Fitting optional Collins filters to the AR7030 receiver

The AR7030 is designed to accept a total of six IF filters, this means that two optional filters may be fitted in addition to the standard four provided. Within reason, any 455 kHz filter may be fitted but the PCB is drilled to accept Murata and Collins filters.

Before starting, place a cloth on the work surface to prevent scratching the receiver.

To gain access for filter fitting, both top and bottom covers need removing. The top is held by four screws requiring a 2.5mm hex key to undo them. The loudspeaker is connected with wires and sockets J16 & J17. To release the wires lift the black plastic connector up (about 5mm).

The bottom plate is held by six No.2 posi-drive screws.

Collins filters may be fitted in either of the vacant positions on the main PCB X7 or X8, it really doesn't matter which is used as the AR7030 microprocessor will sort it out for you.

Insert the three pins of the filter into the vacant positions, the holes are plate through and should not require clearing first. Solder the three filter contacts from the underside of the receiver.

As long as you haven't splashed solder anywhere that is it!

Either test at this point or replace the top & bottom case halves making sure that you reconnect the speaker wires by placing the wires in J16 & J17 then pressing the black plastic cable sockets downward. It is important that you fit the top case BEFORE the bottom case.

When replacing the top, make sure that it is pressed fully home (flush to the sides) before putting the screws in. The screw threads are not long enough to pull the top down into the side pieces without damaging the threads. **Tighten the screws only finger tight - do not over tighten**.

You will need to run the filter calibration routine from the receiver's menu... there are no measurements for you to take and no twiddling of adjustment points... you CANNOT improve performance by making manual adjustments. Refer to section 6-2 of the operating manual (page 14) for further information.

End. (sheet V1.0 E&OE)



Technical information addition - AR7030 optional filters:

The AR7030 uses a second IF frequency of 455 kHz. Due to the automatic filter calibration of the receiver, it is electrically possible to fit almost any 455 kHz filter with input/output impedance of 1,500 to 2,000 OHMS and a bandwidth smaller than 9 kHz whether it be ceramic, mechanical or crystal... the AR7030 will take care of alignment and addition to the filter table for you.

The PCB pattern has been designed to accept the Murata ceramic range of filters in the following format: "CFJ", "CFK", "CFW" and the Collins low profile mechanical filters. The receiver is supplied with FOUR filters fitted as standard, provision is made for a total of SIX.

Standard fitted:



Note: The Collins filter plots shown here have been taken from the Collins sales information and are NOT plotted from the AR7030 receiver.