

## Section 8

### ELECTRONIC ASSEMBLY

#### GENERAL

The electronic assembly consists of a single chassis on which are mounted two separate amplifiers consisting of the reproduce amplifier, the record amplifier, the bias and erase oscillator and the power supply.

On the chassis are facilities available for setting RECORD LEVEL, REPRODUCE LEVEL (when meter panel 515 is not used), RECORD NOISE BALANCE, RECORD BIAS, HF EQUALIZER to adjust equalization in high and low speeds, an ERASE TRIMMER adjustment for setting high frequency current in the erase head, and a HF EQUALIZER to adjust to the reproduce equalization curve. Also located on the electronic chassis are all connecting and interconnecting provisions for line input, line output, connections to the tape transport, and head connections. One screw type filament fuse post and warning light are also provided on the chassis.

#### RECORD AMPLIFIER

The record section is a three stage, high gain, resistance coupled amplifier, using transformer input coupling to the first stage. Two triodes and one dual triode, V101, V102, and V103 and their related circuitry form the three stages of amplification.

The signal enters through J101S RECORD IN 10K BRIDGING connector (balanced or unbalanced) and is impressed across the primary of input transformer T101, delivered through the secondary of the same and through variable resistor R101 to the grid of tube V101 (6C5). The signal then leaves the plate of V101 and passes through capacitor C102 and resistor R105 to the grid of tube V102 (6C5) -- the second stage. Time constant of R105 and either C125 or C126, depending on the tape speed selected, provides the high frequency slope of the pre-

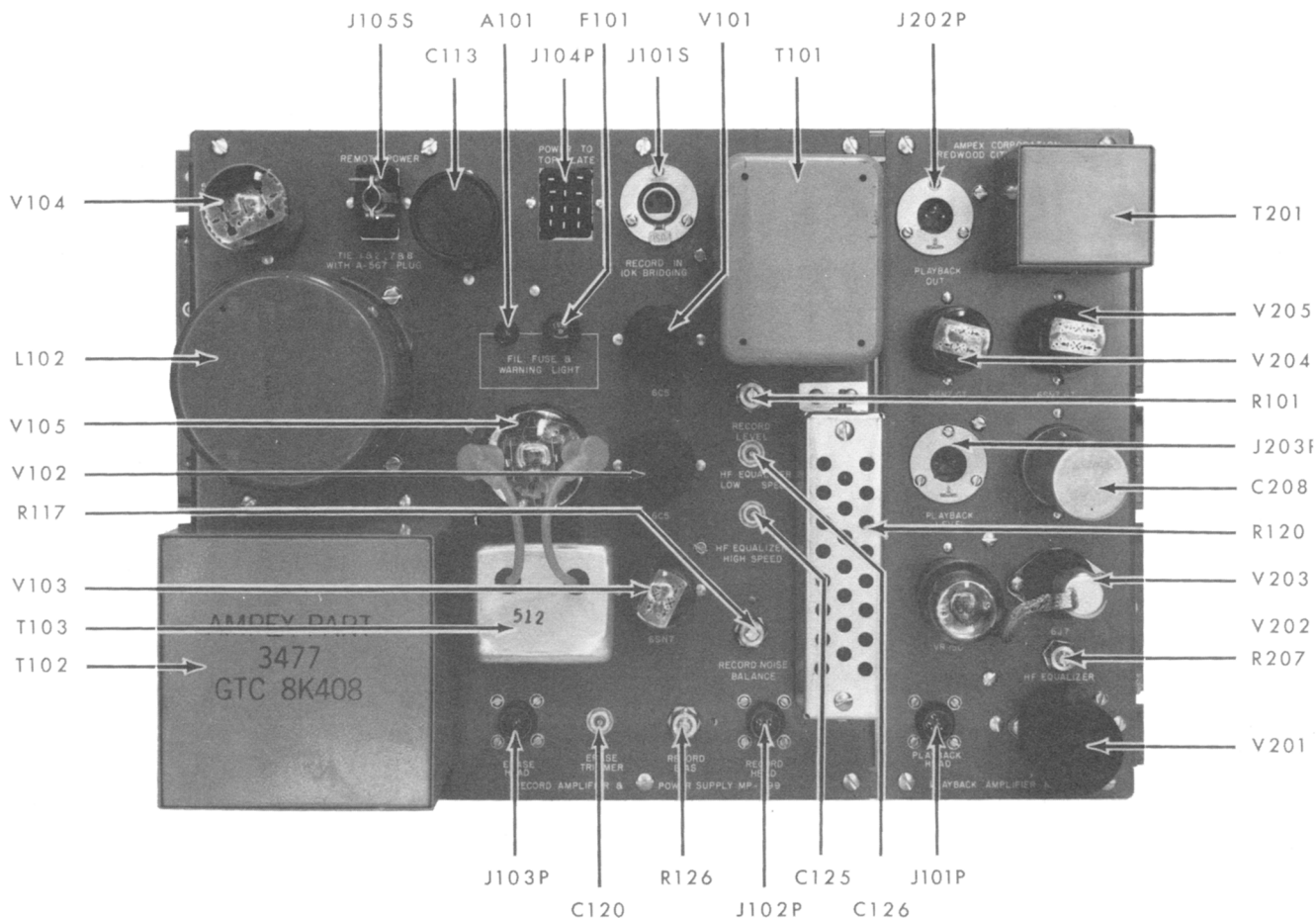


Fig. 8-1 ELECTRONIC ASSEMBLY COMPONENT CALLOUTS

emphasis curve. The low frequency portion of the pre-emphasis curve is determined by the time constant of the RC circuit formed by R107 and C105 which reduces mid frequencies and provides a slight boost at low frequencies. Leaving V102 of the second stage of amplification, the signal passes through capacitor C107 to the grid of dual triode tube V103 (6SN7).

The record head is driven by tube V103, parallel connected to achieve high current capabilities. The signal is mixed with the bias and erase oscillator and delivered to the record head. The noise balance bridge circuit, consisting of capacitor C112 and resistors R116, R117, R118 and R119 provides an approximately equal d-c voltage to each side of the record head (approximately +15 volts). When the equipment is not in the

record mode, the record head is shorted out by relay contact set K101-1. See figure 8-2.

RECORD BIAS is adjusted by variable resistor R126 to the record head. ERASE TRIMMER adjustment is made by the combination of variable capacitor C120 and fixed capacitor C119 to the erase head.

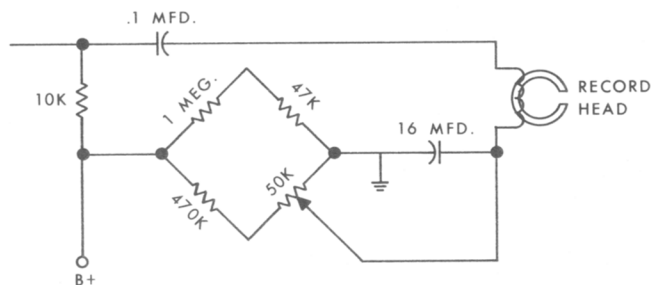


Fig. 8-2 SIMPLIFIED SCHEMATIC, NOISE BALANCE CIRCUITRY



## REPRODUCE AMPLIFIER

The reproduce section of the electronic assembly is a four stage, resistance coupled, audio amplifier. Two pentodes and two twin triodes are used to provide two stages of amplification, phase inversion, and a push-pull output.

Signals on the moving magnetic tape induce voltages in the reproduce heads. Using high impedance heads, this induced voltage appears across resistors R201 and R202 and then on to the grid of V201. Heater voltage of 12.6 volts d-c is applied to tube V201 from the power supply. Voltage regulator V202 provides constant screen and plate voltage to this first stage of amplification. The amplified output of this first stage is coupled to the second stage grid through capacitor C204. Resistor R207 adjusts the reproduce equalization curve.

The signal now is delivered to amplifier stage V204, the tube receiving the signal through coupling capacitor C209 and PLAY-BACK LEVEL potentiometer R213.

The output of plate number one (pin 5) of V204 is coupled to the grid (pin 4) of V205. A portion of the output of plate number one (pin 5) is fed to grid two (pin 1) of V204 through the split load resistive network consisting of resistors R215 and R219 and coupling capacitor C213. The output of plate two (pin 2) of V204, which is 180° out of phase with plate one, is fed through coupling capacitor C212 to grid number two (pin 1) of V205. The output from plates of tube V205 (pins 2 and 5) provides push-pull output to the primary of transformer T201. The secondary of T201 provides balanced or unbalanced output to a 600 ohm line.

## BIAS AND ERASE OSCILLATOR

The oscillator is a push-pull Colpitts type and provides both erase and bias cur-

rent. Choke L104 and capacitor C116 provides a filtering circuit to keep high frequency energy from feeding back into the power supply.

Capacitors C116, C117, C118, C119; resistor R125 and to some extent choke L104 minimize transients caused by turning on the oscillator.

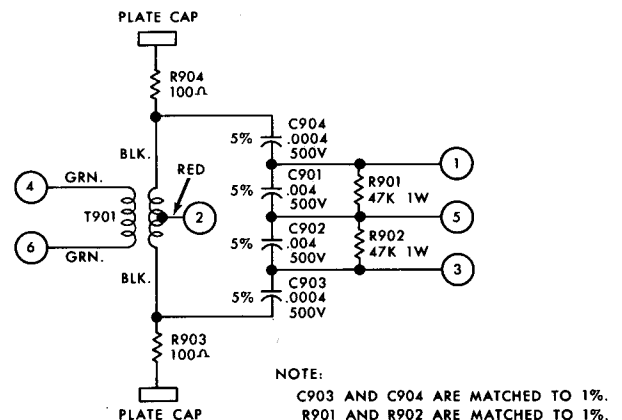
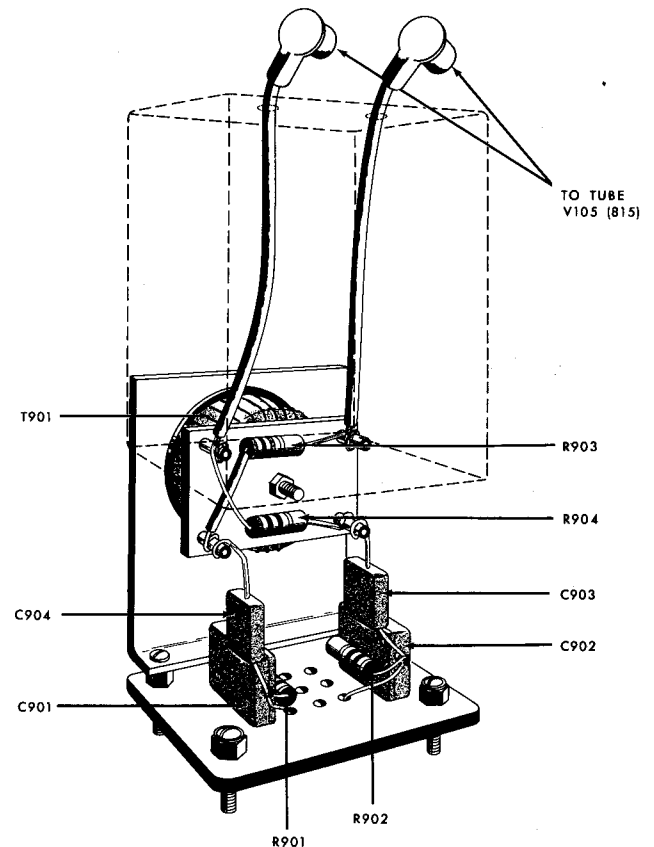


Fig. 8-4 OSCILLATOR COIL ASSEMBLY

## NOTE

The oscillator is capable of delivering considerably more current than being presently utilized. Older model 300's required more current than present day machines.

Figure 8-4 illustrates the oscillator coil assembly (Catalog No. 512-00) and its functional schematic.

## POWER SUPPLY

The filament of the first reproduce amplifier tube (V201) is connected from B-lead at transformer T101 to ground, thus placing it in series with the current (150 ma) drawn from the high voltage supply. This current produces the required 12.6 volts d-c drop across the filament of tube V201. Opening of this circuit will result in no high voltage load and an excessive high voltage will be placed across capacitor C113 and will possibly damage this component. A high voltage so produced will appear across resistor R121 and lamp A101, causing lamp A101 to glow, indicating that an open circuit exists in the B-lead.

## CAUTION

**IMMEDIATELY TURN THE RECORDER OFF AND CHECK THE FILAMENT CIRCUIT IF LAMP A101 BECOMES ILLUMINATED.**

Plate voltage for oscillator tube (V105) is obtained after the first choke in the two stage LC filter. In order to maintain constant current through tube V201, resistor R120 is connected in place of the oscillator, when the reproduce mode only is used. Voltage from this same point is also used to actuate equalization relay K102. Resistor R122 acts as a current limiter when the relay is shorted out by speed switch S502

(located on the tape transport) for slow speed equalization.

## ALIGNMENT AND PERFORMANCE CHECKS

### EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

#### Ampex Standard Alignment Tape

| Speed                         | Width         | Ampex<br>Catalog Number |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 7-1/2 inches per second (NAB) | 1/4-inch tape | 31321-01                |
| 15 inches per second (NAB)    | 1/4-inch tape | 31311-01                |

A-c vacuum tube voltmeter capable of indicating rms voltages of .004 or less.

Audio oscillator with stable output from 50 cps to 15 kc

Earphones or speaker for monitoring aurally.

Nutdriver, number 8 (1/4-inch)

Reel of unrecorded tape.

Long screwdriver (approximately 7-inch bit).

Small screwdriver.

Alignment applies to the necessary adjustments required to enable the electronic assembly and heads of the tape recorder to perform properly. A machine "out of alignment" may be characterized by poor frequency response, high noise, low output, or high distortion. It should not be necessary to align the recorder when it arrives from the factory. The procedures described on the following pages have been performed at the factory prior to shipment. Further adjustments are not required except as found necessary in routine maintenance.

Alignment procedures are as follows:

- I. OVERALL PERFORMANCE CHECK
  1. Frequency Response

2. Noise Measurement
3. Distortion

## II. HEAD ALIGNMENT

## III. PLAYBACK ALIGNMENT

## IV. RECORD ALIGNMENT

1. Record-Bias and Level Adjustment
2. Record Equalization
3. Record Noise Balance

## V. ERASE ADJUSTMENT

Reproduce alignment tapes 31321-01 (7-1/2 ips) and 31311-01 (15 ips) are available for alignment purposes. Several tones are recorded on these tapes for performing specific reproduce alignment procedures. They are as follows:

1. Reference tone for level adjustment,
2. High frequency tone for head azimuth check, and
3. A series of tones for a reproduce response check.

These tapes are recorded in either the 15 or 7-1/2 ips tape speed. Selection of the tape to be used is determined by the demands of the operator. The 15 ips alignment tape is recorded at normal operating level. The 7-1/2 ips alignment tape is recorded 10 db below recommended operating level.

### IMPORTANT

BEFORE REPRODUCING THE STANDARD TAPE, DEMAGNETIZE THE HEADS WITH THE AMPEX HEAD DEMAGNETIZER, CATALOG NUMBER 704. MAGNETIZED HEADS WILL CAUSE A PARTIAL ERASURE OF HIGH FREQUENCIES ON THE STANDARD TAPE.

## I. OVERALL PERFORMANCE CHECK

The following procedure is recommended for checking the performance of this recorder at the time of installation and as necessary thereafter.

### 1. Overall Frequency Response:

Thread a new reel of tape on the machine. The equalization curves for this machine have been established by use of high quality professional recording tape.

#### A. 7-1/2 Inch Response:

Due to the nature of the pre-emphasis in the record circuit, tape saturation will occur at the high frequencies unless the response check is made at least 20 db below normal operating level.

Therefore, check the response with a sensitive meter such as a Hewlett-Packard 400C connected to the output. In absence of a sensitive meter, a standard vu meter, preceded by a flat amplifier with at least 20 db gain can be used. Response should be within the limits indicated in Section 1, PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS.

#### B. 15 Inch Response:

Make the response check approximately 10 db below operating level to avoid saturation effects. The response should fall within the limits indicated in Section 1, PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS.

### 2. Overall Noise Measurement:

Overall wide band noise should be measured with a vacuum tube voltmeter,

such as a Hewlett-Packard 400C, while playing back a tape that has been previously erased on the machine. First erase a tape with the input to the record amplifier shorted. Rewind and play this tape back. This will prevent the inaudible bias frequency leakage from entering into the noise measurement, thus producing a false reading. The wide band noise should be below the figures listed in Section 1.

### 3. Distortion:

Overall distortion may be measured by connecting any standard distortion measurement apparatus across the output. The readings from a wave analyzer or selective frequency distortion meter will be more accurate at lower distortion levels. Distortion readings are somewhat dependent on tape. Readings of approximately 1% are normal at operating levels while readings of approximately 3% are normal at 6 db above operating level.

## II. HEAD ALIGNMENT

The high frequency response of the recorder depends on the correct head alignment. If tapes are to be interchangeable from one machine to another, the heads of all machines must have the same azimuth setting. This is accomplished by using a standard tape (Catalog Number 31321-01 or 31311-01) for aligning the heads of all machines. Head alignment is independent of tape speed, so the operator must use the correct alignment tape for the tape speed being utilized with the equipment being aligned.

Remove the top cover from the head housing by removing two screws from the top and pulling the cover gently back and up.



Fig. 8-5 AZIMUTH ADJUSTMENT

Looking at the head housing from the front of the three heads, from left to right are: Erase, Record, and Reproduce.

The azimuth angle of the erase head is not adjustable. The record and reproduce heads should be aligned only after reading and fully understanding the procedure under ALIGNMENT OF REPRODUCE AND RECORD CIRCUITS. The actual physical alignment of the record and reproduce heads consists of placing a 1/4-inch spintite wrench on the left hand elastic stop nut on each head and adjusting back and forth until the proper azimuth angle is reached. Adjust as follows:

Step 1. Adjust the reproduce head azimuth by playing the standard tape at the tape speed being used (7-1/2 or 15). Set the stop nut for the maximum output of the 15 kc tone.

Step 2. The record head azimuth is then aligned with the reproduce head

by recording a 15 kc signal from an audio oscillator on a blank tape and adjusting the record stop nut for maximum reproduce output.

### III. ALIGNMENT OF REPRODUCE CIRCUITS

#### NOTE

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ADJUST RECORD CIRCUITRY BEFORE ALIGNMENT OF REPRODUCE.

Alignment procedure for the reproduce circuitry is as follows:

- Step 1. Thread an audio standard tape on the tape transport. Terminate the output with a 600 ohm external termination. Set the OUTPUT switch (R1102) on the meter panel to the LINE position. Connect an external vu meter across the output. Connect an amplifier and loudspeaker or a pair of headphones to the output of the machine or to the phone jack (J1101) on the meter panel so the voice announcements on the standard tape can be aurally monitored.
- Step 2. Turn power switch (S801) to the "ON" position (indicated by power indicator lamp on the tape transport).
- Step 3. Place the mode selector switch (S802) to the PLAY position and set the TAPE SPEED switch S502 to HIGH or LOW, depending on the tape speed desired. If the equipment houses a meter panel, set the meter panel OUT-

PUT control knob to the number 14 position. Press START button S805 to start the tape.

### 7.5 IPS REPRODUCE ALIGNMENT TAPES (31321-01)

#### A. With meter panel

The first tone on the alignment tape is a reference tone recorded at 10 db below normal operating level. All other tones on the tape are recorded at this level, except the final tone on the tape. Set the OUTPUT control at position 4 and adjust the VERNIER control (R213) so the vu meter reads "0" (+4 dbm output). The second tone is a high frequency tone. Adjust the playback head azimuth stop nut for maximum output as indicated on the vu meter. A series of tones in descending frequency follow the alignment tone. These tones provide a test of the reproduce system response. After the last response test tone (50 cps) set the OUTPUT control to position 14. The next tone will be a reference tone recorded at normal operating level. The vernier control should be readjusted so that the vu meter reads "0" (+4 dbm).

#### B. Without meter panel.

On the first alignment tape tone adjust the PLAYBACK LEVEL control on the electronics assembly so the output is -6 dbm (.338V rms). Adjust the head alignment on the second tone. On the final normal operating level tone readjust the level control if necessary so that the output is +4 dbm (1.23V rms)



## 15 IPS REPRODUCE ALIGNMENT TAPES

### A. With meter panel

The first tone on the alignment tape is a reference tone recorded at normal operating level as are all tones on this tape. Set the OUTPUT control to position 14 and adjust the VERNIER control so the output indicates "0" on the vu meter. The second tone is a high frequency tone. Adjust the playback head azimuth stop nut for maximum output. The following tones in descending frequency may be used to check the reproduce system response.

### B. Without meter panel

On the first alignment tape tone adjust the PLAYBACK LEVEL con-

trol on the electronics assembly so the output is +4 dbm (1.23V rms). Then follow same procedure as for machines with meter panel.

#### 1. Reproduce Equalization:

The reproduce amplifier is factory adjusted by means of the HF EQUALIZER potentiometer (R207), in accordance with the standard voltage shown in figure 8-6. The recommended method for adjusting the reproduce amplifier response is to connect an audio oscillator and vacuum tube voltmeter to the reproduce amplifier. Adjust the HF EQUALIZER (R207) to give the frequency response of the standard 50 microsecond curve. Deviation from this curve is not recommended. Check the reproduce level set-

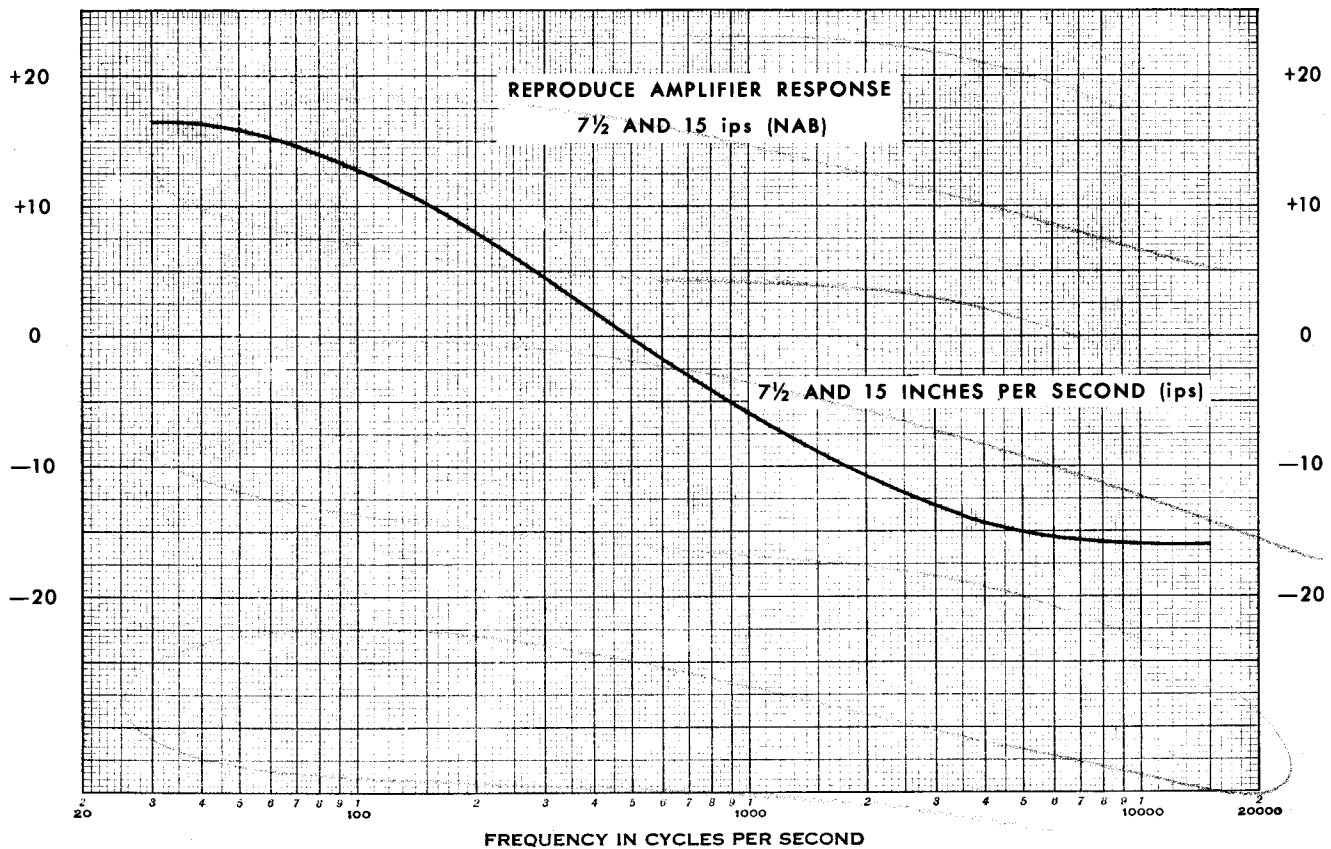


Fig. 8-6 REPRODUCE AMPLIFIER RESPONSE (7 1/2 AND 15 IPS NAB)

ting with a standard tape if any change is made in the equalizer.

The above will properly align the reproduce circuit for operation at both the 7-1/2 and 15 ips tape speeds. The standard tape will play back within  $\pm 2$  db to 15 kc when the reproduce amplifier is adjusted to the standard curve. Failure for the standard tape to play back within these tolerances after the reproduce amplifier has been aligned indicates one of the following:

- A. Trouble in the head assembly, such as worn heads.
- B. A faulty standard tape which has been partially erased at the high frequencies by passing over magnetized heads, etc.

An overall frequency response check will isolate the trouble. Good overall response indicates a faulty standard tape. Poor overall response indicates one of the following:

- A. Faulty Heads.
- B. Tape deficiency.
- C. Record or reproduce amplifier improperly equalized.
- D. Incorrect bias.

Alignment of the record circuits as described in the next sub-section will further aid in isolating trouble.

#### IV. ALIGNMENT OF RECORD CIRCUITS

Record alignment should be attempted only after the reproduce has been properly aligned. Perform the following operations in the sequence indicated:

#### 1. Record Bias and Level Adjustment:

The record bias current is factory adjusted for optimum overall response and low frequency distortion. However, the optimum value of bias current will vary with different types of tape. The record equalization characteristics on this equipment have been determined for peak bias at 1000 cycles at 15 inch per second tape speed. Peak bias means that the bias current is adjusted so that the 1000 cycle signal is recorded at its maximum level. Adjust the bias in the following manner:

- a. Thread a blank tape on the machine. Terminate the reproduce output with a 600 ohm termination. Set the OUTPUT switch on the meter panel to the LINE position. Connect an external vu meter across the output.
- b. Connect an audio oscillator to the input of the record amplifier or to the meter panel if the machine is so equipped. Set the oscillator at +4 dbm (1.23V rms) and 1 kc.
- c. On machines with a bridging meter panel, set the RECORD LEVEL control knob to 14. The OUTPUT LEVEL control knob should also be set at position 14.
- d. Start the tape in the record mode of operation at the tape speed desired. Make a preliminary record level set by adjusting the RECORD LEVEL (R101) on the electronic chassis, so that the reproduce output reads approximately +4 dbm (1.23V rms).
- e. Adjust the RECORD BIAS (R126) for maximum reproduce output of the 1 kc tone.

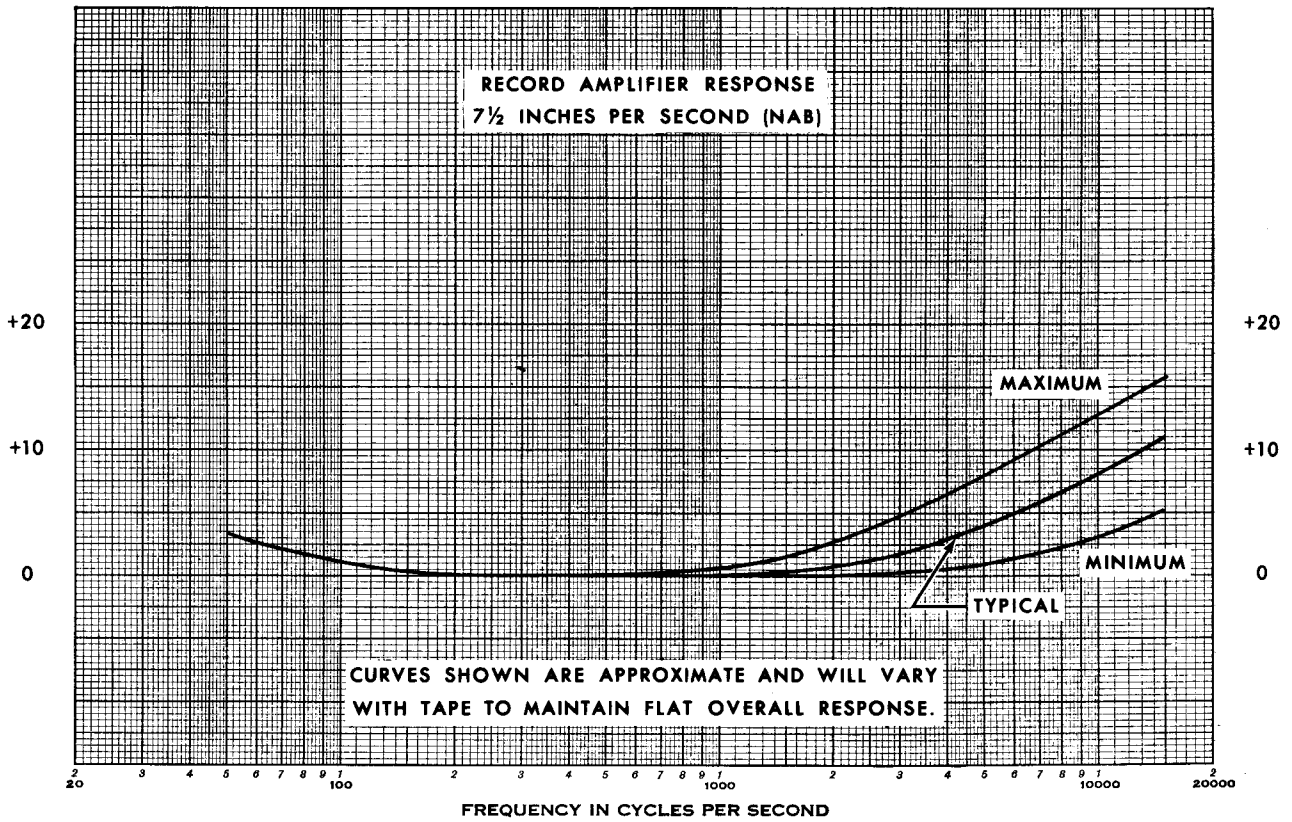


Fig. 8-7 RECORD AMPLIFIER RESPONSE (7½ IPS NAB)

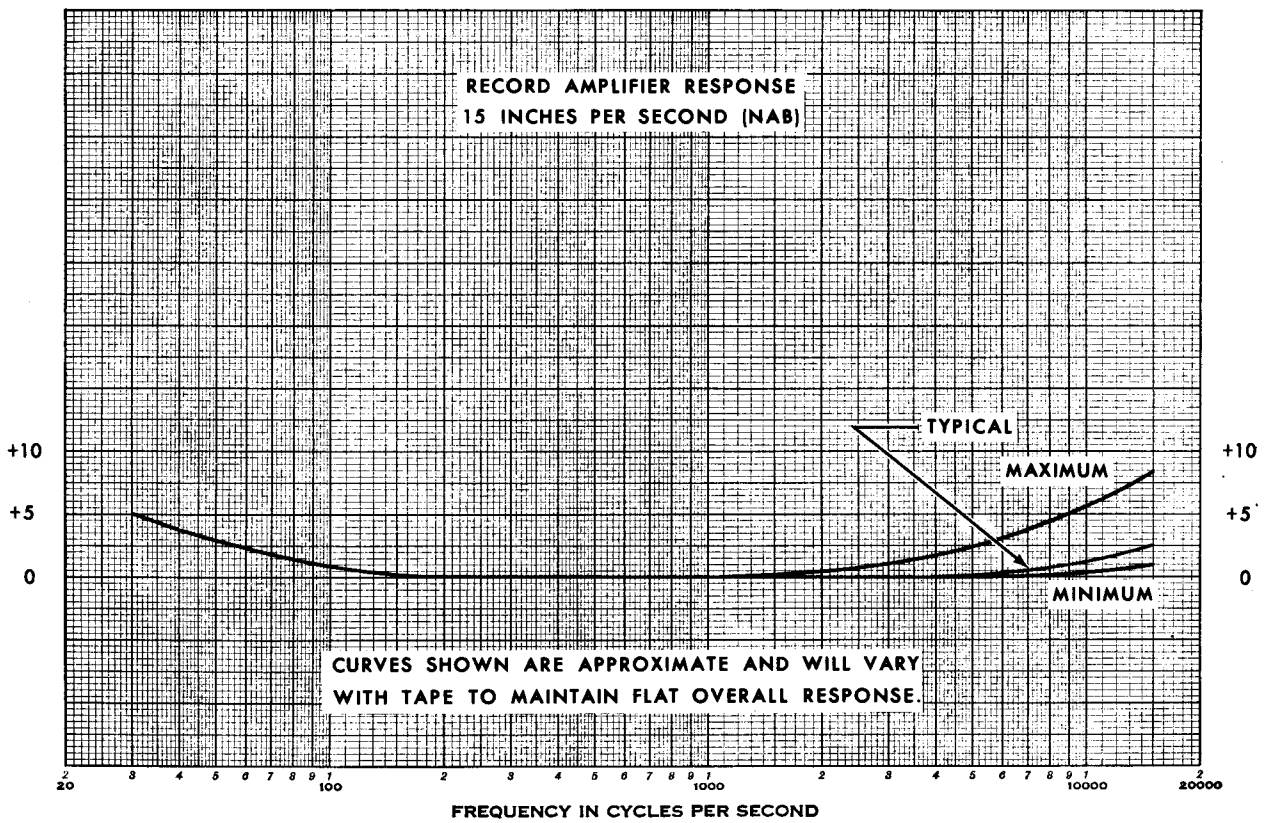


Fig. 8-8 RECORD AMPLIFIER RESPONSE (15 IPS NAB)

- f. Reset the audio oscillator to 250 cycles +4 dbm. Re-adjust the RECORD LEVEL control on the electronic chassis so that the reproduce output is +4 dbm.

## 2. Record Equalization:

The record equalization circuits have been factory adjusted to the curves shown in figure 8-7 and 8-8. These curves have been found to produce flat overall response, when recording on high quality recording tapes. Badly worn tapes may produce loss in high frequency response and should not be used. The adjustment procedure for flat overall response on any tape is as follows:

- a. Set up the machine as described under Record Bias and Level Adjustment in the record mode of operation, at 15 ips, by setting the TAPE SPEED switch on the tape transport to the HIGH position.
- b. Reset the audio oscillator to 15 kc and adjust the record head azimuth as described under Head Alignment.

### NOTE

ALL FREQUENCY CHECKS AT 15 IPS TAPE SPEED SHOULD BE MADE 10 DB BELOW OPERATING LEVEL TO AVOID SATURATION EFFECTS CAUSED BY HIGH FREQUENCY PRE-EMPHASIS. ON MACHINES EQUIPPED WITH METER PANELS, OUTPUT LEVEL CONTROL SHOULD BE SET AT POSITION 4 AND RECORD LEVEL AT POSITION 24 DURING RESPONSE CHECKS TO PERMIT RUNS TO BE MADE ON THE

### SENSITIVE RANGE OF THE VU METER.

- c. Sweep the oscillator across the frequency range and adjust the record HF EQUALIZER HIGH (15 ips) for flat response within the specifications of the equipment.
- d. Change the TAPE SPEED switch on the tape transport to the LOW position for 7-1/2 ips. Response check at this speed should be made 20 db below operating level to avoid tape saturation effects. Therefore, a sensitive meter or flat amplifier and vu meter should be used as described under OVERALL PERFORMANCE CHECK. Sweep the oscillator across the frequency range and adjust the record HF EQUALIZER LOW (7-1/2 ips) for flat response within the specifications of the equipment.

## 3. Record Noise Balance:

A noise balance control is provided to eliminate excessive low frequency noise and null second harmonic distortion. The noise balance should not be touched unless all heads have been thoroughly demagnetized with an Ampex head demagnetizer or equivalent. If noise of a crackling nature is still found to exist in the output of the machine, connect a 1 mfd capacitor across the output, then adjust the RECORD NOISE BALANCE potentiometer (R117), for minimum record noise, as read on a sensitive meter or heard in a loud-speaker connected to the recorder output through a power amplifier.

## V. ERASE ADJUSTMENT

It should not be necessary to make this adjustment, except at rare intervals, be-

cause of the high degree of stability in the oscillator circuits. Do not make this adjustment unless the erase head will not erase the previous program. Do not readjust erase to attempt to eliminate crackling tape noise, as the erase current does not produce crackling even if out of adjustment. If adjustment is indicated, the following procedure must be taken:

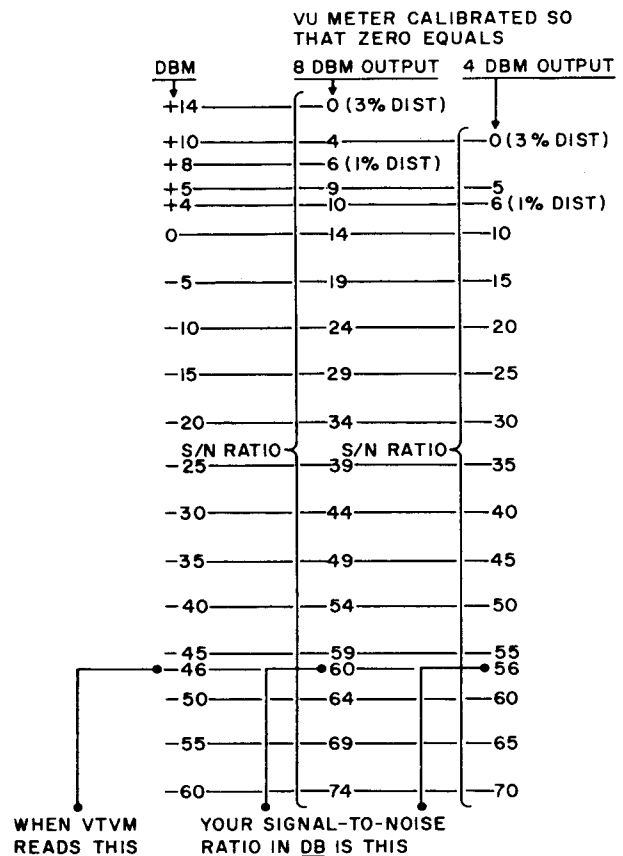
- Step 1. Disconnect the erase cable from the record chassis connector (J103P).
- Step 2. Make an adapter plug by inserting a 10 ohm resistor in series with the ground side of the erase cable.
- Step 3. Insert adapter into connector J103P, and connect the erase cable into the adapter.
- Step 4. Place a vacuum tube voltmeter across the 10 ohm resistor. Set vtvm on the 3 volt scale. Full scale deflection will read .3 milliamps of erase current.
- Step 5. Turn the ERASE TRIMMER control (C120) for minimum capacity and slowly increase the capacity (counterclockwise rotation from top of chassis) until the meter reads 150-180 ma. Higher currents will produce unnecessary heating of the head.

**NOTE**

ALIGN THE RECORD CIRCUIT AS DESCRIBED UNDER "ALIGNMENT OF RECORD CIRCUITS" AFTER MAKING THIS ADJUSTMENT, SINCE A CHANGE IN ERASE CURRENT WILL PRODUCE A CHANGE IN BIAS CURRENT.

**1. Record Noise Measurement:**

To translate vtvm readings into specific signal-to-noise ratios when the vu meter is so calibrated that zero vu corresponds to +4 dbm output, add 6 db to obtain the output value from the 3% distortion level, arriving at a total of 10 db. Having made this computation, bear in mind that, although the noise reading taken on the vtvm is dbm, the measurement is a ratio which must include the 10 dbm computed to arrive at the 3% distortion level. Therefore, the vtvm reading must be converted to the signal-to-noise ratio.



**Fig. 8-9**  
**SIGNAL-TO-NOISE RATIO COMPUTATIONS**

Example: +14 (dbm, includes +8 dbm output and 6 db up to 3% distortion level)  
 -46 (dbm, vtvm reading)  
 60 db signal-to-noise ratio

(although the signs are different, the values are added to get a ratio)

Any reading below 60 db meets performance characteristics specifications and satisfies the signal-to-noise ratio definition.

When the vu meter is so calibrated that zero vu corresponds to +4 dbm output add 6 db to obtain the output value from the 3% distortion level arriving at a total of 10 dbm.

Example: +10 (dbm, 4+6)  
-46 (dbm, vtvm reading)  
56 (db, signal-to-noise ratio)

Ampex signal-to-noise ratio specifications on audio instruments define in decibels the ratio existing between the level of a steady 1000 cycle.

## MAINTENANCE AND TROUBLESHOOTING

### General Maintenance Information

Faithful adherence to the recommended ROUTINE MAINTENANCE found in Section 5, TAPE TRANSPORT MECHANISM and careful performance checks will insure excellent equipment operation. When the cleaning, lubricating and demagnetizing procedures are followed as prescribed and the system is set up according to the instructions in this manual, equipment performance should meet the high Ampex standards.

Neglect of maintenance procedures, such as failure to clean the capstan, the head faces and the tape guides daily can cause deficiencies that are reflected in the amplifiers. For instance, poor tape-to-head contact, due to tape oxide accumulations, will diminish high end frequency response.

Rewinding or moving the tape in the fast forward mode with the head assembly gate closed eventually will wear grooves in the heads, causing a similar result.

Improper head azimuth adjustment will also affect high frequency response.

When the user suspects amplifier faults, the above information should be considered, and, if satisfied that the cause is in the amplifier, he then can begin troubleshooting.

### Corrective Maintenance

The first step in any corrective maintenance procedure is localizing the faulty circuit. If a tape recorded on the equipment itself does not reproduce correctly, the trouble can be in either the record or the reproduce circuit. In this case, the faulty circuit can be identified by reproducing a standard alignment tape or a commercially recorded tape; if, while reproducing the standard tape, trouble still exists, the fault is in the reproduce circuit, if the reproduce function is normal, the fault is in the record circuit. A run through of the alignment and performance checks for the offending circuit will further isolate the trouble or may rectify it, and the faulty component or mechanical device then should be identified easily.

### Troubleshooting the Reproduce Amplifier

A circuit for troubleshooting the reproduce amplifier is shown below (see also -- PARTS LOCATION POWER SUPPLY AND REPRODUCE AMPLIFIER, and foldout

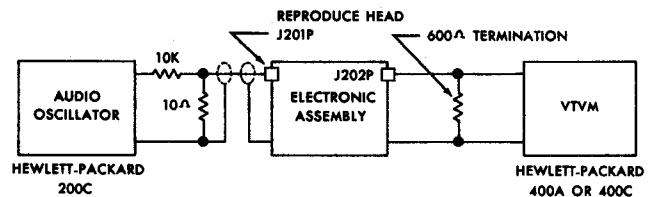


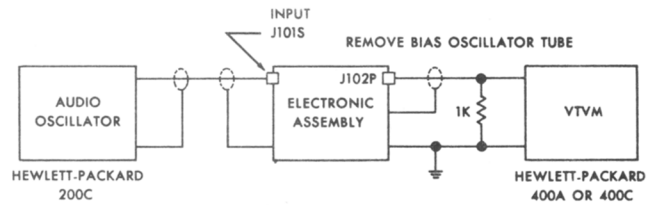
Fig. 8-10 TROUBLESHOOTING THE REPRODUCE AMPLIFIER

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Disconnect the head cable at J201P when using this circuit. Advance an audio oscillator probe progressively through each stage (checking at the grid and plate of each stage) until the point at which a signal is available at the output. The trouble then could be in the stage immediately preceding that point. When the faulty stage is located, the individual components can be isolated by a check of resistances and voltages. Typical voltage values are shown on the foldout schematic diagram. After the completion of any troubleshooting procedure, using the circuit shown above, check the reproduce amplifier response against the appropriate curve to insure that the equipment conforms to performance characteristics.

Troubleshooting the Record Amplifier

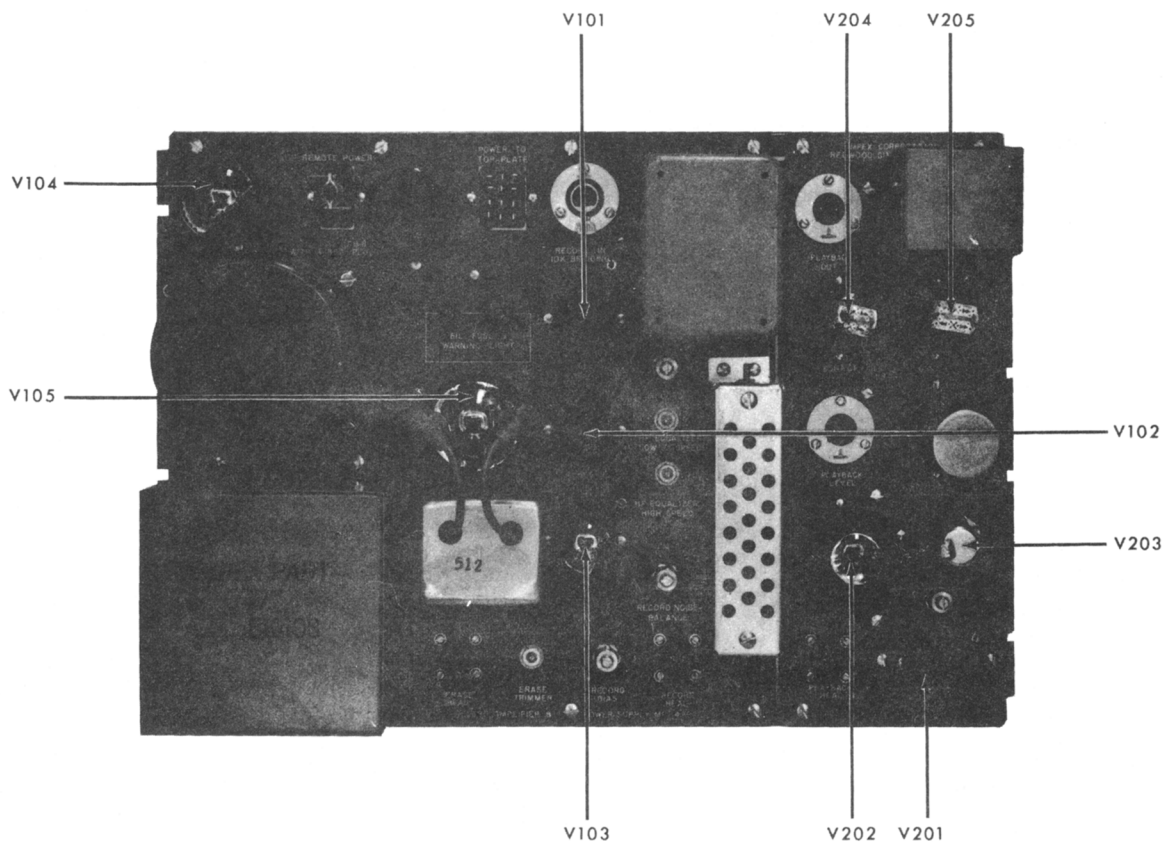
Proceed as in troubleshooting the re-



**Fig. 8-11 TROUBLESHOOTING THE RECORD AMPLIFIER**

produce amplifier. Typical voltage readings are shown on the foldout schematic diagram. Using the circuit below, check the record amplifier against the appropriate response curve. Disconnect the record head lead before checking amplifier response.

The circuit for troubleshooting the record amplifier is shown above (see also -- PARTS LOCATION RECORD AMPLIFIER, BIAS AND ERASE OSCILLATOR and foldout SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM -- ELECTRONIC ASSEMBLIES).



**Fig. 8-12 ELECTRONIC CHASSIS TUBE LAYOUT**

ELECTRONIC ASSEMBLY  
PARTS LIST  
CATALOG NUMBER 559-00

| <u>REF. NO.</u> | <u>PART DESCRIPTION</u>   | <u>AMPEX<br/>PART NO.</u> |
|-----------------|---|---------------------------|
| A101            | LAMP, miniature: 6.3V, .15A.:<br>General Electric Part No. 47                                       | 060-001                   |
| C101            | CAPACITOR, electrolytic: tubular, 50 mfd, 25 vdcw,<br>-10+250%: Cornell Dubilier Part No.           | 031-030                   |
| C102            | CAPACITOR, paper: tubular, .25 mfd., 600 vdcw,<br>-10+20%: Sprague Part No. 109P                    | 035-097                   |
| C104            | CAPACITOR, electrolytic: tubular, 10 mfd, 450 vdcw,<br>-10+150%: Cornell Dubilier Part No. BRM-1045 | 031-007                   |
| C105            | CAPACITOR, paper: tubular, .1 mfd., 600 vdcw,<br>5%: Sprague Part No. 109P                          | 035-073                   |
| C106            | Same as C101  | 031-030                   |
| C107            | CAPACITOR, paper: tubular, .1 mfd, 600 vdcw,<br>-10%+20%: Sprague Part No. 109P10496                | 035-074                   |
| C108            | Same as C104  | 031-007                   |
| C109            | CAPACITOR, mica: axial, .0035 mfd, 500 vdcw,<br>5%: Elmenco Part No. Type CM30                      | 034-079                   |
| C110            | CAPACITOR, mica: axial, .002 mfd, 500 vdcw,<br>5%: MIL-C-5A: CM30E202J                              | 034-022                   |
| C111            | CAPACITOR, metallized: axial, 1 mfd, 400 vdcw,<br>20%: Astron Part No. ML-4-1M                      | 033-010                   |
| C112            | CAPACITOR, electrolytic: tubular, 16 mfd, 150 vdcw,<br>-10+150%: Cornell Dubilier Part No. BRM-1615 | 031-018                   |
| C113            | CAPACITOR, electrolytic: twist-tab, 30-30-20 mfd, 475<br>vdcw, -10+150%: Sprague Part No. type DFP  | 031-082                   |
| C114            | CAPACITOR, electrolytic: tubular, 100 mfd, 25 vdcw,<br>-10+250%: Cornell Dubilier Part No. BRHM-251 | 031-029                   |



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| C115           | Same as C104  | 031-007                   |
| C116           | Same as C104  | 031-007                   |
| C117           | Same as C107  | 035-074                   |
| C118           | Same as C107  | 035-074                   |
| C119           | CAPACITOR, mica: axial, .0015 mfd, 500 vdcw,<br>5%: MIL-C-5A: CM30C152J   | 034-021                   |
| C120           | CAPACITOR, variable: 275-970 mfd, 175 vdcw:<br>Elmenco Part No. 306   | 038-003                   |
| C121           | CAPACITOR, mica: axial, .0005 mfd., 500 vdcw,<br>5%: Elmenco Part No. CM20C501J                                   | 034-063                   |
| C123           | CAPACITOR, electrolytic: tubular, 100 mfd., 50 vdcw,<br>-10+150%: Cornell Dubilier Part No. BRHM-501              | 031-022                   |
| C124           | CAPACITOR, electrolytic: tubular, 20 mfd, 450 vdcw,<br>-10+50%: Cornell Dubilier Part No. BRM-2045                | 031-006                   |
| C125           | CAPACITOR, variable: 15-130 mfd, 175 vdcw:<br>Elmenco Part No. 302 type 30  | 038-002                   |
| C126           | Same as C125  | 038-002                   |
| C201           | CAPACITOR, metallized: axial, .1 mfd, 200 vdcw,<br>20%: Astron Part No. ML-2-1                                    | 033-003                   |
| C202           | CAPACITOR, electrolytic: tubular, 4 mfd, 450 vdcw,<br>-10+150%: Cornell Dubilier Part No.                         | 031-009                   |
| C203           | Same as C101  | 031-030                   |
| C204           | Same as C107  | 035-074                   |
| C206           | CAPACITOR, paper: tubular, .036 mfd, 200 vdcw,<br>5%: Sprague Part No. 109P                                       | 035-100                   |
| C207           | Same as C101  | 031-030                   |
| C208           | CAPACITOR, electrolytic: twist-tap, 20-20-20-20 mfd,<br>450 vdcw, -10+50%: Cornell Dubilier Part No.<br>UPT222245 | 031-073                   |

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| C209           | CAPACITOR, paper: tubular, .25 mfd, 600 vdcw,<br>-10+20%: Sprague Part No. 109P         | 035-097                   |
| C210           | Same as C101  | 031-030                   |
| C211           | Same as C107  | 035-074                   |
| C212           | Same as C107  | 035-074                   |
| C213           | Same as C107  | 035-074                   |
| C214           | Same as C101  | 031-030                   |
| F101           | FUSE, cartridge: glass case, 1/4 amp, 250V,<br>fast blow: Littlefuse Part No. 312-250   | 070-006                   |
| J101S          | CONNECTOR, receptacle: female, 3 contact:<br>Cannon Part No. XL-3-13                    | 146-007                   |
| J102P          | CONNECTOR receptacle: male, 2 contacts:<br>MS102A10SL-4P                                | 143-009                   |
| J103P          | CONNECTOR, receptacle: male, 1 contact:<br>MS102A10S-2P                                 | 143-010                   |
| J104P          | CONNECTOR, receptacle: male, 12 contacts;<br>730V rms, 10 amps: Jones Part No. P-312-AB | 147-008                   |
| J105S          | CONNECTOR, receptacle: female, 8 contacts,<br>730V rms, 10 amp: Jones Part No. S-308-AB | 146-003                   |
| J201P          | CONNECTOR, receptacle: male, 3 contacts:<br>MS3102A-10S-3P                              | 143-008                   |
| J202P          | CONNECTOR, receptacle: male, 3 contacts:<br>Cannon Part No. XL-3-14                     | 147-004                   |
| J203P          | CONNECTOR, receptacle: male, 4 contacts:<br>Cannon Part No. XL-4-14                     | 147-009                   |

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| K101            | RELAY: 115V dc coil, 10 amp, 3 PDT:<br>Philtron Part No. 33QA                          | 020-006                   |
| K102            | RELAY: Telephone relay, 450 ohm coil, 3PDT:<br>Philtron Part No. 2QA19A                | 020-001                   |
| L101            | COIL, rf choke: 20 mh  | 051-018                   |
| L102            | CHOKE: 12 henries  | 3479-00                   |
| L103            | CHOKE: 20 henries  | 3480-00                   |
| L104            | COIL: rf choke, 100 MA, 100 MH   | 051-020                   |
| R101            | RESISTOR, variable: .1 megohm, 1/4 watt, 20%:<br>Centralab Part No. Model 2 (TPR-C2)   | 044-038                   |
| R102            | RESISTOR, fixed: axial, composition, 2.2K ohms,<br>1 watt, 10%: MIL-R: 11A: RC32GF222K | 041-150                   |
| R103            | RESISTOR, fixed: axial, composition, 47K ohms,<br>1 watt, 10%: MIL-R-11A: RC32GF473K   | 041-166                   |
| R104            | RESISTOR, fixed: axial, composition, 10K ohms,<br>1 watt, 10%: MIL-R-11A: RC32GF103K   | 041-158                   |
| R105            | RESISTOR, fixed: axial, composition, .47 megohm,<br>1 watt, 10%: MIL-R-11A: RC32GF474J | 041-124                   |
| R106            | RESISTOR, fixed: axial, composition, 33K ohms;<br>1 watt, 5%: MIL-R-11A: RC32GF333J    | 041-113                   |
| R107            | RESISTOR, fixed: axial, composition, .1 megohm,<br>1 watt, 10%: MIL-R-11A: RC32GF104K  | 041-170                   |
| R108            | Same as R102   | 041-150                   |
| R109            | Same as R103   | 041-166                   |
| R110            | Same as R104   | 041-158                   |

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| R111            | RESISTOR, fixed: axial, composition, .47 megohm,<br>1 watt, 10%: MIL-R-11A: RC32GF474K  | 041-178                   |
| R112            | RESISTOR, fixed: axial, composition, 1.2 K ohms,<br>2 watts, 10%: MIL-R-11A: RC42GF122K | 041-203                   |
| R113            | RESISTOR, fixed: axial, composition, 220 ohms<br>1 watt, 10%: MIL-R-11A: RC32GF221K     | 041-130                   |
| R114            | Same as R102  | 041-150                   |
| R115            | RESISTOR, fixed: wirewound, 10K ohms,<br>10 watts, 5%: Tru-ohm Part No. type FRL-10     | 043-128                   |
| R116            | Same as R111  | 041-178                   |
| R117            | RESISTOR, variable: 50K ohms, 1/4 watt,<br>20%: Centralab Part No. Model 2 (TRC-C1)     | 044-051                   |
| R118            | RESISTOR, fixed: axial, composition, 1 megohm,<br>1 watt, 10%: MIL-R-11A: RC32GF105K    | 041-182                   |
| R119            | Same as R103  | 041-166                   |
| R120            | RESISTOR, fixed: wirewound, 6 K ohms,<br>50 watts, 5%: Tru-ohm Part No. type FR-50      | 043-017                   |
| R121            | RESISTOR, fixed: axial, composition, .22 megohm,<br>1 watt, 10%: MIL-R-11A: RC32GF224K  | 041-174                   |
| R122            | RESISTOR, fixed: wirewound, 10 K ohms,<br>25 watts, 5%: Tru-ohm Part No. type FR-25     | 043-074                   |
| R123            | RESISTOR, fixed: wirewound, 600 ohms,<br>10 watts, 5%: Tru-ohm Part No. type FRL-10     | 043-108                   |
| R124            | Same as R115  | 043-128                   |
| R125            | RESISTOR, fixed: axial, composition, 10 ohms,<br>1 watt, 10%: MIL-R-11A: RC32GF101K     | 041-137                   |
| R126            | RESISTOR, variable: 10K ohms, 5 watts, 20%:<br>Centralab Part No. model V (TRC-C1)      | 044-024                   |

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| R201            | Same as R111   | 041-178                   |
| R202            | Same as R118   | 041-182                   |
| R203            | RESISTOR, fixed: wirewound, 1 K ohms,<br>1/2 watt, 1%: Ohmite Part No. type 832-S      | 043-193                   |
| R204            | RESISTOR, fixed: wirewound, .3 megohm,<br>1/2 watt, 1%: Ohmite Part No. type 832-S     | 043-192                   |
| R205            | RESISTOR, fixed: wirewound, .1 megohm,<br>1/2 watt, 1%: Ohmite Part No. type 832-S     | 043-190                   |
| R206            | Same as R118   | 041-182                   |
| R207            | RESISTOR, variable: 5K ohms, 1/4 watt, 20%:<br>Centralab Part No. model 2 (TPR-C4)     | 044-046                   |
| R208            | RESISTOR, fixed: axial, composition, 10 K ohms,<br>2 watts, 10%: MIL-R-11A: RC42GF103K | 041-213                   |
| R209            | RESISTOR, fixed: axial composition, 1 K ohms,<br>1 watt, 10%: MIL-R-11A: RC32GF102K    | 041-146                   |
| R210            | RESISTOR, fixed: axial, composition, .33 megohm,<br>1 watt, 10%: MIL-R-11A: RC32GF334K | 041-176                   |
| R211            | RESISTOR, fixed: wirewound, .1 megohm, 1/2 watt,<br>1%: Ohmite Part No. type 832-S     | 043-190                   |
| R212            | RESISTOR, fixed: axial, composition, 27K ohms,<br>1 watt, 10%: MIL-R-11A: RC32GF273K   | 041-163                   |
| R213            | RESISTOR, variable: .1 megohm, 1/4 watt, 20%:<br>Centralab Part No. model 2 (TPR-C1)   | 044-038                   |
| R214            | RESISTOR, fixed: axial, composition, 1.2 K ohms,<br>1 watt, 10%: MIL-R-11A: RC32GF122K | 041-147                   |
| R215            | RESISTOR, fixed: axial, composition, 33 K ohms,<br>1 watt, 10%: MIL-R-11A: RC32GF333K  | 041-164                   |
| R216            | Same as R208   | 041-213                   |

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| R217            | Same as R103   | 041-166                   |
| R218            | Same as R118   | 041-182                   |
| R219            | RESISTOR, fixed: wirewound, 10 K ohms,<br>5 watts, 5%: Tru-ohm Part No. type FRL-5     | 043-158                   |
| R220            | RESISTOR, fixed: axial, composition, 22 K ohms,<br>2 watts, 10%: MIL-R-11A: RC42GF223K | 041-216                   |
| R221            | Same as R118   | 041-182                   |
| R222            | Same as R209   | 041-146                   |
| R223            | Same as R118   | 041-182                   |
| T101            | TRANSFORMER: Input   | 3478-00                   |
| T102            | TRANSFORMER: Power   | 3477-00                   |
| T103            | OSCILLATOR COIL ASSEMBLY   | 512-00                    |
| C901            | CAPACITOR, mica: axial, .004 mfd, 500 vdcw,<br>5%: Elmenco Part No. type CM30          | 034-081                   |
| C902            | Same as C901   | 034-081                   |
| C903            | CAPACITOR, mica: axial, .0004 mfd, 500 vdcw,<br>Elmenco Part No. type CM20             | 034-058                   |
| C904            | Same as C903   | 034-058                   |
| R901            | Same as R103   | 041-166                   |
| R902            | Same as R103   | 041-166                   |
| R903            | Same as R125   | 041-137                   |
| R904            | Same as R125   | 041-137                   |
| T901            | COIL: Torroidal  | 1011-00                   |

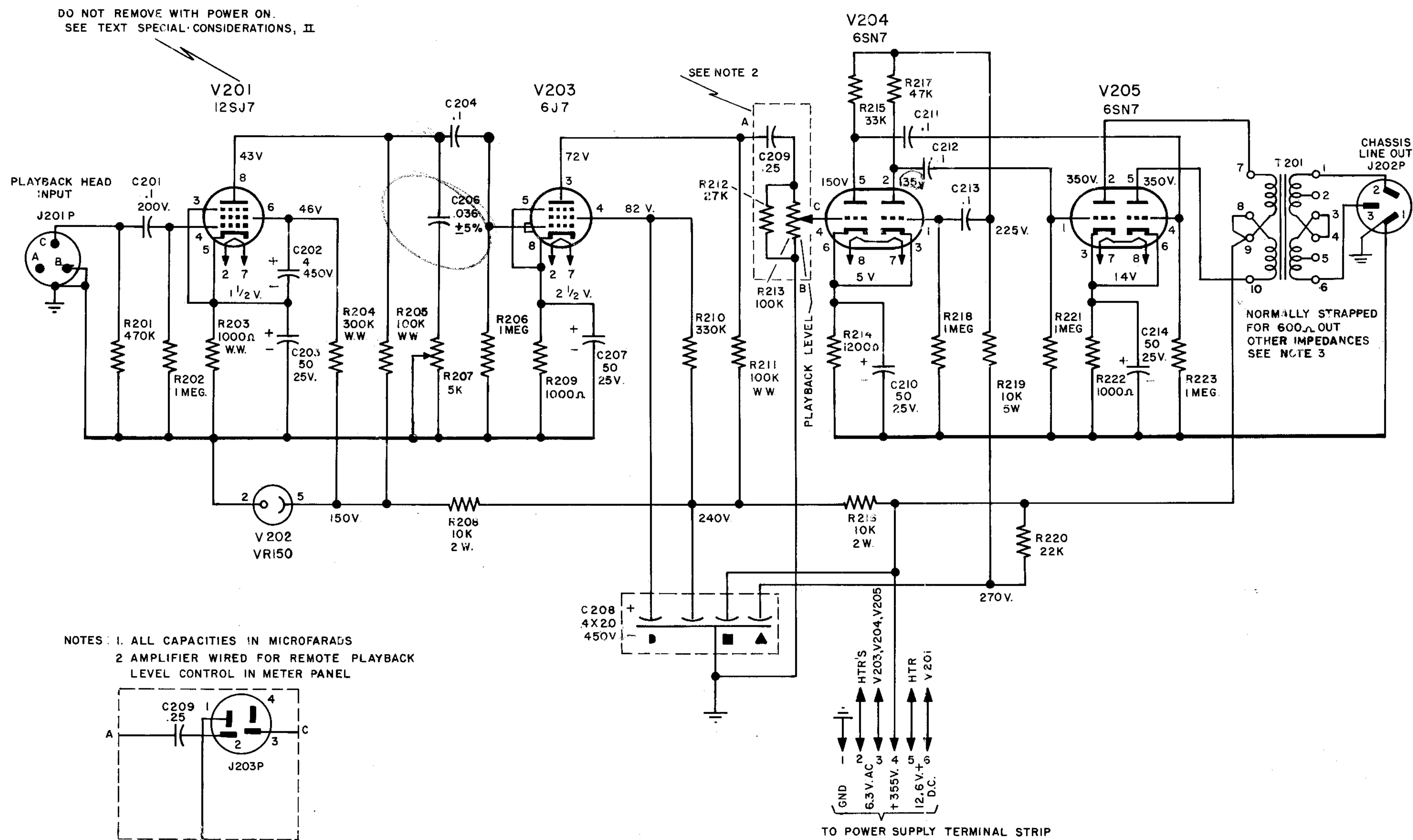
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| T201            | OUTPUT TRANSFORMER  | 6300-01                   |
| TS101           | TERMINAL STRIP: 8 terminal (double):<br>Cinch Part No. 8-170                        | 180-016                   |
| V101            | TUBE, electron: octal, 6C5:<br>R. C. A. Part No.                                    | 012-002                   |
| V102            | Same as V101  | 012-002                   |
| V103            | TUBE, electron: octal, 6SN7GTB:<br>R. C. A. Part No.                                | 012-061                   |
| V104            | TUBE, electron: octal, .5U4G:<br>R. C. A. Part No.                                  | 012-001                   |
| V105            | TUBE, electron: octal, 815:<br>R. C. A. Part No.                                    | 012-015                   |
| V201            | TUBE, electron: octal, 12SJ7:   | 012-087                   |
| V202            | TUBE, voltage regulator: octal, OD3, 150 vdc:<br>R. C. A. Part No.                  | 011-001                   |
| V203            | TUBE, electron: octal, 6J7:<br>R. C. A. Part No.                                    | 012-014                   |
| V204            | Same as V103  | 012-061                   |
| V205            | Same as V103  | 012-061                   |
|                 | DUMMY PLUG (power)  | 567-01                    |
|                 | SHAFT LOCK, nut: 1/4 inch shaft:<br>Millen Part No. 10061                           | 498-014                   |
|                 | SHIELD, tube (V101)   | 644-04                    |
|                 | SOCKET, capacitor, for twist-prong electrolytics:<br>Cinch Part No. 54A11899 or 2CT | 150-006                   |
|                 | SOCKET, octal (MIP): Amphenol Part No. 77-MIPS                                      | 150-001                   |

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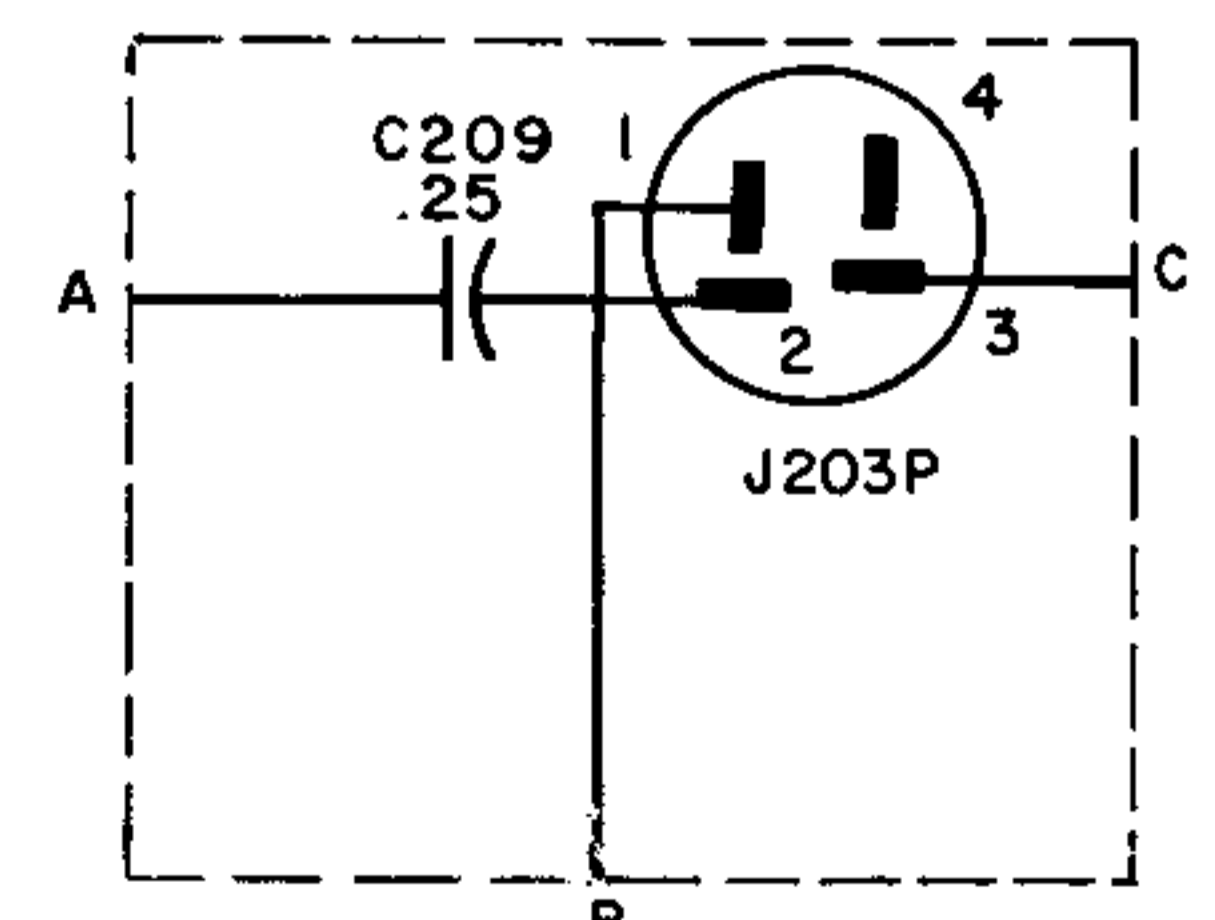
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| SOCKET, octal: shock mounted (V201 and V202)                    | 150-008 |
| CONNECTOR, plug: female, 3 contacts:<br>Cannon Part No. XL-3-11 | 144-003 |
| CONNECTOR, plug: male, 3 contacts:<br>Cannon Part No. XL-3-12   | 145-009 |
| CABLE, power: ac  | 084-005 |
| CABLE, interconnecting: power (rack and portable)               | 563-01  |
| CABLE, interconnecting: power (console)                         | 563-02  |
| 12 BAR-STROBOSTICKER  | 575-00  |



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REPRODUCE|AMPLIFIER AND  
BIAS AND ERASE OSCILLATOR  
ED 498-00**

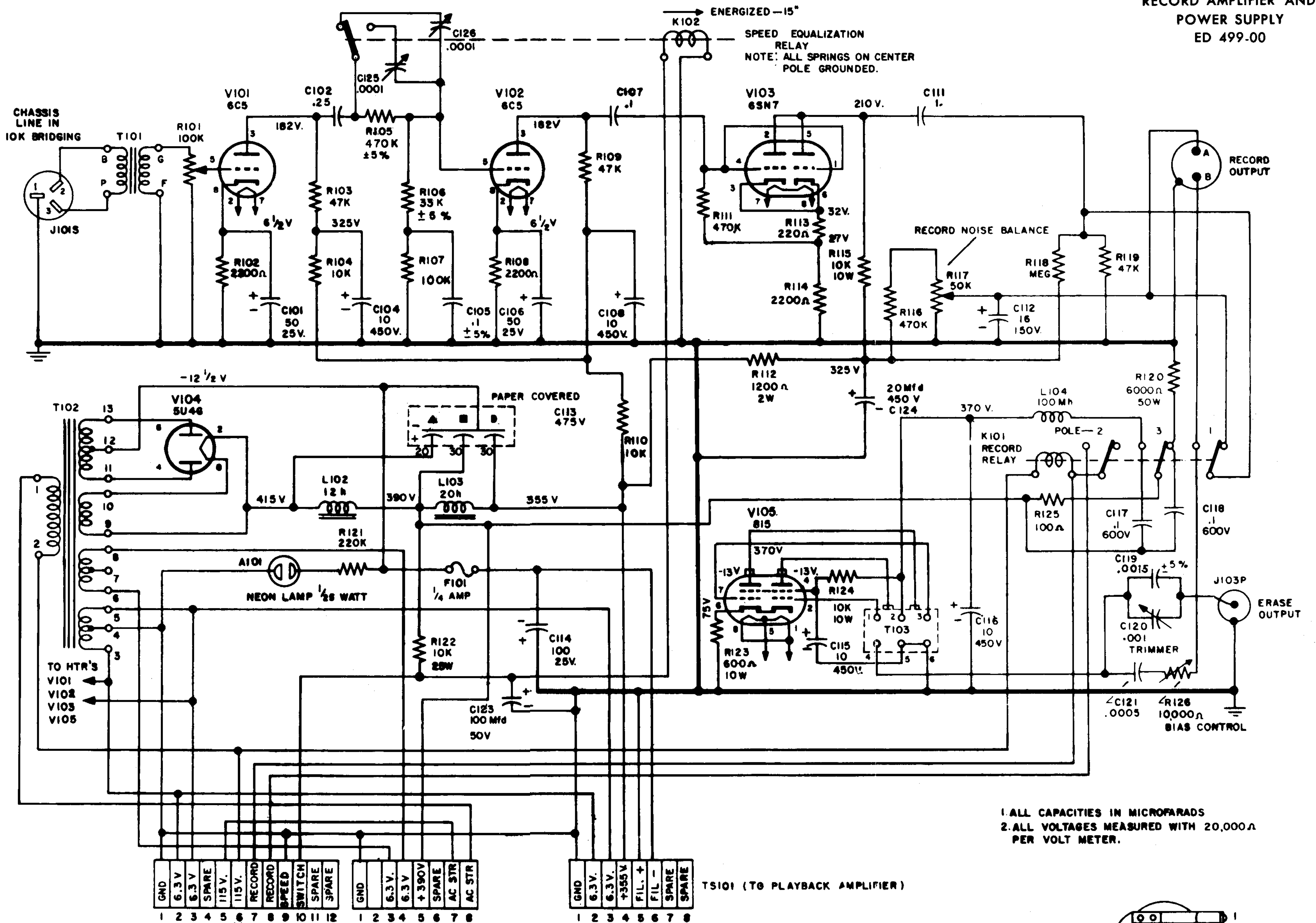


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2. AMPLIFIER WIRED FOR REMOTE PLAYBACK  
LEVEL CONTROL IN METER PANEL

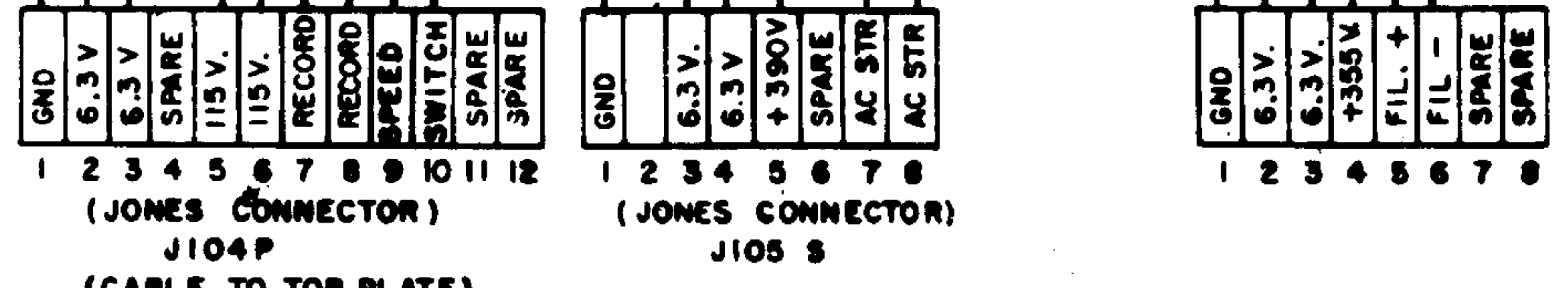


3. 600 OHMS CONNECT TO 1 & 6, JOIN 3 TO 4
- 333 OHMS CONNECT TO 1 & 5, JOIN 3 TO 4
- 250 OHMS CONNECT TO 1 & 6, JOIN 2 TO 3 (APPROX)
- 200 OHMS CONNECT TO 2 & 5, JOIN 3 TO 4
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- 50 OHMS CONNECT TO 2 & 4, JOIN 2 TO 3 & 4 TO 5

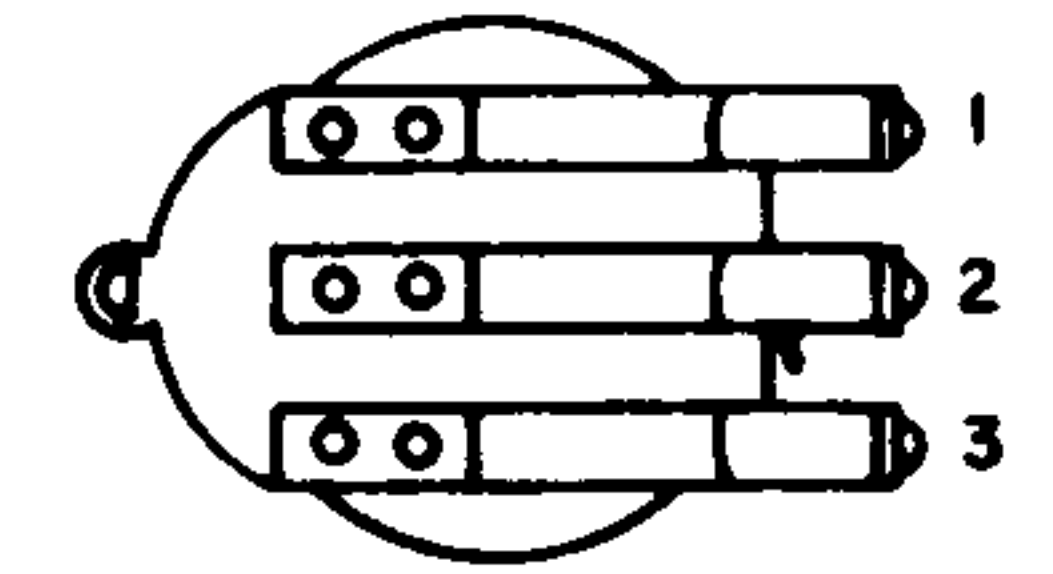
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RECORD AMPLIFIER AND  
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1. ALL CAPACITIES IN MICROFARADS  
2. ALL VOLTAGES MEASURED WITH 20,000Ω  
PER VOLT METER.



PLUG A-567 (WITH 1  
JUMPED TO 2 & 7  
JUMPED TO 8) MUST  
BE INSERTED IN ABSENCE  
OF MIXER PRE-AMP CABLE



RECORD RELAY POLE REFERENCE  
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