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## Introduction

The Model 421 and 421-3 photomultiplier (PMT) base with preamplifier and high-voltage (HV) supply is intended for use with 10-stage PMTs fitted with standard 14-pin sockets.

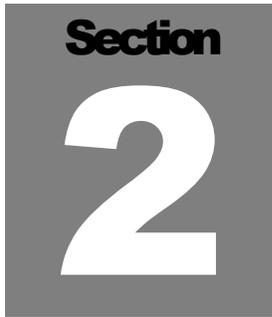
The assembly consists of a resistive divider/preamplifier and bias supply board. A BNC receptacle provides the pre-amplified signal output.

The tail-pulse output is a positive-going pulse (The Model 421-3 is a negative-going pulse.) with approximately 50  $\mu$ sec tail for connection to a shaping amplifier. The output amplitude may be varied by HV bias adjustment.

The unit operates from a 12 Vdc supply only (NIM type "D" connector).



*Model 421*

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## Getting Started

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Remove the calibration certificate or detector functional check certificate and place it in a secure location. Remove the detector(s) and accessories (if applicable) and ensure that all items listed on the packing list are in the carton. If multiple detectors are included, refer to the calibration certificates for serial number (SN) matches.

To return an instrument or detector for repair or calibration, provide sufficient packing material to prevent damage during shipment, and affix appropriate warning labels to promote careful handling.

Every returned instrument must be accompanied by an **Instrument Return Form**, which can be downloaded from the Ludlum website at [www.ludlums.com](http://www.ludlums.com). Find the form by clicking the "Support" tab and selecting "Service Department" from the drop-down menu. Then choose the appropriate Service Department division where you will find a link to the form.

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## Specifications

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**Preamplifier:** gain fixed at approximately -2 V/V. Output of pre-amp is positive with a 500 nsec rise time [NaI (Tl)] and approximately 50  $\mu$ sec “tail” pulse. Other decay times can be made available.

**Output:** BNC connector, approximately 50 ohms impedance. Maximum output amplitude is 10 V peak.

**Rise Time:** less than 50 nsec

**High Voltage:** adjustable between 0 and 1800 Vdc maximum

**High Voltage Test:** accurate within 5% of actual

**Dynode String Resistance:** 100 megohm

**Dynode Divider Resistance:** Total resistance is approximately 36 meg, intended for low power and moderate to low count rate operation. Other variations can be made available.

**Power Consumption:** Quiescent power is 250 mW at 12 Vdc.

**NIM 9-pin “D”:** Pin 1+2 GND, Pin 3 VHV, Pin 4 +12 Vdc, and Pin 8 GND to shut off HV

**Size:** 5.8 cm (2.3 in.) Diameter; 10.7 cm (4.2 in.) Height

**Weight:** 0.16 kg (0.35 lb), excluding detector and cables

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## Controls and Functions

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**SIGNAL:** BNC connector providing pre-amplified signal output.

**H Adjustment:** hole allowing access to the high-voltage bias adjustment screw.

**H Test:** a test point providing access to the PMT bias level (1000 V bias equals 1 V). Touch ground lead to case. Use a standard DC multimeter to read the bias setting.

**Zero Calibration:** Measure the DC level on the SIGNAL connector using a voltmeter across the BNC connector. Adjust R24 (ZERO) for a reading of  $0 \text{ mV} \pm 3 \text{ mV}$

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**Recycling**

Ludlum Measurements, Inc. supports the recycling of the electronics products it produces for the purpose of protecting the environment and to comply with all regional, national, and international agencies that promote economically and environmentally sustainable recycling systems. To this end, Ludlum Measurements, Inc. strives to supply the consumer of its goods with information regarding reuse and recycling of the many different types of materials used in its products. With many different agencies – public and private – involved in this pursuit, it becomes evident that a myriad of methods can be used in the process of recycling. Therefore, Ludlum Measurements, Inc. does not suggest one particular method over another, but simply desires to inform its consumers of the range of recyclable materials present in its products, so that the user will have flexibility in following all local and federal laws.

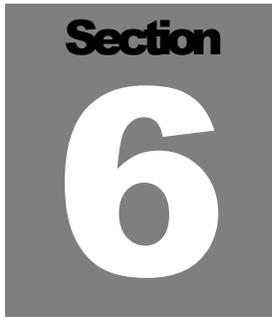
The following types of recyclable materials are present in Ludlum Measurements, Inc. electronics products, and should be recycled separately. The list is not all-inclusive, nor does it suggest that all materials are present in each piece of equipment:

Batteries	Glass	Aluminum and Stainless Steel
Circuit Boards	Plastics	Liquid Crystal Display (LCD)

Ludlum Measurements, Inc. products that have been placed on the market after August 13, 2005, have been labeled with a symbol recognized internationally as the “crossed-out wheellie bin,” which notifies the consumer that the product is not to be mixed with unsorted municipal waste when discarding. Each material must be separated. On the Model 26, the symbol will be placed on the serial number label located on the side of the instrument.

The symbol appears as such:



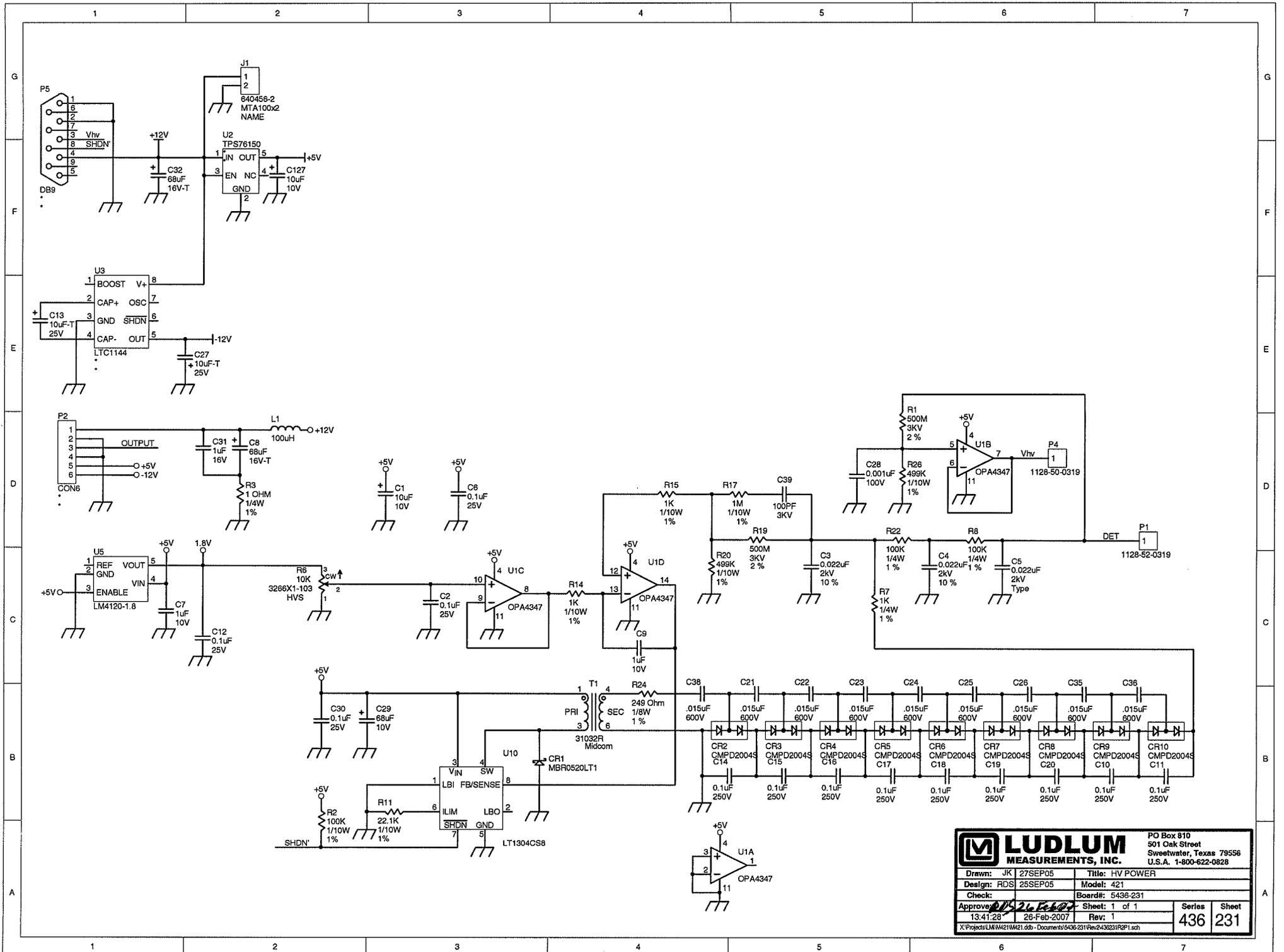
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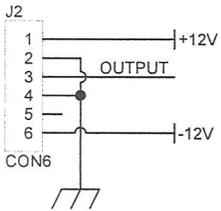
HV Power board, Drawing 436 x 231

Pre-Amp and Voltage Divider Board, Drawing 436 x 234

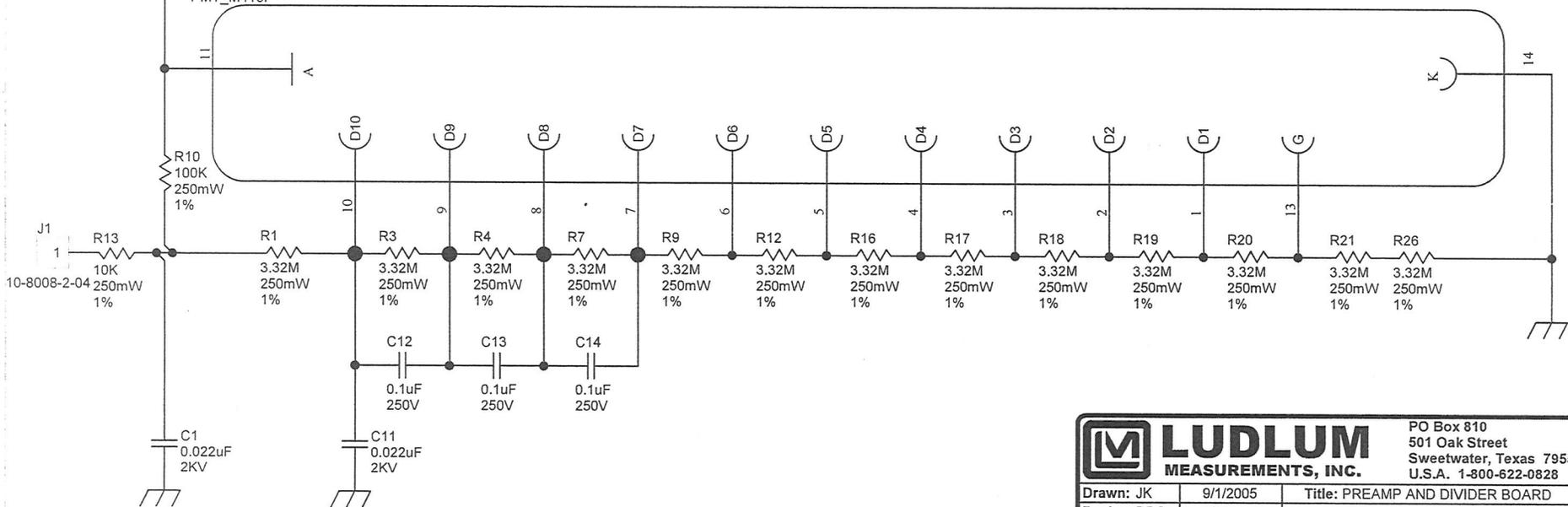
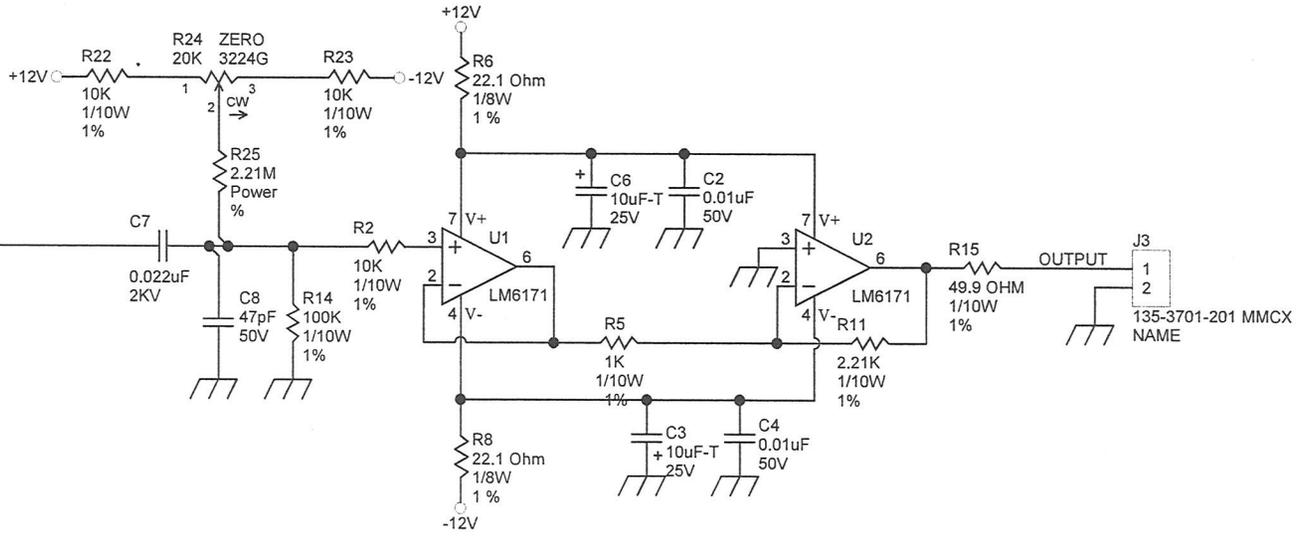


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47-3836  
Remove U2  
Replace R5 & R11 with 12-8013



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