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TROUBLESHOOTING TEMPERATURE CIRCUITS FOR ALL MICROPROCESSOR BASED ANALYZERS

- NOTE: ALL THERMISTORS USE A TWISTED PAIR OF YELLOW WIRES. ANYTIME YOU SEE A TWISTED PAIR OF YELLOW WIRES, THAT IS A THERMISTOR CIRCUIT. WHEN CHECKING RESISTANCE OR SUBSTITUTING RESISTORS, BE SURE YOU ARE WORKING WITH THE YELLOW WIRES!
- 1. All temperature circuits, with the exception of N02/H2S converters use thermistors to sense temperature. The thermistor is a resistor which varies resistance with temperature. Higher temperature equals lower resistance and vice versa.
- 2. On M100-M400 series analyzers, the thermistor sensing circuits are located on the DCPS, (See schematic drawing #00016). A modified wheatstone bridge is used, with a LM317 regulator added to linearize the thermistor. This circuit creates a voltage which is proportional to temperature. This voltage is sent to the A/D card and then to the processor which displays it as a temperature on the front panel. On M100A and M200A the sensing circuits are located on the Status/Temp PCB.
- 3. The trick to troubleshooting these circuits is to divide them into two parts; a temperature sensing circuit and a control circuit. Essentially, the sensing circuit consists of the thermistor, the DCPS, and the A/D board. The control circuit consists of the heater/cooler (the element), the power supply for the element, the switch to turn the element on, and the I/O card which sends a signal to the switch.

CAUTION!!! SOME THERMISTORS SHARE CONNECTORS WITH HEATERS, SO 110VAC MAY BE PRESENT ON SOME PINS OF SOME CONNECTORS! PAIRS OF RED WIRES ARE HEATER!

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- 4. In troubleshooting the sensing circuit, the easiest way is the resistor substitution method. This consists of disconnecting the thermistor in question and substituting a resistor of known value into the circuit. Then, observing the display, verify that the expected temperature is displayed as follows:
 - A. For Rcell, or IZS heater circuits, unplug the thermistor connector and plug an 11K ohm resistor into the non-thermistor side of the connector. BE SURE TO PLUG THE RESISTOR INTO THE YELLOW WIRES OF THE CONNECTOR TO AVOID ELECTROCUTION! The yellow wires are input wires from the thermistor to the DCPS circuit. Look for a reading of 49 or 50 degrees centigrade on the front panel test function RCELL TEMP or IZS TEMP depending on which circuit you are troubleshooting. A correct reading indicates the DCPS, motherboard and A/D cards are working. A wrong reading is almost always the DCPS card.
 - B. When troubleshooting other heater circuits, use the attached resistance to temperature chart to determine which resistor value should be used for the circuit in question.
 - C. If a cooler failure, remove the top connector from the end of the barrel assembly and place a 47K Ohm resistor into the connector on the two pins with yellow wires. The front panel PMT TEMP display should read 15 degrees C.
 - D. If the correct reading is obtained, make the following measurements:
- 1. Measure Ohms across the two yellow wires of the thermistor. The reading should be between 5K and 49K ohms. If the indication is a short or open, replace the thermistor.
- 2. Measure Ohms from either side of the thermistor to the case the thermistor is housed in. Anything other than an infinite reading indicates that the thermistor is shorted to case and must be replaced.
 - E. If the temperature sensing circuit is working, the problem most likely lies in the control circuit.

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- 5. The control circuits for the heaters are all the same. They consist of a heater, a 115VAC power source and an opto-isolator switch or solid state relay.
 - A. First verify the heater isn't open. Unplug the heater at the molex connector and use an ohmmeter to verify that it measures correctly, (typically less than 1K ohms).
 - B. Next verify that the heater led is on. The LED is located on the opto in M100 and M200. In M300, M400, M100A and M200A, the led is located on the Power Supply Module.
 - C. If the heater resistance is correct and the LED is lit, then measure the AC voltage at the red wires of the heater connector. If the voltage is not between 105 and 125 VAC, then the opto-isolator or relay is suspect. In M100 and M200 you can pull the small round fuse out and measure the resistance. It should read short. If bad, replace it.
 - D. Using the motherboard schematic, you can look for the appropriate logic signal to the opto-isolator or Power Supply Module and verify the +5V signal is at the opto-isolator or Power Supply Module connector. If the +5V signal is present, swap the opto-isolator, or if the unit has a Power Supply Module, you should call the Factory to get assistance on troubleshooting or replacing the Module.
- 6. When troubleshooting the cooler, keep in mind that the power supply for the cooler is not regulated. Typical voltages for the power supply are 10-11 volts with an open cooler/cooler turned off, and 8-9 volts with a working cooler when on. The power supply is located on a small vertical bracket in the M100 and M200. In all others it is located in the Power Supply Module. See attached schematic for M100 and M200 cooler circuits.
 - A. The M100-M200 coolers are located in the PMT barrel barrel ass'y. Measure the voltage on the red wire of the top connector on the end of the barrel. It should read 8-9 Volts when on. Measure the voltage on the green wire on the end of the same connector, it should be 1.2 to 1.5 Volts. If the green and red wires both read 10-11 Volts, the FET is open or not on. Measure the voltage on both sides of the resistor on the FET, you should have ground on one side and 4.7-5. 1VDC on the other. If not, there is a bad connection, short or the I/O card isn't functioning properly.
 - B. If the Voltage on the green wire of the top connector reads O-.5 Volts, the cooler is open and should be replaced.

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7. The M100A and M200A cooler circuit is located on the preamp board. The schematic is located on the preamp schematic. Troubleshooting consists of measuring the voltage at Ul-3 and verifying it is about 8.5 Volts, this is the reference voltage. The voltage at Ul2 is from the thermistor and should start around zero when at ambient temperature and increase to 8.5 Volts. Verify the thermistor resistance by measuring the voltage at E6 of the preamp board and calculating the current through R31. The voltage at E6 divided by the current through R31 will give you the thermistor resistance in ohms.

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