

DESCRIPTION AND MAINTENANCE

851-870 MHz MASTR® EXECUTIVE II RECEIVER

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DESCRIPTION

MASTR® Executive II, 851 to 870 megahertz receivers are double conversion, superheterodyne 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 75 dB selectivity and maximum protection from de-sensitization and intermodulation.

The receiver consists of the following modules:

- RF Assembly
- IF Detector (IF Det)
- Audio and Squelch circuits (part of System-Audio & Squelch (SAS) board)

Audio, supply voltages and control functions are connected to the system board through P903 on the IF Det 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 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:

- Remove all power to the radio.
- Remove the three countersunk Phillips head screws in the siderail of the radio near the RF casting.

Do <u>not</u> remove the two 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.
- Remove the two screws securing the IF-Det board to the mounting frame.
- 5. Unplug the 1st oscillator input cable from the exciter and then disconnect the plug from receiver input jack J302.
- Lift up the RF assembly enough to unplug the antenna cable fron J301.
- 7. Lift the receiver modules out of the radio with a gentle rocking motion. If desired, remove the three screws on the bottom of the IF Det board to detach it from the RF assembly.

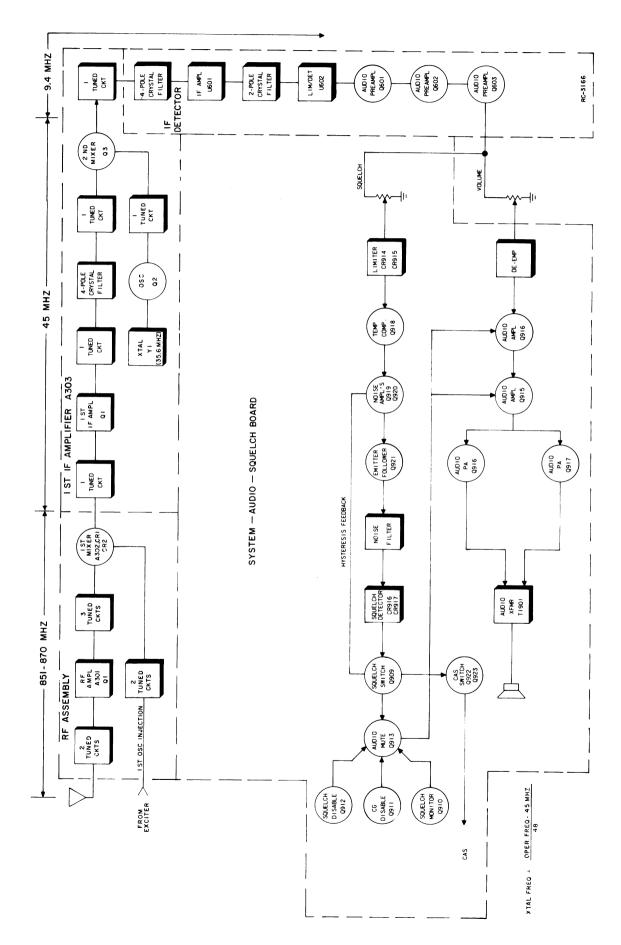


Figure 1 - Receiver Block Diagram

FRONT END ALIGNMENT

EQUIPMENT

- 1. GE Test Set Models 4EX3A11, 4EX8K12, or 20,000 ohms-per-Volt multimeter with a 1-Volt scale.
- 2. An 851-870 MHz signal source (Cushman CE-6A or equivalent).
- 3. Ammeter (capable of measuring 20 milliamperes).

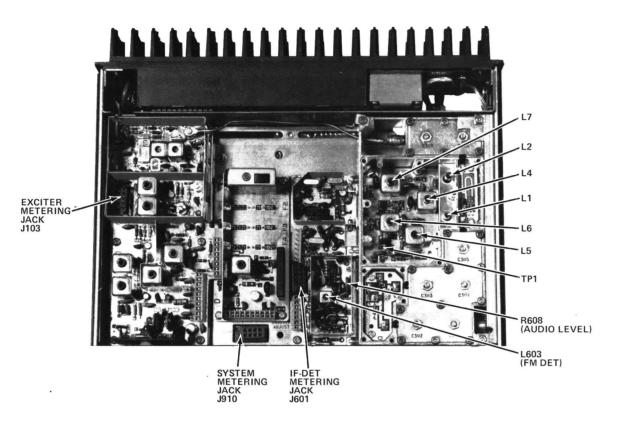
PRELIMINARY CHECKS AND ADJUSTMENTS

- Connect black plug from Test Set to Receiver Centralized Metering Jack J601, and red plug to system board metering jack J910. Set meter sensitivity switch to the TEST 1 position (or 1-Volt position on 4EX8K12).
- For multi-frequency receivers with a frequency spacing up to 0.80 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 1.6 MHz, align the receiver using a center frequency tune-up ICOM on the exciter module. These limits can be extended to 2.0 MHz with 3 dB degradation in standard receiver specifications.
- With Test Set in Position J, check for regulated +10 Volts. If using multimeter, measure between J910-3 (+) and J910-9 (-).
- 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-).
- 6. Disable Channel Guard.

Make sure the transmitter is properly aligned before aligning the receiver.

ALIGNMENT PROCEDURE

METERING POSITION						
STEP	GE Test Set	Multimeter - at J601-9	TUNING CONTROL	METER READING	PROCEDURE	
	OSCILLATOR INJECTION					
1.	A (REL PWR OUT)	Pin 2 (on J103)	C307, C306	See Procedure	Connect the black Test Set metering plug to J103 on the exciter. Then tune C307 for minimum meter reading and C306 for maximum meter reading.	
			RF SELEC	CTIVITY		
2.	B (IF AMPL)	Pin 1	C301 thru C305 & L1	Maximum	Connect the black Test Set plug to J601. Apply an on-frequency signal to the antenna jack, keeping the signal below saturation. Then tune C301 through C305 and L1 for maximum meter reading.	
3.	B (IF AMPL)	Pin 1	C301 thru C305 and L1	Maximum	Apply an on-frequency signal to the antenna jack and slightly tune C301 through C305 and L1 for best quieting sensitivity.	



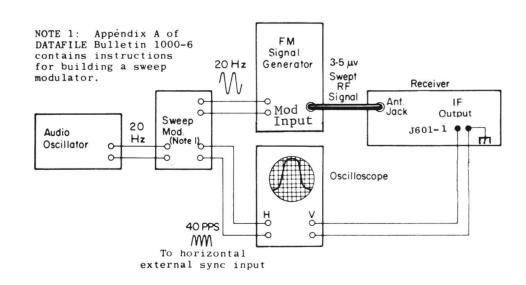


Figure 2 - Test Setup for 20-Hz Double-Trace Sweep Alignment

COMPLETE RECEIVER ALIGNMENT

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

- 1. GE Test Models 4EX3All, 4EX8Kl2 (or 20,000 ohms-per-Volt multimeter with a 1-Volt scale).
- 2. An 851-870 MHz signal source (Cushman CE-6A or equivalent).
- A VTVM
- 4. Ammeter (capable of measuring 20 milliamperes).
- 5. Distortion Analyzer (see following page for connections).
- 6. An RF Voltmeter.
- 7. Frequency Counter (capable of counting 35.600 MHz).

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 0.80 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 1.6 MHz, align the receiver using a center frequency tune-up ICOM on the exciter module. These limits can be extended to 2.0 MHz with 3 dB degradation in standard receiver specifications.
- 3. With the Test Set in Position J, check for regulated +10 Volts. With multimeter, measure from J910-3 (+) to J910-9 (-).
- 4. Set SQUELCH ADJUST R953 to unmute the receiver and VOLUME control to minimum. Disconnect J908 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-).
- 6. Disable the Channel Guard.

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IGNMENT PROCEDURE

METERING POSITION							
STEP	GE Test Set	Multimeter - at J601-9	TUNING CONTROL	METER READING	PROCEDURE		
	FM DETECTOR						
1.	A (FM DET)	Pin 2	L603	0.38 Volt	With no signal applied, adjust L603 for a meter reading of approximately 0.38 Volt.		
	OSCILLATOR INJECTION						
2.	A (REL PWR OUT)	Pin 2 (on J103)	C307, C306	See Procedure	Connect the black Test Set metering plug to J103 on the exciter. Then tune C307 for minimum meter reading and C306 for maximum meter reading.		
				RF SELE	CTIVITY		
3.			L6	See Procedure	Connect RF voltmeter to TP1. Adjust L6 for maximum meter reading.		
4.			L5	See Procedure	Connect counter to TP1. Adjust L5 for 35.600 MHz (±100 Hz).		
5.	B (IF AMPL)	Pin 1	C301 thru C305 & L1	Maximum	Connect the block Test Set plug to J601. Apply an on-frequency signal to the antenna jack, keeping the signal below saturation. Then tune C301 through C305 and L1 for maximum meter reading.		
6.	B (IF AMPL)	Pin 1	C301 thru C305 & L1	Maximum	Apply an on-frequency signal to the antenna jack and slightly tune C301 through C305 and L1 for best quieting sensitivity.		
7.			L7	See Procedure	Modulate the signal generator with 1 kHz at ± 3 kHz, and set the level to 1 millivolt. Monitor the audio distortion and adjust L7 for minimum distortion.		
8.			L603, R608	See Procedure	Remove the Test set metering plug from J601. Apply a 100 microvolt signal with 1 kHz modulation and 3 kHz deviation to the antenna jack Tune L603 for maximum voltage at 1.0 kHz and adjust R608 for 1 Volt RMS measured with a VTVM at P903-1 (VOL/SQ HI) and P903-6 (A-).		

	METERI	NG POSITION			
STEP	GE Test Set	Multimeter - at J601-9	TUNING CONTROL	METER READING	PROCEDURE
				IF CIR	CUITS
The I	F circuits dure outli	have been aligned ned in STEP 9.	at the factory and	will normally	require no further adjustment. If adjustment is necessary, use the
				NOT	E
	R	efer to DATAFILE B	BULLETIN 1000-6 (IF as when IF Alignment :	Alignment of T is required.	wo-Way Radio FM Receivers) for helpful suggestions
9.			L2 and L4		Connect scope, signal generator and probe as shown in Figure 2. Se signal generator level for 3 to 5 μV and modulate with 10 kHz at 20 Hz. With probe between J601-1 and A-, tune L2 and L4 for double trace as shown on scope pattern.
10.				See	Check to see that modulation acceptance bandwidth is greater than
10.				Procedure	Check to see that modulation acceptance bandwidth is greater than ±7 kHz.
					SQUELCH ADJUST
11			R953		Set SQUELCH ADJUST control (R953) to open with a 6 dB SINAD signal. (Approximately 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

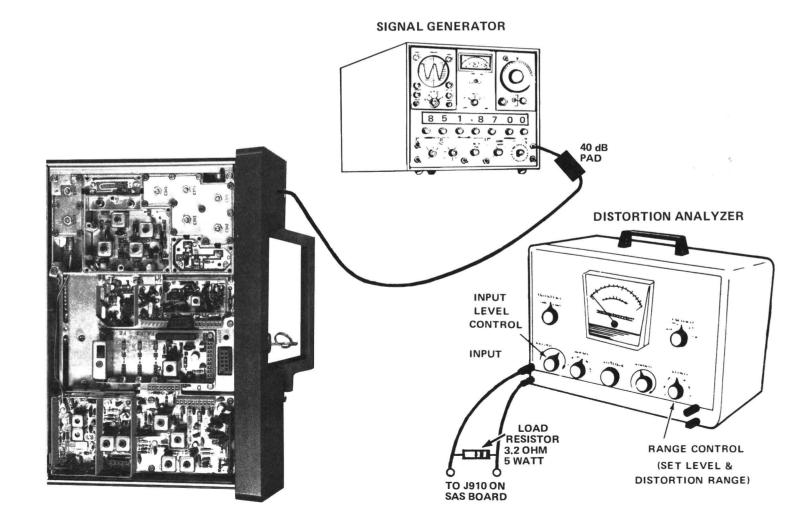
TEST EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

- Distortion Analyzer similar to:
 Heath IM-12
- Signal Generator similar to:
 Cushman CE-6A
- 40-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 3.2-ohm 5-Watt load resistor from J910-1 (speaker H1) to J910-2 (A-). Connect The Distortion Analyzer input across the resistor as shown.

OR

With Handset:

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

- C. Adjust the VOLUME control for 5-Watt output using the Distortion Analyzer as a VTVM (4 Vrms).
- 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:

- E. Battery and regulator voltage---low voltage will cause distortion. (Refer to Receiver Schematic Diagram for voltages.)
- F. Audio Gain (Refer to Receiver Trouble-shooting Procedure.)
- G. 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.)
- C. 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).
- E. 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).
- F. Leave all controls as they are and all equipment connected if the Modulation Acceptance Bandwidth test is to be performed.

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.
- B. 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).
- D. 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.

STEP I - QUICK CHECKS TEST SET CHECKS

These checks are typical voltage readings measured with GE Test Set Model 4EX3All in the Test 1 position, or Model 4EX8Kl2 in the 1-Volt position.

Me	tering Position	Reading With No Signal In	Reading with 5-Microvolts Unmodulated
A	(FM DET)	0.35-0.50 VDC	
В	(IF AMP)		0.2 VDC
J	(Reg. +10 Volts at System Meter- ing jack)	+10 VDC	

SYMPTOM CHECKS

SYMPTOM	PROCEDURE		
NO SUPPLY VOLTAGE	 Check power connections and continuity of supply leads, and check fuse in power supply. 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 RECEIVER SENSITIVITY	 Check Front End Alignment. (Refer to Receiver Alignment Procedure). Check antenna connections, cable and antenna switch. Check Oscillator injection voltage (Pos. A on Exciter). Check voltage readings of IF Amplifiers. Make SIMPLIFIED GAIN CHECKS (STEP 2). 		
IMPROPER SQUELCH OPERA- TION	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

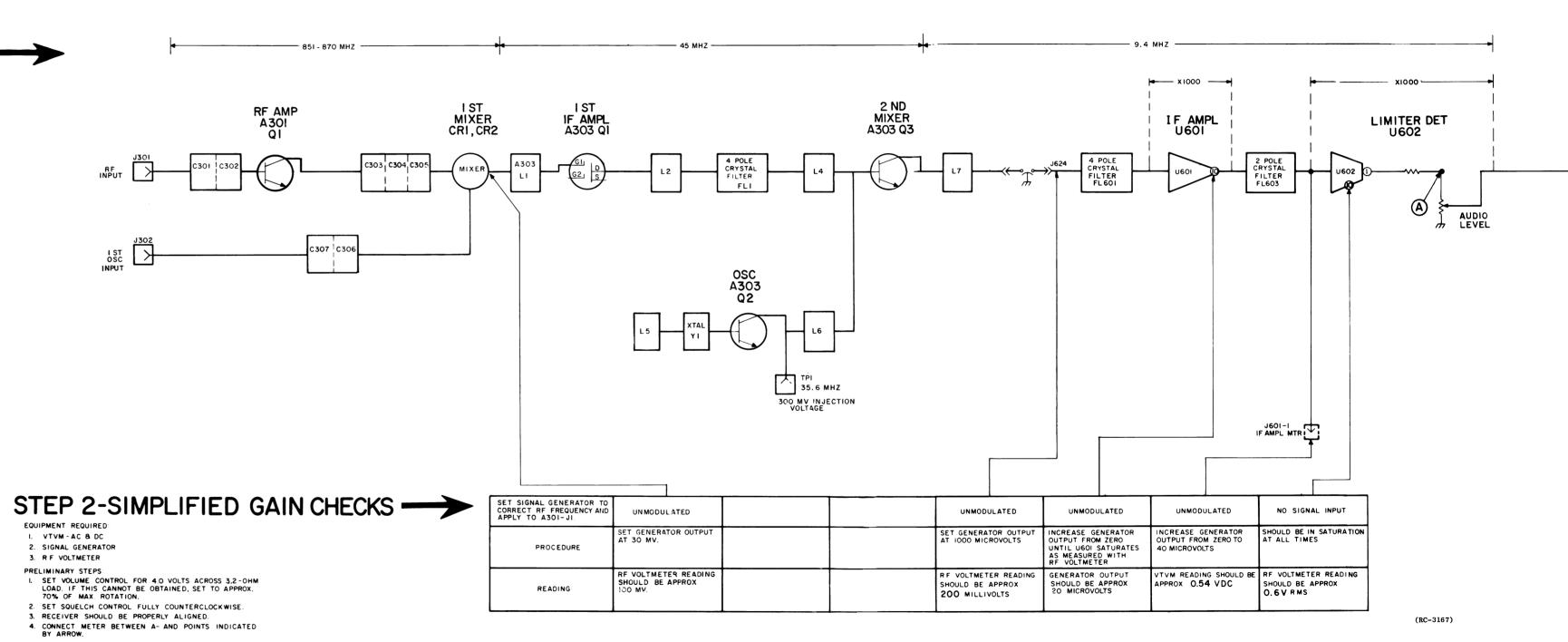
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STEP 4-VOLTAGE RATIO READING

- I. RF VOLTMETER (SIMILAR TO BOONTON MODEL 91-CA OR MILLIVAC TYPE MV-18 C.
- SIGNAL ON RECEIVER FREQUENCY (BELOW SATURATION). USE 1000 HERTZ SIGNAL WITH 3.0 KHZ DEVIATION.

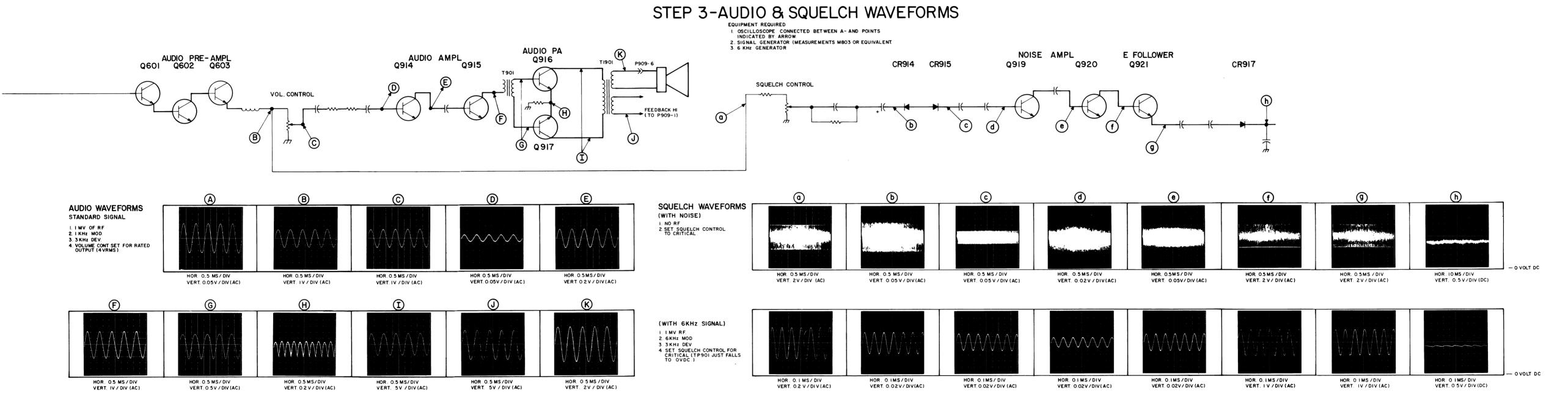
PROCEDURE:

- I. APPLY PROBE TO INPUT OF STAGE (FOR EXAMPLE, SOURCE OF RF AMP). PEAK RESONANT CIRCUIT OF STAGE BEING MEASURED AND TAKE VOLTAGE READING (E_1) .
- 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.



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ORDERING SERVICE PARTS

Each component appearing on the schematic diagram is identified by a symbol number to simplify locating it in the parts list. Each component is listed by symbol number, followed by its description and GE Part Number.

Service parts may be obtained from Authorized GE Communication Equipment Service Stations or through any GE Radio Communication Equipment Sales Office. When ordering a part, be sure to give:

- GE Part Number for component
- 2. Description of part
- 3.
- Model number of equipment Revision letter stamped on unit

These instructions do not purport to cover all details or variations in equipment nor to provide for every possible contingency to be met in connection with installation, operation or maintenance.

Should further information be desired, or should particular problems arise which are not covered sufficiently for the purchaser's purposes, contact the nearest Radio Communication Equipment Sales Office of the General Electric Company.

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