

Re: Service Manuals PDFs for Test Equipment available

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>*Subject: Re: Service Manuals PDFs for Test Equipment available*
>*From: tomg@fullnet.com (Thomas P. Gootee)*
>*Date: 9/28/2004 1:24 AM Central Daylight Time*
>*Message-id: <11915d6.0409272224.4e2a8c00@posting.google.com>*

>jeffm_@email.com (JeffM) wrote in message
>news:<f8b945bc.0409220950.940028e@posting.google.com>...
>> >Many full service manuals available in PDF format:
>> > Thomas P. Gootee
>> >
>> |Please preface posts of this type with [FS].
>> | Chris Foley
>>
>> Yes. Note brackets. Include them in the prefix.
>> Most folks are configured for bracketed text
>> so that stuff like "PDFs" or "PDFs:" in the subject line won't get
>filtered.
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>> Same goes for [OT].
>> Filters can then differentiate stuff like "Hot" or "Hot:".
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<snip>

>(Removing gauntlet. Preparing to throw down. Hoping dust from
>gauntlet, settling on their shiny boots, riles potential adversaries.)
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<snip>
>I still wonder why so many people seem to want to single out all "for
>profit" posts for such "special treatment", and go to so much trouble
>to try to "correct" the poster. (And I'm mostly talking about posts
>that are at least somehow related to the interests of the newsgroup
>that they're posted in.)
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<snip>
>"NO advertising, anywhere, EVER!!":

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>"Everything for FREE!!! ALL the time!!!"

>Includes the new smash hit: "Come get your FREE LUNCH, as often as you

>want!"

>by TANSTAAFL!!! ALWAYS FREE!!! AND ALWAYS WAS!!!

OK. I'll pick up the gauntlet, but only because of the Heinlein reference. He'd be laughing out loud right now, reminding us of where Jubal Harshaw is going through junk mail with Mike in "Stranger In A Strange Land", and saying "the ***** would probably show up, with his relatives" (mild ethnic slur deleted). I guess you think our time is free. You don't see the connection between this type of post and spam. If someone's scrolling through posts, but doesn't happen to be interested in buying anything, you'd say, "well, it'll only take a couple of seconds of their time if they don't want it". Multiply that by the number of people using the newsgroup, especially if enough people decide to follow your lead, and I'd guess you might have more than a few minutes of other peoples' time that you guessed was "free". "There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lunch", indeed.

>From the notebooks of Lazarus Long:

"It is easier to deal with a footpad than it is with the leech who wants 'just a few minutes of your time, please – this won't take long.' Time is your total capital, and the minutes of your life are painfully few. If you allow yourself to fall into the vice of agreeing to such requests, they quickly snowball to the point where these parasites will use up 100 percent of your time – and squawk for more!

"So learn to say No – and to be rude about it when necessary.

"Otherwise, you will not have time to carry out your duty, or to do your own work, and certainly no time for love and happiness. The termites will nibble away your life and leave none of it for you."

By your logic, unlimited spam is OK with you, too. By your logic, people who use spam filters on their email should be hosswhipped. I would also guess you wouldn't mind sending unsolicited faxes, either, if it would make you a dime. Or calling people up unsolicited on the phone at home at all hours.

I don't think many people have a real problem with [FS] posts, as long as there aren't too many of them. I don't. If you've got a filter, you don't even see them. If you don't have a filter, you're free to ignore them, except for the fraction of a second it takes to glance past them. Of course, if I am looking for what's offered, I can feel free to check. If a newsgroup gets too full of [FS] posts, most readers will go somewhere else (it's happened). I'll leave the whole "purity of the newsgroup" thing to others.

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If you do a newsgroup google, you'll find that I occasionally recommend Manuals Plus, a good outfit that has all kinds of equipment manuals and does charge for them. I don't have any interest, financial or otherwise in that outfit, either. They're always helpful, they've bailed me out of jams with instruments a number of times, they have a very good website and a wide selection of manuals, and they don't antagonize customers by spamming newsgroups with masked [FS] posts or starting flamewars with 1700 word rants that end up with riffs in space.

If you like what you're getting, keep doing what you're doing. You have an interesting business plan.

<http://www.manualsplus.com/>

Chris