GENERAL

The SSC Model 836AA and Model 838AA tone remote adapters are designed to provide remote control of a radio base station via a dedicated 2 or 4-wire telephone line or other voice grade circuit.

The 836AA furnishes tone controlled relays for Push-To-Talk, Monitor and 4 functions (e.g., channel selection). The 838AA is a 10 function tone version, composed of an 836AA and an optional plug-on 837AA (providing the 6 additional relays and support logic). The 837AA option board includes a 50 pin Telco connector (as well as the standard solder/wire wrap terminals). The function relays on the 836AA and the 838AA can be configured by the user into a wide variety of interlocked groups of latched and/or independent momentary relays.

For adaptability, the 836AA function relays F3 and F4 can be controlled by 1350 Hz and/or 1750 Hz and 1250 Hz and/or 1650 Hz respectively.

A notch filter is used to prevent the 2175 Hz keying tone from being transmitted by the base station. When the 836AA/838AA is idle (and configured for simplex operation), the notch filter is switched into the receive audio path to prevent 2175 Hz interference from other stations.

OPERATING SPECIFICATIONS

ELECTRICAL

DC Supply Voltage: 11 Vdc to 17 Vdc (filtered)
DC Supply Current: 92 mA nom., 210 mA nom. maximum (836); 94 mA nom., 260 mA nom. maximum (838)

TRANSMIT AUDIO PATH

Input Impedance (1kHz): 600 ohms balanced
Gain (1kHz into 600 ohms): Adjustable to +12.5 dB
Audio Output Level (1kHz): 1.1 Vrms max., into 600 ohms
1.5 Vrms max., into 100K ohms
Frequency Response: 300 Hz to 3300 Hz
Distortion (1kHz): less than 1%
Notch Filter: 40 dB notch, tunable between 800 Hz and 3300 Hz

RECEIVE AUDIO PATH

Output Impedance (1kHz): 600 ohms balanced
Gain (1kHz into 600 ohms): Adjustable to +14.5 dB
Audio Output Level (1kHz): +4.5 dBm maximum unclipped into 600 ohms
Frequency Response: 300 Hz to 3300 Hz within 3 dB
Distortion (1kHz): less than 1%

TONE DECODER

Tone Input Level Range: from -45 dBm to +10 dBm
Control Tone Frequencies (836):

Guard Tone: 2175 Hz
PTT: 2175 Hz
Monitor: 2050 Hz
F1: 1950 Hz
F2: 1850 Hz
F3: 1750 Hz and/or 1350 Hz (+)
F4: 1650 Hz and/or 1250 Hz (+)

Control Tone Frequencies (838): As Above, plus the following:

K1: 1550 Hz
K2: 1450 Hz
K3: 1350 Hz or 1750 Hz (+)
K4: 1250 Hz or 1650 Hz (+)
K5: 1150 Hz
K6: 1050 Hz

* DIP Switch Selectable.

PTT Detection Time: 250 ms nominal from start of tone sequence

Control Outputs: PTT and Monitor: 2 form "C" contacts
F1 - F4: 1 form "A" contacts
K1 - K6: 1 form "A" contacts

Operating Temperature Range: -40 C to +85C

MECHANICAL

836AA: 56 pin edge connector card (5.58" H x 5.96" W x 1.00"
838AA: 56 pin edge connector card (5.58" H x 5.96" W x
Both versions can be mounted in a TELLABS type 10 (or equivalent) card rack (although the 838AA will use two slots); a TELLABS type 1911 single card enclosure (available through SSC); or mounted on standoffs and 2/56 screws.
INSTALLATION:

CONFIGURATION LOGIC

Note: power should not be applied to the 836AA/838AA until the configuration logic section has been completed.

UPGRADING FROM 836AA TO 838AA: By combining an 836AA with an optional 837AA, the tone decoder capacity is increased from four to ten independently controllable function relays (excluding Monitor). The installation procedure is as follows:

1. Remove power from the 836AA.
2. Remove diode D2 from the 836AA (see component locator).
3. Remove the 836AA from its present edge connector and insert it into the edge connector socket of the 837AA.
4. All external connections must now be made on the 837AA's wire-wrap/solder pins or (with the exception of power and ground) through the 837AA's 50-pin Telco connector.

SIMPLEX OPERATION: The 836AA/838AA is factory set for simplex operation. If the 836AA/838AA is to be changed from duplex back to simplex operation:

1. Remove power.
2. Insert diode D4 as per the component locator.
3. Place jumper JP1 in position "A".
5. If no other configuration changes are to be made, restore power.

DUPLEX OPERATION:

1. Remove power.
2. Remove diode D4.
3. Place jumper JP1 in position "B".
5. If no other configuration changes are to be made, restore power.

DIP SWITCH PROGRAMMABLE OPTIONS: User programmable options (e.g. monitor response, relay configurations) are determined by DIP switch settings as per Tables 1, 2, 3 (and 4 for the 838AA) on pages 4 and 5. The program used in the 836AA/838AA will only read the board configuration information during its initial power-up routine. Hence, all DIP switches must be set for the desired configurations before power is applied to the board. In order to change these configurations:

1. Power must be removed.
2. DIP switches are reset.
3. Power is restored to the board.

F3 and F4 RESPONSE FREQUENCIES: For the sake of compatibility with various tone remote control units, the control tones to which the F3 and F4 relay's will respond can be selected via DIP switches 1 and 2 on the 836AA as per Table 1, page 4.

MONITOR RESPONSE OPTIONS: The monitor relay will react to a 2050 Hz control tone and Push-To-Talk as per Table 2, page 4. Set DIP switches 3 and 4 on the 836AA for the desired monitor response.

836AA/838AA FUNCTION TONE RELAY CONFIGURATION: Function relay response is selected via the 836AA's DIP switches 5, 6 and 7 as set per Table 3 (and possibly Table 4 if an optional 837AA board is attached to the 836AA) on pages 4 and 5.

Note that on Table 3, options "R" and "S" are equivalent to option "M" if an 837AA option board has not been installed. (Again, an 838AA is composed of an 836AA and an optional 837AA.)

If you are configuring an 838AA, options "R" and "S" will override all relay configurations on Table 4 (set via 837AA DIP switches). Options "M" through "Q" will only affect the relays on the 836AA, i.e., relays F1, F2, F3 and F4. Similarly, the relay configuration chosen for the 837AA (via 837AA DIP switches per Table 4) will only affect relays K1 through K6 on the 837AA.

Note: There is no configuration "32" on Table 4, this has been reserved for future use. If all the DIP Switches on the 837AA are placed "open", relays K1 thru K6 will be inoperative.

As an example for interpreting Tables 3 and 4, assume option "Q" of Table 3 is chosen. The table is indicating that relays F1 and F2 are interlocked. This means when F1 is set (via a 1500 Hz function tone), F2 will be reset automatically. The reverse will happen upon the next 1850 Hz function tone. For either 1500 Hz or 1850 Hz function tones, relays F3 and F4 will be unaffected. Relay F3 or F4 will be independently set momentarily (for approximately 80 ms) upon detection or their respective function tones. The state of F3 or F4 will have no affect on F1 or F2, or on one another.

Now if an 837AA option board is attached to the 836AA, lets assume option "17" from Table 4 has been chosen. Relay K1 on the 837AA will be interlocked with relay K2, relays K3 and K4 will be interlocked, and relays K5 and K6 will be momentarily set upon the detection of their respective function tones (1150 Hz and 1050 Hz).

Note: Upon completion of the Configuration Logic Section, power can be restored to the 836AA/838AA. Take special notice of the LED's as power is being restored. The LED's and their respective relays will be momentarily set in a sequential order if the microcontroller has been successfully reset. This will happen quickly so watch carefully. Repeat power-up if this is not observed. Upon completion of the microcontroller's "power-up" routine, relay F1 will initially be set (latched) regardless of the selected configuration, all other relays will be off.
It is a good idea to bench test the 836AA/838AA with the associated Tone Remote Controls before installing the units in the field. Operation of the Tone Remote Adapter relays can be checked visually using the LED's mounted on the P.C. Board. Refer to the schematic and component locator drawings in this instruction manual for the locations of the input-output terminals, adjustments and indicator LED's.

It is assumed that the associated Tone Remote Controls have been adjusted according to the published specifications before the procedure is performed. The 2175 Hz burst tone should be set for 130 ms. at +10dBm with voice limited to 0dBm peak. Function tones should be 45 to 50 ms long at a relative 0dB with the PTT holding tone at a relative -20dB. The SSC factory presents the 836AA/838AA Tone Remote Adaptor to operate with the above signals from corresponding Tone Remote Controls. In so much as each base radio station interfaces at different RX and TX audio levels, these levels and the 2175 Hz sensitivity will have to be adjusted when the adapter is installed at the final location with the losses of the interconnecting phone line or other medium in the path.

ADJUSTMENTS AND EXTERNAL CONNECTIONS

GENERAL: All connections to an 836AA must be made through the wire-wrap/solder pin on the provided edge connector socket. The connections to an 838AA may be either through the wire-wrap/solder pins or via the 50-pin Telco connector on the optional 837AA. Note however, that power and ground have no provisions on the 50-pin Telco connector, they must be made on the edge connector pins.

Connect the +DC power (11VDC to 17VDC, filtered) to edge connector pins 55 or 56. Connect the radio receiver's (RX) audio output to edge connector pin 38 (or Telco connector pin 44). Connect the transmitter's (TX) audio input to edge connector pin 41 (Telco connector pin 34). Connect chassis ground, RX audio common, and TX audio common to edge connector pins 1 or 2. For simplex operation, connect the bi-directional audio pair to edge connector pins 51 and 52 (or Telco connector pins 49 and 24). For duplex operation, connect the receive audio pair to edge connector pins 51 and 52 (Telco pins 49 and 24), and connect the transmit audio pair to edge connector pins 53 and 54 (Telco pins 50 and 25).

RECEIVE AUDIO PATH ADJUSTMENTS: Turn R7 completely counter-clockwise. Disable the radio receiver tone and noise squelch to produce white noise. Adjust the radio receiver output audio for approximately 0.8 Vrms across the 836AA/838AA RX audio input edge connector pins 38 and 1 (common), (or across Telco connector pin 44 and edge connector 1). Adjust R4 for a level of 0.4 Vrms at TP-4 with reference ground at TP-11. Adjust R1 for the desired level (-10 dBm nominal, 0.25 Vrms) across the interconnecting telephone line (edge connector pins 51 and 52, Telco pins 49 and 24, or TP-1 and TP-2).

TONE DECODER ADJUSTMENTS: Perform the following procedure before connecting the PTT control relay to the transmitter. With a steady 2175 Hz Guard tone set at +10dBm at the remote control end, adjust R7 for 1.8 Vrms across TP-6 and ground (TP-11).

TRANSMIT AUDIO PATH ADJUSTMENTS: Set up to test transmitter output deviation with a dummy load and a station modulation monitor. Have someone at the tone remote control press to talk and sound a constant "0000000" into the microphone of the handset. Adjust R6 for full undistorted modulation of the transmitter as measured on the modulation monitor.

After completing the above steps, connections may be made between the 836AA/838AA control relays and the radio base station (see schematics for actual pin-outs). Connect an antenna to the base station and make a test radio contact with a field or other unit using the remote control. Check all operating functions and quality of speech. Over drive into the phone line or transmitter may cause distortion.

MAINTENANCE AND TROUBLESHOOTING

The 836AA/838AA has sufficient gain to compensate for up to 20 dB of line loss. However, loss of more than 6 dB without gain adjustments will result in a degradation of reliability and voice signal quality. A periodic check of line loss and 2175 Hz sensitivity in accordance with the previous section would be a good idea. Make appropriate adjustments as required.

If leakage of the 2175 Hz PTT holding tone is heard over the air, re-adjust the notch filter for a better null using both R5 and R2.

FIELD ADJUSTMENTS OF FACTORY SETTINGS

(To be performed only after changing parts in filter or PLL circuits.)

BANDPASS FILTERS: With a steady 2175 Hz guard tone present (from the tone remote control unit) and R7 set for 1.8 Vrms at TP-6, adjust R10 for maximum amplitude across TP-9 and ground (TP-11). Adjust R9 for maximum amplitude across TP-10 and ground (TP-11).

PHASE-LOCK-LOOP VCO CENTER FREQUENCY: The free-running frequency of the 836AA/838AA PLL is factory set at 1500 Hz. Deviations over time and temperature of up to +/-25 Hz are acceptable. Before measuring the PLL center frequency, turn R7 completely counter-clockwise. Connect a frequency counter across TP-12 and ground (TP-11). Adjust R3 as necessary. If possible, this adjustment should be made while the unit is operating in typical or "average" temperature conditions at it's location. Reset TP-6 for 1.8Vrms via R7 with a steady 2175 Hz guard tone present from the tone remote control unit.
# 836 / 838 Switch Selectable Options

## Table 1: F3/F4 Control Frequencies

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*Timer sets Monitor Relay for approx. 30 seconds.

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= Group of interlocking latched relays.

= Group of interlocking latched relays.

M = Momentary (80 ms duration)

CL = Switched closed.

OP = Switch open.

* = Note: 1950Hz will reset F2-F4.
### Table 4  837 Option Board Relay Configuration

| CONFIGURATION NO. | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
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| SW1-5             |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 1450              | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 1350/1750         | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
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| 1050              | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |

- = Group of interlocking latched relays.
- = Group of interlocking latched relays.
- = Group of interlocking latched relays
M = Momentary (80 ms duration).
CL = Switch closed.
OP = Switch open.
0  = Off
NOTES:

⚠️ SCORE AND BREAK OFF TABS FOR CARD CAGE HOUSING.

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CARD CAGE MOUNTING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. REMOVE EXISTING CONNECTOR AND SCREWS FROM CARD CAGE.
   RETAIN SCREWS.

2. BE SURE THAT THE PCB IS ORIENTATED CORRECTLY.

3. IF THE 838AA IS TO BE MOUNTED IN CARD CAGE SLOT POSITIONS 8 OR 9
   THE 50 PIN TELCO CONNECTORS ON THE SWING GATE MUST BE REMOVED.
   (SLOT POSITION 1 BEING TO THE FAR LEFT WHEN VIEWING THE CARD CAGE
   FROM THE FRONT.)

4. THE 838AA ASSEMBLY REQUIRES 2 CARD CAGE SLOTS DUE TO THE WIDTH
   OF THE 837AA.

5. THE TABS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE 837AA MUST BE CAREFULLY SCORED AND
   BROKEN OFF. (SEE NOTE (1) ON THE 837AA COMPONENT LOCATOR).
836AA PCB

Existing screws from housing
2 pcs.

837AA PCB

Housing

838AA Mounting Instructions:
1. Remove existing assembly from housing.
2. Remove and discard spacer board and 56 pin connector.
3. Replace with 837AA PCB Assy using existing screws.