# ALIGNMENT

### EXCITER

Refer to Figure 3 for component locations. Refer to Figure 6 for equipment needed and setup diagram. Select "EXCITER" from the "TEST" menu in the repeater software.

# Pretest

- 1. Set TCXO modulation adjust RV101 fully counterclockwise.
- 2. Connect the power meter to J402.



Figure 3 EXCITER ALIGNMENT POINTS DIAGRAM

Voltage Measurements

Apply power to the Exciter by plugging the 20-pin cable from the RF Interface Board into J401.

Measure the voltages at the following pins.

U406, pin 1	+12V DC 0.4V
U405, pin 1	+5V DC 0.3V
U402, pin 1	+3.5V DC 0.1V
U404, pin 7	+3.5V DC 0.1V

### PROGRAM TUNE-UP CHANNEL

- 1. For Exciters operating between: 138-144 MHz or 154-172 MHz.
  - a. Using the PC and software, program the Synthesizer for the Transmit frequency.
  - b. Press the space bar to key the Exciter.
  - c. Tune the VCO capacitor L102 for +4.5V DC 0.05V at TP1 (U403, pin 6). Increase the transmit frequency by 3 MHz. The voltage on TP1 shall be less than 7.5V. Decrease the transmit frequency by 3 MHz. The voltage on TP1 shall be greater than 2V.
  - d. Measure the Power Output of the Exciter at J402. Reading should be > +18 dBm.
  - e. Press the space bar to unkey the Exciter.
- 2. For Transmitters operating within 6 MHz of the top of the transmit band (144-150 or 172-178 MHz).
  - a. Program the Synthesizer for the Highest transmit frequency (i.e. 150 or 178 MHz).
  - b. Press the space bar to key the Exciter.
  - c. Set the control line voltage for 7.5V at TP1. Check 6 MHz *below* the programmed frequency (i.e. 144 or 172 MHz) to verify that the control voltage at TP1 is *greater than* 2V. The repeater Exciter can now be programmed for the desired operating frequency.
  - d. Press the space bar to unkey the Exciter.
- 5. For Transmitters operating within 6 MHz of the bottom of the transmit band (132-138 or 150-156 MHz).
  - a. Program the Synthesizer for the Lowest transmit frequency (i.e. 132 or 150 MHz).
  - b. Set the control line voltage for 2V at TP1.
    Check 6 MHz *above* the programmed frequency (i.e. 138 or 156 MHz) to verify that the control voltage at TP1 is *less than* 7.5V.
    The repeater Exciter can now be programmed for the desired operating frequency.

# VCO TEST

- The software programs the synthesizer for 3 MHz above the Tune-Up frequency. Press the space bar to key the Exciter. The voltage on U403, pin 6 should be < 7V. Power output should be > +18 dBm. Press the space bar to unkey the Exciter.
- The software programs the synthesizer for 3 MHz below the Tune-Up frequency. Press the space bar to key the Exciter. The voltage on U403, pin 6 should be > 2.5V. Power output should be > +18 dBm. Press the space bar to unkey the Exciter.
- 3. The software programs the synthesizer for the Transmit Channel.

### TCXO FREQUENCY ADJUST

- 1. Connect a 10 dB pad and frequency counter to J402.
- 2. Press the space bar to key the Exciter.
- 3. Tune TCXO Y401 for the Transmit Channel Frequency, 50 Hz.
- 4. Press the space bar to unkey the Exciter.

### TRANSMIT MODULATION ADJUST

- 1. Connect a 10 dB pad and modulation analyzer to J402.
- 2. Press the "FM" and "3 kHz LPF" switches of the modulation analyzer.
- 3. Inject a 1 kHz sine wave at 400 mV RMS into P100, pin 32 on the Main Audio Card (MAC).
- 4. Using the software adjust U207 with "Up/Dn" and "PgUp/PgDn" keys for 707 mV RMS on P100, pin 29. This waveform should be a "clean" sine wave.
- 5. Press the space bar to key the Exciter.
- 6. Set RV401 for 3 kHz deviation (25 kHz channels) or ±1.5 kHz deviation (12.5 kHz channels).
- 7. Press the space bar to unkey the Exciter.
- 8. Adjust R237 for a 2V P-P square wave on P100, pin 29.
- 9. Press the space bar to key the Exciter.

10. Set RV101 for "best" square wave as observed on the modulation analyzer output to the oscilloscope.

*NOTE:* Ensure that the oscilloscope is "DC" coupled and the Modulation Analyzer has the 3 kHz LPF switch set but NOT the 300 Hz HPF or 50 Hz HPF switches set.

11. Press the space bar to unkey the Exciter.

### **125W POWER AMPLIFIER ALIGNMENT**

Refer to Figures 4 and 5 for component locations. Refer to Figure 7 for equipment needed and setup diagram. Select "PA" from the "TEST" menu in the Repeater Software.

### DRIVER TUNING AND LIMIT ADJUSTMENTS

- 1. Connect an antenna or dummy load to the RF port (50 ohm impedance).
- 2. Connect the: Power supply ground lead to P105 +15V DC lead to P103 +26.5V DC lead to P101 36-pin cable to J101 on the RFIB
- 3. Set the signal generator to  $\pm 19 \text{ dBm} \pm 0.1 \text{ dB}$ . Connect the signal generator to WO513.
- 4. Press the space bar to key the PA.
- 5. Monitor the voltage on R45 on the RFIB and set R76 for 1.3V DC (see Figure 5).

### POWER AMPLIFIER TUNING

Connect an antenna or dummy load to the RF port (50 ohm impedance). Use the carrier frequency needed.

- Set RV501 on the PA fully counterclockwise.
  Set RV502 on the PA fully clockwise, see Figure 4.
- 2. Set Forward Power Adjust R611and Reflected Power Adjust R661 on the power detector board fully counterclockwise (see Figure 4).
- 3. Monitor the voltage at R45 on the RFIB and set R76 for 1.3V DC (see Figure 5). This sets the current limit point for driver Q501 at hot temperatures.
- 4. Set each of the quiescent currents for Q502 and Q503 for 10 mA (DC) each.
- 5. Program the power output for the correct frequency range as follows:

132-150 MHz 125W 150-178 MHz 125W

- 6. Press the space bar to key the PA. Output power will be approximately 80W.
- 7. Monitor the output power and tune C601 and C602 for maximum output power, see Figure 4.
- 8. Set Forward Power Adjust RV601 for rated power (125W).
- 9. Press the space bar to unkey the PA.
- 10. Disconnect the antenna or dummy load from the RF port.
- 11. Press the space bar to key the PA. NOTE: This will not harm the PA.
- 12. Adjust Reverse Power Calibration Pot RV602 for equal voltages on W121 and W126 on the RFIB or for equal Forward and Reverse Power (see Figure 5).
- 13. Press the space bar to unkey the PA.



Figure 4 125W POWER AMPLIFIER ALIGNMENT POINTS



Figure 5 RF INTERFACE BOARD ALIGNMENT POINTS



Figure 6 EXCITER TEST SETUP



Figure 7 125W POWER AMPLIFIER TEST SETUP