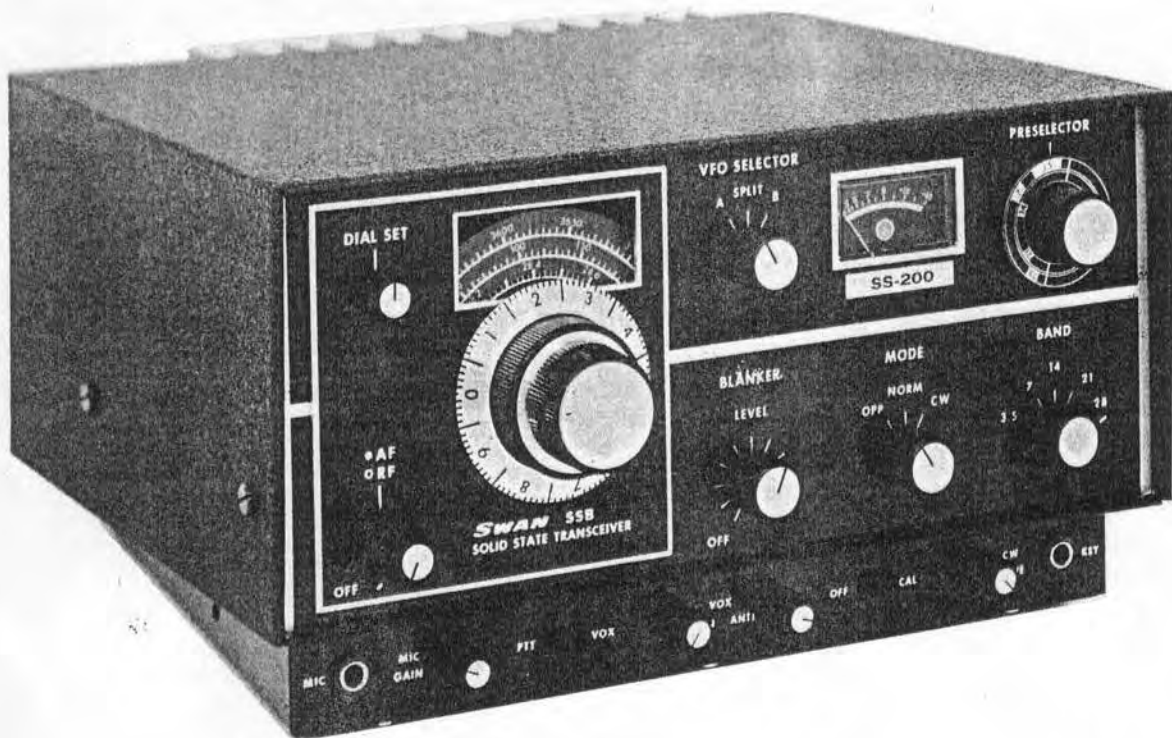


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OPERATIONS MANUAL



SWAN MODEL SS-15, SS-100 AND SS-200

SINGLE SIDEBAND TRANSCEIVERS



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FOREWORD

We know that you will enjoy your Ham equipment, described in this manual, for years to come. Many engineering hours have been spent to make this equipment the best that your money can buy. We recognize, however, problems do occur from time to time. In this respect, we would like to bring your attention to our liberal warranty policy as stated on the back cover of this manual. We also invite you to visit, call or write Swan Electronics or its authorized dealers.

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INTRODUCTION

The Swan Models SS-15, SS-100 and SS-200 Single Sideband Transceivers together with their optional equipment are designed to be used in the amateur radio bands 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters either in the SSB or CW modes. These Swan transceivers are designed with the latest state-of-the-art solid-state circuits, and the construction includes Swan's superb craftsmanship, ruggedness and reliability. Many years of trouble free operation can be expected from these lightweight and durable units whether they are operated fixed station or mobile.

The SS-15 provides a power input of 15 watts P.E.P. and the SS-100 and SS-200 provide 100 and 200 watts P.E.P. respectively. The solid-state circuits in these transceivers provide for, among other things, broadband transmitter circuits that require no tuning, SWR protection from open to shorted antenna circuits, upper and lower sideband selection, semi-break-in CW operation with built-in monitor, VOX, a 25 KHz crystal calibrator with provisions for tuning in WWV, and external VFO connections with switching for split-frequency operation.

Added enjoyment will be realized through the usage of some of the optional equipment available for these transceivers. Those listed with the transceiver's specifications are recommended. Particular attention should be given to the power supplies if adequate DC power is not available.

The following sections of this manual provide information pertaining to installation, operation, circuit theory, troubleshooting recommendations, and a parts list. Please refer to the Table of Contents for the listing of page numbers of specific information, illustrations and other pertinent information.



SPECIFICATIONS

SS-15, SS-100 AND SS-200 TRANSCEIVERS

- Frequency Ranges . . . 80 meters 3.5– 4.0 MHz
 40 meters 7.0– 7.45 MHz
 20 meters 14.0–14.45 MHz
 15 meters 21.0–21.45 MHz
 10 meters 28.0–29.7 MHz
 WWV Receive 10 MHz
- Distortion Down approx. -30 dB
- Unwanted Sideband Suppression Down more than 50 dB
- Carrier Suppression. . . Greater than 60 dB
- Transmitter Output . . . Output impedance 50 ohm nominal, 2 to 1 typical.
- Audio Sidetone For CW monitoring
- CW Keying Equivalent to grid-block keying. Semi-break-in with VOX.
- Calibration 25 kHz marker
- I.F. Selectivity Crystal lattice filter with 2.7 kHz bandwidth, 1.7 shape factor.
- A.F. Selectivity Audio response essentially flat from 300 to 3000 Hz \pm 3 dB. Audio output 4 watts with less than 10% distortion, to 3.2 ohm external speaker.
- Receiver Sensitivity . . . Less than 0.5 microvolts at 50 ohms impedance for signal plus noise to noise ratio of 10 dB.
- Image Rejection Minimum -55 dB at 30 MHz, increasing to better than -75 dB at 3 MHz.
- VSWR Protection. When VSWR is 3:1 or more, will cut power by 20%. Under these conditions, will have infinite VSWR protection including open or short circuit.

Power Supply Requirements

- SS-200 13.5 VDC (nominal) at 20 amps CW
 Average 6 amps SSB Transmit
 0.5 amps Receive
- SS-100 13.5 VDC (nominal) at 11 amps CW
 Average 3.5 amps SSB Transmit
 0.5 amps Receive
- SS-15 13.5 VDC (nominal) at 2 amps CW
 Average 0.8 amps SSB Transmit
 0.5 amps Receive

- Power Input **Model SS-200** – SSB, suppressed carrier: 200 watts P.E.P. minimum all bands. CW: 200 watts DC input on all bands.
Model SS-100 – SSB, suppressed carrier: 100 watts P.E.P. minimum all bands. CW: 100 watts DC input on all bands. RTTY/SSTV: 100 watts continuous.
Model SS-15 – SSB, suppressed carrier: 15 watts P.E.P. minimum on all bands. CW: 15 watts DC input on all bands. RTTY/SSTV: 15 watts continuous.

Dimensions

- SS-15 12½" W x 6" H x 10¼" D
- SS-100 12½" W x 6" H x 11½" D
- SS-200 12½" W x 6" H x 12" D

Approximate Shipping Weight

- SS-15 16 lbs.
- SS-100 18 lbs.
- SS-200 19 lbs.

INSTALLATION

GENERAL

The Swan SS-15, SS-100 and SS-200 transceivers are specifically designed for ease of installation and operation. A few basic considerations and steps are required during the installation process. Please review carefully the following installation information.

SELECTION OF TRANSCEIVER MODEL AND OPTIONS

The basic unit, SS-15, provides a power input of 15 watts P.E.P., and if additional power input is desired, consideration may be given to either the SS-100 (for 100 watts P.E.P.) or the SS-200 (for 200 watts P.E.P.).

These transceivers require a power source of 12 to 15 volts DC. It is important to note that different current requirements exist depending on which model is used, and specific voltage regulation requirements must be observed. In the case of the SS-200, the current requirement is 20 Amps. If an adequate voltage and current source is not available, consideration may be given for the use of one of Swan's power supplies. The PS-10 power supply provides the necessary power requirements for the SS-15 and SS-100, and the PS-20 can be used for all units. Following paragraphs in this section discuss specific voltage, current and voltage regulation requirements. Be sure to review this section.

Provisions have been made in the design of the transceiver for the use of an external VFO. The advantage for using a second VFO is the ability to work split-frequency. (Split-frequency operation is useful when it is desired to work foreign SSB DX stations outside the American phone bands and in some CW applications). Consideration may be given to the use of Swan's Model SS-208.

A number of accessory items are available for use with these three transceivers. It is recommended that you contact your Swan dealer or the Swan factory in Oceanside, California for additional information.

RF AMPLIFIER CONNECTIONS

The Model SS-15 contains the RF Amplifier inside the transceiver case. Proper installation involves only the connection of a coaxial jumper cable between the IN and OUT LINEAR AMP coax connector on the rear panel. (See Figure 1). Check to determine that this jumper is in place. If the jumper is missing or lost, one can be made from RG-58U.

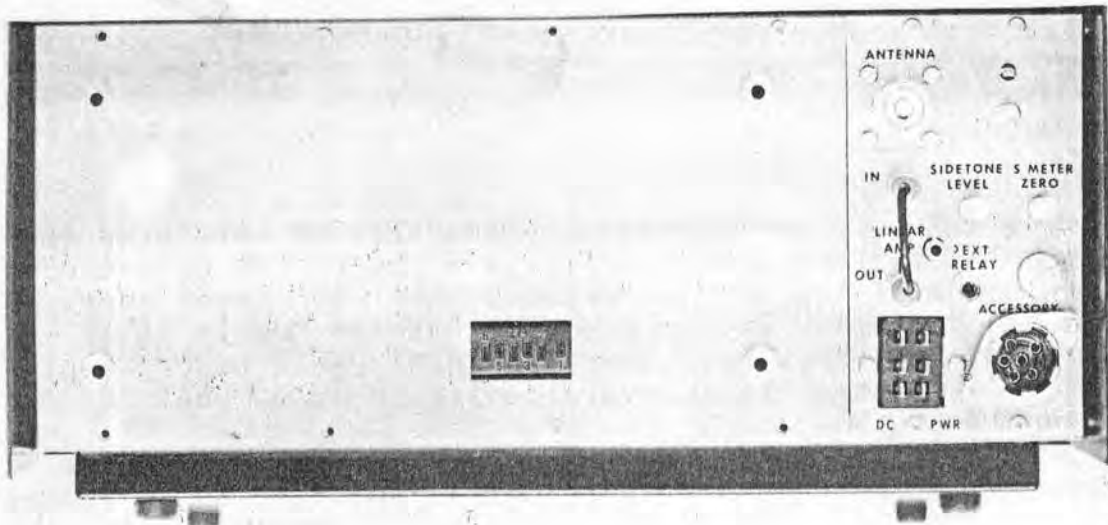


FIGURE 1

In either the Model SS-100 or SS-200, the RF Amplifier will be mounted on the rear panel of the transceiver. The input and output connections of the RF Amplifier are made using coaxial cables and connectors which are aligned with the IN and OUT LINEAR AMP connectors. (See Figure 2). Check to determine that these input and output connections are properly connected and seated in the rear panel connectors.

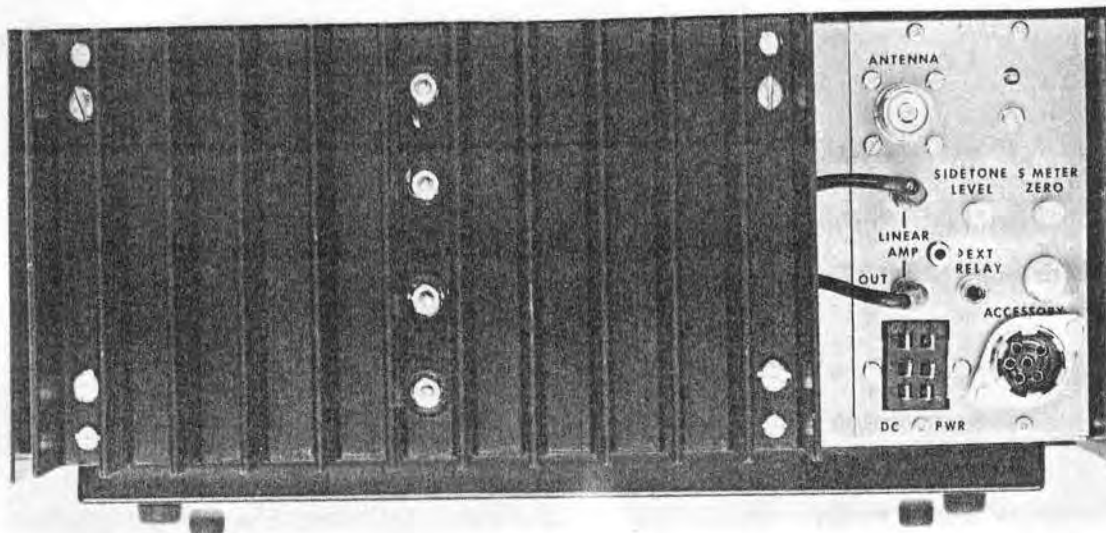


FIGURE 2

The transceiver can be modified from a SS-15 to either a Model SS-100 or SS-200 at any time following purchase. The SS-100 or SS-200 RF Amplifier is mounted in place on the rear panel, taking care that the power connector for the RF Amplifier is properly seated and connecting the input and output coax cables. (See Figure 2). The coaxial jumper cable used for the SS-15 must be removed. (If the jumper is left connected and a SS-100 or SS-200 RF Amplifier is mounted in place on the rear panel, the transceiver will operate as a SS-15 but will not give any ALC indication or control and can be easily overdriven causing distortion and possible permanent damage). The transceiver can also be modified from a SS-100 to a SS-200 by just replacing the RF Amplifier with the correct unit.

POWER SOURCE

When using a Swan power supply with the transceiver, plug the output cable from the power supply into the DC PWR connector on the rear panel of the transceiver. Connect the power supply AC cord to 120 VAC. It should be noted that the Models SS-15 and SS-100 transceivers require the Swan Model PS-10 power supply and the Model SS-200 transceiver requires a Swan Model PS-20 power supply.

A power supply or a battery source of 12 to 15 volts DC (negative ground) is required. Under no circumstance should the input voltage be allowed to exceed 15 volts. Unreliable transceiver performance may occur if the input voltage drops much below 12 volts. Voltage regulation at the DC PWR connector should be such that under full load the input voltage at the connector would be greater than 11 volts and with little or no load the input voltage would be no more than 15 volts. In order to obtain specified transceiver performance as listed in the transceiver's specification, 13.5 volts is required at the DC PWR connector at full load. It is recommended that full power output in the CW mode be used for full load during voltage regulation measurements. The following table provides the maximum current requirements for the three transceivers in various operational modes. The proper DC PWR connector voltage and speaker connections are shown in Figure 3.

	<u>SS-15</u>	<u>SS-100</u>	<u>SS-200</u>
Receive Current	500 MA	500 MA	500 MA
SSB Average Current	800 MA	3.5 Amp	6 Amp
SSB Peak Current	2 Amp	11 Amp	20 Amp
CW (Key Down) (Current)	2 Amp	11 Amp	20 Amp

COOLING

The transceiver should be placed in the operating area to insure the RF Amplifier heatsink at the rear of the transceiver is not blocked. Adequate ventilation must be maintained in this area to insure that the transistors in the linear amplifiers are not damaged. Cool operation of these transistors will insure greater life expectancy.

ANTENNA

The transceiver is designed to operate into a nominal 50 ohm resistive load, but it is protected against accidental opens or shorts in the antenna or high SWR. Operation into most loads within 2:1 SWR will be quite satisfactory. It should be noted that mobile antennas, particularly on the low frequency bands, often present mismatches greater than 2:1. Operation into loads with SWR's greater than 2:1 may be practical or useful under certain circumstances and in emergencies, but is not recommended for regular usage. Generally the higher the SWR, the lower the power output capability of the transmitter. In some cases the quality of the transmitted signal may also suffer as SWR is increased above 2:1. It is recommended that due consideration be given to antenna matching for simplest trouble free operation. For further discussion on the effects of high SWR, see the section on OPERATION under "meter".

It is recommended that the antenna be disconnected or switched to ground when the transceiver is not in use as a precaution against lightning.

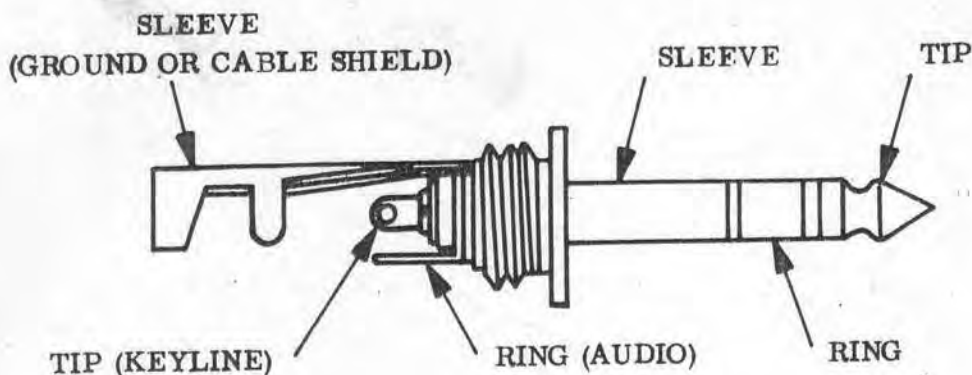
Matching the transceiver's load impedance is also very important when an outboard linear amplifier is used. Be sure to check the SWR between the transceiver's output and the input to the linear amplifier. Keep it under 2:1 and as close to 1:1 as possible for best operation.

EXTERNAL VFO

The Model SS-208 External VFO is connected to the ACCESSORY connector on the rear panel. No other installation steps or procedures are required.

MICROPHONE

The microphone input circuit to the transceiver is designed for a high impedance microphone. A good quality high output crystal microphone with a push-to-talk switch is recommended. The microphone plug must be wired to mate with the MIC jack as shown on the schematic drawing.



CW KEY OR KEYSER CONNECTION

The CW keying circuits in the transceiver can be used with any key or keyer capable of withstanding +15 volts DC open circuit (key up) and an average current of 6 MA (key down). In using a keyer with solid-state output switching, be sure that the keyer output circuits can withstand the positive voltage and currents as stated above. Connect the key or keyer to the KEY jack on the transceiver's front panel.

EXTERNAL RELAY

The EXT RELAY connector on the rear panel provides a +12 to +15 volts DC during the time that the transceiver is in the transmit mode. This voltage connection can be used for any external relay application such as controlling an outboard linear amplifier. The current from this connection should not exceed one amp into the external relay or load.

THIS COMPLETES THE INSTALLATION. BEFORE
TURNING POWER ON AND ATTEMPTING TO GET ON
THE AIR, BE SURE TO READ AND STUDY THE
BALANCE OF THIS MANUAL.

OPERATION

Successful operation of the Swan Models SS-15, SS-100 and SS-200 transceivers depends almost entirely on proper installation followed by a thorough understanding of the simple operational procedures offered in the following paragraphs. Review once again to determine that all of the installation recommendations made in the INSTALLATION section of this manual have been properly completed.

CONTROL FUNCTIONS

Before operating, review the following descriptions of the front, back and internal operator controls.

Front Panel:

- Main Tuning** The main tuning knob changes the transceiver's operating frequency with a two speed control at a 36:1 ratio for slow speed and a 6:1 ratio for fast. The outer scale on the dial is calibrated for 3.5 to 4.0 MHz; and the inner scale is calibrated for 28.0 to 29.7 MHz. The center scale is calibrated for 40, 20 and 15 meters. It is necessary to add 7, 14 and 21 MHz to the readings of the center scale.
- The outer edge of the tuning dial is a logging scale. It is intended to permit easy and rapid return to a frequency after a tuning search nearby. It is also useful in interpolating small frequency changes. The dial marks are very near 59 1 KHz for the middle main scale.
- BAND** The BAND switch selects the 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter bands. All tuned circuits, the VFO and low pass filters are selected.
- AF and RF** These are dual gain controls. The AF (audio) is the small knob and also the power switch. Counterclockwise is the power off position and low audio. The RF control is the large knob and full clockwise position is maximum gain and the normal setting for proper "S" meter readings.

PRESELECTOR

The PRESELECTOR peaks the RF tuned circuits in the receiver. It should be set approximately to the markings corresponding to the selected band and then peaked for maximum signal. It should be noted that other settings could result in other responses. Suggestions are offered later in this section to show how these can be used to the operator's advantage.

NOTE

On 3.5 MHz and 7.0 MHz it is possible to tune the PRESELECTOR to the transceiver's IF frequency (5.5 MHz). The receiver would in effect be receiving its own local oscillator. This can be detected by a "hollow" sound to the speaker and some "S" meter indication.

MODE

The MODE switch selects the CW or SSB modes of operation. The NORM position selects the lower sideband for 80 and 40 meters, and the uppersideband for 20, 15 and 10 meters. The OPP position selects the opposite sideband from that noted above. CW selects the CW mode of operation.

VFO SELECTOR

The VFO SELECTOR switch is used in conjunction with the Swan Model SS-208 External VFO. The "A" position selects transceive operation of the internal VFO. The "B" position selects transceive operation on the external VFO, and SPLIT position selects the internal VFO during receive and the external VFO for transmit.

NOTE

If no external VFO is used or connected, the VFO SELECTOR switch must remain in position A. If the switch is positioned to either SPLIT or B either the transmitter or receiver will not function.

BLANKER

The BLANKER control establishes the threshold level for pulse type noise blanking. The switch in full counterclockwise disables the noise blanker circuit. The control is advanced clockwise just to the point to suppress unwanted noise. Advancing the control too far clockwise may cause cross modulation by other strong signals on the band.

NOTE

If the crystal calibrator is turned on while the noise blanker is being operated, the receiver will be desensitized. This is caused because the noise blanker reacts to the crystal calibrator square wave output as if it were a noise pulse.

- DIAL SET The DIAL SET is used to calibrate the main tuning dial. This is done by using the internal 25 KHz crystal calibrator as a frequency standard.
- MIC The MIC jack is for microphone connection. It is not necessary to remove the microphone when operating CW.
- MIC GAIN The MIC GAIN controls the amount of audio from the microphone to the modulation circuit of the transceiver. Increase this control clockwise to the point that the meter occasionally kicks upward. Further clockwise increase will not cause increased modulation but will cause the ALC circuit to react to control transmitted output and prevent flat-topping.
- METER The meter indicates "S" units during receive and the ALC action during transmit. In transmit any upward movement of the meter indicates normal ALC action. An upward movement past S3 is an indication that the MIC GAIN or CW GAIN controls may be set too far clockwise. The ALC operation begins (indicated by upward deflection) when the forward RF output power reaches nominal (5 watts for the SS-15, 50 watts for the SS-100 and 100 watts for the SS-200) or when the reflected RF power reaches 25% of this nominal power.
- The meter zero control is on the rear panel and the sensitivity control for "S" units is internal and factory adjusted.
- A more detailed explanation of the meter's indications follows and may be useful for understanding some of the less frequently encountered conditions.

The ALC action at 25% reflected power means that at 3:1 SWR the maximum net power to the antenna will be 75% of nominal. At higher SWR's even less net power can be developed within the control limits set by ALC. This type of ALC control is necessary to protect the amplifier transistors and should not be altered in an attempt to increase output power.

For some load impedances presented to the amplifier it may not be able to quite reach nominal power and hence no indication will be seen on the meter. This can be accentuated by low supply voltage. For example, the maximum output capability characteristic of this type amplifier drops over 30% from 13.5 volts to 11.5 volts supply voltage.

Should the meter fail to indicate at maximum CW drive or microphone gain, operation may actually be normal, except for reduced power. The lack of indication may be due to either SWR or low supply voltage or both. Operation may be quite practical in these cases if other means to check the RF power output and quality are employed. In the absence of other means of checking, a good rule of thumb is to use the same settings of the CW DRIVE and MIC GAIN controls as were correct for nominal supply voltage and a 1:1 SWR.

- CW DRIVE Drive to the transmitter during CW operation is set by the CW DRIVE control. Increase this control clockwise to the point that the meter shows a slight upward movement during CW transmissions.
- KEY The KEY jack provides the connection for the key or keyer. The transceiver's design is such that it is not necessary to unplug the key or close the key circuit during SSB operation.
- OFF - CAL This switch controls the internal crystal calibrator. In the CAL position, the crystal calibrator is on and providing 25 KHz marker signals across each band.

PTT - VOX

The PTT - VOX switch controls the VOX circuitry. In the PTT position, the transceiver can be placed into transmit for SSB by depressing the microphone push-to-talk switch. During CW operations, the transceiver is placed into transmit by positioning the MODE switch to CW for each CW transmission. Placing the PTT - VOX switch in VOX enables the VOX circuitry and allows the transceiver to be switched to transmit in SSB by just speaking into the microphone or closing the key in CW.

VOX - GAIN

The sensitivity of the VOX circuit is adjusted by the VOX - GAIN control. It should be adjusted to the point where the transceiver transmits with a normal level of voice.

VOX - ANTI

The ANTI VOX controls the VOX circuitry so that the transceiver will not transmit when the microphone picks up audio from the transceiver's speaker. This control and the VOX GAIN control should be alternately adjusted so that the transceiver transmits on audio from the voice but not from the speaker. Position the microphone to minimize its pick-up from the transceiver's speaker.

BACK PANEL:

- "S" METER ZERO The meter reading for "S" units is zeroed by this control with the antenna disconnected or the transceiver connected to a dummy load.
- SIDETONE LEVEL This control adjusts the level of CW sidetone heard in the speaker during CW transmissions.

INTERNAL CONTROLS:

- Balanced Mod. These controls adjust the null of the RF carrier. Recommendations are offered in the MAINTENANCE section for their proper adjustment.
- VOX CW Delay The length of time that the transceiver stays in transmit following the last CW character is adjusted by this control. This applies only to semi-break-in CW operation using the VOX circuitry.
- VOX SSB Delay The length of time that the transceiver stays in transmit following the last audio sound transmitted using VOX is adjusted by this control.
- "S" Meter Sens. The "S" meter sensitivity is factory adjusted. This control, located on the main circuit board, may be adjusted for a different setting or used to re-calibrate the "S" meter.

INITIAL CONTROL SETTINGS

Before turning power on, set all of the following controls as shown:

BAND	Desired band of operation
PRESELECTOR	Center of area marked for the selected band
VFO	A
MODE	NORM
BLANKER	Full counterclockwise
RF	Full clockwise
AF	Full counterclockwise
MIC GAIN	Full counterclockwise
VOX GAIN	Full counterclockwise
VOX ANTI	Full counterclockwise
CAL - OFF	OFF
CW DRIVE	Full counterclockwise
DIAL SET	In line with panel marking (12 o'clock)

CAUTION

Do not change bands when the transceiver is in the transmit mode.

INITIAL POWER ON

Turn power on with the AF control and advance the control until background noise is heard. Peak the PRESELECTOR within the band range for maximum noise. Connect an antenna to the transceiver and adjust the main tuning for a signal on the band. The transceiver is now fully operational for receiving signals.

Although the PRESELECTOR is normally adjusted for maximum signal (noise if no signal is present), it can also be used to reduce interfering signal splatter from very strong nearby stations by slightly de-tuning the control from maximum. With practice, this technique can be used very effectively. It should be noted that the "S" meter will not be accurately calibrated during the de-tuning of the control. This de-tuning process will have no effect on the transmitter.

CALIBRATION

Adjust the main tuning control to the nearest 25 KHz, 50 KHz or 100 KHz increment on the dial. Switch the crystal calibrator to CAL and adjust the DIAL SET control for a zero beat signal nearest the DIAL SET calibration mark on the front panel. It should be noted that on 10 meters it will be possible to find two or more calibration signals as the DIAL SET control is rotated. The 25 KHz and 75 KHz signals are about one "S" unit less than the 50 KHz and 100 KHz signals. When calibrating on 10 meters make a check using the "S" meter on the adjacent 25 KHz point to verify that the correct setting has been made.

WWV RECEPTION

From time to time it may be desired to check the accuracy of the internal crystal calibrator against WWV. The following tuning procedures can be followed for tuning in WWV at either 10 MHz or 15 MHz.

- 10 MHz: Set the BAND switch to 21, the main tuning dial to zero and adjust the PRESELECTOR for maximum signal at the 3.5 position. Minor retuning of the main tuning dial will bring in WWV.
- 15 MHz: Set the BAND switch to 3.5, the main tuning dial to 4.0 MHz and adjust the PRESELECTOR for maximum signal at the 28 position. Minor retuning of the main tuning dial will bring in WWV.

NOISE BLANKER

When noise is encountered, it may be possible to eliminate it by advancing the BLANKER level control clockwise. The balnker circuitry is very effective on ignition and other types of pulse noise but generally ineffective on some types of power line noise and atmospheric "static" on the lower bands. Optimum adjustment will be found through experience. If the BLANKER level control is advanced too far, cross modulation may occur. Some time spent experimenting under a variety of noise and band conditions will prove very worthwhile.

TRANSMIT - SSB

If not already done, perform the steps described in the Initial Control Settings and Initial Power On paragraphs of this manual section. Press the push-to-talk switch on the microphone and speak in a normal and natural tone of voice. Adjust the MIC GAIN control clockwise until the meter kicks upward on occasional voice peaks. This is the optimum gain setting. The transceiver is now ready for receive and transmitting SSB using PTT.

For VOX operation, position the PTT - VOX switch to VOX. Speak into the microphone in a natural tone of voice and adjust the VOX GAIN control until the transceiver goes into transmit. Stop talking and adjust the ANTI VOX control until the VOX circuitry does not react to sounds coming from the transceiver's speaker. Repeat the adjustments of the VOX GAIN and ANTI VOX until satisfactory VOX operation is achieved.

NOTE

✓ No other operator adjustments are required involving the transmitter circuits. A small amount of audio "talk-back" is normal in SSB. If this is objectionable when using head phones add some attenuation ahead of the phones. There is enough audio power in receive to compensate if the gain is turned up.

TRANSMIT - CW

Position the MODE switch to CW, place the key down, and adjust the CW DRIVE control until the meter just begins to move upward. Return the MODE switch to Norm. The transceiver is now ready for CW operation. It will be necessary to position the MODE switch to NORM during receive and to CW for transmit.

To operate semi-break-in, position the PTT - VOX switch to VOX and the MODE switch to CW. Each time the key is placed down, the transceiver will switch from receive to transmit. The transceiver will return to receive in about 1/2 second following the last CW character. The delay in switching to transmit is so small that even at high speeds the first "dit" will be only slightly shortened.

CAUTION

In order to protect the RF Amplifiers and to insure long life of the RF Amplifier's transistors, DO NOT leave the transceiver in CW transmit with the key down for more than three minutes at a time. For applications requiring full power for longer periods, such as RTTY, a fan must be used to cool the heat sink temperature to 158 degrees F maximum. Measure the temperature at the transistor studs. A "whisper type" fan should work quite adequately in most cases.

"S" METER ADJUSTMENT

Proper adjustment of the "S" meter zero is accomplished by selecting 10, 15 or 20 meters and connecting the transceiver to a dummy antenna load or completely detuning the transceiver's PRESELECTOR control. (No noise or signal should be received so as to deflect the "S" meter). Adjust the S METER ZERO control on the rear panel for a zero "S" meter reading. Be sure that the adjustment is not to an extreme causing the meter needle to be forced against its zero stop. The sensitivity of the "S" meter reading is factory adjusted and requires a calibrated signal generator for its adjustment.

CW SIDETONE VOLUME ADJUSTMENT

The SIDETONE LEVEL control on the rear panel provides for a level adjustment of the CW sidetone heard in the speaker. Adjust this control for the desired audio level during the transmission of CW.

EXTERNAL VFO

When an external VFO is connected, select position A, B or SPLIT of the VFO SELECTOR for the desired mode of operation. (See the CONTROL FUNCTIONS paragraph for a description of these control settings). If no external VFO is connected, leave the VFO SELECTOR switch in position A.

THIS COMPLETES THE OPERATIONAL DESCRIPTION.
YOU SHOULD NOW BE READY FOR ON-THE-AIR
OPERATION IF DESIRED. IT IS RECOMMENDED
THAT THE FOLLOWING CIRCUIT THEORY OF OPERA-
TION SECTION OF THIS MANUAL BE STUDIED ALSO,
SINCE A MORE THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF THE
TRANSCIEVER CAN HELP YOU GET BETTER SERVICE
AND ENJOYMENT FROM IT.

CIRCUIT THEORY OF OPERATION

GENERAL

The SS-15, SS-100 and SS-200 transceivers use all solid-state circuits. Many of the latest transistors and IC's are used and several new circuits, designed just for these transceivers, have been included. The development of the single sideband signal with suppressed carrier is achieved through the use of a balanced modulator and a crystal lattice bandpass filter. The following paragraphs of this section provide a detailed description of all systems and circuits. It is suggested that the schematic drawing at the end of this manual be opened for easy viewing during the reading of this section.

TRANSCEIVER SYSTEM

All circuit functions are integrated into a system which performs the transmit and receive functions. Figures 4 and 5 show block diagrams of the transmit and receive system. It should be noted that the asterisks on various blocks indicate that the circuits in that block are used for both transmit and receive. As an example, the VFO is a single circuit used for both transmit and receive.

RECEIVER CIRCUITS

The receive system is shown in Figure 4. The system is a single conversion superheterodyne receiver utilizing a product detector for SSB detection, an IF amplifier with a crystal filter at the input, a noise blanker circuit with a FET switch, and other standard superheterodyne circuits. Receiver circuits common to the transmitter are the VFO, AGC/ALC, crystal filter, IF amplifier, carrier oscillator and the 8 volt regulator. The following describes each circuit in the receiver.

RF AMP - The RF amplifier uses a dual gate MOSFET transistor Q205. The LC circuits are tuned at both the input and output of the amplifier using the PRESELECTOR control. The individual coils for each band are selected by the BAND switch. The amplifier is AGC controlled to reduce overloading and cross modulation.

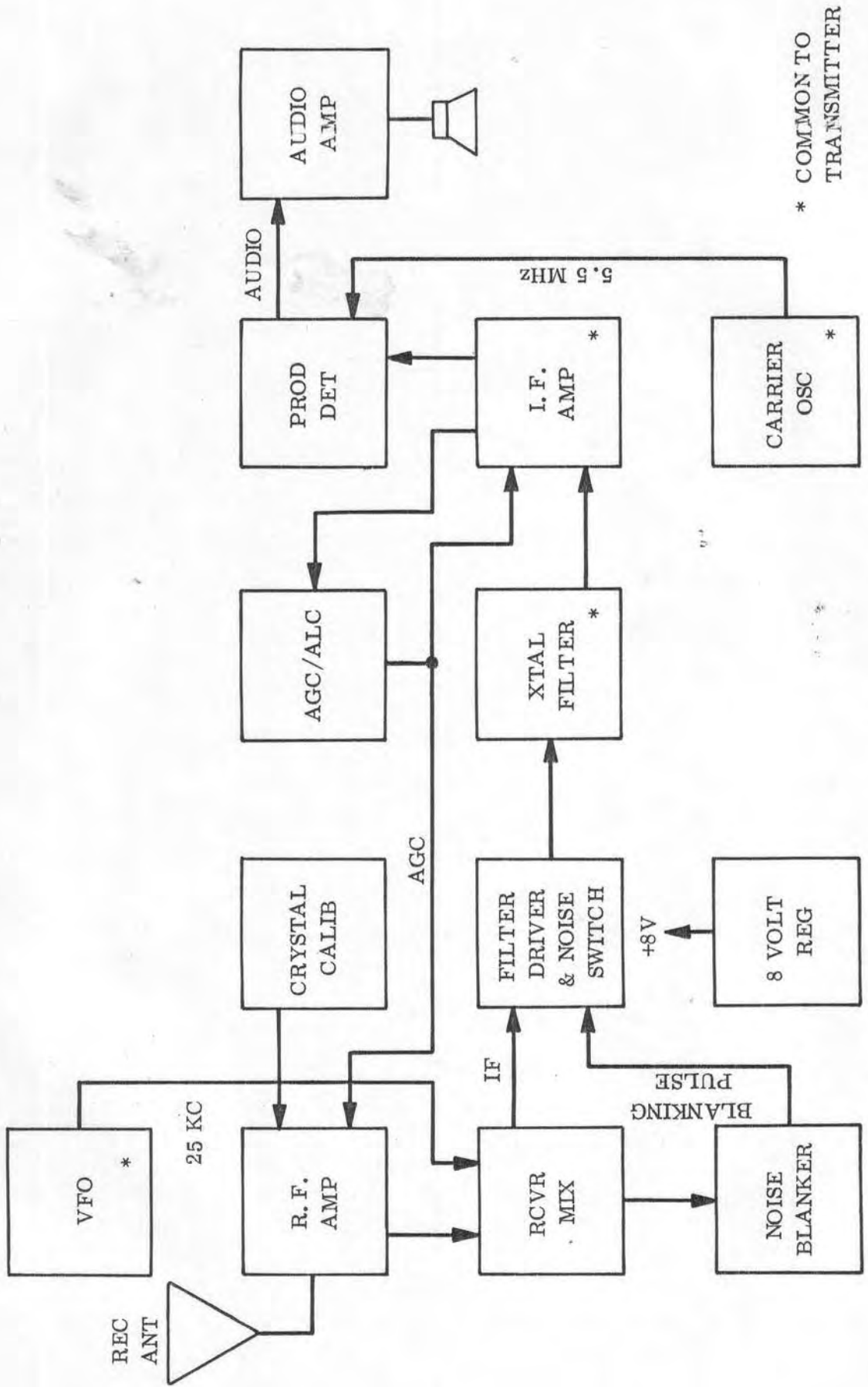


FIGURE 4. BLOCK DIAGRAM - RECEIVER

RCVR MIX - The receiver mixer amplifier also uses a dual gate MOSFET transistor Q206. The outputs from the RF amplifier and the VFO are mixed to convert the received RF signal to the IF frequency of 5.5 MHz. The VFO signal is switched and controlled by the VFO SELECTOR switch.

NOISE BLANKER - A portion of the receiver mixer output is connected to the noise blanker circuits. These circuits detect noise pulses and amplify and shape a blanking pulse. This blanking pulse is used by the FILTER DRIVER AND NOISE SWITCH (described in the following paragraph) to attenuate the unwanted noise ahead of the IF amplifier. The circuits included in the noise blanker are a dual gate MOSFET IF amplifier Q401, a FET pulse detector Q405 and a bipolar transistor pulse shaper and pulse driver Q406. The level established by the BLANKER LEVEL control allows the noise blanker to detect just the unwanted noise signals received.

FILTER DRIVER AND NOISE SWITCH - The blanking pulse, as described above, causes two balanced series connected FET transistors Q402 and Q403 to stop conducting. Since these two transistor circuits are connected in series with the IF signal, a 50 db attenuation of the IF signal is created each time the FET transistors stop conducting. The blanking pulse and the subsequent switching of the FET transistors is as fast as the unwanted noise pulse. The end result is complete attenuation of just a single noise pulse or a series of noise pulses. The wanted signals between the noise pulses (SSB or CW) are passed on to the IF amplifiers without attenuation. If the noise is short duration pulses with low percentage "on time", then the desired signals appear to the ear to be unaffected.

XTAL FILTER - The crystal filter narrows the IF passband to 2.7 KHz which is wide enough to allow reproduction of the human voice and narrow enough to filter adjacent frequency interference.

IF AMP - Two dual gate MOSFET transistors are used to make up the receiver IF amplifier system. The first IF amplifier Q407 is AGC controlled and a portion of its output is used to operate the "S" meter. The second IF amplifier Q408 is not AGC controlled but a portion of its output is used to develop the AGC voltage. It should be noted here that the first IF amplifier is also used in the transmitter and a description of its transmitter usage is found later in this section.

AGC/ALC - The AGC/ALC circuits are used to develop and apply the AGC and ALC control voltages. The AGC samples the output of the second IF amplifier and develops a negative voltage which is used to control the gain of the RF amplifier and the first IF amplifier. The purpose of the AGC is to maintain a nearly constant audio output level for a wide range of signal levels and to prevent overloading and cross modulation of the RF amplifier and IF amplifier due to strong signals received at the antenna. The RF GAIN control is located in the AGC system and it controls the start of AGC action by controlling the receiver's maximum RF gain. Since ALC pertains to the transmitter, it will be described later in this section.

VFO - The VFO is a three stage oscillator amplifier. The basic oscillator is a dual gate MOSFET Q301 followed by a FET Q302 and a bipolar Q303 transistor combination which provides high isolation, stability, and gain leveling. Each band has a separate LC circuit for individual bandspread tracking and temperature compensation. The VFO frequency is 5.5 MHz lower than the received frequency on 20, 15 and 10 meters and 5.5 MHz higher on 40 and 80 meters.

PROD DET - The product detector is essentially a mixer stage. It mixes the SSB IF signal frequency with the carrier oscillator frequency (the carrier oscillator is described later in this section). The resultant difference signal, from the sum and difference mixing, is the audio component of the received signal. The signal produced from the sum mixing is an RF signal and it is shunted to ground and not used. The transistor used for the product detector is a dual gate MOSFET Q410.

CARRIER OSC - The carrier oscillator is a crystal controlled oscillator amplifier Q107. Two crystals are provided for the control of upper and lower sideband. The 5.5 MHz crystal is selected by the NORM position of the MODE switch. In this position, the lower sideband is detected or generated on 80 and 40 meters and the upper sideband is selected on 20, 15 and 10 meters. The reason for the change from lower to upper sideband is the change from sum to difference mixing in both the receiver and the transmitter mixer stages. The 5.5033 MHz crystal is selected by the OPP position of the MODE switch. This shifts the carrier oscillator to the other end of the crystal filter causing a reversal of the sideband selected from that noted above. This oscillator is also used in the transmitter.

AUDIO AMP - The audio amplifier uses an integrated circuit and two power transistors Q701 and Q702. The maximum audio output is approximately 4 watts into a 4 ohm speaker load. The AF GAIN control on the front panel controls the level of audio at the input of the IC. A portion of the audio output is connected to the VOX circuitry for anti-vox control.

CRYSTAL CALIBRATOR - A bipolar transistor Q703 is used for the crystal oscillator amplifier. A 100 KHz crystal is used at the input to the oscillator amplifier and the output of the amplifier is followed by an integrated circuit which divides the 100 KHz down to 25 KHz. The output is rich in harmonics up to 30 MHz and it is connected to the receiver input. Some of the 50 KHz flip-flop output is coupled into the receiver to enhance the 50 KHz markers.

8 V REGULATOR - A nominal 8 volts from the regulator is supplied to sensitive circuits such as the VFO, carrier oscillator, "S" meter and the microphone amplifier. The regulator consists of an integrated circuit.

TRANSMITTER CIRCUITS

The transmit system is shown in Figure 5. The system is similar to the receiver in that it is also a single conversion system. Some circuits used in the transmitter are also used in the receiver and they include the AGC/ALC, crystal filter, the first IF amplifier, VFO, carrier oscillator, and the 8 volt regulator. A description will not be given in this section for the audio amplifier, VFO and the 8 volt regulator since the description offered earlier is adequate for this section. The following describes the remaining transmitter circuits.

SPEECH AMP - The low level voltage coming from the microphone is amplified and the frequency response shaped by the speech amplifier. The mic preamplifier is a FET transistor Q101 and it is followed by a highly stable integrated circuit feedback amplifier. A portion of the output from the mic preamplifier is used by the VOX circuitry through the VOX GAIN control. The MIC GAIN control is at the input to the integrated circuit.

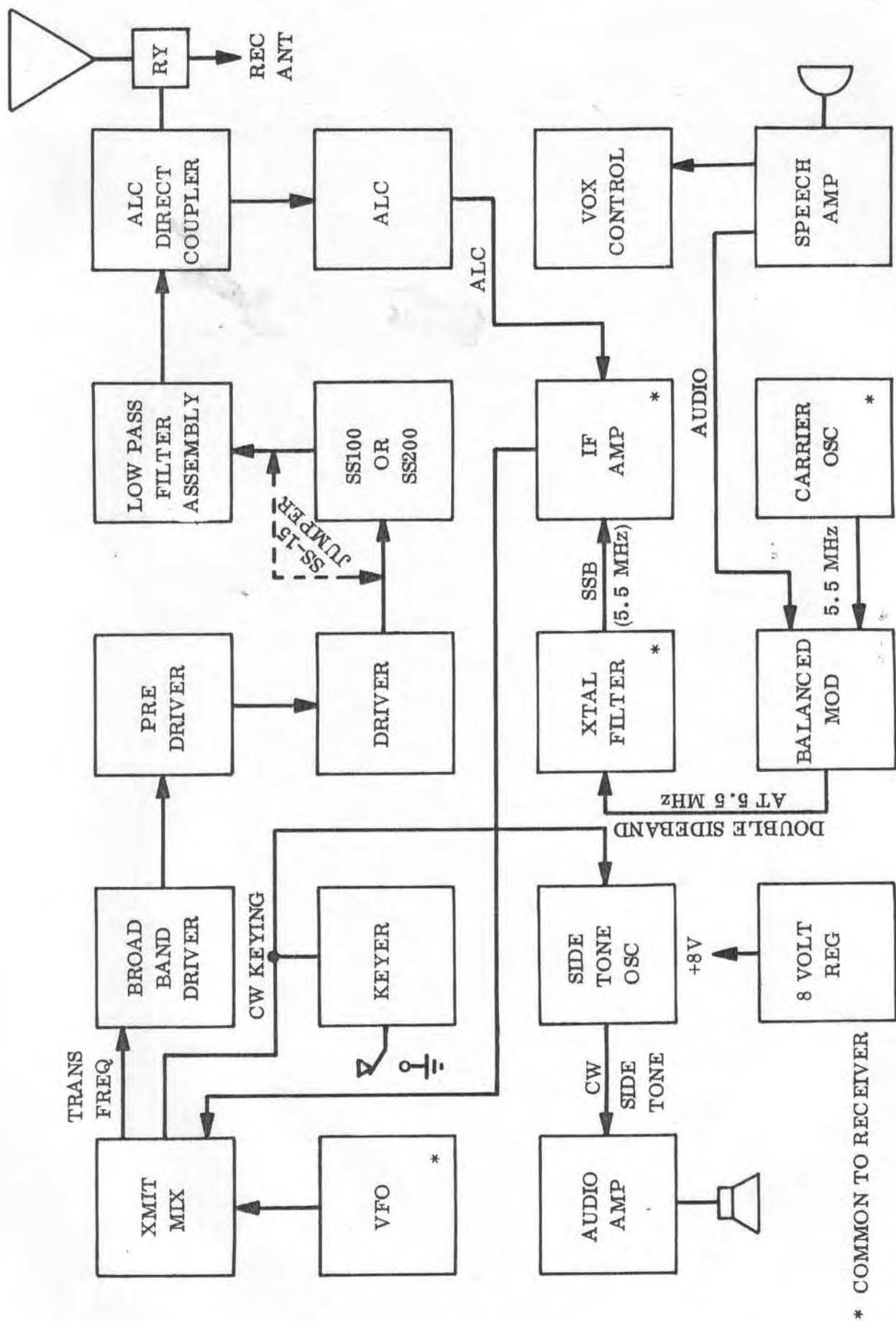


FIGURE 5. BLOCK DIAGRAM TRANSMITTER

BALANCED MODULATOR - A four diode ring modulator is used for the balanced modulator. The two inputs to the balanced modulator are the carrier oscillator output and either the audio output from the speech amplifier or DC from the CW drive. When balanced, no output of any kind is present at the modulator's output transformer. When audio is present at its input, the output of the balanced modulator is a double sideband signal without an RF carrier. If CW is being transmitted, the CW DRIVE control unbalances the modulator causing an RF carrier at the output.

XTAL FILTER - The crystal filter narrows the IF passband to 2.7 KHz. The filter is used to select the desired sideband which is positioned in the filter passband by selecting a 5.5000 MHz (NORM) carrier frequency on the lower skirt of the selectivity or a 5.5033 MHz (OPP) carrier frequency on the upper skirt. Figure 6 shows typical selectivity curves including those for both the standard and SS16B Swan filters.

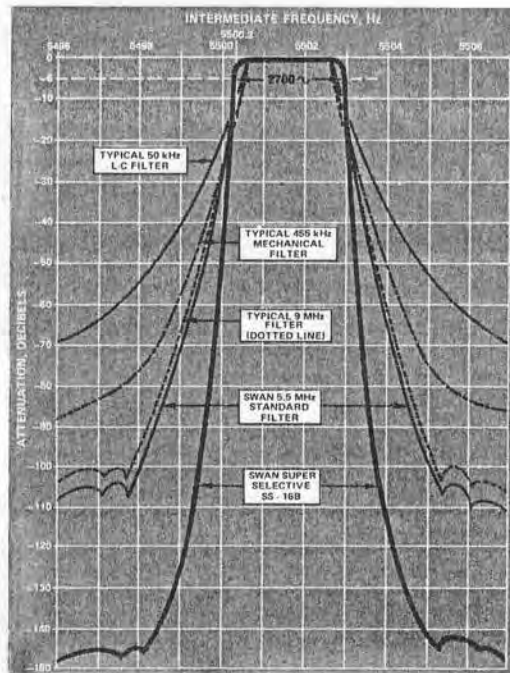


FIGURE 6

IF AMP - The first IF amplifier is a dual gate MOSFET transistor amplifier Q407. The amplifier is controlled by ALC during transmit to insure that other amplifier circuits are not overdriven. The "S" meter is still connected to the first IF amplifier as it is during receive, but the meter reading during transmit is an indication of ALC action. When the meter moves off of zero, the ALC circuit is reacting and it is an indication that the normal forward power output or 25% (of normal) reflected power has occurred.

XMIT MIX - The transmitter mixer is an integrated circuit. The output of the mixer produces the desired RF output frequency by mixing the output from the first IF amplifier and the VFO output. The voltage to the mixer is keyed through a transistor and RC shaping network when operating CW.

BROADBAND DRIVER - A single transistor Q202 is used as a preliminary linear amplifier. Although it contains LC tuned circuits it is a broadband amplifier (on the selected band) requiring no adjustment or tuning by the operator.

PRE DRIVER - Another broadband amplifier provides additional amplification of the transmit signal. A FET transistor Q203 is followed by transistor Q204. Both of these transistor amplifiers operate Class A linear.

DRIVER - The driver amplifier is the RF output amplifier for the SS-15 and is the driver amplifier for the SS-100 and SS-200. Three bipolar transistors are used as linear amplifiers to produce approximately 5 watts RF output.

LOW PASS FILTER ASSEMBLY - Although the transistor amplifiers are very linear, they still produce harmonic multiples of the fundamental frequency. The low pass filter is required to keep these harmonics 50 db or more below the desired fundamental. A different low pass filter is used for each band and is selected by the BAND switch. In cases where TVI is a problem, a good low pass TVI filter is recommended.

ALC DIRECTIONAL DETECTOR - The directional detector serves several functions. First it provides the control voltage to protect the transistor linear amplifiers. Either full rated power output in a forward direction or 25% of full rated power in a reflected direction causes the directional detector to activate the ALC and reduces the drive power. In this way the transceiver is fully protected for antenna shorts, opens or severe mismatch. Second, the directional detector provides the control voltage to the ALC so that the ALC can be adjusted (at the factory) to limit maximum RF output. This is done to preserve linear operation in the RF amplifiers. Increased drive from the microphone gain or CW drive will result in increased ALC action but not an increase in RF power output.

SS-100 AND SS-200 AMPLIFIERS - Both the SS-100 and SS-200 external linear amplifiers use special high power bipolar matched transistors and they are stud mounted to large heat sinks. These amplifiers are broadband (3 to 30 MHz) and are capable of excellent linearity (third order IMD products better than -30db).

VOX CONTROL - The VOX circuit utilizes an integrated circuit feedback amplifier and three bipolar transistors Q103, Q104 and Q105. The integrated circuit amplifies the audio received from the MIC PRE AMP and is adjusted for proper level by the VOX GAIN control. The VOX CONTROL transistor Q103 provides further amplification of the VOX signal but it also provides the adjustments for ANTI-VOX and delay (for both voice and CW). When VOX operation is not selected by the VOX - PTT switch, the VOX CONTROL transistor Q103 is turned off and transistor Q104 is operated directly from the microphone push-to-talk circuit. Transistor Q105 provides transmit relay switching voltage. It should be noted that separate controls are used for CW and voice delay adjustments.

KEYER - The keyer circuit is a bipolar transistor switch Q201 that operates from the external key or keyer and controls the on/off operation of the transmit mixer (XMIT MIX) stage. The design of the keyer provides for shaping of the rise and fall characteristics of the CW wave. This is done to minimize keyed bandwidth and still permit clean and crisp keying at high CW speeds. The shaper circuit also provides a smoothing effect to minimize the effects of contact bounce.

SIDETONE OSCILLATOR - The sidetone oscillator is an RC phase shift type using one bipolar transistor Q409. It is enabled and keyed in the CW mode only. Its output is filtered to produce a good clear note that is connected to the speaker audio amplifier. The level of output is adjustable from the back panel and the frequency is internally controlled by the RC constants.

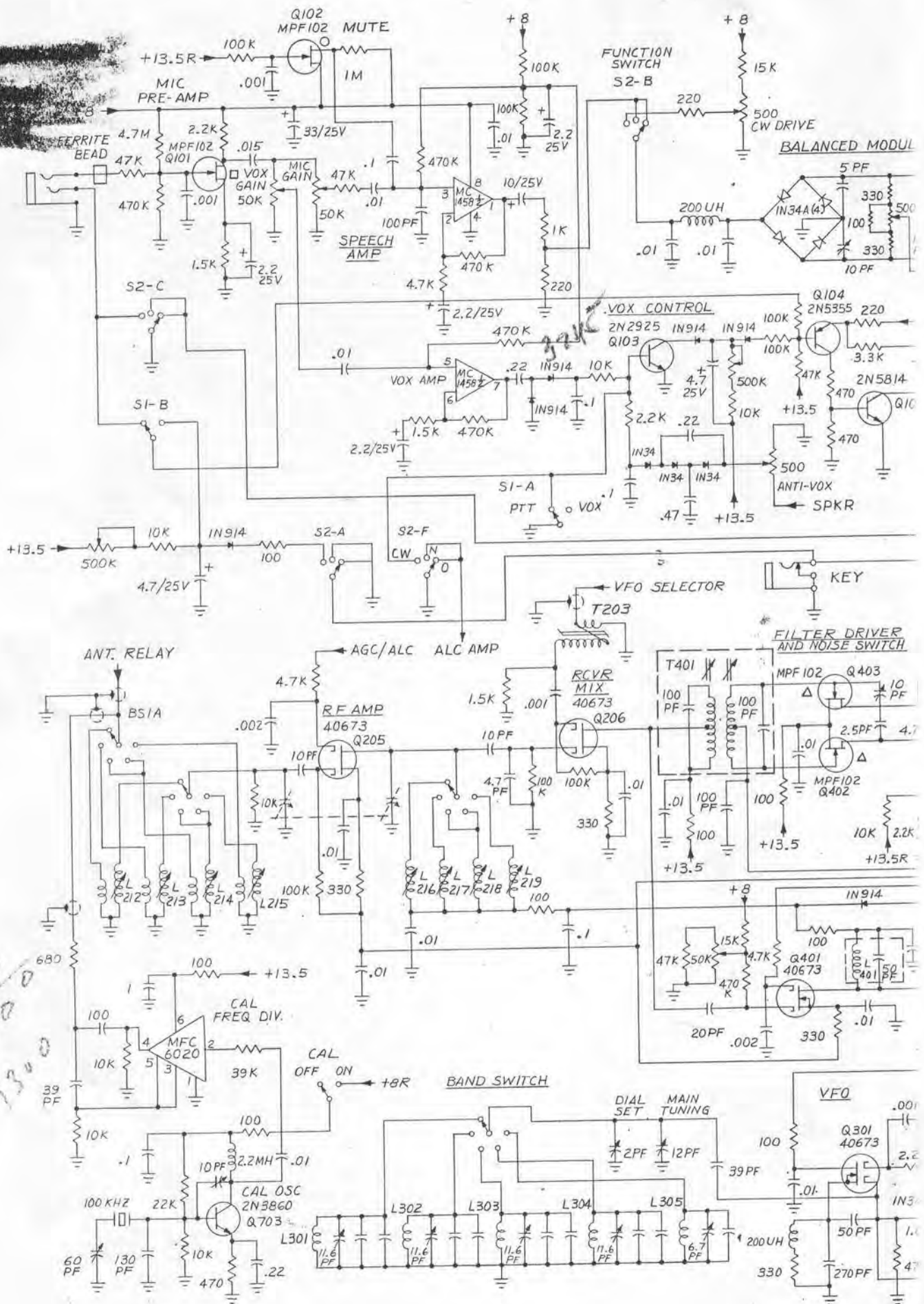
CARRIER OSCILLATOR - Although the carrier oscillator circuit was described earlier in this section, it should be noted here that the carrier oscillator's output frequency is shifted upward approximately 800 Hz from the normal 5.500 MHz when transmitting CW. This is done to allow the frequency of the carrier oscillator to fall within the passband of the crystal filter.

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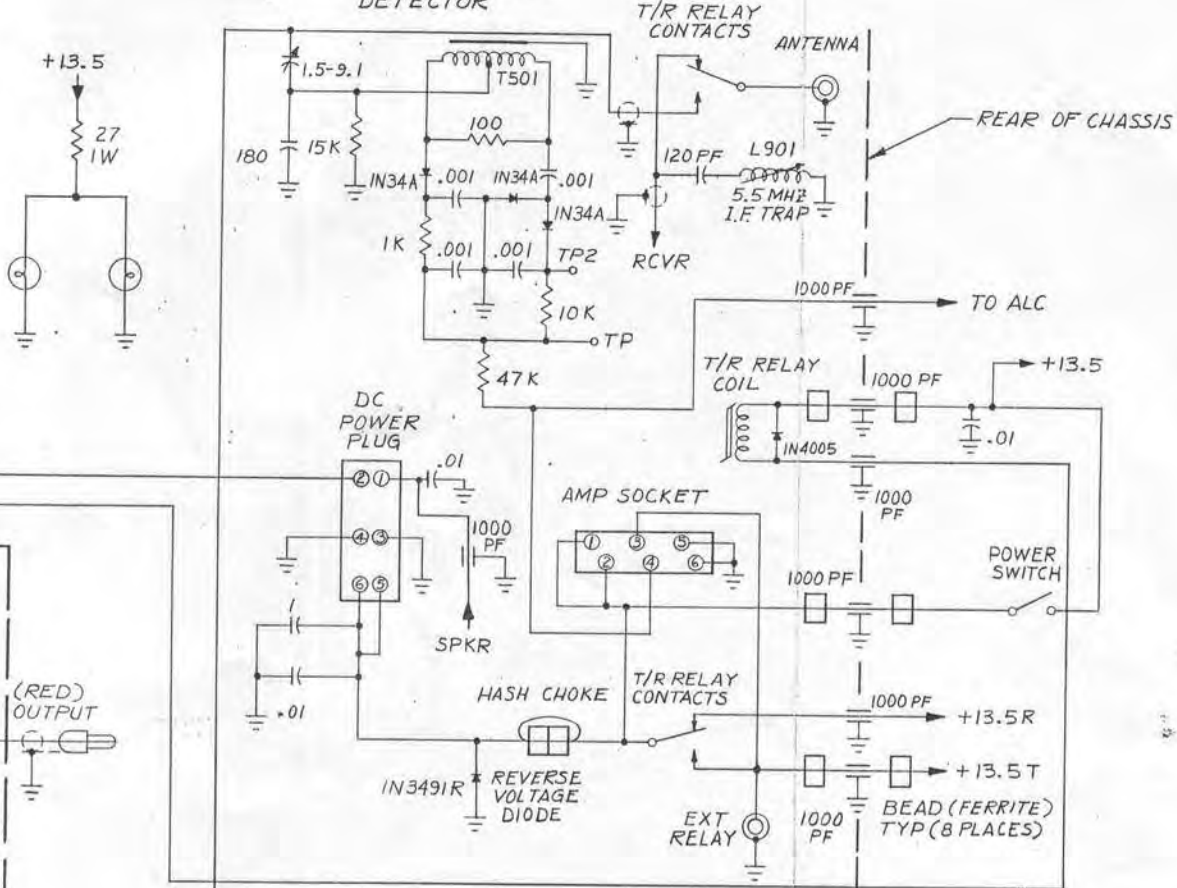
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(B) 0 to 50 watts (Forward and reverse)
(C) 0 to 500 watts (Forward and reverse)
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- Meter** Reads forward or reverse power in watts
- Accuracy** Better than $\pm 10\%$ of full scale
- Directivity** Better than 30 dB
- Insertion VSWR** 1.05:1 or less
- Dimensions** 6-1/2" High x 4-3/4" Wide x 6-3/4" Deep (Includes mounting feet, knobs and RF connectors)
- Weight** 2-3/4 pounds
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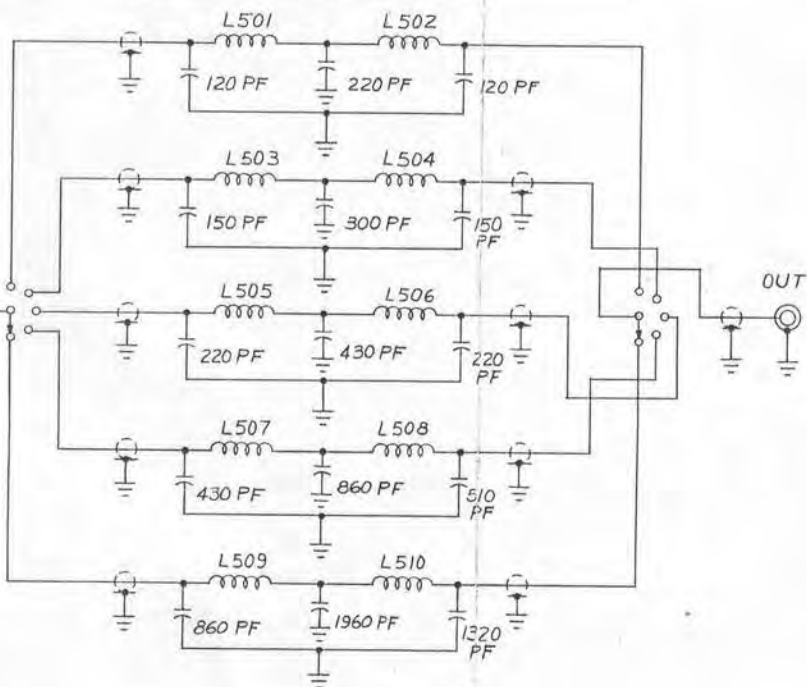


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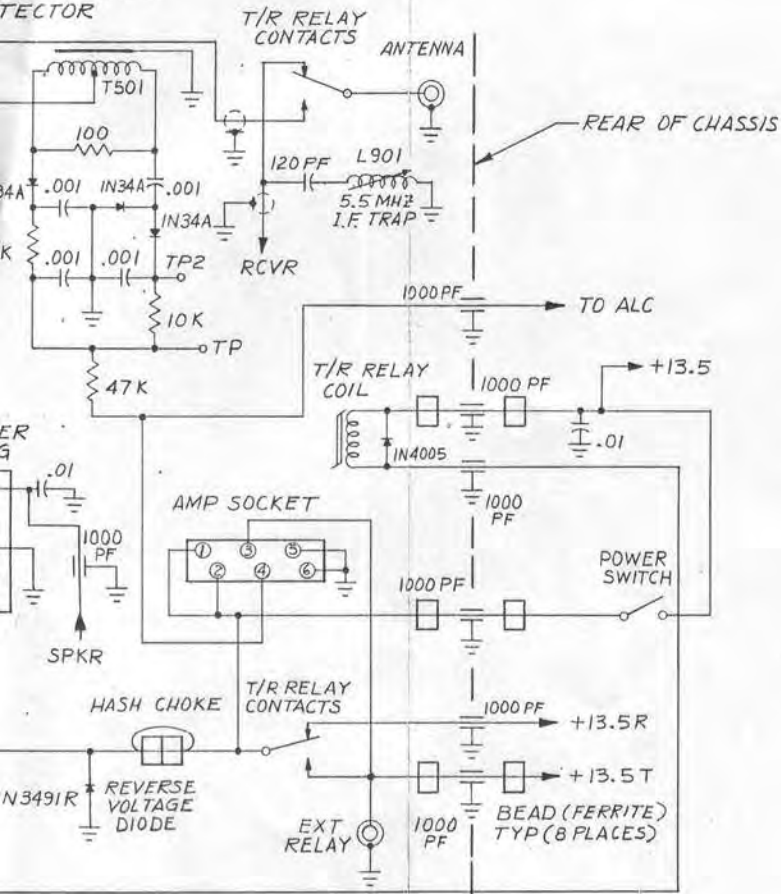


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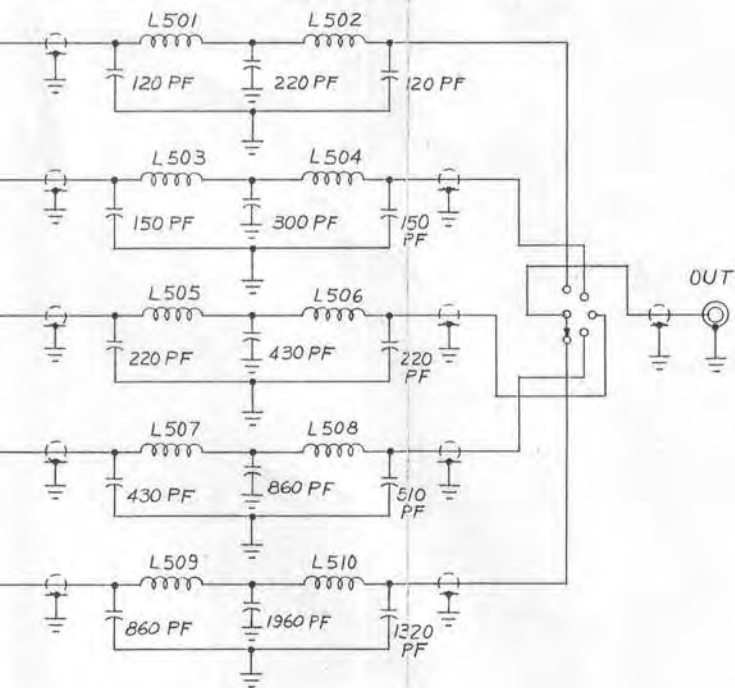
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