



440-470 MHz 40 WATT POWER AMPLIFIER 19D901790G3
470-512 MHz 35 WATT POWER AMPLIFIER 19D901790G4
403-440 MHz 50 WATT POWER AMPLIFIER 19D901790G5

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DESCRIPTION

The power amplifier assembly uses three RF power transistors to provide up to 50 watts of output power. The output power is adjustable over a range of 17.5 watts to 35 watts in the 35 watt PA, 20 to 40 watts in the 40 watt PA, and 25 to 50 watts in the 50 watt PA. Seven transistors are used in the power control circuit.

Supply voltage for the PA is connected from power leads on the Transmit-Receive-System (TRS) board through feedthrough capacitors A2-C1 and C2 to hole 1 (A+) and hole 2 (A-) on the PA board. Capacitor C69 provides RF decoupling for the power leads, and C41 provides low frequency decoupling. Diode D3 will cause the main fuse in the fuse assembly to blow if the polarity of the power leads is reversed.

The PA assembly is insulated from vehicle ground by C32 through C40 to permit operation in positive or negative ground vehicles.

NOTE

In positive ground vehicles, A- is "hot" with respect to vehicle ground. Shorting the transmitter PA printed wiring board ground pattern to the radio case may cause one of the in-line fuses to blow.

PA metering Jack J1 is provided for use with GE Test Set Model 4EX3A11 or Test Kit 4EX8K12 with a cable adaptor. The Test Set meters the RF drive (exciter output), control voltage, driver current, PA current and PA voltage.

CIRCUIT ANALYSIS

RF AMPLIFIERS

The exciter output is coupled through P101 on the TRS board to PA input jack J3. The RF is coupled through 50 ohm microstrip Z9, Z10 and Z11, and then to the base of 1st RF Driver Q1. Z8 is the DC return and decoupling network for Q1. C7 couples RF drive from the exciter which is rectified by D1 and applied to RF Switch A1-Q11 to activate the power control circuitry. Part of the DC voltage is applied to metering jack J1 through R7 for metering the exciter output.

The RF amplifiers consist of three Class C, common-emitter amplifiers. Q3 is the PA stage. Z1, Z2 and Z3 are collector feed and decoupling networks. The output of Q3 is coupled through 50 ohm coaxial cable W8 and coupled through Z24, W7, and Z26 to the low pass filter. The filter output is coupled through 50 ohm stripline Z27 to the antenna relay (K1).

Driver current is metered at J1 (Driver Current). The reading is taken on the Test 1 position with the High Sensitivity button pressed and the polarity switch in the minus (-) position. The current is read as 15 amperes full scale. Jumpers W5 and W6 act as shunt resistors for the metering circuit.

WARNING

The RF Power Transistors used in the transmitter 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.

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POWER CONTROL CIRCUIT

The power control circuit provides power leveling as well as thermal protection for the PA.

When the transmitter is keyed, RF is rectified by D1. The resulting DC voltage turns on RF switch A1-Q11. This turns on 9 volt regulator A1-Q12. Current through R14 turns on A1-Q14 which turns on A1-Q16 and pass transistor Q4. Turning on Q4 applies collector voltage to 1st RF driver Q1.

If the power output should start to increase above the level set by R10, A1-Q13 will start conducting harder. This causes A1-Q14, and pass transistor Q4 to conduct less. This reduces the

collector voltage to the 1st RF driver, reducing the transmitter power output.

Thermal protection is provided by temperature compensating resistor (thermistor) R20. As the heat sink temperature rises above 85°C, the resistance of R20 decreases, causing A1-Q15 to conduct. This causes A1-Q14 and Q4 to conduct less, reducing the power output.

CAUTION

Do not operate the transmitter at levels higher than rated output. Operating at higher than rated output will shorten the life of the RF power transistor.

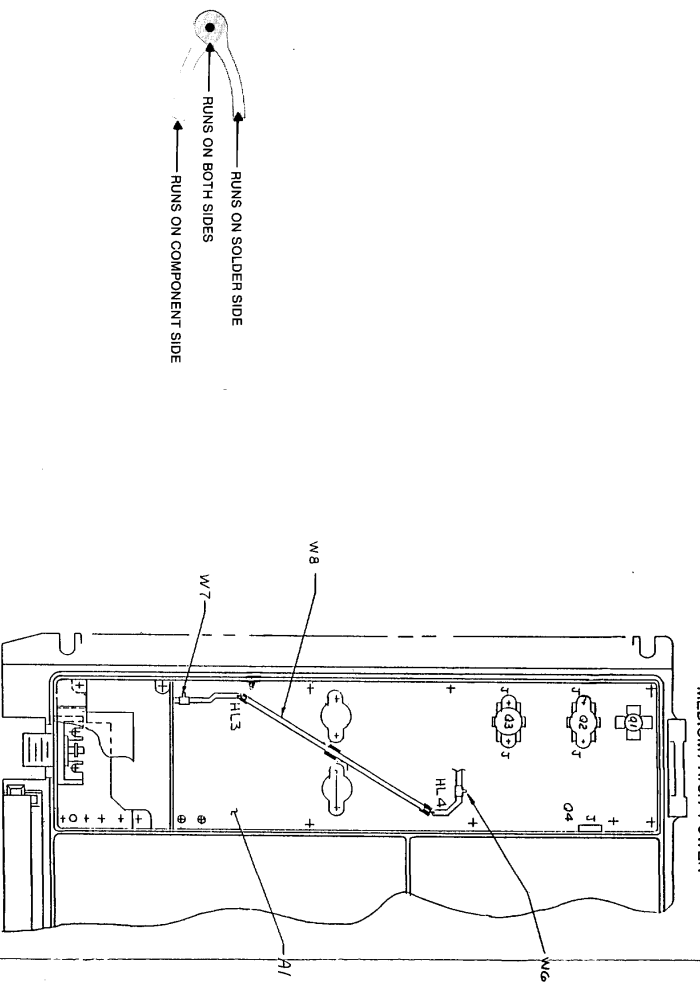
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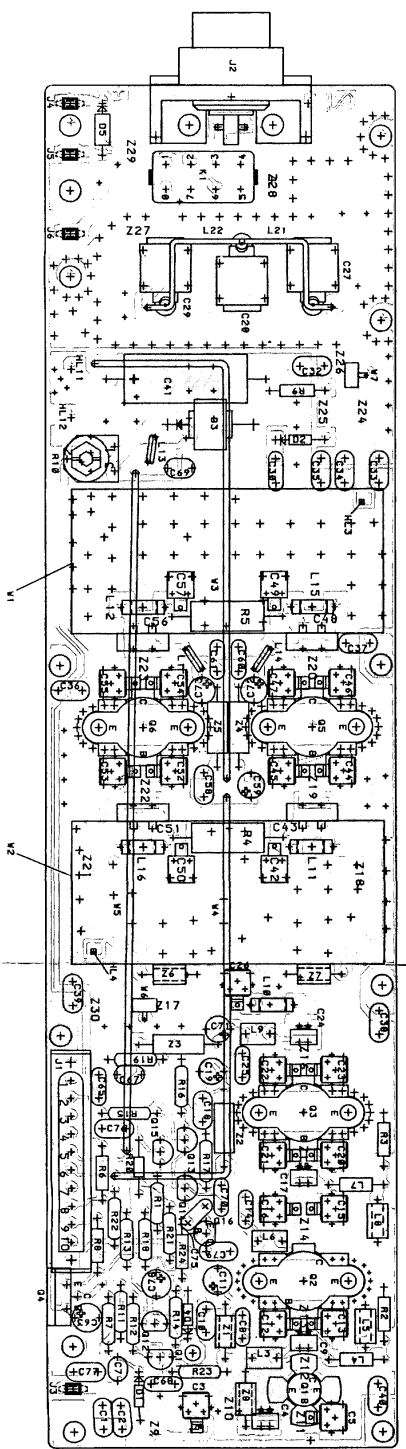
RUNS ON SOLDER SIDE
 RUNS ON BOTH SIDES
 RUNS ON COMPONENT SIDE

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LEAD IDENTIFICATION
 FOR ALL TRANSISTORS
 NOT OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED
 IN-LINE
 TOP VIEW
 NOTE: CASE SHAPE IS DETERMINING
 FACTOR FOR LEAD IDENTIFICATION.



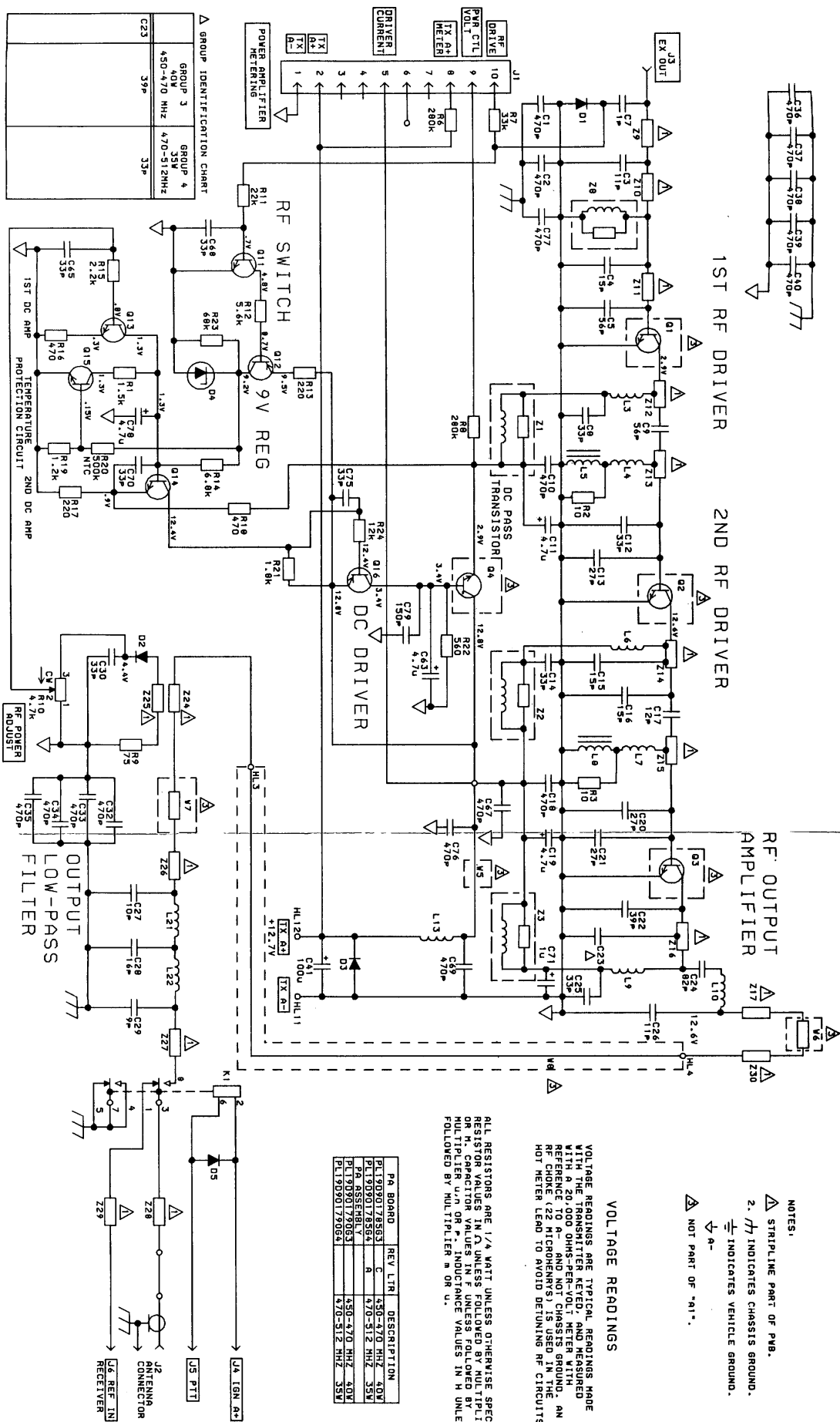
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SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM

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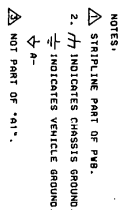


PA BOARD	REV LTR	DESCRIPTION
PL19D90J178563	C	450-470 MHZ 40W
PL19D90J178564	A	470-512 MHZ 35W
PA ASSEMBLY		
PL19D90J179063		450-470 MHZ 40W
PL19D90J179064		470-512 MHZ 35W

ISSUE 2

*COMPONENTS ADDED, DELETED OR CHANGED BY PRODUCTION CHANGES

Issue 2



VOLTAGE READINGS ARE TYPICAL READINGS MADE WITH THE TRANSMITTER KEYED, AND MEASURED WITH A 20,000 OHMS-PER-VOLT METER WITH REFERENCE TO A- (AND NOT CHASSIS GROUND). AN RF CHOKE (22 MICROHENRYS) IS USED IN THE HOT METER LEAD TO AVOID DETUNING RF CIRCUITS

ALL RESISTORS ARE 1/4 WATT UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED
RESISTOR VALUES IN A UNLESS FOLLOWED BY MULTIPLIER K
OR M, CAPACITOR VALUES IN F UNLESS FOLLOWED BY
MULTIPLIER U, N OR P. INDUCTANCE VALUES IN H UNLESS
FOLLOWED BY MULTIPLIER M OR U.

PA BOARD	REV LTR	DESCRIPTION
PL19090178565	B	403-440 MHZ 50W
PA ASSEMBLY		
PL19090179085		403-440 MHZ 50W

Changes in the argument to improve performance or to simplify circuits are identified by a "Revision Letter," which is stamped after the model number of the unit. The revision stamped on this unit includes all previous revisions. Refer to the Parts List for descriptions of parts affected by these revisions.

REV. A - POWER AMPLIFIER ASSEMBLY 19D901785G3

To improve operation, Changed 28.

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REV. A - POWER AMPLIFIER ASSEMBLY 19D901785G
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REV. A - POWER AMPLIFIER ASSEMBLY 19D901785G4,5
REV. B - POWER AMPLIFIER ASSEMBLY 19D901785G3

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REV. B - POWER AMPLIFIER ASSEMBLY 19D901785G3

To reduce alternator whine. Added filter circuitry to power control circuit. Deleted 664 and C74. Added R24, C78 and C79. New components and deleted components are shown in the existing parts list.

REV. C - POWER AMPLIFIER ASSEMBLY 19D901785G3
REV. B - POWER AMPLIFIER ASSEMBLY 19D901785G5

To improve power margin. Changed C15, C17, C23, and 28

C15 1s: 19A700006P17 mica 22pF +5%, 100VDCW.
C17 1s: 19A701413P17 mica 22pF +5%, 100VDCW.
C23 1s: 19A700006P27 mica 51pF +5%, 100VDCW.
28 1s: 19A701717G2 filter assembly. (Changed back to original.

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