

DESCRIPTION AND MAINTENANCE 30-50 MHz MASTR® EXECUTIVE II RECEIVER

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DESCRIPTION

MASTR® Executive II, 30 to 50 megahertz receivers are single conversion, superheterdyne FM receivers designed for one-through four-frequency operation. The solid state receiver utilizes integrated circuits (ICs), monolithic crystal filters and discrete components with each of the crystal filters located between gain stages to provide 95 dB selectivity and maximum protection from desensitization and intermodulation.

The receiver consists of the following modules:

- RF Assembly
- Mixer/IF (MIF)
- Oscillator/Multiplier (Osc/Mult)
- Audio and Squelch circuits (part of System-Audio & Squelch (SAS) board)
- IF Detector (IF Det)

Audio, supply voltages and control functions are connected to the system board through P903 on the IF Det board, and through W401 to the Osc/Mult board. The regulated +10 Volts is used for all receiver stages except the audio PA stage which operates from the A+ system supply.

Centralized metering jack J601 on the IF Det board is provided for use with GE Test Set 4EX3All or Test Kit 4EX8K12. The test set meters the oscillator, multiplier, FM Detector and IF amplifier stages. Speaker high and low are metered on the system board metering jack.

A block diagram of the complete receiver is shown in Figure 1.

Refer to the appropriate Maintenance Manual for complete details on each receiver module as listed in the Table of Contents.

MAINTENANCE

DISASSEMBLY

To gain access to the receiver for servicing, unlock the radio and remove the two retaining screws in the front cover. Then pull the radio out of the mounting frame.

To remove the receiver modules from the radio:

- 1. Remove all power to the radio.
- 2. Remove the three countersunk Phillips head screws in the siderail of the radio near the RF casting. NOTE: Do NOT remove the three screws in the bracket along the top edge of the RF casting.
- 3. Loosen the screws in the two locking tabs on the corners of the RF casting and release the tabs.
- 4. Remove the two screws securing the IF-Det board to the mounting frame.
- Remove the screw securing the Osc/Mult board.
- Unplug the receiver antenna connector. In multi-frequency units, unplug the lead on the Osc/Mult board.
- Lift the receiver modules out of the radio with a gentle rocking motion.

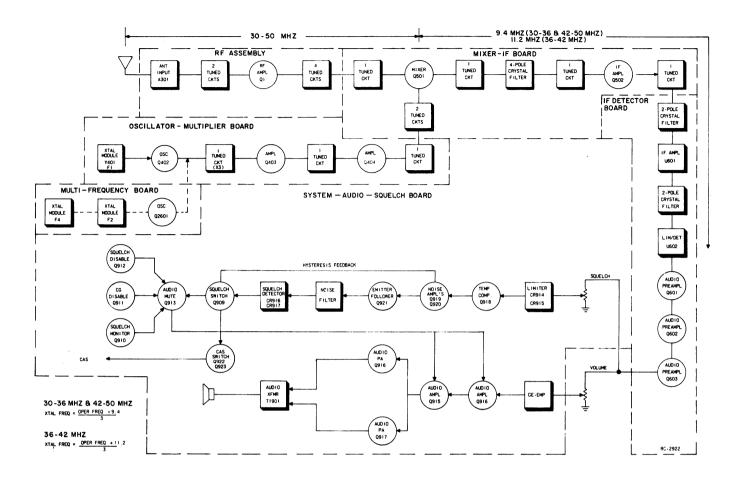


Figure 1 - Receiver Block Diagram

FRONT END ALIGNMENT

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

- GE Test Set Models 4EX3All, 4EX8K12, or 20,000 ohms-per-Volt multimeter with a 1-Volt and 3-Volt scale.
- a 30-50 MHz signal source. Connect a one-inch piece of insulated wire no larger than .065-inch diameter to generator output probe.

PRELIMINARY CHECKS AND ADJUSTMENTS

- Connect black plug from Test Set to Receiver Centralized Metering Jack J601, and red plug to system board metering jack J910. Set range selector switch to the TEST 3 position (or 3-Volt position on 4EX8K12).
- 2. For multi-frequency receivers with a frequency spacing up to 0.060 MHz for frequency range of 30-36 MHz, 0.080 MHz for frequency range of 36-42 MHz or 0.180 MHz for frequency range of 42-50 MHz, align the receiver on the channel nearest center frequency.
- For multi-frequency receivers with a frequency spacing exceeding the above but no greater than 0.120 MHz for frequency range of 30-36 MHz, .160 MHz for frequency range of 36-42 MHz, or .360 MHz for frequency range of 42-50 MHz, align the receiver using a center frequency tune-up crystal module. These limits can be extended to .340 MHz, .400 MHz and .640 MHz respectively, with 3 dB degradation in standard receiver specifications.
- 3. With Test Set in position J, check for regulated +10 Volts. If using multimeter, measure between J910-3 (+) and J910-9 (-). If necessary, adjust R906 on SAS board for 10 Volts.
- 4. Set SQUELCH ADJUST R953 to unmute the receiver and VOLUME control to minimum. Disconnect J906 on the SAS board and connect the milliammeter in series with J906 (+) and P906 (-). Adjust audio BIAS control on SAS board for 20 milliamperes.
- 5. If using multimeter, connect the negative lead to J601-9 (A-1).
- Disable Channel Guard.

ALIGNMENT PROCEDURE

STEP	METERIN GE Test Set	NG POSITION Multimeter - at J601-9	TUNING CONTROL	METER READING	PROCEDURE	
OSC ILLATOR/MULTIPLIER						
1.	C (MULT-1)	Pin 3	L404, L502 L503, C406	See Procedure Set the range selector switch to the Test 3 position on the 3-Volt scale. Adjust the slugs in L404, L502 and L503 to top of coil Adjust C406 for maximum meter reading.		
2.	D (MULT-2)	Pin 4	C411, C406, L404, L502, and L503	See Procedure	Adjust C411 and C406 for maximum meter reading. Carefully tune L404 for a dip in meter reading. Then adjust L502 for maximum meter reading and L503 for a dip in meter reading. Do NOT readjust L404, L502 and L503.	
RF AMPLIFIER & SELECTIVITY						
3.	B (IF AMP)	Pin 1	L4		Set the range selector switch to the Test 1 position (or 1-Volt scale). Apply an on-frequency signal adjacent to L3 and tune L4 for maximum meter reading.	
4.	B (IF AMP)	Pin 1	L4, L3	Maximum	Apply an on-frequency signal adjacent to L2 keeping the signal below saturation. Then tune L4 and L3 for maximum meter reading.	
5.	B (IF AMP)	Pin 1	L1, L2, L3, L4, C301, C302 and C502	Maximum	Apply an on-frequency signal to the antenna jack, keeping the signal below saturation. Then tune L1, L2, L3, L4, C301, C302 and C502 for maximum meter reading.	
6.	B (IF AMP)	Pin 1	C502, L4, L3, L2, L1, C301 and C302	See Procedure	Apply an on-frequency signal as in Step 5 and slightly tune C502, L4, L3 L2, L1, C301 and C302 for best quieting sensitivity.	

OSCILLATOR FREQUENCY ADJUSTMENT

First, check the frequency to determine if any adjustment is required. (Refer to frequency offset chart, Figure 3). The frequency measurement requires equipment with an absolute accuracy that is 5 to 10 times better than the tolerance to be maintained. When adjusting the frequency, the entire radio should be as near as possible to an ambient temperature of 30°C (86°F).

The frequency of the crystal module should only be reset when the measured frequency error exceeds the following limits:

A. ± 0.6 PPM when the ambient temperature of the radio is 30° C (86° F).

B. ± 5 PPM at any other temperature within the range of -30° C to 60° C (-22° F to $+140^{\circ}$ F).

If frequency adjustment is required, refer to one of the procedures below (depending on equipment available) for proper adjustment.

A. DIRECT MEASUREMENT IN THE INJECTION CHAIN

adequate for oscillator frequency setting.

FTERING

J601-1 • •

Oscilloscope

1. WITH A FREQUENCY COUNTER, "Count" the frequency at the junction of C411 and L402 on the Oscillator-Multiplier board. The frequency measured at this point is 3 times the crystal frequency.

2. WITH A COMMUNICATION MONITOR (for example: Cushman Model CE-3), "Monitor" frequency at the junction of C411 and L402 on the Oscillator-Multiplier board. The frequency monitored at this point is 3 times the crystal frequency. NOTE: This frequency will not always fall within an available measuring range of all monitors at all receiver operating frequencies.

B. STANDARD "ON FREQUENCY" SIGNAL AT THE RECEIVER INPUT (Generated from a COMMUNICATION MONITOR, for example: Cushman Model CE-3).

1. WITH A FREQUENCY COUNTER. "Count" the developed IF frequency at the tap of Z602-R2 on the IF-DET board. The deviation from the nominal IF frequency (11.2 or 9.4 MHz) in Hz is compared to the receiver operating frequency (also in Hz) to calculate the frequency error.

2. WITH AN 11.2 OR 9.4 MHz IF FREQUENCY STANDARD (for example: General Electric Model 4EX9AlO). Loosely couple the IF frequency standard to the IF signal path to create a heterodyne with the developed IF frequency. The resultant "beat frequency" can be monitored by any of the following methods:

To set crystal frequency using "beat frequency" method, the temperature should be at 30°C (86°F). If the temperature is not 30°C, then offset the "ON FREQUENCY" signal (at the receivers input), as a function of actual temperature, by the frequency ERROR FACTOR shown in Figure 3.

a. Audible "beat frequency" from the receiver speaker (this requires careful frequency adjustment of the frequency standard).

b. Observe "beat frequency" at J601-1 with an oscilloscope.

c. With GE TEST SET (Meter Position B) connected to J601 on the IF-DET board, visually observe the "beat frequency" indicated by meter movement.

The frequency of the "beat" is the frequency error related to the IF frequency. This deviation, in Hz, is compared to the receiver operating frequency, also in Hz, to calculate the frequency error.

The FM Detector output (meter position A of the test set) has a DC voltage of .35 to .50 volts at the assigned frequency and is provided for routine test and measurement only. The resolution of this reading (approximately .025 V per kHz as read on a GE Test Set in meter position A, or 0.1 V per kHz as measured with a VTVM at J601-2 on the IF-DET board) is in-

If the radio is at an ambient temperature of 30°C (86°F) set the oscillator for the correct mixer frequency (crystal FREQ. X 3).

If the radio is not at an ambient temperature of 30°C setting errors can be minimized as follows:

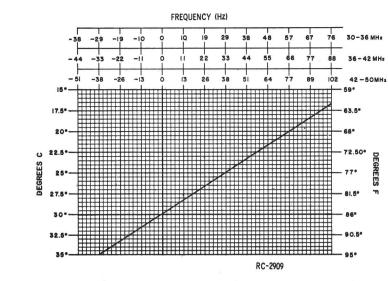
A. To hold setting error to ±0.6 PPM (which is considered reasonable for 5 PPM oscillators):

1. Maintain the radio at 30°C (±5°C) and set the oscillator to required mixer injection frequency, or

2. Maintain the radio at 30°C (±5°C, -10°C) and offset the oscillator, as a function of actual temperature, by the frequency error

For example: Assume the ambient temperature of the radio is 20°C (68°F). At that temperature, the curve shows a correction factor of 66 Hz for the frequency range of 36-42 MHz.

Adjust the oscillator for a corrected mixer injection frequency 66 Hz higher. If a negative correction factor is obtained (at temperatures above 30°C) set the oscillator for the indicated frequency lower than the calculated mixer injection frequency.



COMPLETE RECEIVER ALIGNMENT

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED 1. GE Test Set Models 4EX3All, 4EX8K12 (or 20,000 ohms-per-Volt multimeter with a 1-Volt and 3-Volt scale.)

A 9.4 MHz signal source for 30-36 and 42-50 MHz receivers, or 11.2 MHz signal source for 36-42 MHz receiver (BE Test Set Model
4EX9A10). Also a 30-50 MHz signal source (Measurements 803) with a one-inch piece of insulated wire no larger than .065 inch diameter
connected to generator probe.

3. VTVM

4. Distortion Analyzer

5. Ammeter (capable of measuring 20 milliamperes).

PRELIMINARY CHECKS AND ADJUSTMENTS

Connect the black plug from the Test Set to receiver metering jack J601, and the red plug to SAS board metering jack J910. Set the
meter sensitivity switch to the Test 1 (or 1-Volt position on the 4EX8K12).

2. For multi-frequency receivers with a frequency spacing up to 0.060 MHz for frequency range of 30-36 MHz, 0.080 MHz for frequency range of 36-42 MHz or 0.180 MHz for frequency range of 42-50 MHz, align the receiver on the channel nearest center frequency.
For multi-frequency receivers with a frequency spacing exceeding the above but no greater than 0.120 MHz for frequency range of 30-36 MHz, .160 MHz for frequency range of 36-42 MHz, or .360 MHz for frequency range of 42-50 MHz, align the receiver using a center frequency tune-up crystal module. These limits can be extended to .340 MHz, .400 MHz and .640 MHz respectively, with 3 dB degradation in standard receiver specifications.

With the Test Set in Position J, check for regulated +10 Volts. With multimeter, measure from J910-3 (+) to J910-9 (-). If necessary, adjust R906 on SAS board for 10 Volts.

4. Set SQUELCH ADJUST R953 to unmute the receiver and VOLUME control to minimum. Disconnect J906 on the SAS board and connect the milliammeter in series with J906 (+) and P906 (-). Adjust audio BIAS control on SAS board for 20 milliamperes.

5. If using multimeter, connect the negative lead to J601-9 (A-).

L603, R608 See

6. Disable the Channel Guard.

ALIGNMENT PROCEDURE

	METERING POSITION						
STEP	GE Test Set	Multimeter - at J601-9	TUNING CONTROL	METER READING	PROCEDURE		
					FM DETECTOR		
1.	A (FM DET)	Din 2	L603	0.38 Volt	With no signal applied, adjust L603 for a meter reading of approximately 0.38 volt.		
OSC ILLATOR/MULTIPLIER							
2.	C (MULT-1)	Pin 3	L404, L502, L503, C406		Set the range selector switch to the Test 3 position on the 3-Volt scale. Adjust the slugs in L404, L502 and L503 to top of coil. Adjust C406 for maximum meter reading.		
3.	D (MULT-2)	Pin 4	C411, C406 L404, L502, and L503	See Procedure	Adjust C4ll and C406 for maximum meter reading. Carefully tune L404 for a dip in meter reading. Then adjust L502 for maximum meter reading and L503 for a dip in meter reading. Do NOT readjust L404, L502 and L503.		
				RF A	MP & SELECTIVITY		
4.	B (IF AMP)	Pin 1	L4		Set the range welector switch to the Test 1 position (or 1-Volt scale). Apply an on-frequency signal adjacent to L3 and tune L4 for maximum meter reading.		
5.	B (IF AMP)	Pin 1	L4, L3	Maximum	Apply an on-frequency signal adjacent to L2 keeping the signal below saturation. Then tune L4 and L3 for maximum meter reading.		
6.	B (IF AMP)	Pin 1	L1, L2, L3, L4, C301, C302 and C502.	Maximum	Apply an on-frequency signal to the antenna jack, keeping the signal below saturation. Then tune L1, L2, L3, L4, C301, C302 and C502 for maximum meter reading.		

Apply an on-frequency signal as in Step 6 and slightly tune C502, L4, L3, L2, L1, C301 and C302 for best quieting sensitivity.

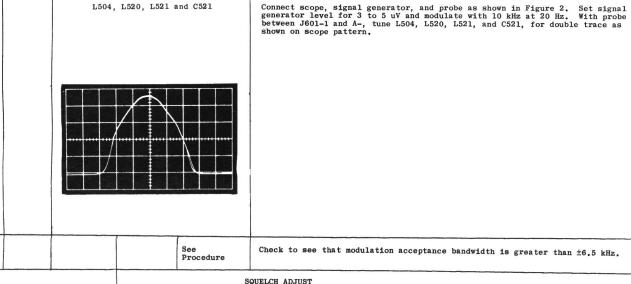
Remove the Test set metering plug from J601. Apply a 1000 microvolt signal with 1 kHz modulation and 3.0 kHz deviation to the antenna jack. Tune L603 for maximum voltage at 1 kHz and adjust R608 for 1 Volt rms measured with a VTVM at P803-1 (VOL/SQ HI) and P803-6 (A-).

METERING POSITION GE Test Set Multimeter - at J601-9 CONTROL METER READING PROCEDURE MIXER & IF

The mixer and IF circuits have been aligned at the factory and will normally require no further adjustment. If adjustment is necessary, use the procedure outlined in STEP 9.

NOTE

Refer to DATAFILE BULLETIN 1000-6 (IF Alignment of Two-way Radio FM Receivers) for helpful suggestions on how to determine when IF Alignment is required.



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Figure 2 - Test Setup for 20-Hz Double-Trace Sweep Alignment

Signal

20 Hz | Generator | 3-5 μν

NOTE 1: Appendix A of DATAFILE Bulletin 1000-6

contains instructions for building a sweep

To horizontal external sync input

modulator.

Oscillator

Figure 3 - Frequency Offset Chart

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Set SQUELCH ADJUST control (R953) to open with a 6 dB SINAD signal. (Approxi-

mately 30° counterclockwise of critical squelch position).

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TEST PROCEDURES

These Test Procedures are designed to help you to service a receiver that is operating---but not properly. The problems encountered could be low power, poor sensitivity, distortion, limiter not operating properly, and low gain. By following the sequence of test steps starting with Step 1. the defect can be quickly localized. Once

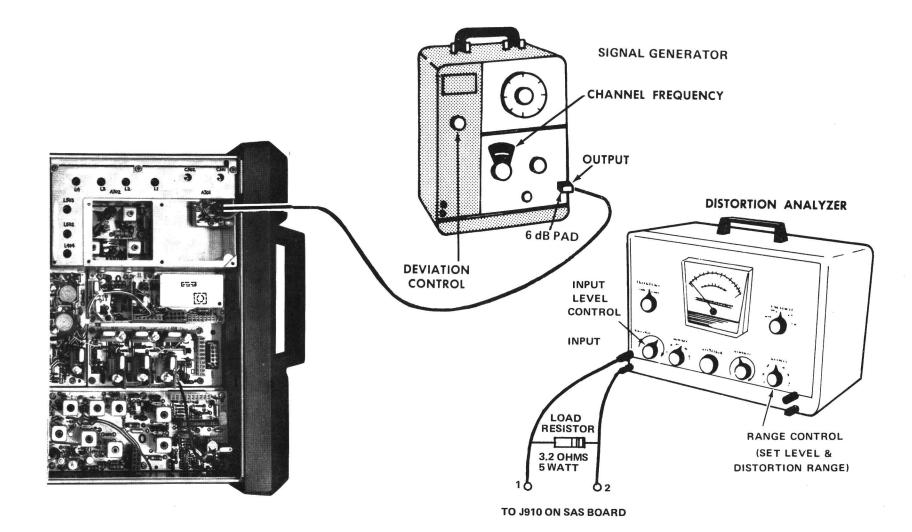
TEST EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

- Distortion Analyzer similar to: Heath IM-12
- Signal Generator similar to: Measurements 803
- 6-dB attenuation pad, and 3.2-ohm. 5-Watt resistor

the defective stage is pin-pointed, refer to the "Service Check" listed to correct the problem. Additional corrective measures are included in the Troubleshooting Procedure. Before starting with the Receiver Test Procedures, be sure the receiver is tuned and aligned to the proper operating frequency.

PRELIMINARY ADJUSTMENTS

- 1. Connect the test equipment to the receiver as shown for all steps of the receiver Test Procedure.
- 2. Turn the SQUELCH control fully clockwise for all steps of the Test Procedure.
- 3. Turn on all of the equipment and let it warm up for 20 minutes.



STEP 1

AUDIO POWER OUTPUT AND DISTORTION

TEST PROCEDURE

Measure Audio Power Output as follows:

- A. Apply a 1,000-microvolt, on-frequency test signal modulated by 1.000 hertz with ±3.0 kHz deviation to antenna jack A301-J1.
- B. With 5-Watt Speaker:

Disconnect speaker and connect a 3.5-ohm. 5-Watt load resistor from J910-1 (speaker H1) to J910-2 (A-).

Connect the Distortion Analyzer input across the resistor as shown.

With Handset:

Lift the handset off of the hookswitch. Connect the Distortion Analyzer input from J910-1 to J910-2.

- Adjust the VOLUME control for 5-Watt output using the Distortion Analyzer as a VTVM (4 Vrms).
- D. Make distortion measurements according to manufacturer's instructions. Reading should be less than 5%. If the receiver sensitivity is to be measured. leave all controls and equipment as they are.

SERVICE CHECK

If the distortion is more than 5%, or maximum audio output is less than 5.0 Watts, make the following checks:

- Battery and regulator voltage---low voltage will cause distortion. (Refer to Receiver Schematic Diagram for voltages.)
- Audio Gain (Refer to Receiver Troubleshooting Procedure).
- FM Detector Adjustment (Refer to Receiver Alignment on reverse side of page).

STEP 2

USABLE SENSITIVITY (12-dB SINAD)

If STEP 1 checks out properly, measure the receiver sensitivity as follows:

- A. Apply a 1000-microvolt, on-frequency signal modulated by 1000 Hz with 3.0-kHz deviation to A301-J1.
- B. Place the RANGE switch on the Distortion Analyzer in the 200 to 2000-Hz distortion range position (1000-Hz filter in the circuit). Tune the filter for minimum reading or null on the lowest possible scale (100%, 30%, etc.)
- Place the RANGE switch to the SET LEVEL position (filter out of the circuit) and adjust the input LEVEL control for a +2 dB reading on a mid range (30%).
- D. While reducing the signal generator output, switch the RANGE control from SET LEVEL to the distortion range until a 12-dB difference (+2 dB to -10 dB) is obtained between the SET LEVEL and distortion range positions (filter out and filter in).
- The 12-dB difference (Signal plus Noise and Distortion to noise plus distortion ratio) is the "usable" sensitivity level. The sensitivity should be less than rated 12 dB SINAD specifications with an audio output of at least 2.5 Watts (2.8 Volts RMS across the 3.2-ohm receiver load using the Distortion Analyzer as a VTVM).
- Leave all controls as they are and all equipment connected if the Modulation Acceptance Bandwidth test is to be per-

SERVICE CHECK

If the sensitivity level is more than rated 12 dB SINAD, check the alignment of the RF stages as directed in the Alignment Procedure, and make the gain measurements as shown on the Troubleshooting Procedure.

STEP 3

MODULATION ACCEPTANCE BANDWIDTH (IF BANDWIDTH)

If STEPS 1 and 2 check out properly, measure the bandwidth as follows:

- A. Set the Signal Generator output for twice the microvolt reading obtained in the 12-dB SINAD measurement.
- Set the RANGE control on the Distortion Analyzer in the SET LEVEL position (1000-Hz filter out of the circuit), and adjust the input LEVEL control for a +2 dB reading on the 30% range.
- C. While increasing the deviation of the Signal Generator, switch the RANGE control from SET LEVEL to distortion range until a 12-dB difference is obtained between the SET LEVEL and distortion range readings (from +2 dB to -10 dB).
- The deviation control reading for the 12-dB difference is the Modulation Acceptance Bandwidth of the receiver. It should be more than ±7 kHz.

SERVICE CHECK

If the Modulation Acceptance Bandwidth test does not indicate the proper width, make gain measurements as shown on the Receiver Troubleshooting Procedure.

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STEP 1 - QUICK CHECKS

TEST SET CHECKS

These checks are typical voltage readings measured with GE Test Set Model 4EX3All or Test Kit Model 4EX8Kl2 in the position shown below:

METERING POSITION	Reading With No Signal In	Reading With 1 Microvolt Un- modulated	Test Position
A (FM DET)	0,35-0,50 VDC		Test 1 (or 1-Volt)
B (IF AMP)		0.2 VDC	Test 1 (or 1-Volt)
C (MULT-1)	1.5 VDC		Test 3 (or 3-Volt)
D (MULT-2)	0.4 VDC		Test 1 (or 1-Volt)
J (Reg. +10 Volts at Sys- tem Metering jack)	+10 VDC		

SYMPTOM CHECKS

SYMPTOM	PROCEDURE
NO SUPPLY VOLTAGE	Check power connections, continuity of supply leads, and fuse. If fuse is blown, check receiver for short circuits.
NO REGULATED 10-VOLTS	Check the 12-Volt supply. Then check 10-Volt regulator circuit. (See Troubleshooting Procedure for 10-Volt Regulator).
LOW IF READING	Check supply voltages and then check oscillator readings at J601 as shown in STEP 2. Make SIMPLIFIED VTVM GAIN CHECKS from Mixer through Limiter Det stage as shown in STEP 2.
LOW OSCILLATOR/MULTI- PLIER READINGS	Check alignment of Oscillator/Multiplier. (Refer to Front End Alignment Procedure). Check voltage readings of Oscillator/Multiplier (Q402, Q403, Q404).
LOW RECEIVER SENSITIVITY	Check Front End Alignment. (Refer to Receiver Alignment Procedure). Check antenna connections, cable and antenna switch. Check Oscillator injection voltage. Check voltage readings of Mixer and IF Amp. Make SIMPLIFIED GAIN CHECKS (STEP 2).
IMPROPER SQUELCH OPERATION	Check voltages on Schematic Diagram. Make gain and waveform checks with noise. Make gain and waveform checks with 6 kHz signal. Check discrete components in the squelch circuit on SAS board.
LOW OR DISTORTED AUDIO	Check voltages on Schematic Diagram. Make gain and waveform checks. Check receiver and alignment and FM DET output. Check Q601, Q602, Q603 and other discrete components. Check audio circuit on SAS board.

TROUBLESHOOTING PROCEDURE

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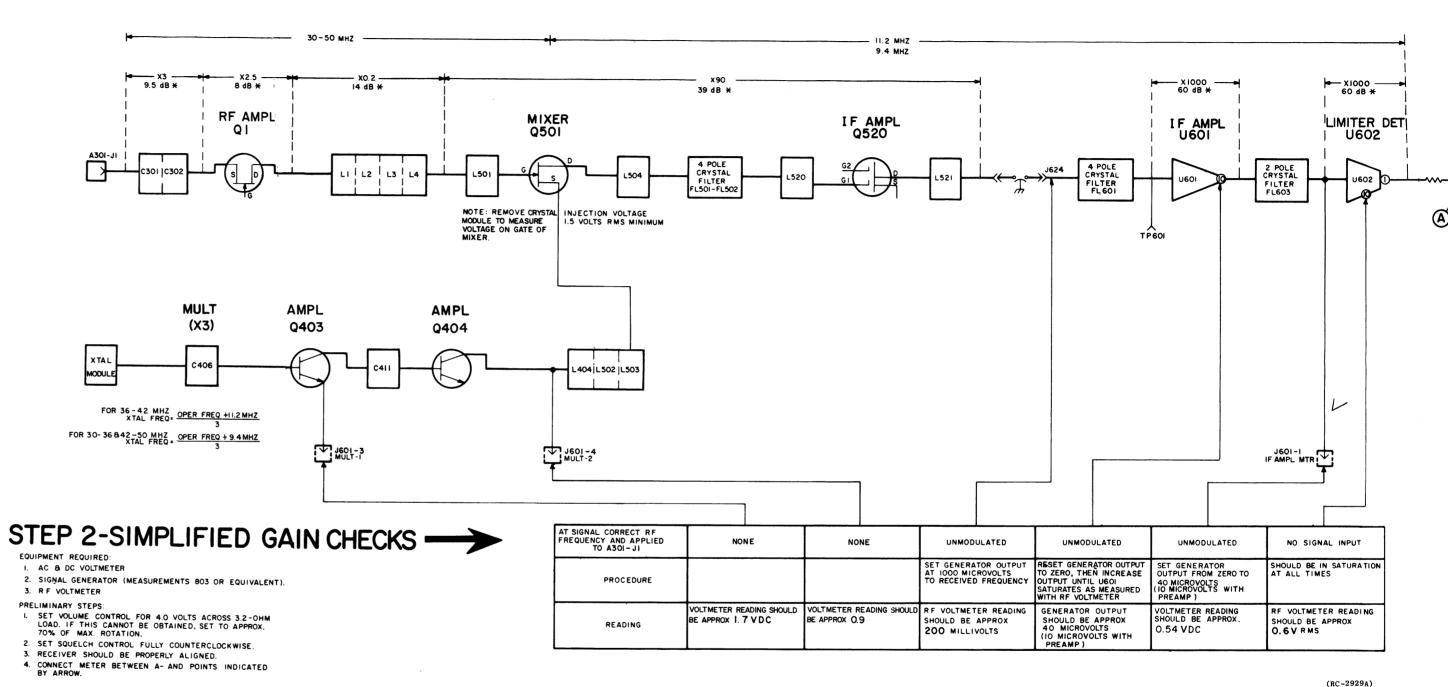
STEP 4-VOLTAGE RATIO READINGS -

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:
I. RF VOLTMETER
TYPE MV-18 C.

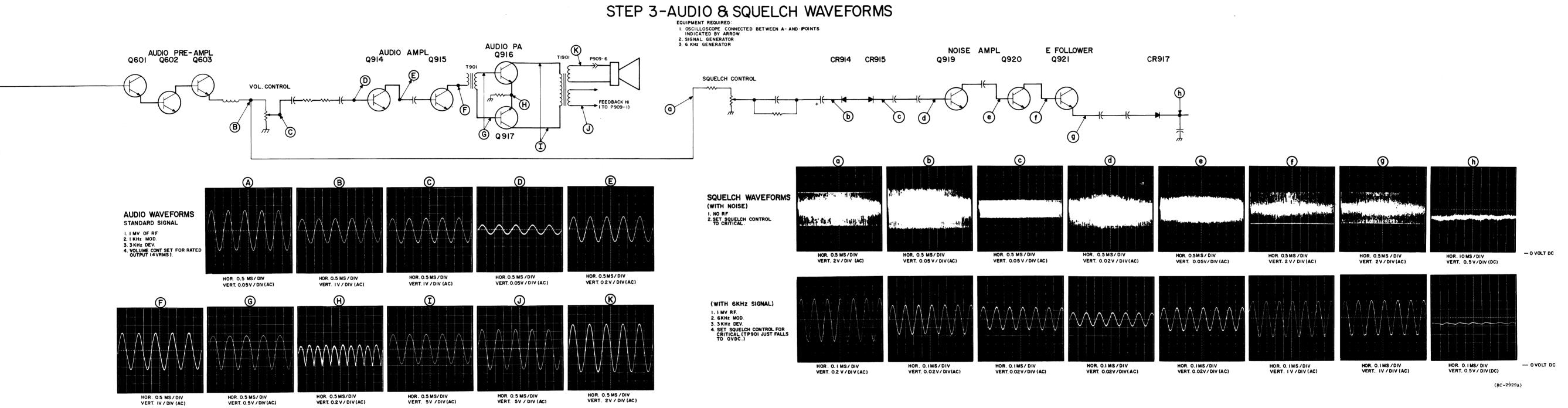
2. SIGNAL ON RECEIVER FREQUENCY (BELOW SATURATION). USE 1000 HERTZ SIGNAL WITH 3.0 KHZ DEVIATION.

PROCEDURE:

- APPLY PROBE TO INPUT OF STAGE (FOR EXAMPLE, SOURCE OF RF AMP)
 PEAK RESONANT CIRCUIT OF STAGE BEING MEASURED AND TAKE
 VOLTAGE READING (E₁).
- 2. MOVE PROBE TO INPUT OF FOLLOWING STAGE (MIXER). REPEAK FIRST RESONANT CIRCUIT THEN PEAK CIRCUIT BEING MEASURED AND TAKE READING (E₂).
- 3. CONVERT READINGS BY MEANS OF THE FOLLOWING FORMULA. VOLTAGE RATIO: E2
- 4. CHECK RESULTS WITH TYPICAL VOLTAGE RATIOS SHOWN ON DIAGRAM
- * DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INPUT AND OUTPUT READINGS ON dB SCALE OF RF VOLTMETER. NOT ACTUAL POWE GAIN.



AUDIO



TROUBLESHOOTING PROCEDURE

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