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MODEL 610B

COR-A-TROL

HIGH VOLTAGE SUPPLY/AMPLIFIER/CONTROLLER
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APPENDICES
SECTION 1 INSTALLATION

1 NOTICE TO USERS

Warnings and Cautions are interspersed with instructions in this manual to make you aware of the hazards you may encounter. Warnings are used to advise you of an action or actions which may cause harm to you, the operator. Cautions are used to advise you of an action or actions which may cause harm to the equipment.

1.1 UNPACKING

Upon receipt of the package from the shipper, visually inspect the shipping container for any dents or other damage. Note any such irregularities and have the shipper verify the damage. Report the damage to the appropriate insurance authority immediately.

If no external damage has been found, then remove the instrument from the packing. Visually inspect the casing for physical damage, i.e., dents, nicks, scratches, broken fittings, loose wires, etc. In the event of damage, notify the factory or your nearest Trek representative. Attempts to use a damaged instrument may cause permanent damage to the unit.
1.2 POWER REQUIREMENTS

The 610B is equipped with a standard 3-prong plug providing a grounded chassis when the cord is used in a grounded power receptacle.

WARNING
Make no attempt to bypass the ground prong in the power cable. This is a safety feature and any attempt to negate it can result in a painful shock to the user and/or damage to the equipment.

Ensure that the power supply available in your area corresponds to the voltage requirements indicated on the label at the back of the 610B. The 610B operates from a standard 110 VAC, 50 to 60 Hz power supply without alterations.

1.3 INCOMING INSPECTION

The 610B undergoes extensive checks and adjustments at the factory and should require no initial calibration. As part of the incoming inspection on equipment you may wish to perform a functional check.
1.3.1 Tools and Equipment Required

No special tools or equipment are required to perform the functional check on the 610B.

1.3.2 Functional Check

Prior to starting the functional check, read the description on the 610B controls. This procedure is designed to verify only the basic operation of the instrument. To perform the functional check:

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**WARNING**

This equipment generates high voltages. Read all instructions and warnings before proceeding. Use caution when operating the equipment.

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**CAUTION**

Make no attempt to bypass the ground feature in the power cable. This is a safety feature and any attempt to negate it can result in a painful shock to the user and/or damage to the equipment.
a. Plug the 610B power cord into a standard power source (see Figure 1). Do not plug in the high-voltage cable.

![Figure 1. Plug Cord into Power Source](image)

b. Set the FUNCTION switch to SUPPLY (see Figure 2).

![Figure 2. FUNCTION Switch in SUPPLY Position](image)
c. In the COMMAND/OFFSET Section:

(1) Set the selector switch to the "V" position (see Figure 3).

(2) Set the range selector switch to the "0-10 KV" position (refer to Figure 3).

(3) Adjust the potentiometer dial to zero by turning the dial fully counterclockwise (CCW). You may need to unlock the dial by pushing up on the lever at the base of the dial (refer to Figure 3).

(4) Flip the polarity switch to the OFF position (refer to Figure 3).
d. Adjust the COMPLIANCE LEVEL potentiometer dial to "10" by turning the dial fully clockwise (CW). You may need to unlock the control by pushing up on the lever at the base of the dial to make this adjustment. Reset the lock when the dial is set (see Figure 4).

![Figure 4. Turn Dial to 10](image)

e. In the METER Section (see Figure 5):

1. Flip the selector switch to the "V" position.
2. Flip the range switch to the "0-10 KV" position.

![Figure 5. Set Controls in METER Section](image)
f. Flip the 610B POWER switch to the ON position (see Figure 6).

![Figure 6. POWER Switch in ON Position](image)

![Figure 6. POWER Switch in ON Position](image)

g. Wait thirty seconds and then flip the HV switch to the ON position (see Figure 7).

![Figure 7. HV Switch in ON Position](image)
h. Flip the polarity switch to the "+" position (see Figure 8).

![Figure 8. Polarity Switch in "+" Position]

i. Turn the COMMAND/OFFSET dial fully CW. You may need to unlock the dial to make this adjustment. Reset the lock when the dial is set. The DPM begins reading. When the dial is completely CW, the DPM reads +10.0 (see Figure 9).

![Figure 9. Turn Dial CW]
j. Flip the polarity switch to the "−" position (see Figure 10). The DPM should read −10.0.

![Figure 10. Polarity Switch to "−" Position](image)

k. The test is now complete. Flip the POWER switch to the OFF position.

1.4 MOUNTING

The 610B base unit may be rack installed or it can be used as a tabletop unit.

Trek offers a rack-mounting option. With the rack mount options the 610B can be mounted in a standard 19-inch rack. Installation instructions are included with the rack-mounting hardware assembly.
SECTION II OPERATION

2 SET UP

The 610B is ready for use upon arrival. You may control it as a local unit or operate it in a remote mode. Use only a grounded power source. You may use it as a tabletop unit or, with a Trek conversion kit, you may use it rackmounted.

2.1 CONTROLS

The controls on the 610B are fully visible and easy to operate. The receptacles are clearly labeled.

WARNING

This equipment generates high voltage. Read all instructions and warnings before proceeding. Use caution when operating the equipment.
2.1.1 Front Panel

The front panel is functionally divided into five sections (see Figure 11).

![Diagram of the front panel with labeled components]

**Figure 11. Front Panel**
2.1.1.1 POWER and HV Switches Section

The POWER switch is a two-position switch, ON and OFF. When the POWER switch is in the ON position, the green LED above it is illuminated indicating that power is applied to the control circuits and the output regulator heater circuit (see Figure 12).

The HV control is a three-position switch (refer to Figure 12). In the ON position it activates the high-voltage power supplies. The red LED illuminates when the switch is set to ON or when the unit is in the REMOTE mode and pins 3 and 6 of the EXT. CONTROL connector are shorted, indicating that high-voltage may be present at the HV OUT connector.

NOTE

Wait thirty seconds after activating the POWER switch before activating the HV switch.
2.1.1.2 FUNCTION Section

There are three function controls: SUPPLY, AMPLIFIER, and CONTROLLER.

2.1.1.2.1 SUPPLY

In the SUPPLY position, the 610B functions as a precise, adjustable, high-voltage power supply with an adjustable current limit; or as a precise, adjustable current supply with an adjustable voltage limit (see Figure 13).

Figure 13. Switch in SUPPLY Position
2.1.1.2.2 AMPLIFIER

In the AMPLIFIER mode, output voltage or output current are proportional to a voltage input signal control applied to the 610B through a rear panel mounted connector (see Figure 14).

Figure 14. Switch in AMPLIFIER Position

2.1.1.2.3 CONTROLLER

In the CONTROLLER mode, the input configuration is maintained as in the amplifier mode, while the amplifier's input and feedback parameters are left uncommitted and available for user selection (refer to Figure 15).

Terminals for the installation of resistor and/or capacitor elements provide the means for tailoring the 610B gain characteristics to your particular requirements.
2.1.1.3 COMPLIANCE Section

There are only two controls in this section: a ten-turn potentiometer and a selector switch. An amber LED illuminates to indicate an operation in the compliance limit range: overvoltage in the current mode; overcurrent in the voltage mode.
2.1.1.3.1 COMPLIANCE Potentiometer

The ten-turn COMPLIANCE potentiometer is used to set the limit value of load current ($I_l$ or $I_r$) when the unit is in a voltage mode of operation or to set the limit value of output voltage when the 610B is in the current mode of operation (see Figure 17). The dial has a lock at its base. To disengage the lock, push upward, turn the dial to the desired position, and then push downward to engage the lock.

![Figure 17. COMPLIANCE Potentiometer](image1)

2.1.1.3.2 Current Limit Selector Switch

This switch determines which current, $I_l$ or $I_r$, is to be limited when the unit is in a voltage mode (see Figure 18). $I_l$ is the current which flows through the rear panel mounted $I_l$ terminal, while $I_r$ is the total current flowing in the HV OUTPUT connector.

![Figure 18. Current Limit Selector Switch](image2)
2.1.1.4 COMMAND/OFFSET Section

The COMMAND/OFFSET section has four switches and one potentiometer dial.

2.1.1.4.1 COMMAND/OFFSET Potentiometer

This ten-turn potentiometer dial is used to (see Figure 19):

a. Command the load voltage when the unit is used as a voltage supply.
b. Command the load current, \( I_1 \) or \( I_r \), when the unit is used as a current supply.
c. Set the offset voltage when the unit is in the voltage amplifier or voltage controller modes.
d. Set the offset current, \( I_1 \) or \( I_r \), when the unit is in the current amplifier or current controller modes.

This dial has a lock at its base. To disengage the lock, push upward, turn the dial to the desired position, and then push downward to engage the lock.

When in the current supply mode or current amplifier mode, the output current is equal to two times the dial setting value.

EXAMPLE:

In the \( I_1 \) mode:

**with the \( \mu \)A/KV range switch set to

\[
0-200 \ \mu \text{A}
\]

full potentiometer = 200 \( \mu \)A

**with the \( \mu \)A/KV range switch set to

\[
0-2000 \ \mu \text{A}
\]

full potentiometer = 2000 \( \mu \)A

In the voltage mode, any value up to 1 KV can be directly selected by the potentiometer dial with the \( \mu \)A/KV range switch set to “0-1KV” and any value up to 10 KV can be directly selected by the potentiometer dial with the \( \mu \)A/KV range switch set to “0-10KV”.

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2.1.1.4.2 V/I Selector Switch

Select the operational mode with the “V/I” selector switch (see Figure 20). With the switch in the “V” position, the system is in the voltage mode and the potentiometer dial commands the load voltage when the unit is functioning as a voltage supply or sets the offset load voltage when the 610B functions as a voltage amplifier or voltage controller. With the switch in the “I” position, the potentiometer dial commands the load current, $I_L$ or $I_o$, when the 610B is functioning as a current supply or sets the load offset current when the unit is functioning in the transconductance amplifier or transconductance controller mode.
2.1.1.4.3 \( I_t/I_r \) Selector Switch

The position of the \( I_t/I_r \) switch is relevant only when the 610B is in a current mode (see Figure 21).

With the switch in the "\( I_t \)" position, you can command the load current, \( I_t \), when the 610B is functioning as a current supply, or set the \( I_t \) return offset current when the 610B is functioning as a transconductance amplifier or transconductance controller.

With the switch in the "\( I_r \)" position, you can command the total load current, \( I_t \), when the 610B is functioning as a current supply, or set the \( I_t \) offset current when the 610B is functioning as a transconductance amplifier or transconductance controller.

Figure 21. \( I_t/I_r \) Selector Switch
The μA/KV range selector switch (see Figure 22):

a. Determines the maximum output voltage at 1 KV or 10 KV when the unit is functioning as a voltage supply.

b. Selects the full scale load current, $I_l$ or $I_r$, at 200 μA or 2,000 μA when the 610B is functioning as a current supply.

c. Selects the amplifier gain and the maximum output offset voltage when the 610B is functioning as a voltage amplifier:
   1. “0 - 1 KV” position equals 100 volts output per volt input.
   2. “0 - 10 KV” position equals 1,000 volts output per volt input.

d. Determines the transconductance gain and the maximum load offset current, $I_1$ or $I_r$, when the unit is functioning as a transconductance amplifier:
   1. “0 - 200 μA” position equals 20 μA output per volt input.
   2. “0 - 2000 μA” position equals 200 μA output per volt input.

e. Selects a 10 to 1 voltage scale factor of voltage gain and the maximum output offset voltage when the 610B is functioning in the voltage controller mode. Voltage controller gain and maximum voltage offsets are alterable by your component selection.

f. Selects a 10 to 1 scale factor of current gain and maximum output offset current when the 610B is operating in the transconductance controller mode. Controller transconductance and load offset currents are alterable by your component selection.
2.1.1.4.5 Polarity Selector Switch

With the "+/−/OFF" polarity switch you can select (see Figure 23):

a. No output voltage or currents are produced respectively when this switch is in the OFF position and the 610B is functioning as a voltage or current supply; nor offset voltages and currents when the 610B is in the amplifier or controller modes.

b. Either positive (+) or negative (−) output voltages or currents, I₁ or I₁, when the 610B is functioning as a voltage or current supply.

c. Either no output offset voltage, or (+) or (−) offset voltage when the 610B is functioning as a voltage amplifier or voltage controller.

d. Either no load offset currents, I₁ or I₁, or (+) or (−) load offset currents, I₁ or I₁, when the 610B is functioning as a transconductance amplifier or current controller.
2.1.1.5 METER Section

The digital panel meter (DPM) in this section is a 3-1/2-digit DC meter (see Figure 24). The DPM full scale range is selected by the "0 - 1 KV, 0 - 200 μA"/"0 - 10 KV, 0 - 2000 μA" range switch. The output voltage is indicated when the V/I switch is in the "V" position. The load current is indicated when the V/I switch is in the "I" position. The I_v/I_i switch determines which current is indicated when the V/I switch is in the "I" position.
The rear panel has one selector switch and nine connection ports (see Figure 25).

Figure 25. Rear Panel Controls

**WARNING**

Make no attempt to bypass the ground feature in the power cable. This is a safety feature and any attempt to negate it can result in an injury to the user and/or damage to the equipment.
2.1.2.1 AC Power Cord Receptacle and Fuse Box

The AC power cord receptacle is a standard three-prong connection (see Figure 26). The 1-amp slo-blo fuse is installed at the factory. The 1-amp fuse is recommended for use with 100V and 115V, and a 1/2-amp fuse is recommended for use with 220V inputs (not furnished).

Figure 26. AC Power Cord Receptacle and Fuse Box

2.1.2.2 Remote Control Receptacle

A switch (single pole, normally open) connected between pin 3 and pin 6 of the EXT. CONTROL connector can be used for remote operation of the 610B. This is a 5 V level to ground. The front panel HV switch must be in the REMOTE position for this external switch to operate.

Figure 27. Remote Control Receptacle
2.1.2.3 AMP INPUT Receptacle

The AMP INPUT receptacle is to connect an external signal to the 610B (see Figure 28):

a. Noninverting operation — input signal to pin 1, common to pin 3, short pins 2 and 3.
b. Inverting operation — input signal to pin 2, common to pin 3.
c. Differential operation — input signal between pins 1 and 2, common to pin 3.

Figure 28. AMP INPUT Receptacle

Figure 29. Pin Connections
2.1.2.4 OUTPUT Section

The OUTPUT section has two BNC receptacles, \( V_0 \) and \( I_0 \), and an \( I/I \) selector switch. These receptacles and switch are for your convenience in the use of other read-out equipment, i.e., printers.

2.1.2.4.1 \( V_0 \) MONITOR OUTPUT Connector

The \( V_0 \) MONITOR OUTPUT connector is a BNC outlet for monitoring the 610B output voltage at a ratio of 1,000 to 1 (10 KV = 10 V) (see Figure 30).

![Figure 30. \( V_0 \) MONITOR OUTPUT Connector](image-url)
2.1.2.4.2 \( I_0 \) MONITOR OUTPUT Connector

The \( I_0 \) MONITOR OUTPUT connector is a BNC outlet for monitoring \( I/I \), (2000 \( \mu \)A equals 10 V FS of \( I \) or \( I_0 \) current) (see Figure 31).

![Figure 31. \( I_0 \) MONITOR OUTPUT Connector](image)

2.1.2.4.3 \( I/I_0 \) Monitor Selector Switch

The \( I/I_0 \) switch selects which current, \( I \) or \( I_0 \), is to be monitored at the \( I_0 \) monitor connector (see Figure 32).

![Figure 32. \( I/I_0 \) Monitor Selector Switch](image)
2.1.2.5 HV OUT

The HV OUT connector is for output load connection (see Figure 33).

2.1.2.6 Ground Connector

The ground connector, a green, 5-way connector, connects to chassis ground and is used for output load ground termination (see Figure 34).
2.1.2.7 \( I_r \) Connector

The \( I_r \) connector, a white, 5-way connector, is used for terminating the output load when operating the 610B in the \( I_r \) mode (see Figure 35).

![Image of \( I_r \) Connector](image)

Figure 35. \( I_r \) Connector

2.1.2.8 \( I_s \) Connector

The \( I_s \) connector, a blue, 5-way connector, provides a termination for electrophotographic Coratron shielding electrodes connected to the 610B (see Figure 36). When this connection is used, any current flowing to the \( I_s \) connector is not measured and controlled while operating in the \( I_r \) mode. In this mode, \( I_t \) becomes a true measure of electrophotographic surface current and can be controlled to high accuracy by the 610B, thereby providing electrophotographic surface current regulation into grounded surfaces.

![Image of \( I_s \) Connector](image)

Figure 36. \( I_s \) Connector
2.2 ROUTINE OPERATION

The 610B can operate in three modes with a great many variations within those three modes. The modes are: SUPPLY, AMPLIFIER, and CONTROLLER. Random control values were chosen to illustrate a routine operation in each mode, and are to be used as a guide only.

2.2.1 Supply Mode

In the SUPPLY position, the 610B can function either as a voltage supply with an adjustable current limit, or as a current supply with an adjustable voltage limit.

2.2.1.1 Voltage Supply With Adjustable Current Limit

As a precise, adjustable power supply, the 610B has an adjustable current limit. To set the 610B to function as a voltage supply:

a. Ensure the POWER switch and the HV switch are set to OFF (see Figure 37).

![Figure 37. POWER and HV Switches Set to OFF](image-url)
b. At the rear panel, make the connections (see Figure 38):

1) From HV OUT to the load

2) Return from the load to ground (green receptacle)
c. Plug the female connector on the AC power cord into the AC power receptacle on the rear panel of the 610B (see Figure 39).

**WARNING**

Make no attempt to bypass the ground feature in the power cable. This is a safety feature and any attempt to negate it can result in an injury to the user and/or damage to the equipment.

![Figure 39. Plug Power Cord Into 610B Receptacle](image)

d. Plug the power cord into a power source (see Figure 40).

![Figure 40. Plug Power Cord Into Power Source](image)
e. To perform a routine operation in the SUPPLY mode, given a random value of ± 500 V, set the controls as follows (see Figure 41):

1) Mode: V
2) Polarity: +
3) Range: 0 - 1 KV
4) Command: 500 V
5) Compliance limit: 100 (maximum setting) limits I_t to ± 2000 µA
6) Compliance select: I_t
7) DPM monitor: voltage
8) Meter range: 0 - 1 KV

Figure 41. Example of Front Panel Settings
f. On the front panel, flip the POWER switch to the ON position (see Figure 42).

Figure 42. POWER Switch to ON

g. Wait thirty seconds after the POWER switch has been set to ON, then flip the HV switch to ON (see Figure 43). The DPM displays the magnitude of voltage between HV OUT and ground.

Figure 43. HV Switch to ON
NOTE
If the load condition is such that you are attempting to draw more current from the 610B than that set by the limit, then the output voltage is restricted.

EXAMPLE
With a set-up of the current limit set at the maximum 2000 $\mu$A and the supply voltage set at 500 V
For a resistive load of 300 kilohms:

1667 $\mu$A flows through the load

\[
I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{500 \text{ V}}{300 \text{ K}$\Omega$} = 1667 \mu \text{A}
\]

With the same set-up

For a 200 kilohms load:

\[
I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{500 \text{ V}}{200 \text{ K}$\Omega$} = 2500 \mu \text{A}
\]

The current is limited by the compliance function set to a maximum of 2000 $\mu$A.

Therefore the voltage at the HV OUT terminal is restricted to 400 V while 2000 $\mu$A is supplied.

\[
V = IR = (2000 \mu \text{A})200 \text{ K}$\Omega$ = 400 \text{ V}
\]
2.2.1.2 Current Supply With Adjustable Voltage Limit

In the current SUPPLY mode, the controlled current may be either the total output current measured at the HV OUT terminal ($I_t$, total current), or the current returning to the $I_t$ terminal (returned current).

2.2.1.2.1 Current Supply $I_t$, Regulated

Control of the $I_t$ is useful if you want to regulate a single, ungrounded current path in the presence of multiple loads on the output of the 610B. If $I_t$ is the controlled quantity, this current must be returned into the white $I_t$ terminal on the rear panel.

The setup for operation in this mode with a given set of random values is as follows:

a. Ensure the POWER switch and the HV switch are set to OFF (see Figure 44).

![Figure 44. POWER and HV Switches to OFF](image)
b. At the rear panel, make the connections (see Figure 45):

1) From the HV OUT receptacle to the load.
2) Return the load to the I_r receptacle.

![Figure 45. Sample Rear Panel Hook-up I, Regulated](image)

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c. Plug the female connector on the AC power cord into the AC power receptacle on the rear panel of the 610B (see Figure 46).

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**WARNING**

Make no attempt to bypass the ground feature in the power cable. This is a safety feature and any attempt to negate it can result in an injury to the user and/or damage to the equipment.
d. Plug the power cord into a power source (see Figure 47).
e. To perform a current operation in the I_\text{SUPPLY} mode, given a random value of +400 \mu A, set the controls as follows (see Figure 48):

1a) Controlled quantity: \( I \)
1b) \( I_r \)
2) Polarity: +
3) Range: 0 - 2000 \mu A
4) Command: 20 (400 \mu A)
5) Compliance limit: 80 (±8000 V, limiting the voltage output at the HV OUT connector.)
6a) DPM monitor: I (current) flowing through 6b
6b) \( I, \) terminal
7) Meter range: 0 - 2000 \mu A

Figure 48. Example of Front Panel Settings
NOTES

1) Current SUPPLY $I_s$ and $I_r$

If the load condition is such that you are attempting to exceed the voltage compliance limit, then the output current is restricted to produce the compliance voltage limit value.

EXAMPLE

For a resistive load of 22.5 M ohms
Voltage limit set at 8000 V
Supply current set at 400 $\mu$A

To supply 400 $\mu$A to a 22.5 M ohms load would require 9000 V.

$$V = IR = (400 \ \mu$A) (22.5 M ohms) = 9000 \ V$$

but the voltage available at the HV OUT receptacle is limited to 8000 V by the complainsce function setting, therefore only 356 $\mu$A would be supplied to the load.

$$\frac{V}{I} = \frac{8000 \ V}{22.5 \ \text{M ohms}} = 356 \ \mu$A$$

2) When attempting to control current in an open path, no current will flow and the voltage across that path will be limited to the voltage value of the compliance function setting.
f. On the front panel, flip the POWER switch to ON (see Figure 49).

![Figure 49. POWER Switch to ON](image)

g. Wait thirty seconds after the POWER switch has been set to ON, then flip the HV switch to ON (see Figure 50). The DPM displays the 400 μA flowing in the external load if the 8000 V limit is not exceeded.

![Figure 50. HV Switch to ON](image)
If \( I_1 \) is controlled, the load current can be returned to chassis ground or to the \( I_1 \) terminal. The \( I_s \) terminal on the rear panel allows the return of an unmonitored current path when \( I_1 \) is the controlled current. The setup for operation in this mode with a given set of random values is as follows:

a. Ensure the POWER switch and the HV switch are set to the OFF position (see Figure 51).

Figure 51. POWER and HV Switches to OFF
b. At the rear panel, make the connections (see Figure 52):

1) Either:
   A. From the HV OUT receptacle to the load and return to the I₁ receptacle.
   B. Shield line to Iₚ (if used).

2) Or:
   A. From the HV OUT receptacle to the load and return to the ground receptacle.
   B. Shield line to Iₚ (if used).

Figure 52. Sample Rear Panel Hook-up I₁ Regulated
c. Plug the female connector on the AC power cord into the AC power receptacle on the rear panel of the 610B (see Figure 53).

**WARNING**

Make no attempt to bypass the ground feature in the power cable. This is a safety feature and any attempt to negate it can result in an injury to the user and/or damage to the equipment.

![Figure 53. Plug Power Cord Into 610B Receptacle](image)

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d. Plug the power cord into a power source (see Figure 54).

![Figure 54. Plug Power Cord Into Power Source](image)
e. To perform a current operation in the SUPPLY mode, given a random value of $+80 \mu A$, set the controls as follows (see Figure 55):

1a) Mode: $I$

1b) Polarity: $I_h$

2) Range: $0 - 200 \mu A$

3) Range; $40 (80 \mu A)$

4) Command: $80 \ (\pm 8000 \ V, \text{limiting the voltage output at HV OUT connector})$

5) Compliance limit: $0.1 \ KV$

6) DPM monitor: voltage

7) Meter range: $0 - 1 \ KV$

Figure 55. Example of Front Panel Settings
f. On the front panel, flip the POWER switch to the ON position (see Figure 56).

![Figure 56. POWER Switch to ON](image)

Wait thirty seconds after the POWER switch has been set to ON, then flip the HV switch to ON (see Figure 57). The DPM displays the voltage across the load.

![Figure 57. HV Switch to ON](image)
2.2.2 Amplifier Mode

In the AMPLIFIER mode, the 610B has either a selectable, fixed voltage gain of 100V/V or 1000V/V, or it has a selectable, fixed transconductance gain of 20 μA out/V in or 200 μA out/V in. In the AMPLIFIER mode, the COMMAND/OFFSET potentiometer dial functions as an offset (+), (−) or OFF command to offset the output voltage or current from zero. The input control signal then varies the output around this offset value.

If I, is the quantity selected, the current must be returned into the I, terminal on the rear panel. When I, is the quantity selected and the current path doesn't include the I, terminal, the voltage appearing at the HV OUT terminal will go to maximum output voltage set by the compliance limit. If I, is the quantity selected, the current may be returned to chassis ground or the I, terminal.

Connect the input signal into the AMP INPUT receptacle on the rear panel (see Figure 58):

a. noninverting input — input signal to pin 1, common to pin 3, short pins 2 and 3.

b. inverting input — input signal to pin 2, common to pin 3

c. differential input — input signal between pins 1 and 2, common to pin 3.

Figure 58. Pin Connections for Input Variations
2.2.2.1 Voltage Amplifier

As a voltage amplifier the gain is selectable and switch fixed:

a. 100 V/V when the range switch in the COMMAND/OFFSET section is in the “0 - 1 KV” position.

b. 1000 V/V when the range switch in the COMMAND/OFFSET section is in the “0 - 10 KV” position.

The output offset voltage is set by the potentiometer dial in the COMMAND/OFFSET section. When the range is switched to “0 - 1 KV” then each division equals one volt. When the range is switched to “0-10 KV” then each division equals 10 volts.

The potentiometer dial in the COMPLIANCE section lets you limit either I₁ or I₂ by setting that switch in the desired position and adjusting the ten-turn, 500-division potentiometer. Each division equals 4 μA, with a range of 20 μA to 2000 μA.

The setup for operation in this mode with a given set of random values is as follows:

a. Ensure the POWER switch and the HV switch are set to OFF (see Figure 59).

Figure 59. POWER and HV Switches to OFF
b. At the rear panel, make the connections (see Figure 60):

1) From HV OUT to the load.

2) Return the load to ground (green receptacle).

Figure 60. Example of Rear Panel Connections
c. Plug the female connector on the AC power cord into the AC power receptacle on the rear panel of the 610B (see Figure 61).

![Figure 61. Plug Power Cord Into 610B Receptacle](image)

d. Plug the power cord into a power source (see Figure 62).

![Figure 62. Plug Power Cord Into Power Source](image)
e. To perform a routine operation in the AMPLIFIER mode, given a random gain of 100 V/V, set the controls as follows (see Figure 63):

1) Mode: V
2) Offset polarity: +
3) Range: 0 - 1 KV (gain is 100 V/V)
4) Offset command: 100 V
5) Compliance limit: 50
6) Compliance select: I
7) DPM monitor: voltage
8) Meter range: 0 - 1 KV

Figure 63. Example of Front Panel Settings
f. On the front panel, flip the POWER switch to ON (see Figure 64).

Figure 64. POWER Switch to ON

g. Wait thirty seconds after the POWER switch has been set to ON, then flip the HV switch to ON (see Figure 65). The DPM displays the magnitude of voltage between HV OUT and ground.

Figure 65. HV Switch to ON
NOTE

If the load condition is such that you are attempting to draw more current from the 610B than that set by the limit, then the output voltage is restricted.

EXAMPLE

With a set-up of the current limit set at the maximum 2000 μA and the supply voltage set at 500 V

For a resistive load of 300 kilohms:

1667 μA flows through the load

\[
I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{500 \text{ V}}{300 \text{ K}_\Omega} = 1667 \mu\text{A}
\]

With the same set-up

For a 200 kilohms load:

\[
I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{500 \text{ V}}{200 \text{ K}_\Omega} = 2500 \mu\text{A}
\]

The current is limited by the compliance function set to a maximum of 2000 μA.

Therefore the voltage at the HV OUT terminal is restricted to 400 V while 2000 μA is supplied.

\[
V = IR = (2000 \mu\text{A})(200 \text{ K}_\Omega) = 400 \text{ V}
\]
2.2.2.2 Transconductance Amplifier

As a transconductance amplifier, the gain is selectable and switch fixed.

2.2.2.2.1 I, Output

The setup for operation in the AMPLIFIER mode with an I, output and with a given set of random values is as follows:

a. Ensure the POWER switch and the HV switch are set to OFF (see Figure 66).

Figure 66. POWER and HV Switches to OFF
b. At the rear panel, make the connections (see Figure 67):

1) From HV OUT to the load
2) Return the load to the \( I_r \) terminal

![Example of Rear Panel Connections](image)

Figure 67. Example of Rear Panel Connections
c. Plug the female connector on the AC power cord into the AC power receptacle on the rear panel of the 610B (see Figure 68).

![Figure 68. Plug Power Cord into 610B Receptacle](image)

d. Plug the power cord into a power source (see Figure 69).

![Figure 69. Plug Power Cord into Power Source](image)
e. To perform a routine operation in the I, AMPLIFIER mode, given a random gain of 20 \( \mu \)A/V, set the controls (see Figure 70):

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Figure 70. Example of Front Panel Settings
f. On the front panel, flip the POWER switch to ON (see Figure 71).

![Figure 71. POWER Switch to ON](image)

g. Wait thirty seconds after the POWER switch has been set to ON, then flip the HV switch to ON (see Figure 72). The DPM displays the magnitude of current drawn by the load.

![Figure 72. HV Switch to ON](image)
NOTES

1) Current SUPPLY $I_s$ and $I_r$

If the load condition is such that you are attempting to exceed the voltage limit set by the compliance function, then the output current is restricted.

EXAMPLE

For a resistive load of 22.5 M ohms
Voltage limit set at 8000 V
Supply current set at 400 $\mu$A

To supply 400 $\mu$A in a 22.5 M ohms load would require 9000 V

$$V = IR = (400 \, \mu\text{A}) \times (22.5 \, \text{M ohms}) = 9000 \, \text{V}$$

but the voltage available at the HV OUT receptacle is limited to 8000 V by the compliance function setting, therefore only 356 $\mu$A would be supplied to the load.

$$I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{8000 \, \text{V}}{22.5 \, \text{M ohms}} = 356 \, \mu\text{A}$$

2) When attempting to control current in an open path, no current will flow and the voltage across that path will be limited to the voltage value of the compliance function setting.
The setup for operation in the I, AMPLIFIER mode and with a given set of random values is as follows:

a. Ensure the POWER switch and the HV switch are set to OFF (see Figure 73).

![Figure 73. POWER and HV Switches to OFF](image)

b. At the rear panel, make the connections (see Figure 74):
   1) From HV OUT to the load.
   2) With shield wire to I_s.
   3) Return the load to I,

![Figure 74. Example of Rear Panel Connections](image)
c. Plug the female connector on the AC power cord into the AC power receptacle on the rear panel of the 610B (see Figure 75).

![Figure 75. Plug Power Cord into 610B Receptacle](image)

d. Plug the power cord into a power source (see Figure 76).

![Figure 76. Plug Power Cord into Power Source](image)
e. To perform a routine operation in the \( I \), AMPLIFIER mode, given a random gain of 200 \( \mu \text{A/V} \), set the controls (see Figure 77):

1a) Mode: \( I \)
1b) \( I \)
2) Offset polarity:
3) Range: 0 - 2000 \( \mu \text{A} \) (gain is 200 \( \mu \text{A/V} \))
4) Offset command: 20 (400 \( \mu \text{A} \))
5) Compliance limit: 50 (limiting voltage output at HV OUT connector to \( \pm 5000 \text{ V} \))
6a) DPM Monitor: \( I \)
6b) \( I \)
7) Meter range: 0 - 2000 \( \mu \text{A} \)

Figure 77. Example of Front Panel Settings
f. On the front panel, flip the POWER switch to ON (see Figure 78).

![Figure 78. POWER Switch to ON](image)

Wait thirty seconds after the POWER switch has been set to ON, then flip the HV switch to ON (see Figure 79). The DPM displays the magnitude of the current drawn by the load.

g. Wait thirty seconds after the POWER switch has been set to ON, then flip the HV switch to ON (see Figure 79). The DPM displays the magnitude of the current drawn by the load.

![Figure 79. HV Switch to ON](image)
NOTES

1) Current SUPPLY $I_t$ and $I_i$

If the load condition is such that you are attempting to exceed the voltage limit set by the compliance function, then the output current is restricted.

EXAMPLE

For a resistive load of $22.5$ M ohms
Voltage limit set at $8000$ V
Supply current set at $400$ $\mu$A

To supply $400$ $\mu$A in a $22.5$ M ohms load would require $9000$ V

$$V = IR = (400 \ \mu A) \ (22.5 \ \text{M ohms}) = 9000 \ \text{V}$$

but the voltage available at the HV OUT receptacle is limited to $8000$ V by the compliance function setting, therefore only $356$ $\mu$A would be supplied to the load.

$$\frac{V}{I} = \frac{8000}{22.5 \ \text{M ohms}} = 356 \ \mu A$$

2) When attempting to control current in an open path, no current will flow and the voltage across that path will be limited to the voltage value of the compliance function setting.
2.2.3 **Controller Mode**

In the CONTROLLER position, the 610B is a high-voltage operational amplifier. The amplifier’s input and feedback parameters are determined by the components you elect to attach to the internal terminals.

The front panel controls function exactly as when in the AMPLIFIER position. The 610B as a controller element can function in a closed-loop control system (see Figure 80).

![Figure 80. 610B as Controller in Closed-loop System](image-url)
2.2.3.1 Controller Element Modified

The setup for operation as a modified integrator with a given set of random values is as follows:

a. Ensure the POWER and HV switches are set to OFF (see Figure 81).

![Figure 81. POWER and HV Switches OFF](image)

b. Make sure the power cord is disconnected from any power source if you have connected this cord (see Figure 82):

![Figure 82. Disconnect Cord from Power Source](image)
c. Remove the four phillips-head screws in the top of the case. Remove the cover (see Figure 83).

Figure 83. Remove 610B Cover
d. Remove the resistor, R14, mounted on raised bases (see Figure 84). Replace resistor R14 with a capacitor of 0.1 uf at a minimum of 25 volt rating.

Figure 84. Remove R14 Resistor
e. Replace the 610B cover and the four screws (see Figure 85):

![Figure 85. Replace Cover and Screws](image)

f. At the rear panel, make the connections (see Figure 86):

1) From HV OUT to the load.
2) Return the load to ground (green receptacle).

![Figure 86. Example of Rear Panel Connections](image)
g. Plug the female connector on the AC power cord into the AC power receptacle on the rear panel of the 610B (see Figure 87).

![Figure 87: Plug Power Cord into 610B Receptacle](image)

h. Plug the power cord into a power source (see Figure 88).

![Figure 88: Plug Power Cord into Power Source](image)
i. To perform a routine operation in the CONTROLLER mode, with the 610B acting as an integrator, given a random gain of 100V/V, set the controls as follows (see Figure 89):

1) Mode: V
2) Offset polarity: +
3) Range: 0 - 1 KV (gain = 100V/V)
4) Offset command: 100 V
5) Compliance limit: 100
6) Compliance select: I
7) DPM monitor: voltage
8) Meter range: 0 - 1 KV

Figure 89. Example of Front Panel Settings
j. On the front panel, flip the POWER switch to ON (see Figure 90).

![Figure 90. POWER Switch to ON](image)

k. Wait thirty seconds after the POWER switch has been set to ON, then flip the HV switch to ON (see Figure 91). The DPM displays the magnitude of voltage between HV OUT and ground.

![Figure 91. HV Switch to ON](image)
NOTE

If the load condition is such that you are attempting to draw more current from the 610B than that set by the limit, then the output voltage is restricted.

EXAMPLE

With a set-up of the current limit set at the maximum 2000 μA and the supply voltage set at 500 V

For a resistive load of 300 kilohms:

1667 μA flows through the load

\[ I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{500\,\text{V}}{300\,\text{K} \cdot \text{A}} = 1667\,\mu\text{A} \]

With the same set-up

For a 200 kilohms load:

\[ I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{500\,\text{V}}{200\,\text{K} \cdot \text{A}} = 2500\,\mu\text{A} \]

The current is limited by the compliance function set to a maximum of 2000 μA.

Therefore the voltage at the HV OUT terminal is restricted to 400 V while 2000 μA is supplied.

\[ V = IR = (2000\,\mu\text{A}) \cdot 200\,\text{K} \cdot \text{A} = 400\,\text{V} \]
2.3 HOUSEKEEPING

The 610B is designed to keep frequent maintenance requirements to a minimum.

2.3.1 Clean Case

The simplest step in maintaining the appearance of your unit is to clean the case with a lint-free cloth moistened with a solution of one-half denatured alcohol and one-half water (see Figure 92). Ensure that no cleaning solution drips into the vent slots.

Figure 92. Cleaning the Case
2.3.2 Parts Replacement

After approximately 5,000 hours of use, estimated every two years, the output regulators (tubes) should be replaced (see Figure 93).

To replace these parts:

1) Remove the screws as indicated by “A” in Figure 93.
2) Remove the sleeves from over the tubes as indicated by “B” in Figure 93.
3) Remove the tubes as indicated by “C” in Figure 93.
4) Install the new tubes.
5) Reinstall the sleeves (B) over the new tubes.
6) Reinstall the screws (C).
SECTION III  THEORY OF OPERATION

3  DESCRIPTION

The 610B Cor-a-trol is a bipolar, four-quadrant, high-speed, high-voltage, operational amplifier system. The 610B is self-contained (see Figure 94). It is a versatile, analog instrument. You have precision control of voltage and current at its output terminals.

To operate the 610B you need only a standard AC power source. The internal voltage supplies are the high-frequency, low stored energy type that reduces the potential shock hazard to users. The use of overvoltage protection on the inputs and ultrafast output current limit virtually eliminates the possibility of damage from input overvoltage and output short circuit conditions.

WARNING

This equipment is capable of generating voltages as high as 12,000 V. This voltage is generated using high-frequency supplies to limit the available energy. Use caution in handling the output of the 610B to avoid injury.
Figure 94. The 610B Cor-a-trol
3.1 THEORY OF OPERATION

The 610B Cor-a-trol can operate in three different modes: SUPPLY, AMPLIFIER and CONTROLLER. In all modes, transconductance operation can be either from total output current, measured at the HV OUT terminal, I, or from the current return terminal, I,. If regulation of a single current path is desired in the presence of multiple loads on the output of the unit, then the ability to regulate the I, is useful. The I, terminal permits termination of an unmonitored current path in the I, mode.

3.1.1 Supply

When the 610B Cor-a-trol is used as a supply, the input to the amplifier is connected to an adjustable, precision voltage reference that allows you to control and maintain the amplifier's output voltage or current. The choice of output voltage or current is switch selectable.

3.1.2 Amplifier

In the amplifier mode, the output (current or voltage) is selectable. You can select a fixed voltage gain or a fixed transconductance gain. The input configuration may be either single-ended, normal or inverted, + or −, or differential with good common mode rejection.

3.1.3 Controller

In the controller mode the input configuration is maintained just as in the amplifier mode but the amplifier's input and feedback parameters are uncommitted. The adjustable reference is connected to permit setting of the output (voltage or current) at a pedestal or reference level.
4 SPECIFICATIONS

The 610B operates in three modes: Supply, Amplifier, and Controller.

4.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

Digital Display

3½ digit DC voltmeter
0.1% ±1 digit accuracy selectable to monitor output voltage or output current.

Controls

Power and high voltage ON/OFF on front panel.

HV remotely by EXT. CONTROL connector on back panel.
Outputs

Voltage: 0 to ±10 KV, 0 to ±1 KV
Current: 0 to ±2000 µA, 0 to ±200 µA

Monitor Output

Voltage and current monitor outputs available at the BNC connectors on the back panel.

Voltage: 10 V/10 KV
Current: 2000 µA in = 10 V out

Line Supply

100/110/220 VAC 50-60 Hz

Slew Rate

20 V/µ.second

Dimensions

5¼" H x 17" W x 15" D

Weight

25 lbs.

Mounting

Optional rack mounting hardware available.
4.2 VOLTAGE SUPPLY

Resolution
Output voltage adjustable by ten-turn, 1,000 division potentiometer;
  Each division equals 10 V for 10 KV range.
  Each division equals 1 V or 1 KV range.

Ranges
0 to ±10,000 V at ±2000 μA maximum
0 to ±1,000 V at ±2000 μA maximum

Regulation
line:  >.01 percent for a line change from 105V to 125 V.
load: >.01 percent for a load change from 1 μA to 1,000 μA.

Stability
  temperature: better than .01 percent/°C.
  time:      better than .01 percent/day.

Noise and Ripple
<0.7 V RMS +.001 percent per mA of load current.

Settling Time
<1.0 microsecond to 0.1 percent for a step change of 10 KV.

Slew Rate
Better than 20 V/μsec.
4.3 CURRENT SUPPLY

Resolution

Output current adjustable by ten-turn, 1,000 division potentiometer:

\[
\text{each division } = 0.2 \mu\text{A on 200 }\mu\text{A range} \\
= 2.0 \mu\text{A on 2,000 }\mu\text{A range}
\]

Ranges

0 to ±2,000 µA at ±10 KV (maximum) covered in two ranges:

\[
0 \mu\text{A to } ±200 \mu\text{A} \\
0 \mu\text{A to } ±2,000 \mu\text{A}
\]

Regulation

line: >.01 percent for a line change from 105 V to 125 V.
load: >.01 percent for a load change from 10 V to 10,000 V.

Stability

temperature: better than .01 percent/°C.
time: better than .01 percent/day.

Noise and Ripple

I\text{r} mode: <17 µA RMS +.001 percent for each 10 KV change.
I\text{t} mode: <17 µA RMS +.001 percent for each 10 KV change.

Settling Time

I\text{r} mode: <1.0 ms to 0.1 percent for a 1,000 µA step change.
I\text{t} mode: <20 ms to 0.1 percent for a 1,000 µA step change.
4.4 AMPLIFIER AND CONTROLLER

Input Offset
voltage: ±2.0 V at the output.
current: ±50 pA maximum.

Input Bias Current
±100 pA maximum.

Input Voltage Range
±14 V maximum.

Voltage Gain
output to input: 1,000 V/V or 100 V/V (switch selectable)

Common Mode Rejection Ratio
60 dB at 60 Hz

Offset Voltage Temperature Coefficient
ambient temperature: 0°C to 50°C = 6 mV per degree C

Offset Current Temperature Coefficient
ambient temperature: 0°C to 50°C = .02 mA per degree C

Output Swing
voltage: ±12 KV maximum.
current: ±2,000 μA maximum.

Noise and Ripple
<0.7 V RMS ±.001 percent mA of load current.
Output Capacitance

100 pf

Bandwidth

I_r mode: 12 MHz gain bandwidth product (µA per V times frequency).

I_i mode: 600 KHz gain bandwidth product (µA per V times frequency).

Slew Rate

0 KV to ±10 KV = 20V per µsec.

4.5 COMPLIANCE CONTROL

Ranges

100 V to 10,000 V adjustable to within 20 V while in the current modes.

2 µA to 2,000 µA adjustable to within 5 µA while in the voltage mode.

An indicator illuminates at the compliance limit.