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Tony G1HMO

Oct 6 (https://groups.io/g/HP-Agilent-Keysight-equipment/message/130006)

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Check the frequency divider for the PLL - and watch

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gb1QMJtwumQ> (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gb1QMJtwumQ)

I had a similar problem with a E4407B where the LO was only unlock for frequencies below 1.5 GHz.

Regards
Sven

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Mark Bielman (/g/HP-Agilent-Keysight-equipment/profile/502679)

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Yes! I have actually repaired two units by replacing that same IC!
(divide by 4 or something)
W/o another analyzer it's difficult to troubleshoot these.

Mark

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Tony G1HMO

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I had watched that video earlier today, but because the schematic isn't actually that readable in terms of the component overlay and IC numbers, I am unsure what the particular IC actually is, or which side of the RF pcb it is located on.
I guess i'll watch it again, and see if I can deduce anything further from it.

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Which version of RF deck do you have? There's the older version which has a 4/8 switchable divider (if i remember correct) and a /2 divider.
I don't know from the top of my head what the types used there are.

My unit has a much newer RF deck, which uses the 1GC1-4210 divider. As that one is unobtainium i used the 1GC1-4210 replacement module from Leo Bodnar which works fine. My RF deck even had Keysight printed on the chips, which is interesting because i thought that the E44xxB was already End-of-Sale when Keysight was created. But maybe they produced replacment PCBs.

/Sven

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Mark Bielman (/g/HP-Agilent-Keysight-equipment/profile/502679)

Oct 6 <https://groups.io/g/HP-Agilent-Keysight-equipment/message/130026>

Tony,

The part of the video you want is close to the end. (at 1:49:40)
As Sven said, only applies to the older board. In fact, the CLIP (at least the one I have) does not cover the newer board at all.

Mark

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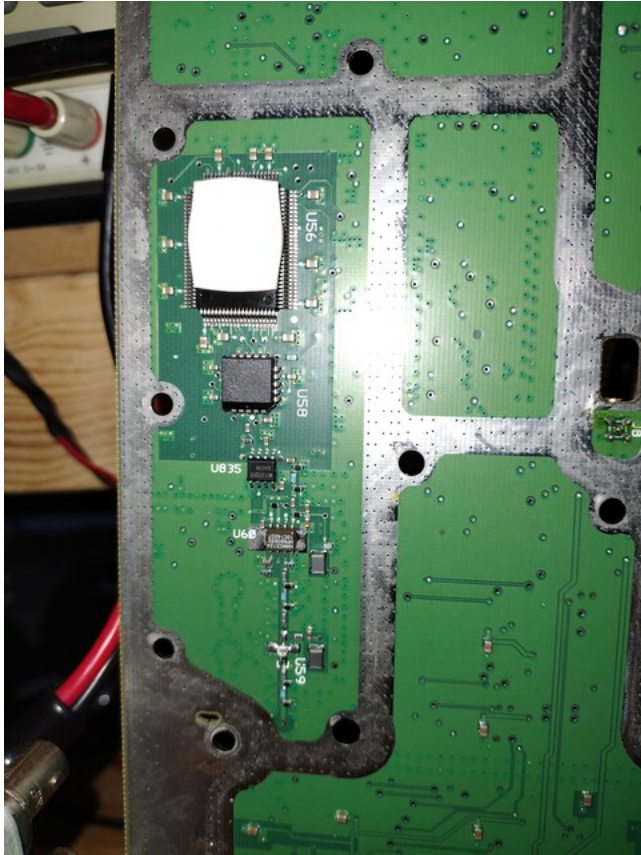
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Tony G1HMO

Oct 6  (<https://groups.io/g/HP-Agilent-Keysight-equipment/message/130027>)

I watched the video again, and I can see the IC in question is on the back of the PCB, so I need to remove it fully from the chassis to check. Board removed, and I can see it is the same devices as the Clip I had from Artek, here is a photo of the divider section on the back of the PCB.



The fact that several people have had this IC go faulty and show similar symptoms, I am going to try and get hold of one and replace it. Mark, when you removed your IC did you use hot air? I'd like to keep the IC if I can get it off without damage just in case the replacement doesn't fix it at least I'd have it as a spare just in case. Normally, I'd use a scalpel blade to slice the IC legs off at the body of the device, then remove each leg using wick and a fine iron, but doing it that way would destroy the IC obviously.

Tony.

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Hans Eriksen

Oct 6 [🔗 \(https://groups.io/g/HP-Agilent-Keysight-equipment/message/130028\)](https://groups.io/g/HP-Agilent-Keysight-equipment/message/130028)

Look at the HMC365S8GE from Analog devices

Do take care when removing the old chip as it has an exposed pad underneath
I removed mine with hot air rework and a hotplate below to pre heat the board

Best regards
Hans Eriksen

Den fredag den 7. oktober 2022 kl. 05.54.00 CEST skrev Tony G1HMO <tonyg1hmo@gmail.com>:

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Tony G1HMO

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Hi Hans,

Well I don't have a hot plate unfortunately, I may just end up slicing the IC legs off and doing it that way, I would hate to damage the actual PCB by overheating it and causing any de-lamination between the internal layers.
I am fine taking normal SMD IC's off with hot air, but never done any IC's with a thermal pad on, so I can imagine that they require vast amounts of heat.
I've ordered a replacement device, hopefully it'll actually arrive from Mouser and not be affected by the worldwide chip shortage, they are showing as in stock so we'll see.

Tony.

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Michael Kellett

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I've found the best way to remove chips like this is to apply hot air to the bottom of the board and get the top side up to 100 - 120 C near the chip (measured by cheap IR thermometer).

(By top side I mean the side the chip you are removing is on.)

Unless you get the whole board pretty hot it's almost impossible to get the under chip pad hot enough to flow the solder - especially if it's soldered to a ground plane.

Heat the board up slowly because you don't want the bottom side to get too hot.

Then use hot air gun (ideally with a nozzle shaped to suit the chip) to heat up the chip.

I had to change some chips on a board worth several £k so I splashed out £500 on a Metcal PCT-100-21 with a fancy frame to hold the board. Its £346 from Farenll/Newark without the frame.

Saved the board and has been used several times since so I don't regret the money.

MK

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Tony G1HMO

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I can borrow a 853B+ rework station from my friend,

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I have just him remove several IC's using that, it uses a ceramic heater to heat the back of the PCB, he says he has used it to change components on mobile phones and laptops with great success.

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Tony.

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Tony et al.

I have done this several times with E4402B and there were no thermal pad to consider at all-and all were atest boards.I would simply desolder without considering reuse.

Regards

Hardy

Fra: HP-Agilent-Keysight-equipment@groups.io [mailto:HP-Agilent-Keysight-equipment@groups.io] **På vegne af** Tony G1HMO

Sendt: 7. oktober 2022 12:03

Til: HP-Agilent-Keysight-equipment@groups.io

Emne: Re: [HP-Agilent-Keysight-equipment] E4402B RF Section CLIP required

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 **Tony G1HMO** Oct 7 [🔗 \(https://groups.io/g/HP-Agilent-Keysight-equipment/message/130034\)](https://groups.io/g/HP-Agilent-Keysight-equipment/message/130034)

Hi Hardy,

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Tony.

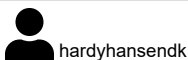
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It depends on how big of a ground plane that pad is connecting to.

You could take a regular iron you would use for clothing flip it upside down set and measure the temp and use that to preload the board with some heat. Or if you have a flat cooktop on your stove you could do the same thing. (Barring any evil glances from one's better half!) :)

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Tony
Most ESA with lock problems only shows it with higher center frequency.
Hardy

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Sendt: 7. oktober 2022 13:38


Til: HP-Agilent-Keysight-equipment@groups.io

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Mark Bielman (/g/HP-Agilent-Keysight-equipment/profile/502679)

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Yes, I used hot air for both removal and application (with solder paste).
Don't forget to remove pins 2 & 6!

I was also concerned about the supply rail being too high. (6V?) To be safe,
I removed the ferrite and replaced with a diode for a 0.6V voltage drop.

Mark

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hardyhansendk

Oct 7 <https://groups.io/g/HP-Agilent-Keysight-equipment/message/130038>

Hi Mark
Do you think the too high supply cause the problem?..please could you give a scratch of your solution.
Regards
Hardy

Fra: HP-Agilent-Keysight-equipment@groups.io [mailto:HP-Agilent-Keysight-equipment@groups.io] **På vegne af** Mark Bielman

Sendt: 7. oktober 2022 16:29


Til: HP-Agilent-Keysight-equipment@groups.io

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Hardy,

No. I'm sure the original part was intended to use 6V but the replacement part is 5V. Shahriar did NOT add the diode and as far as I know, this has not been a problem for him.

Mark

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John Annison (/g/HP-Agilent-Keysight-equipment/profile/1777617)

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I have repaired 3 units with the problem. So far the 5 volt rating has not been a problem. As far as removal.....cut the leads off the old part, twist off the part (it is soldered to the ground plane as a heat sink). When installing I used a little low temperature solder on the heat sink area first which helps the regular solder flow quickly. This way you do not overheat the whole board, and as pointed out....remove pins 2 & 6.

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Tony G1HMO

Oct 7 <https://groups.io/g/HP-Agilent-Keysight-equipment/message/130041>

Hi Hardy,

Mine is the other way around, between 790Mhz and 3Ghz, it is fine, no lock problems, but from 9khz to 790Mhz, it shows LO unlock, and the red LED DS2 is lit. I am beginning to think that it isn't the divider that is the issue here, I would have though if it was then it would fail on the higher frequencies not the lower. It's difficult to decide where to go next, I really need another analyser that can see the YIG output to find out what exactly the issue is, I would hate to change the divider and find that it wasn't the problem, but I don't really know how else to diagnose where the issue is without additional test equipment which I don't have, my frequency counter (Racal 9921 only goes to 3Ghz too).

Tony

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