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**LA7371A**

Monolithic Linear IC

## Recording and Playback Amplifier for VHS Video Recorders

### OVERVIEW

The LA7371A is a recording and playback amplifier for VHS-format video tape recorders. It incorporates a four-channel playback amplifier, making it ideal for applications that require slow-motion playback, special effects and high quality picture-search.

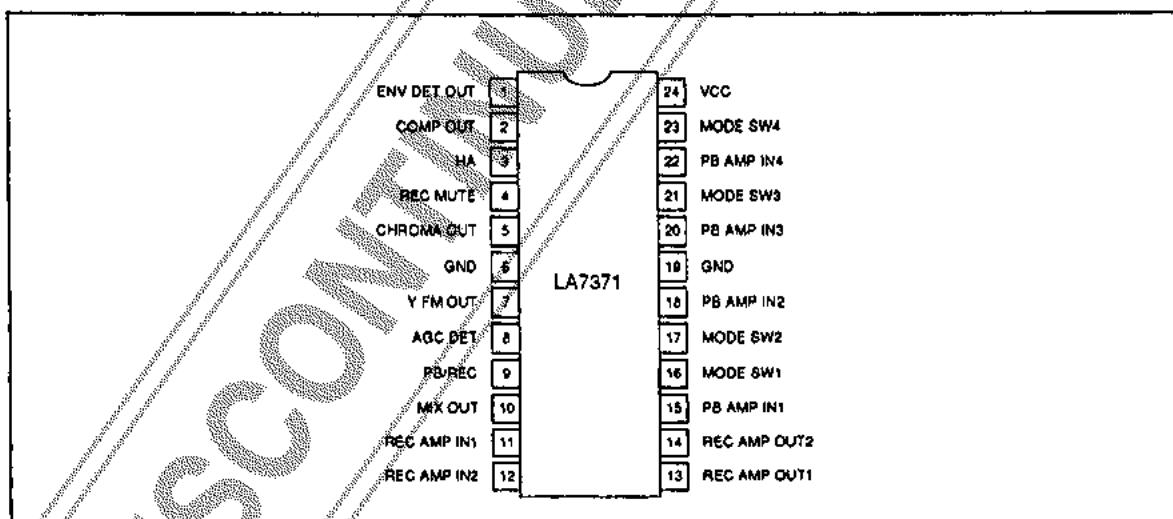
The LA7371A features a constant-current output, a two-channel recording amplifier for stable operating characteristics, and an on-chip envelope detector and comparator for automatic tracking.

The LA7371A operates from a 5 V supply and is available in 24-pin DIPs.

### FEATURES

- Four-channel playback amplifier
- Two-channel recording amplifier
- Automatic gain control
- On-chip envelope detector and comparator for automatic tracking
- 5 V supply
- 24-pin DIP

### PINOUT



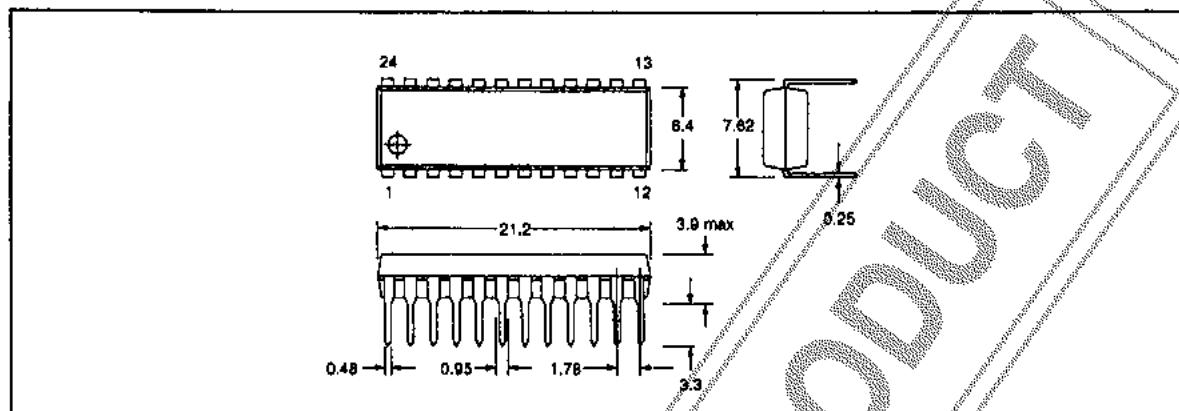
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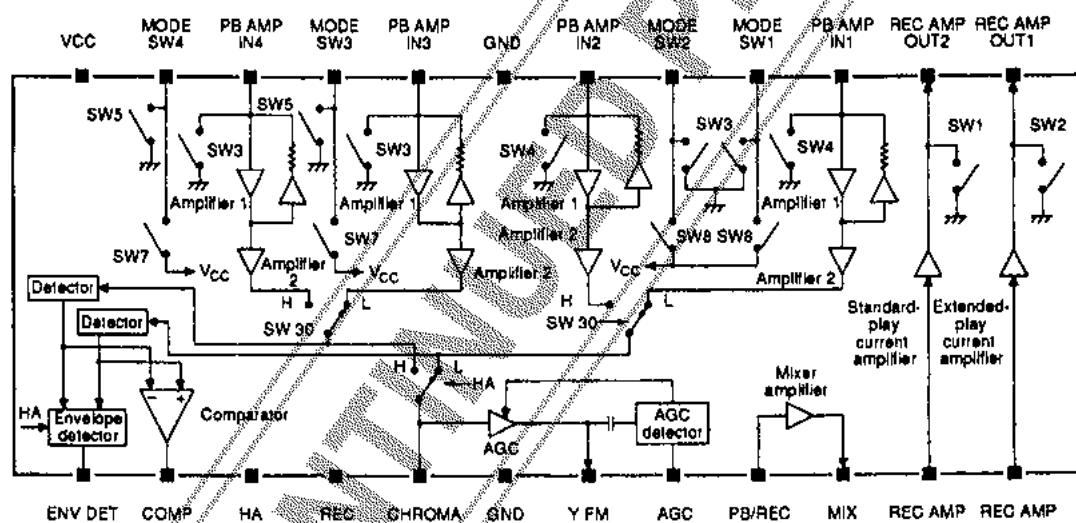
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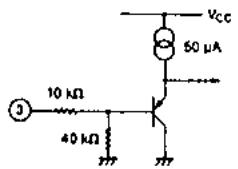
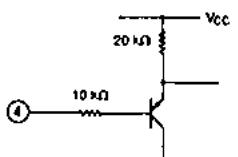
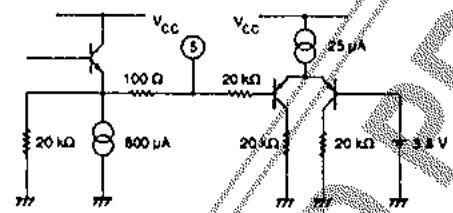
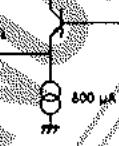
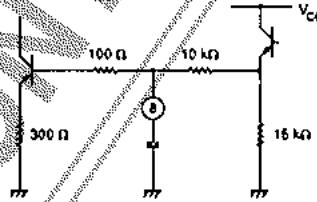
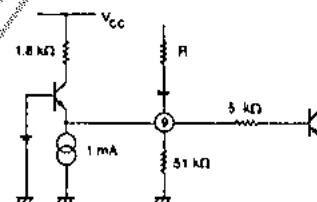
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## PIN DESCRIPTION

| Number | Name        | Equivalent circuit | Description   |
|--------|-------------|--------------------|---|
| 1      | ENV DET OUT |                    | Playback envelope detector output. Nominal voltages are 0.5 V (PB) and 0 V (REC). |
| 2      | COMP OUT    |                    | RF envelope comparator output. Nominal voltage is 0 V (PB and REC).               |

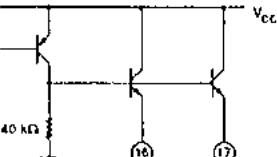
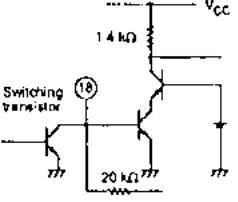
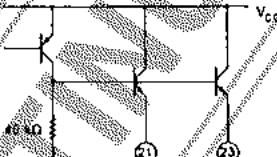
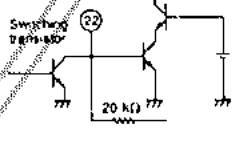
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| Number | Name       | Equivalent circuit  | Description   |
|--------|------------|---|---|
| 3      | HA         |    | Extended-play/standard-play control input   |
| 4      | REC MUTE   |    | Muting control input and playback SW30 switch   |
| 5      | CHROMA OUT |   | Playback chrominance output and recording H control input. Nominal voltages are 2.0 V (PB) and > 3.8 V (REC).   |
| 6      | GND        |   | Ground  |
| 7      | Y FM OUT   |  | Playback luminance FM output. Nominal voltages are 2.5 V (PB) and 4.0 V (REC).  |
| 8      | AGC DET    |  | Playback AGC detector output. Nominal voltages are 1.0 V (PB) and 0 V (REC).  |
| 9      | PB/REC     |  | Playback special-effects mode select control and recording mixer input. Nominal voltages are 2.1 V (PB) and 1.65 V (REC) and > 3.5 V (special). Gain is 12 dB when R = 2 kΩ, and 6 dB, when 3.9 kΩ. |

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| Number | Name         | Equivalent circuit | Description  |
|--------|--------------|--------------------|--|
| 10     | MIX OUT      |                    | Mixer amplifier output. Nominal voltages are 4.1 V (PB) and 1.8 V (REC).   |
| 11     | REC AMP IN1  |                    | Recording amplifier inputs. Nominal voltages are 1.77 V (PB) and 1.85 V (REC).   |
| 12     | REC AMP IN2  |                    |  |
| 13     | REC AMP OUT1 |                    | Recording amplifier outputs. Nominal voltages are 0 V (PB) and 4.2 V (REC). Switching transistor ON resistance is 5 Ω. |
| 14     | REC AMP OUT2 |                    |  |
| 15     | PB AMP IN1   |                    | Playback preamplifier input. Nominal voltages are 0.7 V (PB) and 0 V (REC). Low-noise input transistor                 |

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| Number | Name       | Equivalent circuit  | Description   |
|--------|------------|---|---|
| 16     | MODE SW1   |    | Recording-mode/playback-mode switch outputs. Nominal voltages are 0 V (PB) and 4.2 V (REC).             |
| 17     | MODE SW2   |    |   |
| 18     | PB AMP IN2 |    | Playback preamplifier input. Nominal voltages are 0.7 V (PB) and 0 V (REC). Low-noise input transistor. |
| 19     | GND        |   | Preamplifier ground   |
| 20     | PB AMP IN3 |   | Playback preamplifier input. Nominal voltages are 0.7 V (PB) and 0 V (REC). Low-noise input transistor  |
| 21     | MODE SW3   |  | Recording-mode/playback-mode switch outputs. Nominal voltages are 0 V (PB) and 4.2 V (REC).             |
| 23     | MODE SW4   |  |   |
| 22     | PB AMP IN4 |  | Playback preamplifier input. Nominal voltages are 0.7 V (PB) and 0 V (REC). Low-noise input transistor  |
| 24     | VCC        |   | 5 V supply  |

## SPECIFICATIONS

### Absolute Maximum Ratings

| Parameter                   | Symbol           | Rating                       | Unit |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------|
| Supply voltage              | V <sub>CC</sub>  | 7.0                          | V    |
| Power dissipation           | P <sub>D</sub>   | 850 (T <sub>A</sub> = 65 °C) | mW   |
| Operating temperature range | T <sub>OPP</sub> | -10 to 65                    | °C   |
| Storage temperature range   | T <sub>STG</sub> | -40 to 150                   | °C   |

## Recommended Operating Conditions

$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$

| Parameter            | Symbol          | Rating      | Unit |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|------|
| Supply voltage       | V <sub>CC</sub> | 5           | V    |
| Supply voltage range | V <sub>CC</sub> | 4.75 to 5.5 | V    |

## Electrical Characteristics

### Playback mode

$V_{CC} = 5 \text{ V}$ ,  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , SW2 is OFF

| Parameter   | Symbol             | Condition  | Rating |      |     | Unit                     |
|---|--------------------|--|--------|------|-----|--------------------------|
|   |                    |  | min    | typ  | max |                          |
| Supply current                                      | I <sub>CCP</sub>   |  | 43     | 50   | 57  | mA                       |
| Channel 1 standard-play mode voltage gain           | G <sub>V1</sub>    |  | 54     | 56   | 58  | dB                       |
| Channel 2 standard-play mode voltage gain           | G <sub>V2</sub>    | $V_{IN} = 38 \text{ mV}_{\text{p-p}}$ ,<br>$f = 1 \text{ MHz}$ | 54     | 56   | 58  | dB                       |
| Channel 3 extended-play mode voltage gain           | G <sub>V3</sub>    |  | 55     | 57   | 59  | dB                       |
| Channel 4 extended-play mode voltage gain           | G <sub>V4</sub>    |  | 55     | 57   | 59  | dB                       |
| Standard-play mode gain differential                | $\Delta G_{V1}$    | $G_{V1} - G_{V2}$  | -1     | 0    | 1   | dB                       |
| Extended-play gain differential                     | $\Delta G_{V2}$    | $G_{V3} - G_{V4}$  | -1     | 0    | 1   | dB                       |
| Gain differential between modes                     | $\Delta G_{V3}$    | $G_{V3} - G_{V1}$  | 0      | 1    | 2   | dB                       |
| Input conversion rms noise voltage                  | V <sub>MIN</sub>   | 1.1 MHz lowpass filter   | -      | 1.1  | 1.5 | $\mu\text{V}$            |
| Frequency response                                  | $\Delta V_{IP}$    | $V_{IN} = 38 \text{ mV}_{\text{p-p}}$ ,<br>$f = 7 \text{ MHz}$ | -2.5   | 0    | -   | dB                       |
| Second-harmonic distortion                          | V <sub>HDP</sub>   | $V_{IN} = 38 \text{ mV}_{\text{p-p}}$ ,<br>$f = 4 \text{ MHz}$ | -      | -33  | -30 | dB                       |
| Maximum output voltage                              | V <sub>OMP</sub>   | $f = 1 \text{ MHz}$ , -30 dB harmonic distortion               | 0.8    | 1.0  | -   | $\text{V}_{\text{p-p}}$  |
| Standard-play mode and extended-play mode crosstalk | V <sub>CR</sub>    | 8.2 $\mu\text{H}$ input inductor short circuited               | -      | -40  | -35 | dB                       |
| Output DC offset voltage between channels           | V <sub>ODC</sub>   |  | -300   | 0    | 300 | mV                       |
| AGC output voltage                                  | V <sub>AGC</sub>   | $f = 4 \text{ MHz}$ ,<br>T5 = 250 mV <sub>p-p</sub>            | 280    | 310  | 340 | $\text{mV}_{\text{p-p}}$ |
| AGC second-harmonic distortion                      | V <sub>HDAVG</sub> | $V_{IN} = 38 \text{ mV}_{\text{p-p}}$ ,<br>$f = 4 \text{ MHz}$ | -      | -35  | -30 | dB                       |
| AGC control level                                   | $\Delta V_{AGC}$   | $f = 4 \text{ MHz}$ ,<br>T5 = 500 mV <sub>p-p</sub>            | -      | 1.0  | 1.5 | dB                       |
|   |                    | $f = 4 \text{ MHz}$ ,<br>T5 = 125 mV <sub>p-p</sub>            | -1.2   | -0.7 | -   |                          |
| Envelope detector quiescent output voltage          | V <sub>ENVO</sub>  | T12 quiescent, no input  | -      | 0.5  | -   | V                        |

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| Parameter                                    | Symbol             | Condition   | Rating |     |     | Unit |
|--|--------------------|---|--------|-----|-----|------|
|  |                    |   | min    | typ | max |      |
| Envelope detector output voltage             | V <sub>ENV</sub>   | f = 4 MHz,<br>T5 = 300 mV <sub>p-p</sub> ,<br>T12 = V <sub>CC</sub> - V <sub>ENVO</sub> | 2.6    | 2.9 | 3.2 | V    |
|  |                    | f = 4 MHz,<br>T5 = 500 mV <sub>p-p</sub> ,<br>T12 = V <sub>CC</sub> - V <sub>ENVO</sub> | 3.0    | 3.2 | 3.4 |      |
|  |                    | f = 3 MHz,<br>T5 = 300 mV <sub>p-p</sub> ,<br>T12 = V <sub>CC</sub> - V <sub>ENVO</sub> | 2.2    | 2.5 | 2.8 |      |
|  |                    | f = 5 MHz,<br>T5 = 300 mV <sub>p-p</sub> ,<br>T12 = V <sub>CC</sub> - V <sub>ENVO</sub> | 2.7    | 3.0 | 3.3 |      |
| Standard-play mode comparator output voltage | V <sub>COMP1</sub> | V <sub>IN</sub> = 38 mV <sub>p-p</sub> ,<br>f = 4 MHz                                   | 0      | 0.1 | 0.2 | V    |
| Extended-play mode comparator output voltage | V <sub>COMP2</sub> |   | 3.9    | 4.1 | 4.3 | V    |

## Recording mode

V<sub>CC</sub> = 5 V, T<sub>A</sub> = 25 °C, SW2 is ON

| Parameter                                     | Symbol            | Condition   | Rating |      |      | Unit              |
|---|-------------------|---|--------|------|------|-------------------|
|   |                   |   | min    | typ  | max  |                   |
| Supply current                                | I <sub>CCR</sub>  |   | 60     | 65   | 70   | mA                |
| Standard-play mode voltage gain               | G <sub>VSP</sub>  | V <sub>IN</sub> = 150 mV <sub>p-p</sub> ,<br>f = 4 MHz  | -5     | -3   | -1   | dB                |
| Extended-play mode voltage gain               | G <sub>VEP</sub>  |   | -5     | -3   | -1   | dB                |
| Gain differential between modes               | ΔG <sub>VR</sub>  | G <sub>VSP</sub> - G <sub>VEP</sub>   | -      | 0    | -    | dB                |
| Standard-play mode frequency response         | ΔV <sub>MIS</sub> | V <sub>IN</sub> = 150 mV <sub>p-p</sub> ,<br>f = 1 to 7 MHz   | -2.0   | -0.5 | -    | dB                |
| Extended-play mode frequency response         | ΔV <sub>MIE</sub> |   | -2.0   | -0.5 | -    | dB                |
| Standard-play mode second-harmonic distortion | V <sub>HDS</sub>  | V <sub>OUT</sub> = 150 mV <sub>p-p</sub> ,<br>f = 4 MHz   | -      | -45  | -40  | dB                |
| Extended-play mode second-harmonic distortion | V <sub>HDE</sub>  |   | -      | -45  | -40  | dB                |
| Standard-play mode output voltage             | V <sub>OMPS</sub> | f = 4 MHz, -40 dB<br>harmonic distortion  | 15     | 20   | -    | mV <sub>p-p</sub> |
| Extended-play mode output voltage             | V <sub>OMPE</sub> |   | -      | -    | -    |                   |
| Standard-play mode muting attenuation         | V <sub>MRS</sub>  | V <sub>IN</sub> = 150 mV <sub>p-p</sub> ,<br>f = 4 MHz  | -      | -45  | -40  | dB                |
| Extended-play mode muting attenuation         | V <sub>MRE</sub>  |   | -      | -45  | -40  | dB                |
| Standard-play mode intermodulation distortion | V <sub>CYSP</sub> | f <sub>(T9)</sub> = 4 MHz,<br>f <sub>(T9C)</sub> = 629 kHz,<br>T16A = 150 mV <sub>p-p</sub> ,<br>T16 = 40 mV <sub>p-p</sub> | -      | -45  | -40  | dB                |
| Extended-play mode intermodulation distortion | V <sub>CYEP</sub> |   | -      | -45  | -40  | dB                |
| Luminance and chrominance mixer voltage gain  | G <sub>MIX</sub>  | V <sub>IN</sub> = 150 mV <sub>p-p</sub> ,<br>f = 4 MHz  | 8.5    | 10.5 | 12.5 | dB                |

**Switching transistors** $V_{CC} = 5 \text{ V}$ ,  $T_s = 25^\circ\text{C}$ 

| Parameter                                   | Symbol     | Condition                             | Rating |     |     | Unit     |
|---|------------|---------------------------------------|--------|-----|-----|----------|
|   |            |                                       | min    | typ | max |          |
| SW1 and SW2 ON resistance                   | $R_{ON1}$  | Measured with 1 mA and 2 mA DC inputs | -      | 5   | 8   | $\Omega$ |
| SW5 and SW6 ON resistance                   | $R_{ON2}$  | Measured with 1 mA and 2 mA DC inputs | -      | 6   | 10  | $\Omega$ |
| Recording/playback switch threshold voltage | $SW_{REC}$ |                                       | 3.8    |     | 5.0 | V        |

**Playback-mode threshold voltages** $V_{CC} = 5 \text{ V}$ ,  $T_s = 25^\circ\text{C}$ 

| Parameter                         | Symbol            | Condition      | Rating |     |     | Unit |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------|-----|-----|------|
|                                   |                   |                | min    | typ | max |      |
| Trick H (pin 9) threshold voltage | TR                | T2 = 4 V       | 3.7    | -   | 5.0 | V    |
|                                   |                   | T2 = 0 V       | -      | -   | 3.3 |      |
| SW30 (pin 4) threshold voltage    | SW30 <sub>1</sub> | Channel 1 to 2 | 1.2    | -   | 5.0 | V    |
|                                   |                   | Channel 2 to 1 | 0      | -   | 0.8 |      |
| HA (pin 3) threshold voltage      | HA <sub>P1</sub>  | Channel 1 to 3 | 2.7    | -   | 5.0 | V    |
|                                   |                   | Channel 3 to 1 | 0      | -   | 2.3 |      |

**Recording-mode threshold voltages** $V_{CC} = 5 \text{ V}$ ,  $T_s = 25^\circ\text{C}$ 

| Parameter                                   | Symbol            | Condition | Rating |     |     | Unit |
|---|-------------------|-----------|--------|-----|-----|------|
|   |                   |           | min    | typ | max |      |
| HA REC (pin 3) HIGH-level threshold voltage | HA <sub>R1</sub>  |           | 2.7    | -   | 5.0 | V    |
| HA REC (pin 3) LOW-level threshold voltage  | HA <sub>R2</sub>  |           | 0      | -   | 2.3 | V    |
| MUTE HIGH-level threshold voltage           | MUTE <sub>1</sub> |           | 3.7    | -   | 5.0 | V    |
|   |                   |           | 0      | -   | 3.3 |      |

**Measurement Condition Internal Switch Positions****Playback mode**

| Parameter  | Channel | Test points   |            | Switch positions |    |    |    |    |
|--|---------|---------------|------------|------------------|----|----|----|----|
|  |         | Input         | Output     | TR               | RP | 3D | MU | HA |
| Supply current   |         | VCC           |            | F                | F  | F  | F  | F  |
| Voltage gain, input conversion noise voltage, frequency response, harmonic distortion and maximum output level | 1       | T15           | T5         | F                | F  | F  | F  | F  |
|  | 2       | T18           | T5         | F                | F  | F  | F  | F  |
|  | 3       | T20           | T5         | F                | F  | N  | F  | F  |
|  | 4       | T23           | T5         | F                | F  | N  | F  | N  |
| Standard-play mode crosstalk   | 1       | T18, T20, T23 | T5         | N                | F  | F  | F  | F  |
|  | 2       | T15, T20, T23 | T5         | N                | F  | N  | F  | F  |
| Extended-play mode crosstalk   | 3       | T15, T18, T23 | T5         | N                | F  | F  | F  | N  |
|  | 4       | T15, T18, T20 | T5         | N                | F  | N  | F  | N  |
| Output DC offset voltage   | 1 to 2  |               | CHROMA OUT | N                | F  | x  | F  | F  |
|  | 3 to 4  |               | CHROMA OUT | N                | F  | x  | F  | N  |
|  | 1 to 3  |               | CHROMA OUT | N                | F  | F  | F  | x  |
|  | 2 to 4  |               | CHROMA OUT | N                | F  | N  | F  | x  |
|  | 1 to 4  |               | CHROMA OUT | N                | F  | x  | F  | x  |
|  | 2 to 3  |               | CHROMA OUT | N                | F  | x  | F  | x  |
| AGC measurements   |         | T15           | T7         | F                | F  | F  | F  | F  |
| Envelope detector quiescent output   |         |               | T1         | F                | F  | F  | F  | F  |
| Envelope detector output voltage   |         | T15           | T1         | F                | F  | F  | F  | F  |
| VCOMP1 comparator output voltage   |         | T15           | T2         | N                | F  | F  | F  | F  |
| VCOMP2 comparator output voltage   |         | T20           | T2         | N                | F  | F  | F  | N  |

**Note**

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**Recording mode**

| Parameter  | Channel | Test points |        | Switch positions |    |    |    |    |
|--|---------|-------------|--------|------------------|----|----|----|----|
|  |         | Input       | Output | TR               | RP | 3D | MU | HA |
| Supply current   |         | VCC         |        | F                | N  | F  | F  | F  |
| Gain, gain differential, frequency response, harmonic distortion, output level | 1, 2    | T16         |        | F                | N  | F  | F  | F  |
|  | 3, 4    |             | T21    | F                | N  | F  | F  | N  |

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| Parameter                                    | Channel | Test points |        | Switch positions |    |    |    |    |
|--|---------|-------------|--------|------------------|----|----|----|----|
|  |         | Input       | Output | TR               | RP | 30 | MU | HA |
| Muting attenuation                           | 1, 2    | T9Y         | T16    | F                | N  | F  | N  | F  |
|  | 3, 4    | T9Y         | T21    | F                | N  | F  | N  | N  |
| Intermodulation distortion                   | 1, 2    | T9Y, T9C    | T16    | F                | N  | F  | F  | F  |
|  | 3, 4    | T9Y, T9C    | T21    | F                | N  | F  | F  | N  |
| Luminance and chrominance mixer voltage gain |         | T9Y         | T10    | F                | N  | F  | F  | X  |

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## Switching transistors

| Parameter   | Channel | Test points |                       | Switch positions |    |    |    |    |
|---|---------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|----|----|----|----|
|   |         | Input       | Output                | TR               | RP | 30 | MU | HA |
| Playback mode switching-transistor ON resistance  | 1, 2    |             | REC AMP OUT2          | X                | F  | X  | X  | X  |
|   | 3, 4    |             | REC AMP OUT1          | X                | F  | X  | X  | X  |
|   | 1       |             | MODE SW1              | F                | F  | X  | X  | N  |
|   | 2       |             | MODE SW2              | F                | F  | X  | X  | N  |
|   | 3       |             | MODE SW3              | F                | F  | X  | X  | N  |
| Recording mode switching-transistor ON resistance | 4       |             | PB AMP IN4            | F                | F  | X  | X  | F  |
|   | 1, 2    |             | REC AMP OUT2          | X                | N  | X  | X  | N  |
|   | 3, 4    |             | REC AMP OUT1          | X                | N  | X  | X  | F  |
|   | 1, 2    |             | MODE SW1 and MODE SW2 | X                | N  | X  | F  | N  |
|   | 3, 4    |             | PB AMP IN4            | X                | N  | X  | X  | N  |

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## Threshold voltages

| Parameter                              | Channel    | Test points |        | Switch positions |    |    |    |    |
|--|------------|-------------|--------|------------------|----|----|----|----|
|  |            | Input       | Output | TR               | RP | 30 | MU | HA |
| Special-effects mode threshold voltage | 1, 2, 3, 4 | T20         | T2     | X                | F  | F  | F  | X  |
| SW30 threshold voltage                 | 1, 2, 3, 4 | T15, T18    | T5     | X                | F  | X  | F  | F  |
| HA playback-mode threshold voltage     | 1, 2, 3, 4 | T15, T20    | T5     | F                | F  | F  | F  | X  |
| Muting threshold voltage               | 1, 2, 3, 4 | T9Y         | T10    | X                | N  | X  | X  | X  |
| HA recording-mode threshold voltage    | 1, 2, 3, 4 | T9Y         | T21    | X                | N  | X  | F  | X  |

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## Mode Selection

| Mode      |       | HA   | Playback ON-transistor switches |     | Playback amplifier control switches |     | Head short-circuit switches |     | Recording drive current |     |
|-----------|-------|------|---------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
|           |       |      | SW1                             | SW2 | SW3                                 | SW4 | SW5                         | SW6 | SW7                     | SW8 |
| Recording | SP    | LOW  | OFF                             | ON  | ON                                  | ON  | ON                          | OFF | OFF                     | ON  |
|           | EP    | HIGH | ON                              | OFF | ON                                  | ON  | OFF                         | ON  | ON                      | OFF |
| Playback  | SP    | LOW  | ON                              | ON  | ON                                  | OFF | ON                          | OFF | OFF                     | OFF |
|           | EP    | HIGH | ON                              | ON  | OFF                                 | ON  | OFF                         | ON  | OFF                     | OFF |
|           | Trick | HIGH | ON                              | ON  | OFF                                 | OFF | OFF                         | OFF | OFF                     | OFF |

## Note

HA is HIGH when greater than 2.5 V.

## TYPICAL APPLICATION

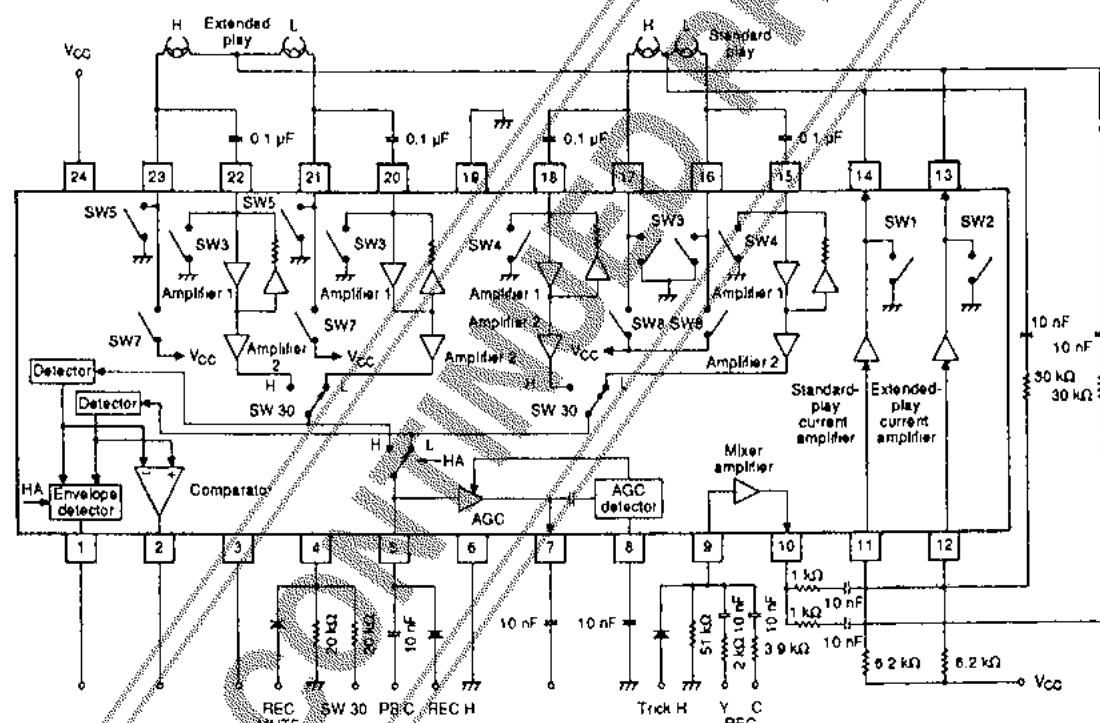


Figure 1. Tape head amplifier

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