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INSTRUCTIONS

Model AVRL-RDA-1 Pulse Generator

S.N.:

WARRANTY

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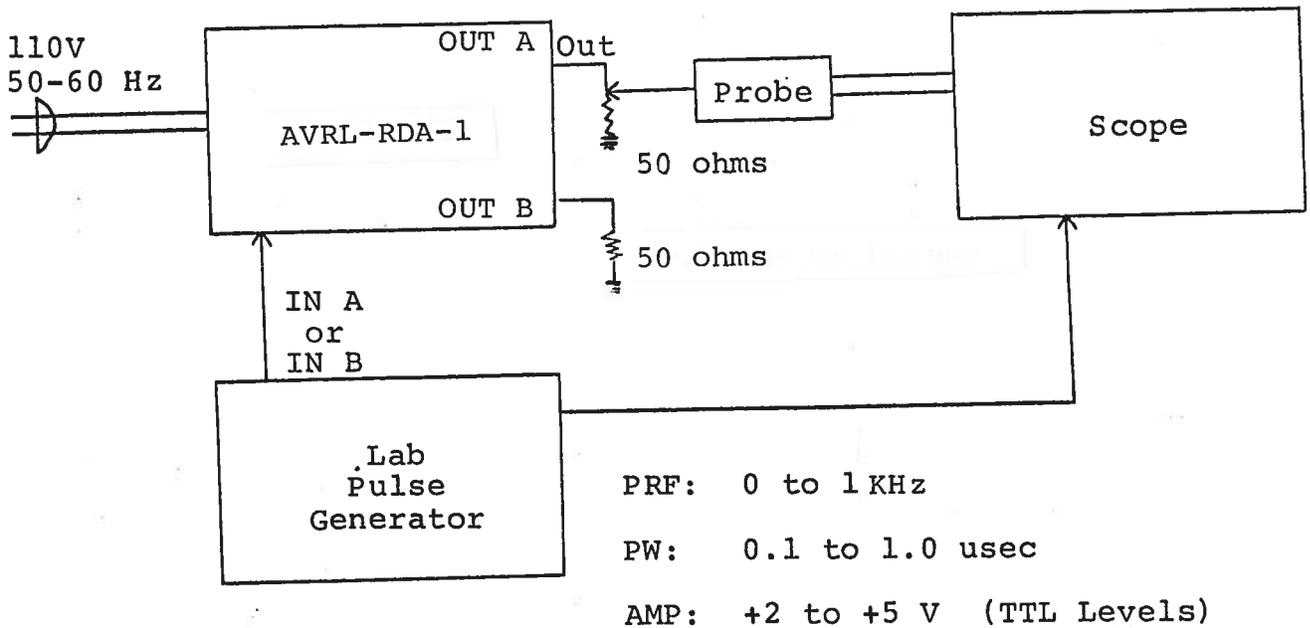
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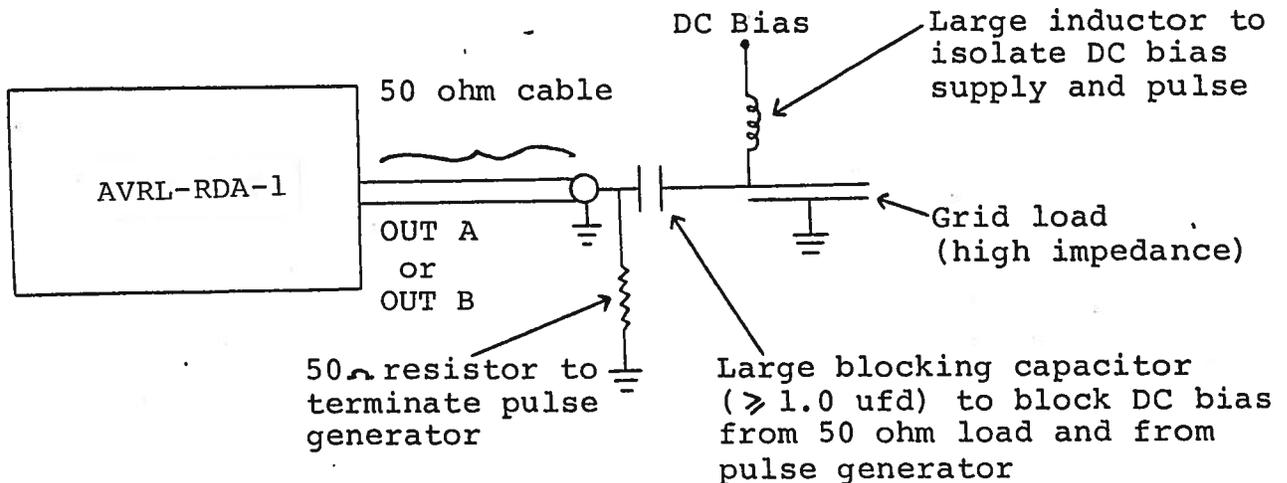
TEST ARRANGEMENT



GENERAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

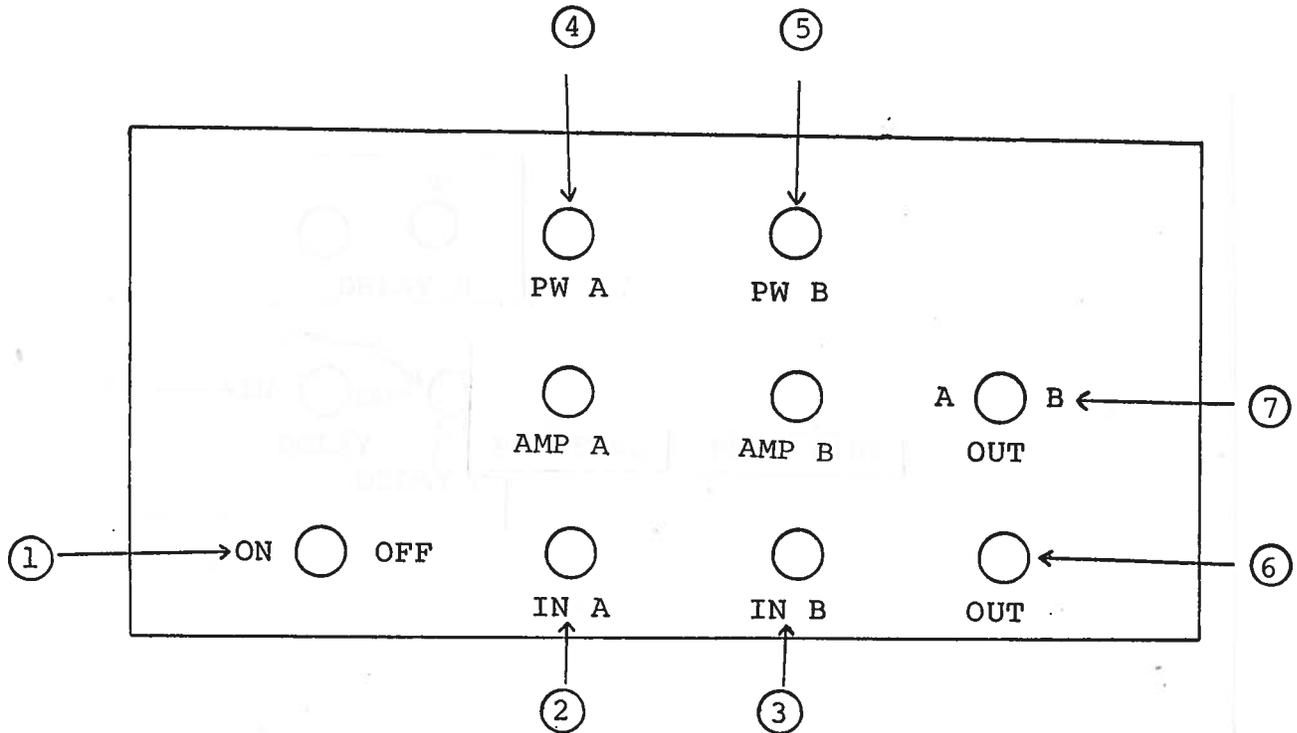
- 1) The equipment should be connected in the general fashion shown above. A scope with a bandwidth of at least 50 MHz should be used to view output B while a scope bandwidth of at least 500 MHz is required for viewing output A.
- 2) The output amplitude for the A and B channels are both variable from 0 to -250 volts to fifty ohms using the AMP A and AMP B controls.
- 3) The output pulse width for output A is variable from 5 nsec to 100 nsec using the PW A control. The output pulse width for output B is variable from 100 nsec to 1 usec using the front panel PW B control.

- 4) The output PRF is equal to the input PRF applied to the IN A or IN B ports. Outputs A and B will operate safely to PRF as high as 1 KHz. Note that both A and B outputs may fail if above PRF specifications are exceeded.
- 5) Model AVRL-RDA-1 is designed to operate into a fifty ohm load. The following arrangement is recommended when the AVRL unit is used to pulse a biased high impedance load:



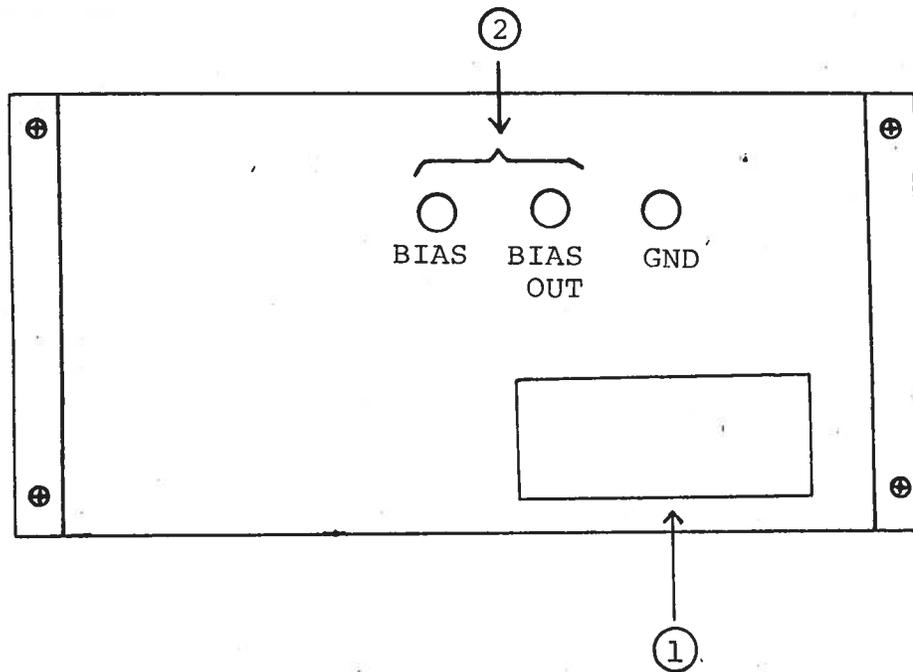
- 6) The output switching elements (SL4) in output B will probably fail if the output of the unit is accidentally short-circuited or if the unit is operated at high output pulse width - high PRF combinations. The switching elements are easily replaced following the instructions given in the REPAIR Section. The output switching elements in output A are also easily replaced.
- 7) A 0 to +50 volt (0.5 mA max) bias supply is provided at the BIAS OUT terminal on the back panel. The output voltage is controlled by the one turn BIAS control. The BIAS OUT will withstand a short-circuit condition.

FRONT PANEL CONTROLS



- ① ON-OFF Switch. Applies prime power to all stages.
- ② IN A. Input trigger for A output applied here (TTL levels 0.1 to 1.0 usec).
- ③ IN B. Input trigger for B output applied here (TTL levels 0.1 to 1.0 usec). IN A and IN B may be connected in parallel.
- ④ PW A. One turn control used to vary output PW (A) from 5 to 100 nsec.
- ⑤ PW B. One turn control used to vary pulse width of output B from 100 nsec to 1 usec.
- ⑥ OUT Connector. BNC connectors used to connect output of A and B to 50 ohm load.
- ⑦ A-B OUTPUT Switch. With switch in the A position, pulse generator A is connected to the output connector ⑥ and the B pulse generator is disabled. With switch in the B position, pulse generator B is connected to the output connector ⑥ and the A pulse generator is disabled.

BACK PANEL CONTROLS



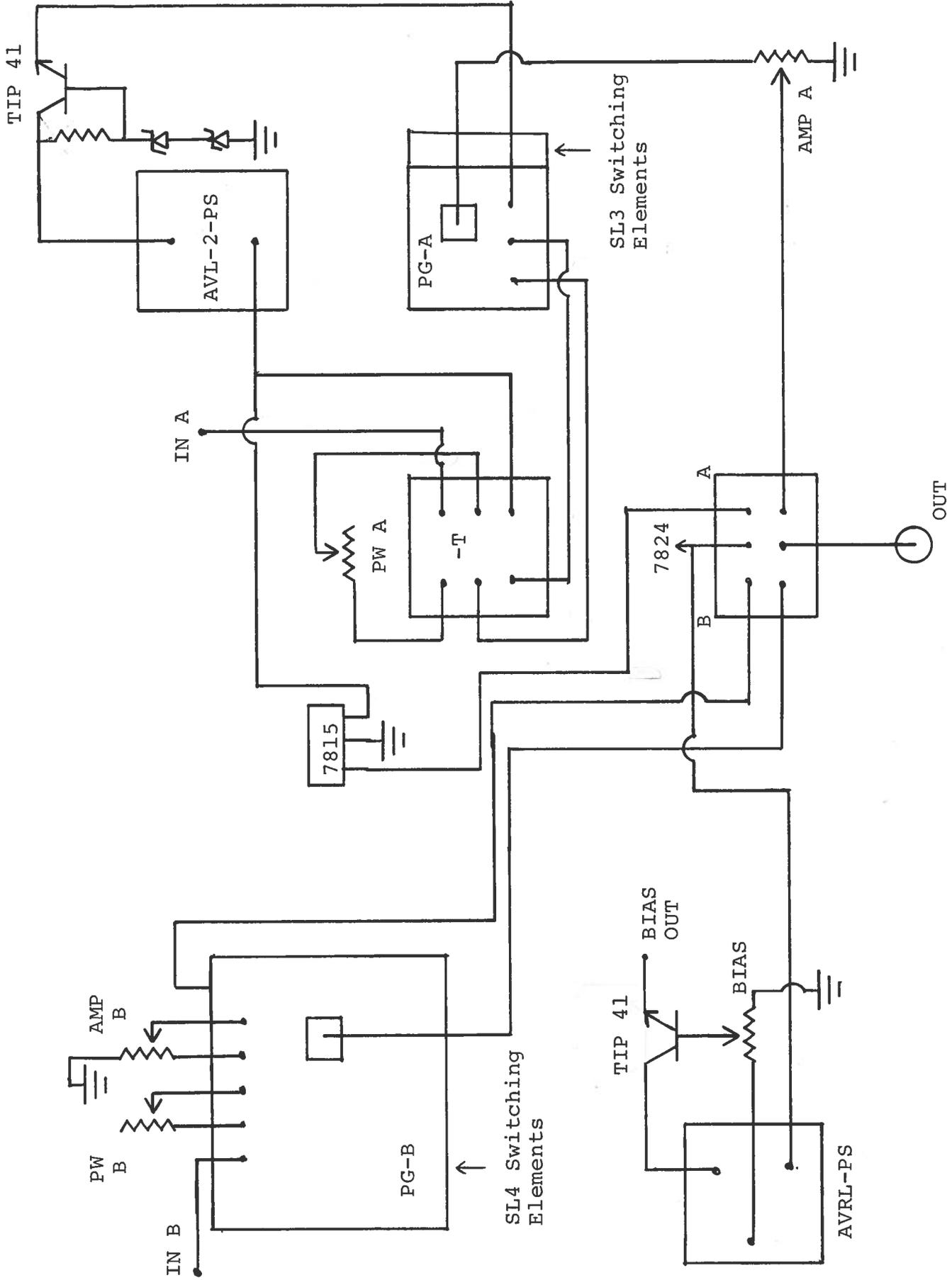
- ① FUSED CONNECTOR, VOLTAGE SELECTOR. The detachable power cord is connected at this point. In addition, the removable cord is adjusted to select the desired input operating voltage. The unit also contains the main power fuse.
- ② BIAS, BIAS OUT. A 0 to +50 volt (0.5 mA max) bias supply is provided at the BIAS OUT terminal and is controlled by the one turn BIAS control.

REPAIR PROCEDURE

- 1) WARNING: Before attempting any repairs, note that potentials as high as 310 volts are employed in the chassis structure.
- 2) The pulse generator is constructed from the following subsystems or modules:
 - a) Metal chassis
 - b) A pulse generator module (AVL-2-PG-A)
 - c) Delay line module (AVRL-2-DL)
 - d) Timing module (AVL-2-T)
 - e) Power supply module (AVL-2-PS)
 - f) B pulse generator module (AVRL-PG-B)
 - g) Power supply module (AVRL-PS)
 - h) +24V power supply board

The modules are interconnected as shown in the following diagram.

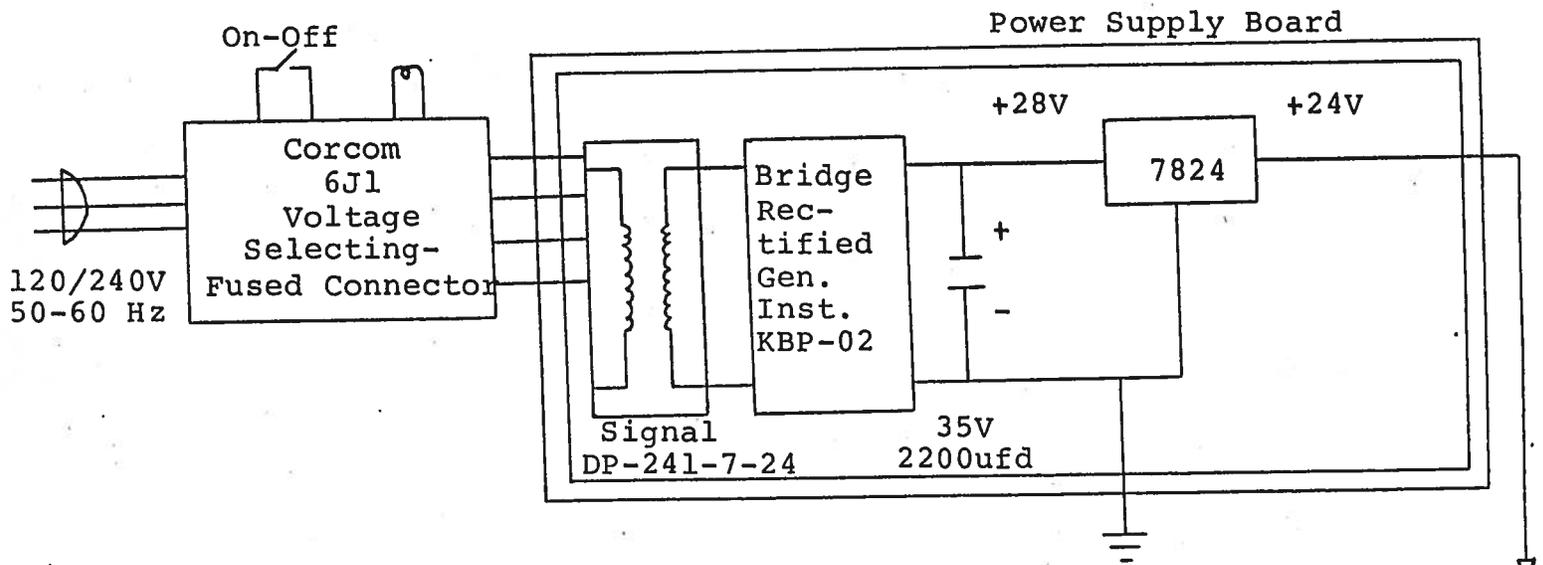
- 3) If no output is provided by the A output turn off the prime power and remove the 4 Phillips screws on the back panel. The top cover may then be slid off. Turn on the prime power and apply a scope probe or voltmeter to the outer case of either of the SL3 switching elements. A voltage of about +310 volts should be indicated. If the voltage is substantially less than 310V then one of the switching elements has probably failed. Turn off the prime power and remove one of the transistors by removing the two 2-56 screws which secure the transistor in its socket. Pull the transistor out of the socket. With the unit un-triggered turn on the prime power supply and measure the voltage from the case of the remaining transistor to ground. If this voltage is about 310 volts then the transistor which was removed is defective and should be replaced. If the voltage which is measured is less than 310 volts then the transistor still in position is defective and should be replaced. Note that the two transistors are completely interchangeable (Order Avtech Part No. SL3).
- 4) If no output is provided by the B output then it is most likely that the SL4 switching elements in the B output stage have been damaged and should be replaced. Turn off the prime power and remove the instrument bottom panel cover plate thereby exposing the SL4 switching elements. The SL4 elements may be removed from their sockets using a pair of needle nosed pliers. Before attempting this first insure that the prime power is off and also briefly ground the metal tabs on the SL4 elements to the chassis as the bypass capacitors may be charged to -260 volts. Replacement SL4 units must be ordered directly from Avtech. When reinstalling the SL4 units in their sockets, insure that the shortest of the three terminals is adjacent to the black dot on the AVRL chassis.



AVRL-RDA-1

+24 VOLT POWER SUPPLY

The AVRL-RDA-1 consists of the six standard modules and a power supply board which supplies +24 volts (600 mA max) to the modules. In the event that the unit malfunctions, remove the instrument top cover, thereby exposing the modules. Measure the voltage at the +24 V pin of the PS module. If this voltage is substantially less than +24 volts, unsolder the line connecting the power supply board output and connect a 50 ohm 10 W load to the power supply output. The voltage across this load should be about +24 V DC. If this voltage is substantially less than 24 volts the power supply board is defective and should be repaired or replaced. If the voltage is near +24V then see instructions in preceding section.



POWER SUPPLY BOARD

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