

Frequency variations within a 10 cycle span are produced by the 0-10 "cycle" switch. Here the same reasoning and circuitry are used as above but the actual resistance values are substantially ten times larger. These resistance values are connected in parallel with the first switch and produce one cycle increments.

The attenuator reduces the output voltage from the 6CL6 cathode-follower through a continuously variable  $5\text{ K}\Omega$  "output" control, and then through a step attenuator. The attenuator system is designed for  $600\ \Omega$  output up through 1 volt and high impedance output at the 3 and 10 volt positions. The  $600\ \Omega$  positions may be terminated by an internal load for high impedance work or this load may be disconnected when an external  $600\ \Omega$  load is used. In the 3 and 10 volt positions, the internal load is automatically disconnected. The attenuator operates in steps of 10 db.

The metering circuit measures the voltage at the arm of the "output" control. A portion of this voltage, determined by the "meter" control, is rectified by a half-bridge using crystal diodes. Non-linearity of the diodes at low signal level is compensated by a third diode across the meter. The meter carries three scales: 0-10 volt, 0-3 volt, and -10 to +2 db. When the instrument is operated with the proper termination, the meter and attenuator will indicate the output level at the binding posts.

### STEP-BY-STEP ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

A kit of parts can be assembled into the finished product in a variety of ways; from pictorials, photographs or from circuit diagram alone. However, even experienced and skilled professional persons have discovered that a combination of pictorials and step-by-step written instructions provide the fastest, most convenient way. This also guards against the disappointment of failure to operate after construction is completed, due to a single minor hard-to-find omission.

The written assembly instructions in this manual are divided into small operations or steps. Each step is a complete operation. Read the entire step through, then do that operation and check it off as completed. After an interruption, it is easy to find where you left off by the check marks. Read over the last checked step and you are all ready to continue.

In the mechanical assembly, use lockwashers under all 6-32 nuts and between all controls or switches and the mounting surface.

In the wiring (S) means solder this connection and (NS) means do not solder yet, as more wires will be connected to this point. If more than one wire is to be soldered at a connection point, the instructions will appear as follows (S) (3) which means solder this connection which should have three wires connected to it. This will provide a running check of multiple connections.

### PROPER SOLDERING PROCEDURE

Only a small percentage of Heathkit purchasers find it necessary to return an instrument for factory service. Of these, by far the largest proportion function improperly because of poor or improper soldering.

Correct soldering technique is extremely important. Good solder joints are essential if the performance engineered into the kit is to be fully realized. If you are a beginner with no experience in soldering, a half-hour's practice with odd lengths of wire and a tube socket will be a worthwhile investment.