

HIGH FREQUENCY LINEAR POWER AMPLIFIER



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ALPHA 374A

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#### SECTION 2

### INSTALLATION

1. Unpacking: Carefully remove amplifier and transformer from cartons; SAVE PACKING MATERIAL FOR RE-USE -- SHIPMENT OF YOUR ALPHA IN OTHER THAN FACTORY PACKING MAY RESULT IN DAMAGE NOT COVERED UNDER WARRANTY.

Inspect closely for evidence of shipping damage; if found, notify delivering carrier and seller at once. Complete warranty registration form and mail to ETO at once.

2. Transformer Installation: The cover of the amplifier is easily removed. Remove the three flat head Phillips screws from the front edge on top, two pan head screws from the rear flange of the top cover, and five pan head screws from each end of the cover -- then lift it carefully off. (If your amplifier has a flat head screw in the center of the top surface of the cover, REMOVE IT ONLY IF THE SLOTS ARE CLEAR AND THE SCREW UNPAINTED.)

Orient the transformer so that both multi-pin, molded plugs on the transformer harness point toward the front of the amplifier; move the corresponding mating connectors in the amplifier itself temporarily out of the way. Carefully lower the transformer into position so that the  $\frac{1}{4}$ -20 tapped mounting holes in its base line up with corresponding holes in the amplifier base plate. Install the  $\frac{1}{4}$ -20 bolts and washers provided, and tighten.

Check both pairs of connectors visually for proper mating orientation (avoid excessive harness bending or twisting, as it may cause damage to wires or connector pins) and mate them firmly, pushing until the integral latches engage.

3. Electrical Installation: The amplifier is normally shipped from the factory wired for 220-250V operation. If it is to be operated instead on 110-130V lines, change over the connections as described below before replacing the cabinet cover.

Changeover to 110-125V Operation - Locate the six-terminal barrier strip on the right side of the center chassis partition, above and to the left of the transformer. With short jumper wires only between lugs #2 and #3, the amplifier is connected for 240V power supply. Substituting instead a jumper between terminal #1 and #2, another between #3 and #4, and a third between #5 and #6, reconnects for 120V power source. (See sketches below.)



Power Cable Connection - The green wire of the amplifier power cable is a chassis safety ground, and must always (and only) be connected to the safety ground of the a-c mains -- NEVER to one of the "hot" power wires. The black and white wires are interchangeable and connect to the two "hot" service conductors.

- 4. <u>Physical Location</u>: Your ALPHA must be located so that intake of cool air through the rear panel, and exhaust of warm air through the top cover perforations, is not impeded in any way. A minimum of 4 to 6 inches of clearance should be allowed behind and above the amplifier for air circulation. Be careful not to block the top-cover exhaust openings with log books or equipment.
- 5. <u>RF And Control Connections</u>: Interconnection of the ALPHA for operation with any popular transceiver or exciter is extremely simple. Connect the rear panel jacks as follows:

<u>RF INPUT</u> - Use an appropriate plug and RG-58C/U or similar small 50 ohm coaxial cable to connect to transceiver or exciter "rf output" or "antenna" connector. KEEP CABLE AS SHORT AS POS-SIBLE -- PREFERABLY NOT LONGER THAN  $2\frac{1}{2}$  TO 3 FEET.

<u>RF OUTPUT</u> - Use a standard PL-259 ("UHF" type) plug and RG-8A/U or similar coaxial cable (50 ohm) to connect to antenna system.

<u>RELAY</u> - Use a standard "phono-type" patch cable to connect this jack to transceiver or exciter contacts which are "open" on receive and "shorted" on transmit ("N.O." = "normally open"). Nearly all transceivers provide such contacts via either phonotype jacks or other accessory connector on the rear panel. (See <u>AUX</u>.)

<u>NOTE</u>: When the amplifier is OFF, or in the RECEIVE condition with <u>no</u> short across its RELAY line, the RF OUTPUT connector is internally connected directly to the RF INPUT, providing normal "transceive-type" antenna input to the receiver.

<u>ALC</u> - For use with tube-type transceivers having negative-going ALC systems with external input jacks, simply patch this jack to the mating one on the transceiver or exciter with a standard "phono"-type cable. Nearly all modern solid state (broadband) transceivers utilize positive-going internal ALC, with a detector at the rf output point. This internal system normally functions adequately to control SSB drive power to the amplifier; in fact, most such exciter/transceivers provide no external ALC input jack and it is entirely unnecessary to make any ALC connection.

6. <u>Blower:</u> The cooling blower is mounted on an "absorbent foam" cushioning pad which dramatically reduces transmission of mechanical noise. Two 10-32 Phillips head screws secure the blower motor to the amplifier rear panel for safe shipment, and must be removed for quietest operation (see Fig. 2). Remove both screws, as well as the rubber strips wedged between the rear panel and the blower motor, and save for future shipping. SERIOUS DAMAGE TO AMPLIFIER MAY RESULT IF AMPLIFIER IS SHIPPED WITHOUT THESE SCREWS AND RUBBER SHIMS PROPERLY RE-INSTALLED.

### SECTION 3

### **OPERATION**

1. Control Functions:

- <u>BAND</u> Selects the desired MANUAL or BANDPASS (no-tune-up) frequency range of the amplifier.
- <u>TUNE</u> Controls amplifier operating frequency when a MANUAL range is in use (chart of approximate starting settings follows).
- <u>LOAD</u> Controls amplifier loading when a MANUAL range is in use (chart of approximate settings follows). Allows broadly peaking 10 meter output 28-29.7 MHz on export models only.

#### PUSH BUTTONS -

- <u>ON</u>: Depress momentarily to apply a-c power to amplifier, or to restore a-c power after an overload or fault trip-off.
- <u>OFF</u>: Depress to remove a-c power from amplifier.
- HV: Multimeter monitors high voltage; 3000 volts d-c full scale.
- <u>GRID</u>: Multimeter monitors grid current; 150 mA full scale.
- FWD: Multimeter monitors forward RF power; 2000 W full scale.
- <u>REFL</u>: Multimeter monitors reflected RF power; 200 W full scale.
- <u>CW</u>: Selects "low" plate voltage for CW/FSK/SSTV and other types of emission, including SSB, up to 1 KW d-c plate input.

SSB: Selects "high" plate voltage for 2+ KW PEP/SSB input.

- <u>OUT = STBY</u>: When <u>both</u> the CW and SSB buttons are <u>out</u>, the amplifier is in STANDBY. Antenna relay is disabled, permitting straight-through operation of transceiver/exciter.
- <u>ALC</u> Rear panel screwdriver adjustment sets the drive level at which ALC voltage begins to go negative from zero. Use a small <u>insulated</u> screwdriver to avoid accidental shorting.
- 2. <u>Tune-Up Procedure</u>:
  - (a) GENERAL The objective of "tune-up" is to adjust the amplifier (and its drive) so that it will deliver maximum available power output at the desired level of plate d-c power input, <u>or</u> at the available level of rf drive power, whichever is lower.

When the amplifier is adjusted for <u>maximum attainable rf power</u> <u>output for a specific, fixed level of rf carrier drive power</u>, it will deliver the best combination of efficiency and linearity possible <u>at that drive level</u>.

If operating drive power is <u>greater</u> than the tune-up level, flattopping, "splatter," and excessive grid current will result.

If drive power is <u>less</u> than the tune-up level, amplifier efficiency will be lower than normal (true of any linear).

It is therefore <u>essential</u> that drive power <u>always</u> be adjusted to a level suitable for the way in which the amplifier has been tuned up (whether manually or factory pre-set). Achievement of normal amplifier <u>grid current</u> is the most sensitive indication of proper drive level from the exciter.

<u>IMPORTANT NOTE</u>: Tune-up of an amplifier establishes a <u>ratio</u> of d-c plate voltage to d-c plate current (HV/I<sub>p</sub>) for which optimum performance occurs. When your ALPHA is properly tuned up for maximum legal power input of 1 KW in the CW (low voltage) mode, approximate values are HV = 1400V and I<sub>p</sub> = 0.7A, so that power input P<sub>i</sub> = 1400 x 0.7 = 980 watts and HV/I<sub>p</sub> = 1400/0.7 = 2000.

When you then switch to the SSB mode where HV = 2100V approximately, your ALPHA is automatically adjusted optimally for plate current of 1.05 amperes (HV/Ip = 2100/1.05 =2000). Since the panel meters are average-reading and cannot follow instantaneous plate current variations with SSB/voice modulation, the ALPHA 374A "PLATE CURRENT" meter will not indicate 1+ ampere when this desired level is reached on voice crests, but will typically swing to approximately 30-50% of the actual d-c plate current peak, indicating the highest <u>average</u> d-c plate current as defined by FCC.

One kilowatt of <u>average</u> d-c input, <u>which is "maximum legal power</u>" <u>under FCC rules</u>, corresponds to highest PLATE CURRENT meter swings of approximately 0.47 ampere if HV is simultaneously 2100V (2100 x 0.47 = 987 watts average input). The actual peak or envelope-crest value of plate current under these conditions is approximately 0.9 to 1.2 ampere, yielding an actual <u>PEP</u> (peak <u>envelope power</u>) plate input of approximately 2100 x (0.9 - 1.2) = 1890 to 2520 watts ... roughly equivalent to the "rule-ofthumb" 2 KW PEP which is often (mistakenly) referred to as "maximum legal power."

Because <u>grid</u> <u>current</u> drops off rapidly with too-low drive power and soars abruptly with over-drive, the achievement of <u>grid</u> <u>current in the normal range specified is an excellent indicator</u> <u>of proper drive level</u> to an otherwise properly-adjusted linear.

- (b) INITIAL TURN-ON Place amplifier in STANDBY (both the CW and SSB buttons <u>out</u>: both show black.)
  - (1) Press HV button; multimeter scale is now 0-3000V d-c.
  - (2) Press ON button and release; MULTIMETER should promptly swing to 1.5 KV ± 100V (mid-scale) and panel meters should immediately illuminate pale red or amber. Blower should start immediately and exhaust air should be detectable flowing from top cover vents. IF ANY OF ABOVE DOES <u>NOT</u> OCCUR, PRESS <u>OFF</u> IMMEDIATELY AND CORRECT THE PROBLEM.
  - (3) When the tube warm-up delay is completed in 45 to 90 seconds, the meters will change to pale blue or green, indicating "ready to transmit."
- (c) BANDPASS (NO-TUNE-UP) OPERATION Bandpass operation on the amateur 80-75 through 15 meter bands requires no adjustment of amplifier TUNE or LOAD controls. It is merely necessary to

- (1) Insure that VSWR of the connected load does not exceed approximately 1.5:1 (4% reflected power),
- (2) Select the desired BANDPASS position of the BAND switch.
- (3) Adjust exciter output power to the level which produces <u>grid current</u> multimeter indications of about 50-90 mA with steady carrier or maximum swings to about 50 mA with normal SSB/voice modulation.

LOAD VSWR: Use a reliable SWR bridge or RF wattmeter, such as the Drake WH7 or Bird 43, to determine that reflected power does not exceed 4% of forward power (SWR 1.5:1 or lower); leave amplifier in STANDBY and use only exciter power for this test.

If a good external RF meter is not available, the ALPHA's built-in rf wattmeter may be used. With amplifier in STANDBY and exciter operating, check that MULTIMETER needle deflection in REFL position to insure that it does not exceed the deflection in FWD; this indicates 10% or lower reflected power, or a VSWR under 2:1 which is safe for initial low-power adjustment.

Then proceed as outlined below, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTION: BEFORE switching the amplifier to the SSB mode or using it for an extended period in any mode, re-check the ratio of REFL to FWD power with the amplifier delivering approximately 500 watts FWD. A REFL indication of 20 watts or less (between the 0.1 and 0.3 marks on the red RF power scale) indicates VSWR of 1.5:1 or lower, which is safe for full power BANDPASS operation. BAND SELECT: Set the BAND knob to the wide scale mark labeled 3.5, 7, 14, or 21 (MHz), as desired.

<u>OPERATING ADJUSTMENT</u>: Press amplifier CW button (LV), make certain that exciter rf output control is set to zero, and place exciter in the appropriate mode to deliver a steady carrier -usually "CW" or "TUNE." Press amplifier GRID button.

<u>Very slowly</u> increase exciter carrier output from zero until <u>either</u> (a) PLATE CURRENT meter indicates 0.5 ampere (mid-scale) <u>or</u> (b) MULTIMETER indicates 50 mA GRID CURRENT (1/3 scale). Re-check load VSWR; FWD power will typically be at least 200 watts at 0.5 ampere plate current.

Continue to <u>slowly</u> increase drive until <u>either</u> amplifier PLATE CURRENT reaches 0.7 A <u>or</u> GRID current reaches 100 mA. Normal grid current is approximately 40-90 mA, however values up to 100 mA are acceptable. If GRID current reaches these limits <u>before</u> the desired value of PLATE CURRENT is achieved, <u>drive power should not be increased further</u>. In such a case, switching to MANUAL tune/load as described below will permit adjustment for full rated power operation.

At this point your ALPHA is properly set up for operation at approximately 1 KW input on CW, SSTV, or RTTY. For 1 KW PEP SSB input, simply adjust SSB drive level out of exciter to the point where amplifier GRID current meter swings are approximately 50 mA (1/3 scale) maximum. <u>HIGH POWER SSB ADJUSTMENT</u>: After completion of adjustment for 1 KW operation as above, return exciter to "receive" or "standby" mode. Press amplifier SSB (HV) button and confirm that, with MULTIMETER HV button depressed, HV indication is 2.2-2.4 KV. Switch exciter to SSB transmit and slowly increase its SSB output level (while speaking normally into mike) until <u>either</u> (a) highest swings of the PLATE CURRENT meter reach approximately 0.45 ampere (corresponding to about 1000 watts <u>average</u> d-c plate input -- maximum FCC legal power), <u>or</u> the highest swings of the MULTIMETER with the GRID button depressed reach 50 mA. Greater GRID current swings indicate overdrive.

(d) MANUAL TUNE-UP: INITIAL ADJUSTMENTS - Place amplifier in STAND-BY. Set controls to the preliminary points shown in Table I below, depending on the intended operating frequency.

TABLE I	PRELI	MINARY	SETTINGS	FOR INIT	IAL MA	NUAL T	UNE-UP
<u>FREQ.MHZ</u>	<u>BAND</u>	TUNE	LOAD	FREQ.	<u>BAND</u>	TUNE	LOAD
1.8	1.8	58	43	7.1	7	50	45
2.0	1.8	41	53	14.15	14	16	75
3.6	3.5	75	20	21.20	21	10	82
3.9	3.5	62	35	28.7*	28 <b>*</b>	N/A	80*

\* Factory-provided 28 MHz coverage (semi no-tune-up) is included in export versions only.

- (1) Press CW button and switch exciter (with its rf output control set to zero) to CW or TUNE; the ALPHA panel meters should turn pale amber or red, indicating "transmit."
- (2) <u>Very slowly</u> increase exciter carrier output until amplifier PLATE CURRENT meter indicates half-scale -- 0.5 A. Press FWD and carefully adjust LOAD for maximum RF WATTS indication on the multimeter. Then adjust TUNE for maximum RF WATTS meter indication. <u>Repeat</u> the process of alternately peaking first LOAD, then TUNE, until no further increase in FWD rf power indication can be achieved.
- (3) Note the PLATE CURRENT meter reading; the desired value for one kilowatt d-c input is approximately 0.7 A (since 0.7 A x 1400 V = 980 watts d-c input).
- (4) If the plate current in step (3) was <u>less</u> than 0.7 A, increase exciter carrier output <u>slightly</u> and repeat the LOAD-TUNE adjustment process of steps (2) and (3) again. If the plate current in step (3) was <u>greater</u> than 0.7 A, slightly decrease exciter output and repeat the process.
- (5) Continue the procedure of step (4) until, after the final LOAD-TUNE adjustments, the PLATE CURRENT is as desired.

<u>OPERATING ADJUSTMENT</u>: Your ALPHA is now correctly adjusted for operation at one kilowatt d-c input using the CW (LV) tap. Final set up and excitation adjustments should be performed exactly as described in the last two paragraphs of preceding section (c), above.

## 3. Operating Notes:

- (a) TUBES The 8874 ceramic triodes are extremely rugged and normally operate with a large margin of safety. They will deliver outstanding service life IF not damaged by grossly excessive grid dissipation or airflow blockage (keep the intake and exhaust air vent areas clear!) <u>Do not allow average plate current</u> <u>PER TUBE to exceed 0.35 amp for more than 15 seconds, nor EVER</u> to exceed 0.5 amp. <u>Do not allow grid current to ever exceed</u> full scale (150 mA); normal operation requires only 40-90 mA.
- (b) INTERLOCKS All ALPHA amplifiers are equipped with switches intended to shut off a-c power and short out the high voltage power supply when the cover is not securely fastened in place. These protective interlocks are provided to protect you against POTENTIALLY FATAL ELECTRIC SHOCK resulting from contact with lethal voltages inside the amplifier. <u>The amplifier SHOULD</u> <u>NEVER BE ENERGIZED WITH THE COVER REMOVED except by thoroughly knowledgable service personnel</u>:
- (c) FUSES Except in rare instances of component failure, the blowing of one or both primary line fuses indicates that the maximum safe average power capability of the amplifier has been <u>substantially exceeded</u>. USE ONLY 10A/250 VOLT RATED CERAMIC FUSES (except 15A for ALPHA 76CA and ALPHA 78); up to 20A ceramic fuses may be substituted for operation from 120V line only.\*\*
- (d) PLATE OVERCURRENT RELAY This relay serves primarily to deenergize primary circuits quickly in the event of a major HV fault or grossly excessive drive conditions. The relay should not be relied on to prevent damage due to either short- or longterm overdrive; that is the operator's responsibility. Should the overcurrent relay trip, thus removing a-c power from the amplifier, it is essential to determine and correct the cause before re-applying power by pressing the ON button.

(e) MAINTENANCE AND TROUBLESHOOTING - Most problems and apparent failures with ALPHA amplifiers result from operators' failure to read and thoroughly understand the contents of the instruction manual -- as well as basic linear amplifier principles -rather than from actual equipment defects.

The amplifier interior, particularly high voltage d-c areas of the power supply and rf compartment, should be cleaned frequently enough (with a soft brush and vacuum cleaner) to prevent visible accumulation of dust. If extremely dusty conditions prevail, it may be advisable to secure a thin plastic-foam air filter, of the type commonly used in window air conditioners, across the air intake perforations at the rear of the cabinet.

**\*\*** Additional fuse information: The slow-blow fuse (F3) located just behind the front sub-panel on the partition is intended to protect the HV rectifiers and step-start resistors in the event of abnormal turn-on conditions or HV faults. <u>DO NOT</u> <u>SUBSTITUTE</u> a fuse of higher current rating under any conditions.

## TABLE 11 -- TROUBLESHOOTING HINTS

### SYMPTOMS

- 1. Won't turn on; nothing happens when ON button pushed.
- 2. Relay closes (and blower may start) but no HV or meter illumination at turn-on.
- 3. Blower starts, HV normal, but meters do not switch to green and amplifier will not switch to transmit.
- 4. Grid meter "pins" at low drive levels.
- 5. Low grid current, excessive input VSWR (abnormal exciter loading), low rf output.
- Plate current flows in receive or STBY conditions.
  See also no. 9 below.
- Low drive and output power; cannot drive exciter to nor-

## POSSIBLE CAUSE/CURE

- a) External a-c wire, fuse, or breaker open or missing.
- b) Cover a-c interlock open.
- c) Fuse F1 or F2 blown or missing.
- a) Step-start relay K2 not closing; possible blown fuse F3, defective +28V supply (D13-D-14 or C7?), or HV fault.
- a) Defective reed relay K6.
- b) Defective Q1, C8, or R29.
- a) R28 open or damaged.
- a) Bias zener D8 damaged or open.
- b) R28 damaged or open (but grid current will read very high).
- a) 8874 tube leak or short, cathode to grid or heater.
- b) D7 defective or damaged.
- a) ALC sensitivity control R40 set improperly; unplug ALC to

mal input or output levels.

- 8. Flashover in RF compartment, usually between load capacitor plates.
- Plate current flows in receive or STBY <u>and</u> cannot drive amplifier; abnormal exciter loading.
- 10. Distorted SSB output signal; possibly severe TVI.

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- a) Excessive load VSWR; mismatch or wrong antenna; defective rf cables or connectors.
- b) Insufficiently heavy loading and/or excessive drive power.
- c) Dirt or other contaminant in capacitor plates.
- d) If chronic, capacitor plates damaged by previous arcing.
- a) 8874 tube short, cathode-togrid or cathode-to-heater.
- a) Excessive drive power and/or inadequately-heavy loading.
- b) Flashover of variable capacitor on voice peaks.
- c) Antenna or feedline arcing on peaks.
- d) RF feedback from antenna into exciter or microphone line.

NOTE: If exciter manufacturer does not provide instructions for adjustment of ALC, set pot R40 for desired amplifier plate current swings on peaks and adjust mike gain for degree of ALC action desired for normal exciter operation.

### SECTION 4

### THEORY OF OPERATION

 <u>RF Amplifier Section</u>: Tubes VI and V2 are parallel-connected in a grounded grid configuration. +28 volts of cathode bias is applied via R7 and L7 to cut off plate current during non-transmit periods; bias is reduced to the operating level of 5 volts when the antenna relay is actuated.

RF excitation is applied to the cathodes via an input matching network, including a broadband, toroidal ferrite transformer, which is carefully designed to present to the exciter a nominal 50 ohm load with linear characteristics. (Changing this input network may result in excessive input VSWR and/or distortion.)

The plate output network (switched by the four sections of SIA-SID) is a full pi-L network. When a MANUAL tuning range is selected, the bandswitch connects the manual tune and load capacitors Cl6 and Cl7 to appropriate taps on the pi and L coils, resulting in a conventional pi-L. When one of the BANDPASS (no-tune-up) ranges is selected, additional variable and fixed capacitors (and additional inductor taps) provide the special values of C and L required for efficient no-tune-up operation across that particular amateur band, without the need for any TUNE or LOAD adjustments by the operator when changing bands.

In the 28 MHz position provided only on export models, the front panel LOAD control may be used to broadly "peak" output and efficiency at any point in the 28-29.7 MHz range. (TUNE has no effect.)

An RF directional wattmeter, consisting of L9 and associated components, senses forward and reflected power in the output line, for display by the MULTIMETER when the appropriate button is "in."

ALC rectifier C23-C24, D15, and associated components generate a negative-going ALC voltage when excitation voltage exceeds the bias threshold set by trimpot R40 (accessible from rear panel).

T/R relay K4 switches the antenna "straight through" to the exciter when the amplifier is in OFF, STBY, or receive conditions, permitting normal transceiver-only operation. K4 switches the ALPHA into transmit configuration when an external short is placed across RELAY jack J3.

2. <u>Power Supply</u>: Tl is a 1.5 KVA continuous service transformer which supplies all required a-c operating voltages for the amplifier.

High voltage d-c for the tube anodes is rectified by full wave bridge rectifier DI-D4, and filtered by a 30 mfd, 2.7 KV capacitor consisting of CI-C6. Cl through C6 are computer-grade units, factory matched and burned in to insure low ripple and long life.

Relay K3 selects high or low voltage taps from T1 and is controlled by front panel CW/SSB push button switches. Cover interlock switch S4 prevents actuation of main power relay Kl unless the cover is secured in place. Additional operator protection is provided by safety "crowbar" S5, which shorts the high voltage supply and discharges the filters when the cover is opened. D13-D14 and C7 provide +28 VDC for bias and control, including time delay and T/R circuits.

Dual primaries on Tl permit connection for either 117 V or 234 V nominal lines, as described in the INSTALLATION section of this manual. No wiring change is necessary for operation from U.S. standard 117-N-117 V or from typical overseas 234 V nominal without the "central" neutral ... two-wire systems. The third power cable (green) wire is a chassis safety ground.

3. <u>Control and Metering Circuits</u>: ON/OFF push buttons S2 control selflatching main power relay K1. R1 and R2 limit initial current inrush to about 12 amperes maximum, and are shorted by relay K2 as soon as the HV filter capacitor is charged (a few milliseconds.) F3 protects the HV rectifiers and R1/R2 in the event of faults or errors which prevent K2 from closing normally.

The 8874 tubes are protected against operation during their required (60 second nominal) heater warm-up period by the time delay circuit consisting of Ql and associated components. When C8 charges sufficiently to turn Ql "on," K6 closes (via Q4 in some models), enabling the circuit of T/R relay K4. Until K6 closes, K4 cannot operate, thus insuring that cutoff bias is maintained on the tubes.

After delay relay K6 closes, an external short placed across the RELAY jack will actuate T/R relay K4 <u>only</u> if either the CW or the SSB button is depressed; if both are "out," the amplifier remains in standby mode. When K4 <u>is</u> actuated, tube bias is reduced to the 5.1 volt level established by zener D8. This level permits slight plate current flow when idling in the SSB (high voltage) condition; with the lower "CW" voltage idling plate current is close to cut-off.

Plate current is metered directly by M2. Grid current is measured across R28 in the grid return path, and high voltage is metered directly via precision multiplier resistors R13-R15

Substantially-excessive plate current (as evidenced by abnormal IR voltage drop across R6) actuates overcurrent relay K7, which trips out K1. Meter lamps II through I4, which are controlled by Q2 and Q3, illuminate the meters pale amber when K6 is open (during the warm-up delay) and when the RELAY line is shorted so that the amplifier is in the transmit condition. When the ALPHA is "timed in" but in STANDBY or receive mode, the meters illuminate green or blue, signifying "ready."

## SECTION 5 -- ILLUSTRATIONS

# FIGURE 1 - Top View Showing Major Component Locations



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## SECTION 5 -- ILLUSTRATIONS

FIGURE 2 - Rear View



FIGURE 3 - Enlarged View of RF Output Network Area



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## SECTION 6 -- STANDARD ELECTRICAL PARTS

SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION	SYMBOL I	DESCRIPTION
Bl	Howard #3-90-8507	L5,L6,L7	15uhy/1A RFC
CI-C6	120-180uf/450V	L8,L11	
	comp. grade elec.	LIÓ	l mhy miniature
C7	500uf/50V elect.		·
C8	15uf/20V tantalum	Ql	MPF121 or similar MOSFET;
-	.002uf/lKV disc		2N6027 PUT some models
ció-ci3,c36,c3	7.002uf/3KV disc	Q2,Q3	2N5826 or equivalent
C14	2 x .002 uf/6KV	Q4	2N5061 SCR (if used)
015,020-22,025	,	RESISTORS	S: All are $\frac{1}{4}$ watt, 5%
027,033,034,04	1.01uf/50V disc		comp. or film unless
C18,C28-C30	.02/500V disc		se specified below.
C23	27pf dipped mica	•	10 ohm/12W wirewound
C24	100pf dipped mica	R3 R4	750 ohm/2W 10% comp.
C 32	2-8pf air trimmer		10K/12W wirewound
038	300pf dipped S.M.	R5	150 ohm/1W 10% comp.
C39	louf/50V elect.	R6	25 ohm/25W wirewound
C40	18 pf/l KV disc	R7-R12	2 x 120K/2W 5% comp.
_		R13-R15	1M/1% 3/4W precision
D1-D4	3KV PIV/.5A CCS,	R16	$180K/\frac{1}{4}w$
	RCC 1733	R18	10-15K
D5	1N4746 (18V/1W)	R31	470 ohm/2W comp.
	1N4148 or 1N914B	R32,R34	4.7K
D7 D8	1N4722 or 1N5404	R36	3.3K/2W 10% comp.
	1N4733 (5.1V/1W)	R38,R40	5K trimpot, linear
D9	1N4757 (51V/1W)	R41,R42	22 ohm∕ <del>]</del> ₩ 5% carbon
D10-D14,D17	1N4004 (400V/1A)	R43	- 0
D20		R44	1.8K

D20		R28	1.or 10 ohm/늘 watt/5%
Fl, F2	10A/250V, type 3AB or ABC (78 & 76CA only, 15A)	S1 S2,S3,S6	Centralab JV9034
F3	l≟A slo-blo, type MDL or equiv.	S4	button assembly Microswitch V3L-4-D8
11-14	Spcl. 28V lamp	V1,V2	Eimac type 8874
КІ	DPST/120VAC,Guard- ian 1390-20-120A		NENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE OTICE. COMPONENTS NOT
К2	DPST/24VDC, Guard- ian 1395-20-24D	LISTED ARI	E SPECIALS AVAILABLE SPECIFY MODEL AND
К3	HV relay, 24VDC, PB #PRD11DY0-24		MBER OF AMPLIFIER PLUS SYMBOL OR DESCRIPTION
K4	DPDT/10A	WHEN ORDER	RING REPLACEMENTS.
к6	5 VDC coil, SPST N.O.	•	
K7	24 VDC coil, SPST N.(	э.	

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