## Instruction Manual

for

# MODEL S-450 SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE

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#### PRECAUTIONS ON HANDLING

For the sake of safety, the following points should be taken into consideration.

- 1. PRECAUTIONS FOR TRANSPORT
- (1) Do not lift the instrument by holding the table. The strength of table fitting is not sufficient for bearing the weight of display unit, approximately 200 kg. Should the table be lifted, the display unit might slip off and crash. Hence, it is recommended not to exert force to the table for transport.
- (2) The housing supports should be fitted correctly by fixture before transport.
- 2. PRECAUTIONS FOR POWER CONNECTION
- (1) When removing the front, rear and top covers of housing and display unit, turn off the AC power without fail. The high voltage circuit within the unit constitutes a shock hazard.
- (2) Connect the grounding wire correctly. Otherwise, not only will the instrument fail to operate normally but there is a shock hazard.
- (3) Avoid touching the connector of high voltage unit and the cable head of high voltage transformer. The high voltage unit and the high voltage transformer are at voltages as high as 10 ~30 kV, so handling of dangerous parts such as high voltage connector and cable head should be left to the servicemen.
- (4) Do not touch the areas marked DANGER. These areas are applied with high voltage.
- (5) Do not touch the rear of cathode-ray tube. The cathode-ray tube is applied with 10 kV.
- (6) When replacing a fuse, turn off the main switch on the distribution board, and make sure that the AC power supply is cut off. If not, AC power line near the fuse box may cause shock.
- (7) When replacing the scintillator, turn off the main switch on the distribution board, and make sure that the AC power supply to the display is cut off.

  Some parts around the scintillator may be carrying high voltage (approx. 10 kV).
- (8) Allow interval of at least five seconds between turning on or off of the EVAC.

  DISPLAY main switch and EVAC AIR switch.
- (9) Replace the oil filter of the oil-sealed rotary pump every six months.
- (10) Set the specimen goniometer knobs for specimen replacement to X = +20, Y = +20, Z = Z number and T = 0.
- (11) Don't touch the alignment screw of the column except gun alignment screw.
- (12) When observing at magnification lower than 100x, set WD≤15 mm and select notch 3 (200 μm) or 4 (100 μm) of the objective lens aperture.

#### 3. GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

The maintenance items other than those described in this manual should be left to the servicemen.

#### 4. MEASURES FOR EMERGENCY CASE

- (1) Turn off the main switch on the distribution board.
- (2) If water is leaking, close the valve of cooling water to cut off the water supply.
- (3) After taking steps (1) and (2), carry out other suitable measures.
- (4) Inform the service shop.

#### 5. SPECIMEN IRRADIATING CURRENT

Table 2-2 in the instruction manual indicates the summary of specimen current vs. condenser lens switch setting. It should be noted that the specimen irradiating current changes greatly with the filament setting condition and/or objective aperture diameter.

#### 6. DYNAMIC FOCUS

Set up the following conditions to place the dynamic focus in operation.

- (1) Set the WORKING DISTANCE switch on the operation panel to 3.
- (2) Set the FOCUS COARSE knob to the middle point by turning it 5 revolutions from the minimum end.
- (3) Tilt the specimen at a large angle.
- (4) Operate the Z control of the specimen stage to make rough focusing of the image.
- (5) Focus the image on the CRT center (vertically) with the FOCUS knobs , .
- (6) Turn gradually the AMPLITUDE knob clockwise from the minimum end so that the image becomes in focus over the full range of CRT.

#### Notes:

- 1. Dynamic focus cannot be adjusted correctly when the scan speed is set at

  ☐ or ☐ position. Use it with the scan speed set at ♥, ♥ or ♥
  position.
- 2. The magnification and the dynamic focus do not interlink with each other. Readjustment is required when the magnification is changed.
- 3. Operate the specimen stage within the range described in the instruction manual because it is limited by specimen size and tilt angle.

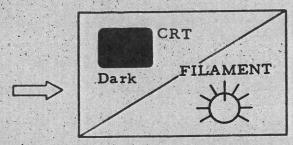
#### 7. FOCUS MONITOR

When the focus monitor is used in combination with the auto data display unit (S-5006A) and the BACKGROUND switch is at BLACK position, the waveform on the CRT may sometimes disappear. However, this phenomenon is not a failure of the instrument.

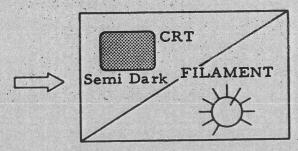
# 8. SETTING OF FILAMENT SATURATION POINT

Turn the FILAMENT control gradually clockwise while watching the EMISSION CURRENT meter (color bar). When the color bar (illumination) does not fluctuate any more, stop turning the control and return it by half a division.

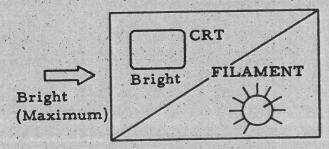
o FILAMENT unsaturation point



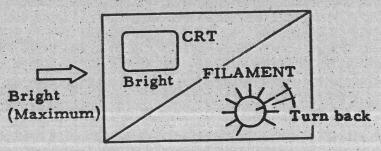
o FILAMENT unsaturation point



o Maximum brightness ... FILAMENT saturation point

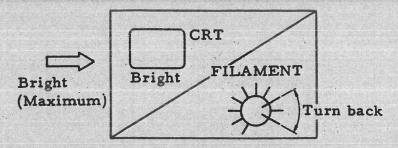


o Maximum brightness ... Turn the filament control counterclockwise by half a division from the stable point of color bar.



o Maximum brightness ... Filament may be burnt out due to overheating.

Turn the filament control counterclockwise to the saturation point.



#### 9. OTHERS

Keep the instrument installation room under the following conditions even if nonoperating the instrument.

Room temperature: 5 ~ 35°C (This is also applicable to the DP cooling

water temperature.)

Humidity : Less than 70 %

Evacuate the instrument at least one day every week even if the instrument is not used for a long time.

#### SPECIFICATIONS

Standard Specifications

o Resolution : 60 Å guaranteed

o Magnification range : 20 ~ 200, 000x, 1 ~ 3x zooming

o Electron optical system

Filament : Pre-centered hair-pin type filament

Bias : Auto bias system

Beam current : 200 µA max.

Accelerating voltage : 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 kV

Lens system : 3-stage reduction system

Stigmator : 8-pole electromagnetic system (X, Y)

: 2-stage electromagnetic deflection system Deflection coil

Objective lens aperture: Movable aperture (0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4 mm dia.

openings)

o Specimen goniometer stage

: 0 ~ 40 mm (continuous) X-movement

Y-movement : 0 ~ 40 mm (continuous)

Tilting angle : -20 ~ +90° (continuous)

360° (continuous) Rotation angle

5 ~ 35 mm (semi fixed): Working Distance Z-movement

(=WD)

102 (4") mm dia. x 6 mm H (max.). Specimen size

15 mm dia. x 10 mm H (max.)

Specimen exchange : Draw-out system

o Display unit

CRT Viewing CRT (Afterglow type 150 x 135 mm)

Photographing CRT (Non-afterglow type

120 x 90 mm) x 1

Scanning speed For viewing X: 0.12 ~ 40 msec

(Raster scan) Y: 0.025 ~ 40 sec

For photographing X: 20 ~ 160 msec (50 Hz)

17 ~ 166 msec (60 Hz)

Y: 50 ~ 400 sec (50 Hz)

Electrical image

 $\pm 25 \,\mu$ m (X, Y) at 30 kV and WD = 30 mm

o Scanning mode

: Full frame rapid scan

Slow scan

Photo scan

Reduced area rapid scan

o Image mode

: Dynamic focus

Focus monitor

Stigma monitor

Auto brightness

Polarity reverse

Gamma control

o Evacuating system

System : Fully automated, solenoid valve control

system

Vacuum gauge : Pirani gauge x l

Ultimate vacuum : 5 x 10-6 Torr

Vacuum pump : DP 400 1/sec x 1, RP 160 1/min x 1

Evacuating time (For

specimen exchange) : About 3 min.

o Safety device : Safety devices for power interruption, water

supply interruption, and vacuum deteriora-

tion are provided.

o Power supply : 115, \*200, \*208, \*220 or \*240 V AC + 10 %,

50/60 Hz, 2.5 kVA

Power consumption: 1.8 kVA

\* For 200, 208, 220 and 240 V area, an auto-

transformer is required.

o Water facilities

Flow rate :  $2 \sim 4 l/\min (0.5 \sim 1 gpm)$ 

Water pressure :  $0.5 \sim 2 \text{ kg/cm}^2 (7 \sim 29 \text{ psi})$ 

Water temperature : 10 ~ 25°C (50 ~ 77°F)

Water supply port : x 1, outer dia. of faucet 10 mm dia.

(city water hose should be connectable)

Drainage : Natural drainage (It is recommended to use

a filter in case of water containing much fur

and impurities.)

o Ambient conditions

Temperature

: 15 ~ 30°C (59 ~ 86°F)

Humidity

Less than 70 %

Stray magnetic field (at the installation site):

|  |                         |           | AC Components <sup>2)</sup>                              |  |  |  |
|--|-------------------------|-----------|--|--|--|--|
|  |                         | DC compo- | Same frequencement that of the line supplement the Model | ency<br>as<br>ne AC<br>lied to                 | Different frequency component from that of the AC power supply used in the Model S-450 |  |
| Con-<br>dition   | Mode<br>& scan<br>speed | nent1)    | Observation  以,  □                                       | Under conditions other than mentioned at left. |  |  |
|  |                         |           | Photo-<br>graphing<br>All SCAN<br>SPEED<br>settings      |  |  |  |
| Maximum allow-<br>able magnitude                       |                         | 50 mG     | 5 mG   | 0.6 mG <sup>3</sup> )                          | 0.6 mG   |  |
| Maximum allow- 1 mG/<br>able fluctu- 5 min<br>ation 4) |                         |           | 1 mG/<br>5 min   | 0.3 mG/<br>5 min                               | 0.3 mG/5 min   |  |

Notes: 1) The components due to terrestrial magnetic field are excluded from the values.

Terrestrial magnetic field in Japan:

Horizontal component: 300 mG

Vertical component : 350 mG

- 2) All values of AC components are effective values.
- 3) If this value is less than 2 mG, it may be left out of consideration when observing intensity-modulated images.
- 4) AC and DC stray magnetic field fluctuation is defined as varying monotonously and gradually with time lapse.

  Thus, magnetic field fluctuation with pulse or step waveform should not occur.

#### o Dimensions

Main console : 610 (W) x 620 (D) x 1500 (H), 172 kg

Display : 1100 (W) x 750 (D) x 1160 (H), 120 kg

Rotary pump : 200 (W) x 478 (D) x 293 (H) x 1, 27 kg x 1

Weight : 200 (W) x 180 (D) x 160 (H), 40 kg

\* Cold trap : Optional accessory

2. Standard Equipment

Main console : 1

Display unit : 1

Rotary pump : 1

Standard tools and

attachments : 1 set

Instruction manual : 1

# Section 1 FUNCTIONS

#### 1-1 CONTROL KNOBS AND SWITCHES OF DISPLAY UNIT

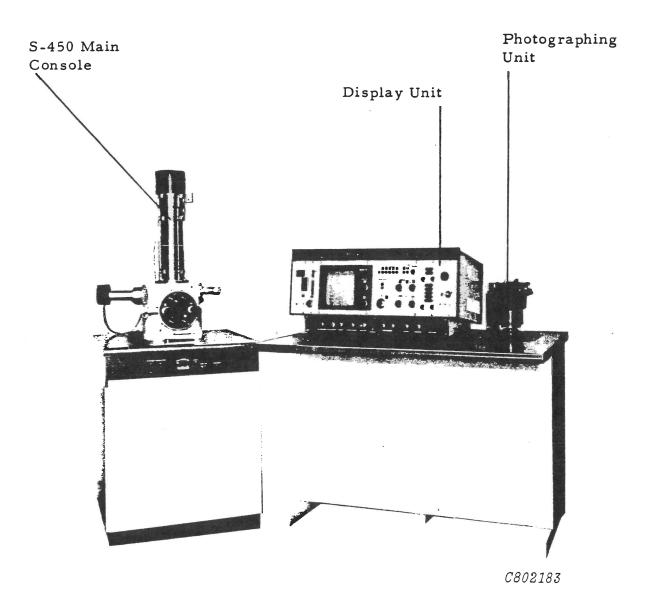


Fig. 1-1 Outer View of Model S-450 SEM (inclusive of optional accessories)

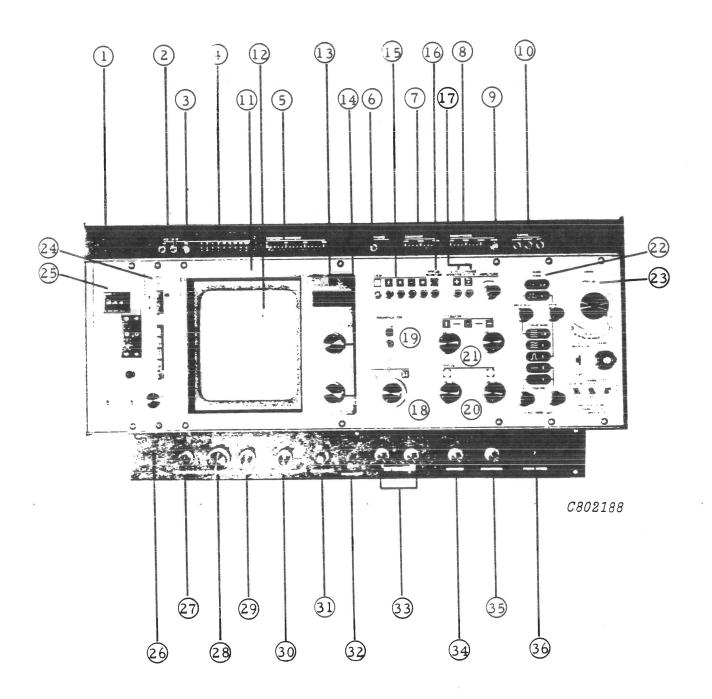


Fig. 1-2 Display Unit (including some optional accessories)

| 1     | Disp | lay Panel                     |         |  |
|-------|------|-------------------------------|---------|--|
|       | 2    | HV (kV) ON OFF                | •       | High voltage ON-OFF switch                 |
|       | 3    | SE                            | :       | Post-accelerating voltage ON-OFF switch    |
|       |      | ON Secondary                  | ele     | ectron image (SE)                          |
|       |      | OFF Back-scat                 | ter     | ed electron image (BSE)                    |
|       | 4    | 2 ~ 30                        | :       | Accelerating voltage indicator             |
|       | 5    | EMISSION CURRENT              | :       | Emission current color bar indicator       |
|       | 6    | PHOTO                         | :       | Photographing switch                       |
|       | 7    | CONTRAST                      | :       | Contrast color bar indicator               |
|       | 8    | BRIGHTNESS                    | :       | Brightness color bar indicator             |
|       | 9    | AUTO                          | :       | Automatic brightness control switch        |
|       | 10   | SIGNAL                        | :       | Signal processing switches                 |
|       |      | GAMMA                         | :       | Gamma control switch                       |
|       |      | INVERT                        | :       | Polarity inverting switch                  |
|       |      | EXT                           | :       | External signal switch (e.g. x-ray signal) |
| (1 l) | Mair | Control Panel                 |         |  |
|       | 12   |                               | :       | Viewing CRT                                |
| •     | 13   | MAGNIFICATION                 | :       | Magnification indicator (digital)          |
|       | 14   | IMAGE SHIFT                   | :       | Electric field moving control              |
|       | 15   | VIEW                          | :       | Scanning mode selector switch              |
|       |      |                               | :       | Full rapid scan                            |
|       |      | <b>\(\frac{\partial}{8}\)</b> | :       | Slow scan                                  |
|       |      | 8                             | :       | Slow scan                                  |
|       |      | abla                          | :       | Slow scan                                  |
|       |      |                               | :       | Rapid scan (reduced area)                  |
|       | 16   | FOCUS MONITOR                 | :       | Focus monitor switch                       |
|       | 17   | STIG MONITOR                  | :       | Stigma monitor switch                      |
|       |      | DYNAMIC FOCUS                 | :       | Dynamic focus switch                       |
|       | 18   | COARSE-FINE                   | :       | Magnification selector                     |
|       |      | COARSE (outer knot            | o)      | Stepwise                                   |
|       |      | FINE (inner knob) .           | • • • • | Continuous                                 |
|       | (19) | LOW                           | :       | Quick low magnification selector           |

Focus control knob FOCUS STIGMATOR Stigmator knob (For x-ray analysis, option) X-RAY MODE UNIT RASTER ROTATION/ DYNAMIC FOCUS/TILT COMPENSATION UNIT : (Option) SPLIT SCREEN DUAL (24)MAGNIFICATION UNIT (Option) DATA DISPLAY UNIT (Option) Sub Control Panel (27) VIEW BRIGHTNESS Brightness control knob for viewing CRT 28) Acclerating voltage selector knob ACC VOLTAGE (kV) (29) Filament current control knob FILAMENT Magnification/focus control knob WORKING DISTANCE (30) for changing working distance (31)Condenser lens current control COND LENS knob (32)Stigmator ON-OFF switch STIGMATOR GUN ALIGNMENT Electric alignment control knob for gun

(26)

#### 1-2 CONTROL KNOBS AND SWITCHES ON MAIN CONSOLE

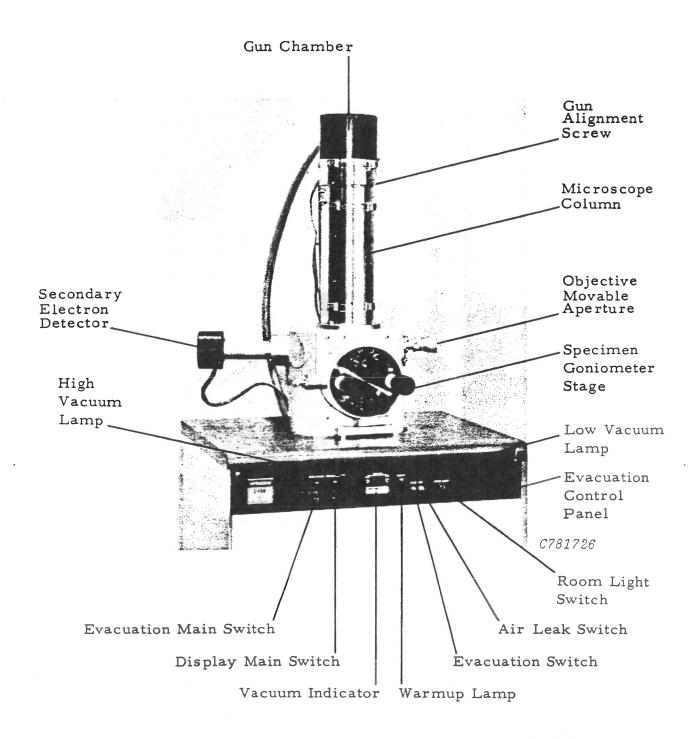


Fig. 1-3 Microscope Column and Evacuating System

#### (1) Column

### (a) Specimen Chamber and Specimen Goniometer Stage

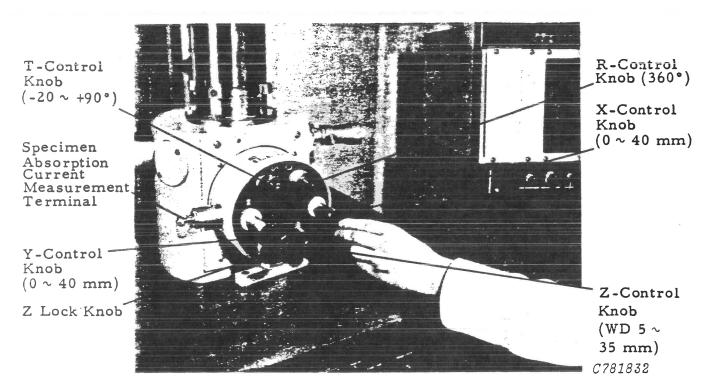


Fig. 1-4 Specimen Chamber and Specimen Goniometer Stage

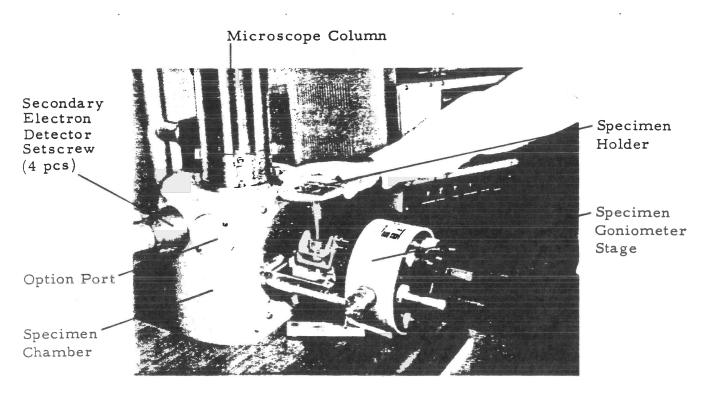


Fig. 1-5 Specimen Chamber and Specimen Goniometer Stage

(b) Column (See Fig. 1-3.)

# (2) Ecacuating System

(a) Evacuating System Operation Panel (See Fig. 1-3.)

o EVAC : Pushbutton switch for evacuating the column.

When depressing this switch, the column is automatically evacuated until it reaches high

vacuum from atmospheric pressure.

o AIR : Pushbutton switch for introducing air into

the column. When depressed, air is admitted

to the column.

o VACUUM Meter : Meter indicating vacuum degree. It indicates

 $100~\mu\text{A}$  under atmospheric pressure and less

than 10 µA at ultimate vacuum.

o WARM UP Lamp : Lights when the diffusion pump has not com-

pletely reached operating condition (or, when

it has not been warmed up completely).

It takes about 15 minutes to warm up the dif-

fusion pump from room temperature.

o LOW Vacuum Lamp: Lights when the column is pre-evacuated to low

vacuum by rotary pumps.

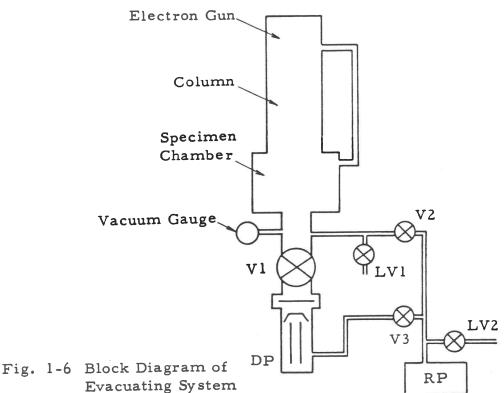
HIGH Vacuum Lamp: Lights when the column is evacuated to high

vacuum by diffusion pump, and accelerating

voltage is applicable.

Note: Don't manipulate the AUTO/MANUAL switch for the evacuation valves in the evacuating system rack.

# (b) Block Diagram of Evacuating System



#### Section 2

#### **OPERATION**

#### 2-1 PRELIMINARY OPERATION

#### 2-1-1 Evacuation

- (1) Turn on the knife switch of the power distribution board in the room.
- (2) Run tap water for cooling the oil diffusion pump (DP).
- (3) Turn on the EVAC main switch. The rotary pump will start operating.
- (4) Depress the EVAC pushbutton switch.
- (5) The automatic evacuation proceeds and ends up in about 20 minutes with the HIGH vacuum lamp on.

#### 2-2 OPERATION

#### 2-2-1 Specimen Exchange

- (1) Depress the HV (kV) OFF pushbutton switch on the display unit.
- (2) Set three control knobs of the specimen stage to X = 20, Y = 20, and  $T = 0^{\circ}$ , and the Z-control knob to  $\boxed{EX}$ .
- (3) Depress AIR switch on the evacuating system control panel.
- (4) About 30 seconds later, pull out the specimen stage.
- (5) Remove the specimen holder.
- (6) Remove the specimen stub for the previous observation from the specimen holder (Fig. 2-1).
- (7) Mount a new specimen on the specimen stub (Fig. 2-2).
- (8) Fix the specimen stub on the specimen holder (3) securely.
- (9) Loosen the specimen holder (1) and (2), adjust the specimen height to the gauge and fasten. Adjustment height depends on specimen stub.

  For the position, see Figs. 2-3 and 2-4.
- (10) Mount the specimen holder assembly on the specimen stage.
- (11) Install the specimen stage in the specimen chamber.
- (12) Depress the EVAC pushbutton switch.
- (13) As the HIGH vacuum lamp lights up, the evacuation is completed.

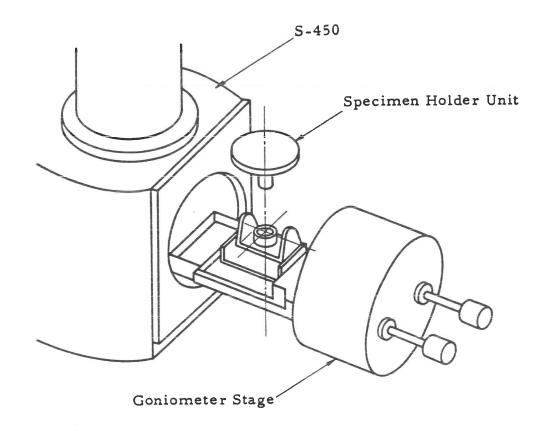


Fig. 2-1 Specimen Replacement

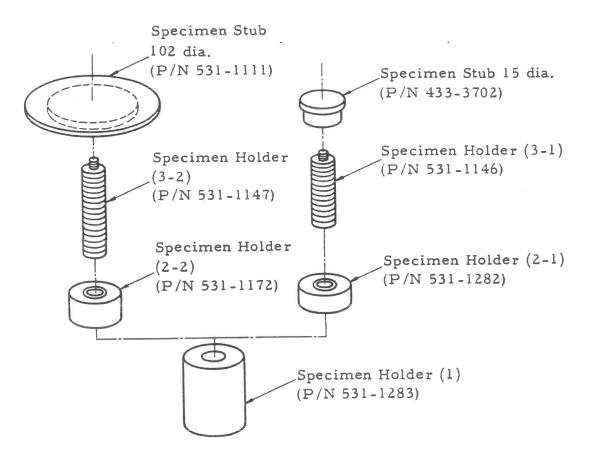


Fig. 2-2 Construction of Specimen Holder and Specimen Stub

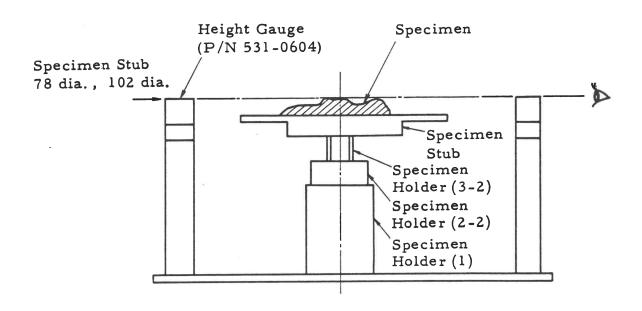


Fig. 2-3 Specimen Height Adjustment (specimen stub 78 dia., 102 dia.)

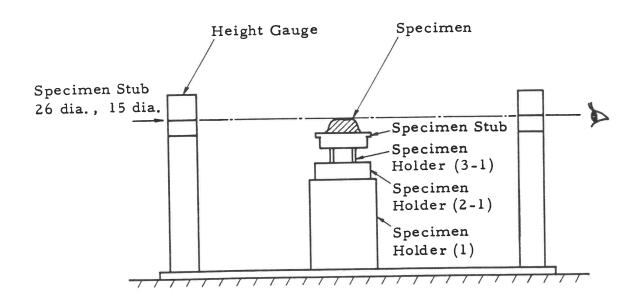


Fig. 2-4 Specimen Height Adjustment (specimen stub 26 dia., 15 dia.)

- o Preparation of Specimen and Precautions
  - (a) The specimen must be completely dried before it is placed under high vacuum. Particularly, the biological specimens which contain much water should be subjected to the critical point drying or freeze-drying process, as the situation requires, following the fixation and dehydration.
  - (b) Set the dried specimen on to the specimen stub using a suitable specimen fixing paste. Select the best suited fixing paste and method for the particular specimen. Some examples of specimen setting are illustrated in Fig. 2-5. Use a minimum amount of silver paste or the like which contains solvent.
  - (c) The electrically non-conductive specimens should be coated with evaporation-deposited metal film such as Au, Au + Pd, Pt + Pd.

    The evaporation mount is shown in Fig. 2-6.

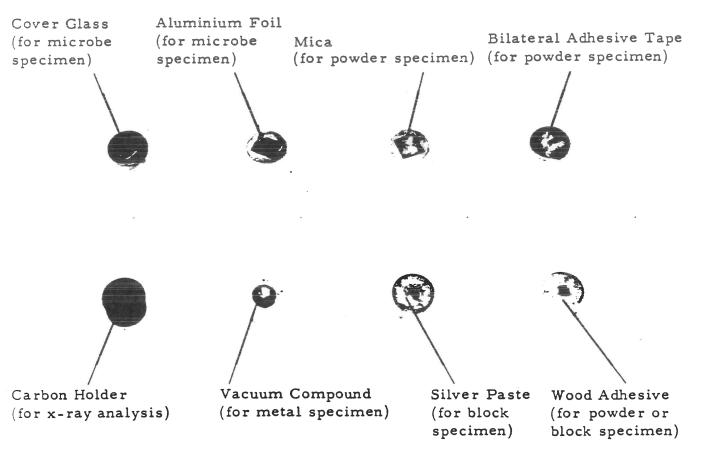


Fig. 2-5 Examples of Specimen Setting on Specimen Stub

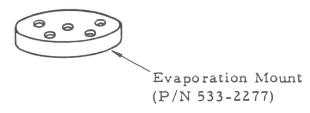


Fig. 2-6 Evaporation Mount

## o Restriction of Specimen Height

# (a) Standard Specimen Height

Although there may be specimens of different thicknesses, thickness of specimens placed on the standard specimen goniometer of the Model S-450 is specified as follows depending upon the size of the specimen stubs.

| Specimen Stub Diameter (mm) | Standard Specimen Thickness (mm) |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 102                         | 6                                |
| 78                          | 6                                |
| 26                          | 10                               |
| 16                          | 10                               |

WD (distance between lower surface of objective lens and upper surface of specimen) changes with the specimen height, whereby inconvenience will be caused in handling specimen goniometer. Adjust the specimen height according to paragraph 2-2.

## (b) Allowable Specimen Displacement Range

## (i) Displacement of Specimen in Z Direction and Tilt Angle

Even when the specimen height is set to a standard in paragraph 2-2-1, displacement in Z direction (displacement in specimen height direction) is related with the specimen tilt angle. For example, if a large specimen stub is excessively tilted, it would hit the objective lens. In such a case, the angle should be reduced or the sample position should be lowered.

Figs. 2-8 through 2-11 illustrate specimen sizes, scale Z number\* on Z displacement knob, and movable ranges in function of specimen tilt angle  $\theta$ .

\* Indicates working distance (WD) at a specimen tilt angle of 0, or distance between the lower surface of the objective lens and specimen. Take reading of a graduation on the Z-control knob as illustrated in Fig. 2-7 at a standard point corresponding to the particular specimen stub employed.

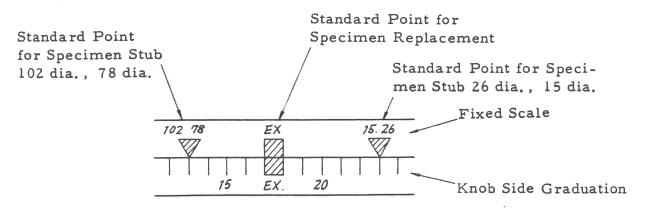


Fig. 2-7 Graduations of Z-Control Knob

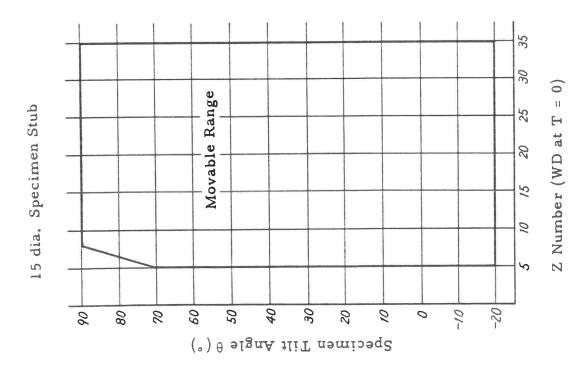


Fig. 2-8 Relationship between Z Number and Specimen Tilt Angle on 15 dia. Specimen Stub

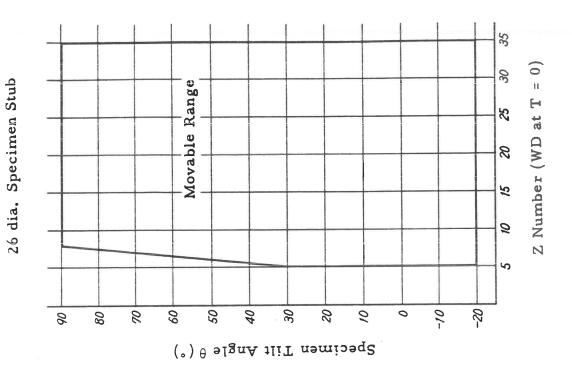
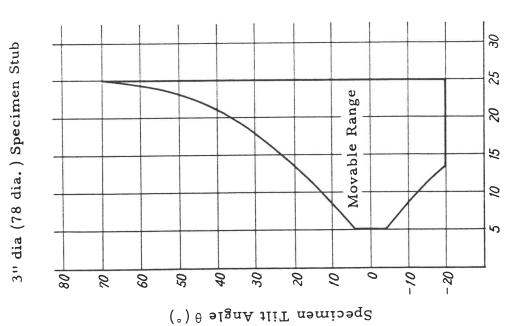


Fig. 2-9 Relationship between Z Number and Specimen Tilt Angle on 26 dia. Specimen Stub



4" dia. (102 dia.) Speciment Stub

40

30

20

9

Specimen Tilt Angle  $\theta(°)$ 

Z Number (WD at T = 0)

Movable Range

Fig. 2-11 Relationship between Z Number and Specimen Tilt Angle on 102 dia. Specimen Stub

2-10 Relationship between Z Number and Specimen Tilt Angle on

Fig.

78 dia. Speciemen Stub

35

8

25

20

15

9

-20

-10

Z Number (WD at T = 0)

(ii) Horizontal Displacement Range

So long as paragraph (i) is satisfied, displacement is available by up to 40 mm regardless of the specimen stub size.

(c) Special Usage (when specimen is thick)

When the sample is thicker than the standard and the specimen height adjustment carried out in paragraph 2-2-1 is unavailable, obtain a movable range of Z and specimen tilt angle  $\theta$ . Carry out operation within the obtained range.

(i) Obtain the dimension by which the standard setting height is surpassed.

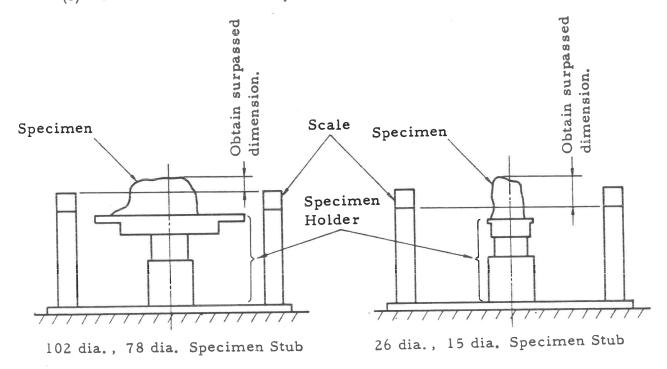


Fig. 2-12 Specimen Height Setting in Special Usage

- (ii) Make selection from among Figs. 2-8 through 2-11 according to the particular specimen size.
- (iii) Measure by means of the scale the amount by which the standard setting height is surpassed, and apply that value to a corresponding graph.
- (iv) Take reading of the allowable range (Fig. 2-13).

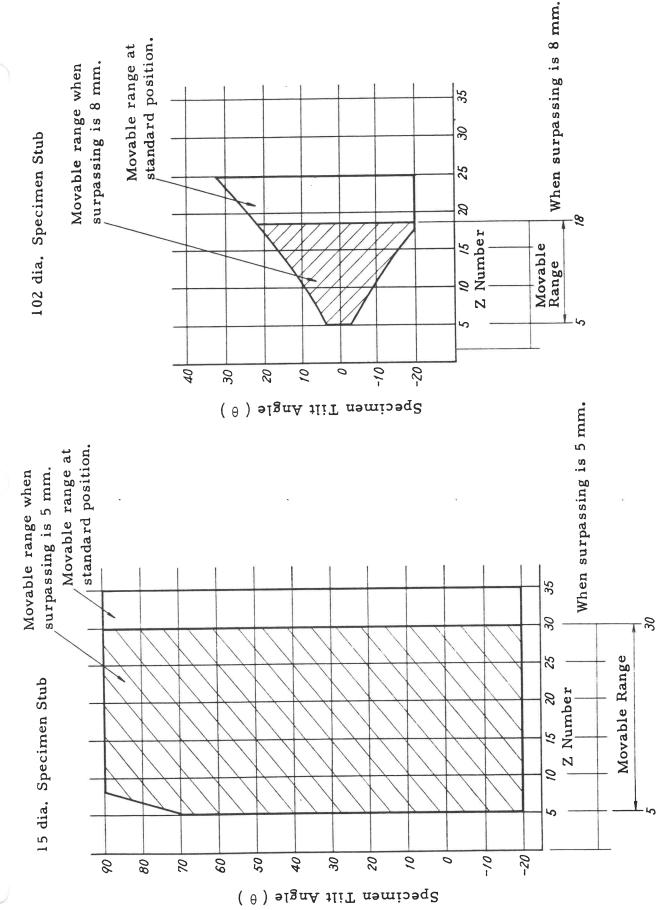


Fig. 2-13 Example of Movable Range of Z and  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  when Surpassing Standard Height Seeting

# 2-2-2 Observation of Secondary Electron Image

(1) Preliminary Operation

(2) Setting of Conditions

level.

Set the WORKING DISTANCE control knob in accordance with the specimen height.

Position No. 1: WD 5 mm

No. 2: WD 10 mm

No. 3: WD 15 mm

No. 5: WD 35 mm

Set the COND LENS control knob from 3.5 to 4.5.

No. 4:

Turn the COARSE knob of MAGNIFICATION fully counterclockwise.

WD 25 mm

Set the ACC VOLTAGE selector to, say, 20 kV.

Turn the FILAMENT control knob fully counterclockwise.

Turn on the HV (kV) SE switch.

Turn on the HV (kV) ON switch.

Turn the FILAMENT control knob until the emission current is saturated. (See Fig. 2-14.)

An image appears on the VIEW CRT.

Turn the GUN ALIGNMENT control knob so that the maximum image brightness is obtained. If the image is too bright, turn the CONTRAST and BRIGHTNESS control knobs counterclockwise. A convenient way to carry out this adjustment is to depress the FOCUS MONITOR pushbutton switch and find out the maximum brightness by use of waveform on the CRT. (Fig. 2-6 (b))

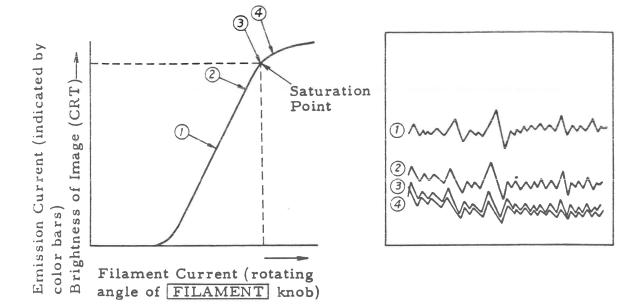
(3) Note on Observing under Low Magnification

When observing at magnification lower than 100x, set WD  $\leq$  15 mm and select notch  $\boxed{3}$  (200  $\mu$ m) or  $\boxed{4}$  (100  $\mu$ m) of the objective lens aperture.

Note: Measures for too high or too low emission current

- (i) When the emission current indication goes beyond the green bar, the filament is protruding out of the Wehnelt hole too much.

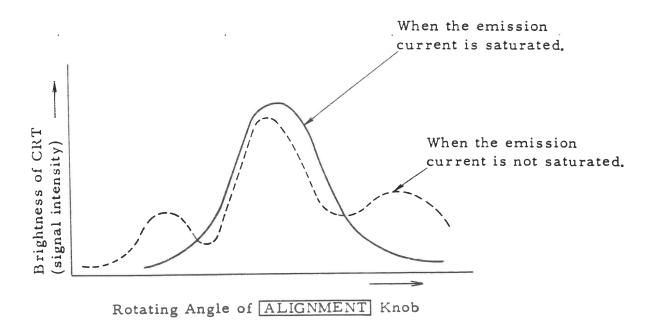
  Reset the filament.
- (ii) If the FILAMENT control knob is turned excessively so as to bring the emission current to the over saturation, the service life of filament may be extremely reduced.
- (iii) If the emission current fails to flow, the filament is burnt out or recessed with respect to the Wehnelt hole. Reset the filament.



- (a) Image Brightness vs Filament Current
- (b) Waveforms Appearing on CRT with the FOCUS MONITOR

  Depressed

Note: When the saturated emission current lies within the green range with the accelerating voltage set to 20 kV, the filament setting is done correctly.



(c) ALIGNMENT Control Knob vs Brightness

Fig. 2-14 Saturation Point of Emission Current

#### 2-2-3 Centering of Objective Lens Aperture

- (1) Turn the aperture opening selector knob to set the objective lens aperture scale to 2 or 3. See Fig. 2-7.
- (2) Adjust COARSE knob of the FOCUS control of the operation panel so as to obtain approximate focusing. Perform centering of the objective lens aperture by turning the two control knobs (lateral and longitudinal fine control knobs) of the objective lens aperture so that the image on CRT will not drift horizontally or vertically when the COARSE knob is turned clockwise or counterclockwise to (under-focus or over-focus side). See Fig. 2-15.
- (3) Finally adjust the knobs so that the image on CRT will not drift at the maximum magnification to be observed.
- (4) Adjust the BRIGHTNESS knob until optimum brightness of the image on CRT is obtained.

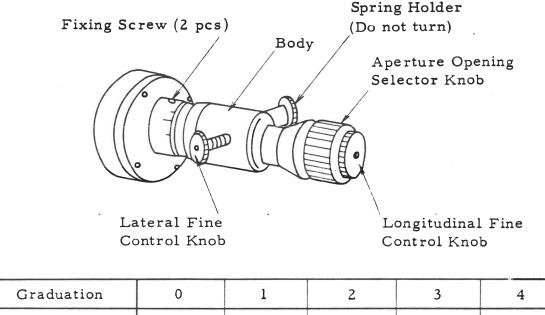


Fig. 2-15 Objective Lens Aperture

#### 2-2-4 Focusing and Astigmatism Correction

- (1) Turn the STIGMATOR (X, Y) knobs six turns in the same direction and return them three turns so that the arrows point vertically upward.
- (2) Turn the COARSE and FINE knobs of MAGNIFICATION control so as to obtain a magnification of about 100x.
- (3) Turn the COARSE and FINE knobs of FOCUS control to bring the image into focus.

- (4) Turn the MAGNIFICATION knob to a magnification of about 10,000x, and adjust the COARSE and FINE knobs of FOCUS knobs to bring the image into focus in the same manner as in step (3). In this case, a sharp image is not always obtained even if just focused.
- (5) If astigmatism appears, the image on CRT will be unidirectionally blurred. The direction of blur differs by 90° when the image is under-focused and over-focused. Turn both STIGMATOR (X, Y) knobs and the FINE knob of FOCUS knobs alternately until the image is not blurred any longer.
- (6) Depress the STIGMA MONITOR pushbutton and make sure that an image as shown in Fig. 2-16 is seen. If the astigmatism is fully corrected, the sharpest image is obtained when just-focused.
  - (Since the STIGMATOR is of the X-Y system, astigmatism is corrected by the "cut and try" method by suitably turning the X and Y knobs.)
- (7) It is recommended to perform focusing and astigmatism correction at a magnification 2 or 3 times higher than the final desired magnification. Then, observe the image at the lower magnification, and high accuracy observations can be done.
- (8) Now, focusing and astigmatism correction are completed in the ☐ mode. Depress the ☒ or ▽ pushbutton switch of the VIEW selector and perform fine focusing adjustment again.

Astigmatism in Longitudinal Underfocusing Optimum Focusing Overfocusing

Direction

Astigmatism

in Lateral

Direction

(a) Astigmatism Appears (b) No Astigmatism Appears

Fig. 2-16 Astigmatism Correction

## 2-2-5 Selection of Factors Determining Image Quality

The following procedure should be taken for obtaining a clear image after completion of focusing and astigmatism correction described in the above paragraphs.

# (1) Setting of ACC VOLTAGE Knob

Table 2-1 indicates the relation between the acceleration voltages and image quality. The resolution of the secondary electron image, for example, is generally improved as the acceleration voltage is increased, but the image quality becomes harder. Accordingly, an acceleration voltage of 20 kV is often employed for ordinary observations. However, it is necessary to increase or decrease this voltage according to purposes.

Acceleration Voltage 30 ..... 5 10 15 20 25 (kV)- High Low Resolution Charge-up Little 🤇 Much Contamination Much Little Effect by Small Large disturbances - Hard Soft Image quality Non-evaporated Easy observation X-ray X-ray analysis Scanning trans-STEM mission image Secondary electron Little Much signal

Table 2-1 Acceleration Voltage and Image Quality

# (2) Setting of COND LENS switch

When turning the COND LENS control knob from 0 to 10, the condenser current increases, and when turning from 10 to 0, it decreases.

Table 2-2 indicates the relation between the condenser current and image quality. When the condenser current is increased, for example, the resolution is improved, but the image becomes rough since the specimen illuminating current decreases.

Table 2-2 Condenser Current and Image Quality

| Condenser Current                | Small \( \tage \)  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| COND LENS control knob           | 0 4 5 6 9 10   |
| Specimen current (A)             | 10 <sup>-7</sup> 10 <sup>-8</sup> 10 <sup>-9</sup> 10 <sup>-10</sup> 10 <sup>-11</sup> 10 <sup>-12</sup> |
| Resolution                       | Low High   |
| Secondary electron signal        | Much \( \tag{Little}   |
| Roughness of image               | Fine C Rough   |
| Secondary electron image         | SE   |
| Reflected electron image         | RE   |
| Absorbed electron image          | AE   |
| Scanning trans-<br>mission image | STEM   |
| X-ray analysis (EDX)             | EDX  |

Note: The above values of knob scale and specimen current are approximate ones.

# (3) Selection of Objective Lens Aperture Opening Diameter

Table 2-3 indicates the relation among opening diameter of objective lens aperture, focal depth, resolution, and specimen current. Notch 2 or 3 is normally employed for ordinary observations.

Table 2-3 Objective Aperture and Image Quality

|                                     | T        |     |     |         |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-----|-----|---------|
| Notch No.                           | 1        | 2   | 3.  | 4       |
| Aperture opening diameter (µm dia.) | 400      | 300 | 200 | 100     |
| Depth of focus                      | Shallow- |     |     | → Deep  |
| Resolution                          | Low -    |     |     | - High  |
| Specimen current                    | Large -  |     |     | > Small |

## (4) Setting of WORKING DISTANCE Knob

The working distance means the distance between the lower face of the objective lens and the specimen. It is set by adjusting the specimen height with respect to the height gauge. Table 2-4 indicates the relation between the working distance and image quality. The working distance is normally set to 15 mm or 25 mm. If a high resolution is required, it is set to 5 mm.

· Table 2-4 Working Distance and Image Quality

| Focus position           | 2       | 1 | 2  | 3  | 4     | 5  |
|--------------------------|---------|---|----|----|-------|----|
| Working<br>distance (mm) |         | 5 | 10 | 15 | 25    | 35 |
| Depth of focus           | Shallow | 4 |    |    | Deep  |    |
| Resolution               | High    |   |    |    | > Low |    |

## 2-2-6 Photo Recording

- (1) Check the following items before starting photo recording.
  - (a) Check if rough image appears. If the image is rough, slightly turn the COND LENS control knob from 10 to 3.5 referring to 2-2-5 (2).

    When the COND LENS knob is turned, focusing also changes a little.

    Perform focusing again by turning the FINE knob of FOCUS knobs.
  - (b) Check if the focusing and astigmatism correction have been done sufficiently. If astigmatism persists, or the image is blurred unidirectional ly, or the image is out of focus, repeat steps  $(4) \sim (7)$  in 2-2-4.
- (2) Adjust the CONTRAST and BRIGHTNESS knobs so that the CONTRAST and BRIGHTNESS indicators fall to the center of green zone (with the film speed ASA200 and the camera lens stop at 5.6).

  The BRIGHTNESS control is automatically set so that the green zone is always indicated when depressing the AUTO switch.
- (3) Set the PHOTO SPEED selector to 2 (100 sec).
- (4) Depress the PHOTO switch. A single frame is swept on the CRT screen to be recorded on the film.
- (5) When the exposure is ended, the image of the original scanning speed is restored on the <u>VIEW CRT</u>.
  - Note: Since both sides (about 11 mm wide each from the end) of viewing CRT are out of photo recording area, set the imagefield to be photographed within the photo recording area.
- (6) Kinds of Film and Setting of Brightness;
  The indications of the BRIGHTNESS indicator and CONTRAST indicator have been adjusted to meet the sensitivity of the film employed by

the user during installation so that an optimum value can be shown with the PHOTO SPEED switch set to 2. It is necessary to adjust the lens stop for an optimum exposure if photography is made using a film having a sensitivity other than specified above.

Reference: Kinds of Film and Processing Method

(a) The ordinary monochrome film is employed for photographing SEM images. Table 2-5 indicates typical ones. It is recommended to use a large film such as Brownie size when a high enlargement magnification is required.

Table 2-5 Kinds of Film

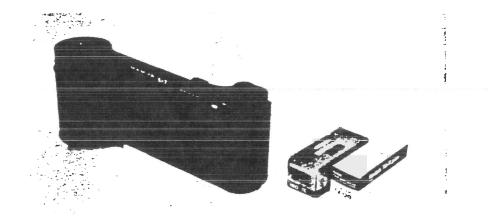
| Kinds of Film            |           |        | Sensitivity (ASA)      |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------|------------------------|
| Roll film (Brownie size) |           |        | 100 ~ 400              |
|                          | 105       |        | 75 (Positive/negative) |
| Polaroid                 | Card-size | 107    | 3000 (Positive)        |
|                          |           | P/N 55 | 50 (Positive/negative) |
|                          | 4'' x 5'' | 52     | 400 (Positive)         |

- (b) Fig. 2-17 indicates the film holders employed for various film.
- (c) Table 2-6 indicates the DPE processing of film except Polaroid film.

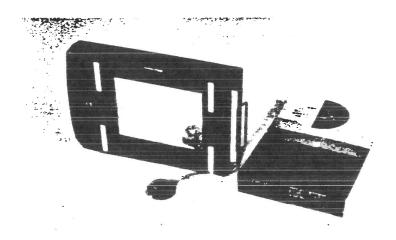
Table 2-6 Film Processing Method (Example)

|          | Processing<br>Solution            | Processing<br>Time (min) | Cautions   |
|----------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Develop- | D-76                              | 7 ~ 9                    | Use developing solution while adding                                   |
| ment     | Polydol                           | 8                        | supplement. Prolong the developing time by 10 % for every development. |
|          | Microdol-X                        | 10 ~ 12                  |  |
|          | D-76 (1 : 1)                      | 7 ~ 9 (23°C)             | Discard developing solution after completion of each development.      |
| Stop     | Acetic acid<br>15 cc/l l<br>water | 0.5                      |  |
| Fixing   | Ordinary<br>type                  | 5 ~ 10                   | Exchange solution when the time required for making the unexposed      |
|          | Rapid type                        | 3 ~ 5                    | part of film transparent is doubled.                                   |
| Rinsing  | Water                             | 15 ~ 30                  | Running water  |

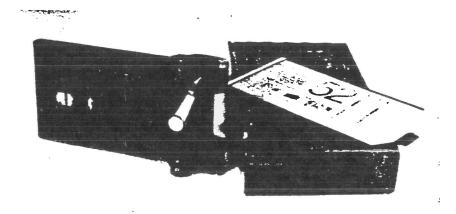
The above processing time indicates an example of TRI-X.



120 Roll Film Holder Photographing Ratio: 1:0.6



Polaroid Type 107 Film Holder Photographing Ratio: 1:0.8



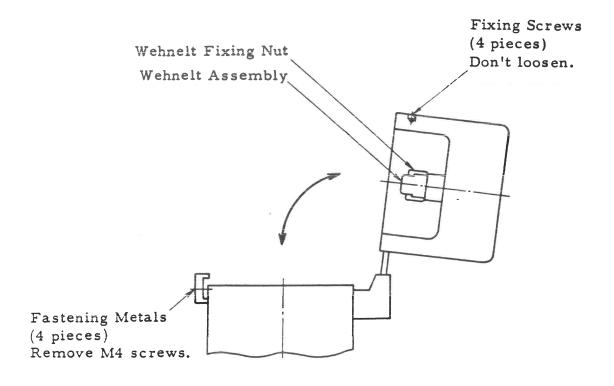
Polaroid 4" x 5" Sheet Film Holder Photographing Ratio: 1:1

Fig. 2-17 Film Holders

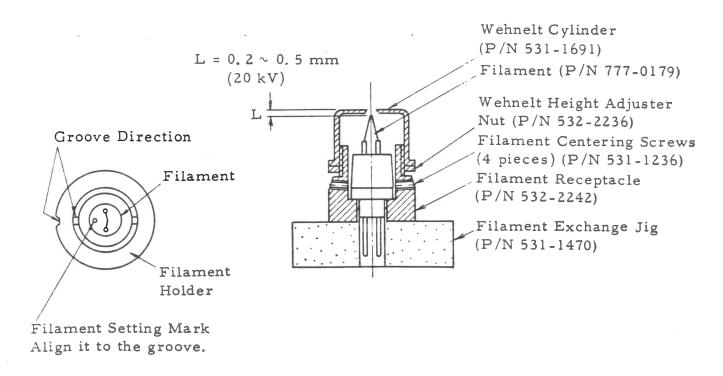
#### 2-2-7 Filament Exchange

- (1) Depress the HV (kV) OFF switch on the display unit.
- (2) Depress the AIR switch to air-leak.
- (3) Remove four gun housing fastening metals (Fig. 2-18 (a)).
- (4) Fix four gun aligning screws securely.
- (5) Put a pair of gloves on your hands.
- (6) Open the gun housing (Fig. 2-18 (a)).
- (7) Loosen the Wehnelt fixing nut by turning counterclockwise and dismount the Wehnelt assembly.
- (8) Make the filament assembly rest on the filament exchange jig (Fig. 2-18 (b)).
- (9) Loosen four filament centering screws.
- (10) Turn the Wehnelt cylinder counterclockwise and remove it.
- (11) Replace the filament with new one.
- (12) Fasten four filament centering screws lightly.
- (13) Clean the inside of the Wehnelt hole with absorbent, cotton, soaked in polishing paste and acetone.
- (14) Mount the Wehnelt cylinder.
- (15) Adjust the distance "L" between the Wehnelt tip and the filament tip to  $0.2 \sim 0.5$  mm by use of the adjuster nut.
- (16) Fasten the Wehnelt cylinder and the nut tightly.
- (17) Center the filament by use of four filament centering screws.
- (18) Ascertain that the filament is exactly centered with a magnifying lens.
- (19) Assemble the Wehnelt assembly into the gun housing.
- (20) Fasten the Wehnelt fixing nut tightly.
- (21) Close the gun housing.
- (22) Depress the EVAC switch.
- (23) Fit up the gun housing fastening metals (4 pieces).
- (24) The HIGH vacuum lamp lights up and the evacuation is completed.
- (25) Depress the HV (kV) ON switch.
- (26) Turn the FILAMENT control slowly to the saturation point.
- (27) If the EMISSION CURRENT reading is greatly deviated, readjust the distance "L" between the filament and the Wehnelt cylinder. The smaller "L" is, the greater becomes the emission current, and vice versa.

  The proper level is 1 ~ 3 divisions lower than the yellow bar on the EMISSION CURRENT indicator at the acceleration voltage of 20 kV, 25 kV.



(a) Opening the Gun Housing

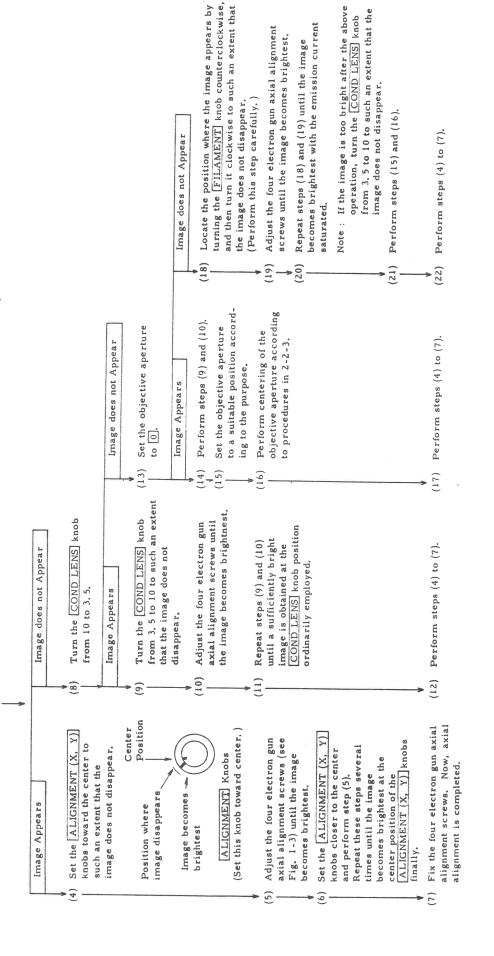


(b) Filament Setting

Fig. 2-18 Filament Exchange

2-2-8 Axial Alignment of Electron Gun

- (1) Mount the specimen on the specimen goniometer stage, and evacuate the column.
- (2) Make sure that the HIGH vacuum lamp lights.
- Obtain the secondary electron image according to the procedures in 2-2-2 "Observation of Secondary Electron Image", Set the MAGNIFICATION knob fully counterclockwise and the VIEW switch to 📋 . Proceed to the next step. (3)



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#### 2-3 SHUTDOWN

- (1) Depress the HV (kV) OFF switch.
- (2) Turn off the DISPLAY main switch.
- (3) Ascertain that HIGH vacuum lamp is lit.
- (4) Turn off the EVAC main switch.
- (5) Turn off the knife switch on the distribution board in the room.
- (6) About 15 minutes later, stop cooling water supply.

#### 2-4 CAUTIONS ON OPERATION

When operating the instrument, take consideration of the following items.

- (1) Wear clean gloves on your hands whenever exchanging specimens or filament.
- (2) Avoid giving a shock to the instrument (particularly while taking photograph).
- (3) Avoid using an excess amount of conductive paste for setting the specimen onto the specimen stub. Otherwise, (a) it may be hard to dry up in the air, and (b) the evacuation takes longer time with insufficiently dried paste.
- (4) Avoid reducing the condenser lens current excessively while turning on the emission current and the SE switch. If the condenser current level is too low (less than 2.4), the electron beam bombarding the specimen is too intensive and the signal intensity to the secondary electron detector grows so high that the scintillator may be damaged.
- (5) When the image is observed with a large specimen at a short working distance, the specimen tilt angle is to be set to around 0°.

### 2-5 METHOD OF EVAPORATING THE SPECIMEN

### 2-5-1 General Remarks on Evaporation

Electrically non-conductive specimens require deposit of vacuum-evaporated metal film in general so as to make them conductive. Particularly when observing a biological or fibrous specimen having a complicated profile, wrong evaporation often causes image troubles. If the evaporated film is too thin or the specimen is not evaporated evenly along its topographical profile, a uniform image quality cannot be expected and a certain part of the image becomes too bright while another part too dark. Furthermore, in worst cases, a lateral bright line appears on the image, the astigmatism grows and the resolution is reduced. To prevent such a failure, the specimen should be evaporated taking care of the following items.

- (1) Use a vacuum evaporator with gimbal mechanism and evaporate the specimen at a higher tilt angle.
- (2) Evaporate the specimen slowly for 1 to 2 minutes.
- (3) Evaporation should be done under a high vacuum better than  $2 \sim 5 \times 10^{-5}$  Torr.
- (4) Keep the specimen more than 10 cm away from the evaporation source so as to prevent specimen temperature rise due to thermal radiation.

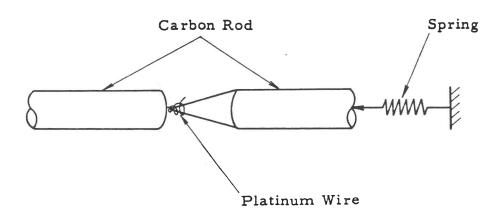
- (5) Gold has generally been used as an evaporated metal. However, simultaneous evaporation of gold and palladium (Au-Pd), platinum and palladium (Pt-Pd), and carbon and platinum (C-Pt) permits coating the specimen surface stably with very fine particles (about 25 Å) so that an image without any charge-up can be obtained with a relatively thin evaporated film. For the simultaneous evaporating method of carbon and platinum, refer to 2-5-2.
- (6) The evaporated film thickness should be to such an extent that there is no charge-up. The film thickness is about 200 Å normally, but the thinner, the better.

## 2-5-2 Platinum-Carbon Evaporation Method

- (1) Carbon rods are used as electrodes. The carbon rod is ground flat at one end and pointed conically at the other end. See Fig. 2-19.
- (2) Wind a platinum wire of about 0.1 mm dia. x 3 cm long on the conical tapered tip.
  - Note: It is easier to mount the platinum wire already wound onto the tapered carbon tip while holding the platinum wire using tweezers. This also eliminates damage of carbon tip.
- (3) Apply a current to the carbon rod in the atmosphere to heat the platinum wire so that platinum is fused at the conical tip of the carbon rod.
- (4) Set the fused side in the direction of the specimen mounted onto the gimbal mechanism.
- (5) Evacuate the instrument until a high vacuum better than  $2 \sim 5 \times 10^{-5}$  Torr is obtained.
- (6) Apply a current to the carbon rod while operating the gimbal mechanism at a relatively high revolution.
- (7) Stop evaporating when platinum has completely been evaporated.
- (8) Wait about 3 minutes, admit air and take out the specimen.

2-5-3 Gold-Palladium Alloy and Platinum-Palladium Alloy Evaporating Method

The evaporating method is the same as in gold evaporation. However, since these substances feature high melting points, be careful not to damage the specimen through thermal radiation. The gold-palladium alloy and platinum-palladium alloy wires for evaporating SEM specimens are available on the market.



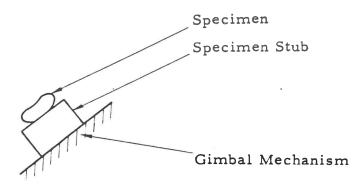
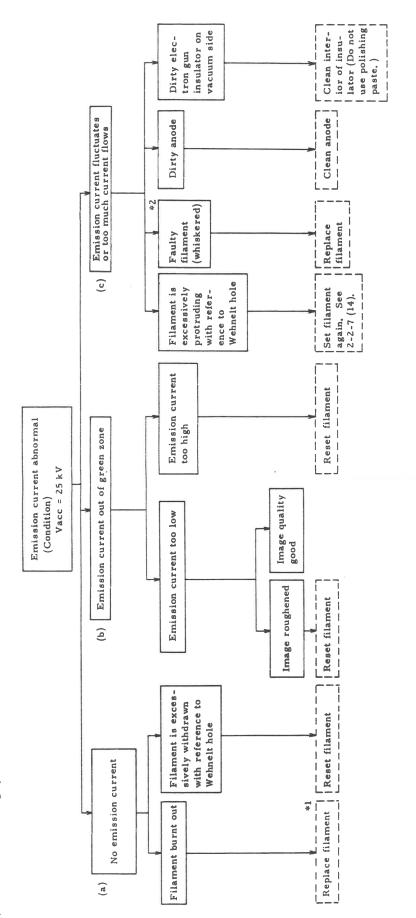


Fig. 2-19 Carbon-Platinum Evaporating Method

Section 3
MAINTENANCE

# 3-1 MAINTENANCE OF COLUMN

- 3-1-1 Filament Exchange
- (1) When the emission current becomes irregular, the filament should be replaced (see Fig. 3-1).
- (2) For filament exchange procedure, see 2-2-7. Clean the Wehnelt cylinder and the anode when the filament is exchanged.



\*1 Clean the Wehnelt cylinder when replacing the filament.

<sup>\*2</sup> If the filament whisker comes to contact with the Wehnelt cylinder, the apparent emission current grows so high that the <u>EMISSION</u> <u>CURRENT</u> indicator deflects beyond the colored zone.

3-1-2 Exchange of Cleaning of COND Fixed Aperture

Replace or clean the COND fixed aperture once every three months as follows;

- (1) Depress the HV (kV) OFF switch.
- (2) Depress the AIR pushbutton switch on the evacuating system operation panel.
- (3) When the column has reached atmospheric pressure (about 30 seconds), open the electron gun assembly. Wear clean gloves for the following steps.
- (4) Place an aluminum foil of 20 x 20 cm on the work table. All parts should be placed on it after removal.
- (5) Remove the anode by turning it counterclockwise.
- (6) Pull out the aperture ass'y straight upward by using the condenser lens aperture ass'y pick-up tweezers. See Fig. 3-2.
- (7) Disassemble the aperture according to Fig. 3-2.
- (8) Clean all parts other than the COND fixed aperture with absorbent cotton wound around a bamboo stick and soaked in acetone. It is recommended to use an ultrasonic cleaner, if available.
- (9) Bake the aperture plates in a vacuum evaporator, then reassemble all parts cleaned in the above to the original state.
- (10) Insert the aperture ass'y into the column by using the condenser lens aperture ass'y pick-up tweezers.
- (11) Mount the anode by turning it clockwise into its seat.
- (12) Close the electron gun assembly after pulling out the stopper knob at the fliptop hinge of the electron gun assembly.
- (13) Depress the EVAC pushbutton switch on the evacuating system operation panel.
- (14) Evacuation is completed when the  $\overline{VACUUM}$  meter registers about 10  $\mu A$ .
- 3-1-3 Baking of Aperture Plates
- (1) Mount the molybdenum board in the vacuum evaporator. See Fig. 3-3.
- (2) Heat up the molybdenum board after evacuating the vacuum evaporator.

  Continue applying the current until the molybdenum board becomes incandescent. Do not apply too high a current to prevent the molybdenum board from being melted.
- (3) Let air into the vacuum evaporator about 5 minutes after completion of baking.
- (4) Mount the aperture at the center of the molybdenum board.
- (5) Evacuate the vacuum evaporator and bake the aperture up to the incandescent point. Do not apply the current continuously to prevent the aperture plate from being melted.

(6) Let air into the evaporator about 5 minutes after completion of baking, and remove the baked aperture by means of tweezers.

Note: Avoid touching the baked aperture plates directly in hand.



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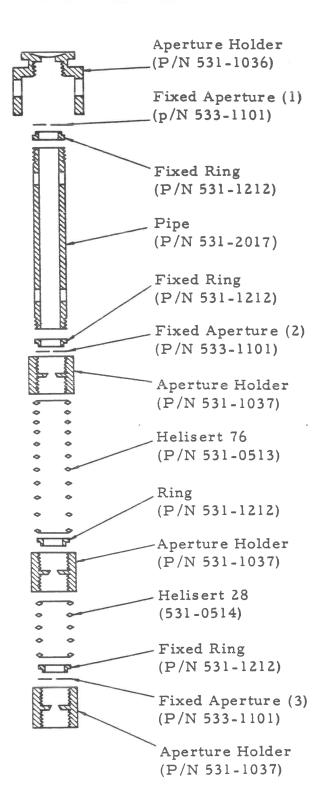


Fig. 3-2 Cleaning of COND Fixed Aperture Plates

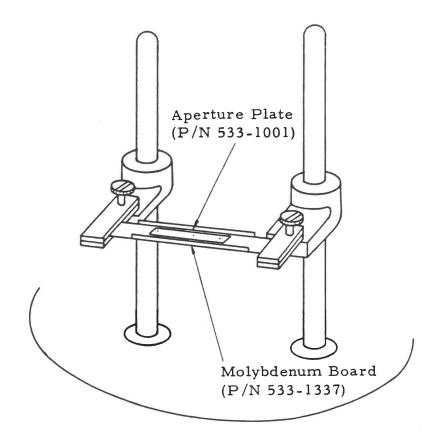
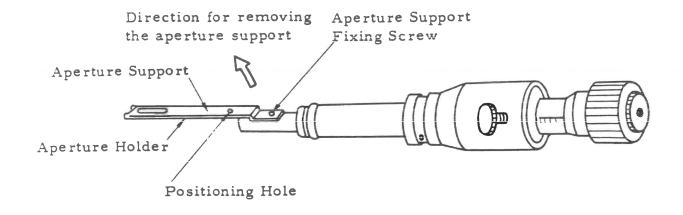


Fig. 3-3 Baking of Aperture Plate

## 3-1-4 Exchange or Cleaning of Objective Aperture Plate

When the STIGMATOR (X, Y) on the display unit operation panel fails to eliminate astigmatism, the objective aperture plate must be cleaned.

- (1) Depress the HV (kV) OFF switch.
- (2) Depress the AIR pushbutton switch on the evacuating system operation panel.
- (3) The air introduction to the column will be completed in about 30 seconds. Wear gloves for the following steps.
- (4) Place an aluminum foil of about 20 x 20 cm on the work table.
  All parts removed by the following steps should be placed on the foil.
- (5) Turn the aperture hole selector knob to set the objective movable aperture at position 0. See Fig. 2-15.
- (6) Remove 2 fixing screws. See Fig. 2-15.
- (7) Holding the body of the objective aperture assembly, pull it out straightly. See Fig. 3-4.



Note: For the sake of easy understanding, this figure is drawn upside down. In the practical mounting, insert the assembly into the specimen chamber with the aperture support downward.

Fig. 3-4 Cleaning of Objective Movable Aperture

- (8) Remove the aperture support fixing screw by using a watchmaker's screw-driver.
- (9) Remove the aperture support by using tweezers.
- (10) Remove the objective lens aperture plate by means of tweezers, and bake it in the vacuum evaporator.
- (11) Clean the aperture support and the aperture holder by using a bamboo stick wound with absorbent cotton, soaked in polishing paste, and then in acetone.
  - Note: Cleaning should be done carefully.
- (12) Mount the baked objective lens aperture plate onto the aperture holder, and set the positioning hole of the objective lens aperture plate to that of the aperture holder.
- (13) Mount the aperture support and slightly fasten the aperture support fixing screw.
- (14) Clamp the aperture support fixing screw after making sure that the positioning hole of the objective lens aperture plate meets the positioning holes of both aperture support and aperture holder.
- Remove the specimen goniometer stage, and insert the objective lens aperture straight into the specimen chamber while monitoring the tip of the aperture from the inside of the specimen chamber. Be careful not to insert the aperture plate upside down. See Fig. 3-4 (Note).
- (16) Fasten two fixing screws. See Fig. 2-15.
- (17) Depress the EVAC pushbutton switch on the evacuating system operation panel.
- (18) End up the evacuation as the  $\overline{VACUUM}$  meter indication has attained to approximately 10  $\mu A$ .

- 3-1-5 Cleaning of Objective Fixed Aperture
- (1) Depress the AIR button of the evacuation panel.
- (2) Air is let into the specimen chamber in about 30 seconds.
- (3) Draw out the goniometer stage (see Fig. 2-5), raise it gently about 15 mm upward, and pull it again toward you. Then the entire goniometer stage can be drawn out of the specimen chamber.
- (4) In the same way as in paragraph 3-1-4, take out the objective movable aperture.
- (5) Introduce an aperture taking-out stick through the hole of the specimen goniometer stage, insert it into the lower pole piece hole of the objective lens, rotate it clockwise about three turns, and pull it toward you to take out the first aperture.
- (6) Take out the second aperture in the following manner.

  Rotate the outer side of aperture taking-out stick by 1.5 to 2 turns, and tighten completely the inner side of the stick with the outer side fixed by left hand. Then tighten the outer side in the counterclockwise direction to take out the second aperture.
  - Notes 1) The instrument performance largely depends upon the objective pole piece. Therefore carry out operation carefully not to allow dust on the surface.
    - 2) Take care not to damage the scintillator surface in the specimen chamber.
- (7) Clean each fixed aperture with absorbent cotton (and a bamboo stick) and acetone. Application of an ultrasonic cleaning, if available, is advisable.
- (8) After cleaning, proceed to reassembly in the procedure reverse to (3) through (6).
- (9) Depress the EVAC pushbutton on the evacuation system control panel.
- (10) Evacuation is completed as soon as the vacuum indicator points about 10  $\mu A$ .

## 3-2 MAINTENANCE OF SECONDARY ELECTRON DETECTOR

## 3-2-1 Replacement of Scintillator

The scintillator coated with fluorescent substance has a long service life, and hence need not be replaced frequently. However, when the image quality is degraded, it must be replaced.

- (1) Depress the AIR pushbutton switch on the evacuating system operation panel.
- (2) The air admission into the specimen chamber is finished in about 30 seconds. Wear gloves for the following operation.
- (3) Put an aluminium foil (of square of 20 cm) on the table, and place removed parts thereon.

- (4) Loosen flange setscrews (4 pcs) for the secondary electron detector, to remove it from the specimen chamber (see Fig. 2-4).
- (5) Remove the high-voltage connector by loosening its two setscrews by means of a hex key wrench (Fig. 3-6).

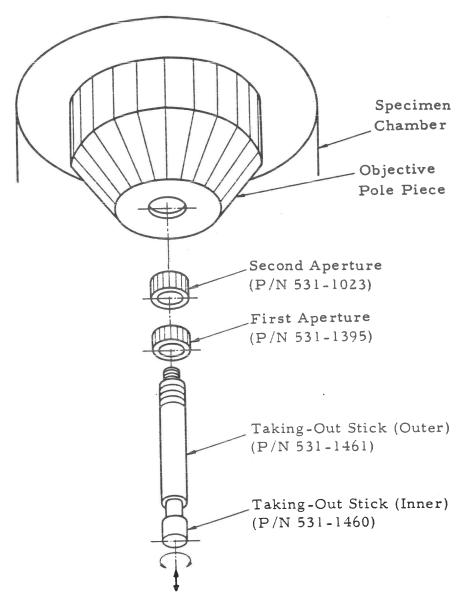


Fig. 3-5 External View of Objective Bottom Pole Piece

- (6) Remove the ground ring setscrews (3 pcs) by means of the hexagon key wrench.
- (7) Remove the hold ring for the scintillator by rotating it counterclockwise referring to Fig. 3-6.

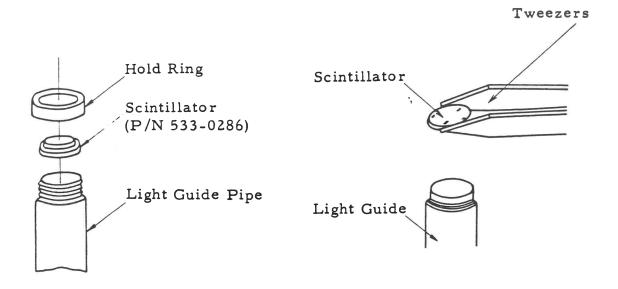


Fig. 3-9 Assembling of Scintillator Fig. 3-10 Mounting of Scintillator

## 3-3 MAINTENANCE OF OIL-SEALED ROTARY PUMPS

See the attached "Handling instruction for the Hitachi oil-sealed rotary pump".

#### 3-4 TROUBLESHOOTING

The troubleshooting described below concerns the failures under the normal operation, and does not cover those encountered at the time of installation.

#### 3-4-1 Evacuation System Fails

- (1) Power failure.
- (2) The EVAC main switch (non-fuse breaker) is turned off. If the cause is unknown, contact the serviceman.
- (3) Overheated DP due to clogged DP cooling water pipe (contact your nearest representative).

## 3-4-2 Deterioration of Vacuum (low vacuum range)

- (1) Air Leak
  - (a) Wrong mounting of the specimen goniometer stage in the specimen chamber.
  - (b) Poor fixing of the evacuating pipe between the electron gun and specimen chamber.
- (2) Faulty Pirani Gauge

If faulty, the pointer of the Pirani gauge fluctuates. Contact your nearest representative.

- (3) Faulty Oil-Sealed Rotary Pumps
  - (a) Very little or excessive RP oil.
  - (b) Faulty motor.
- (4) Malfunction of Evacuating System Valve
  - (a) Defective DC (+24 V) power supply.
  - (b) Defect of valve proper. (Contact your nearest representative.)
- 3-4-3 Deterioration of Vacuum (high vacuum range)
- (1) Low pumping speed of DP due to shortage of DP oil.
- (2) Malfunction of evacuating system valve.
  - (a) Air leak.
  - (b) Defect of valve proper. (Contact your nearest representative.)
- (3) Faulty Pirani Gauge
- 3-4-4 Abnormal Emission Current

See Fig. 3-1.

- 3-4-5 Absence of Image on CRT
- (1) Poor electron gun axial alignment. (Contact your nearest representative.)
- (2) Faulty head amplifier:
  - If so, the needle of the BRIGHTNESS meter does not deflect when turning the BRIGHTNESS knob. Contact your nearest representative.
- (3) The post-stage acceleration high voltage is not applied.
- (4) The photomultiplier high voltage is not applied.
- (5) COND LENS switch turned excessively toward "9".
- (6) Excessively counterclockwise turning of CONTRAST knob.
- (7) Poor adjustment of objective lens aperture. Set the longitudinal fine control knob of the objective lens aperture to about mid-point and the objective lens aperture to position 0. If the image does not appear on CRT yet, check further.
- (8) Too high magnification.
- 3-4-6 Noisy Image Appears
- (1) Faulty scintillator. Replace.
- (2) COND LENS switch turned excessively toward "9".
- (3) CONTRAST knob turned excessively clockwise.

## Section 4

## EXCHANGING PARTS

# 4-1 CONSUMABLES AND SPARE PARTS

## 4-1-1 Consumables

The items shown in Table 4-1 should always be on hand for normal operation.

## 4-1-2 Spare Parts

A list of "Recommended Spare Parts" for long term operation is provided on the following pages.

Table 4-1 Consumables

| Part No. | Part Name                           | USE                       | Remarks |
|----------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| D529000  | Conductive paint                    |                           | 30 g    |
| G370250  | Metal polishing paste               |                           | 50 g    |
| G743002  | Bamboo stick                        | ·                         | 10 pcs  |
| S370061  | Absorbent cotton                    |                           |         |
| S370059  | Gauze                               |                           |         |
| S269003  | Aluminum foil                       |                           |         |
| G465001  | Vacuum grease                       | For vacuum seal           |         |
| 533-1101 | Condenser lens aperture plate       |                           |         |
| 533-1001 | Objective lens aperture plate       |                           |         |
| 777-0179 | Filament                            |                           | 10 pcs  |
| 533-0286 | Scintillator                        |                           |         |
|          | Acetone                             | For cleaning              |         |
| 533-1337 | Molybdenum board                    | For baking aperture plate |         |
| S263003  | Nylon gloves                        |                           |         |
| 532-0292 | DP oil (LION S)                     |                           | 100 cc  |
|          | RP oil (MATSUMURA<br>SEKIYU MR-100) |                           | 4 2     |
| 531-0513 | Helisert 76                         | For condenser lens        |         |
| 531-0514 | Helisert 28                         | For condenser lens        |         |

Note: Those bearing no part number should be provided by user.

Table 4-2 Spare Parts

| Part No.  | Part Name                  | Location                                | Remark |
|-----------|----------------------------|---|--------|
| L456529   | O-ring AS568-239 NBR       | Electron gun, condenser lens            |        |
| L456464   | O-ring AS568-115 NBR       | Condenser lens                          |        |
| L456008   | O-ring PlOA NBR            | Condenser lens                          |        |
| L456462   | O-ring AS568-113 NBR       | Objective lens                          |        |
| L456015   | O-ring P20 NBR             | Objective lens                          |        |
| L456547   | O-ring AS568-257 NBR       | Specimen goniometer stage (front plate) | 0      |
| L456026   | O-ring P36 NBR             | Specimen goniometer stage (lock)        | 0      |
| L456005   | O-ring P8 NBR              | X, Y control knobs                      | 0      |
| L456002   | O-ring P5 NBR              | R, T, Z, ZL control knobs               | 0      |
| L456501   | O-ring AS568-211 NBR       | SE detector                             |        |
| L456411   | O-ring AS568-012 NBR       | Objective movable aperture              | 0      |
| L456515   | O-ring AS568-225 NBR       | Specimen chamber port                   |        |
| L456510   | O-ring AS568-220 NBR       | Pipe                                    |        |
| L456405   | O-ring AS568-006 NBR       | Valve                                   | 0      |
| L456408 · | O-ring AS568-009 NBR       | Valve                                   | . 0    |
| L456527   | O-ring AS568-237 NBR       | Valve                                   | 0      |
| L456461   | O-ring AS568-112 NBR       | Valve                                   | 0      |
| L456462   | O-ring AS568-113 NBR       | Valve                                   |        |
| L456525   | O-ring AS568-235 NBR       | DP evacuating pipe                      |        |
| 531-1437  | DP heater (2.5")           |   |        |
| J821030   | Fuse 5 A                   |   | 0      |
| J821025   | Fuse 0. 5 A                |   | 0      |
| J821026   | Fuse 1 A                   |   | 0      |
| J821027   | Fuse 2 A                   |   | 0      |
| J821028   | Fuse 3 A                   |   | 0      |
| J821021   | Fuse 0, 2 A                |   | 0      |
| 433-3702  | Specimen stub 15D          |   |        |
| 433-3703  | Specimen stub 26D          |   |        |
| 531-1145  | Specimen stub 3" (78 dia.) |   |        |

Table 4-2 Spare Parts (cont'd)

| Part No. | Part Name                   | Location | Remark |
|----------|-----------------------------|----------|--------|
| 531-1111 | Specimen stub 4" (102 dia.) |          |        |
| K433004  | Pirani gauge bulb           |          |        |
| J386012  | Photomultiplier R268        |          |        |
| 531-0601 | Holder (15 dia. x 4)        |          |        |
| 531-0602 | Holder (6 dia. x 10)        |          |        |
| 531-0603 | Holder (low mag.)           |          |        |
| 533-2277 | Holder for evaporation      |          |        |

Note: The parts with o in the "Remark" column are important ones.

#### Section 5

#### METHODS OF OPERATING OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

## 5-1 MODEL S-4023 SPLIT SCREEN/DUAL MAGNIFICATION UNIT

This is used for (1) simultaneous observation of two images formed by different signals from the same visual field, and (2) simultaneous observation of two images at different magnifications with the CRT screen split into two sections.

### 5-1-1 Composition

The Model S-4023 is made up of the following parts:

- (1) Control unit... of single NIM size and connected to the option port of the display unit
- (2) Printed circuit board for switch circuit ... mounted inside display unit
- (3) Set of connecting cords

#### 5-1-2 Function

- (1) Two images formed by different signals from the same visual field can be simultaneously observed with the CRT screen split into upper and lower halves.
- (2) By splitting the CRT screen into two, the magnified image of an optional area of the image displayed on the upper half can be simultaneously displayed on the lower half.

#### 5-1-3 Control Panel

Fig. 5-1 shows the external view of the control panel. The function of each switch and control is described below.

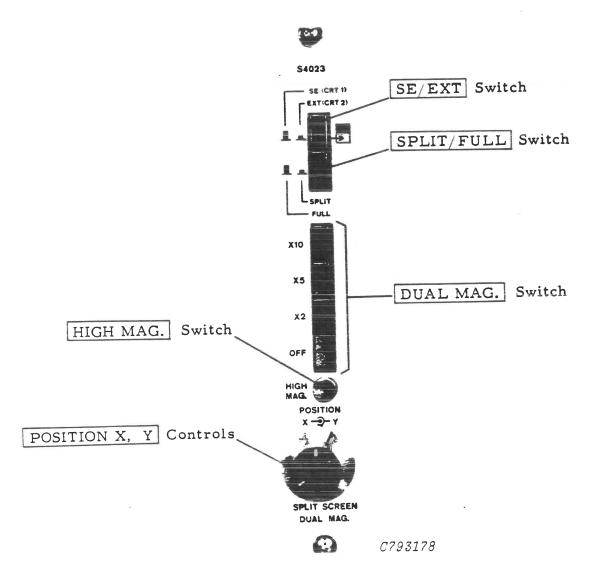


Fig. 5-1 Control Panel

- o SE EXT Switch:
  - selects image signal on the lower half of screen at SPLIT mode
- o SPLIT/FULL Switch:
  - selects either SPLIT or FULL image mode
- o DUAL MAG. Switch:
  - sets magnification for a high magnification image by DUAL MAG. mode
- o HIGH MAG. Switch:
  - permits display of only high magnification image at DUAL MAG. mode
- o POSITION X, Y Controls:
  - shifts X and Y positions of selected area for a high magnification image at DUAL MAG. mode

## 5-1-4 Operation

(1) When This Unit Is not Used

SPLIT/FULL switch --- FULL

DUAL MAG. switch --- OFF

In this status, the S-4023 is not yet in combination with the microscope.

(2) SPLIT Mode

SPLIT/FULL switch—SPLIT
DUAL MAG. switch—OFF

As shown in Fig. 5-2, the CRT screen is divided into upper and lower halves. Both halves display an image of the same visual field. Either SE (secondary electron) or EXT signal (connected to EXT signal input on the display unit) is selected by SIGNAL-EXT switch on the display unit as an image signal for the upper half. Image signal for the lower half is the same as that for the upper half when turning the SE/EXT switch to SE, and is EXT signal when turned to EXT.

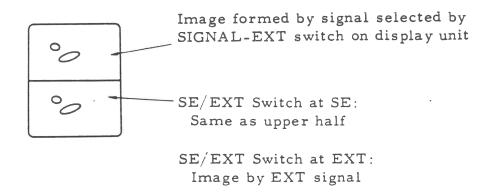


Fig. 5-2 SPLIT Mode

(3) SPLIT + DUAL MAG. Mode

SPLIT/FULL switch -- SPLIT

DUAL MAG. switch  $\rightarrow$  2x, 5x, 10x

As shown in Fig. 5-3, the CRT screen is divided into two. The upper half displays a low magnification image (its magnification is shown on the display unit), and the lower half magnifies and displays at 2x, 5x or 10x the selected area of the low magnification image. The bright rectangular frame showing the area being displayed at a high magnification appears on the upper half, and its position can be shifted by manipulating the POSITION X, Y controls.

Selection of image signal is carried out the same as in the afore-mentioned "SPLIT mode". If the HIGH MAG. switch is turned ON at this SPLIT + DUAL MAG. mode, both the upper and lower halves display a high magnification image.

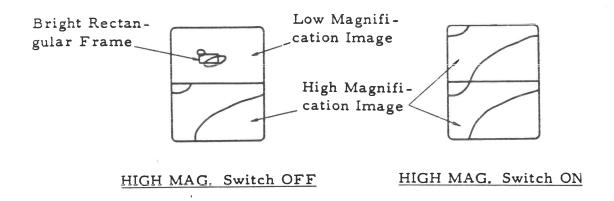


Fig. 5-3 SPLIT + DUAL MAG. Mode

(4) FULL Image + DUAL MAG, Mode

SPLIT/FULL switch—FULL

DUAL MAG. switch -- 2x, 5x, 10x

The CRT screen is not divided by this mode as shown in Fig. 5-4. When the HIGH MAG. switch is at OFF, a low magnification image and a bright rectangular frame are displayed. For displaying the high magnification image of a selected area of the low magnification image, manipulate the POSITION X, Y controls to mask the specific point of interest, and then turn ON the HIGH MAG. switch.

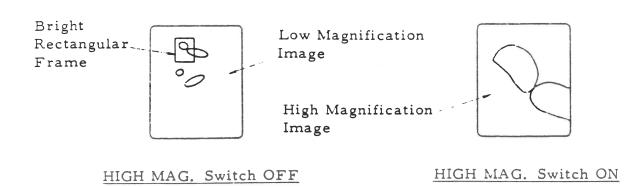


Fig. 5-4 FULL Image + DUAL MAG. Mode

## (5) Combination with Data Display Unit (S-5006A)

If the HIGH MAG. switch is turned ON with SPLIT + DUAL MAG. mode or FULL image + DUAL MAG. mode selected, "A" is displayed after the scale value of the micron marker for magnification of 2x, "B" for 5x and "C" for 10x, as shown in Fig. 5-5.

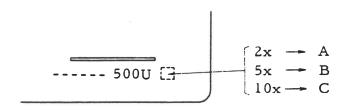


Fig. 5-5 Relation with Micron Market Display

## 5-1-5 Operational Precautions

- (1) If SPLIT mode or SPLIT + DUAL MAG. mode is selected, the top part of the lower half of screen may be distorted. However, this does not cause any problem in photo recording.
- (2) The area marked by the rectangular frame at DUAL MAG. mode has been adjusted to be coincident with the visual field of high magnification image on the observation CRT. However, the photographing field is slightly narrow in the horizontal direction as compared with the observation field.

  Therefore, the visual field of high magnification image is a little smaller than the masked field.

# 5-2 MODEL S-5006A AUTOMATIC DATA DISPLAY UNIT

The Model S-5006A Automatic Data Display Unit is used for displaying the film frame number, beam accelerating voltage and other characters or numerics on both viewing and photographing CRTs of the Scanning Electron Microscope.

#### 5-2-1 Outer View

Fig. 5-6 shows an outer view of the Model S-5006A and switches and controls on it.

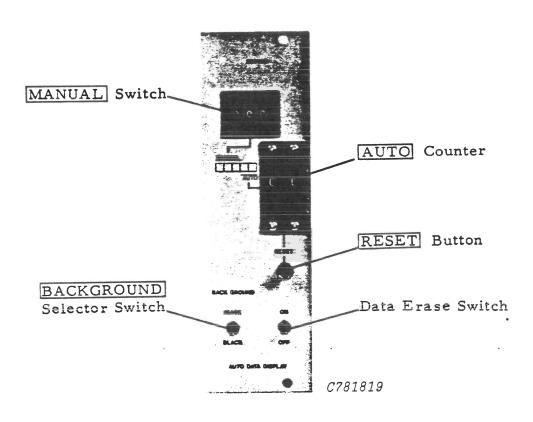


Fig. 5-6 Panel Layout of Model S-5006A

# 5-2-2 Major Specifications

# (1) 5-Digit Numerical Display

The three higher digits can be preset manually. Since the two lower digits are counted up by +1 as a photographic exposure is finished, they can be used as film frame number.

- (2) 2-Digit Accelerating Voltage Display with Unit
  - Interlocked with the ACC VOLTAGE selector on the Display Panel, the reading of accelerating voltage is displayed together with its unit, kV.
- (3) Micron Reading and Bar Display

A scaling bar having a length proper to the particular magnification is displayed on the CRT screen, and the reading and unit for the bar length are indicated. In Fig. 5-7, for instance, the length of scaling bar is  $5 \mu$ .

The displays are automatically changed in interlock with the MAGNIFICATION and WORKING DISTANCE selectors on the Display Panel. The unit micron  $(\mu)$  is displayed as "U".

- (4) When photographing a high magnification image in combination with the Model S-4023 Split Screen/Dual Magnification Unit, the micron display is followed by a character A, B or C, depending upon the setting of the MULTIPLE RATIO selector on the Model S-5003A; 2x, 5x or 10x, respectively. In the example shown in Fig. 5-7, the micron display is followed by B, which means that the MULTIPLE RATIO is 5x, and the actual length of the scaling bar is  $5 \mu \times 1/5 = 1 \mu$ .
- (5) The data display mentioned in the above can be erased by switch operation. The data background can be selected by a switch to be either specimen image or block backgound.

## 5-2-3 Display Example

Fig. 5-7 shows an example of display when the Model S-4023 Split Screen/Dual Magnification Unit is combined.

Simultaneous Dual Magnification System

Automatic Data Display System

Low Mag. Image High Mag. Image

Multiple Ratio

A : 2×

B : 5×

C : 10×

No Mark : 1×

Magnification Scale : Micron Bar

Fig. 5-7 Display Example

Accelerating Voltage
Auto Feed Exposure Number
Manual Set Exposure Number

#### 5-2-4 Functions of Switches and Controls

The functions of switches and controls on the Model S-5006A Automatic Data Display Unit, as shown in Fig. 5-6, are described below.

(1) MANUAL Switch

The three higher digits of the numeric display can be preset manually by use of this switch.

(2) AUTO Counter

The two digits following the three higher digits preset by (1) are indicated on this counter and counted up by +1 as a photographic exposure is finished.

(3) RESET Button

This button is to reset the AUTO counter mentioned in (2). Once the 2-digit display is reset to 0 by this button, it is not affected by further depressing the button.

(4) DATA ERASE Switch

When this switch is turned to OFF, no data is displayed.

(5) BACKGROUND Selector Switch

When this switch is set to BLACK, the data background turns black as shown in Fig. 5-7. When this switch is set to IMAGE, the characters are displayed on the specimen image.

- Notes 1. The size and position of display characters may vary more or less depending upon the scanning speed. But this may be disregarded.
  - 2. When different cameras are used, the display may be shifted downward to be partly excluded from the effective field of the film frame, due to the variation in the camera optics. In such a case, shift the display position properly by use of a knob for VRI provided on the left side of the Model S-5006A.

## 5-3 MODEL S-4004 X-RAY MODE UNIT

The Model S-4004 X-ray Mode Unit is designed for providing various scanning modes for carrying out the non-dispersive x-ray analysis with the Scanning Electron Microscope and for processing the signals derived from the x-ray rate meter and pulse height analyzer into the waveforms suited for the CRT display.

## 5-3-1 Major Specifications

o Scanning Modes : Raster scan

Oblique

Line analysis Line set

Spot

o Signal Input Terminals: For x-ray pulse height analyzer signal (TTL)

For x-ray rate meter signal

(0  $\sim$  +10 V, 0  $\sim$  -10 V, polarity selectable within

the unit)

For video signal

(To be used for observing AE or TE signal

image.)

## 5-3-2 Description of Control Panel

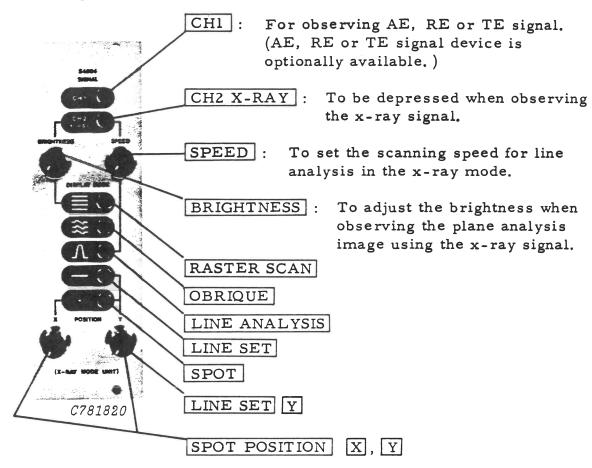


Fig. 5-8 Panel Layout of Model S-4004 X-Ray Mode Unit

### 5-3-3 Operational Instructions

#### (1) Selection of Signals

Select the pushbutton switches depending upon the signals to be observed as shown in Table 5-1.

| Pushbuttons   | EXT | CHl | CH2 X-RAY |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----------|
| SE            | OFF | OFF | ON        |
| AE and others | ON  | ON  | OFF       |
| X-RAY         | ON  | OFF | ON        |

Table 5-1 Signal Selection

## (2) Selection of Scanning Modes

Select the scanning modes as shown in Fig. 5-8.

#### 5-4 6 x 7 CAMERA UNIT

This unit comprises a camera for photographing the CRT image on a scanning electron microscope or scanning image observation device of an electron microscope.

## 5-4-1 Composition

The 6 x 7 Camera Unit consists of the following components.

| 1   | Main Body (with lens)  | 1 |
|-----|------------------------|---|
| 2   | Mamiya Adapter         | 1 |
| 3   | 6 x 7 Roll Film Holder | 1 |
| 4   | Focusing Hood          | 1 |
| 5   | Flange                 | 1 |
| 6   | Spacer 67              | 1 |
| 7   | Lens Hood              | 1 |
| (8) | Setscrew (M6)          | 1 |

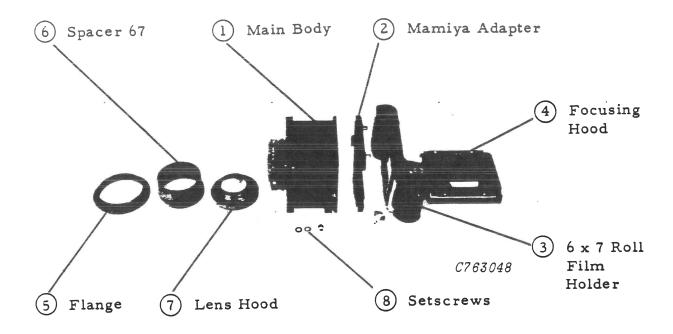


Fig. 5-9 Composition of 6 x 7 Camera Unit

#### 5-4-2 Major Specifications

(1) Lens : 65 mm, f6.3

(2) Aperture :  $f6.3 \sim 32$ 

(3) Shutter : Manual, speed settings: T,  $1 \sim 1/400$  sec

(4) Magnification: Approx. 1:0.6

(5) Film : #120 roll film (10 exposures)

(6) Dimensions : 190 (L) x 206 (W) x 116 (H) mm

## 5-4-3 Use with S-450/S-430

#### (1) Installation

The 6 x 7 Camera Unit mounted on the Display Unit of S-450/S-430 is shown in Fig. 5-10.

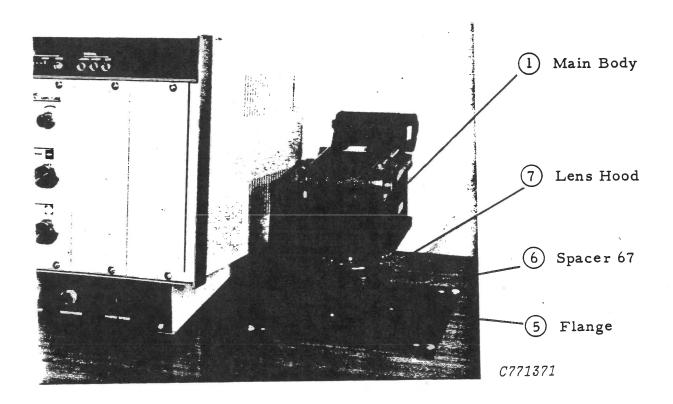


Fig. 5-10 An Outer View of 6 x 7 Camera Unit

The installing procedures are as described below.

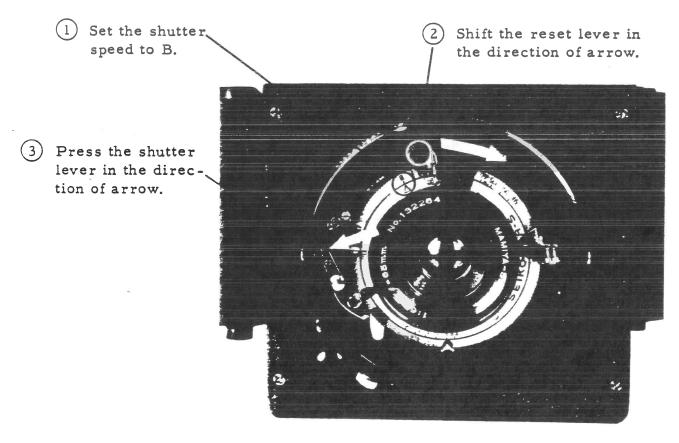
- 1) Mount the flange  $\bigcirc$  onto the panel of photographing CRT. (When the unit is delivered with S-450/S-430, the flange is mounted before shipping.)
- 2) Fix the main body 1 onto the camera support of Display Unit by use of setscrew.
- 3) Insert the spacer 67 6 into the flange 5.
- 4) Put the lens hood (7) onto the front of lens.

## (2) Focusing Adjustment

## o Preparation

After having installed the 6 x 7 Camera Unit, the focus is to be adjusted through the following procedures.

- 1) Depress the adapter stoppers at both sides of main body to remove the Mamiya adapter and the 6 x 7 roll film holder.
- 2) Mount the focusing glass in place of Mamiya adapter and fix it with adapter stoppers.
- 3) Remove the hood from the focusing glass.
- 4) The shutter operating procedures are shown in Fig. 5-11.
  - (A) Shutter Open

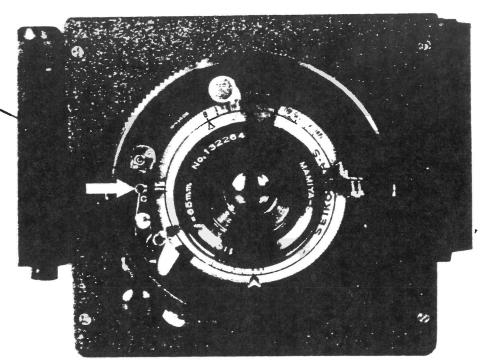


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Fig. 5-11 Shutter Operating Procedures (1/2)

## (B) Shutter Closed

4 Press the shutter lever in the direction of arrow, and the shutter will close.



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Fig. 5-11 Shutter Operating Procedures (2/2)

5) Set the range ring of lens to infinity ( $\infty$ ).

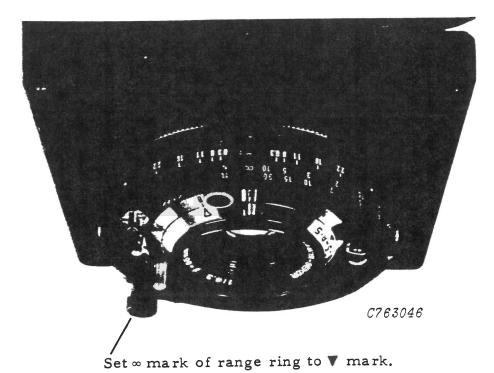
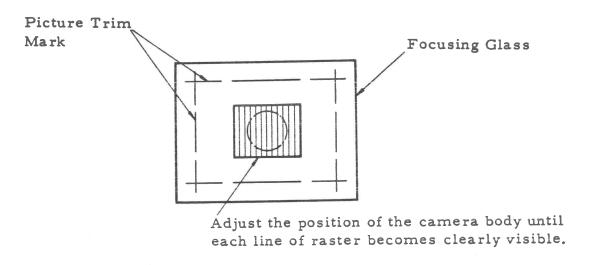
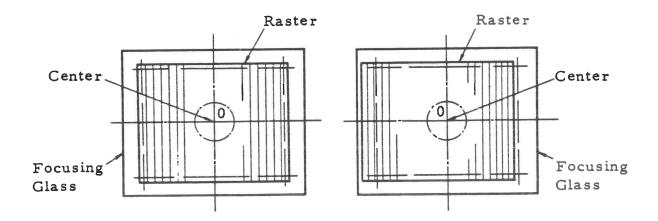


Fig. 5-12 Setting of Range Ring

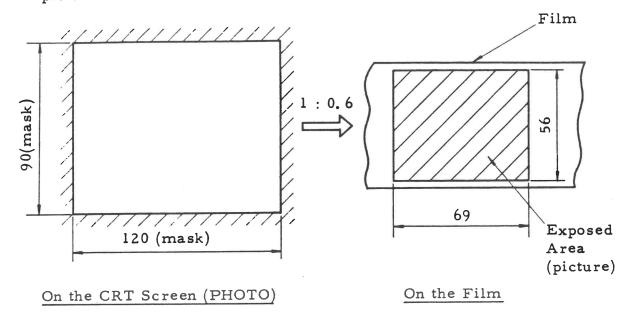
- o Focusing Procedures
  - 1) Turn ON the MAIN switch of Display Unit and depress PHOTO button of FOCUS MONITOR switch.
  - 2) Set the aperture ring of lens to 6.3.
  - 3) Turn BRIGHTNESS control of Display Unit clockwise, and the raster will be seen on the focusing glass.
  - 4) Loosen the setscrew of the camera body a little and shift the body to and fro until each line of raster becomes clearly visible on the glass.



- 5) If the picture trim mark is not centered exactly, shift the camera body to left or right. After setting properly, fasten the camera body with the setscrew.
  - (A) Picture Trim Mark Centered (B) Picture Trim Mark not Centered Properly



6) The magnification, or the ratio of image size on the CRT screen to picture size on the film is 1:0.6.

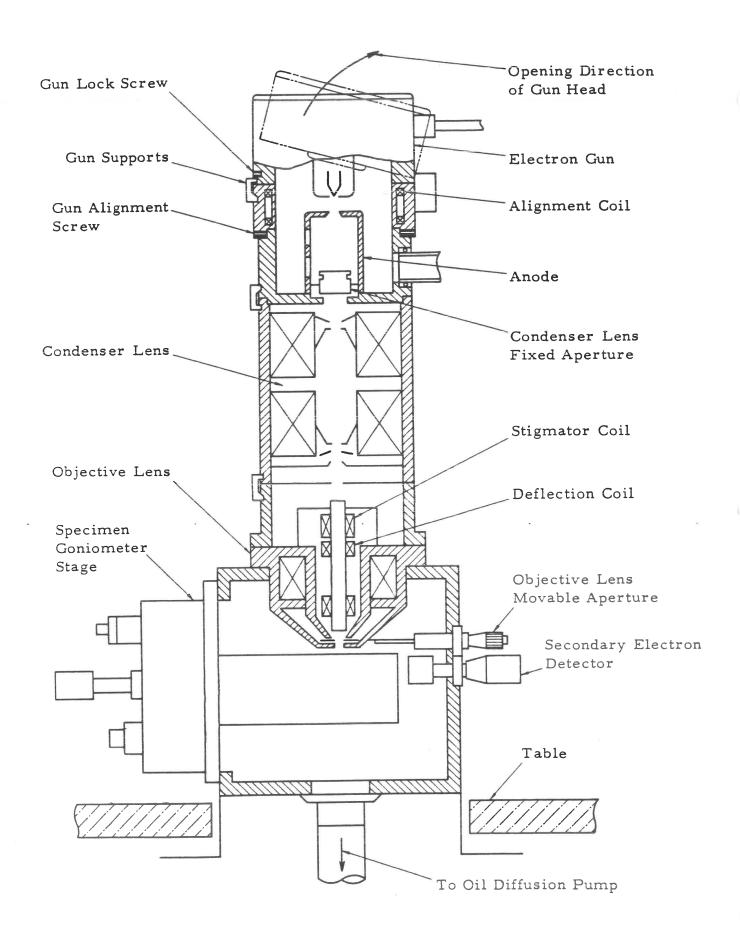


- 7) Set the aperture ring of lens to 8.
- 8) Remove the focusing glass from the camera body, and mount the Mamiya adapter and the 6 x 7 roll film holder in its place.

  Now, the installation and adjustment of camera have been completed.

#### 5-4-4 General Precautions

- (1) The recommended film is #120 roll film of SS (ASA = 100) or TRI-X (Kodak, ASA = 400).
- (2) For loading the film in the camera, read the instructions attached to the  $6 \times 7$  roll film holder.
- (3) When the Camera Unit is not used for a long time with film loaded, it is recommended to insert a plate at the front of  $6 \times 7$  roll film holder.
- (4) For the details of photographing procedures, see Instruction Manual for S-450/S-430.



Sectional View of S-450 SEM Column

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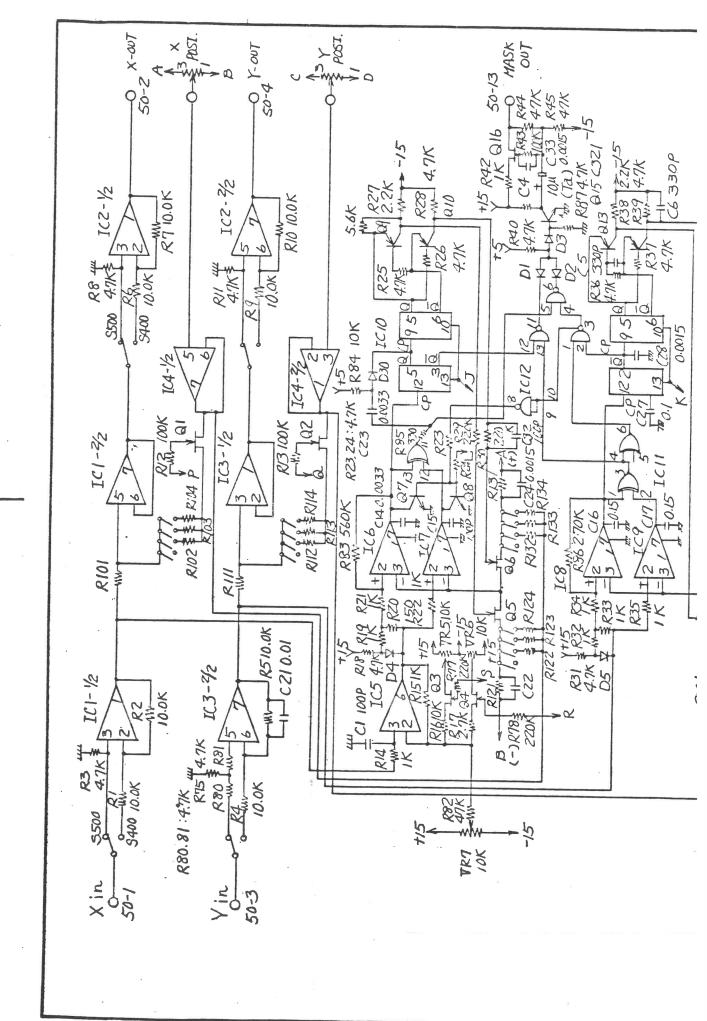
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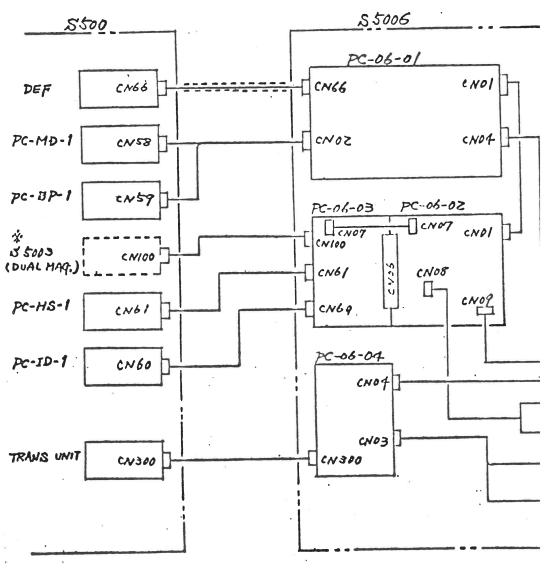
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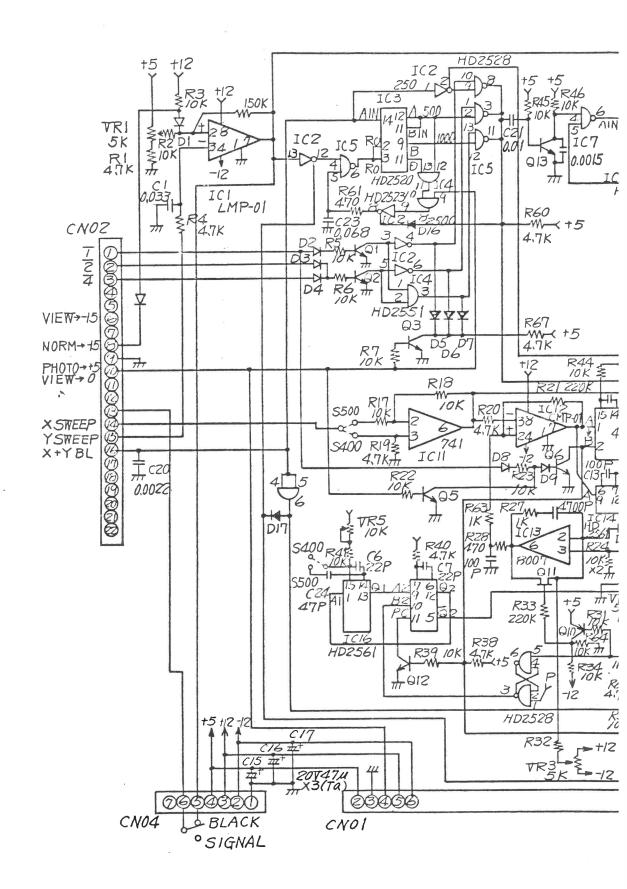
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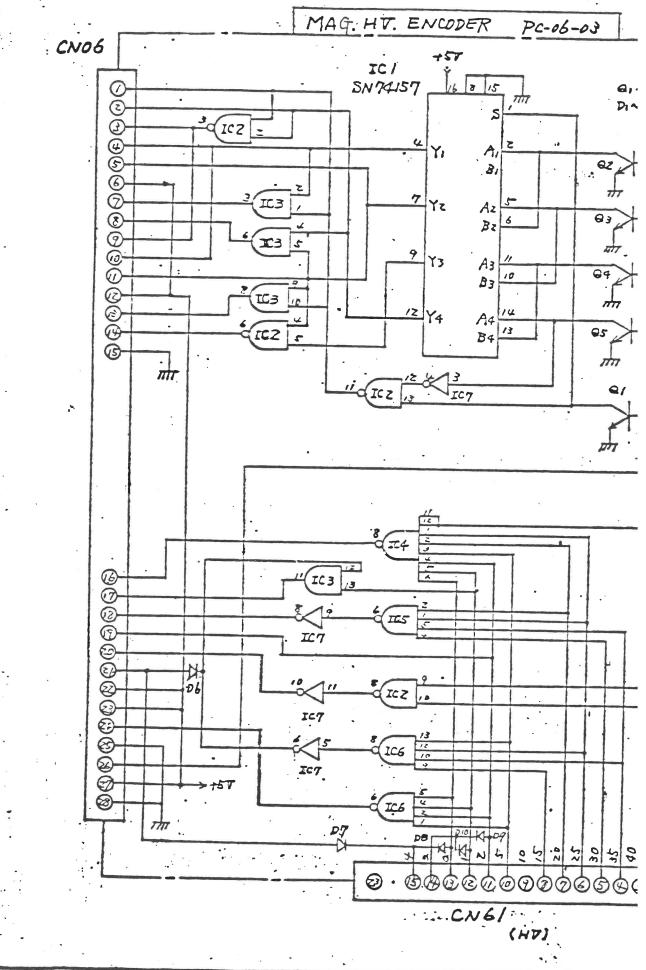
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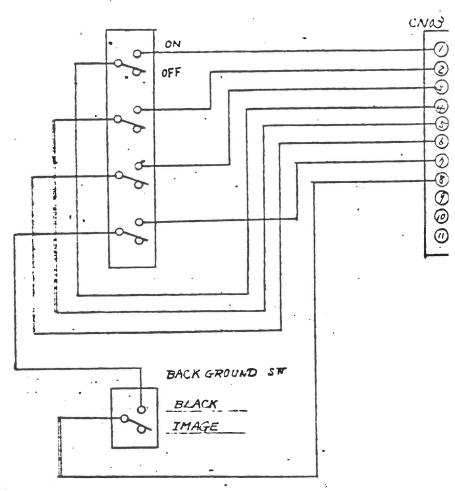


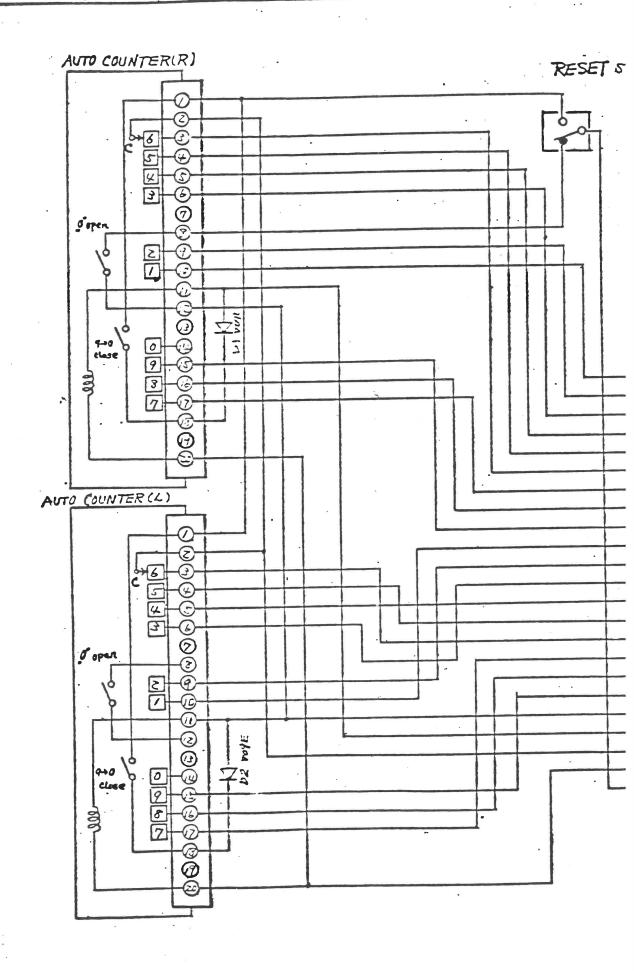




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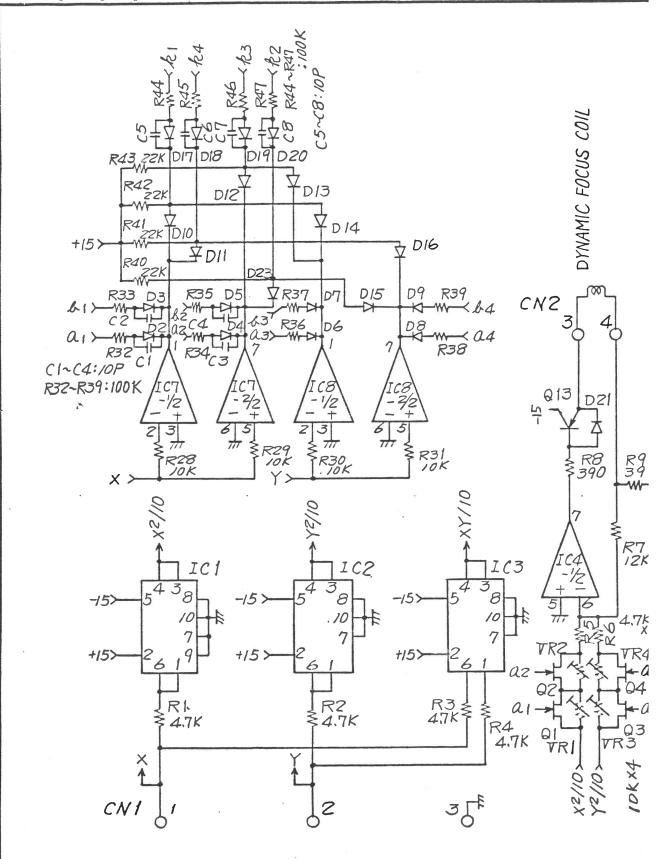
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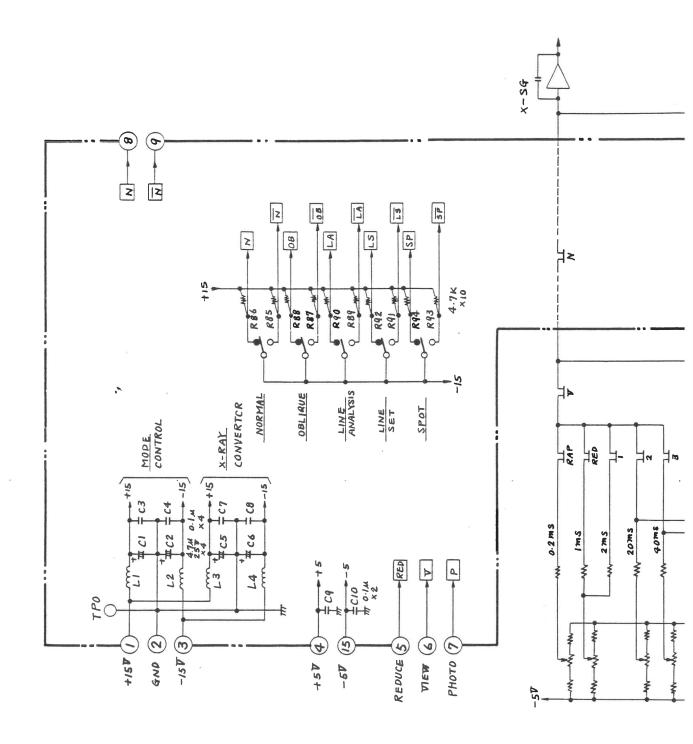




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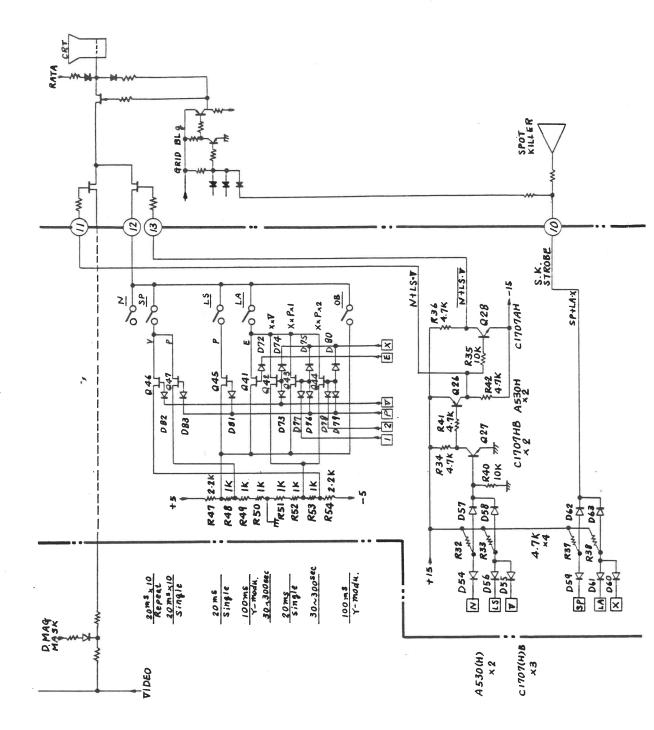
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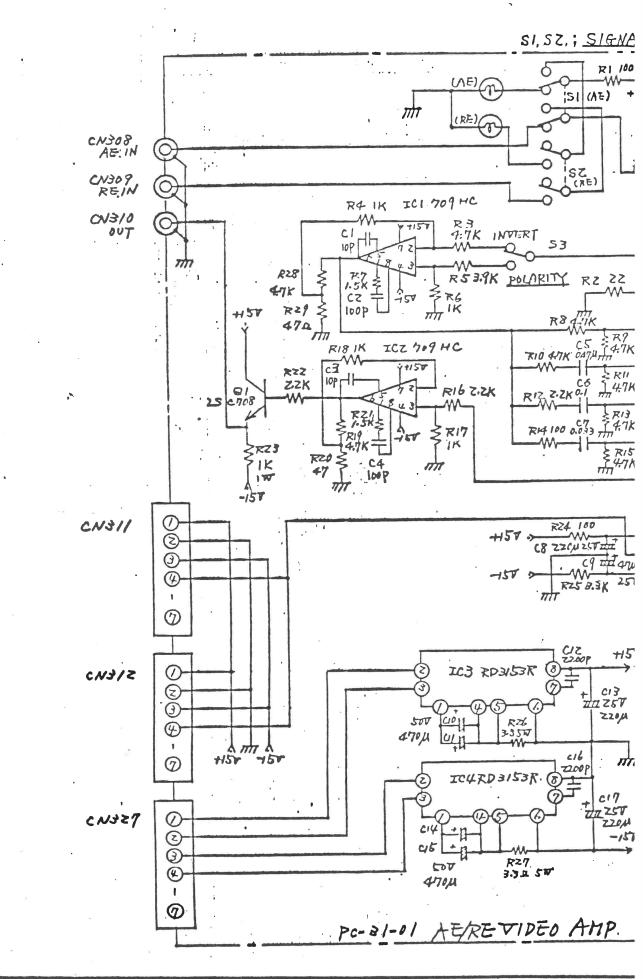


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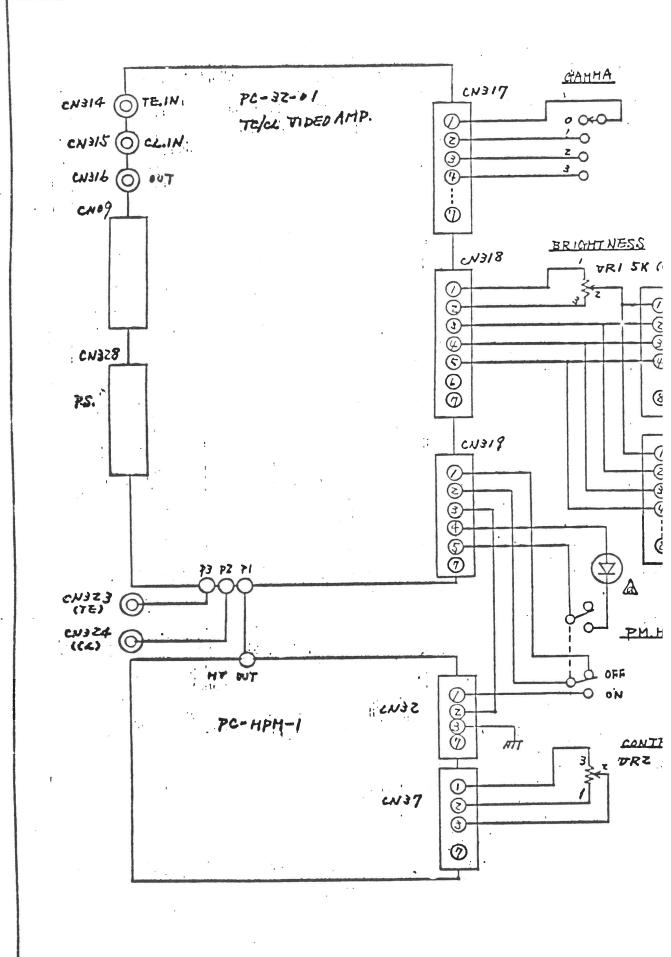


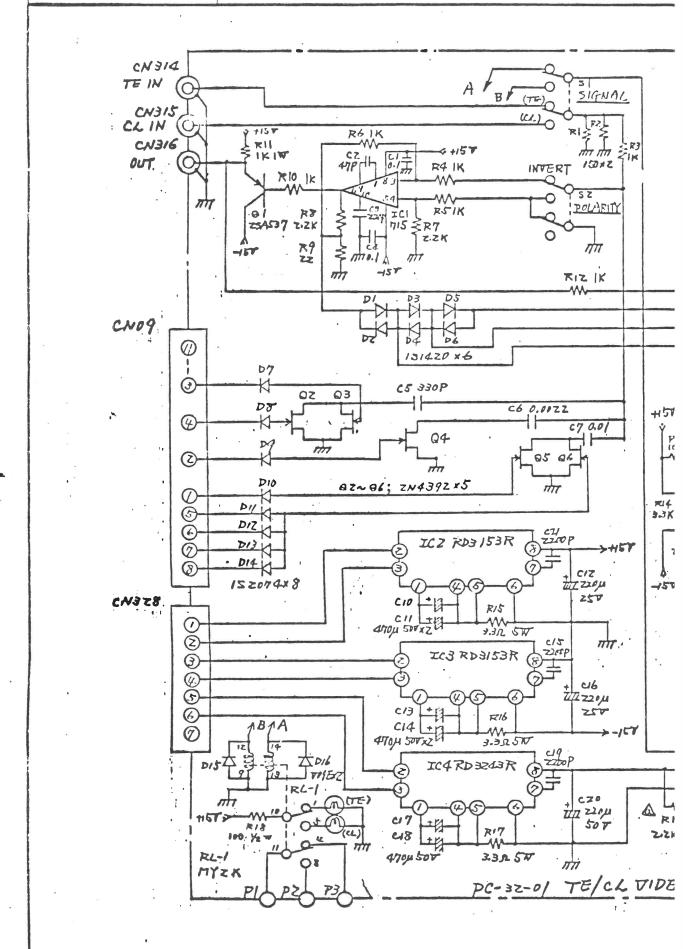
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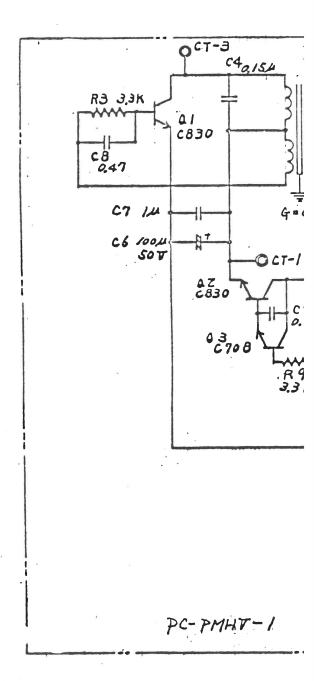
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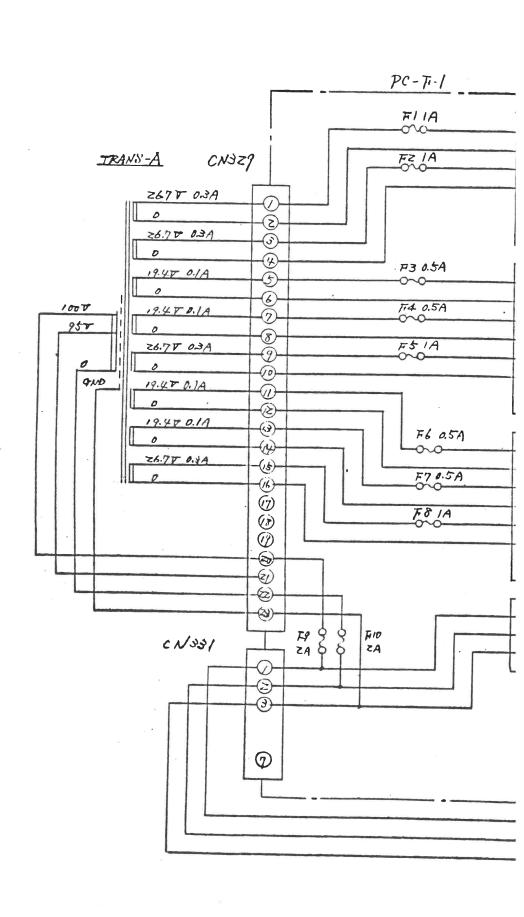
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