

## **Purpose**

Calibration of the Bird Element model 4304A-1

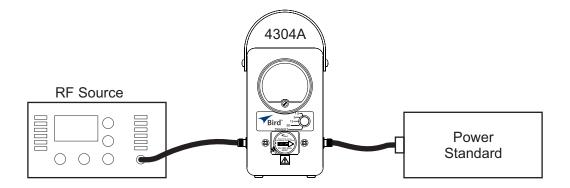
## **Equipment Required**

- RF source capable of 100 W from 25 MHz to 1000 MHz
- RF source capable of 500 W at 405 MHz
- Power Standard
- Model 4304A Wattmeter

## **Procedure**

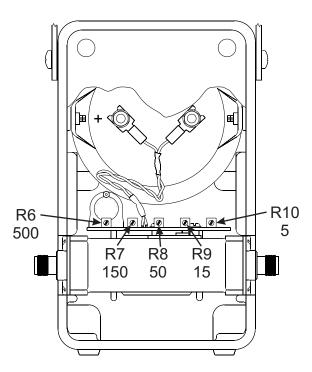
1. Setup the equipment. Refer to Figure 1.

Figure 1 Equipment Setup



- 2. Set the range switch to "15" and apply an actual 12.5 watts at 100 MHz.
- 3. Adjust R9 for a meter indication of "12.5". Refer to Figure 2 on page 2 for the potentiometer locations.

Figure 2 Potentiometer Locations



- 4. Measure the actual power for a meter reading of "12.5" at 25, 50, 80, 150, 225, 400, 500, 800, and 1000 MHz.
- 5. Determine the average value, add the maximum and the minimum power readings and divide by 2.
- 6. Divide 156.25 by the average value, determined in step 5, and set the actual power at 100 MHz to this number.
- 7. Adjust the R9 potentiometer for a meter reading of "12.5".
- 8. Wait several minutes.
- 9. Set the range switch to "5".
- 10. Divide 50 by the average value and set the RF power at 100 MHz to this number.
- 11. Adjust R 10 for a meter indication of "4".
- 12. Set the range switch to "50". Divide 500 by the average value and set the RF power at 100 MHz to this number.
- 13. Adjust R8 for a meter indication of "40".
- 14. Record the power level for a meter indication of "40" at 405 MHz (for use in a later step).
- 15. Set the range switch to "150".
- 16. Divide 1562.5 by the average value and set the RF power at 100 MHz to this number.
- 17. Adjust the meter for a reading of "125".
- 18. Set the range switch to "500".
- 19. Multiply the actual power value (reading "40" at 405 MHz recorded earlier in step 13) by 10.
- 20. Apply this RF power level at 405 MHz and adjust R6 for a meter reading of "400".

The calibration of the element is complete. Turn the power down on all equipment before removing the wattmeter from the calibration setup.