I. GENERAL

The 237 series are universal 100 call two-tone sequential (1+1) encoders intended for use with the SSC Model 224 series of decoders and most all other industry manufactured two-tone sequential decoders.

The encoders may be easily field tuned to any ten first tone frequencies and any ten second tone frequencies as long as these frequencies are within bands selected separately for the first and second tone groups. Additionally, it is possible to select different tone lengths for each tone group. This provides a means to field custom configure the encoders to call any burst tone in an existing system which uses any one of the existing industry standard coding schemes as long as it does not involve the use of an eleventh tone used in place of a sequentially repeated tone frequency. By reserving one unused frequency on each dial, 18 single burst tone calls may be obtained.

The first suffix letter in the model designation indicates electrical configuration with "A" for relay controlled output and "B" indicating solid state transmitter keying. The second suffix letter indicates mechanical configuration with "A" for board only and "M" for board in mobile housing.

II. OPERATING SPECIFICATIONS

Electrical & Mechanical, (237 Series Encoders)

Format: Universally compatible two-tone sequential (1+1) or alternative Single Burst Tone

Number of Codes per Unit: 100 possible 1+1 calls or 18 possible single burst tone calls

Operating Frequency Range: 300Hz to 1600Hz and/or 800Hz to 3500Hz. 10 first and 10 second tones, each tone independently tunable within selected band for group

Frequency Stability: ±0.3%

Group Call: Not available on standard units

Length of Tones: 300ms to 3 sec. incl. initiate delay first tone. 120ms to 2.5 sec. second tone, selectable

Inter-tone off time: No space between tones

Tone Level Differential: Within ±3db

Signal Level: Adjustable up to 1VRMS output

Impedance: Unbalanced 600 ohms nominal during sequence, open circuit on stand-by (1K or 10K nominal for Model 237B)

Output Relay: Model 237A 1 Form "C" for keying transmitter. 1 Form "C" for switching audio path. (Model 237B replaces relay with open collector keying)

Indications: On pressing "call" button, LED illuminates, transmitter is keyed and tones sent. LED extinguishes at end of sequence

Controls: Code select rotary switches, "call" push button. External PTT control possible

Supply Voltage: 10.8V to 16VDC negative common

Current, Stand-by: 0.1mA nominal (add 19mA for dial lighting)

Current, Maximum: 100mA during sequence (add 19mA for dial lighting)

Temperature Range: +40°C to +5°C. Vehicular environment

Enclosure Size: 3 1/8"x x 4 1/16"x x 1 15/16"H plus bracket and cable

P.C. Board Size: 2 3/16"x x 3 7/2"L x 1"H excluding switch shafts and connector over hangs

Interconnect: Via 11 pin keyed connector and attached 4' cable

Options

Option 1 - Factory Programming of codes (units supplied according to customer specified coding plan)

Option 2 - Two unit Securing Bracket (deletes standard mounting bracket)

III. MOUNTING CONSIDERATIONS

The "Y" housing is supplied with bracket and may be mounted almost anywhere including under-dash or on the fire wall of a vehicle or attached to the transmitting device in any installation.

The "A" P.C. Board version may be mounted within existing equipment on any flat surface measuring 3-1/2 by 2-1/2 inches via 3 nylon spacers and 4 screws with Kee-nuts, or through holes on a vertical panel by the switch shafts with nuts. Avoid mounting or running leads within high intensity R.F. fields such as found in the power amplifier compartment of a radio transmitter. If the encoder output is to feed a high impedance mic circuit, make the lead as short as possible and use a shielded cable if stray pick-up is encountered during microphone use. See the attached schematic for interconnection information. An optional stacking bracket is available for mounting both the 237AY encoder and the 224AY decoder as companion units.

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IV. CODE PROGRAMMING

NOTE: If option 2 (Factory Programming) has been ordered, check for label or list of frequencies with timing format and proceed to Section V, "Output Level Adjustment." If the encoder has not been previously programmed, the timing will be 310ms first tone including initiate delay and 120ms second tone. Both groups of tones will be set for operation in the 800kHz to 3500kHz frequency band. Continue with the following field code programming procedure prior to installation in the vehicle.

In the event this is part of a new system using both the 217 Encoder and the 214 Decoder, it is suggested that a frequency table of 20 discrete tones be made by starting with 850kHz and multiplying that and each succeeding frequency by 1.07. Use the first 10 for Tone One and the second 10 for Tone Two. Extend the second tone length for alert tone use.

Selector Switch: Normally, the first tone is selected by switch S-1 on the left hand side and the second tone by S-2 on the right hand side. In some cases and certain other coding plans, the reverse of the above is true. In this event, see Note 7 on the schematic and Note 4 on the assembly drawing for details on reversing the rotary switch tone control.

Timing Format: Determine the required lengths of the first and second tone groups. Refer to tables 1 and 2 found on the attached schematic. Clip out or retain appropriate timing resistors according to requirements. The first tone length incorporates an additional time increment to allow the transmission path to be completed before the first tone is received at the decoder site.

Frequency Bands: The first and second tone groups may operate independently in either the low band of 300kHz to 1500kHz or in the high band of 800kHz to 3500kHz. Determine the required bands of operation and refer to table 3 found on the schematic. Clip or retain appropriate diodes as required.

Frequency Adjustments: Determine the exact frequencies to be used in the code format from tables supplied by the manufacturer of the associated decoders. Refer to note 4 on the schematic for the application of jumpers required to hold each of the tone groups in sustained oscillation. Press the "CALL" button to initiate each tone group. Set the associated tone switch for each tone to be adjusted. Adjust R35 (output level) as required to drive a frequency counter. Adjust appropriate 20 turn pots for required frequencies. Remove jumper following frequency adjustments.

Bench Testing: It is a prudent idea to test the encoder for correct operation prior to installation in a vehicle.

V. OUTPUT LEVEL ADJUSTMENT

Note: This procedure must be done with all encoders whether or not they have been factory programmed.

Installation: The encoder should be installed or connected to the associated radio or transmitting device per interface wiring information found on the schematic and interface drawing.

Test Keying: To maintain a constant tone output and transmitter keying for adjustment purposes, connect a jumper between J5 and J6, then press the Call button.

Level Adjustment: With the unit keyed and transmitter on, use a station monitor to observe deviation and adjust R35 for between ±4kHz to ±5kHz deviation. Remove the test jumper to end test transmission. Install cover and make final mechanical installation.

VI. FINAL TEST

Using full transmission path, test call a few decoders. In the event tone respond, add additional first tone time per Table 1 on the schematic.

WARRANTY

Standard 237 series encoders are warranted for 3 years on parts and 2 years on labor providing all work is done by the SSC factory. Damage to P.C. Board traces or as a result of external forces will void this warranty. Equipment to be repaired must be shipped to the SSC factory freight prepaid with a note indicating the nature of the problem. Units will be returned pre-paid. Out of warranty repairs require customer written authorization and will be billed at the then current labor rate and parts cost if not covered.