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Personal Series

MAINTENANCE MANUAL LBI31225



138-174 MHz LOCAL/REMOTE MPE MODELS



29.7-88 MHz LOCAL/REMOTE MPE MODELS

2-FREQUENCY PE MODEL

TWO-WAY PERSONAL FM RADIOS



406-512 MHz LOCAL/REMOTE MPE MODELS

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WARNING —

No one should be permitted to handle any portion of the equipment that is supplied with high voltage; or to connect any external apparatus to the units while the units are supplied with power. KEEP AWAY FROM LIVE CIRCUITS.

EQUIPMENT INDEX

EQUIPMENT	TYPE OR PART NUMBER	
Transmitters		
29.7-50 MHz	KT-17-A	
66-88 MHz	KT-27-A, 19D432492G1 & G2	
138-174 MHz	ET-95-A, ET-96-A, KT-106-A & KT-107-A	
406-420 MHz & 450-470 MHz	ET-98-A, KT-104-A & KT-105-A	
420-450 MHz	KT-201-A	
470-512 MHz	KT-26-A, KT-110-A, & KT-111-A	
Receivers		
29.7-50 MHz	ER-61-A	
66-88 MHz	ER-87-A	
138-174 MHz	ER-59-C, ER-59-A	
406-420 MHz & 450-470 MHz	ER-60-A	
420-450 MHz	ER-131-B	
470-512 MHz	ER-62-A	
System Board & Case Assemblies		
29.7-50 MHz	19D433412G5	
66-88 MHz	19D433413G1	
138-174 MHz	19D433412G1	
450-470 MHz	19D433412G2	
420-450 MHz	19D433412G9	
470-512 MHz	19D433412G7	

SPECIFICATIONS*

GENERAL

DIMENSIONS (H x W x D) 30 - 88 MHz138 - 512 MHz 7.39" x 2.62" x 1.58" 6.59" x 2.62" x 1.58" (With 500 mAh Battery) 6.83" x 2.62" x 1.58" 7.49" x 2.62" x 1.58" (With 700 mAh Battery) 7.63" x 2.62" x 1.58" (With Intrinsically Safe Battery) OPERABLE TEMPERATURE RANGE Transmitter-Receiver -30°C to +60°C (-22°F to +140°F) -20°C to +45°C (- 4°F to +113°F) -18°C to +45°C (0°F to +113°F) Rechargeable Battery Pack Alkaline Battery Mercury Battery - 6°C to +55°C (+20°F to +130°F)

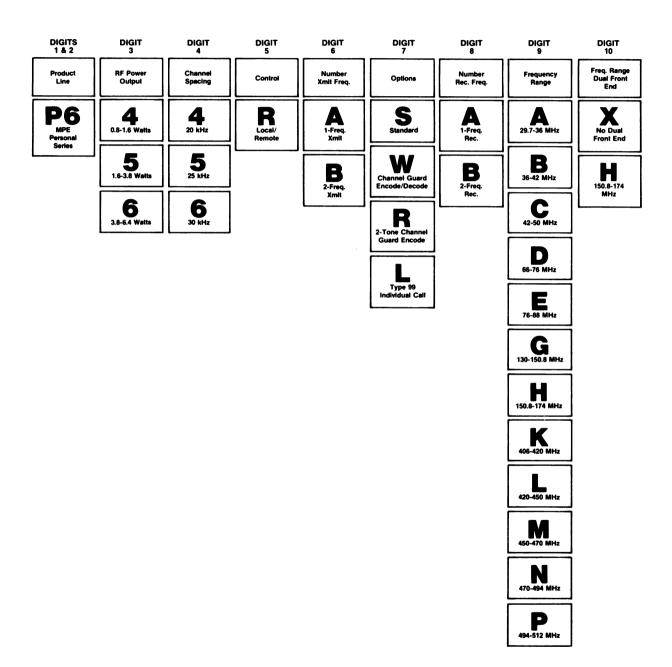
MAXIMUM FREQUENCY SPREAD (MHz)

	RECEIVER		TRANSMITTER	
FREQUENCY RANGE	Full Performance	1 dB Degradation in Sensitivity	Full Performance	1 dB Degradation in Sensitivity
29.7-36 MHz 36-42 MHz 42-50 MHz	0.36 MHz 0.43 MHz 0.51 MHz	0.45 MHz 0.54 MHz 0.645 MHz	0.12 MHz 0.14 MHz 0.17 MHz	0.24 MHz 0.28 MHz 0.34 MHz
66-76 MHz 75-88 MHz	0.6 MHz 0.8 MHz	1.2 MHz 1.6 MHz	0.6 MHz 0.8 MHz	1.2 MHz 1.6 MHz
138-145 MHz 145-150.8 MHz 150.8-174 MHz	0.55 MHz 0.58 MHz 0.60 MHz	1.1 MHz 1.16 MHz 1.20 MHz	0.83 MHz 0.87 MHz 0.90 MHz	2.8 MHz 2.9 MHz 3.0 MHz
406-420 MHz	1.62 MHz	3.24 MHz	1.62 MHz	3.24 MHz
420-450 MHz	1.62 MHz	3.24 MHz	1.62 MHz	3.24 MHz
450-460 MHz	1.80 MHz	3.6 MHz	1.80 MHz	5.5 MHz
460-470 MHz	1.84 MHz	3.68 MHz	1.84 MHz	5.5 MHz
470-490 MHz	4.0 MHz	_	1.88 MHz	4.0 MHz
490-512 MHz	4.0 MHz	-	1.96 MHz	4.0 MHz

FREQUENCY STABILITY -30°C to +60°C $\pm .0005\%$ (30-50 MHz TX Only, $\pm .002\%$) 0°C to +55°C +.0002% BATTERY DRAIN (7.5 Volts) Frequency Range Standby 29.7-50 MHz 15 milliamps Receive 150 milliamps Transmit 680 milliamps 66-88 MHz Frequency Range Standby 17 milliamps 145 milliamps Receive Transmit 700 milliamps 2 Watts 5 Watts 1.5 amps Frequency Range 138-174 MHz Standby 14.5 milliamps 140 milliamps Receive Transmit 1 Watt 340 milliamps 2 Watts 630 milliamps 5 Watts 1.5 amps Frequency Range 406-420 and 450-470 MHz Standby 13 milliamps Receive 140 milliamps Transmit 1 Watt 680 milliamps 4 Watts 1.5 amps Frequency Range 470-512 MHz Standby 14 milliamps 140 milliamps Receive Transmit 1 Watt 700 milliamps 3.5 Watts 1.5 amps

^{*} These specifications are intended primarily for the use of the serviceman. Refer to the appropriate Specification Sheet for the complete specifications.

COMBINATION NOMENCLATURE



ACCESSORIES

BATTERY PACKS

RECHARGEABLE 700 mAh Intrinsically Safe Battery Pack (Option 4671)



RECHARGEABLE 700 mAh Battery Pack (Option 4238)



RECHARGEABLE 500 mAh Battery Pack (Option 4421)



STANDARD DRY Battery Pack (Option 4422&4424)



HAND STRAP (Option 4406)

RF ADAPTER CABLE (Option 4466)



SHOULDER STRAP Attaches to Radio (Option 4407) Attaches to Carrying Case (Option 4332)



CARRYING CASE (Option 4413) With Swivel Mount and Belt Loop (Option 4492)







SWIVEL MOUNT AND BELT LOOP (Option 4481) (Option 4493)





TEST EQUIPMENT

TEST ADAPTOR MODEL 4EX12A12 (CABLE OPTION 2846)



Provides transmitter and receiver audio connections

IF GENERATOR MODEL 4EX9A10 (Option 4381)



For setting the receiver on frequency and for troubleshooting

TEST SET MODEL 4EX3A11 (TM-11, 12, 13, 16 & 17)



Used with Test Regulator for servicing

TEST REGULATOR MODEL 4EX19A10 (Option 4637)



Extension cables for servicing the receiver out of the radio



Transmitter RF Adaptor Cable

TEST AMPLIFIER MODEL 4EX16A10 & RF PROBE 19C311370-G1 (Option 4382)



VOLTAGE CALIBRATOR MODEL 4EX10A10 (Option 4383)



For setting voltages on Personal Battery Chargers

DESCRIPTION

General Electric MPE Series personal radios are extremely compact, high performance two-way FM radios. The radios are fully transistorized -- utilizing both discrete components and Integrated Circuit modules (IC's).

The radio is contained in a ruggedly-constructed, weatherproof Lexan® case with vinyl-covered, stainless steel front and back covers. All operating controls except the PTT switch are conveniently located on the top of the radio. The accessory jack on the top of the radio is provided for external microphones, earphones and other audio accessories.

Power for the radio is normally supplied by a rechargeable nickel-cadmium battery pack that quickly attaches to the bottom section of the case. The battery pack can be recharged either attached or removed from the radio.

A battery pack using dry batteries is available whenever the rechargeable battery pack is not required.

INTRINSICALLY SAFE COMBINATIONS

Combinations P645 with option 4670, P656 with option 4669 and battery pack 19D413522G5 have been approved by Factory Mutual Research Corporation as Intrinsically Safe for use in Class I, Division I, Group D atmospheres.

Group D atmospheres are described in Table 500.2 in Chapter 5 of the National Electrical Code - 1975.

"Intrinsically Safe equipment and wiring shall not be capable of releasing sufficient electrical or thermal energy under normal or abnormal conditions to cause ignition of a specific hazardous atmospheric mixture in its most easily ignited concentration."

GREEN LABEL

MPE Intrinsically Safe combinations, battery pack 19D413522G5 Desk Chargers 381L1A1X and 381M1A1X and Rack Chargers 382L1C1X and 383L1C1X are identifiable as being of the Intrinsically Safe series by a GREEN LABEL.

An MPE combination with a GREEN LABEL will only use a battery pack with a GREEN LABEL and the battery pack can only be recharged in a charger with a GREEN LABEL. The GREEN LABEL alone does not imply an Intrinsically Safe rating unless it so states. It does identify an exclusive and different mechanical connection system compatible within this group of equipment.

— WARNING —

Replacement of any service part must be made with a component having the specification shown on the appropriate parts list. The use of any other parts or circuit modifications is forbidden and their use immediately voids the Intrinsically Safe Rating.

OPERATION

When using the collapsible antenna, make sure that the antenna is in the fully-extended position. If the radio is equipped with an option switch, disable the option before adjusting the radio by placing the switch in the OFF or M (Monitor) position. After adjusting the radio, return the option switch back in the ON or N (Normal) position to enable the option. Refer to LBI31221 for complete operating instructions.

TO RECEIVE A MESSAGE

- 1. Turn the OFF-VOLUME control about halfway to the right.
- Turn the SQUELCH (SQ) control to the right as far as possible. A hissing sound will be heard from the speaker.
- 3. Adjust the VOLUME control until the hissing sound is easily heard but not annoyingly loud.
- 4. Turn the SQUELCH control slowly to the left until the hissing noise just fades out.

In multi-frequency units, select the proper frequency. You are now ready to receive messages from other radios in your system.

TO SEND A MESSAGE

- Turn on the radio as directed in the "To Receive a Message" section.
- In multi-frequency units, select the proper frequency. Then listen to make sure that no one is using the channel.
- 3. While holding the radio so that the antenna is vertical, press the Push-To-Talk (PTT) switch and speak directly into the local speaker/microphone (or across the face of an external speaker/microphone) in a normal tone of voice. Release the PTT switch as soon as you stop talking. You cannot receive messages when the PTT switch is pressed.

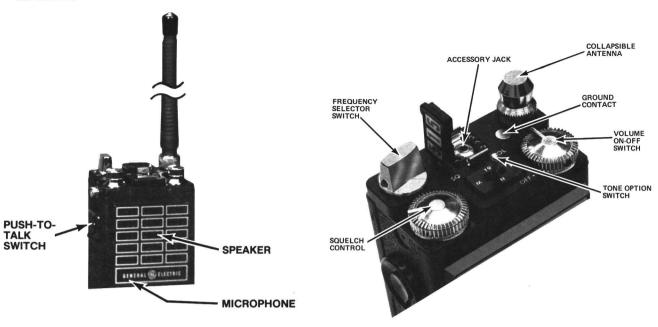


Figure 3 - Operating Controls

OPERATING TIPS

The following conditions tend to reduce the effective range of Two-Way Radios, and should be avoided whenever possible.

- Operating the radio in low areas of the terrain, or while under power lines or bridges.
- Operating the radio inside of a vehicle, or in a metal or steelframed building unless using an outside antenna.
- Obstructions such as mountains or buildings between the person sending and the person receiving the messages.

In areas where transmission or reception is poor, some improvement maybe obtained by insuring the antenna is fully extended and vertical. Moving a few yards in another direction or moving to a higher elevation may also improve communication.

MAINTENANCE

SERVICING THE RADIO

A complete procedure is provided in this manual for disassembling the radio for servicing. The procedure also contains instructions for replacing the different assemblies, Integrated Circuit modules and transmitter PA transistors. Refer to the Disassembly Procedure as listed in the Table of Contents.

If the radio should being to operate improperly (i.e., transmitted messages $% \left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{ 1\right\}$

start getting weak and hard to understand, or the receiver won't squelch properly), the first thing to suspect is run-down batteries. If a freshly recharged battery pack or new dry batteries fail to restore the radio to its normal operating condition, refer to the appropriate Troubleshooting Procedure for help in isolating and correcting the problem.

TEST AND TROUBLESHOOTING PROCEDURES

Whenever difficult servicing problems occur, the Test Procedures for the transmitter and receiver can be used by the servicemen to compare the actual performance of the unit to the specifications met by the unit when shipped from the factory.

In addition, specific Troubleshooting Procedures are available for the transmitter, receiver and tone options. For best results, the Test Procedures should be used in conjunction with the Troubleshooting Procedures when servicing the radio. Refer to the applicable Maintenance Manual.

CHANGING FREQUENCIES

To change the operating frequency of the transmitter or receiver, it is necessary to replace the entire oscillator module as directed in the Disassembly Procedure. Always give the model number of the module and the exact operating frequency required when ordering new oscillator modules.

After replacing the oscillator module, re-align the transmitter or receiver as directed in the Alignment Procedure (Refer to the applicable Maintenance Manual).

BATTERY INFORMATION

Three rechargeable battery packs and a dry battery pack are available for operating the radio. The different battery packs are shown in Table 1.

The rechargeable Nickel-Cadmium battery pack should be given a 100% charge prior to placing into service. If the radio has been stored for over 30 days, the battery pack should be fully recharged before using. When it is necessary to store the unit for over 30 days, it is recommended that the battery pack be maintained on charge in the appropriate battery charger.

All of the battery packs are not interchangeable. The battery pack should be selected according to the power output, battery life required and application.

INTRINSICALLY SAFE BATTERY PACK

Battery pack 19D413522G6 is designed for use with other MPE Intrinsically Safe approved equipment. It consists of a nickel-cadmium, 700 mAh battery pack with a Redundant Current Sensing Switch (RCSS). The RCSS protects the battery pack against current drain in excess of 1.50 amperes.

---- NOTE ----

There is no way to dispose of mercury batteries without possible pollution except by returning them to the manufacturer for recycling.

Mallory Battery Company will buy all used mercury batteries at the current market price per pound.

General Electric Company recommends batteries to be shipped prepaid, enclosing a packing slip indicating who is to receive payment for the batteries, to:

Mallory Eattery Company Plant #2 Lexington, NC 27292

— WARNING —

Do Not dispose of battery packs or batteries by burning. To do so may cause an explosion.

BATTERY PACK REPLACEMENT

To remove the battery pack from the radio:

1. Turn the radio OFF.

Table 1 - Battery Packs

Battery Pack	Battery Pack	Battery Part No.	Equivalent
Optional 500 mAh	Rechargeable	19D413522G1	None
Standard 700 mAh	Rechargeable	19D413522G4	None
Optional Intrinsically Safe 700 mAh	Rechargeable	19D413522G6	None
Dry Battery Pack 19E500938G1	Carbon-zinc		Eveready 1015
Dry Battery Pack 19E500938G1	Alkaline (Package of 4)	19B200608P2	Eveready E91
Dry Battery Pack 19D500938G1	Mercury (Package of 4)	19A116522P2	Mallory RM15

2. Press the battery retaining latch away from the battery pack as shown in Figure 4 and turn the battery pack one-quarter turn to the left. The battery pack can now be detached from the radio.

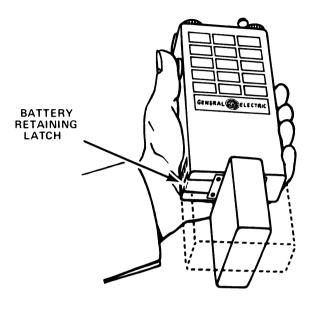


Figure 4 - Battery Pack Replacement

To reconnect the battery pack to the radio:

- 1. Hold the battery pack at a 90° angle to the radio as shown in Figure 4.
- 2. Align the large tab marked with an arrow on the battery pack connector with the large out-out marked with an arrow on the radio socket.
- 3. Press the battery pack connector into the socket on the radio and turn the battery pack one-quarter turn to the right until the latch clicks.

STANDARD DRY BATTERY PACK

Standard battery pack 19E500938G1 is equipped with a removable bottom cover for use with dry batteries. To remove the batteries:

- Remove the battery pack from the radio.
- 2. Press in and turn the captive screw one-quarter turn to the left to the OPEN position, and lift off the cover.

- 3. Rap the open end of the battery pack on the palm of one hand over a table or desk to dislodge the batteries.
- 4. Replace the batteries with the plus (+) end pointing away from the springs as shown on the decal in the battery compartment.
- 5. Replace the bottom cover by matching the grooves on the battery with the notches on the cover.
- 6. Turn the locking screw onequarter turn to the right to the LOCK position.

BATTERY CHECKS

CHARGE LEVEL MEASUREMENT

The charge level of the battery packs can be measured by connecting a voltmeter across the charge contacts and mesuring the voltage with the transmitter keyed.

For the rechargeable battery packs, a fully charged battery pack should provide a reading of 7.5 and 8 Volts. A fully discharged battery pack should provide a reading of no less than 6 Volts.

For dry battery pack, replace the batteries if the reading is 6 Volts or less.

RCSS CHECK

The RCSS protective circuitry in battery pack 19D413522G6 should be checked on a routine basis. This can be done by connecting a 2-ohm resistor across the battery pack output terminals. A voltage reading of 0.20 Volt or less across the 2-ohm resistor indicates proper operation. Any reading substantially higher than 0.20 Volt indicates a malfunction in the RCSS. The battery pack should not be used.

RECHARGEABLE BATTERY CHECK

One of the best service checks for the rechargeable battery packs can be easily obtained by measuring the milliampere-hour capacity. The results of the measurement can then be compared with the rated capacity of the battery pack to determine the general condition of the rechargeable batteries.

First, it is necessary to find the percentage of rated capacity. This is obtained by measuring the time it takes to discharge a fully charged battery pack until the voltage drops to 6.0 Volts. The proper load resistor for each of the battery packs is shown in Table 2.

Table 2 - Capacity Measurement Data

RECHARGEABLE BATTERY PACK	RATED CAPACITY	AVERAGE DISCHARGE RATE (for 60 minutes)	LOAD RESISTOR (R _F)	END VOLTAGE
Optional (6 cells) 19D413522G1	500 mAh	≈ 500 mA	15 ohms, 8 Watts	6 VDC
Standard (6 cells) 19D413522G4	700 mAh	≈ 700 mA	10.5 ohms, 10 Watts	6 VDC
Optional Intrinsically Safe (7 cells) 19D413522G7	700 mAh	≈700 mA	10 ohms 10 Watts	6 VDC

Then use the formula $\frac{T}{60}$ - % where "T"

is the time in minutes required to discharge the battery pack to 6 Volts and % is the percentage of rated capacity the battery delivered to a load. For example: assume the standard battery pack voltage dropped to 6 Volts in 50 minutes:

 $\frac{50}{60}$ = .83 (percentage of capacity)

Now multiply the percentage of capacity by its rated capacity (see Table 2):

 $.83 \times 500 \text{ mA} = 415 \text{ mAh}$

The 415 milliampere-hours is the actual capacity of the battery pack.

---- NOTE ---

As the voltage drops very fast near the end of the discharge cycle, be very careful to avoid discharging the battery pack below 6.0 Volts.

BATTERY CHARGERS

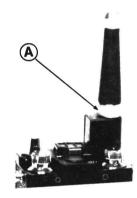
Several different chargers are available for recharging General Electric nickel-cadmium battery packs. For specific instructions, refer to the applicable operating instructions or maintenance manual.

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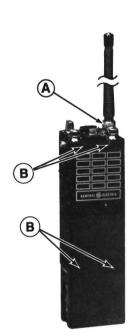
Do not attempt to remove a module from the printed wiring board until troubleshooting indicates that the module is bad. Remove or replace the assemblies or modules as directed.

Caution: Always remove the battery before removing any component board to avoid blowing the fuse.



Equipment Required

- Small Phillips-head screwdriver.
- Pencil-type soldering iron (40-60 watts) with a fine tip for unsoldering module leads and component leads, and a medium tip for unsoldering module mounting tabs.
- Needlenose pliers for removing slotted nuts.
- Tuning tool 19B219079-P1 for removing the set screws in the control knobs.
- A 1/8 inch nut driver (STO-314) for removing hex-head screws holding the front and back covers.



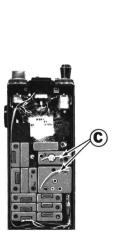
STEP 1.

To remove the antenna, unscrew the antenna nut at (\mathbf{A}) .



To gain access to the transmitter, remove the four hexhead screws (B) with the 1/8 inch nut driver, and carefully lift off the front cover to avoid breaking the speaker leads.

The exciter and PA modules can be unplugged by pulling on lifting straps © .

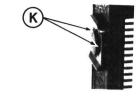




To gain access to the receiver and tone board, remove the four hex-head screws ① in the back cover with the 1/8 inch nut driver and lift off the cover. Lift the receiver board out of the case by lifting strap ⑥. The tone board can also be lifted out of the case.



Do not place either board on metal or other conductive surface with power applied. To do so will damage the Integrated Circuit modules. A small "pancake" of Duxseal® provides an excellent insulated work surface for the receiver or tone board.



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STEP 8.

STEP 7.

To replace or clean the PTT switch, remove the two slot-

ted screws holding the Push-To-Talk assembly (K)

Remove the collar, button, rubber gasket, spring and

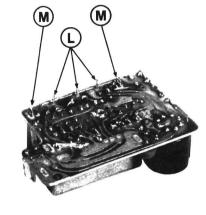
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To replace one of the modules, unsolder and straighten up the module wire leads \bigcirc . Remove any solder accumulation from the leads.

Unsolder and straighten up the module mounting tabs

(M) and remove any solder accumulation.

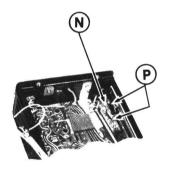
If replacing the receiver front end or mixer modules, also remove the small screws holding the helical resonators. Replace the module and solder down the mounting tabs and then the wire leads. Refer to the appropriate Outline Diagram (see Table of Contents) for the wire lead placement, if required.



STEP 4.

To remove the Volume or Squelch Control, remove the set screw (F) in the side of the control with the tuning tool. Then unscrew the slotted nut and remove the control.

To remove the Multi-Frequency switch, remove the set screw **(G)** as directed above. Then remove the washer, unscrew the slotted nut and remove the control.



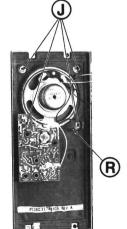
STEP 9.

To replace the antenna switch, remove the antenna and the receiver and tone boards from the case. Next, remove the Phillips-head screw (N) and then unsolder the mounting tabs (P).

Install the new switch by replacing the Phillips-head screw (\mathbb{N}) and then soldering the mounting tabs (\mathbb{P}) .



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STEP 5.

To replace the accessory jack, first remove the tone board if present. Then unscrew the slotted nut (H), and press down to the top of the jack to break the waterproof seal. Apply RTV-108 (GE Part No. 19A115153P2) around the shoulder on the new jack before inserting the jack into the mounting hole and replacing the slotted nut.



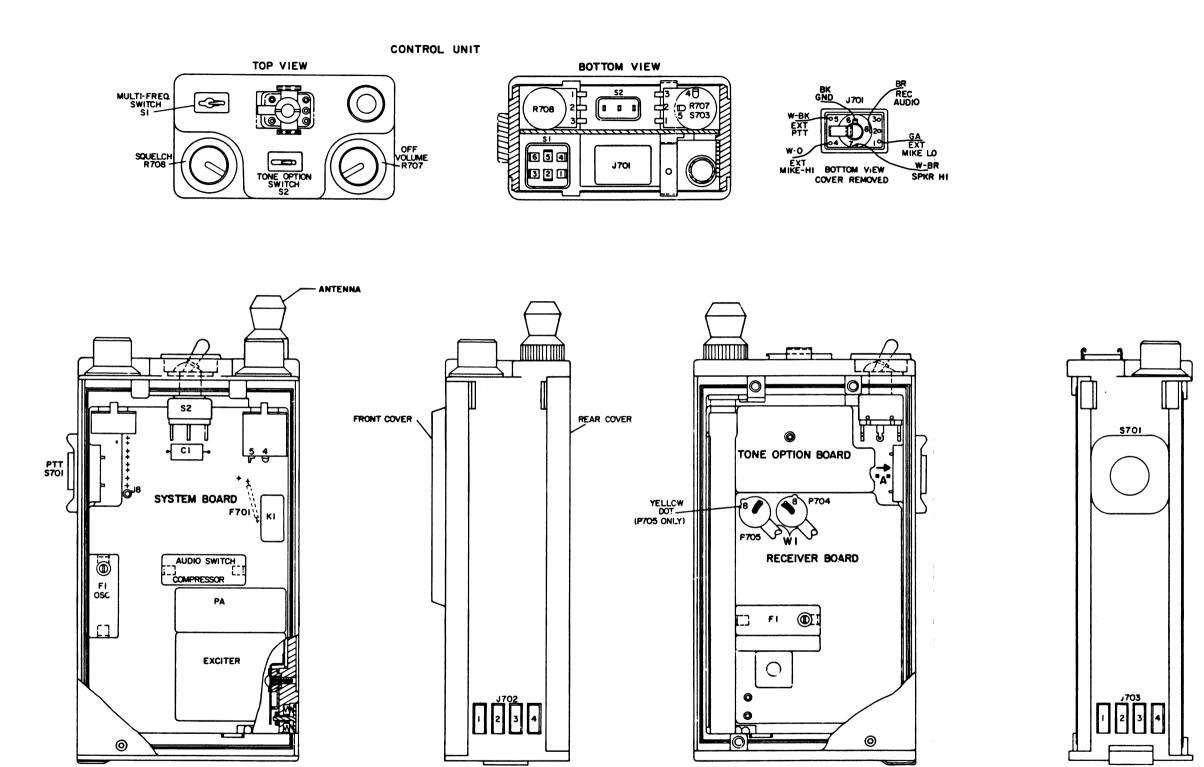
To replace the speaker, remove the four Phillips-head screws (J), and lift off the speaker cover. Then push the speaker out of its mounting hole and remove any of the sealant remaining around the edge of the mounting hole. Apply RTV-108 around the edge of the speaker mounting hole and replace the speaker in the hole aligned as shown. Then replace the speaker cover. To replace the microphone (R), lift up the gasket and lift the microphone out with tweezers.



The stud mounted RF Power Transistor used in the PA Module may contain Beryllium Oxide, a **TOXIC** substance. If the ceramic or other encapsulation is opened, crushed, broken or abraded, the dust may be hazardous if inhaled. Use care in replacing transistors of this type.

DISASSEMBLY PROCEDURE

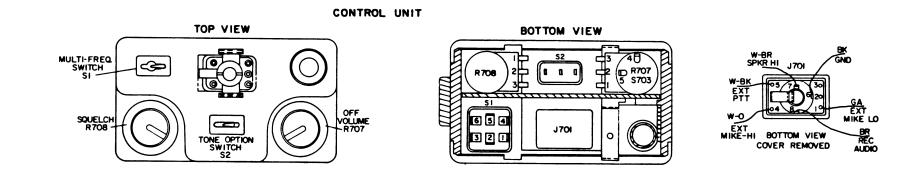
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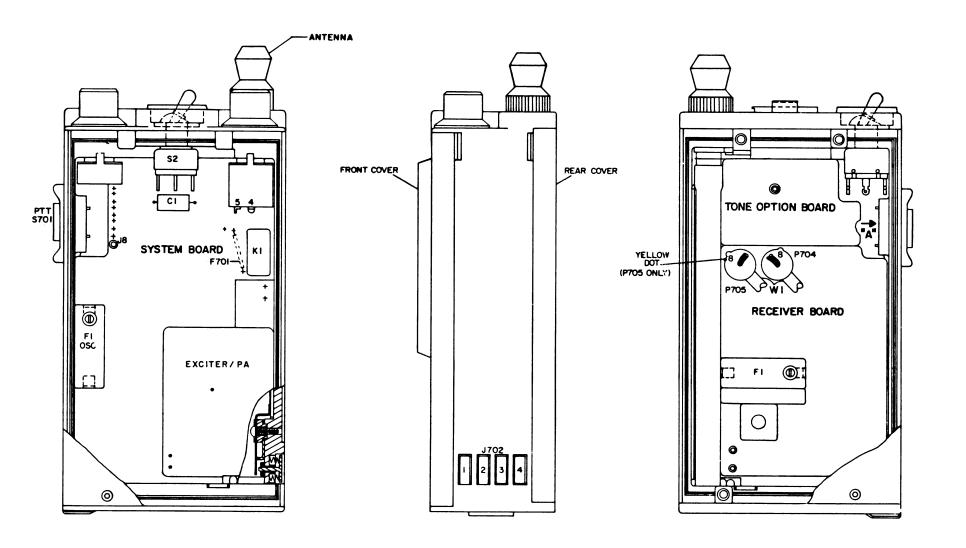


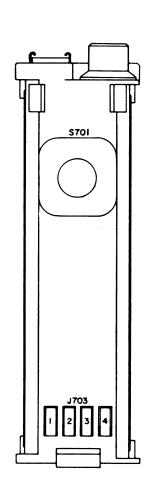
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MODULE LAYOUT DIAGRAM

138-174 MHz, MPE MODEL TWO-WAY FM RADIO



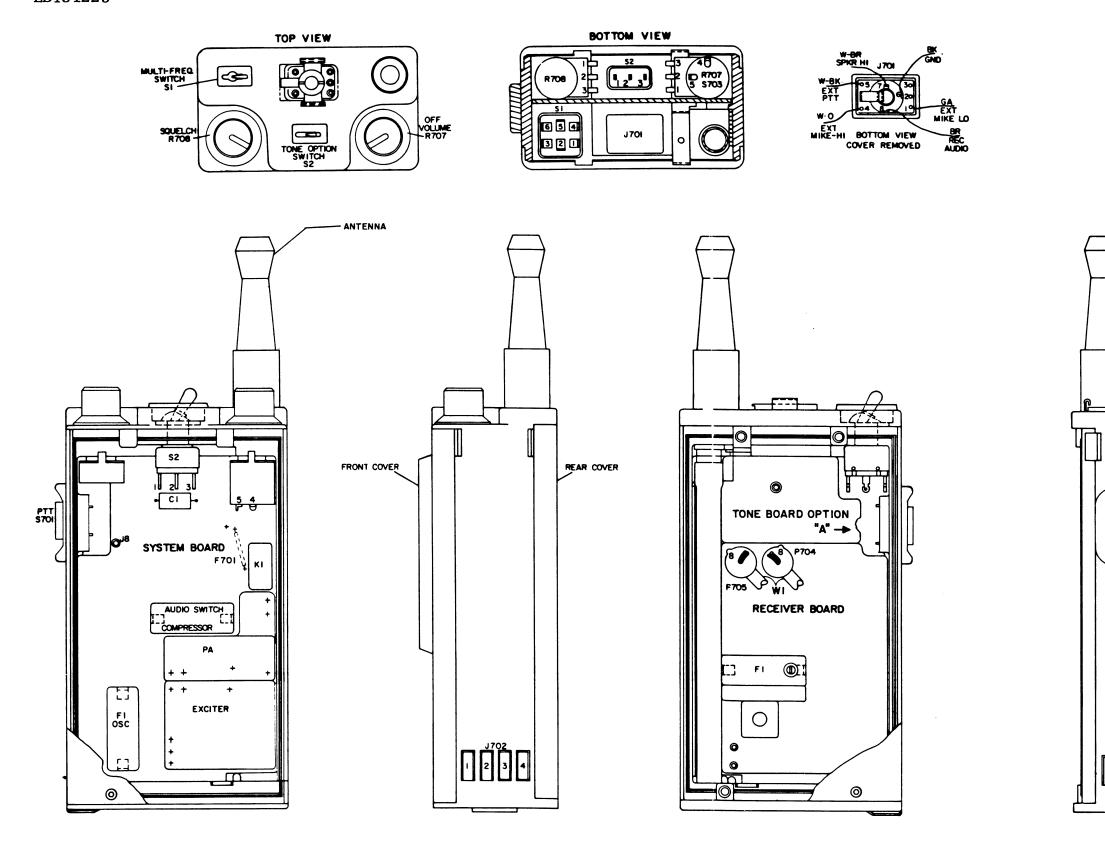




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MODULE LAYOUT DIAGRAM

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29.7-88 MHz MPE MODEL TWO-WAY FM RADIO

MOUNTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR ANDSTRAP AND SHOULDERSTRAP FASTENER KIT 19A127894G1

