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The 91090 Series of Wattchman® are designed to measure power and load match in 50-Ohm

coaxial lines. They are similar in appearance and operation to the 81090 Series except they have

been designed to accurately measure power of complex waveforms such as CDMA (Code Division

Multiple Access), DAB (Digital Audio Broadcast), DTV (Digital TV), and HDTV (High Definition TV),

as well as CW, AM and FM.

The insertion VSWR of this equipment is very low, in order of 1.05:1 for frequencies up to 1000

MHz. The direct reading scale is expanded downscale for improved readability. Power ranges and

frequency ranges are determined by the plug-in Elements.

To use the Wattmeter, simply install the line section between the power source and an antenna or

"dummy load". Then insert the element, connect the cables to the line section and the element, plug

in the power cord and read the power directly on the 4 ½" 3-scale meter. The SMA Female

connector on the side of the element knob provides a DC supply to the internal circuitry in the

element. Carefully route the cable connected to the element so it does not cause the element to

rotate in the socket.

The operation of the Wattmeter is based on the Traveling Wave Concept of RF transmission. As

RF is applied to a transmission line, there is a forward wave traveling from the transmitter to the

load, and a reflected wave traveling from the load back to the transmitter. The closer the load is

matched to the transmission line, the smaller the reflected wave will be.

Please refer to the 81090/81091 Instruction Manual for further information.