

**LA3246**

## Stereo Preamplifier for Compact Double Cassette Playback-only Use

### Overview

The LA3246 is a stereo preamplifier IC for double cassette tape playback-only use. The LA3246 is intended for use in portable radio-cassette tape recorders and tape decks.

### Applications

- Stereo compact cassette player for playback-only use
- Stereo cassette deck player

### Functions

- Preamplifier  $\times 2$ , Mixing amplifier  $\times 1$ , Electronic switch  $\times 6$

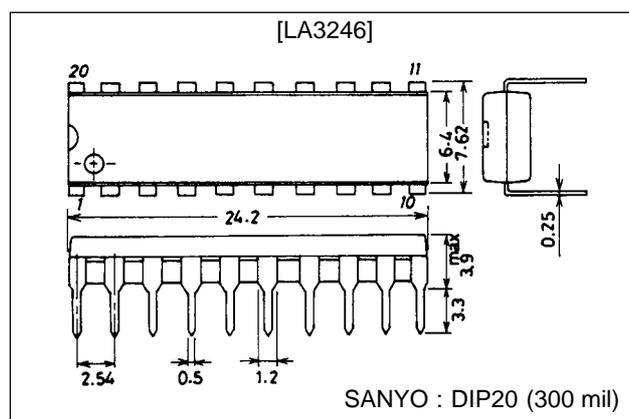
### Features

- On-chip electronic switch for input select (auto reverse or A deck/B deck select)
- On-chip electronic switch for normal/higher dubbing select and electronic switch for metal/normal tape select
- Wide operating voltage range ( $V_{CC\ op} = 3.5$  to  $14\ V$ )
- With output MIX pin (for music select control)
- Low noise voltage range ( $V_{NI} = 0.9\ \mu V$  typ,  $R_g = 2.2\ k\Omega$  NAB)
- Can be used in conjunction with the LA3240, 3241, 3242 to easily make up a doublecassette dubbing system.

### Package Dimensions

unit : mm

#### 3021B-DIP20



### Specifications

#### Maximum Ratings at $T_a = 25^\circ C$

Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Ratings	Unit
Maximum supply voltage	$V_{CC\ max}$		16	V
Allowable power dissipation	$P_d\ max$		500	mW
Operating temperature	$T_{opr}$		-20 to +75	$^\circ C$
Storage temperature	$T_{stg}$		-40 to +125	$^\circ C$

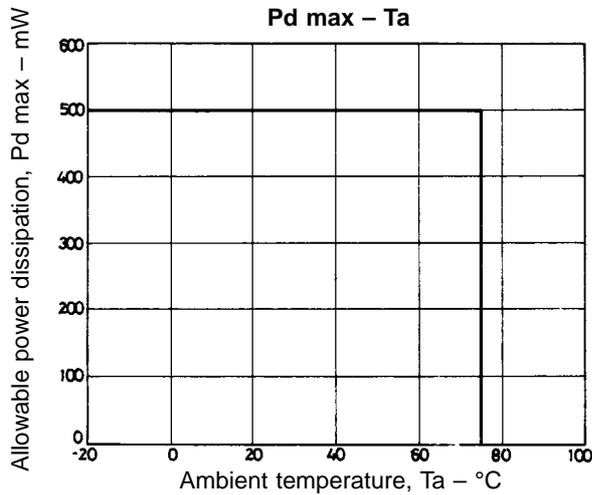
#### Maximum Ratings at $T_a = 25^\circ C$

Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Ratings	Unit
Recommended supply voltage	$V_{CC}$		6	V
Operating voltage range	$V_{CC\ op}$		3.5 to 14	V

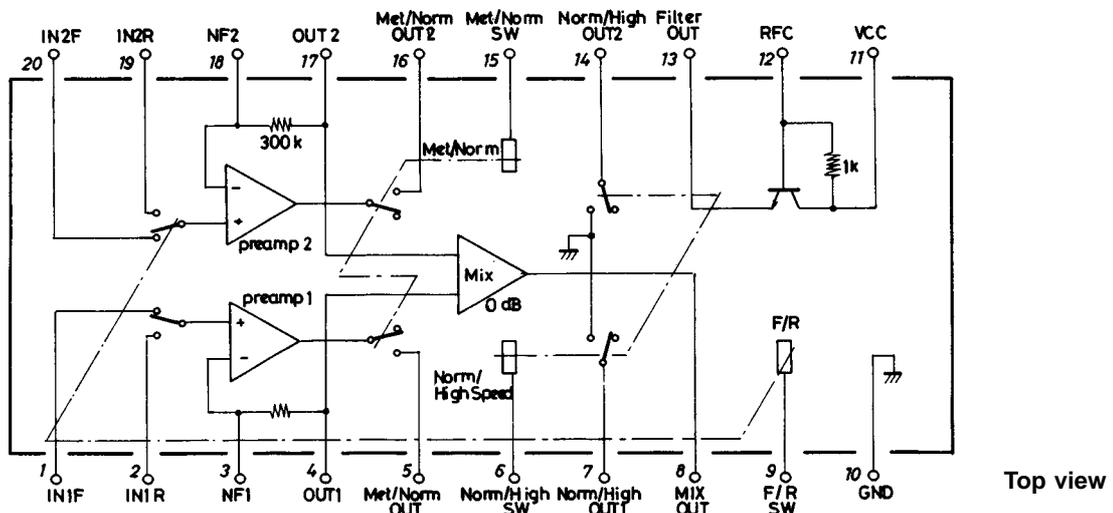
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Operating Characteristics at  $T_a = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $V_{CC} = 6.0\text{ V}$ ,  $R_L = 10\text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $f = 1\text{ kHz}$ ,  $0\text{ dB} = 0.775\text{ V}$

Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	min	typ	max	Unit
Quiescent current	$I_{CCO}$	Nor/Nor speed forward	5	7	12	mA
	$I_{CCS}$	Metal/High speed forward	7	10	17	mA
Voltage gain (Open)	$V_{GO}$		75	85		dB
Voltage gain (Closed)	$V_G$	Nor/Nor speed, NAB	39.5	40.5	41.5	dB
Total harmonic distortion	THD	$V_O = 0.65\text{ V}$ , Nor/Nor speed		0.03	0.2	%
Maximum output voltage	$V_O\text{ max}$	THD = 1%, Nor/Nor speed	0.7	1.2		V
Crosstalk (between channels)	CT1	$V_O = -5\text{ dBm}$ , $R_g = 2.2\text{ k}\Omega$ , Nor/Nor speed	50	65		dB
Crosstalk (between F/R)	CT2	$V_O = -5\text{ dBm}$ , $R_g = 2.2\text{ k}\Omega$ , Nor/Nor speed	50	65		dB
Channel balance	$V_{BL}$	$V_{IN} = -50\text{ dBm}$		0	2	dB
Equivalent input noise voltage	$V_{NI}$	$R_g = 2.2\text{ k}\Omega$ , B.P.F 20 Hz to 20 kHz, Nor/Nor speed		0.9	1.7	$\mu\text{V}$
MIX output voltage	$V_{OMIX}$	$V_{O1}$ , $V_{O2} = 0\text{ dBm}$	-3	0	+3	dB
Ripple filter output current	$I_{F\text{ OUT}}$			10	15	mA
Electronic switch ON-state resistance	$R_{on}$	Between P1 to P4 and 5, between pin 16 and 17		100	250	$\Omega$
		Between P1 to P7 and 10, between pin 10 and 14		30	70	$\Omega$
DC feedback resistance	$R_F$		240	300	360	$\Omega$
Input bias current	$I_F$			0.5	3.0	$\mu\text{A}$

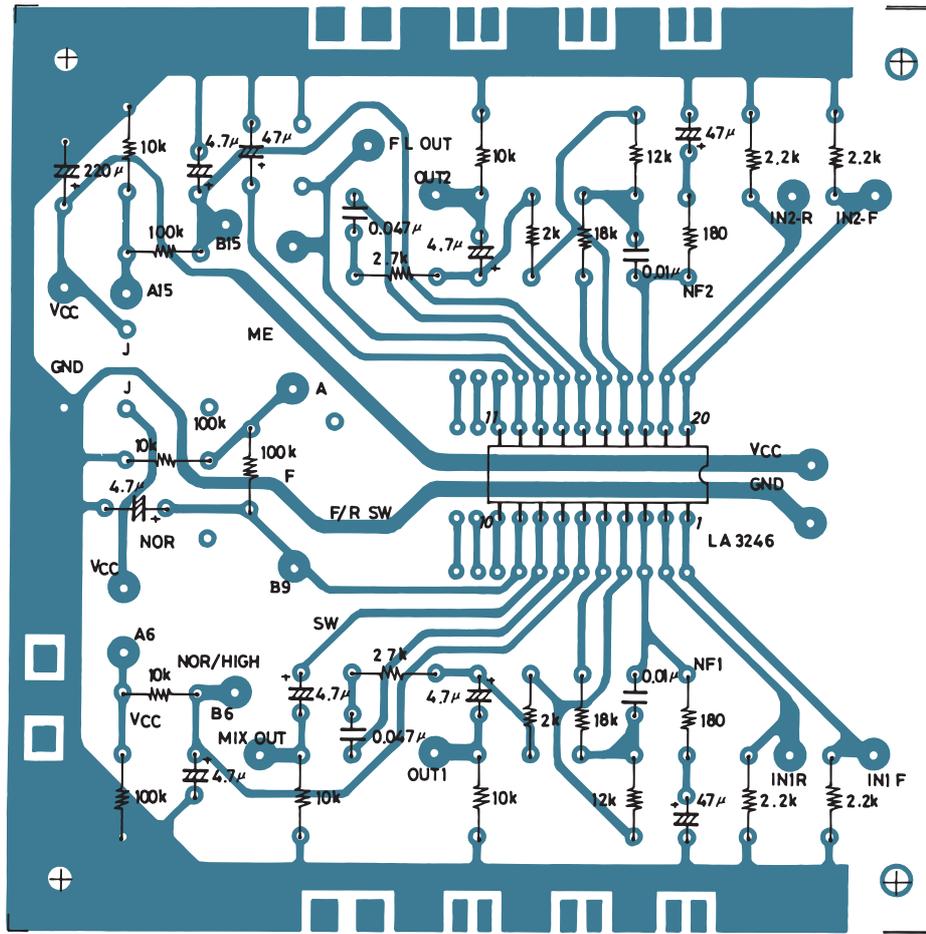


## Equivalent Circuit Block Diagram





Sample Printed Circuit Pattern (Cu-foiled area)

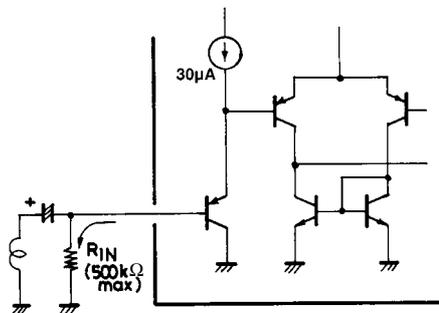


115×115 mm<sup>2</sup>

Unit (resistance: Ω, capacitance: F)

IC Usage Notes

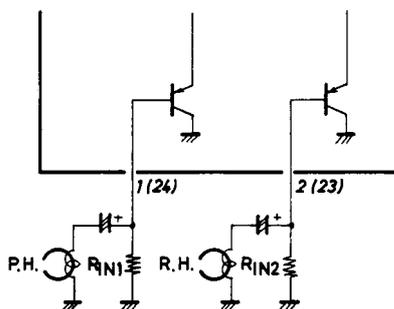
- (1) It is recommended to connect a surge absorbing capacitor across input pins 1, 2 and GND and across input pins 19, 20 and GND.
- (2) The base of a PNP transistor is connected to input pins 1, 2 and 19, 20. If an electrolytic capacitor is connected in series with the input pins, connect input resistor  $R_{IN}$  must not exceed 500 kΩ. (Reason: To minimize the variation in output DC voltage at the time of input switching)



If a resistor of more than 500 kΩ is connected across input pin and GND, the noise (output) caused by amp 1 and amp 2 select is liable to increase at the time of F/R switching.

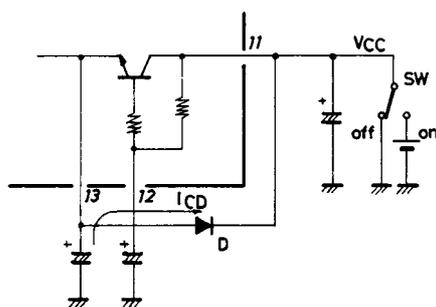
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- (3) When an electrolytic capacitor is connected to input pins 1, 2 (or 23, 24), make the value of  $R_{IN1}$  as equal to that of  $R_{IN2}$  as possible.

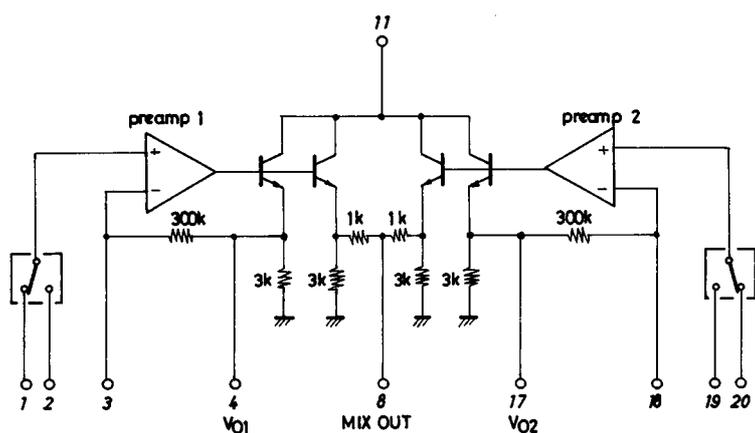


The difference in the value between  $R_{IN1}$  and  $R_{IN2}$  causes the variation in amp output DC voltage at the time of F/R switching. Therefore, the input DC voltage (voltage across  $R_{IN}$ ) must be made as equal as possible.

- (4) The amplifier output characteristics are designed to be the same in the Nor Tape/High Speed (pin 15 GND/pin 6  $V_{CC}$ ) and Me Tape/Nor Speed (pin 15  $V_{CC}$ /pin 6 GND) modes. (Refer to sample application circuit, external constants.)
- (5) When externally turning ON/OFF power supply pin 11 (by bringing pin 11 to  $+V_{CC}$ /GND level) with a capacitor connected to pin 13, connect external diode D, as shown below, so that no breakdown (or deterioration) of the IC system is caused by  $I_{CD}$  when the switch is turned OFF. When no capacitor is connected to pin 13, diode D is not required.



- (6) The output MIX circuit is of the emitter follower configuration as shown below.



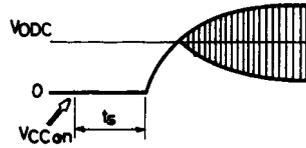
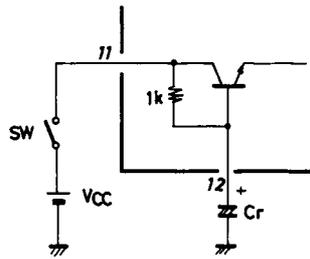
Unit (resistance:  $\Omega$ )

The MIX OUT output level  $V_O \text{ MIX}$  at the time a signal is applied to preamp1 (or preamp2) only is  $1/2$  as compared with output levels  $V_{O1}$ ,  $V_{O2}$  at the time the same input signal is applied to both channels.

$$V_O \text{ MIX} = 1/2 \quad V_{O1} (= 1/2 \times V_{O2})$$

where  $V_{O1} = V_{O2}$

(7) Output waveform starting time



Example of rise waveform at pin 4 (or 17)

When supply voltage  $V_{CC}$  is switched ON, the amplifier output (pins 4, 17) will rise. Output waveform ON time  $t_s$  can be varied by capacitor  $C_r$  connected to pin 12.

Refer to Data  $C_r - t_s$ .

The minimum value of  $C_r$  is 47  $\mu F$ .

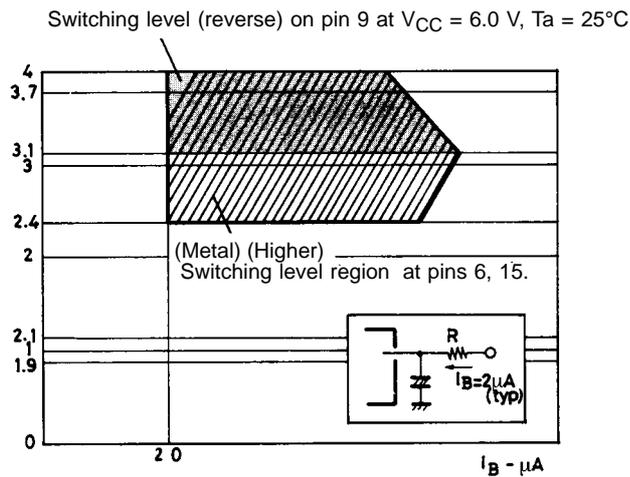
(8) Electronic select switching level

- The switch level at  $V_{CC} = 6.0 V$  is shown below.

Pin	Switch Mode	Switching Level		Clamp Voltage	Control Current typ (flow-in) (at operation finish)	Mode	
		Operation Start	Operation Finish			(+)	(-)
6	Normal/Metal	2.1 V	2.4 V	3.7 V	2 $\mu A$	Metal	Normal
9	Forward/Reverse	2.1 V	3.1 V	3.4 V	2 $\mu A$	Reverse	Forward
15	Normal/Higher	2.1 V	2.4 V	3.7 V	2 $\mu A$	Higher	Normal

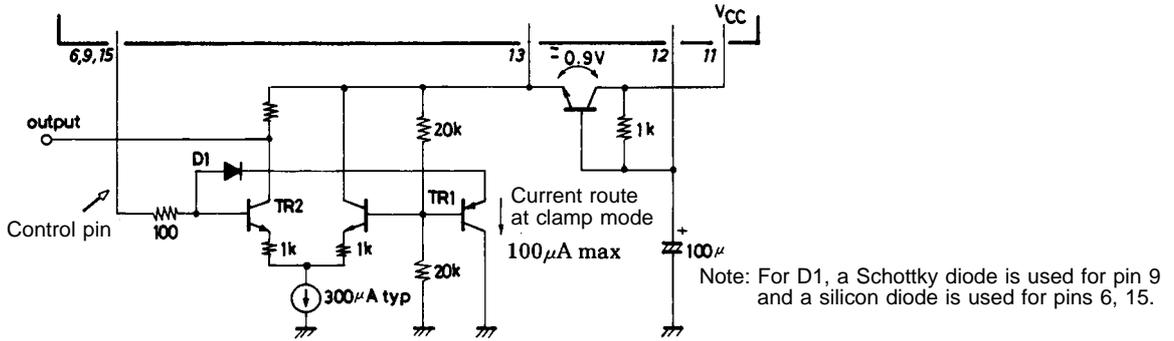
As shown above, there is a difference in the switching level at three control pins (6, 9, 15) between operation start and operation finish.

- Switching level and mode at each pin (experimental value)



• Control circuit

The control circuit for each CONT pin is configured as shown below. When a voltage more than a given value is applied, the level on the pin is fixed by clamp diode D1.



Unit (resistance: Ω, capacitance: F)

**Description**

- Switching level  $V_{SW}$  of the control circuit is fixed by voltage V13 which is 1/2 of the voltage on pin 13.

$$V_{SW} = 1/2 V13$$

- Clamp voltage  $V_{CLP}$  at the time a voltage is applied to the CONT pin

$$V_{CLP} = 1/2 \times V13 + V_{D1} + V_{BE1}$$

$$= 1/2 \times V13 + 0.6 (0.3) + 0.6$$

$$= 1/2 \times V13 + (0.9 \text{ or } 1.2)$$

where 0.9 V is for pin 9.  
1.2 V is for pins 6, 15.

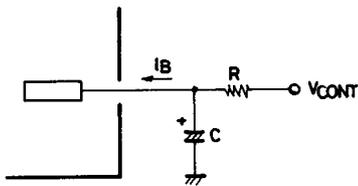
- The maximum voltage at which the CONT pin is brought to GND level is fixed by the level at which the Q2 is completely turned OFF.

This level is:

$$1/2 \times V13 - V_{BE2} = 1/2 \times V13 - 0.6 [V]$$

Switching is performed at a level less than this.

- To turn ON/OFF  
When turning ON:



To turn ON the control circuit to finish the operation,  $I_B$  is required. Control voltage  $V_{OUT}$  is obtained with  $I_B$  of 4 μA min.

- $V_{CONT} \text{ min} = R \times I_B \text{ max} + \text{Operation finish voltage}$

$$I_B = 4 \mu A$$

Operation finish voltage

$$\text{Pins 6, 15 : } = 1/2 \times V13$$

$$\text{Pin 9 : } = 1/2 \times V13 + V_{BE}$$

$$= 1/2 \times V13 + 0.6 [V]$$

- $V_{CONT} \text{ max} = R \times I_B \text{ max} + \text{Clamp voltage}$   
R is restricted by  $I_B \text{ max}$ .

When the supply voltage is fixed, clamp voltage  $V_{CLP}$  is fixed. When resistor R is fixed based on a balance with capacitor C, resistor R is restricted by  $V_{CONT} \text{ max}$ . as shown below.

$$I_B \text{ max} = 100 \mu A \geq \frac{V_{CONT} \text{ max} - V_{CLP}}{R}$$

The minimum value of resistor R is fixed by this equation.

Example

Assuming  $V_{CC} = 10 \text{ V}$ ,  $V_{CONT} \text{ max} = 10 \text{ V}$ ,  $R_{min}$  is 50 kΩ.

Therefore,  $R = 100 \text{ k}\Omega$  presents no problem.

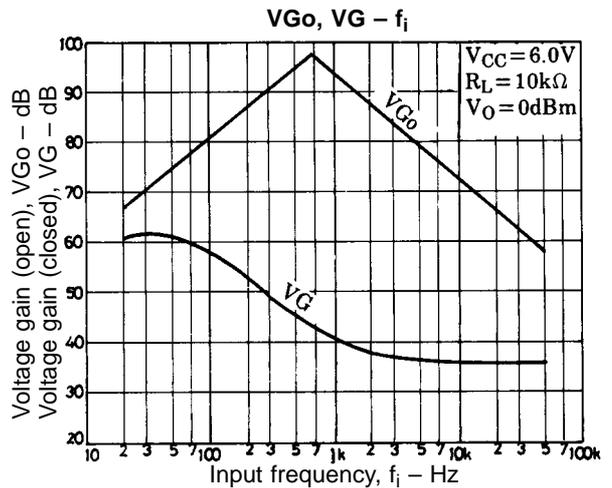
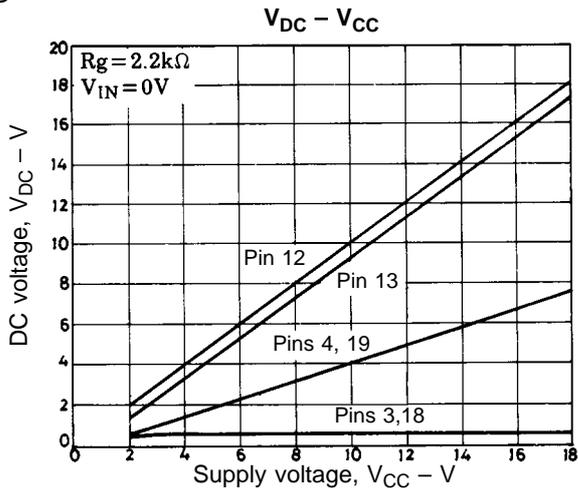
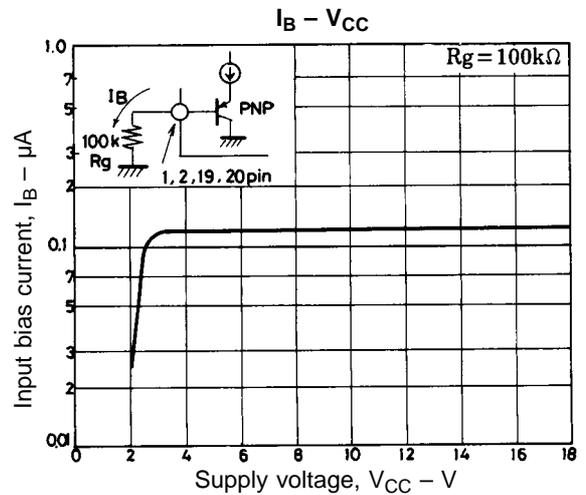
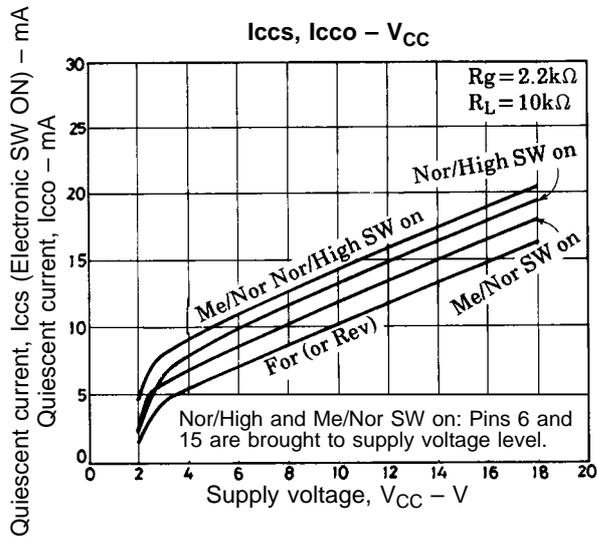
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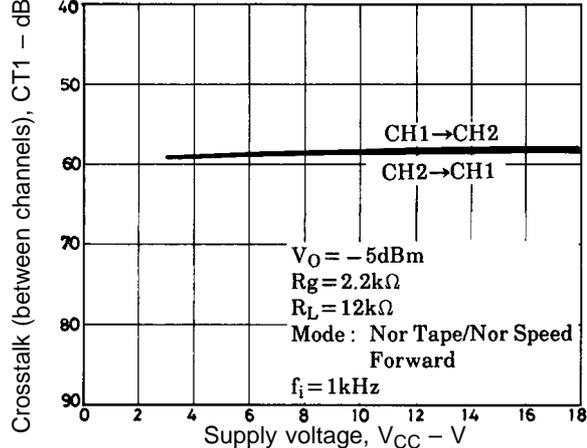
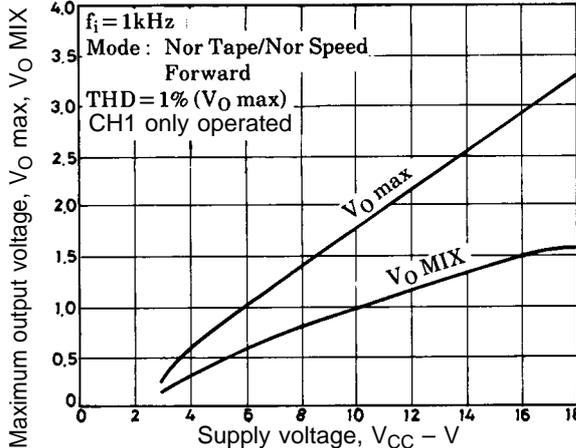
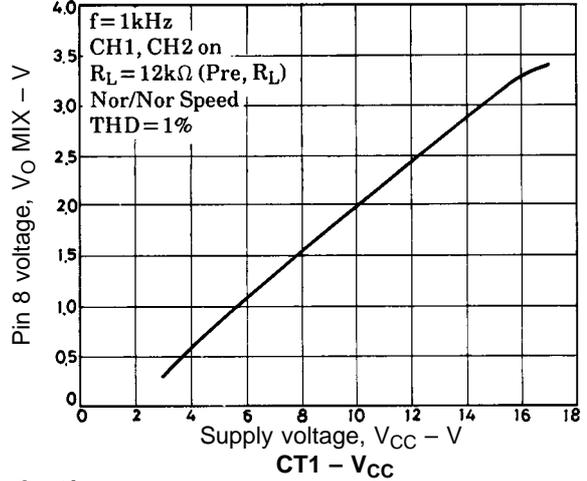
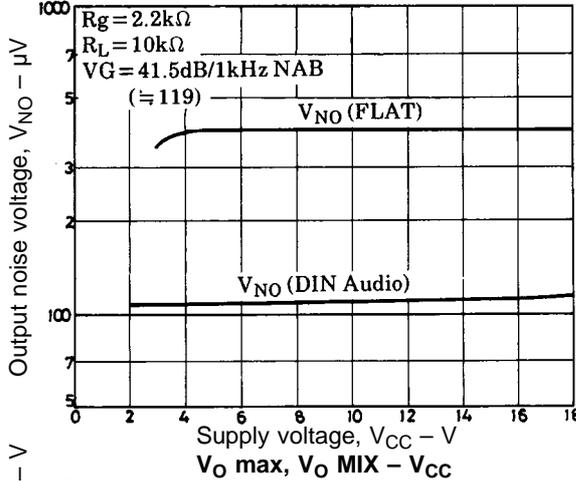
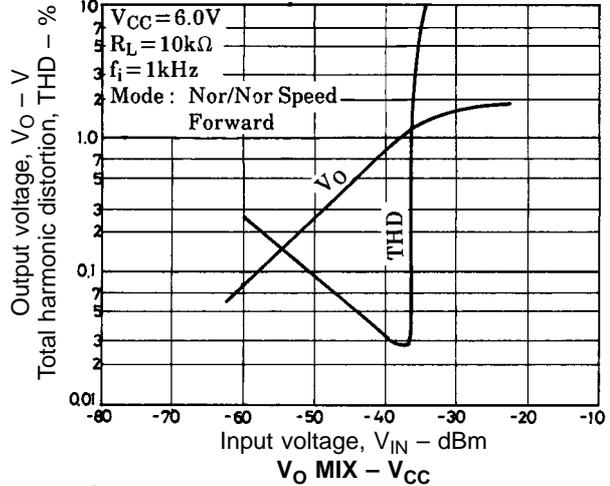
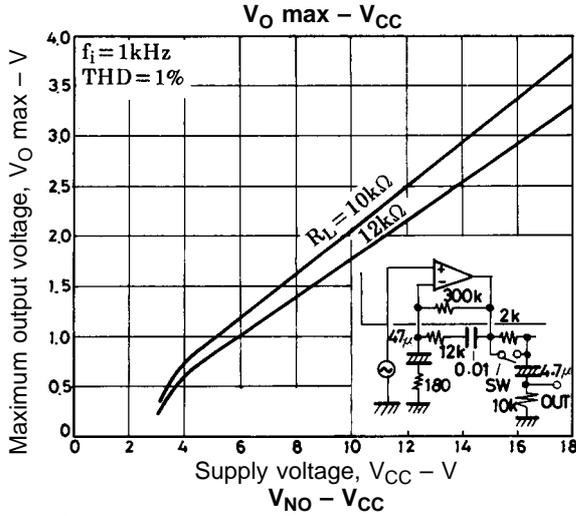
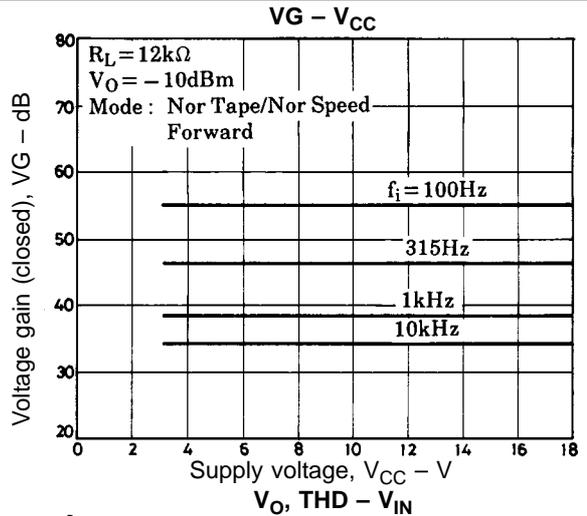
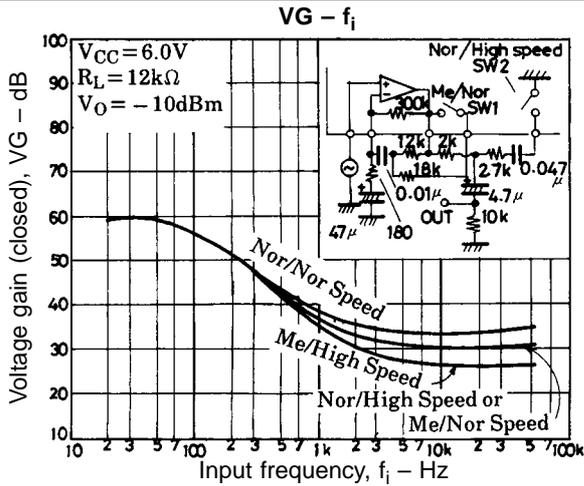
Bring the level on the CONT pin to a level less than:

$$1/2 \times V13 - V_{BE2} = 1/2 \times V13 - 0.6 [V]$$

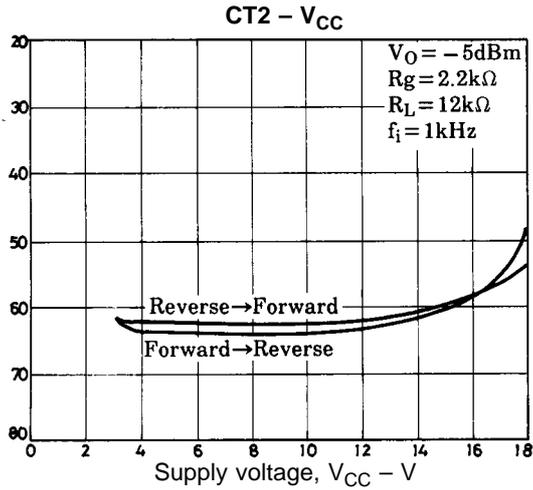
(9) Example of voltage on each pin

R <sub>g</sub> = 2.2 kΩ, T <sub>a</sub> = 25°C, V <sub>IN</sub> = 0, pins 6, 9 and 15 = GND					
Pin	Supply voltage, V <sub>CC</sub> - V				Unit
	4.5 V	6.0 V	9.0 V	12.0 V	
1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	mV
2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	mV
3	0.59	0.58	0.57	0.56	V
4	1.63	2.23	3.65	5.02	V
5	1.63	2.23	3.65	5.02	V
6	(GND) 0	(GND) 0	(GND) 0	(GND) 0	V
7	0	0	0	0	V
8	1.63	2.29	3.64	5.01	V
9	(GND) 0	(GND) 0	(GND) 0	(GND) 0	V
10	(GND) 0	(GND) 0	(GND) 0	(GND) 0	V
11	V <sub>CC</sub>	V <sub>CC</sub>	V <sub>CC</sub>	V <sub>CC</sub>	V
12	4.48	5.96	8.97	11.23	V
13	3.72	5.20	8.21	11.98	V
14	0	0	0	0	V
15	(GND) 0	(GND) 0	(GND) 0	(GND) 0	V
16	1.63	2.23	3.65	5.02	V
17	1.63	2.23	3.65	5.02	V
18	0.59	0.58	0.57	0.56	V
19	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	mV
20	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	mV

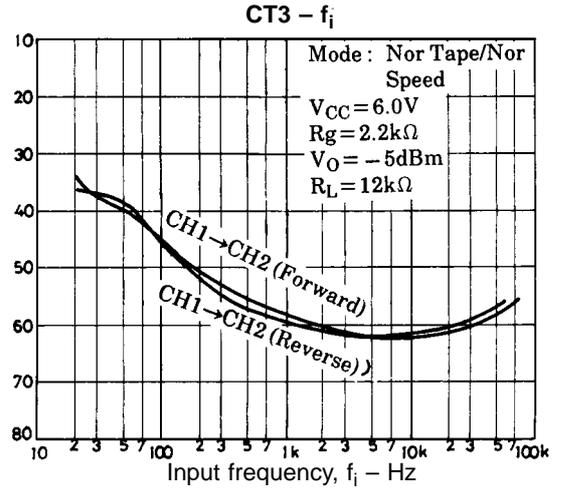




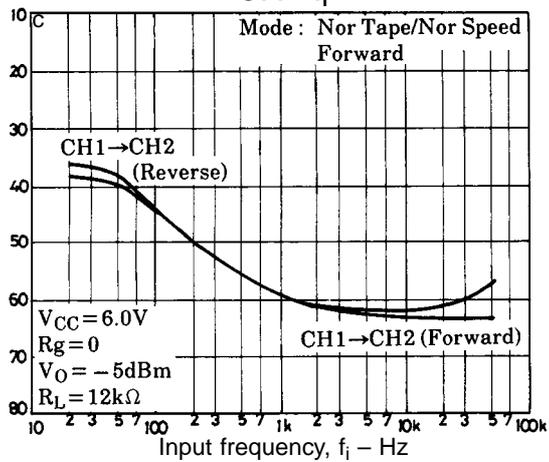
Crosstalk (between forward and reverse), CT2 - dB



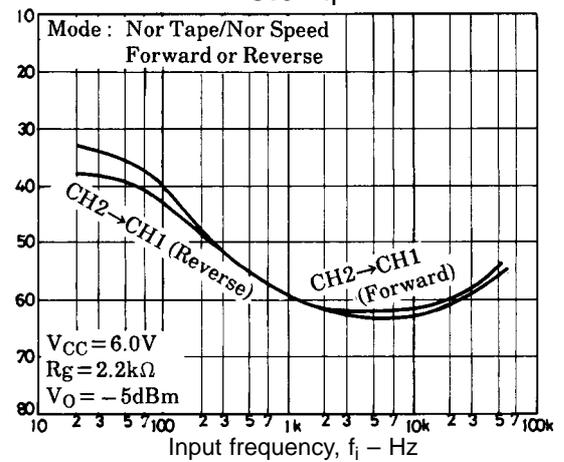
Crosstalk (between channels), CT3 - dB



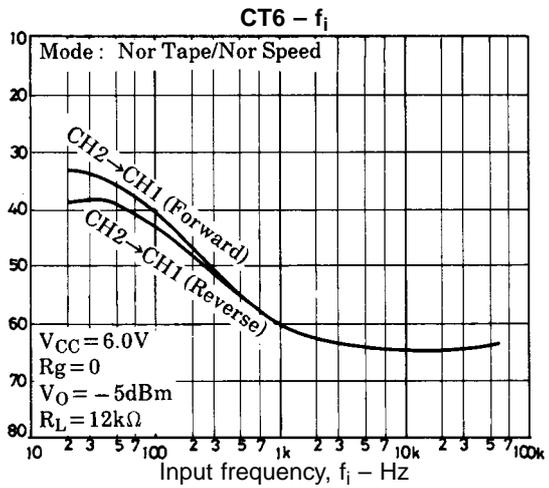
Crosstalk (between channels), CT4 - dB



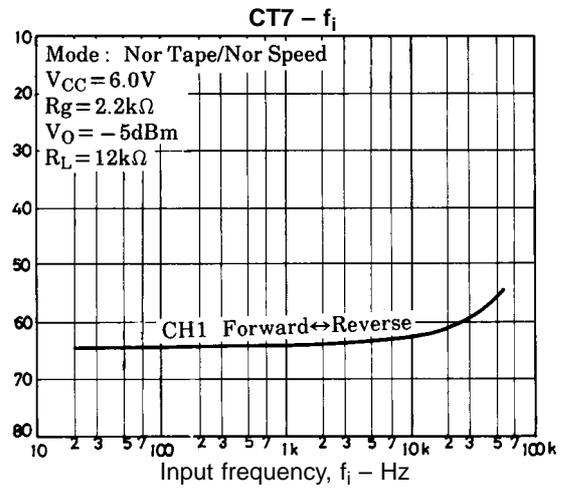
Crosstalk (between channels), CT5 - dB



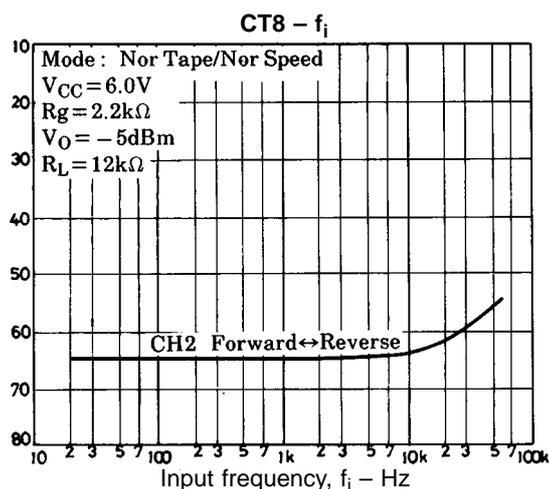
Crosstalk (between channels), CT6 - dB



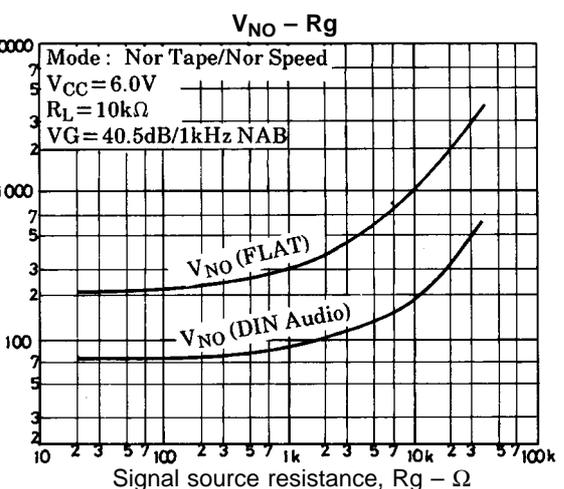
CH1 Crosstalk (between forward and reverse), CT7 - dB

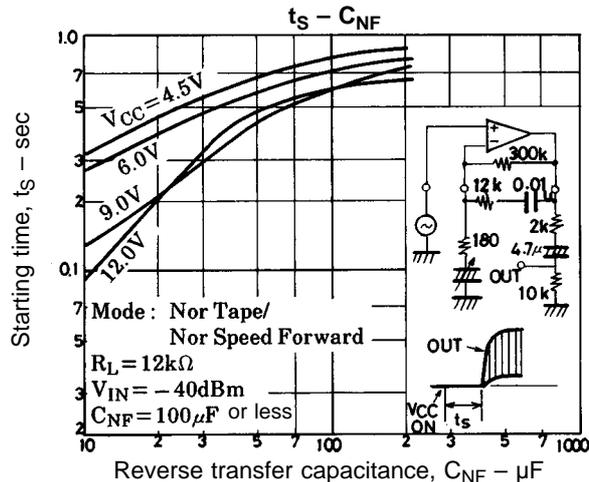
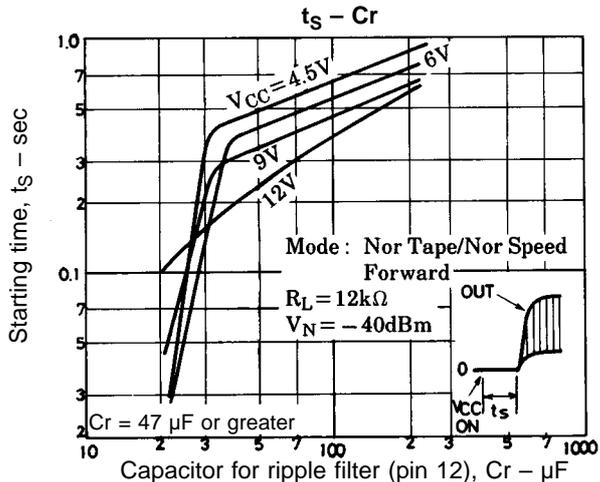
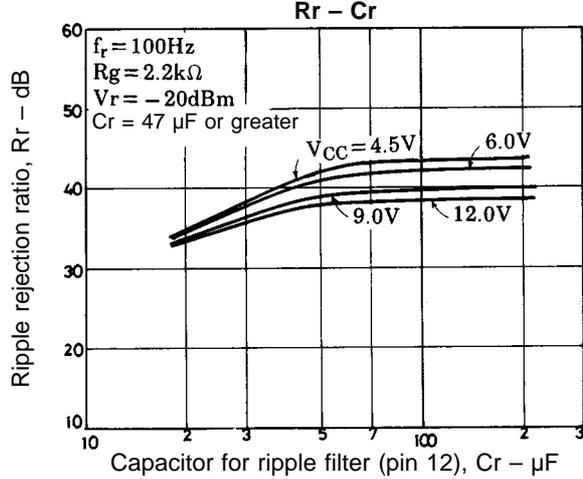
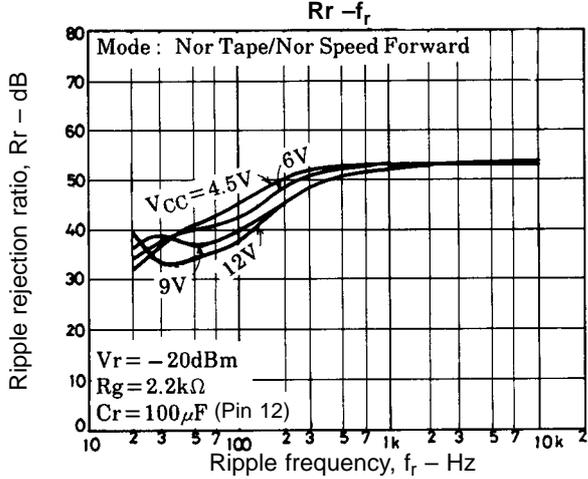
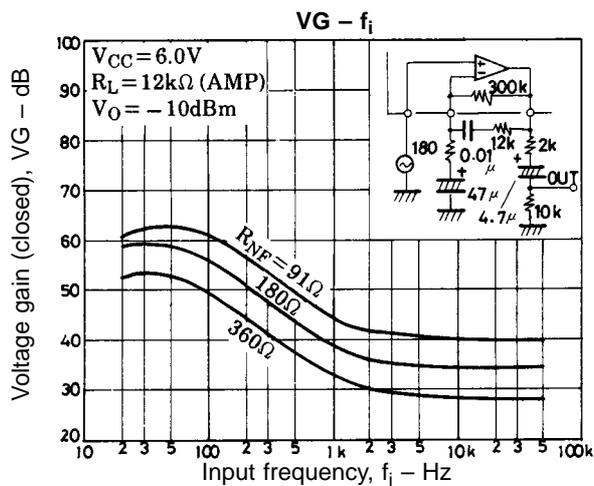
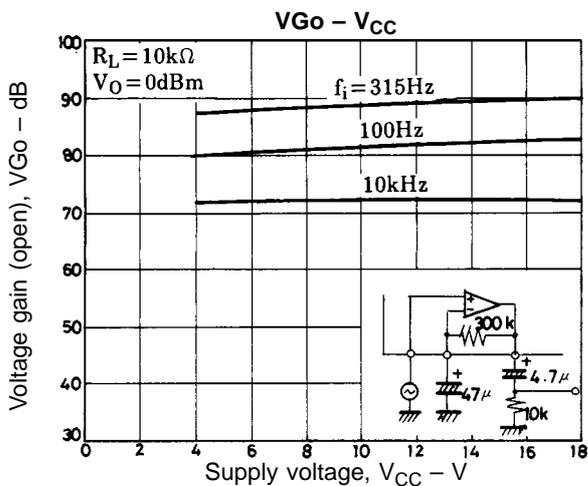
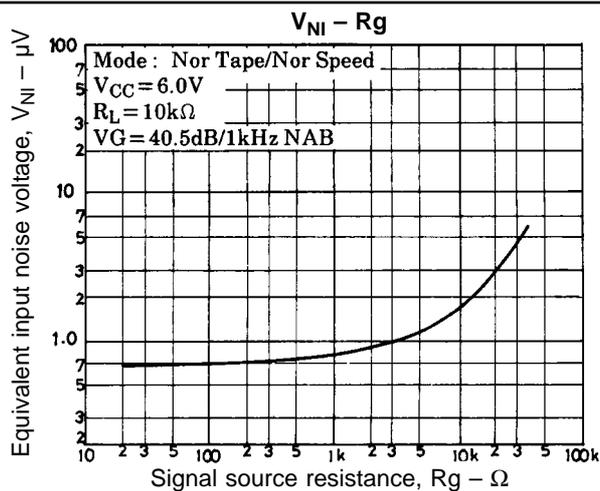
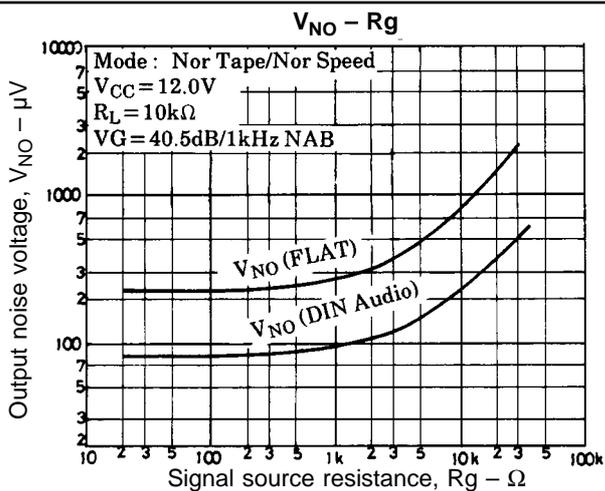


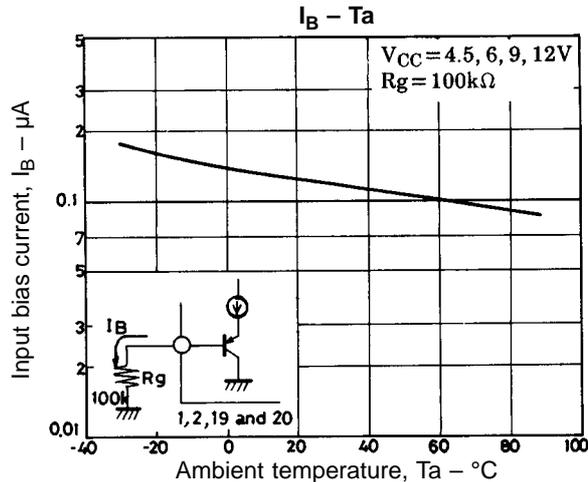
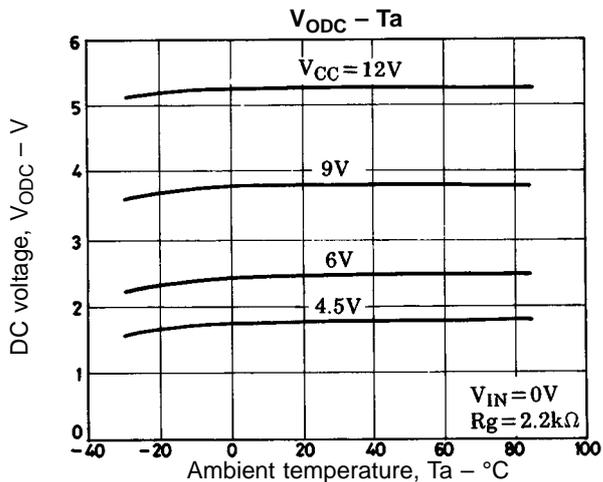
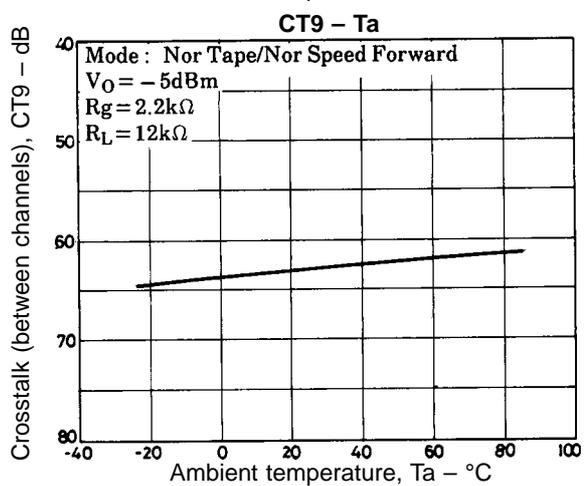
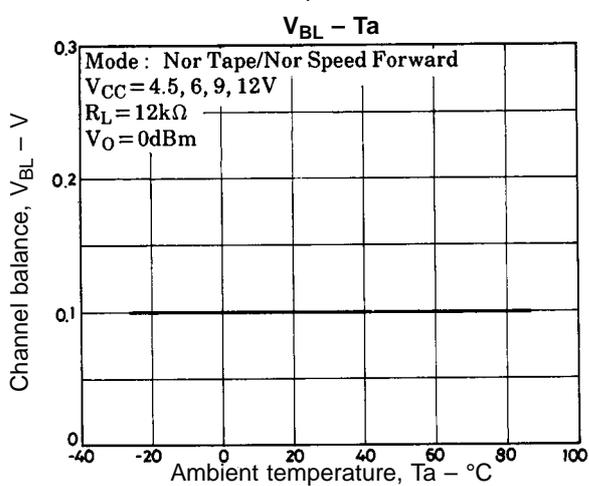
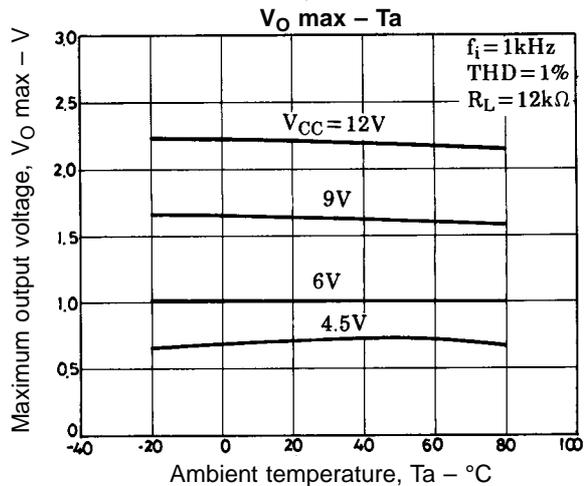
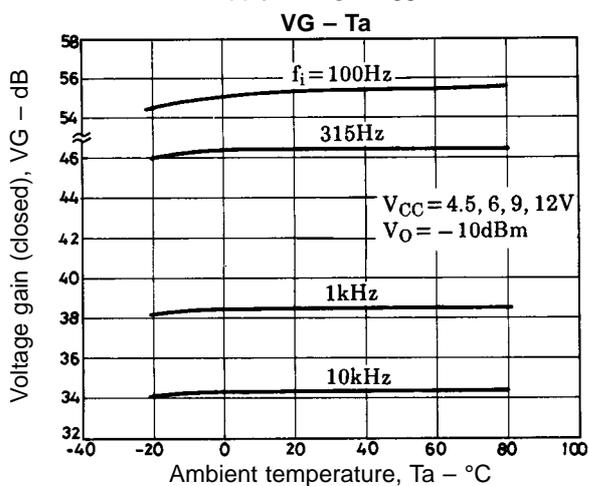
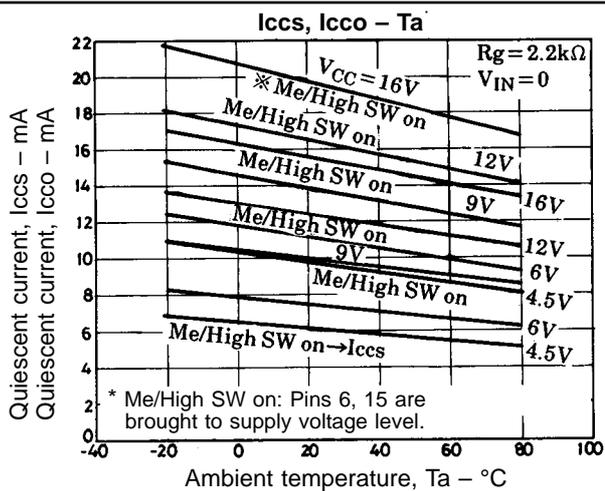
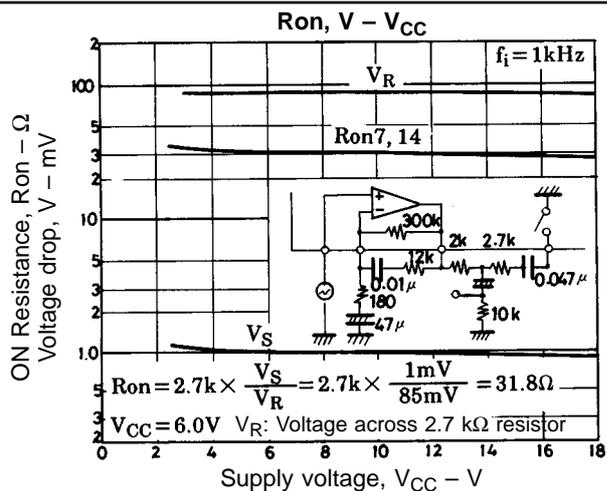
CH2 Crosstalk (between forward and reverse), CT8 - dB



Output noise voltage, VNO - μV







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