# **INSTRUCTION MANUAL**

TC 953A/TC 954A HIGH VOLTAGE POWER SUPPLY

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#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The TENNELEC/NUCLEUS TC 953A dual and TC 954A single high voltage power supply (HVPS) provide a well-regulated, low-noise, dc voltage source capable of supplying up to 20  $\mu$ A load current in a single-width NIM module. The TC 953A/TC 954A offers two output voltage ranges, 0 to  $\pm$  100 volts or 0 to  $\pm$  1000 volts at 0 to 20 $\mu$ A load current with a digital multimeter (DMM) for display of either current or voltage. The TC 953A dual supply has totally independent controls and displays for each channel. The TC 953A/TC 954A current display is 19.99 µA full scale. The 0.01 µA resolution is especially useful in alpha spectroscopy applications as it allows for easy compensation of the voltage drop in the bias detector network due to detector leakage current.

The TC 953A/TC 954A can be disabled via an externally generated signal or by excessive load current. In either situation, the TC 953A/TC 954A VOLTAGE control must be cycled to OFF and then back to ON for the output voltage to recover from zero.

In the event of a power failure, the TC 953A/ TC 954A will be DISABLED when power is reapplied if the VOLTAGE control is preset to ON. Output voltage will not be produced until the VOLTAGE control is cycled to OFF and then back to ON.

The output voltage of the TC 953A/TC 954A may be controlled via a remote input. A 0 to +10 volt dc signal will produce a full-scale output on the TC 953A/TC 954A. A remote disable input is available to reduce the output voltage to zero regardless of the front-panel control settings.

2.0 SPECIFICATIONS

2.1 PERFORMANCE

OUTPUT VOLTAGE 0 to  $\pm 100V$  or 0 to  $\pm 1000V$ .

OUTPUT CURRENT 0 to 20  $\mu$ A.

OUTPUT POLARITY Positive or negative, selectable through left side shield.

OUTPUT RIPPLE  $\leq$  I.OmV peak to peak, 5Hz to 50 MHz; typically <  $300\mu$ V at full load.

OUTPUT REGULATION  $\leq$  0.001% or 1mV (whichever is greater) variation in output voltage

for load and bin supply variations within operating range (0 to  $20\mu$ A output current and  $\pm 1\%$  variation in bin supply voltages).

OUTPUT INACCURACY  $\leq \pm 0.25\%$  of full scale due to nonlinearity of potentiometer; typically  $\leq \pm 0.1\%$  of setting.

TEMPERATURE INSTABILITY  $\leq \pm 30$  ppm/°C, 0 to 50°C; typically  $\leq \pm 10$  ppm/°C.

LONG-TERM INSTABILITY ≤ 0.001% per 24 hour period at constant line, load, and temperature.

**RESOLUTION 0.5V** or better on 1000 volt range; 0.05V or better on 100 volt range.

**RESETTABILITY Resettable**<sup>t</sup> to within 1V on 1000 volt range; resettable to within O.IV on 100 volt range.

DISPLAY RANGES 0 to IOO.OV in O.IV steps on the 100V range. 0 to 1000V in 1V steps on the 1000V range. 0 to  $19.99\mu$ A in  $0.01\mu$ A steps for current.

DISPLAY INACCURACY  $\leq \pm .05\% \pm 1/2$  least significant digit for voltage;  $< \pm 1.0\% \pm 1/2$  least significant digit for current.

DISPLAY TEMPERATURE INSTABILITY  $\leq \pm 50$  ppm/°C, typically  $\leq \pm 30$  ppm/°C.

OPERATING TEMPERATURE O to 50°C.

2.2 CONTROLS

2.2.1 FRONT-PANEL CONTROLS

DISPLAY Two-position toggle switch selects V (output voltage) or  $\mu$ A (output current) for display on DMM.

VOLTAGE Ten-turn precision potentiometer with linear calibration from 0.0 to 1000 corresponding to output voltages of 0 to 1000 volts or 0 to 100.0 volts depending on range selected.

RANGE Two-position locking toggle switch selects either 1000V or 100V full scale.

VOLTAGE Two-position toggle switch enables or disables the high voltage output. When in the OFF position, the high voltage circuit is disabled; however, power is applied to the low voltage section allowing the precision voltage reference to remain at a stable operating temperature. When

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the VOLTAGE switch is set to ON, the high voltage section is enabled.

## 2.2.2 INTERNAL CONTROLS

POLARITY Two-position switch (accessible through the module's left side shield) selects either positive (POS) or negative (NEG) high voltage polarity. Refer to **Section** 3.2 for instructions on changing the high voltage polarity. The TC 953A/TC 954A is shipped with the POLARITY switch in the PO5 position.

INT/EXT Two-position jumper selects either internal (INT) output voltage control or external (EXT) output voltage control. When the INT mode is selected, no external voltage control input is accepted. If the EXT mode is selected, the output voltage is determined by the external control voltage. The front panel VOLTAGE control dial is not functional in the EXT mode. The TC 953A/TC 954A is shipped with the INT/EXT jumper in the INT position.

2.3 CONNECTORS (Rear Panel)

OUTPUT SHV type connector provides 0 to  $\pm 100V$ or 0 to  $\pm 1000V$  output voltage. The connector is isolated from the TC 953A/TC 954A chassis to aid in the prevention of ground loops.

DISABLE BNC type connector accepts a NIM positive logic zero or a short to ground through a resistance of 100 ohms or less to disable the high voltage section. A NIM positive logic high, or an open circuit, is used to enable the high voltage section.

REMOTE BNC type connector accepts an external control signal to allow remote control of the TC 953A/TC 954A OUTPUT voltage. The external control voltage should not exceed +IO.OV. The REMOTE input is protected for voltages exceeding +12V and negative voltages. The input impedance of the REMOTE input is 10k ohms. Note that only positive voltages are accepted and the OUTPUT polarity is controlled by the internal POLARITY switch.

2.4 INDICATORS

2.4.1 FRONT-PANEL INDICATORS

NEG Red LED indicator is illuminated when the TC 953A/TC 954A POLARITY switch is set to NEG.

**POS** Red LED indicator is illuminated when the TC 953A/TC 954A POLARITY switch is set to POS.

ON Red LED indicator is illuminated when the TC 953A/TC 954A VOLTAGE switch is set to ON.

DIS Red LED indicator is illuminated when the TC 953A/TC 954A high voltage section is disabled. The disable signal can be generated externally and applied to the DISABLE input or internally generated. The internal signal can be generated by an overload condition, by setting the VOLTAGE switch to OFF, or by application of NIM bin power when the TC 953A/TC 954A VOLTAGE switch is set to ON.

### 2.4.2 DIGITAL DISPLAY

The TC 953A/TC 954A digital display is a 3 1/2 digit multimeter (DMM) that monitors either the output voltage or the output current.

The voltage inaccuracy of the DMM is  $.05\% \pm 1/2$ least significant digit. This results in a worse case error of  $\pm 1.0V$  at full scale on the 1000V range and a worse case error of  $\pm .10V$  at full scale on the 100V range. The temperature instability of the DMM is not as low as the temperature instability of the output voltage. Any drift in the output voltage, as indicated by the DMM, is probably due to the temperature instability of the DMM. Typically, the TC 953A/TC 954A output voltage temperature instability is less than 10ppm/°C and the DMM is typically less than 30ppm/°C.

The current measurement inaccuracy of the DMM is  $\pm 1.0\% \pm 1/2$  least significant digit. This results in a worse case error of  $\pm 0.205\mu$ A at full scale.

2.5 POWER REQUIREMENTS **(TC 953A,** same load both channels)

TC 953A (10	)00V, 20µA)
+24V, 40mA	+12V, 140mA
-24V, 30mA	-12V, 60mA

TC 954A (1000V, 20µA)		
+24V, 20mA	+12V, 70mA	
-24V, 15mA	-12V, 60mA	

#### 2.6 OTHER INFORMATION

TC 953A			
Shipping Net	5.0 lbs. 2.3 kg. 3.0 lbs. 1.4 kg.		

TC 9544	<b>x</b>
Shipping	4.5 lbs. 2.1 kg.
Net	2.5 lbs. 1.2 kg.

DIMENSIONS Standard single-width NIM module (1.35 x 8.714 inch) per TID 20893 (Rev).

**INSTRUCTION** MANUAL One provided with each instrument ordered.

#### 3.0 INSTALLATION

#### 3.1 POWER CONNECTION

The TC953A/TC 954A HVPS requires a NIM standard bin and power supply, such as the TENNELEUNUCLEUS TB4/TC 911, for operation. The bin provides mechanical mounting and power supply distribution. Always turn the bin power supply OFF when inserting or removing any modules. The TENNELEUNUCLEUS bin provides power supply test points on the control panel for monitoring the dc voltage levels.

#### 3.2 POLARITY SELECTION

The polarity of the output voltage is selected by a pushbutton switch accessible through the left side shield (viewed facing the front panel). The switch positions are labeled on the side shield and the printed circuit board. When changing the output polarity always follow the procedure below. Failure to do so is potentially dangerous and may damage the TC 953A/TC 954A.

#### TO CHANGE THE OUTPUT POLARITY:

## 1) REDUCE DIAL SETTING TO ZERO.

- 2) 5ET VOLTAGE SWITCH TO OFF.
- 3) VERIFY OUTPUT VOLTAGE IS **ZERO** AS INDICATED BY THE FRONT-PANEL DISPLAY.
- 4) REMOVE MODULE FROM NIM SIN.
- 5) SET HIGH VOLTAGE POLARITY SWITCH TO CORRECTPOSITION.

# 3.3 OUTPUT CONNECTIONS

The TC **953A/TC** 954A HVP5 is compatible with all TENNELEUNUCLEU5 preamplifiers that include provisions to accept the high voltage bias for the detector. The output cables will require SHV type connectors at each end (For example, TENNELEUNUCLEUS model NC-595-12 cable).

# 4.0 **OPERATION**

### 4.1 FIRST **TIME** OPERATION

Users will find it helpful to familiarize themselves with the TC **953A/TC** 954A HVPS by conducting a few simple tests.

#### 4.1.1 CONTROL SETTINGS

5et the TC 953A/TC 954A controls as follows:

FRONT PANEL	
VOLTAGE 5WITCH	OFF
VOLTAGE RANGE	1 oov
VOLTAGE DIAL	0.0 (FULLY COUNTER
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#### 4.1.2 POWER SUPPLY OPERATION

Install the TC 953A/TC 954A in the bin and apply power. The digital display should momentarily indicate 888.8 and then indicate 000.0. The 888.8 indication is the POWER ON DISPLAY **TEST.** Upon application of bin power, the display will indicate 8888 when in the 1000V range. Verify that the POS and DIS LED's are illuminated.

5et the VOLTAGE switch to ON. Verify that the DIS LED is not illuminated and the ON LED is illuminated. Increase the VOLTAGE dial to the desired value and observe the increase in output voltage indicated by the display. Set the DISPLAY switch to  $\mu$ A. The display should indicate 00.00 $\mu$ A.

To verify operation of the power on reset mode, verify that the TC 953A/TC 954A is operating, the ON LED is illuminated and the DIS LED is not illuminated. 5et the BIN POWER control to OFF for approximately 5 seconds. Return the BIN POWER control to ON. The TC 953A/TC 954A ON and DIS LEDs should be illuminated and no output voltage indicated on the DMM. Cycle the TC 953A VOLTAGE control to OFF, then to ON, to restore the output voltage.

#### 4.1.3 EXTERNAL CONTROL

Verification of operation using an external voltage source requires a stable, low-ripple, dc voltage source. Any low frequency noise present in the external control voltage will be amplified by a factor of 100 when operating the TC 953A/TC 954A on the 1000V range and by 10 when operating on the 100V range.

To operate under external voltage control, the TC 953A/TC 954A POLARITY switch must be set for the desired output polarity and the INT/EXT jumper set to EXT. The control voltage must be positive. The TC 953A/TC 954A is basically an operational amplifier with a gain of 10V/V or 100V/V. Note that the front panel VOLTAGE dial is disabled when operating in the EXT mode; however, setting the VOLTAGE dial to 0.0 is recommended. 5etting the dial to zero will help prevent accidental application of bias when returning to INT control.

#### 4.1.4 REMOTE DISABLE

The TC 953A/TC 954A rear-panel DISABLE input is designed to provide normal operation for a NIM or TTL positive logic one or an open input. The DISABLE input will inhibit operation of the TC 953A/TC 954A for a short to ground, a NIM positive logic zero, or a TTL logic zero. Operation of the DISABLE input can be verified by shorting the DISABLE input to ground using a BNC terminator such as a 50 ohm or 100 ohm terminator. To restore operation after external disable requires the VOLTAGE control be cycled to OFF then to ON. The VOLTAGE control functions as a RESET switch when the TC 953A/TC 954A has been disabled, thus preventing premature reapplication of bias voltage.

#### **4.2 DETECTOR CONNECTION**

ALWAYS VERIFY THAT THE TC **953A/TC** 954A OUTPUT VOLTAGE, AS INDICATED ON THE DMM, **IS** ZERO BEFORE CONNECTING THE HIGH VOLTAGE OUTPUT TO A PREAMPLIFIER OR CONNECTING THE DETECTOR TO THE **PREAMPLIFIER.** CONSULT THE PREAMPLIFIER MANUAL FOR ANY NECESSARY **PRECAUTIONS** AND THE **DETECTOR** DATA SHEET FOR THE PROPER POLARITY, **LEVEL** OF BIAS VOLTAGE,

# AND ANY SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR APPLYING BIAS AND **HANDLING** PROCEDURES.

For initial application of bias voltage, it is recommended that the VOLTAGE dial be set to 0.0 and the voltage gradually increased until the proper operating point is reached.

# 4.3 DETECTOR LEAKAGE CURRENT MEASUREMENT

The TC 953A/TC 954A DMM can be used to measure the detector leakage current directly in  $\mu$ A. The full-scale current range is 19.99 $\mu$ A with 10 nA resolution. The 10 nA current resolution, combined with the 19.99 $\mu$ A full-scale range allows accurate detector load current measurements for silicon surface barrier detectors or ion-implanted detectors.

#### 4.4 LOADING EFFECTS

The TC 953A/TC 954A is, in effect, an operational amplifier and has a low output impedance. The feedback signal is taken directly at the output and the output impedance is approximately zero. The output voltage is essentially independent of load, with less than .001% variation (typically less than .0003%) for a 0 to 20  $\mu$ A change in output current.

To determine the actual voltage on a detector, the resistance between the output of the TC 953A/TC 954A and the detector itself must be identified. Since the bias voltage is usually supplied through a detector load resistor in the preamplifier and then to the detector, the resistance can usually be determined from the preamplifier schematic diagram. The actual detector voltage ( $V_{\text{DET}}$ ) can be determined by

$$V_{DET} = V_{HVPS} - I_{DET}R_L$$

where  $V_{HVPS}$  is the TC 953A/TC 954A output voltage, I<sub>DET</sub> is the detector leakage current as indicated by the TC 953A/TC 954A display in the  $\mu$ A mode, and R<sub>L</sub> is the detector load resistance. The TC 953A/ TC 54A provides a direct reading of the detector leakage current down to the 10 nA level. Note that the actual voltage setting of the TC 953A/TC 954A (V<sub>HVPS</sub>) will be higher than the detector operating voltage (V<sub>DET</sub>) by the voltage drop across the detector load resistor (I<sub>DET</sub>R<sub>L</sub>).

#### **5.0 MAINTENANCE**

The TC 953A/TC 954A is a highly stable, precision power supply. Periodic calibration or adjustment is not necessary and is not recommended as a routine procedure. Precise measurement of the TC 953A/TC 954A's performance requires specialized and expensive test equipment If trouble should arise, it is strongly recommended that the unit be returned to TENNELEC/NUCLEUS for repair. If it is impossible to return the unit to TENNELEC/NUCLEUS for repair, a detailed Test Procedure is available upon request. Observe the following procedure before removing the TC 953A/TC 954A side shields.

#### CAUTION

DANGEROUS VOLTAGES EXIST INSIDE THIS INSTRUMENT. BEFORE REMOVING THE SIDE SHIELD:

1) REDUCE DIAL SETTING TO ZERO.

- 2) SET VOLTAGE SWITCH TO OFF.
- 3) VERIFY OUTPUT VOLTAGE IS ZERO AS INDICATED BY THE FRONT PANEL DISPLAY.
- 4) REMOVE FROM NIM BIN.
- 5) WAIT 10 SECONDS BEFORE REMOVING SIDE SHIELDS.

THE HIGH VOLTAGES PRESENT IN **THIS** INSTRUMENT ARE HAZARDOUS. DO NOT ATTEMPT ANY ADJUSTMENTS OR **MAINTENANCEUNLESS**YOUARE EXPERIENCED WITH HIGH VOLTAGE **CIRCUITS.** 

6.0 SHIPPING DAMAGE

Upon receipt of the instrument, examine it for shipping damage. Damage claims should be filed with the carrier. The claims agent should receive a full report: a copy of that report should be sent to Oxford Instruments Inc, P.O. Box 2560, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831-2560. The model number and serial number of the instrument must be included in the report. Any remedial action taken by Oxford Instruments Inc will be based on the information contained in that report.

#### 7.0 SERVICING

In the event of a component failure, replacement may be done in the field or the instrument may be returned to our plant for repair. There will be no charge for repairs that fall within the warranty.

#### 6.0 WARRANTY

In connection with Oxford's warranty, Oxford suggests that if a fault develops, the customer should immediately notify the Oxford Instruments Inc Customer Service Manager. He may be able to prescribe repairs and send replacement parts which will enable you to get the instrument operating sooner and at less expense than if you return it.

Should return prove necessary, the Oxford Customer Service Manager must be informed in WRITING, BY CABLE OR FAX of the nature of the fault and the model number and serial number of the instrument. Pack the instrument well and ship PREPAID and INSURED to Oxford Instruments Inc, 601 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830. As stated in the warranty, DAMAGE IN TRANSIT WILL BE REPAIRED AT THE SENDER'S EXPENSE as will damage that obviously resulted from abuse or misuse of the instrument.

Quotations for repair of such damage will be sent for your approval before repair is undertaken.

The Oxford Instruments Inc Quality Assurance Program requires that each and every instrument be fully aged, vibrated, and electronically checked.

Should the user require a copy of the Quality Control Procedure and Test Record, please call the Customer Service Department of Oxford Instruments inc, Both model number and serial number are required.

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