

### DESCRIPTION AND MAINTENANCE

### 66-88 MHz CUSTOM MVP RECEIVER

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### DESCRIPTION

Custom MVP 66 to 88 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)
- 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, and through W401 to the Osc-Mult board. The regulated +10 Volts is used for all receiver stages except the audio PA state which operates from the A+ system supply.

Centralized metering jack J601 on the IF Det board is provided for use with GE Test Set 4EX3A11 or Test Kit 4EX8K12. The test set meters the Oscillator-Multiplier, FM Detector, 10 Volt Regulator and IF amplifier stages. Speaker high and low may be monitored at J1-3 (HI) and J1-4 (low).

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, remove the wing nut at the rear of the radio and pull the radio out of the case assembly.

To remove the RF Assembly and MIF board:

- Carefully disconnect the two leads connected to loop clips J623 and J624 on the IF Detector board.
- 2. Unplug receiver input cable P301.
- 3. Remove the two countersunk flat head screws on each side of the system frame assembly and lift out RF Assembly and MIF board.

To remove the Osc-Mult board:

- 1. Remove the crystal module.
- 2. Remove the two screws securing the board.
- Carefully unplug the Osc-Mult board from the adapter board (on the receiver front end).

To remove the IF-Det board:

- Carefully disconnect the two leads connected to loop clips J623 and J624 on the IF-Det board.
- Disconnect the two plugs (P602 and J903) from the IF-Det board.
- 3. Remove the five screws securing the board and lift the board out.

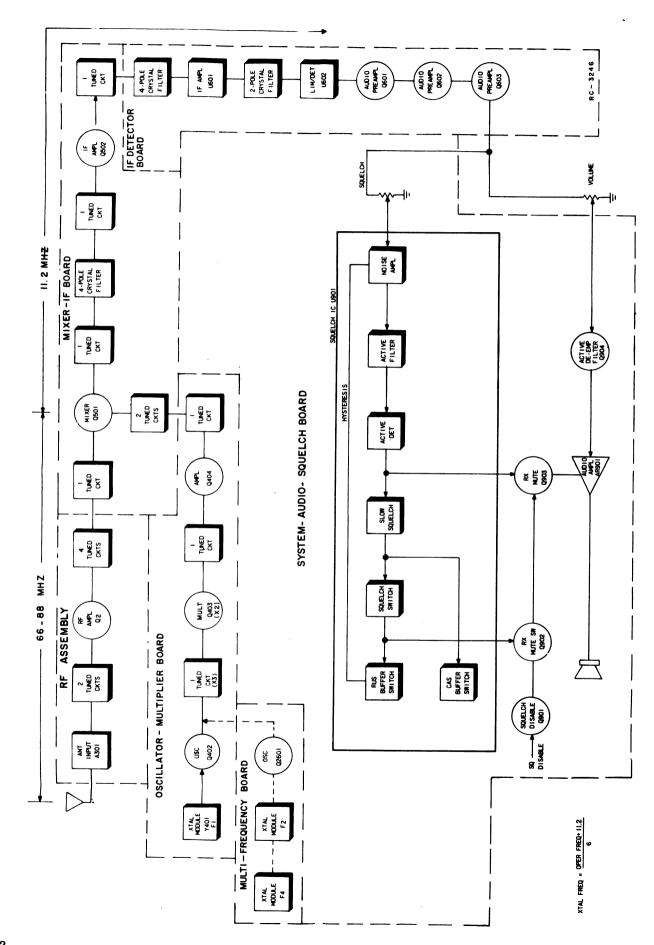


Figure 1 - Receiver Block Diagram

### FRONT END ALIGNMENT

### EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

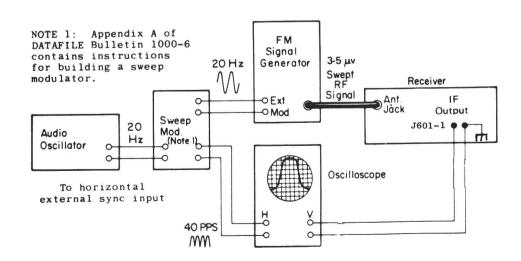
- 1. GE Test Set Models 4EX3A11, 4EX8K12, or 20,000 ohms-per-Volt multimeter with a 1-Volt and 3-Volt scale.
- 2. A 66-88 MHz signal source. Connect a one-inch piece of insulated wire no larger than .065-inch diameter to generator output probe.

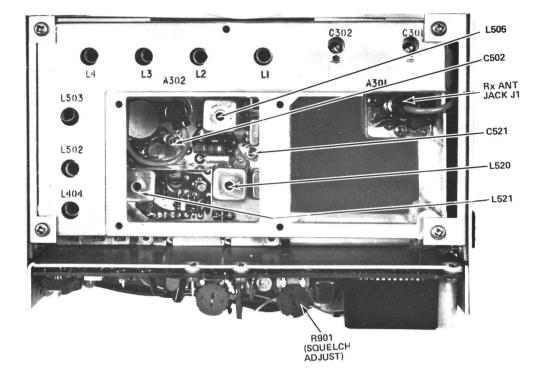
### PRELIMINARY CHECKS AND ADJUSTMENTS

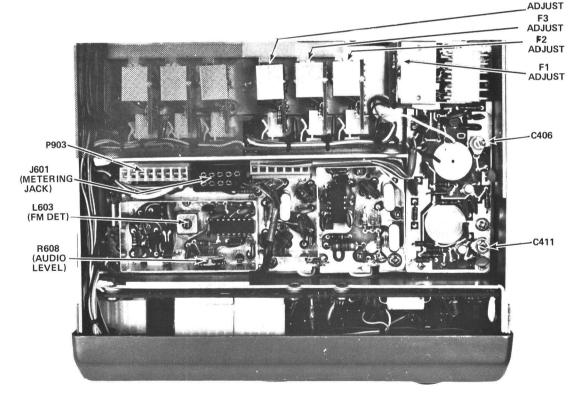
- Connect black plug from Test Set to Receiver Centralized Metering Jack J601. Set range selector switch to the TEST 3 position (or 3-Volt position on 4EX8K12).
- For multi-frequency receivers with a frequency spacing up to 0.25 MHz for frequency range of 66-78 MHz or 0.29 MHz for frequency range of 77-88 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 0.50 MHz for frequency range of 66-78 MHz or 0.58 MHz for frequency range of 77-88 MHz, align the receiver using a center frequency tune-up crystal module. These limits can be extended to 1.0 MHz with a 3 dB degradation in standard receiver specifications.
- 3. With Test Set in position G check for regulated +10 Volts. If using multimeter, measure between J601-6
- 4. If using multimeter, connect the nagative lead to J601-9 (A-).
- 5. Disable Channel Guard.

### ALIGNMENT PROCEDURE

	WEEDI	NG POSITION			T			
STEP	GE Test Set	Multimeter - at J601-9	TUNING CONTROL	METER READING	PROCEDURE			
	OSCILLATOR/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 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	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 Ll, 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 L4, L3, L2, L1, C301, C302 and C502 for best quieting sensitivity.			
7.			C302, C301, L1, L2, L3 and L4	See Procedure	In multi-frequency receivers with a wide frequency spread, apply an on-frequency signal as in Step 5. De-tune C302 for minimum quieting sensitivity and then tune C301 for maximum quieting sensitivity. Next, tune C302, L1, L2, L3 and L4 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.  $\pm 0.6$  PPM when the ambient temperature of the radio is  $30\,^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $86\,^{\circ}\text{F}$ ).
- B. ±5 PPM at any other temperature within the range of -30°C to 60°C (-22°F to +140°F).
- If frequency adjustment is required, refer to one of the procedures below (depending on equipment available) for proper justment.
- A. DIRECT MEASUREMENT IN THE INJECTION CHAIN
  - 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 (Generaged 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.
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  2. WITH AN 11.2 OR 9.4 MHz IF PREQUENCY 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 no 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 fre
  - 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 inadequate for oscillator frequency setting.

If the radio is at an ambient temperature of 30°C (86°F) set the oscillator for the correct mixer frequency (crystal FREO X3).

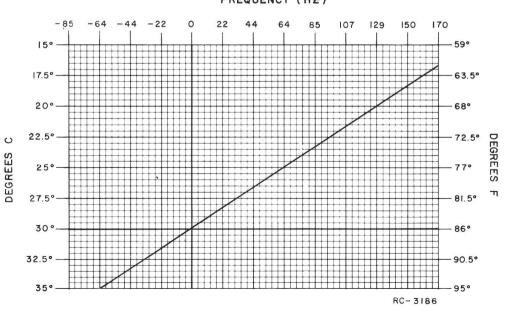
- If the radio is not at an ambient temperature of 30°C setting erros can be minimized as follows:
- A. To hold setting error to  $\pm 0.6$  PPM (which is considered reasonable for 5 PPM oscillators):
- 1. Maintain the radio at  $30\,^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $\pm 5\,^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and set the oscillator to required mixer injection frequency, or
- Maintain the radio at 30°C (±5°C, -10°C) and offset the oscillator, as a function of actual temperature, by the frequency error shown in Figure 3.

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For example: Assume the ambient temperature of the radio is 20°C (68°F). At that temperature, the curve shows a correction factor of 12.9 Hz for a frequency range of 66-99 MHz.

Adjust the oscillator for a corrected mixer injection frequency 12.9 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.)

### FREQUENCY (HZ)



## COMPLETE RECEIVER ALIGNMENT

### EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

1. GE Test Set Models 4EX3A11, 4EX8K12 (or 20,000 ohms-per-Volt multimer with a 1-Volt and 3-Volt scale.)

2. 11.2 MHz signal source (GE Test Set Model 4EX9AlO). Also a 66-88 MHz signal source with a one-inch piece of insulated wire no larger than .065 inch diameter connected to generator probe.

3. VTVM

4. Distortion Analyzer

### PRELIMINARY CHECKS AND ADJUSTMENTS

- 1. Connect the black plug from the Test Set to receiver metering jack J601. 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 0.25 MHz for frequency range of 66-78 MHz or 0.29 MHz for frequency range of 77-88 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 0.50 MHz for frequency range of 66-78 MHz.

For multi-frequency receivers with a frequency spacing exceeding the above but no greater than 0.50 MHz for frequency range of 66.78 MHz, or 0.59 MHz for frequency range of 77-88, align the receiver using a center frequency tune-up crystal module. These limits can be extended to (1.0) MHz, with 3 dB degradation in standard receiver specifications.

- 3. With the Test Set in Position G, check for regulated +10 Volts. With multimeter, measure from J601-6 (+) to J601-9 (-).
- 4. Is using multimeter, connect the negative lead to J601-9 (A-).
- 5. Disable the Channel Guard.

### ALIGNMENT PROC

_	. METERI	NG POSITION			
TEP	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/MULTIPLIER
2.	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.
3.	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 AMP & SELECTIVITY
4.	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 of 0.38 Volt.
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
7.	B (IF AMP)	Pin 1	C502, L4 L3, L2, L1 C301 and C302	See Procedure	Apply an on-frequency signal as in Step 6 and slightly tune L4, L3, L2, L1, C301, C302 and C502 for best quieting sensitivity.
8.			C302, C301, L1, L2, L3 and L4	See Procedure	In multi-frequency receivers with a wide frequency spread, apply an on-frequency signal as in Step 6. De-tune C302 for minimum quieting sensitivity and then tune C301 for maximum quieting sensitivity. Next, tune C302, L1, L2, L3 and L4 for best quieting sensitivity.
9.			L603, R608	See Procedure	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 P903-1 (VOL/SQ H1) and P903-6 (A-).
					MIXER & IF
		IF circuits hav		at the factor	ry and will normally require no further adjustment. If adjustment is necessary,
	one proces	Ref	er to DATAFILE		NOTE  0-6 (IF Alignment of Two-way Radio FM Receivers) for determine when IF Alignment is required.
10.		L505, L5	520, L521 and C	521	Connect scope, signal generator, and probe as shown in Figure 2. Set signal generator level for 3 to 5 µV and modulate with 10 mHz at 20 Hz. With probe between J601-1 and A-, tune L505, L520, L521, and C521, for double trace as shown on scope pattern.

SQUELCH ADJUST

Check to see that modulation acceptance bandwidth is greater than ±7.0 kHz.

Set SQUELCH ADJUST control (R901) 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

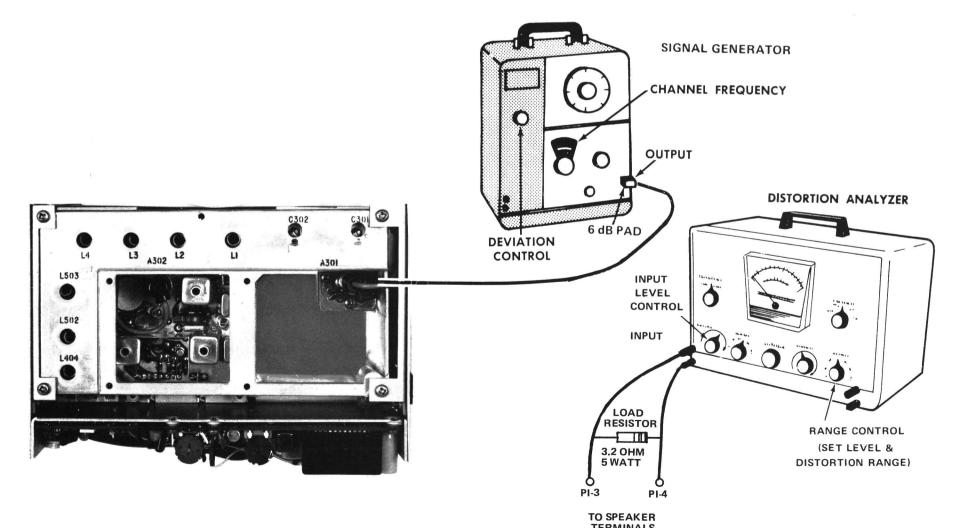
### **TEST EQUIPMENT REQUIRED**

- Distortion Analyzer similar to:
   Heath IM-12
- Signal Generator similar to:
   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 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 P1-3 (speaker HI) to P1-4 (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 P1-3 to P1-4.

- C. Adjust the VOLUME control for 3-Watt output using the Distortion Analyzer as a VTVM (3.1 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 3.0 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 1.5 Watts (2.2 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. Reduce the audio output to 0.3 Watts (0.98 Vrms across the 3.2-ohm receiver load).
- C. 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.
- D. 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).
- E. 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 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 3 Microvolts Unmodulated	Test Position
A (FM DET)	0.35-0.50 VDC		Test 1 (or 1-Volt)
B (IF AMP)		0.1 VDC	Test 1 (or 1-Volt)
C (MULT-1)	0.4 VDC		Test 1 (or 1-Volt)
D (MULT-2)	1.8 VDC		Test 3 (or 3-Volt)
G (Reg. +10 Volts at J601 Volts)	+10 VDC		

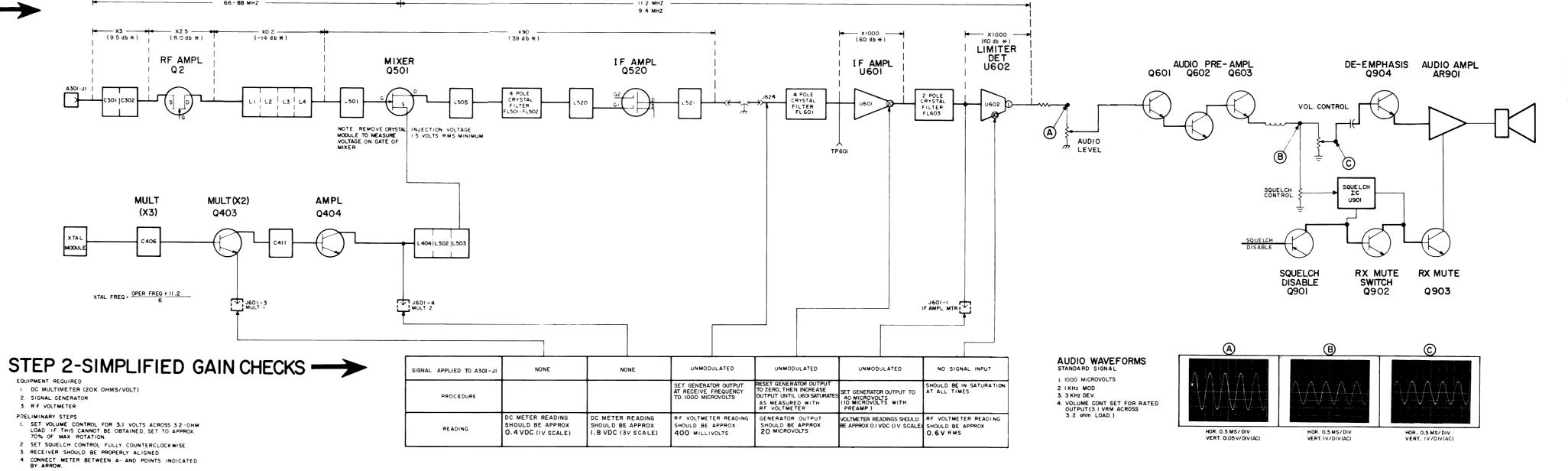
# SYMPTOM CHECKS

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 Procedures for 10-Volt Regulator).
LOW IF READING	Check supply voltages and then check oscillator read- ings at J601 as shown in STEP 2.
	Make SIMPLIFIED VTVM GAIN CHECKS from Mixer through Limited Detector stages as shown in STEP 2.
LOW OSCILLATOR-MULTI-	Check alignment of Oscillator-Multiplier. (Refer to Front End Alignment Procedures).
	Check voltage readings of Oscillator-Multiplier (Q402, Q403, A404).
LOW RECEIVER SENSITIVITY	Check Front End Alignment. (Refer to Receiver Alignment Procedure).
	Check antenna connections, cable and antenna switch.
	Check oscillator injection voltage.
	<ul> <li>Check voltage readings of Mixer and IF Amp.</li> </ul>
	Make SIMPLIFIED GAIN CHECKS (STEP 2).
IMPROPER SQUELCH	Check voltages on Schematic Diagram.
OPERATION	Make gain and waveform checks with noise.
	Make gain and waveform checks with 6 kHz signal.
	Check squelch circuit on SAS board.
LOW OR DISTORTED AUDIO	Check voltages on Schematic Diagram.
	<ul> <li>Make gain and waveform checks.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Check receiver alignment and FM DET output.</li> </ul>
	Check Q601, Q602, Q603 and other discrete components.
	Check Q904 and AR901 on SAS board.

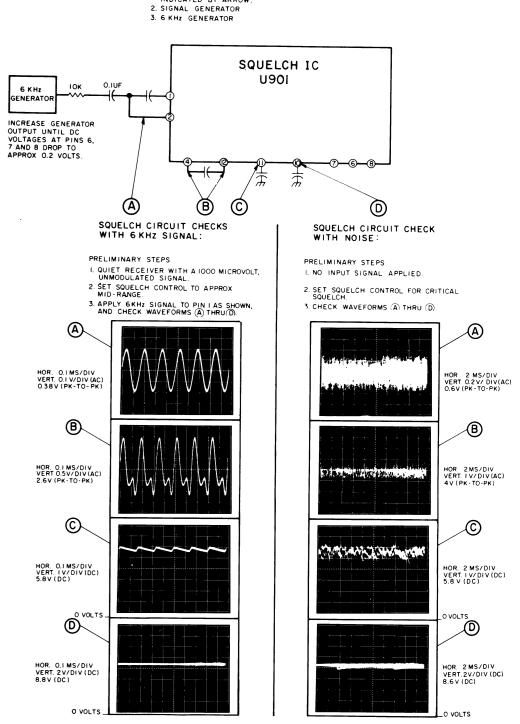
# STEP 4-VOLT GE RATIO READINGS ---

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

- 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<sub>1</sub>).
- 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 READING ON db SCALE OF RF VOLTMETR. NOT ACTUAL POWER GAIN.



# STEP 3-AUDIO & SQUELCH WAVEFORMS EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: 1. OSCILLOSCOPE CONNECTED BETWEEN A- AND POINTS INDICATED BY ARROW.



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# TROUBLESHOOTING PROCEDURE

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