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# **Maintenance Manual**

Service Section MLS High-Band Two-Way Mobile Radios MLSH041



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# 1 DESCRIPTION

The service section contains the information necessary for aligning and troubleshooting the MLS two-way FM mobile radio. In addition, information is provided for removing and replacing chip components, disassembly procedures and module replacement procedures.

# 2 INITIAL ADJUSTMENT

After the radio has been installed as described in the Installation Manual, the following adjustments should be made by a certified electronics technician.

#### 2.1 TRANSMITTER ADJUSTMENT

The transmitter has been adjusted at the factory and should require no readjustment. However, the antenna length should be adjusted for optimum VSWR, and the frequency and modulation measured and recorded for future reference. For the complete transmitter adjustment, refer to the Alignment Procedure (see Table of Contents).

## 2.2 RECEIVER ADJUSTMENT

No initial adjustments to the receiver are required. Refer to the Table of Contents for the complete receiver alignment.

## 2.3 RE-INSTALLATION

The MLS series mobile radios are designed to operate in 12-Volt, negative ground vehicles only. If the mobile radio is moved to a different vehicle, always check the battery polarity of the new vehicle system.

# **3 MAINTENANCE**

## 3.1 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

To insure high operating efficiency and to prevent mechanical and electrical failures from interrupting system operations, routine checks should be made of all mechanical and electrical parts at regular intervals. Preventive maintenance should include checks detailed in the following sections.

#### 3.1.1 Connections

Ground connections to the voltage source should be periodically checked for tightness. Loose or poor connections to the power source will cause excessive voltage drops and faulty operation. When ground connections are not made directly to the battery, the connection from the battery to vehicle chassis must be checked for low impedance. A high impedance may cause excessive voltage drops and alternator noise problems.

#### 3.1.2 Electrical System

Check the voltage regulator and alternator or generator periodically to keep the electrical system within safe and economical operating limits. Over-voltage is indicated when the battery loses water rapidly. Usage of 1 or 2 ounces of water per cell per week is acceptable for batteries in continuous operation. A weak battery will often cause excessive noise or faulty operation.

## 3.1.3 Mechanical Inspection

Since mobile units are subject to constant shock and vibration, check for loose plugs, nuts, screws and parts to make sure that nothing is working loose.

#### 3.1.4 Antenna

The antenna, antenna base and all contacts should be kept clean and free from dirt or corrosion. If the antenna or its base should become coated or poorly grounded, loss of radiation and a weak signal will result.

#### 3.1.5 Alignment

The transmitter and receiver meter readings should be checked periodically, and the alignment "touched up" when necessary. Refer to applicable Alignment Procedure and Troubleshooting sheet for typical voltage readings.

#### 3.1.6 Frequency Check

Check transmitter frequency and deviation. Normally, these checks are made when the unit is first put into operation, after the first six months and once a year thereafter.

#### 3.1.7 Disassembly

To gain access to the transmitter, receiver, and the system control/synthesizer boards for servicing, loosen the four screws securing the cover at the rear of the radio. Then pull the cover out from under the edge of the front panel and lift the cover off.



The PA transistor contains Beryllium Oxide, a TOXIC substance. If the ceramic or other encapsulation is opened, crushed, broken or abraded, the escaping dust may be hazardous if inhaled. Use care when replacing the module.

## 3.2 PA TRANSISTOR REPLACEMENT

- 1. Remove the two retaining screws securing PA transistors TR3 and TR4 to chassis assembly.
- 2. Unsolder and remove capacitors. Use a de-soldering tool as necessary while lifting the transistor leads with a small screwdriver or pick. Discard old capacitors.
- 3. Unsolder the emitter, base and collector leads of the transistor, and remove it from the printed board.
- 4. Remove all excess solder from the board, and clean the holes to allow the new transistor to be positioned properly and the capacitors to fit into proper locations. Refer to Figure 1 and trim the new transistor leads (if required) to the lead length of the removed transistor.
- 5. Apply silicon grease to back of the replacement transistor and place the transistor into the mounting slot.
- 6. Replace the transistor mounting screws using a moderate torque of 5 inch-pounds.
- 7. Tack solder the four base leads to the printed board using <u>minimum</u> solder. Then solder the emitter and collector leads.
- 8. Install the capacitors into their proper mounting areas, flush to the board.
- 9. Solder the capacitor bodies to the printed board by first soldering the outside edge. Then, holding the iron to the outside edge, touch the solder to the inside edge of the capacitor. Be careful not to create solder bridges at the front and back edges of the capacitors.
- 10. Remove any flux left on board.

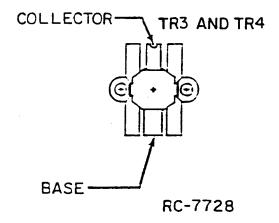


Figure 1- PA Transistor Lead Identification

#### 3.3 CHIP COMPONENT REPLACEMENT

Replacement of chip capacitors should always be done with a temperature controlled soldering iron, using a controlled temperature of 700°F (371° C). However, do NOT touch black metal film of the resistors or the ceramic body of capacitors with the soldering iron.



The metallized end terminations of the parts may be touched with the soldering iron without causing damage.

## 3.3.1 To Remove Chip Components

- 1. Using two soldering irons, heat each end of the chip at the same time until solder flows, and then remove and discard the chip.
- 2. Remove excess solder with a vacuum solder extractor.
- 3. Carefully remove the epoxy adhesive and excess flux to prevent damage to the printed board.

## 3.3.2 To Replace Chip Components

- 1. Using as little solder as possible, "tin" one end of the component and one of the pads on the printed wiring board.
- 2. Place the "tinned" end of the component on the "tinned" pad on the board and simultaneously touch the component and the pad with a well "tinned" soldering iron while pressing the component down on the board.
- 3. Place the "tinned" soldering iron on the other end of the component and the pad simultaneously. Apply solder to the top of the end of the component until the solder starts to flow. Use as little solder as possible while getting a good joint.
- 4. After the component has cooled, remove all flux from the component and printed wiring board area with alcohol.



The CMOS integrated circuit devices used in this equipment can be destroyed by static discharges. Before handling of one of these devices, the serviceman should discharge himself by touching the case of a bench test instrument that has a 3-prong power cord connected to an outlet with a known good earth ground. When soldering or desoldering a CMOS device, the soldering iron should also have a 3-prong power cord connected to an outlet with a known good earth ground. A battery-operated soldering iron may be used in place of the regular soldering iron.

# 4 DISASSEMBLY PROCEDURE

## 4.1 TO REMOVE THE SYSTEM CONTROL/SYNTHESIZER BOARD

- 1. Remove the two (2) screws (A) securing the top cover (refer to Figure 2). Remove the top cover. Then disconnect the interconnecting cables.
- 2. Remove the eight (8) screws (B) securing the Synthesizer shield. Remove the shield.
- 3. Remove the three (3) screws (**D**) securing the board.
- 4. Remove the screws (C) securing regulator and carefully lift up and remove the board.

#### 4.2 TO REMOVE THE TRANSMITTER RECEIVER BOARD

- 1. Remove the screws (**E**) securing the bottom cover (refer to Figure 3).
- 2. Disconnect the interconnecting cable. Remove the seven (7) screws (G), (H) securing the receiver shield and the antenna shield.
- 3. Remove the two (2) screws (**F**) connecting the power supply cable to the board and turn the cable stopper mounted on the rear of the frame assembly 90 degrees. Lift the cable stopper up and remove the power supply cable.
- 4. Remove the two (2) screws (**I**) securing power module HC1. Remove the (**I**) screws securing the power transistors, audio IC, and AVR IC.
- 5. Remove the two (2) screws (**J**) securing the board. Carefully lift up and remove the board.

#### 4.3 TO REMOVE THE FRONT PANEL/CONTROL UNIT

- 1. Remove the four (4) screws (**N**) securing the front panel to the frame assembly (refer to Figure 4).
- 2. Carefully disconnect the speaker cable from the connector on the Control/Synthesizer board.
- 3. Separate the front panel from the frame assembly.
- 4. Carefully disconnect the ribbon cable connecting the Front Panel/Control unit to the Control/Synthesizer Board at (O).
- 5. Remove the two (2) screws located at (**P**).
- 6. While pushing the lock tabs at (**Q**) remove the Control Panel towards the front.

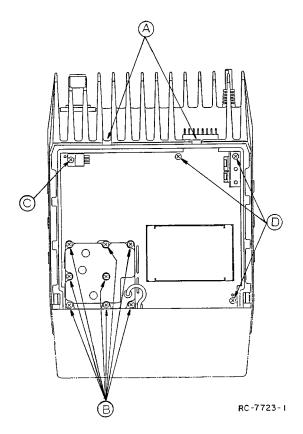


Figure 2 – Disassembly Procedure (Top View)

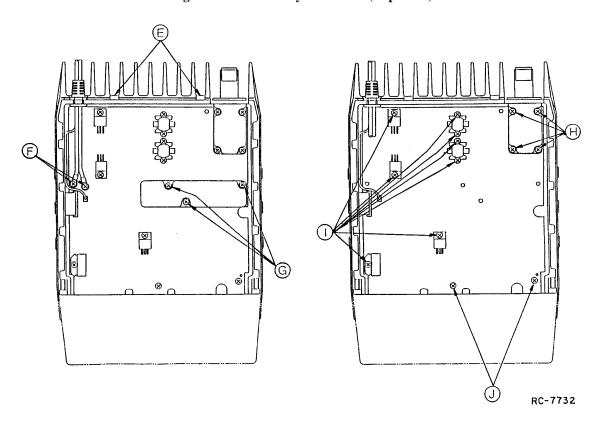


Figure 3 – Disassembly Procedure (Bottom View)

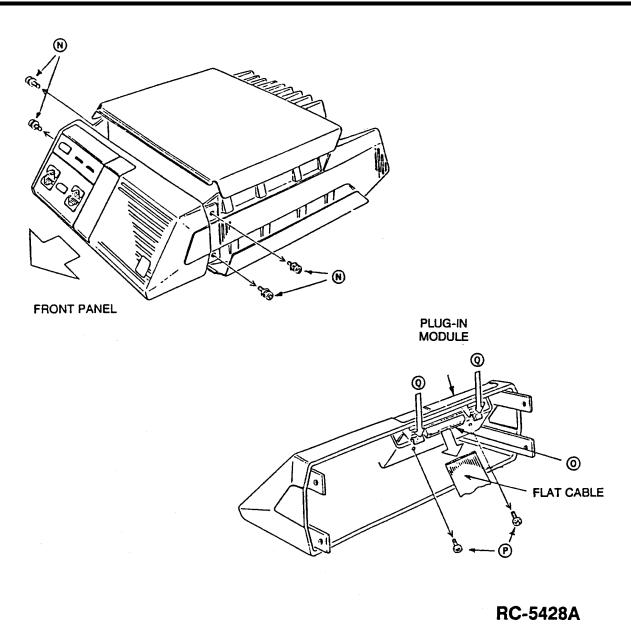


Figure 4 – Disassembly Procedure (Front Panel)

# 5 ALIGNMENT AND TROUBLESHOOTING PROCEDURES

Radio maintenance is facilitated by using the Troubleshooting Procedures and servicing techniques unique to this radio. The Troubleshooting Procedures are designed to lead the serviceman rapidly to the defective component or circuit.

Troubleshooting procedures are provided for most major problems that might arise in the Transmitter, the Receiver, and the System Control/Synthesizer Board.

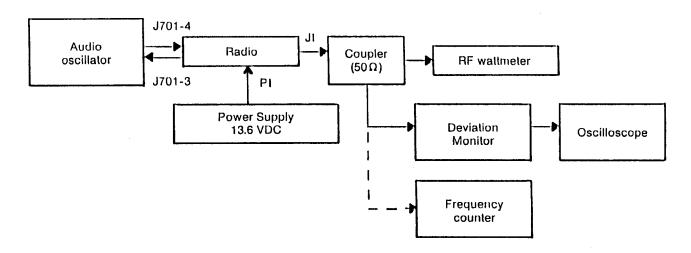
## 5.1 SYNTHESIZER

Alignment and Troubleshooting for Synthesizer Circuitry on System Control/Synthesizer Board CMC-551A/B are detailed in the following subsections.

## 5.1.1 Test Equipment Required

- 1. Audio Oscillator
- 2. Deviation Monitor
- 3. Oscilloscope
- 4. Frequency Counter
- 5. RF Wattmeter (50 ohms, 100 W)
- 6. VTVM
- 7. Digital Voltmeter
- 8. Power Supply, 13.6 VDC regulated.

#### Measuring system



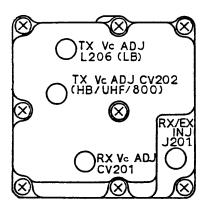
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# 5.1.2 TX VCO & RX VCO Alignment

CMC-232A 29.7 - 42 MHz

	METERING	TUNING	METER	
STEP	POINT	CONTROL	READING	PROCEDURE
1	TP201 Control Voltage Monitor	L206	4.0 VDC	In case highest transmit frequency is < 34.0 MHz. Select lowest frequency transmit channel. With 50 ohm load on the antenna connector J1, key the radio. Monitor TP201 with digital voltmeter and tune L206 for 4.0 VDC ±0.1 V. Unkey the radio.
			7.0 VDC	In case the highest transmit frequency is > 34.0 MHz. Select highest frequency transmit channel. With 50 ohm load on the antenna connector J1, key the radio. Monitor TP201 with a digital voltmeter and tune L206 for 7.0 VDC ±0.1 V. Unkey the radio.
2	TP201	CV201	7.0 VDC	Select the highest frequency receive channel. Monitor TP201 with digital voltmeter and tune CV201 for 7.0 VDC ±0.1 V.
3	TP201		3.5-7.5 VDC	Select lowest frequency channel. Voltage should be between 3.5 – 7.5 VDC transmit and receive for lowest and highest frequency channels.
4	J201		+1 to +8 dBm	RX/EX injection level should be between +1 and +8 dBm.

**NOTE:** Refer to Figure 5 for location of tuning and adjustment controls.



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Figure 5 – Synthesizer Tuning and Adjustment Controls

CMC-232B 42 - 50 MHz

	METERING	TUNING	METER	
STEP	POINT	CONTROL	READING	PROCEDURE
1	TP201	L206	7.0 VDC	Select highest frequency transmit
	Control			channel. With 50 ohm load on the
	Voltage			antenna connector J1, key the radio.
	Monitor			Monitor TP201 with digital voltmeter
				and tune L206 for 7.0 VDC $\pm 0.1$ V.
				Unkey the radio.
2	TP201	CV201	7.0 VDC	Select the highest frequency receive
				channel. Monitor TP201 with digital
				voltmeter and tune CV201 for 7.0
				VDC ±0.1 V.
3	TP201		3.5-7.5	Select lowest frequency channel.
			VDC	Voltage should be between 3.5 – 7.5
				VDC transmit and receive for lowest
				and highest frequency channels.
4	J201		+1 to +8	RX/EX injection level should be
			dBm	between +1 and +8 dBm.

## **5.1.3** Transmitter Frequency Adjustment

STEP	METERING POINT	TUNING CONTROL	METER READING	PROCEDURE
1	J201 (or J1)	FREQ TRIM Control on TCXO (XU201)	Channel Operating Frequency	NOTE This step assumes the frequency is measured when the transmitter is first keyed. If delayed, the rapidly rising ambient temperature must be taken into consideration. The oscillator frequency should be set at 25°C ambient temperature.  Press the PTT switch while monitoring RX/EX injection frequency at J201. Adjust FREQ TRIM Control on TCXO (XU201) for the assigned channel frequency ±0.5 PPM.

## 5.1.4 Receiver Frequency Adjustment

No receiver frequency adjustment is required.

With proper alignment of EX injection frequency, RX injection frequency will automatically be correct.

## 5.1.5 Modulation Level Adjustment

Procedure for synthesizer Transmit Deviation

- 1. Select the highest frequency channel.
- 2. Rotate CG DEV ADJUST, RV202 fully counterclockwise.

- 3. Connect the audio oscillator and apply a 1 kHz tone at 850 mVrms to MIC HI, J701-4. Connect the deviation monitor to the antenna connector, J1 through a 30 dB decoupler. Key the radio. Set DEV ADJUST, RV201 for ±3.75 kHz deviation.
- 4. Set RV202 fully clockwise. Remove P602 from position 1-2 and set aside. Apply a 400 Hz tone to J602-2 and with the radio keyed, vary its amplitude until the Deviation Monitor reads 2 kHz. Note the level.
- 5. Change the audio oscillator frequency for a 10 Hz tone at the same level and set LOOP MOD ADJUST RV203 for a deviation of 2 kHz. Unkey the radio.
- 6. Disconnect the audio oscillator and replace P602 in position 1-2.
- 7. Select a frequency with Tone Channel Guard.
- 8. Key the radio and set CG DEVIATION ADJUST RV202 for a deviation reading of  $\pm 0.75$  kHz.



If Channel Guard is not used on any frequency channel, CG DEV ADJUST, RV201 may be set for  $\pm 4.5$  kHz deviation instead of  $\pm 3.75$  kHz.

#### 5.1.6 Audio Check

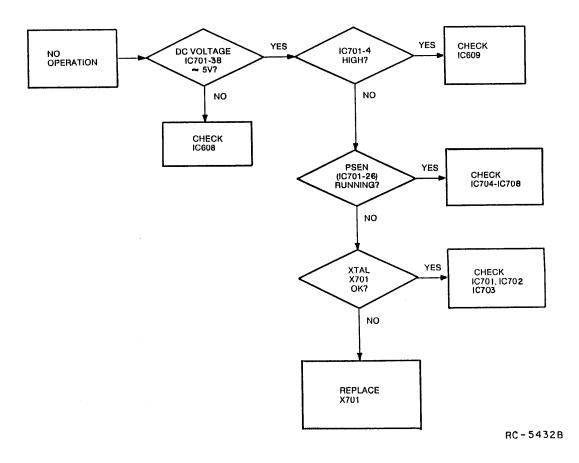
#### 5.1.6.1 Audio Sensitivity

- 1. Connect audio oscillator output to MIC HI, J701-4. Adjust output for 1 kHz at 1 Vrms.
- 2. Reduce oscillator output until deviation monitor indication falls to  $\pm 3.0$  kHz for radios without Channel Guard or to  $\pm 2.25$  kHz for radios with Channel Guard. Oscillator output voltage should be less than 120 millivolts.

# 5.1.7 Audio Output Level Adjustment Procedure

	METERING	TUNING	METER	
STEP	POINT	CONTROL	READING	PROCEDURE
1	J701-1	RV601	See Procedure	Set the signal generator to the receiver frequency with ±3 kHz deviation and 1 kHz modulation. Set the RF signal level to 1000 microvolts. Move P551 from J551-1, 2 to J551-2, 3 on the Transmitter/Receiver Board.  Connect RF signal generator to J1.  Terminate J701-1, 6 with a 4 ohm, 6-watt resistor, connect the audio level meter and the distortion analyzer input across the resistor. Set the volume to the maximum point. Press DOWN button two times. Adjust RV601 for 4-watt output (4 Vrms, using the distortion analyzer as Volt Meter).
				Return P551 to J551-1, 2.

# **Control Logic Troubleshooting**



# 5.2 TRANSMITTER

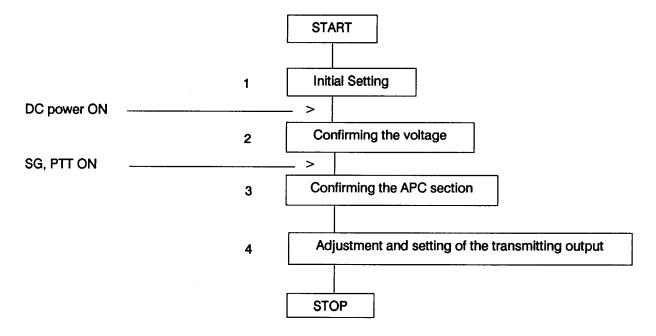
Alignment and troubleshooting for Transmitter circuitry on the Transmitter/Receiver board CMN-233A/B.

## 5.2.1 General Description Of Adjustment

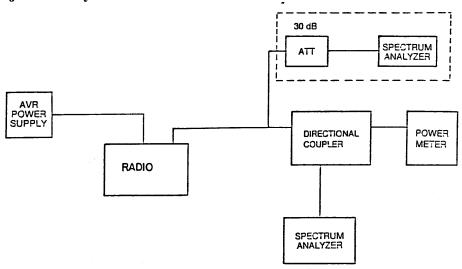
This manual is prepared for adjustments and confirmations of the Exciter/PA section and covers the following items.

### 5.2.2 Measuring Instruments

- 1. AVR (DC Power Supply DC 0-20V, 20A)
- 2. Power Meter (usable at the value above 80 W)
- 3. Directional Coupler
- 4. Signal Generator
- 5. Spectrum Analyzer
- 6. Attenuator (30 dB, above 80 W)
- 7. Tester



# 5.2.3 Adjustment System



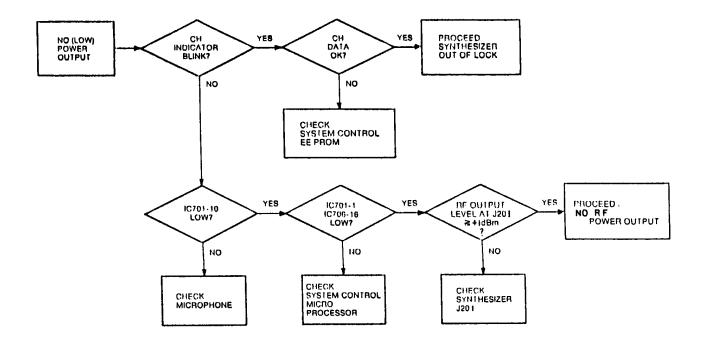
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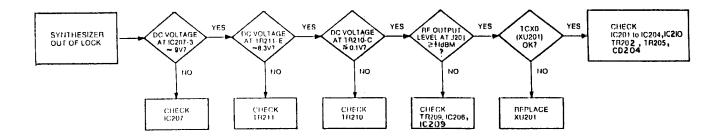
# 5.2.4 Transmitter Adjustment Procedure

		TEST	TUNING	
STEP	ITEM	POINT	CONTROL	PROCEDURE
1	Initial Setting			Turn the volume on APC RV1, RV2 fully counterclockwise (CCW).
2	Confirming the voltage			Disconnect RF cable P101 from connector J201.
				Turn on the power.
				Turn on the PTT (ground J701-2).
		TP4		Confirm voltage of TR8 collector is 9V at TP4 and that the relay K1 clicks at this time.
3	Setting			Connect RF cable P101 to J201.
	APC off power		RV1	Turn the control RV1 on APC fully clockwise (CW).
			RV2	Next, turn the volume RV2 slowly CW and set an output of 70W ±2W at the highest frequency of each band.
4	Confirming minimum power		RV1	Turn the volume RV1 on APC fully CCW and confirm minimum power of 30W or less.
5	Confirming APC on power		RV1	Turn volume RV1 on APC slowly CW and set an output of 64W ±2W at the highest frequency of each band. 60W or more for other frequencies.

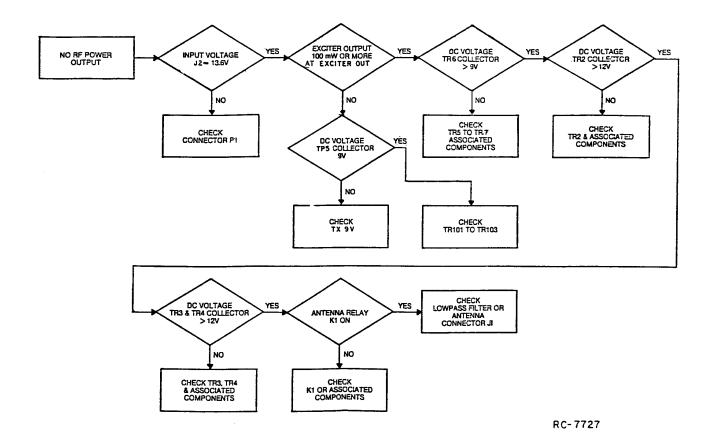
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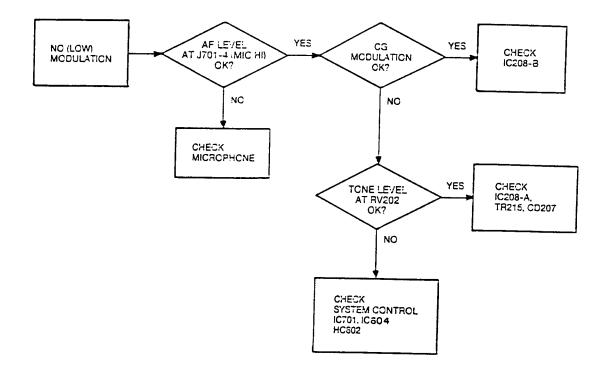


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## 5.3 RECEIVER

Alignment and Troubleshooting for Receiver Circuitry on Transmitter/Receiver Board CMN-233A/B.

## **5.3.1** Receiver Alignment

#### **5.3.1.1** Equipment Required

- 1. RF Signal Generator (29 50 MHz)
- 2. DC Voltmeter
- 3. Frequency Counter (up to 100 MHz with 0.05 V sensitivity)
- 4. Audio Level Meter and Distortion Analyzer
- 5. 4 ohm, 6 Watt Resistor

## 5.3.1.2 Preliminary Adjustment

- 1. Connect 13.8 VDC to P2
- 2. Set MONITOR switch to "out" position
- 3. Select desired channel
- 4. Disable Channel Guard by connecting ground to J701-7
- 5. Connect RF Signal Generator to antenna jack J1



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

# **5.3.2** Alignment Procedure

	TEST	TUNING	METER	
STEP	POINT	CONTROL	READING	PROCEDURE
1	TP501		$9.0 \pm 0.2$	Connect the DC Voltmeter to TP501.
			VDC	
2	TP503	L513	See	Set the signal generator on the
			Procedure	receive frequency with ±3 kHz
				deviation and 1 kHz modulation.
				Set the RF signal level to 1000
				microvolts.
				Connect the audio level meter (use a
				high impedance meter) to TP503.
				Adjust the L513 until audio output
				level becomes maximum.
5	J701-1		See	Move P551 from J551-1 & 2 to
	-6		Procedure	J551-2 & 3 in receiver unit.
				Terminate J701-1 & -6 with a 4 ohm,
				6 watt resistor.
				Connect the Audio Level Meter and
				Distortion Analyzer input across the
				resistor.
				Adjust the volume control for 4 W
				output (4.0 Vrms) using Audio Level
	1701 1	1.502	G	Meter.
4	J701-1	L503	See	Set the output signal level of RF
	-6	L505 L510	Procedure	signal generator so as to obtain 12 dB SINAD at audio output.
		L310		ab Shand at audio output.
				Adjust coils L503, L505 and L510 to
				obtain maximum 12 dB SINAD
				sensitivity.
				Return P551 to J551-1, 2.

# 5.3.3 Fixed Squelch Adjustment

- 1. Disable Channel Guard, if present, (ground J701-7). Set squelch control RV531 full CCW.
- 2. Connect a signal generator to antenna jack J1 and adjust for nominal 8 dB SINAD signal.
- 3. Adjust squelch control RV531 to maximum squelch. Receiver must be muted.
- 4. Adjust squelch control RV531 slowly until receiver unmutes.

- 5. Check that the squelch opens at an input signal level corresponding to 8 dB SINAD (±1 dB).
- 6. Remove ground from J701-7 or re-enable Channel Guard.

#### **5.3.4** Receiver Test Procedures

These Test Procedures are designed to help you service a receiver that is operating, but not properly. The problems encountered could be low power, poor sensitivity, distortion, 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 Procedures. Before starting with the Receiver Test Procedures, be sure the receiver is tuned and aligned to the proper operating frequency and the transmitter is operating properly.

## 5.3.4.1 TEST EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

- 1. Distortion Analyzer
- 2. Signal Generator
- 3. 6 dB Attenuation Pad, and 4.0 ohm, 6 Watt Resistor

#### **5.3.5** Test Procedure

#### 5.3.5.1 STEP 1: AUDIO OUTPUT AND DISTORTION

Measure Audio Power Output as follows:

- 1. Apply a 1000 microvolt, on-frequency test signal modulated by 1000 Hz with 3.0 kHz deviation to antenna jack J1.
- 2. <u>With 4 Watt Speaker</u>: Disconnect speaker plug if present. Connect a 4.0 ohm, 6 watt load resistor across the external speaker loads
- 3. Adjust the VOLUME control for rated power output of 4 watts (4.0 Vrms across the 4 ohm load) using the Distortion Analyzer as a voltmeter.
- 4. 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 4 watts, make the following checks: Battery and regulator voltage, low voltage will cause distortion.

Audio Gain (refer to Receiver Troubleshooting Procedure).

FM Detector Alignment (refer to Receiver Alignment).

#### 5.3.5.2 STEP 2: USABLE SENSITIVITY (12 dB SINAD)

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

1. Apply a 1000 microvolt, on-frequency signal modulated by 1000 Hz with 3 kHz deviation to J1.

- 2. 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.).
- 3. Place the RANGE switch to SET LEVEL position (filter out of the circuit) and adjust the input LEVEL control for a +2 dB reading on a mid range (30%).
- 4. Set signal generator output to 0.3 V. Switch the RANGE control from SET LEVEL to the distortion range. Readjust Distortion Analyzer SET LEVEL as required 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).
- 5. 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 input of at least 2 watts (2.83 Vrms across the 4 ohm receiver load using the meter).
- 6. 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 IF stage as directed in the Alignment Procedure.

# 5.3.5.3 STEP 3: MODULATION ACCEPTANCE BANDWIDTH (OR IF BANDWIDTH)

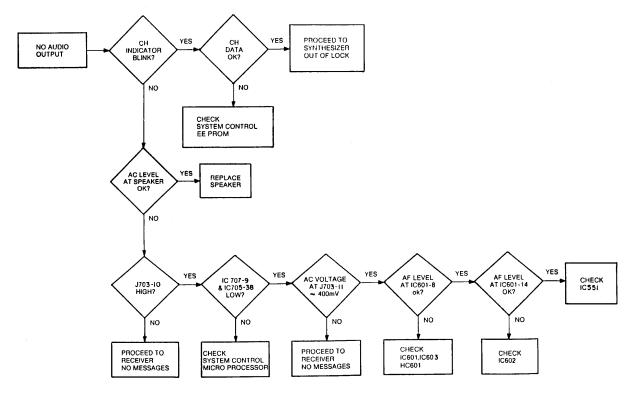
If Steps 1 and 2 check out properly, measure the bandwidth as follows:

- 1. Set the Signal Generator output for twice the microvolt reading obtained in the 12 dB SINAD measurement.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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).
- 4. The deviation control reading for the 12 dB difference is the Modulation Acceptance Bandwidth of the receiver. It should be more than ±7 kHz.

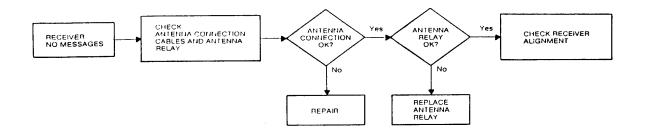
#### SERVICE CHECK

If the Modulation Acceptance Bandwidth test does not indicate the proper width, refer to the Receiver Troubleshooting Procedure.

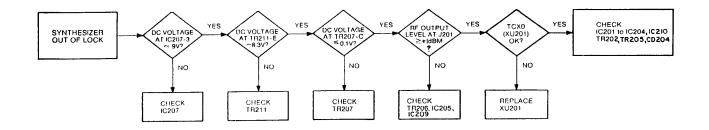
#### 5.3.5.4 Receiver Troubleshooting



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