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The range of modular Stabilised Power Supplies PM21-28 provide d.c. outputs from 4 to 30 V in 1 V steps at current ratings up to 5A and has two output channels A and B. Both channels are energised from a common a.c. input circuit.

The power supplies are constructed on the modular principle so that various units may be easily assembled or boxed together to form a 19 inch rack panel assembly, if desired.

The output voltage of each unit is preset by making the appropriate internal connections during manufacture, but a front panel control allows adjustment of the output voltage 0.5 V either side of the nominal setting. Stabilisation of the output voltage against variations in the a.c. supply is better than 1000 to 1 (or 2 mV whichever is the greater) and is effected by a closed loop, automatic voltage control circuit employing series regulator transistors. All units have an output impedance of less than $0.25 \Omega$ at 100 kHz . A four terminal sensing network is provided to compensate for the external output lead resistance if necessary.

The circuit incorporates a Zener diode with particular temperature characteristics that help to minimise the effects of changes in ambient temperature on unit performance. The use of silicon semiconductors throughout permits the operation of the modular power supplies at ambient temperatures up to $+60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. A protection device prevents damage to the series regulator transistors in the event of excessive overload current and automatically resets when the overload is removed.

## Input Voltages

$100,105,110,115,120,125 \mathrm{~V}$ a.c.
$200,210,220,230,240,250 \mathrm{~V}$ a.c.
All $\pm 10 \%$ and at a frequency of $48-450 \mathrm{~Hz}$.

## Output Voltage, Current and Resistance

Output voltage, resistance and current are cross-referenced vertically and horizontally in tabular form below. The output resistance (given in brackets in the voltage column) is less than the specified figure.

|  | D.C. Output Voltage |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \hline 4 \mathrm{~V} \\ \text { to } \\ 15 \mathrm{~V} \\ (2 \mathrm{~m} \Omega) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 15 \mathrm{~V} \\ \text { to } \\ 30 \mathrm{~V} \\ (4 \mathrm{~m} \Omega) \end{gathered}$ |
| Output Current |  |  |
| $0-1 \mathrm{~A}$ | PM21 | PM22 |
| $0-3 \mathrm{~A}$ | PM24 | PM25 |
| 0-5A | PM27 | PM28 |

All voltages may be preset at any 1 V increment and adjusted $\pm 0.5 \mathrm{~V}$ by means of a front panel control. (Minimum voltage obtainable is 4.V)

## Output Ripple

Less than 1 mV peak to peak at full load.

## Output Stability Against $\pm \mathbf{1 0 \%}$ Change of Input Voltage

Greater than $1000: 1$ or 2 mV whichever is the greater.

## Temperature Coefficient

Less than $0.02 \%$ per degree C.

## Operating Temperature Range

$0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ambient.

## Output Impedance

Less than $0.25 \Omega$ at 100 kHz .

## Protection

Overload current protection with automatic resetting. Set to operate at $115 \%( \pm 2 \%,-)$ of full load. Short circuit current limited to $10-20 \%$ of full load current.

NOTE All circuit references of chassis mounted components in channel B of a PM unit are prefixed with a 1 . Where necessary, these references are given in brackets.

### 3.1 Installation

The power supply modules are secured in position by four or six fixing screws. The fixing centre data for all units is given in Table 1 and Fig. 2.

4 OR 6 6-32 UNC TAPPED HOLES


4 OR 6 10-32 UNF TAPPED HOLES


Fig. 2 Fixing Centres

Table 1 Fixing Centre Data

| Type | A |  | B | C | D | E |  | F |  | G |  | H |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | in | cm. | in. cm. | in. cm. | in cm. | in | cm. | in. | cm | in |  | in. cm. |
| PM21 | 4/1 | 1207 | 12.54 | - - | $\begin{array}{ll}71 / 4 & 18.42\end{array}$ | $2^{19} 93$ | 7. 39 | 2 | 5.08 | - | - | $\begin{array}{ll}514 & 13.3\end{array}$ |
| PM22 | $4{ }_{4}$ | 12.07 | 1254 | - - | 71148 | $4^{1 / 64}$ | 10.85 | 2 | 5.08 | - | -- | $5!413.3$ |
| PM 24 | $4{ }_{4}$ | 12.07 | 12.54 | - - | $71 / 4$ | 7 | 17. 78 | 2 | 5.08 | - | - | $5^{1} 4133$ |
| PM25 | 43 | 12.07 | $21 / 265.24$ | $5^{15 / 32} 13.89$ | $10^{15 / 16} 27.78$ | $4^{17 / 64}$ | 10.85 | 3 | 7.62 | 51/16 | 38. 26 | $9^{1 / 16} 23.02$ |
| PM 27 | 4\% | 12.07 | 21/16, 5.24 | $5^{15 / 32} 1213.89$ | $10^{15 / 1627.78}$ | 417/64 | 10.85 | 3 | 7.62 | 51/6 | 38. 26 | $91 / 102302$ |
| PM28 | 4\% | 12.07 | 21/4, 5.24 | $\begin{array}{lll}515 / 32 & 13.89\end{array}$ | $10^{5 / 16} 27.78$ | 7 | 17.78 | 3 | 762 | $51 / 2$ | 38. 26 | $\begin{array}{llll} \\ 9 \\ \frac{1}{16} & 23 & 02\end{array}$ |

### 3.2 A.C. Supply

NOTE The live side of the mains is connected to the A terminal block and the neutral side to the B terminal block. The second terminal on each block is used for the earth connection.

Verify that the connections to the primary of supply transformer T1 corresponds to the voltage of the local supply, and that the supply fuse FS1 is correct for the unit in use (see Table 4).

The primary connections of T 1 should be paralleled when the local supply is 100 to 125 V . Fig. 3 shows the connections for a 110 V supply, and Table 2 gives the connections for supplies between 100 and 125 V .


Fig. 3 Transformer Primary Connections for 110V

Table 2 Transformer Primary Connections 100-125V

| Supply | Neutral | Line | Neutral <br> Link <br> Between | Line <br> Link <br> Between |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 100 V | 0 | 100 | $0-0$ | $100-100$ |
| 105 V | 5 | 100 | $5-5$ | $100-100$ |
| 110 V | 0 | 110 | 0 | $110-110$ |
| 115 V | 5 | 110 | $5-5$ | $110-110$ |
| 120 V | 0 | 120 | $0-0$ | $120-120$ |
| 125 V | 5 | 120 | $5-5$ | $120-120$ |

When a 200 to 250 V supply is available, the primary connections of T1 should be made in series. Fig. 4 shows the series connections to be made for a 240 V supply, and Table 3 gives the connections for supplies between 200 and 250 V .


Fig. 4 Transformer Primary Connections for 240 V .

Table 3 Transformer Primary Connections 200-250V

| Supply | Neutral to Inner Tag | Line to Outer Tag | Diagonal Link Between |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 200 | 0 | 100 | 0-100 |
| 210 | 5 | 100 | 5-100 |
| 220 | 0 | 110 | 0-110 |
| 230 | 5 | 110 | 5-110 |
| 240 | 0 | $120$ | 0-120 |
| 250 | 5 | 120 | 5-120 |

Table 4 Fuse Ratings (Up to 10A must be H.R.C. type) Size ' $O$ '

| Power <br> Supply | Fuse <br> Rating <br> $200-250 \mathrm{~V}$ | Fuse <br> Rating <br> $100-125 \mathrm{~V}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PM21 | 2 A | 3 A |
| PM22 | 3 A | 5 A |
| PM24 | 5 A | 7 A |
| PM25 | 7 A | 10 A |
| PM27 | 7 A | 10 A |
| PM28 | 7 A | 12 A |

### 3.3 Resetting the Output Voltage

The unit is adjusted in the factory to provide the voltage indicated on the serial number panel, with a further $\pm 0.5 \mathrm{~V}$ control available on the SET O/P VOLTS control, if it is required to change the output voltage from the factory preset value, proceed as follows:
(1) Switch off the a.c. supply.
(2) Set up the connections on the terminal panel of the supply transformer to obtain the required output voltage in accordance with the information provided in Tables 5 and 6. Replace R26 (R126) and R27 (R127) at the bottom of the printed circuit board with resistors of the value stated in the appropriate table. On 4-7V units, R 26 ( R 126 ) or $\mathrm{R} 32(\mathrm{R} 132$ ) are replaced.

NOTE The unstabilised d.c. supply will be approximately 10 V higher than that indicated on the transformer tagboard.
(3) With reference to Fig. 10 and Fig. 11 (Fig.12), ensure that the following terminals on the terminal panel are linked.
(a) 4 and 5 DC LINK.

| (b) 6 and $7+$ to + ) |
| :--- |
| (c) 8 and $9-$ to -S$)$ |
| DCO |

NOTE If these links are not made, the unit will not stabilise correctly.
(4) Connect a voltmeter between the +s and -s terminals 6 and 9 respectively.
(5) Plug the printed circuit board into the extension unit (Part No. 19014 available as an optional extra) and plug the extension unit into the printed board connector on the power supply.
NOTE The extension board is unnecessary if there is side access to the unit.
(6) Adjust the SET O/P VOLTS control R V21 (RV121) on the terminal panel to the mid-position.
(7) Switch on the a.c. supply.
(8) Adjust the SET VOLTS control RV2 on the printed circuit board until the voltmeter indicates the required voltage.
NOTE If the output voltage has been altered, it will be necessary to adjust the setting of the automatic overload cutout, using the procedure detailed in Section 3.4.
If a change of voltage range from 4 to 7 V or 8 to 15 V is made on the 4 to 15 V units (or vice versa), it will be necessary to change the printed circuit board. (See Sect. 5.2 for Part No.).

### 3.4 Resetting the Overload Cut-Out

Having checked the output voltage and readjusted, if necessary, proceed as follows:
(1) Rotate the SET CURRENT control RV1 on the printed circuit board to the fully clockwise positions.
CAUTION: IN THIS CONDITION THE CUT-OUT IS INOPERATIVE
(2) Connect a suitable ammeter and an adjustable load between terminals 7 and 8 and carefully adjust the load until the ammeter indicates that the unit is delivering its maximum rated output current.
(3) Rotate RV1 counter-clockwise until the output voltage starts to fall, and then rotate the control a small amount in the clockwise direction.
(4) Decrease the load resistance slowly and verify that the maximum load current availabie for any value of load resistance is between $113 \%$ and $117 \%$ of the maximum rated output current. Readjust RV1 if necessary, to obtain this figure.
NOTE If the cut-out setting is too low, say $110 \%$, the voltage regulation at full load may be affected. If the cut-out setting is too high, say $120 \%$, the series regulator transistors may overheat when the unit is on overload at $+60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ambient temperature.

### 3.5 Unit Connections

Tables 5, 6 and 7 show the connections that should be made between the various secondary windings of T1, and the values of R26 (R126) and R27 (R127) that should be inserted to obtain the required output voltage. These resistors are located on the terminals of the printed circuit board edge connector.

TABLE 5 Voltage Adjustments
PM21, PM24, PM27.


R26, (R126), R32, (R132), type TR $5 \pm 5 \%$ Electrosil.
$\oplus$ Connections shown in first line of table are common for output voltages $4,5,6$ and 7 .

TABLE 6 Voltage Adjustments
PM22, PM25, PM28.

| Volts Out | Connections |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Resistor Values |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rect. <br> (1) | Transformer |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Rect. <br> (2) | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{R} 26 \\ \Omega \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{R} 27 \\ & \Omega \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  | $-12$ | ${ }^{2}+$ | $-5+$ |  | $-1^{2}+$ |  | $-1+$ |  |  |  |  |
| 15 |  | $\rightarrow$ |  |  | $\bullet$ |  | $\rightarrow$ |  |  | $\rightarrow$ | $1.8 \mathrm{~K}^{\varnothing}$ | 330* |
| 16 |  | - |  |  | $\rightarrow$ |  |  |  | $\rightarrow$ | $\rightarrow$ | $2.2 \mathrm{~K}^{\varnothing}$ | 390* |
| 17 |  | $\bullet$ |  |  | $\rightarrow$ |  |  |  |  | - | $2.2 \mathrm{~K}^{\text {¢ }}$ | 390* |
| 18 |  | - |  |  | $\cdots$ |  |  |  | - | - | $2.7 \mathrm{~K}^{\varnothing}$ | $470^{+}$ |
| 19 |  | - | - |  |  | $\cdots$ | - |  | $\rightarrow$ | $\bullet$ | $2.7 \mathrm{~K}^{\varnothing}$ | $470^{+}$ |
| 20 |  | $\bullet$ | * |  |  | $\cdots$ | - |  |  | - | $3.3 \mathrm{~K}^{\varnothing}$ | $560^{+}$ |
| 21 |  | - | $\bullet$ |  |  |  |  |  | $\bullet$ | $\rightarrow$ | $3.3 \mathrm{~K}^{\phi}$ | $560^{+}$ |
| 22 |  | - | - |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\bullet$ | $3.3 \mathrm{~K}^{\phi}$ | 680** |
| 23 |  | $\bullet$ | - |  |  |  |  | $\bullet$ | - | $\rightarrow$ | $3.9 \mathrm{~K}^{\phi}$ | 680** |
| 24 |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |  | - | $\cdots$ |  |  | $\longrightarrow$ | $3.9 \mathrm{~K}^{\phi}$ | 680** |
| 25 |  | - | - |  |  | $\bullet$ |  | $\cdots$ | - | $\rightarrow$ | $3.9 \mathrm{~K}^{\phi}$ | 820** |
| 26 |  |  |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |  |  | $\rightarrow$ | $\bullet$ | $4.7 \mathrm{~K}^{++}$ | 820** |
| 27 |  | - | * | $\bullet$ | - |  |  |  |  | $\bullet$ | $4.7 \mathrm{~K}^{++}$ | 820** |
| 28 |  | - | - | $\bullet$ |  |  |  | $\bullet$ |  | $\bullet$ | $4.7 \mathrm{~K}^{++}$ | 820** |
| 29 |  | $\rightarrow$ |  | $\bullet$ |  | - | - |  |  | $\square$ | $4.7 \mathrm{~K}^{++}$ | 1K ** |
| 30 |  | - |  | $\bullet$ |  | $\bullet$ | $\cdots$ | $\bullet$ | - | $\longrightarrow$ | $5.6 \mathrm{~K}^{++}$ | 1K ** |

Resistor type TR5
Resistor type TR6
** Resistor type W21
$\pm 5 \%$ Electrosil
$\pm 5 \%$ Electrosil
$\pm 5 \%$ Welwyn

### 3.6 Parallel and Series Operation

Modular power units can be operated in parallel up to a maximum of five units and should be connected as shown in Fig.5. For best voltage regulation the terminals labelled " $P$ " on the front panels should be connected together and four terminal sensing used, but this is not essential. (See Fig.7)


Fig. 5 Parallel Operation

It is also possible to operate modular power supply units in series under certain conditions which are listed below:
(1) If necessary, set up each unit separately as detailed in paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4 to the required operating conditions.
(2) Power modules of the same current rating only can be used.
(3) A diode, of the same current and voltage rating as the power module, must be connected across $E A C H$ power module output. (Positive end of diode to positive terminal of PM).
(4) To reset the cut-out, switch off the supply and load; switch on again.
(5) The number of modules connected in series is limited to a maximum of 250 V DC.

### 3.7 Operation with other Power Supply Units

When power modules are used in conjunction with other power supplies of opposite polarity. Provision must be made, as in 3.6
(3) above, to protect the power module against reverse voltage conditions. The diode used must be of sufficient rating to carry the fault current generated.

### 3.8 Four Terminal Sensing

Where long external output leads are used four terminal sensing is provided to enable the load voltage regulation of the power supply to be maintained at the load connections. The two links between the $+\mathrm{ve} \mathrm{O} / \mathrm{P}$ and the +ve sense and the $-\mathrm{ve} \mathrm{O} / \mathrm{P}$ and the -ve sense terminals should be removed and connections made as shown in Fig. 6. These output connections should be run together and a decoupling capacitor, similar to C22 in the power supply, connected at the load terminals if the high frequency output impedance is to be maintained. Parallel connection should be made as shown in Fig.7.


Fig. 6 Four terminal sensing


Fig. 7 Four terminal sensing (parallel)

The maximum permissible voltage drop in the external leads when using four terminal sensing is 0.5 V total in both leads i.e. 0.25 V in each lead +ve and -ve or 0.5 V in one supply lead with a negligibly low resistance earth return. The total permissible length of lead for 0.5 V drop is listed in Table 7 for various wire sizes and current ratings. Note that this is the total permissible loop length "go"and return" and that the power supply can only be situated at half this distance from the load for a two wire +ve and -ve lead system.

Table 7 Permissible lead length for 4-terminal sensing

| Wire | Lead Length (feet) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | PM21 \& 22 | PM24 \& 25 | PM27 \& 28 |
|  | $1 / 0076$ | 19 | - |
| $14 / 0076$ | 38 | 13 | - |
| $23 / 0076$ | 60 | 20 | - |
| $40 / 0076$ | - | 68 | 12 |
| $70 / 0076$ | - | - | 31 |
| $110 / 0076$ | - | - | 58 |
| $162 / 0076$ | - | - | - |

NOTE The operation of the A channel and the B channel in the power supply are identical; accordingly, they are not described separately.

### 4.1 General

The description in the following paragraphs applies to the whole range of modular power supplies. Differences in the basic circuit, which enable the power supplies to provide the various output voltages and currents listed in Section 2, may be determined by examination of Tables 5 to 6 in Section 3 and the component lists and circuit diagrams provided in Section 6.

The circuit of the transistor power module consists of six main sections as shown in Fig.8. These provide rectification and smoothing of the a.c. supply, regulation, automatic control of the output voltage and protection of the regulator transistors against overload. With the exception of the transformer, each section is duplicated in the unit for the B channel.


Fig. 8 Functional Diagram

### 4.2 Supply Rectification and Smoothing (Figs.10,

The $100-250 \mathrm{~V}, 48-450 \mathrm{~Hz}$ a.c. input is applied to the appropriate section of the primary winding of T1 through the supply input adjusting links and FS1. Secondary windings on T1 (marked V1, V2, V3, and V4 on the circuit diagram) provide a.c. voltages, which are combined, rectified and smoothed to provide the appropriate input voltage to the regulator for the correct stabilised output voltage. These are connected according to the voltage rating of the particular unit (see Tables 5 to 6 of Section 3). In this way, a drive voltage of the desired amplitude is obtained for the bridge rectifier MR21. The full-wave output from MR21 is smoothed by C21, R21 acting as a bleed resistor, and is applied through the D.C. LINK to the collectors of the regulator transistors VT21 and VT22. This link should be removed if remote control of the output is required, by means of a fuse, switch or relay contact.
Further secondary windings on T1 provide a 45 V supply which is half-wave rectified by MR6 and smoothed by C4, and a $15 \mathrm{~V}-0-15 \mathrm{~V}$ supply which is full-wave rectified by diodes MR1 and MR2, and smoothed by C1. Zener diodes MR3 and MR7 provide 6.2 V and 30 V d.c. supplies for use in the voltage control and automatic cutout circuits.

### 4.3 Voltage Control

(a) 4 to 7 V Units (Fig. 10 lower part of circuit) Voltage control of the 4 to 7 V units is achieved using a control amplifier comprising a long tailed pair (VT3 and VT4). In this circuit, Zener diode MR5 and diode MR8 and R15 provide a temperature stable reference voltage source. R14 is the common emitter load, and R4 is the collector load for the stage output. The reference voltage which is the difference voltage of MR5 and MR8 is applied to the base of VT3. MR5 is connected to the output voltage line via R 26 ( R 126 ) which is selected such that the current flowing into MR5 is approximately 20 mA .

A portion of the output voltage of the unit is applied to the base of VT4 via the potentiometer chain RV21 (RV121) (SET OUTPUT VOLTS) RV2 and R11. Any variation of the output voltage causes the base of VT4 to go more positive (or negative) with respect to the emitter which causes the transistor to draw more (or less) current. This in turn causes a change in the bias voltage applied via VT1 to the regulator transistors VT21 (VT121) and VT22 (VT122) which together with VT1 form a compound emitter follower stage. This change in bias voltage effectively changes the collector-emitter resistances of VT21 (VT121) and VT22 (VT122) and causes the

Diode MR9 connected to terminal ' P ' on the front panel, effects automatic 'slaving' of control amplifiers when power supply units are connected in parallel. If the ' P ' connections on parallel power supplies are connected together, the power supply set to the highest voltage takes control. This is because the sensing transistor VT4 in each of the control amplifiers in the other parallelled supplies senses a high voltage at its input terminal and conducts heavily. As a result, MR9 is reversed biased and isolates the voltage control amplifier from the regulator transistors. This method has the advantage that all the parallel power supplies have a common drive voltage and therefore share the load current equally which is not possible without the ' P ' connection.
(b) 8 to 50 V Units (I ig. 10 upper part of circuit) Part of the output voltage of the unit is applied to the base of transistor VT3, which is supplied from terminal 6 on terminal block TB1(TB2), via RV21 (RV121) (SET O/P VOLTS), R27 (R127) and RV2,, Zener diode MR5 provides a reference potential at the emitter of VT3 R 26 ( R 126 ) is selected according to the output voltage rating so that approximately 5 mA flows in MR6 At this current value the temperature coefficient of the zener diode compensates for that of the base-emitter junction of VT3 and prevents the signal developed across the collector load R4 being affected by changes in temperature.
The potential VT3 collector is applied to the base of VT1. VT1 forms a compound emitter follower with the regulator transistors VT21 (VT121) and VT22 (VT122) and controls the voltage drop across them, thereby controlling the voltage at the output terminals. If the output voltage shows a tendency to rise, for example, the increase is detected in the base-emitter circuit of VT3 and the resulting increase in collector current causes the potential on the base of VT1 to fall. This effectively increases the emitter-collector resistances of VT21 (VT121) and VT22 (VT122) and lowers the output terminals.

Diode MR 8 connected to terminal ' P ' on the front panel, effects automatic 'slaving' of control amplifiers when power supply units are connected in parallel. If the ' $P$ ' connections on parallel power supplies are connected together, the power supply set to the highest voltage takes control. This is because the sensing transistor VT4 in each of the control amplifiers in the other parallelled supplies senses a high voltage at its input terminal and conducts heavily. As a result, MR8 is reversed bias and isolates the voltage control amplifier from the regulator transistors. This method has the advantage that all the parallel power supplies have a common drive voltage and therefore share the load current equally which is not possible without the ' P ' connection.

### 4.4 Overload Cut-Out (Fig. 10)

The regulator transistors are protected from damage due to the flow of excessive currents during overload. This protection is provided by the circuit containing VT2.
A reference voltage is produced at the junction of R7 and R10 by the current flowing through R5, R7, R10, and RV1 and can be varied by adjusting RV1 to SET CURRENT control. A further reference voltage is applied to the emitter of VT2 by the current flowing through R6 and R8.
A voltage proportional to the current drawn by the load is developed across R22 (R122) and is supplied in opposition to the voltage across R7 and R8 via MR4 and R23 (R123) to the base of transistor VT2, In units where more than one resistor forms R22 (R122) the average voltage is obtained by equivalent number of adder resistors. R23 (R123). The diode, MR4, provides thermal compensation for the characteristics of the base-emitter junction of VT2.
As the load current increases and passes the full load rating for the module, the point is reached where the voltage across R22 (R122) exceeds the reference voltage across R7 and R8 by an amount sufficient to start VT2 conducting. When this occurs, VT2 draws current through R4 and the unit changes over from constant voltage operation to constant current operation with control transferring from VT3 (or VT4) to VT2. Formerly the potential on VT1 base was controlled by the output voltage, but now the potential provided by the current flowing in R22 ( R 122 ) is compared with the reference potential across R 7 and R8. The potential on the base of VT1 is adjusted automatically to obtain steady working conditions.
Further increase in load current therefore causes a reduction in the output voltage, but since the potential across R 7 and R10 also falls when this occurs, the current reference voltage is reduced and to maintain equilibrium the voltage across R22 (R122) must also fall, which can only be brought about by a reduction in the load current flowing. For any load, a point of equilibrium will be reached and as the load is reduced the voltage will fall as shown in Fig.9. At zero output volts (short circuit), since the reference voltage across R7 is nearly zero, the load current is determined by that part of the reference voltage across R8.

### 4.5 Constant Current Switch-on

A circuit is incorporated which prevents 'lock-out' during in
switch-on when two or more power supplies are connected in
series or have common loading. This circuit is operative only during switch-on and clamps the current reference voltage at a level which holds the output current at approximately $115 \%$ of full load current for approximately 200 ms . This also allows the power supply to switch on into a non-linear, or lamp load, of short time constant. The power supply therefore switches on in a constant-current mode which prevents 'lock-out' from occurring. The recommended maximum lamp load should not exceed approximately $80 \%$ of the maximum output power of the power supply.
(a) 4 to 7 V Units (Fig. 10 lower part of circuit). An auxiliary negative voltage is generated by the half-wave rectifier MR 10 and smoothed by R16 and C5. This voltage provides current for the 2.7V Zener diode MR11 and the CR timing circuit R20 and C6. Resistor R18 discharges C6 on switch-off. When the power supply is switched on, the voltage across C6 is zero and transistor VT5 is held in conduction by R19. This clamps the junction of R10 and RV1 at -2.7 V , with respect to the positive output line. This voltage maintains approximately the same current through R7 that would result if the output voltage was at its normal level. The output current is therefore limited to approximately $115 \%$ of full load current instead of the normal short-circuit current level of $15 \%$ of full load current. The voltage across C6 increases until at approximately 200 ms after switch-on it is large enough to turn off VT5. When this happens, the current protection reverts to its normal reentrant mode and VT5 then has no further effect on the action of the power supply. Diode MR12 protects VT5 if RV1 is set to zero ohms at switch-on.
(b) 8 to 50 V Units(Fig. 10 upper part of circuit). An auxiliary negative voltage is generated by the half-wave rectifier MR9 and smoothed by R14 and C5. This voltage provides current for the 6.2V Zener diode MR10 and the CR timing circuits R 18 and C6. Resistor R16 discharges C6 on switch-off. When the power supply is switched on, the voltage across C6 is zero and transistor VT4 is held in conduction by R17. This clamps the junction of R10 and RV1 at -6.2 V , with respect to the positive output line. This voltage maintains approximately the same current through R 7 that would result if the output voltage was at its normal level. The output current is therefore limited to approximately $115 \%$ of full load current instead of the normal short-circuit current level of $15 \%$ of full load current. The voltage across C 6 increases until at approximately 200 ms after switch-on it is large enough to turn off VT4. When this happens, the current protection reverts to its normal
re-entrant mode and VT4 then has no further effect on the action of the power supply. Diode MR11 protects VT4 if RV1 is set to zero ohms at switch-on.


## OUTPUT CURRENT (\%)

(Fig. 9 Output Voltage Plotted Against Output Current)

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### 5.1 Access to Components

All components, except those mounted on the printed circuit board are accessible after removing the front panel (held by fixing screws) and detaching the heat sink assemblies from the side bars. Access to the components on the printed circuit board under operating conditions may be obtained by removing the board and connecting it to the socket in the unit via the extension board (Advance Part No. 19014).

### 5.2 Replacement Servicing

The voltage control boards used in the PM21-28 are as follows:-
(a) 4 to 7 V boards $\quad$ Advance Part No. 23497
(b) 8 to 50 V boards Advance Part No. 23498

Extension board Advance Part No. 19014
NOTE:- Early versions of the PM21-28 units were fitted with board Part No. 22607 \& 22093 respectively. These are identical in circuit to the Part Nos. quoted but were fitted with high stability carbon resistors instead of the present metal-oxide resistors.

### 5.3 Fault Finding

Determine the state of the output voltage on load and proceed as outlined in Table 8. The procedure for channel B in a PM unit is identical to that for channel A .

Table 8 Fault Finding Chart

| No Output | Fuse blown <br> MR 21 open circuit <br> DC. Link open circuit <br> VT21 open circuit P.C. board out of socket or faulty | Change fuse <br> Change MR21 <br> Replace Link Change VT21 Replace with new assembly |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| If output voltage has been changed | Wire on transformer output link open circuit Wire on PC connections open circuit especially pin 12 | Re-make joint Re-make joint |
| Low Output | MR21 partially open circuit D.C. Link high resistance + ve or - ve sensing link open circuit P.C. board faulty | Change MR21 <br> Tighten screws <br> Replace link <br> Replace with new <br> Assembly |
| If output voltage has been changed | D.C. output taps on transformer incorrectly adjusted Cutout operating incorrectly Incorrect adjustment of RV2 or R27 R26 open circuit or incorrect value | Readjust taps <br> Reset RV1 <br> Readjust or replace R27 <br> Replace R26 |
| High unstabilised output.High ripple | VT21 short circuit VT22 short circuit Printed board faulty | Change VT21 <br> Change VT22 <br> Replace with new assembly |
| If output voltage has been changed | R27 open circuit RV2 or R27 setting incorrect | Change R27 Reset RV2 or change R27 |

## PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD <br> (Assy. No. 23497) <br> FOR 4 to 7 V MODULES

Resistors (5\% Electrosil TR5 unless specified)

| R1 | 33 |  | 19132 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| R2 | 470 |  | 18713 |
| R3 | 270 |  | 19141 |
| R4 | 33K |  | 18705 |
| R5 | 1 K |  | 19338 |
| R6 | 2.7 K |  | 18771 |
| R7 | 1K |  | 19338 |
| R8 | 56 |  | 19135 |
| R9 | 10 |  | 19339 |
| R10 | 2.2 K |  | 18699 |
| R11 | 220 | CGS CR 1-5 | 22969 |
| R12 | 1 K |  | 19338 |
| R13 | 4.7 K |  | 18706 |
| R14 | 1 K |  | 19338 |
| R15 | 560 |  | 18774 |
| R16 | 100 |  | 18702 |
| R17 | 2.7 K |  | 18771 |
| R18 | 12K |  | 19145 |
| R19 | 10K |  | 18703 |
| R20 | 39 K |  | 19147 |
| RV1 | 10K | Plesxy MP | 2262 |
| RV2 | 500 | Welw n P25 | 18917 |

## Capacitors

| $\mathrm{C1}$ | $40 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 25 V Mullard | 20107 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| C 2 | $0.01 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 400 V Mullard | 802 |
| $\mathrm{C4}$ | $16 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 64 V Mullard | 22723 |
| C5 | $12.5 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 25 V Mullard | 22724 |
| C6 | $12.5 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 25 V Mullard | 22724 |

## Diodes

| MR1 | Texas 1S923 | 3560 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| MR2 | Texas 1S923 | 3560 |
| MR3 | Zener, STC. ZF6•2 | 4032 |
| MR4* | Mullard 0A200 | 1874 |
| MR5 | Zener, 2•7 Volt | 21002 |
| MR6 | Texas 1S923 | 3560 |
| MR7 | Zener, STC. ZF30 | 4812 |
| MR8* | Mullard 0A200 | 1874 |
| MR9* | Mullard 0A200 | 1874 |
| MR14* | Mullard 0A200 | 1874 |
| MR11 | Zener, 2•7 Volt | 21002 |
| MR12* | Mullard 0A200 | 1874 |

## Transistors

VT1
RCA 2N3053 4039
VT2 $\dagger$
Fairchild A1670 . 4015
VT3 $\dagger$
Fairchild A1670
4015
VT4 $\dagger$
Fairchild A1670
4015
VT4 $\dagger$
Fairchild A1670
4015

* Alternative. Texas 1 S920 Part No. 2542
$\dagger$ Alternative. Texas 2S745A Part No. 2083
PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD
(Assy. No. 23498)FOR 8 to 50V MODULES

| Ref. | Value | Description | Part No. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Resistors (5\% Electrosil TR5 unless specified) |  |  |  |
| R1 | 33 |  | 19132 |
| R2 | 470 |  | 18713 |
| R3 | 270 |  | 19141 |
| R4 | 33K |  | 18705 |
| R5 | 1K |  | 19338 |
| R6 | 2.7K |  | 18771 |
| R7 | 1K |  | 19338 |
| R8 | 56 |  | 19135 |
| R9 | 10 |  | 19339 |
| R10 | 5.6 K |  | 18717 |
| R11 | 270 | CGS CR1.5 | 22970 |
| R12 | 1 K |  | 19338 |
| R13 | 4.7 K |  | 18706 |
| R14 | 100 |  | 18702 |
| R15 | 2.7K |  | 18771 |
| R16 | 39K |  | 19147 |
| R17 | 10K |  | 18703 |
| R18 | 39K |  | 19147 |
| RV1 | 33K | Plessey MP | 4852 |
| RV2 | 100 | Welwyn P25 | 17754 |
| Capacitors |  |  |  |
| C1 | $40 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 25 V Mullard | 20107 |
| C2 | $0.01 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 400 V Mullard | 802 |
| C3 | $8 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 64 V Mullard | 22722 |
| C4 | $16 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 64 V Mullard | 22723 |
| C5 | $12.5 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 25 V Mullard | 22724 |
| C6 | 12. $\mu \mathrm{F}$ | 25 V Mullard | 22724 |
| Diodes |  |  |  |
| MR 1 | Texas 1 | 923 | 3560 |
| MR2 |  | Texas 1S923 | 3560 |
| MR 3 |  | Zener, STC ZF 6.2 | 4032 |

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| Ref. | Value | Description | Part No. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| MR4* |  | Mullard 0200 | 1874 |
| MR5 | Zener | STC ZF 6.2 | 4032 |
| MR6 |  | Texas 1S923 | 3560 |
| MR7 | Zener | STC ZF 30 | 4812 |
| MR8 |  | Texas 1S923 | 3560 |
| MR9 |  | Texas 1S923 | 3560 |
| MR10 | Zener | STC ZF 612 | 4032 |
| MR11* |  | Mullard 0A200 | 1874 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Transistors |  |  |  |
| VT1 |  | RCA 2N3053 | 4039 |
| VT2 $\dagger$ |  | Fairchild A1670 | 4015 |
| VT3 $\dagger$ |  | Fairchild A1670 | 4015 |
| VT4 $\dagger$ |  | Fairchild A1670 | 4015 |

* Alternative. Texas 1S920 Part No. 2542
$\dagger$ Alternative. Texas 2S745A Part No. 2083


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For two-channel PM power supplies, two circuit references are given (except for components in the common a.c. input circuit). Channel A circuit reference is given first.

## PM 21 MODULES

Ref. Value Description Part No.

| Resistors (5\% Electrosil TR5 unless specified) |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| R21 | R121 | 2.7 K |  |
| R22 | R122 | 1 | $\pm 5 \%$ |
| R23 | R123 | Link |  |
| R24 | R124 | 1.5 K |  |
| R25 | R125 | 1.5 K | 18771 |
| R26 | R126 | See table 5 | 239 |
| R27 | R127 | See table 5 | 18709 |
| R28 | R128 | 100 | 18709 |
| R29 | R129 | Link |  |
| R30 | R130 | 100 |  |
| R31 | R131 | 100 |  |
| RV21 | RV121 | 100 | Colvern Potentiometer |

## Capacitors

| C21 | C121 | 1800 | 40V Elect. Sprague | 22710 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| C22 | C122 | $500 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 40V Elect. Mullard | 3102 |
| C23 | C123 | $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | $160 \mathrm{~V} 10 \%$ Mullard | 804 |
| C24 | C124 | $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | $160 \mathrm{~V} 10 \%$ Mullard | 804 |

## Diodes

MR21 MR121 $\quad$ Bridge Rectifier 19725

## Transistors

VT21 VT121
RCA 402504224
VT22 VT122
RCA 402504224

Miscellaneous

T1
1 S1
$200-250 \mathrm{~V}$
$101-125 \mathrm{~V}$

Transformer MT539
Fuse:-
Belling Lee 2A L693 13041
Belline I ee 3A L693 12699

| PM22 MODULES |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Resistors (5\% Electrosil TR5 unless specified) |  |  |  |  |
| R21 | R121 | 4.7K | Electrosil TR6 | 27108 |
| R22 | R122 | 1 | $\pm 5 \% \mathrm{CGS} \mathrm{VPF} 4$ | 239 |
| R23 | R123 | Link |  |  |
| R24 | R124 | 2.7 K |  | 18771 |
| R25 | R125 | 2.7 K |  | 18771 |
| R26 | R126 | See tab |  |  |
| R27 | R127 | See tab |  |  |
| R28 | R128 | 100 |  | 18702 |
| R29 | R129 | Link |  |  |
| R30 | R130 | 100 |  | 18702 |
| R31 | R131 | 100 |  | 18702 |
| RV21 | RV121 | 100 | Colvern Potentiometer | 633 |
| Capacitors |  |  |  |  |
| C21 | C121 | $850 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 75V Elect. Sprague | 22716 |
| C22 | C122 | $500 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 40 V Elect. Mullard | 3102 |
| C23 | C123 | $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 160V 10\% Mullard | 804 |
| C24 | C124 | $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 160V 10\% Mullard | 804 |
| Diodes |  |  |  |  |
| MR21 | MR121 |  | Bridge Rectifier | 19725 |
|  |  |  | Pirelli WO2 |  |
| Transistors |  |  |  |  |
| VT21 | VT121 |  | RCA 2N3055 | 3813 |
| VT22 | VT122 |  | RCA 40250 | 4224 |
| Miscellaneous |  |  |  |  |
| T1 |  |  | Transformer | MT540 |
| FS1 |  |  | Fuse:- |  |
| 200-250V |  |  | Belling Lee 3A L693 | 12699 |
| $100-125 \mathrm{~V}$ |  |  | Belling Lee 5A L693 | 638 |

## PM24 MODULES

Ref. Value Description Part No.
Resistors (5\% Electrosil TR5 unless specified)
R21 R121 8.20 Electrosil TR6 ..... 27109
R22 R122 $0.27 \quad \pm 5 \%$ RWV4-J ..... 18003
R23 R123 Link31

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| R24 | R124 | 1.5K | 18709 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| R25 | R125 | 1.5K | 18709 |
| R26 | R126 | See table 5 |  |
| R27 | R127 | See table 5 | 18702 |
| R28 | R128 | 100 | 18702 |
| R29 | R129 | Link | 18702 |
| R30 | R130 | 100 |  |
| R31 | R131 | 100 |  |
| RV21 | RV121 | 100 | Colvern Potentiometer |

## Capacitors

| C 21 | C 121 | $6400 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 40V Elect. Sprague | 22708 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C 22 | C 122 | $1250 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 25V Elect. Mullard | 19215 |

C23 C123 $\quad 0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F} \quad 160 \mathrm{~V} 10 \%$ Mullard 804

| C 24 | C 124 | $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 160 V |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $10 \%$ | Mullard | 804 |  |

## Diodes

MR21 MR121

| Bridge Rectifier | 17763 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Texas 1B40K20 |  |

## Transistors

VT21 VT121 RCA RCA 2N3055 3813
VT22 VT122 RCA 40250 4224
Miscellaneous
T1
FS1
200-250V
$100-125 \mathrm{~V}$

| Transformer | MT542 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fuse:- |  |
| Belling Lee 5A L693 | 638 |
| Belling Lee 7A L693 | 13040 |

PM25 MODULES
Resistors (5\% Electrosil TR5 unless specified)
R21 R121 $\quad 1.5 \mathrm{~K} \quad \pm 10 \%$ CGS VPF $10 \quad 4806$
R22 R122 $2 \times 0.56 \pm 5 \%$ RWV4-J 18005
R23 R123 2x10 19339
R24 R124 2.7K 18771
R25 R125 2.7K 18771
R26 R126 See table 6
R27 R127 See table 6
Ref. Value Description Part No.
R28 R128 2x100 18702R29 R129 Link
R30 R130 100 18702
R31 R131 $100 \quad 18702$
RV21 RV121 100 Colvern Potentiometer 633
Capacitors
C21 C121 3900 F F 7V Elect. Sprague ..... 22714
C22 C122 $\quad 800 \mu \mathrm{~F} \quad 40 \mathrm{~V}$ Elect. Mullard ..... 2799
$\mathrm{C} 23 \quad \mathrm{C} 123 \quad 0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F} \quad 160 \mathrm{~V} 10 \%$ Mullard ..... 804
$\mathrm{C} 24 \quad \mathrm{C} 124 \quad 0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F} \quad 160 \mathrm{~V} 10 \%$ Mullard ..... 804
Diodes
MR21 MR121 Bridge Rectifier ..... 17763
Texas 1B40K 20
Transistors
VT21 VT121 RCA $2 \times 2 \mathrm{~N} 3055$ ..... 3813
VT22 VT122 RCA 40250 ..... 4224
Miscellaneous
T1FS1200-250V$100-125 \mathrm{~V}$
Transformer ..... MT543
Fuse:-
Belling Lee 7A L693 ..... 13040
Belling Lee 10A L693 ..... 4227
PM27 MODULES
Resistors (5\% Electrosil TR5 unless specified)
R21 R121 $270 \quad \pm 10 \%$ CGS VPF 10 ..... 4804
R22 R122 $2 \times 0.33 \pm 5 \%$ CGS VPF4 ..... 2158
R23 R123 $2 \times 10$ ..... 19339
R24 R124 1.5K ..... 18709
R25 R125 1.5K ..... 18709
R26 R126 See table 5
R27 R127 See table 5
R28 R128 2x100 ..... 18702
R29 R129 LinkR30 R130 10018702
R31 R131 100 ..... 15702
RV21 RV121 100 Colvern Potentiometer ..... б 63

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|  | Capacitors |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | C21 | C121 | $12000 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 40V Elect. Sprague | 22501 |
|  | C22 | C122 | $2000 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 25 V Elect. Mullard | 4847 |
|  | C23 | C123 | $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 160V 10\% Mullard | 804 |
|  | C24 | C124 | $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 160V $10 \%$ Mullard | 804 |
|  | Diodes |  |  |  |  |
|  | MR21 | MR 121 |  | Bridge Rectifier Semtech SC BA2 | 22721 |
|  | Transistors |  |  |  |  |
|  | VT21 | VT121 |  | RCA $2 \times 2 \mathrm{~N} 3055$ | 3813 |
|  | VT22 | VT122 |  | RCA 40250 | 4224 |
|  | Miscellaneous |  |  |  |  |
|  | T1 |  |  | Transformer | MT545 |
|  | FS1 |  |  | Fuse:- |  |
|  | 200-2 |  |  | Belling Lee 7A L693 | 13040 |
|  | 100-1 |  |  | Belling Lee 10A L693 | 4227 |
|  | PM28 MODULES |  |  |  |  |
|  | Resistors (5\% Electrosil TR5 unless specified) |  |  |  |  |
|  | R21 | R121 | 470 | $\pm 10 \%$ CGS VPF 10 | 4805 |
|  | R22 | R122 | 4x0.68 | $\pm 5 \%$ RRC LG75 | 4261 |
|  | R23 | R123 | $4 \times 10$ |  | 19339 |
|  | R24 | R124 | 2.7 K |  | 18771 |
|  | R25 | R125 | 2.7 K |  | 18771 |
|  | R26 | R126 | See table 6 |  |  |
|  | R27 | R127 | See table |  |  |
|  | R28 | R128 | 4×100 |  | 18702 |
|  | R29 | R129 | Link |  |  |
|  | R30 | R130 | 100 |  | 18702 |
|  | R31 | R131 | 100 |  | 18702 |
|  | RV21 | RV121 | 100 | Colvern Potentiometer | 633 |
|  | Ref. |  | Value | Description | Part No. |
|  | Capacitors |  |  |  |  |
|  | C21 | C121 | 69,00 $\mu \mathrm{F}$ | 75 V Elect. Spraque | 22712 |
|  | (22 | C122 | $2500 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | 40V Elect. Mullard | 4848 |
|  | C23 | C123 | $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | $160 \mathrm{~V} 10 \%$ Mullard | 804 |
| 34 | C24 | C124 | $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | $160 \mathrm{~V} 10 \%$ Mullard | 804 |

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| Diodes |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| MR21 MR121 | Bridge Rectifier <br> Semtech SCBA2 | 22721 |
| Transistors |  |  |
| VT21 VT121 | RCA 4x2N3055 | 3813 |
| VT22 VT122 | RCA 40250 | 4224 |
| Miscellaneous |  |  |
| T1 | Transformer | MT546 |
| FS1 | Fuse:- |  |
| Belling Lee 7A L693 | 13040 |  |
| $100-1250 \mathrm{~V}$ | Belling Lee 12A L1055 | 21184 |

Diodes
MR21 MR121

RCA 4x2N3055 3813
RCA 402504224

Transformer

13040
Belling Lee 12A L1055
21184

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Fig. 10 Circuit Diagram PM21-28

