



TERMALINE[®] LOAD RESISTOR
SERIES 8792

OPERATION MANUAL

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Safety Precautions

The following are general safety precautions that are not necessarily related to any specific part or procedure, and do not necessarily appear elsewhere in this publication. These precautions must be thoroughly understood and apply to all phases of operation and maintenance.

WARNING

Keep Away From Live Circuits

Operating Personnel must at all times observe general safety precautions. Do not replace components or make adjustments to the inside of the test equipment with the high voltage supply turned on. To avoid casualties, always remove power.

WARNING

Shock Hazard

Do not attempt to remove the RF transmission line while RF power is present.

WARNING

Do Not Service Or Adjust Alone

Under no circumstances should any person reach into an enclosure for the purpose of service or adjustment of equipment except in the presence of someone who is capable of rendering aid.

WARNING

Safety Earth Ground

An uninterruptible earth safety ground must be supplied from the main power source to test instruments. Grounding one conductor of a two conductor power cable is not sufficient protection. Serious injury or death can occur if this grounding is not properly supplied.

WARNING

Resuscitation

Personnel working with or near high voltages should be familiar with modern methods of resuscitation.

WARNING

Remove Power

Observe general safety precautions. Do not open the instrument with the power on.

Safety Symbols

WARNING

Warning notes call attention to a procedure, which if not correctly performed could result in personal injury.

CAUTION

Caution notes call attention to a procedure, which if not correctly performed could result in damage to the instrument.



This symbol indicates that a shock hazard exists if the precautions in the instruction manual are not followed.



The caution symbol appears on the equipment indicating there is important information in the instruction manual regarding that particular area.



This symbol indicates that the unit radiates heat and should not be touched while hot.

NOTE

Calls attention to supplemental information.

Warning Statements

The following safety warnings appear in the text where there is danger to operating and maintenance personnel and are repeated here for emphasis.

WARNING

**Ethylene glycol is toxic. Do not take internally.
Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Avoid breathing vapor. Wash thoroughly after handling.**

See page 3.

WARNING

Never attempt to disconnect RF equipment from the transmission line while RF power is being applied. Leaking HF energy is a potential health hazard.

See page 6 and 8.

WARNING

**Never attempt to connect or disconnect RF equipment from the transmission line while RF power is being applied.
Leaking RF energy is a potential health hazard.**

See page 9

WARNING

The resistor used in this load consists of a resistive film on a special substrate. If the substrate is broken, there will probably be sharp pieces or splinters inside the load housing. Caution should be exercised to avoid possible injury.

See page 10.

Caution Statements

The following equipment cautions appear in the text whenever the equipment is in danger of damage and are repeated here for emphasis.

CAUTION

**Do not use Automotive anti-freeze, stop-leak solutions, sealants, or corrosion inhibitors used in coolant solutions for these loads. Use of these additives can negatively impact load performance and may cause premature failure.
Use of unapproved coolants will void the warranty.**

See page 3 and 5.

CAUTION

Use only potable water or potable water mixed with pure technical grade ethylene glycol.
Use of any other coolant, including those containing additives or dyes, stop leak solutions, sealants, or corrosion inhibitors will void the warranty.
Use of unapproved coolants will negatively impact load performance and may cause premature failure.

See page 3 and 5.

CAUTION

The water flow must be kept in the proper direction; incorrect flow will cause almost immediate burnout.

See page 4.

CAUTION

Do not apply more than rated RF power to the load. The water flow rate and inlet temp. (5° C to 60° C) must be as specified:

Model	Power	5° C	60° C
8792	80 kW	9 gpm (34 lpm)	12 gpm (45.4 lpm)
Adequate and uninterrupted full water flow is more critical than temperature.			

See page 6.

CAUTION

Verify cooling liquid is flowing through the load before RF power is applied and ensure the cooling liquid supply is not interrupted while load is in operation. Even momentary interruption of coolant supply while RF power is applied will cause almost immediate burnout.

See page 6.

CAUTION

Never reverse the cooling water connections. It is very important for the safety of the load resistor to observe proper flow direction. Also, when the load is first installed or is reconnected, run the water for approximately one minute to fill the system and remove all air pockets before applying RF power.

See page 6

CAUTION

Do not use any pliers or wrenches on the resistor fitting [22] as damage to its surface may result.

See page 15.

Safety Statements

USAGE

ANY USE OF THIS INSTRUMENT IN A MANNER NOT SPECIFIED BY THE MANUFACTURER MAY IMPAIR THE INSTRUMENT'S SAFETY PROTECTION.

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EL USO DE ESTE INSTRUMENTO DE MANERA NO ESPECIFICADA POR EL FABRICANTE, PUEDE ANULAR LA PROTECCIÓN DE SEGURIDAD DEL INSTRUMENTO.

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UTILISATION

TOUTE UTILISATION DE CET INSTRUMENT QUI N'EST PAS EXPLICITEMENT PRÉVUE PAR LE FABRICANT PEUT ENDOMMAGER LE DISPOSITIF DE PROTECTION DE L'INSTRUMENT.

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SERVICE

SERVICING INSTRUCTIONS ARE FOR USE BY SERVICE - TRAINED PERSONNEL ONLY. TO AVOID DANGEROUS ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT PERFORM ANY SERVICING UNLESS QUALIFIED TO DO SO.

SERVICIO

LAS INSTRUCCIONES DE SERVICIO SON PARA USO EXCLUSIVO DEL PERSONAL DE SERVICIO CAPACITADO. PARA EVITAR EL PELIGRO DE DESCARGAS ELÉCTRICAS, NO REALICE NINGÚN SERVICIO A MENOS QUE ESTÉ CAPACITADO PARA HACERLO.

WARTUNG

ANWEISUNGEN FÜR DIE WARTUNG DES GERÄTES GELTEN NUR FÜR GESCHULTES FACHPERSONAL.

ZUR VERMEIDUNG GEFÄHRLICHER, ELEKTRISCHER SCHOCKS, SIND WARTUNGSARBEITEN AUSSCHLIEßLICH VON QUALIFIZIERTEM SERVICEPERSONAL DURCHZUFÜHREN.

ENTRETIEN

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ASSISTENZA TECNICA

LE ISTRUZIONI RELATIVE ALL'ASSISTENZA SONO PREVISTE ESCLUSIVAMENTE PER IL PERSONALE OPPORTUNAMENTE ADDESTRATO. PER EVITARE PERICOLOSE SCOSSE ELETTRICHE NON EFFETTUARE ALCUNA RIPARAZIONE A MENO CHE QUALIFICATI A FARLA.

About This Manual

This manual covers the operating and maintenance instructions for the following models:

8792

8792-3

Changes to this Manual

We have made every effort to ensure this manual is accurate. If you discover any errors, or if you have suggestions for improving this manual, please send your comments to our Solon, Ohio factory. This manual may be periodically updated. When inquiring about updates to this manual refer to the part number and revision on the title page.

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Purpose and Function

The Model 8792 Termline Load Resistors are designed as compact, low-reflection, and non-radiating termination for RF transmission lines. Cooled by internal water flow, it generates almost no surface heat, making installation space minimal and convenient. They can safely dissipate up to 80 kilowatts of continuous power when used in a 50 ohm coaxial transmission line system.

Each model is designed for use with a standard connector of the types common to 6-1/8 inch coaxial lines, and will maintain a VSWR of less than 1.15 to 1.0 from 1000 Hz up to 800 MHz. These loads are intended for use on CW, AM, FM, SSB, and W modulation envelopes, and within certain limitation on radar or pulse modes. Information on applications involving pulse-type signals should be obtained directly from Bird Electronic Corporation.

Description

The Model 8792 equipment consists of a load resistor unit. They have field replaceable resistive element. The replacement procedure is included in ["Maintenance" on page 8](#).

Direct Power Measurement

When used in conjunction with a Bird Model 6810 Series Thruline Wattmeter or 3127 Series Panel Meters, these load resistors may be used for direct reading power measurements up to 80 kilowatts.

Optional Equipment

Bird recommends the installation of an interlock control circuit to provide instantaneous fail-safe protection of the transmitter and load in the event of even a momentary interruption of the cooling water supply. This protection is beneficial because dissipation of the heat generated by the RF power absorption is critically dependent upon a required minimum water flow rate regardless of inlet water temperature.

A water flow switch, attached to the water inlet of the load, should be calibrated to open whenever the water flow drops below nine gallons per minute, and close when the water flow exceeds this value.

When the water flow switch contacts open, the interlock switch opens, causing immediate shutdown of the transmitter or other signal source. It is recommended to utilize a time delay relay to assure proper operation of the cooling system before RF power can be applied to the load, preventing damage or burnout of the resistor element.

The direction of water flow is marked on the casting of the flow tube and on the operating head. Observe flow direction carefully, as incorrect connection will restrict the water flow and cause load failure. The flow switch may be connected to the inlet or the outlet side of the load, preferably as close to the load as possible. Be certain the water flow through the switch is in the correct direction. If installed, the flow switch should not be over 20 feet from the load.

Emergency and First Aid Procedures for Ethylene Glycol

Eye Contact — Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while holding eyelids open. Get medical attention.

Skin Contact — Flush skin with water. If irritation occurs, get medical attention.

Inhalation — Remove victim to fresh air and provide oxygen if breathing is difficult. Get medical attention.

Ingestion — Do not give liquids if victim is unconscious or very drowsy. Otherwise, give no more than two glasses of water and induce vomiting by giving 30 cc (2 tablespoons) syrup of Ipecac. If Ipecac is unavailable, give two glasses of water and induce vomiting by touching finger to back of victim's throat. Keep victim's head below hips while vomiting. Get medical attention.

General

The load resistor is unique in that it utilizes an external water supply for the direct cooling of the resistor element. By using this technique, the need for an intermediate dielectric fluid to transfer the heat generated in the resistor element has been eliminated, reducing the physical size of the load to a virtual minimum. This simplified system allows the use of the loads in more varied environments, and the attachment in any orientation.

Heat Transfer

The 50 ohm resistor consists of a high temperature substrate tube with a deposited resistive film. The heat generated by absorption of RF power is transferred from the heated film to the water flowing over it, through a restricted chamber surrounding the resistor body. This water, first diverted to the front of the load resistor by a special inside tube passes over the entire length of the resistor and is discharged through the sealed water chamber at the rear. The dielectric characteristics and distinctive design of these enclosures provide a very accurate 50 ohm termination over the specified frequency range of this load - 1000 Hz to 800 MHz.

The absence of intermediate cooling fluids considerably simplifies the construction and sealing of this unit. It can be readily disassembled in the field for resistor element replacement (see ["Maintenance" on page 8](#)).

Because there is practically no heat transfer to the outer housing of the load, the housing remains at a cool ambient temperature even under full power conditions. Virtually all of the power input to the load is transformed into heat which is carried away by the cooling water. Therefore, the differential in output and input temperatures of the water multiplied by the amount of flow constitutes an accurate measurement of the power consumed by the load. The amount of this power dissipation may be calculated from the following formula:

For Celsius Temperatures: $P = 0.263(T_1 - T_2)GPM$

For Fahrenheit Temperatures: $P = 0.146(T_1 - T_2)GPM$

Where:

- P = Power in Kilowatts
- T1 = Outlet Water Temperature
- T2 = Inlet Water Temperature
- GPM = Water Flow in Gallons Per Minute

Cooling Water

Use only potable water or potable water mixed with pure technical grade ethylene glycol in these loads. See Water Quality below for acceptable forms of water. See Closed System Water Mixtures for the acceptable water mixture for use in a closed system.

Water Quality

CAUTION

Do not use Automotive anti-freeze, stop-leak solutions, sealants, or corrosion inhibitors used in coolant solutions for these loads. Use of these additives can negatively impact load performance and may cause premature failure.

Use of unapproved coolants will void the warranty.

The following types of water are considered safe for the cooling of the 8792 Loads: purified, filtered city, or soft water. In general, any potable water is suitable for cooling the load.

These RF loads are affected by impurities or chemical additives in the cooling water. The effects can include high VSWR, overheating, and/or leaks.

Sea water or silty water should not be used for cooling the loads. The presence of salts in the water will make the device unusable because the salt will cause a rapid increase in VSWR.

Impurities, particularly those impurities that accumulate in the form of scale on the exposed surfaces of the fluid paths of the load assembly. These deposits may result in an increase in the thermal and/or fluid resistance(s) of the load and may in turn cause the load to overheat and fail.

Closed System Water Mixtures

WARNING

Ethylene glycol is toxic. Do not take internally.

Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Avoid breathing vapor. Wash thoroughly after handling.

CAUTION

Use only potable water or potable water mixed with pure technical grade ethylene glycol.

Use of any other coolant, including those containing additives or dyes, stop leak solutions, sealants, or corrosion inhibitors will void the warranty.

Use of unapproved coolants will negatively impact load performance and may cause premature failure.

Water is the primary coolant for the Bird 8792, however, a mixture of potable / distilled water and pure technical grade ethylene glycol is acceptable in closed systems. Ethylene glycol should be added to prevent bacterial growth and freezing; 10% to 35% ethylene glycol is recommended. Using at least 10% will prevent bacterial growth and at least 35% will protect against freezing to – 20°C.

The compact design of the Model 8792 Termaline Load Resistors enable them to be installed in very small spaces. They require no ventilation and may be placed at any attitude. Do not install them where they may be subjected to severe vibration or to physical shock.

The load is ready for connection as received from the factory. It is useful to first check the 50 ohm input resistance of the load and record this data before attachment, see ["RF Assembly Resistance Test" on page 9](#).

Load Resistor Connection

Use the following procedure for RF attachment.

NOTE

Use alcohol, freon, or any acceptable dry cleaning solvent on a cloth or cotton swab stick.

1. Clean all conductor and insulator surfaces on the transmission line face and, likewise, the RF input connector.

NOTE

Do not tighten the bolt and nut sets.

2. Attach the load resistor to the RF line.
Use 6-1/8 inch EIA coupling kit, Bird P/N 4902-020, which includes 12 3/8-16 x 1-3/4 inch bolts, lockwashers, and nut sets, O-Ring, and anchor bullet (center conductor).
3. Rotate the load so that the warning label shows and the outlet water tube is placed to the best advantage.
4. Tighten the RF connection by securing the clamps or bolt sets firmly and evenly.

NOTE

Do not disturb the socket head cap screws that join the connector section to the main housing.

5. Install water inlet and outlet connections. See ["Water Line Attachment" on page 4](#).

Water Line Attachment

CAUTION

The water flow must be kept in the proper direction; incorrect flow will cause almost immediate burnout.

The RF Load comes supplied with standard 3/4 inch hose fittings for attaching the water supply and drain lines. The water INLET, at the back on center and water OUTLET, adjacent at a 90 degree angle to the inlet, mate with 3/4 inch water hose connectors.

To connect to rigid piping, replace the water inlet and outlet hose adapters with 1/2 inch male pipe or pipe fittings, Bird P/N 5-065-2. Take special care when connecting the water lines. The inside of the load is designed so that the water flows properly in only one direction - from the inlet to the outlet. The water flow must be kept in the proper direction - opposite flow will cause resistor failure when power is applied.

Cooling Water Quality

CAUTION

Use only potable water or potable water mixed with pure technical grade ethylene glycol. Use of any other coolant, including those containing additives or dyes, stop leak solutions, sealants, or corrosion inhibitors will void the warranty. Use of unapproved coolants will negatively impact load performance and may cause premature failure.

CAUTION

Do not use Automotive anti-freeze, stop-leak solutions, sealants, or corrosion inhibitors used in coolant solutions for these loads. Use of these additives can negatively impact load performance and may cause premature failure. Use of unapproved coolants will void the warranty.

Water quality is important. See ["Cooling Water" on page 3](#) for an explanation and description. In general, most potable water is satisfactory. This would include purified, filtered, city supply, or soft water.

Preoperational Checkout

Before attempting to operate the RF load, whether under test or actual operating conditions, TEST the complete water system as follows:

1. Make sure transmitter power is OFF.
2. Turn the water supply on.
3. Ensure water flow from the OUTLET connection of load is at least 9 gpm (34 lpm) at 5° C (41° F) through 12 gpm (45.4 lpm) at 60° C (140° F).

NOTE

As a precautionary measure, the Preoperational Checkout should be performed each time the load is put into service.

General

The Model 8792 Termline Load Resistors do not have any operating controls, therefore, operator's do not need to be present when in use. Proper operation of the equipment is assured if the instructions contained in ["Installation" on page 4](#) are followed exactly.

Do not apply more than the rated RF power to the load. The water flow rates 9 - 12 gpm (34 - 45.4 lpm) and inlet water temperature, 5° C to 60° C (41° F to 140° F), must be maintained. In reality, an adequate and uninterrupted water flow is more critical than the actual water temperature.

Normal Operation

WARNING

Never attempt to disconnect RF equipment from the transmission line while RF power is being applied. Leaking HF energy is a potential health hazard.

CAUTION

Do not apply more than rated RF power to the load. The water flow rate and inlet temp. (5° C to 60° C) must be as specified:

Model 8792	Power 80 kW	5° C 9 gpm (34 lpm)	60° C 12 gpm (45.4 lpm)
Adequate and uninterrupted full water flow is more critical than temperature.			

CAUTION

Verify cooling liquid is flowing through the load before RF power is applied and ensure the cooling liquid supply is not interrupted while load is in operation. Even momentary interruption of coolant supply while RF power is applied will cause almost immediate burnout.

CAUTION

Never reverse the cooling water connections. It is very important for the safety of the load resistor to observe proper flow direction. Also, when the load is first installed or is reconnected, run the water for approximately one minute to fill the system and remove all air pockets before applying RF power.

Power On Procedure

4. Turn on the water supply (verify water flow rate is sufficient).
5. Check that all coaxial power line connections are properly tightened.
6. Apply RF power to the load.
7. Proceed according to instructions pertaining to the specific transmitting equipment.

Shutdown Procedure

1. Turn off the RF Power to the load.
2. Wait at least one minute to allow the resistor substrate time to cool.
3. Turn off the water supply.

NOTE

Always do this last.

Operation as an RF Wattmeter

The RF load can be combined with a Bird Rigid Line Series Thruline Wattmeter to form an absorption type wattmeter by inserting the wattmeter line section just ahead of the RF load. Installation and operation of the wattmeter is covered in the Thruline Wattmeter Instruction Book.

NOTE

Select a wattmeter type appropriate to the input connector of the load resistor. Consult the Bird Catalog or contact the Company.

1. Carry through the same functions detailed in "[Normal Operation](#)" on page 6.
2. Rotate the element in the line section element socket to monitor Incident or Reflected power.

NOTE

Measurement is taken in the direction indicated by the arrow on the element.

General

WARNING

Never attempt to disconnect RF equipment from the transmission line while RF power is being supplied. Leaking RF energy is a potential health hazard.

The Model 8792 Termline Coaxial Load Resistors are rugged units of simple design, requiring only nominal and routine attention. The load is designed to operate for long periods of time if care is taken not to exceed its power handling capabilities.

Preventative Maintenance

Due to the basic simplicity of construction, the major requirement for preventive maintenance is to keep the equipment clean.

Inspection

With the rugged and simple construction of the loads, periodic inspection will only be necessary at six-month intervals. Inspection should include the items listed below:

- Cleanliness - Keep the housing and connector free of grime.
- Inspect the load for completeness and general condition of the equipment.
- A Troubleshooting Chart lists the commonly encountered problems, their possible causes and remedies. Use this chart as a guide when analyzing symptoms.

Cleaning

Outside Surface

The outside surface of these loads should be wiped free of dust and dirt when necessary. Periodically wipe the accumulated dust and lint off of the load housing.

RF Connector Surfaces

If the Teflon insulator or metallic contact surfaces of the connector should become dirty or grimy, wipe them off with a soft cloth. Use a contact cleaner that is self-drying and leaves no residue to clean the hard to reach internal portions.

NOTE

Always handle the load with care to prevent subjecting it to unnecessary shock or impact.

RF Assembly Resistance Test

NOTE

These tests are by no means a necessity to the operation of the load but merely guidelines for the users information.

Accurate measurement of the DC resistance between the inner and outer conductors of the RF input connector will provide a good check of the condition of the load resistor.

Checking the DC resistance is simply used to measure a change in the resistance over time. Tracking the DC resistance should start *before* the unit is first put into service. Perform the following steps and record the value for future comparison. Resistance measurements should be taken periodically according to use.

Preparation:

- Tools: Common hand tools.
- Ohmmeter with an accuracy of $\pm 1\%$ at 50 ohms (or use a resistance bridge).
- Use low resistance leads, preferably a short piece of 50 ohm coaxial cable fitted with an appropriate connector or alligator clips.
- Temperature of the load should be stabilized between 20°C to 25°C (68°F to 77°F).

DC Resistance Measurement

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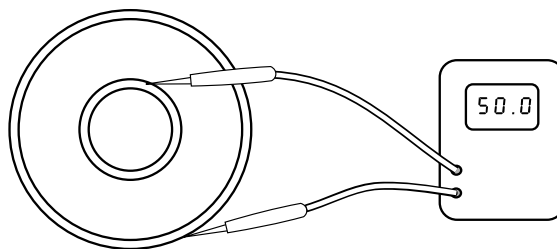
**Never attempt to connect or disconnect RF equipment from the transmission line while RF power is being applied.
Leaking RF energy is a potential health hazard.**

NOTE

It is recommended that this resistance check be performed each time the load is to be used.

1. Turn off RF power and interlock circuitry before making any disconnections.
2. Disconnect the RF coaxial line.
3. Connect the multimeter test leads across the center and outer conductor of the load resistor. See [Figure 1](#).
4. Record the value of the resistance *before* the load is put into service. Compare subsequent values with the latest reading. If the values vary more than 2 ohms this could be an indication of a failing resistive element.

Figure 1 Measuring DC Resistance



Troubleshooting

For corrections requiring repair or replacement of components, refer to the appropriate section for your specific model.

Problem	Possible Cause	Correction
High load VSWR.	Failing resistor	Perform "RF Assembly Resistance Test" on page 9 . Resistance change of greater than 5 ohms indicates a failing resistor. Replace resistor, see "Replacing a Resistive Element" on page 10 .
	Loose input connector.	Tighten connector.

Repair

Replacing a Resistive Element

This series of water-cooled loads is designed to be quickly and easily repaired in the field. If in performing the RF Assembly Resistance Test described previously, a significant change in resistance is noted, or if for any reason the resistive element should fail, inexpensive replacement resistors are available. They can be installed in the load, using the following procedures:

WARNING

The resistor used in this load consists of a resistive film on a special substrate. If the substrate is broken, there will probably be sharp pieces or splinters inside the load housing. Caution should be exercised to avoid possible injury.

NOTE

Item numbers enclosed in brackets [] in the text are indicated on [Figure on page 16](#), [Figure 3 on page 14](#), and [Figure 4 on page 14](#).

NOTE

Turn off RF Power and interlock circuitry prior to proceeding.

1. Ensure the water flow has been turned off before any disconnection.
2. Disconnect the water hoses at the hose fittings [2] on the load. See [Figure on page 16](#).
3. Disconnect the unit from the RF transmission line.
4. Completely drain excess water from the load.
5. Set the load on end with RF Connector down.
6. Remove the water chamber [1] by unscrewing it in a counterclockwise direction.

NOTE

A strap wrench and a 3/8 to 1/2 inch rod are useful to overcome the initial tension of the water chamber item [1]. The rod is inserted in the water output hose nipple fitting item [2] for leverage.

NOTE

The water inlet tube will usually come out with the water chamber. If not, perform the next step.

7. Pull the water inlet tube [4] straight off.
8. Lift the resistor cap assembly [7] off.

NOTE

O-Ring tension may cause a restriction and the resistor cap will require gentle prying under the lip with a flat blade or screwdriver.

9. Lift the load resistor [13] straight up and out.

NOTE

Occasionally, the load resistor will come out with the ground cap assembly due to O-Ring tension.

NOTE

At this point, the load resistor may be replaced. To perform this, reverse this procedure and proceed to final assembly if the following criteria is met:

- The spring fingers on the input resistor fitting [22] ([Figure 4 on page 14](#)) are snug and offer some resistance when the resistor [13] is inserted into the load body.
 - The load resistor has not been fractured or badly burnt in operation. Inspect the resistor thoroughly. However, if either of these conditions are not as stated, further disassembly will be required. Proceed with step [10](#).
10. Remove the ground section housing [9] ([Figure 3 on page 14](#)) by grasping it firmly and unscrewing it from the third housing section [11].
 11. Unscrew the six 1/4-20 x 1 inch socket head cap screws [20] on the flange.
 12. Remove the third housing section [11].

NOTE

There is no advantage in separating the front and second housing sections. These are removed as an entire unit by removing the six 1/4-20 x 1 inch socket head cap screws on the flange of the front housing [19] ([Figure 4 on page 14](#)). The flow tube [21] may become dislodged and stay with the front resistor fitting [22] when the front housing [19] is removed. If this should happen, just pull it loose from the resistor fitting and push it back into the front housing section

13. Remove and inspect the following:
 - Resistor fitting [22]
 - Insulator [24]
 - Center conductor assembly [26]
14. Remove the 3/8-16 x 3/4 inch hex head machine screw [27] in the input center conductor [26].
15. Remove the input center conductor assembly.

Inspecting the Unit

NOTE

Perform this once the resistor has been successfully removed.

1. Inspect the resistor carefully to ensure that it is not fractured.

NOTE

In the majority of cases, even in the event of resistor failure, the resistor substrate will remain intact.

2. Examine the inside of the load housing assembly for any apparent damage to the internal parts.
3. Do one of the following:
 - **If no damage had been found** - Proceed with resistor replacement, [see "Reassembling the Unit" on page 13](#).
 - **If the resistor is broken, other internal parts appear to be damaged, or if they do not fit together properly** - ["Replacing Fractured Resistor" on page 13](#)

Replacing Fractured Resistor

Wash all the inside portions of the assembly (load housing sections, resistor cap assembly, flow tube, and water chamber) thoroughly under clear running water. Rinse all of the components removed from the load. Reassemble the load with a replacement resistor, see ["Reassembling the Unit" on page 13](#).

Reassembling the Unit

Reverse the procedure detailed in ["Replacing a Resistive Element" on page 10](#).

When replacing the resistor [13] in the resistor fitting [22], be sure it is a very snug fit and requires a moderate force to push the resistor into the fitting. This fit must not be loose and yet not excessively tight.

If the resistor is loose in the fitting [22], performing the following:

1. Press the slotted finger contacts of the fitting together slightly.
2. Try the resistor again.
3. Continue closing the ends of the resistor fitting until a snug even, fit is obtained.
4. Bottom the resistor in the fitting with the resistor in place in the fitting [22].
5. Install the assembly upright in the RF outer conductor [28] or [31].
6. Replace the front housing [19] and continue with reassembly.

Figure 2 Removing the Resistor

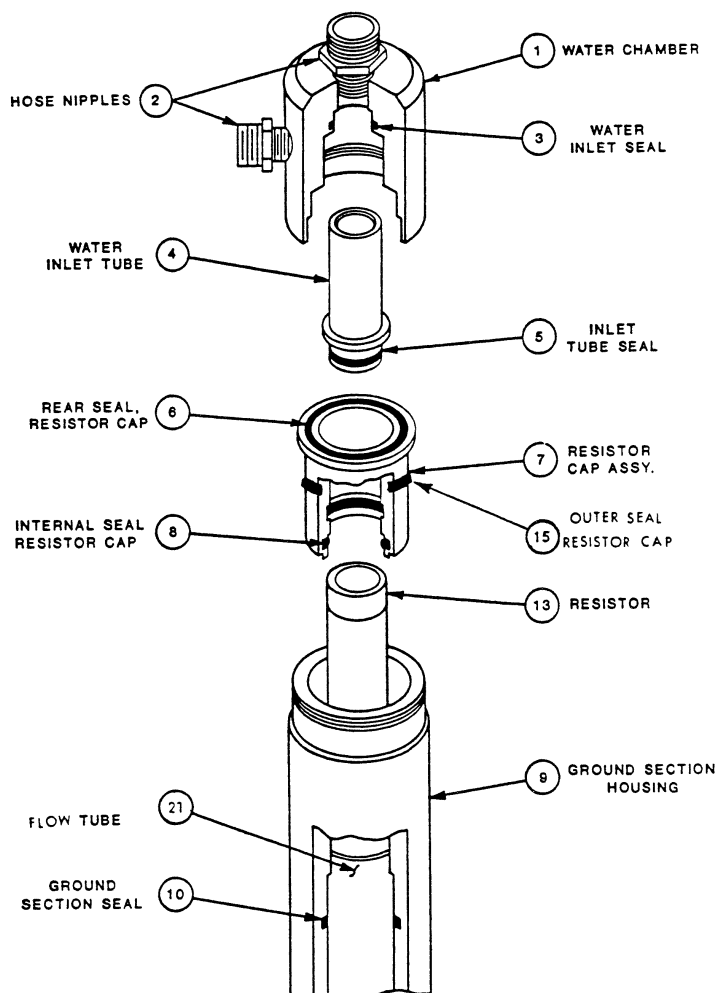


Figure 3 RF Load Midsection

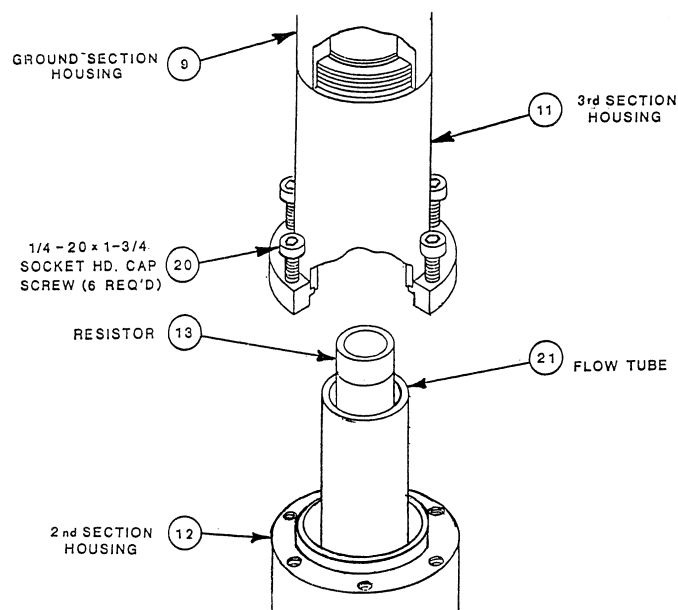
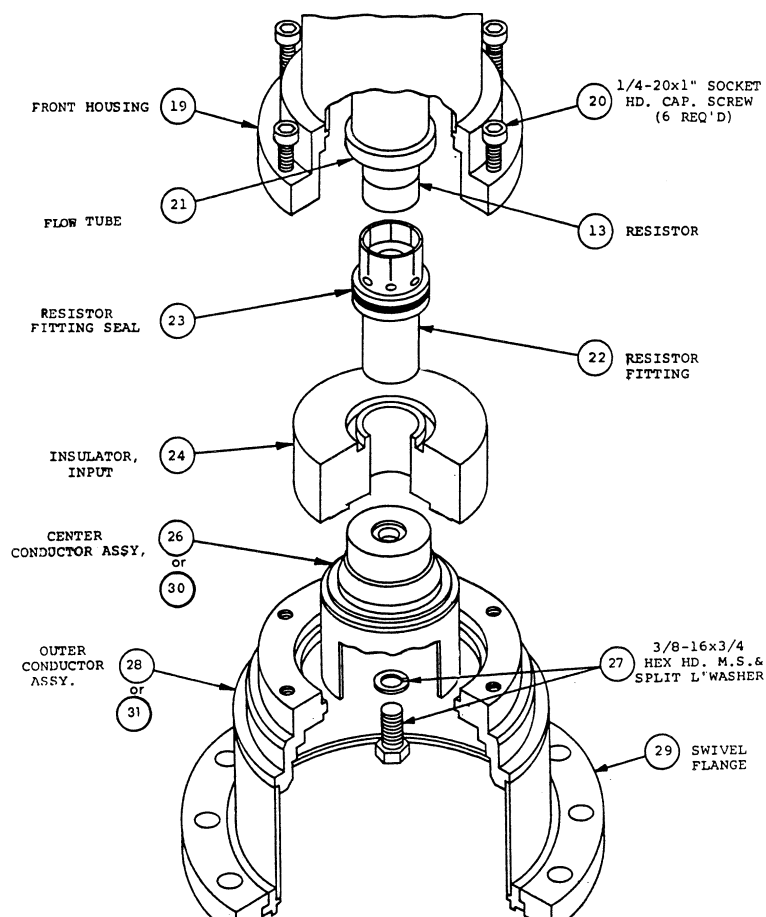


Figure 4 RF input Assembly (Exploded View)



Replacing the RF Connector

NOTE

The RF Coaxial connector consists of the inner conductor [26 or 30] and the outer conductor [28 or 31] respectively. See [Figure 4 on page 14](#).

1. Remove the six 1/4-20 x 1 inch socket head cap screws [20] from the flange of the front housing assembly [19]. See [Figure 4 on page 14](#).

NOTE

The outer conductor will come off exposing the center conductor and insulator.

2. Grasp the center conductor assembly and gently pull it off the front housing.

NOTE

Usually the resistor [13] and flow tube [21] will remain in place in the housing when the center conductor assembly is removed. In some cases, one or both of these parts will come out with the center conductor assembly. This is not a problem and they can be separated from the front center conductor assembly and resealed in the housing without consequence.

3. Remove the 3/8-16 x 3/4 inch screw and lock-washer set [27] located inside the center conductor.

NOTE

Use a 5/8 inch socket wrench set with an extension for the screw.

4. Insert a 5/32 inch rod, or equivalent, through the holes in the fitting to hold the resistor fitting [22].

CAUTION

Do not use any pliers or wrenches on the resistor fitting [22] as damage to its surface may result.

5. Replace the center conductor assembly by gently manipulating the assembly until it is thoroughly seated in place.
6. Reassemble the RF Connector assembly by reversing this procedure.

Storing

NOTE

If the load is to be unused or stored for any length of time, completely drain it of any coolant and cap the openings.

1. Contain or cover the unit with plastic.
2. Store in a cool, dust free and dry area.

NOTE

Ambient storage temperatures are not critical, however, extreme temperatures should be avoided.

Shipping

1. Completely drain the unit of all coolant.
2. Cap all openings.
3. Pack the unit securely in a sturdy wooden box or equivalent.

NOTE

If possible, keep the original shipping carton for reshipment.

4. Pad the container with sufficient padding to avoid shock damage.
5. Seal the container securely.

Customer Service

Any maintenance or service procedure beyond the scope of those in this chapter should be referred to a qualified service center.

If the unit needs to be returned for any reason, request an Return Material Authorization (RMA) through the Bird Technologies website. All instruments returned must be shipped prepaid and to the attention of the RMA number.

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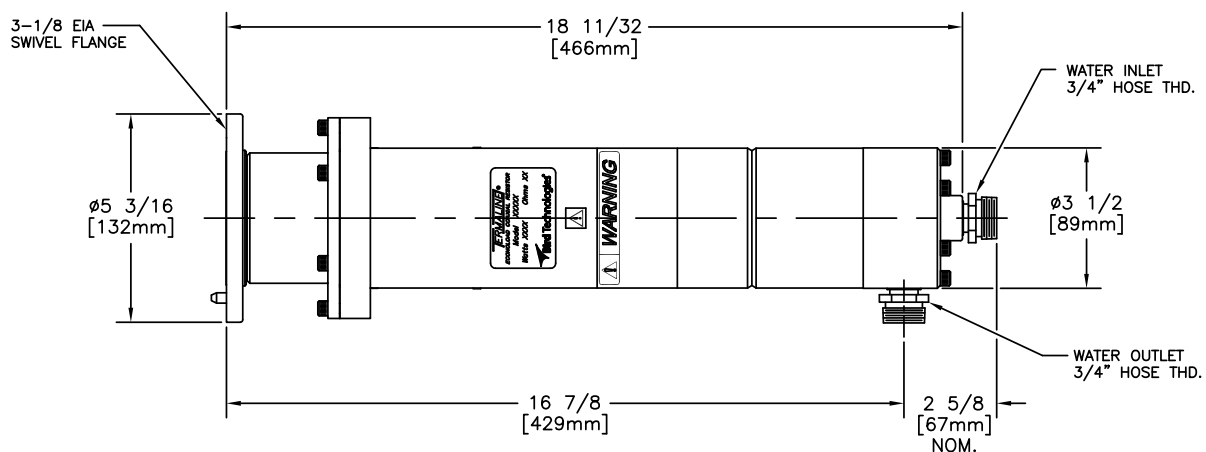
For the location of the Sales Office nearest you, visit our Web site at:

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Specifications

Power Rating Models 8792	80,000 watts
RF input Impedance	50 ohms
Input Connector Model 8792	6-1/8" EIA flanged (50 ohm)
Frequency Range	1 kHz to 800 MHz
VSWR	1.15 max. 1 kHz to 800 MHz
Modes	CW, AM, FM, SSB, TV, and certain pulse types
Input Water Temperature Range	5°C to 60°C (41°F to 140°F)
Minimum Water Flow Rate	9 GPM (34 lpm) at 5°C (41°F) 12 GPM (45.4 lpm) at 60°C (140°F)
Max Water Pressure	80 PSI (5.52 bar)
Water Connection	3/4" standard hose thread
Cooling Water	100% potable ¹ /distilled water or up to 50% dilution with pure technical grade ethylene glycol.
Weight Model 8792	25 lb (11.3 kg)
Dimensions Overall Length Model 8792 Housing Diameter Maximum Diameter (Input Flange) 8792	34 3/4" (888.7 mm) 3-1/2" (88.9 mm) 6 1/8" (156 mm)
Housing Material	Aluminum alloy and brass
Operating Position	Any
Finish	Lusterless black enamel
RF Connector & Hose Nipples	Bright Nickel Plate

1. Standards for potable water have been established by the U.S. Public Health Service at a maximum of 500 ppm of total dissolved solids (ppm - parts per million or 1 mg per liter). Hardness of water (content of calcium and magnesium salts) should be less than 75 ppm. If the quality of the available water supply is doubtful or the mineral content is questionable, use distilled water.



Replacement Parts List

Item	Qty.	Description	Part Number
	(1)	Water chamber assembly	8790-005
1	1	Water chamber	8790-031
2	2	Hose nipple	5-065-2
3	1	Internal O-Ring seal	5-1250
4	1	Water inlet tube	8790-032
5	1	Water inlet seal O-Ring	5-1340
6	1	Resistor cap rear seal O-Ring	5-1128
7	(1)	Resistor cap assembly	8792-003
	1	Resistor cap subassembly	8792-004
8	1	Internal resistor cap seal O-Ring	5-1251
9	1	Housing ground section	8792-007
10	1	Ground section seal O-Ring	5-1128
11	1	Third housing section	8792-002
12	1	Second housing section	8792-006
13	1	Resistor element	8792-010-1
14	1	Cone point socket hd. set screw (front and second sect.) 10-32 x 1/4 inch	standard
15	1	Outer resistor cap seal O-Ring	5-1128
19	1	Front section housing assembly	8792-005
20	12	1/4-20 x 1 inch socket head Cap screws	standard
21	1	Flow tube	8792-009
22	1	Resistor fining	8790-0'16
23	1	Resistor fitting seal O-Ring	5-1127
24	1	Input insulator	8790-015
25	1	Insulator ring (omitted these units)	
26	1	Center conductor assembly	8790-009
27	1	3/8-16 x 3/4 inch hex head s/s Screw & lockwasher set	standard
28	1	Outer conductor assembly	8790-006
29	1	Swivel flange	4802-014

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All products manufactured by Seller are warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of one (1) year, unless otherwise specified, from date of shipment and to conform to applicable specifications, drawings, blueprints and/or samples. Seller's sole obligation under these warranties shall be to issue credit, repair or replace any item or part thereof which is proved to be other than as warranted; no allowance shall be made for any labor charges of Buyer for replacement of parts, adjustment or repairs, or any other work, unless such charges are authorized in advance by Seller.

If Seller's products are claimed to be defective in material or workmanship or not to conform to specifications, drawings, blueprints and/or samples, Seller shall, upon prompt notice thereof, either examine the products where they are located or issue shipping instructions for return to Seller (transportation charges prepaid by Buyer). In the event any of our products are proved to be other than as warranted, transportation costs (cheapest way) to and from Seller's plant, will be borne by Seller and reimbursement or credit will be made for amounts so expended by Buyer. Every such claim for breach of these warranties shall be deemed to be waived by Buyer unless made in writing within ten days from the date of discovery of the defect.

The above warranties shall not extend to any products or parts thereof which have been subjected to any misuse or neglect, damaged by accident, rendered defective by reason of improper installation or by the performance of repairs or alterations outside of our plant, and shall not apply to any goods or parts thereof furnished by Buyer or acquired from others at Buyer's request and/or to Buyer's specifications. Routine (regularly required) calibration is not covered under this limited warranty. In addition, Seller's warranties do not extend to the failure of tubes, transistors, fuses and batteries, or to other equipment and parts manufactured by others except to the extent of the original manufacturer's warranty to Seller.

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