

150X

## dbx model 150x test and alignment procedure.

### I. Pre-calibration procedure.

Plug the unit to be tested into a rated source of ac mains voltage and frequency.

Cycle the noise reduction in/out switches and confirm that the noise reduction "in" led-indicators illuminate when the switch is pushed to the "in" position and extinguish when the switch is in the "out" position. Verify that the operation of the switches is smooth and free of any unusual binding etc. Verify that the power indicator is illuminated.

monitor the output voltages at TP 3 and TP 4 and verify that they are within  $\pm 600$  mV of the nominal  $\pm 15$  vdc, respectively.

Place all calibration trim pots to the center of their rotation. Rotate each front panel level match control through its entire range and verify that the operation of the control is smooth and free of any unusual binding, etc. Place each front panel control to its center position.

### II. Decoder calibration procedure

- 2.1 Connect a low output impedance signal generator to the J1 input of the unit to be tested. Set the output of the signal generator to a magnitude of 2 vrms ac at a frequency of 50 hz. Monitor the output of U4 at pin 7, (TP 1) using a suitable oscilloscope having a minimum vertical sensitivity of 5 mV/c.m. Adjust (R41) for the best possible symmetry of the 100 hz waveform at TP 1. set the signal generator to a frequency of 1 Khz and Decrement the output level of the signal generator in 10 db steps from 2.0 v rms to 200 mV rms. Verify that proper rms detector tracking follows at +6 mV/db. verify that the output of U3 is within  $\pm 12$  mv dc of 0.000 volts dc at an input amplitude of 200 mV rms. Continue to decrement the output of the signal generator from 200 mV rms to 2 mV rms and again verify that the rms detector properly tracks at 6 mV/db.

- 2.2 Dis-connect the oscilloscope from TP 1 and connect TP 1 to TP 5 with a suitable clip lead (thus shorting the output of U4 to ground). Monitor the output of U3 and U5 at J2 using a suitable a.c. voltmeter. Perform spot checks of the frequency response at test frequencies of 30 hz, 300 hz, and 3 khz and verify that the measured response is within  $\pm 1.5$  db of the tabulated nominal response indicated in table 1.

1.5db

- 20dB = 0.076V
- 2.3 Dis-connect the signal generator from the input of the unit under test. Set the output of the signal generator to an amplitude of 84 mV rms at a frequency of 100 hz and re-connect the signal generator to TP 6. (\* the dc output offset of the signal generator used for this part of the procedure must be less than 3 mV) Monitor the output of U3 with respect to ground at J2 using an ac coupled oscilloscope set to a minimum vertical sensitivity of 5 mV/c.m. Adjust R15 for minimum control voltage feedthrough. Remove the cliplead from TP 1 to TP 5. measure the dc output offset voltages at the outputs of U3 and U5 with respect to ground and verify that they are less than +/- 10 mV dc.
- 2.4 Set the output of the signal generator <sup>TO 5KHZ</sup> to an amplitude of 316 mV rms. Adjust R9 for 316 mV rms at the output of U3 at J2 with respect to ground. (R54)
- 2.5 Repeat paragraphs 2.1 through 2.4 for the alternate decode channel.

### III. Encoder calibration procedure

- 3.1 Connect a low output impedance signal generator to the J1 input of the unit to be tested. Set the output of the signal generator to a magnitude of 2 vrms ac at a frequency of 50 hz. Monitor the output of U4 at pin 7, (TP 1) using a suitable oscilloscope having a minimum vertical sensitivity of 5 mV/c.m. Adjust R41 for the best possible symmetry of the 100 hz waveform at TP 1. <sup>R41</sup> <sub>(R90)</sub> <sup>(TP2)</sup> set the signal generator to a frequency of 1 KHz and Decrement the output level of the signal generator in 10 db steps from 1.0 v rms to 100 mV rms. Verify that proper rms detector tracking follows at + 3 mV/db. verify that the output of U3 is within +/- 12 mv dc of 0.000 volts dc at an input amplitude of 100 mV rms. Continue to decrement the output of the signal generator from 100 mV rms to 1 mV rms and again verify that the rms detector properly tracks at 3 mV/db.
- 3.2 Dis-connect the oscilloscope from TP 1 and connect TP 1 to TP 5 with a suitable clip lead (thus shorting the output of U4 to ground). Monitor the output of U3 and U5 at J2 using a suitable a.c. voltmeter. Perform spot checks of the frequency response at test frequencies of 30 hz, 300 hz, and 3 khz and verify that the measured response is within +/- tk db of the tabulated nominal response indicated in table 1.

- 3.3 Dis-connect the signal generator from the input of the unit under test. Set the output of the signal generator to an amplitude of 84 mV rms at a frequency of 100 hz and re-connect the signal generator to TP 6. (\* the dc output offset of the signal generator used for this part of the procedure must be less than 3 mV) Monitor the output of U3 with respect to ground at J2 using an ac coupled oscilloscope set to a minimum vertical sensitivity of 5 mV/c.m. Adjust R15 for minimum control voltage feedthrough. Remove the cliplead from TP 1 to TP 5. measure the dc output offset voltages at the outputs of U3 and U5 with respect to ground and verify that they are less than +/- 10 mV dc. *5KHz @*
- 3.4 Set the output of the signal generator to an amplitude of 316 mV rms. Adjust *R9* for 316 mV rms at the output of U3 at J2 with respect to ground. *R11 (R58)*
- 3.5 Repeat paragraphs 3.1 through 3.4 for the alternate encode channel.

#### IV. Back-to-back Performance tests, reference encoder/decoder performance tests.

- 4.1 the following connections will be made utilizing standard 1/4 " two conductor phone jacks and cabling. Connect the encoder outputs designated J2 and J4 to a reference decoder. Connect the encoder inputs designated J1 and J3 to the output of a tone burst generator. Apply a toneburst of 8 cycles on (at 0 dbV) followed by 128 cycles off (less than -40 dbV) at a test frequency of 1 KHz. Monitor the outputs of the reference decoder and verify that there is not more than 20 % overshoot on the first cycle of the decoded waveform and no overshoot on the remaining cycles.
- 4.2 Connect the decoder inputs designated J1 and J3 to the output of a reference encoder. Connect the input of the reference encoder to the tone burst generator as described in paragraph 4.1. Monitor the outputs of the decoder under test at J2 and J4. Verify that there is not more than 20 % overshoot of the output waveform for the first cycle, and no overshoot on the remaining cycles
- 4.3 Connect the encoder output designated J2 to the decoder input designated J1. Connect the encoder output designated J4 to the decoder input designated J3. Connect the encoder inputs to a suitable low distortion signal generator. Monitor the decoder output designated J2 with a suitable distortion analyzer. Measure the

thd at test frequencies of 100 hz and 10 kHz and verify that it is not greater than .15 % at a test amplitude of 1.0 v rms. Repeat this measurement for the decoder output designated J4.

4.4 Temporarily bypass the noise reduction circuitry utilizing the noise reduction in/out switches and verify that the signal bypasses both the encoder and decoder functions. Re-instate the noise reduction circuitry to the "in" mode. Sweep the signal generator from 40 hz to 20 kHz and verify that the amplitude vs frequency response is flat within +/- 1 dB.

4.5 Terminate the encoder inputs designated J1 and J3 with 1 K ohm resistors to ground. Measure the output noise of the decoder channels at J2 and J4 in a 20 to 20kHz "A" weighted bandwidth and verify that it is not greater than -90 dBv, RE: .775 uRMS

150X TEST PROCEDURE  
TABLE 1

+ .75  
- .25

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tput node: 0  
Part

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ENCODER

Nodes

Val

Tol

Freq, Hz

Mag, dB

Phase, deg

Calc

Des

Err

Calc

Des

Err

30

11.61

11.61

0.00

64.90

64.90

0.00

300

12.98

12.98

0.00

32.34

32.34

0.00

3000

22.48

22.48

0.00

11.78

11.78

0.00

s = 0 dB

Best = 0 dB

Itera = 0

3.8 +.342/- .107

4.4 +.402/- .126

13.3 +1.2/- .377

le: 150X.DEC  
tput node: 0  
Part

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04-22-1986

DECODER

Nodes

Val

Tol

Freq, Hz

Mag, dB

Phase, deg

Calc

Des

Err

Calc

Des

Err

30

10.73

10.73

0.00

5.52

5.52

0.00

300

8.78

8.78

0.00

-27.34

-27.34

0.00

3000

-0.78

-0.78

0.00

-17.01

-17.01

0.00

s = 0 dB

Best = 0 dB

Itera = 0

: 150x.enc  
 tput node: 0  
 Part

15:53:55

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Nodes

Val

Tol

Freq, Hz	Mag, dB			Phase, deg		
	Calc	Des	Err	Calc	Des	Err
20	9.96	9.96	0.00	105.20	105.20	0.00
25	11.28	11.28	0.00	80.92	80.92	0.00
31.5	11.63	11.63	0.00	61.30	61.30	0.00
40	11.57	11.57	0.00	47.34	47.34	0.00
50	11.44	11.44	0.00	38.58	38.58	0.00
63	11.35	11.35	0.00	32.54	32.54	0.00
80	11.32	11.32	0.00	28.64	28.64	0.00
100	11.35	11.35	0.00	26.67	26.67	0.00
125	11.46	11.46	0.00	26.03	26.03	0.00
160	11.69	11.69	0.00	26.62	26.62	0.00
200	12.01	12.01	0.00	28.12	28.12	0.00
250	12.48	12.48	0.00	30.29	30.29	0.00
315	13.14	13.14	0.00	32.90	32.90	0.00
400	14.02	14.02	0.00	35.50	35.50	0.00
500	15.02	15.02	0.00	37.35	37.35	0.00
630	16.19	16.19	0.00	38.24	38.24	0.00
800	17.47	17.47	0.00	37.71	37.71	0.00
1000	18.65	18.65	0.00	35.77	35.77	0.00
1250	19.74	19.74	0.00	32.49	32.49	0.00
1600	20.79	20.79	0.00	27.58	27.58	0.00
2000	21.55	21.55	0.00	22.32	22.32	0.00
2500	22.13	22.13	0.00	16.61	16.61	0.00
3150	22.56	22.56	0.00	10.47	10.47	0.00
4000	22.83	22.83	0.00	4.00	4.00	0.00
5000	22.95	22.95	0.00	-2.18	-2.18	0.00
6300	22.97	22.97	0.00	-8.83	-8.83	0.00
8000	22.86	22.86	0.00	-16.14	-16.14	0.00
10000	22.63	22.63	0.00	-23.55	-23.55	0.00
12500	22.25	22.25	0.00	-31.64	-31.64	0.00
16000	21.62	21.62	0.00	-41.43	-41.43	0.00
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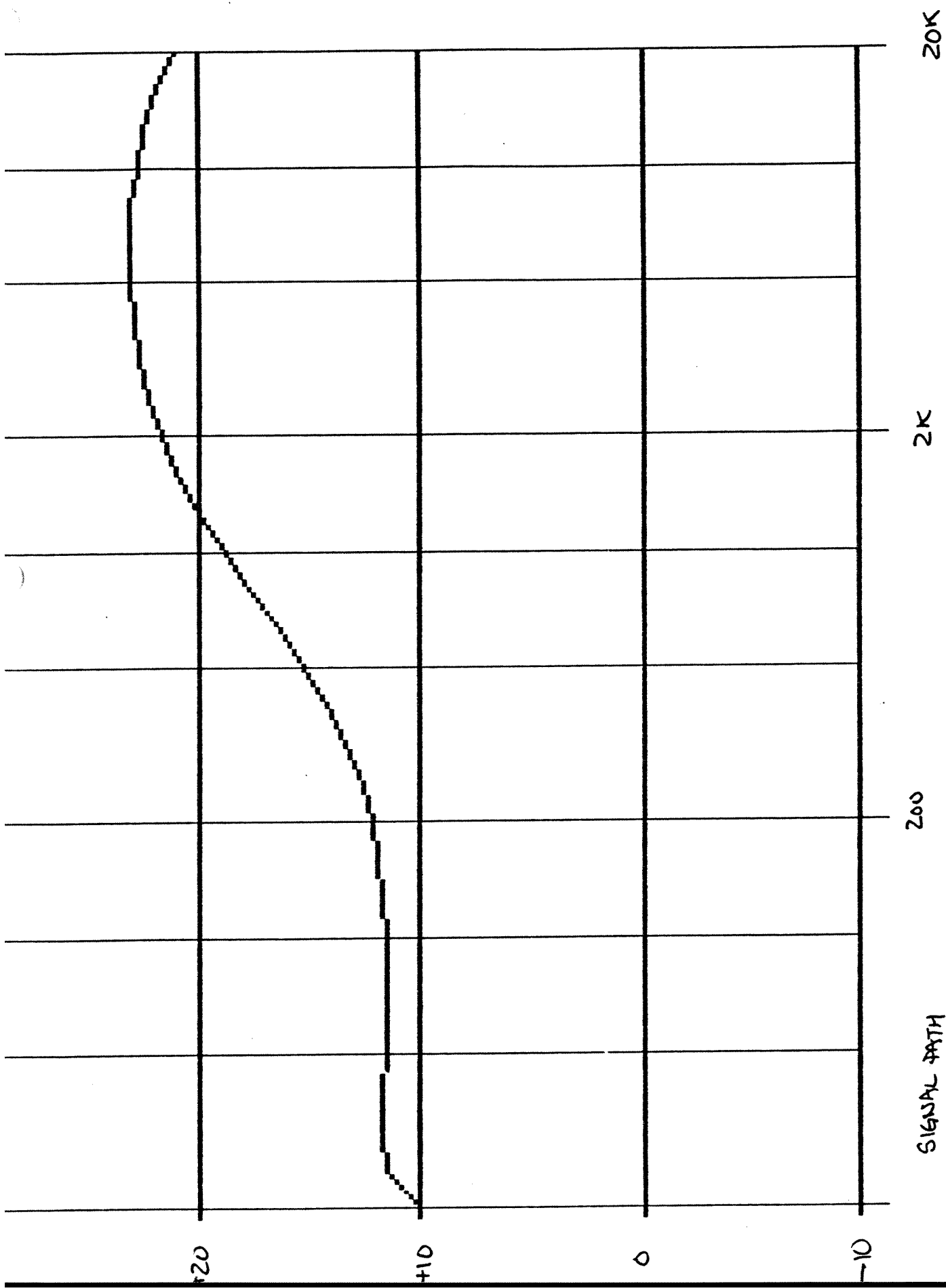
ENCODER SIGNAL PATH  
 FREQUENCY RESPONSE

RMS OUTPUT SHORTED TO GROUND

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CC: MESSRS. TSAN, WEI, MINOWA  
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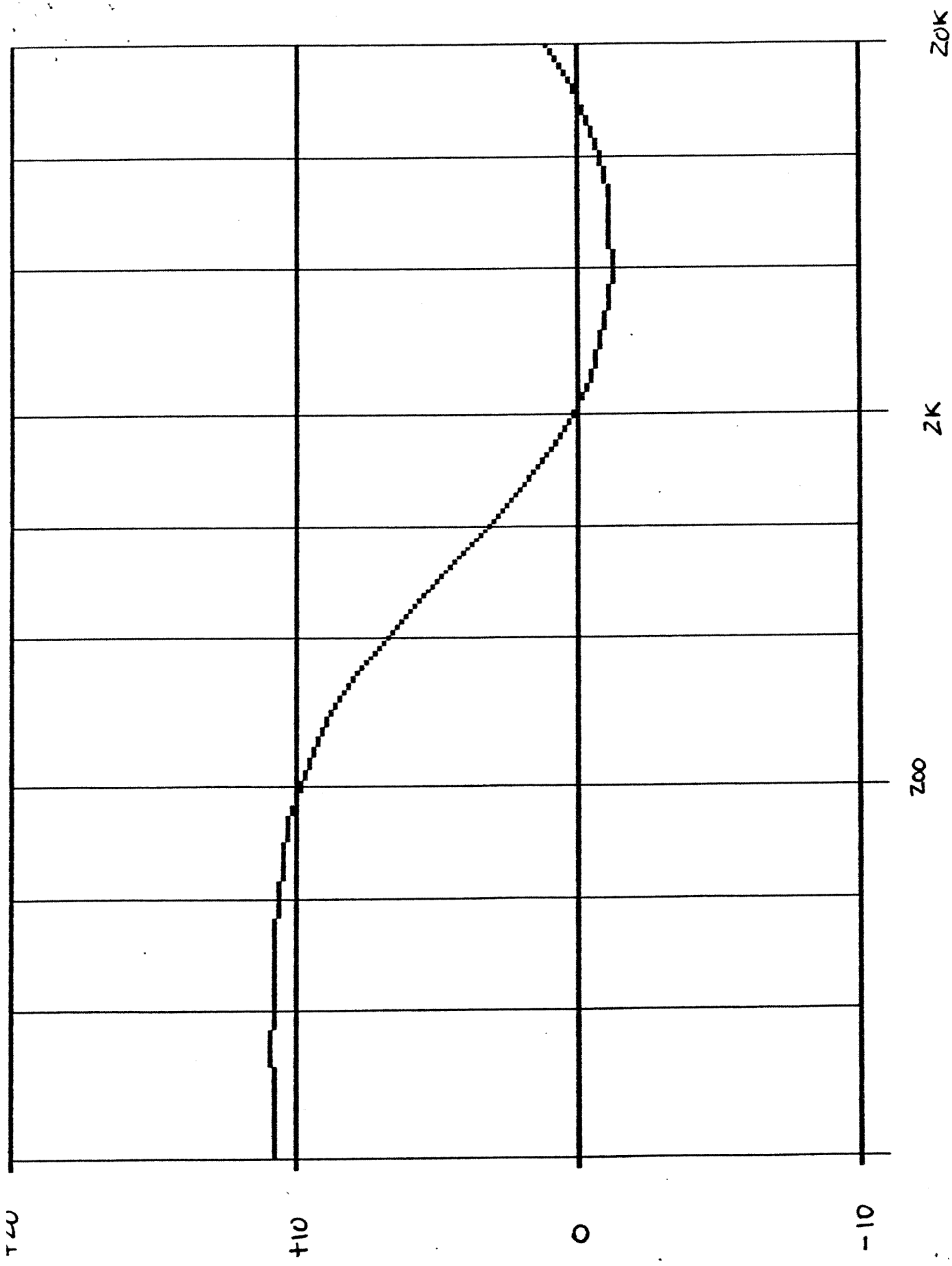
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ATTACHED PLEASE FIND ADDITIONAL DATA FOR 150X AS WELL AS  
TABLE 1 FOR TEST PROCEDURE WHICH WAS OMITTED IN PREVIOUS FAX

BEST REGARDS  
R. AYLWARD



SIGNAL PATH  
ENCODER FREQUENCY  
RESPONSE





DECODER SIGNAL PATH  
FREQUENCY RESPONSE

+2

+1

0

-1

-2

-3

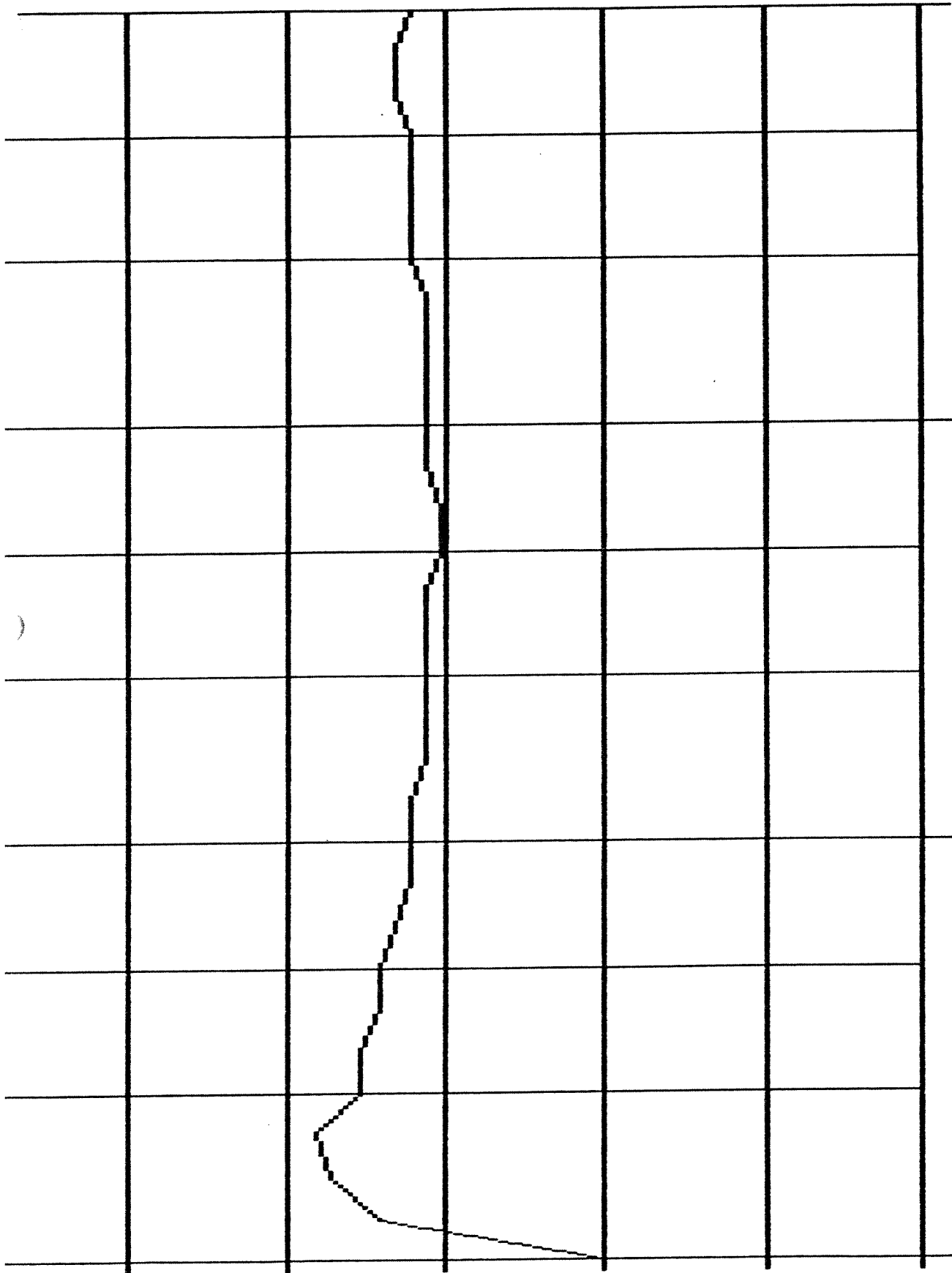
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2K

20K

BACK TO BACK

SIGNAL PATH FREQUENCY RESPONSE



150x.dec  
 tput node: 0  
 Part

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Nodes Val Tol

Freq, Hz	Mag, dB			Phase, deg		
	Calc	Des	Err	Calc	Des	Err
20	10.61	10.61	0.00	11.10	11.10	0.00
25	10.69	10.69	0.00	7.88	7.88	0.00
31.5	10.73	10.73	0.00	4.91	4.91	0.00
40	10.75	10.75	0.00	2.09	2.09	0.00
50	10.75	10.75	0.00	-0.43	-0.43	0.00
63	10.72	10.72	0.00	-3.06	-3.06	0.00
80	10.66	10.66	0.00	-5.91	-5.91	0.00
100	10.56	10.56	0.00	-8.80	-8.80	0.00
125	10.40	10.40	0.00	-11.99	-11.99	0.00
160	10.14	10.14	0.00	-15.93	-15.93	0.00
200	9.80	9.80	0.00	-19.84	-19.84	0.00
250	9.31	9.31	0.00	-23.96	-23.96	0.00
315	8.62	8.62	0.00	-28.22	-28.22	0.00
400	7.72	7.72	0.00	-32.20	-32.20	0.00
500	6.70	6.70	0.00	-35.13	-35.13	0.00
630	5.52	5.52	0.00	-36.97	-36.97	0.00
800	4.24	4.24	0.00	-37.32	-37.32	0.00
1000	3.05	3.05	0.00	-36.15	-36.15	0.00
1250	1.95	1.95	0.00	-33.66	-33.66	0.00
1600	0.90	0.90	0.00	-29.68	-29.68	0.00
2000	0.14	0.14	0.00	-25.38	-25.38	0.00
2500	-0.44	-0.44	0.00	-20.78	-20.78	0.00
3150	-0.86	-0.86	0.00	-16.01	-16.01	0.00
4000	-1.12	-1.12	0.00	-11.29	-11.29	0.00
5000	-1.22	-1.22	0.00	-7.16	-7.16	0.00
6300	-1.21	-1.21	0.00	-3.16	-3.16	0.00
8000	-1.06	-1.06	0.00	0.60	0.60	0.00
10000	-0.79	-0.79	0.00	3.75	3.75	0.00
12500	-0.37	-0.37	0.00	6.36	6.36	0.00
16000	0.29	0.29	0.00	8.23	8.23	0.00
20000	1.05	1.05	0.00	8.51	8.51	0.00

= = 0 dB Best = 0 dB Itera = 0

DECODER SIGNAL PATH FREQUENCY RESPONSE  
 RMS OUTPUT SHORTED TO GROUND

le: 150x.sig  
 put node: 0  
 Part

16:11:11

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Nodes

Val

Tol

Freq, Hz	Mag, dB			Phase, deg		
	Calc	Des	Err	Calc	Des	Err
20	-1.00	-1.00	0.00	116.00	116.00	0.00
25	0.40	0.40	0.00	89.00	89.00	0.00
31.5	0.70	0.70	0.00	66.00	66.00	0.00
40	0.80	0.80	0.00	49.00	49.00	0.00
50	0.50	0.50	0.00	39.00	39.00	0.00
63	0.50	0.50	0.00	30.00	30.00	0.00
80	0.40	0.40	0.00	23.00	23.00	0.00
100	0.40	0.40	0.00	18.00	18.00	0.00
125	0.30	0.30	0.00	14.00	14.00	0.00
160	0.20	0.20	0.00	11.00	11.00	0.00
200	0.20	0.20	0.00	8.00	8.00	0.00
250	0.20	0.20	0.00	6.00	6.00	0.00
315	0.10	0.10	0.00	5.00	5.00	0.00
400	0.10	0.10	0.00	3.00	3.00	0.00
500	0.10	0.10	0.00	2.00	2.00	0.00
630	0.10	0.10	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
800	0.10	0.10	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
1000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1250	0.00	0.00	0.00	-2.00	-2.00	0.00
1600	0.10	0.10	0.00	-2.00	-2.00	0.00
2000	0.10	0.10	0.00	-3.00	-3.00	0.00
2500	0.10	0.10	0.00	-4.00	-4.00	0.00
3150	0.10	0.10	0.00	-6.00	-6.00	0.00
4000	0.10	0.10	0.00	-7.00	-7.00	0.00
5000	0.20	0.20	0.00	-9.00	-9.00	0.00
6300	0.20	0.20	0.00	-12.00	-12.00	0.00
8000	0.20	0.20	0.00	-15.00	-15.00	0.00
10000	0.20	0.20	0.00	-20.00	-20.00	0.00
12500	0.30	0.30	0.00	-26.00	-26.00	0.00
16000	0.30	0.30	0.00	-33.00	-33.00	0.00
20000	0.20	0.20	0.00	-42.00	-42.00	0.00

s = 0 dB Best = 0 dB Itera = 0

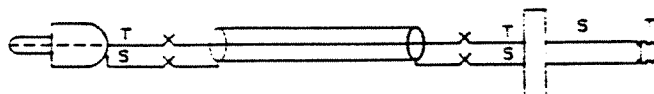
BACK TO BACK SIGNAL PATH FREQUENCY RESPONSE

## 150X

### Field Service Alignment Procedure

Equipment required:    Oscillator       Krohn Hite 4200 or equivalent  
                         Voltmeter       Simpson       464 or equivalent  
                         Oscilloscope    Phillips    PM 3232 or equivalent

From Oscillator output



To 150X Input

### Single-ended operation with 150X inputs only

#### 1. Power Supply Test

+15vdc +/- 600 mv at TP3  
-15vdc +/- 600 mv at TP4

#### 2. RMS Symmetry Alignment

Set Oscillator to 316 mv rms (-10dbv) at 50 Hz

Connect Oscillator to J1 and J3 of the play (decode) board.  
Engage both channel A and channel B play switches.

Connect Oscilloscope to TP1.  
Adjust R41 for even RMS waveform peaks. (see figure A)

Connect Oscilloscope to TP2.  
Adjust R86 for even RMS waveform peaks.

Connect Oscillator to J1 and J3 of the record (encode) board.  
Engage both channel A and channel B play switches.

Connect Oscilloscope to TP1.  
Adjust R43 for even RMS waveform peaks.

Connect Oscilloscope to TP2.  
Adjust R90 for even RMS waveform peaks

### 3. Level Match Alignment

Set Oscillator to 316 mv RMS (-10dbV) at 1K Hz

Connect Oscillator to J1 and J3 of the play board.

Adjust channel A play level pot (R9) for 316 mv RMS at pin 7 of U3.  
Check that the signal at pin 6 of U5 is 316 mv RMS +/- 15mv.

Adjust channel B play level pot (R54) for 316 mv RMS at pin 7 of U7.  
Check that the signal at pin 6 of U9 is 316 mv RMS +/- 15mv.

Connect Oscillator to J1 and J3 of the record board.

Adjust channel A record level pot (R11) for 316 mv RMS at pin 7 of U3.  
Check that the signal at pin 6 of U5 is 316 mv RMS +/- 15mv.

Adjust channel B record level pot (R58) for 316 mv RMS at pin 7 of U8.  
Check that the signal at pin 6 of U10 is 316mv RMS +/- 15mv.

### 4. VCA Symmetry Alignment

NOTE: The dc output offset of the Oscillator used for this part of the procedure must be less than 3mv.

Disconnect the Oscillator from the unit.  
Set Oscillator to 84 mv rms at 100 Hz.

Play board

Connect a jumper between TP1 and TP5.  
Connect Oscillator to TP6.  
Connect Oscilloscope to pin 7 of U3.  
Adjust R15 for flattest possible waveform. (see figure B)  
Remove jumper between TP1 and TP5.  
Check that the dc offset at pin 7 of U3 is 0vdc +/-10mv.

Connect a jumper between TP2 and TP5.  
Connect Oscillator to TP7.  
Connect Oscilloscope to pin 7 of U7.  
Adjust R60 for flattest possible waveform.  
Remove jumper between TP2 and TP5.  
Check that the dc offset at pin 7 of U7 is 0vdc +/-10mv.

Record board

Connect a jumper between TP1 and TP5.  
Connect Oscillator to TP6.  
Connect Oscilloscope to pin 7 of U3.  
Adjust R16 for flattest possible waveform.  
Remove jumper between TP1 and TP5.  
Check that the dc offset at pin 7 of U3 is 0vdc +/-10mv.

Connect a jumper between TP2 and TP5.  
Connect Oscillator to TP7 of U8.  
Adjust R63 for flattest possible waveform.  
Remove jumper between TP2 and TP5.  
Check that the dc offset at pin 7 of U8 is 0vdc +/-10mv.

DIAGRAM A

UNCALIBRATED RMS WAVEFORM

PROPERLY CALIBRATED RMS WAVEFORM

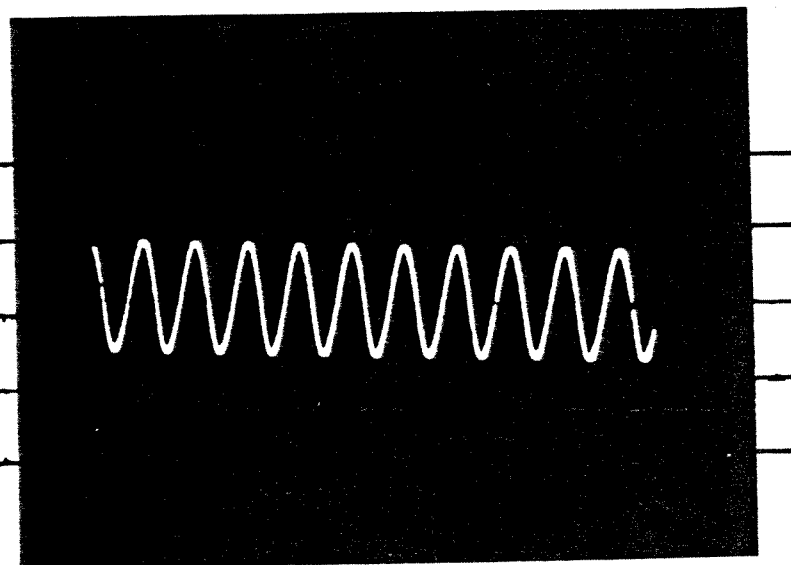
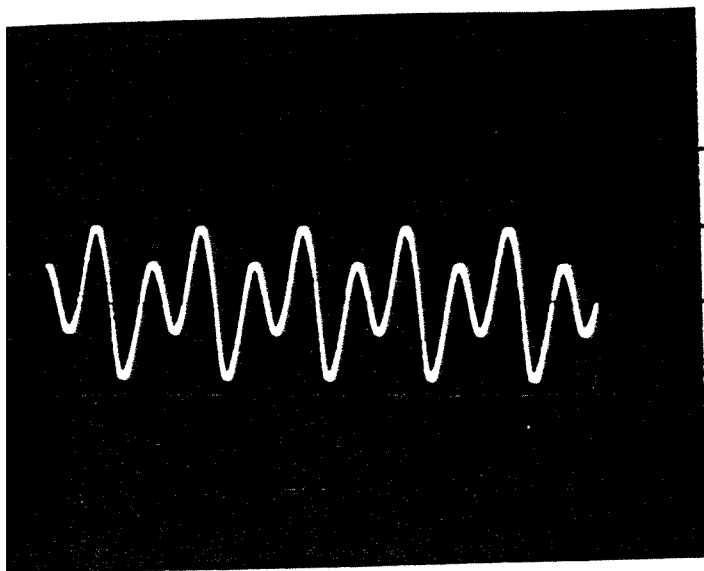
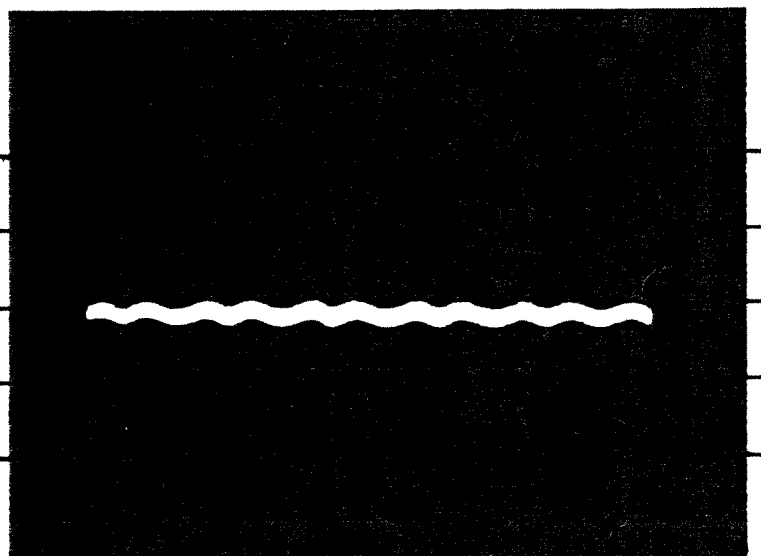
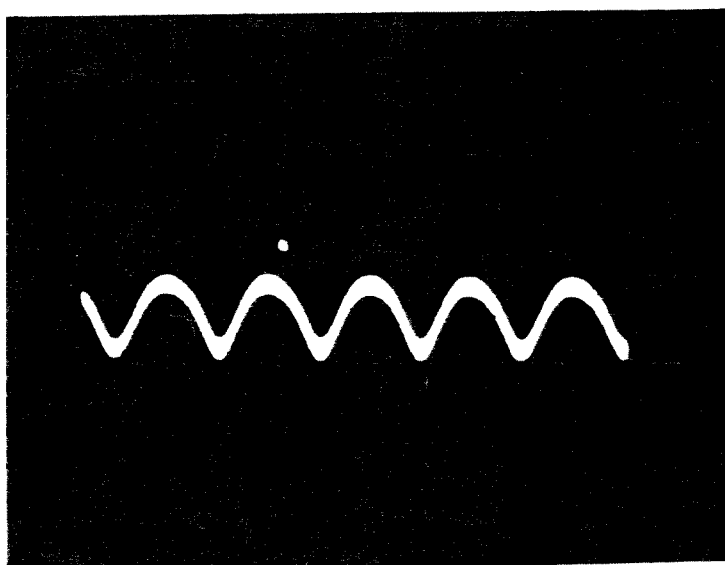


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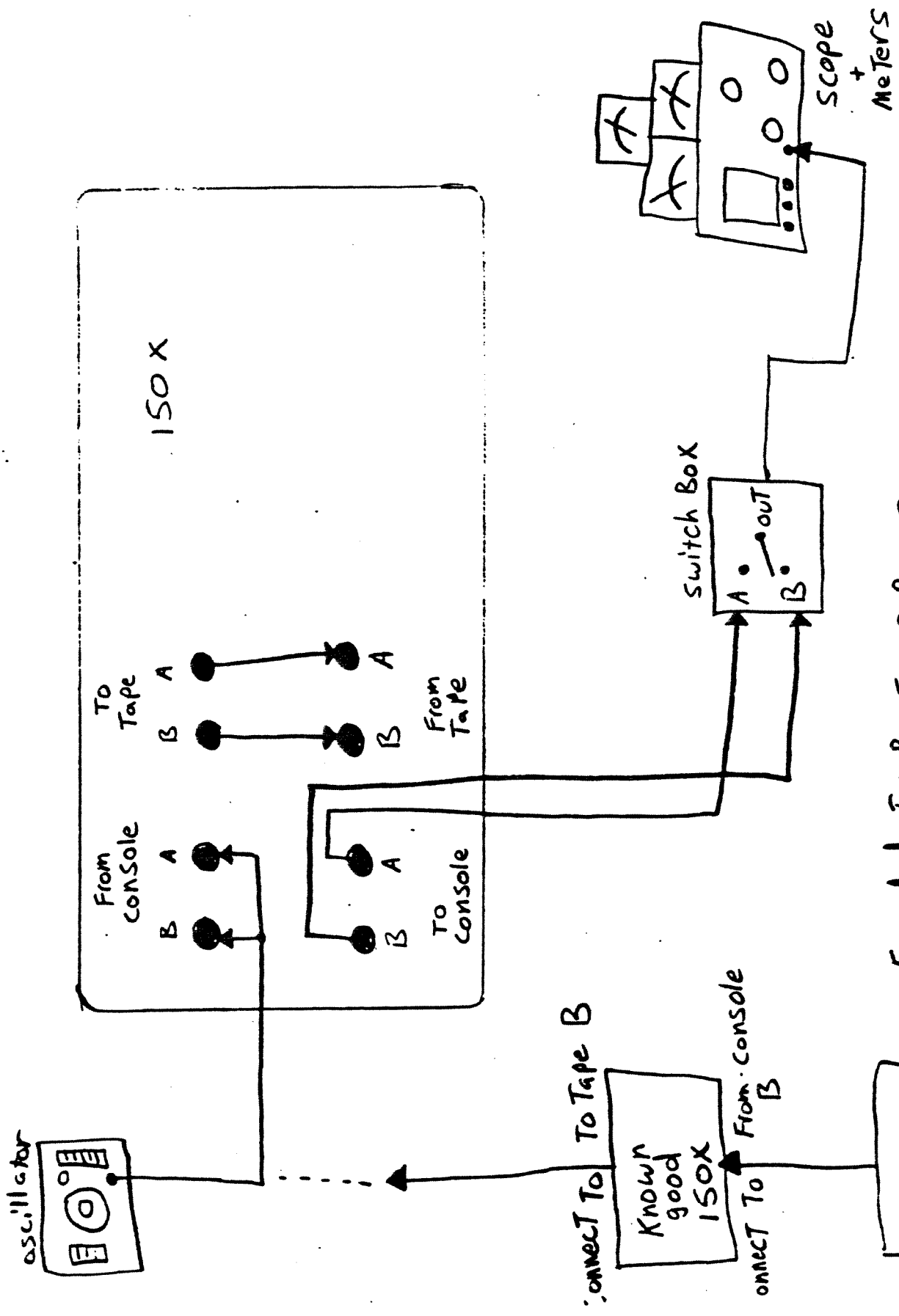
UNCALIBRATED VCA SYMMETRY

PROPERLY CALIBRATED VCA SYMMETRY



OSCILLOSCOPE SETTINGS FOR  
VCA SYMMETRY ADJUSTMENTS  
TIME = 5ms/cm  
AMPL = 2mv/cm

# 150X Lunch testing



Encoded Tone Burst = B Rec. IN  
UNEncoded Tone Burst = B Rec. OUT