

***TAU-1000***

**POWER AMPLIFIER**

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We believe that this manual, and of course our equipment, should be everything you need to get on the air with superb broadcast quality video. We understand that a capable and confident user will get the most out of our product and we have made every attempt to educate readers of all technical levels. If there is something that is not clear, or you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us and we'll be glad to help out.

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We truly appreciate that you have chosen us as your television broadcast system supplier. Happy viewing.

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## Section I - Safeguards

### General Safeguards

This section is written as a general guide to keep all 5 fingers on your hand and is intended for those having previous knowledge and experience with these kinds of equipment. It is not intended to contain a complete statement of all safety precautions, which should be observed by personnel using this or other electronic equipment.



**DOCUMENTATION** - Read, retain and follow instructions before operating the equipment. There is a lot of useful information in the manual, and besides, we spent a lot of time writing it!



**ENVIRONMENT** - To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose this equipment to rain, moisture, or rye and sodas at the company Christmas party. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.



**SERVICING** - Do not attempt to service this equipment yourself as opening or removing covers can result in a warm tingly feeling and will void the warranty. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.

## Safety and First Aid

Personnel engaged in the installation, operation, maintenance, or servicing of electronic equipment are exposed to the hazard of high voltage. It is imperative that all safety regulations and precautions are consistently observed. Knowledge of first aid procedures is recommended. The following information is presented as a reference only.

- At all times, avoid placing any part of the body in series between ground and circuit points, whether power is on or off.
- Dangerous voltage may be present in equipment even though power is off. Do not open the cabinet. Refer servicing to qualified service personnel.
- It is the duty of all personnel to be prepared to give adequate emergency first aid treatment and thereby prevent avoidable loss of life.
- There are three principle degrees of burns, recognizable as follows:
  - a first-degree burn reddens the skin.
  - a second-degree burn blisters the skin.
  - a third degree burn chars the flesh and frequently places the victim in a state of shock accompanied by respiratory paralysis.
- Respiratory paralysis can cause death by suffocation within seconds. It is imperative that the approved methods of artificial respiration are initiated immediately and continue until the victim's breathing is normal.
- A muscular spasm of unconsciousness may render the victim unable to break free of the electric power. If this is the case, turn the power off immediately.

**DO NOT TOUCH THE VICTIM OR YOU MAY SHARE THE SAME PREDICAMENT.**

- If the power cannot be turned off immediately, very carefully loop a dry rope, article of clothing, length of strong cloth or a rolled-up newspaper around the victim and pull the victim free of the power source. Carefully avoid touching the victim or clothing.
- Once free of the power source, the victim must be placed in a reclining position and covered with a blanket or newspapers to keep warm. At the first opportunity, enlist help in summoning a doctor. If a doctor cannot be summoned, transport the victim to the doctor or a hospital. Be sure the victim is kept well covered and warm while awaiting professional treatment.

## Operating Safeguards

It is a known fact that our broadcast transmitters and translators enjoy 50-ohm load impedances. So much so, that it is imperative you maintain 50-ohm impedances throughout your system. In return, your equipment will provide you with maximum power transfer to the antenna and decreased reflected power heading back towards the amplifier pallets, reducing the amount of magic smoke that gets let out of the power amplifier. Before anything is turned on, ensure that there is a 50-ohm path from the output of each stage to the input of the next, all the way to the antenna.

In addition to maintaining proper 50-ohm impedances throughout the signal chain, it is also important, whenever possible, to make sure the RF drive going to the input of the power amplifier is removed before turning on or turning off the DC power supply. This is because all of the RF transistors used in the individual amplifier pallets are fabricated with LDMOS (Laterally Diffused Metal Oxide Semiconductor) technology. Nice and linear yes, but they do not like to make any RF power when their supply voltages are not within a specific range. When you first turn your power amplifier on or off, the DC power supply's output voltage may take a while to stable out to a safe operating voltage. Ten seconds wait before applying the RF drive will ensure no issues arise.

Our power amplifiers are designed to reliably generate a specific RF output power. Failing to adhere to overdriven amplifier warnings can decrease the reliability of your system, and frankly, makes our repair department busy and grumpy. If you need to transmit to a little larger coverage, you are better off increasing antenna gain, and more importantly, antenna height above average terrain. On TV and FM broadcast frequencies, insufficient antenna height puts an upper limit on your range, regardless of power levels, as the distance from your antenna to the radio horizon is limited.

## **Section II - Warranty**

Our legalese is straightforward. It is simply designed to give you peace of mind and helps you resist the temptation to have your electronics friend try to repair your Technalogix product.

Technalogix Ltd. products have been completely tested and found to meet specifications and be in proper operating condition. They are warranted to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of one year from the date of shipment. If the system becomes damaged in shipment and there are obvious signs of damage to the outside of the packaging, notify your courier immediately before that courier walks out the door.

Technalogix Ltd. will not be liable for damages of whatever nature arising out of or in connection with the equipment or its use thereof. Technalogix does not assume responsibility for injury or damage resulting from the practices of untrained or unqualified personnel in the handling of this equipment.

Technalogix Ltd. warranty does not include:

- misuse, neglect or accident.
- incorrect wiring and /or improper installation.
- unauthorized repairs, modifications or use in violation of instructions issued by Technalogix.
- incidental or consequential damages as a result of any defect.
- reshipment cost or insurance of the unit or replacement units or parts.
- acts of nature or terrorism.

Technalogix agrees, at our option, to remedy warranted defects or furnish a new part in exchange for any part of a unit which, under normal installation, use and service, becomes defective. The user will pay for transportation costs to and from the repair center.



To claim your rights under this warranty:

- Contact Technalogix and describe the problem in as much detail as possible. See troubleshooting section in this manual. If a solution cannot be found at this time, it may be determined that the unit will have to be returned to Technalogix for repair, once a Return Materials Authorization (RMA) number is provided. Please look under our web site ([www.technalogix.ca](http://www.technalogix.ca)) for the RMA form (Service) and fill it out. Either fax it to us or email to us.
- Package equipment carefully for prepaid shipment to Technalogix. Include a written description of the problem experienced, a copy of the original invoice establishing warranty status, and the RMA.

Technalogix reserves the right to make revisions in current production of the equipment and assumes no obligation to incorporate these changes in earlier models.

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## Section III – Overview

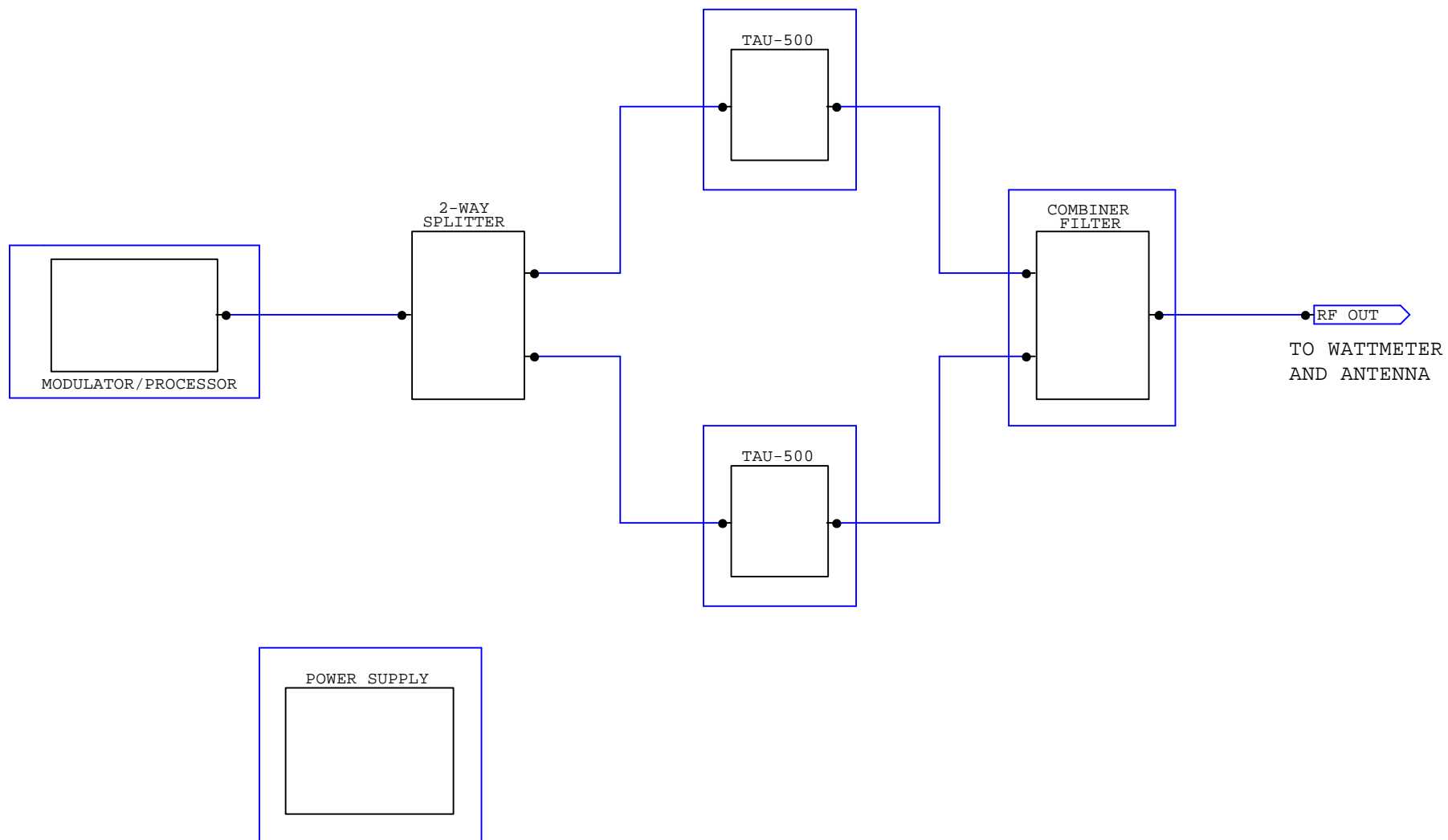
### Standard Features

- Narrow output bandpass filter allows adjacent channel operation
- Front panel Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) to monitor forward and reflected RF power, and DC voltage
- Microcontroller-based monitoring and control ensures amplifier will never be overdriven and high VSWR will not damage amplifier
- AC circuit breaker on back panel to eliminate replacement of fuses
- All aluminium enclosure maintains power amplifier's light weight
- Simple design using commonly available parts ensures reliable operation
- Predominate and third-order intermodulation distortion exceeds Industry Canada and FCC specification.

## **Principle of Operation**

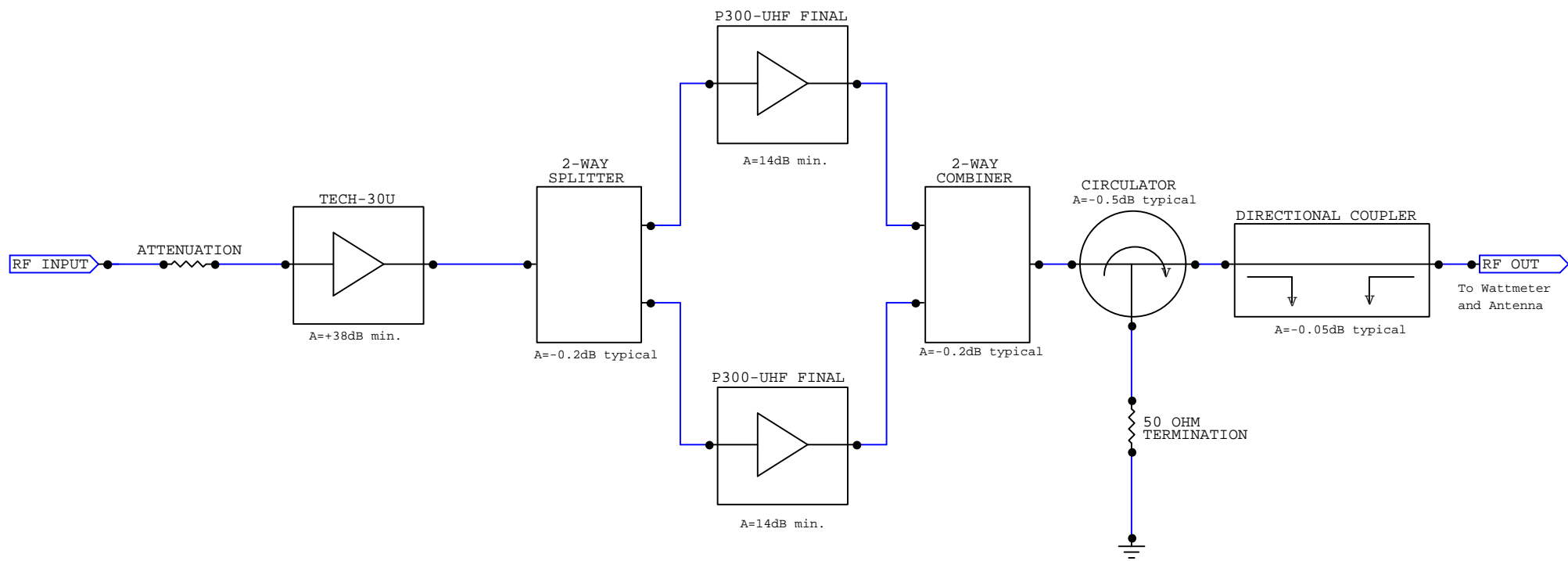
The TAU-1000 power amplifier supplies a 1000-watt peak video signal with 10% aural power on any of the UHF television channels 14 through 69. Please note that channel selection must be made at time of order, as the transmitter or translator is calibrated and tested to the channel requested and is not field tuneable. The TAU-1000 power amplifier is a modular solid-state 1000-watt broadcast amplifier utilizing readily available RF components wherever possible, thus enhancing the serviceability of the equipment. The TAU-1000 features ultra linear amplification and individual channel RF output bandpass filtering. The amplifier modules are stable for high reliability and long service life.

The amplification of the TAU-1000 is comprised of (2) TAU-500 500-watt power amplifiers. Firstly, the output of the modulator or processor gets split into (2) RF signals of equal amplitude. Each output of the 2-way power divider is then fed into a TAU-500 Power Amplifier. Finally, the outputs of each TAU-500 are combined to generate 1000-watts of peak visual power in addition to an aural carrier, as seen in the TAU-1000 block diagram.



TAU-1000 Overall Block Diagram		
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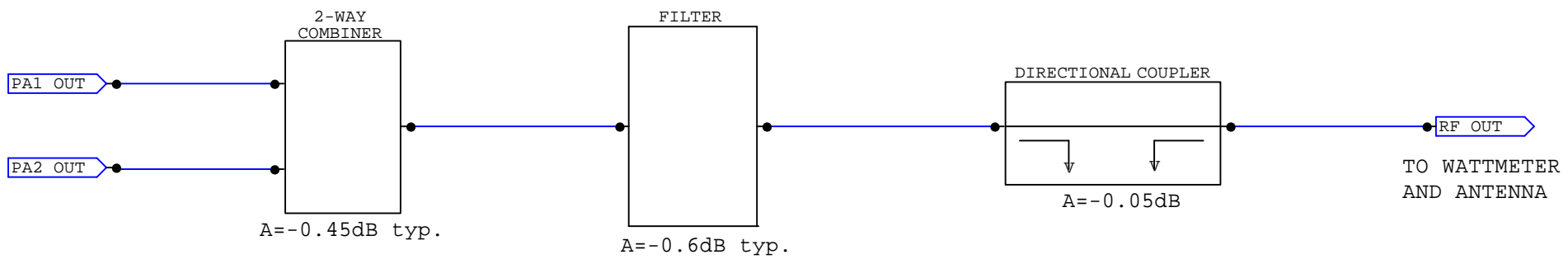
Inside each 500-watt power amplifier, the signal passes through an RF attenuator to limit the output power level of the power amplifier, to help buffer any transients that may come into the power amplifier, and most importantly, allow for provisions to balance the gain of the TAU-500 to the other TAU-500. After attenuation, the signal gets preamplified through a TECH-30U driver amplifier before the signal gets split into (2) signals for final amplification using a 2-way Wilkinson microstrip power divider. The final amplification stage is comprised of (2) P300-UHF final amplifiers. The outputs of the (2) final amplifier pallets are combined with a 2-way Wilkinson microstrip combiner and pass through an isolator and dual directional coupler for protection and monitoring purposes, as illustrated in the following TAU-500 block diagram.



TAU-500 Block Diagram

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After amplification, the signal exits the power amplifier enclosure and goes into the combiner/filter enclosure, where the signals from each 500-watt amplifier are combined. After combining, the amplified signals are filtered with a bandpass filter and monitored again with another directional coupler before heading out to an antenna for broadcast, as depicted in the following combiner/filter block diagram.





## Specifications

The following specifications were taken with a Technalogix modulator/processor. Should a different modulator or processor be used, specifications could vary. For this reason, we recommend that any different modulator/processor be shipped to Technalogix so the system can be matched and set up optimally. In addition, the audio/video ratio the input to the power amplifier needs to be -10 dB in order for the software and LCD readout to be accurate.

### RF Characteristics

Frequency range	any specified UHF Channel 14 to 60**
Frequency Response (one channel)	±0.5 dB
Frequency Stability	±250 Hz
Selectivity	60 dB (adjacent channel)
Minimum Input Level	0 dBmV
Rated Visual Output Power	1000 Watts
Rated Aural Output Power	10% of peak visual power
IF Output Level	+35 dBmV nominal
Input Impedance	75 Ohms
Output Impedance	50 Ohms
Harmonics	> 60 dB below rated power
Predominant Intermodulation Distortion	dBc = decibels below visual carrier
+ 920 kHz	> -53 dBc
- 920 kHz	> -53 dBc
+ 2.66 MHz	> -53 dBc
- 2.66 MHz	> -53 dBc
+ 5.42 MHz	> -53 dBc
+ 7.16 MHz	> -53 dBc
3 <sup>rd</sup> Order Intermodulation Distortion	
+ 4.5 MHz	> -60 dBc
+ 9.0 MHz	> -60 dBc
All others	> -60 dBc
Spurious Emissions	> -60 dBc

\*\* Stand-alone power amplifier will operate from channels 14-69.

### PAL Video Characteristics

Input Level to modulator (for 87.5% modulation)	1.0 V <sub>PP</sub>
Differential Phase (at 87.5% modulation)	±2 Degrees
Differential Gain (at 87.5% modulation)	2%
Group Delay	< ±40 nS
Video Group Delay Pre-emphasis	Conforms to IC/FCC specifications
K-Factor	1.9% for 2T Pulse
Hum and Noise	> 60 dB below rated power

### Aural Characteristics

Input Level for 25 kHz Deviation	0.3 V <sub>PP</sub>
Frequency Response (Standard Pre-emphasis)	±1 dB
Harmonic Distortion (25 kHz Deviation)	< 1% 50 Hz to 15 kHz
Amplitude Modulation Noise	> 50 dB
Frequency Modulation Noise	> 60 dB
Intercarrier Stability	±250 Hz

### Physical Characteristics

Power Requirements	
Power Supply	230 V <sub>AC</sub> , 28 A <sub>AC</sub>
Operating Temperature	0 - 50°C
Dimensions	
TAU-500 Power Amplifier (each)	W-19" flange (17" incl.), D-25- $\frac{1}{4}$ ", H-8- $\frac{3}{4}$ " (5U)
Combiner	W-19" flange (17" incl.), D-25- $\frac{1}{4}$ ", H-8- $\frac{3}{4}$ " (5U)
Power Supply	W-19" flange (17" incl.), D-25- $\frac{1}{4}$ ", H-7" (4U)

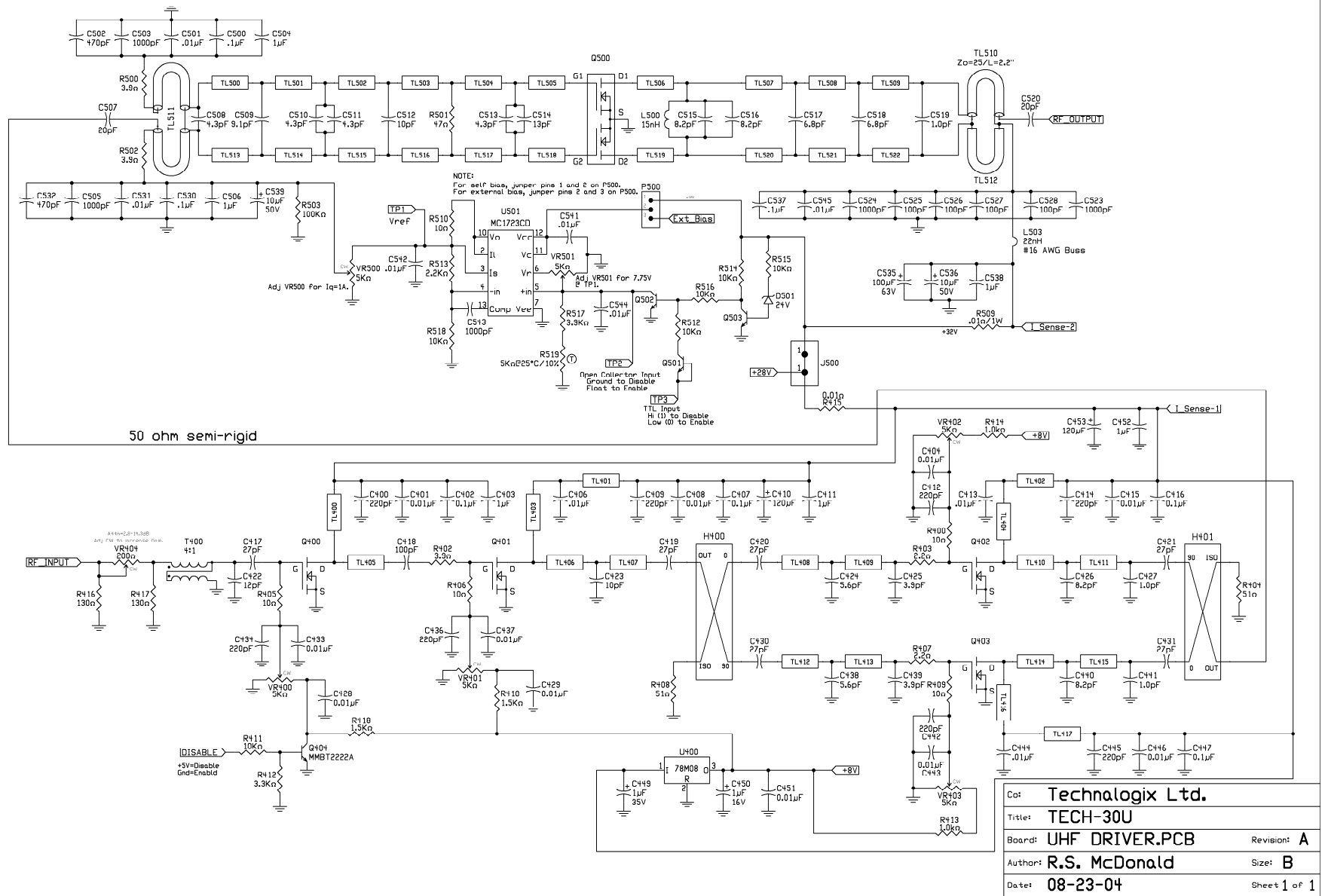
## Section IV – RF Components

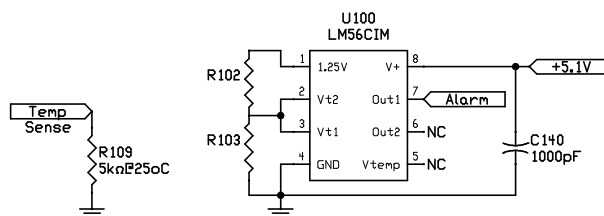
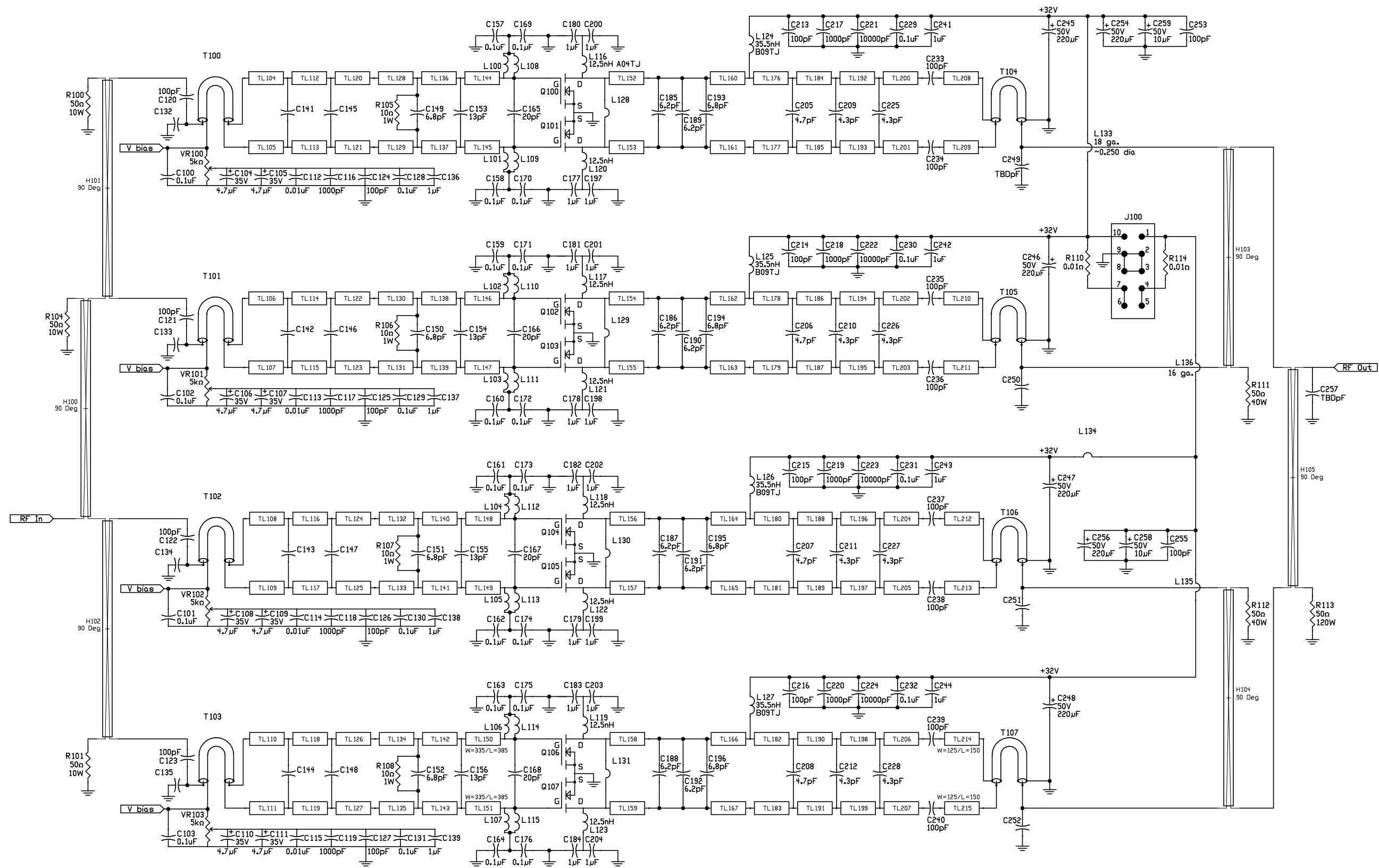
### Amplifier Pallets

The TECH-30U driver pallet consists of (2) separate printed circuit board stages – The first stage is an ultra-linear class-A stage with (3) gain sections providing a typical adjustable power gain of 26dB to 37dB at 10-watts peak. This stage typically draws 2.5 Adc quiescent and a maximum drain current of 5 Adc. The second stage is a linear class AB stage with a typical gain of 13 dB. This stage typically draws 1.0 Adc quiescent and a maximum drain current of 10 Adc. The currents on both stages can be found by measuring the voltage drop across the +30 Vdc input and the I sense connector. The resistance separating these connections is 0.01 ohms, providing a 10 mV per ampere ratio.

The P300-UHF pallets used in the final amplification stage use LDMOS (Laterally Diffused Metal Oxide Semiconductor) technology. LDMOS technology offers higher gain, efficiency and linearity over standard MOSFET and Bipolar devices and enhances ruggedness and reliability. LDMOS transistors have the added advantage of not having BEO (Beryllium Oxide) in their construction. The P300-UHF amplifier pallets have a typical gain of 15dB (14dB minimum) and draw no more than 23Adc. Currents for these pallets must be measured with an ammeter in series with the power supply lead.

Each of the amplifier pallets is connectorized to optimize servicing and accessibility. All amplifier pallets must have the transistor drain voltages reach at least 26Vdc before the RF drive is applied.





## P300-UHF-16 Schematic

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### **Power Divider/Combiner (internal to each TAU-500 enclosure)**

A Wilkinson power divider and combiner are used to split the RF signal into, and combine the amplified RF signal out of the (2) P300 final amplifier pallets. Flanged power resistors help ensure that any differences between the inputs or outputs are balanced.

The Wilkinson design takes advantage of the fact that an impedance transformation can take place across a quarter-wavelength transmission line if the line has different impedance than the source or load impedances being matched. In this case, quarter-wavelengths of 75-ohm coaxial are used to maintain 50-ohm impedances at the input and output of the Wilkinson divider/combiner. Due to its electrical and mechanical symmetry, the Wilkinson design's performance over moderate bandwidths is superior to other types. This design maintains phase and amplitude equality, in addition to providing isolation and matched outputs.

### **Circulator/Isolator (internal to each TAU-500 enclosure)**

A circulator and load termination (popularly described as an isolator) is installed into each TAU-500 directly after the amplification stage and before the directional coupler. RF power will flow through the isolator in one direction (from the amplifier stage to the directional coupler). RF power applied in the opposite direction (back into the amplifier stage) will experience a high loss. Hence, the isolator isolates the TAU-500 power amplifier enclosure from external influences. The potentially damaging reflected power heading back towards the amplifier stage gets dumped into the flanged termination resistor. In addition, these reflected signals cannot mix in the amplifier stage and produce intermodulation distortion products.

Each circulator has a maximum insertion loss 0.5dB and a minimum isolation of 17dB. The load termination is rated at 250 watts, 50-ohms.

### Final 2-Way Combiner (internal to combiner/filter enclosure)

The RF outputs from the (2) TAU-500 amplifier modules then pass into a final enclosure where the signals are combined, then filtered and monitored once again. The combiner is a 2-way, 1,000-watt power combiner with a maximum phase imbalance of  $\pm 1$  degree. Minimum isolation is -18 dB and maximum insertion loss is -0.45 dB from 170 to 280 MHz. Minimum return loss from ports 1 to 2 (input to input) is -25 dB and -20 dB on port 3 (output).

### Directional Coupler (internal to TAU-500 and combiner/filter enclosures)

The Technalogix dual directional couplers provide DC voltages proportional to forward and reflected RF power monitoring. These analog voltages are converted for processing using a 10-bit analog-to-digital converter and provide the control system with valuable data for monitoring purposes. The directional couplers installed in the power amplifier and filter enclosures have **peak** detection circuits on the forward RF power side of the coupler and **average** detection circuits on the reflected RF power side of the coupler. This is to allow the end user to set power in a manner that is more independent of modulation and closer to a true tip-of-sync meter. Hence, the readings on the displays in the power amplifier system are peak for forward and average for reflected. Output power should be set by the following procedure:

THE POWER OUTPUT SHOULD NEVER BE ADJUSTED EXCEPT UNDER THE TEST CONDITIONS OF NO AURAL CARRIER, WITH THE VISUAL CARRIER MODULATED WITH SYNC AND BLANKING.

The directional coupler has a typical insertion loss of 0.05dB and its Type N connectors can handle 1,500 watts peak. The coupler requires 8 to 8.5Vdc to power the internal electronics of the coupler and is supplied from the control printed circuit board at the front of each enclosure.

### Filter

The passive bandpass filter rejects spurious and harmonic output products and passes the UHF channel RF output. The cavity resonator uses aperture coupling and is a linear resonator design. Typical insertion loss is 0.6 dB to 1.0 dB depending on channel frequency. Average roll off is -33 dBc at a point 4.5 MHz below the peak visual carrier frequency and -30 dBc 9.0 MHz above the peak visual carrier frequency. The filter is DC grounded on both the input and output for additional lightning protection.

## **Section V – Power Supply**

Switching AC-DC power supplies are used to power the amplifier pallets, the control circuits, and all of the fans. There are (2) supplies are set at 31.0 Vdc nominally. All fans run off this same supply, though they pass through a series dropping resistor to lower the supply voltage, as the fans are 24Vdc.

A 24Vdc nominal power supply is located in the combiner enclosure. It simply supplies power to the control PCB and the cooling fan.

The power supplies in the power supply enclosure are Absopulse HBC3600-P5677, adjusted to 31.0V with no load. The power supply found in the combiner/filter enclosure is a Mean Well S-60-24. The switching power supplies are fully protected against short circuit and output overload. Short circuit protection is a cycling type power limit. The internal AC fuse is designed to blow only on a catastrophic failure in the unit – the fuse does not blow on overload or short circuit. The thermal shutdown automatically recovers when the power supply chassis cools down.

AC (220Vac) is fed into the power supply enclosure via a 4-position circular connector and then through a resettable circuit breaker. The AC for the combiner/filter enclosure (220Vac or 110Vac) is fed through a filtered EMI AC entry.



## Section VI – Monitor and Control System

### Control Board Overview (Series II-rev I)

The control printed circuit boards (PCB) are located at the front of each enclosure connected directly to the back of the liquid crystal displays (LCD) and are identified as Series II – rev I PCBs. The main purpose of the Series II - rev I PCB is to monitor the RF power and the DC supply voltages in the power amplifier and filter enclosures and to monitor just the DC supply voltages in the power supply enclosure. In all cases, a DC voltage proportional to the parameter being sampled is conditioned, protected, buffered, and then run into an analog-to-digital converter (ADC) where software processes the signal. The software processing determines if the parameters are within the predetermined safe operating levels and displays the parameters on the LCD for monitoring purposes. The Series II - rev I PCB can be broken apart into (5) main component areas: the power supply, interface, signal processing, display, and microcontroller. Schematics are found later in this section.

### Power Supply Components

There are (4) power supply voltages generated on the Series II – rev I PCB:

1. +5Vdc for all logic and general purpose PCB supply voltage
2. +4Vdc for the LED backlighting on the LCD
3. -4Vdc for the contrast voltage required by the LCD
4. +5Vdc for the directional coupler supply

The +5Vdc is generated from a small switching power supply comprised of C101, C102, D102, L101, and U101. This power supply accepts DC input voltages up to 40Vdc (unless U101 is an HV option, then the maximum input voltage is +60Vdc) and outputs +5Vdc at up to 1Adc. This voltage is always on, as the ON/OFF pin on U101 is hard-wired to the 'on' configuration. C103, L102, and C104 form a noise choke to help filter out switching noise or RF noise that may radiate onto the control circuit board.

The +4Vdc is generated from a small switching power supply comprised of components C105, C106, D103, L103, and U102. This power supply accepts DC input voltages up to +40Vdc (unless U102 is an HV option, then the maximum input voltage is 60Vdc) and outputs +5Vdc at up to 1Adc. The voltage then gets dropped down to +4Vdc through R101. This backlight voltage can be turned on and off via the ON/OFF pin on U102. The PCB is designed in a manner that allows this voltage to be hard-wired on all the time or controlled from the microcontroller through latch U111. This selection is made with jumper J102.

The -4Vdc is generated using a switched capacitor voltage converter design, using components C109, C110, R102, R103, U104, and VR101. U4 accepts +5Vdc from the general purpose +5Vdc supply and generates -5Vdc. This voltage then gets dropped across the voltage divider (R102, R103) to generate the contrast voltage specific to the LCD that is installed in the system.

The voltage required by the directional coupler is generated with a standard linear voltage regulator, U103 if it is a voltage other than +5Vdc. C107 and C108 helps clean up any ripple or noise that might be on the output voltage. In the standard configuration, where the directional coupler requires +5Vdc, the +5Vdc is simply taken from the U101 filtered power supply output.

## Interface Components

The interface section of the Series II – rev I PCB includes the front panel switch interfacing in addition to the buzzer and carrier disable output circuits.

The (4) membrane switches found on the front panels of each enclosure are tied to the microcontroller through an isolation stage to avoid any static discharge or noise on the switch wiring from reaching the microcontroller. Optoisolators U105 and U106, in addition to components R104...R115 create the necessary isolation to the sensitive microcontroller. By depressing any membrane switch, a ground (0V) is applied to the input of the optoisolators. The optoisolators will, in turn, output a ground (0V) to the microcontroller when any switch is depressed.

The membrane switches found on the front panels of the enclosures operate in the following manner with a depress:

***POWER*** – When unit is plugged in, AC is supplied to the switching power supply input, but the amplifiers are still turned off. In order to turn the amplifiers on, assuming the rocker switch is turned on, wait ten seconds after plugging the PA in and push in the “POWER” tactile button. The LCD will read “Soft Start Warm Up, Please Wait”. After ten seconds the bias voltages will be turned on and you may then plug in the RF drive. Depress for (1) second to turn on and (3) seconds to turn system off. In the case of multiple enclosures, all POWER switches are tied together in each enclosure, so only one switch needs to be depressed.

***NAVIGATE*** – Turns on backlight to LCD and displays forward and reflected RF power and DC supply voltage parameters. When power amplifier is first turned on, the LCD comes on automatically and this information is displayed. Information is displayed for several minutes before the backlight turns off and the display is cleared. This is set up so as not to burn any pixels into the LCD from extended on time. In the case of multiple enclosures, the NAVIGATE switches are individual to each enclosure.

***SELECT*** – Turns on backlight to LCD and displays forward and reflected RF power and DC supply voltage parameters. When power amplifier is first turned on, the LCD comes on automatically and this information is displayed. Information is displayed for several minutes before the backlight turns off and the display is cleared. This is set up so as not to burn any pixels into the LCD from extended on time. In the case of multiple enclosures, the SELECT switches are individual to each enclosure.

*RESET* – Tactile switch resets the monitor and control system. The amplifier gets shut down for under 0.5 seconds and comes back on with each depress of the reset button. At the same time, all fault counters in the microcontroller software are reset and the LCD is reset in the same manner as it is with a depress of the NAVIGATE button. Reset switches are individual to each enclosure but may be tied together externally through the remote port, as explained later in this section.

The buzzer control comes from pin 7 on microcontroller U114. The control signal passes through R116 and turns on the base of transistor Q101, which allows current to flow through the single tone magnetic buzzer. Jumper J105 simply turns off the buzzer when removed.

The carrier disable circuit applies a shutdown voltage to the driver pallet in the system. The U114 generates the signal out of pin 21 and controls transistor Q102 through R117. When Q102 is turned off, the shutdown voltage to the driver is floating and the carrier is on. During a fault condition, when Q102 is turned on, the shutdown voltage is applied to the carrier disable on the driver. Relay K101, which outputs the carrier disable, is protected from transient spikes by D104.

## Signal Conditioning Components

The signal processing section of the Series II – rev I PCBs is used to buffer potentially noisy or damaging signals from the ADC. Power supply samples and forward and reflected power from a directional coupler are then digitized.

Firstly, all analog signals are protected with a resettable fuse and transient voltage suppressor (TVS) combination. These components ensure that voltages above the  $V_{br}$  breakdown voltage of the TVS get clamped and do not pass farther down the circuit. After this protection stage, the analog voltages get dropped with voltage dividers to safe levels for the buffers and ADC. For example, a +30Vdc power supply sample gets dropped to a level below the +2.5Vdc voltage reference U109 of the ADC. After the voltage dividers, the analog signals get buffered with U107 and U108, configured as unity gain voltage followers. Finally, after some further decoupling capacitors and filters, the analog signals get digitized by the 8-channel, 10-bit ADC (U10) and sent to the microcontroller through a serial interface.

There are (3) analog voltages that get conditioned and processed: DC power supply sample, forward RF power, and reflected RF power. Specifically, the components are as follows:

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|----------------------|--|
| DC power supply –    | J108 (pin 1 floating and direct connection), F107, C120, L108, C121, R129, R130, VR105, U108, C122, C123, L109, C124 and U110. |
| Forward RF power –   | J108 (pin 2), F106, D109, C117, C118, L107, C119, R127, R128, VR104, U108, C125, L110, C126, C127, and U110.                   |
| Reflected RF power – | J108 (pin 3), F105, D108, C114, C115, L106, C116, R125, R126, VR103, U108, C130, L112, C131, C132, and U110.                   |

## **Display Components**

The display section of the Series II – rev I PCB is comprised of the LCD and the components that make up the data bus to send the data from the microcontroller to the LCD.

Specifically, the LCD is an alphanumeric 20X4 display that uses the industry standard 44780 controller and a parallel interface for data communications. Firstly, the microcontroller sends out the data to be displayed via a serial bus where the signals are latched with U111 and U112 and converted to a parallel data stream. The parallel data then transfers directly to the LCD through connector J109. J109 also carries the power supply for the LCD.

## **Microcontroller Components**

The heart of the monitor and control system found in Series II - rev I PCBs is microcontroller U114. This microcontroller analyzes all RF power levels and voltages to ensure that all operating parameters are within their predetermined safe operating levels. If a fault is found, appropriate action is taken to help protect the system from damage, which may include turning the RF carriers off. A full description of all faults and their respective actions is found later in this section.

The power supply for the microcontroller is monitored closely via supervisor U113. Should the +5Vdc supply drop below +4.5Vdc, a microcontroller reset is generated to ensure there are no brown out conditions that may latch the microcontroller up to an unknown state. The front panel Reset momentary switch is also tied to this line after optoisolation. The microcontroller is run off of a 4.000MHz clock source, generated by ceramic resonator CR101. If the software is running, LED D110 will be lit. Finally, U115 stores all characters for the LCD to minimize the overhead required for the microcontroller, and also stores the current state of the power ON/OFF of the system. This is to ensure that, in the event of a power outage, the system returns to the exact state it was before power was interrupted.

## Fault Shutdowns

On the LCD (Liquid Crystal Display) the following messages may appear:



**If you see this message, the system will:**

- shut amp down for 1 minute
- automatically turn amp on after 1 minute and check again for overdriven amplifier
- come back to the same power level that it was set



**If you see this message, the system will:**

- shut amp down for 5 minutes
- automatically turn amp on after 5 minutes and check again for high VSWR
- come back to the same power level that it was set

## **Remote Port**

The remote port allows external control of the transmission system via the DB25 connector on each enclosure. All functions on the remote port are simply hard-wired or paralleled to existing wiring to provide a secondary method of control to the user, and are activated as follows:

- pin 1: ground to reset microcontroller, float otherwise
- pin 2: ground for 2 seconds to toggle carrier on/off, float otherwise
- pin 3: common ground
- pin 4: DC power supply sample

## **Enclosure Interfacing**

In the event of a fault in the combiner/filter enclosure, for example high reflected power or overdriven output levels, the power amplifier enclosures need to know that there is a fault. A DB9 cable accomplishes this by sending a fault signal from the combiner/filter enclosure to indicate to the power amplifier enclosure that action may need to be taken. Specifically, the shutdown circuitry on the combiner/filter enclosure's control PCB sends a ground signal through the DB9 to one of the optoisolated inputs on the power amplifier's control PCB. The power amplifier control PCB, in turn, then sends its shutdown voltage out to disable the driver and turn off the carrier.

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Item	Qty	Components	Description	Tolerance	Package	Equivalency
1	1	BZ101	BUZZER, magnetic, 5V, single tone		SMD CT-1205C	CUI CT-1205C
2	2	C101, C105	CAPACITOR, electrolytic, 100uF, 63V	<=20%	SMT (Panasonic VS "G" size)	Panasonic ECE-V1JA101P, NIC NACEW101M63V10x10.5
3	2	C102, C106	CAPACITOR, electrolytic, 330uF, 35V	<=20%	SMT (Panasonic VS "G" size)	Panasonic ECE-V1VA331P, NIC NACEW331M35V10x10.5
4	21	C103, C104, C107, C112, C113, C115, C116, C118, C119, C120, C121, C123, C124, C125, C126, C128, C129, C130, C131, C133, C134	CAPACITOR, ceramic, 0.01uF, 63V	<=20%	SMT 0805	Digikey C0805C103K5RACTU
5	7	C108, C111, C140, C143, C144, C145, C146	CAPACITOR, ceramic, 0.1uF, 25V	<=20%	SMT 1206	Utech GMC31X7R104K50NT
6	2	C109, C110	CAPACITOR, electrolytic, 100uF, 25V	<=20%	SMT (Panasonic VS "E" size)	Panasonic ECE-V1EA101UP
7	7	C114, C117, C122, C127, C132, C135, C147	CAPACITOR, tantalum, 1uF, 16V	<=20%	SMT 3216	Sprague 293D105X9035B2T
8	1	CR101	CLOCK, ceramic resonator, 4.000 MHz, w/caps	f <= 0.5% C <= 20%	Through hole, 3-position, 0.1" spacing	ECS Inc. ZTT-4.00MG
9	1	D101	TV Power Amplifier: DIODE, TVS, 600 watts, Vwm=30V, Vbr min=33.3		SMB	Crydom SMBJ30A; GI SMBJ30A
10	1	D101	FM Power Amplifier: DIODE, TVS, 600 watts, Vwm=48V, Vbr min=53.3		SMB	Crydom SMBJ48A; GI SMBJ48A
11	2	D102, D103	DIODE, schottky, If=3A, Vr=60V		SMC	International Rectifier 30BQ060
12	1	D104	DIODE, rectifier, If=1A, Vr=200V		SMA	Diodes Inc S1D-13
13	2	D108, D109	DIODE, TVS, 600 watts, Vwm=5.0V, Vbr min=6.4		SMB	Crydom SMBJ5.0A; GI SMBJ5.0A
14	1	D110	DIODE, LED, RED, clear or diffused		SMT 1206	Lumex SML-LX1206IW
15	1	F101	FUSE, resettable, Ihold=0.75A, Itrip=1.5A, Vmax=72V		0.23" lead spacing, 20AWG leads	Raychem RXE075; Boums MF-R075
16	3	F105, F106, F107	FUSE, resettable, Ihold=0.14A, Itrip=0.34A, Vmax=60V		miniSMD	Raychem miniSMDC014-2
17	1	J101	CONNECTOR, 4-position plug, 180 degree wire entry, 90 degree screw access, 5.08mm		0.2" spacing	Wieland 25.340.3453, Weco 10.808.104
18	1	J101	CONNECTOR, 4-position header, pluggable, vertical, closed, 5.08mm		Through hole, 0.2" spacing	Wieland 25.350.3453, Weco 20.806.128
19	2	J102, J106	CONNECTOR, breakout header strip, 3-position, 0.1", square post		Through hole, 0.1" spacing	Molex 22-28-4300; Samtec TSW-130-05-T-S
20	1	J105	CONNECTOR, breakout header strip, 2-position, 0.1", square post		Through hole, 0.1" spacing	Molex 22-28-4300; Samtec TSW-130-05-T-S
21	3	J102, J105, J106	CONNECTOR, 2-position post shunts		0.1" spacing	AMP 382811-6; Samtec SNT-100-BK-T
22	1	J103	CONNECTOR, 5-position plug, 180 degree wire entry, 90 degree screw access, 5.08mm		0.2" spacing	Wieland 25.340.3553.0
23	1	J103	CONNECTOR, 5-position header, 0.1", vertical		Through hole 0.2" spacing	Wieland 25.350.3553.0
24	2	J107, J108	CONNECTOR, 3-position plug, 180 degree wire entry, 90 degree screw access, 5.08mm		0.2" spacing	Wieland 25.340.3353, Weco 10.808.103
25	2	J107, J108	CONNECTOR, 3-position header, pluggable, vertical, closed, 5.08mm		Through hole, 0.2" spacing	Wieland 25.350.3353, Weco 20.806.127
26	1	J109	CONNECTOR, terminal strip, 16-position		Through hole, 0.1" spacing	Samtec TSW-116-18-T-S
27	1	J109	CONNECTOR, socket strip, 16-position		Through hole, 0.1" spacing	Samtec SSW-116-03-T-S
28	1	K101	RELAY, DPDT, 5V, 2Adc contact, SMD		Relay - Aromat - TX SA	Aromat TX2SA-5V
29	1	L101	INDUCTOR, 680uH, Irms=0.4A, DCR=2.02 ohms		SMT	JW Miller 3316-681M
30	10	L102, L105, L106, L107, L108, L109, L110, L111, L112, L113	INDUCTOR, 0.01uH, Imax=0.45A, DCR=0.13 ohms	+/- 10%	SMT 1210	KOA KL32TE010K
31	1	L103	INDUCTOR, 680uH, Irms=1.3A, DCR=0.2 ohms		SMT (Talema S5)	Talema SWS-0.85-680
32	1	LCD101	20 X 4 character liquid crystal display, LED backlit		4-40 pem mount (4)	Varitronix 20464K
33	1	PCB101	Series II, revision H printed circuit board, soldermask, silkscreen, FR4			Alberta Printed Circuits, MPC, GRM, Enigma, ...
34	2	Q101, Q102	TRANSISTOR, NPN, Ic=1A, Vce=40V		SMT SOT-23	Fairchild MMBT2222A; Zetex FMMT2222A; Diodes Inc MMBT2222A-7
35	1	R101	RESISTOR, 4.7 ohm, 1/2 watt, carbon film	5%	SMT 2010	Panasonic ERJ-12ZYJ4R7U
36	1	R102	RESISTOR, 15.0 ohm, 1/10 watt, thick film	1%	SMD 0805	Panasonic ERJ-6ENF15R0V
37	1	R103	RESISTOR, 75.0 ohm, 1/10 watt, thick film	1%	SMD 0805	Digikey MCR10EZHF1001, Panasonic ERJ-6ENF75R0V
38	11	R104, R105, R106, R109, R110, R111, R112, R115, R116, R132, R134	RESISTOR, 1.00 kohm, 1/10 watt, thick film	1%	SMD 0805	Panasonic ERJ-6ENF1001V
39	4	R107, R108, R113, R114	RESISTOR, 10.0 kohm, 1/10 watt, thick film	1%	SMD 0805	Panasonic ERJ-6ENF1002V

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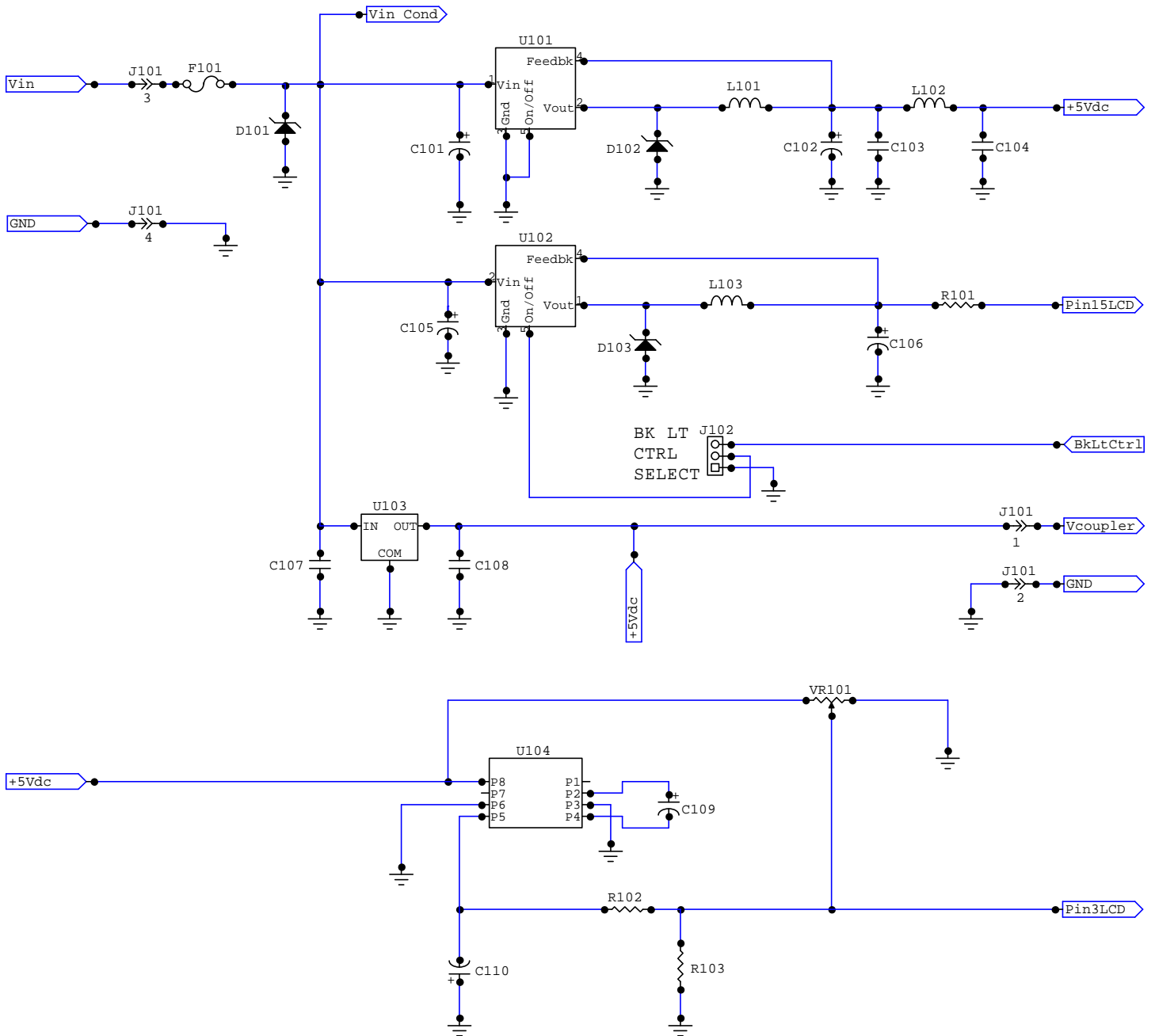
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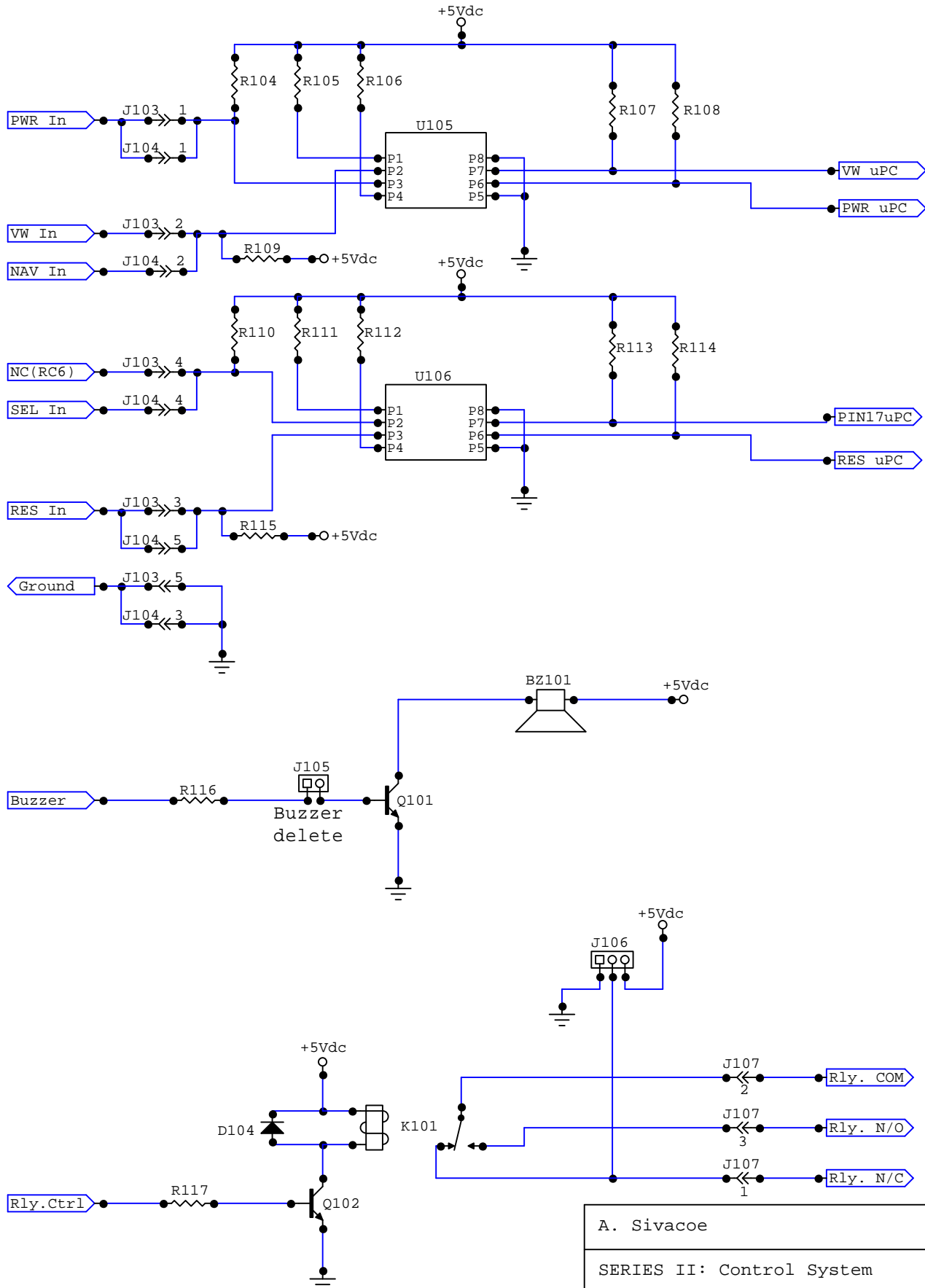
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41	1	R124	RESISTOR, 13 kohm, 1/8 watt	1%	SMD 0805	Rohm MCR10EZHF1302
42	4	R125, R127, R126, R128	RESISTOR, 1 kohm, 1/8 watt	1%	SMD 0805	Rohm MCR10EZHF1001
43	1	R129	RESISTOR, 121 kohm, 1/8 watt	1%	SMD 0805	Rohm MCR10EZHF1213
44	1	R130	RES, 2.15 kohm, 1/10 watt, thick film	1%	SMD 0805	Rohm MCR10EZHF2151
45	1	R131	RES, 120 ohm, 1/10 watt, thick film	1%	SMD 0805	Panasonic ERJ-6ENF1200V
46	2	U101, U102	TV Power Amplifier: REGULATOR, switching, 5Vdc, 3A, fosc=52kHz		SMD TO-263-5	National LM2576S-5.0
47	2	U101, U102	FM Power Amplifier: REGULATOR, switching, 5Vdc, 3A, fosc=52kHz		SMD TO-263-5	National LM2576HVS-5.0
48	1	U104	REGULATOR, inverter, 100mA		SMD SOIC-8	National LM2660M; Analog Devices ADM8660, Maxxim MAX660
49	2	U105, U106	OPTOISOLATOR, dual, Viso=5300Vac		SMD DIP8	Fairchild MCT6S
50	1	U108	OP AMP, quad, low voltage		SMD SOIC-14	National LMV324M
51	1	U109	REFERENCE, 2.50V (for TV PA >= 250Wpk)	+/-0.2%	SMD SOT-23	National LM4040BIM3-2.5
52	1	U110	ADC, 10-bit, 10-channel		SMD SOIC-20	Analog Devices AD7812YR
53	2	U111, U112	LOGIC, 8-bit shift register with latches		SMD SOIC-16	Fairchild MM74HC595M; On Semi MC74HC595AD; Phillips 74HC595D
54	1	U113	SUPERVISOR, n-channel, open drain, internal pullup resistor		SMD SOT-23	MCP130T-450I
55	1	U114	MICROCONTROLLER, OTP, 4k, 22 I/O lines		Through hole DIP-28	Microchip PIC16C63A-04/SP
56	1	J111	Connector, socket, 28-position, DIP, 0.3" spacing		Through hole DIP-28	Jameco 112299CL or equivalent
57	1	U115	MEMORY, 8k X 8, EEPROM, SPI		SMD SOIC-8	Microchip 25LC640I/SN
58	1	VR101	do not stuff			
59	4	VR102, VR103, VR104, VR105	RES, variable, 10 kohm, 1-turn, 3mm		SMD Bourns TC33	Bourns TC33X-2-103E



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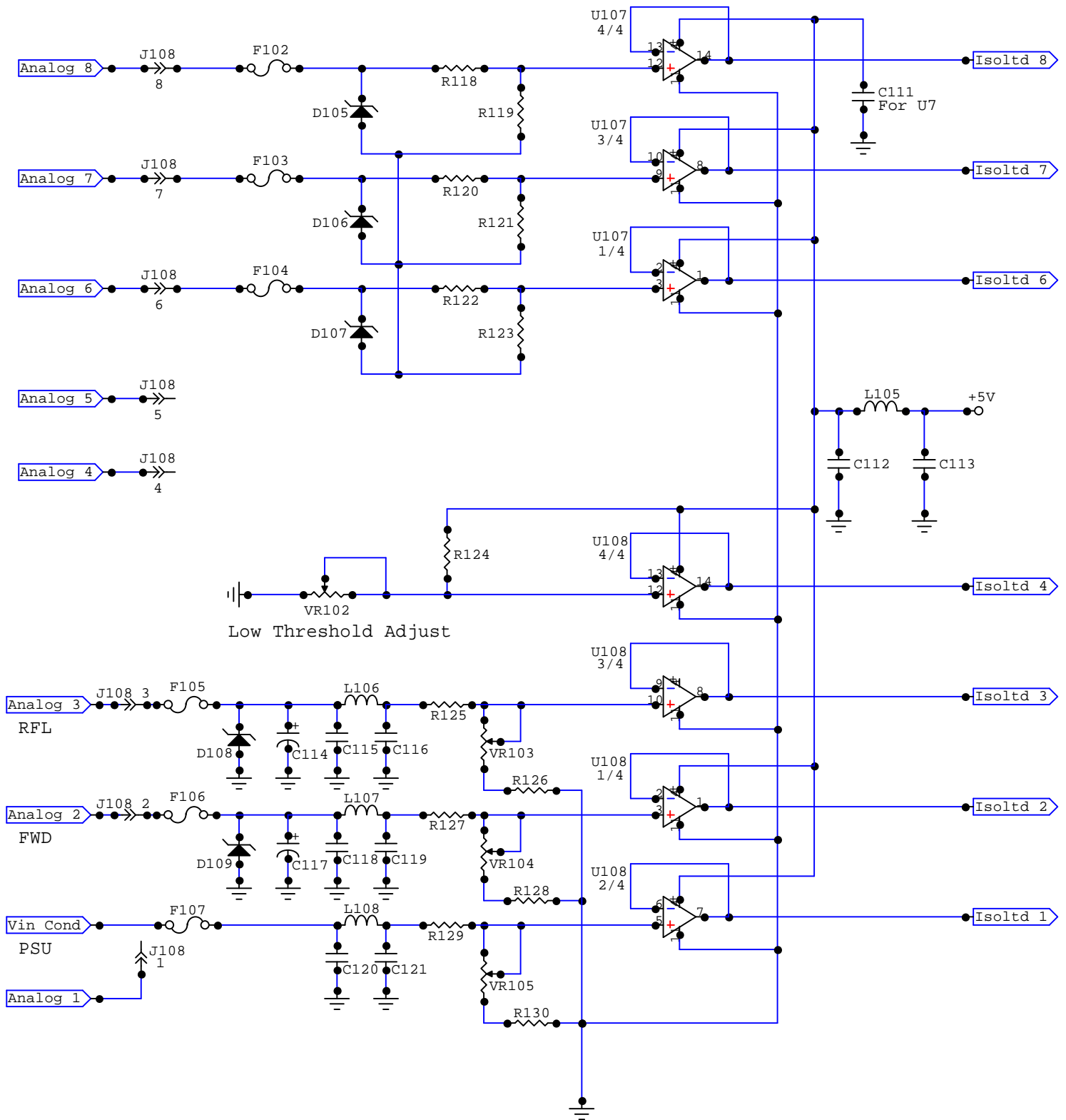


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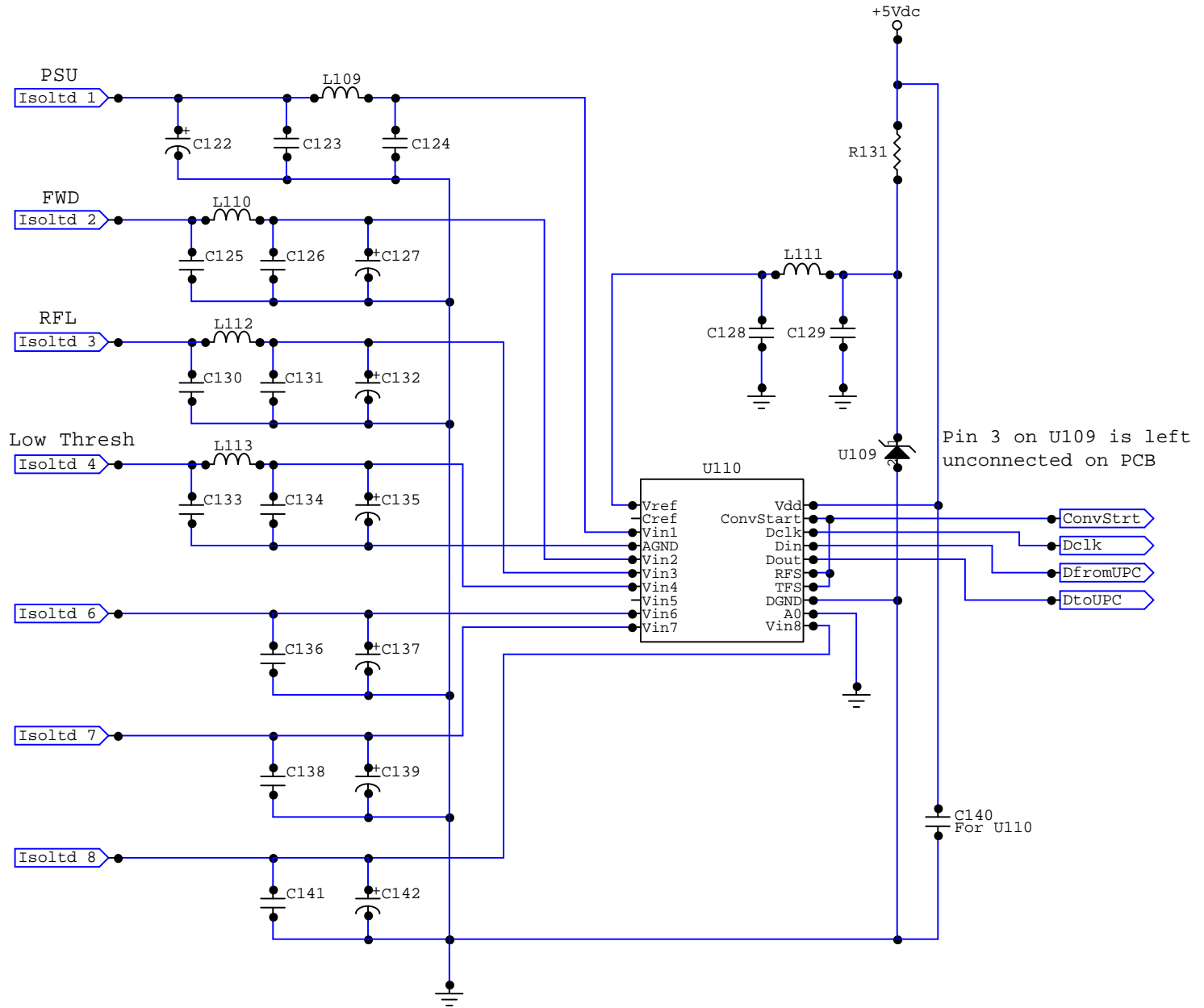
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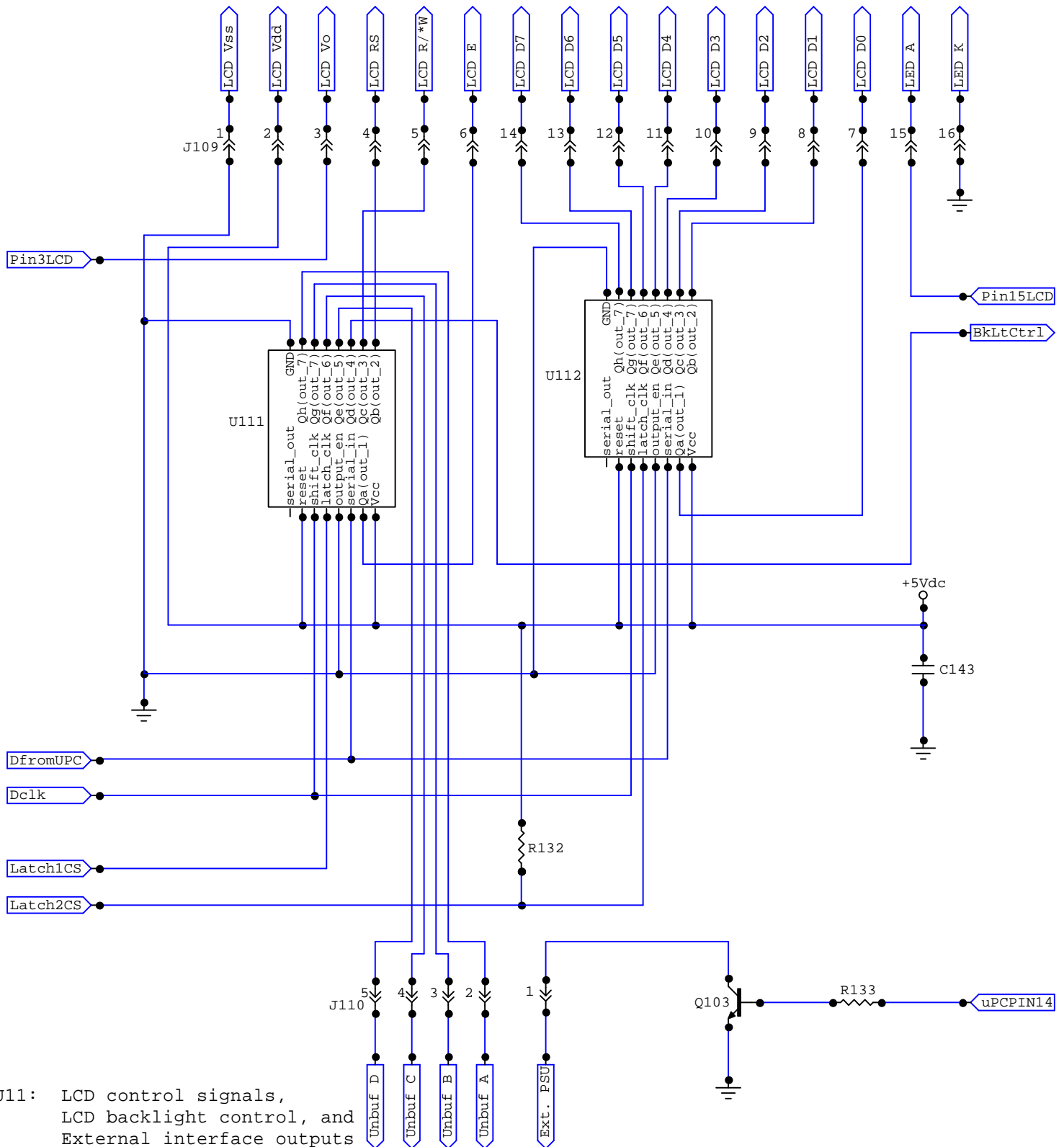
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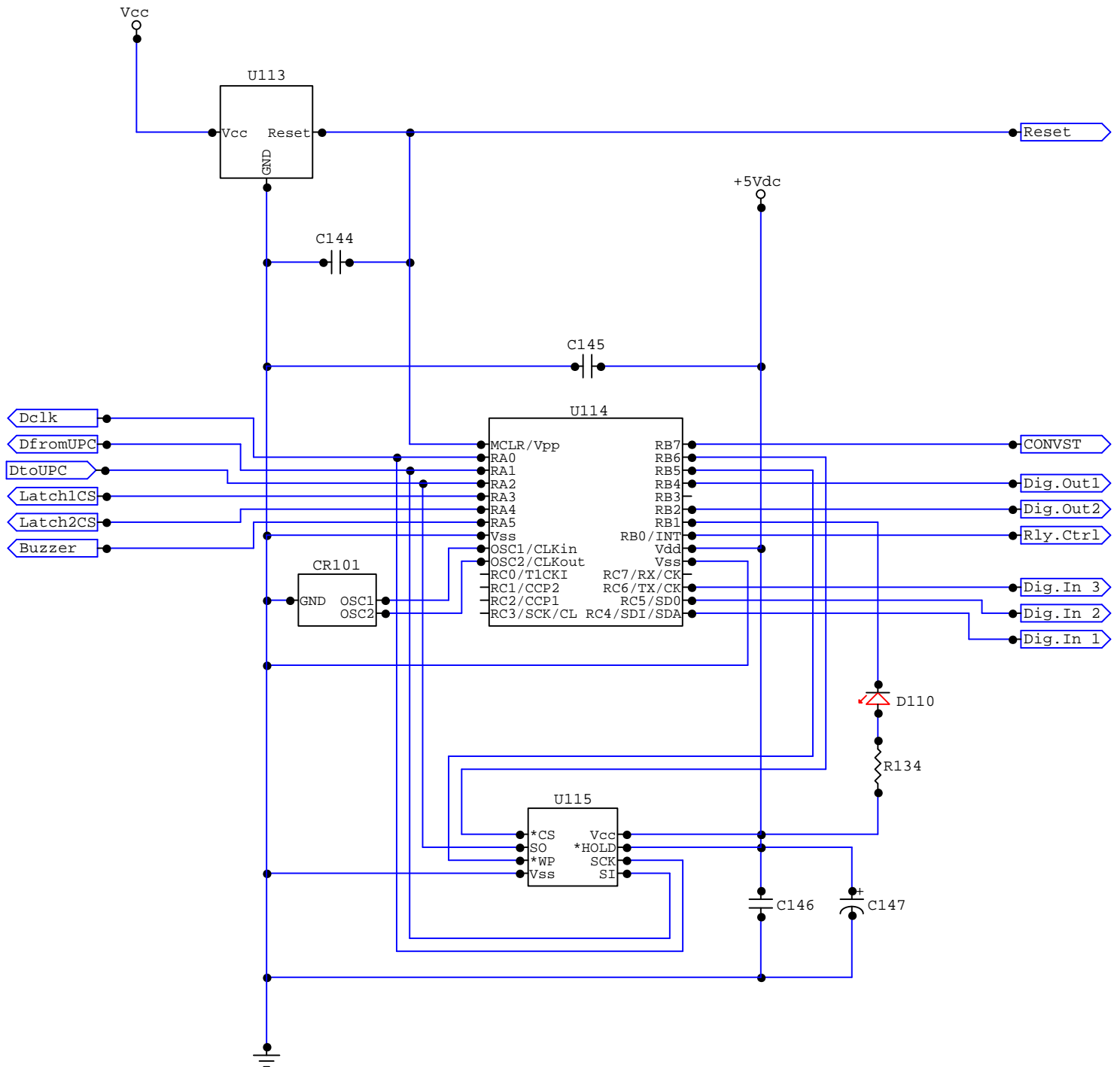
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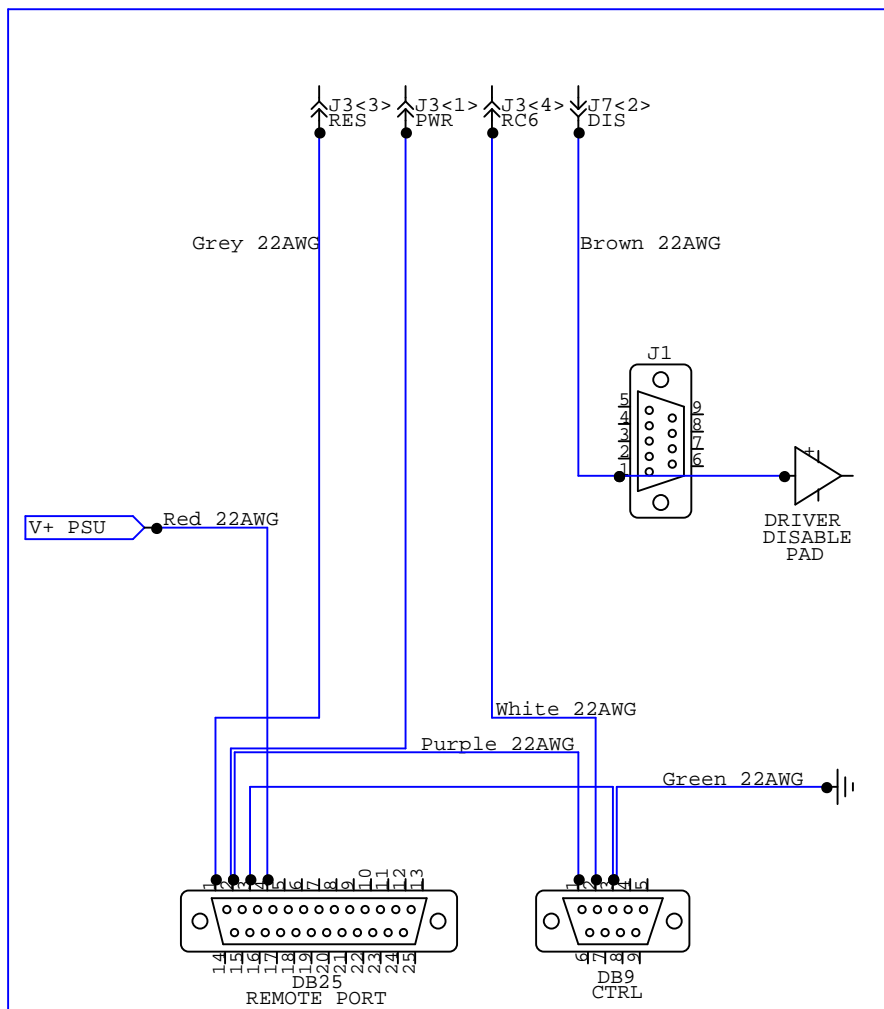
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- U12: LCD data bus (D0...D7)  
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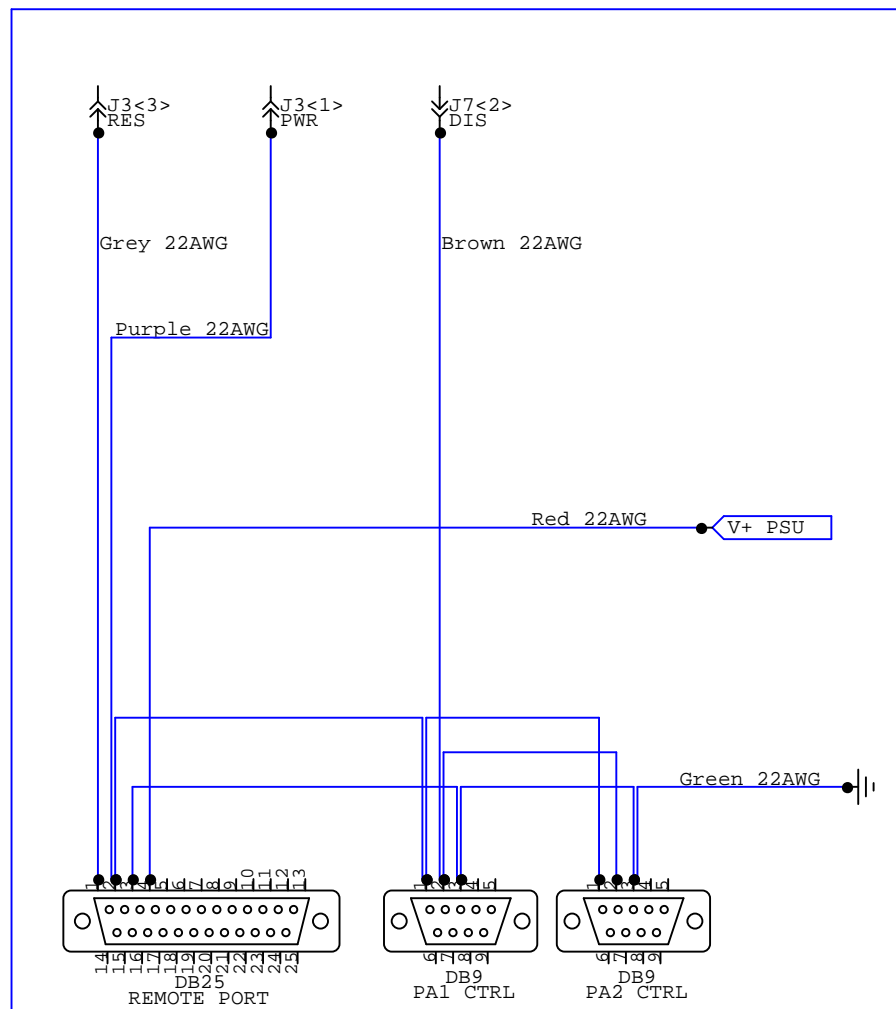
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## **Section VII – Mechanical Section**

The heat sink allows the amplifiers to operate at a cooler temperature and prevents overheating, which helps the longevity of the entire system. The heat sink has hollow fins, which help dissipate the heat from the amplifiers faster than a conventional serrated or corrugated fin.

In addition to the cooling effects of the heat sink, within each 500-watt power amplifier enclosure, there are six fans that each provide 170 cubic feet per minute (CFM) of air flow (into zero static pressure). There are three fans mounted at the front of the heat sink and three mounted at the back end of the heat sink. The fans are mounted side-by-side to produce the best cooling for the system and are operating in a push-pull configuration to assist with heat dissipation. The fans are a 24Vdc variety, so there are series dropping resistors to drop the higher power supply voltage down to a safe level.



## **Section VIII - Installation**

This section contains installation recommendations, unpacking, inspection, and installation instructions for the power amplifier. We are sure that you are chomping at the bit to install your new system, so we recommend that you read the following sections very carefully.

### **Building Recommendations**

The quality of the building is of great importance if you are to expect long life and continued performance from the power amplifier. The building must be clean, dry, temperature controlled and secure. Don't forget to allow space in the building for any additional racks to house test equipment, a workbench area, line regulating transformers, ladders, equipment and parts storage, first aid kit, emergency generator if used, as well as heating and cooling devices that may be unique to your installation. A sloping roof will tend to develop leaks less rapidly. The building should be well roofed with good material. The cooling load will be lowered with reflective or light colored roofing material.

## **Heating and Cooling Requirements**

The environment's temperature will contribute greatly to the length of the power amplifier's life. Technalogix recommends that the building's filtered air intake must have capacity for all air-flow in the building plus an additional 20%. Keep the intake below the roofline to avoid intake of solar heated air. Please ensure that the intake and exhaust areas are on the same side of the building to avoid pressure differentials during windy conditions. Also, do not position intake near exhaust's preheated air. If air conditioning is required to cool the shelter, discuss the situation with a qualified HVAC technician. Under average conditions, 12,000 BTUs will cool approximately 500 square feet to a comfortable level.

## **Electrical Service Recommendations**

Technalogix recommends that a qualified, licensed local electrician be consulted for the required electrical service. We suggest local electricians because:

- The personnel knows the local codes
- The personnel can be on site readily
- You are apt to get better overall support if you give what business you can to local suppliers

Technalogix recommends that proper AC line conditioning and surge suppression be provided on the primary AC input to the power amplifier. All electrical service should be installed with your national electrical code in your area, any applicable provincial or state codes, and good engineering practice. Special consideration should be given to lightning protection of all systems in view of the vulnerability of most transmitter or translator sites to lightning. Lightning arrestors are recommended in the service entrance. Straight and short grounds are recommended. The electrical serviced must be well grounded. Do not connect the unit to an open delta primary power supply, as voltage fluctuations could harm the unit. Branch your circuits. Do not allow your lights, your workbench plugs, and your transmitting or translating equipment to operate on one circuit breaker. Each transmitter or translator should have its own circuit breaker, so a failure in one does not shut off the whole installation.

## **Antenna and Tower Recommendations**

Your preliminary engineering workgroup should establish your antenna and tower requirements, both for receiving and transmitting antennas. Construction of sturdy, high quality antenna/tower systems will pay off in terms of coverage of your service area, the overall quality and saleability of your radiated signal, and reduced maintenance expenses. Technalogix provides complete turnkey antenna systems if needed. If your site is serving as a translator, your receiving antenna should be in line of sight to the originating station all year round. The foliage will change with season. Transmitting antennas can enhance or seriously impair the transmitter/translator output.

The selection, routing, and length of coaxial cable are extremely important in the installation. If there is a 3 dB line loss in the cable between your unit's output and the transmitting antenna, a 1000-watt unit will only deliver 500 watts to the antenna. Buy the best cable you can obtain, route it via the shortest way to the antenna, and keep it straight. Do not form it into sharp bends on its way. Do not use any more cable fittings for the installation than absolutely necessary. All cautions here apply equally to all coaxial cables in the system - input and output.

Pay attention to radial ice accumulation when designing the transmission system. It is not uncommon for at least an inch of ice to build up on the tower and antenna. This in turn significantly increases the weight, cross section, and wind loading of the system.

Attaching the transmission line to the tower is crucial to maintain a safe and reliable operation. Nylon wire ties and electrical tape will breakdown in the sunlight and ultimately fail, creating a potentially dangerous situation. It is important to use proper clamps and hoisting grips and also ensure that the transmission line is grounded to the tower in several locations. When high currents flow through the tower in the event of lightening strikes, some of that current will through the outer conductors of the transmission lines. Due to the resistance difference between the steel tower and copper transmission line, a significant voltage can be developed, often resulting in arcing between the outer jacket and outer conductor, thus pitting the conductor.

Preventative maintenance is crucial in ensuring that safety is maintained. Specifically, check that transmission line grounds are tight and are not missing any hardware. Frequently inspect support clamps or spring hangers. Consider investing in an ice break, if you haven't already done so, as shards of falling ice can damage the transmission line – and if it is going to happen, it will happen at an important time. Check the tower light photocells and conduit.

The better-known tower manufacturers offer complete technical and safety documentation with their towers. Be sure that you have this information as it regards wind loading, guying, etc. The best-designed antenna system will function poorly if shortcuts and compromises are used during installation. Follow the manufacturer's instructions exactly, along with any engineering data prepared for the site. Be absolutely safe and certain about this aspect as human lives may be at stake.

## **Shelter Security**

The FCC requires that the transmitter or translator be secure from entry or control by unauthorized persons, and that any hazardous voltages or other dangers (including most tower bases) be protected by locks or fences as necessary to protect personnel and prevent unauthorized tampering or operation. Security of the building further implies that it be secure from wildlife. Use sturdy construction materials, including sheet metal if necessary. Holes around conduit, cable, and other similar entry points should be stuffed with steel wool and caulked to prevent entry of wildlife. Other features of security for your shelter may include its location with respect to the prevailing wind conditions. A location leeward of some natural topographical feature will prevent wind damage and snowdrifts. Check the soil runoff conditions that may slow or hasten wind or water erosion and other concerns that may be unique to your location.

## Unpacking and Inspection

Check the outside of the container. Carefully open the container and remove the power amplifier. Retain all packing material that can be reassembled in the event that the equipment must be returned to the factory.

Exercise care in handling equipment during inspection to prevent damage due to rough or careless handling.

Visually inspect the enclosure of the power amplifier for damage that may have occurred during shipment. Check for evidence of water damage, bent or warped chassis, loose screws or nuts, or extraneous packing material in connectors or fan failures. Inspect all connectors for bent connector pins. If the equipment is damaged, a claim should be filed with the carrier once the extent of the damage is assessed. Technalogix cannot stress too strongly the importance of immediate careful inspection of the equipment and subsequent immediate filing of the necessary claims against the carrier if necessary. If possible, inspect the equipment in the presence of the delivery person. If the equipment is damaged, the carrier is your first area of recourse. If the equipment is damaged and must be returned to the factory, phone for a return authorization. Claims for loss or damage may not be withheld from any payment to Technalogix, nor may any payment due be withheld pending the outcome thereof. Technalogix cannot guarantee the carrier's performance.

## Location and Function of Controls and Connectors (TAU-500 Power Amplifier)

The following illustration depicts the location of the connectors when installing each of the 500-watt power amplifiers (TAU-500).

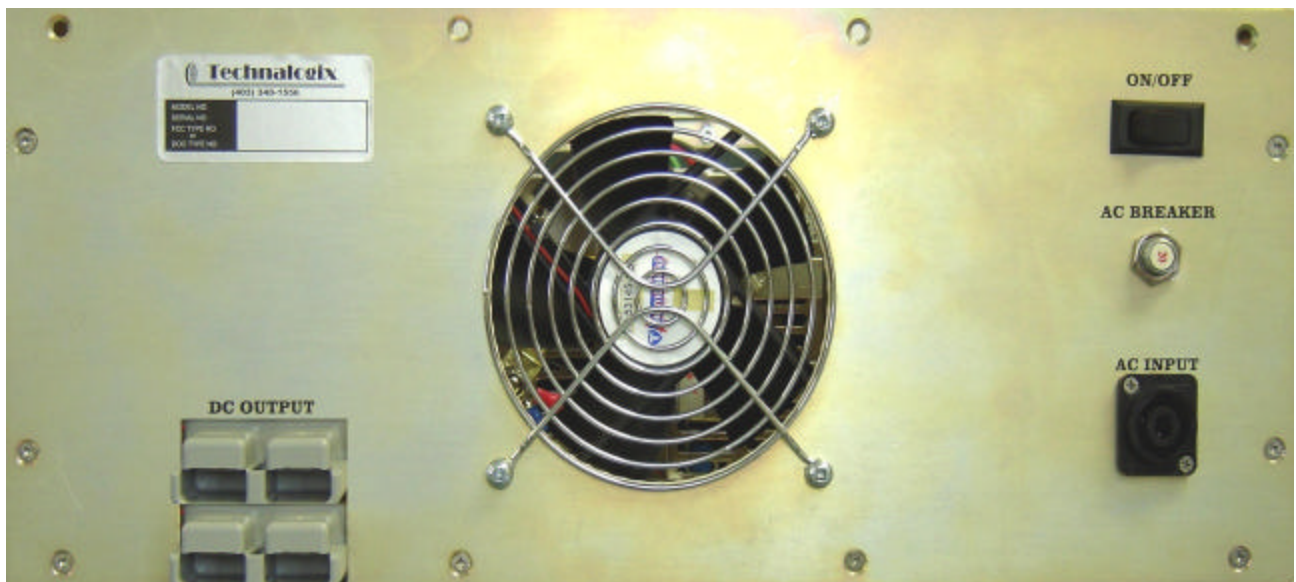
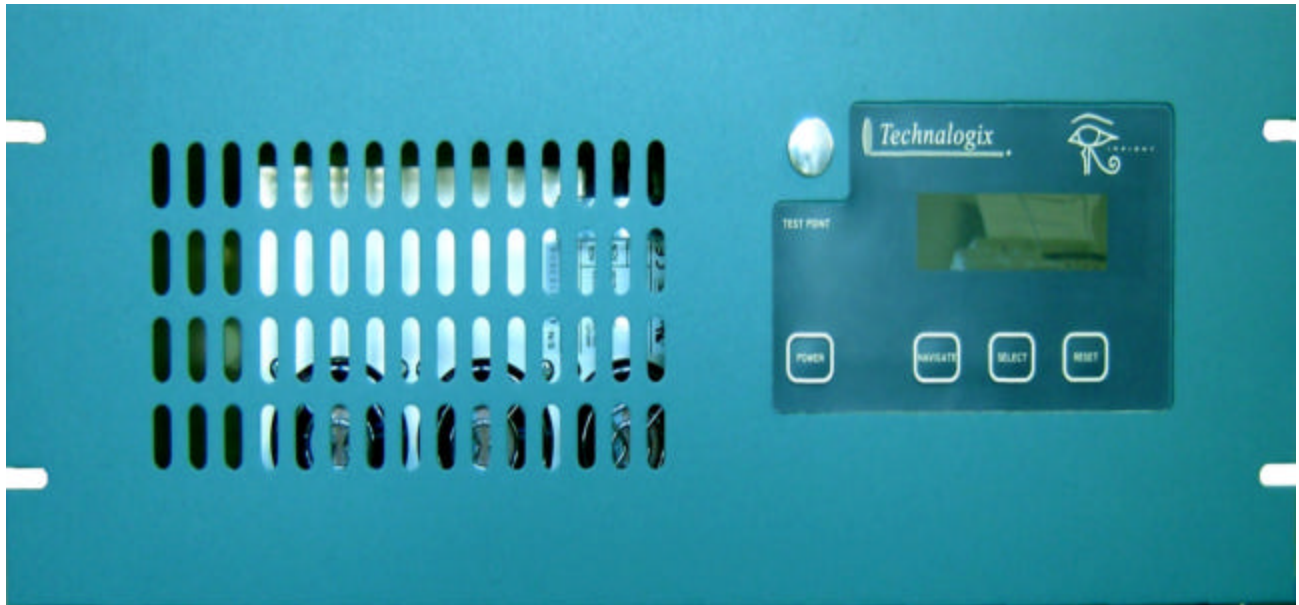


<i>POWER -</i>	Tactile button to turn carriers on and off. To turn off, must be depressed for at least 2 seconds. Tied internally through DB9 connectors to all other POWER buttons.
<i>NAVIGATE -</i>	Tactile button to refresh screen after two minute screen saver times out. All monitoring and protection continues during screen saver.
<i>SELECT-</i>	Tactile button to refresh screen after two minute screen saver times out. All monitoring and protection continues during screen saver.
<i>RESET -</i>	Tactile button to reset microcontroller in control board. Also clears existing faults. Individual control board with reset comes back on with soft start feature.
<i>RF IN –</i>	RF input from modulator or processor. BNC connector, 50 ohm.
<i>RF OUT –</i>	500-watt RF output. Connects to RF IN on filter enclosure. N connector, 50 ohm.
<i>CONTROL –</i>	Bi-directional control signals communicating with the filter enclosure.
<i>DC IN –</i>	DC Input from power supply enclosure. Polarized to avoid improper hook up.
<i>REMOTE PORT -</i>	pin 1: ground to reset microcontroller, float otherwise pin 2: ground for 2 seconds to toggle carrier on/off, float otherwise pin 3: common ground pin 4: DC power supply sample (28Vdc nominal)



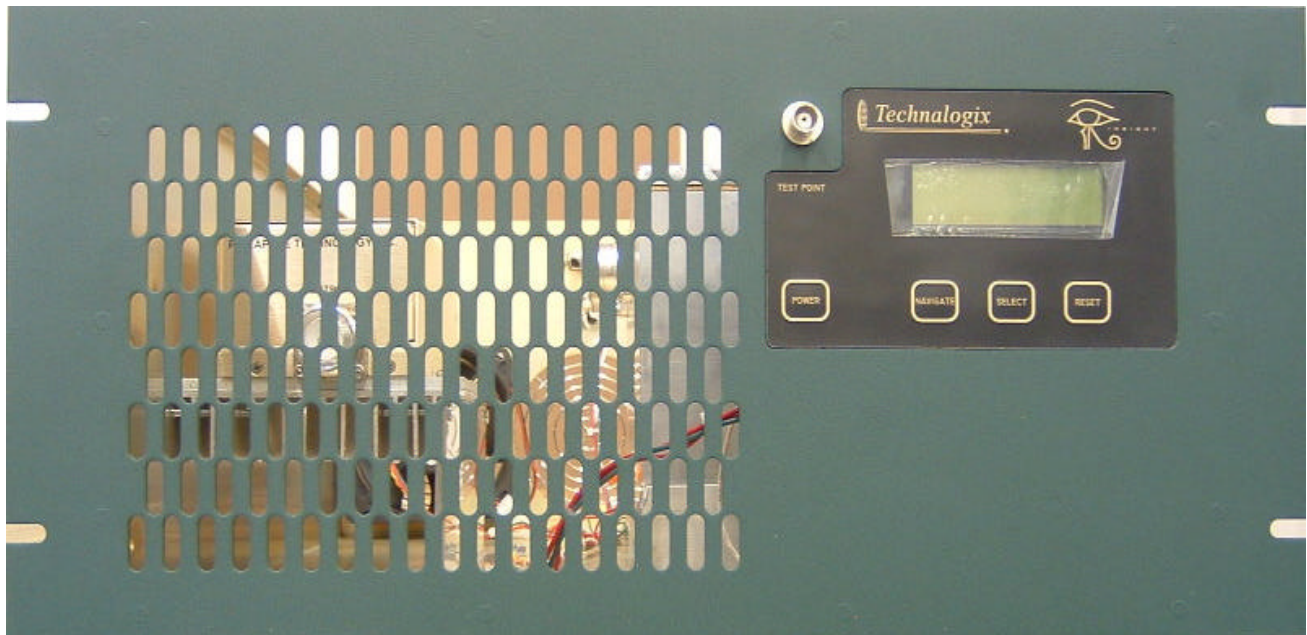
## Location and Function of Controls and Connectors (Power Supply)

The following illustration depicts the location of the connectors when installing the power supply.



<i>POWER -</i>	Tactile button to turn carriers on and off. To turn off, must be depressed for at least 2 seconds. Tied internally through DB9 connectors to all other POWER buttons.
<i>NAVIGATE -</i>	Tactile button to refresh screen after two minute screen saver times out. All monitoring and protection continues during screen saver.
<i>SELECT-</i>	Tactile button to refresh screen after two minute screen saver times out. All monitoring and protection continues during screen saver.
<i>RESET -</i>	Tactile button to reset microcontroller in control board. Also clears existing faults. Individual control board with reset comes back on with soft start feature.
<i>AC IN –</i>	AC input to switching power supply.
<i>AC BREAKER –</i>	Resettable circuit breaker is used to protect against inrush currents and high current draw from switching power supply. The thermal circuit breaker is a single pole configuration.
<i>PA PSU -</i>	DC supply outputs to each power amplifier. DC cabling is identical and can be hooked up to either PA.
<i>AC ON/OFF -</i>	AC rocker switch (SPST) to supply AC to the AC-DC switching power supply.

## Location and Function of Controls and Connectors (Combiner/Filter)



<i>POWER -</i>	Tactile button to turn carriers on and off. To turn off, must be depressed for at least 2 seconds. Tied internally through DB9 connectors to all other POWER buttons.
<i>NAVIGATE -</i>	Tactile button to refresh screen after two minute screen saver times out. All monitoring and protection continues during screen saver.
<i>SELECT-</i>	Tactile button to refresh screen after two minute screen saver times out. All monitoring and protection continues during screen saver.
<i>RESET -</i>	Tactile button to reset microcontroller in control board. Also clears existing faults. Individual control board with reset comes back on with soft start feature.
<i>RF In –</i>	500-watt RF inputs from power amplifiers. Signal then passes through combiner, band pass filter and monitoring.
<i>RF OUT –</i>	7/16" DIN type 50 ohm connector directly on output of directional coupler. To be connected in series with Thru-line wattmeter (or equivalent) and then to antenna.
<i>PA CTRL –</i>	Bi-directional control signals.
<i>REMOTE PORT -</i>	pin 1: ground to reset microcontroller, float otherwise pin 2: ground for 2 seconds to toggle carrier on/off, float otherwise pin 3: common ground pin 4: DC power supply sample (28Vdc nominal)
<i>AC IN –</i>	AC input to switching power supply (24 V <sub>DC</sub> supply for control system and fan). Use supplied IDC to NEMA cable.

## Initial Hook Up

1. Ensure that the antenna has been swept and has a return loss of greater than 20dB (VSWR = 1.2:1). This should be done before connecting the antenna cable to the transmitter output.
2. Check that your video source is present.
3. Place the transmitter/translator in its permanent location near a receptacle supplying required AC voltage.

DO NOT APPLY AC POWER AND TURN ON POWER TO THE TRANSMITTER / TRANSLATOR AT THIS TIME SINCE THE RF OUTPUT MUST BE PROPERLY LOADED BEFORE OPERATION.

4. Place an appropriate AC power line protector, conditioner, and/or surge suppressor across the AC supply line.
5. Hook up the modulator or processor as shown in their respective manuals for a transmitter or translator. **Do not** connect the modulated signal from the RF OUT on the modulator or processor to RF IN on the power amplifier at this time. Because of the characteristics of LDMOS devices, the RF drive should not be connected to the power amplifier until after the power supply and bias voltages are present and stable.
6. Ensure that modulator or processor RF output level is turned down as far as possible.
7. Ensure that the audio modulation is set to 100% with the audio signal supplied, as described in the appropriate modulator/processor manual (will be factory set).
8. Ensure that the video modulation level is set to 87.5% with the video signal supplied, as described in the appropriate modulator/processor manual (will be factory set).
9. Install the DC power supply lead (4 Awg) between the power supply enclosure and power amplifier enclosure.
10. Install the DB9 cables from the power amplifier enclosure to the filter enclosure and the power supply enclosure to the filter enclosure. It does not matter which DB9 cable is used as they are both identical.
11. Hook up the RF cabling from the output of the power amplifiers to the RF inputs on the combiner/filter enclosure.
12. Connect the transmitting antenna cable to the RF OUT N-type connector on the filter enclosure RF output.



## Section IX - Operating Procedure

Assuming the previous installation instructions have been completed and cautions noted, and the TAU-500 power amplifier is ready to receive a properly modulated video and audio signal, proceed with the following steps to place the system in operation. The TAU-500 power amplifier has been factory aligned for channel frequency (per system specification), signal levels and optimum performance.

**IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU RUN YOUR SYSTEM INTO A DUMMY LOAD BEFORE INSTALLING PERMANENTLY TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO DAMAGES CAUSED IN SHIPPING AND THE UNIT IS RUNNING PROPERLY**

1. Do not apply RF drive signal to the power amplifier at this time.
2. Verify that all control and RF cables are tight and properly seated in or on the mating connector.
3. Plug the modulator or processor into AC mains.
4. Plug the 5U filter enclosure into AC mains.
5. Switch AC rocker switch to "ON" position on filter enclosure.
6. Verify that the filter enclosure's fan is on.
7. Plug the 5U power amplifier enclosure into 220V AC mains.
8. Verify that the power supply fans are all on.
9. Ensure that the modulator/processor is turned on and set up according to its instructions. Depress the POWER tactile button to turn the unit on.
10. The internal soft start circuitry will turn the bias voltages off until the power supply to the amplifier pallets is fully stable. The message on the LCD indicates when the soft start is running. Once complete, the Forward and Reflected Power and Power Supply readings will appear on the LCD in the filter and power amplifier enclosures.
11. After the soft start is complete, apply the RF drive signal (which still should be turned down) between the modulator or processor and the 2-way splitter input. This ensures that the RF drive signal is applied only after the power supply is stable and the bias voltages are applied to the amplifier.

12. The TAU-500 LCDs show the user the present status of the amplifiers. Adjust RF output power to desired level (see Important RF Power Notice in previous section). Verify that the FWD Power reads 400 to 500 Watts on the filter enclosure - depending on signal content. The system is set up for 500 watts peak visual power on each power amplifier using the sync and blanking signal and should read 500 watts FWD Power on the LCD **under this condition only**. The output power level can be adjusted using the modulator or processor's RF output level adjust. Keep in mind that the system will shut down should the forward RF output power level be exceeded.
13. Ideally, the RFL Power should read zero. However, should a high VSWR be detected, the system will automatically shut down and cycle as previously described. This is also a peak wattage reading.
14. Verify that the power supply reads approximately 30 Volts DC (see supplied final inspection sheet for factory settings of power supply levels) on the LCD on the power amplifiers and power supply enclosures and 24Vdc on the combiner/filter enclosure.
15. Look at the transmitted output using a suitable monitor. The picture and sound quality should be clean and sharp. If the output picture and sound quality is unsatisfactory, check the input signals, connections to the antenna system, antenna and transmission line VSWR, and the physical condition of the antenna.

If reception problems are encountered, and the quality of transmission is satisfactory, the difficulty is often with the receiving antenna or with obstructions in the path between the transmitter/translator and receiver.

## Section X – Maintenance and Troubleshooting

### Periodic Maintenance

If your unit employs a filter on the air inlet for the fans, the filter should be cleaned every 30 days. If the equipment is operated in a severe dust environment, the filters on the inlet fan may need to be cleaned more regularly. *Turn the system off and unplug all of the AC inlet cords.* The filter can be lifted off the fan and cleaned using an air compressor at low pressure. While the filter is out, clean the fan blades themselves with a small brush. The fans themselves do not need lubrication.

The interior of the cabinets should be cleaned and inspected annually. *Turn the system off and unplug all of the AC inlet cords.* Remove the top lid by unscrewing the 6-32 machine screws.

Use extreme caution when working near the AC input terminal. The power amplifier and power supply store hazardous capacitances and voltages.

Using either compressed air or a brush with soft bristles, loosen accumulated dust and dirt and then vacuum the interior of the cabinet. Complete a visual inspection of the interior, making sure there are no loose connections or discolorations on any components from heat. Nothing inside the power amplifier enclosure exceeds a temperature that is not comfortable to the touch under normal operating conditions, so any signs of discoloration indicate potential damage.

All modular components inside the enclosure are attached to aluminium mounting plates for easy removal and replacement. Ensure that plates are secured and the mounting hardware is tight.



## Troubleshooting

The first and most important aspect of troubleshooting anything is to be systematic. Note where you have looked and what you found.

Look first for the obvious.

- Make a physical inspection of the entire facility. Are all necessary connections properly made? Do you see any signs of obvious damage within the equipment?
- Is the AC power 'ON' to the site and the equipment? (Check fuses and circuit breakers if necessary.)
- Are all the switches in the correct operating position?
- Is the input signal present?
- Check LCD readings for presence of forward and reflected power and 30 V DC supply levels.

The above is an aid in determining the fault if some aspect of the system is not operating. The following table deals with quality of operation:

Symptom	Possible Fault	Correction
Horizontal bars in picture (may roll either way depending on phase)	AC grounding / AC interference	Install EMI/RFI filter in AC line
		Ensure modulator/processor and power amplifier share a common ground
Diagonal lines in picture	Interference	Install EMI/RFI filter in AC line
		Determine source and frequency of interfering signal (spectrum analyzer may be required)

Symptom	Possible Fault	Correction
Weak output or picture	Low level input signal	Verify presence and level of input signal
	Low output power	Verify power amplifier output with wattmeter and dummy load
	Incorrect modulation depth	Adjust to meet specification
High reflected power	Incorrect load	Ensure amplifier connected to transmission line
		Ensure correct antenna impedance (50 ohms)
		Check antenna tuning and VSWR. Verify correct cable for transmission line length
		Check all cables for visible damage (kinks, nicks or cuts)
		Check all connectors for poor connections, water or corrosion
		Check alignment of antenna
		Check for physical damage of antenna, including ice build-up

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