USER'S MANUAL

MODEL: 231HC Bipolar Current Amplifier



WARNING

The output from the Model 231HC is potentially lethal. Do not operate without protective covers and an inspection by an authorized person.

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WARNINGS

REFER TO WARNINGS BELOW BEFORE OPERATING THE 231HC AMPLIFIER

2.1 - Personal Safety

Never service alone. Do not perform service to the 231HC and associated DC Power Supply unless another person is present who is capable of rendering first aid.

The output from the model 231HC is potentially lethal. It is capable of delivering high voltages at high current. Do not remove protective covers or leave cable terminations exposed. Do not operate the amplifier if terminals or cables are damaged.

The 231HC Amplifier incorporates a capacitor bank of 0.2F capacitance to provide high peak power. This capacitor bank and other internal components will remain charged for several minutes even after the DC Power Supply is switched off.

Always disconnect the input dc power before servicing and ensure that sufficient time has passed to completely discharge the capacitor bank before servicing the DC Power Supply, 231HC Amplifier or its connected load. Always assume the presence of hazardous voltages. Always connect a short insulated jumper cable across the dc input terminals before removing any protective covers. Refer to Drawing 13907-0002-1.

2.2 - Current Connections

Special care should be taken to insure that the current terminations are secure and do not work loose in operation. Local heating at the terminations can cause rapid oxidation leading to a high contact resistance and high power dissipation at the terminals. If left unchecked this can cause enough local heating to damage the current connection terminals.

2.3 - Interlocks

The 231HC Amplifier has interlock connections between the DC Power Supply and the Electromagnet load. The interlocks must be connected for proper system functioning and protection of the equipment, facility and to protect against personal injury. Attempting to operate the system with the interlocks defeated is not recommended.

SPECIFICATIONS

Table 1. Model 231HC Bipolar Current Amplifier Specifications

Electrical

Power Input (From DC Supply) 50V minimum to 160V maximum

Up to 1,000W required by the power amplifier

Recommended DC Power Supplies Sorensen SGA 160/31 160V, 31A, 4,960W

Sorensen SGA 160/63 160V, 63A, 10,080W

Power Input for DC Power Supplies

 Voltage
 187 - 242VAC*
 342-440VAC
 396 - 528VAC

 Current
 SGA 160/31
 21A
 14A
 13A

 SGA 160/63
 41A
 27A
 26A

3 phase, 3 wire plus ground * Standard delivery

Input Capacitor Bank 200mF

20 x 10,000μF, 250VDC

Power Input (Aux Power Supply) 115VAC, 50/60Hz, 2A

or 220VAC, 50/60hz, 1A User selectable on rear panel

Power Output 160V, 70A maximum

With SGA 160/31, approx. 3,960W average With SGA 160/63, approx 9,080W average

Control Modes

Computer Control National Instruments Multifunction DAQ, Model USB-6251

Current Control Resolution: 16 bits⁽¹⁾

Current & Voltage Monitor Resolution:16 bits

Digital read back of amplifier and magnet interlock status

Magnetic field read back resolution:16 bits

Output Current Control⁽¹⁾ Differential, ± 10 volt analog input on rear panel

Input Impedance $50K\Omega$ each input to ground, $25K\Omega$ to each other

External Monitoring of Output Current & Voltage

Current Output: $\pm 1\text{V}/10\text{A}, \pm 1\%$, Output Impedance 0.1Ω **Voltage Output:** $\pm 1\text{V}/20\text{V}, \pm 1\%$, Output Impedance 0.1Ω

Note (1): The Current output control may be via either the USB interface or the analog interface, but not both.

Mechanical

231HC Amplifier

Form Factor 8U rack mount fully enclosed chassis Overall Dimensions 482mm (19") wide x 354mm (14") high x 614mm (24.2") deep Weight47 kg (100 lbs)

231HC Amplifier & SGA Power Supply in Optima Rack

 Overall Dimensions
 560.5 (22") wide x 1,058 (41.6") high x 823 (32.4") deep

 Weight (with Sorensen SGA 160/31)
 135kg (300lbs)

 Weight (with Sorensen SGA 160/63)
 141kg (314lbs)

INSTALLATION

Caution: The 231HC Amplifier's mass is approximately 47 kg (100 lbs). In many cases, the Amplifier will be pre-installed by GMW into a 19" EIA equipment rack. If it is not, care should be taken during rack mounting to avoid personal injury or damage to the equipment.

3.1 - Unpacking Instructions and Damage Inspection

3.1.1 - Systems Shipped with a GMW Supplied Rack:

- 1. Remove all eight of the lag bolts located at the lower edge of all the side panels of the crate top cover.
- 2. Gently rock the crate top cover to work it loose from the shipping crate base.
- 3. Use one person on each side of the shipping crate grip the side panels of the crate top cover. Lift the crate top cover high enough to clear top of the rack, walk the cover sideways to a clear area and place it upon the floor.
- 4. Inspect the rack and its contents to ensure that no damage has occurred during shipment. If any damage is evident report the damage in detail to the shipper for claim and simultaneously notify GMW in case an assessment of the damage must be made. If no damage is found, proceed with the unpacking and installation.
- 5. Cut the straps that secure the rack to the pallet base.
- 6. Remove the wood block at the bottom front edge of the rack.
- 7. Carefully slide the rack forward and off of the pallet base.
- 8. Unpack any other system components as per their instruction manuals.

3.1.2 - Systems Shipped without a GMW Supplied Rack:

- 1. Open the shipping crate by removing the spring clips along the crate top panel.
- 2. Cut the straps that secure the amplifier into the shipping crate.
- 3. Using two people, carefully lift the amplifier clear of the shipping crate. Handles have been provided on the front as well as the rear of the amplifier case for this. Always lift the amplifier by all four handles.
- 4. Inspect the amplifier to ensure that no damage has occurred during shipment. If any damage is evident report the damage in detail to the shipper for claim and simultaneously notify GMW in case assessment of the damage must be made. If no damage is found, proceed with the installation.
- 5. Unpack any other system components as per their instruction manuals.

3.2 - Rack Mounting

When rack mounting the 231HC Amplifier it is important to note that the vertical mounting flanges alone are not strong enough to support the weight of the amplifier, and support angles on each side, beneath the 231HC, must also be used. Failure to use adequate support angles will result in equipment damage.

Take care when selecting a rack that it has enough depth to completely house the Amplifier and DC Supply. The RC-351930 Bench Height Rack offered by GMW has an internal depth of 762mm. Typical installations would put the DC Supply at the bottom of the rack, with the Amplifier just above, thus keeping the center of gravity as low as possible in the rack. Other instrumentation may then be installed in to the upper sections of the rack.

Note: Telco style racks are NOT appropriate for the Amplifier and DC Supply.

3.3 - Electrical Connections

Even if the Amplifier was ordered as a complete system and assembled into a rack by GMW, it is still recommended to follow and verify the following section as connections may have loosened during shipment.

Refer to drawing 13907-0003-0, Rev. C for a detailed connection diagram.

3.3.1 - DC Supply and Electromagnet Connections

1. Connect the DC Supply to Amplifier Cable. Refer to drawing 16907-0030-0. This cable provides the DC power, ground and interlock signals between the DC Power Supply and the Amplifier. Ensure that ALL connections are tight, the polarity is correct and the interlock cable is properly connected.

Warning: It is critical to ensure the correct polarity current connections between the DC Supply and the Amplifier to avoid damage to the capacitor bank which is polarity dependent.

2. Connect the Amplifier to Electromagnet Cable. Refer to drawing 16907-0031-0. This cable provides the current, grounding and interlock signals between the Amplifier and the Electromagnet. Again ensure that ALL connections are tight, the polarity is correct and the interlock cable is properly connected.

3.3.2 - Amplifier Auxiliary Power

Connect the 115Vac or 220Vac power cord to the Amplifier. - This provides the Amplifier with its required auxiliary power for the interlocks, computer interface, magnetic field sensor and cooling fans.

3.3.1 - DC Supply Main Power

This procedure should be carried out by a qualified electrician.

- 1. Connect the DC Supply to the AC Mains service via an appropriate three-phase AC power disconnect / breaker panel. The maximum input currents per phase are given in Section 1, Specifications.
- 2. Ensure that the Electromagnet, Amplifier and DC Power Supply grounds are connected. The DC Power Supply must be connected to the local service ground. Refer to drawing 13907-0003-0.

SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

4.1 - System Description

A complete system would typically consist of an appropriate SGA series DC power supply, the GMW 231HC, a Senis magnetic field transducer, an electromagnet and finally an appropriate computer and software or an external analog programming signal.

The DC Supply provides the 160V, 31A (or 160V, 63A) dc power to the 231HC Amplifier and is buffered by the 231HC's internal 200mF capacitor bank. The capacitor bank provides current for short duration overloads of the DC Supply. The DC Supply is interlocked to the 231HC by means of a relay contact in the 231HC. The Supply's output is enabled on a closed contact, providing protection should the interlock cable be disconnected. Two conditions will cause the interlock relay to open, shutting down the DC Supply's output: Failure in the auxiliary power supply in the 231HC or a failure in the temperature or water flow interlocks on the electromagnet load.

The 231HC Bipolar Current Amplifier integrates a Copley 231HC Amplifier with a 200mF capacitor bank, a National Instruments USB-6251 Control with USB interface and an auxiliary power supply into a single 19" rack mounting chassis.

The auxiliary power supply provides power for the cooling fans, interlocks and interface. It also provides -12V and +12V (400mA each) on the rear panel for an optional external Senis magnetic field transducer for magnetic field measurement and closed-loop field control. It is important to note that if the auxiliary supply is not powered up, the DC Supply's output will be inhibited.

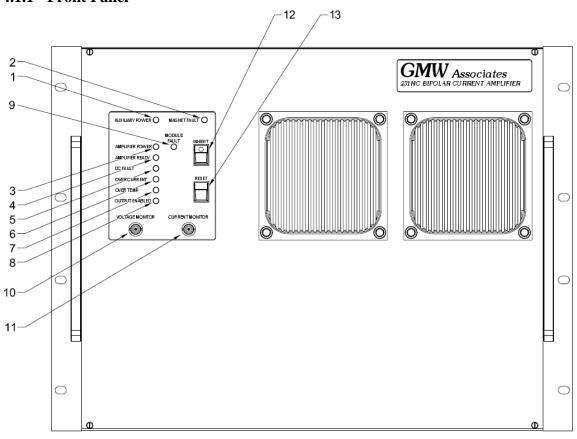
The interlock circuit for the magnet requires a 'closed contact' connection. Provision for both magnet over temperature and water flow is provided, but they are connected in series and simply 'Magnet Fault' is indicated on the status panel of the 231HC and when using the NI USB-6251 DAQ, this information is available via the computer control software. In the event of a magnet interlock fault, the output of the DC Supply is inhibited.

The NI USB-6251 DAQ interface provides computer control and monitoring of the system. It uses a 16-bit analog output (±10V) to provide the drive signal to the Copley Amplifier. The amplifier output voltage and current are monitored by two 16-bit input channels. Complete amplifier and magnet interlock status is also monitored via its digital input channels. When using an optional Senis magnetic field transducer, the field is read back on a third 16-bit analog channel. For more information, please refer to the NI USB-6251 Manual and section 4.5 in this manual.

The Copley 231HC Amplifier provides the power conversion from the fixed voltage DC Supply to a programmable current source for the electromagnet. The current output is proportional to the programming input of ± 10 V, supplied by either the NI USB-6251 or the external analog voltage input. The amplifier is set by GMW to a full scale range of ± 70 A output for ± 10 V input. For more information, please refer to the Copley Controls 231HC Manual.

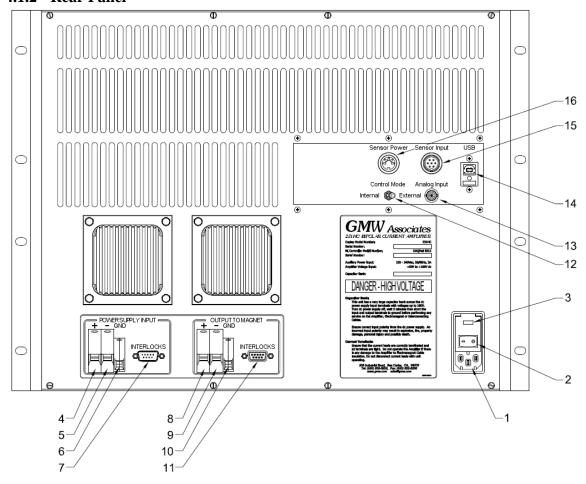
The optional Senis magnetic field transducer provides magnetic field monitoring for closed-loop control feedback. It is powered by the auxiliary power supply in the 231HC.

4.1.1 - Front Panel



- 1. Auxiliary Power Indicates that auxiliary power is present
- 2. Magnet Interlock Fault Indicates a fault with the magnet temperature or water flow interlocks
- 3. Amplifier Power Indicates when DC power is provided to the 231HC
- 4. Amplifier Ready Indicates either 'Ready' (Green) or 'Fault' (Red)
- 5. DC Fault Indicates when DC power is outside the normal operating limits
- 6. Over Current Indicates that the output is disabled due to over current over limits
- 7. Over Temperature Indicates the 231HC is disabled due to an over temperature condition
- 8. Output Enabled Illuminates when the 231HC output is enabled
- 9. Module Fault Indicates the 231HC is disabled due to a fault in the amplifier's MOSFET power output module
- 10. Voltage Monitor Output $\pm 1V / 20V$, 1%
- 11. Current Monitor Output $\pm 1V / 10A$, 1%
- 12. Output Inhibit Control Inhibits the output of the 231HC
- 13. Reset Control Resets fault conditions

4.1.2 - Rear Panel



- 1. AC Mains Input (Auxiliary Power Supply) Either 115Vac, 2A or 220Vac, 1A
- 2. Power Switch Enables the auxiliary power supply
- 3. Fuse Holder / Voltage Selector
- 4. Power Input '+' DC power supply input POSITIVE connection (1)
- 5. Power Input '-' DC power supply input NEGATIVE connection (1)
- 6. Ground DC power supply GROUND connection
- 7. Power Supply Interlock DC power supply interlock connection
- 8. Power Output '+' Electromagnet power output POSITIVE connection
- 9. Power Output '-' Electromagnet power output NEGATIVE connection
- 10. Ground Electromagnet GROUND connection
- 11. Magnet interlock Electromagnet interlock connection
- 12. Control Mode Switch Selects either internal computer control or external analog control input signal.
- 13. Analog Input When selected, the amplifier output current of ± 70 A is proportional to a ± 10 volt control signal applied to this terminal
- 14. USB Port USB connection for computer control
- 15. Sensor Input Senis analog magnetic field transducer input
- 16. Sensor Power \pm 12V power for Senis magnetic field transducer

Note:

(1) The DC power input polarity must be correct. Reverse polarity will destroy the capacitor bank

4.2 - Initial Operational Testing

Once the 231HC system is connected it is time to perform initial system operational checks.

Start by switching on the auxiliary power supply in the 231HC. The switch is in the power entry module at the rear of the unit. At this point the 'Auxiliary Power' LED in the status panel should illuminate. The 'Magnet Fault' LED should be off, if it is not check that the magnet interlocks are correctly connected and functioning.

If a system complete with computer and software was purchased, the Amplifier Control and Monitoring software should be started now. Please refer to the software manual for configuration details.

The next step is to provide DC power the 231HC. Ensure that the voltage and current controls of the SGA DC Power Supply are set to the minimum output before turning on the main power to the DC Supply. Turn on the DC Supply and set the current output control to about 5% (about 3 turns clockwise). Next slowly bring up the Voltage control. At about 20 volts, the 'Amplifier Power', 'Amplifier Ready' (red aspect) and the 'DC Fault' LEDs on the status panel of the 231HC will illuminate. After about 35 volts, the status panel LEDs should change to 'Amplifier Power', 'Amplifier Ready (green aspect) and 'Output Enabled'.

Please refer to the Copley Controls manual for the 231HC Amplifier for more information if needed.

4.3 - External Control

To use the external control option, set the 'Control Mode' switch on the rear panel to 'External'. This disconnects the internal DAC and connects the Analog Input terminal to the amplifier analog control input. One thing to note is that it is still possible to use the internal DaqPAD for monitoring the 231HC even when using an external analog control signal.

Connect an analog voltage source to the Analog Input terminal. This source should be capable of delivering voltages from -10V to +10V. The amplifier current output is proportional to the analog control input voltage.

Take care not to exceed an instantaneous dc power dissipation in the electromagnet in excess of 4,160W when using the SGA 160/31 power supply, or 9,280W when using the SGA 160/63 power supply. If this is exceeded, the amplifier may enter a mode that draws more power than the DC supply can provide and the DC power supply will shut down. When the DC supply voltage drops, the amplifier enters a 'DC Fault' mode and shuts down. Once shut down, the DC supply will recover, then the amplifier recovers, restarts and the cycle repeats. The only way to break the cycle is to reduce analog control signal to zero.

4.4 - Computer Control

To use the external control option, set the 'Control Mode' switch on the rear panel to 'Internal'. This connects the internal DAC and disconnects the Analog Input terminal to the amplifier analog control input.

Start up the computer software and ensure that everything configured correctly. Please refer to the software manual for more information.

4.4.1 - USB-6251 DAQ

The National Instruments USB-6251 DAQ together with GMW's Magnet Control software provides control and monitoring of the 231HC Bipolar Amplifier. If GMW's Magnet Control software is not used, it is still possible to computer control the 231HC Bipolar Amplifier by writing custom software to communicate with the USB-6251. The table below describes the channels used and their functions.

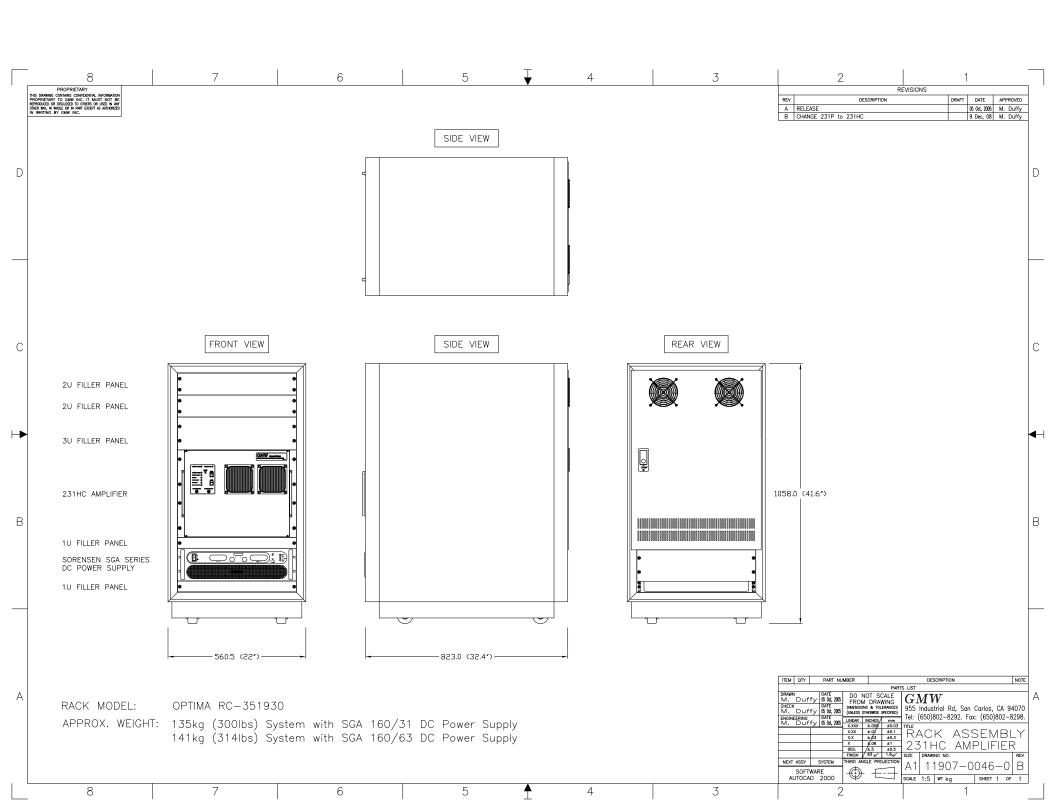
USB-6251 Connections				
Signal	Type	Direction	6251 Terminal	
Current Control Output ±10V output proportional to ±70A current output	Analog	Output	AO-0	
Current Control Common	Ground	Ground	AO-GND	
Current Monitor ±1V / 10A	Analog	Input	AI-1	
Current Monitor Common	Analog	Input	AI-9	
Voltage Monitor ±1V / 20V	Analog	Input	AI-0	
Voltage Monitor Common	Analog	Input	AI-8	
Field Monitor +	Analog	Input	AI-2	
Field Monitor -	Analog	Input	AI-10	
Field Monitor Common	Ground	Ground	AI-GND	
+5V (Amplifier Power) - Active high, the 231HC DC supply is providing sufficient voltage for operation	Digital	Input	P0.0	
Normal - Active low, the 231HC is ready and will operate when not inhibited	Digital	Input	P0.1	
Inhibit - Active low, the front panel inhibit switch is active	Digital	Input	P0.2	
Module Fault - Active low, the 231HC has a fault in the MOSFET power output module	Digital	Input	P0.3	
DC Fault - Active low, one or more DC voltages are outside operating limits	Digital	Input	P0.4	
Over Current - Active low, the 231HC is disabled due to current over limits	Digital	Input	P0.5	
Over Temperature - Active low, the 231HC is disabled due to an over temperature condition	Digital	Input	P0.6	
231HC Digital Ground	Ground	Ground	DGND	
Interlock Status -	Digital	Input	P0.7	
Interlock Status Common	Ground	Ground	DGND	

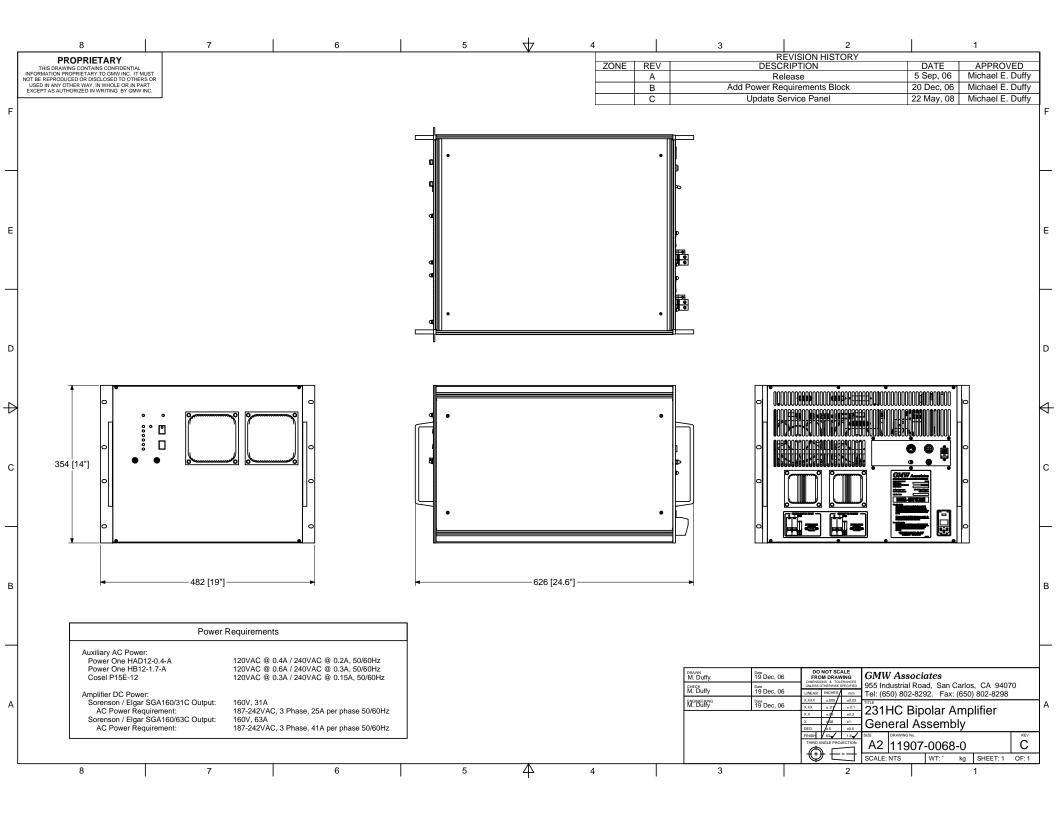
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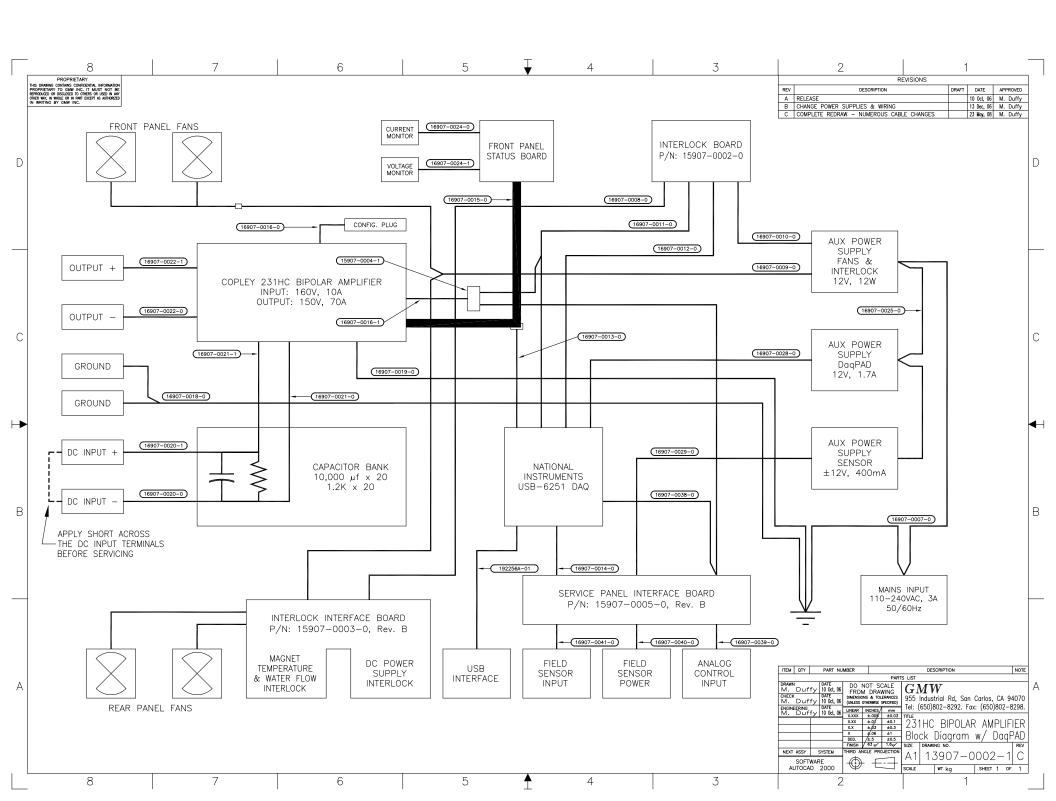
The 231HC Bipolar Amplifier should operate for many years without any trouble provided that the following basic maintenance points are observed. Always remember that the ac power should be disconnected before performing any maintenance procedure. The 231HC generates lethal voltages and must not be operated with damaged components, protective covers or cable insulation. For more information, please refer to Section 2, Warnings

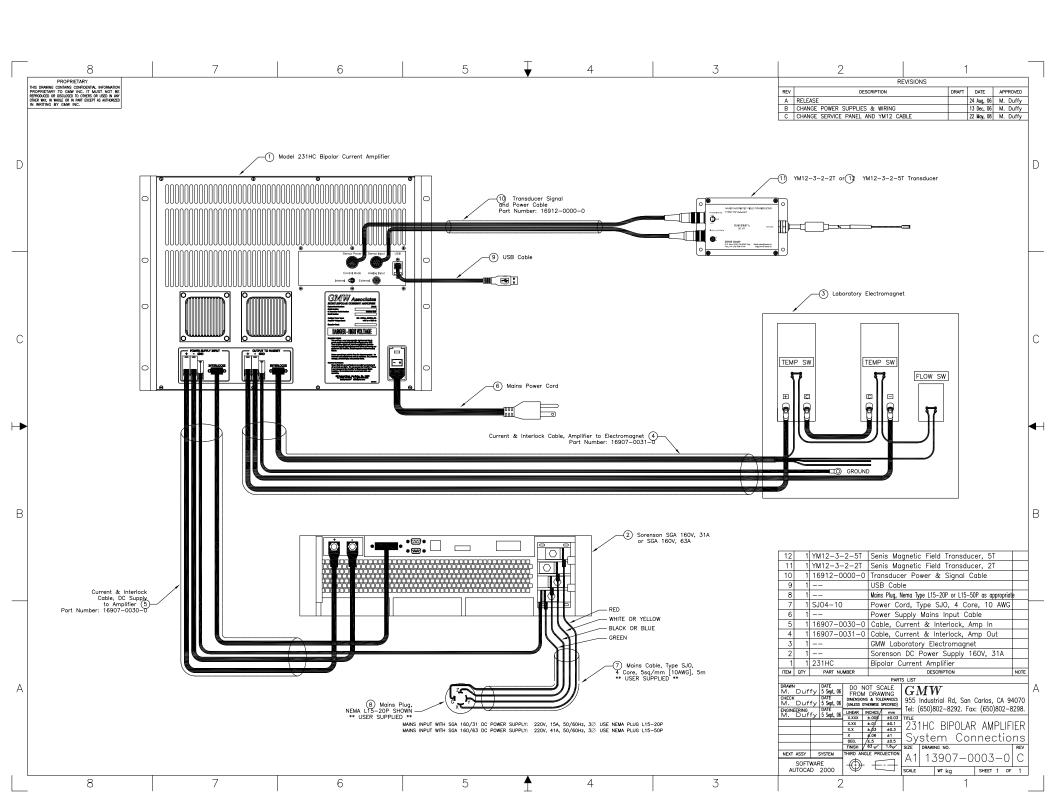
- **1. Electrical Connections:** Ensure that all electrical connections are clean and tight. Ensure that the insulation of all electrical cables is undamaged and repair or replace if necessary. All electrical termination covers must be in place and firmly secured.
- **2. Warning Labels:** Ensure that all protective covers on the system and the magnet are in place. There are warning labels on all removable covers.
- **3.** Cooling: Check that the fan screens are clean and free of blockage. Ensure that the fans are operating at full efficiency.
- **4.** Cleaning: To clean wipe the case with a soft cloth with a mild detergent or plain water. Do not use any solvents as they may damage the finish.

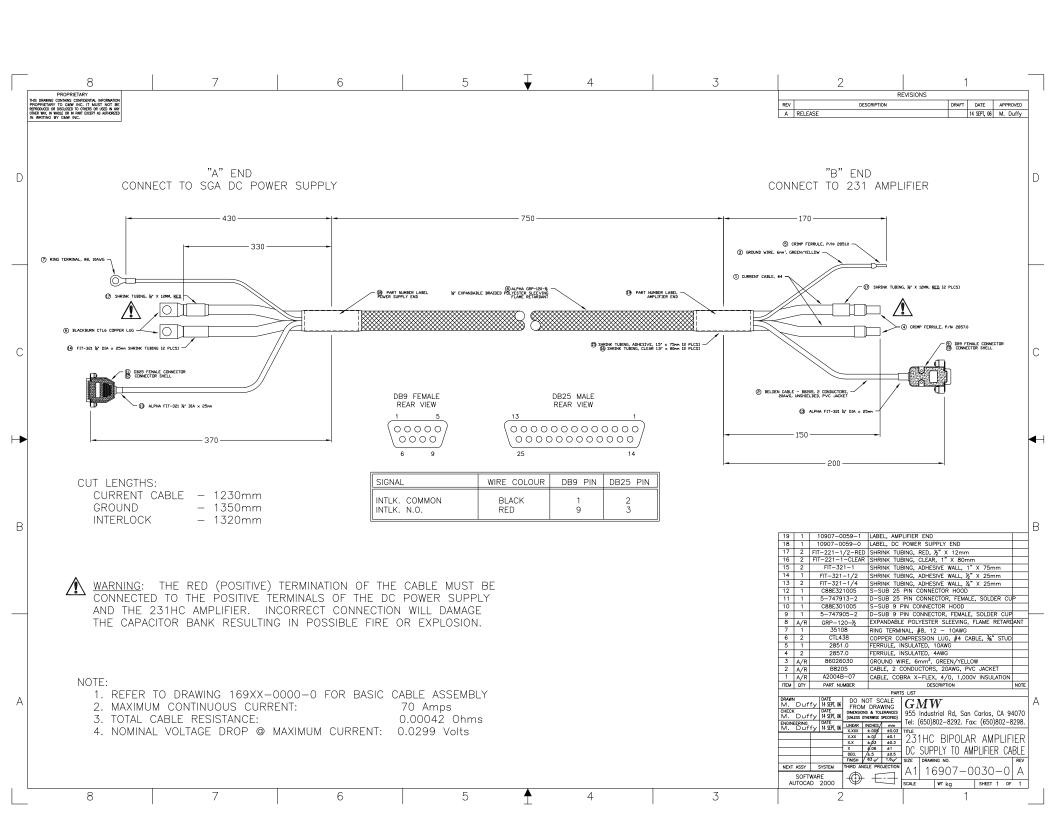
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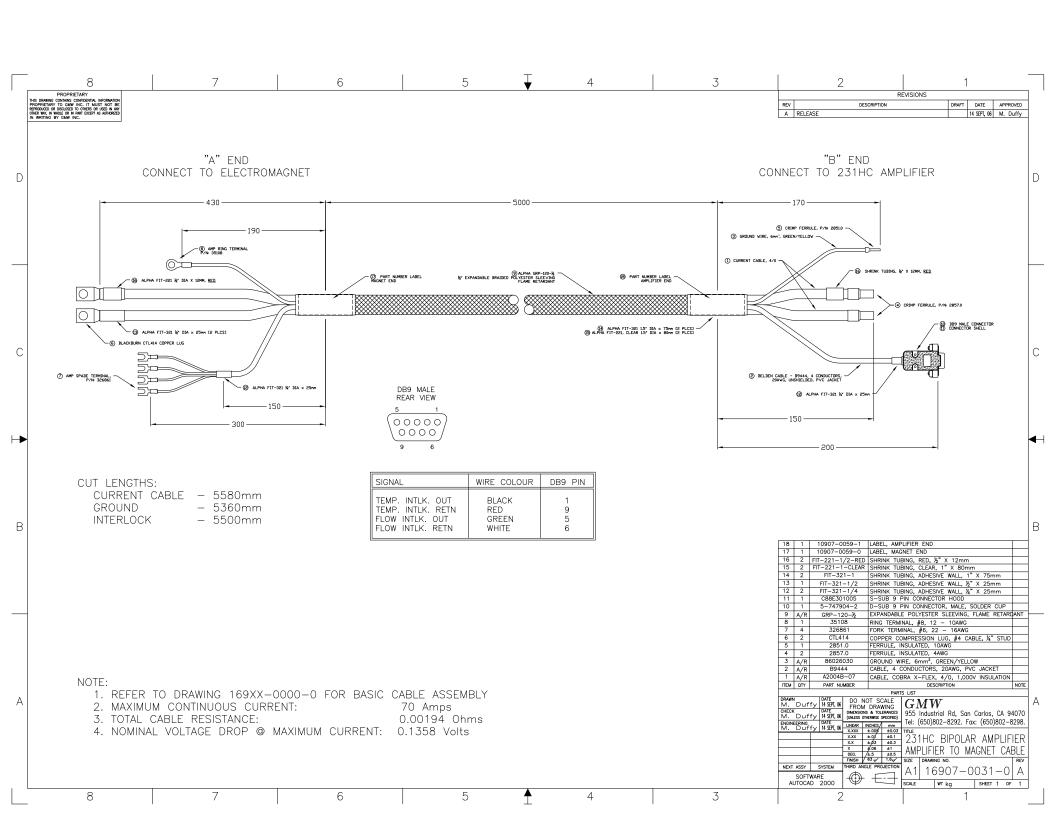


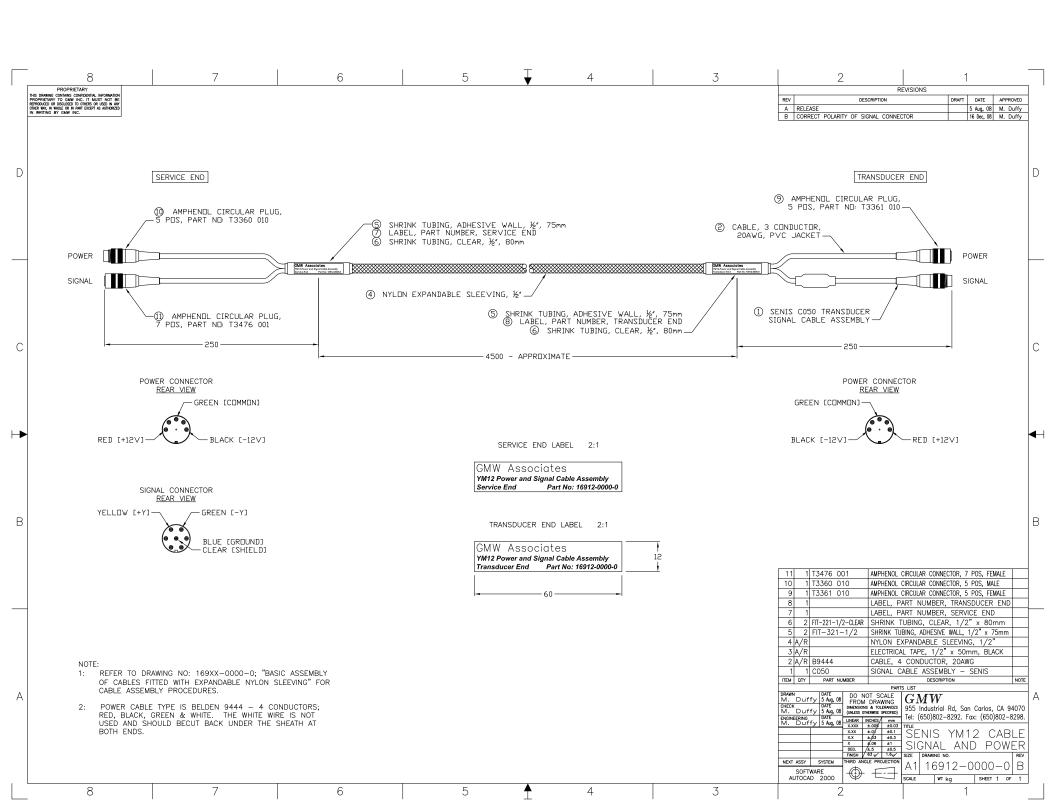












PHOTOGRAPHS



231HC Front View



231HC Rear View



231HC & Sorenson SGA Power Supply in an Optima 19" Rack front view



Optima Rack rear view

231HC with GMW ELECTROMAGNETS

8.1 Table - GMW Electromagnets and appropriate DC Power Supplies for use with the $231HC\,$

GMW Electromagnet	Peak DC Power	Xantrex - Sorenson Power Supply
5403, 5403EG, 5403FC, 5403AC	70A, 33V, 2,500W	SGA 160/31, 160V, 31A, 4,960W
3472-50, 3472-70	70A, 50V, 3,500W	SGA 160/31, 160V, 31A, 4,960W
3473-50, 3473-70	70A, 59V, 4,100W	SGA 160/63, 160V, 63A, 10,080W
5451	70A, 25V, 1,800W	SGA160/31, 160V, 31A, 4,960W

8.2 Performance Data

GMW Associates Electromagnet Stability Plot

Model: 5403 Engr: Y.Qin

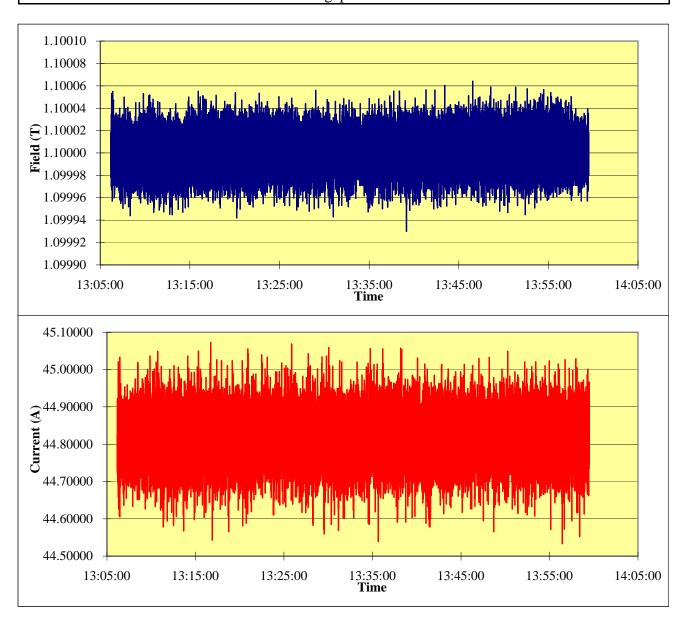
Serial Number: 246 Date: 12/14/2006

Field Sencor: Senis YM12-3-2-2T Pole Gap: 30mm Power supply: 231HC, Bipolar Pole Face: 38mm

Note 1: 50Hz low pass software filter on field reading

Note 2: Field mode (closed loop control)

Note 3: Field measured at the center of gap.



GMW Associates Electromagnet Stability Plot

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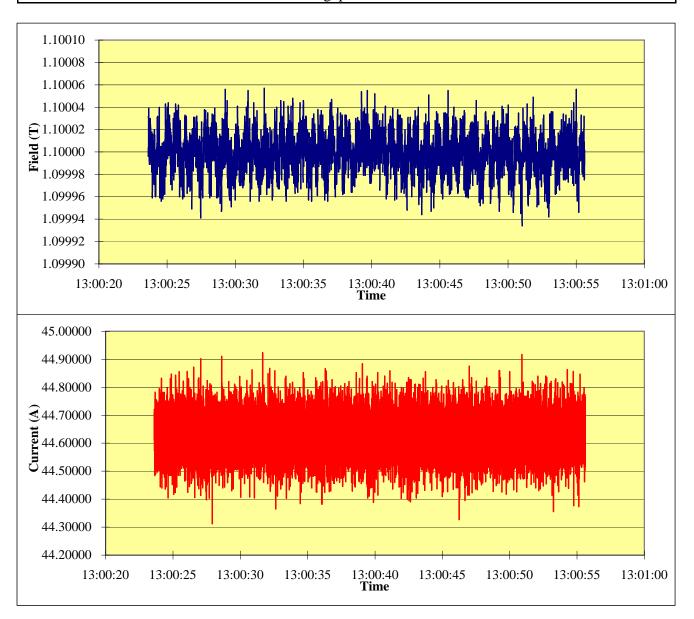
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GMW Associates Electromagnet waveform

Model: 5403 Engr: Y. Qin Serial No: 246 Date: 12/20/2006

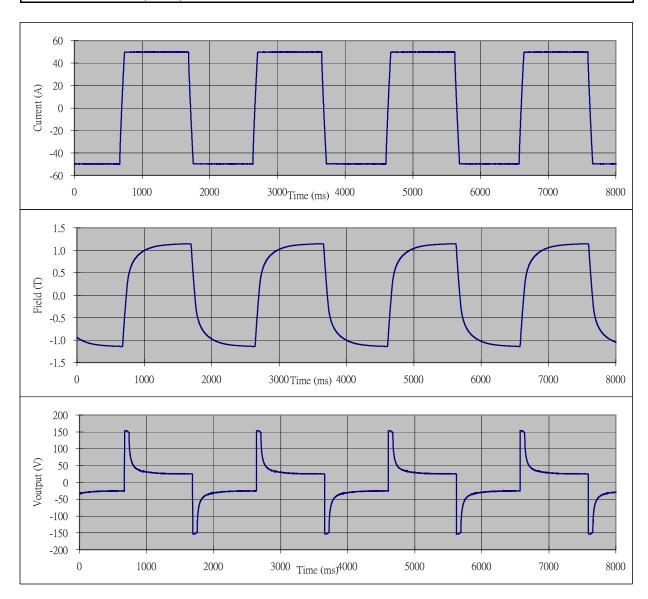
Note: 50A, 0.5Hz, square wave

Note: Current reading: 231P current readback+NI USB-6251

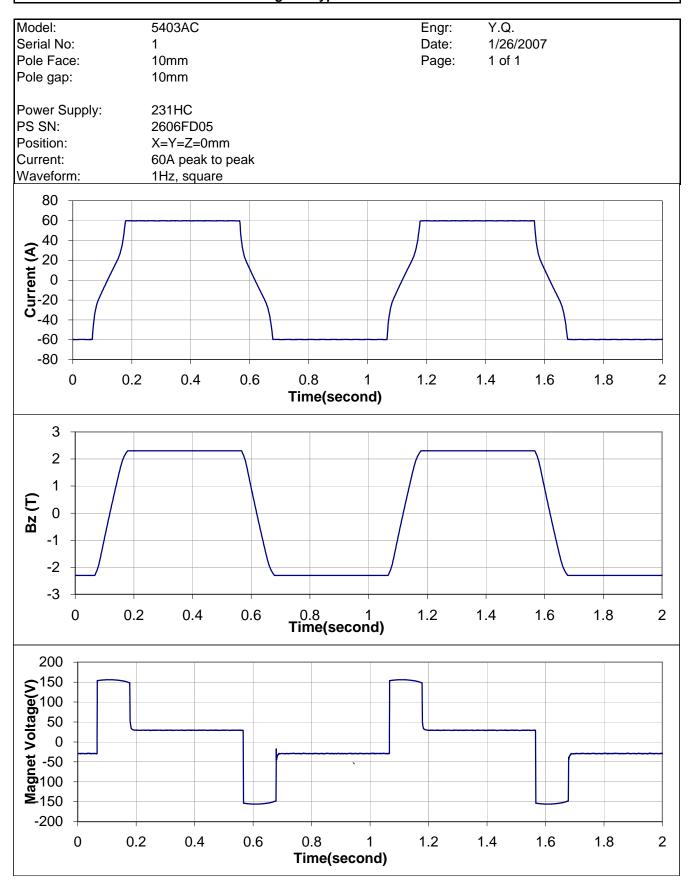
Field reading: Senis YM12-3-2-2T+NI USB-6251

Power supply: 231HC Pole Gap: 30mm Pole Face: 38mm

Position: X=0, Y=0, Z=0



GMW ASSOCIATES Electromagnet: Typical Waveform



GMW Associates Electromagnet waveform

Model: 3472-70 Engr: Y. Qin

Serial No: Date: 12/18/2006

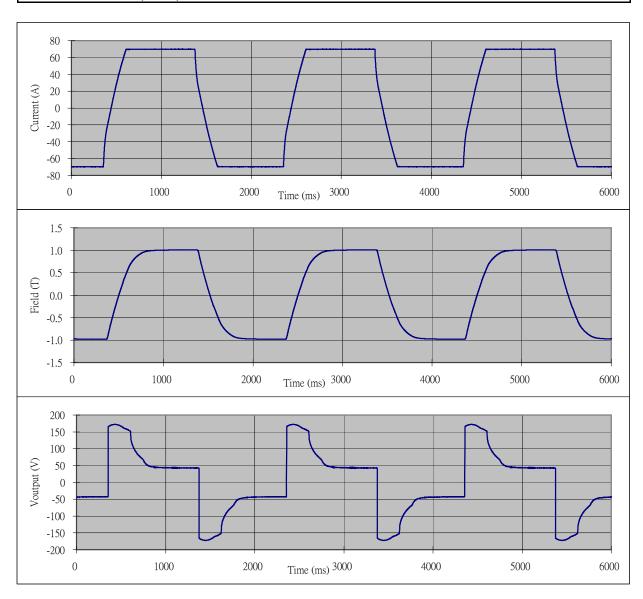
Note: 70A, 0.5Hz, square wave

Note: Current reading: 231P current readback+DAQpad6015

Field reading: Senis YM12-3-5-5T+DAQPad6015

Power supply: 231HC Pole Gap: 50mm Pole Face: 100mm

Position: X=0, Y=0, Z=0



GMW Associates Electromagnet waveform

Model: 3473-70 Engr: Y. Qin Serial No: 116 Date: 10/19/2006

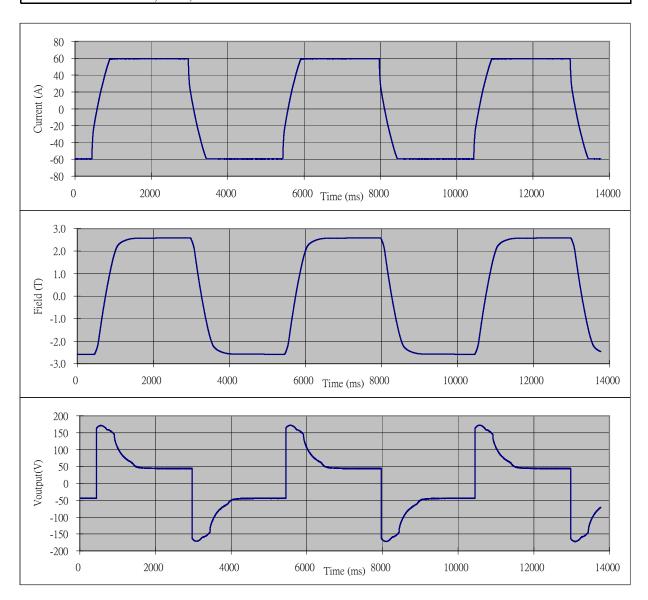
Note: 60A, 0.2Hz, square wave

Note: Current reading: 231P current readback+DAQpad6015

Field reading: Senis YM12-3-5-5T+DAQPad6015

Power supply: 231HC
Pole Gap: 10mm
Pole Face: 75mm

Position: X=0, Y=0, Z=0



GMW Associates Electromagnet Stability Plot

Model: 3473-70 Engr: Y.Qin Serial Number: 246 10/17/2008 Date: Field Sencor: No field sensor Power supply: 231HC, Bipolar, SN:134A7CE Note 1: Cold start power supply, controlled with int DAQPad Note 2: 100Hz low pass software filter on reading, all reading using internal DAQPad Note 3: Output I and Output V read from amplifier monitor Note 4: Reference current measured using DF860R. Output I 60.20 60.15 Onum (A) 60.10 Gurdent (A) 60.00 59.95 59.90 10:00:00 10:30:00 11:00:00 11:30:00 12:00:00 -DF 860R 60.20 60.15 Onus (A) Gurrent (59.95 59.90 10:00:00 10:30:00 11:00:00 11:30:00 12:00:00 Time Output V 48.00 47.50 \$\square\$ 47.00 \\ \text{end} 46.50 \\ 46.50 \\ 45.50 \end{array}\$ 45.00 44.50 10:00:00 10:30:00 11:00:00 Time 11:30:00 12:00:00

GMW Associates Electromagnet Stability Plot

