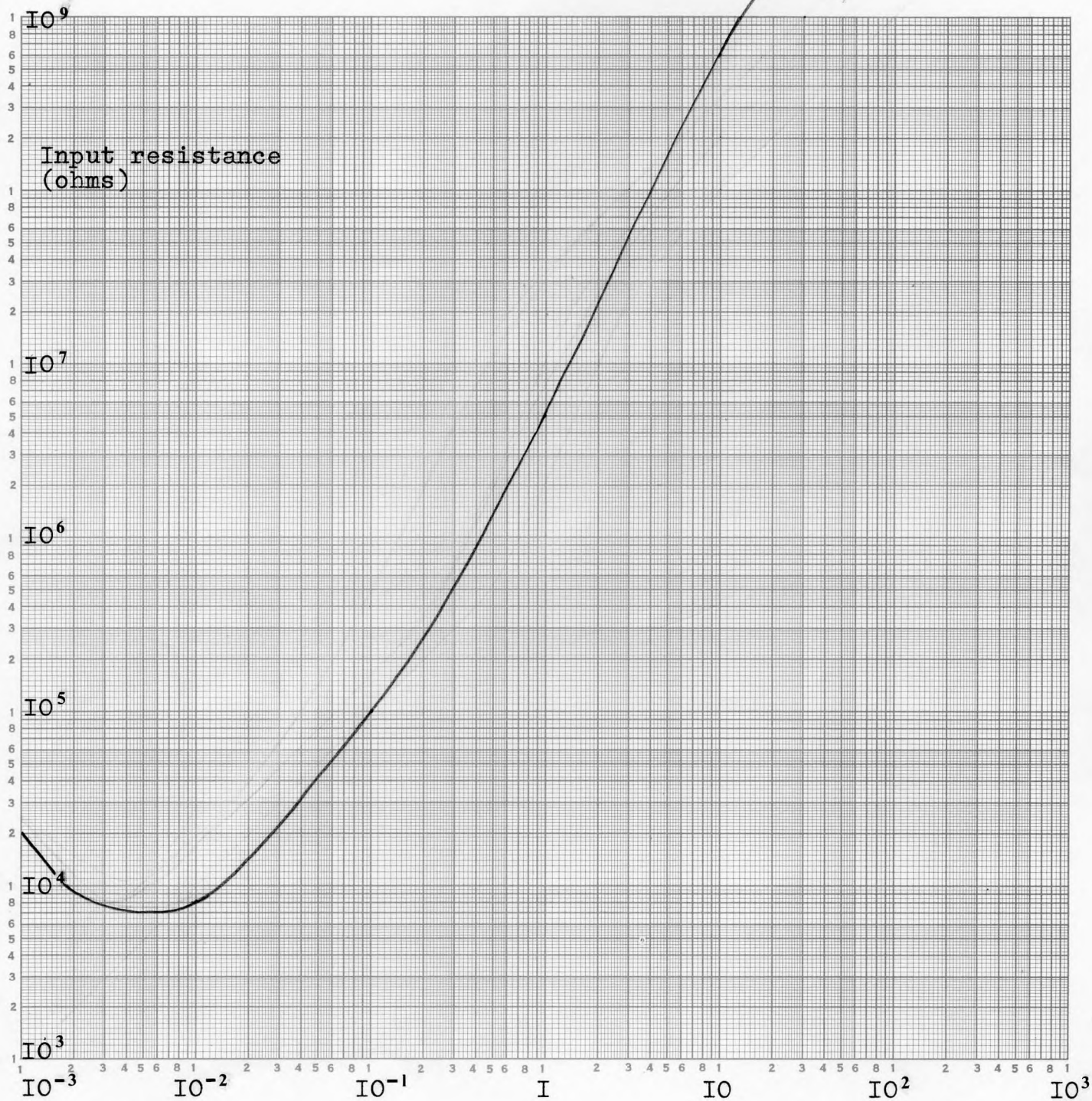
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SOURCE RESISTANCE (OHMS)

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INPUT RESISTANCE CHARACTERISTIC



Time in seconds following an input step function