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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Definition

The Model X378 is a transmitter for the Remote Control (R/C) of models such as airplane, helicopters, etc.

This Transmitter is for FM System, available for the PPM(Pulse Position Modulation) and PCM (Pulse Code Modulation). This Transmitter is a part of the HORIZON HOBBY DISTRIBUTORS, INC. PPM and PCM "family" of Remote Control Transmitters which at this time consists of:

Transmitter Model #	FCC ID #
XP-642	BRWXP-642
XP662	BRWXP662

Separate Applications for each transmitters and for the receivers are submitted as required by the Commission.

The Manufacturer, Japan Remote Control Company (JR), manufactures all transmitters and receivers. The PPM and PCM family of R/C systems is exported by JR to the United States of America, and several European and Asian Countries.

The Applicant for this Equipment Authorization, HORIZON HOBBY DISTRIBUTORS, INC. will, following receipt of Grant of Equipment Authorization, import only those versions of these R/C radios which are allowed for use in the USA under the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Communications.

The 72 - 73 MHz version of this transmitter is the subject of this Application; these are the units which will be offered for sale to the general public.

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1.2 Application

The Model X378 R/C transmitter utilizes " Frequency Modulation" to convey the PPM and PCM encoded position of its control sticks (joysticks) and toggle switches to its companion R/C receiver, where the PPM and PCM encoded pulse train is demodulated, decoded, and supplied to a number of servo-mechanisms for positioning of control surfaces, throttle etc. on the model.

The Frequency-Shift-Keying of the transmitter carrier takes place in the rhythm of the PPM and PCM pulse train.

Both transmitter and receiver are very narrow band units; they have been designed to comply with the European requirements of 10 KHz channel spacing.

1.3 Construction

The Model X378 Transmitter all consists of a plastic case.

(Reference is made to Fig. 5.1, Transmitter Block Diagram)

- * control sticks and control switches
- * a 9.6V rechargeable (Nicad) battery
- * an analog-to-digital converter (ADC)
- * a microprocessor to create the PPM and PCM pulse train (HD6433038TE)
- * a modulator driver stage
- * a RF power stage
- * a telescopic antenna

This Transmitter is to be made available by the importer only on those carrier frequencies in the 72 - 73 MHz frequency band which are at present authorized for R/C use.

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2.0 ENCODER THEORY OF OPERATION

Reference is made to Figure 5.1, Transmitter Block Diagram.

The functions of the encoder are to:

- * accept the analog voltages from the control inputs (joysticks, toggle switch).
- * process the analog voltages to create control mixing, adding, reversing, etc., as desired by the user.
- * sample these voltages in a cyclic rhythm under control of the system's internal timing generator.
(This process is called commutation.)
- * process these analog voltages into binary weighted digital control words by means of an Analog-to-Digital Converter (ADC).
- * store these digital representations of the analog control input into a temporary memory (RAM).
- * supply this serial data stream to a buffer-driver for modulation of the RF Transmitter.
- * provide "housekeeping" of the encoding process by means of a quartz crystal controlled internal clock.
- * provide supply voltages to the RF section ($V_{cc} = 9.6V$ battery voltage; $V_{reg} = 6.0V$ regulated voltage).

The entire program which controls the timing housekeeping, parallel-to-serial conversion process, and insertion of synchronization words and error detection codes is governed by a Central Processing Unit (CPU) under control by an internally stored program residing in Read-Only Memory (ROM). The CPU, RAM and ROM are all part of a single-chip microprocessor.

Resolution of the Analog-to-Digital conversion process is ten (10) bits for a control accuracy of $1:2^{10}$

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3.0 THEORY OF OPERATION

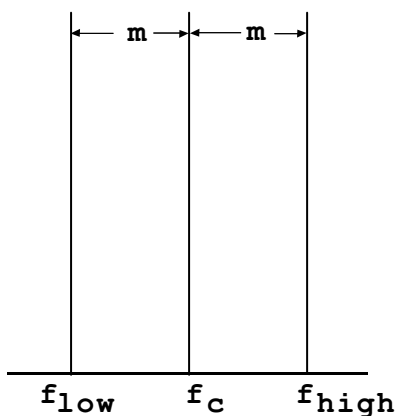
3.1 General

Reference is made to Figure 5.1, Transmitter Block Diagram.

The HORIZON HOBBY DISTRIBUTORS, INC. Model X378 R/C Transmitter is sticks type Transmitter.

It operates on any of the R/C frequency (Channels) allowed by the Commission in the 72 -73 MHz frequency band. Selection of the desired RF channel is made by Quarts crystal.

This transmitter employs Frequency-Shift-Keying (FSK) of the carrier frequency, whereby the output frequency is either low or high due to the symmetrical FSK modulation process, the (center) output frequency cannot be directly measured, but must be calculated by taking the average of the high and low frequency states.



m = shift from center frequency
 m = approx. 1.8 KHz

$$f_{carrier} = \frac{f_{low} + f_{high}}{2}$$

The peak-to-peak deviation of the FSK signal is approximately 3.6 KHz ("sliver modulation")

Because of the unfamiliarity of the general public with the term FSK, this modulation technique is commonly named FM.

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3.2 Block Diagram

(Reference is made to Figure 5.1)

The (up to) four control potentiometers are at the right side of the schematic drawing.

The control potentiometer, which is mechanically coupled to the control (joy) stick, is supplied with the regulated 5.0V voltage. The wiper on this pot is exactly centered in the neutral control stick position. All analog processing is performed as deviations from this center (reference) voltage.

After the mixing of each channel, control voltage is changed to Pulse Train, through encoder circuit.

The oscillator consists of an ECO type oscillator, excited by a quartz crystal. The crystal supports oscillation at the crystal's fundamental frequency (approximately 18MHz). The tuned circuit in the oscillator transistor's collector is tuned to the second harmonic of this frequency (approx. 36MHz).

Q102 acts as a frequency multiplier ($\times 2$)/buffer; it drives the Power Amplifier (PA). Its output frequency is $4\times$ crystal frequency.

The straight-through PA stage is followed by a matching and band pass/low-pass network. This network matches the low PA stage output impedance to the whip antenna.

The crystal load capacitance is affected by varicap D101, which is voltage-controlled by the "rounded-off square wave from the modulator transistor. The oscillator frequency is therefore switched in the rhythm of the modulate modulation pattern (FSK).

Two DC Supply Voltage enter the RF section: 9.6 Volt "law" battery voltage supplies the PA stage only. All other stages, and bias current for all stages, including the PA, are derived from the regulated 6.0 Volt source on the RF board.

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4.0 FAILURE ANALYSIS

A failure analysis was conducted to ascertain that single-component failure will not result in unauthorized radiation.

It should be noted that component failure would result in return of the unit to the factory, or to an authorized repair station.

(Reference is made to Figure 5.2, Transmitter Schematic Diagram)

Failure of any of the transistors (predominant failure mode: emitter-collector short) will result in the unit becoming inoperative:

In the case of Q101 oscillator short, RF output will be non-existent.

Q102 or Q103 failure will result in very low, if any, output.

Failure of the MOD IN input (latch at 0 or 9.6 Volt) or modulator transistor Q104, Q105, will result in either the high frequency (carrier frequency + 1.8 KHz), or the low frequency (carrier frequency - 1.8 KHz) being transmitted. Although this failure would render the unit inoperative, the frequency tolerance would still fall within the channel bandwidth and tolerance requirements of .002% of 72 MHz = 1.44 KHz.

Failure of the varactor diode D101 (open or short) results in a measured frequency drop of 9.2 KHz (varactor short) or no change (varactor open).

Although a varactor-short failure would bring the generated frequency out-of-tolerance, the unit will become inoperative, power will be turned off, and the unit will be returned for service (Note that even in this failure mode, no harmful energy is being transmitted on neighboring channels).

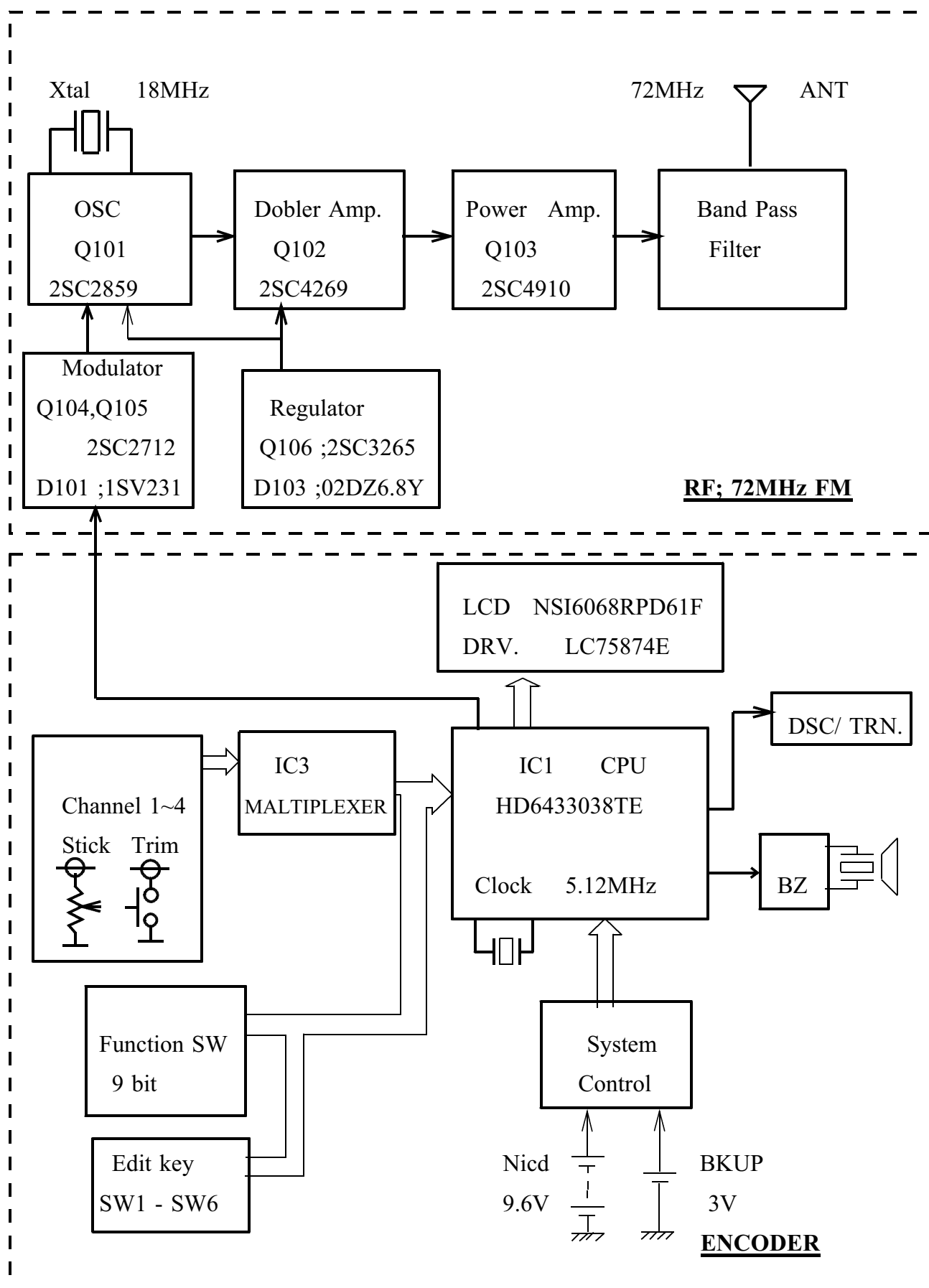
Failure of the quartz crystal, X101, will inevitably result in no, or strongly reduced, output.

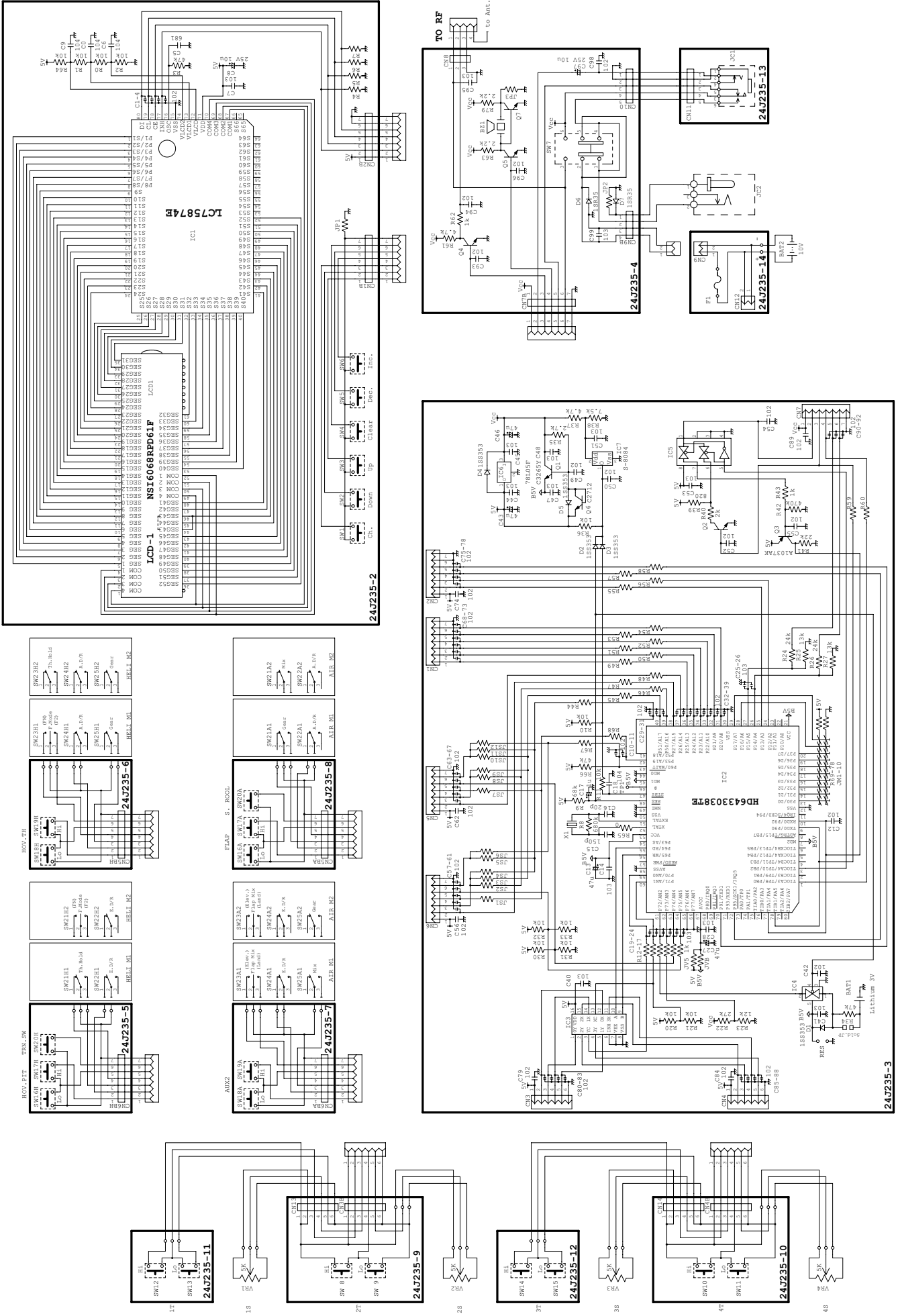
All other incidental failures will render the unit inoperative and because for return of the transmitter to the service facility.

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5.4 Transmitter R.F. Tune-Up Procedure

1. Remove 6 screws from transmitter. Break seal on case and remove PC assembly. Put PC assembly on bench, component side up.
2. Refer to transmitter schematic Figure 5.2.2.
Soften bee's wax on cores in L101, L102, L103 and L104.
Using oscilloscope with small 50 ohm loop, starting at L101, adjust these cores for maximum oscilloscope reading.
Repeat this tuning sequence until no further increase in oscilloscope reading can be obtained.
3. The MOD. IN input latch at 0 volt. Observe frequency counter. Adjust the small ceramic trimmer capacitor on the PC assembly so that output frequency is exactly 1.8 KHz higher than the channel frequency.
4. The MOD. IN input latch at 9.6 Volt.
Adjust the small trimmer resistor on PC assembly so that output frequency is exactly 1.8 KHz lower than channel frequency for the module.
5. Repeat step 2.
Repeat step 3 and 4.
6. Using spectrum analyzer with small 50 ohm loop, verify that sub harmonic and harmonic components are at least 50dB below carrier component. Pay special attention to 90MHz and 144 MHz components.
7. Remove PC assembly from Transmitter. Reapply bee's wax to L101, L102, L103 and L104. Put PC assembly back into its case, replace the four screws and re-seal opposite edge.

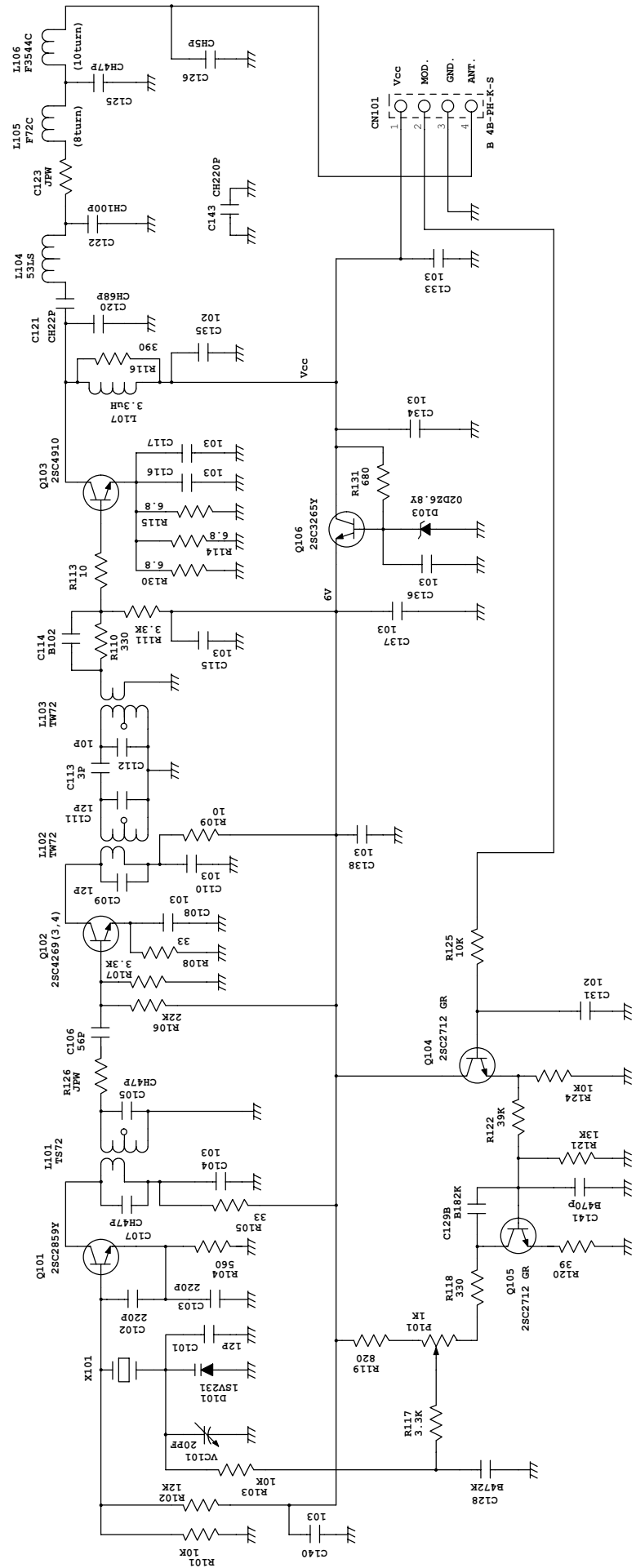




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Figure 5.2.1.

Transmitter Schematic Diagram



Transmitter Schematic Diagram

Figure 5.2.2.

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SPECIFICATION OF CRYSTAL UNIT

1.FREQUENCY	18MHz (72MHz) TX
2.HOLDER TYPE	HC-50/U
3.FREQUENCY TOLERANCE	+ - 7 PPM / +25C.
4.EQUIVALENT RESISTANCE	20 OHMS MAX/SERIES
5.OPERABLE TEMPERATURE RANGE	-20 C. ----- +60 C.
6.TEMPERARURE DRIFT	+ - 20 PPM
7.LOADING CAPACITY	52 PF
8.DRIVE LEVEL	1 mW
9.SHUNT CAPACITY	7 PF MAX
10.MODE OF OSCILLATION	FUNDAMENTAL (AT CUT)
11.INSULATION RESISTANCE	500 M OHMS MIN AT 100 V DC
12.SHOCK TEST	

DROPPING FROM 75 CM HEIGHT 3 TIMES ONFIRM WOOD

VARIATION : FREQUENCY LESS THAN +-5 PPM

RESISTANCE LESS THAN +-15 %

13.VIBRATION TEST

FREQUENCY 10 TO 55Hz; AMPLITUDE 1.5mmP-P 1 CYCLE/MINUTES

TEST TIME 120 MINUTES IN EACH DIRECTION

VARIATION : FREQUENCY LESS THAN +-5 PPM

RESISTANCE LESS THAN +-15 %

14.AGING

+ - 5 PPM/YEAR

Figure 5.5

Crystal Specification



