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# EJAT20 AUTOMATIC MATCHING NETWORK

# **OPERATOR'S MANUAL**

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#### Introduction

Thank you for acquiring your new KJLC EJAT-Series Automatic Matching Network. All AT Series Matching Networks have been designed to provide the best value, ease of operation, and reliability for plasma and non-plasma processing systems. This manual covers specifications, installation, and operation of the EJAT20 Automatic Matching Network.

This manual assumes the EJAT20 Automatic Matching Network is being used with a plasma processing system. The EJAT20 Automatic Matching Network can also be used in non-plasma processing applications. Consult a KJLC sales or service representative for assistance with non-plasma processing applications.

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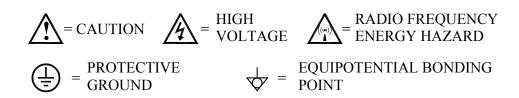
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#### **Safety Notes**

Your AT Series Automatic matching Network has been designed and tested to meet strict safety requirements. These include independent lab examination and approval, and compliance to established standards. Please read the following instructions carefully before operating the Matching Network and refer to them as needed to ensure the continued safe operation of your AT Series Matching Network.

**Follow** all warnings and instructions marked on or supplied with the product.

#### **Symbology:**



**Unplug** or disconnect this equipment from the Radio Frequency (RF) power source before removal of any covers.

**Do not** use this equipment near wet locations, or outdoors.

**Do not** place this equipment on an unstable cart, stand, or table. The AT Series Matching Network may fall, causing personal injury or damage to the Matching Network. Improper grounding of the Matching Network to the system can result in electrical shock.

**To avoid electric shock**, this unit must be connected in compliance with the National Electrical Code ANSI C1 and/or any other codes applicable to the user. Improper installation may result in a shock or fire hazard.

It is the responsibility of the installer to provide a proper protective ground from the Matching Network to the system. The system should be grounded in accordance with local and national electrical codes, and any other codes applicable to the user.

The AT Series Matching Network Controller (EJMC2) should be operated from the type of power source indicated on the marking label. If you are not sure of the type of power available, consult an electrician or your local power company.

**Do not** allow anything to rest on the interconnecting cables. Do not locate the AT Series Matching Network where persons will step on the interconnecting cables.

**Never** spill liquid of any kind on or into the Matching Network.

**Never** remove covers or guards that require a tool for removal. This should be performed by a qualified service engineer at the initial matching network set-up configuration for your specific plasma impedance. There are no operator serviceable areas within these covers. Refer servicing to qualified service personnel.

**Never** push objects of any kind into the slots and openings of the Matching Network Controller's enclosure. They may touch dangerous voltage points or short out parts, which could result in a fire or electric shock.

**This product** is to be operated only when all covers are installed, appropriate RF Connections have been made, and all RF Cables are in place and tightened. **DO NOT** operate this unit without connecting the output with the appropriate output cable or strap connected to the plasma reactor.

HAZARDOUS VOLTAGE PRESENT WITHIN THE UNIT AND AT THE RF OUTPUT CONNECTOR – RISK OF ELECTRICAL SHOCK AND RADIO FREQUENCY ENERGY BURN.



# **CAUTION!**



ELECTRICAL SHOCK AND RF VOLTAGE
HAZARD PRESENT INSIDE UNIT AND AT RF
OUTPUT CONNECTOR.
DO NOT REMOVE COVERS.
REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE
PERSONNEL.

## **EJAT20 Automatic Matching Network Features**

The EJAT20 Automatic Matching network is designed for use in conjunction with a KJLC model EJMC2 Matching Network Controller as a component in an RF power delivery system for plasma or other processing applications.

The EJMC2 Matching Network Controller, interconnect cable, and other accessories are sold separately.

The EJAT20 Automatic Matching Network consists of two variable capacitors and a single fixed inductor. The matching network circuit topology is an "L" type. The type "L" circuit configuration provides a wide tuning range and low insertion loss, delivering maximum power transfer to the Plasma Load. The variable capacitors within the EJAT20 Automatic Matching Network are driven by servo-motors, powered by the KJLC model EJMC2 controller.

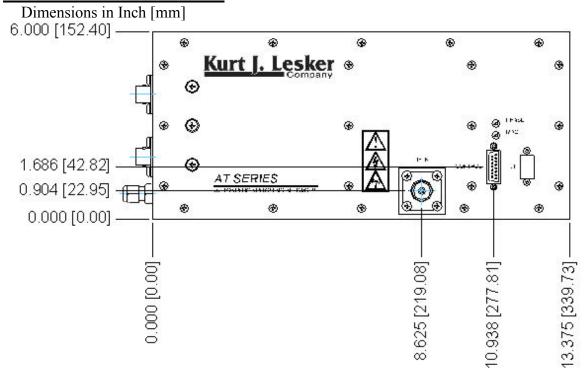
In the manual mode of operation, the variable capacitors can be positioned using the MIN/MAX switches on the front panel of the EJMC2 controller, controlling the direction of servo-motor rotation, allowing the operator to manually tune the network to match the plasma impedance.

In the automatic mode of operation, the EJAT20 Matching Network's internal sensor, called the Phase and Magnitude detector, generates an error signal. The EJMC2 Matching Network Controller reacts to the error signal and drives the servo-motors, automatically tuning the network to the appropriate plasma impedance.

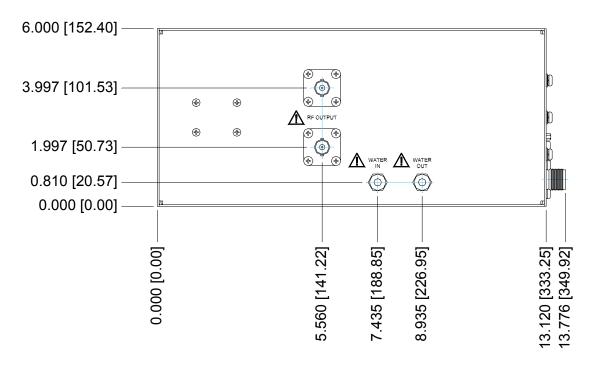
#### Standard EJAT20 Matching Network Features:

- Wide tuning range, custom tuning ranges available
- Generic Application, Sputter Application, or custom configurations available.
- Low loss type "L" circuit topology
- Compact Size
- 2000 Watt nominal input power
- Internal DC Voltage probe with selectable polarity
- Optional RF Voltage probe with selectable polarity available
- Internal Phase and Magnitude error sensor
- Water Cooled
- Custom output configurations available
- Load and Tune Capacitors are Vacuum Variable types
- Single cable interface to matching network controller

## **PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS**

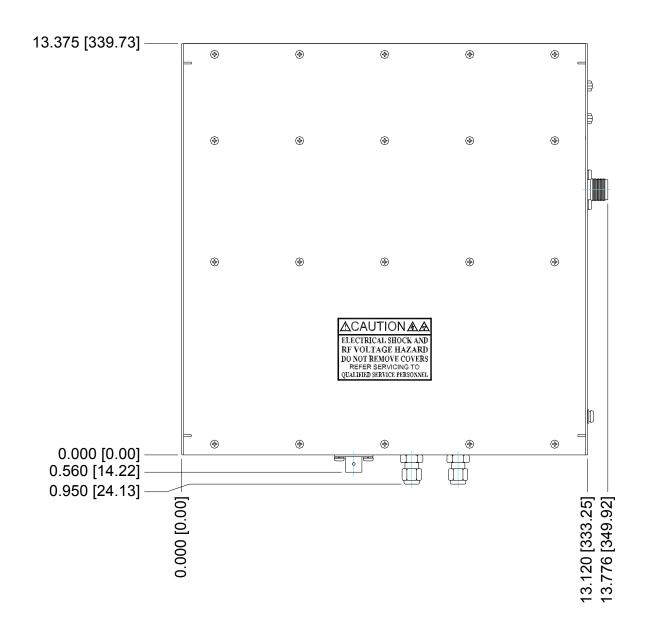


EJAT20 Side View



EJAT20 Rear View

**Physical Dimensions** 

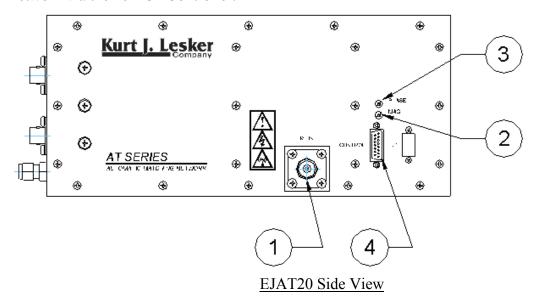


EJAT20 Top View

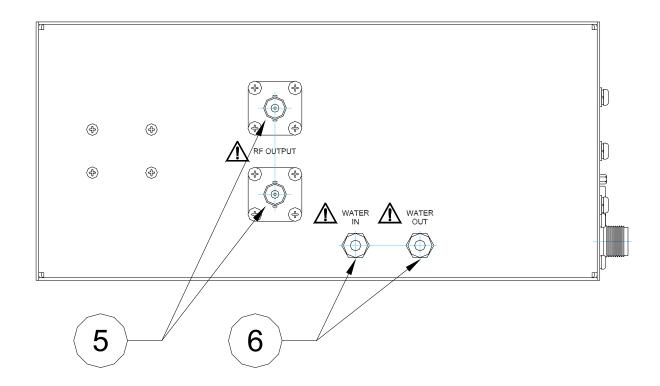
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## **CONTROLS and CONNECTIONS:**

The EJAT20 Automatic Matching Network has no operator controls. Consult the EJMC2 Matching Network Controller operator's manual for detailed instructions on automatic and manual control modes, preset operation, and remote control of the EJAT20 Automatic Matching network via the EJMC2 Controller.



Item	Description
1	RF Input Connector – Type "HN" female
2	MAGnitude Sensor Null Adjustment
3	PHASE Sensor Null Adjustment
4	Control Connector - 15 pin female D-Subminiature type



EJAT20 Rear Panel, With Optional Dual "C" Output Connectors

Item	Description
5	RF Output Connection Direct connection or optional (2) Type "C" female connectors (shown)
	(Other output configurations available – consult the factory for details and ordering information)
6	Coolant Water Connection - 1/4" OD Swagelok Compression

#### 1. RF Input Connector

Coaxial type "HN" female. Center pin is RF 'Hot", internally connected to the load capacitor and the series inductor. The threaded shell is RF Return, connected to the EJAT20 chassis.

#### 2. Magnitude Error Sensor Null Adjustment Potentiometer

Used to align the EJAT20 Automatic Matching Network during system set-up. Associated with controlling the operation of the Load (shunt) capacitor in automatic operating mode.

## 3. Phase Error Sensor Null Adjustment Potentiometer

Used to align the EJAT20 Automatic Matching Network during system set-up. Associated with controlling the operation of the Tune (series) capacitor in automatic operating mode.

#### 4. Control Connector

Connector type: 15 pin female D-Sub. Connect to the KJLC EJMC2 Automatic Matching Network Controller's "Matching Network" connector with a shielded cable (purchased separately).

Pin	Signal	Description	
1	TUNEMOTOR	Drive voltage input for tune capacitor motor -15VDC to +15VDC	
2	GROUND	Return for load capacitor motor. Internally connected to chassis ground.	
3	TUNEPOS	Tune capacitor position feedback output. Analog signal, 0.00VDC = minimum capacitance, 5.00VDC = maximum capacitance.	
4	+5.25VREF	+5.25VDC reference voltage input for capacitor feedback signals. Do not connect external equipment to this pin.	
5	-0.25VREF	-0.25VDC reference voltage input for capacitor feedback signals. Do not connect external equipment to this pin.	
6	+12V	+12VDC input for operation of control circuits within the matching network. Do not connect other equipment to this pin.	
7	PHASE	Phase (tune) error signal output. Analog output, -10VDC to +10VDC range.	
8	MAG	Magnitude (load) error signal output. Analog output, -10VDC to +10VDC range	

9	LOADMOTOR	Drive voltage input for load capacitor motor -15VDC to +15VDC	
10	GROUND	Return for tune capacitor motor. Internally connected to chassis ground.	
11	LOADPOS	Load capacitor position feedback output. Analog signal, 0.00VDC = minimum capacitance, 5.00VDC = maximum capacitance.	
12	GROUND	Internally connected to chassis ground.	
13	DC-PROBE	DC Probe signal output. Analog, -10VDC to +10VDC range	
14	RF-PROBE	DC Probe signal output. Analog, -10VDC to +10VDC range	
15	GROUND	Internally connected to chassis ground.	

## 5. RF Output Connection

Generic Unit:

RF Output Connection is made directly to internal components by the user/installer.

## Optional:

Two (2) coaxial connectors, Type "C" female (shown):

Center pin is "RF" hot, internally connected to the Tune (series) capacitor. The connector shell is RF Return, connected to the EJAT20 chassis.

Note: Other output connection options are available – consult the factory for configuration details and ordering information.

#### 6. Coolant Water Connection

1/4" OD Tube, Swagelok Type Compression

## **UNPACKING:**

Remove the EJAT20 Matching Network for its carton and packing materials. Examine the unit for physical damage. If physical damage is evident, notify both the carrier and KJLC Contact the KJLC service department or a KJLC service representative for assistance.

## **INSTALLATION:**

#### Recommended Accessories (purchased separately)

Consult with your local KJLC sales or service representative to obtain accessory items appropriate for your application and matching network configuration.

Item	Description	KJLC Part Number
EJMC2	Automatic Matching Network Controller	EJMC2
EJAT-Series Control Cable	15 Conductor Shielded, 12-Foot (3.66m) Length, DB-15 Male to DB-15 Male (other lengths available)	EJCB12MC2AT3
RF Input Cable	Coaxial, Type RG-213, Type "HN" Male to Type "HN" Male, 12-Foot (3.66m) Length	EJCBL12HH

## **Supplied Accessories:**

Item Description	Quantity	KJLC Part Number	Manufacturer and Manufacturer part number
Compression Nut, ¼"O.D. Tube, Brass	2	4NU4-B	Parker 4NU4-B
Front Compression Ferrule, ¼"O.D. Tube, Brass	2	4FF4-B	Parker 4FF4-B
Back Compression Ferrule, <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " O.D. Tube, Brass	2	4BF4-B	Parker 4BF4-B

#### Physical Mounting of the EJAT20 Matching Network

Mount the EJAT20 Matching Network on the plasma chamber or processing apparatus or as close as possible to the plasma chamber or processing apparatus. Ensure vent holes are not blocked or obstructed. Ensure there is a proper RF ground connection between the plasma chamber or processing apparatus and the matching network. If the matching network is not physically mounted to the plasma chamber or processing apparatus, an equipotential bonding (GROUND) strap must be installed.

#### Grounding (equipotential bonding) of the EJAT20 Matching Network

A solid electrical bond between the matching network's chassis and the plasma chamber or processing apparatus chassis is essential for proper operation and safety. A poor bond may result in erratic matching network performance and an electrical shock or RF burn hazard



IF THE EJAT20 MATCHING NETWORK CHASSIS IS NOT DIRECTLY BOLTED/ELECTRICALLY BONDED TO THE PLASMA CHAMBER OR PROCESSING APPARATUS, AN EQUIPOTENTIAL BONDING (GROUND) STRAP IS REOUIRED.

Equipotential bonding straps can be constructed of 0.020" thick to 0.031" thick by 2" (or wider) Copper strap, preferably silver-plated to enhance conductivity and prevent the copper from oxidizing (tarnished copper is not a good RF conductor). Connect the bonding strap from the EJAT20 Matching Network's chassis to the plasma chamber or processing apparatus chassis.

Bonding straps should be short in length and as wide as possible. Due to operation at 13.56 MHz, the majority of the RF current flows on the surface of the bonding strap (Skin Effect). The more surface area, the better the RF bonding connection. If a single bonding (ground) point is not available, a star-bonding (ground) configuration is recommended.

## Do not daisy chain bonding connections.

## **Important Note For Water-Cooled Matching Networks:**

Proper water resistivity is crucial for heat extraction and system performance. If the system water resistivity is too low, the water may conduct RF energy from the reactor to ground. This RF energy "leak" is an additional load to the RF delivery system and makes the matching network appear less efficient, resulting in an apparent power loss and is nominally identified by Low DC Developed Bias Voltage. Recommended minimum water Specific Resistivity is 500,000 Ohms per centimeter at 25°C.

#### Connecting the EJAT20 Matching Network Output

For units without output connectors:

Directly connect the EJAT20 matching network's RF output to the plasma chamber or processing apparatus via a "hard line" connection. The user/installer will have to determine the appropriate place to cut a hole in one of the matching network's panels. Keep the connection length as short as possible

For units *with* output connectors:

Connect the two (2) rear panel RF Output RF connectors to the plasma chamber or processing apparatus, via two identical length coaxial cables. Keep the length of the coaxial cables as short as possible (under 3 feet).

The plasma chamber or processing apparatus can present low-impedance, high current and/or high impedance, high voltage loads to the EJAT20 Matching network output. RG-393/U or RG-225/U coaxial output cable is recommended for its high-voltage and high temperature properties. Depending on your application, non-Teflon dielectric coaxial cable types may melt or internally arc.

The EJAT20 Matching network utilizes a pair of type "C" connectors for RF output. By using two output connections in parallel, the RF output current is divided, reducing heating of the connection(s) to the plasma reactor.

### Connecting the EJAT20 Matching Network RF Input

Connect the matching network's RF Input connector to the RF power source's (RF Generator) RF output connector with a suitable coaxial cable. Coaxial cable types RG-213/U, RG-218/U, RG-393/U, or RG-225/U are recommended.

The RF input cable is, electrically, a component of the matching network. The RF input cable length can affect the matching network's performance and ability to tune. A 12-foot (3.66m or ¼ wavelength at the operating frequency) cable length @ 13.56 MHz is recommended for initial system set-up, and is often sufficient for most applications. Optimum cable length for your application must be empirically determined.

#### Connecting the EJAT20 Matching Network to the EJMC2 Controller

Install the EJMC2 Matching Network Controller into the system rack or convenient system panel. Connect the EJAT-Series Control Cable (DB15M/DB15M) from the matching network's "CONTROL" connector to the EJMC2 Controller's rear panel "MATCHING NETWORK" connector.

Refer to the EJMC2 Matching Network Controller operator manual for installation and operational details.

Ensure the EJMC2 Matching Network Controller is properly configured for your AC Mains Voltage. The AC Mains power inlet on the rear panel of the EJMC2 Controller has a voltage selection indicator and will indicate either "110" or "220". The EJMC2 will operate between 98-125 VAC with 110 indicated and between 198-250 VAC with 220 VAC indicated.

If you are unsure of your AC Mains voltage, consult an electrician before connecting the EJMC2 controller to the AC Mains supply.

Insert the AC Mains power cord into the EJMC2 Controller's power inlet and connect to the AC Mains.

## **OPERATIONAL CHECKS**

Refer to the EJMC2 Matching Network Controller operator's manual and RF Generator operator's manual for operational details.

#### EJAT20 Matching Network "Cold" Check

- 1. Enable the EJMC2 controller's AC Mains power.
- 2. Select manual operation of the Load capacitor and depress the Load capacitor MIN button until the Load capacitor reaches it lower limit of travel. The motor should have turned smoothly and an indication of "LOAD MIN" should be displayed on the EJMC2 Controller's front panel.
- 3. Depress the Load MAX button until the Load capacitor reaches its upper limit of travel. The motor should have turned smoothly and an indication of "LOAD MAX" should be displayed on the EJMC2 Controller's front panel.
- 4. Return the Load capacitor to the mid-range (50%) position.
- 5. Select manual operation of the Tune capacitor and depress the Tune capacitor MIN button until the Tune capacitor reaches it lower limit of travel. The motor should have turned smoothly and an indication of "TUNE MIN" should be displayed on the EJMC2 Controller's front panel.
- 6. Depress the Tune MAX button until the Tune capacitor reaches its upper limit of travel. The motor should have turned smoothly and an indication of "TUNE MAX" should be displayed on the EJMC2 Controller's front panel.
- 7. Return the Tune capacitor to the mid-range (50%) position.
- 8. Enable automatic operation for the Load and Tune capacitors

#### EJAT20 Matching Network "RF" Check







- 1. Enable the RF Generator's AC Mains power.
- 2. Set the RF Generator's power setpoint to the desired power and enable the RF output.
- 3. The plasma should ignite and the reflected power should be minimum. Note the strike and tune position of the load and tune capacitors.
- 4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 for all processes.

Should adjustments be required to optimize the EJAT20 Matching Network to your plasma reactor or process, refer to "Range Configuration" in the Problem Solving section.

If you can manually position the EJAT20 Matching network's capacitors for minimum reflected power but cannot obtain minimum reflected power in "AUTO" (automatic) mode, refer to "Phase and Magnitude Sensor Adjustment Procedure" in the Problem Solving section.

## **TECHNICAL DATA**

#### **Ratings and Specifications**

RF Input Power 2000 Watts Nominal, application dependant

9KV peak, 65Amps Nominal

Frequency 13.56 MHz

Connections: RF Input: Type "HN" female

RF Output:

Direct connection to internal components (standard) or two (2)

Type "C" female connectors (optional)

(Other output configurations available – consult the factory for

details and ordering information)

Control: 15 pin Female D-Sub Type

Environmental: Operating Ambient: 10°C to 40°C

Humidity: 80% maximum, non-condensing

Cooling: Medium: Water and Convection

Coolant Water Inlet Temperature: 5°C to 30°C

Coolant Water Pressure: 60 psi maximum

Coolant Water Flow Rate: 5.0 Gallons per Hour minimum

Coolant Water Purity:

pH: Between 7 and 9 Total Chlorine: < 20ppm Total Nitrate: <10ppm Total sulfate: <100ppm

Total dissolved solids: <250ppm

Total hardness expressed as calcium carbonate

equivalent: <250ppm

Specific resistivity: >500,000 Ohms/cm @25°C

Note: **<u>Do not</u>** use de-ionized water as a coolant. Using de-ionized water will deteriorate the water fittings and cause water

leaks.

Coolant Connection: 1/4"OD Swagelok Compression Fittings

Matching Elements: Generic Application Configuration

(Custom configurations

available)

Load Capacitor Range (Variable): 7-1000pF

Fixed Loading Capacitors: 200pF x 4

Tune Capacitor Range (Variable): 12-500pF RF Coil: 3 Turns, 3"ID, 1/4"O.D. Tubing

Voltage Probe: DC Voltage, 200:1 Attenuation (Standard), Positive (+) Polarity

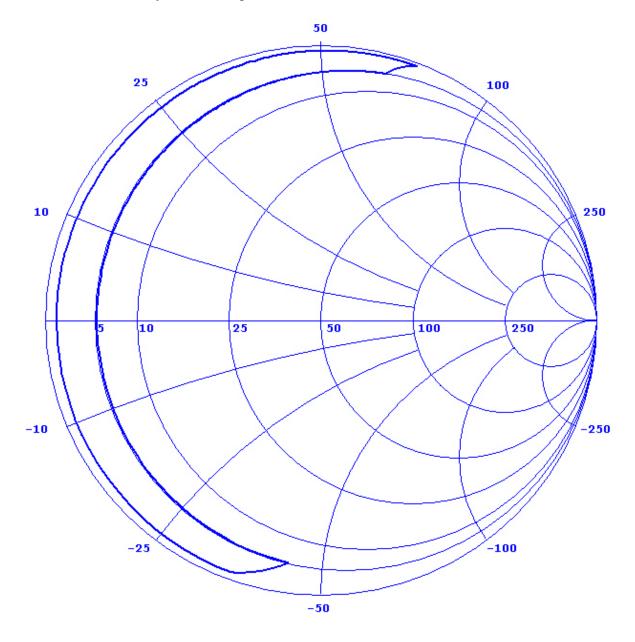
Package Dimensions: 13.38 L x 13.12 W x 6.00 H Inch (mm) (339.7 L x 333.2 W x 152.4 H)

Weight 21.0 Lbs. (9.07 Kg)

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## **Impedance Range** (Smith Chart)

Impedance range for the EJAT20 series automatic matching network, Generic Configuration with four (4) 200pF fixed loading capacitors installed. Other configurations/ranges available – consult the factory or KJLC representative for assistance.



#### **Theory of Operation**

The function of the EJAT20 Automatic Matching Network is to automatically transform the plasma impedance from a mismatched condition to 50 Ohms regardless of load variations. This is accomplished by the using passive components with high voltage and current ratings, configured in a basic type "L" configuration.

#### Loading and Plasma Impedance:

The shunt or Load elements are connected from the RF input to chassis ground. The loading component is used to drive the plasma impedance to 50 ohms and is accomplished through the use of a variable capacitor with additional fixed capacitors in parallel.

#### Tuning and Plasma Reactance:

The series or Tune elements work together to counteract the reactive component of the plasma impedance. KJLC EJAT-Series matching networks utilize a fixed inductor in series with a vacuum variable capacitor to counteract the plasma reactance.

#### Phase and Magnitude Sensors:

These sensors are located on the input of the EJAT20 Automatic Matching Network. The Phase sensor is associated with the operation of the Tune capacitor; the Magnitude sensor is associated with the operation of the Load capacitor. Together, they sense the voltage and current on an internal RF transmission line and generate a direct current (DC) steering signal to drive the servo amplifiers in the EJMC2 Matching Network Controller. The sensor outputs are driven positive or negative depending upon the relationship of the voltage and current through the transmission line.

During initial factory set-up, the tune and load capacitors are manually positioned until the plasma reactance has been transformed to 50 ohms (0 Watts of reflected power – a "matched" condition). The sensor outputs are then nulled (adjusted to 0VDC at a "matched" condition) and automatic operation is verified.

#### DC Voltage Probe:

A 200:1 DC Voltage probe is included within the EJAT20 Matching Network. The probe provides a means to measure the developed DC Voltage within the plasma chamber. The DC Voltage probe's output signal is proportional to the developed DC within the plasma chamber.

The DC Voltage probe's output can be used by the processing system to monitor plasma chamber or processing apparatus status and/or used as a power regulation feedback signal for the RF generator. Using the DC Voltage probe output for a power regulation feedback signal is commonly referred to as DC Voltage Control. KJLC RF Generators can operate in DC Voltage control mode.

The DC Voltage developed within the chamber has a negative polarity. For compatibility and ease of interfacing, the DC Voltage probe buffer amplifier, located on the Phase and Magnitude circuit board, can be configured to invert the negative polarity DC Voltage signal to a positive polarity DC Voltage signal.

The EJAT-Series Control Cable connects the DC Voltage probe signal to the EJMC2 Controller. The EJMC2 Controller can route the DC Voltage probe signal to the RF Generator for DC Voltage Control operation, to the user's system for monitoring, and display the DC Voltage on its front panel. Refer to the EJMC2 Matching Network Controller for connection and interfacing details.

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#### **Chassis Schematic:**

The Standard Configuration Chassis Schematic for the EJAT20 Matching Network configuration is show below. Other configurations are possible, on a custom-order basis. Contact the KJLC factory or a KJLC service representative for information regarding other application configurations.

### **GENERIC APPLICATION** L1 СЗ C4 C1C C1 C1A C1B C1D J3-CONTROL SCREWS A1 PHASE/MAG DETECTOR & INTERFACE J1-TUNE J2-LOAD V 5 V 4 V 3 V 2 V 1 V 5 V 4 V 3 V 2 V 1 Z14 M1 M2 BLACK R1 R2 WHITE GREEN YELLOW GRAY ORANGE BLUE BROWN DC PROBE

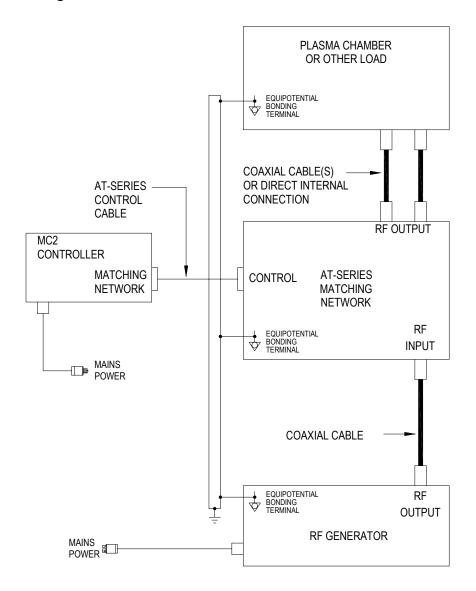
EJAT20 Chassis Schematic, Generic Application

Variable and fixed Capacitors value may vary with EJAT20 Configuration and Application.

#### **Typical System Configuration**

A typical basic system configuration is shown below. The basic configuration consists of the EJMC2 Controller, an EJAT-Series matching network, an RF Power source (generator), and a load. There are no control connections between the EJMC2 controller and the RF Power source and load/processing system. In this configuration, the EJMC2 and matching network operate independently from the RF power source and load/processing system.

Other configurations and wiring schemes are possible. Refer to the EJMC2 Matching Network Controller Operator's Manual for system control connection information. For assistance with system wiring schemes, contact the customer service department or a KJLC service depot. Coaxial cables, control cables, RF generators, and system equipment are not supplied with the EJAT20 Matching Network.

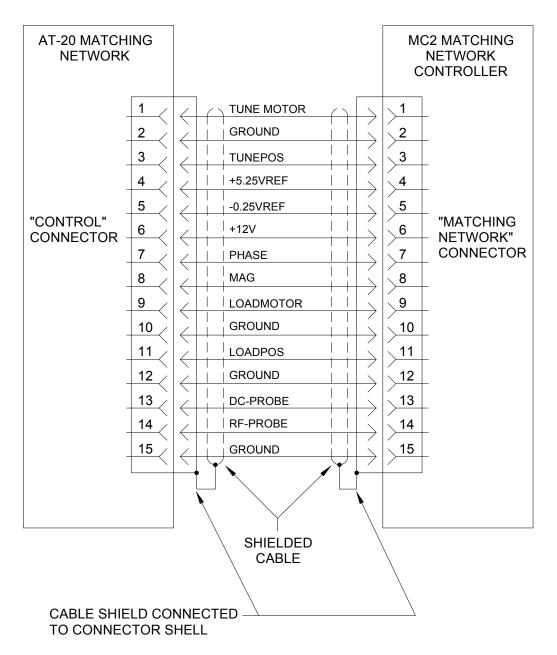


**Typical System Configuration** 

#### **CONTROL INTERFACE CONNECTION**

The wiring diagram below shows the EJAT20 to EJMC2 Controller control interface connections. The EJAT-Series Control Cable, an accessory item, makes the connections shown below and is available for purchase. Use 24 AWG or larger cable for matching network to controller connections. For cable runs greater than 24 feet in length, 22 AWG cable is recommended

For information on interfacing the EJMC2 Controller to the RF Generator or processing system, refer to the EJMC2 Controller's Operator Manual, KJLC Document number 6200070000. All EJAT-Series Matching networks use the same control interface wiring.



**EJAT20 Control Interface Connections** 

#### **MAINTAINENCE:**

The EJAT20 Automatic Matching Network is designed to be maintenance free. There are no user maintainable assemblies inside the unit. The EJAT20 is designed for use in a clean environment. Periodically check air vents for accumulation of dust and debris. Clean the air inlets with a vacuum cleaner if they appear dirty or clogged.



Restricting the air vents or installing the EJAT20 Automatic Matching Network in a dusty environment may impact the long-term reliability of the matching network. Severe dust contamination can accumulate across high-voltage points cause internal arcing.

#### Cleaning:

**<u>DO NOT</u>** clean the EJAT20 Automatic Matching Network when RF power is applied to the matching network. The exterior of the matching network may be cleaned with a soft cloth, dampened with soap and water or a mild solvent, such as alcohol.

## **PROBLEM SOLVING**

## **Problem Solving Chart**

The following chart lists some conditions that may occur and the recommended solutions. Follow the suggested solutions until the problem is corrected. If the problem persists, please contact KJLC customer service or a KJLC service representative.

Condition	Suggested Solution
The matching network motors do not turn	Verify the EJAT-Series Control cable is properly mated to the Matching network's "CONTROL" connector.
	Verify the EJAT-Series Control cable is properly mated to the EJMC2 Controller's "MATCHING NETWORK" connector.
	Make sure the EJMC2 controller's power switch is in the "ON" position and the power cord is properly mated to the rear panel inlet.
	Make sure AC Mains power is applied to the EJMC2 Controller
The matching network does not tune when RF Power is applied to the matching network	Check the EJMC2 controller's load and tune capacitor's mode settings. Ensure both the Load and Tune capacitors are set to the "AUTO" (automatic) mode
The top line of the EJMC2 Controller displays "LOAD 0% TUNE 0%" (EJMC2 software version 9E or later)	Verify the EJAT-Series Control cable is properly mated to the Matching Network's "CONTROL" connector.
	Verify the EJAT-Series Control cable is properly mated to the EJMC2 Controller's "MATCHING NETWORK" connector.
	The capacitor feedback signal from both capacitors may have failed. Contact the nearest KJLC service representative or factory service department for assistance.
The top line of the EJMC2 Controller displays	Verify the EJAT-Series Control cable is properly mated to the Matching Network's "CONTROL" connector.
"CABL FAIL CABL FAIL" (EJMC2 software version 9D or earlier)	Verify the EJAT-Series Control cable is properly mated to the EJMC2 Controller's "MATCHING NETWORK" connector.
	The capacitor feedback signal from both capacitors may have failed. Contact the nearest KJLC service representative or factory service department for assistance.
The top line of the EJMC2	One of the internal capacitor position feedback signals

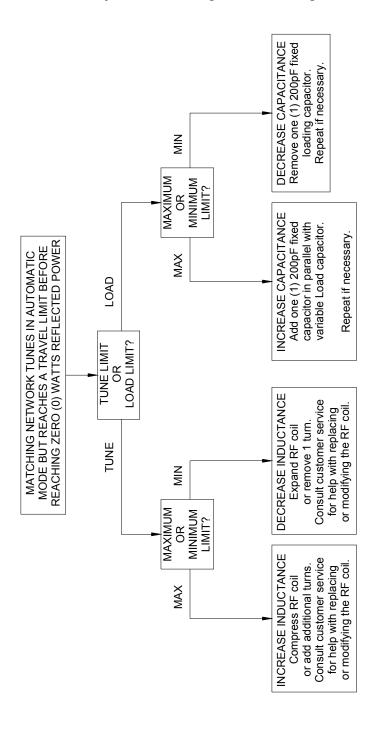
Condition	Suggested Solution
Controller displays "LOAD 0% TUNE XX%"	may have failed. Contact the nearest KJLC service representative or factory service department for assistance
or "LOAD XX% TUNE 0%"	
(EJMC2 software version 9E or later)	
The top line of the EJMC2 Controller displays "CABL FAIL TUNE XX%" or "LOAD XX% CABL FAIL"	One of the internal capacitor position feedback signals may have failed. Contact the nearest KJLC service representative or factory service department for assistance
(EJMC2 software version 9D or earlier)	
The Load and/or Tune capacitor travels to a limit and "chatters" or "oscillates" in automatic mode when RF power is applied	The "chatter" is caused by the capacitor(s) being driven to the end-of-travel limit by the automatic mode and the "BACKOUT" feature is pushing the capacitor away form the end-of-travel limit.
	Temporarily switch to "MAN" (manual) mode to confirm – the "chatter" should stop.
	The matching network's range configuration may need adjustment. See the "Range Configuration" heading in the Problem Solving section
"LOAD MAX" is displayed on the front panel during automatic operation.	The matching network's range configuration may need adjustment. See the "Range Configuration" heading in the Problem Solving section
"LOAD MIN" is displayed on the front panel during automatic operation.	The matching network's range configuration may need adjustment. See the "Range Configuration" heading in the Problem Solving section
"TUNE MAX" is displayed on the front panel during automatic operation.	The matching network's range configuration may need adjustment. See the "Range Configuration" heading in the Problem Solving section
"LOAD MIN" is displayed on the front panel during automatic operation.	The matching network's range configuration may need adjustment. See the "Range Configuration" heading in the Problem Solving section
The matching network tunes automatically, but reflected power is not Zero (0) Watts.  Reflected power is less than 10 Watts and can be tuned to Zero.	On some systems, a perfect (0W reflected power) may not be possible or a slight mis-match (1W to 5W of reflected power) may be considered tolerable due to process variations or a multi-process system configuration.
Watts and can be tuned to Zero (0) Watts in manual mode.	If needed, the Phase and Magnitude sensor may be adjusted. Refer to the "Phase And Magnitude Sensor

Condition	Suggested Solution
	Adjustment Procedure" heading in the Problem Solving section.
The matching network tunes automatically, but reflected power is not Zero (0) Watts. Reflected power is greater than 10 Watts and can be tuned to Zero (0) Watts in manual mode.	The Phase and Magnitude sensor may require adjustment. Refer to the "Phase And Magnitude Sensor Adjustment Procedure" heading in the Problem Solving section.

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#### Range Configuration

Unless otherwise specified at the time of order, the EJAT20 Automatic Matching network is shipped with a "generic" range configuration. On some systems, the generic range configuration may be insufficient to obtain a matched (0 Watts Reflected power) condition. Refer to the chart below to adjust the matching network's range.



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#### Phase and Magnitude Sensor Adjustment Procedure:

If your EJAT20 Matching Network can optimally match to your plasma chamber or processing apparatus in manual mode, but not in automatic mode, or your matching network's hardware configuration required changes to meet your process requirements, adjustment of the Phase and Magnitude error sensor may have to be performed. Use the following procedure to adjust the Phase and Magnitude Error Sensor.

Required test equipment: Digital Multimeter, Fluke Model 77 Type III or equivalent (KJLC recommends the Fluke digital multimeter because of its superior immunity to RF Interference)

- 1. At the EJMC2 Controller, set the Load and Tune capacitor modes to "MAN" (manual)
- 1. Set the RF Generator's power setpoint to 500 Watts and enable the RF output.
- 2. Manually adjust the matching network's Load and Tune capacitors for minimum reflected power at the RF Generator.
- 3. Insert the negative (-) miltimeter test lead into the "COM" test point on the rear panel of the EJMC2 Controller.
- 4. Insert the positive (+) miltimeter test lead into the "PHASE" test point on the rear panel of the EJMC2 Controller.
- 5. Adjust the "PHASE" potentiometer, located on the left side panel of the EJAT20 Matching Network for a 0.000VDC +/- 0.005VDC reading on the multimeter.
- 6. Remove the positive (+) miltimeter test lead from the EJMC2 Controller's rear panel "PHASE" test point.
- 7. Insert the positive (+) miltimeter test lead into the "MAG" test point on the rear panel of the EJMC2 Controller.
- 8. Adjust the "MAG" potentiometer, located on the left side panel of the EJAT20 Matching Network for a 0.000VDC +/- 0.005VDC reading on the multimeter.
- 9. Set the EJMC2 Controller Load and Tune capacitor modes to "AUTO" (automatic) and confirm the matching network tunes to zero (0) Watts reflected.
- 10. Increase the RF Generator's output power to 2000 Watts (or maximum power if less than 2000 Watts).
- 11. Repeat steps 2 through 9.
- 12. Disconnect the multimeter from the EJMC2 Controller's rear panel test points.
- 13. Disable the RF generator's RF output.
- 14. End Of Procedure

## **KJLC 1 Year Limited Warranty**

KJLC products are warranted to the original purchaser against defects in material and workmanship for a period of one year from the date of delivery.

KJLC will repair or replace, at its option, all defective products returned <u>freight prepaid</u> during the warranty period, without charge, provided that there is no evidence the product has been mishandled, abused, or misapplied. Our liability under this warranty is limited to servicing, repairing, or replacing any defective products for a period of one year after delivery to the original purchaser.

If warranty service is required, the equipment must be returned, transportation charges prepaid, to our factory or authorized service depot. In the case of misuse, abnormal operating conditions, or other non-warranty work, a repair cost estimate will be submitted for approval before work is started.

## WHAT THE WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER:

This warranty covers only defects in materials and workmanship provided by KJLC and does not cover equipment damage or malfunction from misuse, abuse, accident, act of God, non-KJLC modification or upgrade. Improper return shipping, packaging, or shipping damage is not covered. KJLC will not be liable for any incidental or consequential damages resulting from your use of, or inability to use your Matching Network.

#### IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM

The first step is to contact your system vendor. Consult with your system vendor to determine the nature of the problem. Your system vendor knows the intimate details of how your processing system interfaces and operates with the EJAT20 Automatic Matching Network and EJMC2 Matching Network Controller and can efficiently resolve system related problems.

If it is determined that the Matching Network or Controller has a problem, contact the nearest KJLC service representative or our customer service department at 1-800-245-1656. Before you call, please be ready to provide the model number of your Matching Network and Controller, its serial number, date of manufacture, a description of the problem, and the model and manufacturer of the processing system it is used on.

#### **HOW IS WARRANTY SERVICE OBTAINED?**

Our customer service representative will explain how to obtain service under this warranty. Please save the original packing materials in order to facilitate shipment.

## **Glossary of Terms**

A Amperes, a measurement unit of current

AC Alternating Current

Chamber Industry term for a vacuum chamber used in plasma processing

equipment.

D-Sub Industry term for D-Subminiature connector

DC Direct Current

Equipotential Bond Equipotential bonding (often referred to as grounding) is used to Equipotential Bonding control RF circulating currents within a system. For regulatory

purposes, it is not a "Protective Earth" or "Safety Ground", even though it may be bonded to the "Protective Earth" or "Safety

Ground" within the equipment or user's facility.

KHz Kilo Hertz, a measurement unit of frequency (1000 Hertz)

KVA Kilo Volt-Amperes

Load Capacitor Industry term for a shunt capacitor in an "L" type impedance

matching network. Can be fixed or variable type.

Matchbox Industry term for an impedance matching network

MHz Mega Hertz, a measurement unit of frequency (1,000,000 Hertz)

mV Milli-Volts, a measurement unit of Voltage, equal to 1/1000 of a

Volt.

Non-Volatile Storage Also know as non-volatile memory. Computer memory that retains

its data after power has been removed.

RF Generator Industry term for Radio Frequency Power Supply

RF Radio Frequency

Strike Preset A pre-determined (usually empirically) starting positions for the

matching network's capacitors – an aid for plasma ignition.

TTL Transistor-Transistor Logic

Tune Capacitor Industry term for the series capacitor in an "L" type impedance

matching network. Can be fixed or variable type.

Tuner Industry term for an impedance matching network

VAC Volts, Alternating Current

VDC Volts, Direct Current

W Watts

## **RELATED DOCUMENTS:**

Title	KJLC Part Number
EJMC2 Matching Network Controller Operator's Manual	EJMC2

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