## 1. GENERAL

The TLD2532A Power Amplifier consists of the power amplifier chassis and associated hardware, and contains two circuit boards, the power control board and the power amplifier board. The following sections detail the theory of operation and troubleshooting information for the power amplifier circuitry. Because the setting of power levels is affected by the alignment of the exciter, the power set procedure is part of the overall transmitter alignment procedure given in the Transmitter section of this manual.

Table 1. Power Amplifier Kits
TLD2532A Power Amplifier
TFD6452A Harmonic Filter
TKN8313A Power Amplifier Cable
TLD9252A Power Amplifier Board
TLD9272A Power Control Board
TRN5141A Power Amplifier Hardware Kit
TRN5378A PA Transistor and Hardware Kit

## 2. THEORY OF OPERATION

### 2.1 POWER AMPLIFIER BOARD

2.1.1 The output from the exciter is applied to the power amplifier board via J802. This 1.5 watt (nominal) signal is attenuated approximately 2.8 dB by the resistive network comprised of R807-R810. Predriver Q801 amplifies the exciter signal to a level of approximately 11 watts.
2.1.2 The predriver output is applied to driver Q802, which develops up to 25 watts of rf power. The final amplifier stage of Q803/Q804 provides the power output of 110 watts (nominal). The power output signal is routed through the harmonic filter and through the directional coupler to the station antenna circuitry.

### 2.2 POWER CONTROL CIRCUITRY

### 2.2.1 General

2.2.1.1 The power control board provides power amplifier protection and power regulation. Output impedance match, final amplifier current and
temperature, control voltage level, and power output are monitored by the power control circuit. In turn, the power control circuit sets the exciter power output to the proper level for optimum power amplifier operation.
2.2.1.2 The resistive voltage divider comprised of R926, R927, and R928 provides dc biasing voltages to improve directivity of the directional coupler, and set the operating point of the directional coupler inputs to the forward power and protection comparators. The reference voltage for forward power detector U901A is developed across Power Set control R911. The reference voltage for protection comparator U901B is developed at the junction of R914 and R913.

### 2.2.2 Thermal Protection

As the temperature of the power amplifier board increases, the resistance of RT801 decreases, causing the voltage on the TEMP SENSE HI line to decrease. When this voltage reaches approximately 5 volts, CR904 conducts, dropping both the forward power detector and protection comparator reference voltages. This causes the comparators to reduce the voltage on the CONTROL VOLTAGE line, which reduces exciter drive to the power amplifier. The net effect of this is to lower power amplifier output and heat, keeping operating temperature within safe operating limits.

### 2.2.3 Forward Power Level Control

Forward output power, sampled by the directional coupler, is rectified and filtered by the circuitry associated with CR901. The detected voltage is applied to the inverting input of forward power detector U901A, where it is compared to the set level at the noninverting input. If the two levels are not the same, the output level of U901A changes in a direction that raises or lowers the voltage on the CONTROL VOLTAGE line, until the inputs to U901A are matched. This provides a constant rf power output from the PA.

### 2.2.4 Reverse Power Protection

Reverse (reflected) power sampled by the directional coupler is rectified and filtered by the circuitry associated with CR902. The output voltage across R908 is applied to the inverting input of U901B, and compared to the reference voltage. Under normal operating conditions with the transmitter feeding a 50 -ohm load, the reference voltage is higher than the directional coupler voltage. This keeps the output of U901B at maximum, keeping Q905 turned off. If the reflected power increases to the point that the voltage across R908 exceeds the reference voltage, the output of U901B drops, turning on Q905. Increased collector voltage on Q905 causes an increase in the voltage applied to the inverting input of U901A, to force the control voltage and the power output to drop until the inputs to U901A equalize.

### 2.2.5 Over-Current Protection

Final amplifier current in the power amplifier is sensed through R801. The voltage drop across R801 is applied to the base at Q907. As the voltage at Q907 decreases, Q907 turns on, increasing the voltage across R908. The power cutback occurs in the same manner as described in the Reverse Power Protection paragraph.

### 2.2.6 Control Voltage Limit

The circuit of Q905 compares the voltage on the CONTROL VOLTAGE line to the voltage set by the position of the wiper on R931. When the control voltage exceeds the set limit, Q905 conducts, raising the voltage at the inverting input of U901A. U901A, in turn, reduces the control voltage until both inputs are balanced.

## 3. POWER AMPLIFIER SERVICING

### 3.1 GENERAL

Troubleshooting information for the MSR 2000 station power amplifier is presented in several levels. It is best to begin by following the power amplifier troubleshooting procedure given in Table 4. If the specific cause of the transmitter failure is not covered in Table 4, the service person is directed to Table 5 (for power control board problems) or to paragraph 3.2 (for power amplifier board problems).

### 3.2 POWER AMPLIFIER BOARD TROUBLESHOOTING PROCEDURE

Checks and tests in the following paragraphs may be used to locate defects isolated to the power amplifier board. The following checks assume 13.8 volts dc is applied to the PA and that the amplifier is operating closed-loop with the exciter. Set all power control potentiometers (R911, R931, R939) fully clockwise.
3.2.1 No Power Output or Power Output Less Than $20 \%$ of Rated Power

### 3.2.1.1 Voltage Checks

With the radio unkeyed and the receiver audio at a minimum, check for +13.3 V dc on the power amplifier collectors. If one or more stages has zero voltage, check associated dc feed circuits for an open circuit.

### 3.2.1.2 Individual Stage Current Checks

Check the collector currents drawn by all stages to determine if the normal value shown in Table 2 is drawn.

Table 2. Minimum Normal Current Reading (all power control potentiometers set fully clockwise)

|  | lc | $146-155$ <br> $\mathbf{M H z}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 5 - 1 6 5}$ <br> $\mathbf{M H z}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 5 - 1 7 4}$ <br> $\mathbf{M H z}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Q801 | Direct | 1.7 A | 1.2 A | 0.75 A |
| Q802 | Direct | 3.0 A | 2.4 A | 2.1 A |
|  | Drop across R822 | 300 mV | 240 mV | 210 mV |
| Q803-4 | Direct | 20 A | 17 A | 18 A |
|  | Drop across R801 | 20 mV | 170 mV | 180 mV |
|  | MTR 5 | 20 uA | 17 uA | 18 uA |

Step 1. If a stage is found with less than minimum Ic (see Table 2), check for shorts or defective components in that stage, then in the preceding and following stages.

Step 2. Where more than one stage indicates low current, check the earliest defective stage (toward the PA input) first.

Step 3. If all stages give a low current indication, check the exciter output. The exciter is defective if the output is less than 1.5 W .

### 3.2.2 Power Output Does Not Exceed the Rated

## Radio Power by $20 \%$ at Maximum

 Power Settings3.2.2.1 Check A+ and A- voltages at the collectors with the power amplifier operating. Use only a passive voltmeter or a VOM with 1.2 uH series chokes at the probe tips. With the power supply accurately set for 13.8 V dc , voltages on the transistor collectors should exceed the Table 3 values (all voltages measured with respect to the A - plating on the power amplifier board).

Step 1. If all voltages are low, recheck the power supply. If the power supply is satisfactory, check the feedthrough capacitors for poor solder connections and the A + and A - connections for good contact.

Step 2. If only one or two stages have low voltages, trace back through the dc-feeds of that stage, checking
for bad connections or defective components. The maximum normal voltage drops are 0.3 V dc for $\mathrm{R} 801,0.5 \mathrm{~V}$ dc for R822, and less than 0.1 V dc for all other components in the dc feed circuits.

Table 3. PA Collector Voltages
(@13.8VA + / A - Supply)

| Q801 | 13.0 V dc |
| :--- | :--- |
| Q802 | 12.6 V dc |
| Q803, 804 | 12.8 V dc |

3.2.2.2 Check the stage currents as outlined in paragraph 3.2.1.2.
3.2.2.3 If trouble in the final amplifier transistor stage (Q803, 804) is indicated, or other approaches have failed, check the balance in the final amplifier by soldering a 2.7 V lamp (type 338, Motorola Part No. $65-82671 \mathrm{G} 01$ ) between the collectors of Q803 and Q804 using \#14 wire or a 0.1 inch wide copper strap or braid. If the lamp lights up to greater than half its normal brilliance, or flashes and burns out, there is a defect in one side of the parallel final amplifier circuitry. If such imbalance is indicated, the defective section can usually be isolated by shorting the base to emitter of one transistor (at the transistor body) with a screwdriver blade. The section that shows the least drop in power output (when shorted) is the one to be checked for defective components. If no obviously defective passive components, misconnections, or shorts can be located, make the following tests prior to considering the replacement of Q803 or Q804.

## NOTE

Remove all power from the PA for the following tests.

Step 1. Check in-circuit base-emitter resistance on the suspect transistor(s). If greater than 1 ohm, coil L809 or L810 is bad.

## NOTE

Place the negative potential lead from the ohmmeter on the transistor base for this test.

Step 2. If the resistance check shows that L809 and L810 are not defective, remove the base capacitors, C825 and C827 (for Q803) or C826 and C828 (for Q804), and check for shorts, both internal (with an ohmmeter), and external (visual check for solder shorts on the capacitor or printed circuit board). If a capacitor or its connection is suspect, replace it and recheck the power output and balance before proceeding.

Step 3. If the capacitor is not defective, replace transistor (Q803 or Q804) and reassemble the power amplifier.

## NOTE

In any case where gross imbalance is found and suspected faulty components are replaced, always recheck balance after replacing components. Continue the investigation if imbalance has not been fully corrected.
3.2.2.4 With all power removed from the radio set, check for open base return on Q801 and Q802 by measuring in-circuit base-emitter resistance. The resistance should be less than 1 ohm on Q801 and less than 2.5 ohms on Q802.

## NOTE

Place negative potential lead of ohmmeter on transistor base(s) for this test.

### 3.3 POWER AMPLIFIER TRANSISTOR REPLACEMENT

### 3.3.1 To remove the power transistors, remove two

 transistor mounting screws, or one stud nut (accessible from the chassis bottom). Unsolder and remove the clamped mica capacitors, unsolder and remove the transistors. (Special soldering iron tips ST1160 and ST1161 are available from the Motorola National Parts Department to aid in the capacitor and transistor removal.)
### 3.3.2 When replacing rf power transistors several

 precautions must be observed. First remove all thermal compound and residue from both the chassis and the transistor using a soft cloth or paper towel. Apply a thin film of silicone thermal compound to the bottom of the transistor mounting flange. Place the transistor in the center of the printed circuit board cutout and tighten the mounting hardware to 6-7 inch pounds maximum. Solder leads using a low power ( $40-60 \mathrm{~W}$ ) iron using enough solder to completely cover the lead and solder pad. Make sure that the solder is flowing freely both over and under the lead before removing the heat. If a lead tends to spring away from the printed circuit board, hold down the far end of the lead against the board (using the tip of pliers) until the solder hardens. Be sure to replace the clamped mica capacitors in the exact original position with respect to the transistor body after replacing the transistors.
### 3.3.3 When removing components from the power

 amplifier printed circuit board it is essential that the solder be completely molten around the lead(s) to be removed before attempting to remove any component(s). Failure to exercise this precaution could result in removal of through-plating in component holes and/or top side metal on the printed circuit board which may necessitate removal of the printed circuit board for repair. To ensure proper performance of the rf power amplifier, it is essential (when replacing board-mounted parts) that the parts be mounted vertically and with the bottom of the component(s) flush against the printed circuit board.
### 3.4 POWER AMPLIFIER BOARD REMOVAL

3.4.1 Under normal maintenance conditions, there should be no need to remove the PA board. If, however, it should become necessary, the following procedure should be used. Unsolder and remove the input and output coaxial cables, unsolder feedthrough
capacitors, remove hex head screws, transistor mou: ing screws, and stud nut(s) (accessible from the bottor Lift the board out of the chassis.
3.4.2 To replace the PA board, reverse the removal procedure. PA power transistors should be installed after the circuit board installation has been completed. Refer to paragraph 3.3.

Table 4. Power Amplifier Troubleshooting Procedure

| Step | Symptom | Procedure | Normal Indication - | If Normal - | $\therefore$ If Abnormal |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Suspected Transmitter Failure | Measure rf output power at antenna connector. | Rated power | Transmiter OK. | High Power - perform Power Amplifier Controland Protection Troubleshooting Procedure. Low Power - goto 3. No Power - goto 2. |
| 2 | No Output Power | a. Set all controls fully clockwise and observe meters 1 and 5. | Both greater than 10uA | Gotob. | Noindication - Perferm Transmitter Controd and Protection Troubleshooting Procedure. Meter 1 indication, no Meter 5 indication - Ootoe. |
|  |  | b. Measure dc voltage across antenna relay coil during transmit. | 5 V | Gotoc. | Check coil contimity (dcresistance approximatety $\mathbf{1 6 0}$ ohms). |
|  |  | c. Check reed switch continuity. | Continuous during transmit | Gotad. | Replace. |
|  |  | d. Check harmonic filter and output cable for shorts and discontinuities. | See schematic diagram | Perform Pówer Amplifier Board Troublesheating Procedare: | Repair defect. |
|  |  | e. Measure rf power at the exciter output. | 1.5 W minimum | Perform Power Amplifier Board Troubleshooting Procedure. | Refer to Exciter séction of manual. |
| 3 | Lơw Output Power | \%. Set all controls fully clockwise and observe Meter 1. | Greater than 20 uA | Go torb. | Perform Power Amplifier Control and Protection Troubleshooting Procedure. |
|  |  | b. Measure rf power at exciter output. | 1.5W minimum | Perform Power Amplifier Board Troubleshooting Procedure. | Refer to Exciter section of manual |

Table 5．Power Amplifier Control and Protection Troubleshooting Procedure

| Step | Symptom | Procedure | Normal Indication | If Normal | If Abnormal |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | No meter 1 or 5 with all controls clock wise | a．Disconnect PA from exciter $\mathbf{J 8 0 2}$ ．Check for keyed 9．3 V at U901－8． | 9.3 V | Goto b ． | Check Q554（in exciter）keyed 9．3 V switch． |
|  |  | b．Measure output voltage of U901A，pin 1. | Greater than 3.3 V | Repair fault in control voltage amplifiers Q903 \＆ Q904． | Gotoc． |
|  |  | c．Measure voltages to in－ put of U901A，pins 2 \＆ 3. | Pin 3 greater than Pin 2 | U901 defective． | Check for shorts or opens in resistive feed circuits to pins 2\＆3． |
| 2 | Meter 1 reads max of about 10 uA with all controls fully clock－ wise．Little or no out－ put power | a．Disconnect PA from exciter at J802．Measure voltage of protection comparator output，at U901B－7． | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Greater than } \\ & 7 \mathrm{~V} \end{aligned}$ | Troubleshoot Q905 circuit． | Gotob． |
|  |  | b．Measure voltages to in－ put of U901B，pins 5 \＆ 6. | Pin 5 greater than Pin 6 | U901 defective． | Analyze and repair current limiter circuitry Q906，Q907 \＆Q908． |
| 3 | All controls inop－ erative and meter 1 approx． 25 uA | a．Disconnect PA from exciter at J802．Observe meter 1 in RX mode． | 0 uA | Go to b． | Repair fault in control voltage ampli－ fiers Q903 \＆Q904． |
|  |  | b．Set all controls counter－ clockwise．Measure pins 2 \＆3，U901A in TX mode． | Pin 2 greater than Pin 3 | U901 defective | Look for defect in voltage reference network R926，U927，R928，R912， R911． |
| 4 | Control voltage limit （R931），current limit （R939）and reflected power（VSWR）pro－ tection inoperative | Q905 and associated re－ sistors probably defective． Analyze and repair． |  |  |  |
| 5 | Current limit（R939） inoperative | Disconnect PA from exciter at J802．Pull current sense line（green）from C897． Observe meter 1. | 15 uA | Check for short to A＋of current sense line． | Analyze fault in current limit circuit Q906，Q907 \＆Q908 and repair． |
| 6 | Reflected power （VSWR）protection inoperative | Check and repair defect in reflected power detector components R902，CR902， etc． |  |  |  |
| 7 | Thermal protection inoperative | Check and repair defect in thermal protection com－ ponents RT801，R915， R930 and CR904． |  |  |  |
| 8 | Power set（R911） inoperative | Check and repair defect in forward power detector components R901，CR901， etc． |  |  |  |

## 3．5 POWER AMPLIFIER FUNCTIONAL TESTS

## 3．5．1 General

The tests in this section should be performed after servicing but before alignment，to verify that the power amplifier and control circuitry are operating cor－ rectly．

## 3．5．2 Set－up

Step 1．Connect radio to proper dummy load through a wattmeter．

Step 2．Plug metering connector of DC Metering Chassis，TEK 5 Metering Panel（set to position E）or

S1056－59 Portable Test Set，into J1 on power control board．

## CAUTION

Key transmitter only while making test or adjustment．

## 3．5．3 Control and Protection Tests

## 3．5．3．1 Control Voltage Limiting

Step 1．Set Current Limit（R939）and Power Set （R911）fully clockwise．

Step 2. Set Control Voltage Limit (R931) fully counterclockwise. Key transmitter and observe meter 1. Meter 1 should read approximately 4 uA .

Step 3. Rotate Control Voltage Limit Set (R931) clockwise. Near mid-rotation the reading of M1 should begin increasing to a maximum of approximately 25 uA at maximum clockwise rotation.

### 3.5.3.2 Current Limiting

Step 1. Set Power Set (R911) and Control Voltage Limit (R931) fully clockwise.

Step 2. Set Current Limit (R939) fully counterclockwise. Key transmitter and observe M5. Meter 5 should indicate less than 8 uA . Rotate Current Limit clockwise. Meter 5 should increase to a maximum indication of no more than 28 uA before maximum clockwise rotation is reached.

### 3.5.3.3 Power Set

Step 1. Set Control Voltage Limit (R931) and Current Limit (R939) fully clockwise.

Step 2. Set Power Set (R911) fully counterclockwise.
Step 3. Key transmitter and observe wattmeter. Power output should be zero. Power output should increase as Power Set is rotated clockwise.

### 3.5.3.4 Thermal Protection

Step 1. Set Control Voltage Limit (R931) and Current Limit (R934) fully clockwise.

Step 2. Adjust Power Set (R911) to 120 watts output. Using a short length, ( 6 inches) of 22 AWG solid wire, short Temp Sense Hi, pin 6 of P901, to Temp Sense Lo, pin 7 of P901, with P901 connected to J901 on the power control board. Power output should drop to less than $50 \%$ of set power.

### 3.5.3.5 Reflected Power Protection

Step 1. Set Control Voltage Limit (R931) and Current Limit (R939) fully clockwise.

Step 2. Adjust Power Set (R911) for 120 watts output. Remove cable from the output of the station.

## CAUTION

As the following step requires transmitting without a dummy load, key transmitter long enough to verify operation only.

Step 3. Key transmitter and observe meter 5. Meter 5 should indicate less than 10 uA .

### 3.5.4 Power Amplifier Board Test

Step 1. Disconnect PA from antenna switch/duplexer at J803.

Step 2. Connect the PA directly to a wattmeter and dummy load via J803.

Step 3. Set Power Set (R911), Control Voltage Limit (R931), and Current Limit (R939) fully clockwise.

Step 4. Key transmitter and observe the wattmeter. Power output should exceed 145 watts.

## power control board





