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## **PM24 Installation Instructions**

#### General

The PM24 is a power amplifier module capable of driving an 8 Ohm or 4 Ohm load. It has a differential input, but can also be used with a single ended input. The amplifier needs



an external dual DC power supply and must be bolted onto a heatsink.

#### Input

The input is differential. There is a 3-position terminal block on the circuit board, labeled INV-GND-NON. These are the inverting input, the ground terminal and the Non Inverting inputs. These should be hooked to the signal source. For single ended input, choose GND and either INV or NON INV. The unused terminal MUST be grounded to the GND terminal.

The inputs are AC or DC coupled. For DC coupling, install two shorting blocks on the 4-pin header near the input. For AC coupling remove the shorting blocks.

#### Output

Connect the load to the two terminals labeled OUT-GND on the 4-position terminal block. The PM24 is designed for loads of 4 Ohm or 8 Ohm. Maximum output power depends on the value of the load and the power supply voltage. With a 8 Ohm load and a power supply voltage of +/- 65 Volt, an output power of 200W RMS can be achieved. In a 4 Ohm load the max power will be 200 Watt using a 45 Volt power supply.

#### **Power Supply**

A regulated or unregulated dual power supply of nominally +/- 50 Volt should be connected to the

terminals V-- GND of the 4-position terminal block and terminals V++ GND of the 3-position terminal block. Use stranded insulated hookup wire of 22 gauge or thicker. The minimum supply voltage is +/-

25V, and the maximum value is  $\pm$  75 V. A higher value than 75V may damage the amplifier. The current capability of the power supply depends on the load and the voltage. For a 40 volt supply and an 80hm load, a rating of 2.5 Amp on each side is indicated.



Heat sink

The PM24 should be bolted onto a heat sink of sufficient size to keep the amplifier cool. Use of

a thermal cutout mounted on the heatsink is recommended. Use a Normally Closed thermal switch of 5A and  $70^{\circ}$ C rating. Install this switch in the AC line going to the power transformer.

#### **Bias current**

The PM24 operates in class AB. The bias current can be set with potentiometer R22. A bias current of ~ 100 mA, when cold, is normal. The bias current can be observed with an Amp-Meter in the power supply, or by measuring the voltage across R37. See the section "Bias Current Adjustment". The voltage between the two testpoints will be 16 mV for a bias current of 100 mA. The bias current will increase or decrease slightly when the amplifier is warm. This is normal

## PM24 Parts List

#### ID Value Description

## Resistors

100K	1% ,1/4W, Metal Film
100K	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
24.9K	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
24.9K	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
499K	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
499K	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
24.9K	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
2.00K	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
10K	2W Power Resistor
100K	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
100K	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
1.5K	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
	not used
1.00M	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
4.22K	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
499 Ohm	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
4.22K	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
1.00K	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
1.00K	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
2.00K	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
2.00K	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
10 KOhm	Trimmer Potentiometer
100 Ohm	Trimmer Potentiometer
5.6 Ohm	2W
5.6 Ohm	2W
49.9 Ohm	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
1.0 Ohm	5W Wirewound
	100K 100K 24.9K 24.9K 499K 24.9K 2.00K 10K 100K 100K 1.00K 1.5K  1.00M 4.22K 499 Ohm 4.22K 1.00K 1.00K 2.00K 2.00K 2.00K 10 KOhm 100 Ohm 5.6 Ohm 5.6 Ohm 49.9 Ohm 1.0 Ohm

1.0 Ohm	5W Wirewound
49.9 Ohm	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
1.0 Ohm	5W Wirewound
1.0 Ohm	5W Wirewound
49.9 Ohm	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
1.0 Ohm	5W Wirewound
1.0 Ohm	5W Wirewound
49.9 Ohm	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
1.0 Ohm	5W Wirewound
1.0 Ohm	5W Wirewound
49.9 Ohm	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
1.0 Ohm	5W Wirewound
1.0 Ohm	5W Wirewound
49.9 Ohm	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
1.0 Ohm	5W Wirewound
1.0 Ohm	5W Wirewound
1.00K	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
1.00K	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
100 Ohm	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
	1.0 Onm 49.9 Ohm 1.0 Ohm 1.0 Ohm 1.0 Ohm 1.0 Ohm 49.9 Ohm 1.0 Ohm

## Capacitors

C1	1uF	Stacked Film
C2	1uF	Stacked Film
C3	10pF	Silver Mica
C4	10pF	Silver Mica
C5	.22uF, 100V	Stacked Film
C6	10uf, 50v	Aluminum Electrolytic
C7		not used
C8	.22uF, 100V	Stacked Film
C9	47uF, 100V	Aluminum Electrolytic
C10	47uF, 100V	Aluminum Electrolytic
C11	47uF, 100V	Aluminum Electrolytic
C12	47uF, 100V	Aluminum Electrolytic
C13	47uF, 100V	Aluminum Electrolytic
C14	47uF, 100V	Aluminum Electrolytic
C15	.22uF, 100V	Stacked Film
C16	.22uF, 100V	Stacked Film
C17	.22uF, 100V	Stacked Film
C18	.22uF, 100V	Stacked Film

## Diodes

1N4740	10 Volt Zener Diode		
1N4148	Signal Diode		
1N5232B	5.6 Volt Zener Diode		
HER102*	High Efficiency Diode		
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1N4148	Signal Diode		
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* UFR102 may be substituted for HER102			
	1N4740 1N4148 1N4148 1N4148 1N5232B HER102* HER102* 1N4148 1N4148 1N4148 102 may be s		

## Transistors

Q1*	ZVNL120A	N-Channel SS MOSFET
Q2*	ZVNL120A	N-Channel SS MOSFET
Q3	ZVNL120A	N-Channel SS MOSFET
Q4	ZVNL120A	N-Channel SS MOSFET
Q5	ZVP2120A	P-Channel SS MOSFET
Q6	ZVP2120A	P-Channel SS MOSFET
Q7	ZVP2120A	P-Channel SS MOSFET
Q8	ZVNL120A	N-Channel SS MOSFET
Q9	ZVNL120A	N-Channel SS MOSFET
Q10	IRF9640	P-Channel Power MOSFET
Q11	IRF9640	P-Channel Power MOSFET
Q12	IRF9640	P-Channel Power MOSFET
Q13	IRF640	N-Channel Power MOSFET
Q14	IRF640	N-Channel Power MOSFET
Q15	IRF640	N-Channel Power MOSFET
*NOTE	EQ1,Q2 com	e as a matched pair

The PM24 kits contains the following parts:

#### Description Qu. Value

## Resistors

6	49.9 Ohm	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
1	100 Ohm	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
1	499 Ohm	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
4	1.00K	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
1	1.50K	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
3	2.00K	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
2	4.22K	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
3	24.9K	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
4	100K	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
2	499K	1%, 1/4W, Metal Film
1	1.00M	1% ,1/4W, Metal Film
1	100 Ohm	Trimmer Potentiometer
1	10 KOhm	Trimmer Potentiometer
12	1.0 Ohm	5W Wirewound
2	5.6 Ohm	2W Power Resistor
1	10K	2W Power Resistor

## Capacitors

2	1uF	Stacked Film
2	10pF	Silver Mica
6	.22uF, 100V	Stacked Film
1	10uf, 50v	Aluminum Electrolytic
6	47uF, 100V	Aluminum Electrolytic

### Diodes

6 1N4148 Signal Diode

1	1N5232B	5.6 Volt Zener Diode

- 1 1N4740 10 Volt Zener Diode
- 2 HER102 High Efficiency Diode

## Transistors

1pair	ZVNL120A	N-Channel SS MOSFET
4	ZVNL120A	N-Channel SS MOSFET
3	ZVP2120A	P-Channel SS MOSFET
3	IRF640	N-Channel Power MOSFET
3	IRF9640	P-Channel Power MOSFET

## Mechanical

Quantity	Description
1'	20 gauge magnet wire
3	2 Pos. Terminal block
1	3 Pos. Terminal block
6	TO220 Insulator
6	TO220 Plastic shoulder washer
6	4/40x3/8" Machine Screw
6	4/40 Lock washer
6	4/40 Nut
1	Heat Sink Bracket
1	Bag Heat Sink Compound
1	Tube Silicone Glue
1	PM24 circuit board
1	4 pin header
2	shorting blocks

#### **Assembly Instructions**

Most parts are installed in the usual way. Insert the part at the location on the circuit board as indicated by the silk screen identification and solder on the solder side of the board. Start with installing smaller parts and install large parts last. This makes installation easiest. The circuit board has plated through holes, so parts need only be soldered on the solder side of the board. NOTE: do NOT install transistor Q5 till and follow the special installation last instructions below. Do NOT install R25 before reading the section on inductor below.

Resistors: The 1% metal film resistors are identified with colored bands in the usual way. The 1% Metal film resistors have the following markings:

49.9 Ohm Yellow-White-White-Gold--Brown

100 Ohm	Brown-Black-Black-BlackBrown
499 Ohm	Yellow-White-White-BlackBrown
1.00 K	Brown-Black-Black-BrownBrown
1.50 K	Brown-Green-Black-BrownBrown
2.00 K	Red-Black-Black-BrownBrown
4.22 K	Yellow-Red-Red-BrownBrown
6.49 K	Blue-Yellow-White-Brown-Brown
24.9 K	Red-Yellow-White-RedBrown
100 K	Brown-Black-Black-OrangeBrown
499 K	Yellow-White-White -Orange-Brown
1.00 M	Brown-Black-Black-YellowBrown

Power resistors R27, R29, R31, R33, R35 and R37 are installed in pairs. Each location holds two resistors, mounted one on top of the other. When installing the power resistors leave a gap of about 0.1" between the body of the resistor and the circuit board and between the two resistors of each pair. This will improve the cooling of the resistors. The small resistors can be installed flush with the circuit board.

**Capacitors**: The Electrolytic capacitors are all radial type. Be **sure** to observe polarity markings when installing. The stacked film capacitors are brown and have marking 224 for .22 uF and 105 for the 1 uF part.

**Inductor**: The inductor L1 is made up with 5 turns of 20 gauge magnet wire on resistor R25. Install as usual. Carefully wind the wire tightly around the 2W power resistors. Strip the ends of the magnet wire and solder to the resistor leads.

**Diodes**: Diodes D1 ... D6 are installed in the usual way. Make sure to observe polarity: the band indicated on the circuit board must coincide with the band on the device.

**Transistors**: Transistors Q1,2,3,4,6,7,8 and 9 are the small black parts with the three leads. Note that the black part has a big flat side and a round side. Note that Q1 and Q2 come as a matched pair in a separate bag. Make sure to use these in the locations Q1 and Q2. Install the transistors according to the marking on the circuit board. Make **sure** there is no mistake here. Power transistors Q10 through Q15 are installed onto the heat-sink bracket. Use the insulating wafers between the transistors and the heat-sink bracket.

Apply a thin uniform layer of the white silicone compound on both sides of the insulating wafers before installing. Install the transistors with the 4/40 screws, plastic shoulder washer, lock washer and nuts. Orient the screws so that the head of the screw is on the solder side and the nut is on the component side. The black plastic shoulder washer fits between the transistor tab and the nut. It serves to isolate the transistor from the mounting screw. The split lock washer is between the shoulder washer and the nut. Solder the three transistor pins only after all the mounting screws on all 6 power transistors have been tightened.

**Header**: Install the 4-pin header between C1 and C2. The two jumper blocks are installed onto the header. Remove these for AC coupling. Leave for DC coupling.

**Terminal Blocks**:Install the 2-pin 3-pin and 4pin terminal blocks at the edge of the circuit board. The 4-pin terminal block is made by joining two 2-pin terminal blocks together.

**Q5 (do this last !!)**: This transistor senses the temperature of the output transistors. It is glued to transistor Q14. Insert transistor Q5 in the designated holes near transistor Q14. Leave the leads long, do **not** cut them at this point. Bend the leads of Q5 90 degrees so that the body of Q5 rests onto the leads of the power transistor Q14. Holding the transistor in place solder the leads of Q5. Now apply a generous amount of silicone glue between the two transistors.



Mounting of power transistors.

Assembly is now complete. Take a few minutes to check all components and orientations. Also make sure there are no solder bridges.

## Bias current adjustment (Class AB).

The bias current of the amplifier must be adjusted by setting the potentiometer R22. First turn the potentiometer fully counterclockwise. This will set the bias current to zero. Connect a DVM or suitable voltmeter between the leads of power resistor R37. Hook the PM24 to a bipolar power supply. The supply voltage should be between +/- 30V and +/- 50 V. For doing this step it is best to use a 30V supply. This will reduce chance of damage to the parts if there is an error in the installation of the parts. If the DMM indicates a voltage of more than a few mV turn the power off immediately and check all parts placements. A very safe way to do this step is to use a variac to increase the power supply voltage slowly from zero to about 30V, while observing the DMM. Now slowly adjust R22 clockwise until a reading of 15 mV is indicated on the DMM. Precise adjustment is difficult. But a value between 5 mV and 25 mV is acceptable. Note that the unit will start heating up a little. The adjustment should be made when cold. When the amplifier is hot, the bias current will change a little. This is normal.

## Bias current adjustment (Class A).

For operation in class A the bias current should be set to a higher value. Proceed as outlined above for the class AB bias and confirm that the amplifier is working properly. After this adjust the bias current to the class A operating point according to Table 1.

#### Offset adjustment.

The offset voltage of the amplifier must be adjusted by setting the potentiometer R23. With no signal applied to the inputs, adjust R23 for minimum DC voltage at the outputs. A residual output voltage of a few mV is normal.

The assembly and adjustment of PM24 is now complete.

	4 Ohm Load		8 Ohm Load	
Max.	Bias	R37	Bias	R37
output	current	reading	current	reading
power				
25W	1.8A	300mV	1.2A	200mV
50W	2.4A	400mV	1.8A	300mV
100W	3.6A	600mV	2.5A	400mV

Table 1 Bias settings for class A

