

details of the two synthesizer boards mounted in the bottom of the radio:

ATR-157 Synthesizer #1 Schematic
ATR-169 Synthesizer #2 Schematic (Sheet 1 of 2)
ATR-169 Synthesizer #2 Schematic (Sheet 2 of 2)

C. Receiver

In following the receiver theory of operation discussion, reference is made to the following schematics:

ATR-184 RF Filter and Band Switch Schematic
 Assembly
ATR-175 Receiver Board Schematic (Sheet 1 of 3)
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ATR-175 Receiver Board Schematic (Sheet 3 of 3)

The ASTRO-200A incorporates RF bandpass filtering ahead of a single conversion to the 5.6MHz IF circuitry. There is a 30MHz low pass filter for each of the five operating bands of the transceiver. In addition, the filter assembly incorporates a 10MHz bandpass filter for the WWV receiver. This RF filtering is located on two circuit boards integral to the band select switch and T-R relay.

The output of the RF filter assembly is fed to the receiver board via coax cable. The RF input is amplified through a dual gate MOS FET and emitter

follower compound amplifier before being applied to the double balanced first mixer. This RF amplifier maintains the receiver threshold essentially constant, up through 30MHz.

The source of the input FET amplifier incorporates a feedback signal attenuator for RF gain control of very large input signal levels.

The receiver local oscillator frequency is applied to the receiver mixer with the RF amplified input signal. The frequency of the receiver local oscillator is determined by the mode of operation selected, and is generated by the frequency synthesizer.

The output of the receiver mixer is transformer coupled to a push-pull IF amplifier and fed through either the 5.6MHz sideband filter, or the 5.6MHz 400Hz narrow band CW filter, to additional IF gain stages. The selection of the filter is made through front panel controls which direct diode and transistor logic for the proper filter selection.

PIN diode AGC control is incorporated in the IF amplifier stages. The IF output is applied to a product detector as is the proper carrier frequency. The audio output is then fed to the audio amplifier circuits. The audio amplifier is an IC, LM380N.

The meter circuits for ALC, AGC (receive level), and carrier power are also incorporated on the receiver circuit board. In addition, the microphone preamplifier and amplifier, the diode logic for the sidetone CW operation, and the receiver delay circuitry are on this board. Adjustments for VOX, anti-VOX, sidetone, meter functions, ALC, AGC, and receiver delay time are available.

The WWV receiver is also located on the receiver board. The signal from the WWV 10MHz filter is fed to a dual gate MOS FET for direct conversion to audio, utilizing the 5.0MHz reference oscillator as the local oscillator. The signal is amplified by an operational amplifier and passes through a two pole active low pass filter. The output of the filter is coupled to the volume control.

The noise blanker circuit accepts the wide band IF signal, amplifiers the WBIF in two tuned stages, and drives two separate detectors; one average detector for wide band signal and noise, and a second pulse detector. The IF bandwidth of the noise blanker is set to optimize S/N of the unwanted impulse noise. The output of the average detector is used to generate the WBIF AGC signal. The pulse detector feeds a comparator to generate the blanking pulse. This pulse blanks the received signal prior to the narrowband crystal filter to minimize filter ringing on impulse noise.

D. Transmitter

The transmitter circuits are shown schematically on the previously mentioned receiver board drawings, and Drawing ATR-190, Power Amplifier Board Schematic.

On the receiver board, the modulation input is applied to the first mixer as is the appropriate carrier frequency. The output of this mixer is a 5.6MHz sideband signal (or CW as selected) which is transformer coupled to the push-pull 5.6MHz amplifier. The sideband signal is filtered by the crystal sideband filter and followed by an emitter follower. The output of the emitter follower is fed to the transmitter mixer with the synthesizer derived local oscillator to give the proper RF sideband frequency f_x . The CW output is generated in a similar manner and transmitted on upper-sideband, 1KHz up from the indicated carrier frequency. The transmitter mixer output is fed to the transmitter preamplifier. The transmitter preamplifier supplies required linear amplification before going to the bandpass filters and the power amplifier board. The bandpass filters present a clean spectrum to the power amplifier.

The power amplifier circuit board has three stages with the last two connected in a push-pull configuration. This amplifier will supply 100 Watts PEP across each band.

WARNING: For maximum power transistor life, 100 Watt (full scale on FWD position of meter) CW output should not be exceeded.

The microphone amplifier utilizes logarithmic response to compress the audio peaks and improve voice average power. The log amplifier is followed by a two pole active filter to limit voice bandwidth to 3KHz. The microphone gain in USB or LSB operation will progressively increase the drive level to the power amplifier. This allows operator controlled RF compression.

8.0 CALIBRATION, SERVICE, AND REPAIR

Most circuit alignment and calibration is factory performed at final check-out and bake-in, and should require no further adjustment. In cases where it becomes necessary for some reason to align circuits other than those described in this section, it is recommended that the unit be returned to the factory for a complete alignment and check-out.

Operator-owner calibration and alignment may be desirable for the following function.

A. Carrier Oscillator Frequency Alignment

NOTE: For setting frequency on USB and LSB, the MIC GAIN should be full CCW and key down to activate f_{CX} signal with minimum transmitter power. For setting CWW, MIC GAIN should be full CW and key down. These tests should be performed with transmitter loaded into a dummy load to prevent unwanted transmissions.

Refer to Figure 7.2 for location of adjustments and circuit board. A frequency counter should be connected to f_{CX} (place probe on center connector at the coax connection). With the front panel switch in USB and the FINE and RIT controls at the 12 o'clock position, adjust C180 until the frequency on the counter is 5.601650MHz.

With the front panel switch in the LSB position, adjust C174 until the frequency on the counter is 5.598350MHz. With the front panel switch in the CWW position, adjust C 204 until the counter reads 5.600600MHz.

B. Reference Oscillator Calibration

Refer to Figure 7.4 and 7.2 for the circuit board location of C52 and the coax 5MHz input to the WWV receiver. This oscillator may be calibrated with either a counter, or the WWV receiver. If the WWV receiver is employed, select the WWV receiver position on the front panel and adjust C52 for a zero beat in the received WWV signal. An oscilloscope monitoring the audio signal is helpful in this. If a counter is used, connect it to the 5MHz coax input to the WWV receiver input point with the counter probe and adjust C52 to 5.000000MHz.

C. Receiver Delay Adjustment

Refer to Drawing Number ATR-176, Receiver Board Layout, and Figure 7.2 for the location of R239 on the receiver circuit board. R239 adjusts the time delay from the time the VOX or key is released, until the receiver circuitry is activated. This adjustment is not critical and may be set to individual operator preferences.

D. VOX Trip and Anti-Trip Adjustments

Refer to Drawing Number ATR-176, Receiver Board Layout, and Figure 7.2 for location of R181 and R158. R181 sets the gain of the VOX activation level and R158 sets the anti-VOX level.

E. Synthesizer Notes

The synthesizer design incorporates essentially non-adjustable components throughout the logic scheme and routine maintenance or tuning is not required. It should be noted that it will not be possible to see many of the pulses in the digital circuits with the normally used general purpose oscilloscope. These circuits require precision high speed oscilloscopes in order to accurately trace the synthesizer waveforms. Further, test equipment used at many of the circuit points will cause erroneous data, including synthesizer loop unlocking, due to loading or peripheral effect of the test equipment.

F. Power Meter, Reflected Power Meter Adjustment

Refer to Drawing Number ATR-176, Receiver Board Layout, and Figure 7.2 for the location of R306 and R312. R306 calibrates the forward power reading while R312 calibrates the VSWR shutdown of power. The RF output cable should be connected to a through

line calibrated Wattmeter and terminated into a 50 Ohm non-reactive load. With the function selector in the CWW position, and meter switch in FWD position, key the microphone and set the MIC gain for 100 Watts as indicated on the through-line Wattmeter. Now set R306 for full scale indication on the ASTRO-200A meter.

To set VSWR shut-down it is necessary to load the transmitter with a known 2:1 VSWR; for example two 50 ohm loads in parallel. With the mic gain in the full counter clockwise position key the transmitter and adjust R312 to limit power output to about 90 watts. With this adjustment the VSWR should read about 2 in the REF meter mode.

NOTE: DO NOT OPERATE TRANSMITTER INTO MISMATCH ANY LONGER THAN NECESSARY TO MAKE SHUT-DOWN ADJUSTMENT.

G. ALC Set

Refer to figure 7.2 and Drawing ATR-176 for location of R296. Terminate the transceiver with a 50 ohm load. Set MIC GAIN full clock-wise, meter mode FWD, Key transmitter, and whistle into microphone. Adjust R296 to a meter reading equivalent to +30dB on the S scale. This will set the ALC to hold an average power of 40 watts.

H. ALC Meter Sensitivity

Refer to Figure 7.2 and Drawing ATR-176, for the location of R291. To adjust ALC meter sensitivity set function switch to CWW, meter mode to ALC, and MIC GAIN full clockwise. Key transmitter and note minimum RF power output. Adjust R291 for full scale meter deflection.

I. AGC Setting

Refer to figure 7.2 and Drawing ATR-176 for location of R280. To adjust receiver for proper AGC threshold, inject a signal in the 20M band at 1.5 μ volt level and tune receiver for about a 1KHz signal at the speaker. Set R280 for a meter reading of S-3.

J. AGC Meter Set

Using the same set up as in I above increase the signal level to 50 μ volts and adjust R272 to give a meter reading of S-9.

K. Sidetone Level Set

Refer to Figure 7.2 and Drawing Number ATR-176, Receiver Board Layout, for R257 location. This control sets the audio listening level for CW sidetone during CW operation.

L. Component Replacement and Repair Notes

Should component replacement be necessary, it must be recognized that the circuit boards in the ASTRO-200A utilize plated-through holes. Therefore, in order to remove components without destroying etch, the solder must be removed before the component is removed. Solder wick dipped in flux should be laid over the joint to be de-soldered. Apply heat with a 25 Watt iron over the braid (wick) and "wick" off the solder. Do not force pull out the component. They will come much easier and leave the etch if all solder is removed first. Do not use large hot irons for repair work.

9.0 OPERATING NOTES

A. External Local Oscillator

The ASTRO-200A may be tuned by means of an external local oscillator. The transistor switch for this function is on the receiver board. (See ATR-175, Sheet 3). Q22 and Q23 are connected as a differential switch. To activate the external L.O. function, a 12 to 15VDC gating signal is applied to Pin 9 of the accessory connector. This gating voltage turns on Q22 and turns off Q23. An L.O. signal of about 0dBm (.2Vrms) should be supplied by coax to Pins 7 and 6 of the accessory connector. This gating has no effect

on synthesizer tuning and does not effect the frequency readout.

The external L.O. Frequency may be determined by the following formula:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{LO} \text{MHz} &= (f_{\text{tune}} \text{MHz} + 5.6 \text{MHz}) \pm .00165 \text{MHz} \\ &+ .00165 \text{MHz for USB} \\ &- .00165 \text{MHz for LSB} \end{aligned}$$

For example: Suppose the desired tuned frequency is 21.00000MHz - USB, then:

$$f_{LO} \text{MHz} = 21.00 + 5.6 + .00165 = 26.60165 \text{MHz}$$

It should be noted that frequencies slightly outside the specified bands can be tuned with only minor loss in performance.

B. Synthesizer

The operational characteristics of a complete digitally synthesized transceiver are superior to the traditional VFO or phase locked loop VFO approach to frequency generation. Upon initial turn-on of the unit, about one minute is required for both synthesizer loops to lock. When changing from one band to another, about 15 seconds are required for the synthesizer loops to stabilize.

After the loops have stabilized, it is not necessary

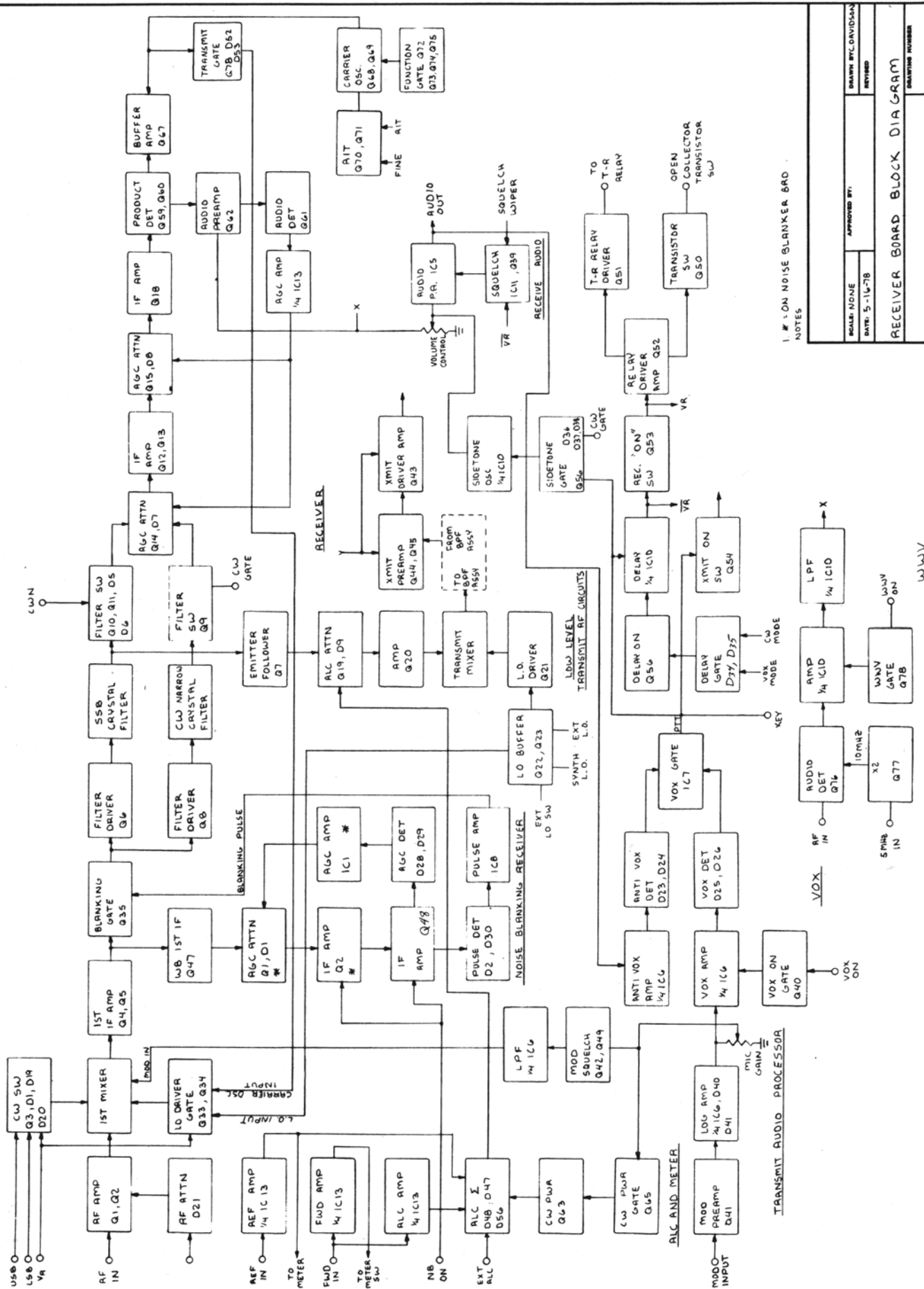
to wait for the loops to stabilize while tuning within a band.

C. Grounding

As with all H.F. transceiving equipment, a good earth (or car frame) ground is important for optimum performance.

D. Mobile Operation

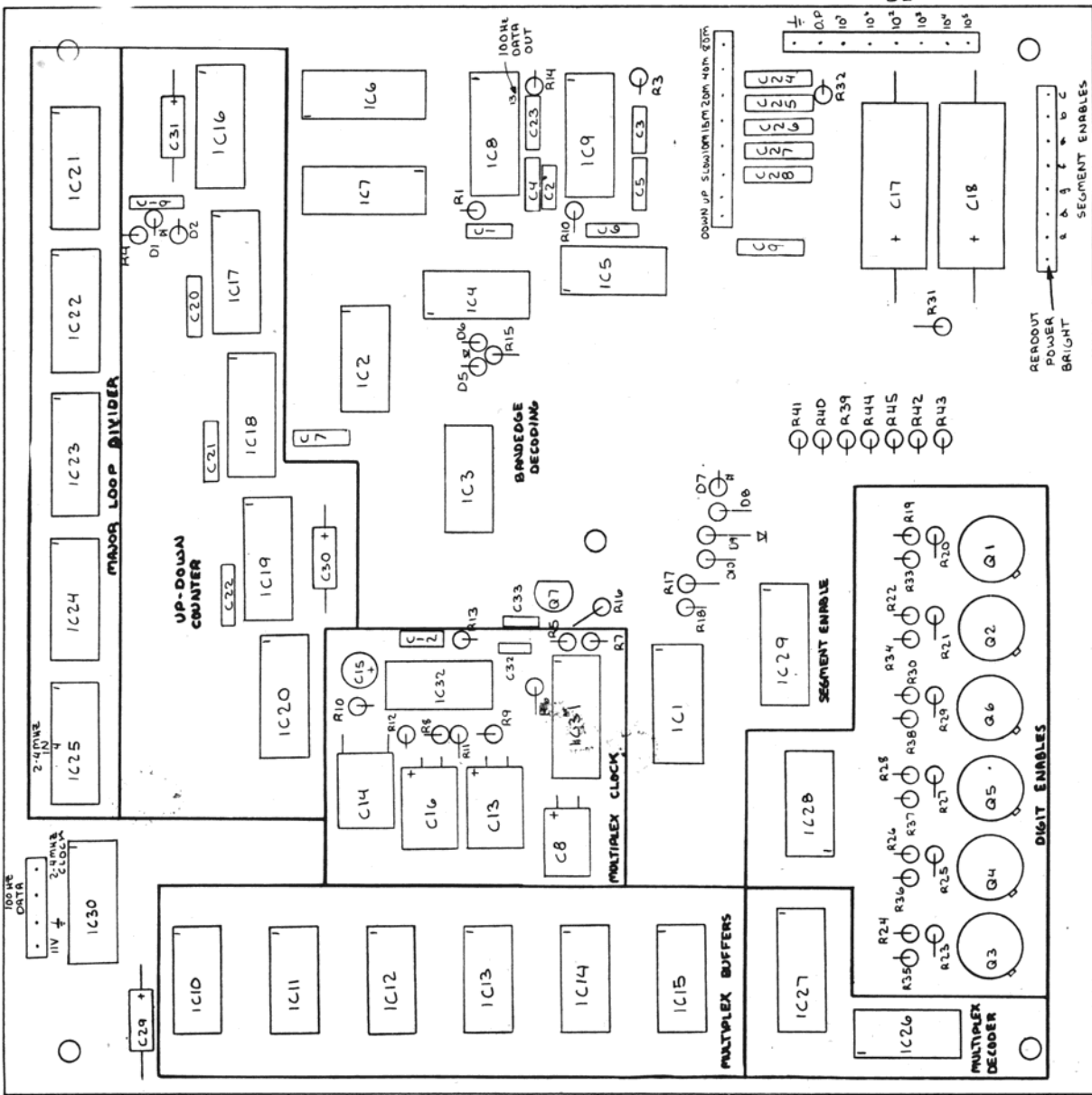
The ASTRO-200A will give stable performance in mobile operation. Electronic tuning is a major improvement in tuning ease and stability, especially in a moving vehicle. It should be noted that a slight frequency shift will be noticed if the bottom cover is deformed or hit. With the unit mounted in a good mobile mount, vehicle vibration, even in off-road vehicles, will not generate frequency shifts.



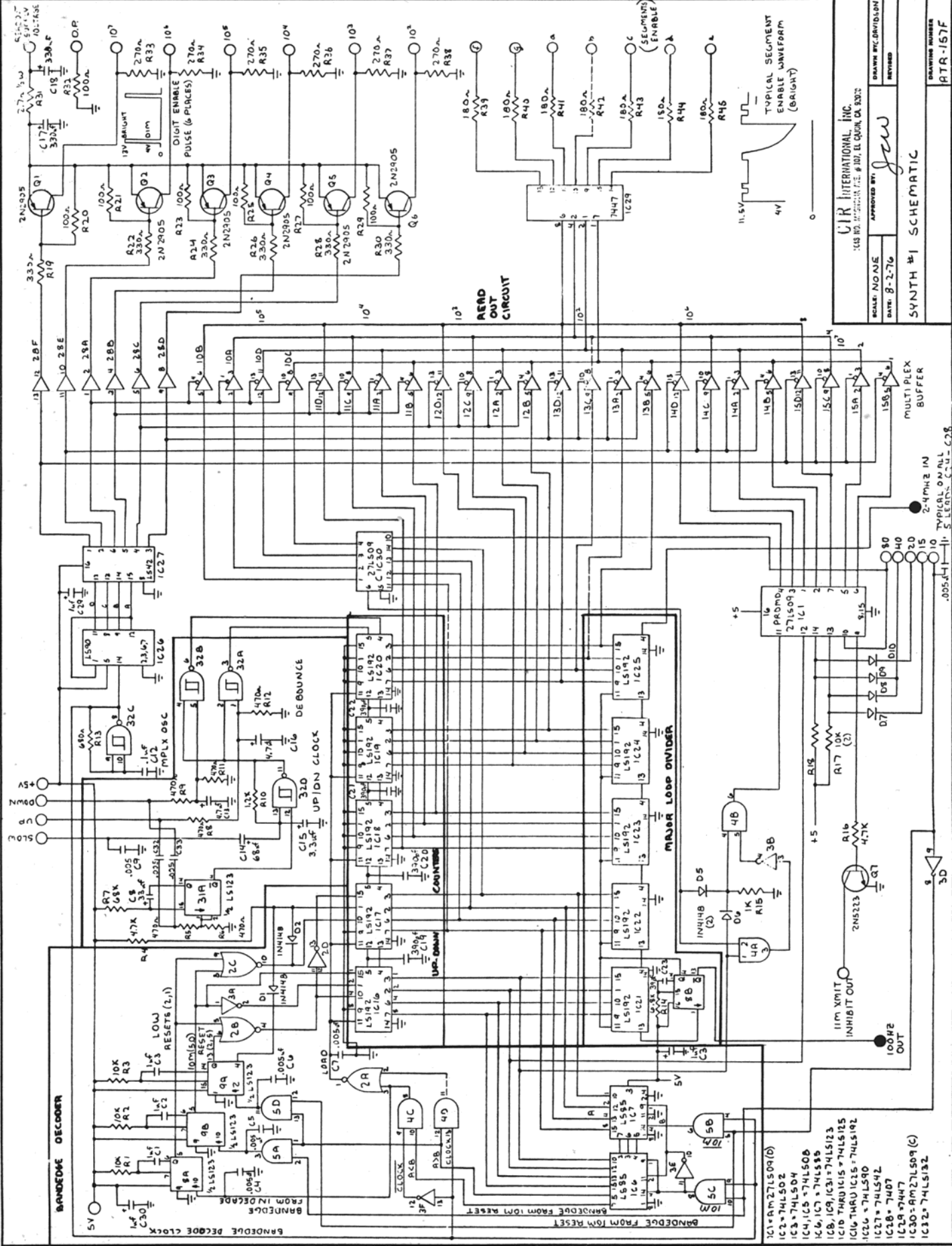
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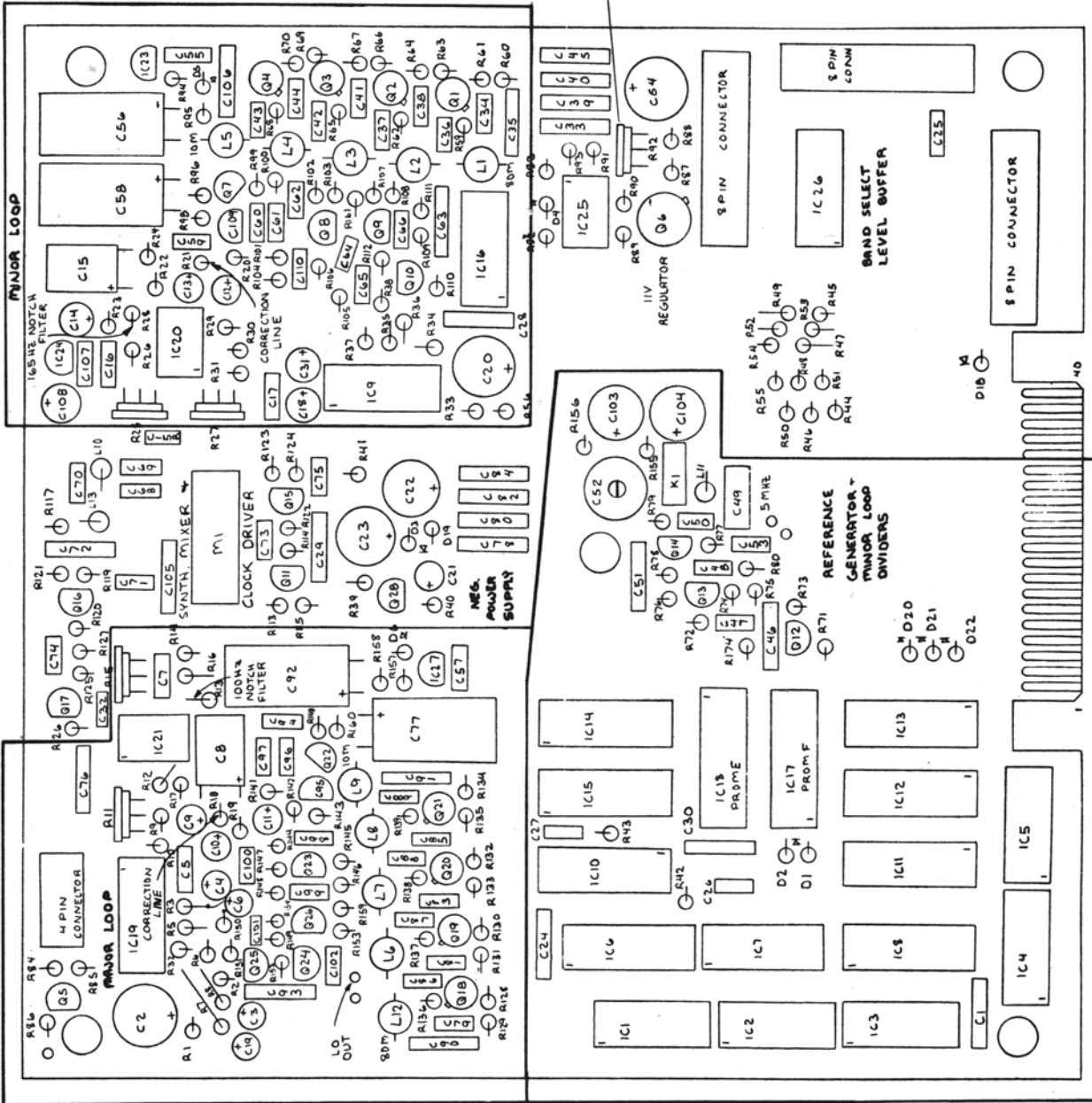


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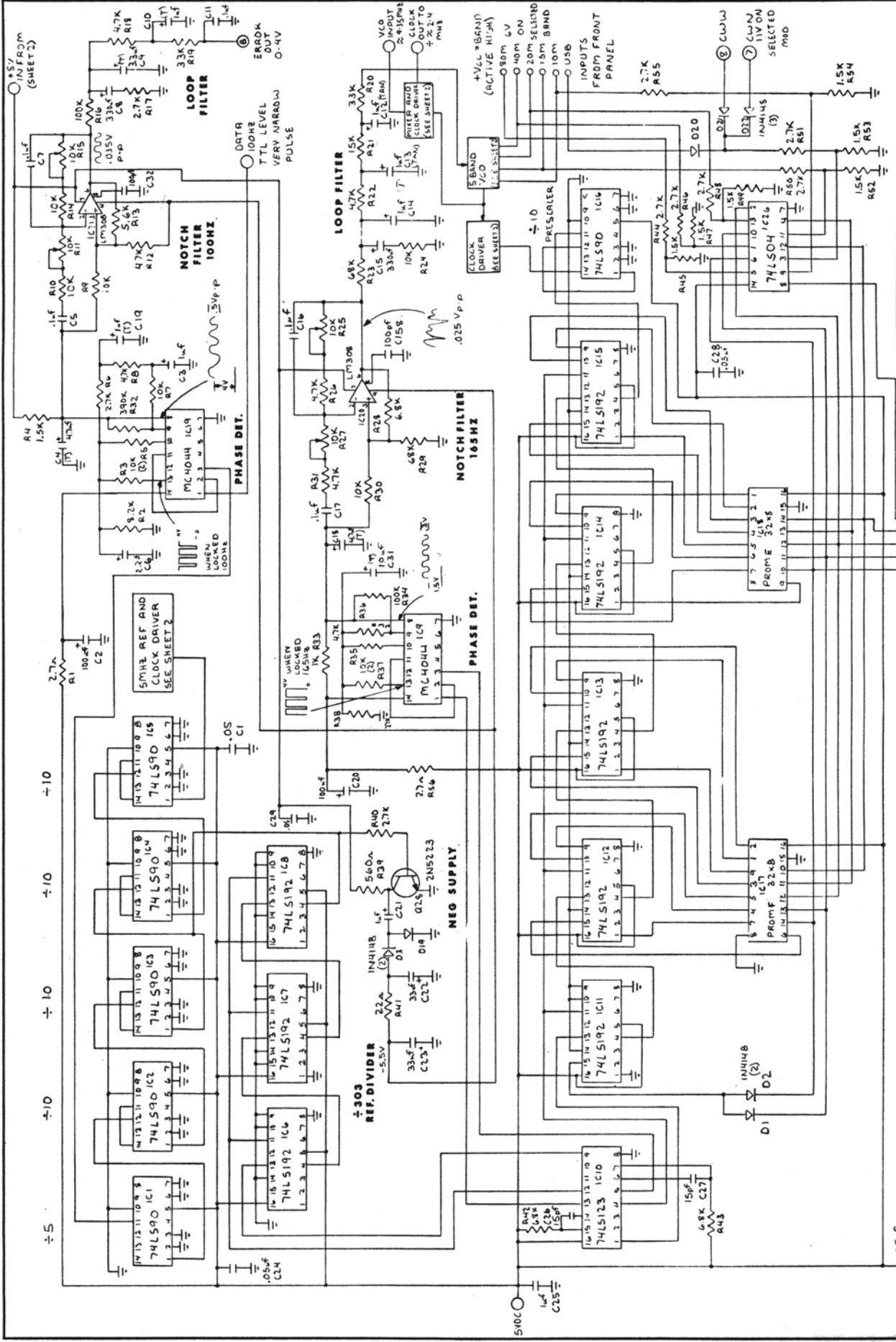
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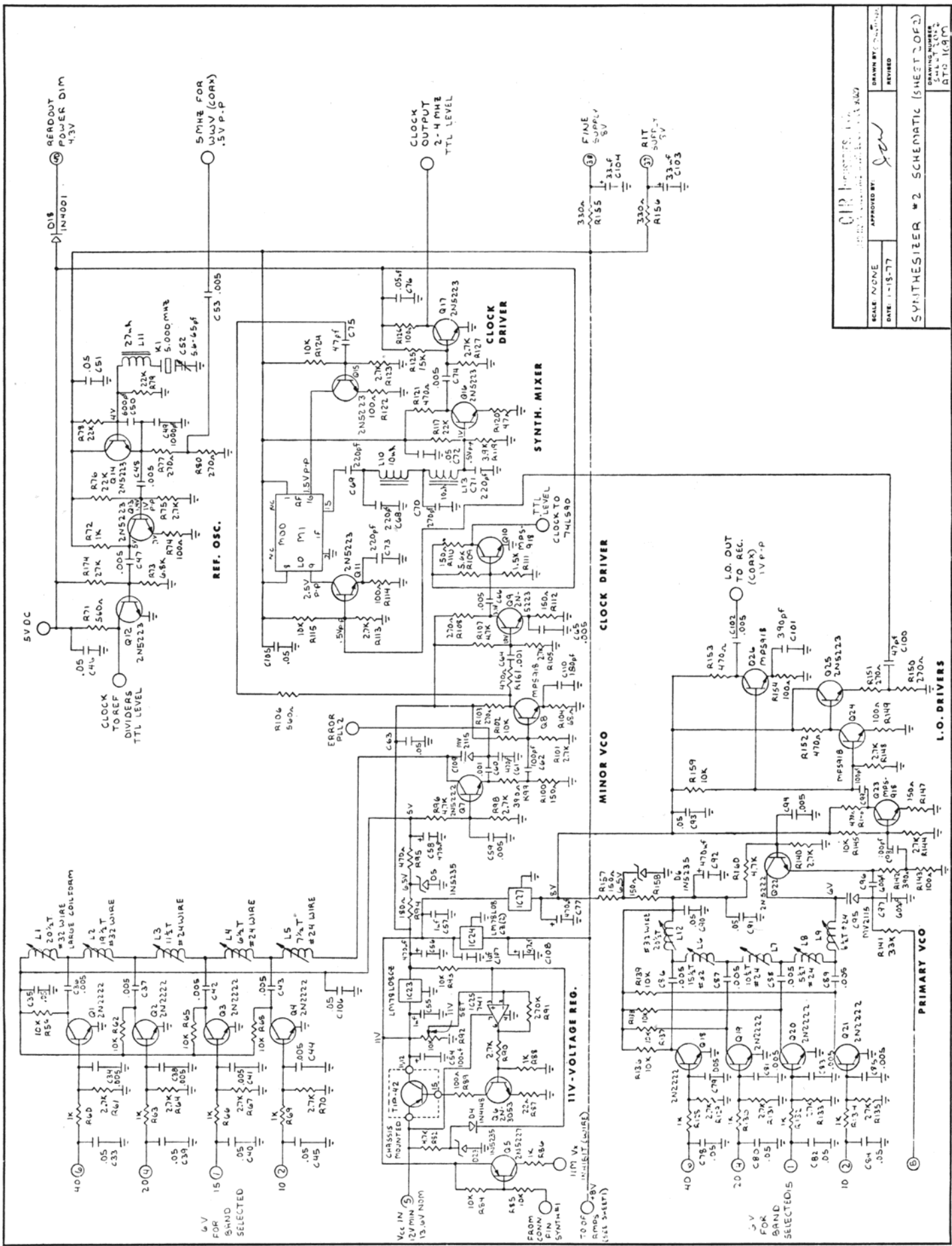
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II DETAILED DESCRIPTION

1.0 GENERAL COMMENTS

In the following sections each circuit function is described in the following format:

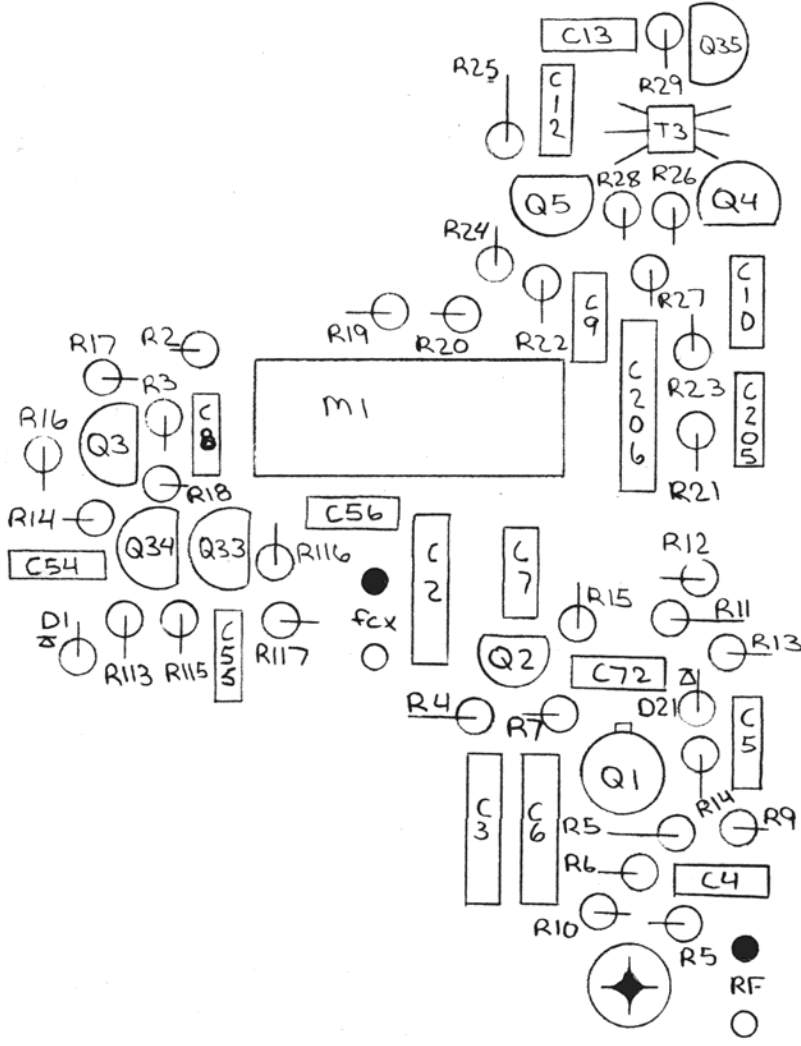
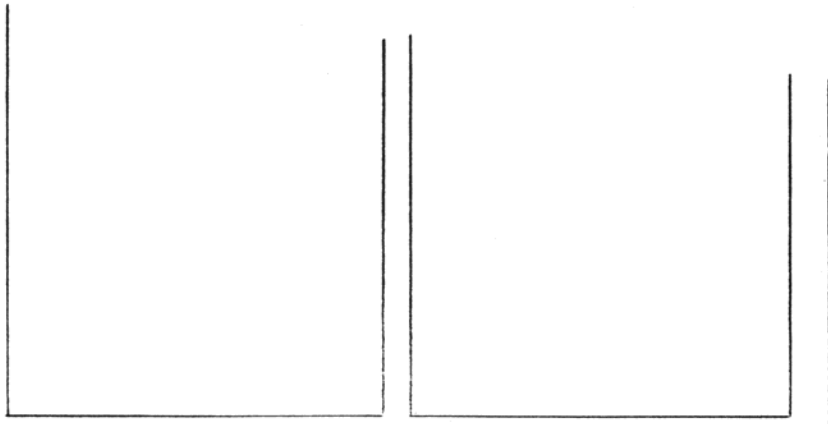
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2. Expanded schematic with typical operating voltages.
3. Expanded layout with test points noted.

2.0 RF AMP, 1st MIXER, 1st IF AMP, AND BLANKING GATE

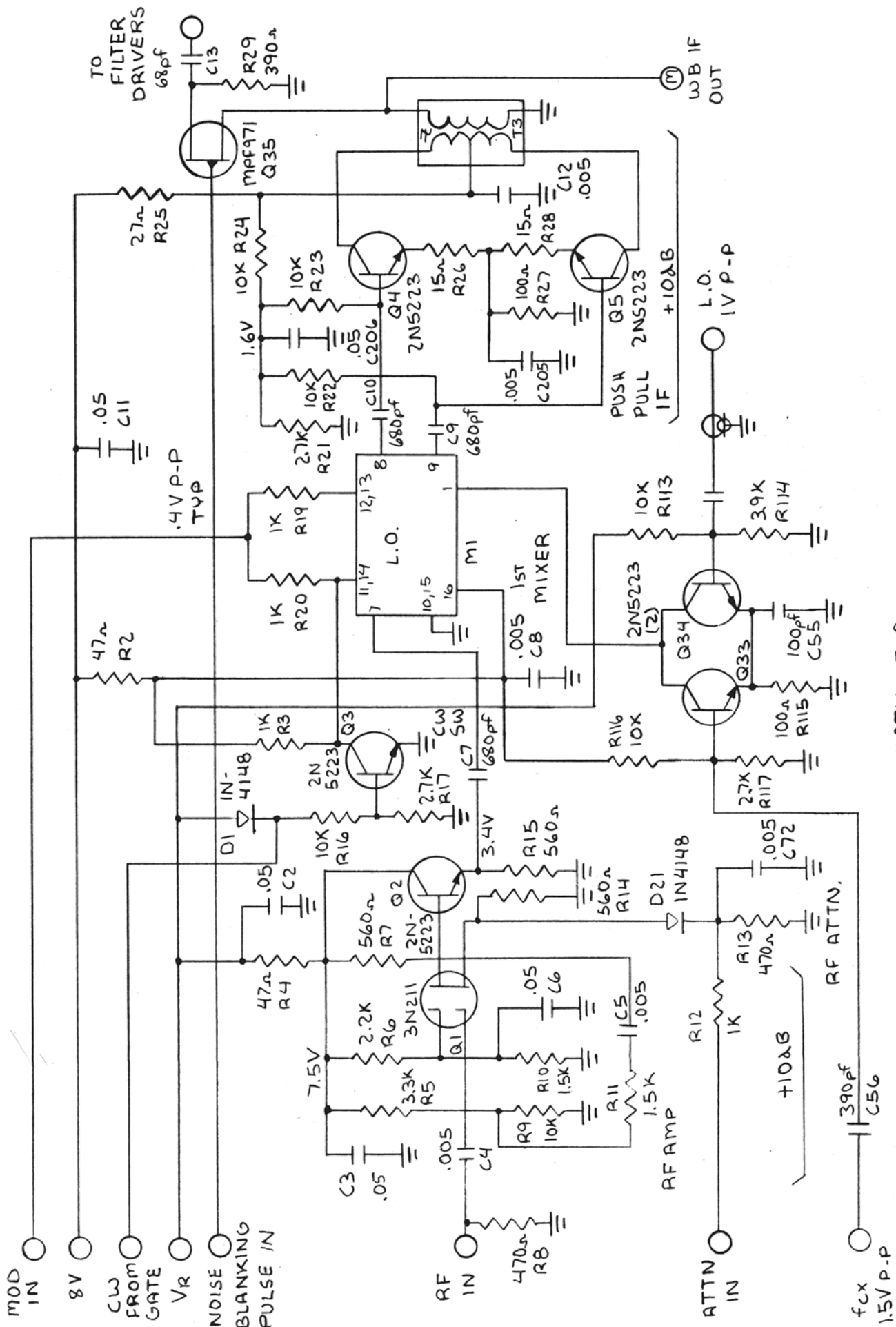
Received input signal is amplified 10dB by the RF feedback amplifier couple Q1 and Q2. Amplified RF signal is fed to the 1st mixer. L.O. is supplied to the mixer by the driver Q34. In the transmit mode carrier oscillator signal is fed by Q33. Transistors Q33 and Q34 are an emitter coupled switch pair.

The mixer balanced output is fed to a push-pull 1st IF amp. This amplifier feeds the crystal filter drivers Q6 and Q8 through the blanking gate Q35.

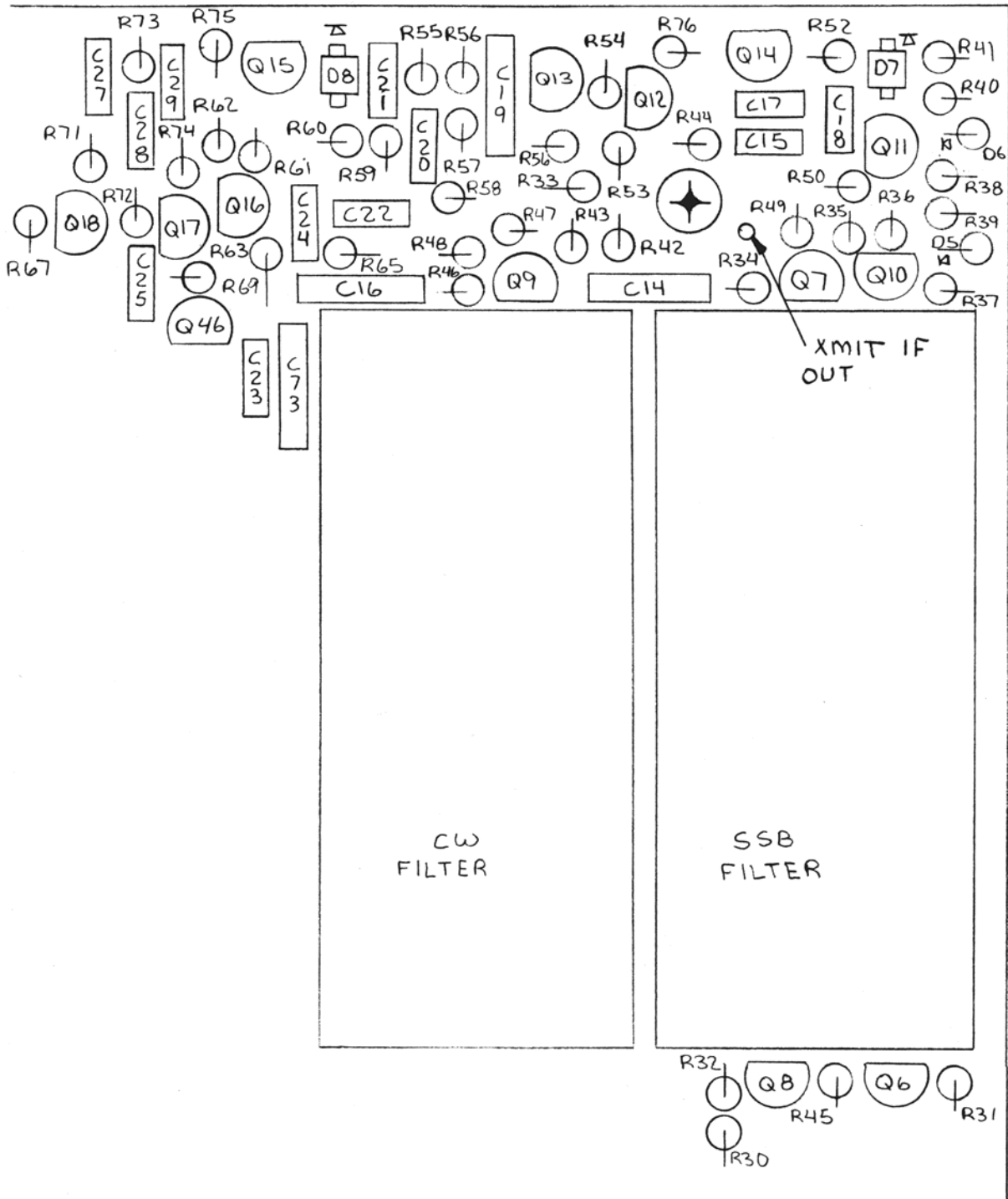
In the SSB transmit mode modulation is applied through R19 and R20. For CW transmit the mixer is unbalanced by Q3 thus allowing carrier signal feedthrough.



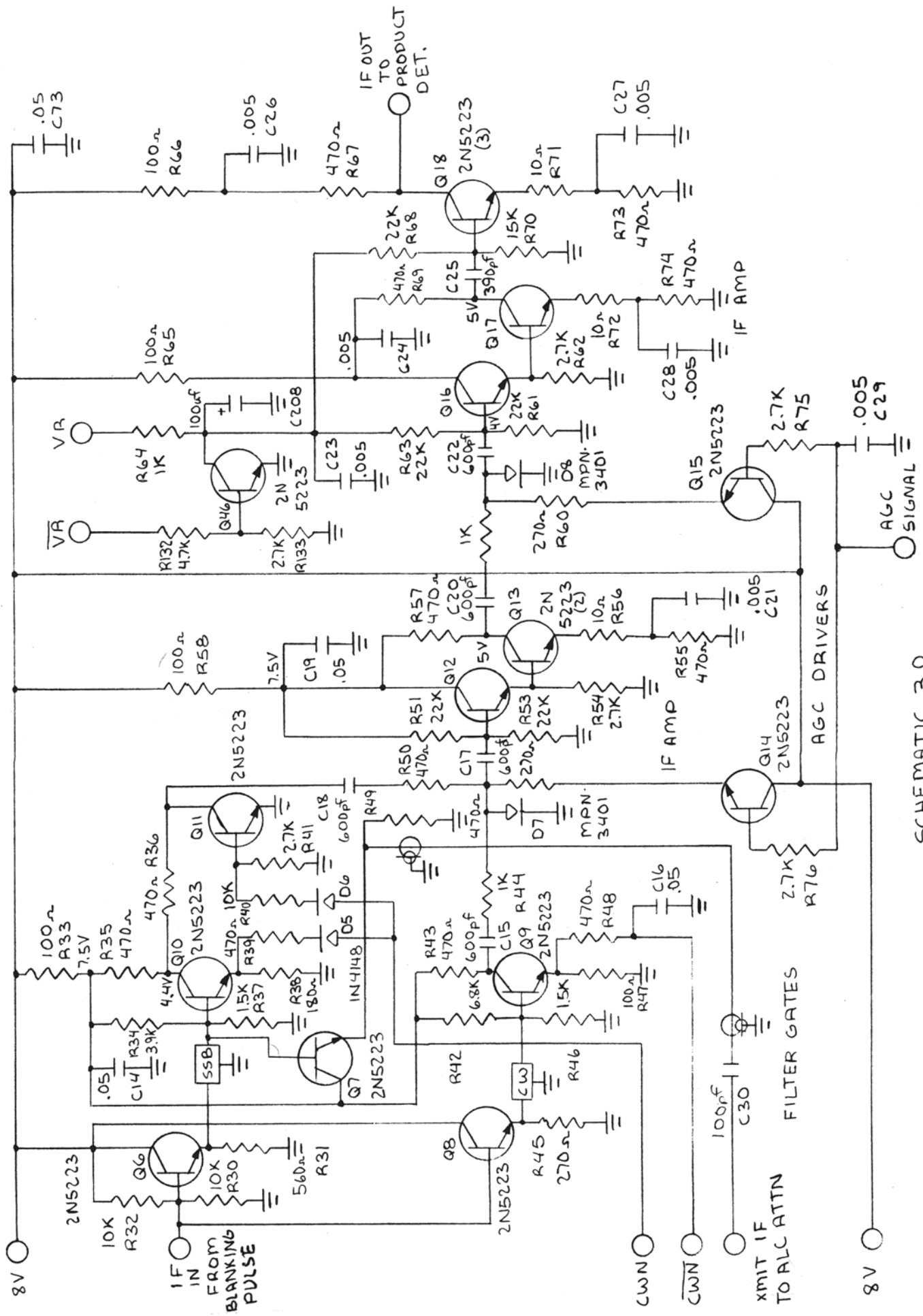
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LAYOUT 3.0



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RF attenuation function is performed by applying reverse bias to D21.

No adjustments are necessary on these circuits. Nominal gain through these stages is net 20dB.

3.0 CRYSTAL FILTER SWITCHING, IF AMP AND AGC ATTN.

Each of the two (CWN filter optional) crystal filters are driven by emitter followers. The output of each filter is coupled to amplifier transistors Q9 and Q10.

Transistor Q7 is a buffer emitter follower that drives the ALC attenuator. Transistors Q9, Q10, and Q11 switch the signal path to connect either the SSB filter or the CWN filter.

The switching transistor outputs are summed by resistors that feed the first AGC attenuator. Each of the two AGC attenuators has greater than 50dB attenuation. The remaining circuits are three RC coupled IF amplifiers.

Transistor Q46 is a switch used to instantly cut off the receiver when the transmitter is keyed. Capacitor C208 delays receiver turn-on when Key is released for 10 milliseconds.

No adjustments are necessary on these circuits.

4.0 PRODUCT DETECTOR AND AUDIO AGC

The product detector is an emitter coupled pair Q59 and Q60. The product detector output is amplified by Q62 and the audio is detected by Q61. The detected audio drives the AGC amplifier; which in turn drives the AGC attenuator circuits.

Automatic noise limiter (ANL) diodes are used to clip noise spikes about 6-10dB greater than average audio level. This prevents excessive popping or AGC pumping.

Alignment:

AGC threshold: Adjust R280 for an AGC reading of S-3 at a receiver input of 1.5 μ volts.

5.0 AUDIO POWER AMP AND SQUELCH

Audio power output is generated by IC5, and two squelch functions are generated by IC11 and Q39. IC11 squelches audio as a function of front panel control and signal AGC level. Transistor Q39 squelches audio in the transmit mode.

6.0 CARRIER OSCILLATOR

The carrier oscillator generates the carrier frequency