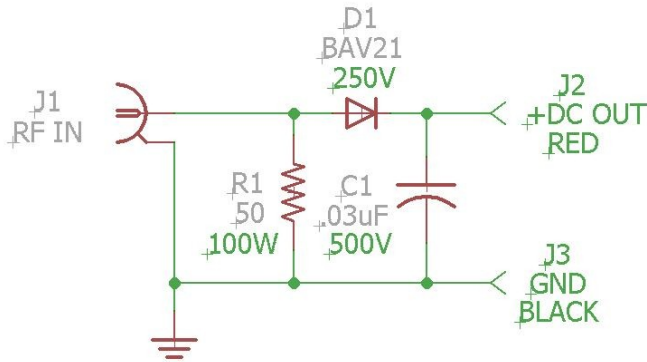


WA8LBZ DUMMY LOAD WITH OPTIONAL PEAK DETECTOR PROJECT

SCHEMATIC:



WHAT YOU NEED TO BUILD THE PROJECT

1. RF connector of the type that suits your needs (type N, UHF, BNC, etc.)
2. Low inductance 50 ohm, 100 watt, 1% resistor. (Caddock MP9100-50.0-1%)
3. High reverse voltage, high speed silicon switching diode. (BAV-21, 250 V)
4. Ceramic disc capacitor between .01 and 1 uF. (0.06 uF, 1000 VDC)
5. Two jacks, one red (J2) and one black (J3) for the DC voltage output.
6. Terminal strip or insulated mounting post on which C1 and D1 is connected.
7. Heatsink on which R1 and the terminal strip or mounting post is to be mounted. (3-1/4" Wide x 2-3/4" Deep x 1-3/4" High)
8. Aluminum angle stock. Used for the sides of the unit and to mount J1, J2 and J3. (1-1/2")
9. A fan for cooling. (came attached to the heatsink)

SPECIFICATIONS:

- Resistance: 50 ohms, +/- 1%
- Power Rating: 100 watts continuous
- Frequency Range: 80 - 6 meters
- SWR: 1:1.0

PEAK DETECTOR MEASUREMENT AND CALCULATIONS

The usual way to use a peak detector is measure the Vpk and multiply it by 0.707 to convert it to Vrms and then calculate the power (P). For example 70.7Vrms:

$$P = V_{rms} \times V_{rms} / 50$$

$$P = 70.7 \times 70.7 / 50$$

$$P = 4,998.49 / 50$$

$$P = 99.97 \text{ watts}$$

There is a way to make the calculation without first converting Vpk to Vrms. Assume you measure 99.97Vpk.

$$P = V_{pk} \times V_{pk} / 2 \times 50$$

$$P = 99.97 \times 99.97 / 100$$

$$P = 9,994.0 / 100$$

$$P = 99.94 \text{ watts}$$

If you need further information or have any questions, you can contact me through the clubs talk group:

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