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OPERATOR'S MANUAL

ARGONAUT V
HF TRANSCEIVER
MODEL 516

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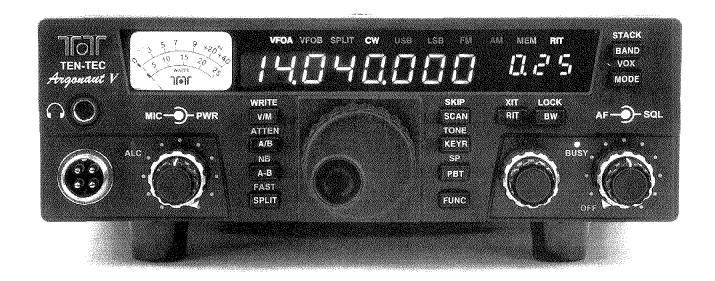
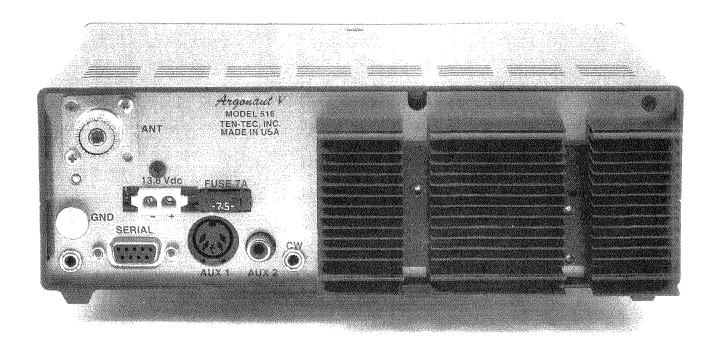


Photo 2 - 516 Rear View



SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL

FREQUENCY

Receive:

500 kHz - 30 MHz.

RANGE Transmit:

1.8-2.0, 3.5-4.0, 7.0-7.3, 10.1-10.15, 14.0-14.35,

[60M: 5.25 - 5.40

18.068-18.168, 21.0-21.45, 24.89-24.99, and 28.0-29.7 MHz.

MHz if allocated)

VFOs

Two independent "VFOs" for single or split frequency operation

TUNING STEPS

Selectable: 10 Hz or 1 kHz SSB & CW; 100 Hz & 5 kHz AM; 2.5 or 10 kHz FM

OFFSET TUNING

+/- 10 kHz on receiving and/or transmitting.

FREQUENCY

 \pm /- 20 PPM over 0 – 50°C temperature range.

STABILITY

+/- 3 PPM with TCXO option.

MODES

CW, LSB, USB, AM, FM.

INTERMEDIATE FREQUENCIES

Ist I-F 45 MHz, 2nd I-F 450 kHz, and 3rd I-F 14.5 kHz.

DISPLAY

7-segment green LEDs for main and secondary displays.

Green LED backlit annunciators.

OPERATING

TEMP. RANGE

0-50 degrees Centigrade.

MEMORIES

100 internal to 516. - Virtually any computer will store thousands of memories

when controlling the 516.

ANTENNA

50 ohms unbalanced, SWR <2:1. SO-239 connector.

IMPEDANCE

SUPPLY

12 - 14 VDC: 13.8 VDC nominal.

VOLTAGE

CURRENT

500-mA typical, receiver w/no signal. 6 A @ 20 watts transmitting.

REQUIRED 1.5 A @ 5 watts transmitting.

CONSTRUCTION

5 epoxy-glass PC boards, molded front panel, aluminum chassis, textured painted

steel top and bottom covers.

DIMENSIONS

HWD = 2.75" x 8.5" x 9.7"

(7 x 21.6 x 24.6 cm.)

Depth includes heat sink on rear panel. Add ½ " (13 mm) for optional fan

WEIGHT

5 lb. (2.2 kg.)

<u>TRANSMITTER</u>

RF OUTPUT

Adjustable 1-20 watts, ALC stabilized.

DUTY CYCLE

100% duty cycle for up to 10 minutes. Continuous duty with optional Model 308

fan cooling of amplifier heat sink.

MICROPHONE

4-pin front panel connector accepts 200 ohm to 50k ohm impedance microphones with 5 mV (-67 dB) output and provides DC polarizing

voltage (+9 V) for electret microphones.

LINE INPUT

100 mV p-p into 47k Ohms.

T/R SWITCHING

PTT on SSB, AM, and FM. OSK on CW.

CW OFFSET

DSP generated: programmable 400 to 1000 Hz. Sidetone automatically matches

offset.

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FM DEVIATION

5 kHz peak.

METERING

Selectable: Forward power 25W/5W, Reverse Power 25W, SWR 1.0:1 to 2.5:1,

and PA Current 0 - 9A.

SSB GENERATION

DSP implementation of Weaver method SSB.

SSB CARRIER

SUPPRESSION

> 50 dB.

UNWANTED

SIDEBAND

> 50 dB.

SUPPRESSION

HARMONIC & SPURIOUS OUTPUT

Better than 43 dB below 20W power output, >33 dB below 5W.

RECEIVER

SENSITIVITY

0.2 μV typical, 0.35 for 10 dB SINAD @ 2.4 kHz bandwidth, SSB & CW. AM: $0.9\mu V$ max. FM: 0.35 μV typical, 0.6 μV for 12 dB SINAD at 15 kHz

bandwidth.

SELECTIVITY

35 filters built-in with 1.5:1 or better shape factors (-6 to -60 dB) for CW, SSB, and AM: 200 - 900 Hz in 50 Hz steps, 900 to 2800 Hz in 100 Hz steps, 4 kHz, and 6 kHz. FM bandwidth is 15 kHz.

THIRD ORDER INTERCEPT

+4 dBm, typical. (20 kHz spacing, ARRL method).

SECOND ORDER

+66 dBm typical. (ARRL method)

INTERCEPT

NOISE FLOOR

-126 dBm @ 3 kHz bandwidth.

S-METER

calibrated to 50 μ V S9 standard.

ATTENUATOR

20 dB, selectable by operator

PASSBAND TUNING +/- 2.99 kHz.

I-F REJECTION>

60 dB typical.

IMAGE REJECTION

> 60 dB typical.

RECEIVE

1. -- +b--- 20 --- !--b-d:-- C

RECOVERY

TIME

less than 20 ms, including SPLIT mode.

AUDIO

Speaker: 1 watt @ 4 ohms.

Line out: > 1 V p-p into 600 ohms.

OVERVIEW OF THIS MANUAL

Chapter 1 of the manual is the introduction to the **Argonaut V** and guide to unpacking.

Chapter 2 contains the steps for getting Model 516 connected to your station right out of the box.

Chapter 3 is a detailed guide to Argonaut V controls that will help you take full advantage of the transceiver's capabilities.

Chapter 4 covers 516's theory of operation.

Chapter 5 is a troubleshooting guide, should you have difficulty with transceiver operation.

Chapter 6 contains the glossary of terms used in this manual. We recommend that you refer to it if you come across an unfamiliar descriptive term.

The schematics for Model 516 are in the appendix.

1. ARGONAUT V Model 516

1.1. INTRODUCTION

Ten-Tec's model 516 is a multi-mode HF transceiver with modern and versatile digital signal processing technology (IF-DSP). Its transmitter operates on all HF amateur bands, and the receiver has extended coverage from 500 kHz to 30 MHz.

Model 516 uses our IF DSP technology and RF circuitry, building on our years of engineering HF DSP receivers for government, commercial and amateur radio use.

516's "brain" is an Analog Devices™ AD2181 Digital Signal Processor (DSP). and control software DSP implements many functions formerly performed by dedicated signal and control components. Digital Signal Processing provides 516 with features that would otherwise be too expensive or impractical for amateur equipment in this price class. The extensive repertoire of filter bandwidths is an example of a feature that would be too costly and space consuming without DSP.

The transceiver features independent **VFO** A and VFO B registers, band-stacking registers (one per band), and 100 internal store memories. which frequency, bandwidth, split, and mode. Features Receiver and Transmitter include Incremental Tuning (RIT & XIT), an adjustable noise-blanker, CW sidetone and offset setting. There are distinct fast slow tuning rates SSB/CW/AM modes and for FM. SQUELCH works in all modes and Ten-Tec's renowned QSK CW is standard. If you have a computer with sound card and suitable software, a simple cable makes you ready for PSK31 and other digital modes of operation. See paragraph 3.5.

Model 516 can use standard or nonstandard frequency offsets for 10m **FM** repeater operation with selectable EIA subaudible tone encoding. We supply our model 701 PTT hand microphone as standard equipment.

Operating frequency appears with 10-hertz resolution on a large, bright main LED numeric display. A smaller **MULTI**, or *multipurpose* display, conveys mode-dependent settings for bandwidth, **RIT/XIT** encoder tone frequency, noise blanker setting, offset tuning, keyer and **VOX** menus. There is an electronic lock for the main tuning knob to prevent inadvertent frequency changes.

Argonaut V provides band scanning by either channel memory or tunable frequency limits. The Channel-Scanning mode allows the operator to exclude selected channels from the scan without removing them from memory. Band-Scan with all-mode squelch makes searching for activity as simple and convenient as HF conditions allow.

Argonaut V's frequency accuracy and stability (+/-20 parts/million) are easily adequate for most amateur radio purposes, but for those who need or desire more accuracy we make the transceiver available with a TCXO option on initial order. Accuracy with the TCXO is +/- 3 part per million.

When new bands or firmware upgrades are available, Ten-Tec operators can connect their Internet-capable computers to **www.rfsquared.com** and download the latest code file to the computer. The next step — connecting the radio to the computer with a standard serial cable and running the program per included instructions — updates the Flash Memory in **Argonaut V**.

The rear panel has connections for an audio modem, PC sound-card or similar equipment, a 9-pin RS-232 serial port for firmware upgrades or external control, an auxiliary DC power jack, and jacks for an external speaker (Ten-Tec 307B) and for a keyer.

Because Model 516 is a traditional front panel transceiver, all features and functions are available without need of computer skills and a computer. In keeping with modern trends and its Ten-Tec heritage, however, the 516 design offers a built-in capability for partial computer control. Using this mode, described later in this manual, makes most controls and functions accessible to your computer screen and controllable by third-party computer software.

1.2. UNPACKING

Examine the model 516 for signs of shipping damage. Should any damage be apparent, notify the delivering carrier immediately, stating the full extent of the damage.

Retain all damaged cartons. Liability for shipping damage rests with the carrier. It is recommended you keep the shipping carton and fillers in the event that storage, moving, or shipment becomes necessary.

The following hardware and accessories come standard with your **Argonaut V**. Make sure that you have not overlooked anything.

Qty	Part #	Description
1	#701	Hand Microphone
1	#27031	Mini-ATC Blade Fuse, 7.5A
1	#35057	4-pin Microphone Connector
1	#35163	1/8 in. Stereo Plug
1	#35165	2 Pin Power Connector Shell
1	#38040	.050 hex allen wrench
1	#38244	Microphone clip
2	#41020	Female Terminal Pins
1	#74020	Warranty Card
1	#74278	User's Manual
1	#86095	DC Power Cord

Table 1-1 Included Parts

Replacements for the 7.5-ampere Mini-ATC/ATO blade fuse are readily available in automotive parts stores. This fuse is <u>brown</u> to distinguish it from other values.

If any of the previous items are missing, contact the repair department at Ten-Tec for replacements:

E-mail	service@tentec.com
Repair Department	(865) 428-0364
Switchboard	(865) 453-7172
Facsimile	(865) 428-4483

1.3. ACCESSORIES

There are several Ten-Tec station accessory items suitable for use with **Argonaut V**. Contact the Ten-Tec sales department for pricing and availability information.

Part #	Description
#306	4-pin to 2-pin Power Supply Cable Adapter
#307B	External Speaker

#308	Fan Kit
#705	Desk Microphone
#937	+13.8 VDC, 11 Amp Power Supply
#46176	Cable, 5-pin DIN male to 4 color-coded phono plugs
#80573	2-pin DC Connector with pins

Table 1-2 Accessories for Argonaut V

2. INSTALLATION

2.1. POWERING UP ARGONAUT V

The transceiver requires a regulated DC power source for operation. Although Argonaut V operates from 12 to 14 VDC, we recommend 13.8 VDC. Maximum power drain is 6 amperes when transmitting at full power.

CAUTION: DO NOT CONNECT THE MODEL 516 DIRECTLY TO AC MAINS. DAMAGE WILL RESULT!

Use the provided power cable (Ten-Tec P/N 86067) to connect the DC power source to the 516. Observe correct polarity. While the model 516 is fuse and diode protected on the DC input, the warranty does not cover damage caused by reversed polarity connection to the radio.

We recommend Ten-Tec's 13.8 VDC, 11 amp power supply, Model 937, to power the unit from standard 120 VAC.

After connecting the power supply to 516, turn on the power supply. Always enable the power supply first, then turn on the 516. Rotate the black AF knob (at 516's far right) clockwise to turn the transceiver power on. NOTE: If the main display indicates FLASH when you turn the radio on without attempting a RESET, the processor has detected a problem with the stored firmware. You should first try performing a MASTER RESET, see below. If that still results in the FLASH indication, the next step is to get a new down load from www.tentec.com. If the FLASH indication should persist (very low probability) please contact Ten-Tec service per paragraph 1.2.

2.2. MASTER RESET

On rare occasions you may find the transceiver is operating in an erratic manner or it will not accept serial port commands properly. Spikes or surges on the power supply line or an unforeseen set of circumstances may confuse the This technology has microprocessor. improved dramatically in recent years but it is still possible to have an occasional 'glitch' or lock-up. If turning the power off and on does not resolve the problem, then perform a MASTER RESET. First, turn the transceiver power off for a few seconds. Press and hold the **FUNC** key. Turn power on while continuing to hold the **FUNC** key until the initial **display** (Fb 0.0190 or similar) changes to 14.000.000. Release the **FUNC** key. This operation will reset the radio to default factory settings without erasing the 100 stored channel memories.

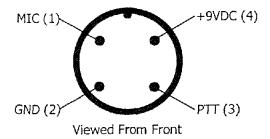
2.3. CHANNEL MEMORY RESET

The channel memory reset operation erases all programmed memories so you may want to write them down first. Turn the transceiver power off for a few seconds. Press and hold the V/M key. Turn power on while continuing to hold the V/M key until the initial display changes to the last tuned frequency before the reset. The channel memory reset operation does not change the state of the radio apart from erasing all channel memories.

2.4. FRONT PANEL CONNECTORS

There are two front panel connectors on the left side of the transceiver for connection of a microphone and for plugging in headphones. The headphone jack is usable with either stereo or mono

Figure 2-1 Microphone Wiring



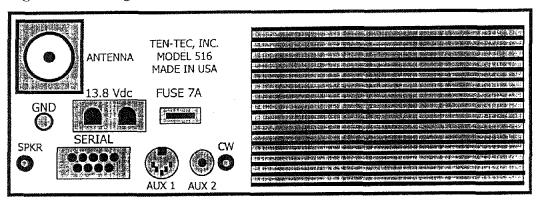
headphones. The front panel microphone jack is for a standard 4-pin MIC connector. The model 701 hand microphone we include has a connector pre-wired for the 516.

See Figure 2-1 for connections to the front panel microphone jack.

2.5. REAR PANEL

There are several connectors and one fuse accessible on the Argonaut V rear panel.

Figure 2-2 Argonaut V Rear Panel



CAUTION: The corners of the heatsink are SHARP

2.5.1. ANTENNA CONNECTOR

The transceiver provides a SO-239 HF antenna connector. The rated load impedance of the 516 is 25 to 100 ohms (i.e. up to a 2:1 SWR) for a typical 50 ohm unbalanced coax fed antenna.

For full rated performance, do not exceed an SWR of 2:1. **Argonaut V** reduces its RF output power for safe operation with greater load mismatches.

2.5.2. GND TERMINAL

This knurled screw provides for a wired connection from the 516 chassis to the station ground. An effective ground connection is important for electrical safety and may improve RF performance.

2.5.3. 13.8 Vdc

The power receptacle accepts Ten-Tec's standard #35165 2-pin DC connector or the #86067 power cord. Please check for proper *polarity*, *voltage*, and *current capacity* of the DC source <u>before</u> connecting it to the radio!

2.5.4. SERIAL PORT

This 9-pin connector functions as an RS-232C serial port. It provides a connection to an IBM-compatible personal computer for two purposes:

- Downloading a flash memory firmware update originating on the Internet and stored as a computer file (See section 2.6); and
- Controlling **Argonaut** V by computer software (see section 3.7).

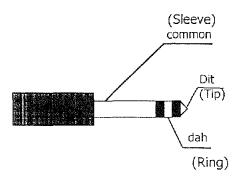
2.5.5. ACCESSORY CONNECTORS

The transceiver rear panel provides two 3.5-mm phone jacks, a DB9S receptacle, a 5-pin DIN jack, and a phono jack, for connections to accessory equipment.

2.5.6. CW (PTT) JACK

Use the CW jack to connect a key (or external keyer) for CW operation per Figure 2-3. This 3.5 mm phone jack can also serve as a PTT connection (a footswitch, for example) to key the radio in voice or data modes. The KEYR key can set this connection to accept input from keyer paddles for operation with Argonaut V's internal keyer. Use the Tip and Sleeve connections for an external keyer or a manual CW key.

Figure 2-3 Wiring for CW Paddle Plug



CAUTION Resist the temptation to use a ¼-inch-to-3.5 mm adapter in the CW jack or the SPKR jack. The length and rigidity of the adapter presents a mechanical strain to these jacks, and may damage the radio.

2.5.7. EXT SPKR

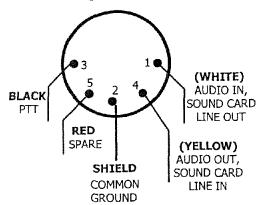
Use the 3.5-mm phone jack in the lower left-hand corner of the rear panel to connect an external speaker. One side of this speaker circuit is common with the radio chassis.

2.5.8. AUX 1 JACK

The AUX 1 jack connects "auxiliary input/output signals". This 5-pin DIN connector accommodates external transmit audio input (sound card line out), receive audio output (sound card line input), and keyline input, from a terminal node controller, computer sound card, or similar source. The nominal line input level for full SSB RF output is 2 volts peak-to-peak into 600 ohms. The nominal line output level is 150-mV p-p in 600 ohms, and is independent of the AF control setting on the front panel. Argonaut V is digital-ready with simple cables to AUX 1 - no interface box needed! The color notations in Figure 2-4 refer to Ten-Tec's optional #46176 cable.

Figure 2-4 AUX 1 Jack Wiring

Looking at Rear Panel



2.5.9. AUX 2 JACK

AUX 2 is a phono jack connected to 516's +13.8 volt DC power line. It can furnish as much as 0.5 amperes to external equipment.

2.6. Performing a Flash Update

Use your web browser to visit www.rfsquared.com and navigate to the "Get the latest for your Argonaut V" link.

Click on the link and follow the instructions to download the necessary files to a new directory on your computer.

Leave the Internet and bring up the file you downloaded.

Turn Argonaut V power OFF.

Use a standard 9-pin serial cable to connect a serial port on the computer to the **SERIAL** jack on the **Argonaut V**. Ensure that the serial port configured in the software and the connected port have the same COM port number.

Turn Argonaut V power ON while pressing the MODE key. Note that the main display says FLASH.

Execute the update program on your computer and wait for the computer to prompt that the update is complete.

3. TRANSCEIVER OPERATION

Argonaut V's front panel has 4 rotary controls and 12 keys. Two of the rotaries are dual-concentric potentiometers and two are incremental digital encoders. Eleven dual-purpose control keys and a function key, **FUNC**, provide access to the remaining control functions. Unless otherwise noted, 'press' means 'press and release' when this manual refers to front panel keys on the 516.

3.1. THE KNOBS

3.1.1. ON/OFF/AF/SQUELCH

The **ON/OFF** switch is at the counter-clockwise extreme of the black inner **AF** (volume) knob on the **AF/SQL** dual control.

The outer silver-colored ring controls the signal level below which the squelch function silences the receiver audio. Initially, the **SQL** ring should be fully counter-clockwise to open the squelch. The **BUSY** indicator (a green LED) lights when the squelch enables the receiver audio. Squelch functions in all modes and is most useful in **FM**.

3.1.2. MULTI-PURPOSE CONTROL

This is an unlabeled knob (rotary encoder) that adjusts many functions selected by 516's keys. The MULTI display indicates the present value of selected functions on key presses, and responds to changes made by rotating the MULTI knob.

3.1.3. MAIN TUNING KNOB

The large knob in the center of Argonaut V's panel controls Main Tuning via either VFO A or VFO B, per the operator's selection (see 3.2.13, below). There are

four tuning rates, with two (**FAS** = 10 kHz steps) & (**SLO** = 2.5 kHz steps) allocated to **FM**, and two (**FAS** = 1 kHz steps) & (**SLO** = 10 Hz steps) allocated to **CW**, **LSB**, **USB**, and **AM**.

3.1.4. MIC/PWR CONTROL

The outer (PWR) ring on this dual-control knob sets the transmitter output power by controlling the Automatic Level Control (ALC) set point. In LSB/USB or AM the operator should adjust the black inner knob until the green ALC LED just flashes on voice peaks. The MIC knob adjusts transmit audio gain in the microphone path. In this way it controls the modulation depth in AM and FM and the relation between speech peaks and RF power peaks in the SSB modes.

3.2. THE KEYS

3.2.1. FUNCTION KEY

FUNC is the bottom key in the column to the right of the **MULTI** knob. Each of the 11 other **Argonaut V** keys activates two distinct functions. The primary function is on the keycap and the secondary function is on the panel just above the key.

Pressing **FUNC** alternately displays the legend "**Func**" or clears it in the **MULTI** display. Pressing a key other than **FUNC** will cause a change in the frequency display, the **MODE** annunciator, or the **MULTI** display, depending on which key you press. If you press a control key when "**Func**" does not appear in the **MULTI** display, you are activating the primary function of a key. To activate the secondary function, be sure to press **FUNC** so that the **MULTI** display shows "**Func**" just before you press the control key. In either case, if the control function has an **ON/OFF** or adjustable setting, the

MULTI display shows its current value. Rotating **MULTI** then changes the value of the control setting. The action is specific to the key pressed.

3.2.2. BAND KEY

Pressing **BAND** steps **Argonaut** V's frequency to the last-used frequency in the next higher amateur band. Use repeated key presses to cycle through each of the bands in turn.

3.2.3. BAND STACK

Argonaut V has a band-stacking register for each band -- a very handy way for the operator to switch quickly between two frequencies on the same VFO. When you press **FUNC** + **BAND** the radio stores your current frequency in the stack register and tunes to the previous frequency you stacked in that amateur band. Pressing **FUNC** + **BAND** again causes the transceiver to return to the original frequency.

3.2.4. MODE

This transceiver offers five MODE settings: CW, LSB, USB, AM, and FM. Press MODE to step through the modes. An LED annunciator above the main frequency display shows which mode is currently active.

3.2.5, KEYER

The **KEYR** button and **MULTI** knob work together to control the internal electronic keyer adjustments, or to select an external key (**oFF**). **KEYR** works only when the **MODE** is **CW**

3.2.5.1. KEY/SPEED

The first press of **KEYR** brings up the keyer Speed menu on the **MULTI** display. Turning **MULTI** to a counterclockwise

extreme displays **oFF** to allow an external keying device in the **CW** jack. Adjust **MULTI** from **oFF** to **S_5** through **S_40**. These readings indicate keyer speed between 5 and 40 words per minute.

3.2.5.2. SIDETONE FREQUENCY & CW OFFSET

Pressing **KEYR** again after the **S**peed menu brings up the Frequency menu, which shows sidetone frequency and **CW** transmit offset at the same time. The **MULTI** knob provides a range from 400-Hertz (**F400**) to 1000-Hertz (**F999**) on the **MULTI** display.

3.2.5.3. SIDETONE LEVEL

The next **KEYR** press after the Frequency menu is the Level menu. The **MULTI** knob adjusts the audio mix level of **CW** sidetone, showing the setting as **L_0** through **L_9**.

3.2.5.4. CW WEIGHTING

Pressing **KEYR** after the **L**evel menu brings the ratio (weighting) menu to the **MULTI** display. The displayed ratio runs from **r_50** through **r150**. R100 is normal weighting

3.2.6. VOX

After the operator presses FUNC + MODE in AM, FM, LSB, or USB modes, the MULTI readout displays the "ON" or "OFF" status of VOX, controlled by the MULTI knob. Further presses of MODE step the MULTI display through the list of VOX functions: Gain displays as "Gn"; Antivox displays as "A"; and Hang displays as "H". While any of these functions is active, rotating MULTI in the appropriate direction increases or decreases the setting from 0 through 9.

3.2.7. VOX GAIN

This **VOX** function controls the sensitivity of the Voice Operated Transmit switch to audio level. Adjust it high enough to activate at a comfortable speaking level but low enough to avoid activating the transmitter with background noise.

3.2.8. ANTI-VOX

This function adjusts the **VOX** circuit to avoid activating the transmitter with audio from the speaker. Once set, it may require adjustment when there is a change in volume, microphone, speaker, or their relative placement.

3.2.9. VOX HANG/QSK DELAY

Because it is inconvenient to have the transmitter switch off between syllables, the operator adjusts the **VOX H**(ang) setting for the desired hold time. A proper setting will hold the transmitter on during normal speech, but will let it drop back to receive during pauses in speech. In **CW**, **VOX H**(ang) controls break-in delay.

3.2.9.1. VOX WITH THE 705 MICROPHONE

If you use the available Model 705 desk microphone and want to operate with voice-control with PEGASUS, JUPITER, or Argonaut V radios, you must set the switch in its base to VOX.

3.2.9.2. USING VOX IN DATA MODES

Some operators may choose to operate data modes such as PSK31 using **VOX** rather than RS232 CTS or DTR lines to control receive/transmit switching. While this method does have the advantage of omitting hookup of one more cable, please be aware that you will have to use a relatively low setting of

VOX Gain (see 3.2.7) and a relatively high level of Anti-VOX (see 3.2.8). Failure to adjust these carefully will result in rapid and uncontrolled RX/TX switching when you connect the soundcard or modem! We advise you to check these settings before you connect the sound card! The positive RX/TX control afforded by software that uses CTS or DTR for the keyline might be worth hooking up the RS232 cable.

3.2.10. BANDWIDTH

Pressing **BW** causes the **MULTI** display to show the current setting of DSP filter bandwidth, which controls the effective receiver selectivity. Now the MULTI knob controls the filter bandwidth setting. Widen receiver bandwidth by rotating MULTI clockwise, or narrow it by counter-clockwise rotation. Argonaut V has 35 sharp built-in DSP filters. For CW, LSB, USB, the selectable BW settings are 200 to 3000 Hertz in 50-Hertz steps and 1000 to 2800 Hertz in 100-Hertz steps. The AM range is 200 through 6000-Hertz because unlike CW and SSB, AM bandwidth is twice audio bandwidth. For FM, the bandwidth is always 15 kHz.

Argonaut V stores the **BW** settings for **CW** and **SSB** or **AM** separately so that changing mode can restore the proper bandwidth. Each amateur band has its own bandwidth and **MODE** memories so that returning to a previous band will bring back the last used bandwidths with associated modes.

3.2.11. LOCK

To prevent inadvertent movement of the main tuning knob from changing the 516's operating frequency, we provide an electronic **LOCK** to disable the knob. Press **FUNC** + **LOCK** to alternately

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enable or disable the knob. Simply try rotating the main Tuning knob to check whether **LOCK** is on.

3.2.12. RIT and XIT

Pressing RIT alternately enables and disables display of Receiver Incremental Tuning and MULTI's effect on it. RIT allows MULTI to move the receiver frequency as much as 9.99 kilohertz above or below the frequency indicated by the main display. The MULTI display shows the +/- offset with 10 Hertz RII does not affect the resolution. transmitted frequency. Argonaut V saves the RII setting through band changes and stores it during power off periods. When **RIT** is active, pressing the RIT key for more than a second will clear the RIT to 0.00.

Pressing **FUNC** + **XII** alternately enables and disables display of Transmitter function Incremental Tuning and MULTI's effect on it. XII allows MULTI to move the transmitter frequency as much as 9.99 kilohertz above or below the frequency indicated by the main display. The MULTI display shows the +/- offset with 10 Hertz resolution. FUNC + XII does not affect the receiver illuminated frequency. An annunciator (RIT) above the numeric displays shows the operator that either an RIT or XIII offset is active. When XII is active, pressing the RIT key for more than a second will clear the XIT to 0.00.

3.2.13. VFO/ MEMORY OPERATION

The transceiver frequency mode alternates between VFO operation and MEMORY operation with each successive press of V/M. In VFO operation, either VFO A or VFO B (as selected by the A/B key

below) controls the transceiver frequency. In **MEM**ORY operation, **MULTI** selects a memory channel from **01** to **100**, so that its stored frequency may control the transceiver frequency.

See paragraph 3.2.17 below which covers the special case of **SPLIT** frequency operation. An illuminated LED annunciator above the numeric displays shows the operator whether the **Argonaut** V is under control of **VFO A**, **VFO B**, or **MEM**

3.2.14. WRITE KEY

This key sequence has dual functions that depend on which state (VFO or MEM) the radio is in. In VFO mode, it is a "Store Frequency to Memory" key. In MEM mode, it is a "Recall Frequency from Memory" key.

3.2.14.1. WRITE in VFO MODE

Pressing **FUNC** + **WRITE** in VFO mode causes the **MULTI** display to show the last-used memory channel number and its contents. The **MULTI** knob enables scrolling through all memories to allow copying the active VFO frequency into an empty memory location, or you may overwrite the data in any memory location. A second **WRITE** press (without **FUNC**) actually executes the copy operation.

3.2.14.2. WRITE in MEMORY MODE

Pressing V/M to make MEM light in the annunciator row enables the operator to examine the contents of any memory, as selected with the MULTI knob. Pressing FUNC + WRITE while in MEM mode writes the current memory contents into the active VFO and returns the radio to VFO mode. This allows you to select a

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stored frequency and then tune around the recalled frequency with Main Tuning.

3,2,15, VFO A or B KEY

Successive presses of **A/B** switch the active VFO and the main display to the frequency contents of VFO A or VFO B. An illuminated LED annunciator above the numeric displays shows which VFO is currently active.

3,2,16, A-B KEY

Pressing A-B (read as A=B) copies the contents of the active VFO to the inactive VFO. This can be a handy shortcut for SPLIT operation. See 3.2.17.

3.2.17. SPLIT FREQUENCY KEY

The **SPLII** key enables operation of the receiver on one VFO and the transmitter on the other VFO. Pressing **SPLII** causes the currently active VFO to control the receiver and the currently inactive VFO to control the transmitter frequency.

For the usually small frequency splits within a band, it is convenient to start by pressing A-B to make the contents of the inactive VFO match those in the active one. Switch VFOs with A/B and set the transmit frequency, then press A/B again for the receive frequency and press SPLT. While transmitting, the display changes from the receive frequency to the transmit frequency.

Apart from its use in DX-chasing, this feature enables the user to access repeaters with non-standard frequency offsets. Simply tune one VFO to the input frequency and the other to the output frequency. You will receive on the active VFO and transmit on the other VFO.

The **SPLII** function will support crossband transceiving, but *not* crossband <u>OSK</u>.

3.2.18. (FUNC) FAST KEY

The key sequence **FUNC** + **FAST** toggles between the **Argonaut** V's "**FAS**" and "**SLO**" tuning rates, as they appear on the secondary readout. One pair of rates, 10 kHz and 2.5 kHz per step, pertains to tuning in **FM** and a slower pair, 1 kHz and 10 Hz per step, operates in all other modes.

3.2.19. (FUNC) NB KEY

The DSP noise blanker turns on and off with successive presses of **FUNC** + **NB**. While the **NB** key is active, the **MULTI** display shows the blanker threshold level. Turn it **off** or adjust it between **1** and **9** using the **MULTI** knob.

3.2.20. (FUNC) ATTN KEY

If you experience RF overload, usually evident by hearing noise or distortion that does not respond well to tuning, you should try pressing **FUNC** then **ATTN** for relief. This reduces the effect of a strong nearby signal on the signal you are tuning. The **Argonaut V** receiver design provides a switchable 20 dB RF attenuator to combat the effects of front-end overload. **FUNC** + **ATTN** toggles the attenuator on and off. Determine whether **ATTN** is on or off by pressing the key sequence and watching the S-meter.

3.2.21. (FUNC) SKIP KEY

FUNC + **SKIP** is an adjunct to the **MEMory SCAN** mode. The key sequence removes a memory channel from the **SCAN** list without actually removing the frequency from channel memory. This feature prevents a persistent signal from

impeding a scan, but allows retrieving the frequency by switching V/M to M (the annunciator for MEM lights) and bringing the channel to the display with the MULTI knob. SKIP has no effect on a frequency scan, where VFO A and VFO B define the scan limits.

3.2.22. (FUNC) TONE KEY

In FM (only), the key sequence FUNC + TONE turns 516's subaudible tone encoder on or oFF. While the encoder is on, the MULTI knob selects which EIA standard subaudible (CTCSS) tone is active when Argonaut V transmits.

3.2.23. KEYR KEY

KEYR operates in CW (only) to turn 516's internal CW automatic keyer on and off. When the MULTI display indicates "off" the rear panel CW jack accepts the tip and sleeve contacts of a 3.5-mm phone plug for a manual key or an external keyer. The "dah" side of a conventionally wired paddle (see Figure 2-3) will act as a "sideswiper" hand key when KEYR is "On" the display shows the "dah" weight as related to "3-dits" length and the MULTI knob controls that weight over a range of r_0.5 to r1.5.

3.2.24. (FUNC) SP KEY

FUNC + SP is another MODE dependent key function. In the voice modes, LSB, USB, AM, and FM, that key sequence enables MULTI to turn the speech processor "oFF" or set its level from 1 through 9.

3.2.25, PBT KEY

PBT shifts the receiver passband response in 10-Hertz steps without affecting the tuned frequency display. Use the

alternate-action key to turn **PBI** on and off. When it is on, the **MULTI** knob adjusts the shift over a range from **-2.99** to **+2.99** kHz and displays the value on the **MULTI** display. This is a valuable control, especially in a crowded band because it can "drop QRM off the side of the passband" without changing the pitch of the desired signal. Adjusting **PBI** can often improve the quality or intelligibility of a signal. Pressing and holding **PBI** will zero the display. Model 516 has no **PBI** annunciator.

3.2.26. Examining Some MULTI Settings.

In modes other than FM, you may have one or more MULTI-controlled functions (BW, RII, XIII, PBI, NB) set, but the MULTI display can show only one at a time. Provided that you are not in the middle of executing one of the secondary key functions to the left of the tuning knob, you can examine (or change) any of the above settings by pressing its key or keys.

3.3. Using Memory Channels

As you tune around the amateur bands or shortwave bands you are likely to find frequencies to which you would like to Amateur radio nets use their return. frequencies on a recurring basis, when those frequencies are not in use by other The Argonaut V receiver also stations. covers 0.5 to 30 MHz, a range that may provide many shortwave frequencies to visit periodically. To meet such needs, Ten-Tec makes 100 memory channels available to the operator. 516's memories retain VFO A & VFO B frequencies, MODE. condition, repeater SPLTT offsets, and CTCSS tones (on FM).

3.3.1. Switch to Memory Operation

Pressing the $\boxed{V/M}$ key to light the **MEM** annunciator activates the **MULTI** knob so that rotating it will address memory locations that hold receive and transmit frequency pairs to control the transceiver. Just after switching from **VFO A** or **VFO B** to **MEM**, there is no change in the primary display, but the **MULTI** display shows the number (from 1-100) of the next available (empty or "oldest") Memory location. At this point, the operator may either

(a) copy the information from both VFOs to a memory location; or (b) copy the memory information to the VFOs.

3.3.2. Storing a Frequency to Memory

When the main display holds a frequency you wish to store in memory, press **FUNC** + WRITE and the MULTI display shows the number of the last used storage location (1 - 100). You may either accept this location by again pressing **FUNC** + **WRITE**, or change the location by rotating **MULTI** first. An unused location displays a series of dashed lines ------ on the main display. **FUNC** + **WRITE** stores the frequency of the active VFO in the memory (along with current **MODE** and **BW**) at the displayed location. When Argonaut V is in FM, it stores repeater offsets and subaudible tones in use. 516's memory does not switching any bank organization by band or mode.

3.3.3. Recalling a Stored Frequency

You may recall a stored frequency from memory into either **VFO A** or **VFO B**. Use **A/B** to bring up the destination VFO.

Then press the V/M key to switch 516 from VFO to MEMory operation. With the MEM annunciator lit, the MULTI display shows the current location number and the main display shows the stored frequency, if any. Rotate MULTI until the desired memory frequency appears in the main display, then press FUNC + WRITE to copy it into the selected destination VFO.

3.3.4. Changing Memory Contents

With the main display showing the frequency you want to store, press **FUNC** + **WRITE**, and the **MULTI** readout displays the next available memory location. Rotate **MULTI** until the memory location that you wish to overwrite appears in the **MULTI** display, then press **WRITE** without **FUNC** to change the contents of the selected location to the current VFO frequency.

3.3.5. SCAN Key

Argonaut V's design features a **SCAN** key with **MEM**ory and **V**FO modes of scanning.

3.3.5.1. Scanning in Memory Mode

With the **V/M** key-pressed so that the annunciator shows **MEM**, press **SCAN** to start a **MEM**ory Scan. Argonaut V starts tuning the transceiver to each memory location in turn until the operator presses **SCAN** again.

If there is a signal above the **SQUELCH** threshold on a scanned channel, **Argonaut V** will hold that frequency until the signal drops below the threshold set by **SQUELCH**. To abandon scanning, press **SCAN** again. To reverse the direction of a scanning, rotate the **MULTI** knob.

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3.3.5.2. Skipping a Stored Frequency

To remove a memory location from the **SCAN** sequence without removing it from memory, set 516 to **MEM**ory mode with **V/M**, rotate **MULTI** to the memory location that you would omit from **SCAN**, and press **FUNC** + **SKIP**. To undo the **SKIP** operation, use **V/M** and **MULTI** to bring the skipped location to the display and press **FUNC** + **SKIP**.

3.3.5.3. Scanning in VFO Mode

To start a VFO **SCAN**, tune to a frequency with no signal present in the desired **SCAN** range and adjust the **SQL** control ring to just quiet the receiver noise. Then tune either **VFO A** or **VFO B** to the upper frequency of the desired **SCAN** range and tune the other VFO to the lower end of the desired frequency range. Press **SCAN** to begin scanning from the current VFO frequency to that of the inactive VFO. The radio will pause while at any frequency where the signal exceeds the squelch threshold. Press **SCAN** again to abandon scanning.

3.3.6. Reversing SCAN Direction or Stopping It

Pressing **SCAN**, **A/B**, or **V/M** keys will stop a scan, as will lowering the **SQL** level. While a **SCAN** is active, you can turn the **MULTI** knob to reverse direction of the scanning.

3.4. TRANSMITTER METERING

When Argonaut V transmits, the meter normally indicates power output to a 50-ohm load. The meter scale runs to 25W. Other transmitter metering ranges are available via front panel keys. For purposes of making measurements or external adjustments, the transmitter should be in CW and keyed steadily (press PTT in CW), but the transmit metering does function in all modes.

3.4.1. Low Power Range

To read power in the QRP range at 5 watts or lower, press **V/M** while transmitting. Reduce power first! The **0-25** watt scale becomes **0-5** watts, easily read by mentally doubling the scale indication and dividing by 10, or by noting that each meter tick becomes 1 watt. Un-keying the transmitter returns the scale to **25** watts.

3.4.2. Reflected Power Measurement

The Argonaut V meter indicates 0 – 25W reflected power when the operator presses A-B while transmitting. Reflected power, relative to output power, is a reliable indication of standing wave ratio. You will find that it is easier to make clear estimates of your antenna's SWR if you apply 10 watts or more in CW during the reflected power measurement. For any load at a single frequency, the ACTUAL SWR DOES NOT CHANGE with the applied power.

SWR as a function of Forward and Reflected Power

F	Forward Reflected Power - Watts										İ			
\	Watts	13		11				7						
	20	9.3	7.9	6.7	5.8	5.1	4.4	3.9	3.4	3.0	2.6	2.3	1.9	1.6
	15	28	18	12.9	9.9	7.9	6.4	5.3	4.4	3.7	3.1	2.6	2.2	1.7
	10						18	11.2	8	6	4.4	3.4	2.6	1.9
	5										18	8	4.4	2.6

Table 3-1 SWR from Power Meter

See Table 3-1 to interpret SWR from measurements of forward and reflected power.

Diode non-linearity and the granularity of signal-processing arithmetic limit the accuracy of power measurements at lower outputs. Without knowing the precise value of either reflected power or SWR, you can accurately adjust an antenna or its tuner for minimum reflected power to indicate a good match. Un-keying the transmitter returns the scale to **25** watts.

3.4.3. Power Amplifier Current

Pressing the $\boxed{\textbf{A/B}}$ key while transmitting converts the panel meter to read PA current. In this state, the range of 0-9 A on the S-meter indicates PA current in amperes. Un-keying the transmitter returns the scale to 25 watts.

3.4.4. Reading SWR from the Meter

Read moderate values of standing wave ratio by pressing **SPLIT** while transmitting. The Power scale on the meter now shows **SWR** from 1.0:1 (at 10) up to 2.5:1 (at 25). For greater mismatches, use the reflected power scale per **Table 3-1**.

3.5. Operation in Data Modes

3.5.1. Cooling for Continuous Duty

Argonaut V is well suited to operation in data modes that use LSB or USB in connection with an external modem, Terminal Node Controller, or computer This usually involves sound card. continuous-duty operation of transmitter. Natural convection cooling of the power amplifier heat sink suffices for CW and SSB modes with their lower duty cycles, and AM operation is power limited to five watts of carrier (=20W PEP). FM or data transmissions of more than a few minutes duration, however, may tax the ability of the heatsink to dissipate power amplifier heat and require forced air cooling of the heatsink. Ten-Tec strongly recommends the Model 308 Fan Kit option in such cases. Installation is quite simple. The Fan Kit slides onto the PA heatsink and the included cable plugs in to a connector inside Argonaut V. This option provides safe continuous duty operation at full power in all modes.

3.5.2. Connecting Sound Cards to Argonaut V

Argonaut V's interface design allows easy connection to standard PC sound cards and similar modem or TNC devices. The rear panel AUX 1 jack provides the proper line-level audio connections to the

receiver and transmitter circuits and pushto-talk line. We recommend our #46716 AUX 1 Jack cable (see Figure 2-4 Wiring) as an easy means of connecting the radio with the modem. The cable wiring accommodates the AUX 1 jack wiring on the radio and requires only a pair of male phono to mini-stereo plug cables to adapt it to the line input and output jacks on the sound card. It then remains only to adjust your sound-card levels using the Windows™ controls in the computer. Consult the web sites for software for further vour data information.

3.6. Operating in FM

FM presents a special case for several of Argonaut V's keys. BW, RIT, and PBT have no effect. XII shifts the transmit frequency to provide the standard 10-meter FM repeater offsets of -0.1, 0.0, and +0.1 MHz. FUNC + TONE provides standard EIA subaudible tones per 3.2.22.

3.7. Remote Control of Argonaut V

Model 516's RS-232 **SERIAL** connector and the design of its control firmware provide for control of most functions by serial commands. Ten-Tec publishes a Programmer's Manual for Argonaut V on www.rfsquared.com to facilitate the writing of remote control applications by third-party developers. The Argonaut V serial port and command set cannot control the functions of MIC gain, PWR setting, AF volume, and SQUELCH controls.

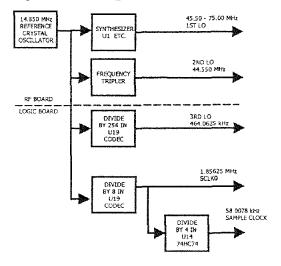
4. Theory of Operation – Argonaut V

Model 516 comprises five printed circuit board subassemblies interconnected as Figure 4-3 and Figure 4-4 show. These are:

- 81929 Logic Subassembly;
- 81930 RF Subassembly;
- 81931 PA Subassembly;
- 81932 Connector Subassembly; and
- 81935 Front Panel Subassembly.

The receiver, transmitter, input/output, and control functions span these boards as described below. A Reference Oscillator at 14.850 megahertz is the basis for all critical frequencies in Model 516. See Figure 4-1.

Figure 4-1 Frequency Relationship



4.1. Receiver Block Diagram.

See Figure 4-2 below. Receiver RF signal enters from the **ANT** jack on the PA Board via cable 15 and J1. It passes to the RF attenuator, R155, T17, and R156. In the normally closed position (3-4) of K1, the attenuator is out of the circuit. U8-2 controls the RF attenuator. Dual diodes, D19a & b through D24a & b switch one of six bandpass filters into the RF

amplifier input under control of U8. U8 reacts to a serial Data, Clock, and Enable1 stream from the Logic PWB via connector U4.

The signal passes via the R157 & C210 network and T18 to the RF amplifier proper, Q31-33, T19, and associated parts. L78, L79, and their capacitors form a low pass filter for suppression of spurious Networks such as R139 responses. through C165 protect the filter circuits from control signal noise and shape the diode switch response to those signals. O44 and O49 shift the logic level T (transmit switch) voltage from the Logic board to near +10V when the radio This "Buffered T" voltage transmits. powers the transmitter IF circuitry on sheet 3 of the RF Board schematic. Q50 dumps that voltage quickly when the processor commands "receive".

4.1.1. Schematic Sheet 2

The receive signal passes via a small pad at R218-220 to the Q20 & Q21 FET balanced mixer, which uses the first local oscillator (LO) to convert HF signals to the 45 MHz first intermediate frequency U10 shunts the mixer input to ground during transmit. R216 is a factory adjustment for mixer balance and should need no further attention for the life of the radio. A 45 MHz crystal filter with 20 kHz bandwidth limits the IF response of the following stages. Q24 is the first IF amplifier and the series-shunt PIN diode attenuator, D17 &18, is the automatic gain control element. During receive current from D16 and L55 forward biases D18 to lower its resistance to signals. At higher signal levels, current from Q18 via L54 pushes through D17 to R133, where the developed voltage reduces the current through D18, thereby reducing signal level to the following stages.

RX OUT to U7-5,6 On Logic Board TX DRIVER 035,37 028-30 T20...T23 etc. LOWPASS FILTER ६६६ 450 kHz ५५५ D10,13 MIXER D11,12 MIXER 2ND LO ▼ RECEIVE PATH - -D26,27 ALC ATTEN IF AMP, AGC to U7-2 ▼ TRANSMIT PATH -Q24, D17 IF AMP Q25 FL4 45 MHz BPF ggg FL3 45 MHz BPF 555 1st MIXER Q20,21 1ST LO RF AMP L78,79 etc. U6 MIXER LP. FL2 450 kHz ५५५ 031-33 8 ĭ 4 SERIAL CONTROL From Logic Board HALF-OCTAVE BANDPASS FILTERS RF ATTEN 7

Figure 4-2 Simplified Block Diagram - RF Subassembly

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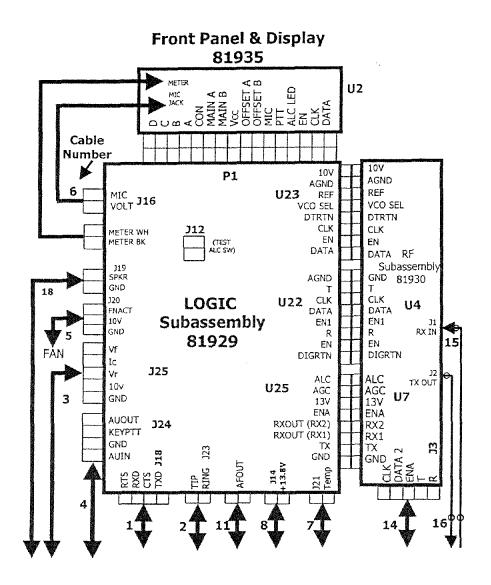


Figure 4-3 Argonaut V Interconnection - Sheet 1

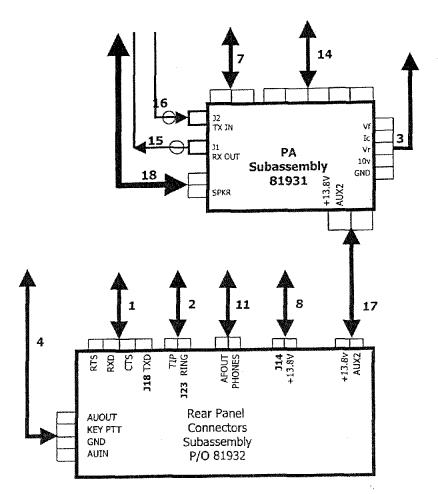


Figure 4-4 Argonaut V Interconnection – Sheet 2

Next in line for the received signal is the second mixer comprising T10, T7, and the diode quad formed by D11 &12. Fed by the 45 MHz first IF and the 44.55 MHz 2nd LO, the output to the Q22 2nd IF amplifier is at 450 kHz. The amplifier output, from a tap on the T5 tuned autotransformer, passes through ceramic bandpass filter, FL1, emitter-follower, Q30, and the Q28 & Q29 IF amplifier. R205 is a factory trim for IF gain.

T8 provides a balanced output to pins 5 & 6 of U7 to carry the 3rd IF signal to the logic board. The secondary winding

feeds AGC detector, Q17. R56, R54, and C115 set attack and decay time-constants and Q18 provides DC amplification, delivering the AGC voltage to L54 for D17, and to U7-2 for connection to the Logic Board. Q46 converts T-voltage to a 5-volt level for use on the Logic board, where it mutes the receiver 3rd mixer during transmit.

4.1.2. RX Operations on the Logic Board

Refer to Schematic Diagram, SCH-81929-sheet 2, for the analog section of the Logic Board. The receiver signal

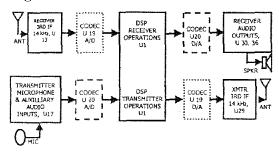
path continues with push-pull 2nd IF signals from U25-5, 6. This signal feeds U13, a triple SPDT analog switch with two poles wired as the 3rd mixer to convert the 450 kHz signal to 14 kHz 3rd IF. C57, C58, R42, and R43 form a balanced highpass filter to correct for (sin x)/x distortion, and they feed the IF signal to the analog-to-digital conversion section of Codec U19. R235 is a set-and-forget balance adjustment for the receiver 3rd mixer.

4.2. Codec Operation

At this point it is useful to explain how Argonaut V's two codecs, U19 and U20, work together to transport analog signals to DSP data and vice versa. Each codec comprises a 16-bit analog-to-digital converter (A/D), a 16-bit digital-to-analog converter (D/A), plus necessary timing logic. Together, the two codecs must handle four signal conversion paths in the transceiver, as Figure 4-5 shows:

- Receiver 3rd IF to digital data;
- DSP data to Receiver Audio;
- Transmitter Audio to DSP data;
- DSP data to Transmitter 3rd IF.

Figure 4-5 DSP Conversion Paths



The codecs accept the 14.850 MHz reference from the RF PWB (81930 sheet 4) and use it for internal conversion clock and shifting functions. They also divide it by 8 to produce the serial data bit-clock output, SCLK, at 1.85626 MHz. SCLK

from U19 drives the SCLK pin on the DSP (for serial data bit synchronization), and drives U14 (to generate the balanced 3rd LO for U12 and U13). See Figure 4-6

Figure 4-6 Codec Timing

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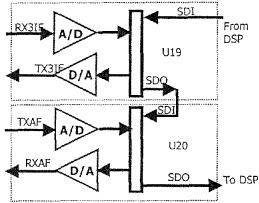
AGG G BTTS @ 1.85625 BTTS/SEC

TOTO: 32 BTTS @ 1.85625 BTTS/SEC

TOTO: 32 BTTS @ 1.85625 BTTS/SEC

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Figure 4-7 Codec data Paths



Timing within each codec allows its 16-bit A/D and D/A to share one 16-bit serial word in each codec. See Figure 4-7.

The word carries DSP data to the D/A and then the A/D loads the word with data for return to the CPU. The Serial Data Output Frame Sync (SDOFS) of each codec connects to the Serial Data Input Frame Sync (SDIFS) of the other. Connecting the serial data output of U19 to the serial data input of U20 concatenates two 16-bit codec words into one 32-bit word destined for the DR0 on the DSP via SDO on U20.

Digitized 3rd IF data leaves U19-17 (SDO) as 16 bits of a 32-bit serial stream bound for the processor via the second codec, U20. In U20, the A/D section produces 16 bits of digital data by digitizing the transmitter audio input and concatenates them with the IF data word from U19. The resulting 32-bit word

leaves U20-16 (SDO) as the DR0 signal to the DSP. The DSP DT0 output clocks 16 bits of digital data for the receiver audio output D/A in U20 followed by 16 bits of digital data for transmitter 3rd IF D/A in U19. The CPU maintains this high-speed serial data loop through both codecs by receiving Frame Sync, Clock and Data from the codecs and sending Frame Sync and Data to them. The data circulates around the loop in the time between ~58 kilohertz data converter sample pulses.

4.2.1. Conversion to Receiver Audio

Returning to the receiver operation, filtering and demodulation of receiver 3rd IF signals takes place in DSP. resulting data stream drives U20 as The D/A converted described above. receiver audio from one side of U20's balanced output feeds U36, an IC audio power amplifier having a DC-operated The amplifier volume control, R92b. output drives the tip and ring connections of headphone jack J11 through 100-ohm resistors. The normally closed contact feeds the internal speaker circuit at J19 via an RF filter at L2. The other side of the U20 output feeds amplifier, U30b. which supplies the auxiliary audio line output to the rear panel AUX 1 accessory connector via J24.

4.3. Transmitter Operation

The microphone audio from the front panel jack travels by internal cable to the Analog section of the Logic Board. R271 is an internal potentiometer that permits (infrequent) adjustment for different microphone models. It feeds U17a, which amplifies it by approximately 20 dB and applies it to the MIC gain control, R98b, on the front panel. The gain control

output and the audio line input from AUX 1 accessory connector via J24 feed U17b, a summing amplifier, whose output drives the V_{in}+ input to the A/D in U20. codec reference voltage biases U17 and the V_{in}- input of U20. U20 digital audio feeds the DSP as described above. Modulation of the audio to transmitter 3rd IF and signal filtering take place in DSP. The resulting IF data stream drives U19 as described above. The balanced IF signal from U19 drives switching mixer, U12, which also uses the 3rd LO from U14 to up-convert the 14 kHz signal to 2nd IF at 450 kHz. U29a converts the push-pull mixer output to a single ended signal that goes to the RF PWB via U25-7.

4.3.1. RF Board Tx Section

The transmitter 2nd IF signal enters the RF PWB via U7-7 on sheet 3, and drives ceramic bandpass filter FL2. Buffered-T control voltage from Q49 activates the following transmit signal chain only in transmit. Along with the 44.55 MHz 2nd LO from the PLL section (sheet 3) of the RF Board, the FL2 output feeds U6, the transmitter 2nd mixer IC. The result is transmitter 1st IF at 45 MHz. The T6 tuned transformer feeds FL3, a monolithic crystal bandpass filter. C122, C123, and L37 provide an impedance transformation to the gate of IF amplifier, Q25.

At the amplifier output, PIN diodes D26 and D27 form the automatic level control (ALC) attenuator. Zener diode, D30 supplies forward bias through D26 and R166, thereby providing a conductive path from Q25 through the low-pass filter at L80 and L82. Application of ALC voltage from the Logic Board via U7-1 forces current through D27, which bucks the DC from D26 and shunts some signal current through C216. Both these actions decrease the signal level through the L80, L82 filter to the transmitter 1st mixer, T13,

D10 & 13, and T4. R87 and C113 are balance adjustments for nulling local oscillator feed-through. The 1st mixer accepts 45 MHz IF and 46.8 to 75 MHz 1st LO to produce low level RF in the HF amateur bands.

At the input of amplifier, Q34, T15 converts the balanced mixer signal to single ended. T23 matches Q34 to the low pass filter between C233 & C236. From the filter output, T20 feeds the base of Pre-driver, Q35. During transmit Buffered-T control voltage from Q49 (sheet 1) turns on switch O39 that, in turn, activates bias regulator Q40. Collector current from O40 biases O35 via R180. O35's collector current flows through R179, reducing Q40 base current. The result is bias current regulation of Q35. C220 and R170 provide RF feedback from T21 to Q35 base. Q35 collector drives O37 via T21 and C210.

The Buffered-T voltage also activates the Q36 bias regulator for the RF driver Q37, which operates in a manner similar to the earlier bias regulator. Q37 drives transmitter RF to the Power Amplifier board via T22, C224, and J2. The R173, R174, and C222 network provides RF feedback from T22 via coupling capacitor C223 to Q37 base.

4.4. RF Board Local Oscillator Section

Argonaut V requires two fixed frequency local oscillators and one synthesized variable frequency source to accomplish three stages of frequency conversion from RF to audio and vice versa. Ouartz crystal Y1 and U1, on sheet 4 of the RF Board schematic, provide an accurate and stable 14.850-megahertz source as the frequency reference for all three LOs. When Ten-Tec supplies the RF Board with the optional Temperature-Compensated-Crystal-Oscillator (TCXO)

for exceptional stability, we replace Y1, R12, C1, & C2 with U9.

4.4.1. Reference and 3rd LO

A buffered 14.850 MHz signal from the REF pin of U1 drives a tuned amplifier at Q27 and a low pass filter between L47 and C142 to supply the reference signal to connector U2-3. This connector mates with U23-3 on the Logic board, where digital dividers in U19 and U14 divide the reference frequency by 32 to produce the 3rd LO at 464.0625 kHz for use in U12 & U13 mixers, described in paragraph 4.2.1 above.

4.4.2. 2nd Local Oscillator

The REF pin on U1 also drives tripler Q9 and the low pass filter between C261 and C262 to produce the 2nd LO at 44.550 MHz. This signal feeds both of **Argonaut V**'s second mixers (on sheet 3) at T7 and U6, previously discussed.

4.4.3. First LO Synthesizer

The synthesized 45.5 to 75 MHz 1st LO originates in the voltage-controlled-oscillator (VCO) at Q5. L4, L5, and the four varactor diodes, D38 through D40 comprise the tuned circuit for frequencies above 54.9 MHz, which corresponds to HF below 9.9 MHz. Below that point, a VCO Select line from the Logic board switches in C252 to allow steering the VCO down to 45.5 MHz so that 516 can tune down to 500 kHz. Q41, Q42, and C244 act as a capacitance–multiplier to suppress noise on the VCO power supply.

To attain and preserve isolation of the VCO from its loads, the oscillator operates as a cascode circuit with grounded-base buffers Q4 and Q7. Q4 supplies the VCO sample to the f_{in} pin of phase locked loop (PLL) IC, U1, via the L7 filter. U1 internally divides the

reference frequency down to 2.5 kHz, the PLL tuning step size. Pins 6, 7, & 8 of connector, U7, convey a Clock, a Serial Data stream, and an Enable strobe to U1. The Data stream carries a binary number that sets U1's programmable divider so that it will divide the VCO frequency down to 2.5 kHz when the VCO is within 2.5 kHz of the desired operating frequency. The DSP tunes a complex mixer in software to tune in between 2.5 kHz steps.

The PLL IC drives the charge-pump circuit at Q1, Q3, Q6, and associated parts via the emitters of Q3 and Q6. When the VCO frequency is higher than the required 2.5 kHz step, U1's ϕ V pin sends negative-going pulses to Q6. This causes Q6 to remove some charge from the loop filter capacitors, C20 & C18, lowering the voltage on the varactor diodes and steering the VCO lower in frequency until its divided down sample at the U1 f_{in} pin matches the 2.5 kHz internal reference in frequency and phase.

Conversely, when the divided-down VCO sample frequency is lower than 2.5 kHz, the U1 ϕ R pin pulls current pulses from Q3's emitter. The charge pump adds charge to the loop filter capacitors, raising the voltage on the VCO-steering line and therefore raising the VCO frequency. This action continues until the divided VCO sample matches the 2.5 kHz internal reference in frequency and phase.

Within the PLL IC, its frequency and phase detector circuitry regulates the occurrence and width of the ϕV and ϕR pulses from wide when the VCO is well off the desired frequency to very narrow (or missing) when it is phase-locked to the reference. Because all three frequency conversion oscillators in the transceiver derive from the reference frequency, the operating frequency is as accurate and

stable as the reference source. The Y1 crystal suffices for all ordinary amateur radio uses, but Ten-Tec offers a higher accuracy TCXO for more demanding applications.

4.5. Transmitter Power Amplifier

Refer to Sheet 1 of SCH-81931 for an overall schematic of the 516 Power Amplifier and I/O board schematic. The push-pull driver and amplifier details appear on Sheet 2. The T-voltage, acting through the parallel resistors R62- R90, forward biases D4 to supply base bias to Q4 and Q5 which receive RF drive from the RF Board via cable 16, J2, and T1. R42, R43, C6, & C21 provide local RF feedback and T3 drives the bases of Q2 & Q3 in the final amplifier.

As in the case of the driver, the T voltage activates base bias for the final amplifier. On Sheet 4, D2 and D3, thermally coupled to the PA heatsink, form a temperature-compensated shunt regulator, buffered by Q1. R63 is the PA bias adjustment. L4 and L5 deliver the bias current to the PA bases and R49 through R51 and associated DC-blocking capacitors provide local RF feedback to that stage.

4.5.1. Band Filters

Amplified RF output feeds an array of diode input switches to the band-switched output filters. The amplified RF also drives voltage tripler D5 through D7 to develop a negative blocking voltage (about -150V at full output) for all unselected filters.

There are seven low-pass output filters to serve the ten amateur bands (counting a possible 60-meter allocation) and seven identical switching circuits serve them, so it is enough to describe one of these in

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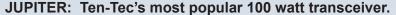




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Band selection originates some detail. response to with processor's operator's key press. The processor sends a new frequency to the phase-locked local oscillator synthesizer on the RF Board, and sends a band selection word via the Clock, Serial Data, and Enable pins of S6 on the PA Board, Sheet 4. Serial-toparallel driver IC, U2, latches the word onto the output pins of U2 (labeled A through G). When the tuned frequency is outside an amateur band, all seven U2 output bits will be high.

4.5.2. Band Filter Example

Looking at the 30-meter filter as an example, negative voltage at R32 reverse-biases D20 and D21, effectively removing that filter from the circuit. D19 and Q19 form a level shifter to cut off conduction in Q10, which would otherwise forward bias D20 and D19 by applying current from the T voltage source through them. L35, L37 and the 10 paralleled chip resistors provide a return path for switching diode currents on the "band input" line, while L33, L34, and the 20 paralleled resistors, R99 through R117 perform that function for the "band output line.

When the operator has selected a frequency within amateur band limits, the U2 output bit for that band will be at a logic low level. Again we use the 30meter circuit as an example, but consider that band selected. The C bit from U2 is low and the other six outputs are high. The low level at D19 anode causes Q19 and Q11 to conduct, pushing current from the T voltage through L16, L17, and L18 to switch on D20 and D21. The 30-meter filter is now connected between the PA RF transformer and the output circuit. Tvoltage switches on Q16 (Sheet 5) to overcome the negative voltage at D13 and turn it on. Connecting the filter through

directional coupler, T4, to the antenna jack.

4.5.3. Receiver Clamp

Model 516 connects the **ANT**enna jack to the receiver circuitry via the bipolar diode clamp on Sheet 5 of the PA schematic. R8 and R9 bias catch-diodes D11 and D12 so that peak signal excursion at their junction point cannot exceed either +5 or -5 volts with respect to chassis ground.

4.5.4. Amplifier Sensors

At the directional coupler, D35 develops a voltage representing forward power and D34 develops the reflected power signal. PA collector current flow causes a small voltage drop in R64 (Sheet 3) and the opamp and buffer, U1 and Q6, translate the drop to a ground referenced Ic voltage for the RF power control circuitry on the Analog section of the Logic board schematic. The processor cuts back ALC voltage when collector current approaches 6.5 amperes. Connector, S11, (Sheet 5) supplies Vf, Vr, and Ic, to the Logic board and receives regulated 10 volts from it.

Temperature sensor D9, thermally coupled to the PA heat sink, has a terminal voltage of 10 mV per degree Kelvin. At room temperature, the voltage fed back to the A/D converter on the Logic Board is 2.93 VDC. When the heat sink temperature reaches 60° C, the sensor voltage has risen to 3.33 V, and the processor starts cutting back the PA forward power by sending a suitable DC level to the transmitter ALC circuit.

4.5.5. AUX 2 switch

Q8 is the power switch for the 13.8 VDC line to the **AUX2** jack on the Argonaut V rear panel. Base current for Q8 comes from Q7, which draws current only when the transceiver's +10 VDC regulator gets

power from the power switch at the counterclockwise extreme of the **AF** control. Consequently, **AUX 2** supplies current for accessories only when the operator turns the transceiver **ON**.

4.5.6. Connector Subassembly 81932

This small but essential board appears on Sheet 5 of the PA schematic simply because it starts out as a snap-off part of the bare PA printed wiring board. Its function is to collect cables from their sources on the major boards and connect them to the SPKR, SERIAL, AUX 1, AUX 2, and CW jacks on the Argonaut V rear panel.

4.6. SCHEMATIC DIAGRAMS

The following schematic diagrams document the electronic design of Model 516 circuit boards:

- 81929 Logic Subassembly;
- 81930 RF Subassembly;
- 81931 PA Subassembly;
- 81932 Connector Subassembly; and
- 81935 Front Panel Subassembly.

The schematic diagrams are in the rear of this manual.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

While we cannot cover every possible problem, here are hints for dealing with some potential difficulties.

5.1. Check the Obvious!

- Is DC power okay?
- Check power supply, cable and connector(s).
- Is 7.5 ampere fuse loose or missing?
- Are there antenna problems?
- Is the proper antenna connected?
- Is any external antenna switch or tuner connected and properly set?

Control Settings?

Have you double-checked **Argonaut V**'s many control settings for your intended mode of operation?

5.2. Reset the Processor. See paragraph 2.2. We have learned that **RESET** can cure a multitude of "glitches" in a few seconds.

5.3. No Audio from Receiver

Frequency controls act normally;

S-meter seems to be reacting to signals.

- Receiver squelched? Check setting of SQL knob.
- Check setting of AF gain control.
- Try a set of headphones in case the speaker has failed.
- Check inside the cabinet for cable connectors that may have loosened in shipment or rough handling.

5.4. Symptom: distorted SSB

Be certain the ALC is set properly in accordance with paragraph 3.1.4. The

ALC LED should flash briefly on voice peaks.

A frequent cause of a distorted SSB signal is inadequate RF grounding resulting in feedback. Common RF grounding problems are:

- No ground connection: or
- Too long a lead to a good ground.

Another potential cause of distorted SSB arises when the station is in the near field of the antenna. This is a problem many apartment dwellers face.

5.5. Diagnosing RF feedback problems

Every amateur station should have access to a well-shielded 50-ohm dummy load. Start troubleshooting by disconnecting all RF accessory equipment from the transceiver output. Likewise disconnect all accessories from other radio connectors, leaving only the microphone. Be certain your microphone cable is well shielded. Connect the dummy load to the ANT receptacle with a short coaxial cable.

A nearby HF receiver (or a local ham friend's station) will likely have little trouble hearing your very low power RF signal when you transmit 20 watts into the dummy load. If the distortion problem does *not* disappear under these conditions, your rig may well have a problem and you should call Ten-Tec's service department. If the problem goes away, as is likely, you can begin the process of re-connecting accessories one-at-a-time to isolate the problem.

5.6. RF Grounding

Many problems relate to the lack of an RF station ground, as contrasted with a safety ground connection. We recommend bonding all equipment chassis together with short heavy metal braid or strap.

Make these connections from chassis ground lug to chassis ground lug and connect the last piece in the chain feeding the antenna to a good earth ground. This lead needs to be as short as possible. Lengths near 1/4 wavelength on any band used can be particularly troublesome when the far end is connected to earth.

Ten-Tec recommends following the good advice in the ARRL Handbook for dealing with RF grounds and safety grounds.

5.7. NO RECEIVER, BUT Argonaut V TRANSMITS

Check the PBT setting or turn it off. It may be set outside the passband.

Disconnect any external equipment that might be pulling the PTT line to ground.

Is the internal KEYER enabled with a **mono** plug in the **KEY** jack? That would cause a constant stream of dits when you apply power.

Check settings of the SQL, AF, and RF controls.

5.8. No operation in VOX

Check for normal voice operation without VOX to rule out a microphone or cable failure.

Check the PTT/VOX switch on the bottom of the Model 705 microphone if you are using one.

Check **Argonaut V's MULTI** display to see if the items for VOX are active and set properly. If any of the three settings is at zero, VOX will not operate.

5.9. When All Else Fails...

If the measures above do not fix the problem, please consult with our service department.

6. Glossary and Index.

The definitions given here are specific to the use of these terms in the Argonaut V manual, and may not be precise in some other context. Many of these definitions use *italicized* terms defined elsewhere in the list. We recommend the ARRL <u>Handbook for Radio Amateurs</u> as a more general authority.

6.1. A

3rd IF That portion of Argonaut V which operates at a center frequency of 14 kHz to make *DSP* easier and more effective. p.21

60-Meters The proposed new amateur frequency band allocation (pending FCC approval) at 5.25 - 5.40 MHz. p 25

The 516 button which switches between the **VFO-A** and **VFO-B** frequency controls.

A/D Analog signal to Digital signal conversion device. p 22

AC MAINS The usual 110 - 120 volt power circuits in American homes. Keep them out of the Model 516 Transceiver!

AF knob. Ten-Tee's name for the volume control on a communications radio. $p\ 4$

ALC Automatic Level Control, a circuit that holds the transmitter RF level fairly constant despite changes in circuit gain from band to band. p v

Alternate-Action Key A control button which has two distinct effects (such as VFO A & VFO B) and activates each of them with every-other push. p 17

AM Amplitude Modulation, comprising both sidebands and a carrier, p 1

Analog The type of circuit which operates on signals whose strength can take on any value in a continuous range. See also "digital".

Annunciator An Argonaut V indicator formed by words selectively illuminated by *LEDs* to indicate a particular state of operation.

p v

ANTI VOX A circuit function designed to prevent audio from the foudspeaker from activating the VOX function. p.9

Argonaut V Ten-Tec's name for the Model 516 transceiver.

Attenuator A circuit device which reduces the signal strength by a designed amount. Used in Model 516 to prevent receiver overload by extremely strong signals. p vi

ATTN The control key that switches Argonaut V's attemator in and out of the circuit. p 12

Automatic Gain Control See AGC. p 20

Automatic Keyer A device internal to Model 516 which responds to input from an operator's manual switch (paddle) to form the "dits" and "dahs" of Morse Code in a uniformly-generated manner.

p 13

Auxiliary DC Argonaut V's AUX 2 rear panel "convenience-outlet" for supplying DC power, controlled by the radio's switch, to station accessories. p 7

6.2. B

Balanced Mixer A frequency-conversion device which suppresses unwanted RF or LO signals from its IF output by way of signal cancellation. p 20

Balanced Output Characteristic of a circuit which has two terminals exhibiting equal and opposite voltages with respect to a reference (usually ground). p 20

Band Scanning Argonaut V's function that permits searching for signals by having the radio tune automatically between defined limits. p I

Bandpass Filters Circuits, usually composed of inductors and capacitors, that pass a continuous range of frequencies while rejecting frequencies outside a defined range. p 20

Band-Stacking Registers Model 516's convenient means of rapidly moving the radio between two frequencies in an amateur band without changing the VFOs. p 1,9

Bandwidth The width of a continuous range of frequencies occupied by a signal or limited by a radio circuit, p vi

Buffered-T Voltage An amplified- to-10-volts version of Argonaut V's T-control (5V transmitter control) voltage used to activate the transmitting circuits based on the state of the *PTT* line.

p 20

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BW See Bandwidth. Model 516's control key that selects bandwidth. p 10

6.3. C

Cascode A form of bias sharing and signal coupling between a grounded-emitter and a grounded-base amplifier stage, used to provide load isolation in critical circuits. $p \cdot 24$

Channel Memory A memory location that stores frequency, mode, BW, and SPLIT information for later use. p 1

Charge A quantity of electrons that form an electric current when they move. p 25

Charge-Pump In a frequency synthesizer, a form of loop-filter that supplies a signal indicating the sense of frequency offset and proportional to the amount of offset from the reference frequency.

p 25

Codec Coder/Decoder, a device or integrated circuit that performs A/D and D/A signal conversion. p 22

concatenates Attaches, or appends, so as to make a single larger digital word out of two smaller words. $p \cdot 22$

correct polarity Connect positive-to-positive (usually red) and negative to negative (usually black) p 4

CTCSS Continuous Tone-Coded Squelch System adds a subaudible tone between 66 and 254 Hertzto the FM voice signal to reduce unintentional interference to repeater inputs. p 13

CW Continuous Wave, a former distinction between electronically generated constant-amplitude radio signals and the damped oscillations of earlier spark-driven systems. Now refers to Morse code telegraphy signals. p 1

6.4. D

Data Modes Any of several signaling methods that use digital content to modulate analog audio signals driving a single sideband transmitter. Examples include PSK31, Pactor, MFSK16, and Hellschreiber. p 6

DB9S An industry-standard 9-pin female jack commonly employed as an RS-232 serial port connector on terminals, modems, and Ten-Tec radios. p6

Decay Refers to the action of an AGC circuit when an input signal diminishes in amplitude from a level which caused AGC to reduce gain. p 21

DELAY Abreviation for "VOX DELAY" which characterizes the time period in which a VOX circuit holds the radio in

transmit after apparent cessation of speech. p10

Demodulation The process of separating the modulating content of a signal from its RF carrier and delivering the information to a device which transforms it to human or machine readable information.

p 23

Destination VFO. The frequency controlling register in a modern radio that accepts frequency information previously stored in *channel memory*. p 14

Digital Modes Another name for "Data Modes".

Digital Signal Processing Technology The engineering technique of manpulating signals as digital number samples in a computer. In modern transceivers this requires two-way signal conversions between analog and digital forms. p 1

DIN Jack A round multi-pin connector design standardized by Deutsche Industrie Norm in Europe. Ten-Tec radios use this connector type to interface external accessory equipment, e.g. modems, to the receiver and transmitter audio and keying circuits. p 6

Diode Clamp A circuit which limits maximum or minimum voltage excursions of a signal using AC coupling, diodes, and one or more reference voltages. Model 516's antenna to receiver connection is an example which limits the amount of transmit signal that can impact the receiver input circuits. p 26

Diodes Electronic devices which act as one-way check-valves to electonic current. Diodes conduct in the "forward biased direction (anode more positive than cathode by the "barrier voltage") and they block signals which "reverse-bias" the diode. p 4

Directional Coupler A form of in-line transformer that favors signal coupling for signals flowing in one direction over those of the opposite direction. Argonaut V (and most other radios) use a directional coupler to determine SWR of the transmitter's output load. p 26

DSP Digital Signal Processing used in all recent Ten-Tec radios to economically implement features with superior performance to that readily attainable in analog technology. pv

Dual-Concentric Potentiometers Two rotary controls, such as AF and SQL that have an inner and outer knob sharing a common axis of rotation.

6.5. E

EIA Electronic Industries Association, an American organization that promulgates standards, for example RS-232, for the electronic industry. p 1

Execute The actual functioning of an action previously commanded by operator interaction with a computer, or similar storage and logic device.

p 7

External Speaker An optional accessory for a radio receiver that substitutes a larger, better-sounding unit for the built-in loudspeaker. Ten-Tec's Model **307B** is a good example. p 2

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FAS Abbreviation for "FAST Tuning-Rate" as presented on 516's MULTI display. See also SLO. p.8

Firmware Computer programming instructions or data stored in non-volatile memory so that it is available without an external loading operation. p 2

First Local Oscillator The synthesized signal which Argonaut V's first mixers use to convert signal frequency between HF and 1st IF. p 20

Flash Memory The semiconductor technology that Ten-Tec uses to allow firmware upgrades to its radios equipment via a SERIAL PORT connection to a personal computer. Tis memory holds its contents indefinitely without electrical power, but can easily be rewritten electrically. p I

FM Frequency Modulation changes the carrier instantaneous frequency to convey information by a radio carrier. Popular on VHF and UHF, Ten-Tec includes it in Model 516 to accommodate its use on the upper end of the 10-meter ham hand.

p 1

FM repeater An unattended FM station in an advantageous location that receives signals on one frequency from lesser advantaged stations and automatically retransmits them on another frequency so that they are available over a wide area not otherwise accessible to lesser stations.

Frame Sync A word or pulse that digital communications equipment uses to find and align the beginning of a formatted signal so as to correctly handle the data . p 22

Frequency Conversion The process of translating a signal to a different frequency, where it will be more useful in transmission or reception than it was at the starting frequency. The combination of an LO and a mixer accomplish this in most radio equipment p 24

Frequency Offset The difference in frequency between two signals, such as that which separates a repeater input signal from its output signal, or a receiver tuned frequency from the desired signal.

p 1

FUNC The Argonaut V key which activates the secondary function assigned to its control keys. p 4

FUNC+LOCK The key sequence to activate or release 516's

Tuning Lock feature.
p 10

FUNC+SKIP The key sequence to activate or release 516's ability to temporarily omit a stored *channel-memory* frequency from its memory *scan* sequence. p 15

6.7. G

Glitch An originally German word adopted by computer users to describe an unexpected or unwanted action in hardware or software, p 4

6.8. H

Hertz The unit of frequency (named in honor of a radio pioneer) that replaces "cycles-per-second" in modern usage. p 1

HF High Frequency is the name assigned by international convention to the frequencies between 3 and 30 megahertz. **p 1**

6.9. I

IC Abbreviates "Integrated Circuit", p · 23

IF Abbreviates "Intermediate Frequency", a frequency internal to radio equipment, chosen because it supports the design of a wide frequency-coverage transceiver. p 1

Incremental Digital Encoders Electromechanical devices used in modern electronic equipment to translate changes in control shaft rotation to digital numbers for interpretation as commands by the internal processor. They maintain an analog "feel" for such operator controls as tuning and gain. p 8

Incremental Tuning A convenient radio feature that produces a temporary offset between the nominal tuned-frequency and a receiver or transmitter's actual operating frequency.

See RIT and XIT. p 11

Intermediate Frequency See "IF". Argonaut Vs design provides IFs of 9 MHz, 450 kHz, and 14 kHz for effective performance of its transmitter and receiver functions. p 20

6.10. K

Keyer 516's internal hardware and software device that accepts contact closures from the user's paddle to form well-timed dits and dahs for Morse code CW operation. p 1

Key A push-button momentary switch that activates one of Argonaut V's control functions by signalling the processor with a pulse.

kHz abreviates "kilohertz". See below. p 1

Kilohertz A unit of frequency denoting 1000 Hertz. p 23

6.11. L

LED Abbreviates "Light-Emitting Diode", a semiconductor device that converts electric current to light emission. 516 uses LED's where older equipment used lamps. p 28

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LO Abbreviates "local oscillator". See below. p 20

LOCK The secondary function, on 516's panel that electronically locks the main tuning control. p 10

Local Oscillator A signal generated in a radio and used in a mixer to translate a signal frequency to an IF, or an IF to an operating p 20

Local RF Feedback An electronic design technique that uses a controlled path to convey a signal sample from an amplifier output to its input in order to make circuit performance relatively independent of individual transistor or IC characteristics. $p \cdot 25$

Logic Subassembly The component-bearing circuit board (#81929) that implements Argonaut V's control and DSP functions. p 20

LSB Abbreviates the "Lower Sideband" form of Single-Sideband modulation as used here, or "Least-Significant-Bit", depending on the context. p v, 8

6.12. **M**

M or MEM Abbreviates Argonaut V's "Memory" mode of operation, as distinguished from its "VFO" operation. p 11

MASTER RESET The operation which restores 516's factory-default settings after a glitch. p 4

MEMORY Memory mode tunes Argonaut V using stored frequencies, rather than the operator-tuned \emph{VFO} . p 11

MHz Abbreviates "Megahertz", the unit of frequency which represents millions of Hertz. $\rho \, v, 1$

Mismatch The condition that describes connection of a load with an impedance providing other than an optimum match to the circuit source impedance. p 5

Mode One of the ways that 516 operates, such as **VFO** or **MEM**, or one of the *modulation* forms available with 516's $\boxed{\text{MODE}}$ key. $p \cdot v \cdot 1$

MODE The Argonaut V key that selects the form of modulation used in transmission and reception. p 7

Modem Abbreviates "modulator/demodulator", a function of equipment external to the transceiver proper, which accepts and provides digitally-modulated audio signals to translate information between 516 and digital user equipment such as a computer or data terminal.

p 2

Modulation The electronic process of imparting information to a radio frequency carrier by varying its amplitude, frequency, or phase in a systematic manner related to information content. p 8

Modulation Depth applied to an RF carrier.

Mono Abbreviates "Monaural" which describes an audio system or connector which carries a single source signal, as occurs in some headphone connections See also Stereo.. p 4

MULTI Abbreviates "Multi-function" to describe Argonaut V's one unlabeled rotary control and the smaller of its two displays, both of which take on different functions depending on a preceding key press.

MULTI Display The smaller of 516's two displays uses 7-segment numerals and approximations of alphabetic characters to convey changes in control status to the operator. p 1

Multi-Mode The description of amateur radio equipment, such as Argonaut V, that provides at least CW, SSB, and FM modes of operation.

mV p-p Abreviates "millivolts peak-to-peak", a convenient measure of low-level signal amplitude. p v, 6

6.13. N

Nets A short form of "Networks", which are organized communications groups of radio amateurs. Nets usually have a regular operating schedule and frequency. Amateurs organize nets for many different purposes. p 13

Noise-Blanker A radio receiver function designed to minimize impulse noise by detecting noise pulses and briefly blanking the receiver for a net increase in quality of reception.

Argonaut V's noise blanker is a DSP implementation. p 1, 12

Numeric Display An array of electro-optical elements which translates internal digital information into a row of visible numbers.

p I, II

6.14. O

Offset Sec "Frequency Offset", above p v, 1, 9

Overwrite The process of changing memory contents by writing in new data. p 11

6.15. P

PA Subassembly The Argonaut V printed circuit board (#81931) containing the components and connections that form the Power Amplifier function. p 20

Passband Response The contiguous range of frequencies which one or more of 516's filters passes to subsequent functions in the receiver or transmitter circuits. p 13

Phase The time relationship between a signal and a reference signal. p 24

Phase Detector An electronic circuit that accepts a pair of signals and outputs a new signal corresponding to the difference

in phase (or sometimes frequency as well) between them. This circuit develops the error signal that steers a PLL into lock with its reference. $p\ 25$

PIN diode A three-layer diode optimized with respect to transit time for low and controllable RF resistance by virtue of its p-type, intrinsic, and n-type doping layers. 516 uses PIN diodes as switches and variable attenuator elements. p 20

PLL Abbreviates "phase-locked-loop", a circuit that establishes and maintains a stable and controllable ratio between a VCO frequency source and a fixed reference source. Argonaut V's 1st local oscillator synthesizer is a PLL. p.23

Primary Display The larger of 516's two *numeric displays*. As 516's main display, it shows the operating frequency of the radio.

p 14

Programmed Memories Refers to Argonaut V internal computer memory locations that contain either computer instructions or data, especially channel memory data n 4

PSK31 The abbreviated name of amateur radio's popular and robust form of digital communication, "Phase-Shift-Keying - 31 baud". 516 is "PSK31-ready". p 1, 10

PTT Abbreviates "Push-To-Talk", a control line that Argonaut V uses to initiate voice and data transmissions or to form Morse code characters for CW transmission. p 1, 6, 15

Push-Pull The characteristic of a circuit that refers to symmetrical pairs of elements, each half of which handle signal excursions exclusively above or below ground reference level. p 22

6.16. **Q**

Q24 In this manual, the Reference Designator representing "Transistor 24" as a distinct component in a schematic diagram or circuit description. p 20

QRM Traditional "Q-code" jargon used by CW operators to signify "man-made interference". p 13

QSK CW That form of CW operation, characteristic of Ten-Tec equipment and preferred by experienced operators, that allows the sending operator to hear signals from his receiver between Morse code elements or letters. p 1, 10, 12

6.17. R

Reference Frequency In a *synthesized* transceiver, a stable fixed-frequency signal which is the basis for generation of frequency-determining *local oscillators* in the radio's tuning scheme.

p · 24, 25

Registers Locations in memory or digital storage, especially Argonaut V's VFO registers, that hold control numbers, which store operating frequencies derived from the operator's movements of the tuning knob. p 1

Regulated Characteristic of a circuit that holds some electronic output property constant despite variations in signal

input or component value changes. Ten-Tec equipment uses regulated power supplies for critical circuits. p 4, 26

Resolution The smallest change that can be recognized by an electronic device, especially 516's frequency display. p 1, 11

Reversed Polarity The usually destructive connection of the positive and negative terminals of a power supply to the opposite-polarity terminals of a load device containing semiconductors.

p 4

RF Subassembly Argonaut V's (#81930) circuit board, which contains the majority of low-level analog signal handling components for the transmitter and receiver functions. p 20

RIT Abbreviates "Receiver Incremental Tuning", a convenience feature that allows the operator to examine signals offset from the tuned frequency shown in the main display without disturbing that setting so that he may use it later. See also

p.1,15

Rotary Control One of 516's four control knobs, MIC/PWR, TUNING, MULTI, and AF/SQL, that function in the manner of traditional radio control knobs. p 8

RS-232 The popular EIA standard governing connector type, physical format, and electrical format of serial communication including that between Argonaut V's SERIAL PORT and a computer or similar data handling device. p 2, 6, 19

6.18. S

Sample Pulses Regularly-occurring signals that initiate A/D conversions for 516's DSP functions. p 23

SCAN A control key that initiates one of Argonaut V's two automatic receiver-tuning and signal-search functions that tune frequency in steps between limits set by the operator controls. p 1, 12-14

Scrolling The act of searching a list of possibilities, either by moving a pointer past a fixed list, or by moving a list past a fixed pointer. The **MULTI** control is 516's pointer, and the various lists appear in the **MULTI** display. p 11

Second Mixer The receiver (or transmitter) circuit that effects the conversion between 1st and 2nd 1Fs in Argonaut V's RF Subassembly.

p 21, 24

Secondary Readout Another name for 516's smaller numeric display associated with the **MULTT** control. p 12

Selectivity An important characteristic of the receiver that largely determines the degree of response to signals other than the desired one. p vi, 10

Serial Data refers to digital data organized in a sequential stream of bits and words on a single circuit. Argonaut V handles much of its control data and DSP interface signals via serial data. p 20, 22

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Serial Port The DB9S rear panel connector that Ten-Tec provides for connection to a computer in order to implement some remote control or to update firmware. p 2, 4, 6, 19

Serial Port Commands A systematic scheme of digital words that assert control of some 516 functions via the SERIAL PORT.

p 4

Sidetone An audio feedback signal provided to the transmitting operator to keep him apprised of his Morse code transmissions as he forms the characters. p v, 1, 9

Sin (X)/X Distortion A form of low-pass distortion in frequency response caused by the non-ideal length of sampling pulses in a DSP conversion, p 22

SKIP The Argonaut V ability to temporarily exclude a stored frequency from a **SCAN** operation without deleting it memory.

p 12, 13, 15

Sleeve Name of the common ground connection on *Mono* or *Stereo* phone plugs and jacks. p 13

SLO Abbreviation for "SLOW Tuning-Rate" as presented on 516's MULTI display. See also FAS. p 8, 12

SO-239 The traditional military designator for the "UHF" female coaxial jack used on most HF amateur equipment. p.y.5

Sound Card A function internal to most personal computers, it comprises hardware for two-way conversion between audio and digital signals.

p 1, 6, 10, 16

SPDT Abbreviates "single-pole-double throw", signifying a switch that selects either of two nodes to connect to one circuit. p 22

Speech Peaks The highest excursions of a human voice signal. See also RF Peaks".

Speech Processor 516's DSP implementation to improve the average to peak ratio in the transmission of voice signals for greater "punch" or intelligibility. p 13

SPLIT An Argonaut V control key and its corresponding annunciator that allow the operator to select or de-select "split-frequency operation", in which mode the active VFO controls receiver frequency and the other VFO controls transmit frequency.

p vi, 11-13

Spurious Responses An undesireable receiver property, minimized by good design but practically unavoidable in practice, that produces extraneous reciever signals via impairments in performance. p 20

SQL Abbreviated label for "SQUELCH". p.8,15

SQUELCH A receiver function which silences the receiver output until an input signal rises above the control setting. See SQUELCH p 1, 8, 14

Squelch Threshold The control setting for signal strength below which the **SQUELCH** function mutes the receiver output. p 14, 15

SSB Abreviates "Single-Sideband", an efficient and very popular form of **AM**, which suppresses the carrier power and one of the two redundant sidebands. See **USB** and **LSB**. p 1, 6, 8

Steering Line The node of a VCO which accepts a relatively low frequency frequency control voltage to steer its output frequency. p 25

Stereo Abbreviates "Stereophonic", describing an audio system or a connector that carries two circuits, as in some headphone connections. See also *Mono.* p 2, 4, 19

Subaudible Tone Encoding Another term for CTCSS, used primarily in FM communications systems to facilitate frequency-sharing. p 1

SWR Abbreviates "Standing-wave-Ratio", a manifestation of impedance mismatch between an RF transmission line and its load impedance.

p 5,15

Synthesizer A frequency generation circuit (for example, the 516 *PLL*) that electronically manipulates an internal source to generate and maintain one or more output frequencies with stability and resolution determined by its *reference frequency* source.

p 24, 26

6.19. T

TCXO Abbreviates "Temperature-Controlled Crystal Oscillator", a particularly stable and accurate form of reference frequency signal offered as an option on the Argonaut V RF Subassembly.

p v, I, 24

Terminal Node Controller A special purpose form of computer and modem equipment sometimes connected to the AUXilliary I/O connector for use in packet radio communications., p 6, 16

Tip And Ring Connections The two ungrounded connections on a stereo phone plug or jack. The "Sleeve" connection carries common ground for both p 23

Transceiver A radio set that combines transmitting and receiving functions with common frequency control and some shared circuitry. Transceivers have almost entirely replaced sets of separate transmitters and receivers that radio amateurs formerly used.

p1, 2, 24

Tuning Rates The relationship between rotation of the tuning control and the resulting movement in operating frequency, p 1, 8, 12

TX Abbreviates "Transmitter" or "Transmit". p 10, 23

6.20. U

U17b On a schematic diagram or circuit description, the reference designator for "Integrated Circuit # 17b", or in some

Ten-Tec schematics. for "Connector #17b" p 23

Upgrades An outstanding feature of recent Ten-Tec radios! Argonaut V's Flash Memory and SERIAL PORT hardware facilitates customers using our free Internet downloads to simply upgrades feature as we develop p 1, 2

USB Abbreviates the "Upper Sideband" form of Single-Sideband amplitude modulation. p 8-10, 13

6.21. V

V/M The 516 control key that switches the frequency control between VFOand p 4, 11, 13-15

Varactor Diode A diode designed for a range of capacitance variation with reverse bias voltage. p 24, 25

VCO Abbreviates "Voltage-Controlled-Oscillator", the output frequency-generating component of 516's LO synthesizer PLL. p 24, 25

VFO Abbreviates "Variable-Frequency-Oscillator", one of the Argonaut V's two means of frequency control. This mode of operation accepts operator changes to the tuning knob, translating them into frequency changes to the value stored in either the VFO A or the VFO B register. The processor sends frequency control information to the synthesizer based on the contents the selected of register. p 1, 8, 9, 11-15

VFO A One of two available frequency registers. p 1, 8, 11-15

VFO B One of two available frequency registers. p 1, 8, 11-15

Voltage Tripler A power supply circuit that stacks rectifiers in a manner that produce three time sthe DC output voltage as would be obtained from a single stage rectifier. 516 uses a voltage tripler to develop high-voltage reverse bias for bandswitching p 25

VOX DELAY The time interval during which the voiceoperated transmit circuit remains in transmit state when speech apparently ceases. Also controls QSK Delay in Argonaut V p 10

diodes.

6.22. W

Weight The characteristic that describes the ratio between dit and dah lengths in Morse code. Argonaut V's internal keyer includes weight adjustment. function p 9, 13

Words Per Minute The measure of Morse code signalling rate, determined by the number of times the keyer can send the standard word, "PARIS", in a one minute interval.

WRITE This 516 control key copies channel memory data between channel memory and the VFO register, in a direction dictated by the V or M state of the radio, as indicated by the annunciator.

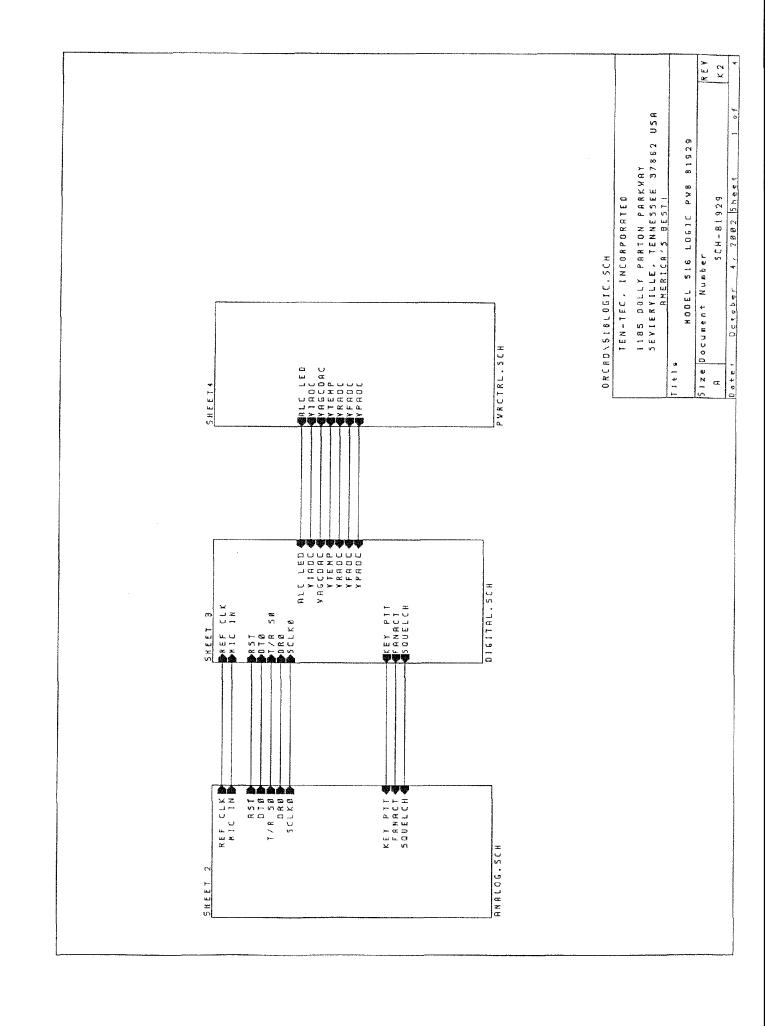
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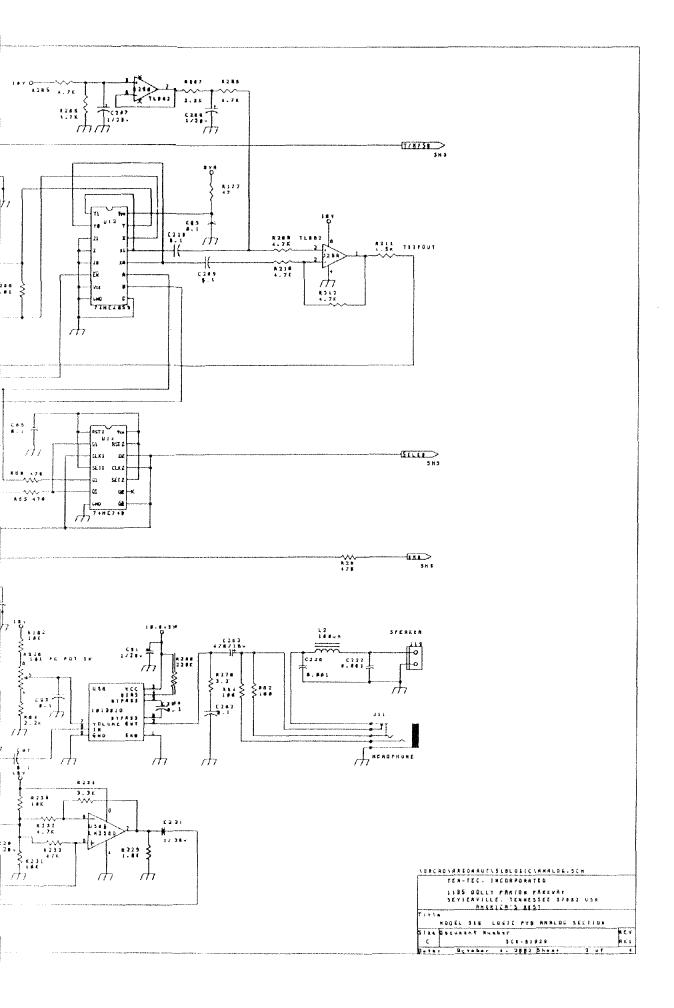
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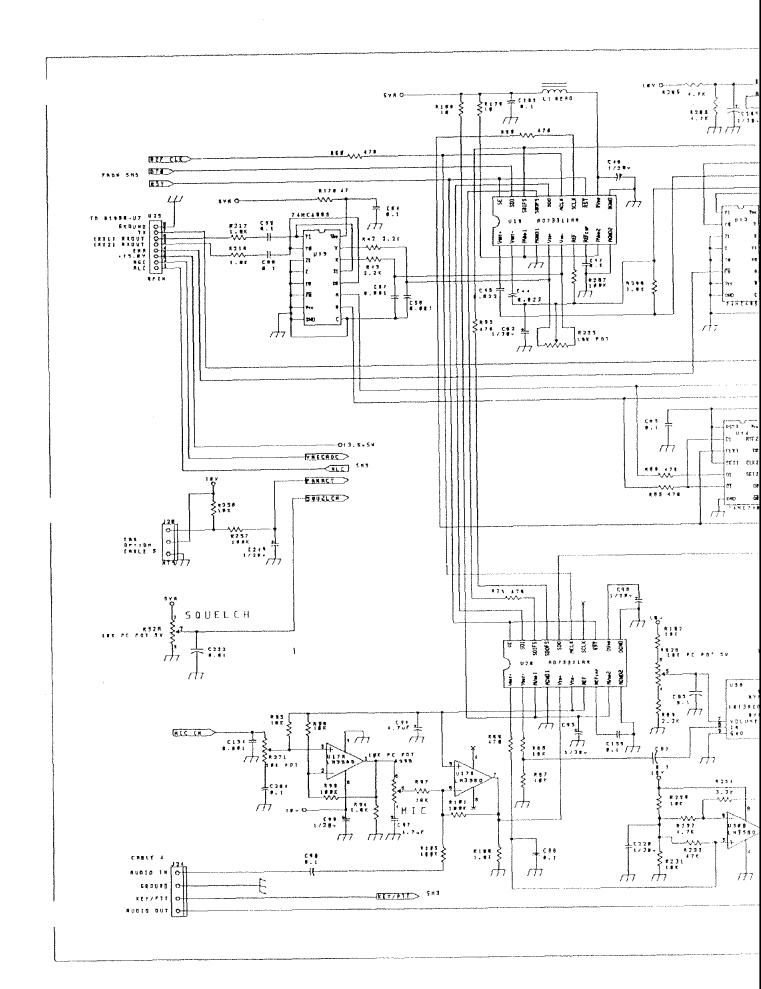
Abbreviates "Transmitter Incremental Tuning", a convenience feature that allows the operator to transmit his signal at an offset from the tuned frequency shown in the main display without disturbing that setting so that he may use it later. p 1,11, 13

6.24. Z

Zener Diode a diode designed to exhibit a constant voltage in reverse bias over a range of bias current. 516 uses a number of Zener diodes to stabilize voltages in sensitive or critical circuits.











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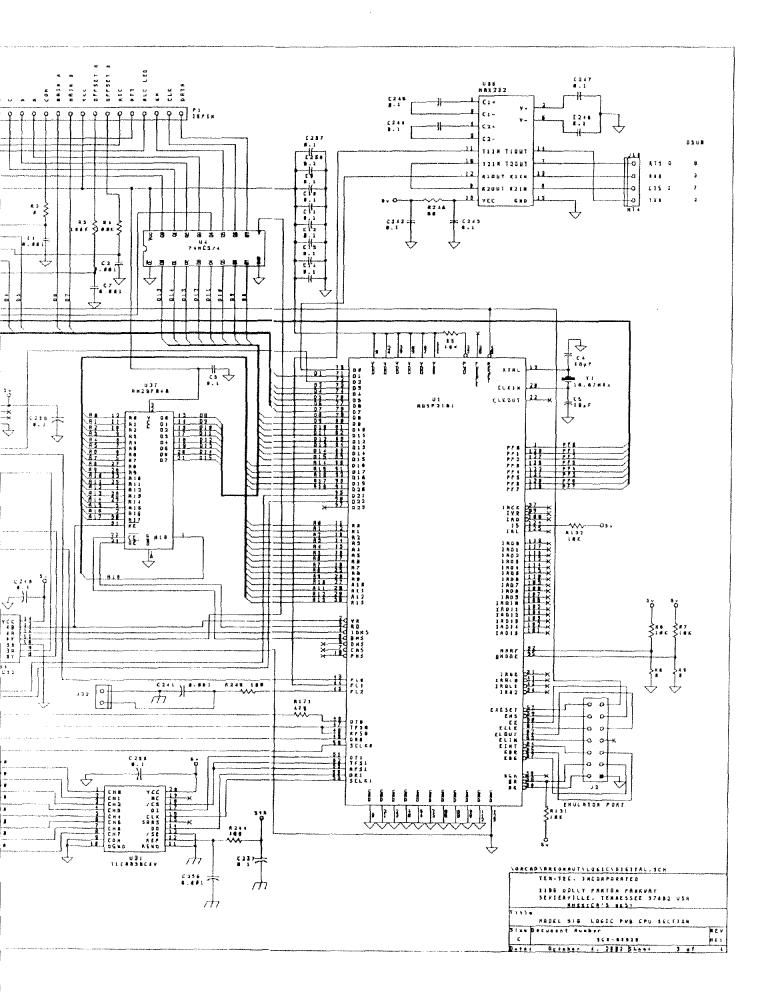
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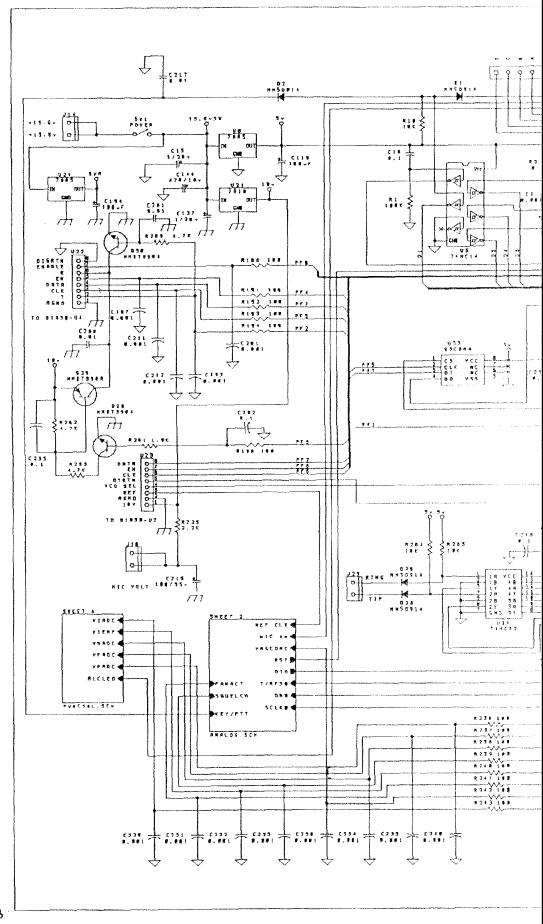
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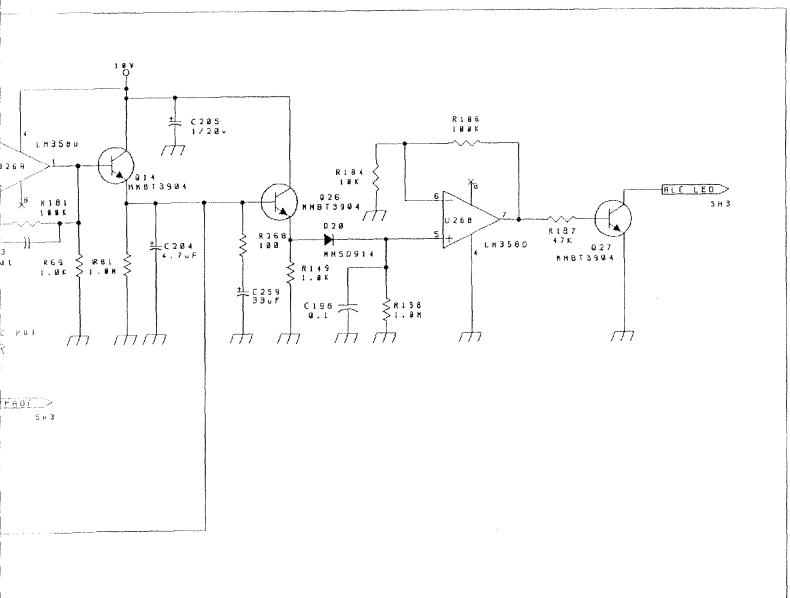
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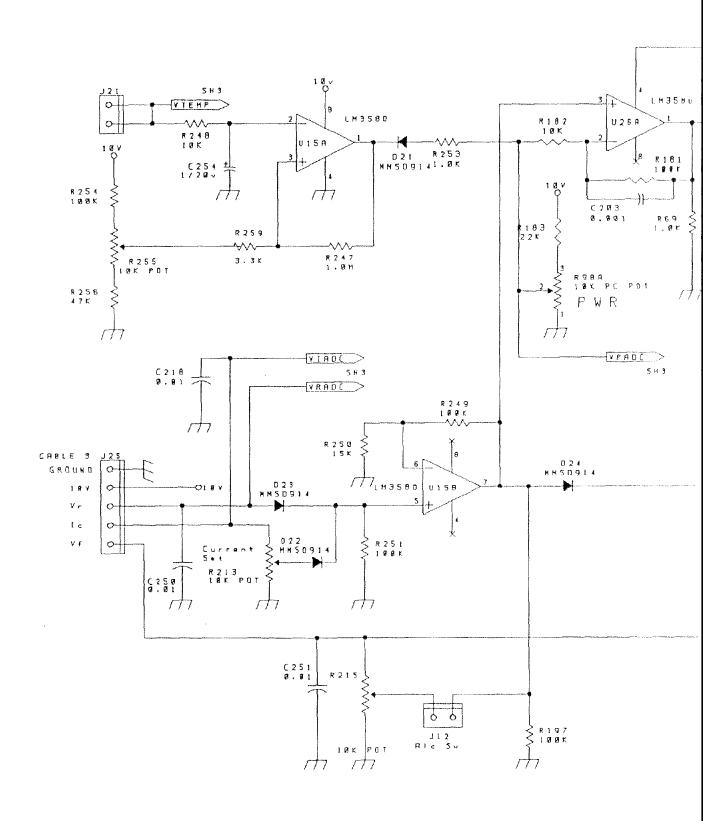


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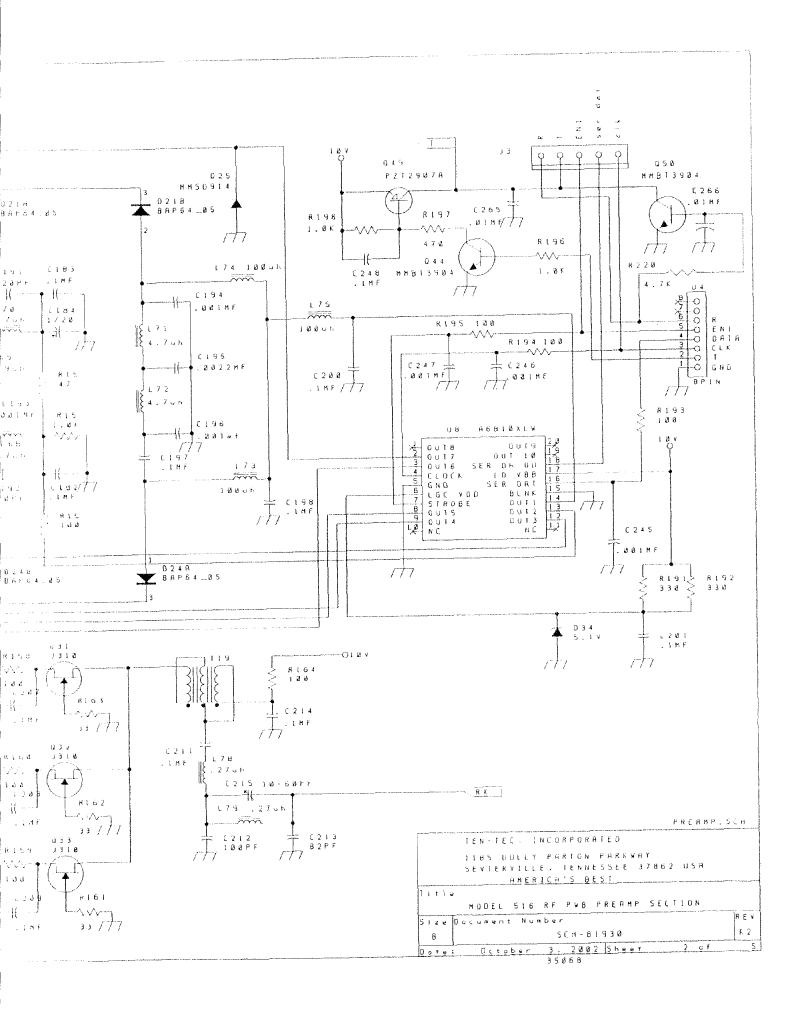
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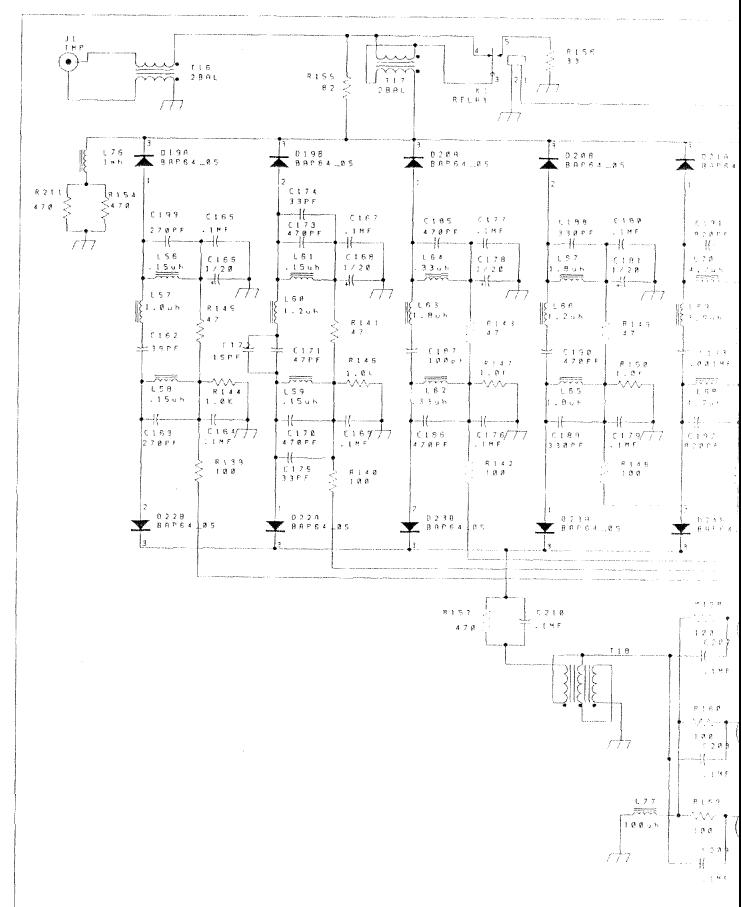
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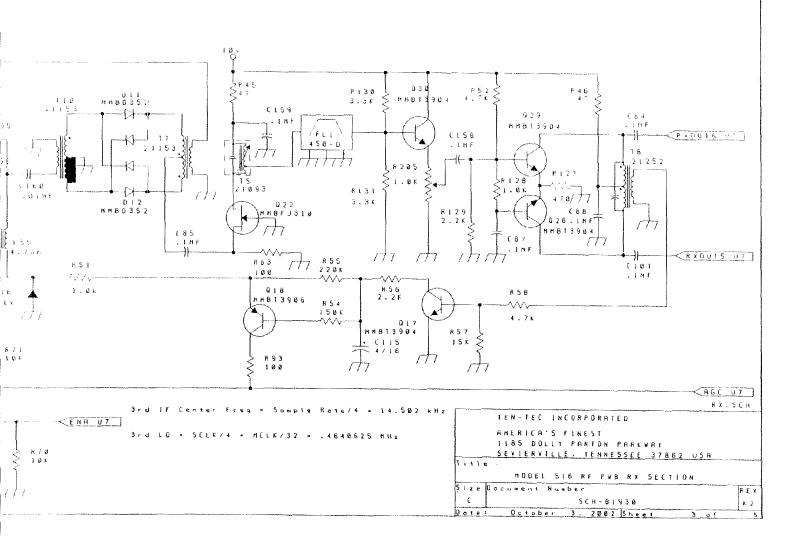


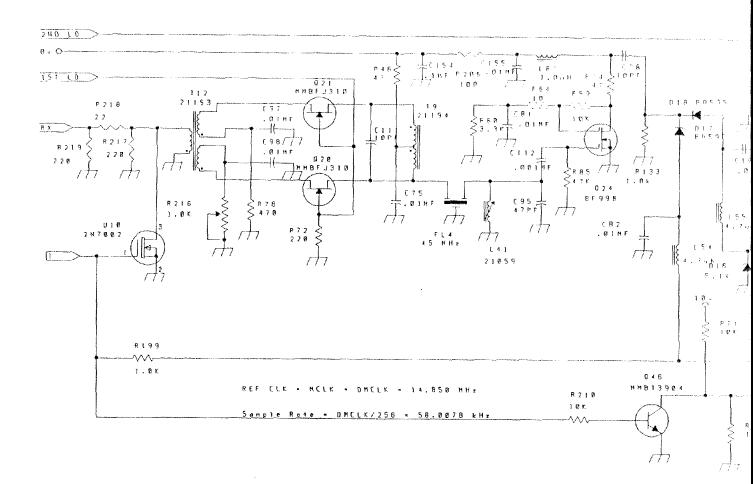
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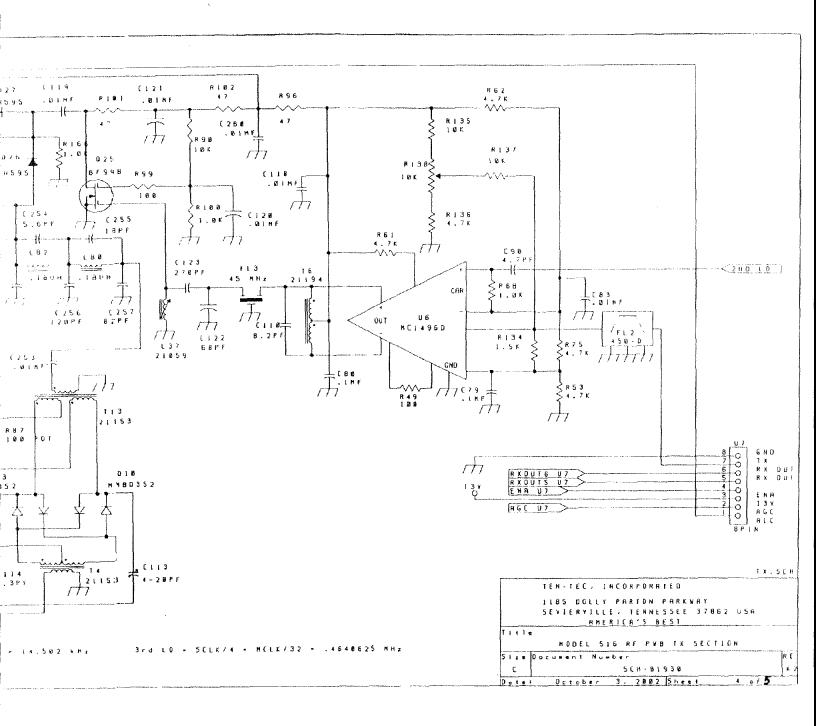
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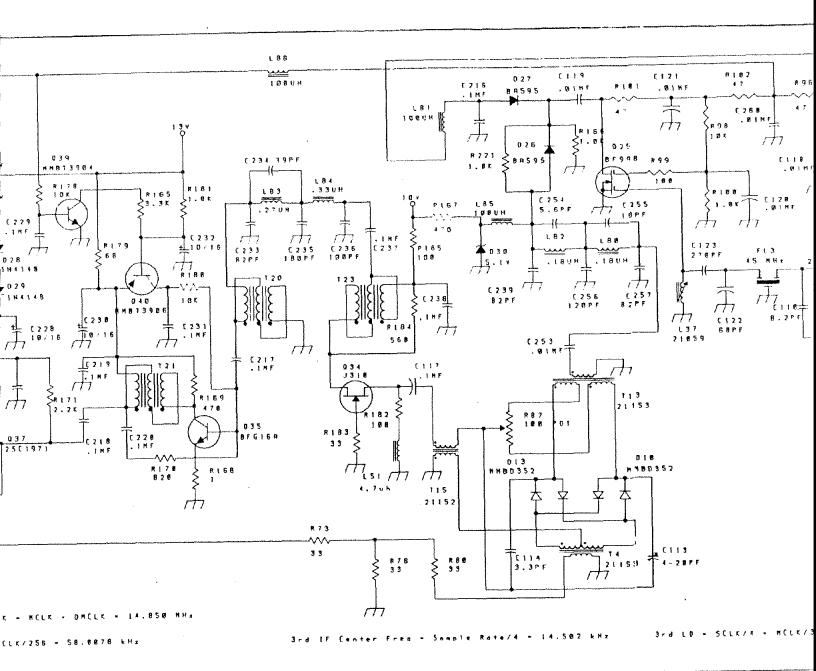


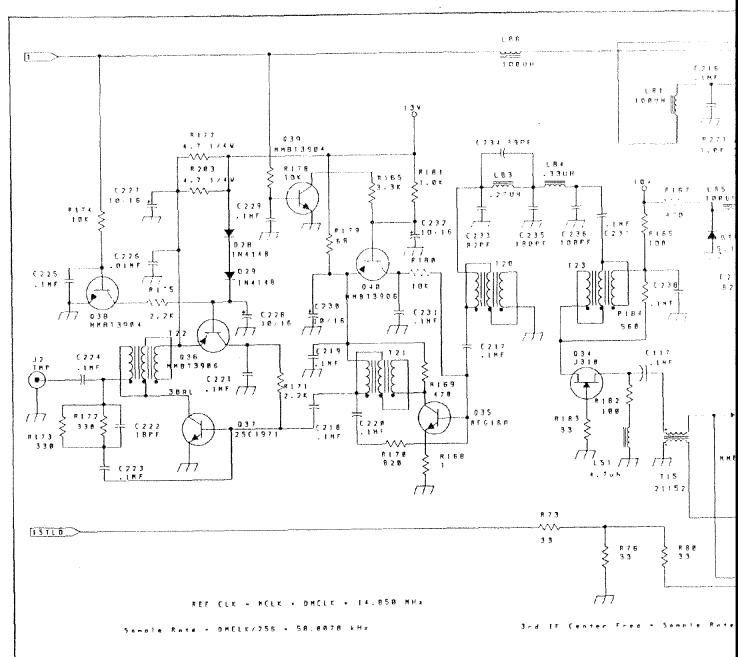




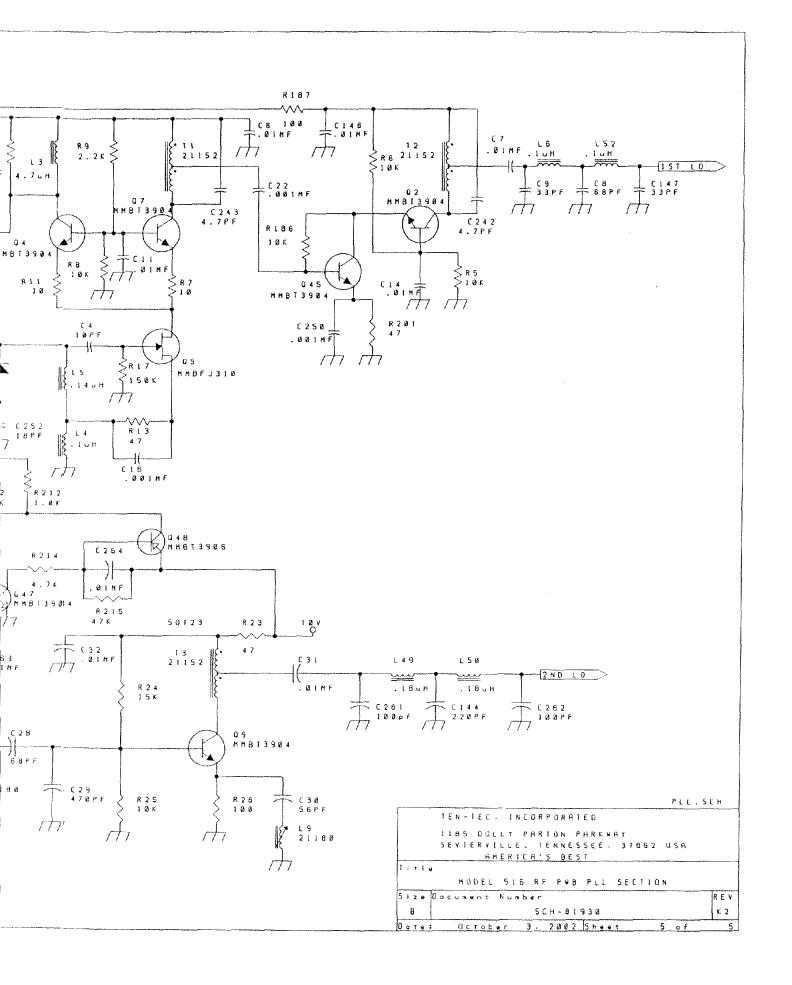


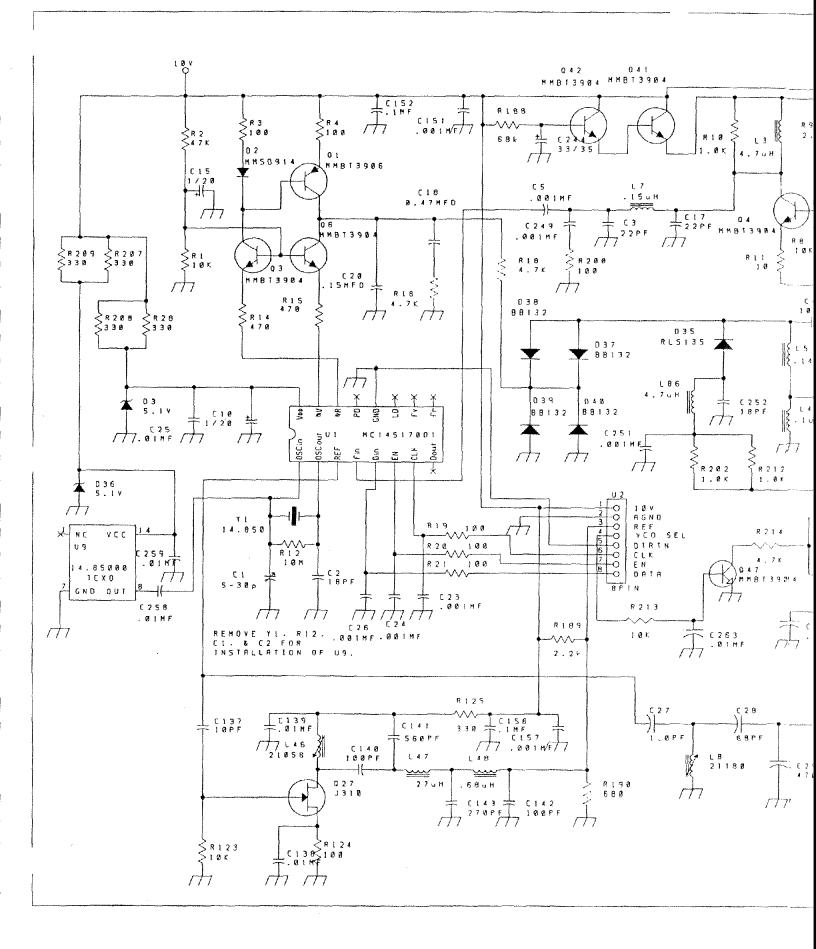


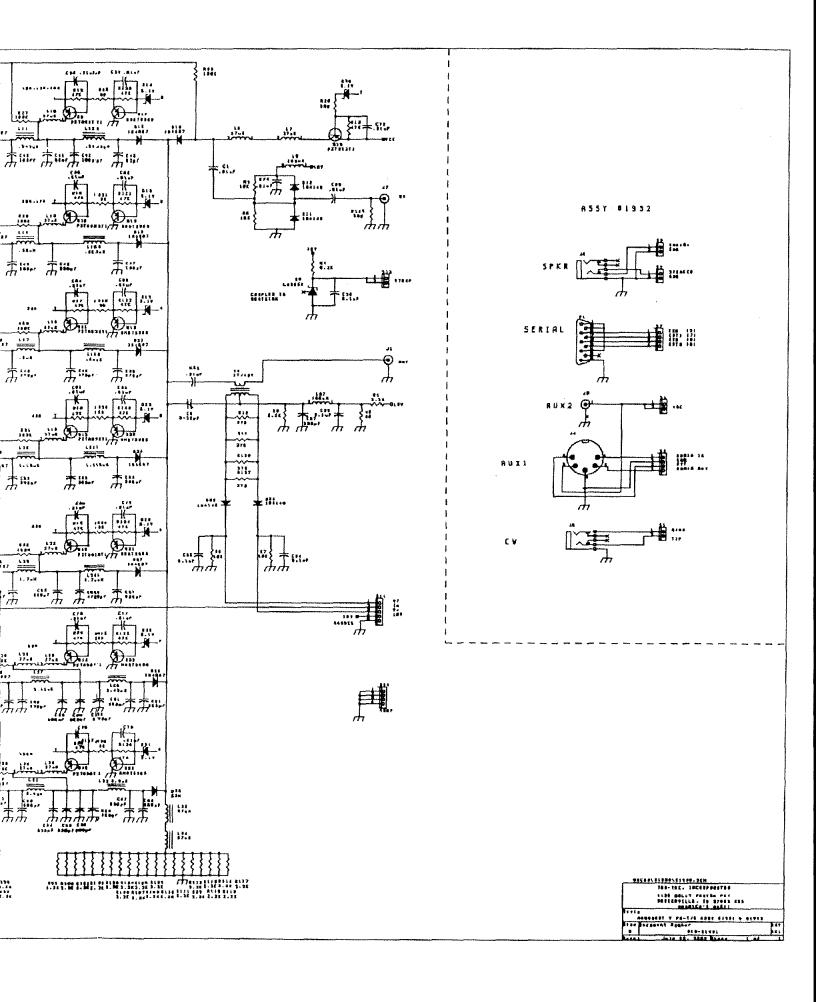


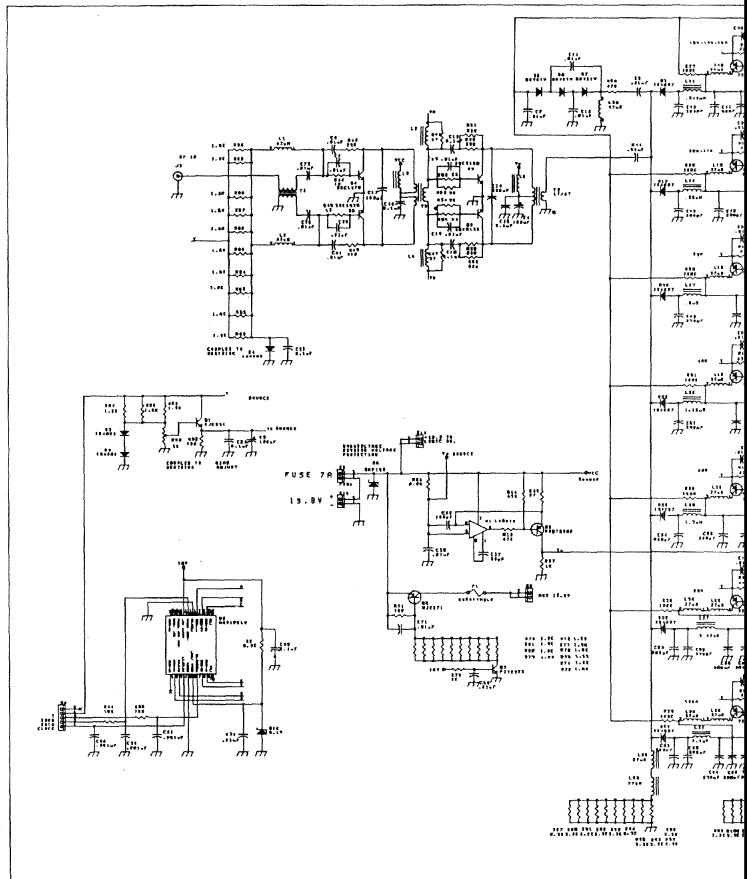


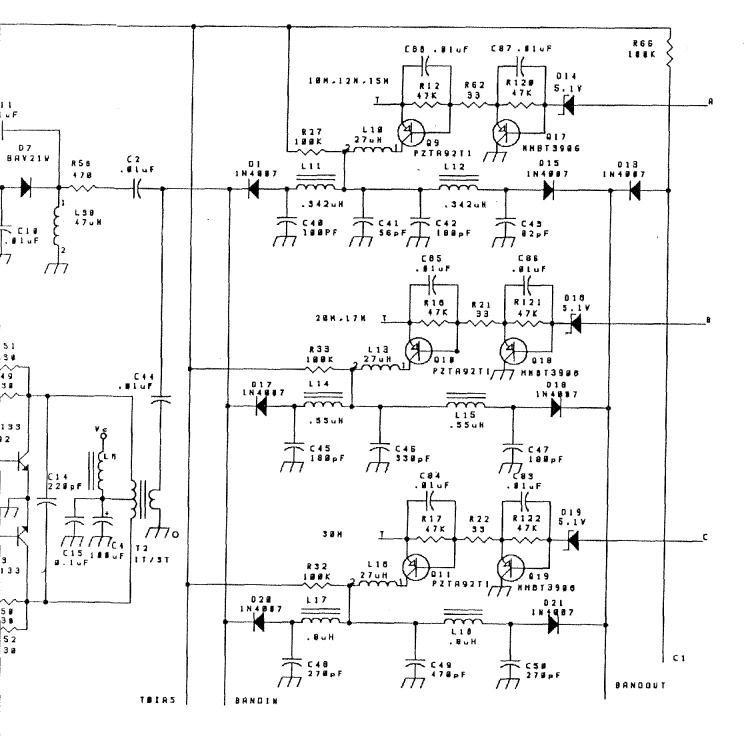
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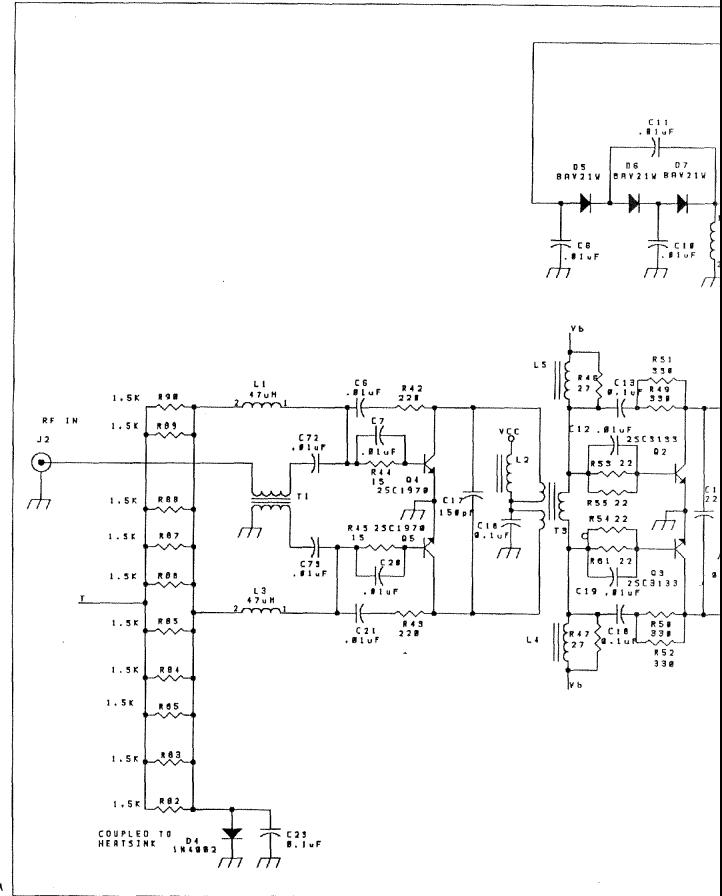


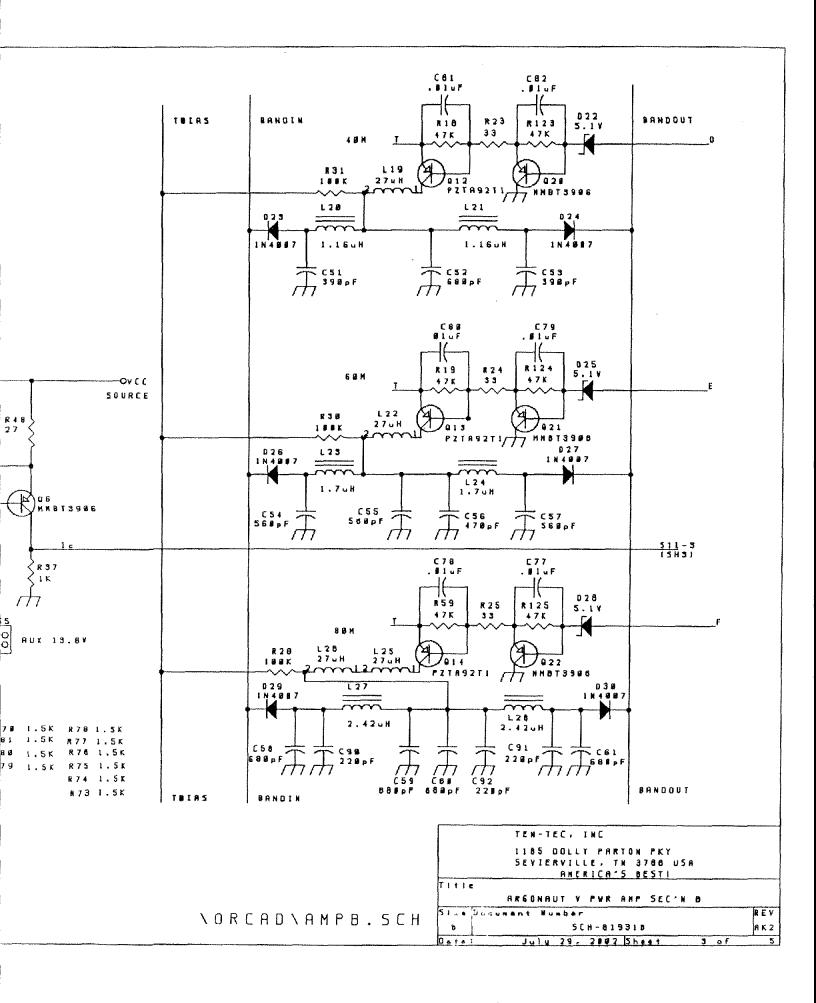


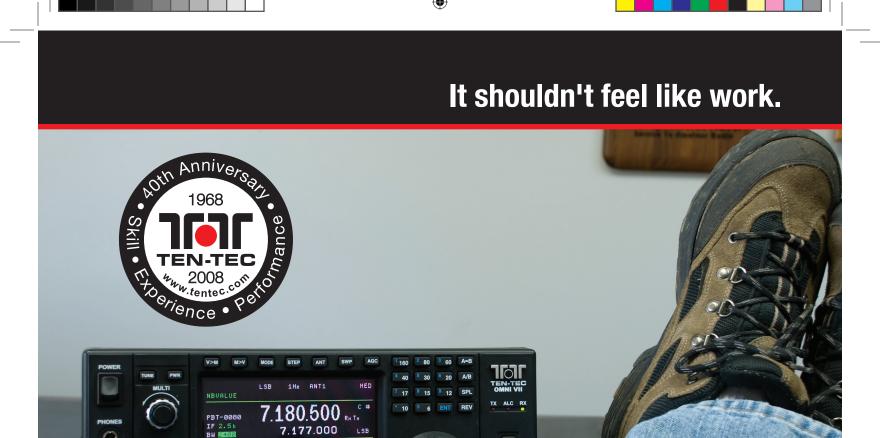


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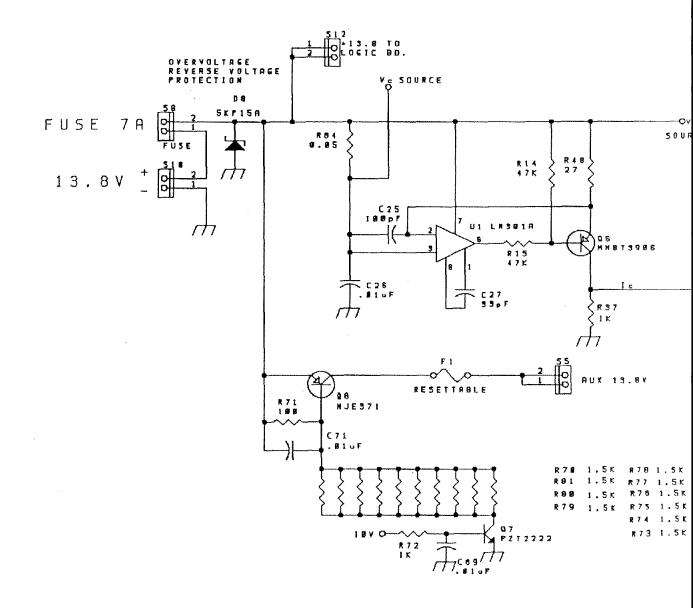
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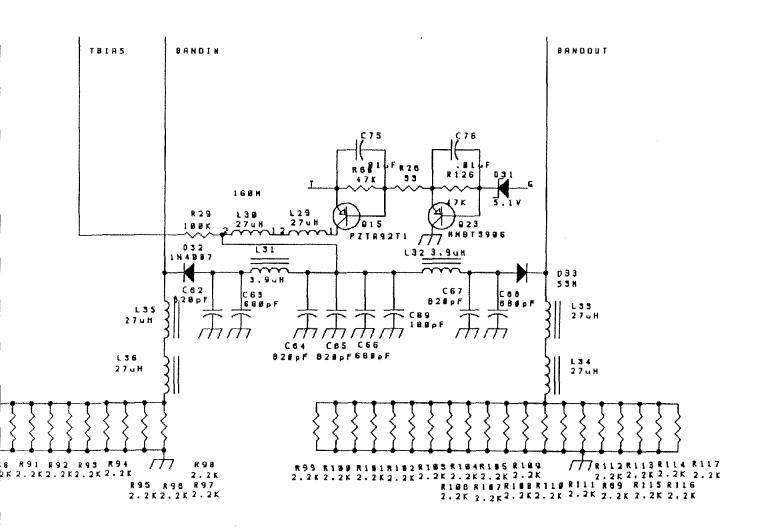
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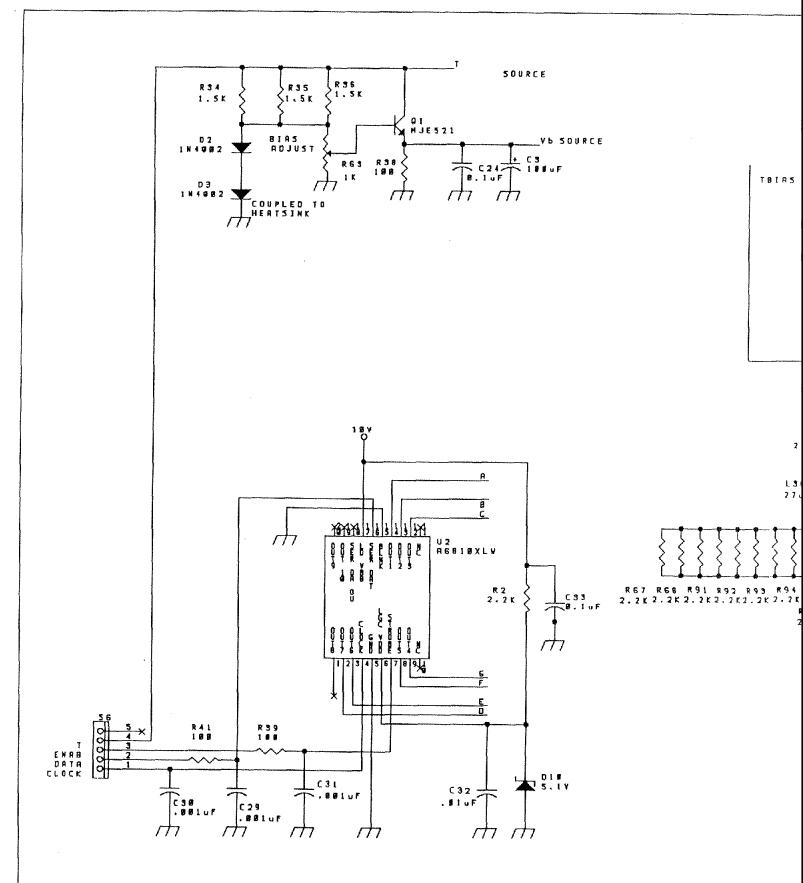




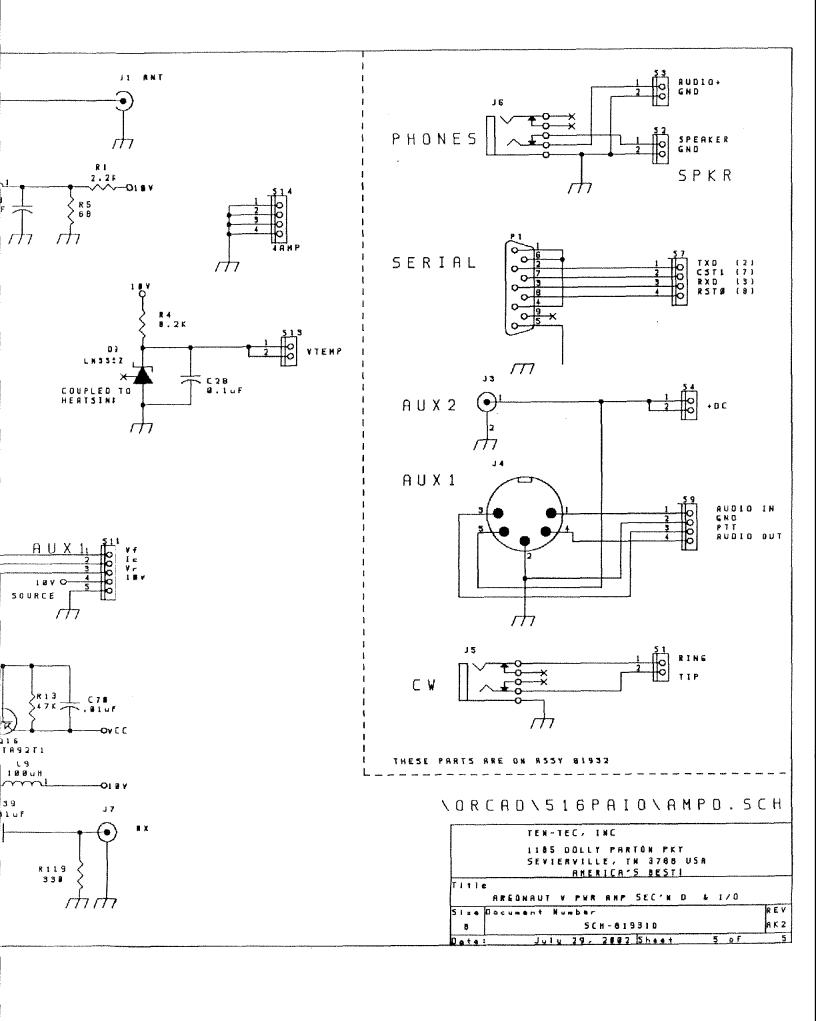


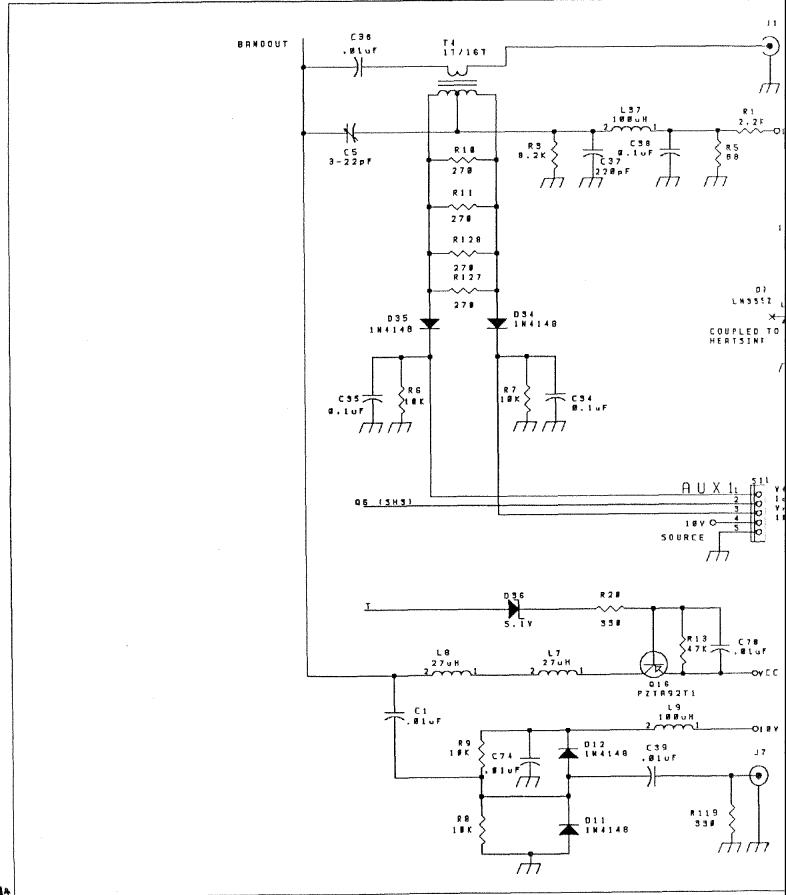
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LIMITED WARRANTY AND SERVICE POLICY, U.S.A. AND CANADA

Ten-Tec, Inc., warrants this product to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase, under these conditions:

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- READ THE MANUAL THOROUGHLY. This warranty does not cover damage resulting from improper operation. Developing a thorough understanding of this equipment is your responsibility.
- 3. IF TROUBLE DEVELOPS we recommend you contact our customer service group direct at the address or phone number shown above. It has been our experience that factory direct service is expeditious and usually results in less down-time on the equipment. Some overseas dealers do offer warranty service and, of course, have our complete support.
- 4. EQUIPMENT RETURNED TO THE FACTORY must be properly packaged, preferably in the original shipping carton(s). You pay the freight to us and we prepay surface freight back to you. Canadian customers must have proper customs documentation sent with incoming repair equipment. Duties or fees charged due to improper documenting are the responsibility of the owner of the equipment.
- 5. EXCLUSIONS. This warranty does not cover damage resulting from misuse, lightning, excess voltages, polarity errors or damage resulting from modifications not recommended or approved by Ten-Tec. In the event of transportation damage, a claim must be filed with the carrier. Under no circumstances is Ten-Tec liable for consequential damages to persons or property caused by the use of this equipment.
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Ten-Tec ARGONAUT V Quick Reference

On-Off is on the AF control. Squelch is on its outside ring. BAND key steps upward through the amateur bands. BAND stores last used MODE & BW. Change Modes by pressing the MODE key to step through the Modes. Change Tuning Rate with Func> FAST: Display briefly indicates FAS or SLO. MULTI control adjusts most button functions & displays settings on the small readout. Func appears in the MULTI Display when you are ready for the second function of a key press. Band STACK stores the present FREQUENCY, MODE, & BW, and tunes to the last FREQUENCY MODE, & BW stored on the current band. Go to VOX menus with FUNC > MODE and MULTI knob: Turn VOX oFF / oN with MULTI; Press MODE again > Gain = 0 ... 9 Set Gain with MULTI: Press MODE again> Antivox = 0 ... 9 Set Antivox with MULTI: Press MODE again> Hang = 1 ... 9 Set VOX Hang with MULTI; =QSK Delay in CW Press MODE again> Leave VOX menu. Go to **Keyer** menus with **KEYR** and **MULTI knob**: Turn Internal Keyer oFF or set Speed 1 ... Speed 50 with MULTI; Press KEYR again to set Spot and CW Offset from F400 to F999: Press KEYR again to set CW sidetone from Level 1 to Level 9; Press KEYR again to set CW Weighting from ratio 50 to ratio 150. r100 is normal. Press KEYR again to leave Kever menus. Set DSP Bandwidth by pressing BW & adjust MULTI from 200 to 3000 (6000 in AM) Hertz. LOCK and UNLOCK TUNING with Func BW - no indicator. Set RIT with its key and MULTI knob from 2.99 to -2.99 kHz. Indicator = RIT. Hold RIT to clear it. Set XIT with Func > RIT and MULTI Knob from 2.99 to -2.99 kHz. Indicator = RIT. Switch VFOs with A/B. Switch between Memory and VFO with V/M Store VFO to Memory by pressing Func > WRITE and select Memory # with MULTI. Then press V/M to store frequency and return to VFO. Save SPLIT in Memory by pressing SPLIT before storing VFO in Memory. Recall Memory to VFO by pressing Func > WRITE and select Memory # with MULTI. Then press V/M to store frequency and return to VFO. Make both VFOs same A-B. Operate Split Frequency by pressing SPLIT. Receives on displayed VFO; transmits on inactive VFO. Set Noise Blanker with Func > NB. MULTI adjusts oFF through 9. Set RF Attenuator On or Off with Func > ATTN. No indicator except for S-meter. Shift Passband Tuning with PBT. MULTI display shows range from -2.99 to 2.99. PBT stays ON until you reset it. Adjust Speech Processor with Func > SP and MULTI from oFF through 9. Examine Memory Contents: Press V/M to light MEM in Annunciator. Use MULTI to bring up Memory data, then Func > WRITE to put data in active VFO, or V/M to return to previous VFO setting. Transmit Metering: While in transmit: Make antenna measurements/adjustments in CW with KEYR oFF. Press and hold key or paddle "dit-side". Press V/M for 0 – 5 Watt QRP scale on meter; Press A/B for 0 – 7-Ampere Collector Current on S-meter scale; Press A-B for 0 – 25-Watt Reflected Power scale on meter: Press **SPLIT** to read 10 to 25W on power scale as 1.0 to 2.5 **SWR**.

Argonaut V will store your current settings whenever they remain stable for five seconds before powering down.

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The following item supplements information in your instruction manual.

The Argonaut V requires an open microphone to operate VOX. The hand microphone included in the packing kit will work only on PTT with the Argonaut V. The microphone can be modified for VOX operation, please see details on www.rfsquared.com. You may also use the Ten-Tec 705 desk microphone to operate VOX with the Argonaut V.



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