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MAINTENANCE

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 on Figure 1.

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

DISASSEMBLY

To gain access to the receiver for servicing, remove the four pan head screws from the rear of the case assembly (one in each corner) and slide the cover off the receiver.

To remove the RF Assembly and MIF board:

1. Disconnect the two leads connected to J606 and J607 on the IF Detector board.
2. Unplug the receiver input cable P301.
3. Remove the two screws on the rear of the system frame assembly, and one screw at the front of the frame assembly. Then 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.
3. Carefully unplug the Osc/Mult board from the adapter board (on the receiver front end).

To remove the IF Det board:

1. Disconnect the two leads connected to J606 and J607 on the IF-Det board.
2. 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.

Access to the Channel Guard board is obtained by removing the four flat head screws from the control panel.

REMOVING IC's (and all other soldered-in components) can be easily accomplished by using a de-soldering tool such as a SOLDA-PULLT[®] or equivalent. To remove an IC, heat each lead separately on the solder side and remove the old solder with the de-soldering tool.

ALIGNMENT & TROUBLESHOOTING

Alignment and Troubleshooting procedures are provided as an aid to the technician to maintain the receiver in optimum operating condition. Also provided are symptom checks to aid in quickly isolating a malfunction.

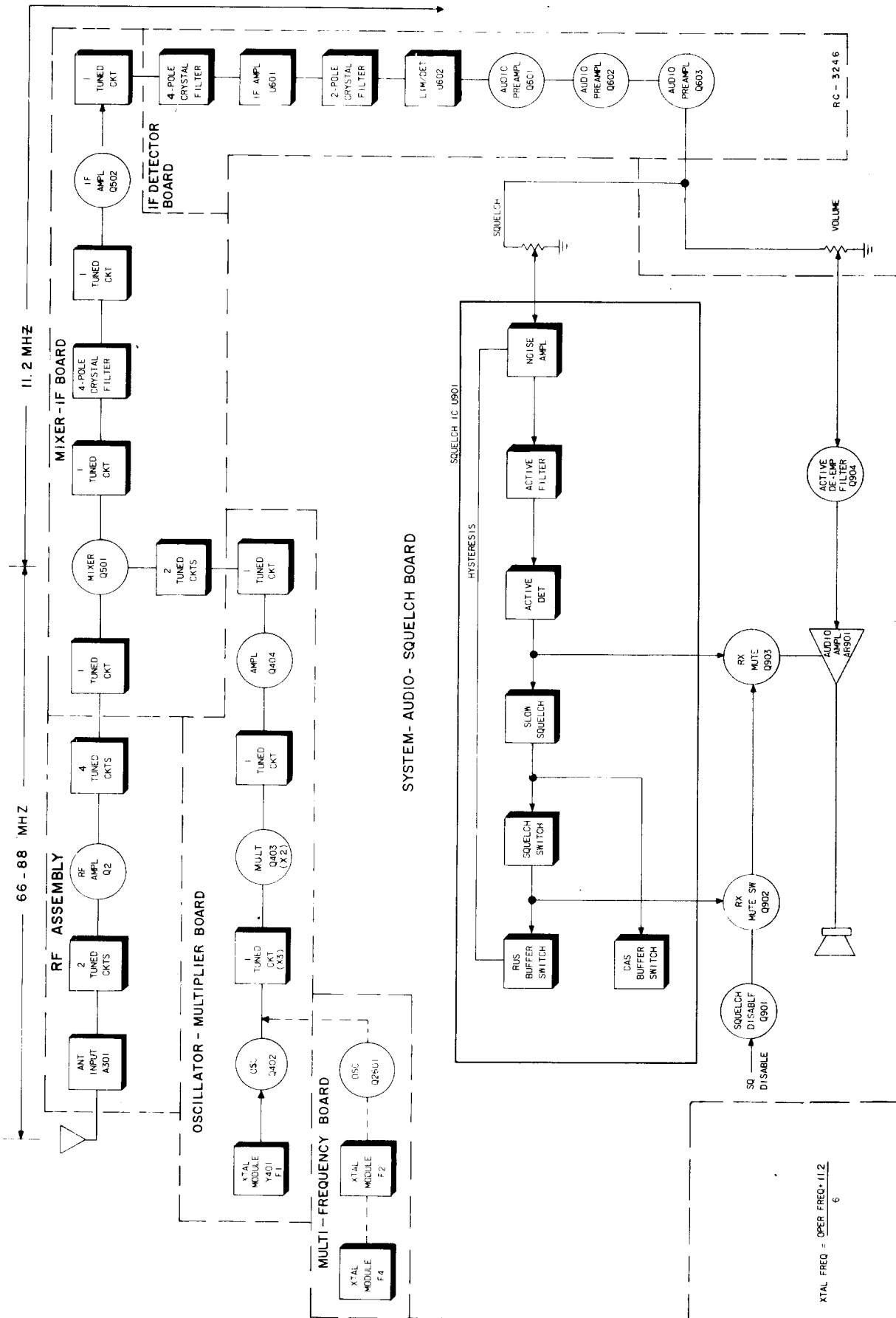


Figure 1 - Monitor Receiver Block Diagram

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

1. 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).
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 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 (+) and J601-9 (-).
4. If using multimeter, connect the negative lead to J601-9 (A-).
5. Disable Channel Guard.

ALIGNMENT PROCEDURE

STEP	METERING POSITION 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
2.	D (MULT-2)	Pin 4	C411, C406, L404, L502, and L503	See Procedure
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
5.	B (IF AMP)	Pin 1	L3, L2, L3, L4, C301, C302 and C502	Maximum
6.	B (IF AMP)	Pin 1	C502, L4, L3, L2, L1, C301 and C302	See Procedure
7.			C302, C301, L1, L2, L3 and L4	See Procedure

NOTE 1: Appendix A of DATAFILE Bulletin 1000-6 contains instructions for building a sweep modulator.

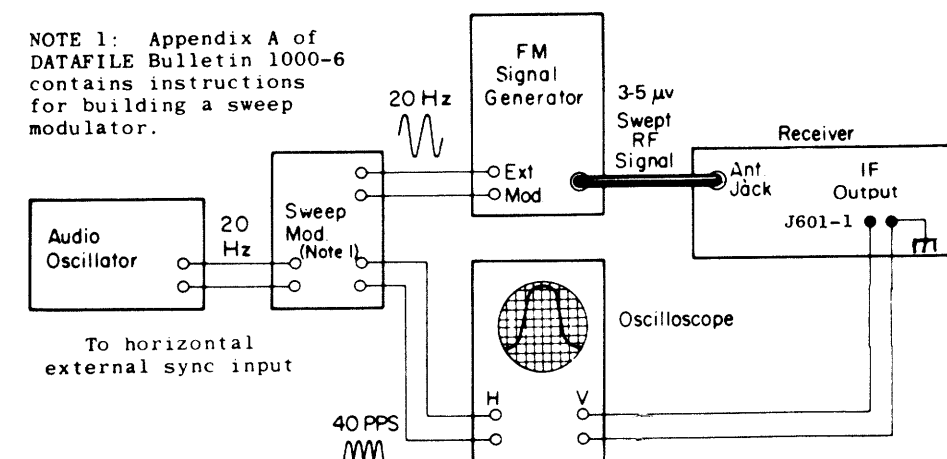


Figure 2 - Test Setup for 20-Hz Double-Trace Sweep Alignment

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°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

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 4EX9A10). 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:

NOTE

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.

NOTE

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 FREQ. X3).

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 ($\pm 5^\circ\text{C}$) and set the oscillator to required mixer injection frequency, or
2. Maintain the radio at 30°C ($\pm 5^\circ\text{C}$, -10°C) and offset the oscillator, as a function of actual temperature, by the frequency error shown in Figure 3.

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.)

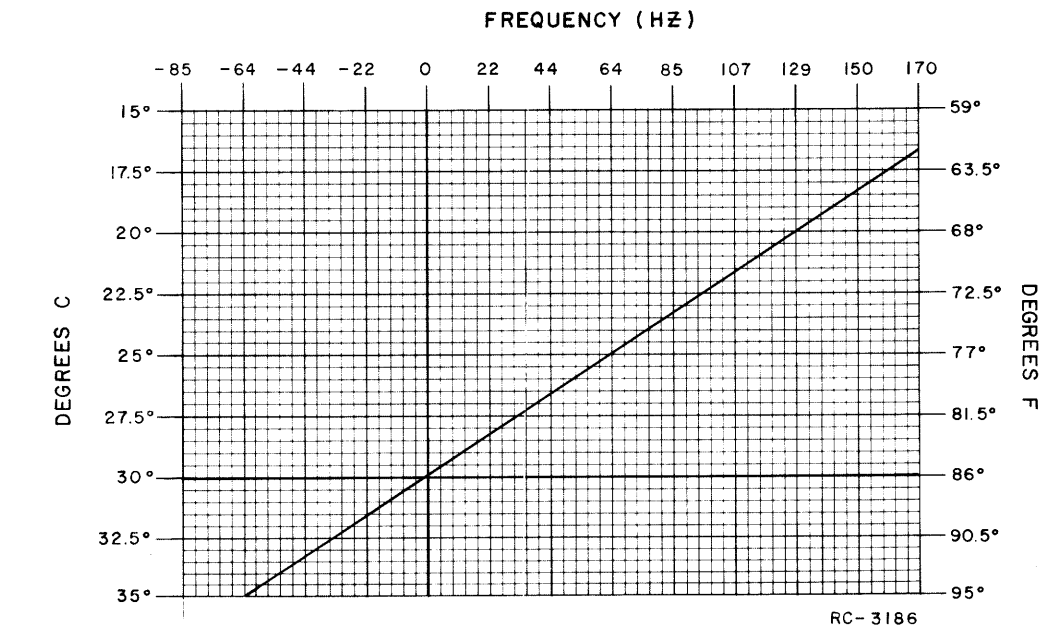


Figure 3 - Frequency Offset Chart

COMPLETE RECEIVER 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. 11.2 MHz signal source (GE Test Set Model 4EX9A10). 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. Voltmeter
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, 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 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 PROCEDURE

STEP	METERING POSITION GE Test Set Multimeter - at J601-9	TUNING CONTROL	METER READING	PROCEDURE
FM DETECTOR				
1.	A (FM DET)	Pin 2	L603	0.38 Volt
OSCILLATOR/MULTIPLIER				
2.	C (MULT-1)	Pin 3	L404, L502, L503, C406	See Procedure
3.	D (MULT-2)	Pin 4	C411, C406, L404, L502, and L503	See Procedure
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
6.	B (IF AMP)	Pin 1	L1, L2, L3, L4, C301, C302 and C502	Maximum
7.	B (IF AMP)	Pin 1	C502, L4, L3, L2, L1, C301 and C302	See Procedure
8.			C302, C301, L1, L2, L3 and L4	See Procedure
9.			L603, R608	See Procedure
MIXER & IF				
The mixer and IF circuits have been aligned at the factory and normally require no further adjustment. If adjustment is necessary, use the procedure outline 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.				
10.			L505, L520, L521 and C521	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.
11.				See Procedure
SQUELCH ADJUST				
12.			R901	Set SQUELCH ADJUST control (R901) to open with a 6 dB SINAD signal. (Approximately 30° counterclockwise of critical squelch position).

ALIGNMENT PROCEDURE

66-88 MHz MONITOR RECEIVER

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

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.

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 J905-2 (speaker HI) to J905-3 (A-).

Connect the Distortion Analyzer input across the resistor as shown.
- C. Adjust the VOLUME control for 3-Watt output using the Distortion Analyzer as an AC Voltmeter (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-Watts, make the following checks:

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

STEP 2
12-dB SINAD SENSITIVITY

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

- A. Apply 1000 microvolts 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 +2 dB reading on the 30% range.
- 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. Read the 12 dB SINAD sensitivity from the signal generator output voltage scale ratio. It 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 Voltmeter).
- 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

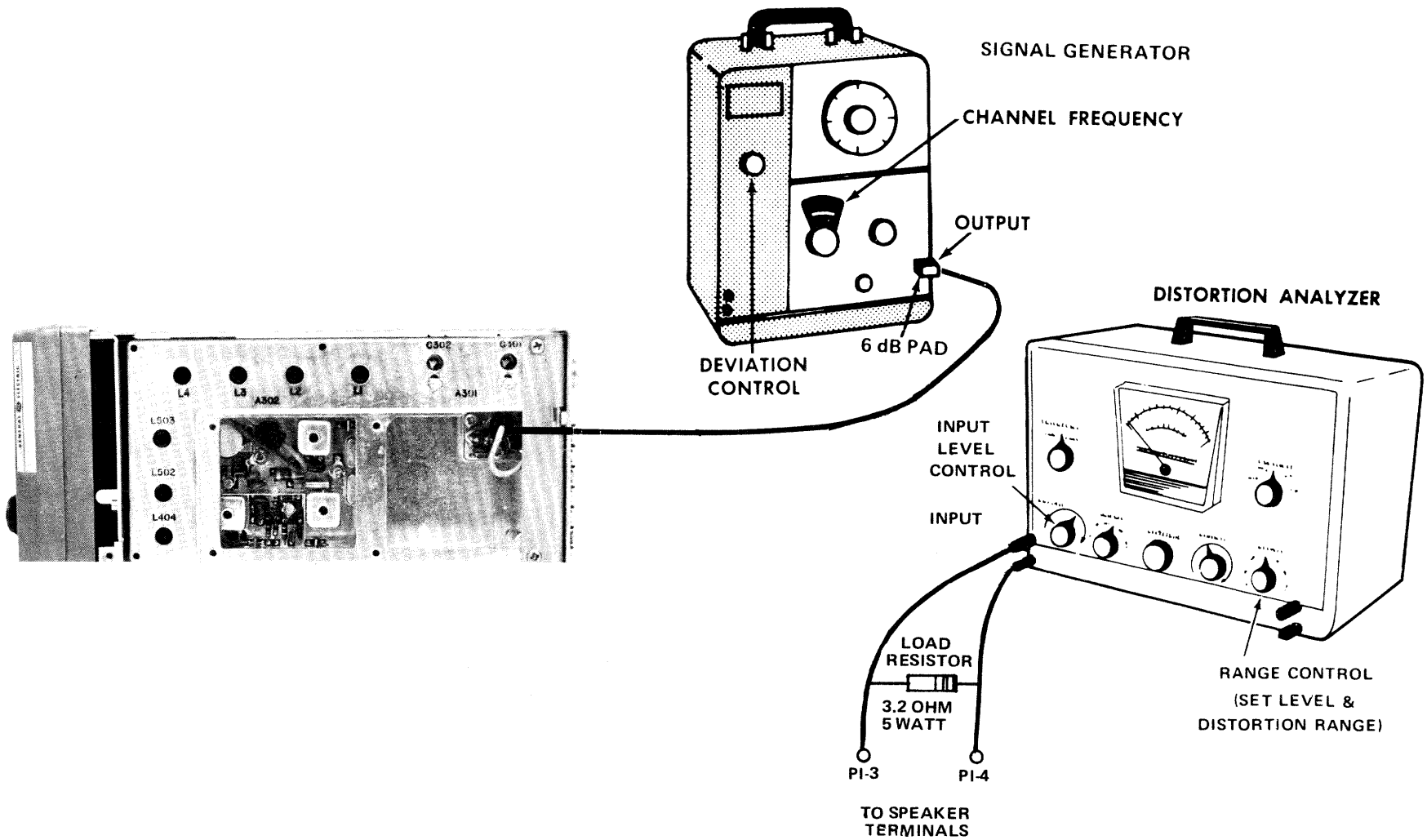
If the Modulation Acceptance Bandwidth test does not indicate the proper width, make gain measurements as shown on the Receiver Troubleshooting Procedure.

TEST EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

- Distortion Analyzer
- Signal Generator
- 6-dB attenuation pad, and 3.2-ohm, 5-watt resistor

PRELIMINARY ADJUSTMENTS

1. Connect the test equipment as shown for all steps of the receiver Test Procedure.
2. Turn the SQUELCH control fully counterclockwise for all steps of the Test Procedure.



STEP 1 - QUICK CHECKS
TEST SET CHECKS

These checks are typical voltage readings measured with GE Test Set Model 4EX3A11 or Test Kit Model 4EX3K12 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 AMPL)		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 10-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 readings 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 Procedures). • 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 squelch circuit on SAS board.
LOW OR DISTORTED AUDIO	• Check voltages on Schematic Diagram. • Make gain and waveform checks. • Check receiver alignment and FM DET output. • Check Q601, Q602, Q603 and other discrete components. • Check Q904 and AR901 on SAS board.

STEP 4-VOLT GE RATIO READINGS

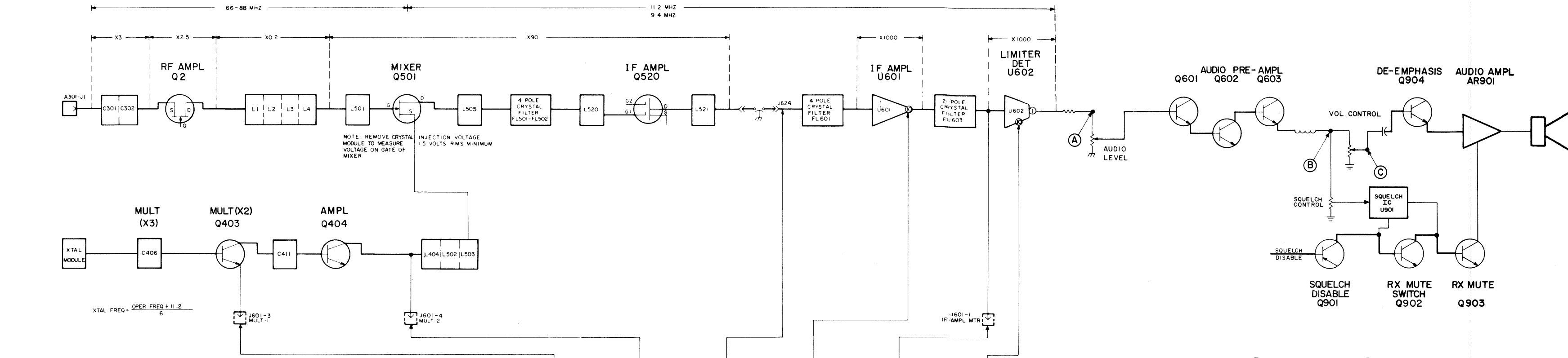
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

1. RF VOLT-METER

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

PROCEDURE:

1. APPLY PROBE TO INPUT OF STAGE (FOR EXAMPLE, SOURCE OF RF AMPL PEAK RESONANT CIRCUIT OF STAGE BEING MEASURED AND TAKE VOLTAGE READING (E₁).
2. MOVE PROBE TO INPUT OF FOLLOWING STAGE. (MIXER). REPEAT FIRST RESONANT CIRCUIT THEN PEAK CIRCUIT BEING MEASURED AND TAKE READING (E₂).
3. CONVERT READINGS BY MEANS OF THE FOLLOWING FORMULA:
 $VOLTAGE\ RATIO = \frac{E_2}{E_1}$
4. CHECK RESULTS WITH TYPICAL VOLTAGE RATIOS SHOWN ON DIAGRAM



STEP 2-SIMPLIFIED GAIN CHECKS

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

1. DC MULTIMETER (20K OHMS/VOLT)
2. SIGNAL GENERATOR
3. RF VOLT-METER

PRELIMINARY STEPS

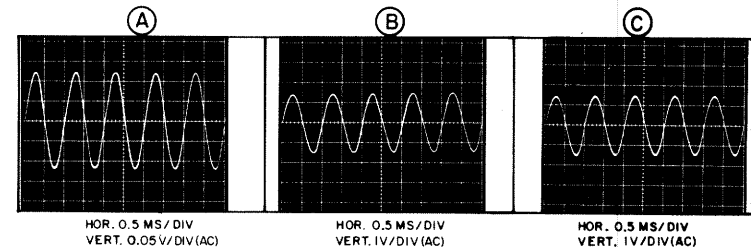
1. SET VOLUME CONTROL FOR 3.1 VOLTS ACROSS 3.2 OHM LOAD. IF THIS CANNOT BE OBTAINED, SET TO APPROX. 70% OF MAX. ROTATION.
2. SET SQUELCH CONTROL FULLY COUNTERCLOCKWISE.
3. RECEIVER SHOULD BE PROPERLY ALIGNED.
4. CONNECT METER BETWEEN A- AND POINTS INDICATED BY ARROW.

SET SIGNAL GENERATOR TO CORRECT RF FREQUENCY AND APPLY TO A301-J1			UNMODULATED	UNMODULATED	UNMODULATED	NO SIGNAL INPUT
PROCEDURE			SET GENERATOR OUTPUT AT 1000 MICROVOLTS	INCREASE GENERATOR OUTPUT FROM ZERO UNTIL U601 SATURATES AS MEASURED WITH RF VOLT-METER	INCREASE GENERATOR OUTPUT FROM ZERO TO 40 MICROVOLTS (10 MICROVOLTS WITH PREAMP)	SHOULD BE IN SATURATION AT ALL TIMES
READING	DC METER READING SHOULD BE APPROX 0.4 VDC (1V SCALE)	DC METER READING SHOULD BE APPROX 1.8 VDC (3V SCALE)	RF VOLT-METER READING SHOULD BE APPROX 400 MILLIVOLTS	GENERATOR OUTPUT SHOULD BE APPROX 20 MICROVOLTS	VTVM READING SHOULD BE APPROX 0.1 VDC (1V SCALE)	RF VOLT-METER READING SHOULD BE APPROX 0.6 V RMS

AUDIO WAVEFORMS

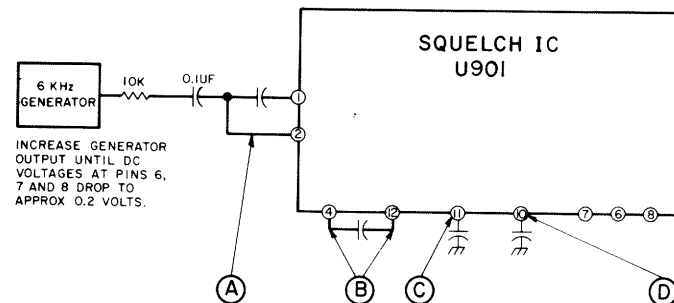
STANDARD SIGNAL

1. 1 MV OF RF
2. 1 KHz MOD.
3. 3 KHz DEV.
4. VOLUME CONT SET FOR RATED OUTPUT (3.1 VRM ACROSS 3.2 ohm LOAD.)



STEP 3-AUDIO & SQUELCH WAVEFORMS

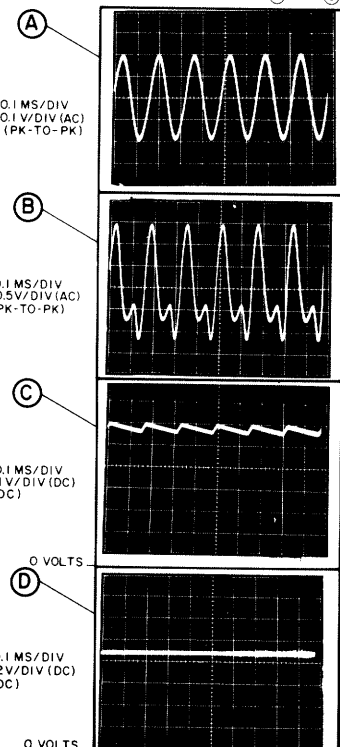
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:
1. OSCILLOSCOPE CONNECTED BETWEEN A- AND POINTS INDICATED BY ARROW.
2. SIGNAL GENERATOR
3. 6 KHz GENERATOR



SQUELCH CIRCUIT CHECKS WITH 6 KHz SIGNAL:

PRELIMINARY STEPS

1. QUIET RECEIVER WITH A 1000 MICROVOLT, UNMODULATED SIGNAL.
2. SET SQUELCH CONTROL TO APPROX. MID-RANGE.
3. APPLY 6 KHz SIGNAL TO PIN 1 AS SHOWN, AND CHECK WAVEFORMS ② THRU ④.



SQUELCH CIRCUIT CHECK WITH NOISE:

PRELIMINARY STEPS

1. NO INPUT SIGNAL APPLIED.
2. SET SQUELCH CONTROL FOR CRITICAL SQUELCH.
3. CHECK WAVEFORMS ② THRU ④.

