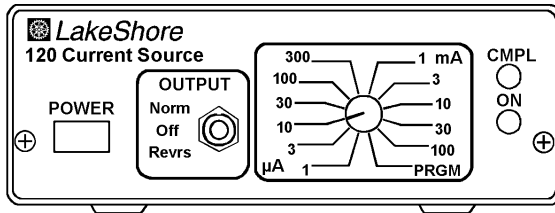




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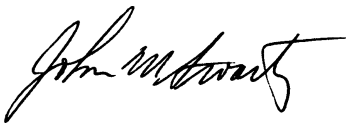
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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.0 GENERAL

Lake Shore Cryotronics, Inc. designed and manufactures the Model 120CS in the USA. A general description of the instrument is provided in Paragraph 1.1, handling liquid helium and nitrogen in Paragraph 1.2, electrostatic discharge in Paragraph 1.3, safety summary in Paragraph 1.4, and safety symbols in Paragraph 1.5.

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1.1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Model 120CS is an ideal current source for quick, accurate, stable outputs for sensor excitation or other applications. Compliance voltage of 11 volts assures constant current under a wide range of load conditions. The instrument features:

- 1 μ A to 100 mA Output Current.
- Front panel OUTPUT switch to easily reverse polarity.
- Red CMPL light to alert user when compliance limit is reached.
- Capability for external resistor programming from 1 μ A to 100 mA.
- Selectable output current in 1X and 3X increments.

The Model 120CS has a compliance voltage of 11 Volts, allowing it to be used as an excitation source in a variety of diode sensor applications. It also features a compliance LED visually indicates the unit is operating within specification.

Table 1-1. Model 120CS Specifications

Output Current: 11 fixed ranges from 1 μA to 100 mA; front panel selection in 1X and 3X increments. Rear panel PRGM allows external resistor programming throughout range 1 μA to 100 mA

Accuracy: 0.1% on fixed ranges (factory calibrates 10 μA range to better than $\pm 0.05\%$)

Stability: Better than $\pm 0.01\%$ per day on fixed ranges

Temperature Coefficient: $< 0.01\%$ per $^{\circ}\text{C}$ at 10 – 35 $^{\circ}\text{C}$

Programming: Accuracy, stability and temperature coefficient performance in the PRGM position depends on the programming resistor. Adjust programmed output current value to about 5% with rear panel trim.

Compliance Voltage: 11 volts, 10 volts on 100 mA scale

PRGM position: 11 volts up to 50 mA, 10 volts above 50 mA. CMPL light flashes when the output voltage reaches 11 volts.

AC Current Ripple: $< 0.01\%$ of scale plus 40 μV (RMS) in a properly shielded system

Line Regulation: Less than 0.01% change in output for 10% change in line voltage within specified range

Load Regulation: Less than 0.01% change in output from 1 to 100% of compliance voltage

Connections: Output, ground, and programming terminals on rear panel terminal block

Ambient Temperature Range: 15 – 35 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ (59 – 95 $^{\circ}\text{F}$)

Power: 90 – 125 or 210 – 250 VAC, 50/60 Hz, 3 VA Maximum

Size: 106 x 41 x 164 mm (4.2 x 1.6 x 6.5 inches)

Weight: 0.5 kilograms (1.1 pounds)

NOTES

1. Product Specifications are subject to change without notice.
2. The electrical specifications given are for a unit operating at the factory at current output of 10 μA ; a different output current may affect some specifications.

1.2 HANDLING LIQUID HELIUM AND LIQUID NITROGEN

Helium and Nitrogen are colorless, odorless, and tasteless gases. They liquefy when properly cooled. Liquid Helium (LHe) and liquid nitrogen (LN₂) may be used in conjunction with the Model 120CS. Although not explosive, there are certain safety considerations in the handling of LHe and LN₂.

1.2.1 Handling Cryogenic Storage Dewars

Operate all cryogenic containers (dewars) in accordance with manufacturer instructions. Safety instructions are normally posted on the side of each dewar. Keep cryogenic dewars in a well-ventilated place, protected from the weather, and away from heat sources. Figure 1-1 shows a typical cryogenic dewar.

1.2.2 LHe and LN₂ Safety Precautions

Transfer LHe and LN₂ and operate storage dewar controls in accordance with manufacturer/supplier instructions. During transfer, follow all safety precautions written on the storage dewar and recommended by the manufacturer.

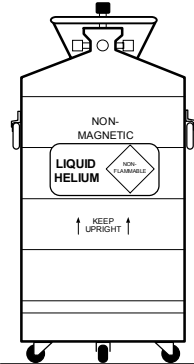


Figure 1-1 Typical Cryogenic Dewar

WARNING: Liquid helium is a potential asphyxiant and can cause rapid suffocation without warning. Store and use in an adequately ventilated area. DO NOT vent the container in confined spaces. DO NOT enter confined spaces where gas may be present unless area is well-ventilated. If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

WARNING: Liquid helium can cause severe frostbite to exposed body parts. DO NOT touch frosted pipes or valves. For frostbite, consult a physician immediately. If a physician is unavailable, warm the affected parts with water that is near body temperature.

Two essential safety aspects of handling LHe are adequate ventilation and eye and skin protection. Although helium and nitrogen gases are non-toxic, they are dangerous because they replace air in a normal breathing atmosphere. Liquid helium is an even greater threat because a small amount of liquid evaporates to create a large amount of gas. Store and operate cryogenic dewars in open, well-ventilated areas.

LHe and LN₂ Safety Precautions (Continued)

When transferring LHe and LN₂, protect eyes and skin from accidental contact with liquid or the cold gas issuing from it. Protect eyes with full-face shield or chemical splash goggles; safety glasses (even with side shields) are inadequate. Always wear special cryogenic gloves (Tempshield Cryo-Gloves[®] or equivalent) when handling anything that is, or may have been, in contact with the liquid or cold gas, or with cold pipes or equipment. Wear long sleeve shirts and cuffless trousers long enough to prevent liquid from entering shoes.

1.2.3 Recommended First Aid

Post an appropriate Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) obtained from the manufacturer/distributor at every site that stores and uses LHe and LN₂. The MSDS specifies symptoms of overexposure and first aid.

If a person exhibits symptoms of asphyxia such as headache, drowsiness, dizziness, excitation, excessive salivation, vomiting, or unconsciousness, remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If breathing stops, give artificial respiration. Call a physician immediately.

If exposure to cryogenic liquids or cold gases occurs, restore tissue to normal body temperature (98.6 °F) by bathing it in warm water not exceeding 105 °F (40 °C). DO NOT rub the frozen part, either before or after rewarming. Protect the injured tissue from further damage and infection and call a physician immediately. Flush exposed eyes thoroughly with warm water for at least 15 minutes. In case of massive exposure, remove clothing while showering with warm water. The patient should not drink alcohol or smoke. Keep warm and rest. Call a physician immediately.

1.3 ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE

Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) may damage electronic parts, assemblies, and equipment. ESD is a transfer of electrostatic charge between bodies at different electrostatic potentials caused by direct contact or induced by an electrostatic field. The low-energy source that most commonly destroys Electrostatic Discharge Sensitive (ESDS) devices is the human body, which generates and retains static electricity. Simply walking across a carpet in low humidity may generate up to 35,000 volts of static electricity.

Current technology trends toward greater complexity, increased packaging density, and thinner dielectrics between active elements, which results in electronic devices with even more ESD sensitivity. Some electronic parts are more ESDS than others. ESD levels of only a few hundred volts may damage electronic components such as semiconductors, thick and thin film resistors, and piezoelectric crystals during testing, handling, repair, or assembly. Discharge voltages below 4000 volts cannot be seen, felt, or heard.

1.3.1 Identifying ESDS Components

Below are some industry symbols used to label components as ESDS:



1.3.2 Handling ESDS Components

Observe all precautions necessary to prevent damage to ESDS components before installation. Bring the device and everything that contacts it to ground potential by providing a conductive surface and discharge paths. At a minimum, observe these precautions:

1. De-energize or disconnect all power and signal sources and loads used with unit.
2. Place unit on a grounded conductive work surface.
3. Ground technician through a conductive wrist strap (or other device) using 1 M Ω series resistor to protect operator.
4. Ground any tools, such as soldering equipment that will contact unit. Contact with operator's hands provides a sufficient ground for tools that are otherwise electrically isolated.
5. Place ESDS devices and assemblies removed from a unit on a conductive work surface or in a conductive container. An operator inserting or removing a device or assembly from a container must maintain contact with a conductive portion of the container. Use only plastic bags approved for storage of ESD material.
6. Do not handle ESDS devices unnecessarily or remove from the packages until actually used or tested.

1.4 SAFETY SUMMARY

Observe these general safety precautions during all phases of instrument operation, service, and repair. Failure to comply with these precautions or with specific warnings elsewhere in this manual violates safety standards of design, manufacture, and intended instrument use. Lake Shore Cryotronics, Inc. assumes no liability for Customer failure to comply with these requirements.

Ground The Instrument

To minimize shock hazard, connect instrument chassis and cabinet to an electrical ground. The instrument comes with a 3-conductor AC power cable. Plug it into an approved three-contact electrical outlet or use a three-contact adapter with the green ground wire firmly secured to an electrical ground (safety ground) at the power outlet. The power cable jack and mating plug meet Underwriters Laboratories (UL) and International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) safety standards.

Do Not Operate In An Explosive Atmosphere

Do not operate the instrument in the presence of flammable gases or fumes. Operation of any electrical instrument in such an environment constitutes a definite safety hazard.













Keep Away From Live Circuits

Operating personnel must not remove instrument covers. Refer component replacement and internal adjustments to qualified maintenance personnel. Do not replace components with power cable connected. To avoid injuries, always disconnect power and discharge circuits before touching them.

Do Not Substitute Parts Or Modify Instrument

Do not install substitute parts or perform any unauthorized modification to the instrument. Return the instrument to an authorized Lake Shore Cryotronics, Inc. representative for service and repair to ensure that safety features are maintained.

1.5 SAFETY SYMBOLS

-  Direct current (power line).
-  Alternating current (power line).
-  Alternating or direct current (power line).
-  Three-phase alternating current (power line).
-  Earth (ground) terminal.
-  Protective conductor terminal.
-  Frame or chassis terminal.
-  On (supply).
-  Off (supply).
-  Equipment protected throughout by double insulation or reinforced insulation (Equivalent to Class II of IEC 536 – Annex H).
-  Caution: High voltages or temperatures. Background color: Yellow; Symbol and outline: Black.
-  Caution or Warning - See instrument documentation. Background color: Yellow; Symbol and outline: Black.

CHAPTER 2

INSTALLATION

2.0 GENERAL

This chapter covers inspection and unpacking in Paragraph 2.1, repackaging for shipment in Paragraph 2.2, sensor installation recommendations in Paragraph 2.3, power and ground requirements in Paragraph 2.4, load connection in Paragraph 2.4, sensor installation recommendations in Paragraph 2.5, and rack mounting in Paragraph 2.6.

2.1 INSPECTION AND UNPACKING

Inspect shipping containers for external damage. Make all claims for damage (apparent or concealed) or partial loss of shipment in writing to Lake Shore within five (5) days from receipt of goods. If damage or loss is apparent, please notify the shipping agent immediately.

Open the shipping containers. Use the packing list included with the system to verify receipt of the instrument, sensor, accessories, and manual. Inspect for damage. Inventory all components supplied before discarding any shipping materials. If there is freight damage to the instrument, file proper claims promptly with the carrier and insurance company and notify Lake Shore. Notify Lake Shore immediately of any missing parts. Lake Shore cannot be responsible for any missing parts unless notified within 60 days of shipment. Refer to the standard Lake Shore Warranty on the A Page (immediately behind the title page).

2.2 REPACKAGING FOR SHIPMENT

To return the Model 120CS or accessories for repair or replacement, obtain a Return Goods Authorization (RGA) number from Technical Service in the United States, or from the authorized sales/service representative from which the product was purchased. Instruments may not be accepted without a RGA number. When returning an instrument for service, Lake Shore must have the following information before attempting any repair.

1. Instrument model and serial number.
2. User name, company, address, and phone number.
3. Malfunction symptoms.
4. Description of system.
5. Returned Goods Authorization (RGA) number.

Repack the system in its original container (if available). Affix shipping labels and FRAGILE warnings. Write RGA number on the outside of the container or on the packing slip. If not available, consult Lake Shore for shipping and packing instructions.

2.3 POWER AND GROUND REQUIREMENTS

The Model 120CS requires a power source of 90 to 125 or 210 to 250 VAC, 50 or 60 Hz, single phase, 3 VA maximum. It ships with a line cord (P/N 115-006) for 120 VAC operation. Connect to rear panel power plug. Turn the unit on by pressing the red POWER button on the front panel

WARNING: To prevent electrical fire or shock hazards, do not expose this instrument to rain or excess moisture.

CAUTION: Verify correct voltage configuration by checking the Line Voltage Selection Block on the Model 120CS rear panel do not use the current source at other than its marked voltage. To change voltage configuration, refer to Chapter 4.

To protect operating personnel, properly ground instrument panels and cabinets per in accordance with and local codes. The 3-conductor power cable, when plugged into an appropriate receptacle, grounds the instrument. Shield sensor cables whenever possible. Attach the shields to the connector shield pin.

2.4 LOAD CONNECTION

Connect the load (temperature sensor) to the (+) and (-) OUT terminals on the Terminal Block on the rear panel. Use proper shielding techniques to minimize line frequency AC noise on the leads. This is more critical at low currents with high resistance.

2.5 SENSOR INSTALLATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Although the Model 120CS acts as a current source for any application, it can provide the 10 μ A excitation current for Lake Shore 400-Series, 500-Series, and TG-120 Diode Sensors. Refer to the Lake Shore Product Catalog for installation details and sensor specifications. Call Lake Shore for copies of application notes or sensor installation questions. Although a sensor is not provided with the Model 120CS, below are general recommendations on sensor installation:

1. Do not ground the sensor.
2. Shield leads and connect shield wire to SHIELD on screw terminal connector only. Do not connect shield at other end of cable.
3. Keep leads as short as possible.
4. Use twisted-pair wire. Use Lake Shore Duo-Twist™ wire (or equivalent) for two-wire, or Quad-Twist™ wire (or equivalent) for four-wire applications.
5. Thermally anchor lead wires.

2.5.1 Connecting Sensor Leads

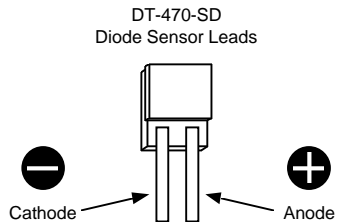
Excessive heat flow through connecting leads to any temperature sensor may differ the temperature between the active sensing element and the sample to which the sensor mounts. This reflects as a real temperature offset between what is measured and the true sample temperature. Eliminate such temperature errors with proper selection and installation of connecting leads.

To minimize heat flow through the leads, select leads of small diameter and low thermal conductivity. Phosphor-bronze or Manganin wire is commonly used in sizes 32 or 36 AWG. These wires have a fairly low thermal conductivity, yet electrical resistance is not large enough to create measurement problems.

Thermally anchor lead wires at several temperatures between room temperature and cryogenic temperatures to guarantee no heat conduction through the leads to the sensor.

2.5.2 Sensor Mounting

Before installing a diode sensor, identify which lead is the anode and which is the cathode. When viewed with the base down and the leads towards the observer, the anode is on the right and the cathode is on the left. The Lake Shore DT-470-SD silicon diode sensor lead configuration is shown to the right. For other sensors, read accompanying literature or consult the manufacturer to positively identify sensor leads. Lead identification should remain clear even after sensor installation. Record the sensor serial number and location.



On the DT-470-SD, the base is the largest flat surface. It is sapphire with gold metalization over a nickel buffer layer. The base is electrically isolated from the sensing element and leads; make all thermal contact to the sensor through the base. A thin braze joint around the sides of the SD package electrically connect to the sensing element. Avoid contact to the sides with any electrically conductive material.

When installing the sensor, make sure there are no electrical shorts or current leakage paths between the leads or between the leads and ground. If IMI-7031 varnish or epoxy is used, it may soften varnish-type lead insulations so that high resistance shunts appear between wires if *sufficient time for curing is not allowed*.

Slide Teflon[®] spaghetti tubing over bare leads when the possibility of shorting exists. Avoid putting stress on the device leads and allow for thermal contractions that occur during cooling which could fracture a solder joint or lead if installed under tension at room temperature.

Sensor Mounting (Continued)

For temporary mounting in cold temperature applications, apply a thin layer of Apiezon[®] N Grease between the sensor and sample to enhance thermal contact under slight pressure. The preferred method for mounting the DT-470-SD sensor is the Lake Shore CO Adapter.

CAUTION: Lake Shore will not warranty replace any device damaged by user-designed clamps or solder mounting.

For semi-permanent mountings, use Stycast epoxy instead of Apiezon[®] N Grease. **NOTE:** Do not apply Stycast epoxy over the DT-470-SD package — sensor stress may shift the readings. In all cases, periodically inspect the sensor mounting to verify good thermal contact to the mounting surface is maintained.

2.5.3 Measurement Errors Due To AC Noise

Poorly shielded leads or improperly grounded measurement systems can introduce AC noise into the sensor leads. In diode sensors, the AC noise shifts the DC voltage measurement due to the diode non-linear current/voltage characteristics. When this occurs, measured DC voltage is too low and the corresponding temperature reading is high. The measurement error can approach several tenths of a kelvin. To determine if this problem exists, perform either procedure below.

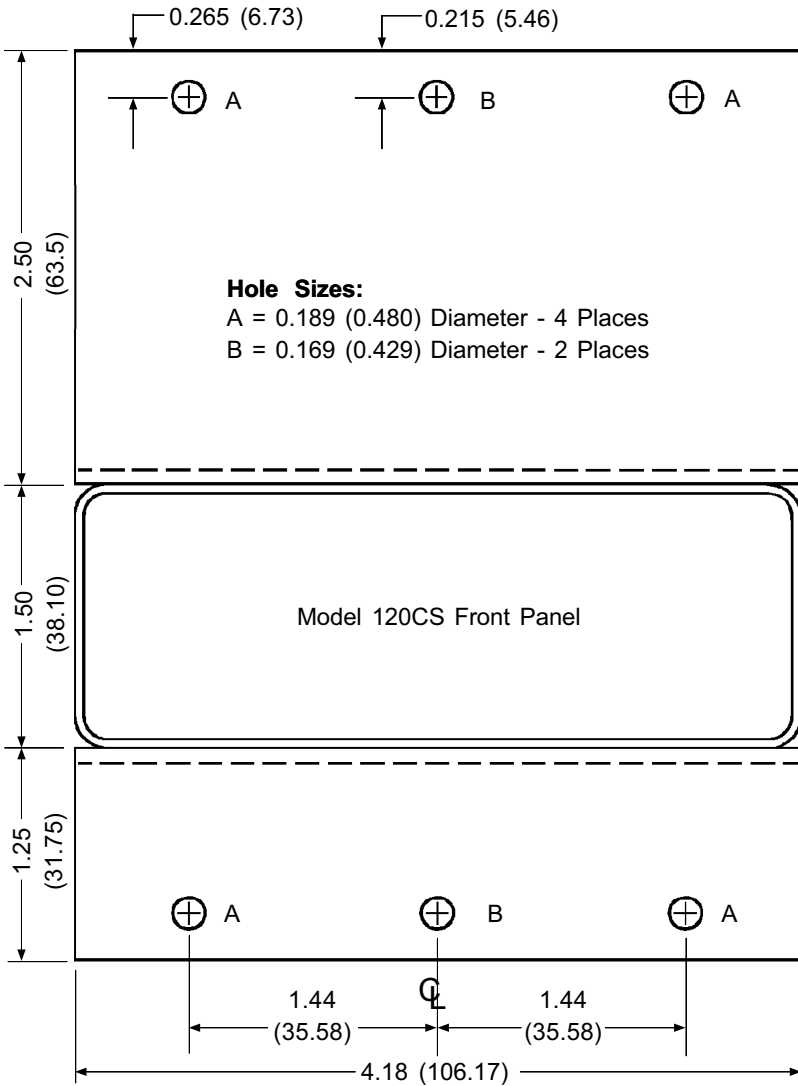
1. Place a capacitor across the diode to shunt induced AC currents. Capacitor size depends on the noise frequency. If noise is related to power line frequency, use a 10 μF capacitor. If AC-coupled digital noise is suspected (digital circuits or interfaces), use a 0.1 to 1 μF capacitor. In either case, if measured DC voltage increases, there is induced noise in the measurement system.
2. Measure AC voltage across the diode with an AC voltmeter or oscilloscope. Most voltmeters do not have the frequency response to measure noise associated with digital circuits or interfaces (which operate in the MHz range). For a thorough discussion of this potential problem, and the magnitude of error which may result, request the paper "Measurement System-Induced Errors In Diode Thermometry," J.K. Krause and B.C. Dodrill, Rev. Sci. Instr. 57 (4), 661, April, 1986 from Lake Shore.

To greatly reduce potential AC noise, connect twisted leads (pairs) between the measurement instruments and the diode sensors. Use 32 or 36 AWG Lake Shore Duo-Twist[™] Cryogenic Wire, which features phosphor bronze wire twisted at 3.15 twists per centimeter (8 twists per inch). Refer to the Lake Shore Product Catalog or contact Lake Shore for further information.

2.6 RACK MOUNTING

The Model 120 can install in a standard "size" ¼ panel EIA rack space. If you ordered a 2090 rack-mounting adapter, follow the installation instructions below. See Figure 2-1.

1. Remove front feet on bottom of unit and attach lower rack piece by threading two of the four screws provided into the front feet holes.
2. Locate the two mounting hole access covers on the top of the unit. Attach the other rack with the remaining screws.



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Figure 2-1. Model 2090 Rack Mounting

CHAPTER 3

OPERATION

3.0 GENERAL

This chapter describes front panel features and functions in Paragraph 3.1, rear panel features and functions in Paragraph 3.2, instructions for selecting output current value fixed ranges are provided in Paragraph 3.3, and program mode is discussed in Paragraph 3.4.

3.1 FRONT PANEL FEATURES AND FUNCTIONS

POWER: Push to turn power to unit On. Push again to turn power Off.

OUTPUT: Three-Position Toggle Switch selects output current polarity defined as follows:

Norm – Current supplied out of +OUT terminal.

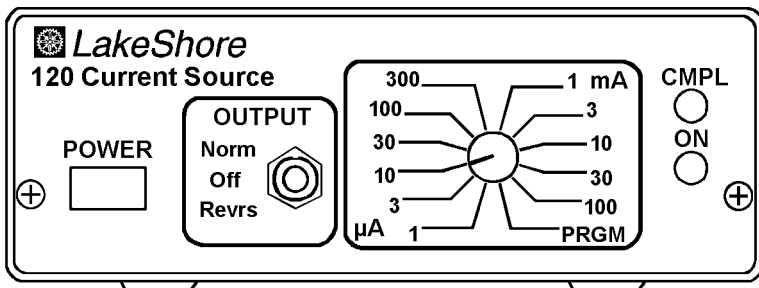
Off – Output current is zero.

Revs – Current supplied out of –OUT terminal.

Current Selector Switch: 12-position rotary switch selects one of 11 fixed internal current values and one programmable value. Select one of the 11 Fixed Ranges in 1X and 3X increments from 1 μ A to 100 mA. Select **PRGM** and connect a resistor across the PRGM terminals on the rear panel to set output current.

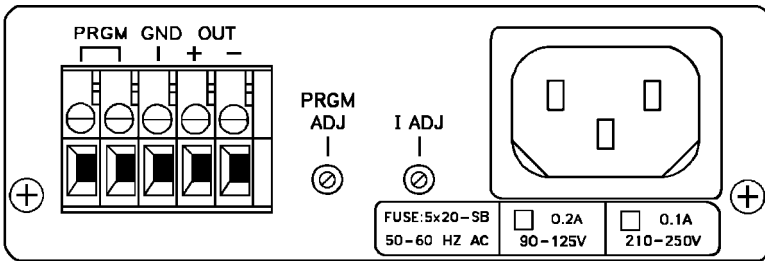
CMPL (COMPLIANCE) LED: Illuminates when the OUTPUT switch is set to **NORM** or **REVR**s and output voltage is zero to less than 11 volts. Compliance voltage is the maximum voltage that can be developed across the output terminals while maintaining the specified output current. If output current reaches 11 volts, the light flashes.

ON LED: Illuminates when power to unit is On.



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Figure 3-1. Model 120CS Front Panel



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Figure 3-2. Model 120CS Rear Panel

3.2 REAR PANEL FEATURES AND FUNCTIONS

Terminal Block: 5-position terminal block for easy connection of:

- PRGM** – Programming Resistor.
- GND** – Shielding Ground.
- + and – OUT** – Output Current.

PRGM ADJ (Program Adjust): Trim Potentiometer. Adjusts output current value $\pm 5\%$ when the Current Selector Switch is set to **PRGM**.

I ADJ (Current Adjust): Trim Potentiometer. Adjust the 11 fixed output current values $\pm 1\%$ during calibration.

The Line Voltage Selection Block indicates the fuse rating and selected line voltage.

3.3 SELECTING OUTPUT CURRENT VALUE FIXED RANGES

The OUTPUT Current Selector Switch selects one of 11 fixed internal current values (1 μA through 100 mA in 1X and 3X increments).

1. Dial front panel **Current Selector Switch** to desired fixed range.
2. Move **OUTPUT Toggle Switch** to **NORM** or **REVRS**.

NOTE: Ensure proper load connection and shielding. Refer to Chapter 2.

3. Turn On Model 120CS by pressing red front panel **POWER** button.

3.4 PROGRAM MODE

1. Connect the desired resistor to the **PRGM** output terminals located on the rear panel.

NOTE: The output current (I) in relation to the programming resistor (R) in ohms is: $I = 1500 / (15 + R)$ milliamperes. In Table 3-1, the calculated **R** and the closest standard 1% resistance values are given for various currents.

2. Place the **OUTPUT Current Selector Switch** in **PRGM**.
3. Move the **OUTPUT Toggle Switch** to **NORM** or **REVRS**.
4. Turn the Model 120CS on by pressing the red **POWER** button on the front panel.
5. Adjust the **PRGM ADJ** trimmer located on the rear panel in order to compensate for variations in the programming resistor tolerance.

CAUTION: Do not adjust the trimmer labeled I ADJ. It calibrates the 11 fixed output currents.

Table 3-1. Output Currents and Corresponding 1% Programming Resistances

Approximate Current *	Calculated R (Ohms)	Closest Standard 1% Resistance Value (Ohms)
1 μ A	1,499,985	1.5 M
3 μ A	499,985	499 K
10 μ A	149,985	150 K
30 μ A	49,985	49.9 K
100 μ A	14,985	15 K
300 μ A	4,985	4.99 K
1 mA	1,485	1.5 K
3 mA	485	487
10 mA	135	137
30 mA	35	34.8
100 mA	0	0

* Use rear panel **PRGM ADJ** trimmer to adjust output current $\pm 5\%$.

The **PRGM** (programming) terminals have an internal 15 Ω resistor in series that limits current to 100 mA in the event of a short circuit across the **PRGM** terminals. In this mode, the total output current flows through the programming resistor. Use a resistor with a power rating at least 10 times the power actually dissipated. A $\frac{1}{4}$ watt resistor suffices for any output current below 10 mA. A 1 watt resistor is required for all currents above 10 mA.

Program Mode (Continued)

The programming resistor temperature coefficient affects output current thermal stability. To maintain the 0.01%/°C temperature coefficient specification, use a programming resistor with a temperature coefficient of 10 PPM/°C or better.

Programming resistor accuracy determines output current accuracy. For example, if a 1.5 M Ω 1% resistor is used to program a 1 μ A output current, output current accuracy cannot be more than $\pm 1\%$. (In this case, the built-in 15 Ω only contributes 0.001% difference.) The **PRGM ADJ** trimmer can compensate for variations in programming resistor tolerance and the internal 15 Ω resistor.

CHAPTER 4

SERVICE

4.0 GENERAL

This chapter covers Model 120CS maintenance. Fuse replacement is discussed in Paragraph 4.1, line voltage configuration in Paragraph 4.2, 10 μ A current calibration in Paragraph 4.3, and PRGM mode calibration in Paragraph 4.4.

4.1 FUSE REPLACEMENT

WARNING: To prevent shock hazard, turn off instrument and disconnect it from AC line power and all test equipment before replacing fuse.

1. Turn POWER switch Off and disconnect power cord from unit. Disconnect all test equipment from unit.
2. Remove two screws securing rear panel to bottom of enclosure. Gently pull away rear panel and remove enclosure cover by sliding it to the back.
3. Remove fuse with a fuse puller. The fuse is located behind the transformer as shown in Figure 4.1.
4. Replace with a 0.2 A fuse for 110 V (115 VAC) operation or a 0.1 A fuse for 220 V (230 VAC) operation. Use slow blow fuses.

CAUTION: Replace fuse with the same type and rating as specified by the line voltage selected.

5. Replace enclosure cover, rear panel, and all screws.

4.2 LINE VOLTAGE CONFIGURATION

The rear-panel, 3-pronged line power connector permits Model 120CS operation at either 110 or 220 VAC. The configuration is indicated on rear panel in the Line Voltage Selection Block. Use the procedure below to change line voltage.

WARNING: To prevent shock hazard, turn off instrument and disconnect it from AC line power and all test equipment before changing line voltage configuration.

1. Turn power switch OFF and disconnect the power cord from the unit. Disconnect all test equipment from unit.

Line Voltage Configuration (Continued)

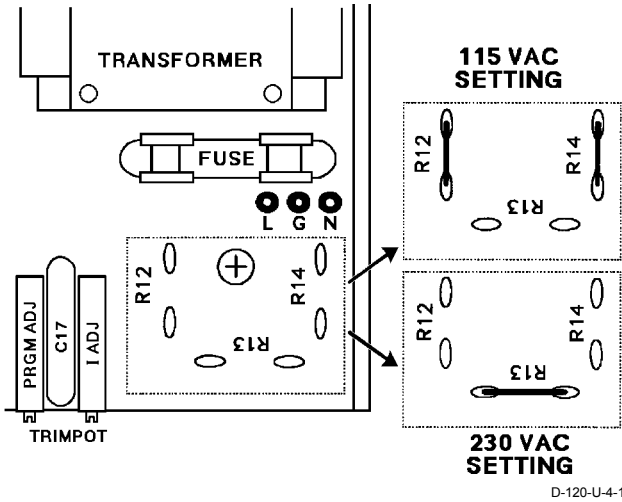


Figure 4-1. Fuse Replacement and Jumper Configurations

2. Remove two screws securing rear panel to bottom of enclosure. Gently pull away rear panel and remove enclosure cover by sliding it to the back.
3. Modify jumper configuration to desired line voltage as shown in Figure 4-1.
4. Replace fuse to match new voltage requirements.
5. Replace enclosure cover, rear panel and all screws.

4.3 10 μ A CURRENT CALIBRATION

This unit was thoroughly tested and calibrated to published specifications prior to shipment. However, periodic recalibration is recommended every 6 months to ensure accuracy.

Diode temperature sensors require a 10 μ A excitation current accurate to $\pm 0.05\%$ to meet specifications. The Model 120CS is calibrated to better than $\pm 0.05\%$ on the 10 μ A range and meets $\pm 0.1\%$ accuracy on the other fixed current ranges selected by the Current Selector Switch.

Requirements: a digital volt meter (DVM) with 4½-digit resolution (or better) and a 100 K Ω precision resistor with a tolerance of $\pm 0.01\%$.

NOTE: Calibration accuracy is limited to the resistor accuracy plus DVM accuracy at 1.0000 volts.

10 μ A Current Calibration (Continued)

1. Set the Current Selector Switch to **10 μ A** and **OUTPUT** Toggle Switch to **NORM**.
2. Connect 100 K Ω precision resistor as the load between the +OUT and –OUT terminals.
3. Connect DVM HI terminal to +OUT terminal and DVM LO terminal to –OUT terminal across the 100 K Ω precision resistor load.
4. Select DC Volts on the DVM.
5. Adjust rear panel **I ADJ** trimmer until the DVM reads 1.0000 volt.
6. Resume normal operation.

4.4 PRGM MODE CALIBRATION

The calibration procedures below ensure that the equation $I = 1500 / (15 + R)$, is valid for all of the R values given in Table 3-1. Refer to Paragraph 4.4.1 for DC Ampere range Calibration, and Paragraph 4.4.2 for DC Voltage range Calibration.

4.4.1 Current Calibration Using DC Ampere Range of DVM

Requirements: a digital volt meter (DVM) with 4½-digit resolution (or better) and a shorting wire.

NOTE: Calibration accuracy is limited to the DVM current measurement accuracy.

1. Set Current Selector Switch to **PRGM** and the OUTPUT Toggle Switch to **NORM**.
2. Place a shorting wire between the rear panel PRGM terminals.
3. Connect DVM HI terminal to +OUT terminal and DVM LO terminal to –OUT terminal.
4. Select DC Amperes on the DVM.
5. Adjust rear panel **PRGM ADJ** trimmer until DVM reads 100.00 mA.
6. Resume normal operation.

4.4.2 Current Calibration Using DC Voltage Range of DVM

Requirements: a digital volt meter (DVM) with 4½-digit resolution (or better), a 10 Ω precision resistor with a tolerance of ±0.01%, and a shorting wire.

NOTE: Calibration accuracy is limited to the resistor accuracy plus DVM accuracy at 1.0000 volts.

1. Set the Current Selector Switch to **PRGM** and the OUTPUT Toggle Switch to **NORM**.
2. Place a shorting wire between the rear panel PRGM terminals.
3. Connect a 10 Ω precision resistor as the load between the +OUT and -OUT terminals.
4. Connect DVM HI terminal to +OUT terminal and DVM LO terminal to -OUT terminal across the 10 Ω precision resistor load.
5. Select DC Volts on the DVM.
6. Adjust rear panel **PRGM ADJ** trimmer until DVM reads 1.0000 volt.
7. Resume normal operation.

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