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LIST OF EQUIPMENT

BTF-10C, 10 KW, FM TRANSMITTER (ES-34223)		
Quantity		Reference
1	BTE-10 B, FM Exciter	ES-27278
1	250-Watt Driver	MI-34502-A
1	10 KW Amplifier	MI-34550
1	Plate Transformer	MI-34555
1	Blower	MI-34556
1	Installation Material Kit	MI-34551
1	Side Panel (End Shield)	MI-34531-2
1	Finish Touch-up Kit	MI-27660
1	Tool Kit	MI-27088
1	Set of Operating Tubes	ES-27282
1	Harmonic Filter	MI-27967-1 or 2
1	Doors (color as specified)	MI-27645-D-* or E-*
1	Nameplate	MI-28180-1
1	1 $\frac{5}{8}$ " to 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ " Adapter	MI-19112-7
1	Coupling	MI-19112-8
2	Instruction Books, BTF-10C	IB-30275

INSTALLATION MATERIAL KIT (MI-34551)		
Item	Quantity	Reference
1	1	FM BROADCAST Logotype
2	1	TYPE BTF-10C Logotype
3	1	RCA Monogram
4	12	Retainers (Spares Included)
5	1	Boot
6	4	Clamps
7	3	Hose Clamps
8	2	Crank Assemblies
9	2	Arm Assemblies
10	1	Cable Assembly, BTF-10C
11	1	Monitor Assembly
12	1	Elbow (Miter)
13	1	Escutcheon
14	1	Trim Strip
15	1	Plug Button
16	Set	Hardware



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TECHNICAL SUMMARY

Electrical Characteristics

Type of Emission	F3 and F9
Frequency Range	68 to 108 mc
Power Output	1 to 10 KW
Output Impedance (1 $\frac{1}{8}$ " O.D. Line)	51.5 ohms
Frequency Deviation 100% Modulation	± 75 KC
Modulation Capability	± 100 KC Min.
Carrier Frequency Stability	± 1000 cycles Max.
Audio Input Impedance	600/150 ohms
Audio Input Level ¹ (100% Mod.)	+10 ± 2 dbm
Audio Frequency Response ² (30–15,000 cycles)	± 1 db Max.
Harmonic Distortion ³ (30–15,000 cycles)	0.5% or less
FM Noise Level (referred to 100% FM Mod.)	–65 db Max.
AM Noise Level (referred to 100% AM Mod.)	–50 db Max.
Subcarrier Input Level (30% modulation)	5 v Max. ⁴
Subcarrier Input Impedance	10,000 ohms
Subcarrier Center Frequency Range	30–67 KC/s
Main-to-Sub-channel Crosstalk	–53 db ⁵
Sub-to-Main-channel Crosstalk	–65 db ⁵
Power Line Requirements	240/208 v., 50/60 cps., 3 phase
Slow Voltage Variation	$\pm 5\%$
Power Consumption	20,000 watts (approx.)
Power Factor	90%
Crystal Heaters	117 v., 50/60 cps., single phase, 28 watts

Environmental Specifications

Altitude	7500 ft. Max.
Ambient Temperature Range ⁴	10–45°C
Heat Dissipation	34,000 BTU/hr. (approx.)

Mechanical Specifications

Dimensions and Weights (Dimensions are for uncrated units and do not include door handles and controls.)

	Height	Width	Depth	Weights	
				Packed	Unpacked
Exciter and IPA Cabinet (less doors)	84"	25"	20 $\frac{1}{16}$ "	380 lbs.	270 lbs.
PA Cabinet (less doors)	84"	34 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	32"	1094 lbs.	855 lbs.
Doors and Miscellaneous Items				225 lbs.	180 lbs.
Blower				118 lbs.	100 lbs.
Power Transformer	36"	27 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	19 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	655 lbs.	615 lbs.
Overall	84"	59 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	32"	2472 lbs.	2020 lbs.

¹ Level measured at input (J101), using 400 cps tone.

² Audio frequency response referred to 75 μ s pre-emphasis curve.

³ Distortion includes all harmonics up to 30 KC/s and is measured following a standard 75 μ s de-emphasis network.

⁴ For –20°C to +45°C operation, specify type CH-1120 Xenon Rectifier tubes (MI-34615) instead of 8008 tubes.

⁵ Subcarrier modulation percentage can be brought to 50% if required.

⁶ Reference shall be ± 7.5 KC deviation of the sub-carrier by a 400 cps tone.

⁷ Main channel modulated 85% by 50–15000 cps tones. Sub-channel modulated 100% (± 7.5 KC) by 50–6000 cps tones. Subcarrier modulated 30% on main carrier.

TUBE COMPLEMENT

250-Watt Driver and 5 KW Power Amplifier

Symbol	Type	Function
1V1	7034*	250-Watt RF Driver
2V1	4CX5000A	5 KW Power Amplifier
2V2	8008	3-Phase Rectifier
2V3	8008	3-Phase Rectifier
2V4	8008	3-Phase Rectifier
2V5	8008	3-Phase Rectifier
2V6	8008	3-Phase Rectifier
2V7	8008	3-Phase Rectifier

* The Type 7034 tube is not bilaterally interchangeable with the Type 4X150A tube. However, a Type 7203 or Type 4CX250B may be used if the Type 7034 is not available.



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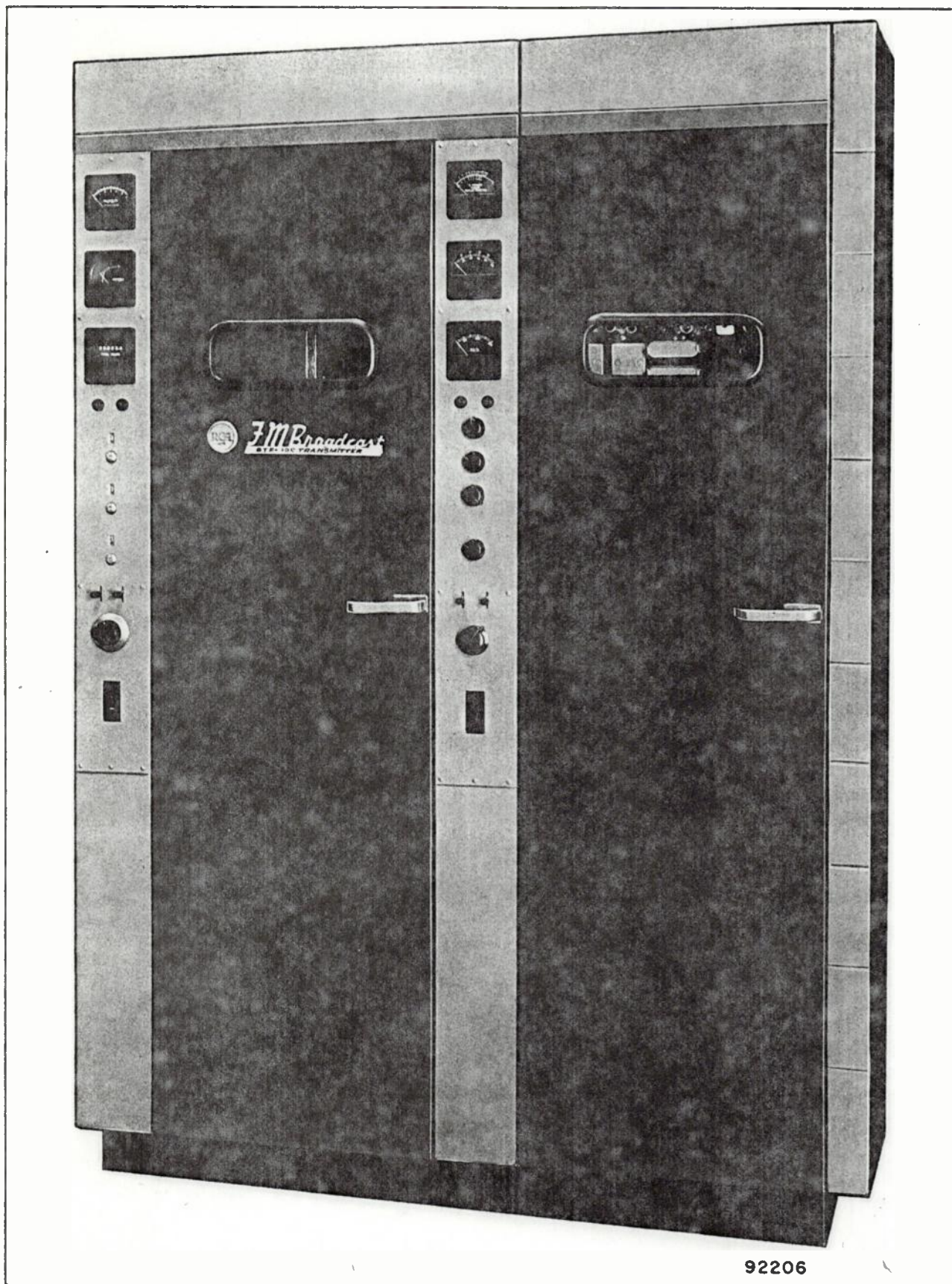


Figure 1. RCA BTF-10C 10KW FM Transmitter

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DESCRIPTION

The RCA Type BTF-10C FM Transmitter (Figure 1) is designed for high fidelity FM broadcasting on any frequency between 88 and 108 megacycles, with a power output of 10,000 watts.

The transmitter employs the new BTE-10B FM Exciter. This exciter incorporates a subcarrier modulator and can be used with the BTX-1A Subcarrier Generator to provide for various applications of FM multiplex such as background music and, if it becomes authorized, stereophonic sound broadcasting. Incorporating simplified circuitry and improved mechanical layout, the BTF-10C is a compact, high-power transmitter designed to provide long trouble-free service with maximum operational ease and efficiency.

Air-cooled tubes are employed in all stages of the transmitter which consist of the FM exciter unit, 250-watt driver and 10 kw power amplifier. The exciter utilizes miniature tubes and incorporates a subcarrier modulator stage for the multiplexing of one or more FM channels on one r-f carrier. The BTX-1A Subcarrier Generator is available as an accessory for this type service.

The BTF-10C is conservatively designed for unattended operation. Functions such as starting and stopping of the transmitter, resetting overload relays, metering of all power amplifier circuits and monitoring power output can be performed at a remote location as well as at the transmitter by the addition of available remote control accessories.

Construction

The transmitter is housed in two steel cabinets which are bolted together at installation. One cabinet contains the exciter, r-f driver and the subcarrier generator (if used), the other cabinet contains the power amplifier, blower, power supplies and control circuits. The plate transformer is housed in its own external enclosure.

Circuitry and mechanical layout of the transmitter are arranged to permit maximum accessibility. Vertical chassis type construction is employed, with surface mounting of components and wiring for easy and speedy tracing of circuits during servicing. Doors and removable panels provide access to all components of the transmitter. Meters and indicator lights are grouped with tuning and switching controls at convenient height on the front of the transmitter. An additional cabinet (ES-34211-A) which matches the appearance of the 250-watt driver cabinet may be added to the left side of the transmitter to house accessory units for frequency and modulation monitoring, multiplexing, and remote control.

Safety of operating personnel has been given special consideration in the design of the transmitter. All access doors to compartments containing high voltages are equipped with automatic interlock switches. When these doors are opened all rectifiers are immediately de-energized. In addition, each compartment containing high voltage is equipped with a mechanically operated grounding bar which is automatically released when the door is opened, or panels are removed.

Forced air cooling for the intermediate amplifier and power amplifier tubes is provided by a blower (2B1) located in the bottom of the left hand cubicle. Air is fed through a canvas boot into the bottom of the power amplifier compartment. Air for the 7034 IPA tube is fed by a 2 inch hose from the power amplifier compartment, through the wall of the cabinet, entering the bottom of the chassis. Air interlock switches in both stages remove plate and screen voltages if the air supply is interrupted.

Circuits

A block diagram of the BTF-10C transmitter is shown in Figure 2. High gain tetrodes are employed in the IPA and PA stages following the exciter which has a rated power output of ten watts. The IPA utilizes a 7034 tetrode delivering approximately 250 watts of r-f power. The final power amplifier employs a type 4CX5000A tetrode which supplies up to 10 kw of cw power to the 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ inch antenna feed line. Both tubes operate in grounded cathode circuits. A variable output screen supply, common to the IPA and PA stages provides a means for obtaining any desired output power from one to ten kilowatts.

Frequency modulation is accomplished in the BTE-10B FM exciter by a "direct modulation" process requiring less components and fewer tubes and tube types. This process, which eliminates numerous multipliers and converter stages (resulting in low noise and minimum distortion), utilizes push-pull reactance tubes connected across the frequency determining circuit of the master oscillator. The center frequency of this oscillator is precisely maintained by a temperature controlled reference crystal in the exciter.

All power supplies except the high voltage supply employ semi-conductor rectifiers. The high voltage supply, utilizing six type 8008 rectifiers in a three-phase circuit, furnishes 6300 volts to the final stage and 2000 volts to the plate of the IPA. Another power supply furnishes screen voltages for these stages. The exciter unit as well as the accessory subcarrier generator are furnished with built-in power supplies.



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Control circuits provide a 45-second starting sequence which prevents the application of plate voltage until the blower is in operation, tube filaments have reached operating temperature and the exciter has become stabilized. These circuits also provide overload protection and off-frequency shutdown. The overload circuit automatically returns the transmitter to the air on the first two overloads after a clearing time of two seconds. If the overload persists for the third time, manual resetting is required. Overload relays are located in the high voltage and screen supplies and in the cathode circuits of the IPA and power amplifier. Terminal board connections are available for transmitter remote control and metering functions. Only two fuses are used in the transmitter. These are installed in the crystal heater circuits on the exciter chassis.

BTE-10B FM Exciter

The BTE-10B Exciter provides a frequency modulated r-f output of ten watts at the specified carrier frequency. The exciter incorporates a subcarrier modulator stage which can be fed from the Type RCA BTX-1A Subcarrier Generator to provide for multiplexing one or two subcarriers on the main FM channel. For detailed information on the exciter unit, refer to the BTE-10B Instruction Book, IB-30262.

Intermediate Power Amplifier 2500

The intermediate power amplifier, which employs a 7034 tetrode, is a panel and chassis type unit and is mounted vertically in the right-hand cabinet of the transmitter, above the exciter. All controls are located on the front panel, and consist of two crank-handle operated adjustments labeled INPUT TUNING (1L1) and OUTPUT TUNING (1L2), and two screwdriver-adjusted capacitors labeled INPUT LOADING (1C1) and OUTPUT LOADING (1C13). These adjustments are accessible when the front door of the cabinet is open.

Output from the exciter is fed to the grid circuit of the IPA through a 50-ohm coaxial cable from an r-f output jack (1P1) located on the rear of the chassis. Forced air, conveyed from the blower by a two-inch diameter hose, enters the bottom of the chassis and is expelled through louvers in the rear plate. A-C and d-c connections to the unit are made to a terminal strip on the rear of the chassis.

Circuits of the intermediate power amplifier are shown in the simplified schematic diagram of Figure 3. The input and output tuning circuits are conventional "pi" networks utilizing the input and output capacitance of the tube. The tuning slugs in inductances 1L1 and 1L2 move longitudinally by threaded

teflon driving lead screws which are mechanically linked to the crank handle adjustments on the front panel. These slugs are brass with a silver plating. Their operation differs from that of the usual tuning slug in that the effective inductance of the coil is decreased as the slug is moved toward the coil center. No neutralization is required in this stage. Bias for the tube is obtained from grid and cathode resistances.

Power Amplifier

The power amplifier is located in a compartment in the lefthand cubicle of the transmitter with the power supplies, blower and control circuits. This stage utilizes a Type 4CX5000A forced-air cooled tetrode and provides a power output of 10 kw to the 51.5-ohm transmission line.

All controls for tuning and loading of the amplifier are located at convenient height on the lefthand vertical front panel of the transmitter. These consist of the GRID LOADING control (2C3), GRID TUNING (2L8), PLATE TUNING (2L6), and PLATE LOADING (2L7). R-F power from the 250-watt driver is fed through a 50-ohm cable to a coaxial jack (2J1) in the bottom of the PA compartment. R-F output is coupled to a 51.5-ohm transmission line which enters the top of the compartment.

Power amplifier circuits are shown schematically in Figure 4. The input circuit is a modified pi network in that the input capacity of the tube is shunted by an inductive line (2L8) which reduces the effective input capacity of the stage. Inductance (2L10), which is varied by means of a capacitor (2C3) in parallel with the coil, also provides the means for adjustment of input loading. The output circuit of this stage is also a pi network with the tube capacity shunted by the variable inductance 2L6. Loading and tuning are accomplished by variation of the two inductive line components 2L6 and 2L7. Mechanical simplicity was obtained in this circuit by inverting the pi network, thus placing one end of the inductance at ground potential as shown. This eliminates the mechanical and electrical problems of insulating the variable component from ground. It is necessary that the output line parallels the inductance to bring it to ground potential. This is achieved by the extension of the output line down one side of the inductive line. Neutralization of the power amplifier is accomplished by adjusting the spacing of neutralizing slides located at the base of the tube.

In addition to grid leak bias, a separate bias supply is incorporated in the power amplifier. This bias supply consists of a silicon bridge rectifier assembly (2CR7) and a choke input filter circuit which supplies 40 to 50 ma. to bias the grid of the PA tube.



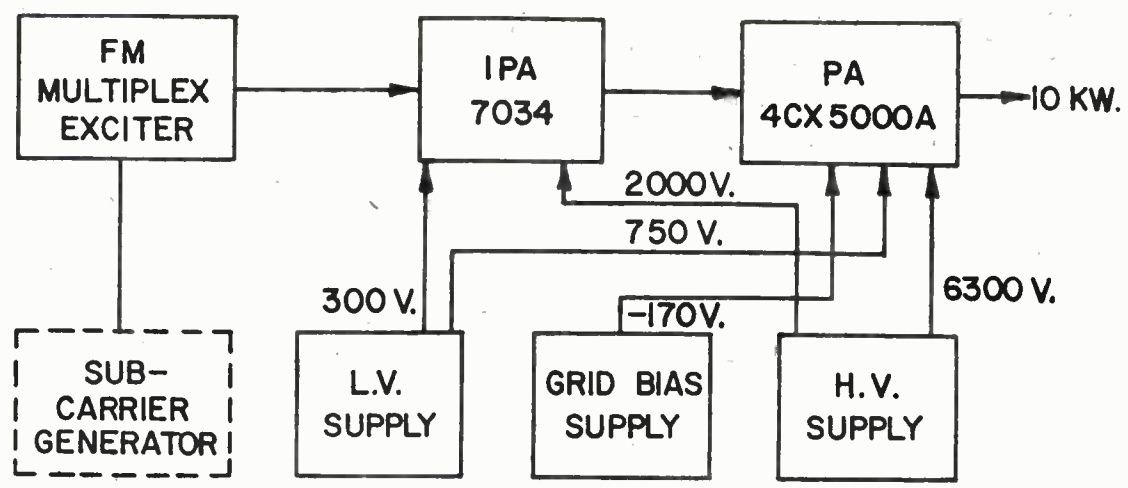


Figure 2. Block Diagram, BTF-10C FM Transmitter

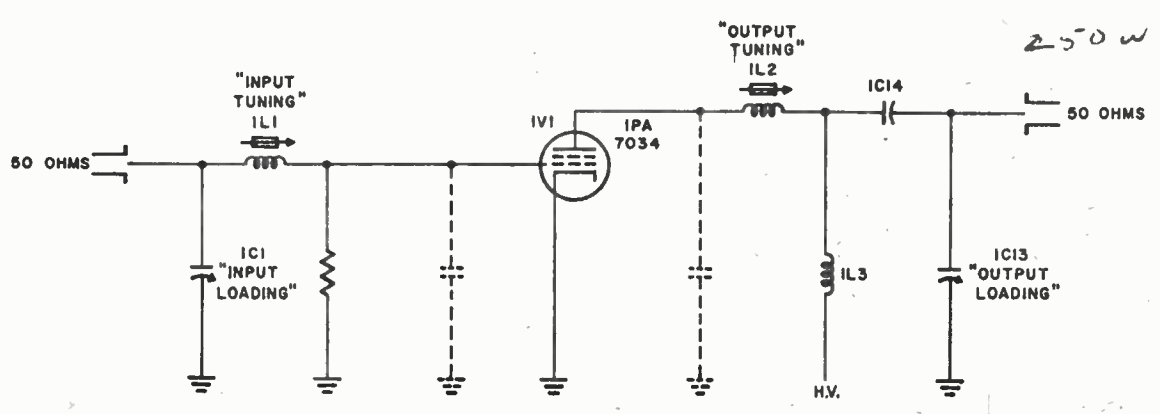


Figure 3. Simplified Schematic Diagram, Intermediate Power Amplifier

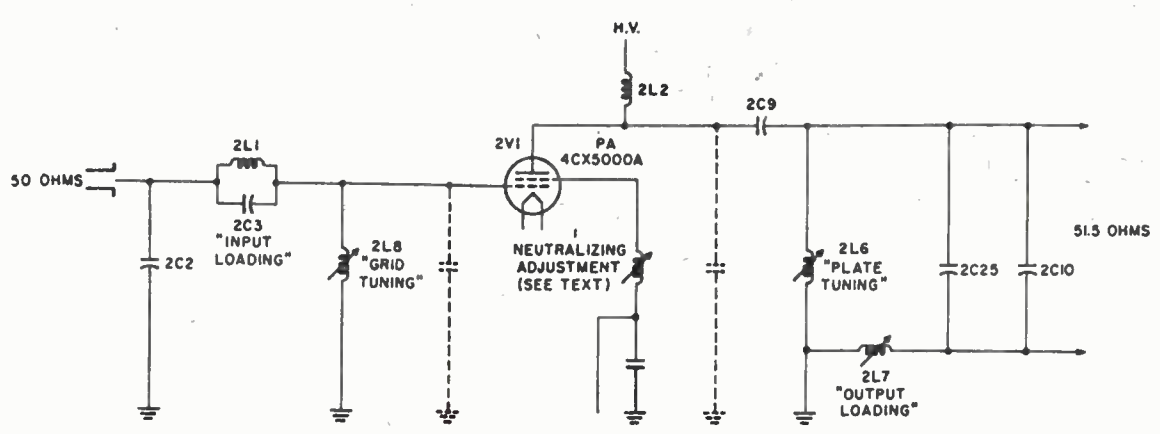


Figure 4. Simplified Schematic Diagram, Power Amplifier



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Power Supplies and Control Circuits

The power supplies and control circuits are shown on the overall schematic diagram of Figure 26. The high voltage supply is a 3-phase full-wave circuit utilizing six 8008 mercury vapor rectifiers. A single section, choke-input filter (2L3 and 2C21) supplies 6300 volts at approximately 2.3 amperes to the plate of the power amplifier (2V1). The half-voltage center tap of the high voltage transformer (2T1) supplies the plate of the intermediate power amplifier (1V1) through a double section RC filter which effectively filters and at the same time reduces the voltage to approximately 2000 volts.

A second power supply utilizing germanium rectifiers (2CR1, 2CR2) in a bridge circuit, and a double section choke input filter (2L4, 2L5, 2C23, 2C24) supplies screen voltage to both the IPA and PA stages. The primary of this transformer (2T5) is fed from a motor-driven variable transformer (2T6) which provides manual control of screen voltage, and thus power output, for tune-up and other purposes. This SCREEN RAISE/LOWER control (2S12) is located on the front panel of the transmitter.

Power is applied from the 208/240-volt 3-phase line by the circuit breaker (2S1) located at the bottom of the right-hand vertical panel. From 2S1, power is fed to four other circuit breakers. The first of these breakers (2S3) is located at the bottom of the left-hand vertical panel and controls power for the blower, transmitter control circuits, amplifier filaments, transmitter exciter unit and the subcarrier generator (if used). Application of power to these circuits is controlled by the TRANS ON switch as described later. The second circuit breaker (2S2) is located at the base of the power amplifier compartment and controls power through contacts of the plate contactor relay (2K9) to the plate transformer (2T1) and through the third and adjacently located breaker (2S4), to the screen supply transformer (2T5). The fourth circuit breaker (2S5) controls power through contacts of relay 2K15 to the blower (2B1). The filament line passes through buck-boost transformers 2T3 and 2T4 which permit exact adjustment of the line voltage to that required by the taps used on the primary of the filament transformers.

With all breakers turned ON and all door interlocks closed, power is applied to the various circuits of the transmitter by the TRANS ON and PLATE ON switches (2S10 and 2S9, respectively) mounted on the vertical panels. The TRANS ON switch (2S10) energizes relay 2K15 which starts the blower. Air passing into the IPA and PA compartments actuate vane-operated air interlocks (1S3 and 2S19),

energizing filament relay 2K11 which in turn applies power to the exciter, subcarrier generator, IPA and PA filament transformers (1T1 and 2T7) and to the 45-second time delay relay (2K4). This is evidenced by the lighting of the TRANS ON indicator (2DS4) on the front panel. After sufficient time has elapsed, contacts of time delay relay (2K4) close, completing the circuit through the closed door interlock switches (1S4, 1S1, 2S8, 2S6 and 2S7), through the normally closed contacts of the two-second time delay relay (2K7), through the stepping relay contacts (2K8) and the OFF FREQUENCY interlock relay in the exciter, up to the starting relay (2K10). This is indicated by the energizing of the READY indicator light (2DS3) on the front panel. Operation of the PLATE ON switch (2S9) then energizes 2K10 and the plate contactor relay (2K9) which in turn applies power to the high-voltage and screen-supply transformers and energizes the PLATE ON indicator light (2DS2).

Protective overload relays are installed in principal circuits throughout the transmitter as follows: Relays 2K1, 2K2 and 2K3 are located in the plate circuits of the high-voltage rectifiers. Relay 2K15 is in the cathode circuit of the power amplifier 2V1, and relay 2K6 is in the cathode of the IPA tube (1V1). Relay 2K5 is in the screen voltage supply.

Normally-open contacts on each of these relays are connected in series with the 2-second time delay relay (2K7). The closing of any of these contacts, as the result of an overload, energizes 2K7 which in turn opens the circuit to the plate contactor (2K9) and removes plate and screen voltages from the amplifier stages. At the same time another set of contacts on 2K7 energizes the 3-step relay (2K8) which advances one step and energizes the OVERLOAD indicator (2DS1). The second pair of contacts on 2K8, which are in the plate contactor circuit, remain closed. After a 2-second interval the time delay relay returns to its normal position which again energizes plate contactor 2K9 and applies plate and screen voltages to the power amplifier circuits.

If a second overload is present, the cycle repeats; relay 2K7 is again actuated, opening the circuit to 2K9 and advancing 2K8 to its second step position. In this position of 2K8, contacts in the OVERLOAD indicator and plate contactor circuits remain closed.

With a third such overload, however, stepping relay 2K8 is advanced to its final position, opening contacts in the plate contactor circuit. To restart the transmitter at this stage requires that the OVERLOAD RESET switch (2S11) be pressed. This energizes a second winding on 2K8 which returns the



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relay to its normal position, closing the plate contactor circuit and opening the OVERLOAD indicator circuit.

The transmitter can be turned on and off by the TRANS ON (2S10) and PLATE ON (2S9) spring return key switches located on the front panel.

INSTALLATION

General

Basic steps in the installation of the RCA BTF-10C FM Transmitter consist of planning the equipment layout and making provisions for transmitter-room power and light, transmission line runs, and connections to the equipment. The units then can be unpacked, assembled and wired as specified in these instructions. Space for items not supplied, such as auxiliary input equipment, or line dehydrating units should not be overlooked in the planning. Before locating the transmitter, reference should be made to the instruction books supplied with these equipments.

NOTE: The instructions contained in these books are not intended to supersede applicable local codes. On points where conflict is evident, the local code should be followed.

A harmonic filter (MI-27967-1 or 2) is supplied with the BTF-10C transmitter and is designed to effectively attenuate second through seventh harmonic radiations from FM transmitters. The filter is constructed of coaxial transmission line and is the reflective type, i.e., the rejected energy is not absorbed. The filter is inserted in the transmission line at the top of the transmitter.

Electrically, each filter consists of an M-derived half-T section, several low-pass filter sections, and a constant-K, half-T section as shown in Figure 21. The M-derived section provides rapid cut-off in the second harmonic region, and a termination impedance at one end of the filter of 50 ohms. Attenuation of the harmonics is accomplished by the low-pass filter sections, while the constant-K, half-T section serves to give a termination impedance of 50 ohms at the other end of the unit.

In selecting a location for the transmitter, care should be taken to allow sufficient space for the filter which is approximately 10 to 12 feet in length (depending on frequency).

The room in which the transmitter is installed should be well ventilated and provided with an abundant supply of clean, dry air. The maximum ambient temperature for proper operation is given in the specifications. A transmitter room layout can be

prepared by reference to the floor plan diagram in Figure 24 (8616014), which gives the overall dimensions of the transmitting equipment. A minimum clearance of 24 inches for the opening of doors is required at the front of the transmitter, and a similar space should be provided at the rear for access to transmitter components and circuits. Floor ducts can be installed for power wiring and remote control interconnection (if desired), or conduit may be run above the floor to the transmitter wire ducts at the base of the cabinets. If wiring is to be placed in floor ducts, the floor ducts should be laid out so that cables can leave the duct and enter holes provided in the bottom of the transmitter wire duct.

Most of the internal wiring of the BTF-10C has been completed at the factory prior to shipment. Since the exciter-driver and power amplifier cabinets are packed separately, it will be necessary to bolt these cabinets together and install the wiring cable interconnecting the two units. Other items to be installed are the exciter, subcarrier generator (if used), the high voltage plate transformer, blower and blower hoses. The 250-watt driver unit is shipped in the smaller of the two cabinets.

Unpacking

An understanding of the shipping system will be of assistance in unpacking the equipment and locating items. Each RCA equipment is accompanied by a shipping voucher which lists the complete contents of the shipment by "Equipment Schedule" or "ES" numbers and "Master Item" or "MI" numbers. This shipping voucher is usually packed in one of the smaller cardboard cartons, appropriately marked. Where there are two or more packages to a major item, the package containing the MI list is identified by stenciling.

The complete equipment for the BTF-10C FM Transmitter is listed on ES-34223 and ES-27278 which references the major items of the shipment and their MI numbers. These Equipment Schedules, together with the list of items contained on MI-34505 (Installation Material Kit) are reproduced in the front of this book.

The equipment should be carefully unpacked and inspected to make certain that no damage has been incurred during shipment. Any damage or shortages should be reported immediately to RCA and to the transportation company so that lost or damaged material can be recovered. Tubes should not be unpacked until all equipment is installed and all preliminary adjustments have been made.



Assembly

Reference should be made to the installation drawing, Figure 24 (8616014) which will aid in the assembly of the transmitter cabinets, and in the installation of the plate transformer (2T1), blower (2B1) and blower boot. Position the cabinets and bolt them together using the hardware supplied as items 16-C, G, I, and L of the MI-34551 Installation Kit.

Place the plate transformer in position and make connections as shown in Figure 25.

NOTE: Due to the weight of the transformer it is unnecessary to bolt it to the floor.

After the plate transformer connections have been made, install and bolt the blower on the mounting pads as shown in Figure 13, and make the two connections to the blower motor terminals. Install the boot (item 5) contained in the installation kit (MI-34551) between the blower and the bottom of the PA cabinet, using the hose clamp and corner clamps supplied as item 6 with hardware items 16-A, E, and K. Also install the 2-inch hose through the hole in the cabinet wall, clamping one end to the outlet at the side of the PA compartment and the other to the inlet on the bottom of the IPA chassis. (Use the item 7 clamp of MI-34551.) Ascertain that the hose is clear of obstructions which would impede normal air flow. (See *Blower Adjustment* under OPERATION.)

Mount the front doors, end shields, logotypes and monogram, using the retainers supplied (MI-34551 items 1, 2, 3, and 4). The MI-28180-1 nameplate should be mounted on the top rear access panel of the amplifier rack.

Harmonic Filter Installation

Install the harmonic filter, MI-27967-1 or 2 as determined by the building layout, using the MI-19112-7 reducer. The filter should be located in a position which permits a reasonable amount of ventilation. Under no circumstances should the filters be located outdoors where "breathing" of the unit due to temperature changes may lead to condensation.

When installing the harmonic filter, refer to the Harmonic Filter *Technical Summary* and schematic diagram in Figures 20 and 21. Keep in mind the clearances necessary for the various size transmission line inner and outer conductors. Clearance of 1/8-inch must be allowed for each joint in all outer conductors. Inner conductors of 3 1/8-inch lines require a clearance of 3/16-inch at each joint, while inner conductors of 1 5/8-inch lines require a clearance of 1/8-inch at each

joint. Ascertain that the harmonic filter is adequately supported from the ceiling to avoid excessive strain on the output line.

Once installed, the harmonic filters are ready for operation since they require no tuning or adjustment.

The optional accessory equipment rack may be connected to the amplifier rack in the same manner as that employed for the driver rack.

R-F Monitor Assembly

To install the R-F Monitor Assembly (items 11 and 12 of MI-34551), connect the miter elbow (12) to the top of the output line. Position the r-f pickup saddle assembly over the hole in the side of the elbow so that the r-f pickup coil enters the hole without touching the sides. Position and secure the saddle clamps (MI-34551, item 7) around the elbow.

NOTE: The r-f pickup coil may be positioned for best signal pickup by removing the four screws which hold the coaxial connector in place and rotating it in either direction for maximum pickup (consistent with alignment of the mounting holes).

Equipment Wiring

Equipment wiring is accomplished by first making the interconnections between the transmitter cabinets and then making external connections between the transmitter and power source, and to any remote control circuits that may be used. Interconnections between terminal boards 1E and 2E in the cabinets are facilitated by a cable assembly supplied in the installation kit (item 10); connections to be made are specified on the connection diagram, Figure 23 (8616018). External connections are listed in TABLE I.

TABLE I. EXTERNAL CONNECTIONS

PLATE TRANSFORMER	
	Terminals
Primary H1	2E75
H2	2E76
H3	2E77
Secondary R1	2E80
R2	2E79
R3	2E78
N	2E81
REMOTE CONTROL CONNECTIONS	
Remote Control Function	Terminals
Transmitter ON	2E25 — 2E26
Transmitter OFF	2E25 — 2E27
Plate OFF	2E28 — 2E30
Plate ON	2E29 — 2E30
Overload Reset	2E30 — 2E31
Power Output—Raise	2E23 — 2E25
Power Output—Lower	2E24 — 2E25



TABLE I. EXTERNAL CONNECTIONS
(Continued)

<i>Remote Meter Reading Function</i>	<i>Terminals</i>
PA Plate Voltage	2E34 — 2E36 (ground)
PA Cathode Current	2E33 — 2E36 (ground)
Power Output (2S13 in REMOTE)	2E35 — 2E36 (ground)
<i>External Overload Relay Connections</i>	<i>Terminals</i>
Relay 2K1	2E17 — 2E16 (common)
Relay 2K2	2E18 — 2E16
Relay 2K3	2E19 — 2E16
Relay 2K15	2E22 — 2E16
Relay 2K5	2E20 — 2E16
Relay 2K6	2E21 — 2E16
CRYSTAL HEATER VOLTAGE CONNECTIONS	
	<i>Terminals</i>
Located in IPA cabinet	1E4 — 1E5 (to 117 v-ac)
RF MONITOR CONNECTIONS	
Refer to RF Monitor under <i>ASSEMBLY</i> in the <i>INSTALLATION</i> section.	
POWER INPUT	
208/240 v a-c, 3 phase	Connect to terminals 2E72, 2E73 and 2E74

Transformer Primary Taps

The primaries of all filament and plate transformers, except 2T3, are provided with taps which permit operation of the equipment over a wide range of a-c line voltages. These taps are set at the factory for operation at a line voltage of 240 volts a-c. However, if the source line voltage is different, connections should be changed from the present taps to those designated for operation at the voltage closest to that measured.

NOTE: Transformer T113 in the exciter unit provides 117 volts between terminals 2 and 4. The black leads connected to these terminals should not be removed when adjusting the 230-volt line input taps. These black leads furnish power to the 117-volt primary of transformer T112. With these leads connected to terminals 2 and 4 of T113, the voltage supplied will be correct when the proper line taps on T113 have been connected to the source voltage.

The primary taps of all transformers are identified on the transformer and on the schematic diagram of Figure 26.

WARNING

BEFORE MAKING CONNECTIONS TO POWER CIRCUITS, ALL SWITCHES AND CIRCUIT BREAKERS SHOULD BE

TURNED TO THE OFF POSITION TO PREVENT POSSIBLE INJURY TO PERSONNEL, OR EQUIPMENT DAMAGE SHOULD POWER BE APPLIED ACCIDENTALLY TO THE CIRCUITS DURING INSTALLATION.

Remote Control Connections

The BTF-10C Transmitter may be remotely controlled by means of a BTR-11B or BTR-20A accessory Remote Control System. This system consists of an MI-27538-A Transmitter Control Unit and an MI-27537 Studio Control Unit for the BTR-11B System and the MI-27526 Transmitter Control and the MI-27539 Studio Control Unit for the BTR-20A System. The BTR-11B or BTR-20A may be connected directly to terminals in the BTF-10C to provide the remote control and remote meter reading functions shown in TABLE I. Designated terminals will be found on the 2E terminal board located in the larger cabinet and are indicated on the overall schematic diagram. All metering positions are designed to deliver approximately 1-volt into 5000 ohms.

Remote control of tower lights can be accomplished by utilizing an accessory Light Control Unit (MI-27519). Remote reading of the frequency and modulation monitor is accomplished by placing the monitor in the studio, and feeding an off-air signal into it through an antenna and r-f preamplifier which are also available as accessories.

After completion of wiring, check all connections for accuracy. Cover the wire duct openings by installing the wire duct covers using the hardware supplied. Place the blower circuit breaker (2S5), located at rear of large cabinet, in the ON position and replace the rear shield.

External Overload Connections

Terminals are available on terminal board 2E to facilitate the use of external overload relays. See TABLE I.

Preliminary Adjustments

The BTF-10C is shipped with an inductance strap (2L9) connected between the filament center tap of the 4CX5000A power amplifier tube and the ground side of the grid capacitors 2C28, 2C29 and 2C30. (See Figure 19.) The purpose of 2L9, which effectively parallels the grid circuit, is to extend the upper frequency limit of the grid tuning circuit. If the transmitting frequency is to be in the lower part of the band, i.e., between approximately 88 and 100 mc, remove 2L9 from the circuit. If operation will be in the range between 100 and 108 mc, do not remove 2L9 since it will be required for proper tuning.



Overload Relay Adjustment

Before power is applied to the transmitter, it is necessary to adjust the sensitivity of the overload relays 2K1, 2K2, 2K3, 2K5, 2K6 and 2K15, located inside the left-hand cubicle beside the PA compartment, so that they will pull-in at the current specified for each in TABLE II.

This can be accomplished by use of an ammeter of the proper range and a d-c supply which is adjustable from 0.5 to 1.5 volts and capable of delivering 2.5 amperes. An "A" battery, such as an RCA Type VS069, used with a series rheostat of between 5 and 10 ohms resistance, is a convenient supply for making this adjustment. Remove the relay covers with the rheostat set for minimum output voltage, connect the supply across the coil of the relay to be adjusted with the ammeter connected in series. Slowly increase the voltage to obtain the ammeter reading given in the table. Adjust the spring tension on the relay so that it just pulls in at the specified current. After adjustment, decrease and increase the current several times to check for proper operation. Replace the relay covers after adjustments have been made.

TABLE II. OVERLOAD RELAY SETTINGS

Relay	Circuit	Pull-in Current
2K15	4CX5000A Cathode	2.5 A.
2K1	H.V. Rectifier	2.0 A.
2K2	H.V. Rectifier	2.0 A.
2K3	H.V. Rectifier	2.0 A.
2K5	Screen Rectifier	300.0 MA.
2K6	7034 Cathode	250.0 MA.

Unpack and carefully install tubes and the exciter crystals in their proper sockets as directed in the exciter instruction book, IB-30262.

Blower Adjustment

The blower motor was adjusted at the factory for 60-cycle operation at elevations up to 2500 feet. For other conditions, adjust the blower motor as described

in the *Blower Adjustment Table* for 60-cycle or 50-cycle operation, respectively.

If the sheaves require adjustment, loosen the four (4) machine screws holding the motor to the base, then slide the motor toward the fan shaft to obtain sufficient belt slack for sheave adjustment.

Adjust either sheave by loosening the setscrew in the adjustable flange, and rotating the flange as specified in the Table. Sheaves can be positioned to either one of two positions 180° apart. Tighten the setscrew making sure the setscrew bears on the flat, and NOT on the adjusting threads of the fixed flange.

After the sheaves have been adjusted, reposition the motor on the mounting base. Check the position of the motor to be sure the motor shaft is parallel with the fan shaft. Then tighten the four motor-mounting machine screws.

Check the belt slack, which should be $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 1" with the belt taut on the side opposite the measurement side.

Control Circuit Check

To insure that all connections have been made correctly, the following control circuit check should be made before installing tubes and applying plate and screen voltages to the transmitter.

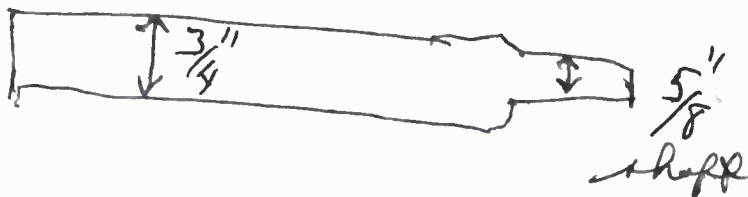
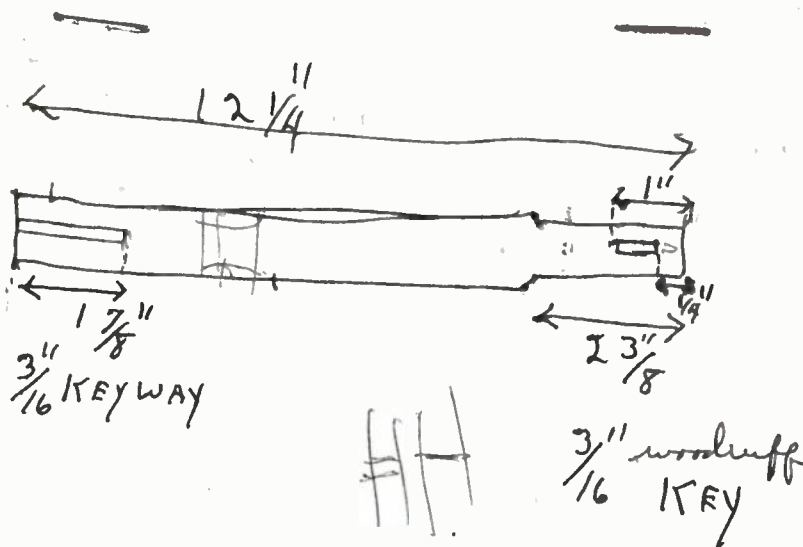
1. Switch the following circuit breakers to the ON position: LINE (2S1) and FILAMENT (2S3) located on the front panel, and the blower circuit breaker (2S5) located in the rear of the cabinet. Leave the SCREEN and PLATE circuit breakers (2S4 and 2S2) in the OFF position. Replace panels and close all doors.

2. Operate the momentary contact TRANS ON/OFF switch (2S10) to the ON position. This should energize the filament transformers and time-delay relay. The blower should start at this time, and the TRANS ON indicator should go on as soon as the blower reaches operating speed. The READY indicator should light in approximately 45 seconds.

BTF-10C BLOWER ADJUSTMENT TABLE

Altitude				60 Cycle		50 Cycle	
				Motor Sheave	Fan Sheave	Motor Sheave	Fan Sheave
Feet	R.P.M.	Inches W.G.	C.F.M.	No. Turns Out	No. Turns Out	No. Turns Out	No. Turns Out
SEA LEVEL	2820	3.0	315	5½	0	2½	2½
2500	2950	3.3	327	5	½	2	3
5000	3200	4.3	361	4	1½	1	4
7500	3400	4.6	395	3	2½	½	5





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3. Turn the LINE switch (2S15) on the front panel to each of its four positions while reading the voltage for each on the AC VOLTMETER (2M5). The voltage readings in each of the four positions should be approximately that for which the transformer taps are adjusted. With the LINE switch in the FIL LINE position, adjust the FIL LINE control, if necessary, to bring the line voltage reading closest to the value for which the taps on filament transformers 1T1 and 2T7 are set.

4. Switch circuit breakers LINE and FILAMENT to the OFF position.

TUNING

Tube Installation

The initial tuning procedure consists of adjustments to be made to the exciter and subcarrier generator, adjustment of the IPA and PA screen voltages and adjustment of the PA neutralizing circuit. Instructions for tuning-up the exciter and subcarrier generator are contained in the instruction book supplied with the unit (IB-30262).

Insert the 7034, 4CX5000A and the 8008 tubes in their respective sockets. The fit of the 4CX5000A PA tube in its socket is very tight (see Figure 16) and special attention should be given to its installation to ascertain that it is properly seated. Proper seating can be determined by observation; the top of the screen ring will be flush with the top of the screen contact when the tube is seated against the stops. Reference should be made to the special instructions stenciled on the inside of the r-f compartment door.

Presetting of Controls

The tuning and loading controls of the IPA and PA stages must be preset to their approximate tune-up positions as given in the following steps and with reference to the IPA and PA tuning curves:

1. Set the IPA INPUT LOADING (1C1) and OUTPUT LOADING (1C13) capacitors to their half open positions. Set the INPUT TUNING (1L1) and OUTPUT TUNING (1L2) controls to the dial positions given in Figure 5, for the frequency to be used.
2. Set the PA GRID TUNING (2L8) control to the dial position given in Figure 6 for the frequency to be used; and set the GRID LOADING (2C3) control for a dial reading of 35.
3. Set the PLATE TUNING (2L6) control and the PLATE LOADING (2L7) control to the respective dial positions given in Figure 7 for the frequency to be used.

PA Neutralizing Adjustment

Neutralization of the PA circuit is obtained by the correct positioning of eight angular slides located in guide slots at the four corners of the PA tube base. (See Figure 18.) In making this adjustment, reference should be made to the curve of Figure 8, which gives the proper setting of these slides for the frequency to be used. As indicated on the curve, measurements are made from the outer edge of the slide to the outer ends of the guide slots. For example, if operation is to be on 88 mc, the eight slides should be positioned at the outer ends of the slots, i.e., at the farthest point from the tube base. It will be necessary to remove the PA tube to adjust the rear slides. After these slides are adjusted in accordance with Figure 8, the PA tube can be replaced. Adjustment of the slides for the frequency to be used, in accordance with Figure 8, normally provides complete neutralization, and no further adjustments are necessary.

CAUTION: Ascertain that the PA tube is properly seated in its socket. See Figure 16.

Exciter Warm-Up

Adequate warm-up time for the exciter circuits must be allowed before tuning adjustments can be made. To energize the exciter circuits proceed as follows:

1. Switch the FIL OVERLOAD (S104) and PLATE OVERLOAD (S103) breakers located on the exciter chassis to the ON position.
2. Apply 117 volts a-c power to the crystal heater circuits of the exciter. The crystal heater indicator lights DS101 and DS102 should light and remain lighted until the crystal heaters have reached operating temperature.
3. Switch circuit breakers LINE (2S1) and FILAMENT (2S3) to the ON position, and turn the TRANS ON/OFF switch to the ON position. This will apply a-c power to the exciter circuits.

Allow approximately ten minutes warm-up time and then proceed with the exciter tune-up as described in the exciter instruction book, IB-30262.

Amplifier Tuning

With the exciter tuned as previously described, and PA neutralizing adjustments completed, the screen voltage should be adjusted and final tuning of the transmitter accomplished in accordance with the following procedure:

1. Place exciter circuit breakers FIL OVERLOAD (S104) and PLATE OVERLOAD (S103) in their OFF positions.



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2. Switch the circuit breakers LINE (2S1), FILAMENT (2S3), PLATE (2S2) and SCREEN (2S4) to their ON positions.

3. Operate the TRANS ON/OFF switch (2S10) to the ON position. Before proceeding with the next step, allow 30 minutes warm-up time to permit the 8008 high voltage rectifiers to vaporize mercury deposits.

4. Operate the SCREEN RAISE/LOWER switch (2S12) to the LOWER position and hold this position until the motor (2B2) reaches the end of its travel. This should be the zero screen voltage setting.

5. Turn the MULTI-METER switch (2S14) to the SCREEN 0-500V position.

6. Operate the PLATE ON/OFF switch (2S9) to the ON position.

7. Operate the SCREEN RAISE/LOWER switch to the RAISE position to bring the screen voltage to approximately 200 volts as read on the MULTI-METER. At this setting the PLATE CURRENT meter (2M1) should indicate 0 plate current.

8. Turn the MULTI-METER switch to the SCREEN 0-1000V position and read the PA screen voltage on the MULTI-METER. This should read approximately 520 volts.

9. Operate the PLATE ON/OFF switch to the OFF position.

10. Switch the exciter circuit breakers FIL OVERLOAD (S104) and PLATE OVERLOAD (S103) to the ON positions, and allow a few minutes time for warm-up.

11. Operate the PLATE ON/OFF switch to the ON position.

12. Turn the MULTI-METER switch to the GRID 0-50 MA position, and adjust the IPA INPUT TUNING and INPUT LOADING controls for maximum grid current reading on the MULTI-METER.

13. Turn the MULTI-METER switch to the GRID 0-100 MA position, and adjust the IPA OUTPUT TUNING and OUTPUT LOADING controls for maximum grid current. Make a note of this reading.

14. Set IPA GRID LOADING control so that the dial reads 30, and readjust IPA OUTPUT LOADING and OUTPUT TUNING for maximum PA grid current as read on the MULTI-METER. If this reading is higher than that obtained in Step 13, decrease the GRID LOADING slightly, and again tune the IPA loading and tuning controls for maximum grid current; repeat until maximum grid current is

obtained. If the grid current obtained with the dial set at 30 was lower than the reading noted in Step 13, repeat the above procedure by increasing the dial setting rather than decreasing, until maximum grid current is obtained.

15. Turn the reflectometer control to POWER position, and adjust the PA, PLATE TUNING and OUTPUT LOADING controls for maximum power output reading on the reflectometer. In adjusting these controls, operate them individually for maximum readings. As maximum reading is being reached, take each control past the maximum reading to where the readings drops about 5%. This will compensate for interaction of controls. Finally, controls should be peaked for maximum.

16. Raise screen voltage on PA to 700 volts. Touch up PA and IPA controls (in the reverse order from the initial tuning procedure) for maximum grid drive on both stages and maximum power output.

17. Now, adjust PA screen voltage for the rated 10 kw output. Refer to the PA Efficiency Curve, Figure 9.

NOTE: It is imperative that the power amplifier is operated under optimum matching conditions. To assure this condition turn PA LOADING one-half turn to left, repeak PA TUNING and read power output. Turn PA LOADING another one-half turn, repeak PA TUNING, read power and compare with previous reading. Repeat above steps and note whether power output increases or decreases. If it increases, keep going until a point is reached beyond which power is decreasing again.

Should power decrease, however, reverse procedure and make one-half turns of PA LOADING to the right.

During these adjustments the PA screen voltage should not be changed. Whenever the screen voltage is changed more than about $\pm 10\%$, PA LOADING and PA TUNING should again be optimized.

Power output of the transmitter is proportional to the screen voltage, but at a certain point, the output power will not increase further in spite of further increase in screen voltage. (See Figure 10.) Care should be taken not to operate beyond this point since PA efficiency will decrease rapidly if screen voltage is raised further. With sufficient drive, the tapering-off should occur at an output in excess of 10 kw at screen voltages of 800 V or more. However, insufficient drive may cause this point to shift to power levels less than 10 kw and lower screen voltages.

With the transmitter tuned and adjusted for 10 kw output, and the reflectometer switch (2S13) in the POWER position, the reflectometer (2M3) should be adjusted to read 100%. This is obtained by adjustment of the potentiometer 2R14. 2R14 is the left-hand one of two potentiometers located on a



panel below the overload relays. The right-hand potentiometer is 2R15 which is used for adjustment of the remote meter with 2S13 in the REMOTE position.

TABLE III. TYPICAL "MULTI-METER" READINGS

Position of "MULTI-METER" Switch	Reading
OFF	0
GRID 0-50MA	9.5 ma (approx.)
CATHODE 0-500MA	220 ma (approx.)
SCREEN 0-50MA	7 ma (approx.)
SCREEN 0-500V	250 to 300 vdc
GRID 0-100MA	40 to 50 ma
SCREEN 0-500MA	50 to 140 ma
SCREEN 0-1000V	700 to 800 vdc

To read transmission line VSWR on the reflectometer, proceed as follows:

1. Turn reflectometer switch, (2S13) to VSWR CAL position, and adjust the reflectometer control (2R13) until the reflectometer reads 100%.

2. Switch reflectometer switch to VSWR position, and read directly on VSWR scale of reflectometer.

After the necessary adjustments have been made for the correct reading of the reflectometer, operate the PLATE ON/OFF control to the OFF position.

At this point the PA circuit can be checked for proper neutralization in the following manner:

1. Remove resistor 2R9 plate resistor from its mounting clips, and disconnect the 4CX5000A screen lead from feed through capacitor 2C11. See Figure 13 for the location of these components.

2. With a dummy load connected to the transmitter output, operate the PLATE ON/OFF switch to the ON position. Measure the power output of the transmitter with the SCREEN RAISE/LOWER switch adjusted to provide 300 volts on the screen of the 7034 driver tube. If the power output is greater than three watts, further adjustments of the neutralizing slides at the front of the PA tube will be required until the power output is not more than two or three watts.

WARNING

MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE PLATE CIRCUIT BREAKER (2S2) IS IN THE OFF POSITION BEFORE MAKING ANY ADJUSTMENTS INSIDE THE TRANSMITTER.

3. Disconnect the dummy load and connect the transmission line to the output of the transmitter.

OPERATION

In normal transmitter operation, the circuit breakers LINE (2S1), FILAMENT (2S3), SCREEN (2S4) and PLATE (2S2) should be left in the ON position and the crystal heaters left running continuously, unless the transmitter is to be shut down for extended periods of time. This way, it is possible to start and stop the transmitter by operating only the filament and plate circuit switches TRANS ON/OFF (2S10) and PLATE ON/OFF (2S9), respectively.

To interrupt transmission for a short interval, the PLATE ON/OFF switch should be depressed to its OFF position. This will remove plate voltage from the transmitter circuits but the filament power will remain on the tubes. The transmitter can then be returned to immediate operation when the PLATE ON/OFF switch is again closed.

NOTE: One button control of the transmitter may be achieved by leaving the PLATE ON/OFF switch in the ON position and operating the filament ON/OFF switch. Operated in this manner the transmitter will automatically go through the necessary starting steps including time delay relay operation.

Normally, the time delay relay provides sufficient warm-up time (approximately 45 seconds) after which plate voltage can be applied. However, under unusual conditions such as the installation of a new high-voltage rectifier, or abnormally low ambient temperature, additional heating time should be allowed before plate voltage is applied. New mercury vapor rectifiers should be run for several minutes before plate voltage is applied. The crystal heater units, from a cold start, require several minutes warm-up time before the transmitter is operated.

If the exciter is off-frequency for any reason, the off-frequency interlock prevents application of plate voltage, by opening the circuit to the plate contactor (2K9).

Performance of the FM exciter can be checked by observing the patterns on the built-in oscilloscope while the transmitter is on the air. For typical oscilloscope patterns refer to Figure 7 in the Exciter Instruction Book, IB-30262. These oscilloscope patterns may be observed during regular operation without affecting performance of the transmitter.

Overload Resetting

If an overload occurs, plate power will be removed from the transmitter. After the cause of the overload has been corrected, operate the OVERLOAD RESET



switch (2S11) on the front panel to place the transmitter back on the air.

MAINTENANCE

With ordinary care a minimum of service will be required to keep the BTF-10C in operation. However, a regular schedule of inspection and service as outlined in the Maintenance Schedule will help to avoid interruptions to broadcasts, greatly extend the life of components and contribute in large measure to overall peak efficiency in operation.

WARNING

ALWAYS OPEN THE LINE CIRCUIT BREAKER, AND DISCHARGE CIRCUITS WITH A GROUNDING STICK BEFORE TOUCHING ANY COMPONENT INSIDE THE TRANSMITTER.

Emergency Operation

Tube or component failure can be located in some cases by switching the MULTI-METER switch (2S14) on the front panel and the METER switch (S102) in the exciter to each of their positions until an abnormal reading is found, identifying the difficulty.

Failure of automatic frequency control due to a tube or other component will be evidenced by operation of the relay K101 in the exciter off-frequency control circuit which will open the plate contactor circuit of the transmitter, removing plate voltage. If the master oscillator is functioning, the output carrier frequency can be controlled manually as follows until such time as repairs can be made:

1. Remove the 2D21 OFF-FREQUENCY control tube (V116).
2. Turn the AFC-OFF switch (S101) to the OFF position.
3. Slowly rotate the top adjustment screw of T103 in first one direction and then the other to bring the output frequency to its assigned value as indicated by the station frequency monitor.

Stability of the master oscillator without afc is such that it maintains frequency to ± 1 kc (at the final frequency) for short periods of time. Possible drift can be corrected by adjustment of the top screw of T103.

NOTE: The voltage of the filament d-c power supply in the exciter will vary with load. Therefore, care should be taken not to remove more than two of the tubes having d-c on the filament. Otherwise, damage to the remaining d-c heated tubes or to C202 in the exciter unit may result.

Troubleshooting Hints

NO PA DRIVE — Check the coax cable and connections between the IPA and PA (1J2-1P2 and 2P1-2J1) for continuity and for hot spots. The cable should be near ambient temperature. Examine capacitors 2C4, 2C15 and 2C33 for hairline cracks. If cracks are found, the capacitor is defective and should be replaced.

Cleaning

Ceramic insulators and bushings should be kept clean at all times. Insulators subject to stress in high-voltage d-c fields may rupture if sufficient dust accumulates to cause a corona discharge. Clean insulators by using a soft clean cloth and Chlorothene.*

Keep tube envelopes clean to avoid possible puncture of the glass due to ion bombardment or corona. Tissue paper and alcohol are effective for this purpose.

Circuit Breakers and Relays

Periodic inspection of circuit breakers and relays should be made, and at such time, contacts should be cleaned and adjusted if necessary. Relay contacts should be cleaned with Chlorothene applied with a soft brush, after which they should be burnished with a tool such as the RCA Stock No. 22963, Contact Cleaning Tool. Finally, contacts should be wiped with a clean piece of bond paper.

Tubes

All tubes should be checked periodically. Tube failure can be anticipated by keeping a log of tube life, and replacing tubes as indicated by the log or when reduced output is apparent.

Spare mercury-vapor rectifier tubes should be conditioned or "seasoned" before use by operating them for at least 30 minutes with only filament voltage applied. Afterward, store in an upright position. Take care to avoid tipping the tube or splashing mercury on the tube elements after seasoning. If mercury is splashed on the elements, it will be necessary to re-season the tube. Spare tubes should be seasoned every three months because of absorption of mercury vapor by the filament.

* Because of the toxic effects of carbon tetrachloride, the use of Chlorothene is recommended. Chlorothene is a Dow Chemical Co. product, and is available through that company's outlets.

Recommended Maintenance Schedule

Daily

1. Check and compare all meter readings at start-up. Adjust filament voltages if necessary. Correct any conditions revealed by abnormal readings.



2. Check filament voltages every hour for increased tube life.
3. Make general visual inspection after shut-down.
4. If overloads have occurred, examine at shut-down, components involved. Repair or replace as necessary.

Weekly

1. Clean internal parts of transmitter. Use clean soft cloth on insulators. Use vacuum cleaner or hand blower for removing dust and dirt.
2. Test all door interlocks and grounding switches.
3. Check PA and output r-f circuits for evidence of heating at connector or junction points.
4. Make overall check of distortion and noise level.

Monthly

1. Check spare crystal in operating crystal socket.

2. Check condition of relay contacts. Service if necessary.

3. Check tube socket voltages in exciter. Compare with previous readings.

4. Inspect air filter. Clean if necessary, using vacuum cleaner or brush.

Quarterly

1. Operate spare mercury-vapor rectifiers (filaments only) for 30 minutes.

2. Lubricate tuning drive mechanism gears and bearings. Use petrolatum, Lubriplate No. 110, or equivalent.

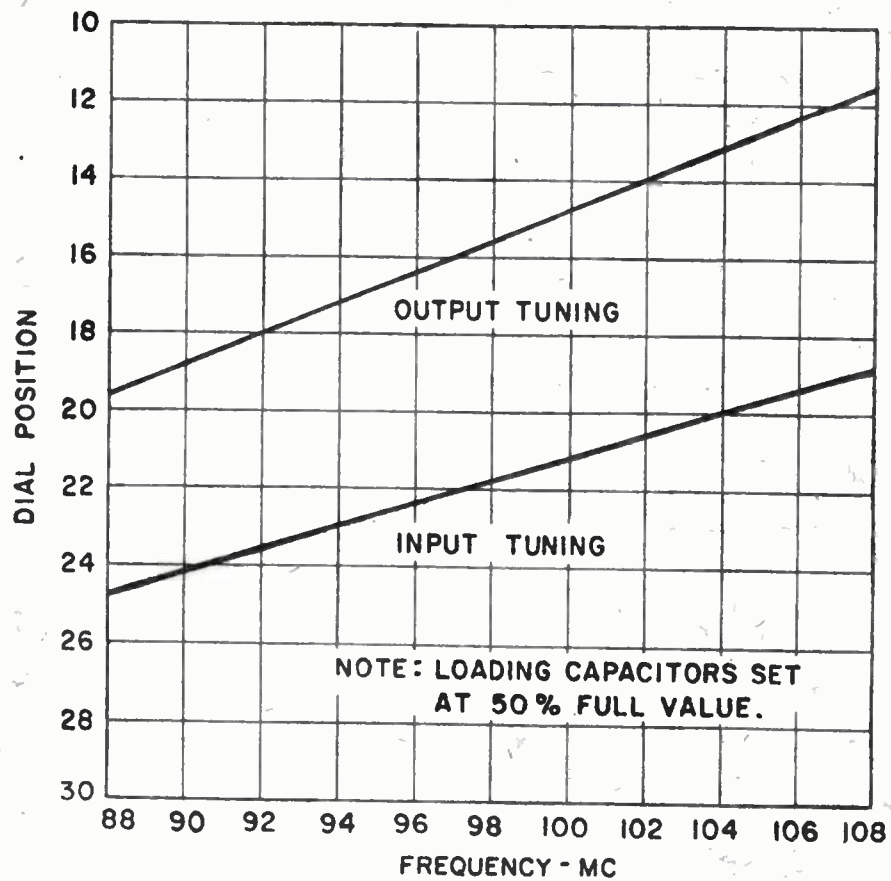
Semi-Annually

1. Inspect relay contacts and replace where required.

2. Test spare tubes.

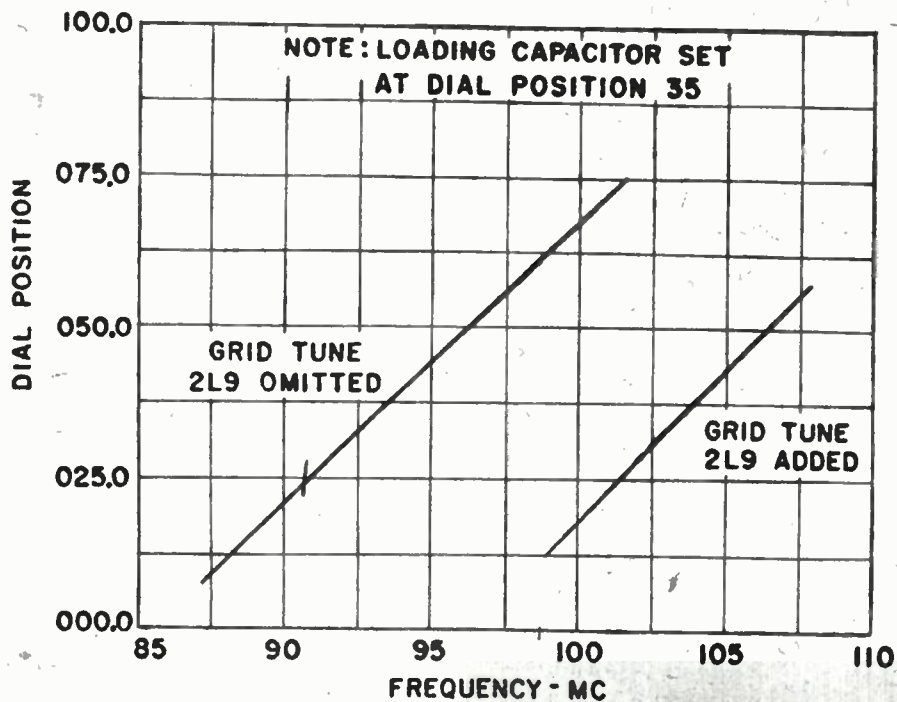
3. Tighten all connections in transmitter.





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Figure 5. IPA Tuning Curve



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Figure 6. PA Grid Tuning Curve



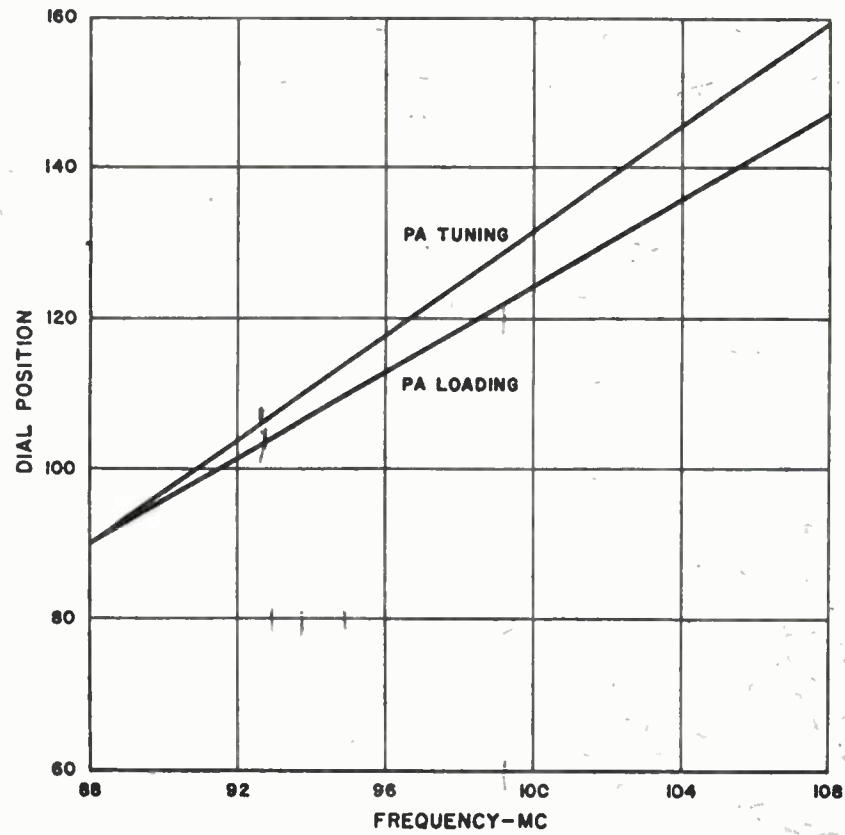


Figure 7. PA Plate Tuning and Plate Loading Curve

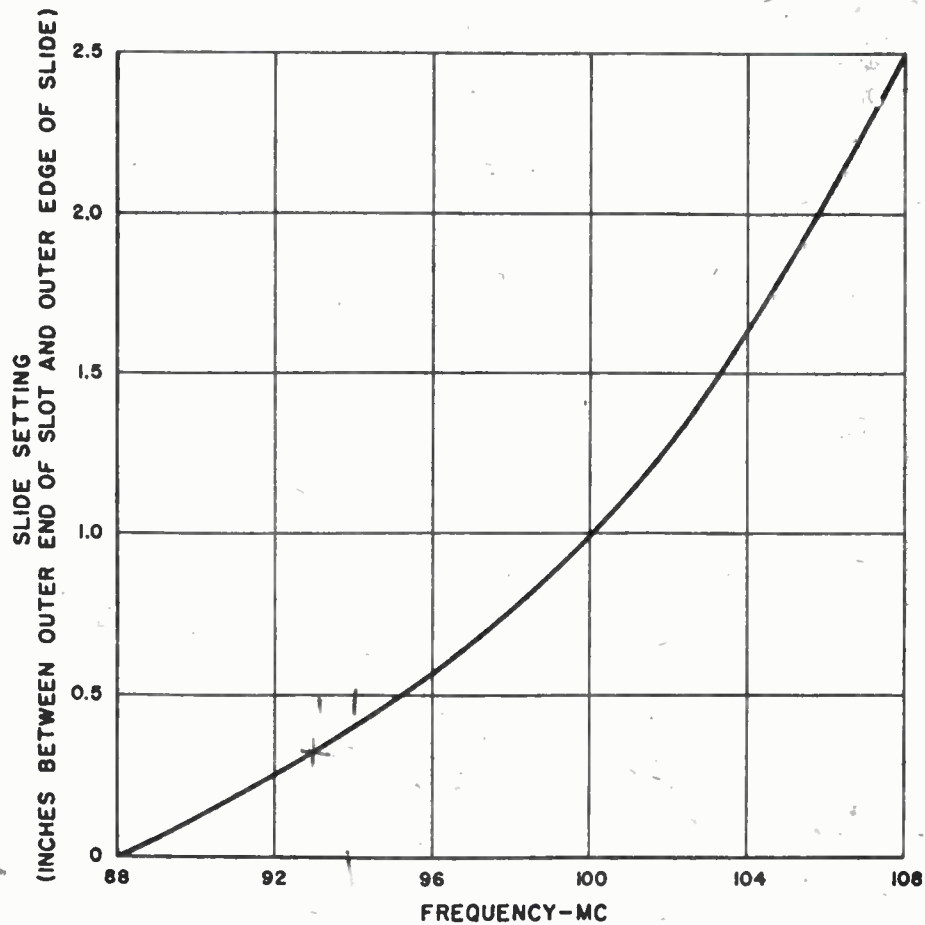


Figure 8. PA Screen Neutralizing Adjustment



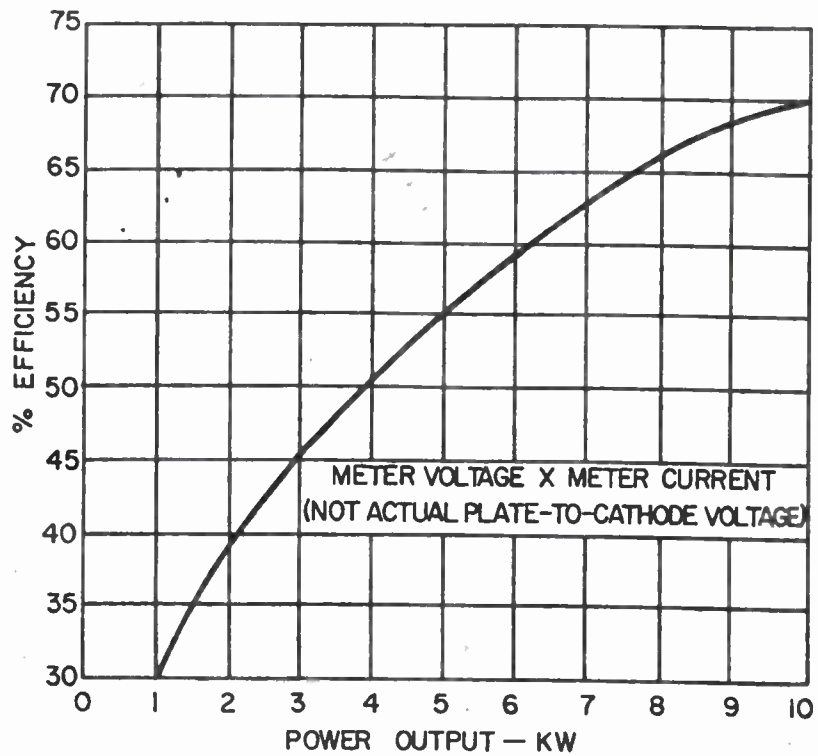


Figure 9. PA Efficiency Curve

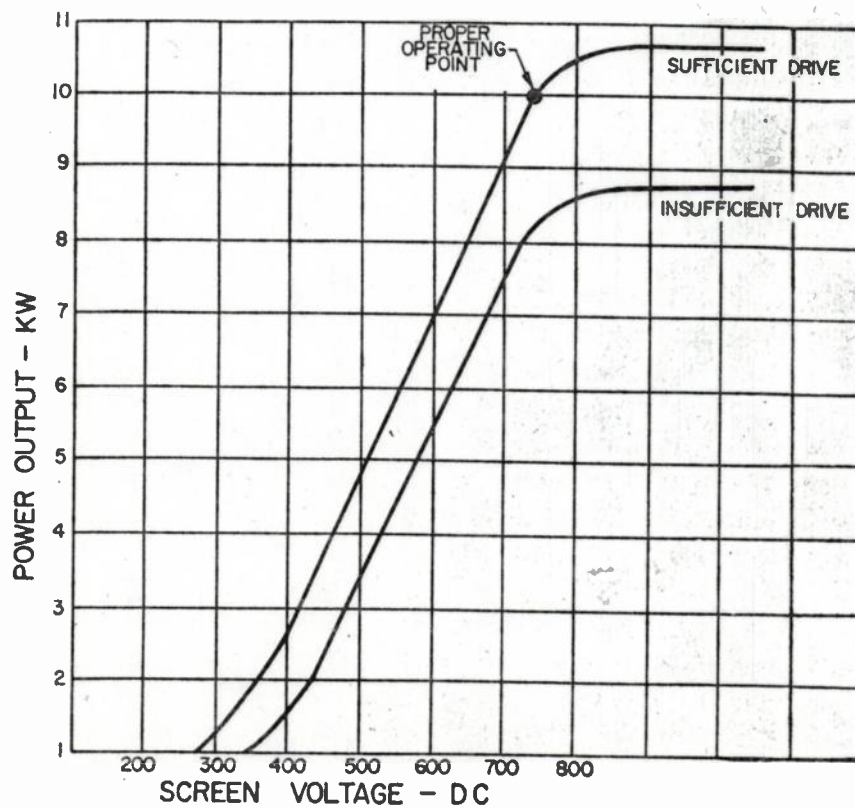


Figure 10. Screen Voltage vs. Power Output Curve



LIST OF PARTS

Symbol No.	Stock No.	Drawing No.	Description
250 WATT R.F. UNIT, MI-34502-A			
1C1	217634	8971908-1	CAPACITORS:
1C2	215859	8821367-1	variable, 4.5-102 μ f
1C3	217636	8825449-2	HV ceramic, 25 μ f \pm 5%, 7500 v
1C4	95707	984002-361	ceramic, feed-thru, 470 μ f \pm 20%, 500 v
1C5	217636	8825449-2	silver mica, 1000 μ f \pm 10%, 500 v
1C6	95707	984002-361	ceramic, feed-thru, 470 μ f \pm 20%, 500 v
1C7	217636	8825449-2	silver mica 1000 μ f \pm 10%, 500 v
1C8	95707	984002-361	ceramic, feed-thru, 470 μ f \pm 20%, 500 v
1C9			silver mica, 1000 μ f \pm 10%, 500 v
1C10	95707	984002-361	Capacitor: (part of 1XV1)
1C11	217636	8825449-2	silver mica, 1000 μ f \pm 10%, 500 v
1C12	221716	8889785-2	ceramic, feed-thru, 470 μ f \pm 20%, 500 v
1C13	217634	8971908-1	ceramic, feed-thru, 1000 μ f \pm 20%, 3000 v
1C14	211186	479072-1	variable, 4.5-102 μ f
1C15 to 1C18	217636	8825449-2	ceramic, 1000 μ f -20 +40%, 2500 v
1J1, 1J2	92180	433647-1	ceramic, feed-thru, 470 μ f \pm 20%, 500 v
1L1	217633	8956317-2	Receptacle: female
1L2	217632	8956317-1	Coil: 3 turns 3/16 O.D. tubing, silver plated
1L3 - 222952	57259	8898641-3	Coil: 4 turns, 3/16 O.D. tubing, silver plated
1R1		99126-69	Choke: R.F. 7.0 microhenrys
1R2	217635	8871557-63	Resistor: fixed, comp., 3900 ohms, \pm 5%, 2 w
1R3	96728	8857185-8	Resistor: fixed, wire wound, 40 ohms, \pm 1%, 2 w
1R4	217615	8871557-64	Resistor: fixed, wire wound, 200 ohms, \pm 5%, 25 w
1R5	210366	99033-38	Resistor: fixed, wire wound, 4 ohms, \pm 1%, 2 w
1R6	207818	99033-36	Resistor: fixed, wire wound, 5000 ohms, \pm 10%, 95 w
1R7	217635	8871557-63	Resistor: fixed, wire wound, 3150 ohms, \pm 10%, 95 w
1R8		99126-51	Resistor: fixed, wire wound, 40 ohms, \pm 1%, 2 w
1S1	54920	8881052-1	Resistor: fixed, comp., 120 ohms, \pm 10%, 2 w
1S2	217631	8953364-502	Switch: interlock
1S3	95677	8822758-2	Switch: grounding
1T1	215512	8412123-1	Switch: airflow
1XV1	215844	464586-2	Transformer
	99933	464586-3	Socket: air system
			Chimney only
			Miscellaneous:
	96579	757412-506	Cable Assembly
	212885	146978-502	Plug
	211104	8905991-1	Plug - angle
	215855	477946-502	Contact Assembly: front panel, horizontal mounted
	217665	8413444-502	Contact Assembly: front panel, vertical mounted
	94641	8822780-31	Hose: flexible, rubber, 47-1/2" lg. x 1-1/2" I.D.
	219131	8914329-1	Receptacle: female, turnlock fastener
		8510265-1	Screw: lead, teflon (for 1L1 and 1L2)
10 KW AMPLIFIER, MI-34550			
2B1		8616009-1	Blower - (MI-34556)
	221586	8616009-2	Motor - 3/4 H.P. 3450 RPM 230 V 50/60 cycles
	221587	8616009-3	Belt - Drive
	221588	8616009-4	Pulley - 5/8" dia. bore
	221589	8616009-5	Pulley - 3/4" dia. bore
	221590	8616009-7	Mounting - Shock (See plate, stock no. 222330, below
	222330	8989877-2	Plate - (order with 221590 shock mounts for early BTF-10C Transmitters only)
2B2	215552	480051-1	Motor: 115 V., 60 cycle
2C1	55018	863691-2	CAPACITORS:
2C2	214696	8821367-4	motor circuit, 1.2 μ f, 220 v
2C3	217634	8971908-1	hi-voltage, 100 μ f \pm 5%, 5000 v ceramic
2C4	211186	479072-1	variable, 4.5-102 μ f
2C5	211140	8889785-2	ceramic, 1000 μ f +40 -20%, 2500 v
			grid feed-thru, 1000 μ f \pm 20%, 2000 v



Symbol No.	Stock No.	Drawing No.	Description
2C6, 2C7	54643	8881825-1	fil. feed-thru, .01 μ f \pm 20%, 250 v
2C8	810004-4	36091-523	amp. meter by-pass 0.01 μ f \pm 20%
2C9	217651-	8973315-501	plate, by-pass
PLATE RING CONTACT	217658-	8436554-501	contact assembly
2C10	217653	8971927-2	ceramic, 50 μ f, 15000 v
2C11	211140	8889785-2	grid feed-thru, 1000 μ f \pm 20%, 2000 v
2C12	217645	8971914-1	Screen by-pass
2C13, 2C14	810004-4	36091-523	mica only
2C15	211186	479072-1	by-pass 0.01 μ f \pm 20%
2C16	810004-4	36091-523	ceramic, 1000 μ f \pm 40 -20%, 2500 v
2C17, 2C18, 2C19	209037	990193-108	amp. meter by-pass 0.01 μ f \pm 20%
2C20	810004-4	36091-523	paper, 8 μ f \pm 10%, 3000 v
2C21	220328	990194-51	amp. meter by-pass 0.01 μ f \pm 20%
2C22			3 μ f \pm 10%, 7500 v (paper)
2C23, 2C24	58568	990193-46	Not Used
2C25	217653	8971927-2	paper, 4 μ f \pm 10%, 6000 v
2C26			ceramic, 50 μ f, 15,000 v
2C27	217647	8708499-501	Fil., by-pass
	217643	8971960-1	plate assembly
	217647	8708499-501	mica only
	217644	8971960-2	Fil., by-pass
2C28 to 2C30	211186	479072-1	plate assembly
2C31	97151	8889035-2	mica only
2C32, 2C33	211186	479072-1	ceramic, 1000 μ f \pm 40 -20%, 2500 v
2C34	218954	8976374-1	ceramic, 390 μ f \pm 10%, 8000 v
2C35	219175	450184-4	ceramic, 1000 μ f \pm 40 -20%, 2500 v
2C36	73960	990167-19	paper, .001 μ f, 10,000 v
2CR1, 2CR2	217866	8941134-3	paper, 10 μ f, 400 v
2CR3, 2CR4			ceramic, .01 μ f \pm 100 -0%, 500 v
2CR5, 2CR6	67876		Rectifier - Germanium disc
2CR7	220285	8722935-502	Not Used
2DS1	99767	459610-10	Part of 2Z1 (1N21B)
	16154	459610-33	Rectifier
	16155	459610-36	Light - indicator overload
	99763	459610-40	Jewel - yellow
2DS2		459610-46	Lamp
	99765	459610-8	Resistor
	16154	459610-31	Socket
	16155	459610-36	Light - indicator plate on
	99763	459610-40	Jewel - Red
2DS3		459610-46	Lamp
	99768	459610-12	Resistor
	16154	459610-35	Socket
	16155	459610-36	Light - Indicator interlock
	99763	459610-46	Jewel - Blue
2DS4		459610-9	Lamp
	99766	459610-32	Resistor
	16154	459610-36	Socket
	16155	459610-40	Light - Indicator filament
	99763	459610-46	Jewel - Green
2J1	92180	433647-1	Lamp
2K1, 2K2, 2K3	210404	754291-1	Resistor
2K4	215614	8411073-5	Socket
2K5	210404	754291-1	Rectptacle
2K6	210404	754291-1	Relay - H.V. overload
2K7	217619	458561-8	Relay - 45 sec. time delay filament
2K8	216987	486126-2	Relay:- screen supply overload
2K9	216989	482711-6	Relay - 7034 overload
2K10	216991	480003-4	Relay - 2 sec. time delay overload
2K11	216988	8412197-1	Relay - Notching
			Contactactor - Plate
			Relay - Plate latching
			Contactactor - Filament



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Symbol No.	Stock No.	Drawing No.	Description
2K12	217606	627511-49	Contactor - Control
2K13	216934	8412197-2	Contactor - Blower
2K14	216991	480003-4	Relay - Plate latching
2K15 ✓	210404	754291-1	Relay - 4CX5000A overload
2K16	217572	627511-55	Relay - Bias interlock
2L1, 2L2			Part of socket and tuning assembly
2L3	95316	900431-4	Choke - Plate filter
2L4, 2L5	93658	949251-1	Reactor - 10 henrys
2L6 to 2L9 <small>SMALL</small>	217648	FINGER STOCK FOR 2L6	Part of plate tuning, plate loading, grid tuning assemblies and grid tuning inductor respectively
2L10 <small>LARGER</small>	217649	FOR 2L7	Not Used
2L11	221173	8449712-1	Reactor - Filter
2M1	217732	482744-10	Meter - plate 0-3 amps
2M2	220321	482744-32	Meter - Plate 0-10 KV
2M3	217528	8436526-1	Meter - Reflecto meter
2M4	217359	8959099-1	Meter - Multiplier
2M5	216023	459672-129	Meter - Line
2M6	217527	8971909-1	Meter - Hour
			RESISTORS:
			Fixed, Composition - Unless otherwise specified
2R1	220324	993007-9	0.25 ohm, $\pm 10\%$, 5 w
2R2			Not Used
2R3	217609	867971-327	wirewound, 3.6 ohm, $\pm 10\%$, 1 w
2R4, 2R5	217652	8917168-2	150 ohm, $\pm 5\%$, 70 w
2R6	54624	99031-31	1000 ohm, $\pm 5\%$, 55 w
2R7	217616	8871557-65	wirewound, 20 ohm, $\pm 1\%$, 2 w
2R8 to 2R10	204309	8888772-22	wirewound, 20 ohm, $\pm 10\%$, 200 w
2R11	220319	8702674-512	Resistor assembly
	52819	8702674-3	resistors only 500,000 ohm $\pm 1\%$, $\frac{1}{2}$ w
2R12		90496-82	47,000 ohm, $\pm 5\%$, 1 w
2R13	205064	433196-6	variable, 10,000 ohm, $\pm 10\%$, 2 w
2R14	217618	433196-14	variable, 10,000 ohm, $\pm 10\%$, 2 w
2R15	215733	433196-51	variable, 1000 ohm, $\pm 10\%$, 2 w
2R16	217615	8871557-64	wire wound, 4 ohm, $\pm 10\%$, 2 w
2R17	52819	8702674-3	0.5 megohm, $\pm 1\%$, $\frac{1}{2}$ w
2R18			Not Used
2R19	52819	8702674-3	0.5 megohm, $\pm 10\%$, $\frac{1}{2}$ w
2R20	217617	8871557-66	wire wound, 2000 ohm, $\pm 1\%$, 2 w
2R21	216026	99037-47	wirewound, 40,000 ohm, $\pm 10\%$, 200 w
2R22	220326	99037-36	wirewound, 3100 ohm, $\pm 10\%$, 200 w
2R23	45983	99037-33	wirewound, 1600 ohm, $\pm 10\%$, 200 w ✓
2R24	220325	99037-32	wirewound, 1200 ohm, $\pm 10\%$, 200 w
2R25 to 2R27	217612	99029-55	wirewound, .5 ohm, $\pm 10\%$, 45 w
2R28 to 2R29			Not Used
2R30	52819	8702674-3	.5 meg, $\pm 10\%$, $\frac{1}{2}$ w
2R31, 2R32		90496-82	47,000 ohm, $\pm 5\%$, 1 w
2R33	61011	867971-329	wirewound, 4.3 ohm, $\pm 10\%$, 1 w
2R34	220327	8871557-56	940 ohm, $\pm 1\%$, 1 w
2R35	211616	993007-100	9000 ohm, $\pm 5\%$, wirewound, 5 w
2R36	48568	993008-81	1000 ohm, $\pm 5\%$, wirewound, 10 w
2R37	220286	99029-36	3100 ohm, $\pm 5\%$, 45 w
2S1	220323	8434081-3	Breaker - 100 A
2S2	220322	8434081-2	Breaker - 70 A
2S3	217622	482740-5	Breaker - 15 A
2S4	215946	482740-1	Breaker - 5 A
2S5	211742	8836936-11	Thermoswitch - overload (less heaters)
	217664		heater only (style - 1532948)
2S6 to 2S8	54920	8881052-1	Switch - Interlock
2S9 to 2S12	211065	738998-5	Switch - Key lever, power type
2S13	217607	426010-10	Switch - 1 sec., 5 pos. reflecto meter
2S14	217625	480092-3	Switch - Rotary - 5 sec., 8 pos. multiplier meter
2S15	217621	4610205-8	Switch - Line meter
2S16 to 2S18	216022	8953364-501	Switch - Assembly H.V. grounding

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Symbol No.	Stock No.	Drawing No.	Description
2S19	221810	8822758-1	Switch - Air flow, interlock
	221811		Switch
	221266	8448402-1	Vane - #1800
2T1	215944	8415073-4	Transformer - Plate
2T2	212937	992085-1	Transformer - Control
2T3	96148	457084-1	Transformer - B.B.
2T4	215553	482736-1	Transformer - Powerstat
2T5	96148	457084-1	Transformer - Screen
2T6	217021	8411065-2	Transformer - Powerstat screen
2T7	217019	474852-2	Transformer - 4CX5000A filament
2T8 to 2T13	217550	8436506-1	Transformer - 8008 filament
2T14	217037	644382-1	Transformer - Bias
2XV1	220957	644382-3	Socket - 4CX5000A consisting of:
	220958	644382-4	Contact - Screen grid w
	220959	644382-5	Contact - Control grid w
	220960	644382-6	Contact - Outer filament w
	9917	429151-1	Contact - Inner filament
2XV2 to 2XV7	220320	8434079-3	Socket - 8008
2Z1			Coupler - Directional
			Miscellaneous
	214657	885655-10	Bearing
	214658	188183-12	Bearing
	42736	99045-4	Clip - for .812" dia. ferrule
	52717	7862770-1	Clip - for 1-1/8" dia. ferrule
	211161	8904324-1	Contact
	217650	8971916-503	Contact Assembly
	217646	8971915-501	Contact Assembly
	57339	880947-1	Coupling - Insulated
	215847	477962-1	Drive - Right angle
	95160	888488-3	Filter
	97459	426763-3	Insulator - .425" lg. x 3/4" dia. steatite bushing
	217657	426771-12	Insulator - 1" lg. x 3/8" sq.
	208116	426765-12	Insulator - 1" lg. x 3/8" dia. steatite, cylindrical
	97457	426767-3	Insulator - 1" lg. x 3/4" dia. steatite, cylindrical
	210281	426767-9	Insulator - 1-1/2" lg. x 3/4" dia. steatite cylindrical
	209711	426773-9	Insulator - 1-1/2" lg. x 3/4" sq. steatite square post
	51781-A	426762-6	Insulator - 1-1/2" lg. x 1" x 1/2" steatite, conical
	208116	426767-12	Insulator - 2" lg. x 3/4" dia. steatite cylindrical
	218005	426775-12	Insulator - 2" lg. x 1" sq. steatite square post
	99043	426762-9	Insulator - 2" lg. x 1-1/8" x 5/8" steatite conical
	215877	737820-505	Knob - for 2R13, 2S13, 2S14
	17269	737820-501	Knob - for 2S15
	58057	737820-506	Knob - for 2T4
	206706	8879208-2	Pad
	94641	8914329-1	Receptacle - Fastener
	217655	8944292-8	Screw - Lead
	217654	8944292-7	Screw - Lead
	98480	8886047-3	Washer - Retaining
	99376	449642-28	Fastener only
INSTALLATION MATERIAL, MI-34551			
	57077	887449-501	Arm - Assembly
	217736	8820789-4	Boot
	55913	8824489-8	Clamp - Hose
	211286	8918002-501	Crank - Assembly
	53592	877065-1	Knob - (for crank assembly)



Teflon high voltage 1
to LCX5000A socket. (in
an emergency, either
RG58/U or RG59/U with
outer cover and shield
removed can be substituted.)

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2AVZ TO 2AVI 221	220320	8434079-3	Coupler - Directional
	214657	885655-10	Miscellaneous
	214658	188183-12	Bearing
	42736	99045-4	Bearing
	52717	7862770-1	Clip - for .812" dia. ferrule
	211161	8904324-1	Clip - for 1-1/8" dia. ferrule
	217650	8971916-503	Contact
	217646	8971915-501	Contact Assembly
	57339	880947-1	Contact Assembly
	<u>215847</u>	477962-1	Coupling - Insulated
	95160	888488-3	Drive - Right angle
	97459	426763-3	Filter
	217657	426771-12	Insulator - .425" lg. x 3/4" dia. steatite bushing
	208116	426765-12	Insulator - 1" lg. x 3/8" sq.
	97457	426767-3	Insulator - 1" lg. x 3/8" dia. steatite, cylindrical
	210281	426767-9	Insulator - 1" lg. x 3/4" dia. steatite, cylindrical
	209711	426773-9	Insulator - 1-1/2" lg. x 3/4" dia. steatite cylindrical
	51781-A	426762-6	Insulator - 1-1/2" lg. x 3/4" sq. steatite square post
	208116	426767-12	Insulator - 1-1/2" lg. x 1" x 1/2" steatite, conical
	218005	426775-12	Insulator - 2" lg. x 3/4" dia. steatite cylindrical
	99043	426762-9	Insulator - 2" lg. x 1" sq. steatite square post
	215877	737820-505	Insulator - 2" lg. x 1-1/8" x 5/8" steatite conical
	17269	737820-501	Knob - for 2R13, 2S13, 2S14
	58057	737820-506	Knob - for 2S15
	206706	8879208-2	Knob - for 2T4
	94641	8914329-1	Pad
	217655	8944292-8	Receptacle - Fastener
	217654	8944292-7	Screw - Lead
	98480	8886047-3	Screw - Lead
	99376	449642-28	Washer - Retaining
			Fastener only
INSTALLATION MATERIAL, MI-34551			
	57077	887449-501	Arm - Assembly
	217736	8820789-4	Boot
	55913	8824489-8	Clamp - Hose
	211286	8918002-501	Crank - Assembly
	53592	877065-1	Knob - (for crank assembly)

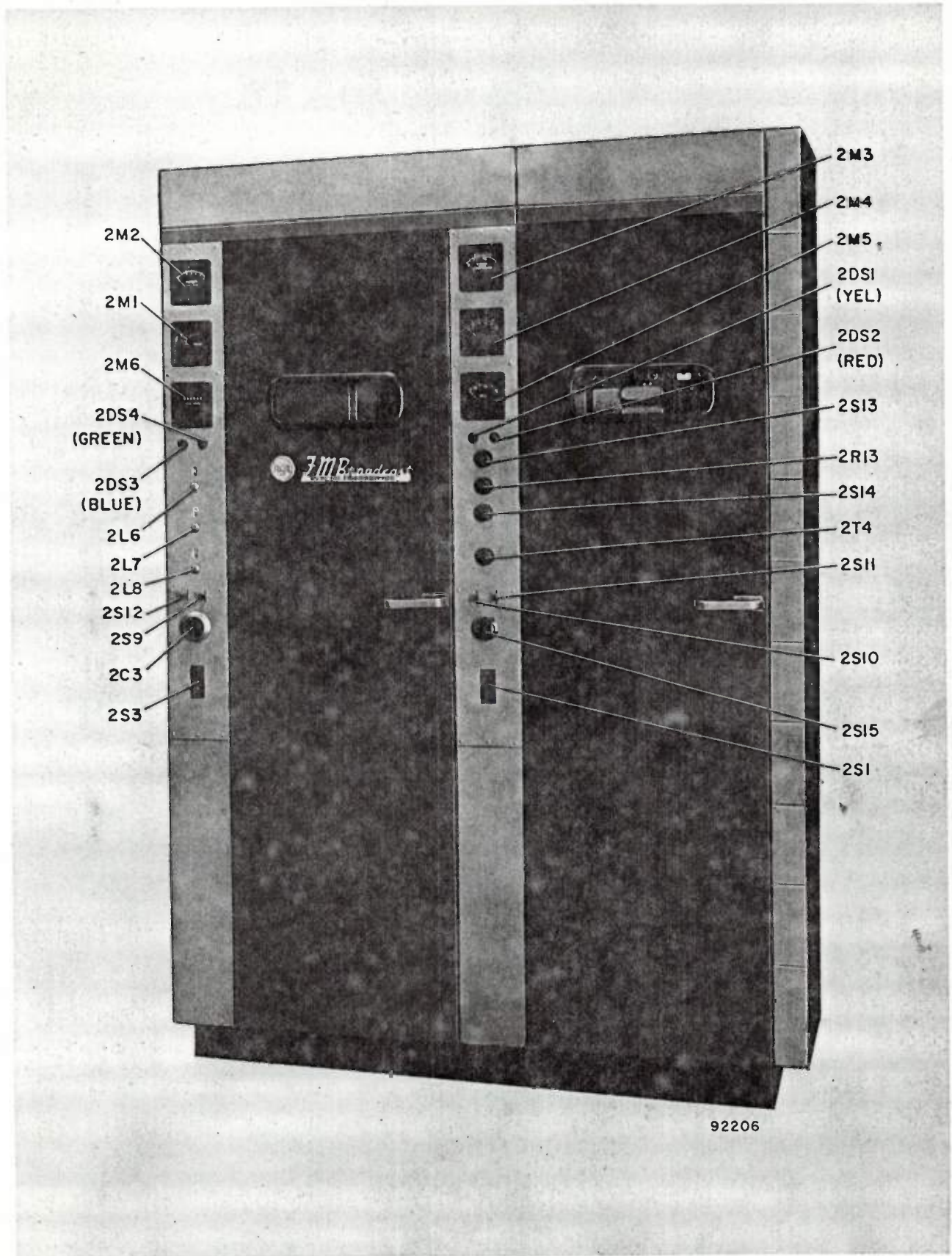


Figure 11. BTF-10C FM Transmitter, Front View, Doors Closed

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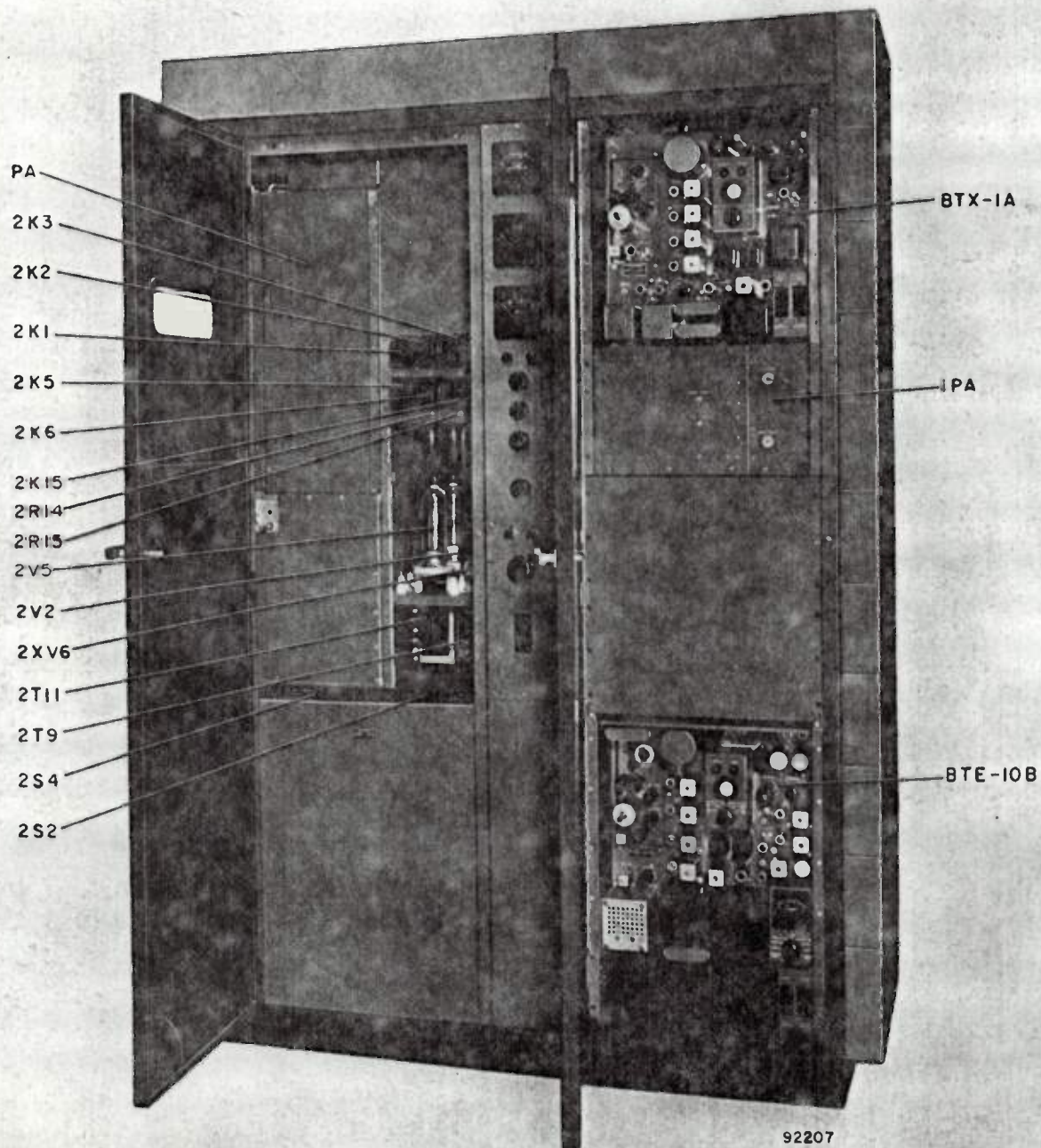


Figure 12. BTF-10C FM Transmitter, Front View, Doors Open



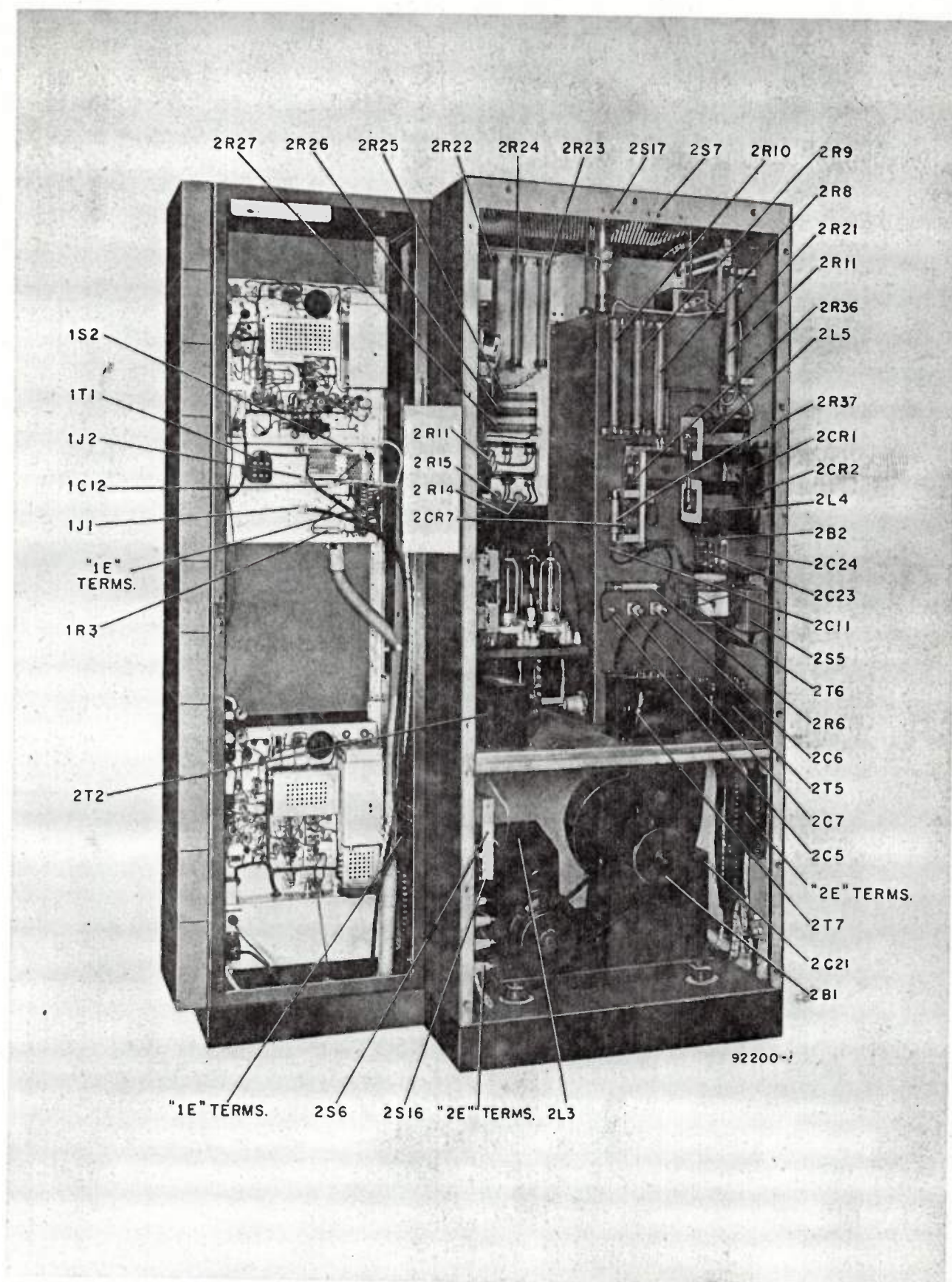


Figure 13. BTF-10C Transmitter, Rear View, Door and Panels Removed



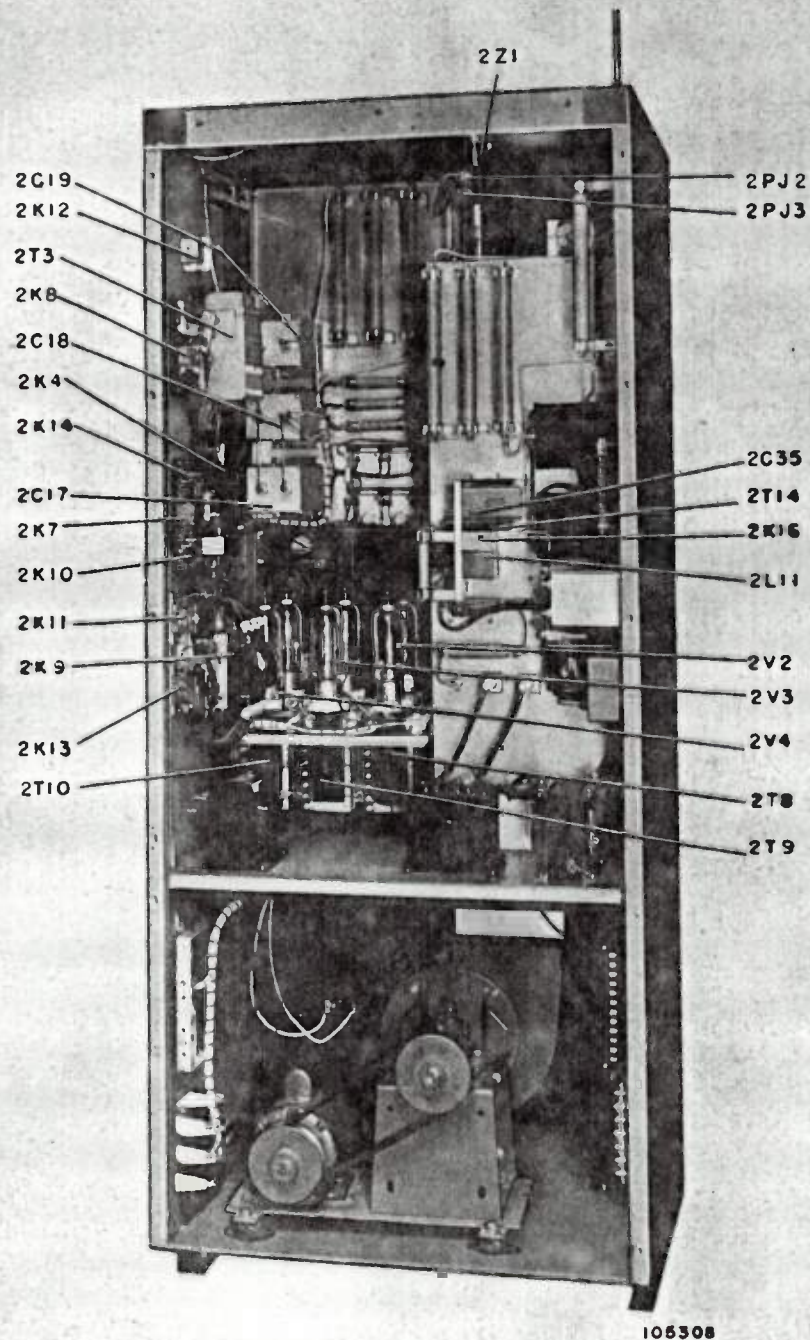


Figure 14. BTF-10C Power Amplifier Cubicle, Rear View

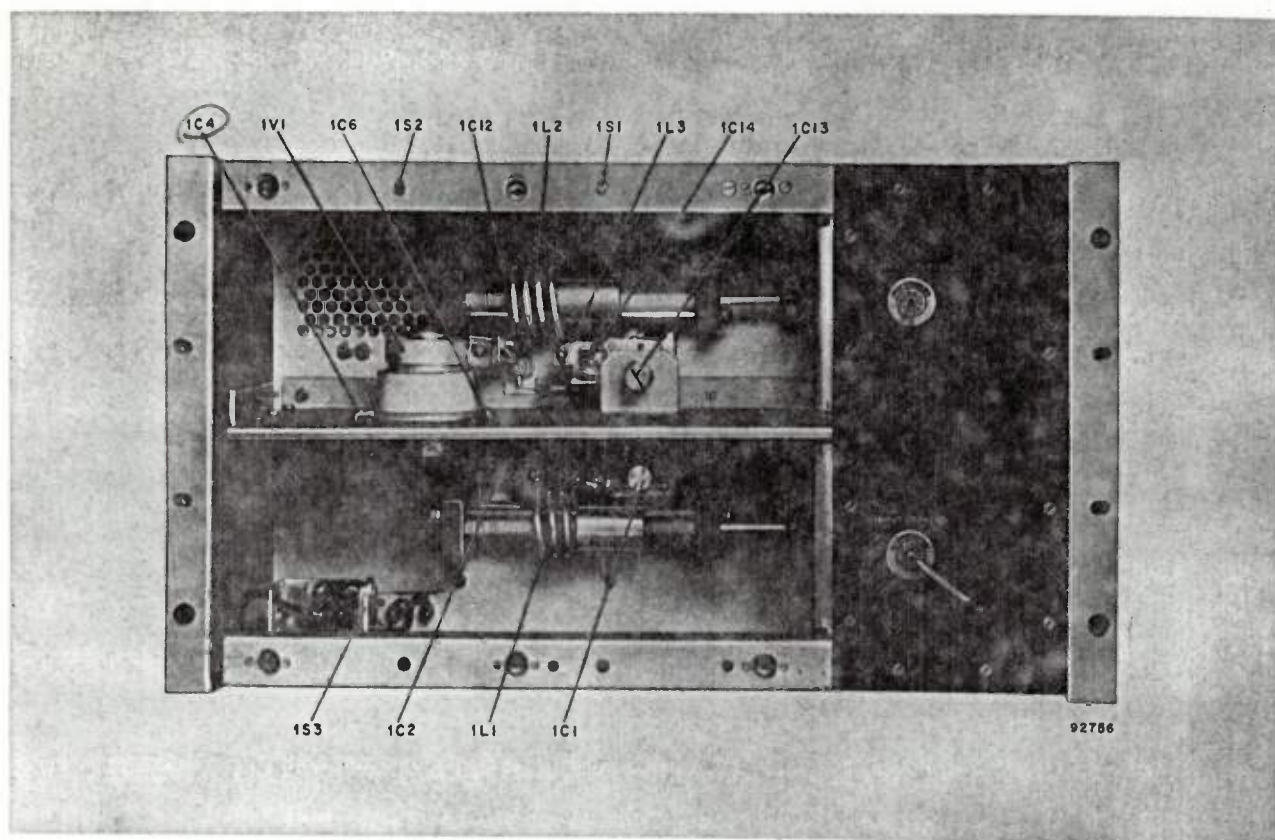


Figure 15. BTF-10C 250-Watt IPA, Front Panel Removed

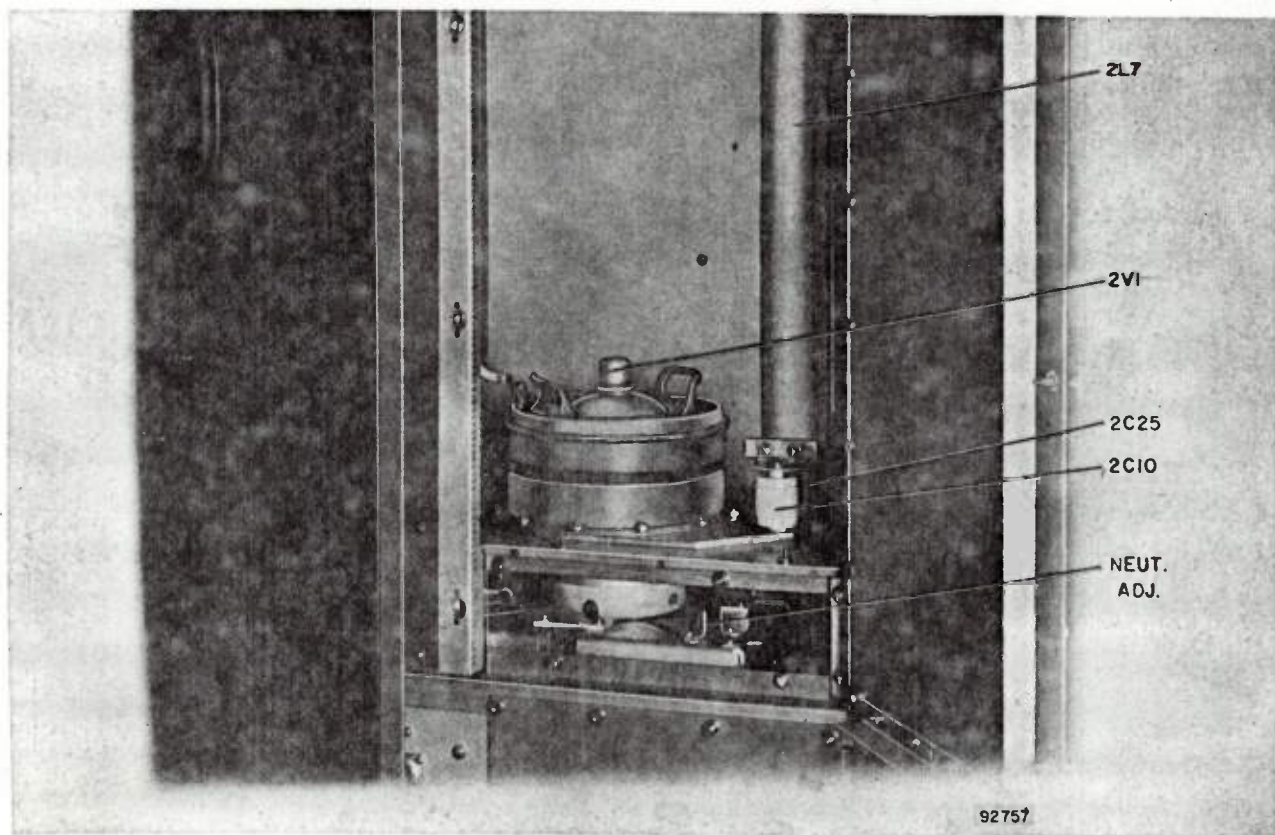


Figure 16. BTF-10C Power Amplifier, Open Door View



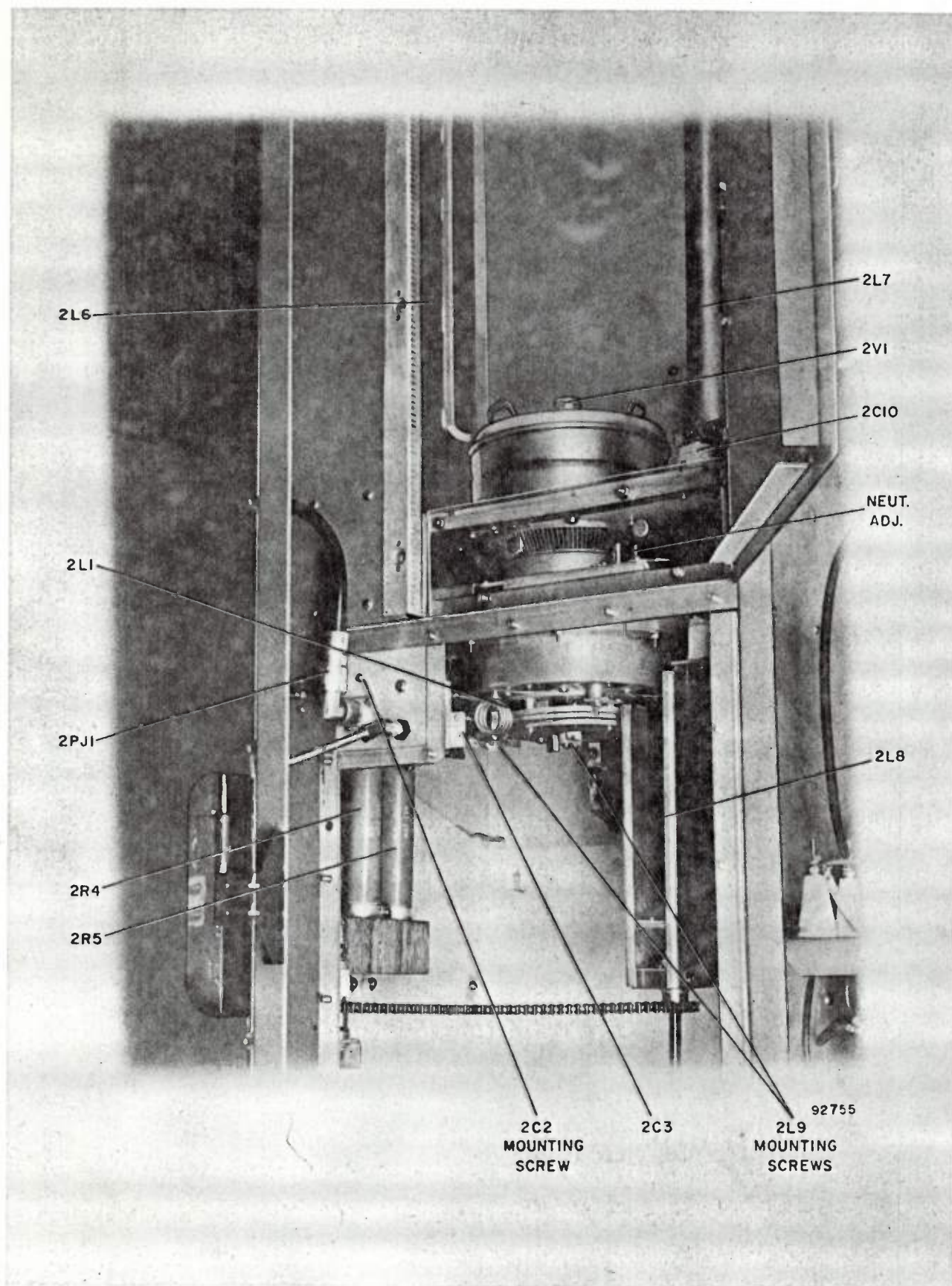


Figure 17. BTF-10C Power Amplifier, Door Open, Panel Removed



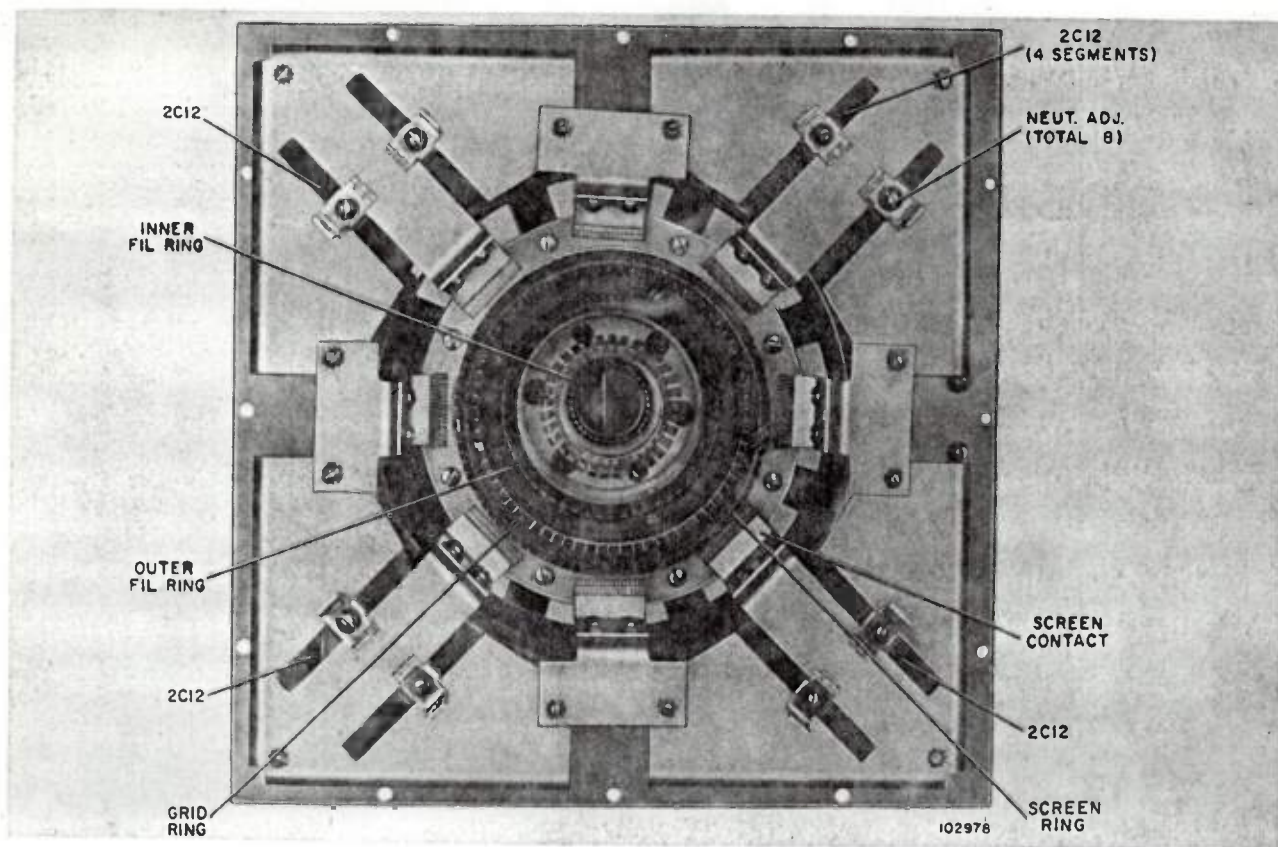


Figure 18. PA Tube Socket, Top View

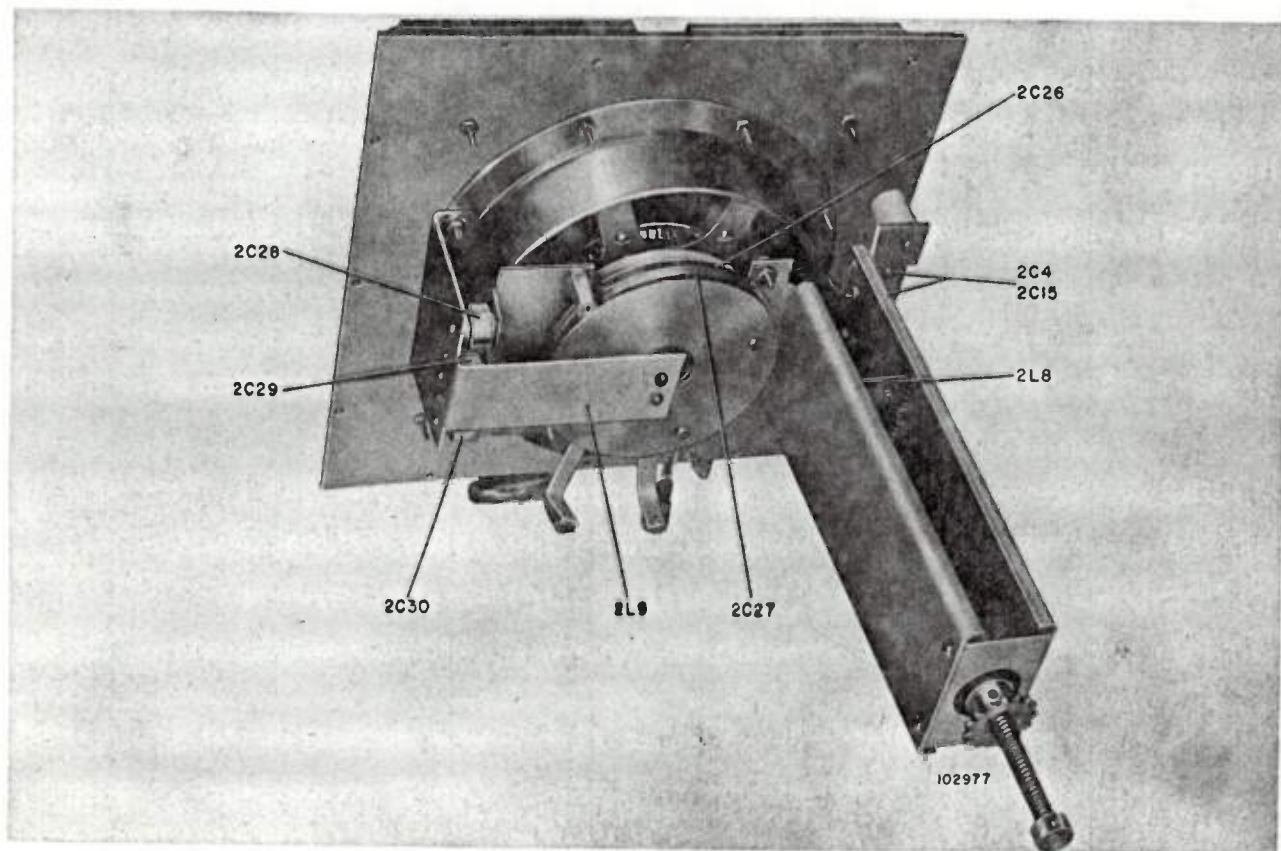
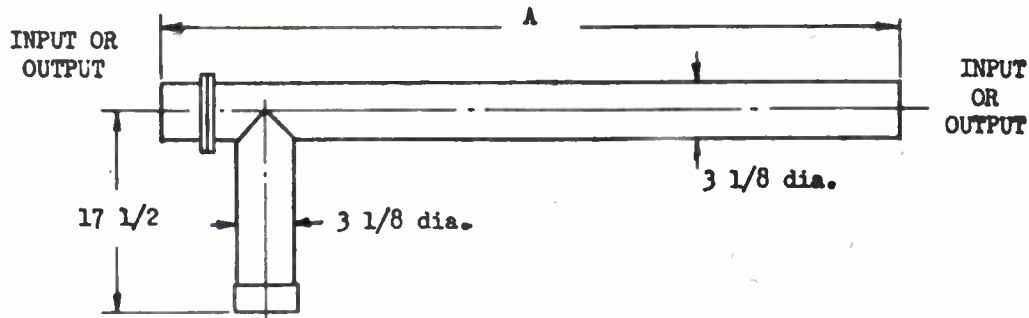


Figure 19. PA Tube Socket, Bottom View

MI-27967 FM HARMONIC FILTER



Mechanical Specifications

Mounting: Horizontal position recommended. Recommended location near transmitter output.

Ambient Temperature: 45°C max.

Weight 64 lbs.

Frequency	A	Designation
88 to 98 MC	140.29	MI-27967-1
98 to 108 MC	129.38	MI-27967-2

740.-

Electrical Specifications

Frequency: 88 to 108 MC
 Max. Power: 10 KW (7500 ft. max. altitude)
 Input & Output: 50 ohms, 3-1/8 coaxial line MI-27912
 VSWR: 1.10 or better
 Attenuation: 30 db through seventh harmonic
 Efficiency at Assigned Frequency: 98%

44.60
 MI 27988-4.C
 114.25

Accessories

Reducer 3-1/8 to 1-5/8 coaxial line - MI-19113-C-7
 Coupling, straight 3-1/8 coaxial line - MI-27912-4
 Insert - MI-19313-10

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Figure 20. Harmonic Filter, Technical Summary

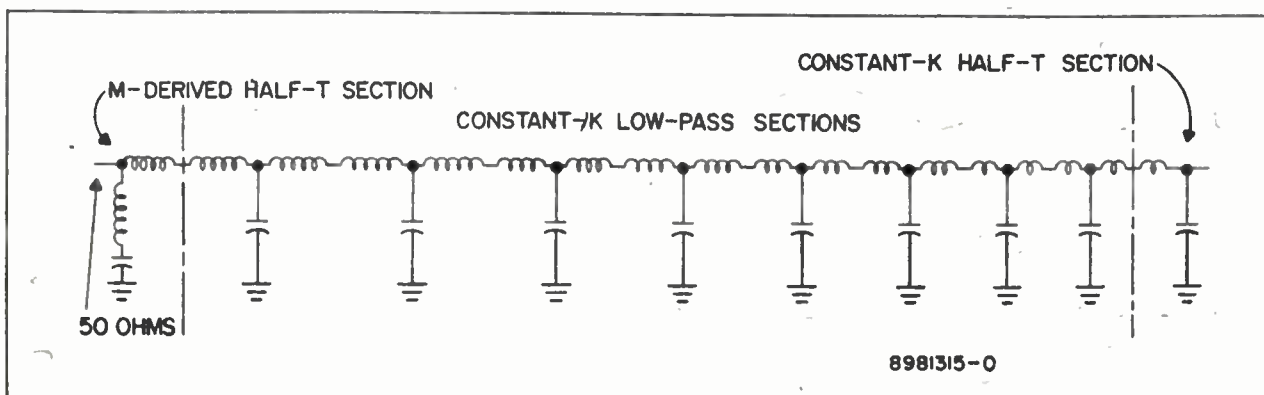


Figure 21. Harmonic Filter, Schematic Diagram

