



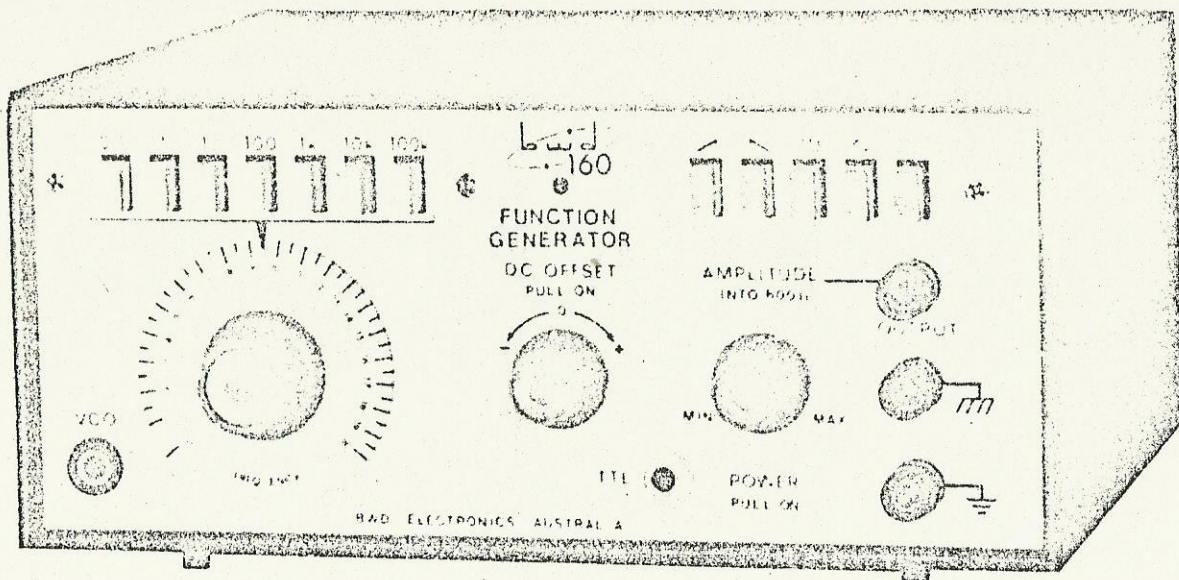
**BWD ELECTRONICS**

**160**

**FUNCTION  
GENERATOR**

**INSTRUCTION MANUAL**





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# INSTRUMENT HANDBOOK

## MODEL bwd 160

1. INTRODUCTION. Model bwd 160 is a small high performance Function Generator providing six simultaneous output signals and a wide variety of waveforms over a frequency range of 0.02Hz to 2MHz.

The three basic waveforms are sine, square and triangle, all of which are available simultaneously as fixed level outputs at the rear panel. The symmetry of all these outputs is normally 1:1, however, by push button selection 20:1 or 1:20 is available from all the fixed outputs. For the phase relationship between the fixed outputs see Section 4.

Any one of the nine possible waveforms can be selected to appear at the main output terminals by push button selection. The main output waveform can be adjusted in both amplitude and D.C. offset to any required value within the specification.

By connecting a voltage source to the V.C.O. input, the frequency of the output can be varied over four decades. A positive voltage increases the frequency producing up to 2 decades of control and a negative voltage decreases the frequency 2 decades. The maximum frequency on any range is that frequency indicated by 20 on the dial.

The auxiliary T.T.L. compatible output is also provided on the front panel, this can be used as a synchronising pulse, pen lift voltage, etc.

All outputs are floating with respect to ground and may be taken to  $\pm 200V$  above ground.

## 2. PERFORMANCE.

### 2.1 FREQUENCY RANGE AND ACCURACY

0.02Hz to 2Hz	$\pm 10\%$ of full scale
0.2Hz to 20Hz	$\pm 10\%$ of full scale
2Hz to 200Hz	$\pm 3\%$ of full scale
20Hz to 2kHz	$\pm 3\%$ of full scale
200Hz to 20kHz	$\pm 3\%$ of full scale
2kHz to 200kHz	$\pm 3\%$ of full scale
20kHz to 2MHz	$\pm 3\%$ of full scale



2.2 FREQUENCY DIAL. Calibrated 1 to 20 with intermediate calibration points 1.0 per division. Also uncalibrated 0.2 point.

2.3 WAVEFORMS. Sine, Square, Triangle, T.T.L. output. Symmetry 1:1, or 20:1 or 1:20.

2.4 OUTPUTS.

(a) Main Outputs (front panel) 0-20V pp O/C 0 -10V pp into 600 $\Omega$ .

(b) Auxiliary Outputs (rear panel) Sine, Square, Triangle > 1V pp O/C,  $Z_o = 1k\Omega$ .

(c) Vernier control (main output only)  
> 100:1 range continuously variable.

2.5 D.C. OFFSET (Main Outputs only).  
0  $\pm$  10V O/C, 0  $\pm$  5V into 600 $\Omega$ . Maximum output not to exceed maximum D.C. offset.

2.6 SINE WAVE DISTORTION. <1% 10Hz to 200kHz. <2% 5Hz to 1MHz.

2.7 SQUARE WAVE RISE TIME.  
< 100n Sec into 600 $\Omega$  and <15pf.

2.8 TRIANGULAR WAVE LINEARITY.  
<1% deviation from best straight line 1Hz to 100kHz.

2.9 SYMMETRY (all Outputs). < $\pm 2\%$ .

2.10 LEVEL (All main outputs).  $\pm 2\%$  into 600 $\Omega$  and <15pf 0.02Hz to 2MHz.

2.11 ISOLATED GROUND. Unit normally floating with 1M $\Omega$  paralleled with 0.47 $\mu$ F from instrument common to ground. Common may be raised to  $\pm 200V$  above ground.

2.12 VOLTAGE CONTROL OF FREQUENCY.  
See Fig. 1.

2.13 T.T.L. OUTPUT RISE TIME. < 50n Sec.

2.14 OPERATING TEMPERATURE. The unit will remain within specification for an ambient temperature of + 10 $^{\circ}C$  to + 35 $^{\circ}C$ . For operation from 0 $^{\circ}C$  to 50 $^{\circ}C$  multiply all tolerances by 2.0.

2.15 POWER REQUIREMENTS. Two versions are available.

## 2.15 POWER REQUIREMENTS (continued)

100-137V bwd 160/115 200-265V bwd 160/230

2.16 DIMENSIONS, WEIGHT. 21 cm Wide, 9.5 cm High, 21 cm Deep, Weight 1.8Kgm.

## 3. CONTROLS AND THEIR FUNCTIONS.

3.1 FREQUENCY RANGE SWITCH. Seven decade ranges are available multiplying the dial frequency by 0.1 to 100,000.

3.2 FREQUENCY DIAL. Calibrated from 1 to 20, with an additional uncalibrated point at 0.2.

3.3 WAVEFORM SELECTOR. The three right hand buttons select either square, triangle or sine wave output to appear at the front panel output terminals. The two left hand buttons select the symmetry of the output and alter all outputs simultaneously.

3.4 AMPLITUDE CONTROL AND POWER SWITCH. By pulling the knob outward the power switch is on and rotation of the knob varies the amplitude of the selected waveform appearing at the output terminals.

3.5 D.C. OFFSET CONTROL. A D.C. offset can be applied to the output by pulling the knob outwards and rotating the knob to produce the required D.C. Level. Pushing the knob in de-activates the control.

3.6 POWER INDICATOR. A L.E.D. inserted in one of the low voltage supplies indicates when power is being applied to the circuit. If the fuse blows the indicator will not glow.

3.7 OUTPUT TERMINALS. The 4 mm output terminals supply a 20V p-p signal into an open circuit and 10V p-p into a 600 $\Omega$  load.

3.8 VOLTAGE CONTROLLED OSCILLATOR INPUT TERMINAL. The frequency of the instrument can be controlled externally by applying a voltage between common and this terminal.

3.9 T.T.L. OUTPUT. A square wave output which is T.T.L. compatible is available at this terminal. NOTE: This output is referred to the COMMON terminal.



### 3.10 SQUARE WAVE OUTPUT. (Rear Panel)

Provides a 1V pp square wave of identical frequency and phase as the main output.

NOTE: This output is referred to the COMMON terminal on the front panel.

### 3.11 TRIANGLE WAVE OUTPUT. (Rear Panel)

Provides a 1V pp triangular wave of identical frequency and phase as the main output.

NOTE: This output is referred to the COMMON terminal on the front panel.

### 3.12 SINE WAVE OUTPUT. (Rear Panel)

Provides a 1V pp sine wave of identical frequency and phase as the main output.

NOTE; This output is referred to the COMMON terminal on the front panel.

### 3.13 MAINS FUSE, (Rear Panel)

A 100mA Delay fuse connected in series with the primary of the power transformer.

## 4. OPERATION.

4.1 Check that the instrument is fitted with a transformer suitable for the mains supply.

(i.e. 240V or 110V).

4.2 Check that the fuse rating on the rear panel is correct.

4.3 Connect the instrument to the mains supply and switch on. The power on indicator should now light up.

4.4 See figures 2,3,4, 5 and 6 for wave-forms available at the output sockets.

4.5 OPERATION OF V.C.O. Set the controls as follows. Frequency Control to 0.2. Frequency range to  $\times 10\text{kHz}$ . Waveform Selector to sine.

With the DC input equal to zero, the output frequency will be approximately 2KHz. Increasing the D.C. input to + 10V will increase the output frequency to approx. 200kHz. Decreasing the D.C. input to 0.1V will decrease the output frequency to approx. 20 Hz. For the graph of frequency versus D.C. input see Fig. 1.

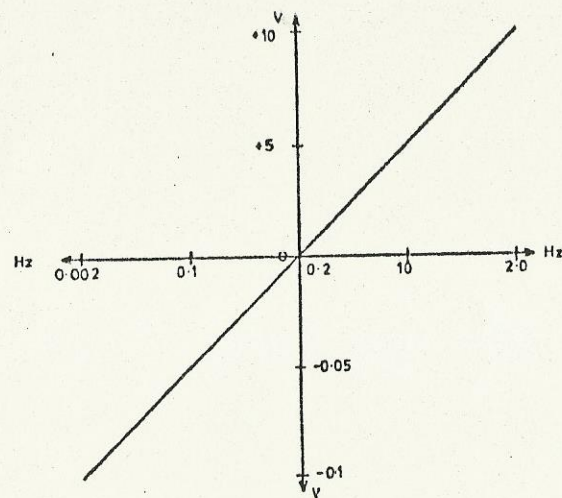


FIG. 1 VCO CHARACTERISTIC

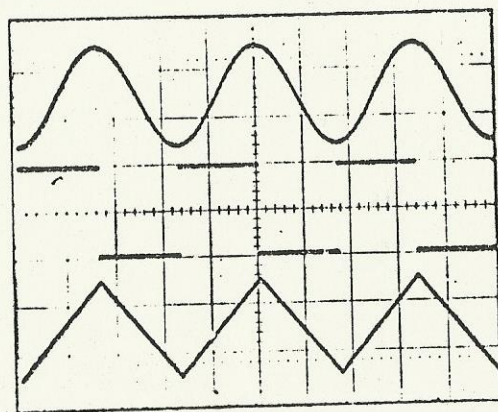


FIG. 2 WAVE FORM  
PHASE RELATIONSHIPS

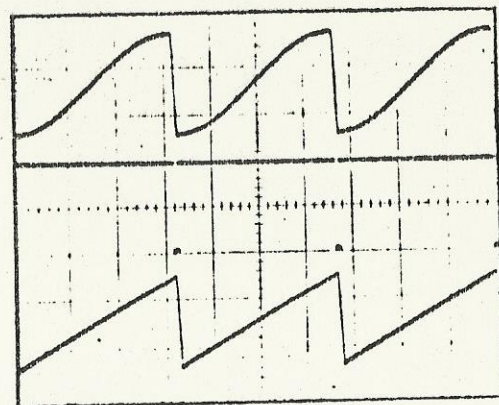
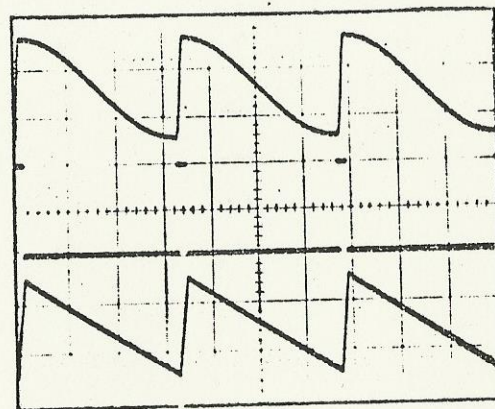


FIG. 3 WAVE FORMS WITH 20:1 SYMMETRY.

FIG. 4 WAVE FORMS WITH 1:20 SYMMETRY.





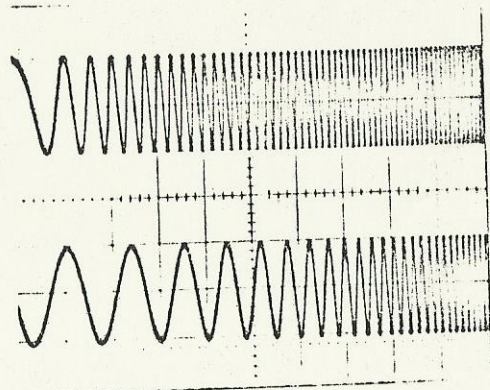
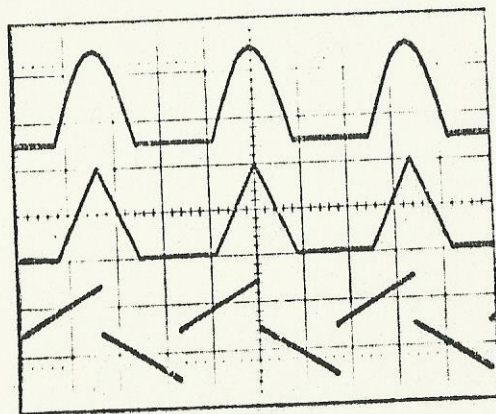


FIG. 5 FREQUENCY SWEEP WITH LINEAR & LOG RAMPS

FIG. 6 MISCELLANEOUS WAVE FORMS - SINE & TRIANGLE WITH DC OFFSET - TRIANGLE & SQUARE SELECTED SIMULTANEOUSLY.



4.6 If a negative going ramp is required to control the frequency, set the desired maximum frequency by the frequency control dial and a negative going ramp will decrease the frequency. A 10V ramp will sweep the frequency from the maximum as set on the dial to two decades lower. Examples of linear and logarithmic sweep are shown in Fig. 5.

## 5. CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION.

5.1 TRIANGLE AND SQUARE WAVE GENERATOR. The frequency control voltage from RV2 is taken via U1 and U2 to appear as two equal but opposite voltages to drive the current sources Q1 - Q4. Q3, Q4 and R13 are connected to form a negative current source which always has twice the magnitude of the positive current source. D1 and D2 form a switch which allows the negative current to either be passed to the timing capacitors C 1 to C7 or absorbed by the switch. The timing capacitors see either  $+1$  or  $+1 + (-21) = -1$ .



### 5.1 TRIANGLE AND SQUARE WAVE GENERATOR. (continued)

The waveform at the timing capacitors is taken via buffer amplifier Q5 and Q6 to the comparator U3 which directly drives the current switch D1 and D2. A

Triangular waveform is present at the output of Q5 and Q6 and a square wave at the output of U3.

The T.T.L. output is also taken from U3.

5.2 SINE WAVE CONVERTOR. U4 takes the triangular wave and converts it to a sine wave whose D.C. level, amplitude and distortion can be adjusted by RV5, 6, 7 and 8.

5.3 BUFFER AMPLIFIERS. Each of the three waveforms generated are passed through unity gain amplifiers to enable loading changes to take place without altering frequency or the waveshape of the waveforms. An output is taken from each of the buffer amplifiers via a 1000 $\Omega$  resistor providing all three basic waveforms simultaneously at the rear panel.

5.4 OUTPUT AMPLIFIER. The triangle, square and sine wave outputs of the buffer amplifiers are selected by S4 waveform selector switch and the output amplitude is set by RV10.

Q13 and Q14 differential amplifier and Q15, Q16 output stage form a fixed gain wideband amplifier. DC offset is applied to Q14 base from RV15 and R78.

5.5 POWER SUPPLIES. The secondary of the power transformer is rectified and filtered to provide  $\pm 25V$  unregulated. These voltages are used to supply the output amplifier and the regulated supplies.

U5 dual tracking regulator is used to provide the  $\pm 15V$  regulated rails.

Zener diode D13 and transistor Q18 provide + 6V and D12, Q17 provide - 6V.



## 6. ALIGNMENT.

### WARNING

DANGEROUS VOLTAGES EXIST AT SEVERAL POINTS THROUGHOUT THIS INSTRUMENT. WHEN OPERATING WITH THE COVERS REMOVED DO NOT TOUCH EXPOSED CONNECTIONS OR COMPONENTS. ALWAYS DISCONNECT THE INSTRUMENT FROM THE POWER OUTLET BEFORE CLEANING, SOLDERING AND REPLACING PARTS.

#### 6.1 TEST INSTRUMENTS REQUIRED.

Multimeter	D.C. Voltage to > 20V
Oscilloscope	"Y" Bandwidth DC to > 5MHz "Y" Sensitivity at least 1V/cm
Digital Frequency Meter	1Hz to > 2MHz
Distortion Analyser	Frequency Range 5Hz-1MHz.

6.2 COVER REMOVAL. The top cover is removed by first removing the screws on each side of the instrument and then lifting the cover vertically away from the instrument. The bottom cover is removed by removing the two screws in the bottom cover and then lifting away from the instrument. Fitting of the covers is the reverse of the above procedure.

6.3 D.C. VOLTAGE RAILS. Before attempting any adjustments the following D.C. Voltages must be checked.

+ 15V  $\pm$  1V -15V  $\pm$  1V +6V -1 +0.5V  
-6V - 1 + 0.5V

Should any one of these voltages be incorrect the appropriate regulator section should be investigated for faults.

6.4 MECHANICAL SETTING OF THE DIAL. Turn the dial to the max. clockwise position. Loosen the grub screw knob and set the dial so that the 0.2 calibration mark is adjacent to the arrow on the front panel.



## 6.4 MECHANICAL SETTING OF THE DIAL (continued)

Tighten the grub screw.

When the dial is turned to the maximum counter clockwise position the 20 calibration point should be  $1\text{cm} \pm 0.5\text{cm}$  to the left of the arrow.

6.5 FREQUENCY CALIBRATION. (a) Set dial to 20. (b) Note the frequency on each of the ranges  $\times 10$ ,  $\times 100$ ,  $\times 1\text{kHz}$  and  $\times 10\text{kHz}$  (c) Using the range which appears to have an average frequency, set RV1 for the correct frequency with dial still at 20. (d) Using the same range as in (c) set RV 3 for correct frequency with the dial at 1. Repeat (c) and (d) as necessary for correct calibration. (e) Adjust RV4 for equal symmetry on the triangular waveform.

Select  $\times 100\text{kHz}$  dial to 20 and adjust CV1 to  $2\text{MHz} \pm 1.5\%$  Adjust RV16 for zero volts offset at the output terminals, with output amplitude control set to zero.

6.6 SINE WAVE DISTORTION ADJUSTMENT. (a) Set the waveform selector to  $\sim$  and the amplitude to maximum. Place a  $600\Omega$  load across the terminals and connect the distortion analyser across the  $600\Omega$  load. (b) Set the frequency range to  $\times 10\text{kHz}$  and the dial to 10, i.e. a frequency of  $100\text{kHz}$ . (c) Adjust RV7 so that the output signal swings equally about the common voltage (d) Adjust RV8 to give approx.  $10\text{V}$  pp output. (e) Since RV5 and RV6, distortion presents, interact with one another, first one and then the other must be set to give minimum distortion, the procedure being repeated until no further improvement can be gained.



**6.7 OUTPUT LEVEL PRESETS.** (a) Set the frequency range to x100Hz and the dial to 10. Select  $\sim$  and set the output amplitude control to maximum clockwise. (b) adjust RV9 to produce 21 to 22V pp output into an open circuit or 10.5 to 11V pp into 600 $\Omega$  when measured at the output terminal. (c) Select  $\sim$  and set RV8 for the same level as RV9.

NOTE: Use an oscilloscope to set these output levels.

## MAINTENANCE

**7. REPLACEMENT PARTS.** Spares are normally available from the manufacturer B.W.D. Electronics Pty. Ltd. When ordering it is necessary to indicate the model and serial number of the instrument. If exact replacements are not to hand locally available alternatives may be used provided they possess a specification not less than, or physical size not greater than the original components.

Several semi-conductors in Model bwd 160 have been factory selected for the particular position they occupy. It is most important that the handbook parts list, Section B be consulted before replacing any semi-conductors since selected or matched devices can ONLY be obtained from the manufacturer B.W.D. Electronics Pty. Ltd.

As the policy of B.W.D. Electronics Pty. Ltd., is one of continuing research and development, the Company reserves the right to supply the latest equipment and make amendments to circuits and parts without notice.



# 160 PARTS LIST

DESCRIPTION					PART NO.	SUPPLIER
C1	220 $\mu$ F	3.15V	10%	TANT	Type TAD	Soanar
C2	22 $\mu$ F	16V	10%	TANT	Type TAD	Soanar
C3a	1 $\mu$ F	200V	10%	PYE	Type N	Soanar
C3b	1 $\mu$ F	200V	10%	PYE	Type N	Soanar
C3c	200nF	100V	10%	PYE	Type N	Soanar
C4	220nF	100V	10%	PYE	Type N	Soanar
C5	22nF	100V	10%	PYE	Type N	Soanar
C6	2 $\mu$ 2	100V	10%	PYE	Type N	Soanar
C7	150pF	630V	10%	PYS		Allied
C8	100nF	63V		CDS		
C9	100nF	63V		CDS		
C10	100nF	63V		CDS		
C11	100nF	63V		CDS		
C12	1000 $\mu$ F	25V		Elec.	Type RB	Soanar
C13	1000 $\mu$ F	25V		Elec.	Type RB	Soanar
C14	10nF	100V	10%	PYE	Type N	Soanar
C15	10nF	100V	10%	PYE	Type N	Soanar
C16	10 $\mu$ F	16V	10%	Ta	Type TAD	Soanar
C17	10 $\mu$ F	16V	10%	Ta	Type TAD	Soanar



PARTS LIST - 160 (continued)

DESCRIPTION					PART NO.	SUPPLIER
C18						
C19						
C20	10 $\mu$ F	16V	10%	Ta	Type TAD	Soanar
C21	10 $\mu$ F	16V	10%	Ta	Type TAD	Soanar
C22	10 $\mu$ F	16V	10%	Ta	Type TAD	Soanar
C23	100 $\mu$ F	63V		CDS		
C24	470nF	630V	10%	PYE	Type N	
CV1	10-40pF	Variable		CER	10S-06	Stetner
CV2	4-20pF	Variable		CER	10S-06	Stetner
*RV1	5K	Preset			PT10V	PIHER
RV2	10K	2W w/w Variable			-	AGN
RV3	5K	Preset			PT10V	PIHER
RV4	100	Preset			PT10V	PIHER
RV5	1K	Preset			PT10V	PIHER
RV6	5K	Preset			PT10V	PIHER
RV7	220	Preset			PT10V	PIHER
RV8	4K7	Preset			PT10V	PIHER
RV9	470	Preset			PT10V	PIHER
RV10	1K	Variable cw DPST pp sw				PIHER
RV11	20K	Preset			PT10V	PIHER



PARTS LIST - 160 (continued)

DESCRIPTION				PART NO.	SUPPLIER
RV12	20K	Preset		PT10V	PIHER
RV13	20K	Preset		PT10V	PIHER
RV14	20K	Preset		PT10V	PIHER
RV15	10K	Variable cw DPST pp sw			ELNA
RV16	22K	Preset		PT15H	PIHER
S1)	5 BANK	ISOSTAT		SR 121	bwd
S2)					
S4)					
S3	7 BANK	ISOSTAT		SR 82	bwd
S5	On Rear of RV15				
S101	On Rear of RV10				
T1	Power Transformer			T144A	bwd
TH1	Thermistor			CZ3	STC
TH2	Thermistor			CZ3	STC
F100	FUSE	100mA	Delay	3Ag	



# PARTS LIST 160 (continued)

All Resistors are 1/4 WATT 5%  
Unless otherwise indicated.

R1	100K		R17	1K	R36	10	R55	2K2
R2	100K		R18	100	R37	10	R56	100
R3	10K		R19	470	R38	100	R57	4K7
R4	10K		R20	100	R39	1K	R58	470
R5	10K		R21	470	R40	10K	R59	220
R6	10K		R22	470	R41	100	R60	2K7
R7	10K	1%	R23	4K7	R42	1K	R61	560
R8	6K8	1%	R24	680	R43	4K7	R62	
R9A	12K	1%	R25	680	R44	680	R63	
R9B	8K2	1%	R26	4K7	R45	680	R64	47
R10	1K		R27	10	R46	4K7	R65	1K
R11	100		R28	10	R47	10	R66	1K
R12	1K		R29	100	R48	10	R67	10
R13A	6K8	1%	R30	1K	R49	1K	R68	10
R13B	6K8	1%	R31	1K	R50	100	R69	2K2
R14A	6K8	1%	R32	4K7	R51	1K	R70	4K7
R14B	120K	1%	R33	680	R52	470	R72	4K7
R15	5K6		R34	680	R53	2K2	R74	100
R16	5K6		R35	4K7	R54	47	R75	1M
							R76	220
							R77	470



# PARTS LIST - 160 (continued)

D1	IN4148	Q7	BC 207
D2	IN4148	Q8	BC 557
D3	IN4148	Q9	BC 207
D4	IN4148	Q10	BC 557
D5	IN4148	Q11	BC 207
D6	IN4148	Q12	BC 557
D7	IN4004	Q13	BC 207
D8	IN4004	Q14	BC 207
D9	IN4004	Q15	2N3645
D10	IN4004	Q16	2N3642
D11	TIL 209A LED	Q17	BD138
D12	BZY88/C6V2 Zener	Q18	MJE 340
D13	BZY88/C6V2 Zener		
D14	IN4004	U1	741
D15	IN4004	U2	741
		U3	760
Q1	BC557	U4	MC1445L
Q2	BC207	U5	SG41501D
Q3	BC557		
Q4	BC207		
Q5	MPF 103 ) matched		
Q6	MPF 103 ) pair		



