



Tunable Active Filter Instruments

Single Channel- CE Certified

Description

Frequency Devices' Model 900 instruments furnish the user with a 4 or 8-pole low-pass or high-pass instrument that has a field replaceable filter module and is tunable by front panel controls. The controls allow the user to select a corner frequency between 0.1Hz and 49.9kHz with a resolution of 1:499 for each of the four selectable ranges.

The instrument exhibits an input impedance of 1 MΩ shunted by 47pF to a single ended signal source. When configured in the differential mode, the instrument has a common mode rejection ratio (CMRR) which exceeds 60dB; in this mode the instrument presents an input impedance of 2 MΩ shunted by 47pF to a double ended single source. Front panel gain control also enables the operator to select a gain factor of 0, 10, or 20dB.

Standard operational features include:

- 1) Plug-in Filter Module
- 2) Adjustable Frequency Control
- 3) Differential Input Amplifiers
- 4) Adjustable Gain Control
- 5) Off-set Adjustment
- 6) Bypass Control
- 7) BNC Connectors for Signal I/O

An optional battery powered version (900B) is available and is particularly well suited to applications requiring isolation from an electrically noisy primary power source.

Compact size and manual rotary switch front panel controls make 900 instruments a popular, cost effective, easy-to-use solution for signal conditioning applications in the following areas:

- Anti-aliasing Filters
- Biomedical/Biotechnology Applications
- Data Recording/Playback
- Data Smoothing
- EKG/EEG Signal Filtering
- FDM/PCM Signal Filtering
- Medical Research
- Industrial Process Control
- Seismic Analysis
- Vibration Analysis



Chassis:

- 900C Standard AC powered chassis
- 900B AC powered, with battery powered option

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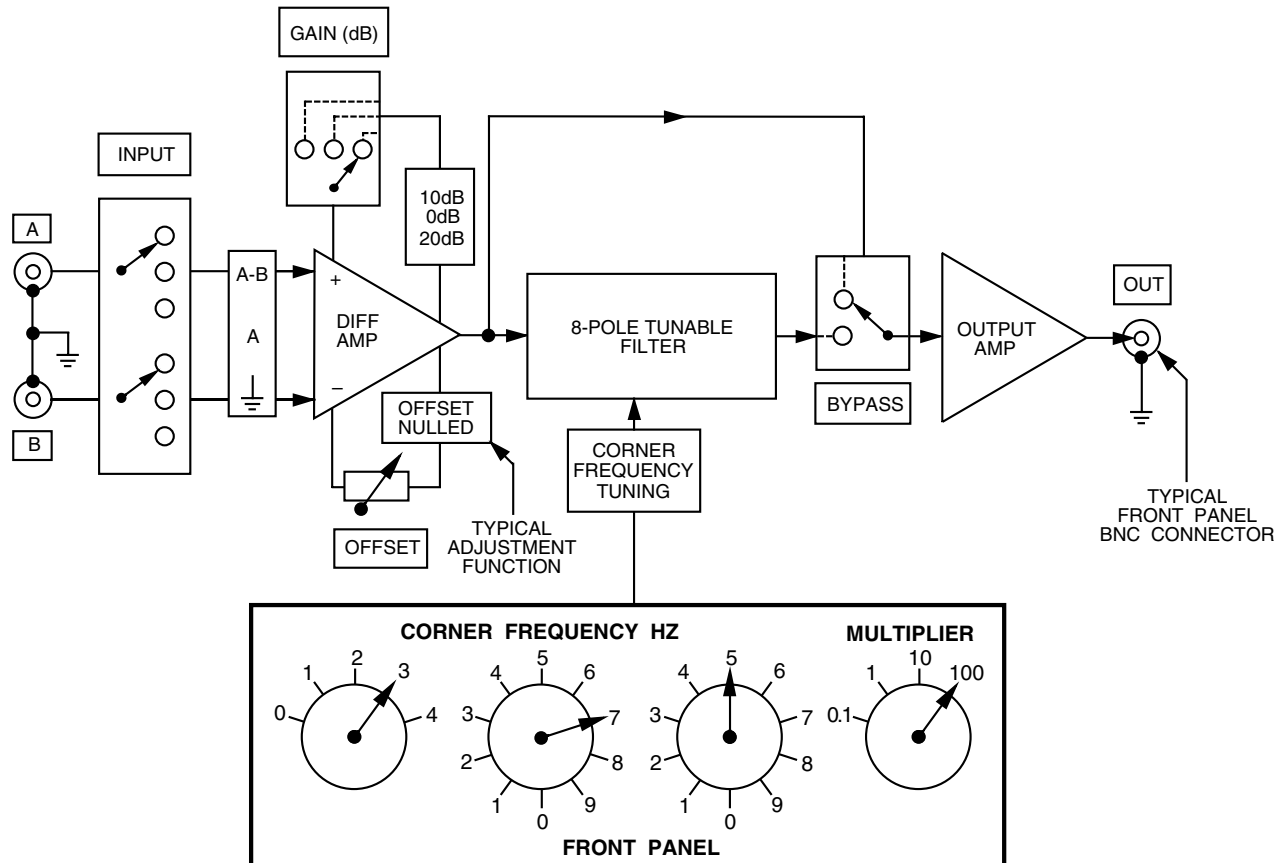
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BLOCK DIAGRAM





4 & 8-Pole Low-Pass Filters

Model	9L4B	9L4L	9L8B	9L8L				
Product Specifications								
Transfer Function	4-Pole, Butterworth	4-Pole, Bessel	8-Pole, Butterworth	8-Pole, Bessel				
Range f_c,	0.1 Hz to 49.9 kHz	0.1 Hz to 49.9 kHz	0.1 Hz to 49.9 kHz	0.1 Hz to 49.9 kHz				
Theoretical Transfer Characteristics	Appendix A Page 7	Appendix A Page 2	Appendix A Page 9	Appendix A Page 4				
Tuning Resolution	1 part in 499 within each decade	1 part in 499 within each decade	1 part in 499 within each decade	1 part in 499 within each decade				
Passband Ripple (theoretical)	0.0 dB	0.0 dB	0.0 dB	0.0 dB				
DC Voltage Gain (non-inverting)	0 ± 0.2 dB max. 0 ± 0.1 dB typ.	0 ± 0.2 dB max. 0 ± 0.1 dB typ.	0 ± 0.2 dB max. 0 ± 0.1 dB typ.	0 ± 0.2 dB max. 0 ± 0.1 dB typ.				
Stopband Attenuation	24 dB/octave	24 dB/octave	48 dB/octave	48 dB/octave				
Cutoff Frequency Accuracy	f_c ± 2% max. ± 2% max. ± 0.5% typ.	f_c ± 2% max. ± 2% max. ± 0.5% typ.	f_c ± 2% max. ± 2% max. ± 0.5% typ.	f_c ± 2% max. ± 2% max. ± 0.5% typ.				
Stability	± 0.02% /°C max. ± 0.01% /°C typ.	± 0.02% /°C max. ± 0.01% /°C typ.	± 0.02% /°C max. ± 0.01% /°C typ.	± 0.02% /°C max. ± 0.01% /°C typ.				
Amplitude Phase	-3dB -180°	-3dB -121°	-3 dB -360°	-3 dB -182°				
Filter Attenuation (theoretical)	0.67 dB 3.01 dB 30.0 dB 40.0 dB	0.80 f_c 1.00 f_c 2.37 f_c 3.16 f_c	1.86 dB 3.01 dB 30.0 dB 40.0 dB	0.80 f_c 1.00 f_c 2.37 f_c 3.16 f_c	0.12 dB 3.01 dB 60.0 dB 80.0 dB	0.80 f_c 1.00 f_c 2.37 f_c 3.16 f_c	1.91 dB 3.01 dB 60.0 dB 80.0 dB	0.80 f_c 1.00 f_c 4.52 f_c 6.07 f_c
Total Harmonic Distortion @ 1 kHz	< - 90 dB typ.	< - 90 dB typ.	< - 90 dB typ.	< - 90 dB typ.				
Wide Band Noise (5 Hz - 2 MHz)	200 μ Vrms typ.	200 μ Vrms typ.	200 μ Vrms typ.	200 μ Vrms typ.				
Narrow Band Noise (5 Hz - 100 kHz)	50 μ Vrms typ.	50 μ Vrms typ.	50 μ Vrms typ.	50 μ Vrms typ.				



8-Pole Low-Pass Filters

Model	9L8E	9L8EY	9L8D80	9L8D10
Product Specifications				
Transfer Function	8-Pole, 6 zero, Elliptic	8-Pole, 6 zero Elliptic	8-Pole, 6 zero Constant Delay	8-Pole, 6 zero, Constant Delay
Range f_c, f_r	0.1 Hz to 49.9 kHz	0.1 Hz to 49.9 kHz	0.1 Hz to 49.9 kHz	0.1 Hz to 49.9 kHz
Theoretical Transfer Characteristics	Appendix A Page 24	Appendix A Page 25	Appendix A Page 21	Appendix A Page 22
Tuning Resolution	1 part in 499 within each decade	1 part in 499 within each decade	1 part in 499 within each decade	1 part in 499 within each decade
Passband Ripple (theoretical)	± 0.035 dB	-0.05 dB	0.15 dB	0.15 dB
DC Voltage Gain (non-inverting)	0 ± 0.2 dB max. 0 ± 0.1 dB typ.	0 ± 0.2 dB max. 0 ± 0.1 dB typ.	0 ± 0.2 dB max. 0 ± 0.1 dB typ.	0 ± 0.2 dB max. 0 ± 0.1 dB typ.
Stopband Attenuation	-80 dB typ.	-100 dB typ.	-80 dB typ.	-100 dB typ.
Cutoff Frequency Accuracy	$f_r \pm 2\%$ max. $\pm 0.5\%$ typ.	$f_r \pm 2\%$ max. $\pm 0.5\%$ typ.	$f_c \pm 2\%$ max. $\pm 0.5\%$ typ.	$f_c \pm 2\%$ max. $\pm 0.5\%$ typ.
Stability	$\pm 0.02\%$ /°C max. $\pm 0.01\%$ /°C typ.	$\pm 0.02\%$ /°C max. $\pm 0.01\%$ /°C typ.	$\pm 0.02\%$ /°C max. $\pm 0.01\%$ /°C typ.	$\pm 0.02\%$ /°C max. $\pm 0.01\%$ /°C typ.
Amplitude Phase	-0.035 dB - 323°	-0.05 dB -419°	- 3 dB -306°	- 3 dB - 311°
Filter Attenuation (theoretical)	0.035 dB 1.00 f_r 3.01 dB 1.13 f_r 60.0 dB 1.67 f_r 80.0 dB 1.77 f_r	0.05 dB 1.00 f_r 3.01 dB 1.06 f_r 80.0 dB 1.83 f_r 100.0 dB 2.00 f_r	3.01 dB 1.00 f_c 60.0 dB 3.08 f_c 80.0 dB 3.57 f_c	3.01 dB 1.00 f_c 80.0 dB 4.45 f_c 100.0 dB 5.20 f_c
Total Harmonic Distortion @ 1 kHz	< - 90 dB typ.	< - 88 dB typ.	< - 90 dB typ.	< - 88 dB typ.
Wide Band Noise (5 Hz - 2 MHz)	250 μ Vrms typ.	250 μ Vrms typ.	200 μ Vrms typ.	200 μ Vrms typ.
Narrow Band Noise (5 Hz - 100 kHz)	75 μ Vrms typ.	75 μ Vrms typ.	50 μ Vrms typ.	50 μ Vrms typ.



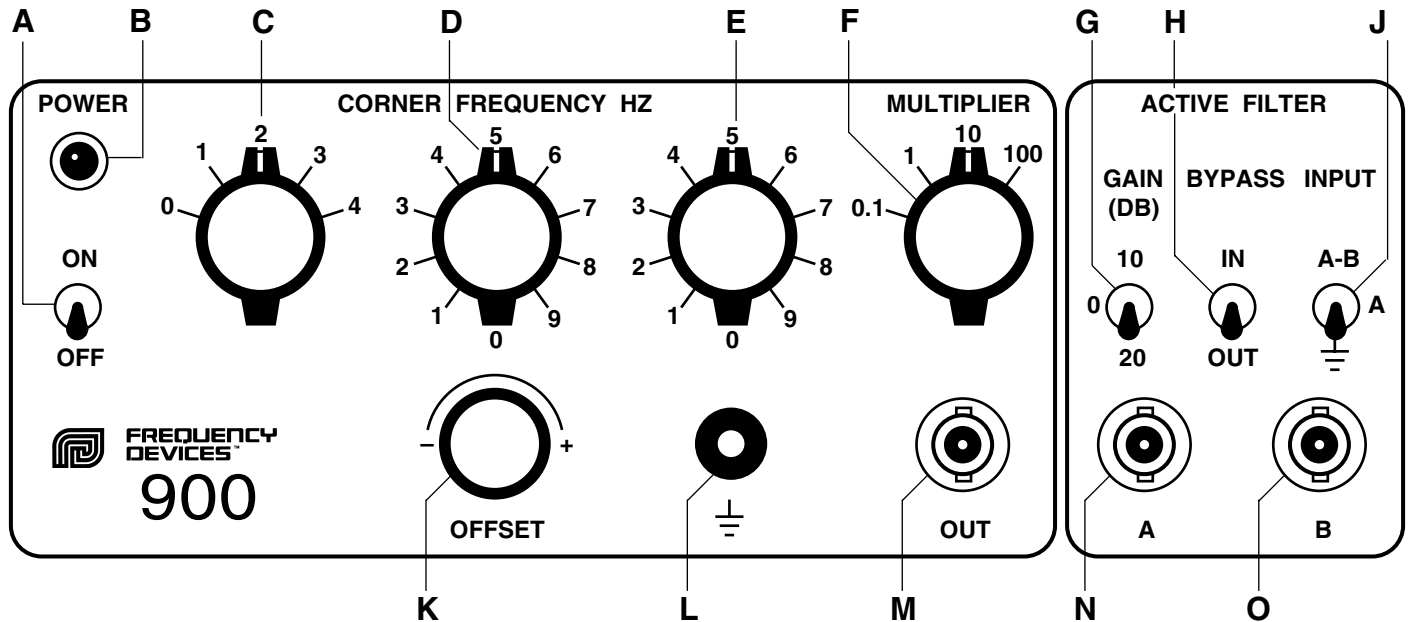
4 & 8-Pole High-Pass Filters

Model	9H4B	9H8B	9H8E	9H8EY
Product Specifications				
Transfer Function	4-Pole Butterworth	8-Pole Butterworth	8-Pole, 6 zero Elliptic	8-Pole, 6 zero Elliptic
Range f_c, f_r	0.1 Hz to 49.9 kHz	0.1 Hz to 49.9 kHz	0.1 Hz to 49.9 kHz	0.1 Hz to 49.9 kHz
Theoretical Transfer Characteristics	Appendix A Page 27	Appendix A Page 29	Appendix A Page 37	Appendix A Page 38
Tuning Resolution	1 part in 499 within each decade	1 part in 499 within each decade	1 part in 499 within each decade	1 part in 499 within each decade
Passband Ripple (theoretical)	0.0 dB	0.0 dB	± 0.035 dB	- 0.05 dB
Voltage Gain (non-inverting)	0 \pm 0.2 dB to 100 kHz 0 \pm 0.5 dB to 120 kHz	0 \pm 0.2 dB to 100 kHz 0 \pm 0.5 dB to 120 kHz	0 \pm 0.2 dB to 100 kHz max. 0 \pm 0.5 dB to 120 kHz typ.	0 \pm 0.2 dB to 100 kHz max. 0 \pm 0.5 dB to 120 kHz typ.
Power Bandwidth	120 kHz	120 kHz	120 kHz	120 kHz
Stopband Attenuation	24 dB/octave	48 dB/octave	-80 dB typ.	-100 dB typ.
Cutoff Frequency Accuracy	$f_c \pm 2\%$ max. $\pm 2\%$ max. $\pm 0.5\%$ typ.	$f_c \pm 2\%$ max. $\pm 2\%$ max. $\pm 0.5\%$ typ.	$f_r \pm 2\%$ max. $\pm 2\%$ max. $\pm 0.5\%$ typ.	$f_r \pm 2\%$ max. $\pm 2\%$ max. $\pm 0.5\%$ typ.
Stability	$\pm 0.02\%$ /°C max. $\pm 0.01\%$ /°C typ.	$\pm 0.02\%$ /°C max. $\pm 0.01\%$ /°C typ.	$\pm 0.01\%$ /°C max. $\pm 0.01\%$ /°C typ.	$\pm 0.02\%$ /°C max. $\pm 0.01\%$ /°C typ.
Amplitude Phase	- 3 dB -180°	- 3 dB -360°	- 0.035 dB -323°	- 0.5 dB -419°
Filter Attenuation (theoretical)	40 dB 0.31 f_c 30 dB 0.42 f_c 3.01 dB 1.00 f_c 0.02 dB 2.00 f_c	80 dB 0.31 f_c 60 dB 0.42 f_c 3.01 dB 1.00 f_c 0.00 dB 2.00 f_c	80 dB 0.56 f_r 60.0 dB 0.60 f_r 3.01 dB 0.88 f_r 0.03 dB 1.00 f_r 0.00 dB 2.00 f_r	100 dB 0.50 f_r 80.0 dB 0.55 f_r 3.01 dB 0.94 f_r 0.03 dB 1.00 f_r 0.00 dB 2.00 f_r
Total Harmonic Distortion	< - 88 dB typ.	< - 88 dB typ.	< - 88 dB typ.	< - 88 dB typ.
Wide Band Noise (5 Hz - 2 MHz)	400 μ Vrms typ.	400 μ Vrms typ.	400 μ Vrms typ.	500 μ Vrms typ.
Narrow Band Noise (5 Hz - 100 kHz)	100 μ Vrms typ.	100 μ Vrms typ.	100 μ Vrms typ.	150 μ Vrms typ.



Location of Front Panel Terminals and Controls

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A. POWER ON/OFF Switch: A two position toggle switch that interrupts/completes the internal DC power circuit and resets the battery protection circuit.

B. POWER Status Lamp: This red LED indicates whether or not the power to the analog filter circuitry of a Model 900 instrument is correct. With the POWER switch in the ON position the LED glows continuously if the internal DC power levels are correct, flashes for low DC power levels, and goes off for grossly improper DC power levels. See power lamp status, page 14.

C. CORNER FREQUENCY Selector Switch (0-400): This five position rotary switch selects the 100's digit value of the corner frequency designator. The switch selectable values are 0, 100, 200, 300, and 400 in five discrete steps.

D. CORNER FREQUENCY Selector Switch (0-90): This ten position rotary switch selects the 10's digit of the desired corner frequency between 0 and 90, in discrete increments of 10.

E. CORNER FREQUENCY Selector Switch (0-9): This ten position rotary switch selects the 1's digit of the desired corner frequency between 0 and 9, in discrete increments of 1.

F. MULTIPLIER Selector Switch: This four position rotary switch multiplies by a factor of either 0.1, 1, 10, or 100, the aggregate value set on the three CORNER FREQUENCY selector switches. (C, D & E).

G. GAIN Switch: This three position toggle switch selects an overall filter gain of either 0, 10, or 20dB.

H. BYPASS Switch: OUT and IN setting of this two position toggle switch routes the input signal to the internal low-pass filter or around it, respectively. For either case, the GAIN switch remains operational.

J. INPUT Switch: This three position toggle configures the instrument for either differential inputs (A-B), a single-ended input (A), or input nulling (⏏) which grounds both the (A) and (B) input terminals.

K. OFFSET Adjust: This adjustment is intended to zero the offset that results from the instruments own circuitry and does not provide for wide range offset to remove dc input signals.

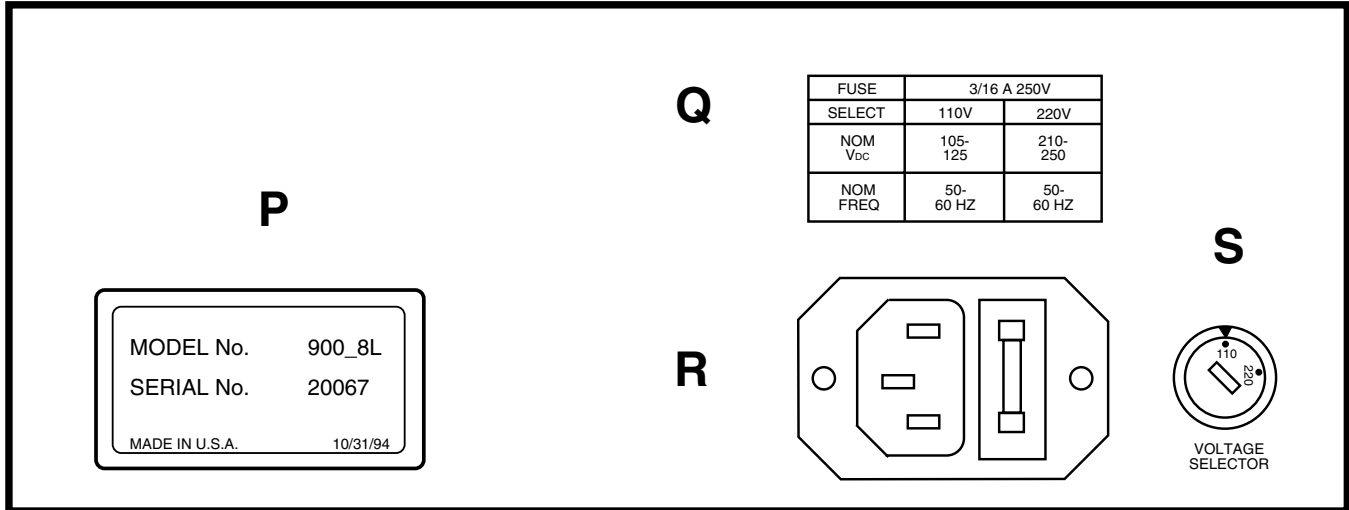
L. GROUND (⏏) Terminal: This "Banana" type test jack provides neat and secure access to the internal ground. This terminal is a convenient junction for grounding external system and measurement instrumentation and/or apparatus.

M. OUT Terminal: This terminal is a female BNC connector. The shield on the BNC is internally connected to the instrument ground.

N & O. (A) and (B) Input Terminals: This pair of shielded, female BNC connectors accept signal inputs (A) and (B). The instrument applies a non-inverting gain to input (A) and an equal but opposite inverting gain to input (B) while the GAIN switch sets the magnitude of differential gain to either 0, 10, or 20dB. The BNC shields have been internally connected to the instrument ground.



Location of Rear Panel Terminals and Controls



P. IDENTIFICATION LABEL: This label identifies the filter type, serial number and date of manufacture.

Q. POWER designation: This label identifies operating power limits and fuse requirements of the instrument.

R. POWER CONNECTION: Denotes plug and fuse location.

S. VOLTAGE Selector Switch: This two position switch determines the operating voltage (110 Vac or 220 Vac). **At time**

of shipment, the voltage select switch is preset in the 110 Vac position. For 220 Vac operation, this switch must be rotated to the 220 Vac position.

POWER Lamp Status		
LAMP STATUS	POWER SOURCE	
	AC POWER LINE	INTERNAL BATTERY
ON	Operating Normally	Operating Normally
FLASHING	Line and internal voltages are correct	Sufficient battery charge
	Possible Causes: Low AC line voltage	Possible Causes: Batteries near exhaustion
OFF	Fault external causing power overload Internal instrument fault	(approximately 30 minutes of operation remain)
	Possible Causes: POWER Switch off Momentary power line drop-out tripped protection circuit.* Open line fuse	Possible Causes: POWER Switch off Internal protection circuit tripped.*

Filter Replacement Instructions:

Steps to Follow:

1. Unplug (disconnect from Power) instrument.
2. Turn chassis over.
3. With black instrument supports facing up, remove mounting screws.
4. Holding cover in place, turn unit to up-right position and remove top cover.
5. Locate black filter module and carefully remove from channel board.
6. Match replacement filter module pin locations with insertion holes in channel board and gently insert replacement module.
7. Replace instrument top cover, carefully turn over and install instrument supports and screws.

*Reset by cycling POWER Switch off then on.



Operation and Application Guide Lines

Initial Setup

Select desired operating voltage 110 Vac or 220 Vac. See note "S" page 14.

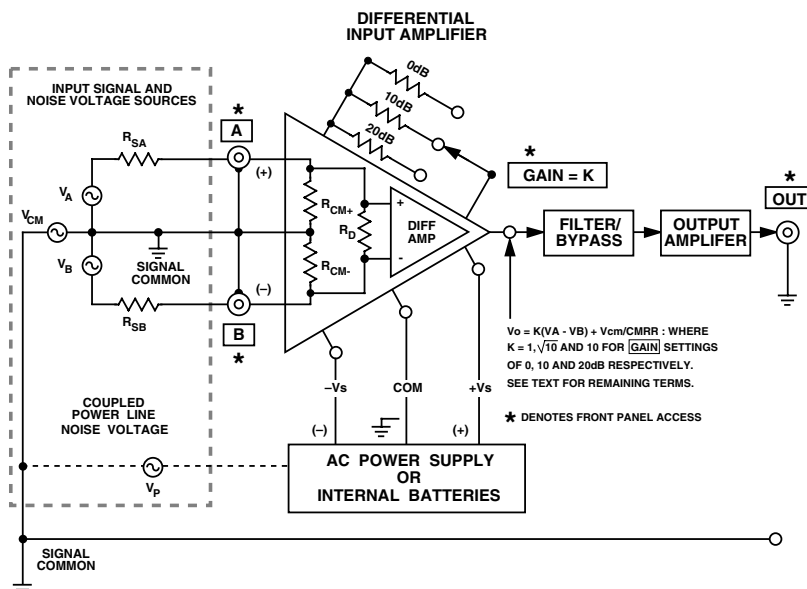
Set the POWER ON/OFF Switch to ON. A continuously lit POWER status lamp denotes proper internal dc voltages, an essential indication for battery powered models. Allow the instrument a three minute warm-up period to achieve thermal equilibrium.

To perform initial adjustment and/or operational testing, set the remaining front panel controls as follows:

- The three base CORNER FREQUENCY switches and the MULTIPLIER to the desired corner frequency...
- The OFFSET control to approximately mid-range...
- The GAIN switch to the desired value...
- The BYPASS switch to OUT...
- The INPUT switch to ground (⊕)...

Connect a dc-coupled oscilloscope, of vertical sensitivity 10mV/CM or better, or a digital voltmeter (DVM) to the instrument front panel BNC connector labeled OUT.

Circuit model illustrating relationship between filter's differential input amplifier and external signal and error sources.



Set the OFFSET control for a zero-volt reading on the scope.

Subsequent changes of CORNER FREQUENCY, GAIN or BYPASS control settings will introduce a small dc output offset which should be zeroed for critical applications.

Leaving all other controls unchanged, set the Input Switch to (A-B) and apply a 5Vdc signal simultaneously to input BNCs (A) and (B). The voltage measured at the OUT BNC should be 5-5=0Vdc. This completes preliminary test and adjustment.

Corner Frequency Selection

To select a corner frequency, simply set the three CORNER FREQUENCY switches and the MULTIPLIER switch for the desired numerical value.

The CORNER FREQUENCY switch weighings follow standard decimal positional convention.

The C, D and E switches combined can select base corner frequency values ranging from 1 to 499 Hz in 1Hz steps, with switch weighings as just described.

The accuracy of the corner frequency is improved by selecting the largest possible base frequency and down scaling by the MULTIPLIER. The greatest accuracy is obtained with the largest base 400, and the 0.1X MULTIPLIER switch 400 setting.

Relative accuracy of selected 40 Hz actual corner frequency for different multiplier switch settings.

BASE FREQ			X MULT.	RELATIVE TUNING ACCURACY
msd	C	D	E	
			Isd	
			F	
4	0	0	0.1X	GREATEST
0	4	0	1X	LESS
0	0	4	10X	LEAST

The instrument utilizes a differential input amplifier to reject prevalent forms of electrical interference, while presenting desirable input characteristics to the signal source requiring filtering.

The differential input

The differential input configuration is ideal for measuring the difference between two values rather than the values themselves. Bridge circuits utilizing strain gages, thermocouples and a variety of other types of transducers generate differential full scale output voltages in the order of millivolts that are often superimposed upon volt-level reference and noise values.

The importance of CMRR

In actual system environments, each signal and power return conductor can generate an interference voltage proportional to the net conductor resistance and the electrical current level. Any such interference voltages appear as common mode signals to the amplifier, and are rejected as such.



Specifications

(@25°C and rated Power Input)

Input Characteristics

Input Impedance:

Differential 2 MΩ Shunted by 47pF
Single Ended 1 MΩ Shunted by 47pF

Input Voltage:

Linear Differential* 20V p-p (Gain Set at 0 dB)
Max Safe Differential Any Continuous Value between +/-100V
Max Safe Common Mode Any Continuous Value between +/-100V
Bias Current 175pA max.; 30pA typ.
Common Mode Rejection Ratio with
2kΩ Source Unbalance and 0 dB Gain > 60dB, dc to 50kHz

Output Characteristics

Full Power Bandwidth** dc to 600kHz
Maximum Output Voltage 10V p-p for $R_L = 50\Omega$
20V p-p for $R_L = 2k\Omega$
Short Circuit Output Current +/-100 mA continuous
Output Protection +/-200 mA without damage
Short Circuit to Ground Only 50Ω
Output Impedance Adjustable to Zero at Front Panel
Offset Voltage (Range +/-500mV dc)

Power Supply

AC Line Operation: 20 Watts max.
Power
Voltage Frequency Range-Rear Panel: 105 to 125Vac @ 50/60Hz
110 V 210 to 250Vac @ 50Hz
220 V
Fuse 3/16 Amp

Battery Operation (Optional)

Time for full Charge 14 to 16 Hrs. @ 20 °C
Battery Life Approx. 500 Charge-Discharge Cycles
Battery Charger Automatic Uninterruptible
Charge Status Indicator-Front Panel 3 Status Levels
Battery Operation 9 hours typ. (See graph)

Temperature

Operating Temperature: With Batteries +5 °C to +50 °C
AC Line 0 °C to +50 °C
Storage Temperature -25 °C to +70 °C

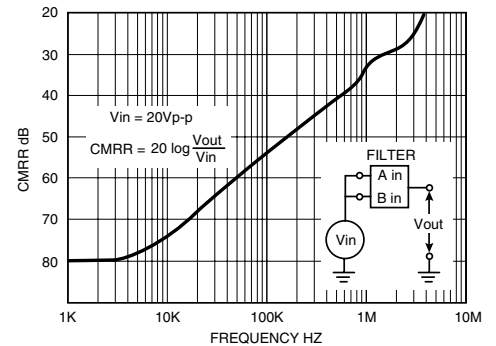
Mechanical

Dimensions 3.5"H x 8.5"W x 9.3"D
8.89cmH x 21.59cmW x 23.62cmD
Weight with Battery 4.5 lbs; 2.04 kgs.
without Battery 3.5 lbs; 1.59 kgs
Case Material ABS plastic
Color PC Bone

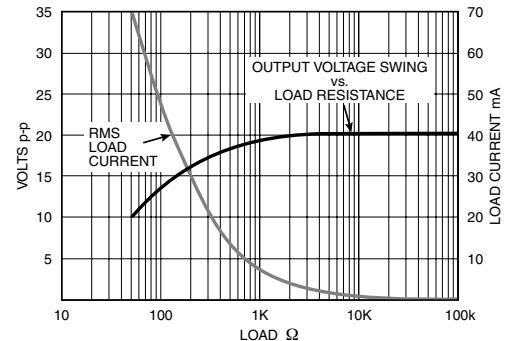
* Signal plus common mode voltage cannot exceed 20V peak for a linear output.

** Output characteristics of input amp with filter by-passed.

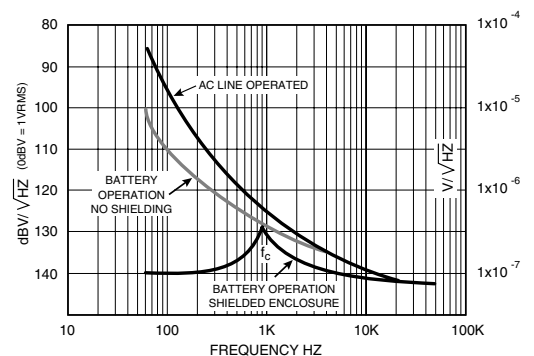
Common Mode Rejection Ratio vs. Frequency



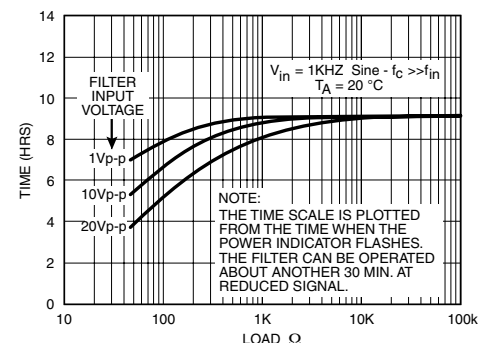
Output Voltage Swing vs. Load Resistance



Voltage Noise vs. Frequency



Battery Life vs. Load Resistance





Specification

(25°C and Vs ± 15 Vdc)

Pin-Out and Package Data Ordering Information

Model 900 INSTRUMENT ORDERING GUIDE

A. CHASSIS

- 1. 900C Standard AC powered chassis¹
- 2. 900B AC powered, with battery powered option¹

FILTER TRANSFER FUNCTIONS AVAILABLE^{2,4}

B. LOW-PASS

BUTTERWORTH

- 1. 9L4B 4-pole Butterworth
- 2. 9L8B 8-pole Butterworth

BESSEL

- 3. 9L4L 4-pole Bessel
- 4. 9L8L 8-pole Bessel

ELLIPTIC

- 5. 9L8E 8-pole elliptic, 1.77, 80dB
- 6. 9L8EY 8-pole elliptic, 2.00, 100dB

CONSTANT DELAY

- 7. 9L8D80 8-pole constant delay, 80dB
- 8. 9L8D10 8-pole constant delay, 100dB

C. HIGH-PASS

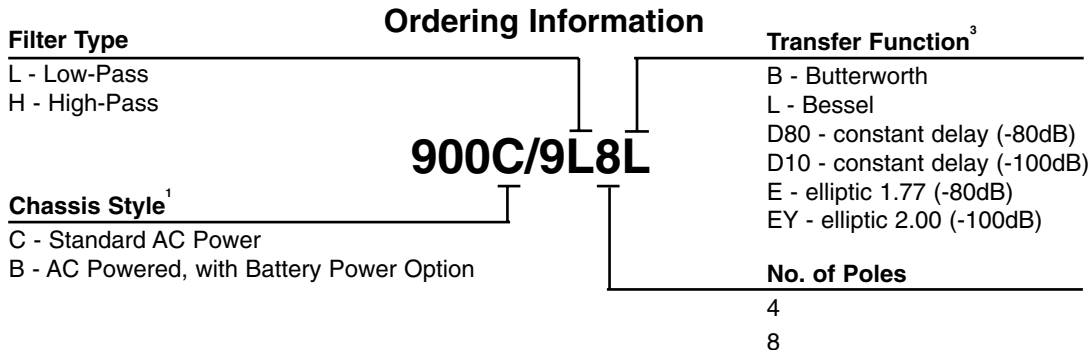
BUTTERWORTH

- 1. 9H4B 4-pole Butterworth
- 2. 9H8B 8-pole Butterworth

ELLIPTIC

- 3. 9H8E 8-pole elliptic, 1.77, 80dB
- 4. 9H8EY 8-pole elliptic, 2.00, 100dB

To order, simply specify the chassis style and filter model number that incorporates the desired features.



NOTE:

1. See page 14, Item **S - Voltage** Select Switch: At time of shipment, voltage select switch is preset in the 110 Vac position. For 220 Vac operation, this switch must be rotated to the 220 Vac position.
2. Individual filter modules can be purchased for field replacement.
3. All models tunable from 0.1 Hz to 49.9 kHz.
4. See page 8 for Filter Replacement Instructions.

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