

MORE NEW CAPACITORS

In a recent¹ issue of the EXPERI-MENTER, new designs for laboratory standard mica capacitors were announced. These design improvements are now extended to the less-precise, lower-priced TYPE 505 Capacitors and to the decade capacitors in which TYPE 505 Units are used. In the decade capacitors a new switch, and in the decade assemblies a redesigned cabinet, offer additional advantages.

TYPE 505 CAPACITORS

The silvered-mica electrodes and other improvements embodied in the new TYPE 1409 Standard Capacitors¹ are now available in the TYPE 505 Capacitors, and these units are now manufactured to new and considerably improved specifications of tolerance and dissipation factor. The capacitors are

¹Easton and McElroy, "New, Silvered Mica, Standard Capacitors, TYPE 1409," *General Radio Experimenter*, 32, 2, July, 1957.

Figure 2. Panel view of the Type 1419-K Decade Capacitor.





Figure 1. View of Type 505 Capacitors showing the two case sizes and the arrangement of terminals.

housed in low-loss molded-phenolic cases and are equipped with both screw- and plug-type terminals and with flanges for mounting. They are used both as laboratory "secondary standards" and as circuit elements in measuring equipment as, for example, in a number of General Radio bridges in the 1-percentaccuracy class.

Dissipation factor of these units, in the 1000- $\mu\mu$ f and higher sizes, does not exceed .0003. The losses in the phenolic case increase the dissipation factor slightly for units of 500 $\mu\mu$ f and smaller. Leakage resistance is 5000 megohmmicrofarads or 100,000 megohms, whichever is the lower. The first figure represents the performance of the mica, while the second represents the phenolic case and is controlling below 0.05 μ f.

The same high-quality silvered-mica sheets are used in the construction of the TYPE 505 Capacitors as are used in the TYPE 1409 Standard Capacitors. Accuracy of adjustment is $\pm 0.5\%$, in contrast to the 0.1% adjustment of the TYPE 1409. The lower accuracy and the less-expensive packaging result in a unit that sells at a price substantially lower than that of the 1409¹, but whose characteristics and stability are entirely adequate for many laboratory, productionline, and instrument applications.