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TMC SPECIFICATION NO. S 432

TITLE: TEST PROGRAMS FOR MODEL RFB-1

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1. DESCRIPTION:

- A. The TMC Model RFB-1 is a conservatively rated multi band general purpose transmitter providing 900 watts PEP over the frequency range of 4-28 mc.
- B. The RFB-1 uses a PL-172 ceramic tube as power amplifier. Operated Class B₁ for linear operation. It is coupled to a pi network providing an unbalanced output of 50 Ω. This stage is neutralized to provide stable operation throughout complete frequency range.
- C. The PL-172 is preceded by two Class A amplifier stages. A 6X46 is used to provide drive for PL-172. This stage is also neutralized for stable operation.
- D. The first amplifier is a 6X26 tube, its grid is terminated to a low impedance input jack (J201) 70 Ω. This tube requires approximately .5 volts for full output.
- E. Feedback is used internally from PL-172 to cathode of 6X46 to decrease 3rd order distortion by another -10 db.
- F. An effective ALDC (Automatic Load and Drive Control) system has been included to limit high drive peaks or load changes. This can be connected external^{ly} or internal^{ly} by connecting^N jumpers ~~to~~ J201.
- G. The amplifier stages are divided into four bands:

Band I	4-8
Band II	8-16
Band III	16-20
Band IV	20-28

- H. The Pi tank is divided into six bands:

Band I	4-6
Band II	6-8
Band III	8-12
Band IV	12-16
Band V	16-20
Band VI	20-28

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TEST EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

1. Measurements Corp. Model 82 RF Signal Generator
2. Vacuum Tube Voltmeter (Hewlett Packard or Equivalent)
3. Panoramic Analyzer SB-12a

PRELIMINARY TEST:

1. Inspect entire unit for bad solder connections and loose hardware.
2. Check counters and see that variable capacitors are fully meshed when counter indicates 000.
3. Check entire unit for mechanical imperfections.
4. Check entire unit for electrical imperfections.
5. Take continuity measurements between ground and various high voltage B+ points to insure there are no shorts to ground. Remove PL-172 from its socket.
6. Turn on A.C. switch and observe direction of blower rotation. Air should blow through PL-172 socket.
7. Measure A.C. filament voltage at PL-172 socket. Voltage should be 6 VAC \pm 5%.
8. Turn internal voltmeter switch to "IPA BIAS" position and adjust bias control for -100 volt indication. Recheck this voltage at PL-172 socket with VTVM to insure application of bias directly to PL-172 tube.
9. Shut off A.C. power and reinsert PL-172 tube in it's socket.
10. Connect RF signal generator to input jack (J201).
11. Turn A.C. power ON.

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ALIGNMENT OF R.F. TUNED CIRCUITS:

4-8 Mc BAND:

1. Set RF signal generator to 4.0 megacycles and adjust output for 1.0 VRF at J201.
2. Set driver band switch (S201) to position #1 (4-8 Mc Band).
3. Adjust trimmer capacitor (C202) to approximately half capacity.
4. Set 1st amplifier tuning capacitor (C203 and 232) to 0.5 on front panel. Turn meter switch (S204) to position 5 (1st amplifier Ep.) and tune L202 for maximum meter deflection.
5. Turn meter switch (S204) to position 6 (IPA Eg). Set IPA grid tuning capacitor (C231) to number 1 on front panel and tune L220 for maximum meter deflection. Return meter switch to position 5 (1st Ampl. Ep).
6. Set RF signal generator to 8.0 megacycles. Set 1st amplifier tuning capacitor to number 9 on front panel. Tune C202 for peak indication. Turn meter switch to position 6 (IPA Eg) and tune IPA grid tuning capacitor for maximum meter deflection. Pointer should be at # 9 on front panel.
7. If this is not true, low end of band (4.0 mc) must be returned after adding or removing capacity from C231 or C203 and C232 by changing initial setting on front panel.
8. Proper meter readings at 4.0 megacycles

E INPUT
1st AMPLIFIER Ep
IPA GRID Eg

Proper meter readings at 8.0 megacycles

E INPUT
1st AMPLIFIER Ep
IPA GRID Eg

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8-16 Mc BAND:

1. Set 6146 (V202) neutralizing capacitor (C229) to approximately $1/4$ capacity.
2. Set driver bandswitch (S201) to position number 2 (8-16 Mc Band.)
3. Set 1st Amplifier Tuning Capacitor pointer to 0.5 on front panel. Set IPA grid tuning capacitor to 0.5 on front panel. Turn meter switch to position 5 (1st Amplifier Ep) and tune L209 for maximum meter deflection.
4. Turn meter switch to position 6 (IPA Eg) and tune L223 for maximum deflection.
5. Set RF signal generator to 16.0 megacycles. Tune 1st amplifier tuning capacitor to high end of band. Tune to peak and note pointer. Pointer should be at approximately number 9 on front panel. Tune IPA grid tuning capacitor to peak indication. This pointer should also point to number 9 on front panel. If one or both pointers do not point to number 9, the low end (8.0 Mc) will have to be RETUNED after either increasing or decreasing the capacity of the 1st amplifier tuning capacitor. Retuning consists of peaking L209 and L223. Check high end of band again.
6. Proper meter readings at 8.0 megacycles

E INPUT
1ST AMPLIFIER Ep
IPA GRID Eg

Proper meter readings at 16.0 megacycles

E INPUT
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16-20 Mc BAND:

1. Set driver band switch (S201) to position number 3 (16-20 Mc Band).
2. Set 1st amplifier tuning capacitor pointer to 0.5 on front panel. Turn meter switch to position 5 (1st amplifier Ep) and tune L210 for maximum meter deflection.
3. Set IPA grid tuning capacitor to 0.5 on front panel. Turn meter switch to position 6 (IPA Eg) and tune L224 for maximum deflection.
4. Set RF signal generator to 20.0 megacycles. Tune 1st amplifier tuning capacitor to peak at high end of band. Pointer should be at approximately 8 on front panel.
5. Tune IPA Grid Tuning Capacitor to peak indication. Pointer should be at approximately 8 on front panel. If pointers do not point to 8 the low end (16.0 Mc) of the band will have to be retuned after either increasing or decreasing the capacity of the 1st amplifier tuning capacitor. Retuning consists of peaking L210 and L224. Check high end of band again and if not yet satisfactory repeat compensation process until band is tracking properly.
6. Proper meter readings at 16.0 megacycles

E INPUT
1ST AMPLIFIER Ep
IPA GRID Eg

Proper meter readings at 20.0 megacycles

E INPUT
1ST AMPLIFIER Ep
IPA GRID Eg

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20-28 Mc BAND:

1. Set driver band switch to position 4.
2. Set 1st Amplifier Tuning Capacitor pointer to 0.5 on front panel. Turn meter switch to position 5 (1st Amplifier Ep) and tune I211 for maximum meter deflection.
3. Set IPA grid tuning capacitor to 0.5 on front panel. Turn meter switch to position 6 (IPA Eg) and tune I225 for maximum deflection.
4. Set RF signal generator to 28.0 megacycles. Tune 1st amplifier tuning capacitor to peak at high end of band. Pointer should be at approximately 8 on front panel.
5. Tune IPA grid tuning capacitor to peak indication. Pointer should be at approximately 8 on front panel. If pointers do not point to 8 the low end of the band (20.0 Mc) will have to be retuned after either increasing or decreasing the capacity of the 1st amplifier tuning capacitor. Retuning consists of peaking I211 and I225. Check high end of band again and if not yet satisfactory repeat compensation process until band is tracking properly.
6. Proper meter readings at 20.0 megacycles

E INPUT
1ST AMPLIFIER Ep
IPA GRID Eg

Proper meter readings at 28.0 megacycles

E INPUT
1ST AMPLIFIER Ep
IPA GRID Eg

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TEST REPORT SHEET

PART 1 POWER AMPLIFIER WIRING

ACCEPT

TEST A: General Inspection
TEST B: Continuity Test
TEST C: Safety Switch
TEST D: Filaments & Blower

PART 2 RFB-1 ALIGNMENT

TEST A: General Inspection
TEST B: Alignment of Knobs
TEST C: Alignment of 1st & Second Amplifier

PART 3 RFB-1 NEUTRALIZATION

TEST A: Neutralizing P.A.

PART 4 RFB-1 OUTPUT

TEST A: Spurious, P.A.
TEST B: P.A. Efficiency
TEST C: Distortion (2 tone 40 db or better)

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