SAS-562B Active Loop Antenna Operation Manual

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Model	Frequency Range	Part Number	Description
SAS-562B	10 kHz – 30 MHz	2383	Active 18” Loop Antenna

INCLUDED EQUIPMENT

- Amplifier/matching base unit
- 18” shielded loop antenna
- battery charger

INTENDED PURPOSES

This equipment is intended for general laboratory use in a wide variety of industrial and scientific applications and designed to be used in the process of generating, controlling and measuring high levels of electromagnetic Radio Frequency (RF) energy. It is the responsibility of the user to assure that the device is operated in a location which will control the radiated energy such that it will not cause injury and will not violate regulatory levels of electromagnetic interference.

RANGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

This equipment is designed to be safe under the following environmental conditions:

Indoor use

Altitude: up to 2 km

Temperature: 5° C to 40° C

Maximum relative humidity: 80% for temperatures up to 31° C. Decreasing linearly to 50% at 40° C

Pollution degree 2: Normally non-conductive with occasional condensation.

While the equipment will not cause hazardous condition over this environmental range, performance may vary.

SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

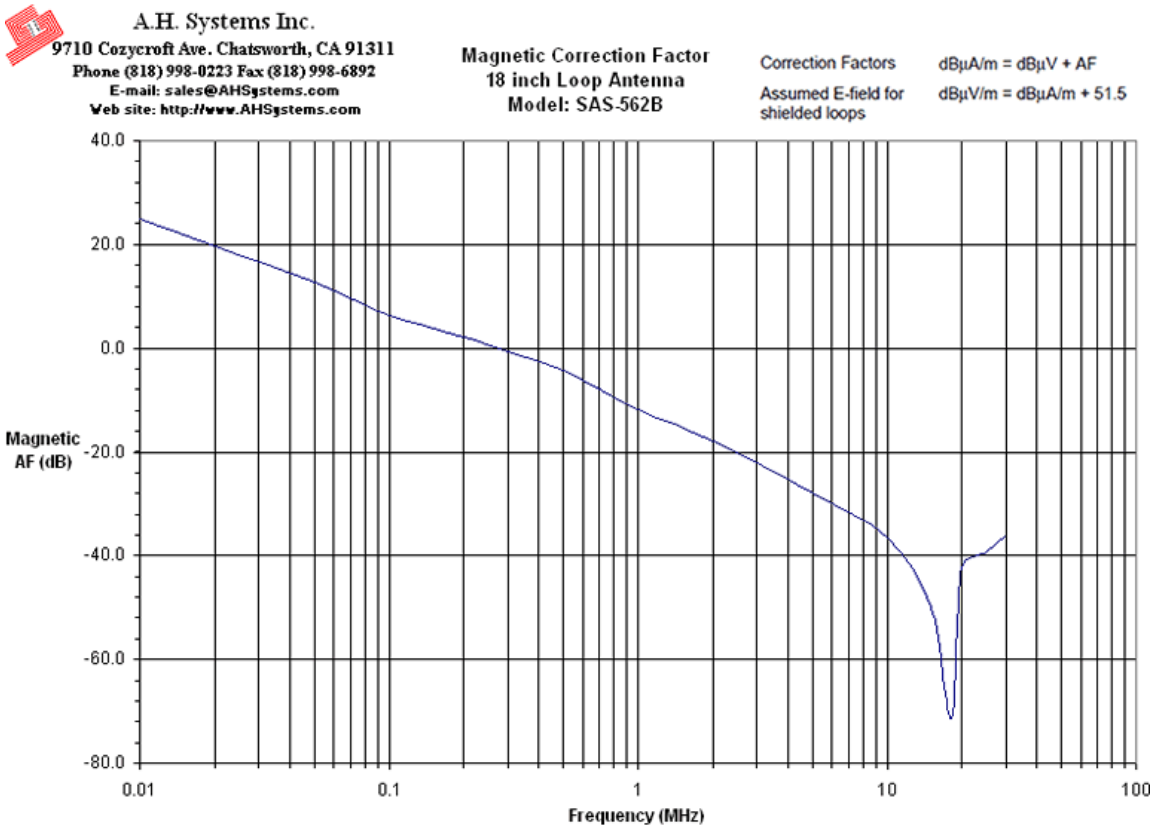
The A.H. Systems active loop antenna is a receiving antenna that covers the 10 KHz – 30 MHz frequency range. This loop antenna is ideal for emissions testing and has a balanced Faraday shield to reduce the E-field response for a pure magnetic field measurement. Review this manual and become familiar with all safety markings and instructions.

ANTENNA SPECIFICATIONS

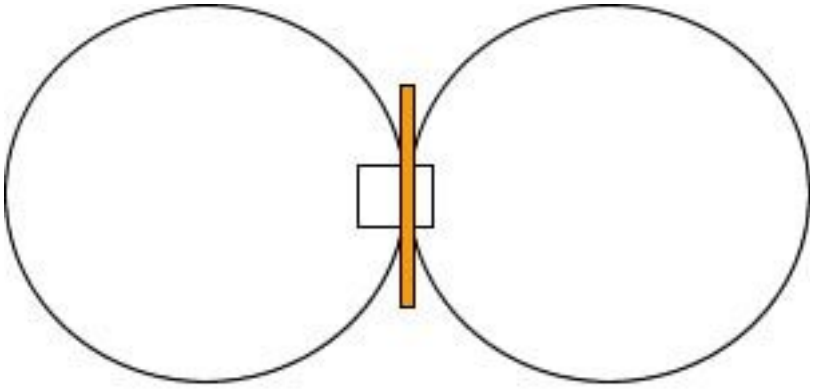
SAS-563B Loop Antenna specifications:

Frequency Range .....10 kHz – 30 MHz
Impedance .....50 ohms
Output Connector Type .....BNC(f)
Mounting .....1/4-20 Tread(f)
Weight .....3.1 lbs. (1.4 kg)
Loop Diameter .....18" (45.7cm)

Typical correction factor:

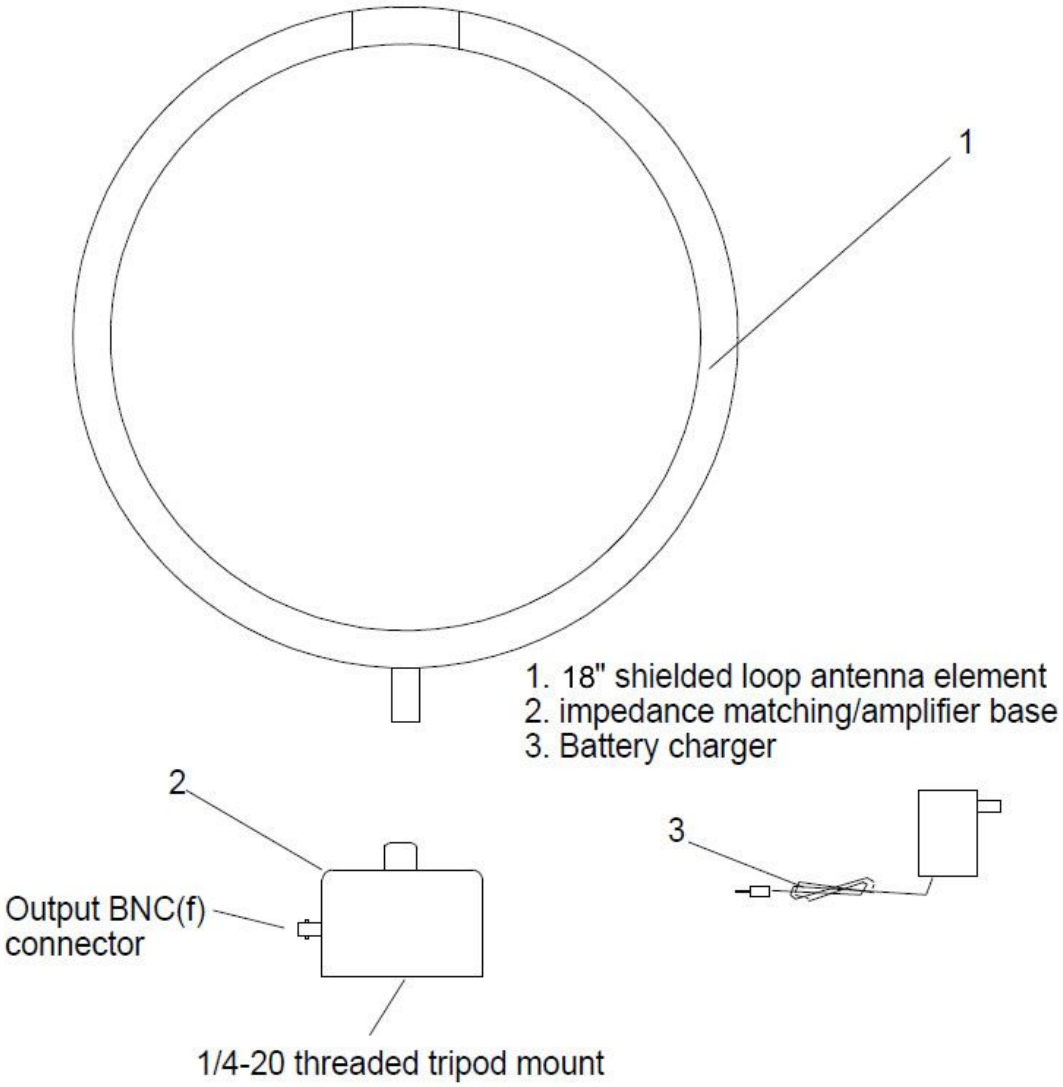


Typical Radiation pattern



top view of loop

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS



ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

To prepare the antenna for operation, attach the shielded loop antenna element to the top of the impedance matching/amplifier base.

SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

The antenna can be mounted to any tripod with a 1/4-20 attaching stud. Connect the output BNC connector on the side of the antenna to the input of a 50 Ω analyzer or receiver.

GENERAL USE INSTRUCTIONS

The SAS-562B loop antenna is an active loop designed to perform magnetic field and shielding effectiveness testing. The loop antenna has a balanced Faraday shield to reduce the E-field response for a pure magnetic field measurement.

Each antenna is individually calibrated per IEEE 291-1991 and comes with a calibration certificate references the NIST traceable test equipment. Initially the antenna comes with a 1 year calibration interval, however depending on the type of use and standards that the antenna is being used, this interval can be adjusted.

The calibration tables shown provide a listing of the frequency of operation and its antenna factor in dB/m. The field strength is the receiver voltage in dBμV plus the antenna factor (refer to the antenna factor calibration) plus any cable loss. When making a measurement, mount the antenna on an appropriate mast or tripod with the plane of the loop antenna facing the DUT.

CHARGING THE BATTERY

Plug the battery charger into either 110 – 120 Vac, 60 Hz or 220 – 240 Vac, 50 Hz. The amplifier ON-OFF switch must be in the OFF/CHARGE position to charge the battery. Connect the other end of the charger to the charging port of the amplifier. The charger should now be on and charging the battery. The indicator light should be red. The red charge light will stay on until the battery is about 95% recharged. At this point the indicator will turn green and the battery may be used. The battery should be left connected to the charger for an additional three hours to ensure a 100% recharge. To ensure a full charge and to help your battery keep its full capacity, we recommend that the battery be left connected to the charger, in float charge mode, until ready to use. The battery may be left connected to the charger indefinitely, in float charge mode, without danger of overcharging. Using the battery charger to operate the amplifier directly is not recommended.

REPLACING THE BATTERIES

Remove the four 6-32 flat head screws from the bottom of the base unit. Disconnect the battery lead from the PC card. Re-connect the lead from the new battery pack to the PC card. Snug the four 6-32 flat head screws.

RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES

The following is a recommend accessory list for the SAS-563B Active Loop Antenna:

SAC-210
Standard 3 meter BNC(m) to BNC(m) RF cable made with RG-58. Optional ferrite loading and custom lengths can be made to your specifications. Other cable types available upon request.

Tripod
The ATU-510 wooded Tripod comes with a spring loaded 1/4-20 male thread for mounting the SAS-563B Loop antenna.

Adapters
Need an Adapter? We stock those as well.

CALCULATIONS

EMISSIONS TESTING

Individual calibration data for the active loop antenna is supplied to comply with various emissions test requirements. For emissions measurements, add antenna factor plus cable loss to receiver reading in dBμV to convert to field strength in dBμA/meter.

Field Strength(dBuA/m) = SA(dBuV) + MAF(dB/m) + cable loss (dB)

SA = Spectrum Analyzer or Receiver voltage reading

MAF = Magnetic Antenna Correction Factor

CL = Cable Loss in dB

Fictitious electric field strength can be calculated by the following:

dBμV/m = dBμA/m + 51.5

TYPICAL ANTENNA FORMULAS

LOG -> LINEAR VOLTAGE

dBμV to Volts	$V = 10^{((dB\mu V - 120) / 20)}$
Volts to dBμV	$dB\mu V = 20 \log(V) + 120$
dBV to Volts	$V = 10^{(dBV / 20)}$
Volts to dBV	$dBV = 20\log(V)$
dBV to dBμV	$dB\mu V = dBV + 120$
dBμV to dBV	$dBV = dB\mu V - 120$

LOG -> LINEAR CURRENT

dBμA to uA	$\mu A = 10^{(dB\mu A / 20)}$
μA to dBμA	$dB\mu A = 20 \log(\mu A)$
dBA to A	$A = 10^{(dBA / 20)}$
A to dBA	$dBA = 20\log(A)$
dBA to dBμA	$dB\mu A = dBA + 120$
dBμA to dBA	$dBA = dB\mu A - 120$

LOG -> LINEAR POWER

dBm to Watts	$W = 10^{((dBm - 30)/10)}$
Watts to dBm	$dBm = 10\log(W) + 30$
dBW to Watts	$W = 10^{(dBW / 10)}$
Watts to dBW	$dBW = 10\log(W)$
dBW to dBm	$dBm = dBW + 30$
dBm to dBW	$dBW = dBm - 30$

TERM CONVERSIONS

dBm to dBμV	$dB\mu V = dBm + 107$ (50Ω) *$dB\mu V = dBm + 10\log(Z) + 90$*
dBμV to dBm	$dBm = dB\mu V - 107$ (50Ω) *$dBm = dB\mu V - 10\log(Z) - 90$*
dBm to dBμA	$dB\mu A = dBm - 73$ (50Ω) *$dB\mu A = dBm - 10\log(Z) + 90$*
dBμA to dBm	$dBm = dB\mu A + 73$ (50Ω) *$dBm = dB\mu A + 10\log(Z) - 90$*
dBμA to dBμV	$dB\mu V = dB\mu A + 34$ (50Ω) *$dB\mu V = dB\mu A + 20\log(Z)$*
dBμV to dBμA	$dB\mu A = dB\mu V - 34$ (50Ω) *$dB\mu A = dB\mu V - 20\log(Z)$*

FIELD STRENGTH & POWER DENSITY

dBμV/m to V/m	$V/m = 10 (((dB\mu V/m) -120) / 20)$
V/m to dBμV/m	$dB\mu V/m = 20 \log(V/m) + 120$
dBμV/m to dBmW/m²	$dBmW/m^2 = dB\mu V/m - 115.8$
dBmW/m² to dBμV/m	$dB\mu V/m = dBmW/m^2 + 115.8$
dBμV/m to dBμA/m	$dB\mu A/m = dB\mu V/m - 51.5$
dBμA/m to dBμV/m	$dB\mu V/m = dB\mu A + 51.5$
dBμA/m to dBpT	$DBpT = dB\mu A/m + 2$
dBpT to dBμA/m	$dB\mu A/m = dBpT - 2$
W/m² to V/m	$V/m = SQRT(W/m^2 * 377)$
V/m to W/m²	$W/m^2 = (V/m)^2 / 377$
μT to A/m	$A/m = \mu T / 1.25$
A/m to μT	$\mu T = 1.25 * A/m$

E-FIELD ANTENNAS

Correction Factor	$dB\mu V/m = dB\mu V + AF$
Field Strength	$V/m = \sqrt{\frac{30 * watts * Gain_{numeric}}{meters}}$
Required Power	$Watts = \frac{(V/m * meters)^2}{30 * Gain_{numeric}}$

LOOP ANTENNAS

Correction Factors	$dB\mu A/m = dB\mu V + AF$
Assumed E-field for shielded loops	$dB\mu V/m = dB\mu A/m + 51.5$
	$dBpT = dB\mu V + dBpT/\mu V$

CURRENT PROBES

Correction Factor	$dB\mu A = dB\mu V - dB_{(ohm)}$

Power needed for injection probe given voltage(V) into 50Ω load and Probe Insertion Loss (I_L)

$$Watts = 10^{((I_L + 10\log(V^2/50))/10)}$$

MAINTENANCE

To ensure reliable and repeatable long-term performance, annual re-calibration of your active loop preamplifier by A.H. Systems' experienced technicians is recommended. Our staff can recalibrate almost any type or brand of antenna.

Repair maintenance is not recommended in the field. The antenna should be returned to A.H. Systems.

For more information about our calibration services or to place an order for antenna calibration, visit our website at www.AHSystems.com or call (818) 998-0223.

WARRANTY INFORMATION

A.H. Systems Inc., warrants that our Antennas, Sensors and Probes will be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of three (3) years. All other products delivered under contract will be warranted for a period of two (2) years. Damage caused by excessive signals at the product's input is not covered under the warranty. A.H. Systems' obligation under this warranty shall be limited to repairing or replacing, F.O.B. Chatsworth, California, each part of the product which is defective, provided that the buyer gives A.H. Systems notice of such defect within the warranty period commencing with the delivery of the product by A.H. Systems.

The remedy set forth herein shall be the only remedy available to the buyer, and in no event shall A.H. Systems be liable for direct, indirect, incidental or consequential damages.

This warranty shall not apply to any part of the product which, without fault of A.H. Systems has been subject to alteration, failure caused by a part not supplied by A.H. Systems, accident, fire or other casualty, negligence, misuse or normal wear of materials.

Except for the warranty set forth above, there are no other warranties, expressed or implied, with respect to the condition of the product or it's suitability for the use intended for them by the buyer.

For prompt service, please contact our service department for a Return Material Authorization Number before shipping equipment back to us.