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#### **FOREWORD**

### I. WHAT IS C-QUAM?

C-QUAM is the Compatible Quadrature Amplitude Modulation method of stereo transmission by which a main (L+R) and a subchannel (L-R) signal are transmitted on a single carrier. This is accomplished by using two modulation modes to transmit the main and stereo information channels. Stereo receivers separate the signals to ultimately produce left and right channel audio while typical monophonic receivers detect only the L+R (mono) content of the C-QUAM signal. The most important feature of C-QUAM is that no compromises are made in the monophonic performance in order to transmit stereo. It is truly a compatible stereo transmission system.

### II. AM AND PM MODULATION

To ensure a full understanding of C-QUAM a quick presentation of modulation characteristics is in order.

Amplitude modulation is the process in which one signal's amplitude is varied by another signal. An oscilloscope display depicts the amplitude variation versus time of the AM signal. This is the familiar RF envelope display illustrated in Figure 1A. The AM signal can also be described in the frequency domain with an amplitude versus frequency plot. Figure 1B illustrates a typical spectrum analyzer display of an AM signal. The display reveals a carrier and two sidebands separated from the carrier by the modulating frequency. In AM, as the modulation is increased, the sideband amplitudes increase but the average carrier level remains constant.

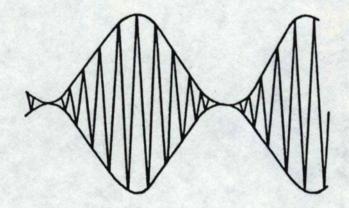


FIGURE 1A ENVELOPE

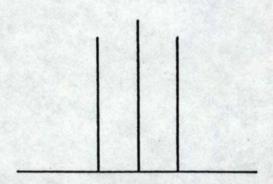


FIGURE 1B SPECTRUM

FIGURE 1

AMPLITUDE MODULATION

Phase modulation results in very different time and frequency domain plots. PM is generated by varying the phase of the carrier signal, and thus, its frequency, while the amplitude remains constant. Figure 2A illustrates a PM signal RF envelope. The spectrum analyzer plot of a PM signal reveals sidebands spaced at multiples of the modulation frequency from the carrier. Since the amplitude of the PM signal is constant, the phasing of the sidebands is such that they add and subtract to produce a constant amplitude. Figure 2B illustrates the PM signal spectrum plot.

Since the phase of the carrier is not affected by amplitude variations, a phase detector output is zero when an AM signal is input. Similarly, an envelope detector does not detect phase variations of the PM signal. All the sidebands add and subtract according to their phasing to produce a constant amplitude RF signal. Thus, a phase modulated carrier can also be amplitude modulated producing a signal that carries two channels of information easily separated at the receiver. Most important is the fact that neither modulation mode affects the output of the other mode detector. This effect allows C-QUAM to be perfectly compatible with all AM receivers. C-QUAM transmits the L+R (mono) information with AM while the L-R (stereo) information is contained on the PM signal. The millions of existing envelope detector type radios now in use detect only the L+R AM signal, thus producing a clear undistorted mono audio signal that is completely unaffected by the L-R stereo subchannel information sent on the same carrier. Stereo decoders detect the L+R and L-R separately and dematrix them to produce left and right stereo audio.

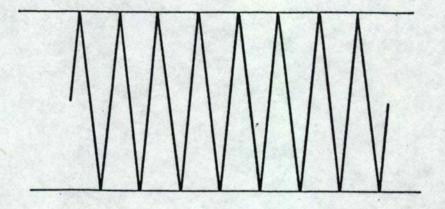


FIGURE 2A

ENVELOPE

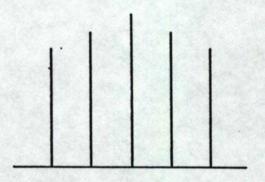


FIGURE 2B

SPECTRUM

FIGURE 2

PHASE MODULATION

#### III. GENERATING C-QUAM

The AM/PM method of stereo transmission discussed can be achieved by several methodologies. C-QUAM uses the L+R information to produce an in phase, I, AM signal while the L-R information is used to generate a quadrature (900 phase shifted), Q, AM signal. Summing the I and Q signals results in a signal that is both amplitude modulated and phase modulated. This quadrature amplitude modulated (QUAM) signal is not compatible with envelope detector receivers because the Q channel amplitude affects the amplitude of the sum of the I and Q channels. The QUAM signal is thus passed through a limiter to strip off the amplitude variations leaving only a phase modulated carrier. This phase modulated carrier generated from quadrature amplitude modulation replaces the carrier normally generated by the crystal oscillator in the broadcast transmitter. The I information (L+R) can then be used to amplitude modulate the phase modulated carrier in the broadcast transmitter as is done in conventional AM. The output of the transmitter is thus the C-QUAM signal. Figure 3 illustrates the C-QUAM transmission methodology.

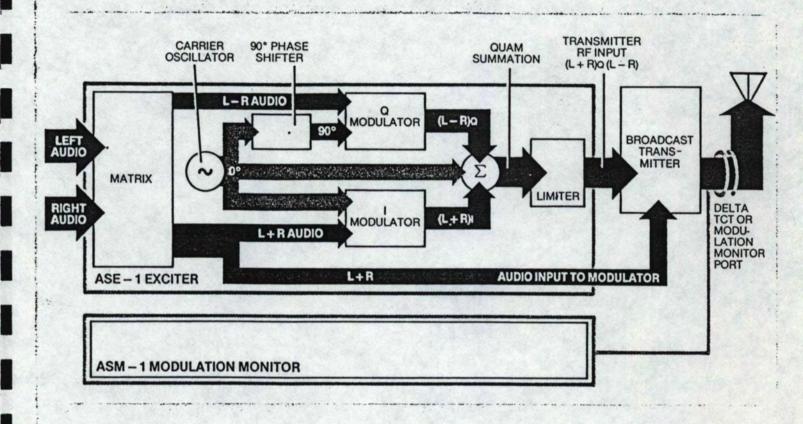


FIGURE 3
C-QUAM BLOCK DIAGRAM

#### SECTION 1

#### INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 SCOPE

This manual describes the installation, adjustment and maintenance of the C-QUAM Stereo System ASE-1/ASM-1 manufactured by Delta Electronics, Inc. The information in this manual is intended for use only by Delta trained or approved Installation Team personnel. Section 2 deals with checkout of newly delivered C-QUAM Stereo equipment. Section 3 instructs measurement of broadcast transmitter performance with the ASM-1. Section 4 discusses the ASE-1/transmitter RF interface. Section 5 describes the required audio connections and adjustments for phasing and equalization. In Section 6, procedures are given for the first Proof of Performance measurement process involving the new equipment. Sections 7 and 8 are Equipment and Assembly level Lists of Material, and Assembly Schematic Diagrams, respectively.

As noted in the accompanying Customer Information, Delta warrants its C-QUAM Stereo products as to material integrity, unit quality and workmanship, excluding component parts purchased from other sources. Also, this Manual is intended for use only by personnel familiar with potentially hazardous electrical/electronic circuitry. It does not contain a complete statement of safety precautions. The information presented is accurate up to Issue Date., but Delta cannot assume liability for technical application of that information, nor for damage or injury resulting from use of the subject C-QUAM Stereo equipment.

### 1.2 SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

### 1.2.1 System Closed Loop Performance

The following measurements represent typical closed loop performance of the Exciter operating into the Monitor.

Stereo Separation:

Harmonic Distortion:

35 dB minimum, 100 Hz to 5 kHz

L = R monaural 0.25% max., at 85% mod.

Frequency Response:

L,R 50 Hz to 15 kHz +/- 1.0 dB

L = -R pure stereo 0.5% max, at 85% mod.

L, R single channel 1.0% max., at 70% mod.\*

\*NOTE: This is equivalent of 140% modulation 70% envelope modulation, simultaneous with 70% stereo information.

### 1.2.2 ASE-1/ASM-1 Unit Specifications

#### EXCITER

Audio Input: Right and Left 0-10 dBm Adjustable, 600 ohms balanced

Meter Range:
-20 to 3 dB
0 dB = 100% modulation

RF Output: Adjustable, to 3W (Carrier frequency) into 50 ohms

Audio to Transmitter (L+R)<sub>I</sub>:
Adjustable, to 16 dBm

#### MONITOR

RF Input: 1-10 volts RMS, impedance 50 ohms Frequency crystal controlled

Modulation Meters' Range: 0-140%, -20 to 3 dB Adjustable, 0 to -50 dB in -10 dB steps

Accuracy: +2%, at 100% mod.,400 Hz

### 1.2.3 ASE-1/ASM-1 Controls and Indicators

EXCITER

Meter Functions: (L+R)<sub>Q</sub> and (L-R)<sub>Q</sub> or LEFT and RIGHT selected by front panel switch

Also (L+R) using (L+R) ENV Switch under front panel cover

Mode Switches: STEREO/MONAURAL Switch under front panel cover NIGHT/DAY Switch under front panel cover

Pilot Tone Switch: ON/OFF Switch under front panel cover

LED Indicators: STEREO, NIGHT, PILOT

Phase Equalization: Adjustable internally

Exciter Outputs:
BNC connectors, rear panel
High Level carrier frequency,
phase modulated
TTL Level carrier frequency,
phase modulated
Unmodulated carrier frequency
sync output
Sample Transmitter C-QUAM output,
2 volts peak-to-peak into 50
ohms for closed loop tests.

Barrier Strip, rear panel L+R audio output

#### MONITOR

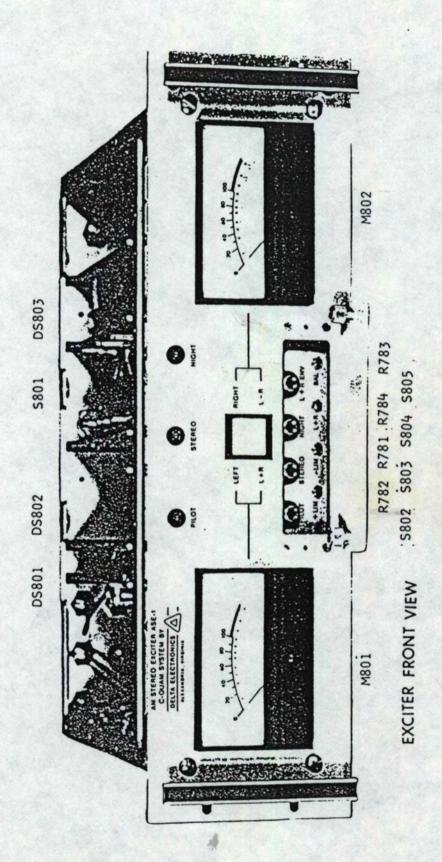
Modulation Meters' Functions: (+) or (-) L and L+R, or R and L-R Front panel switch

Peak Modulation Indicators:
(L+R) Group:
-100% indicator internally set to
flash when modulation exceeds -99%
+125% indicator internally set to
flash when modulation exceeds +124%
Peak Indicator adjustable via
wheel switches from 30% to 150%.
Modulation selectable via pushbutton switches + or -

(L-R) Group:
Negative limit set internally to
flash at 1.46 radians or 83.67°
(L-R) limit set internally to flash
when modulation exceeds 99%
Peak flasher adjustable via thumbwheel switches for 30% to 125%

Monitor Outputs:

BNC connectors, rear panel
Remote Flashers (L+R), (L-R)
Remote Meters (L+R), (L-R)
Right and Left Audio
600 ohms, balanced and unbalanced
(L+R), (L-R) and 25 Hz



1.3	ASE-1 STEREO EXCITER DESCR	IPTION
1.3.1	Exciter Front Panel	
REF	DESCRIPTION	FUNCTION
M801 M802	Meters	Audio level meters for test/set up Note: the meters are not to be used as an indication of modulation
DS801	Pilot Indicator LED	On/Off indication of pilot output
DS802	Stereo Indicator LED	On/Off indication of stereo operating mode
S801	Function Switch	Top - (L+R <sub>I</sub> ) set up position indicating the relative level of left and right channel audio drive.
		Bottom - (L+RQ) indicates L+R and L-R audio drive levels
DS803	Night Indicator LED	On/Off indication of night operating mode
R782	+ Limit	* Audio drive level limiting adjustment
R781	- Limit	* Audio drive level limiting adjustment
R784	L+R Adj	Sets output levels of L+R signal fed to modulation input of station transmitter
S803	Mono/Stereo Switch	Selects between mono and stereo mode
S802	Stereo Pilot Switch	On-Off pilot switch
\$805	L+R Envelope Switch	Momentary action pushbutton switch to test if drive to the L+R <sub>I</sub> envelope is present
S804	Night/Day Switch	Changes equalization for use with another transmitter or antenna. Works in parallel with remote switch on back. Optional control used only if Exciter is equipped with the night equalization feature.
R783	Balance	Allows slight amplitude adjustment between left and right inputs

<sup>\*</sup> Misadjustment will reduce stereo separation

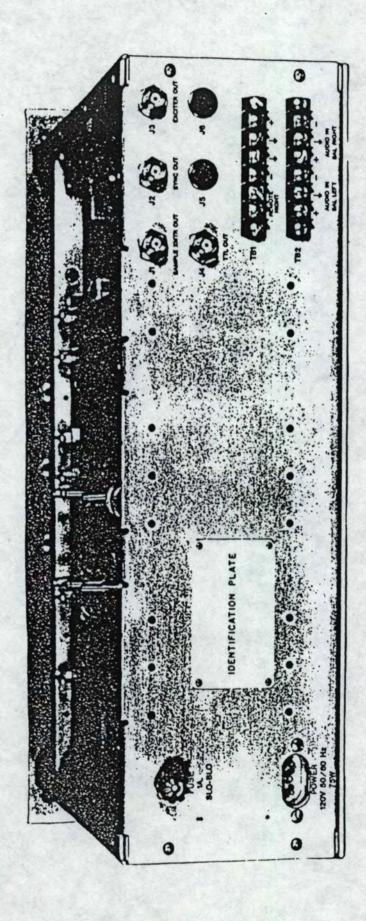
1.3.2	Exciter	Rear	Panel

REF	DESCRIPTION	FUNCTION
J2	Sync Out	Sync from encoder to evaluate amount of phase modulation of master carrier frequency
J3	Exciter Output	Square wave output to AM transmitter for high power drive (0.5 to 5.0 watts in steps). This signal is the phase modulated substitute for the transmitters' oscillator.
J1	Sample Transmitter Output	C-QUAM output for test of Exciter to monitor
TB1 1, 2	Remote Night/Day Switch	Works in parallel with front panel switch for changing equalization when using another transmitter or antenna. (See Exciter front panel controls.)
TB2	Audio Input	Left and Right 600 ohm balanced audio input 0 dBm to 10 dBm (determined at time of installation).
TB1 3-6	L+R Output	Balanced output from L+R amplifier to station transmitter (normal AM modulation input). Adjusted by L+R Adj. front panel control, +16 dBm maximum.
J4	TTL Output	Phase modulated signal which is acceptable for TTL compatible transmitters. Substitutes for normal oscillator of station transmitter.

# 1.3.3 Exciter Circuit Cards - Basic Functions

Power Supply

The Power Supply operates from a 117V AC, 60 Hz source and is protected with a 1.5 amp fuse. It provides (+5), (-15) and (+15) volt DC regulated outputs and -24V DC unregulated for the meter lamps and front panel LEDs.



Audio Equalization Matrix (Day Card)

This unit receives the LEFT and RIGHT audio inputs and passes these signals through the HIGH and LOW FREQUENCY EQUALIZATION sections, compensating for signal path differences in various transmitters. The signals then pass to the audio matrix circuitry that produces the L+R and L-R, I and Q signals. Positive and negative peak limiting of these signals is provided and finally this unit drives the front panel meters that display the relative audio drive levels.

Audio Night Processor (Night Card)

This unit, when the FRONT PANEL SWITCH is in the NIGHT position receives the LEFT and RIGHT audio inputs and passes these signals through the HIGH and LOW FREQUENCY EQUALIZATION sections, compensating for signal path differences in the NIGHT transmitter. LEFT and RIGHT audio signal DELAY from 0 to 15 microseconds is also provided to compensate for both the DAY and NIGHT transmitter signal path delay differences.

A PROCESS circuit to prevent high single channel modulation (LEFT or RIGHT audio signals only) operation is located on this unit.

Encoder

The encoder generates the primary frequency of the station. The carrier is modulated with two signals, (L+R) and (L-R) 90° out of phase. A limiter eliminates the AM component of the QUAM signal. The source for the pilot frequency is located on this card.

L+R Amplifier/Sample Transmitter

The L+R amplifier located on this circuit card generates an output which drives the envelope modulator of the normal station transmitter. It also originates a sample C-QUAM transmitter signal which simulates the full stereo transmitter for the purpose of checking the modulation monitor.

RF Amplifier

The RF amplifier produces a variable high power phase modulated output and a TTL level output which replaces the transmitter master oscillator.

Bulk Delay Card

This unit supplements the LEFT and RIGHT audio signal DELAY of the AUDIO, NIGHT, PROCESSOR (NIGHT CARD) by providing four 8 microsecond delay sections for a total of 32 microseconds of additional delay.

Audio Interface Card

This circuit card mounted on the left side of the EXCITER provides the interconnections for the two 600 ohm attenuator pads that reduce the station's LEFT and RIGHT input audio (typically +10 dBm level for 100% modulation) by 16 dB before the signals reach the balanced input TRANSFORMERS. The (L+R)<sub>I</sub> audio signal output transformer is also interconnected on this card.

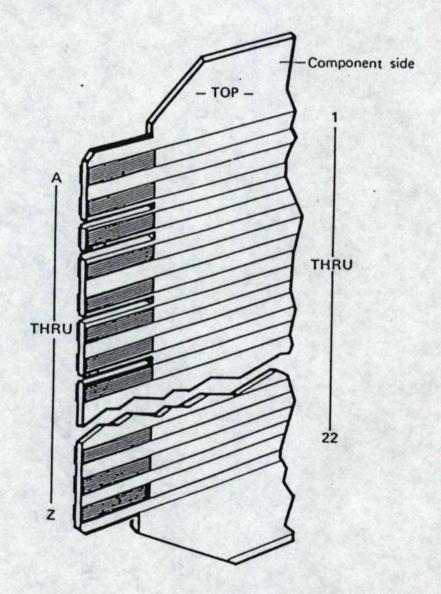
### 1.3.4 Exciter Circuit Card Edge Connector Pin Identification

The exciter circuit card has 22 connections on each side of the card, labelled as shown above.

#### CAUTION

Be sure to reinsert cards oriented in the same position as they were removed.

# **EDGE CONNECTOR PINIDENTIFICATION**



The exciter circuit card has 22 connections on each side of the card. When viewed as shown above, the alphabetical pin outs are always on the left and the numerical are on the right.

- CAUTION -

Be sure to reinsert cards oriented in the same position as they were removed.

## 1.4 ASM-1 MODULATION MONITOR DESCRIPTION

### 1.4.1 Modulation Monitor Front Panel

REF	DESCRIPTION	FUNCTION
M801 M802	Meters	Modulation meters for test and set up
S801	Meter Range Switches	Left channel meter range selection switches
S802	Meter Range Switches	Right channel meter range selection switches
S801	Left Channel Modulation Function Switch	Switches peak flasher DS803 and left meter between (L+R), (L), (+) or (-) functions
DS803 DS804	(L+R) Flashers and Controls	The (L+R) peak flasher modulation range is set via the front thumb wheel switch. Its function depends on the modulation switch setting S801. The monaural (-100%) envelope and (+125%) envelope limits have no external settings and are both fixed factory adjustments. Peak amplitude can be accurately determined by increasing the reading on the thumb wheel until the light goes out. The number on the thumb wheel will be the peak modulation.
S802	Right Channel Modulation Function Switch	Switches peak flasher S804 and right meter between (L-R), (R), (+) or (-) functions.
DS804 DS805	(L-R) Flashers and Controls	The (L-R) peak flasher modulation range is set via the front thumb wheel switch. Its function depends on the modulation switch setting S802. The (L-R limit) and (neg limit) have no external setting and are both fixed factory adjustments.
DS804 DS805	(L-R) Flashers and Controls (Continued)	The (L-R limit) is equivalent of a 100% phase modulation signal. The (neg limit) indicates that the L-R component is overmodulating the combined modulation envelope. Peak amplitude can be accurately determined by increasing the

MONITOR FRONT PANEL

		reading on the thumb wheel until the light goes out. The number on the thumb wheel will be the peak modulation.
DS807	Pilot Tone Indicator	Indicates presence of 25 Hz pilot tone
M803	Carrier Level Meter	Establishes a carrier reference level necessary to insure that the circuits driving the modulation meters are affected only by modulation changes. The carrier level meter indicates the average RF signal level input to the monitor decoder circuits. The RF signal input is set to a level (indicated on the meter and determined by the manufacturer) bymeans of the carrier set control R819. As long as the carrier level indication is within the range of the meter (+/-20% change of RF level), the modulation circuits will be within their design accuracy.
S803	Switch	Two position meter function switch. In the pilot tone position, the carrier meter must indicate in the black square (pilot) position. This is a fixed factory adjustment which does not have an external setting.  In the carrier set position, the meter must indicate in the center on SET. The set position can be adjusted with the (carrier set) and rear panel (RF attenuator) controls.
R819	Carrier Set Control	Vernier control which operates in conjunction with the 60 dB RF step attenuator on the back panel.
1.4.2	Modulation Monitor Rear Panel	
REF	DESCRIPTION	FUNCTION
J2	Remote Modulation Meter L+R	DC drive current for remote panel meter operation
Jl	Remote Peak Flasher L+R	Drive signal for remote operation of flasher

MONITOR REAR PANEL

J3	Remote Peak Flasher L-R	Drive signal for remote operation of flasher
J5	Envelope Detector	Test output to evaluate monitor decoder
J7	L-R Detector	L-R (quadrature) detector test output to evaluate monitor decoder
J9	Unbalanced Output Left	For distortion measurements of left audio channel
J11	Unbalanced Output Right	For distortion measurements of right audio channel
S803 (A3)	RF Attenuator	A 60 dB step attenuator in 10 dB steps used with the front panel carrier set control to calibrate the monitor
J13	RF Input	RF sample input from transmitter
J12	L-R	L-R output for evaluation of stereo signal
J10	L+R	L+R (mono) output for evaluation of monaural signal
Ј8	In Phase Detector (I Det)	Test output to evaluate monitor decoder operation
J6	Pilot Tone Output	Counter connection for measurement of pilot frequency
TB1	600 Balanced	Balanced 600 ohm audio output
J4	Remote Modulation Meter L-R	DC drive current for remote panel meter operation

# 1.4.3 Monitor Circuit Cards - Basic Functions

Power Supply

The power supply operates from a 110V AC source and is protected with a 2 amp fuse. It provides (+5), (-15), and (+15) volt DC outputs, and the 28 volts for the modulation meter lamps.

MONITOR CIRCUIT CARD LOCATIONS Meter .

This circuit card contains the audio amplifiers and peak detectors which drive the DC meters. Additionally, it provides the circuitry to drive both right and left peak flashers operating in conjunction with the front panel mounted thumb wheels. It also provides the audio matrix of balanced and unbalanced outputs to the rear cabinet ports. Pilot reject filters are included on this circuit card which eliminate the 25 Hz pilot tone from the meters when making measurements of the left or right channel.

AVC

The AVC circuit card controls the audio signal level allowing the audio signal to be used as an instantaneous indication of the modulation level. This card also contains the carrier level detector and carrier meter drive circuitry, along with the pilot detector and meter drive circuits. With the exception of the two peak flashers, the five remaining flasher drivers are on the AVC panel:

- 1. +125% envelope limit
- 2. -100% envelope
- L-R limit (measures recovered audio)
- 4. Neg limit (combined overmodulation indicator)
- Pilot tone indicator

### Decoder

The decoder receives 450 KHz from the mixer circuit card, then detects and separates the envelope and  $(L-R)_Q$  signals which are sent to the AVC card. For test purposes, it provides three detected outputs to rear

### cabinet ports:

- 1. Envelope detector output
- 2. In-phase detector
- 3. L-R quadrature detector

Mixer

The station RF signal is input to this circuit for conversion to a 450 kHz IF. It has a wide band front end which is switch programmed to the station frequency at the factory.

### 1.4.4 Monitor Curcuit Card Edge Connector Pin Identification

The Monitor circuit card has 22 connectors on each side of the card, labelled as shown above.

NOTE: The card pin outs are keyed to the socket.

#### CAUTION

Be sure to reinsert cards oriented in the same position as they were removed.

CARD EDGE CONHECTOR
PIN IDENTIFICATION

#### SECTION 2

#### EQUIPMENT CHECKOUT AND INITIAL TESTS

### 2.1 CHASSIS INSPECTION

The shipping cartons for the Exciter and Monitor are designed to protect the equipment for normal handling during shipment. Thoroughly inspect the equipment for any evidence of mishandling. Report damage to the carrier immediately.

### 2.2 MECHANICAL CHECKOUT

#### CAUTION

Complete this procedure before applying power to units.

Remove all screws from the top panels of the Exciter and the Monitor. Open the card sockets by operating the cam levers. Reseat each board by firmly pressing down on the board while closing the socket using the cam lever.

After reseating all circuit cards, secure the top covers to the Monitor and Exciter.

### 2.3 REQUIRED TEST EQUIPMENT

Low distortion oscillator, 600 ohms output, +10 dBm, less than 0.1% distortion.

Distortion analyzer, capable of indicating distortion levels of less than 0.1% distortion.

Oscilloscope, bandwidth 10 MHz or better, capable of X-Y display of audio frequencies with no appreciable phase shift.

Spectrum analyzer, frequency range covering the AM broadcast band, better than 60 dB logarithmic scale, and a resolution of better than 300 Hz.

Use of Stereophonic X-Y Oscilloscope Display

Use an oscilloscope continually in an X-Y mode to display the stereophonic operation of the C-QUAM Exciter and Monitor. An adequate X-Y display requires an oscilloscope of such sensitivity, bandwidth and phase characteristics that both the horizontal and vertical axes display audio signals of approximately 0.5 volts peak to peak with no appreciable phase shifting. The X-Y display is very useful in troubleshooting and adjusting AM stereo equipment. It can indicate the amount and nature of incidental phase modulation, audio displays or phase shifts, operation of audio processing equipment, amount of stereo in programming and display many other system characteristics, in keeping with the expertise of the observer.

Figure 5 shows the ideal displays of sine wave modulation under the indicated modes of stereo operation. Additional sample X-Y displays are shown in Figures 6 and 7.

Referring to Figure 1 on Page 2-4, connect the oscilloscope to the Monitor unbalanced left and right BNC outputs J9 and J11. Connect the left output to the X axis oscilloscope input.

#### CAUTION

Reduce the intensity of the oscilloscope during extended periods of zero modulation as the trace will consist of a single dot which could burn the phospher of the cathode ray tube.

Figure 5.

Ideal Oscilloscope Displays of Stereo Signals

Figures 6 \$7.

Sample Oscilloscope Displays of Stereo Signals

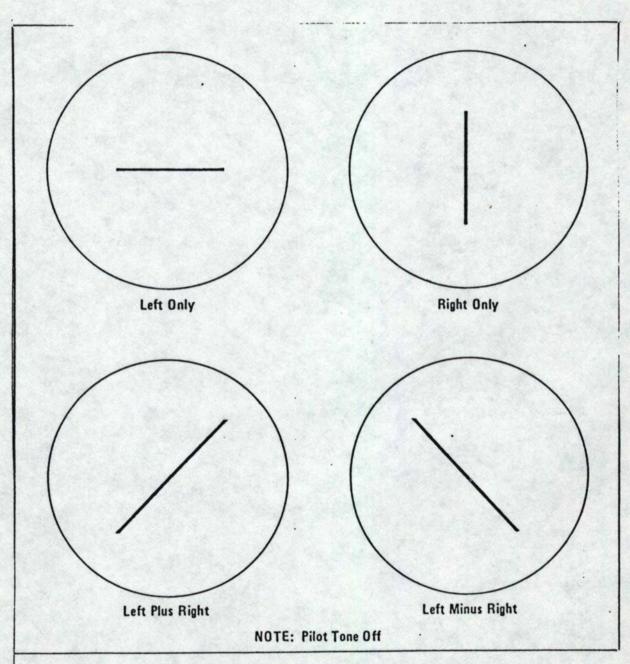


Figure 5. Ideal Oscilloscope Displays of Stereo Signals

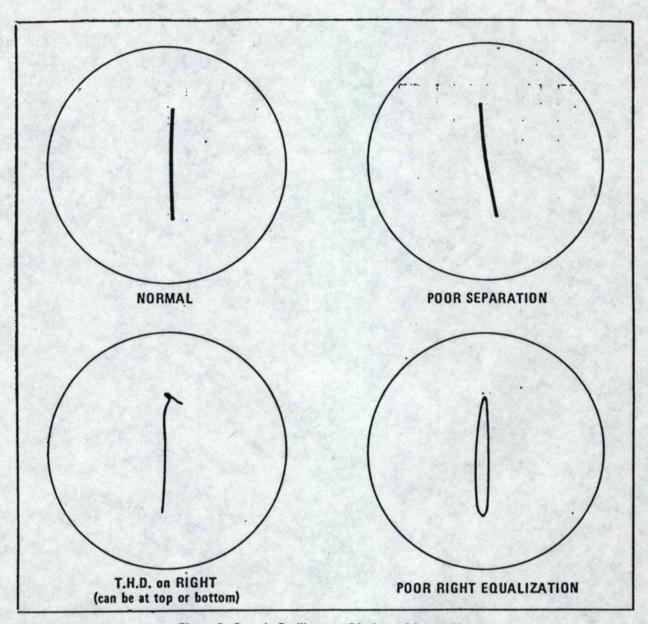
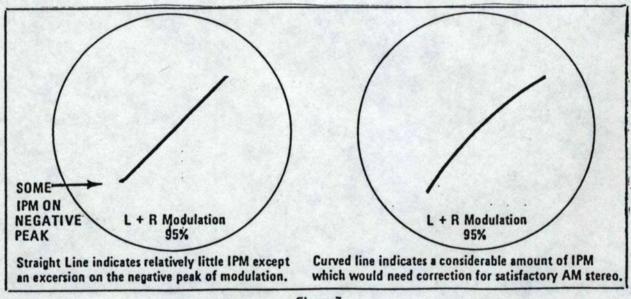


Figure 6. Sample Oscilloscope Displays of Stereo Signals



### 2.4 CLOSED LOOP TESTS

### 2.4.1 Connections

Connect the distortion analyzer, oscilloscope and spectrum analyzer to the Exciter and Monitor as shown below in Figure 1.

Figure 1. Closed Loop Equipment Arrangement

Fifty ohms is the usual input impedance to the spectrum analyzer, the input impedance of the Monitorm, and the output of the Exciter sample transmitter. Therefore, use a matching pad of approximately 17 ohms in each leg for proper termination. The oscilloscope input can be paralleled with the spectrum analyzer input because the oscilloscope input is usually high impedance. The distortion analyzer input, which will be used to take measurements from several of the Monitor rear panel outputs via BNC connectors, also can be unbalanced.

Connect the audio oscillator to the 600 ohm, unbalanced Exciter input terminals. The following test input modes are required: left only (L), right only (R), left plus right (L+R), and left minus right (L-R). In the L or R function, the audio oscillator (balanced or unbalanced) can be directly connected to the input terminals. For L+R or L-R, the Exciter audio inputs are paralleled either in phase, or out of phase. In either case, the input impedance of the paralleled inputs is 300 ohms. Although it is usually not necessary with high quality audio oscillators, a matching pad can be constructed as follows.

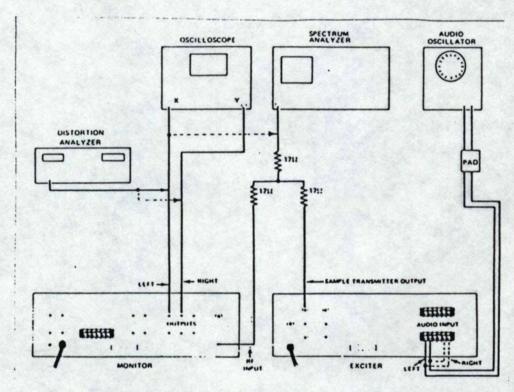


Figure 1. Closed Loop Equipment Arrangement

# Figure 2

Some oscillators already contain the switching and matching for the four modes of operation. These features simplify testing.

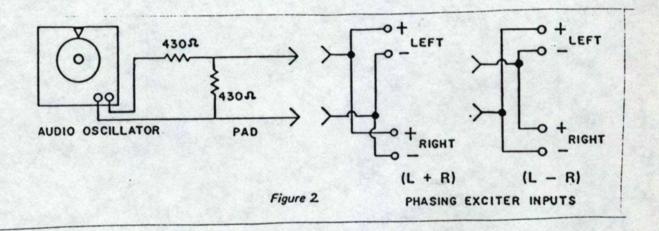
Connect the Sample Transmitter Output to the Monitor RF Input with a BNC to BNC coaxial cable. Apply AC power to the Exciter and the Monitor by plugging in the line cords to a suitable AC outlet.

#### NOTE

There is no power switch for either the Exciter or the Monitor. Therefore, unplug the line cords to turn either unit off.

After AC power is applied, the lights for all meters should be lighted. Throw the meter switch (small toggle switch on the Monitor under the Carrier Level meter to Carrier position).

Adjust the appropriate RF input level to the monitor using the step attenuator which is controlled by a rotary switch on the rear of the monitor and the potentiometer front panel control. Observe the carrier level meter while adjusting the input level using the front panel knob. The time constant for the meter circuitry is very long, so wait about 10 seconds after adjusting the knob to determine if the adjustment is within range of



the front panel control. If not, reset the switch attenuator and readjust the front panel control for a center indication on the carrier meter.

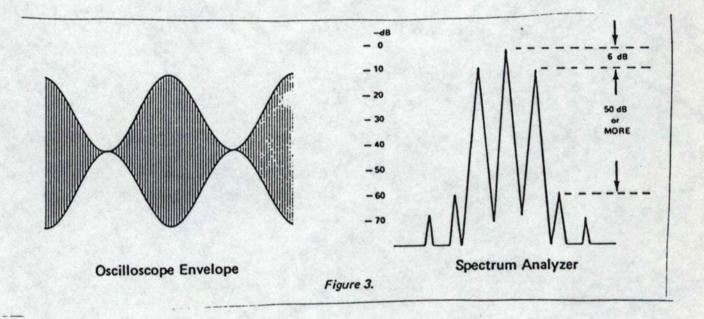
With no audio input to the Exciter, the noise level indicated on the Monitor should be lower than 50 dB for L+R and -40 dB for L-R. Select on the Monitor front panel L+R, for the left meter M801, and L-R, for the right-hand meter M802. For each meter there is a row of pushbuttons providing meter ranges in 10 dB steps. Add together the pushbutton selection and the meter indication on the red dB scale for a measurement referenced to 100% modulation.

# 2.4.2 Left Plus Right (AM) Operation

Connect the output of the audio oscillator through the pad to the left and right audio input terminals of the Exciter, phasing the inputs for L+R operation. Using the monitor left-hand meter control buttons S801 select (-) and (L+R). Set the oscillator frequency to 1 kHz and advance the audio level from the audio oscillator until the meter reads 100 percent modulation. Observe both the oscilloscope display of envelope modulation, and the spectrum analyzer (connected at the exciter sample transmitter output). If the range of the instruments are set properly, the displays should appear as follows:

# Figure 3

At 100 percent negative modulation, the oscilloscope envelope pattern should just pinch off to zero signal and the first order sidebands on the spectrum analyzer display should be exactly 6 dB down from the



carrier. The high order sidebands on the spectrum analyzer should be at least 50 dB below the fundamental sidebands indicating AM distortion less than 0.3 percent. Set the oscillator level with care because if the modulation even slightly exceeds 100% negative, the high order distortion sidebands will increase very rapidly.

After finding the 100% negative point from the test instruments, observe the monitor modulation meter indication and flasher lights. The 100% negative light should be illuminated and the left-hand panel meter should indicate 100% modulatin. Adjust the digital switch immediately to the left of the meter to 100%, and the corresponding LED indicator should also light.

For distortion measurements on L+R, 95% modulation should be used to prevent erroneous distortion measurements which can result from inadvertent overmodulation. Reduce slightly the oscillator level until 95% modulation is shown on the meter. Connect the distortion analyzer to the Monitor rear panel L+R BNC connector J10.

A a series of audio measurements now can be made to determine if the system closed loop performance is within specifications. Generally the performance levels should be at least as follows:

Frequency response: +/-1.0 dB from 30 Hz to 10 kHz

Distortion: Less than 0.3%

Noise: Lower than 60 dB below 100% modulation

# 2.4.3 Main to Subchannel Crosstalk (L+R to L-R Crosstalk)

The isolation between the normal amplitude modulation and the added stereo information will have a direct bearing on the separation obtainable between the left and right stereo channels. Make closed loop measurements to confirm that the Exciter to Monitor operation is capable of transmitting and indicating sufficient isolation.

The transmitted signal is the same as that evaluated in the L+R (AM) measurements described above. However, instead of looking at the L+R Monitor output, measure the residual signal in the L-R detector.

First turn off the pilot tone. Modulate the Exciter with 95% L+R with a 1 kHz tone and observe the right-hand meter. Select the L-R function with the pushbuttons S802 and pusbh the range selector buttons until a reading is obtained. On the Exciter, adjust balance control R783 until a null in the monitor L-R indicator is obtained. Readjust the oscillator output for 95% amplitude (L+R) modulation.

The main to subchannel crosstalk can now be measured over the audio frequency range. The measurements should be within the following specifications:

Crosstalk, L+R to L-R: 35 dB from 20 Hz to 5 kHz 25 dB from 20 Hz to 10 kHz

The residual signal which appears in the L-R channel can result from the limitations in the modulation monitor but under normal broadcast transmitter operation the first limitation is likely to be the incidental phase modulation (IPM) of the transmitter. When the AM transmitter is modulated, not only is the RF amplitude modulated, but there is a samll amount of phase modulation, especially at higher negative levels of

modulation. The Monitor readings of L-R modulation will be used later to adjust the transmitter for mnimum incidental phase modulation, or more accurately, for the C-QUAM System, minimum incidental quadrature modulation.

# 2.4.4 Subchannel (L-R) Performance Fidelity

Turn off the 25 Hz pilot using the pushbutton located on the front panel of the Exciter. Set up the Exciter with a 1 kHz tone set to 95% amplitude modulation (L+R). Reverse the polarity of one of the inputs to the Exciter which switches the modulation to 95% L-R modulation. Observe the monitor right-hand meter and set the selector pushbutton S802 to "L-R". The meter should read within a percent of 95%. Connect the distortion and noise meter to the BNC connector in the rear of the Monitor labeled "L-R". Fidelity measurements should show performance within the following specification:

Frequency response: +/-1.0 dB from 30 Hz to 10 kHz

Distortion: Less than 0.3%

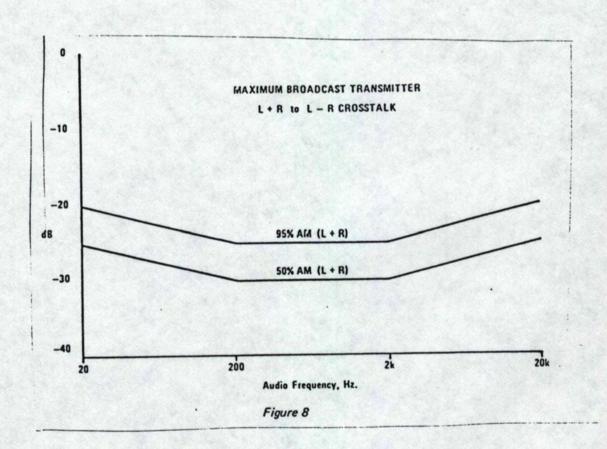
Noise: Lower than 50 dB below 100% modulation

# 2.4.5 Subchannel (L-R) Crosstalk Performance

In addition to the fidelity assessment, the "crosstalk" or L-R into L+R should be measured. Use the Exciter audio input connections as above but connect the distortion meter to the Monitor rear panel L+R BNC connector. Set the right front panel meter to L+R and read the crosstalk measurements directly from the modulation monitor.

# 2.4.6 Subchannel (IAM) Incidental Amplitude Modulation

The L-R into L+R crosstalk minimum performance should exceed the value shown in Figure 8, page



# 2.4.7 Single Channel Performance

Connect the audio oscillator to the Exciter left channel input and adjust a 1 kHz tone to 50% modulation. The Monitor indication of 50% modulation should be shown on the left meter in the L+R and Left positions. Switch the left-hand meter on the Monitor from reading L+R to Left with pushbuttons S801. Likewise, switch the right-hand meter from reading L-R to Right channel output using pushbutton S802. The separation for 100% modulation can be read directly on the right meter by selecting the appropriate scale with pushbuttons S802.

#### NOTE

For 50% modulation, the reference (on the dB scale) is 6 dB lower, therefore the separation will be 6 dB less than that indicated. This would be called the left into right separation. Connecting the oscillator to the right channel and reading the residual into the left channel would be the right into left separation.

The separation between the two channels should meet the following specification left into right, and right into left.

Separation: 200 Hz and 5 kHz - 30 dB 30 Hz and 15 kHz - 15 dB

#### SECTION 3

#### MONITOR MEASUREMENTS OF BROADCAST TRANSMITTER

### 3.1 INTRODUCTION

Before attempting stereophonic operation with the broadcast transmitter, connect the ASM-1 Monitor to a broadcast transmitter RF sample so that hum, noise, phase modulation and incidental phase modulation can be measured.

### 3.2 PROCEDURES

The Monitor can be calibrated on input RF levels from 300 mV to 10 volts RMS unmodulated. A 10 dB per step attenuator is controlled by a knob at the rear of the Monitor, and the fine adjustment is made with a knob on the front panel. Using an unmodulated transmitter, set the monitor RF input level for a center indication on the carrier meter.

Modulate the broadcast transmitter with a 1 kHz tone inserted at the normal audio input terminals. The ASM-1 Monitor simultaneously monitors the normal AM on the meter M801 with pushbutton S801 set to L+R) and the incidental phase (or quadrature) modulation on the meter M802 with pushbutton S802 set to L-R.

Although most AM broadcast transmitters can easily meet the FCC AM noise specification of 45 dB down and many can make more than 60 dB down, the transmitter phase hum can be very different. Power supply PM hum and residual phase noise can originate in the transmitter and be completely harmless for AM operation, but can become very troublesome for stereo broadcasting.

After calibrating the ASM-1 Monitor for the correct RF input level, terminate the audio input to the transmitter and measure the L-R modulation level. It is useful to look at the audio output of the L-R channel with a conventional display on the oscilloscope to determine the waveform of the residual noise. Trigger the scope with a line signal to observe if hum components are primary to the residual signal.

Generally, residual L-R noise should be at least 40 dB below 100% L-R modulation. If this condition is not satisfied, work on the transmitter will be required to reduce the noise level. Improved power supply filtering on the lower level RF stages in the transmitter is a general practice. The dressing of leads having AC currents also may be an issue. The transmitter manufacturer may have experience with or be willing to help solve the PM hum problems.

While modulating the transmitter with a 1 kHz tone at 25, 50, 75 and 95% AM, measure L-R. This information can be dynamically read on an oscilloscope X-Y display which could look like the simulated displays shown below.

# Figure 7

Vary the audio modulating frequency, and measure the crosstalk attributable to IPM. Generally, for at least 25 dB of separation under typical stereo program modulation, the measured L+R to L-R crosstalk should be less than that indicated in Figure 8.

### Figure 8

Incidental phase modulation sources in AM broadcast transmitters vary considerably. However, two frequent sources are 1) the final amplifier tuning and 2) the final amplifier neutralization. In conventional AM broadcasting, neither adjustment is critical. However, in AM stereo broadcasting, these adjustments can have a substantial IPM effect. If the transmitter IPM measurements do not satisfy the values indicated in Figure 8, or to improve on existing performance, modulate the transmitter with a higher frequency audio tone (5 or 7.5 kHz). Watch the crosstalk in the L-R channel on the Monitor while tuning and loading are adjusted. Neutralization adjustment may involve turning the transmitter plate voltage off then putting the transmitter back on for a measurement.

Again, keep in mind that many transmitter manufacturers now have some experience in AM stereo. It would be advisable to discuss the measurements and crosstalk performance of a particular transmitter with the manufacturer.

#### SECTION 4

### ASE-1 RF CONNECTIONS TO BROADCAST TRANSMITTER

### 4.1 INTRODUCTION

The C-QUAM AM Stereo Exciter includes several RF outputs designed to interface with most, if not all, existing AM broadcast transmitters. One is a TTL level output designed to drive standard digital circuitry. The other is the output of a 5 watt square wave amplifier which is used to drive a lower level RF stage in the transmitter. This amplifier can be internally programmed for lower output levels if required. Both of these outputs have no amplitude modulation, but do have the proper phase modulation required for C-QUAM AM Stereo. Another output is available at the rear of the Exciter which is not modulated in either amplitude or phase. This output is provided to trigger an oscilloscope for observations of phase modulation, or can be used to drive frequency measurement equipment.

## 4.2 DISCUSSION

The C-QUAM Exciter will be preadjusted to the station frequency and all RF outputs of the Exciter are on the station's carrier frequency. The oscillator in the Exciter is designed to hold the station frequency well within the FCC specification over a temperature range from 0 to 50 degrees centigrade. Generally, the output should stay within a few Hertz of the assigned frequency.

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If the transmitter has a TTL input, then the TTL output of the Exciter is to be connected to the transmitter digital circuitry at a point where it is operating on the station frequency. Some transmitters now use higher frequency crystals which are divided down to the operating frequency. The input is to be made after the division.

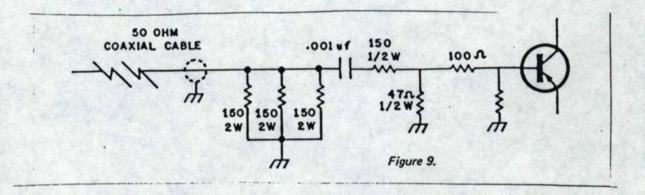
Many transmitters, however, will be best interfaced by taking the 5 watt exciter output and applying it to the highest level RF stage in the transmitter which can be fully driven. It is possible for the transmitter output signal to be coupled back through the Exciter and the connecting cables which in turn can cause incidental phase modulation. Therefore, the higher the level on the cable and the higher the RF stage in the transmitter being driven, the less opportunity for incidental phase modulation.

The 5 watt amplifier in the Exciter has a square wave output with a level of approximately 42 volts peak to peak into 50 ohms resistive. The lower level RF stages in the transmitter should be studied to determine where is the best point for inserting drive of this voltage level. If the instruction book for the transmitter does not indicate the normal RF levels, they can be measured with a suitable RF voltmeter or the manufacturer can be consulted.

If a transistor is to be driven, it is recommended initially that the connecting circuitry be as shown below.

## Figure 9

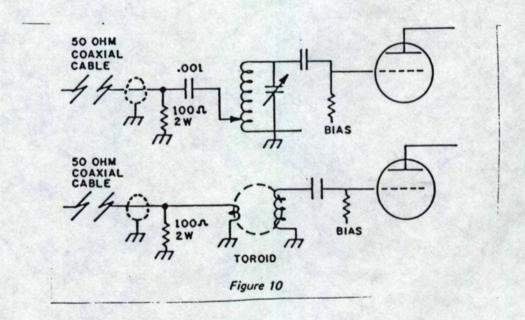
If more current is required to pull up the base of the transistor, the values of the "T" pad can be changed.



In the case of driving a tube RF stage, the 50 ohm impedance can be stepped up by tapping down on a coil in the grid circuit of the stage if it is tuned, or by using a toroidal step up transformer.

### Figure 10

After sufficient drive from the stereo Exciter to your transmitter has been accomplished, a recheck of the phase modulated hum and noise, and incidental phase modulation should be made. Using the normal audio input to the transmitter, checks should be made of the L-R noise level and crosstalk between AM (L+R) and L-R channels as was previously done. It is also advisable to check the audio performance of the L-R channel to be sure that the broadcast transmitter is not substantially degrading the L-R performance.



#### SECTION 5

#### ASE-1 AUDIO CONNECTIONS TO BROADCAST TRANSMITTER

### 5.1 INTRODUCTION

The C-QUAM AM Stereo Exciter simply takes the left and right audio channels and sums them into L+R for the broadcast transmitter audio input. Two basic objectives must be met in connections to the transmitter. One is the phasing of the transmitter audio input, and two the input level must be precisely adjusted so that the C-QUAM modulation will be transmitted properly. The audio frequency response and distortion of the circuitry is sufficiently low that it should not affect the monaural performance of the transmitter. Initially, an audio oscillator set to 1 kHz should be connected to the left and right audio inputs of the stereo exciter, phased for L+R modulation.

# 5.2 PHASING ASE-1 OUTPUT TO THE TRANSMITTER

The phasing of the Exciter audio output to the broadcast transmitter can be checked by comparing the envelope display of the Exciter sample transmitter output with the broadcast transmitter envelope. This should be done with a dual trace oscilloscope in the chop mode with the triggering taken from the audio oscillator (see Figure 11)

### Figure 11.

Phasing of Broadcast Transmitter Audio Input

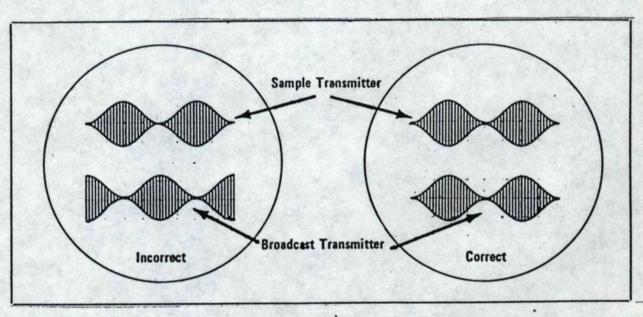
While observing the dual trace display of envelope modulation Jl the depth of modulation can also be approximately adjusted. Start by adjusting the tone to the Exciter left plus right channels from the

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oscillator until the broadcast transmitter is modulating about 50%. Next, adjust the Exciter audio drive to the broadcast transmitter using the front panel L+R potentiometer until the envelope modulation is the same as the sample transmitter. Increase the audio input to the Exciter until the sample transmitter modulation is 100%, and then adjust the broadcast transmitter modulation to the same value with the front panel screwdriver adjust.

The precise setting of the L+R drive to the broadcast transmitter can be more accurately set by observing separation. However, separation at this time is most likely limited by the difference in delays between L+R and L-R.

# 5.3 ADJUSTING THE DELAY NETWORKS

### NOTE

- The 25 Hz pilot tone must be turned off with the front panel switch.
- 2. The process defeat switch S607 must be in the "DEFEAT" position (locaated on the night audio circuit card.)
- CAUTION: Do not touch the following setting on the front panel at this time.
  - 3.1 + LIMIT
  - 3.2 LIMIT
  - 3.3 BALANCE
- The night circuit card is an option and may not be used in your Exciter.

## 5.3.1 Left/Right Delay Adjustments

At this time it might be easier to have the EXCITER placed on a table rather than in a rack so that the switches and controls can be more accessible. Even without setting the delay networks, it is quite possible to achieve 15 dB of separation or more, however, this varies considerable with the transmitter type.

To start the process, set the OSCILLATOR to 1 kHz 50% envelope modulation, LEFT input only. Using an oscilloscope set for X-Y display, observe the LEFT and RIGHT unbalanced signal outputs at the ports J9 and J11 on the monitor. Adjust LEFT DELAY SWITCH S608 from its zero position in 1 microsecond steps for best closure. Compare the oscilloscope display with those shown in Page and .

Repeat procedure for RIGHT input only by adjusting RIGHT DELAY SWITCH S609 from its zero position in 1 microsecond steps for best closure.

# 5.3.2 Bulk Delay Adjustment

#### NOTE

If the maximum of 15 microseconds of delay does not produce adequate closure add BULK DELAY CARD D33-335 to the bottom of the NIGHT AUDIO CIRCUIT CARD and connect into circuit. Each switch section on the BULK DELAY CARD adds 8 microseconds of delay for a total of 32 microseconds. The maximum total system delay for both the LEFT and RIGHT audio channels with the BULK DELAY is 32 + 15 or 47 microseconds.

Return the LEFT and RIGHT DELAY SWITCHES S608 and S609 to their ZERO position. Repeat the above procedure for both the LEFT only and RIGHT only sections by adding BULK DELAY in 8 microsecond groups and using LEFT and RIGHT DELAY SWITCHES S608 and S609 for fine adjustment until best closure is obtained.

## 5.4 EQUALIZATION ADJUSTMENTS

# 5.4.1 High Frequency Equalization Adjustment

To continue the equalization, set the HI FREQ EQUAL "I" switches on both the DAY and NIGHT CIRCUIT CARDS (S303, S305, S603, S605) to the "OUT" positions. Set the HI FREQ EQUAL "Q" and LOW FREQ EQUAL "Q" switches on both the DAY and NIGHT CIRCUIT CARDS (S304, S306, S302, S301, S604, S606, S602 and S601) to the "IN" position. See Figure 4.

Set the OSCILLATOR to 10 kHz 50% envelope modulation, FRONT PANEL NIGHT/DAY SWITCH to DAY position, LEFT input only.

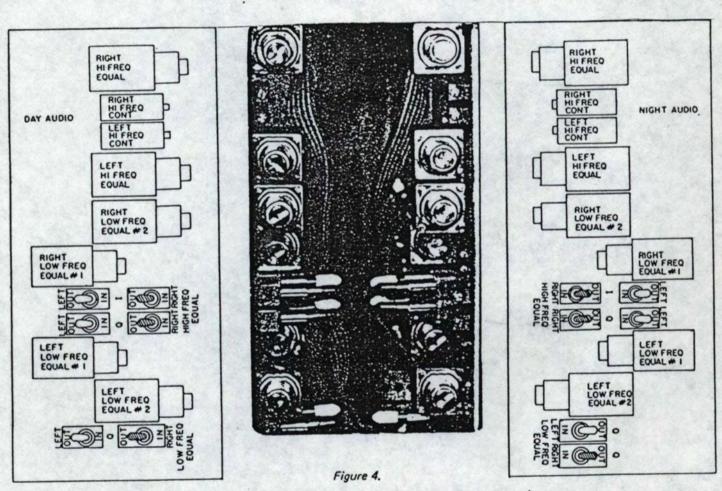
Adjust LEFT HI FREQ EQUAL CONTROLS, R302 C-D and R389 for best closure.

Change to RIGHT input only and adjust RIGHT HI FREQ EQUAL controls, R302 A-B and R391 for best closure.

# 5.4.2 Optional Night Function Adjustment

Set FRONT PANEL NIGHT/DAY SWITCH to NIGHT position with EXCITER switched to NIGHT TRANSMITTER.

Repeat LEFT and RIGHT HI FREQ EQUALIZATION using the identical controls on the NIGHT CIRCUIT CARD directly opposite the DAY CIRCUIT CARD controls described above.



Exciter Equalization Adjustments (Under Top Cover Access)

# 5.4.3 Low Frequency Equalization Adjustment

To continue the equalization, set the OSCILLATOR to 100 Hz 50% envelope modulation, FRONT PANEL NIGHT/DAY SWITCH to DAY position LEFT input only.

Adjust LEFT LOW FREQ EQUAL No. 1 and No. 2 controls, R304 C-D and R307 C-D for best closure.

Change to RIGHT input only and adjust RIGHT LOW FREQ EQUAL No. 1 and No. 2 CONTROLS R304A-B and R307 A-B for best closure.

# 5.4.4 Optional Night Function Adjustment

Set FRONT PANEL NIGHT&DAY SWITCH to NIGHT position with EXCITER switched to NIGHT TRANSMITTER.

Repeat LEFT and RIGHT LOW FREQ EQUALIZATION using the identical controls on the NIGHT CIRCUIT CARD directly opposite the DAY CIRCUIT CARD controls described above.

# 5.5 SEPARATION CHECKS

Separation measurements should now be made over the audio spectrum with the LEFT channel driven and then the same measurements with the RIGHT channel driven. It is most useful to prepare a graph of the separation in order to judge the action of the various controls. Also, the stereophonic distortion should be measured, that is the LEFT channel distortion when LEFT is driven and the RIGHT channel distortion when RIGHT is driven. Many times there will be a tradeoff between separation and distortion, and there may be very good separation in one direction (RIGHT into LEFT) and marginal separation the other way (LEFT into RIGHT).

At this point, separation should be better than 25 dB both ways. The adjustments will not follow a prescribed pattern, but improvements can be made by trial and error. Include in the adjustments a trimming of the

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FRONT PANEL "L+R ADJ" audio drive control. If the transmitter has sufficient low Incidental Phase Modulation (IPM), there should typically be 30 dB separation between 100 Hz and 5 kHz.

The separation below and above this range will be limited by the equalization to precisely match the transmitter, and by bandwidth limits of the transmitter/antenna system.

NOTE

Return the PROCESS DEFEAT SWITCH S607 to the "ON" position.

# 5.6 OPERATION INTO THE ANTENNA

After satisfactory stereo operation into the dummy load, the final adjustment should be checked by operating into the antenna system during experimental hours. There are two basic effects to look for when operating into the antenna. One is that the impedance/bandwidth of the antenna system often is much narrower than the dummy load and the radiation from the antenna back into the transmitter building can increase the possibility of Incidental Phase Modulation.

with the transmitter operating into the antenna system, measure the stereo oseparation and distortion. If the high frequency performance (above 5 kHz) has degraded, readjust the high frequency equalization for the best compromise between separation and distortion. If the separation has degraded considerably on all audio frequencies, check the level of Incidental Phase Modulation by modulating the transmitter with the audio oscillator connected directly to the transmitters audio input terminals. Measure the residual L-R out of the MONITOR and compare with previous measurements. If the level is much greater than previously measured into

the DUMMY LOAD, the indication is that the increase in Incidental Phase Modulation is being caused by the RADIATED RF signal from the ANTENNA. Appropriate corrective action must be undertaken.

This completes the check out and adjustment. Tighten all covers and position equipment in its permanent location.

#### SECTION 6

# ASE-1/ASM-1 STEREO SYSTEM EQUIPMENT PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS

### 6.1 INTRODUCTION

The FCC requires AM broadcast stations to conduct equipment performance measurements after installation of AM stereo transmitting equipment. The characteristics to be measured are described in Section 73.1590 and the minimum performance specifications are described in Section 74.40 and 73.128. Copies of these sections of the FCC rules are reproduced in Appendix A.

The FCC requirements are quite extensive and a considerable number of data points must be taken. For the broadcaster's convenience, forms for tabulating and plotting the data are included in this section. A summary of the FCC proof requirements is shown also in Appendix A.

### 6.2 PROCEDURE

Although the FCC requires that equipment performance measurements be made between a common audio input amplifier at the studio to the transmitting antenna terminals, the following instructions are written to aid the broadcaster in making initial measurements of AM Stereo performance at the transmitter. After satisfactory tests have been completed with the transmitting equipment, the audio oscillator signal can be fed to the required common audio input amplifier at the studio for the actual required performance measurements. Thus, when the following specifies a connection to the Exciter audio input, the connection would then be to the common audio input amplifier at the studio.

Delta will provide to the broadcast station a complete AM Exciter and Modulation Monitor capable of generating and accurately demodulating and indicating the operation of the C-QUAM System. The Modulation Monitor is capable of demodulating and accurately indicating: amplitude modulation, left minus right modulation, left channel modulation, right channel modulation, carrier shift, right or left channel noise levels, separation, and level of pilot tone. In addition, the level of incidental phase modulation can be readily calculated from the left minus right modulation indication when modulating with AM. The frequency of pilot tone modulation can be measured with instruments connected to the modulation monitor. The distortion and noise levels of the modulation monitor are sufficiently low that the measurements made of the various performance characteristics will be reflective of the limits of the broadcast transmitter/stereo encoder performance.

Referring to Figure 2, the measurement of main (L+R) modulation capability is made by paralleling the left (A) and right (B) audio inputs to the stereo Exciter (phased for L+R modulation) and connecting the audio oscillator through the pad to the junction. The main (L+R) modulation can be read directly on the Modulation Monitor by selecting "L+R" for the indication on the left hand meter (see Figure 2). The level of the audio oscillator can be increased until at least 85% modulation is read on the Monitor. The frequency of the oscillator can be varied over the range of 50 to 5000 Hz while observing the level on the Modulation Monitor for the required modulation level.

For (L) left, or (R) right only modulation, the audio oscillator should be directly connected without the pad to first the left (A), and then the right (B) inputs to the AM Stereo Exciter. The oscillator level should

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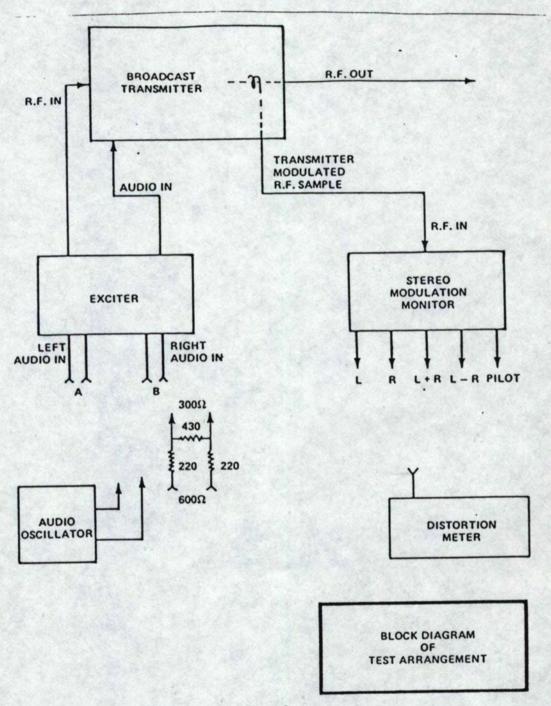


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be advanced until the main channel (L+R) modulation reaches at last 75% modulation as indicated on the Monitor. The oscillator frequency is then varied over the range of 50 to 5000 Hz while observing the Monitor.

For measurement of distortion, the audio oscillator is connected to the Stereo Exciter as previously described. For main (L+R) distortion measurements, the distortion meter should be connected to the BNC connector on the rear of the Modulation Monitor labeled "L+R". For left or right distortion measurements, connect the oscillator directly to the left input on the Exciter and connect the distortion analyzer to the left output on the Modulation Monitor. The same process is repeated for right only distortion measurements. If the 600 ohm balanced output is used, terminate with a 600 ohm load.

The audio oscillator is connected as previously described for main (L+R), left (L) and right (R) modulation. The frequency response can be directly observed by selecting "L+R" for main channel response or "L" for the left channel response on the left meter or "R" for right channel response on the right meter of the Modulation Monitor. Response can also be read on the distortion meter in the audio voltmeter function by connecting to the appropriate left, right or left + right outputs of the Modulation Monitor at the rear of the unit.

The carrier shift can be read by observing the carrier level indicator on the C-QUAM AM Stereo Modulation Monitor or on the station's type approved amplitude modulation monitor. With no modulation applied to the AM Stereo Exciter, the carrier level indicator should be carefully set to the zero or calibrate point. The audio oscillator is to be connected to the paralleled left and right inputs of the AM Stereo encoder (phased for L+R modulation) through the pad. The output level of the oscillator is to

be advanced while observing the carrier level indicator in the modulation monitor. The maximum change in carrier level indication is to be recorded for modulation levels from zero to 100% amplitude modulation.

## Figure 2.

Both left (L) and right (R) audio inputs to the AM Stereo Exciter are terminated with 600 ohm resistors. Main (L+R), left (L) and right (R) channel noise levels can be directly read on the C-QUAM AM Stereo Modulation Monitor by selecting the appropriate mode for the left or right meters, and depressing the meter range buttons until an on scale reading is obtained. The noise level is obtained by adding the meter range value with the indication of the red dB scale on the meter. It is already calibrated against 100 percent modulation.

Incidental phase modulation is measured as follows. Connect the audio oscillator through the pad to the parallel left and right audio inputs to the Stereo Exciter, making sure that the audio inputs are phased for main (L+R) modulation. The left hand meter is set to (L+R) on the Modulation Monitor and the right hand meter is set to (L-R). The audio oscillator output is adjusted to the various modulation levels and audio frequencies required and the readings of the (L-R) meter is observed. The meter range will have to be chosen by selecting the appropriate pushbutton. Record the sum of the pushbutton meter range and the red dB scale on the (L-R) meter for each combination of modulation level and frequency. The incidental phase modulation in radians is simply the voltage ratio below 100 percent

L-R modulation expressed in decimal form. For instance, if the observed L-R modulation is 50 dB below 100 percent L-R modulation, the incidental phase modulation is .0032 radians or  $3.2 \times 10^{-3}$  radians.

For measurement of separation, the audio oscillator is connected directly to the (L) left or (R) right input of the AM Stereo Exciter. The left channel is modulated with a tone and a distortion meter or audio yoltmeter is used to measure the audio output voltage from the left channel output of the Modulation Monitor. The audio voltage from the right channel output of the Modulation Monitor is then measured. The difference in dB is the separation. The reverse process is used to measure the separation of a modulated right channel into the left.

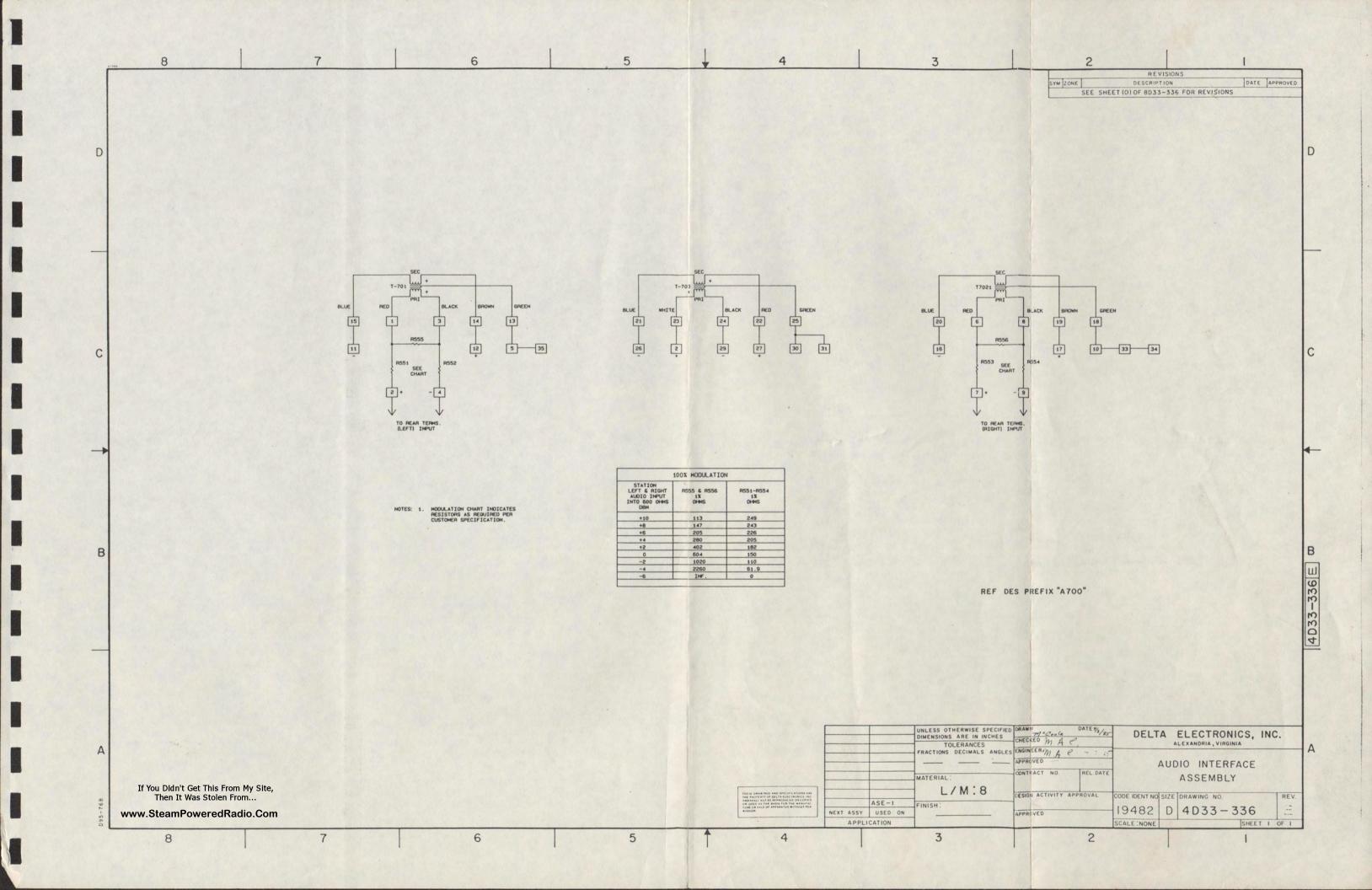
The front panel meters can be used directly when set to "L" and "R". The separation can be read directly on the panel meters with the meter range buttons only for 100 percent left or right only modulation. For lesser values of left or right only modulation, separation is computed by subtracting the readings in dB of the two meters added to the respective pushbutton settings.

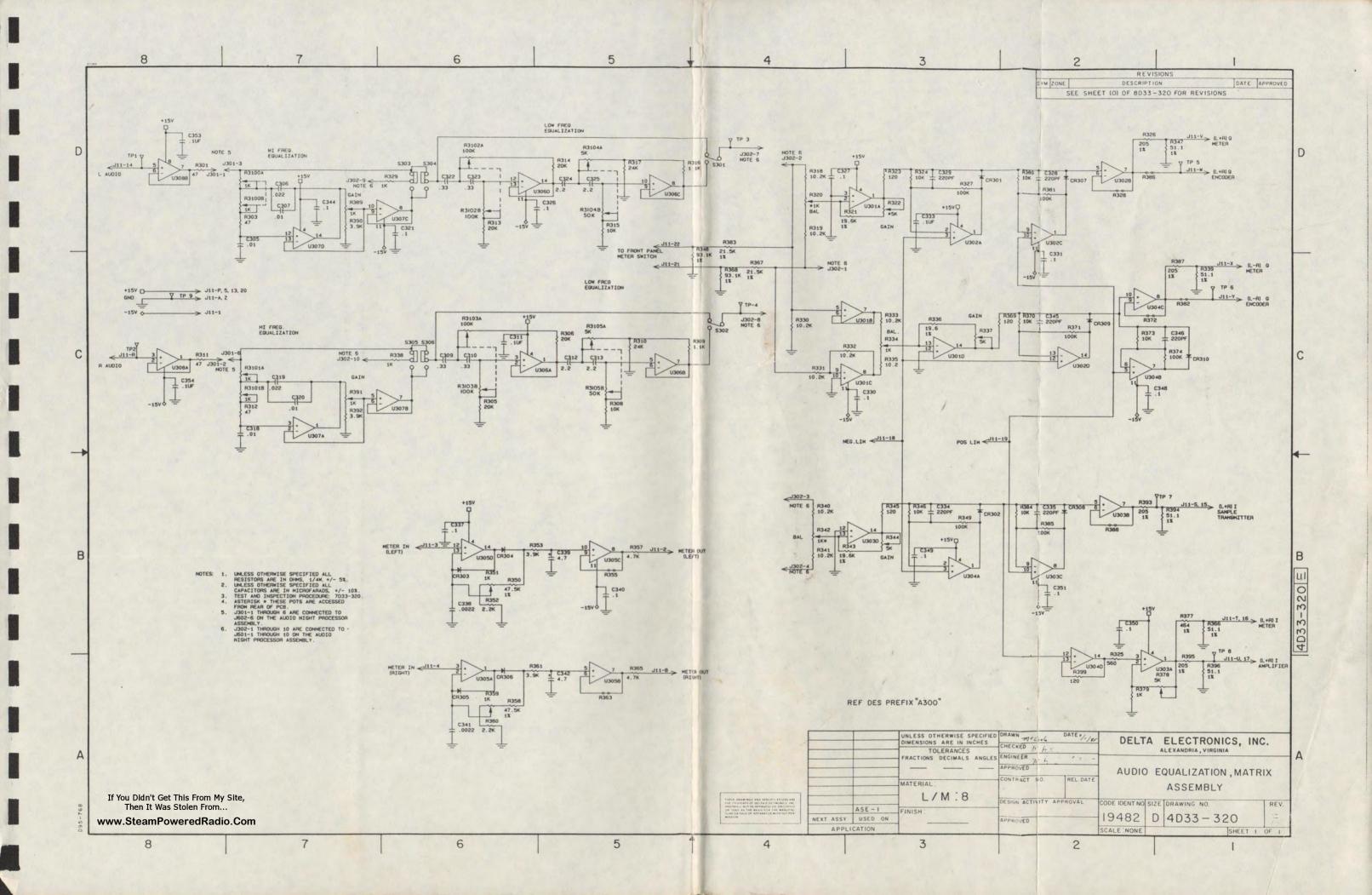
The relative pilot tone level may be measured directly on the Modulation Monitor by setting the small toggle switch under the carrier meter to the "pilot tone" side and reading the level of pilot tone on the carrier level panel meter. The correct level of pilot tone indication should be at the black block on the meter scale. To accurately measure the pilot level, set pushbuttons L-R and -20. The meter should indicate -26 dB.

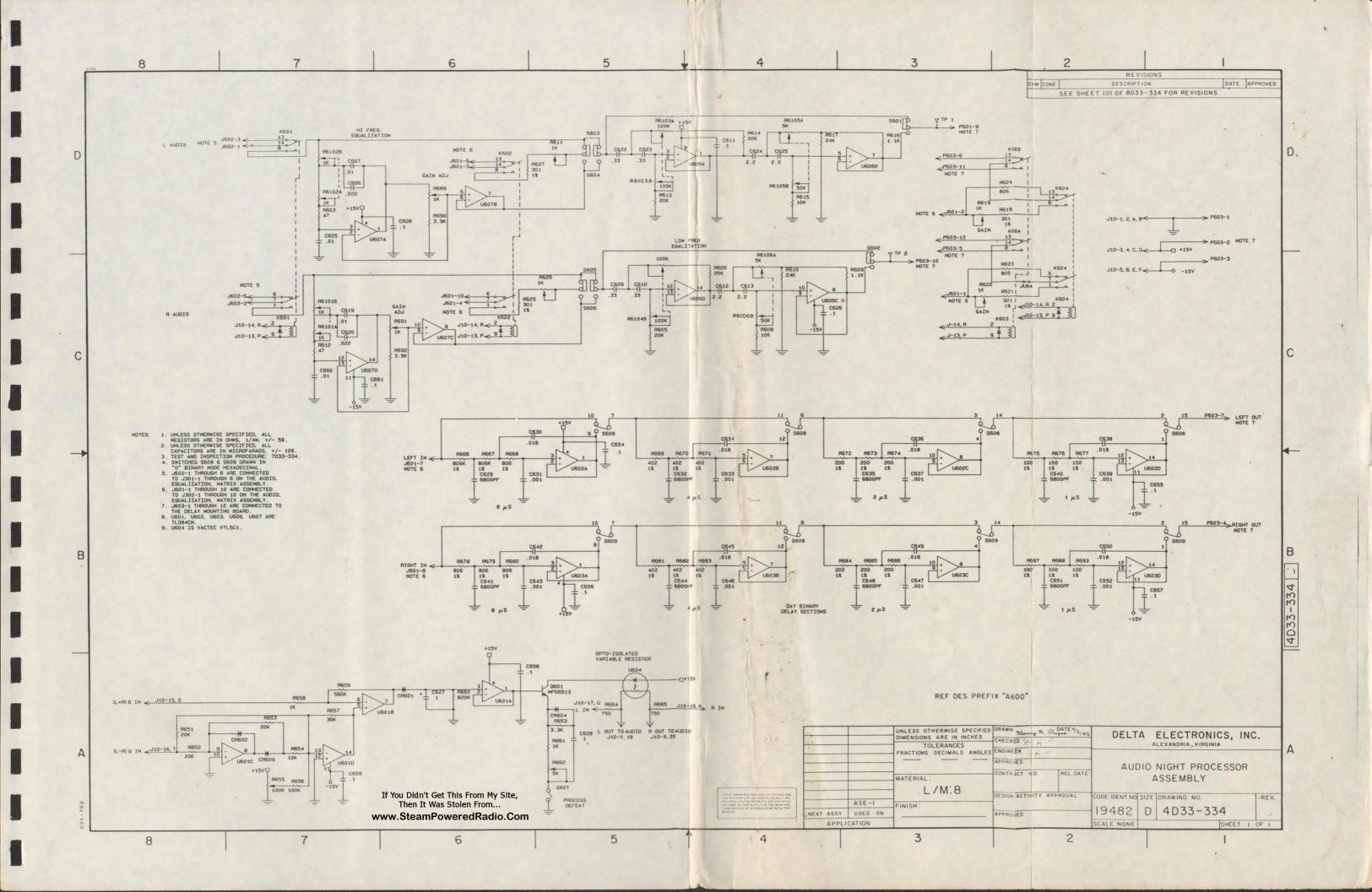
pilot tone frequency may be measured from the pilot tone port on the back of the Modulation Monitor. Use Sigmotek ITC-3 frequency counter or similar computing counter. Pilot tone should be 25 Hz +/-0.1 Hz.

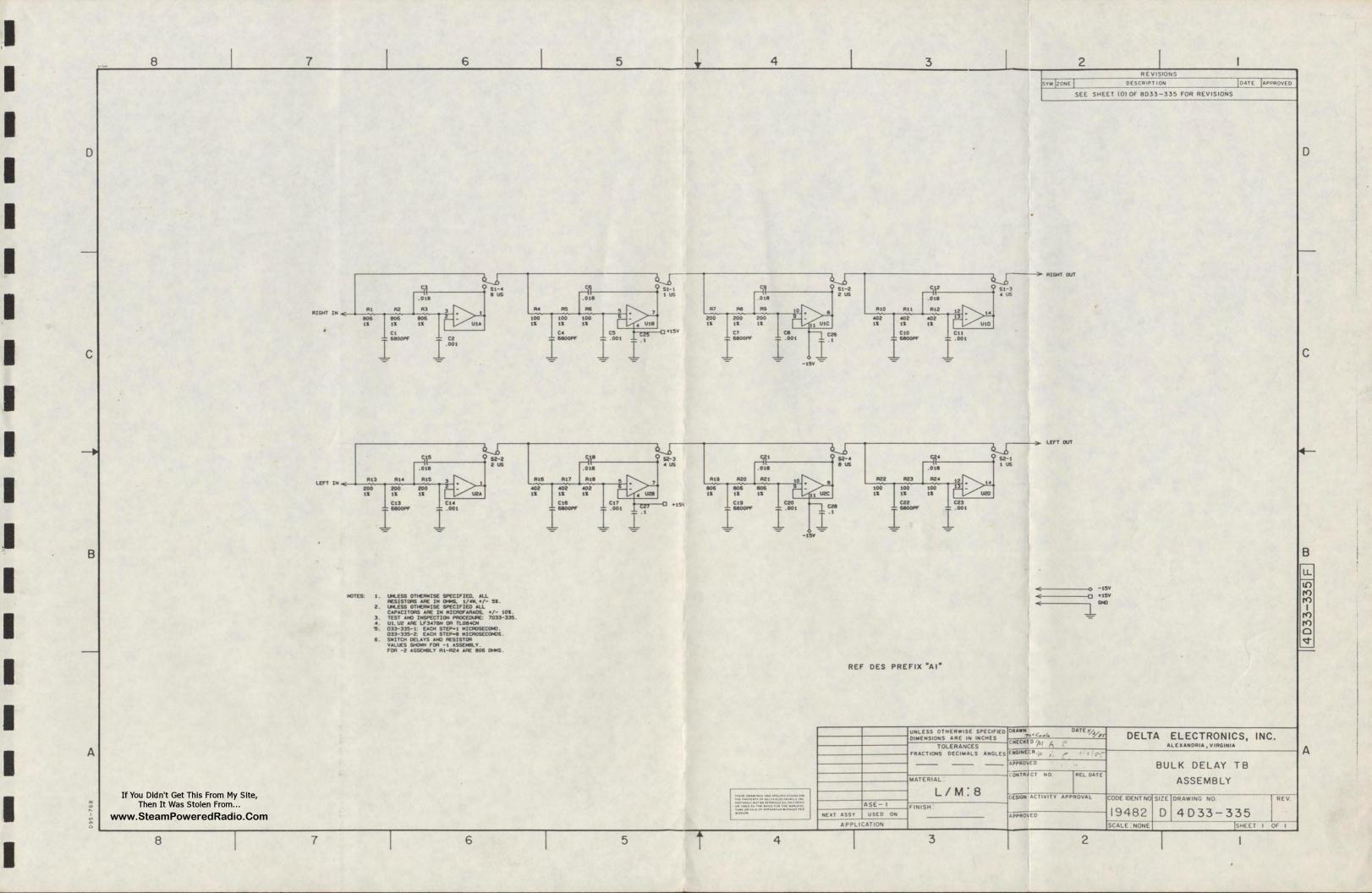
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LISTS OF MATERIAL

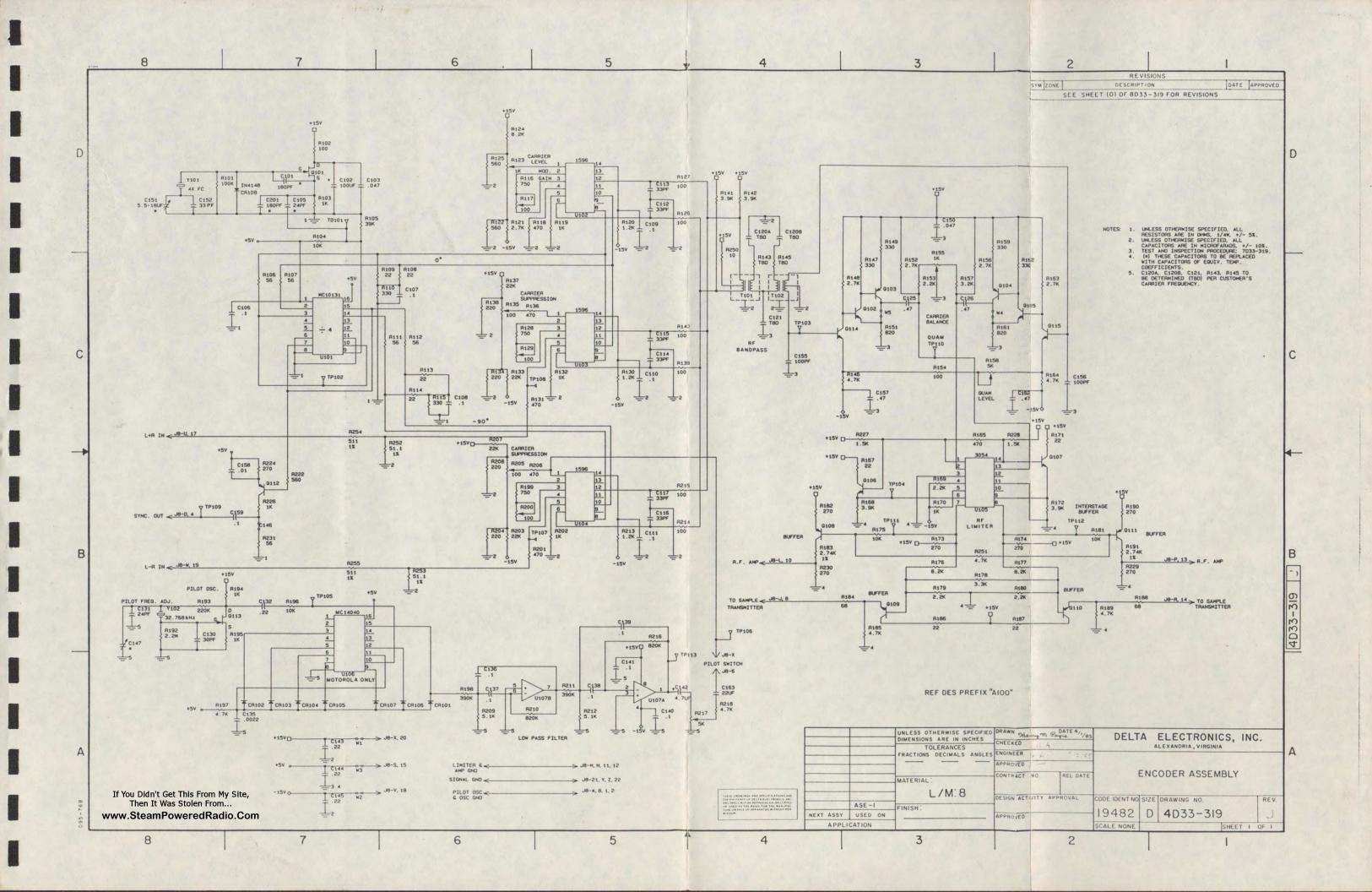
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SCHEMATIC DIAGRAMS

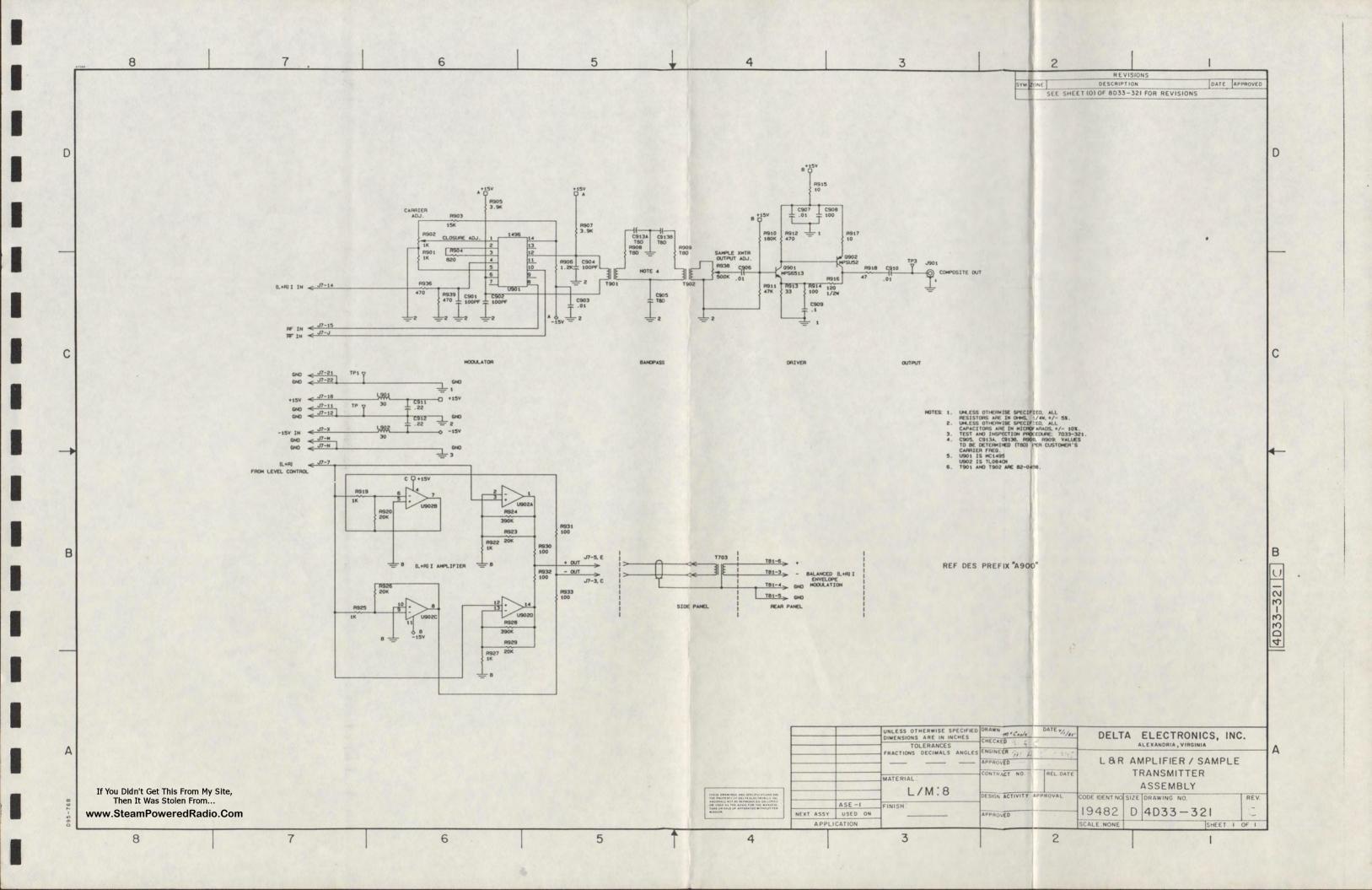


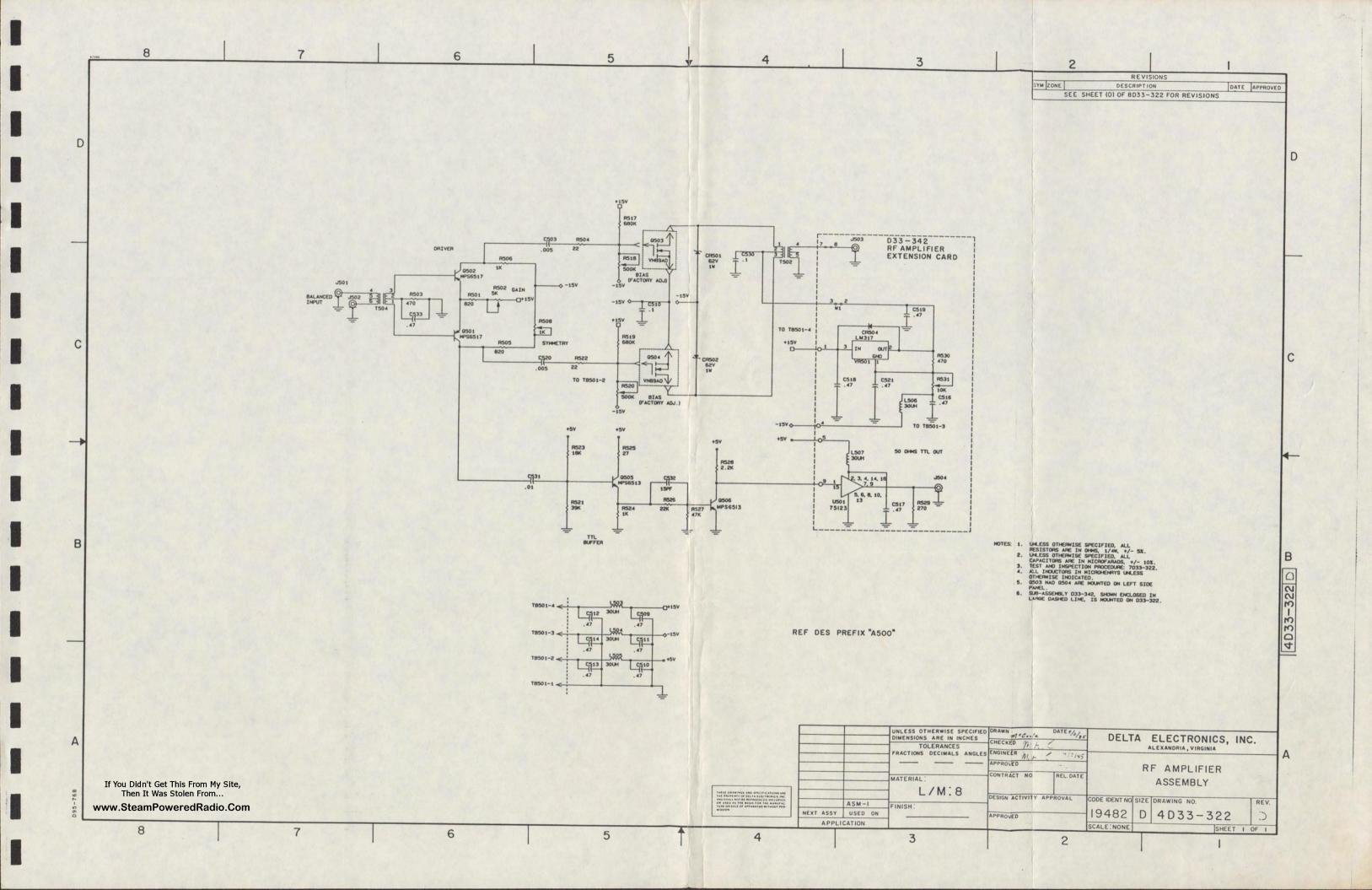


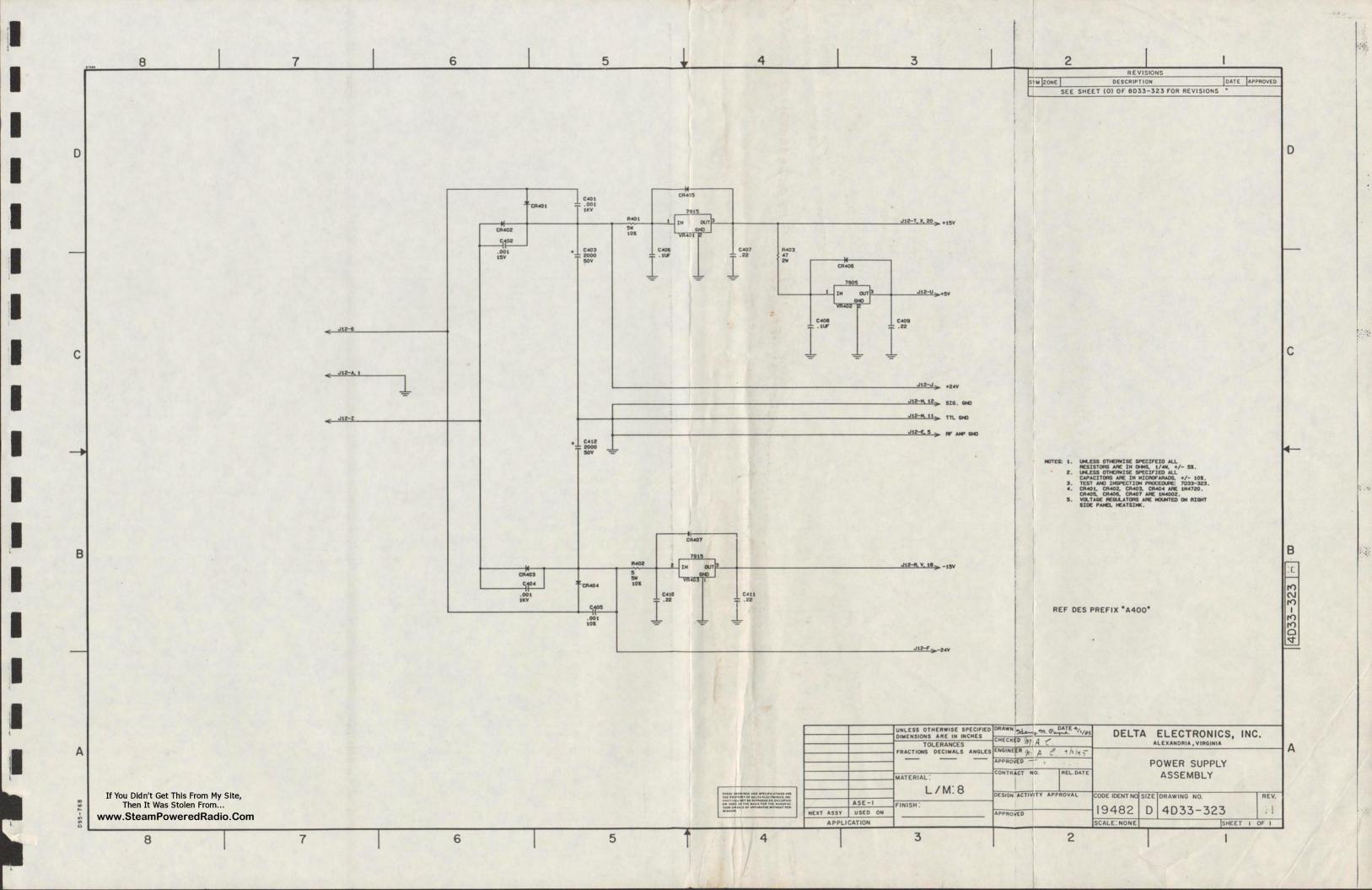


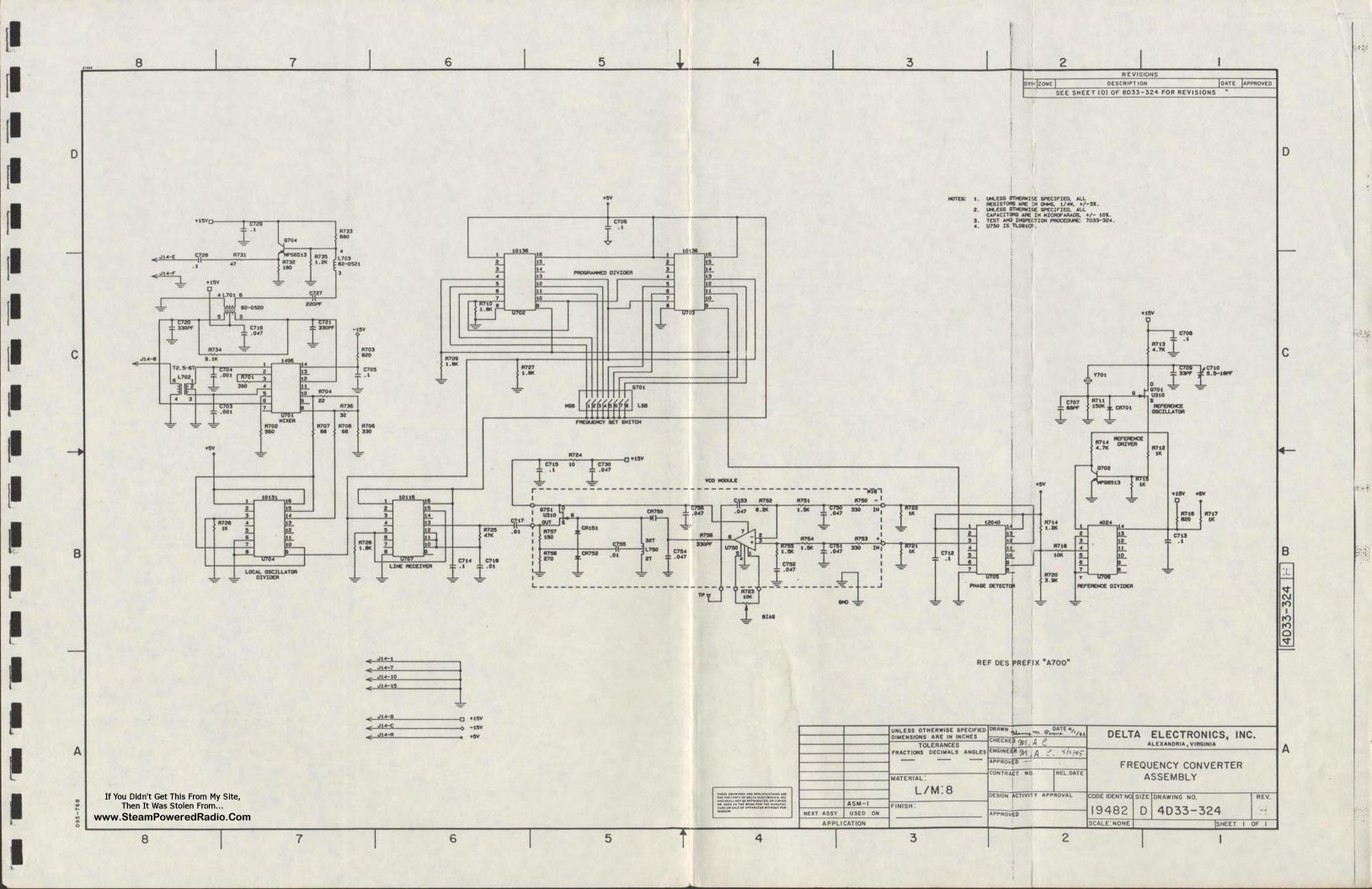


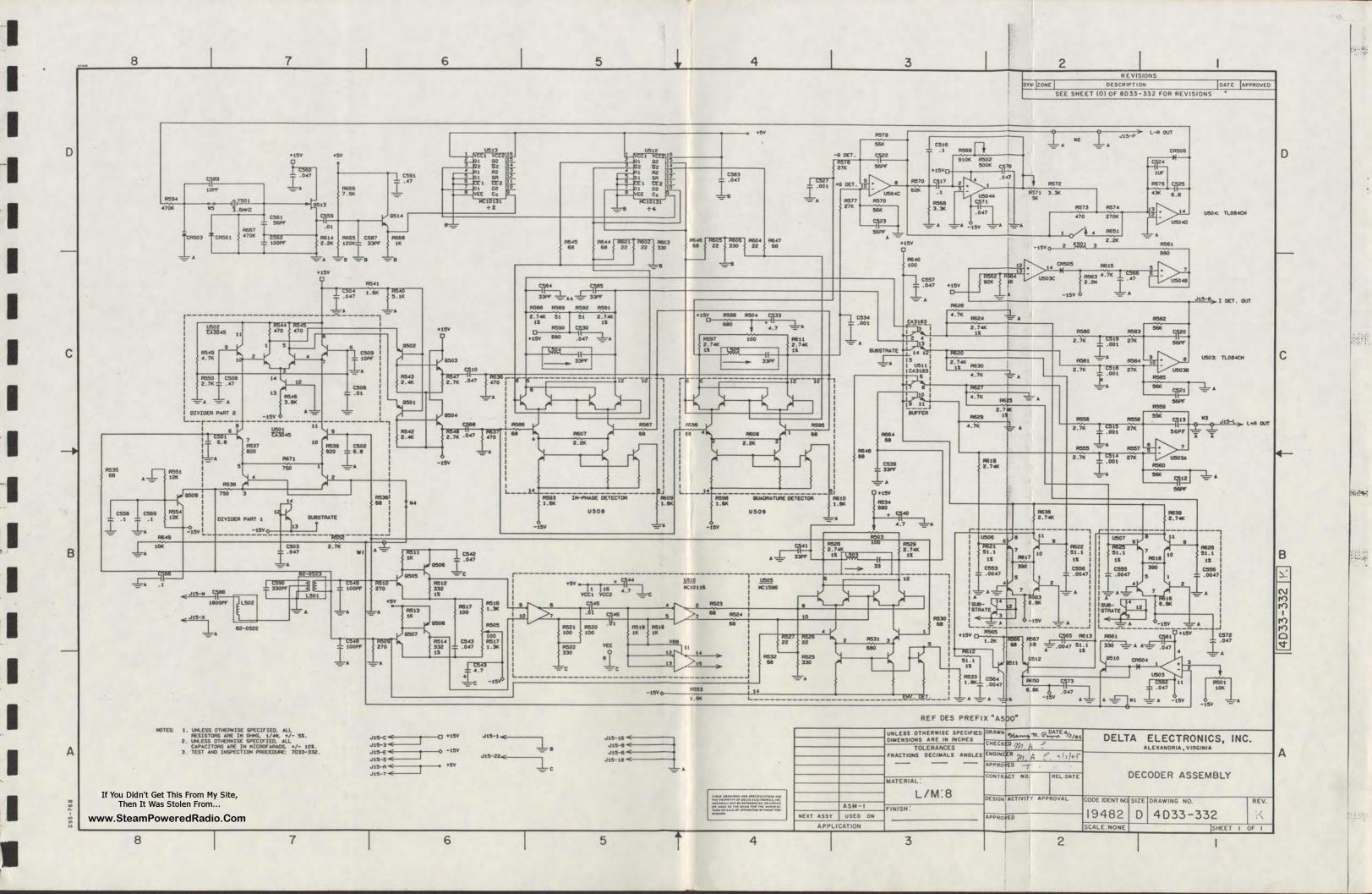


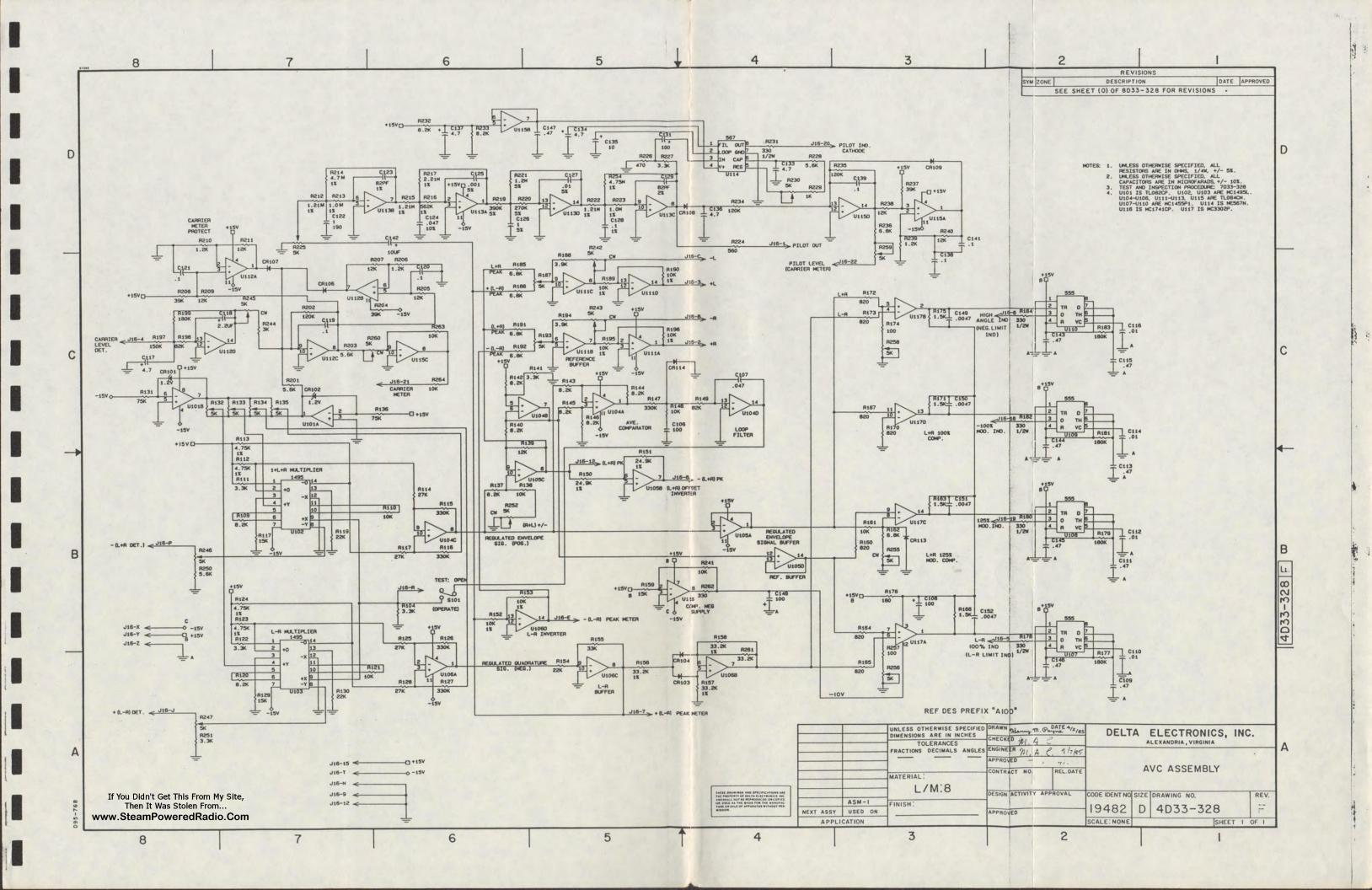


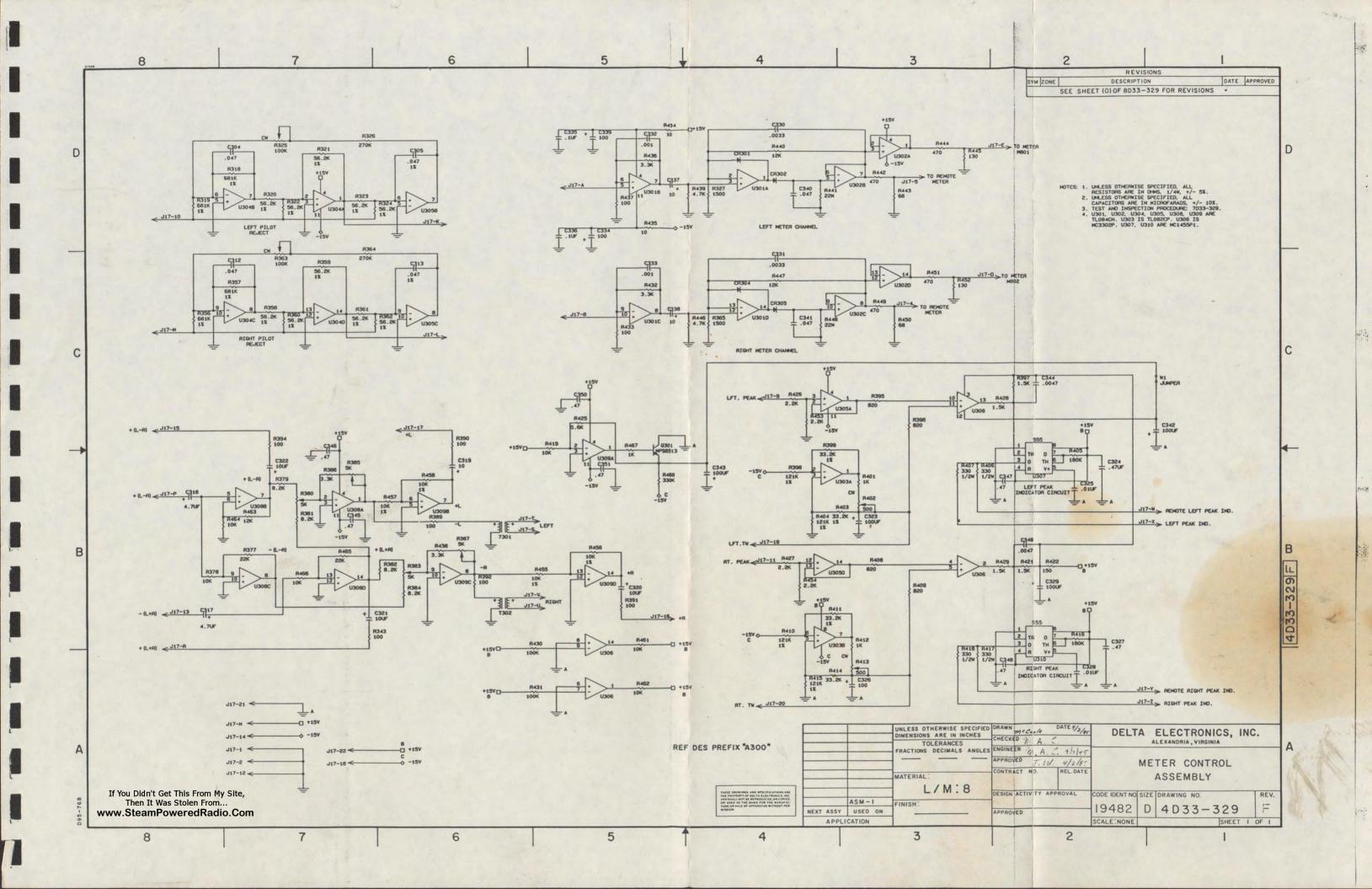


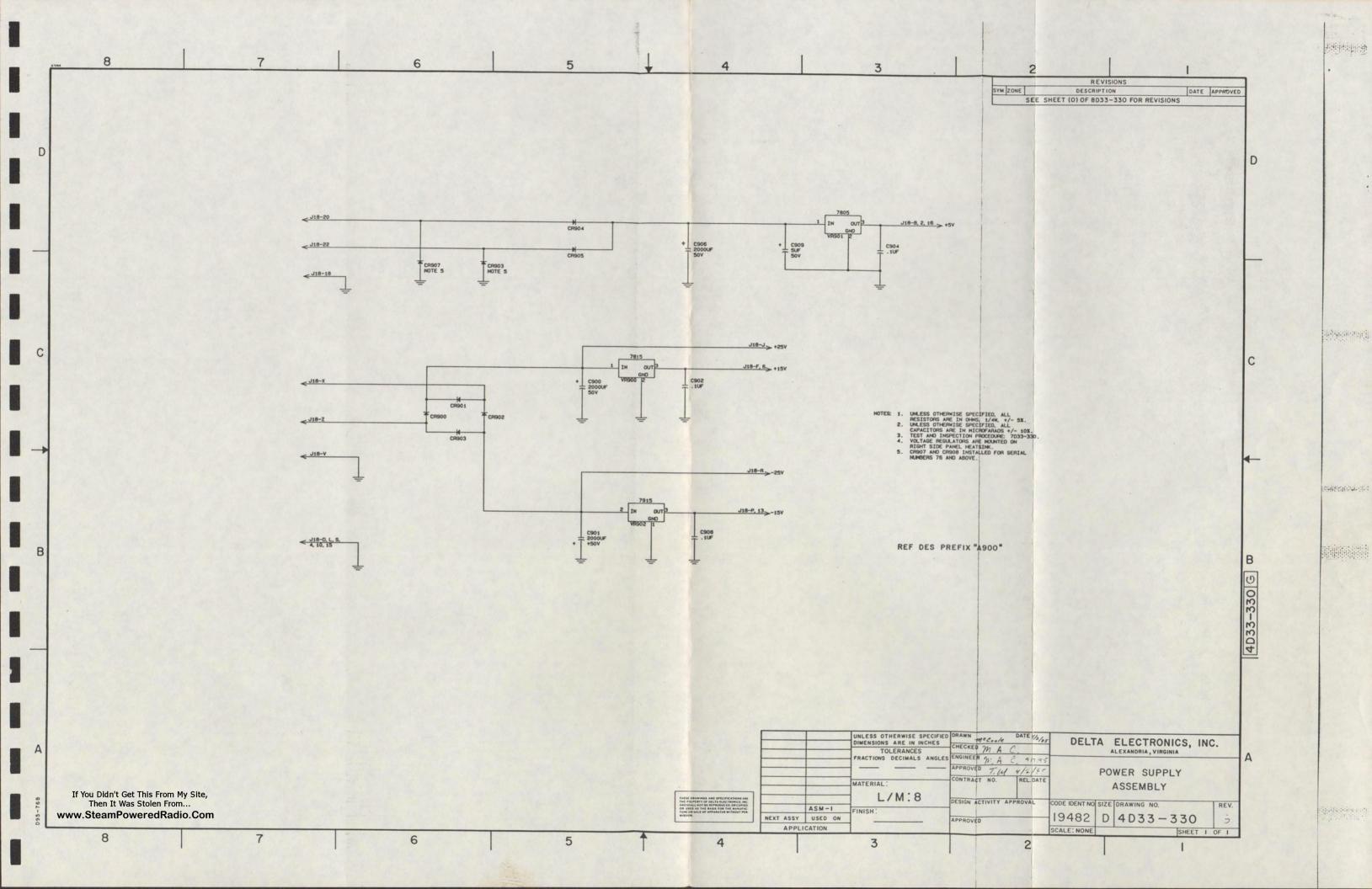












APPENDIX A

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APPENDIX B

ASE-1/ASM-1 EQUIPMENT

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

SAMPLE FORMS

Exciter to Monitor Closed Loop Checkout

L + R Performance

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Exciter Serial

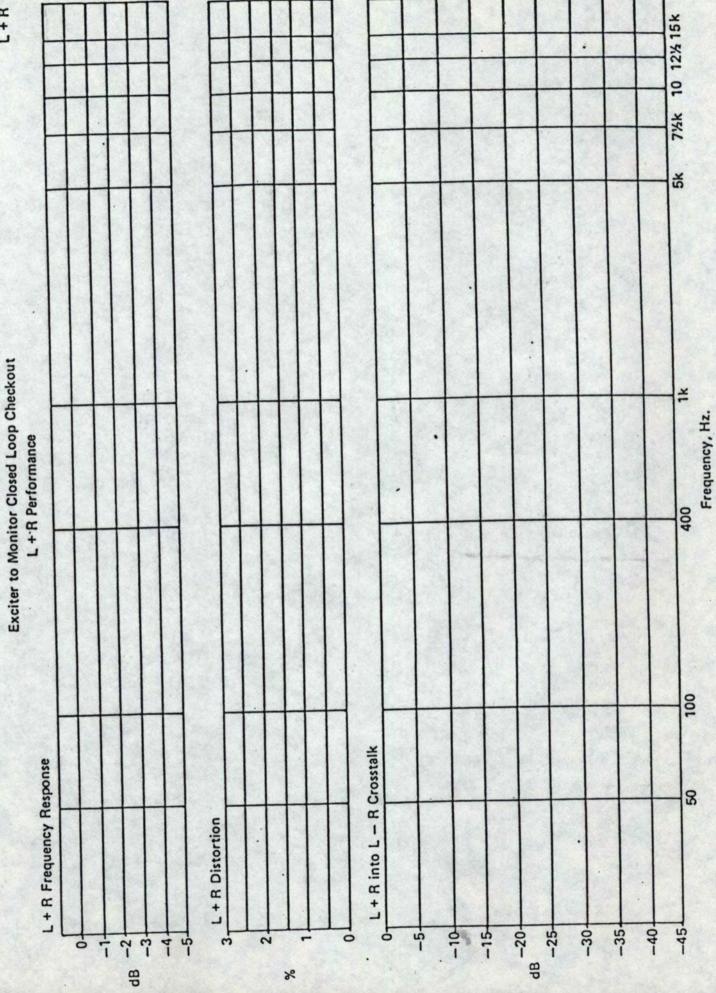
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L + R Frequency Response 95% Modulation

L + R Distortion 95% Modulation L+R into L-R Crosstalk (IPM) L + R Noise Level

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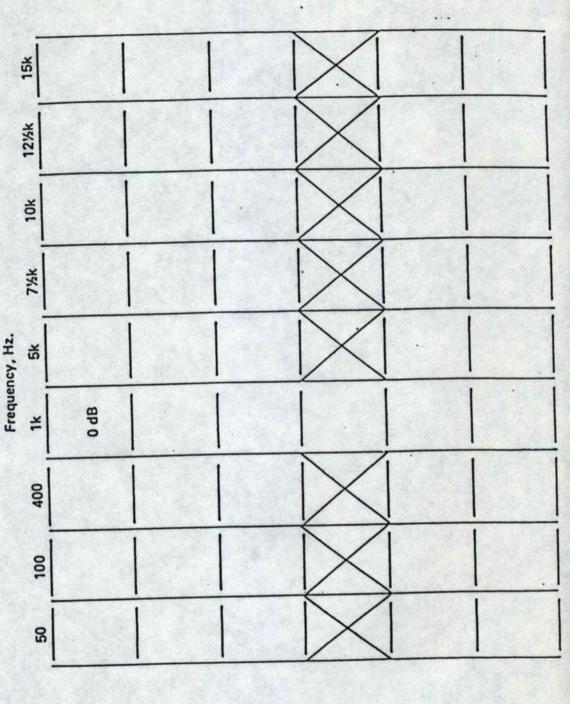
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L - R Frequency Response, 95% Modulation

L – R Distortion 95% Modulation L - R into L + R Crosstalk, (Incidential Amplitude Modulation)

L - R Noise Level



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Right Channel Audio Frequency Response, 50% Modulation

Right Channel Distortion 50% Modulation

Right Channel into Left Separation, 50% Modulation

Right Channel Noise Level

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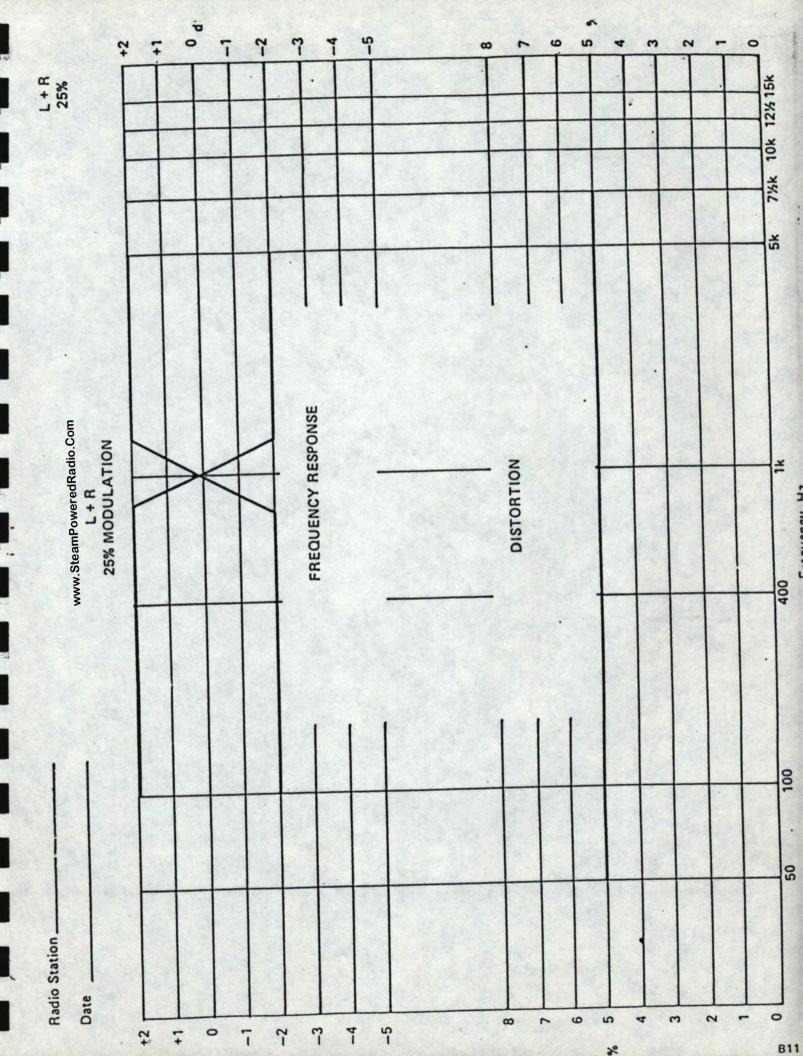
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Left Channel Frequency Response, 50% Modulation

Left Channel Distortion 50% Modulation Left Channel into Right, Separation, 50% Modulation

Left Channel Noise Level

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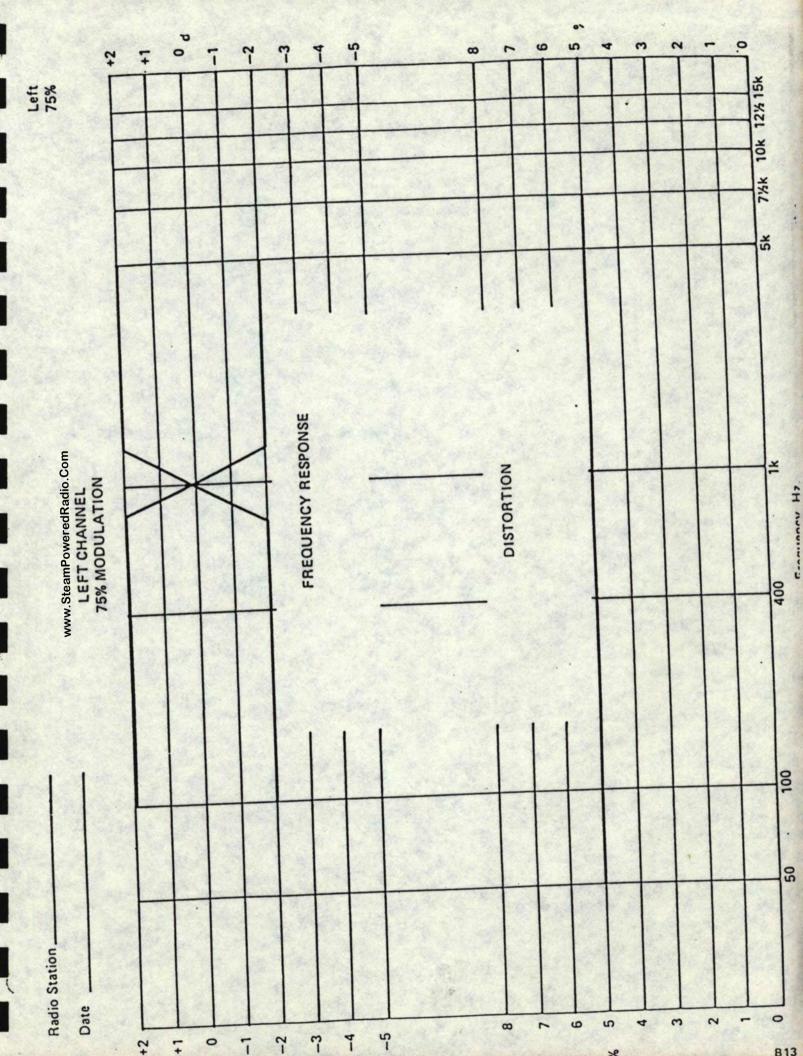
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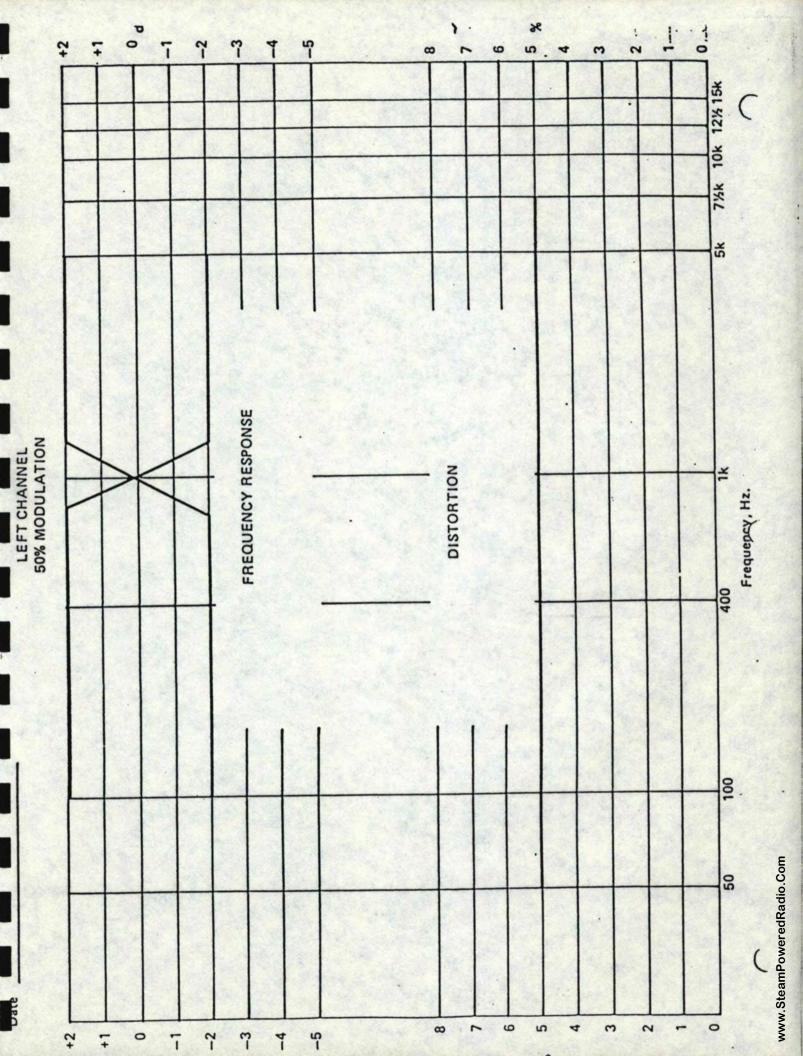
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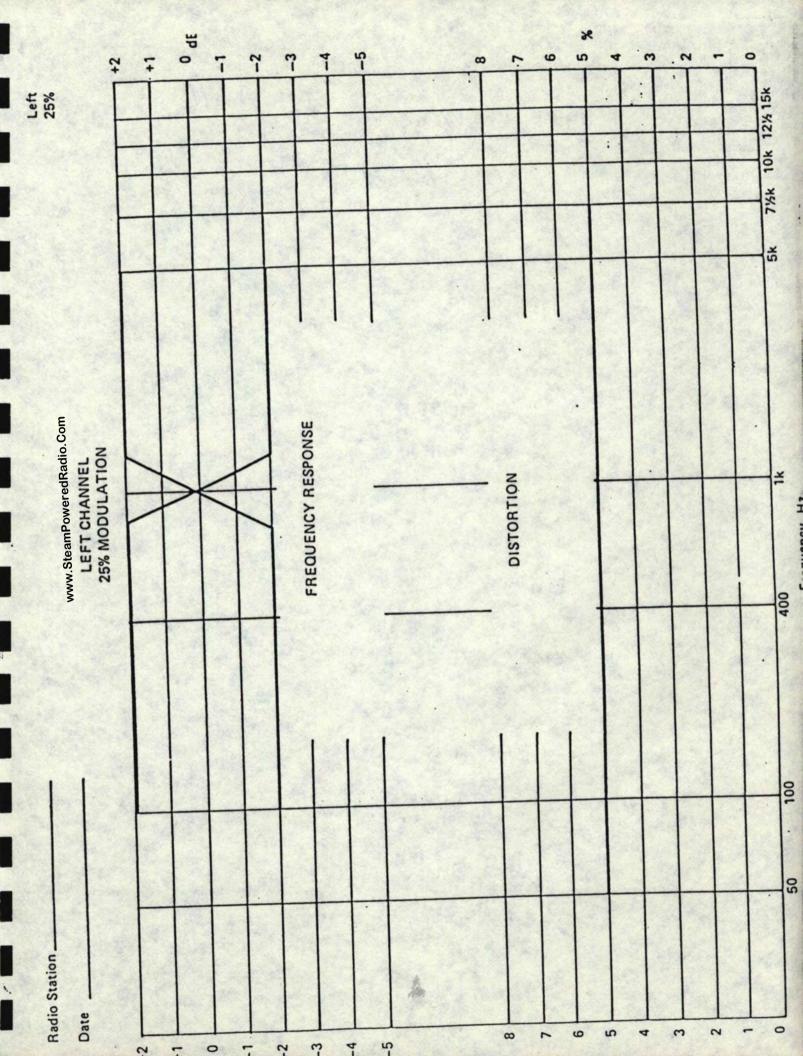
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\* When attainable







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> Right Audio Frequency Response & Distortion

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L+R to L-R

L-R to L+R Crosstalk

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Frequency, Hz.

Main to Subchannel Crosstalk in dB (No Specification) 95% L+R Modulation

Incidental Phase Modulation Same as above, expressed in Radians. No Specification 95% L+R Modulation Subchannel to Main Crosstalk No Specification 95% L-R Modulation

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SUBCHANNEL TO MAIN CROSSTALK

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Carrier Shift

L + R, 100% Modulation

L + R, 85% Modulation

L + R, 50% Modulation

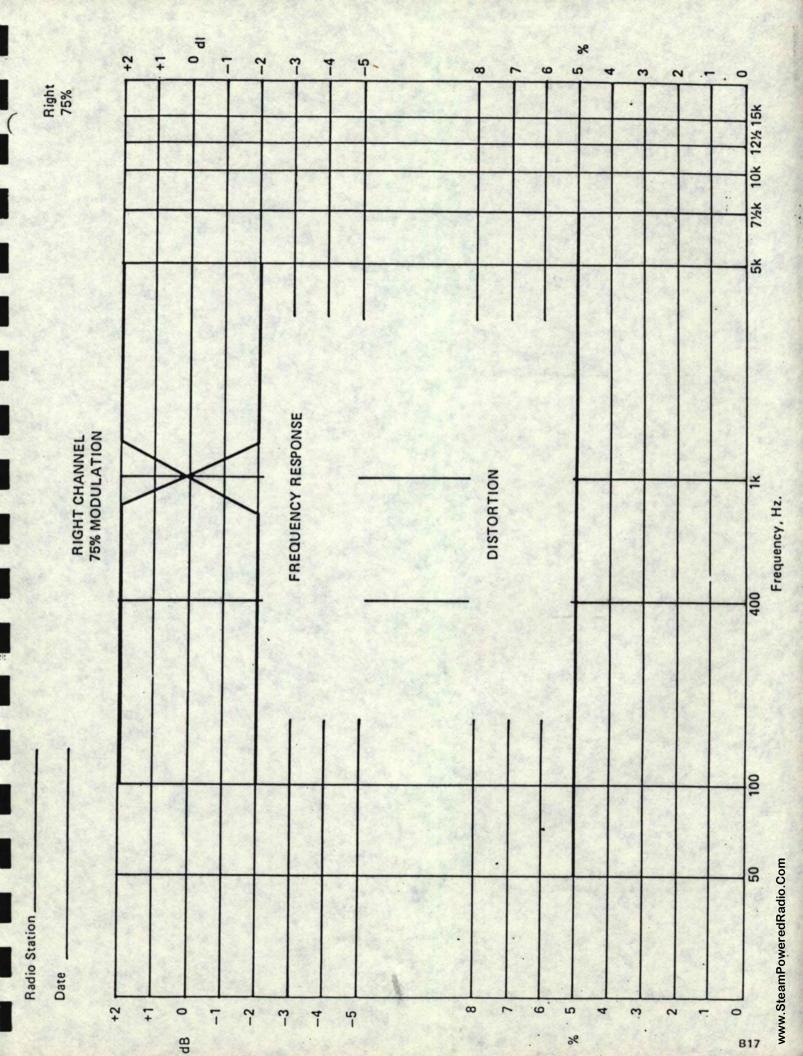
L + R, 25% Modulation

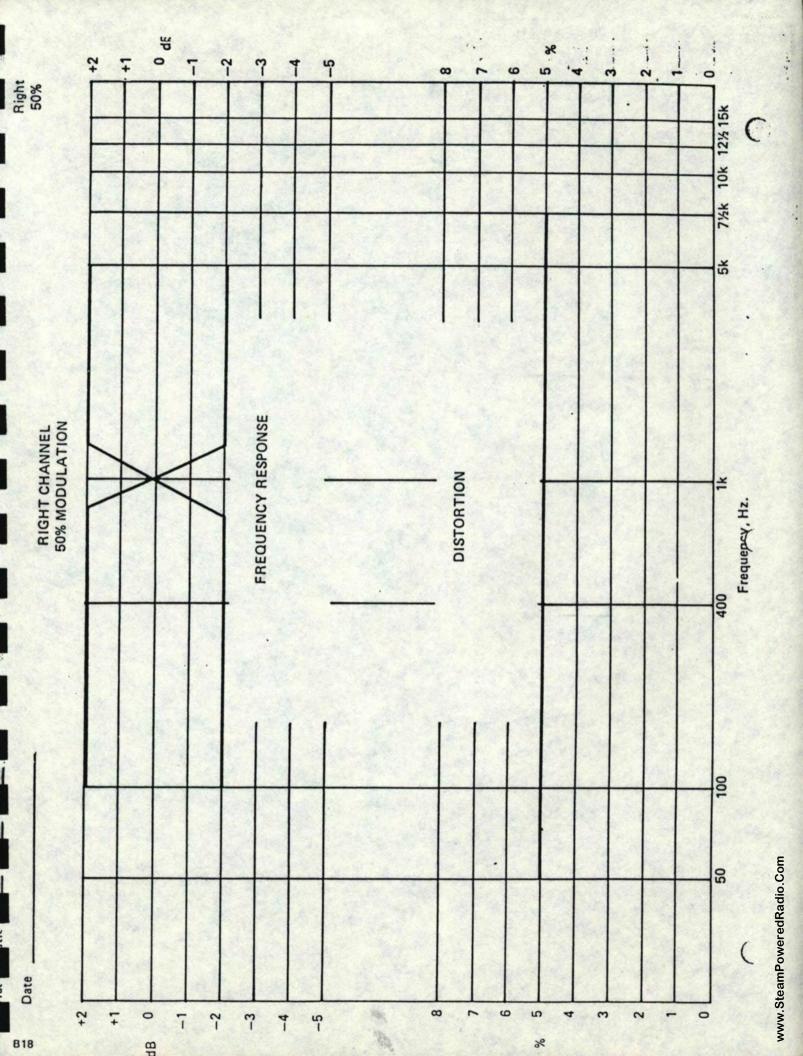
Noise Level Below 100% at 400 Hz, L + R \_\_\_\_\_\_ dB

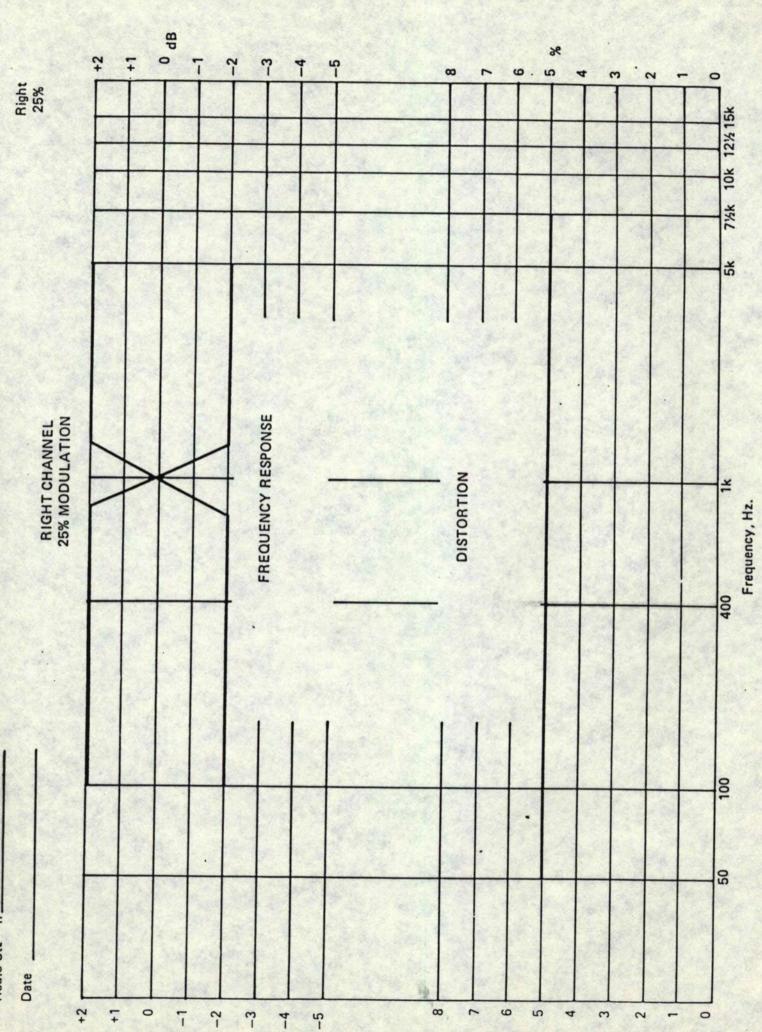
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Harmonic and Spurious Observations, L + R, L - R, Left, & Right







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IPM L+R to L-R & L-R to L+R Crosstalk

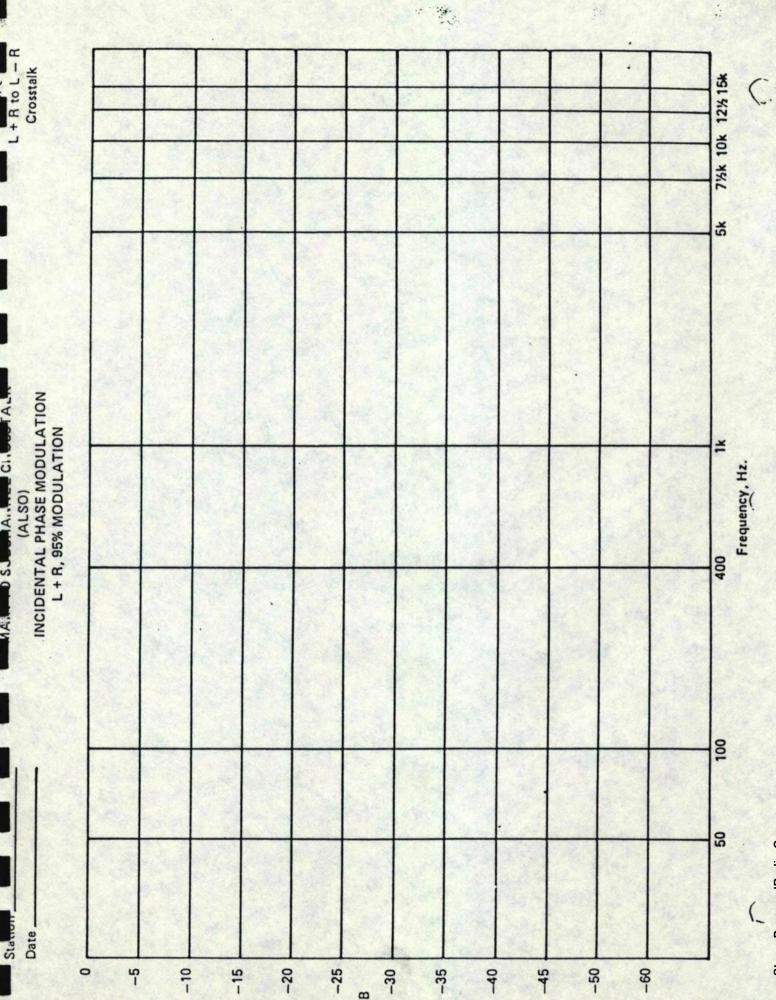
Frequency, Hz.

Main to Subchannel Crosstalk in dB (No Specification) 95% L+R Modulation

in Radians. No Specification 95% L+R Modulation Incidental Phase Modulation Same as above, expressed

Subchannel to Main Crosstalk No Specification 95% L-R Modulation

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L-5 L+R Crosstalk SUBCHANNEL TO MAIN CROSSTALK Station.

L - R, 95% MODULATION

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Carrier Shift

L + R, 100% Modulation

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L + R, 85% Modulation

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L + R, 50% Modulation

L + R, 25% Modulation

%

Below 100% at 400 Hz. Noise Level

dB qB L+R\_ Left\_

Right\_

Harmonic and Spurious Observations, L+R, L-R, Left, & Right

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Station \_

Date

