1.2 6 GHz COMPONENTS

1.2.1 WAVEGUIDE SWITCHES

The Neico waveguide switch is an electromechanical transfer switch, the configuration of which is shown in Figure 1.2.1-1. The switch is operated electrically by a command voltage applied to the control pins of the power connector. The applied voltage may be steady state, or it may be a pulse of sufficient duration to allow the switch to transfer positions. Once a switch has reached a given position, no power is required to hold it in that position. This feature is known as "latching". During switching operations, RFI is minimized by means of diode transient suppression.

Form C switch contacts - three sets for each position of the waveguide switch - are wired through the power connector so that switch position can be indicated remotely. These switch contacts are actuated before the waveguide portion of the switch moves; therefore, the indicator switch circuits can also be used as interlocks to inhibit the HPAs while switching takes place.

The waveguide rotor assembly is shown schematically in Figure 1.2.1-1. This assembly has four orthogonal ports, as shown. Position 1 shows the waveguide switch in the normal state. Position 2 shows the waveguide switch in the "switched" position. The switch is bidirectional; therefore, the direction of the energy flow can be the reverse of that shown in the figure.

For manual over-ride operation, the drive voltage should be disconnected either at the source or the switch power connector. The manual over-ride knob can then be rotated to move the switch to the desired position, as shown by the indicator on the knob.

If, for any reason, it becomes necessary to remove the switch drive head, this can be without interrupting RF continuity through the waveguide rotor position of the switch. A recent Neico design improvement simplifies re-alignment of the switch drive head (See Figure 1.2.1-2). The new design has two guide rods that align the switch drive head with respect to the intermediate housing on the waveguide body of the switch. During removal and replacement of the switch drive head, the waveguide portion of the switch is held in position by a spring mechanism and mechanical stops.

PERFORMANCE DATA

Waveguide..... WR-159 Number of ports..... 4 VSWR...... 1.05:1 Max. Insertion Loss..... 0.02 dB Isolation..... 80 dB Min. RF Power Handling..... 10 KW continuous Drive..... Electromechanical, motor with mechanical latching and mechanical detents Control Voltage..... See Figure 1.2.1-1 Switching Time..... 75 ms Max. Monitor..... Form C switch contacts, three sets for each position of switch wired through power connector for remote status indication Pressurization..... 0.25 to 2 psig



