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Models ICX211 and ICX411
Three-field Ionization Chambers
Calibration Procedure for Pre-Amplifier board 61130A

The following adjustments apply to the calibration of a 61130A pre-amplifier board for a stationary 3-field ion chamber, e.g. for chest or table use.

The procedure assumes that the installation of the Automatic Exposure Control (AEC) is complete and that the AEC and x-ray generator are in proper working condition. After making the necessary interconnections between the ion chamber and the AEC, power up the system.

Calibration/Test Set Up:

Select the center field of the ion chamber. Set the generator for 100 kVp and maximum backup time. For 100 kVp use 8 to 10 inches of water or plastic for a phantom. Metals such as copper, aluminum or lead are not suitable for use as phantoms. Make sure the phantom is homogeneous and completely covers all fields equally. Center the x-ray beam on the center field. Collimate the x-ray beam so that it completely covers all three fields but does not extend beyond the limits of the phantom.

Master Chamber Gain Adjustment (61130A R21):

Typically, the master chamber gain adjustment is the only adjustment needed when installing an ICX series ion chamber. Use the chamber gain adjustment to match the overall chamber sensitivity to that of the other stationary chambers connected to the system. Note that the chamber gain adjustment is a multi-turn potentiometer accessible through the pre-amp chassis cover. A clockwise adjustment to the chamber gain potentiometer will increase the sensitivity of the chamber, causing the length of the exposure (mAs) to decrease.

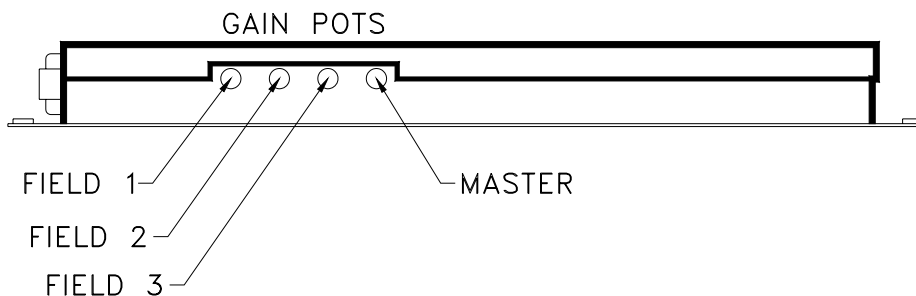
Make exposures and process the films. Adjust the chamber gain for the desired optical density. Make the chamber gain adjustment for each stationary chamber being installed.

Balance Check:

Using the Expos-AID AEC post-exposure mAs display or other calibrated mAs meter check the individual fields to see that they are balanced, that is, that they produce the same mAs reading. If mAs readings are not stable from exposure to exposure for an individual field, then it will be necessary to expose films and make these adjustments based upon optical density.

The individual gain potentiometers (61130A R13, R16 and R17) correspond to Field 1, Field 2 and Field 3 respectively. If necessary, adjust the individual gain potentiometers to balance the outputs to give the same mAs reading for each field. Note that individual gain adjustments are multi-turn potentiometers. A clockwise adjustment to a gain potentiometer will increase the sensitivity of a field, causing the length of the exposure (mAs) to decrease.

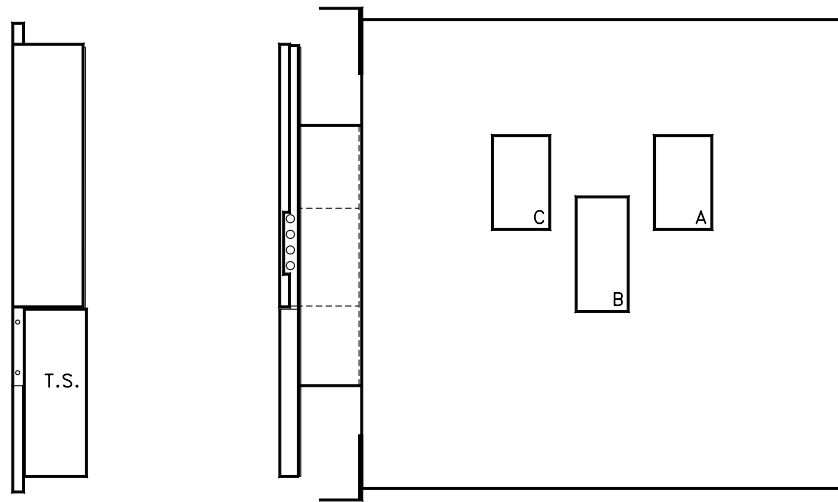
61130A PIN OUTS	FUNCTION	WIRE COLOR	TERMINAL STRIP POSITION
1	NO CONNECTION		
2	FIELD 2 SELECT	YELLOW	5
3	FIELD 1 SELECT	PURPLE	R.H. = 4, L.H. = 6
4	OUTPUT	WHITE	7
5	RESET	GRAY	3
6	FIELD 3 SELECT	BROWN	R.H. = 6, L.H. = 4
7	-15VDC	BLUE	2
8	+15VDC	ORANGE	1
9	GND	BLACK	8



For ICX211 or ICX411 when replacing P/N 46-158297 or 46-178529 for right hand vertical

Bucky stands:

A = right field, B = center field, C = left field.



ICX211/ICX411 for right hand (R.H.) vertical Bucky stand
as viewed from the patient side.

TS denotes the location of the terminal strip.

NOTE:

Our field designations (Field 1, Field 2 and Field 3) **do not** correspond to the field designations used in G.E publications.

The ICX211 and ICX411 are normally shipped wired to be used in a right hand vertical Bucky stand. Use the following procedure to reconfigure for use in a left hand vertical Bucky stand.

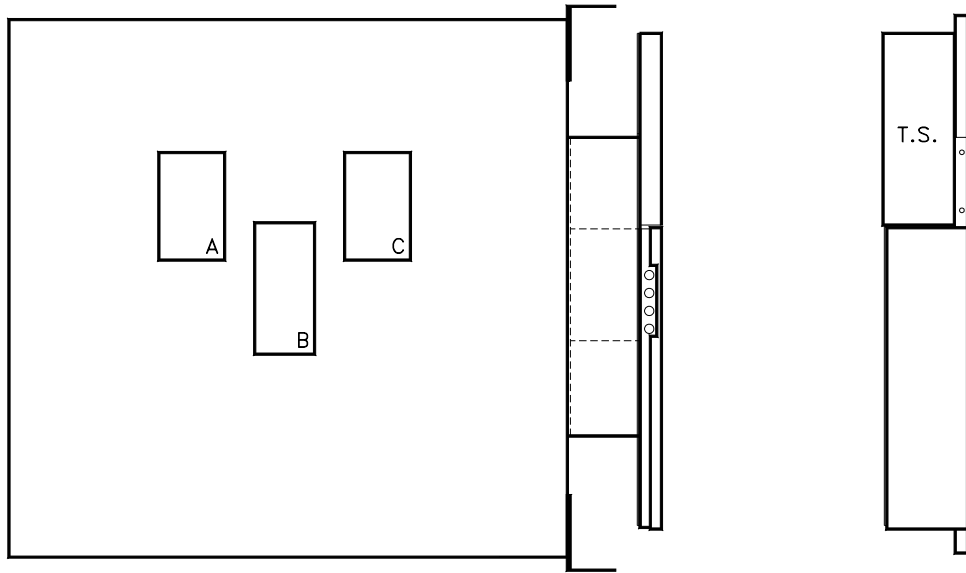
1. Unscrew the entire pre-amp chassis assembly where it attaches to the ICX211/ICX411 frame. Rotate the pre-amp chassis assembly so that the terminal strip is now located toward the bottom of the ion chamber. Reconnect the pre-amp chassis assembly to the ICX211/ICX411 frame.
2. Switch the brown and violet wires at the barrier block terminal strip (TS) as follows:

For R.H. vertical Bucky stand
violet = TS pin 4 and brown = TS pin 6.

For L.H. vertical Bucky stand
brown = TS pin 4 and violet = TS pin 6.

Stands:

A = left field, B = center field, C = right field.



ICX211/ICX411 for left hand (L.H.) vertical Bucky stand
as viewed from the patient side
TS denotes the location of the terminal strip.