

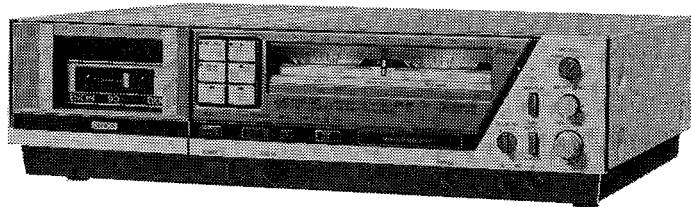
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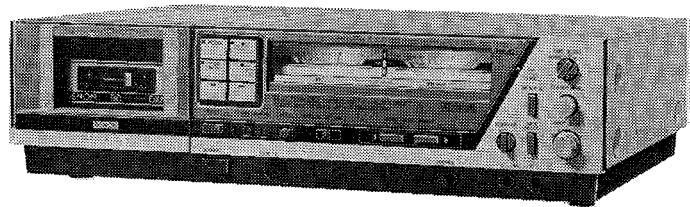
SERVICE MANUAL

STEREO CASSETTE TAPE DECK

MODEL DR-F6/F7/F8



DR-F6



DR-F7/F8

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MAIN FEATURES

- Three head system with recording/playback combination head, capable of metal tape applications.
- New non-slip reel drive mechanism.
- FTS tuning system with microprocessor (DR-F7/F8).
- Dolby type B and type C.
- Flat Twin DD motor with IC logic feather touch controls.
- Double Dolby systems and separate MPX filter switch.
- Quartz Lock Flat Twin DD motor (DR-F8).
- DENON original PAUSE/MUTE button.
- Three-color, three-point peak level indicator.
- Newly developed tape tension servo sensor.
- Timer recordings and timer playback facilities.
- DC audio amplifier.
- Front panel remote control jack.

SPECIFICATIONS

Type	Vertical tape loading 4-track 2-channel stereo cassette tape deck
Heads	Recording/Playback combination head (hard permalloy) x 1 Erase head (Ferrite) x 1
Motors	Flat-Twin direct drive motor (for capstan) x 1 (DR-F6/F7) Quartz lock Flat-Twin direct drive motor x 1 (DR-F8) DC motor (for reel winding) x 1
Tape speed	4.8 cm/sec.
Fast forward, rewind time	Approx. 90 sec. with a C-60 cassette tape
Recording Bias	Approx. 105 KHz
Overall S/N ratio (at 3% THD level)	Dolby B ON more than 67 dB (CCIR/ARM) Dolby C ON more than 73 dB (CCIR/ARM)
Overall frequency response	25-21,000 Hz ± 3 dB (at -20 dB METAL tape) 30-20,000 Hz ± 3 dB (at -20 dB CrO ₂ tape) 30-19,000 Hz ± 3 dB (at -20 dB LH tape)
Frequency range	20-22,000 Hz (at -20 dB METAL tape) 20-21,000 Hz (at -20 dB CrO ₂ tape) 20-20,000 Hz (at -20 dB LH tape)
Channel separation	More than 40 dB (at 1Khz)
Crosstalk	More than 65 dB (at 1 KHz)
Wow & flutter	Less than 0.025% w.rms (DR-F8) Less than 0.027% w.rms (DR-F6/F7)
Input	
microphone	0.35 mV (-67 dB) with input level control at maximum. Input impedance: 10 Kohm unbalanced.
line	70 mV (-21 dB) with input level control at maximum. Input impedance: 47 Kohm unbalanced.
Output	
line	775 mV (0 dB) with output level control at maximum. (with 10 Kohm load, recorded level of 200 Pwb/mm)
headphone	1.2 mW with output level control at maximum (optimum load impedance 8 ohm – 2 Kohm).
Accessories	Parallel pin cord with gold plated terminals x 2, cleaning stick set x 1 (DR-F8)
Power supply	Parallel pin cord x 2, cleaning stick set x 1 (DR-F6/F7) 50 Hz/60 Hz compatible Note: The rated supply voltage is preset to match that used in the country of original shipment.
Power consumption	36 W
Dimensions	434W x 117H x 320D (mm)
Weight	7.5 Kg

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12. Output level (OUTPUT LEVEL)

The playback output level or the record monitoring output level are adjusted independently from the level meter indications. The headphone output level is also adjusted by this knob.

13. Input level (INPUT LEVEL)

The input levels of the left and right channels are adjusted independently in accordance with the signal level to be recorded. The front knob is for the left (L) channel and the rear knob is for the right (R) channel.

14. MPX filter switch (MPX FILTER)

15. Microphone jacks (MIC)

Plug in the microphone plugs for microphone recordings. Use microphones with an output level higher than -67dB and a 6 mm diameter plug.

16. Headphone jack (PHONES)

Use for enjoying music through the headphones or for monitoring the recording. Use a headphone set with an impedance of 8 ohms to 2 Kohms.

17. FTS preset button (FTS PRESET)

This button allows the switchover between the preset standard bias/recording sensitivity and those calculated by the FTS using a microprocessor.

18. FTS start button (FTS START)

This button starts the operation of the microprocessor controlled FTS system. While the bias and the sensitivity are being automatically adjusted by the FTS, the green lamp on the left will flash. Once the adjustments are completed, the lamp will stay lit.

19. Tape control buttons

PAUSE/MUTE Button

When this button is pressed during playback, the tape transport will stop and the green lamp in the PLAY button will be turned off. An orange lamp in the PAUSE/MUTE button will light up, indicating the PAUSE condition. While this button is pressed during recording, the tape will run with no signals being recorded. When the button is released, the tape transport will stop. The orange lamp and red lamp in the REC button will light up, indicating the standby condition. When starting the recording again, press the PLAY button (►).

RECORD Button

Load the cassette tape and press this button. This places the unit in standby for recording (pause). The red and orange lamps will light up. Press the PLAY button (►) to start recording.

*If the erase prevention tab of the loaded cassette tape is broken off, this button does not function.

PLAY Button ►

When pressed during STOP, FAST FORWARD or REWIND mode, playback begins and the green lamp will light up. When pressed during standby in the recording (pause) mode, the recording will start.

STOP Button ■

When pressed during any operational mode, the operation is stopped.

REWIND Button ◀◀

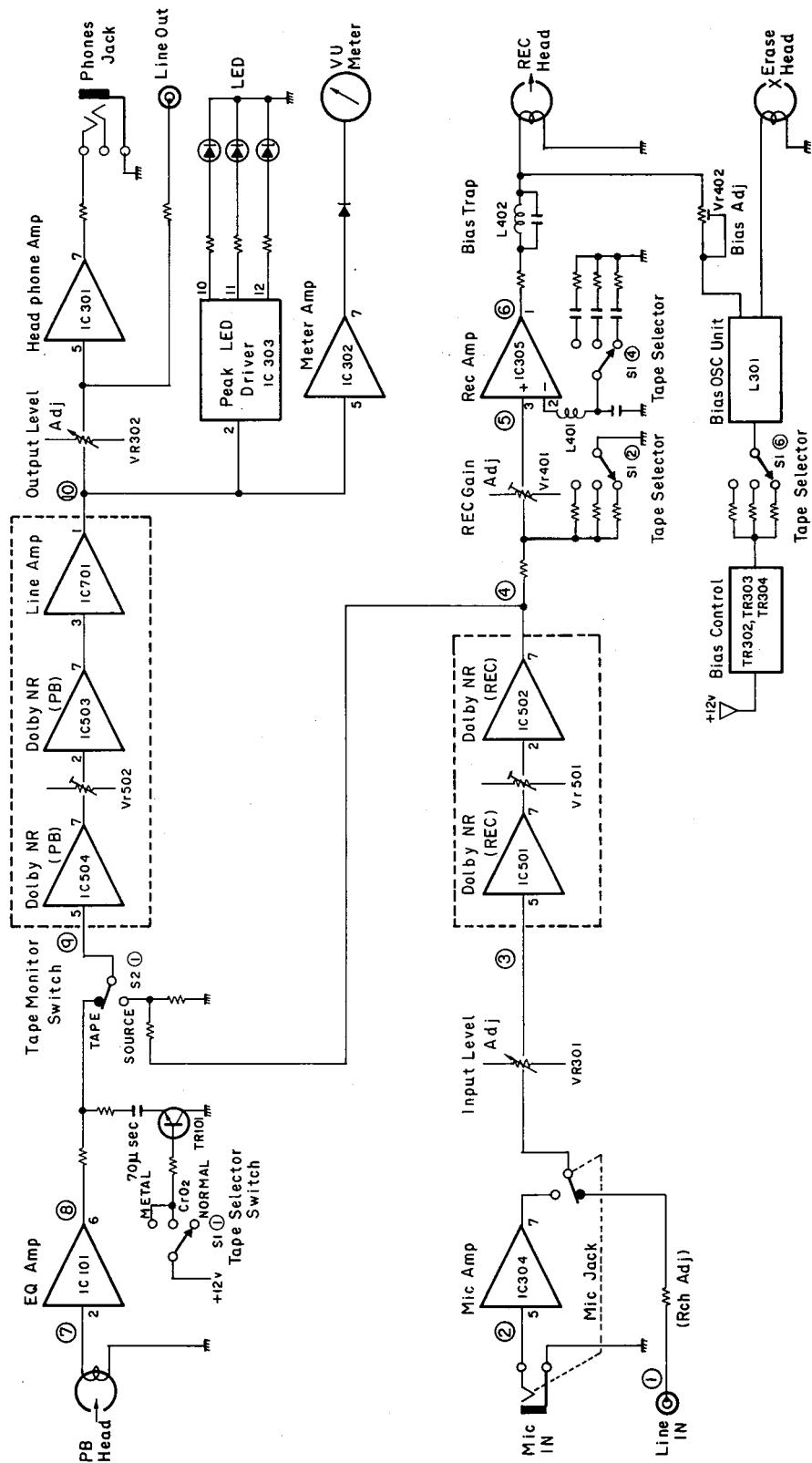
When pressed, the tape is rewound onto the left spool rapidly.

FAST FORWARD Button ▶▶

When pressed, the tape is wound onto the right spool rapidly.

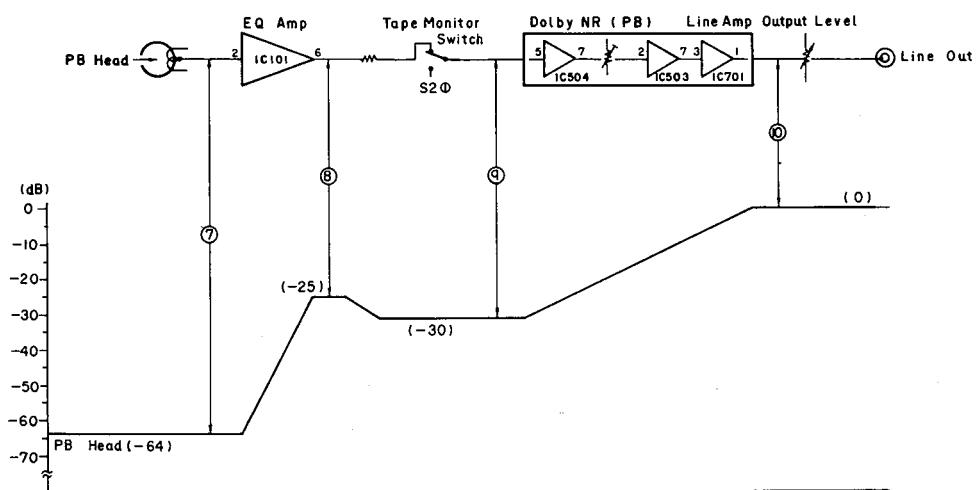
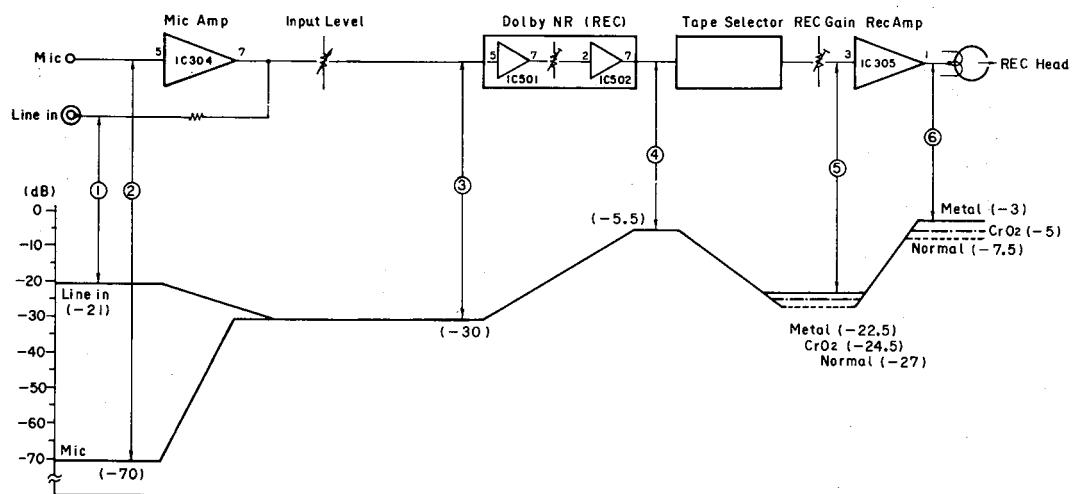
BLOCK DIAGRAM

(DR-F6)



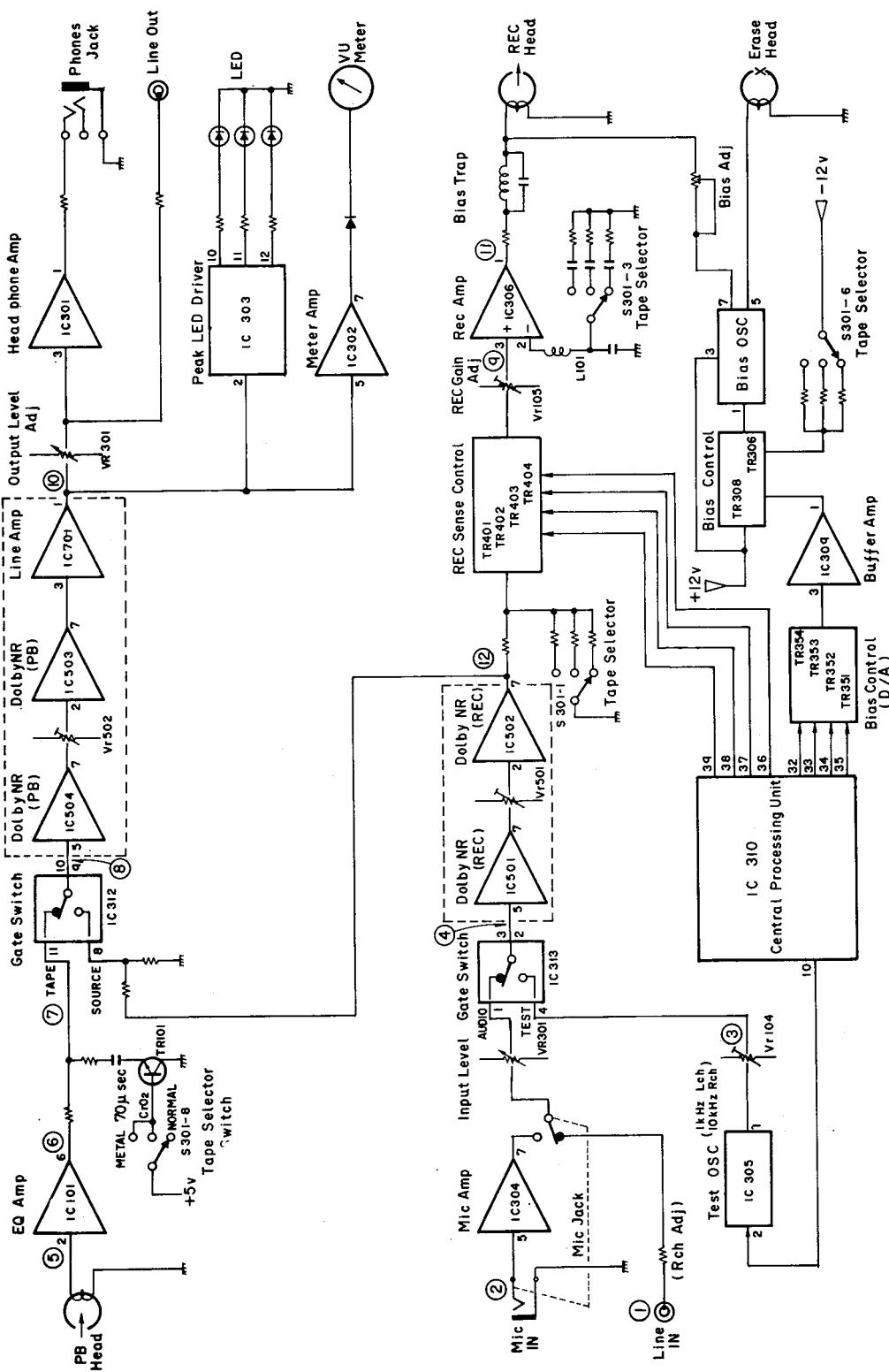
LEVEL DIAGRAM

(DR-F6)

PLAYBACK SYSTEM**RECORDING SYSTEM**

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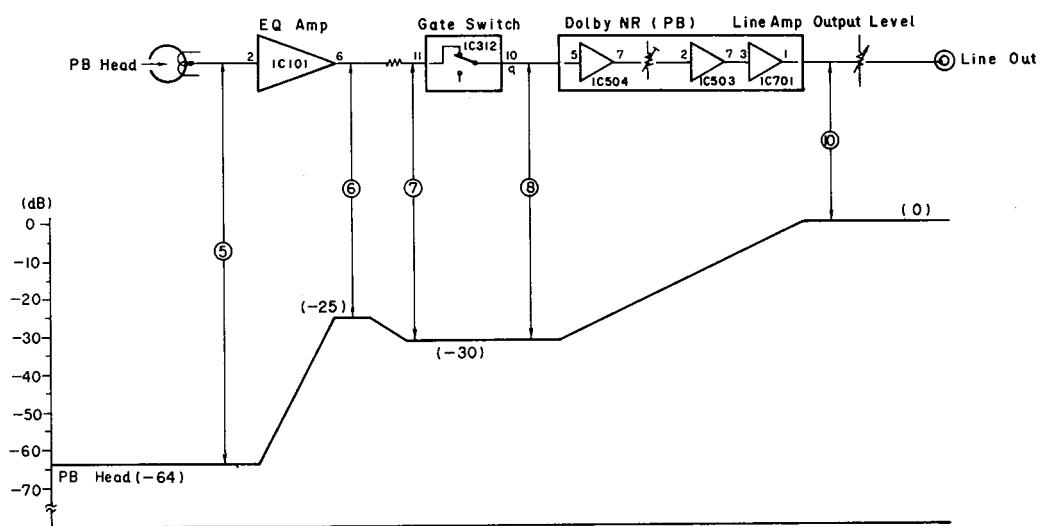
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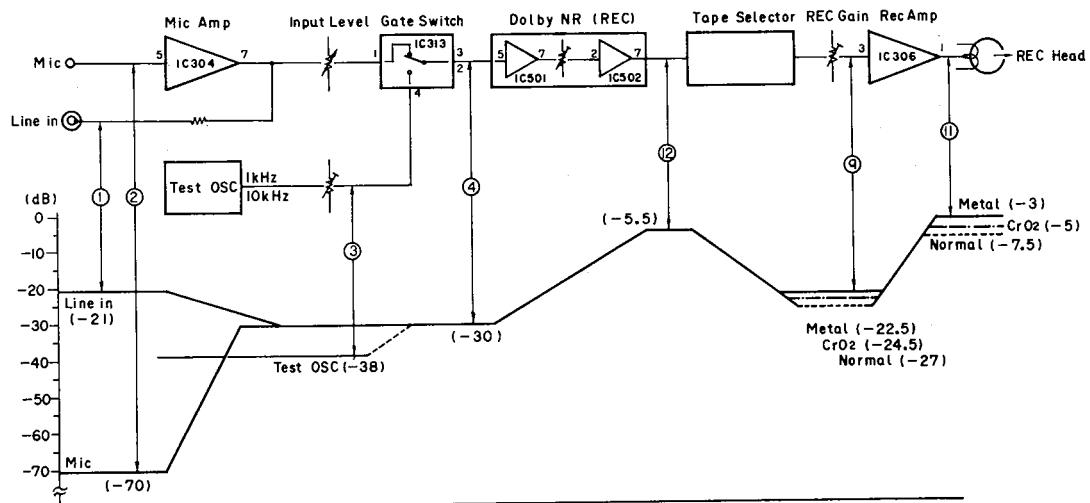
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PLAYBACK SYSTEM

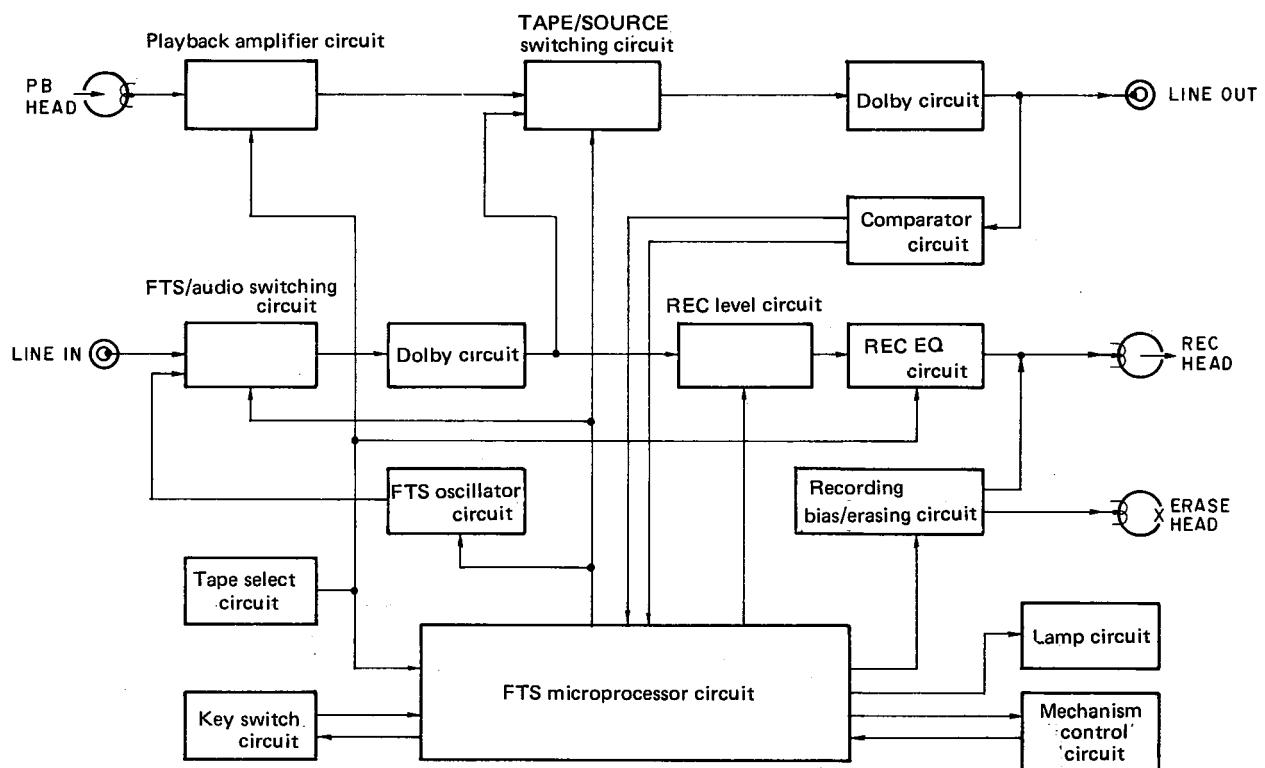


RECORDING SYSTEM



THE FTS

The FTS (Flat Tuning System) automatically adjusts the recording sensitivity and the bias, resulting in recordings with a flat frequency response.

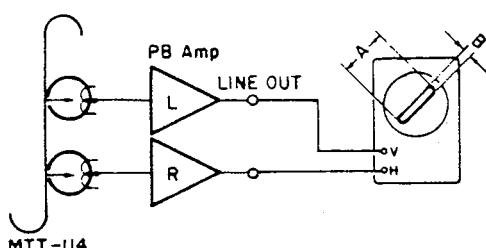


Block Diagram

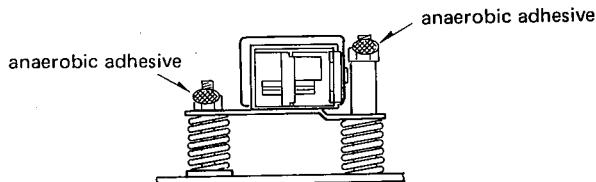
- * Only the height adjustment is necessary; no tilt adjustments are required.
- * When adjusting the height, make sure the R/P HEAD is not tilted by turning the azimuth adjustment nut, and checking with your eyes.
- * Never allow the M-300 (tool grip) to hit the tape contact surface of the R/P HEAD strongly. It may scratch the surface.
- * After the height adjustments, replace the mechanism unit to the chassis and re-connect all connectors.

(2) Azimuth adjustments

Play back the TEAC MTT-114 test tape. Turn the azimuth adjustment nut and adjust so that A of the resurge wave form is maximum and B is minimum. After the azimuth adjustments, re-check the head height with the M-300 to make sure the height has not deviated.



- * After the various adjustments, apply anaerobic adhesive on the positions indicated in the diagram.

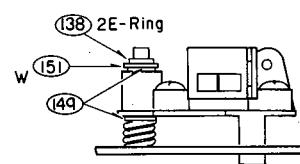


5. Replacing the ERASE HEAD 40 .

The ERASE HEAD can be replaced by removing the 2E ring 138 , which holds the detecting arm 46 , and the two ERASE HEAD holding screws 119 .

6. Adjusting the ERASE HEAD Height

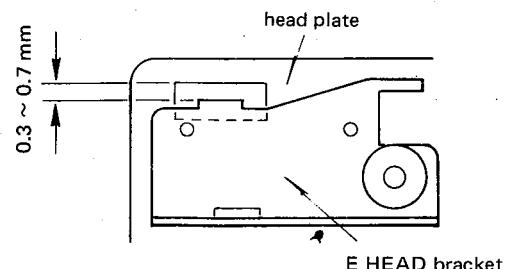
After the washers 149 and 151 are properly placed as mentioned below, check the height of the ERASE HEAD tape guide section using the M-300 (tool grip).



- * The above diagram illustrates the placement of the various washers under normal conditions. If the M-300 indicates that height adjustments are required, reverse the position of washer 151 and lower side washer 149 , or change the thickness of the upper side washer 149 to 0.13 mm and adjust the various washers so that the total thickness becomes the same. In this case, make sure that a poly washer is always placed above and below the boss section of the E. HEAD bracket 41 .

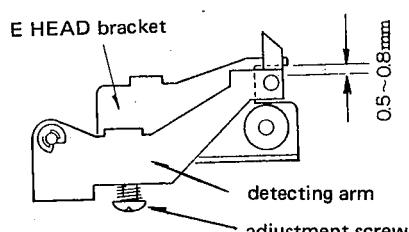
7. Adjusting the Gap Between the HEAD PLATE and the ERASE HEAD Bracket During Playback

Adjust the attachment position of the ERASE HEAD, making sure the gap between the ERASE HEAD bracket and the HEAD PLATE is 0.3-0.7 mm.



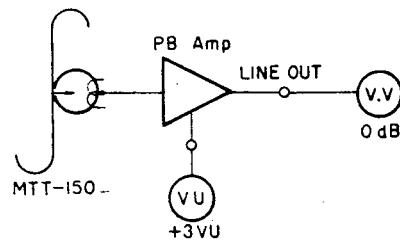
8. Adjusting the Gap Between the Detecting Arm 46 and the ERASE HEAD Bracket

With a cassette loaded, turn screw 104 and adjust to that the gap between the detecting arm and the ERASE HEAD bracket is 0.5-0.8 mm during playback. After adjusting, apply anaerobic adhesive as shown in the diagram.



7. Adjusting the Meter

After adjusting the playback level, play back the test tape (TEAC MTT-150) and adjust Vr 103 (L ch), Vr 203 (R ch) so that the VU meter indicates +3 VU when the LINE OUT voltage is 0 dB (0.775 V).

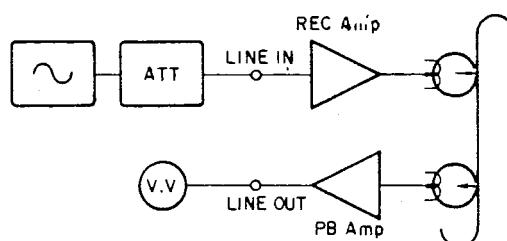


8. Adjusting the Recording Section

(1) Adjusting the record/playback overall frequency response.

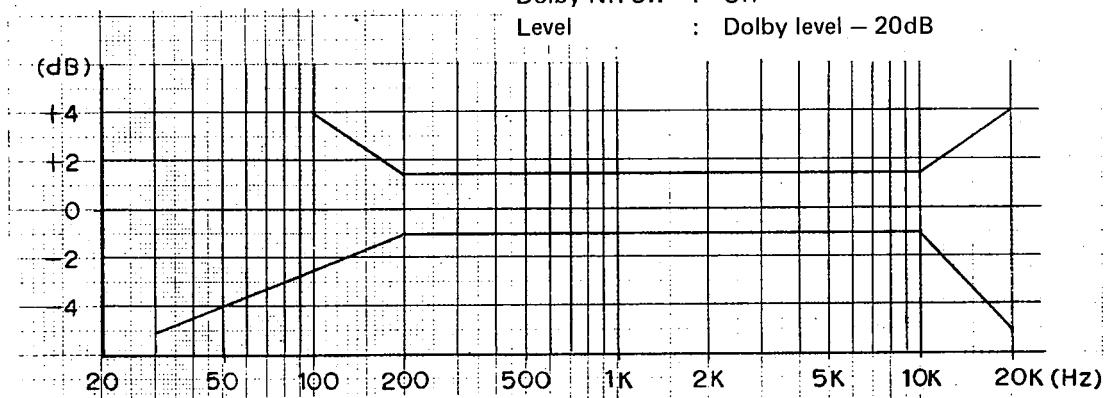
- 1) Load the test tape MAXELL XL-II (C-60); record a signal with an input level of -38 dB, 1 KHz at the LINE IN terminal; play back this recording.
- 2) Change the frequency of the input signal from 1 KHz to 12 KHz with same levels -38 dB; record and play back; adjust Vr 106 (L ch), Vr 206 (R ch) so that the output level is about equal compared to the 1 KHz signal output level. In the case of DR-F6, adjust Vr 402 (L ch), Vr 502 (R ch).

Check to make sure that the overall frequency response meets the specifications in the diagram below.



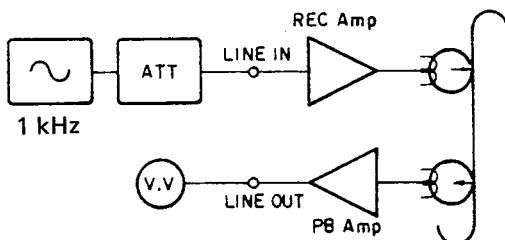
Record/Playback Overall Frequency Response

Tape : MAXELL XL-II C-60
 Tape Select : CrO₂
 Dolby NR SW : Off
 Level : Dolby level - 20dB



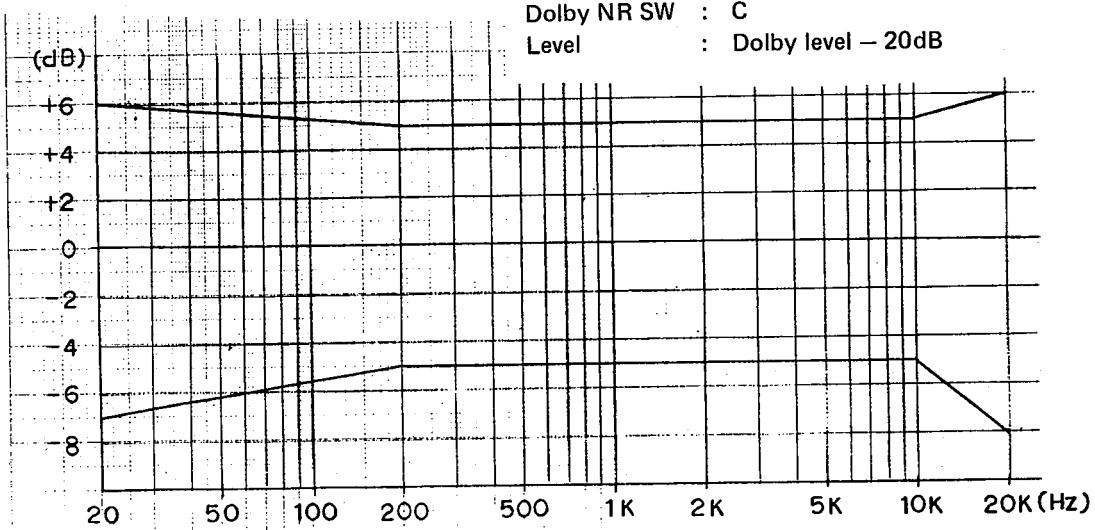
(2) Adjusting the record/playback levels

- 1) Load the test tape MAXELL XL-II (C-60) and record a signal of 1 KHz (-38 dB).
- 2) Adjust Vr 105 (L ch), Vr 205 (R ch) so that the output level is the same when the MONITOR switch is switched from SOURCE to TAPE position. In the case of DR-F6, adjust Vr 401 (L ch), Vr 501 (R ch).
- (3) Checking the Dolby C record/playback overall frequency response
 - 1) Set the DOLBY NR switch to the "C" position.
 - 2) Using the test tapes DXM, XL-II, DX-3, perform record/playback in the same manner as 8-(1).
 - 3) Check to make sure that the record/playback overall frequency response meets the specifications in the diagram.



Dolby C Record/Playback Overall Frequency Response.

Tape : XL-II, DX3, DXM
 Tape Select : CrO₂, NORMAL, METAL
 Dolby NR SW : C
 Level : Dolby level - 20dB



9. Adjusting the FTS Section (DR-F7/F8)

(1) Adjusting the FTS test signal, oscillator

- 1) Supply a -38 dB, 1 KHz signal to the LINE IN (L) terminal and read the level at the REC OUT (L) terminal.
- 2) Press the FTS START button to switch over to the FTS test signal. Adjust Vr 104 so that the level after the switch-over is the same as the value read in 9-(1)-1).
- 3) Supply a -38 dB, 12 KHz signal to the LINE IN (R) terminal and read the level at the REC OUT (R) terminal.
- 4) Press the FTS START button to switch-over to the FTS test signal. Adjust Vr 204 so that the level after the switch-over is the same as the value read in 9-(1)-3).

(2) Adjusting the reference level of the FTS comparator circuit

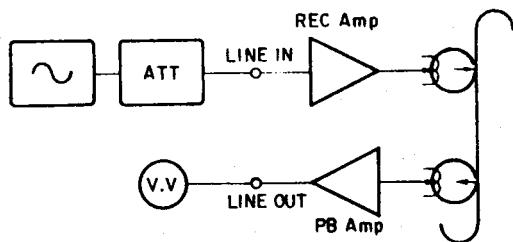
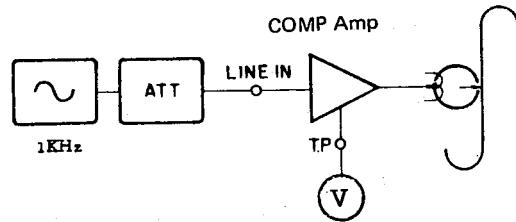
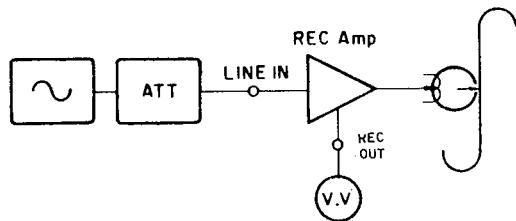
Supply a -38 dB, 1 KHz signal to the LINE IN terminal and adjust Vr 302 so that the level at the test point TP 31 is set immediately after H → L or L → H alternation.

(3) Checking the FTS operations

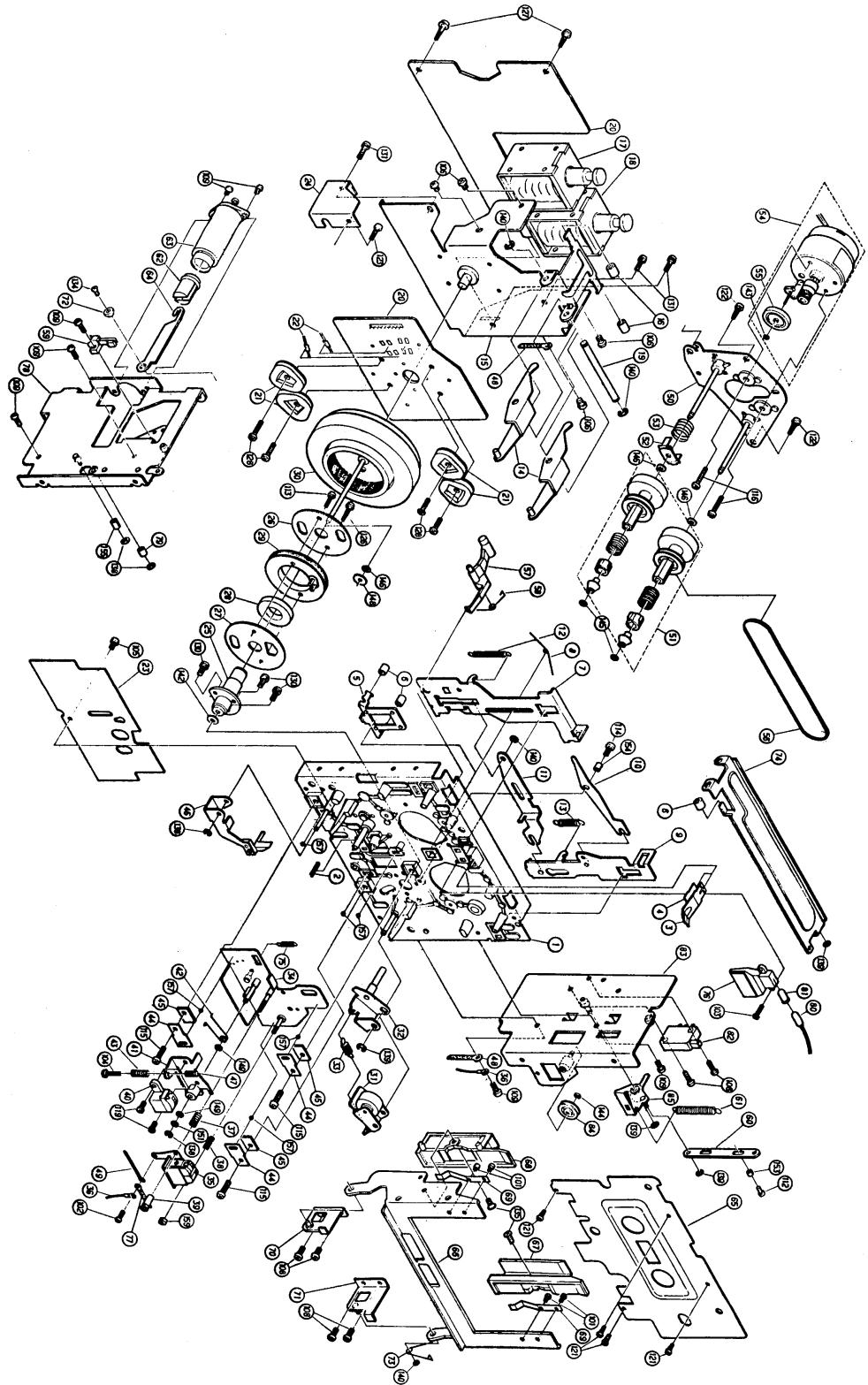
- 1) Set the TAPE SELECT switch to the NORMAL position and load a tape (LX-C60).
- 2) Light up the PRESET LAMP, setting the unit in the PRESET mode. Record and play back 1 KHz and 12 KHz signals at -38 dB, and take a note of the frequency response.
- 3) Press the FTS START button. After completion, (check the lit FTS lamp) record and play back the 1 KHz and 12 KHz signals at -38 dB. Check to make sure that the frequency response is improved when compared to the ones noted in 9-(3)-2).

● Beat Interference

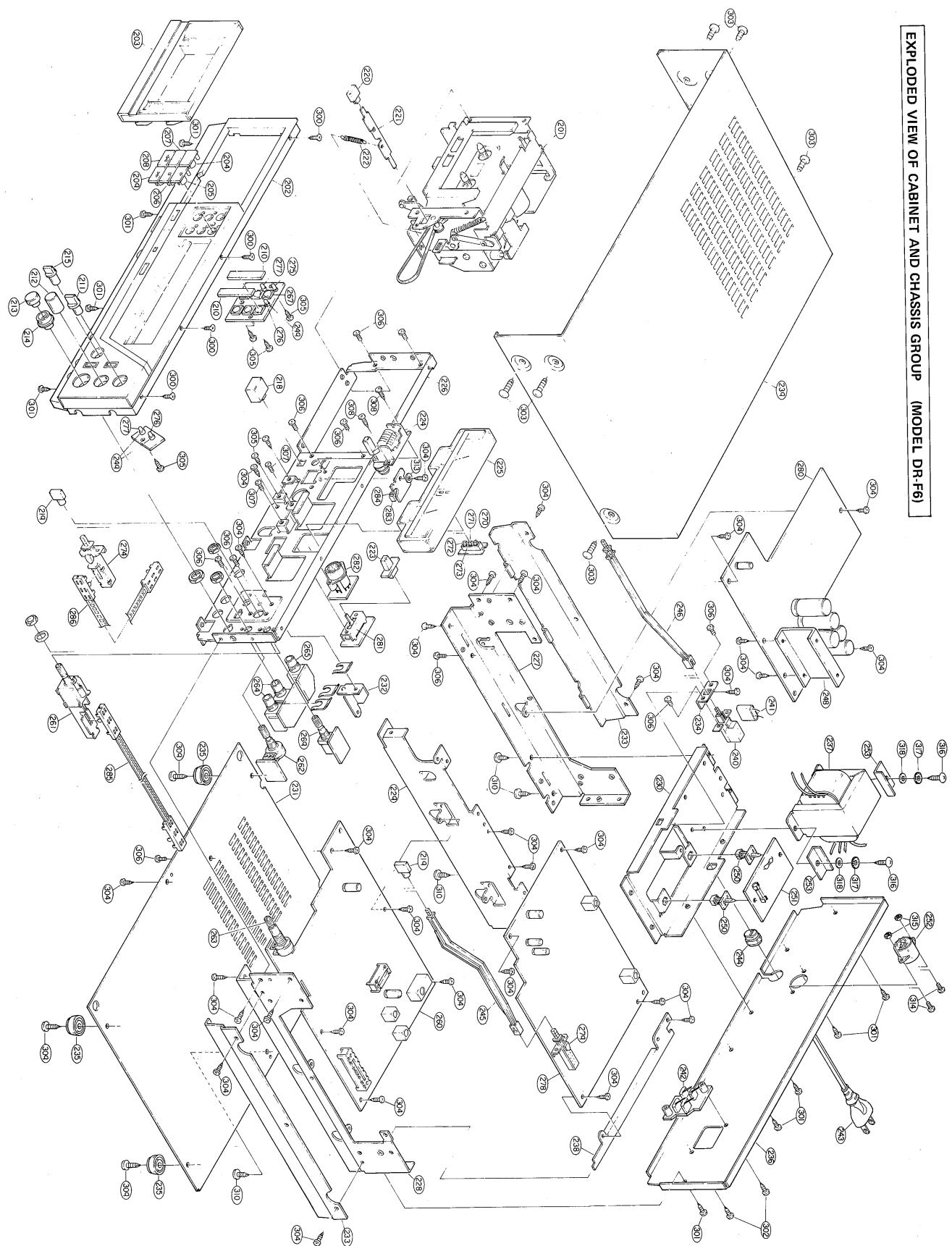
Beat interference may result if the unit is used close to an AM tuner. In this case separate the distance between the tuner and the cassette deck.



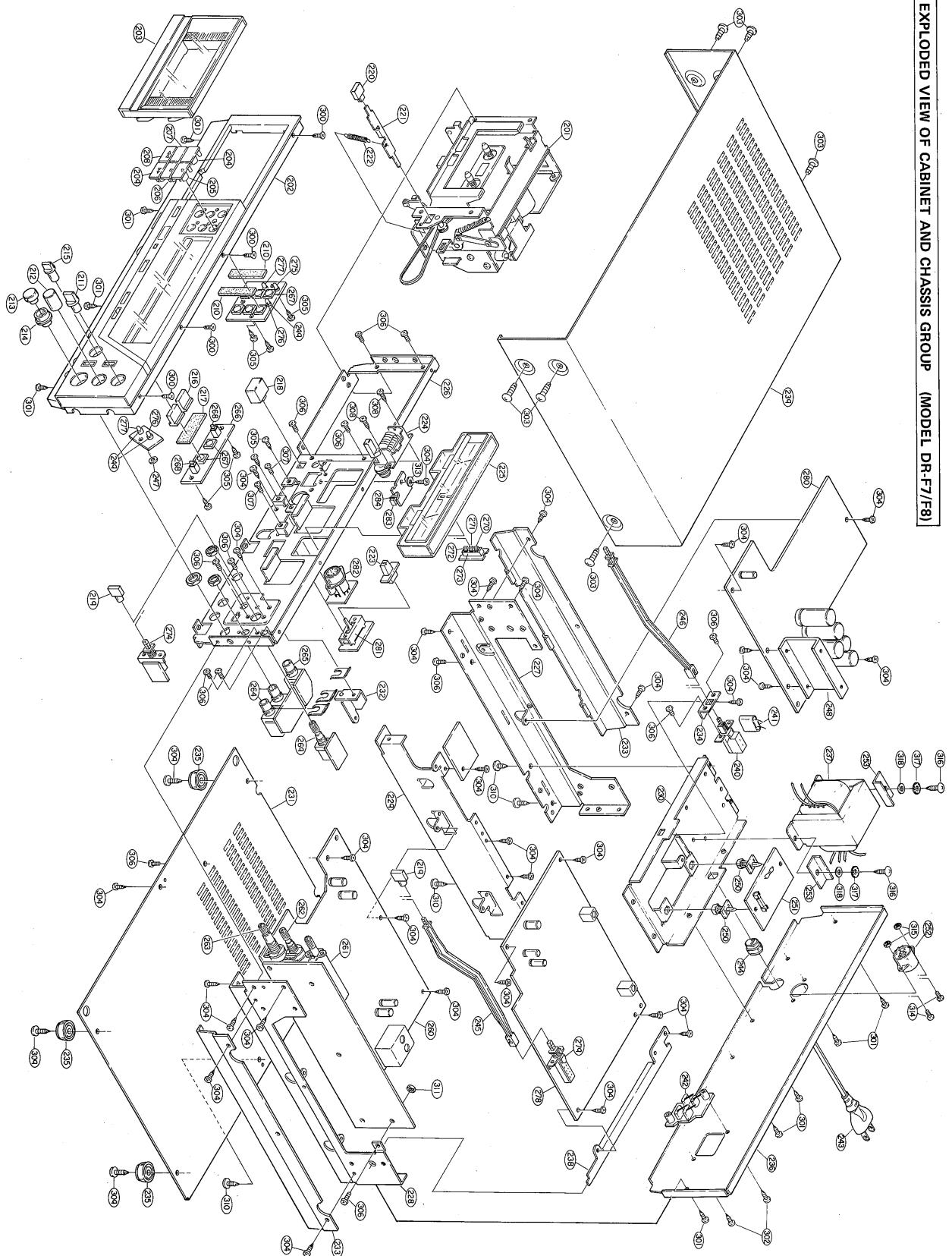
EXPLODED VIEW OF MECHANISM UNIT



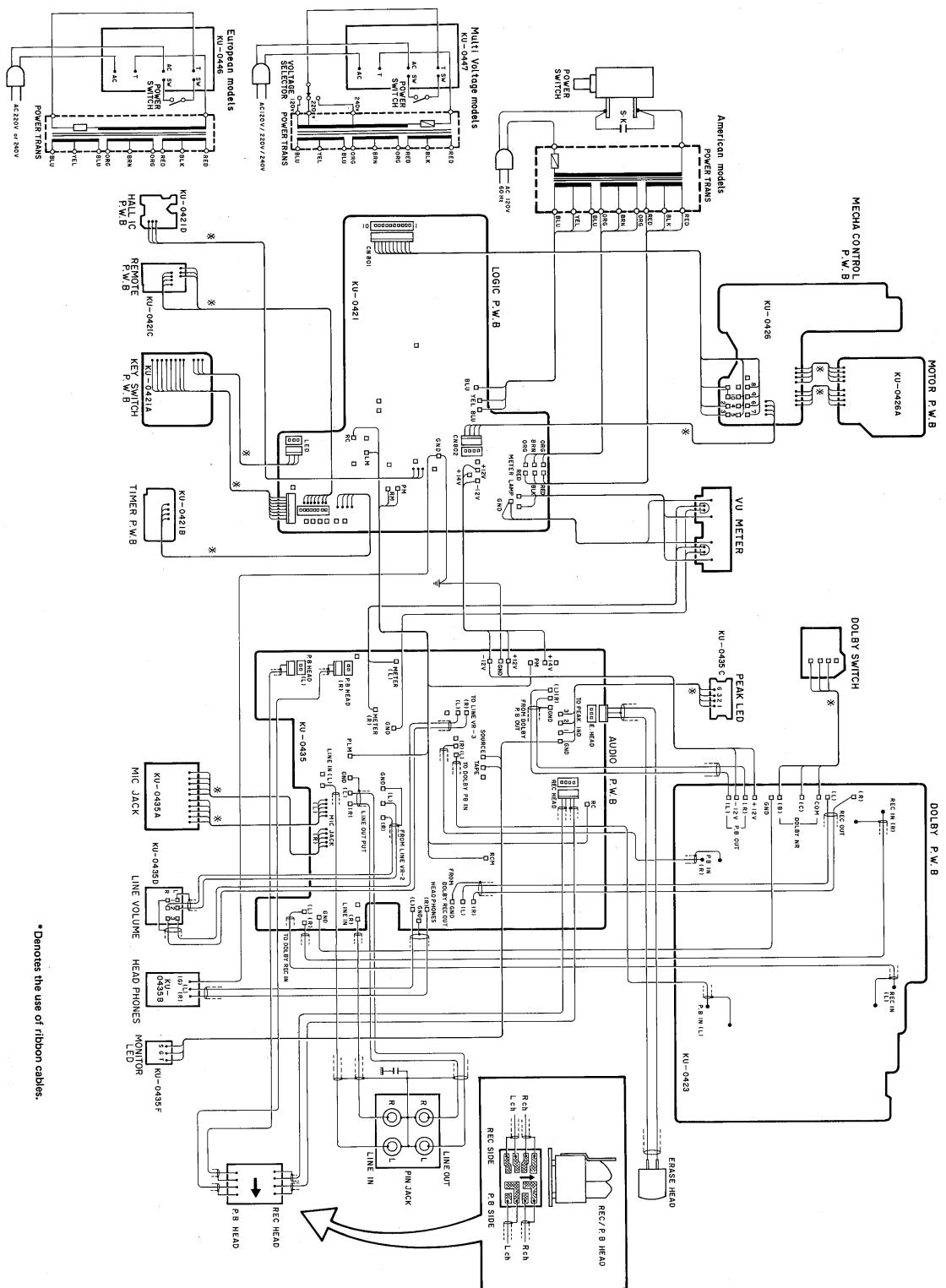
EXPLODED VIEW OF CABINET AND CHASSIS GROUP (MODEL DR-F6)



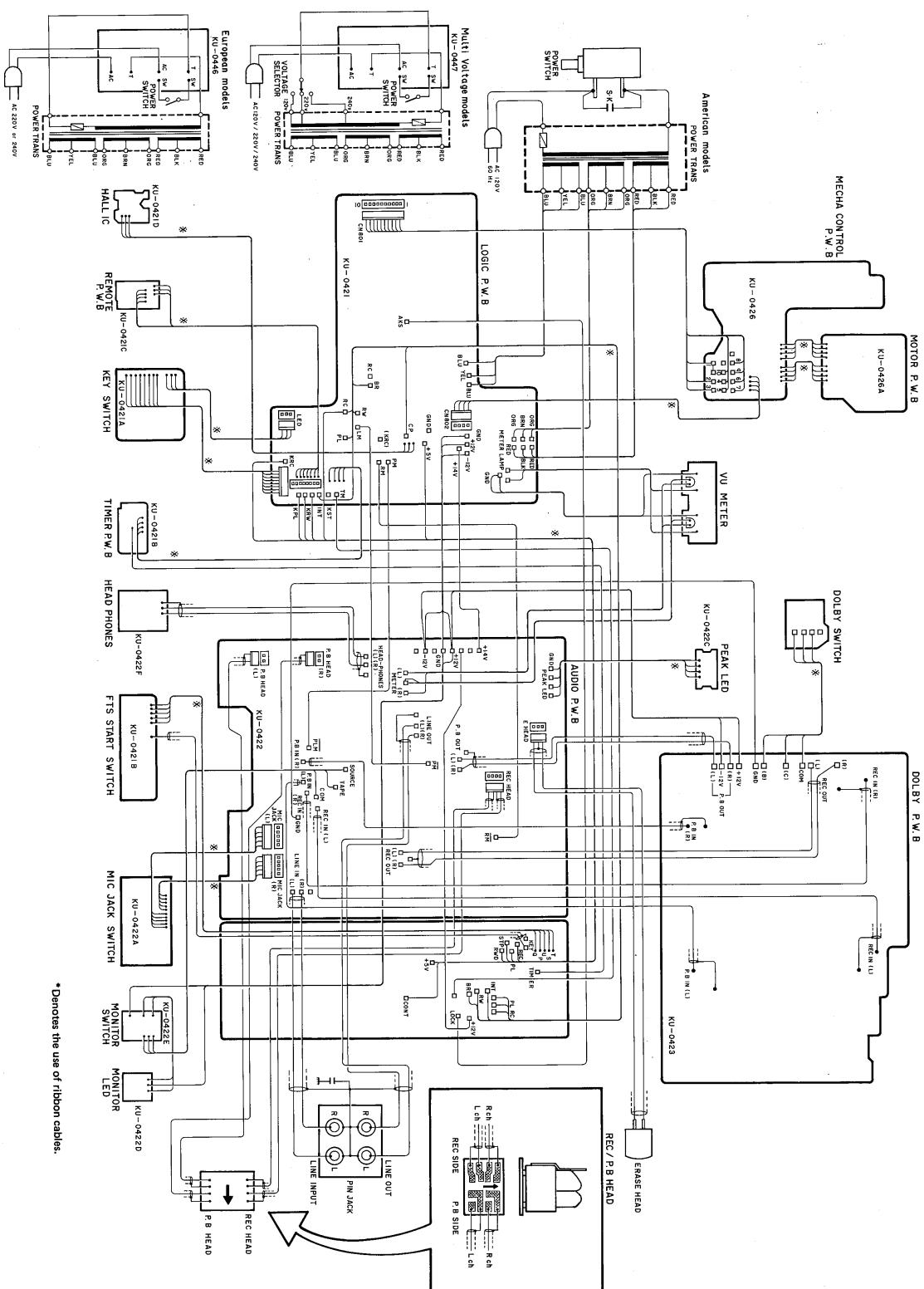
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CONNECTIONS OF P.C. BOARD (MODEL DR-F6)

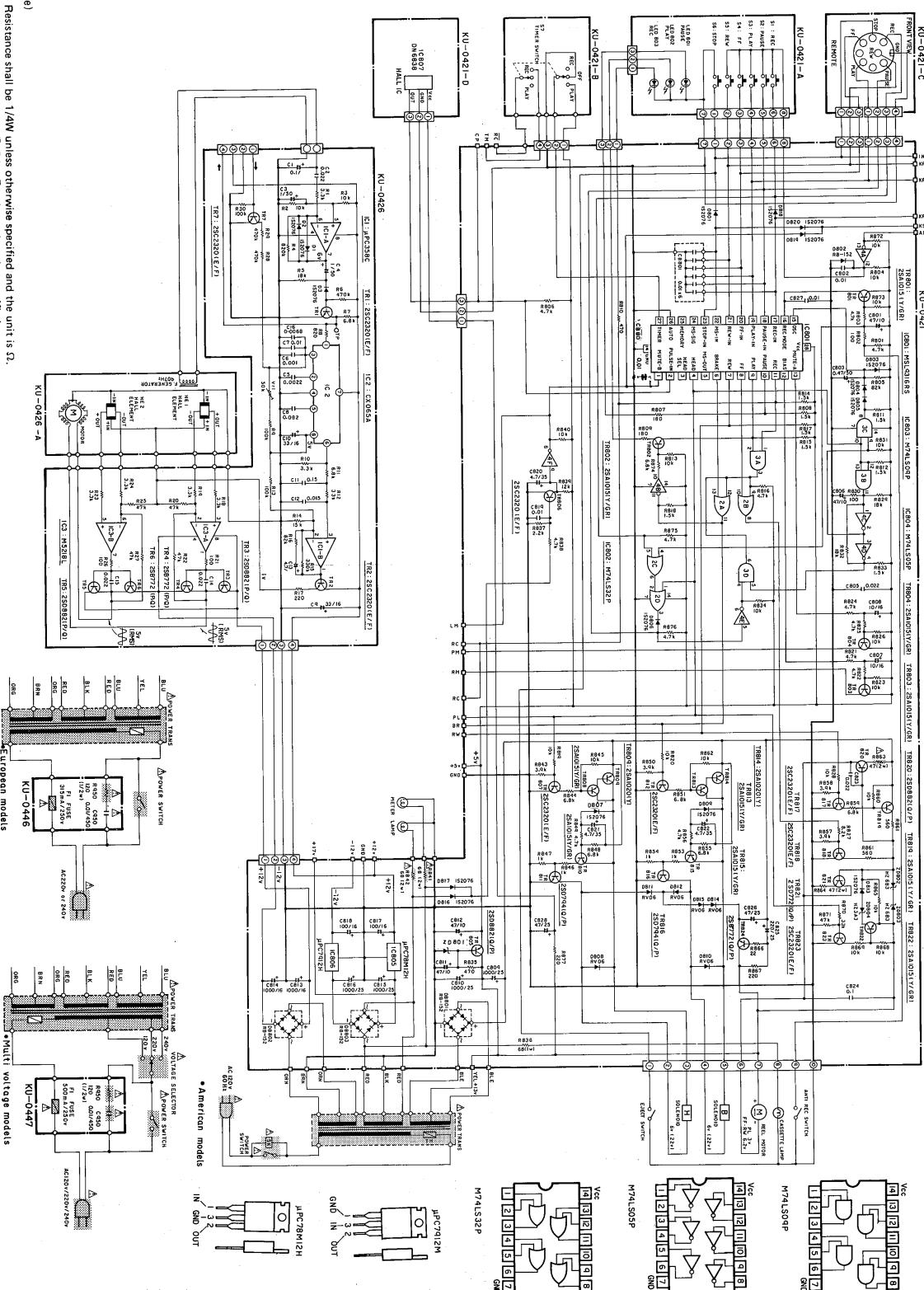


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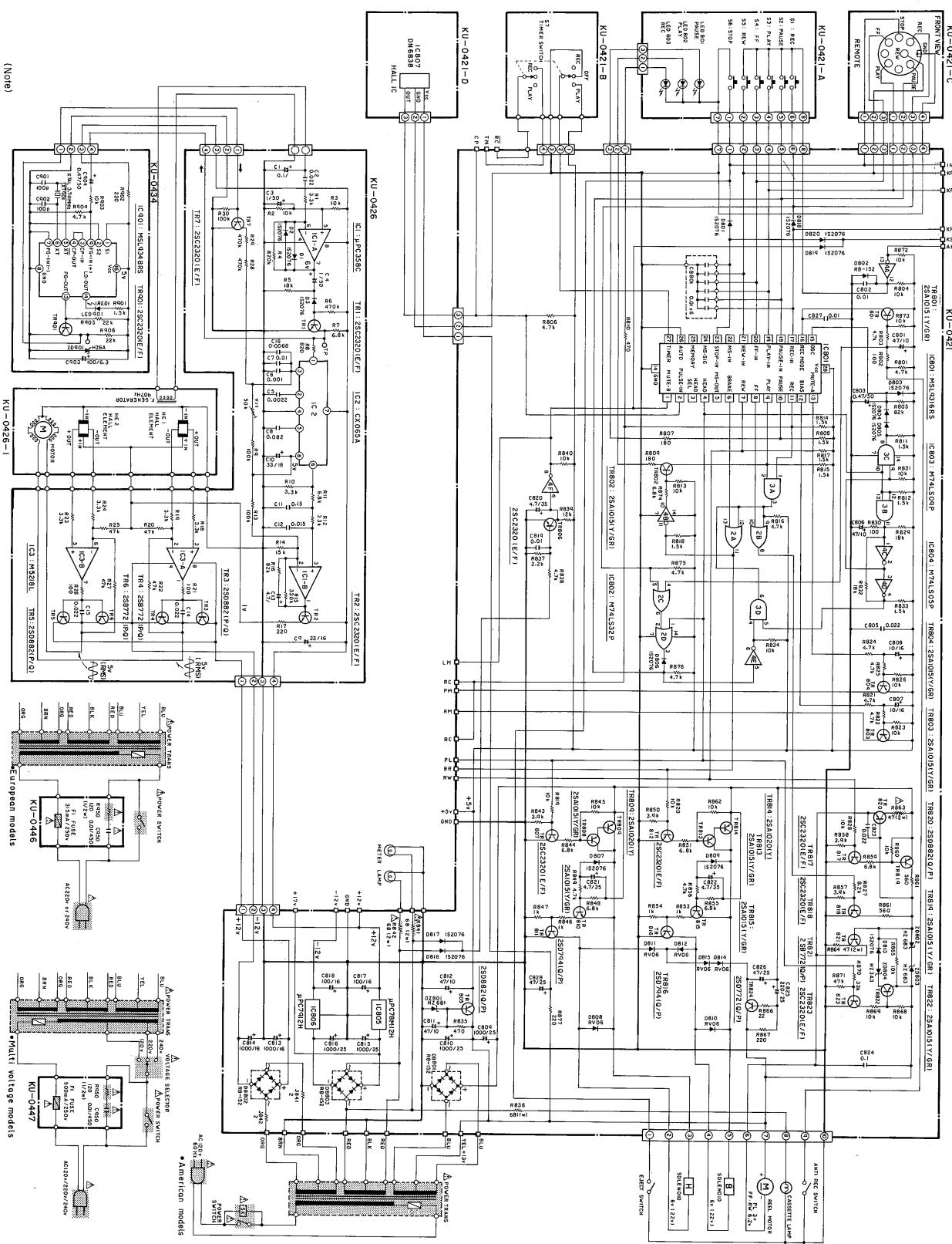


* Denotes the use of ribbon cables.

SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF LOGIC AND POWER UNIT (MODEL DR-F6/F7)



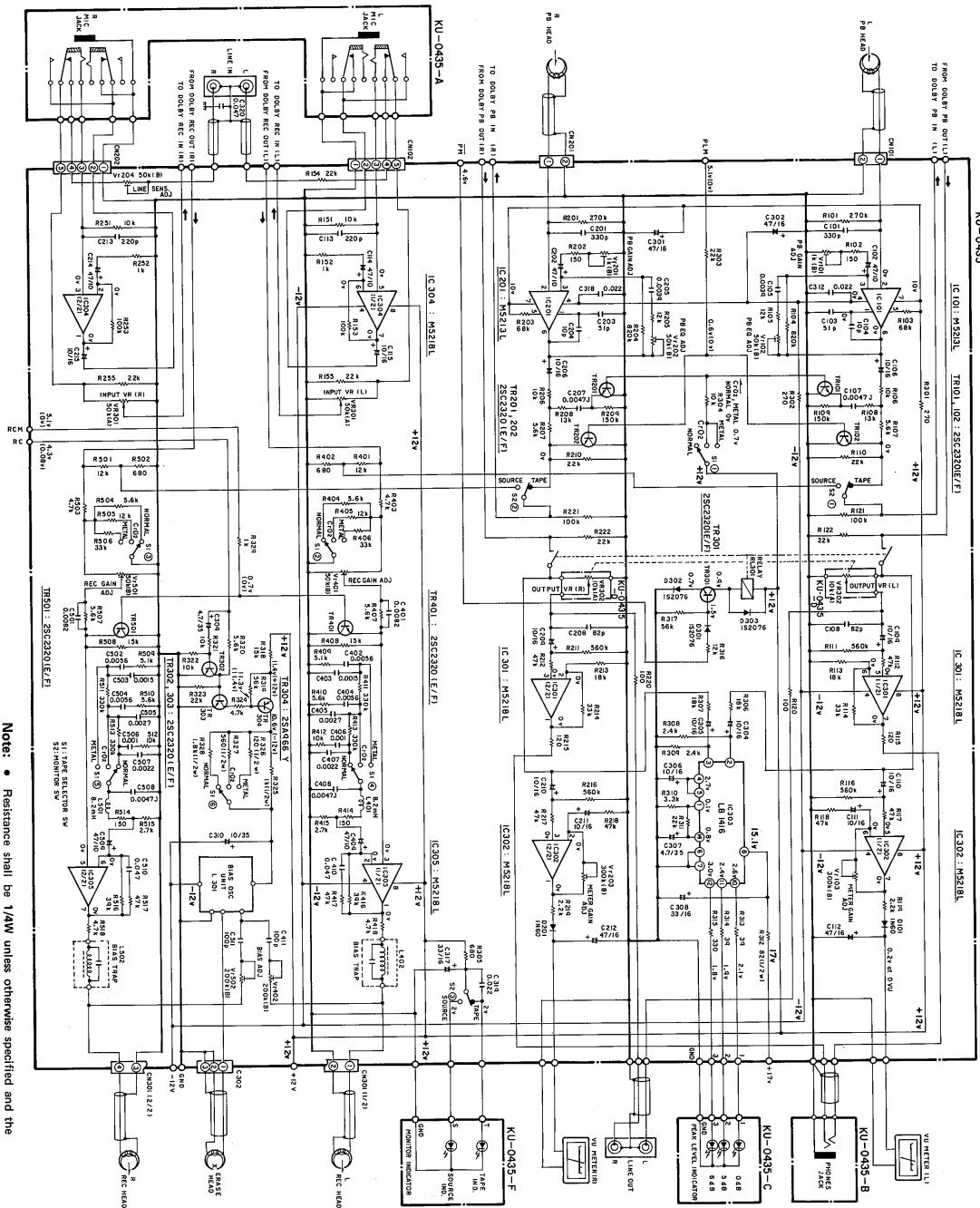
SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF LOGIC AND POWER UNIT (MODEL DR-F8)



(Note)

- Resistance shall be 1.4W unless otherwise specified and the unit is 32.
- The unit of capacitor is μF . P is of otherwise specified.
- Parts marked with A are of importance in respect to the safety use the specified type without fail

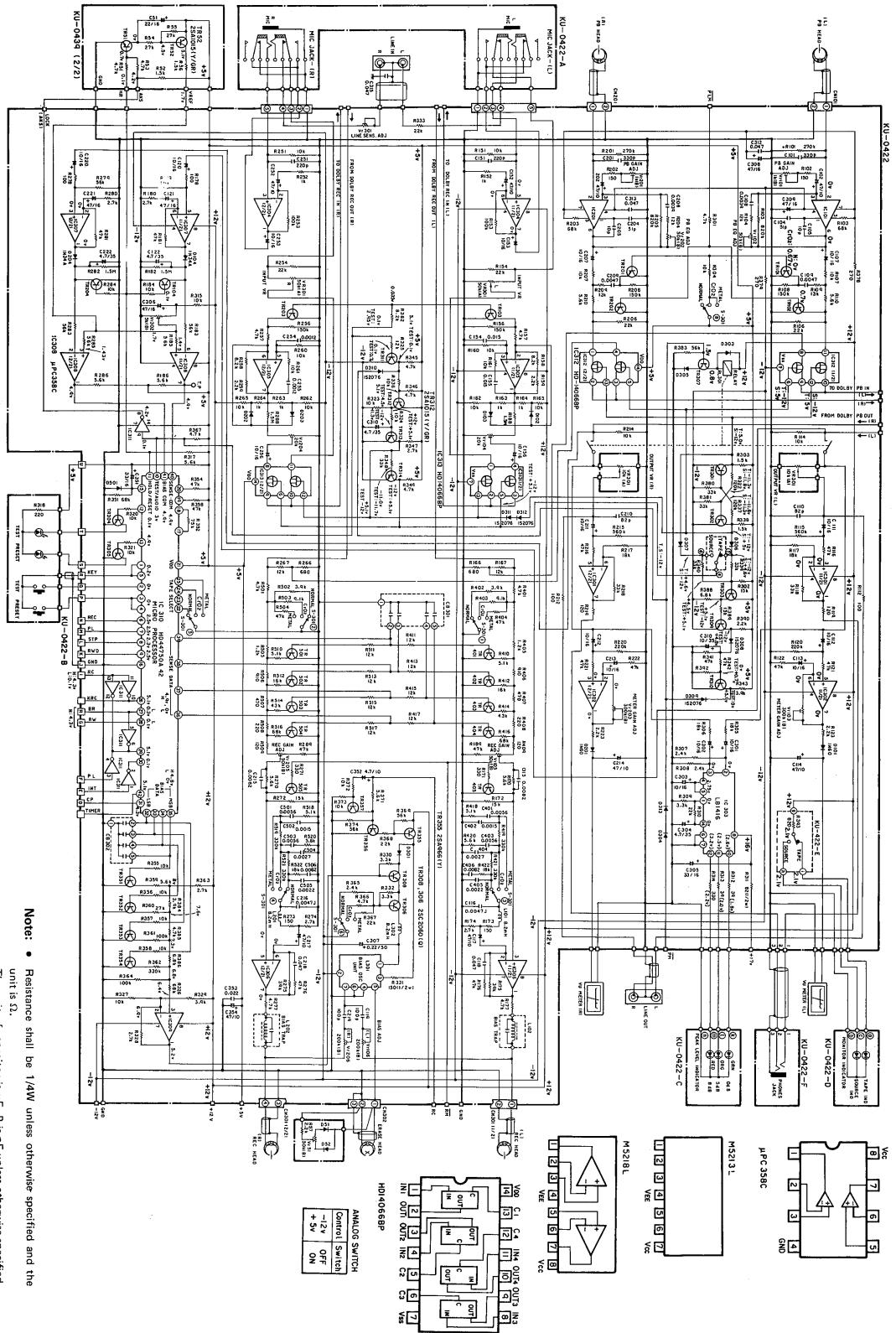
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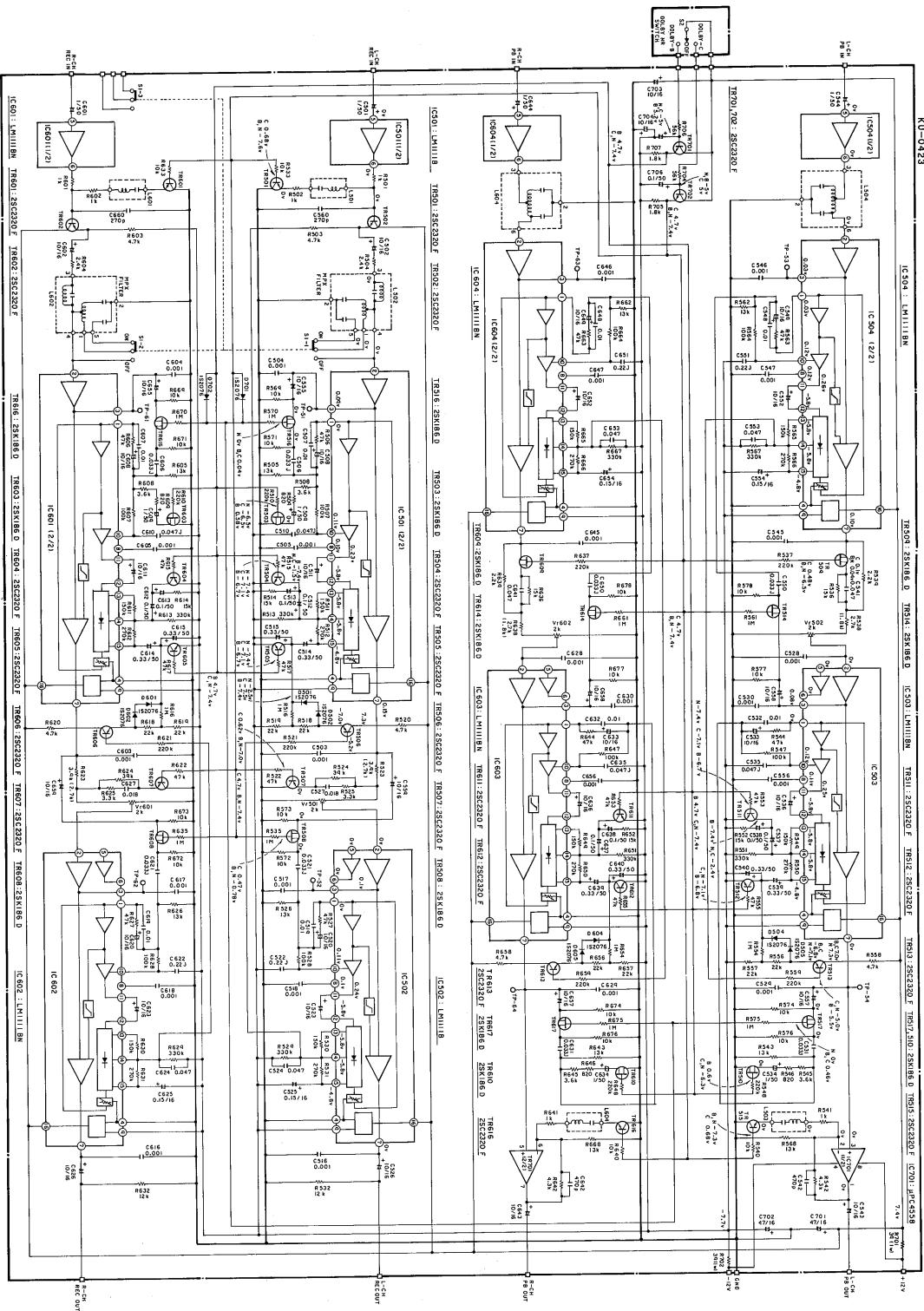
Note:

- Resistance shall be $1/4W$ unless otherwise specified and the unit is Ω .
- The unit of capacitor is μF , P is pF unless otherwise specified.
- This circuit diagram shows the basic circuit. It is subject to change for the purpose of improvement.

SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF AUDIO AMP (MODEL DR-F7/F8)



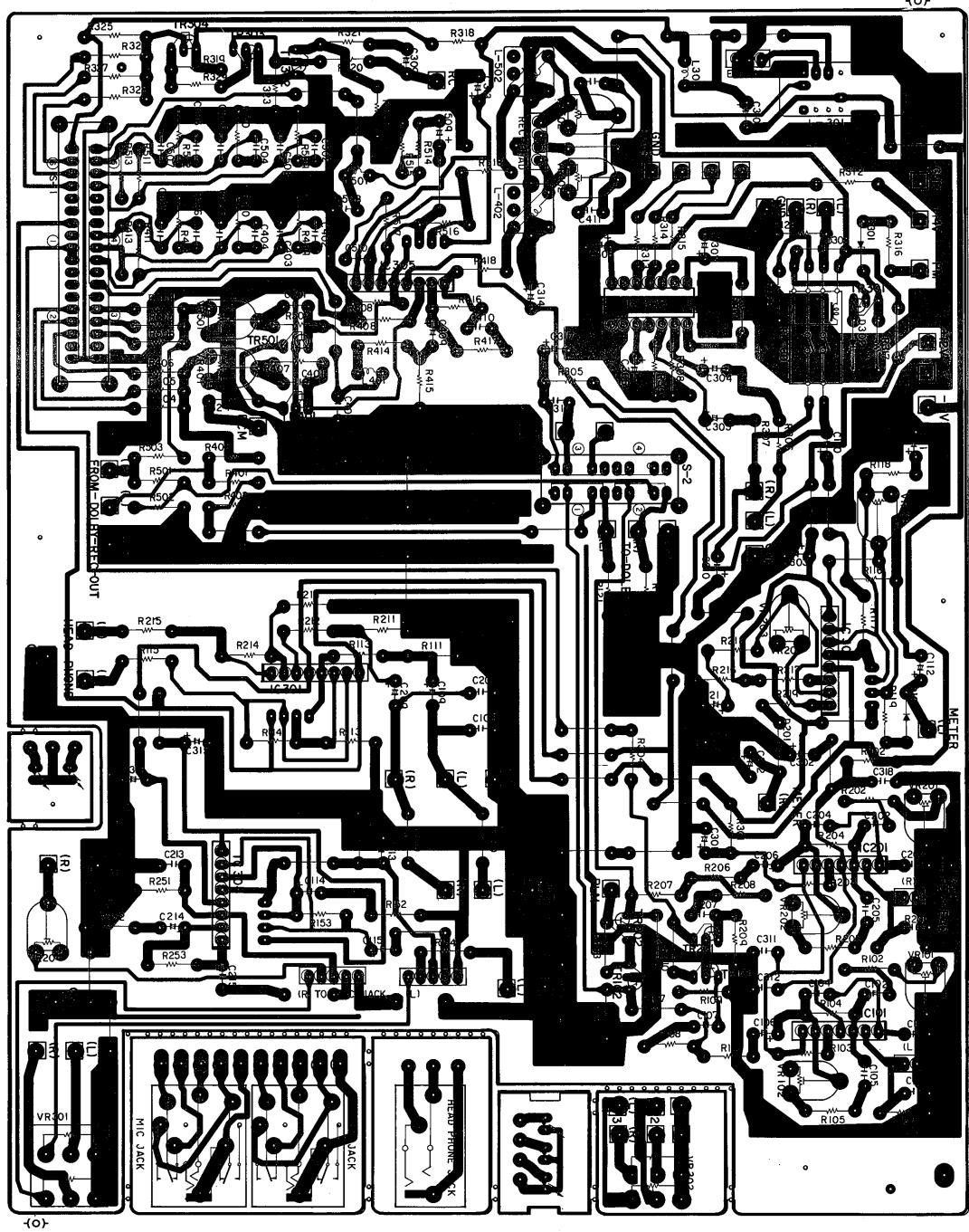
SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF DOLBY AMP.



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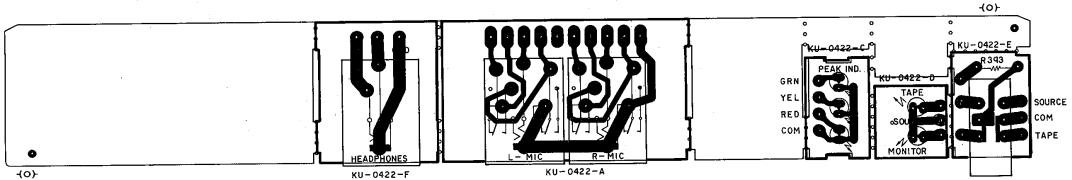
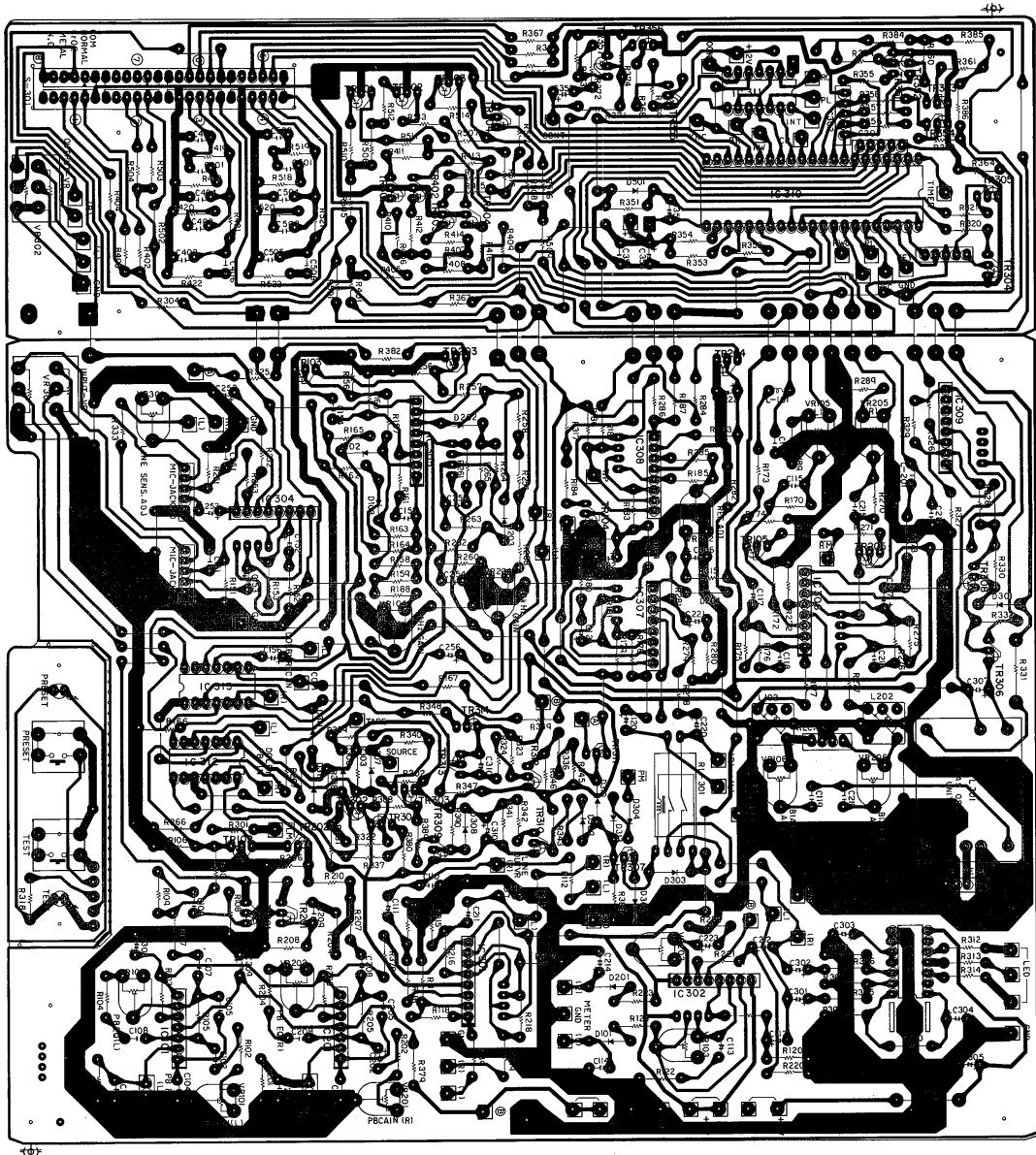
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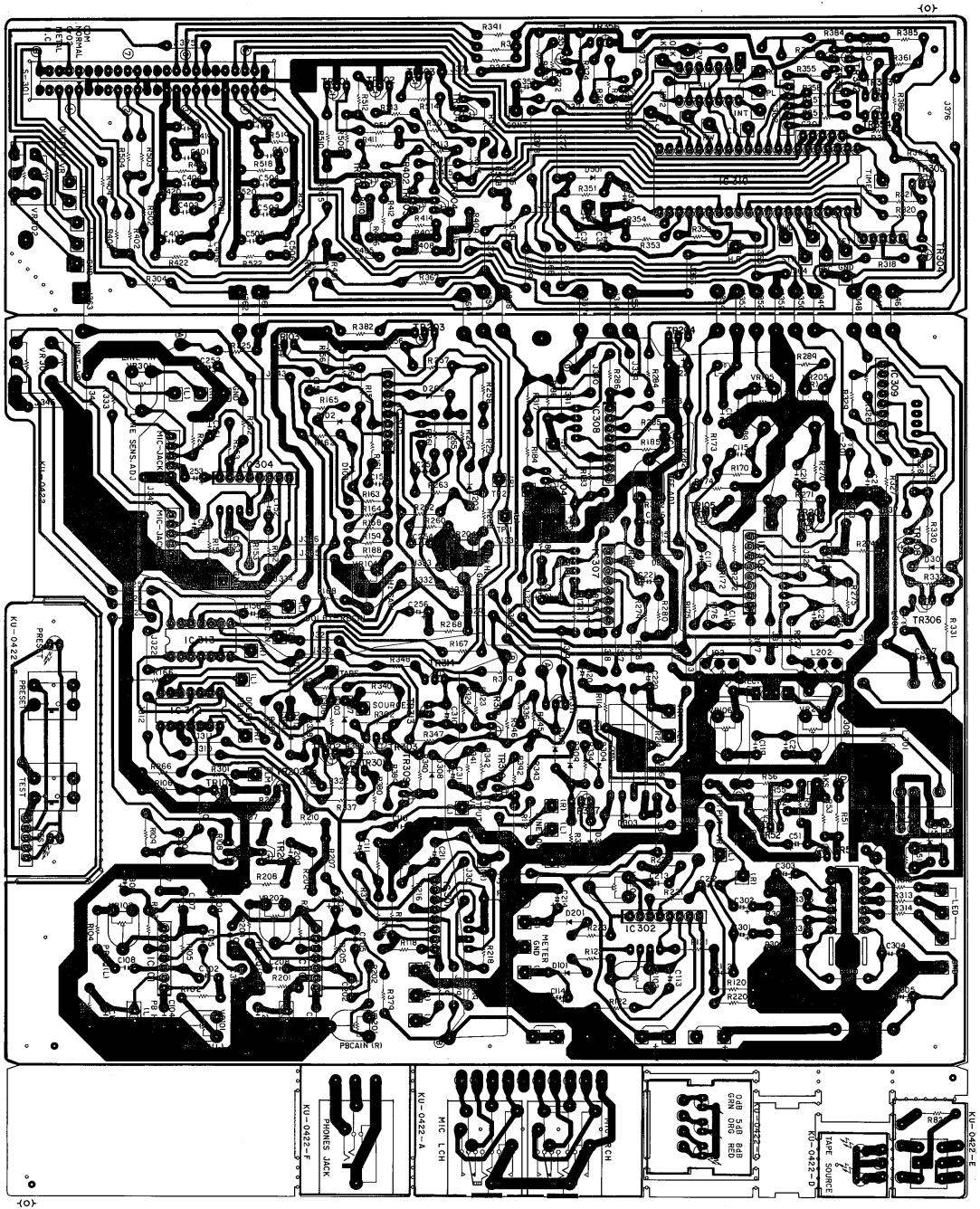


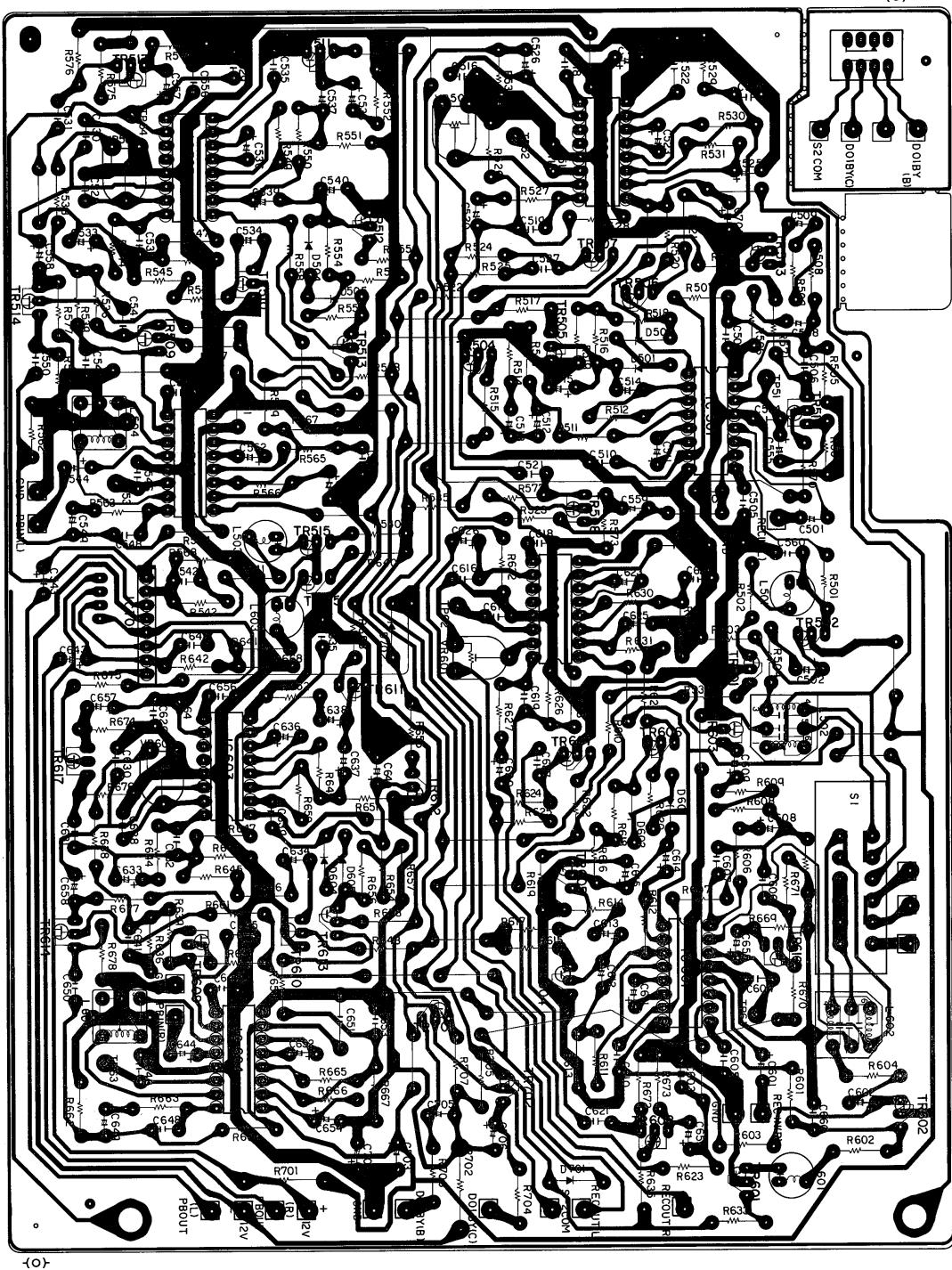
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(MODEL DR-F7/F8)



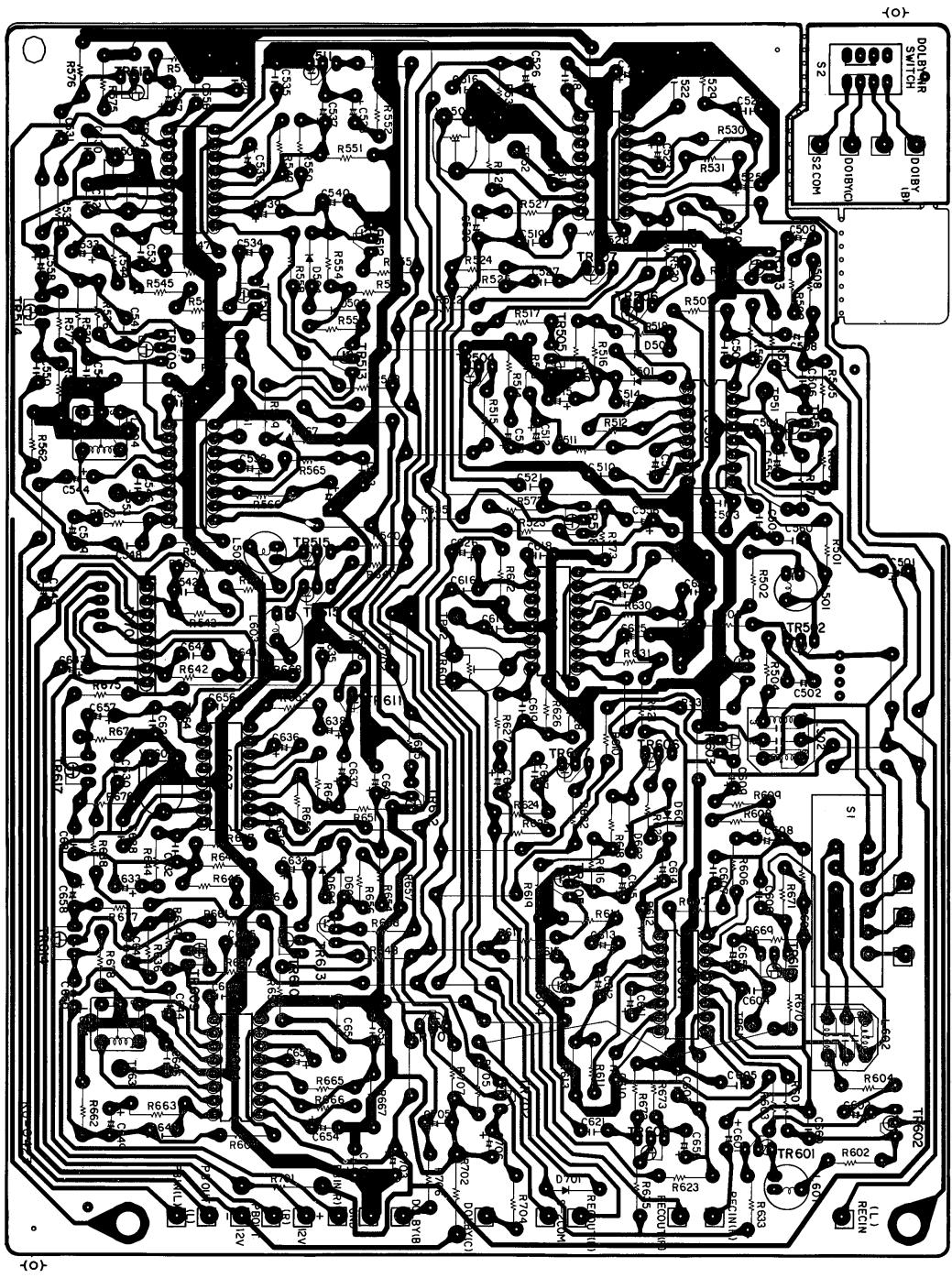
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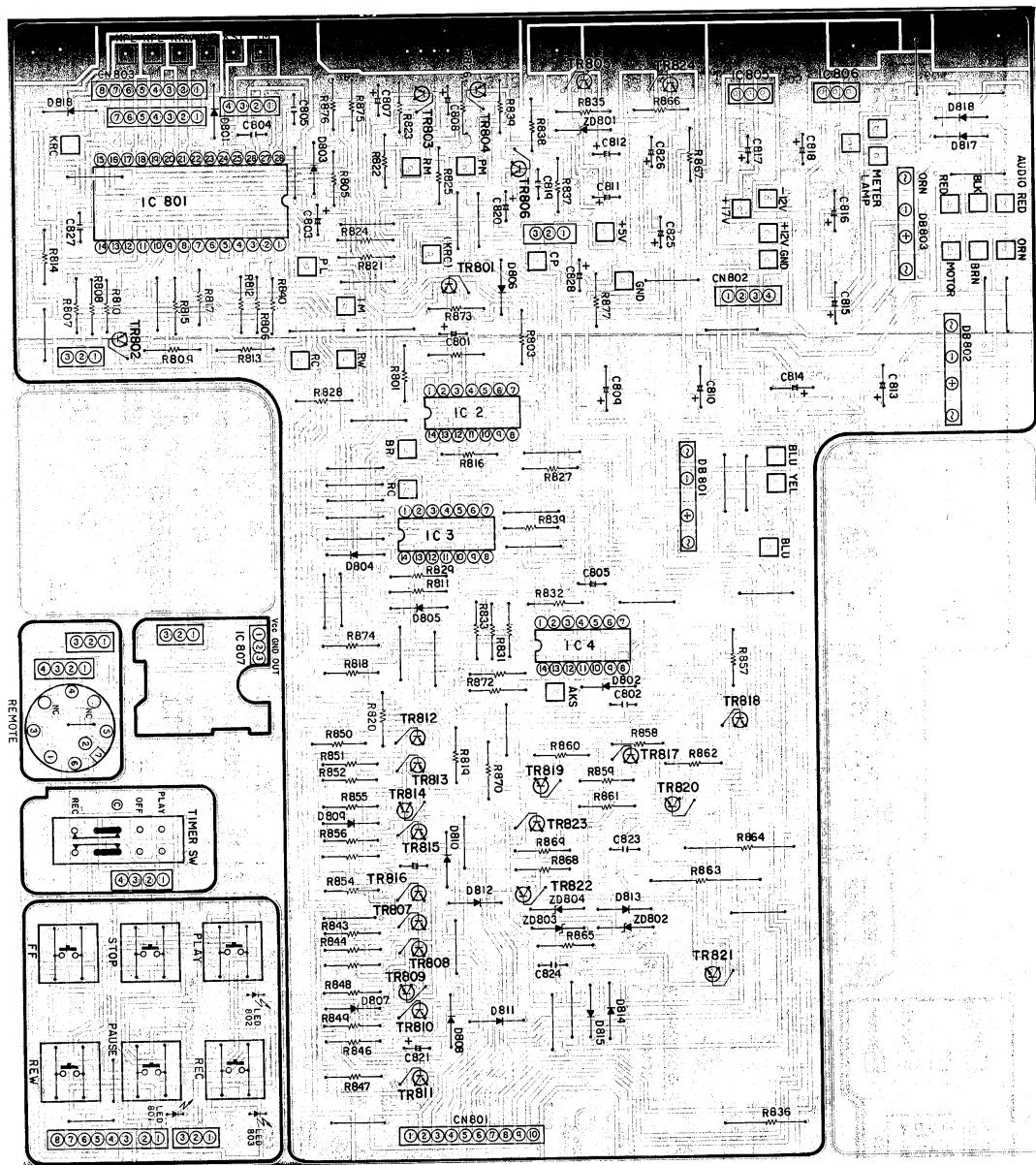


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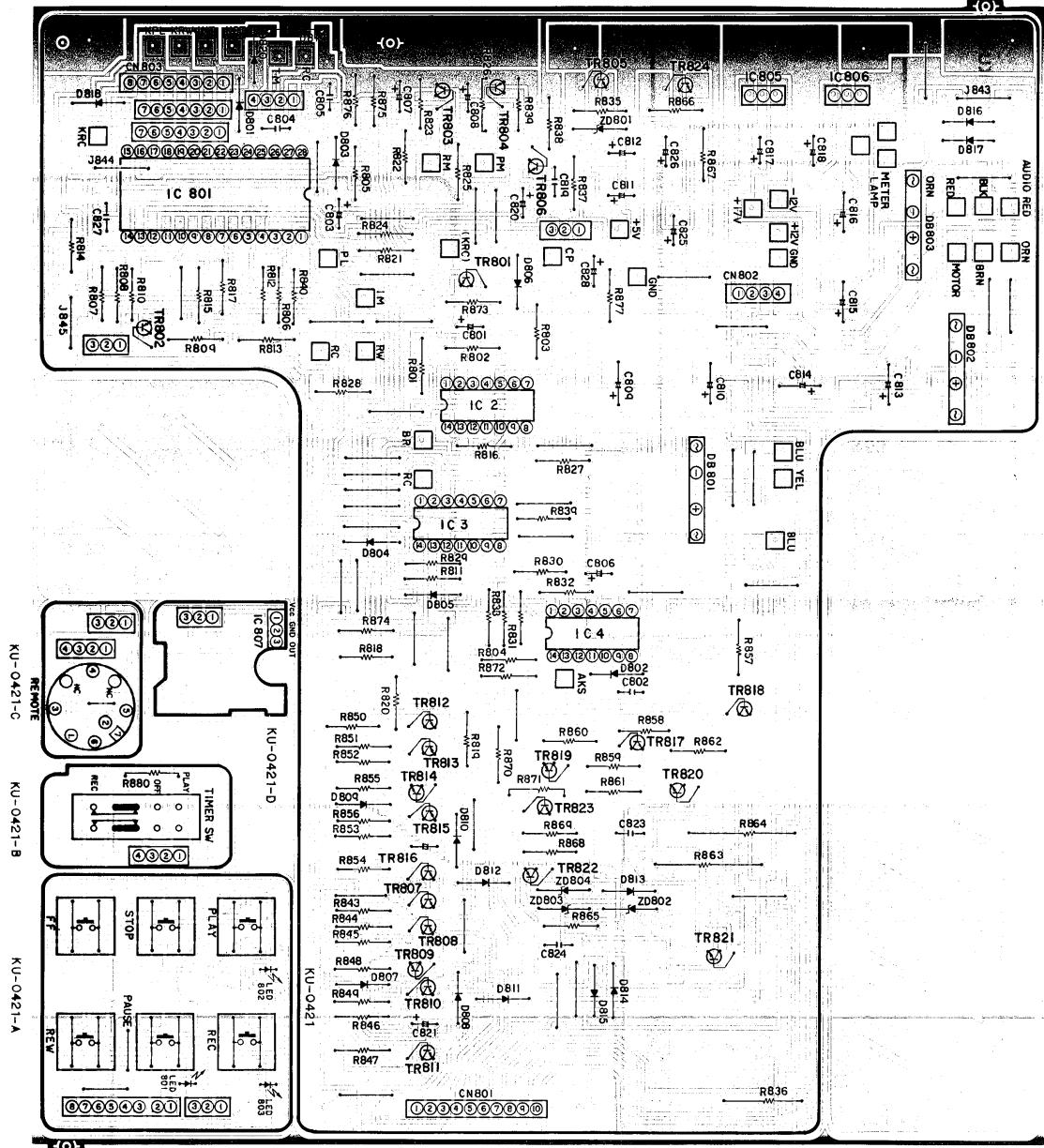
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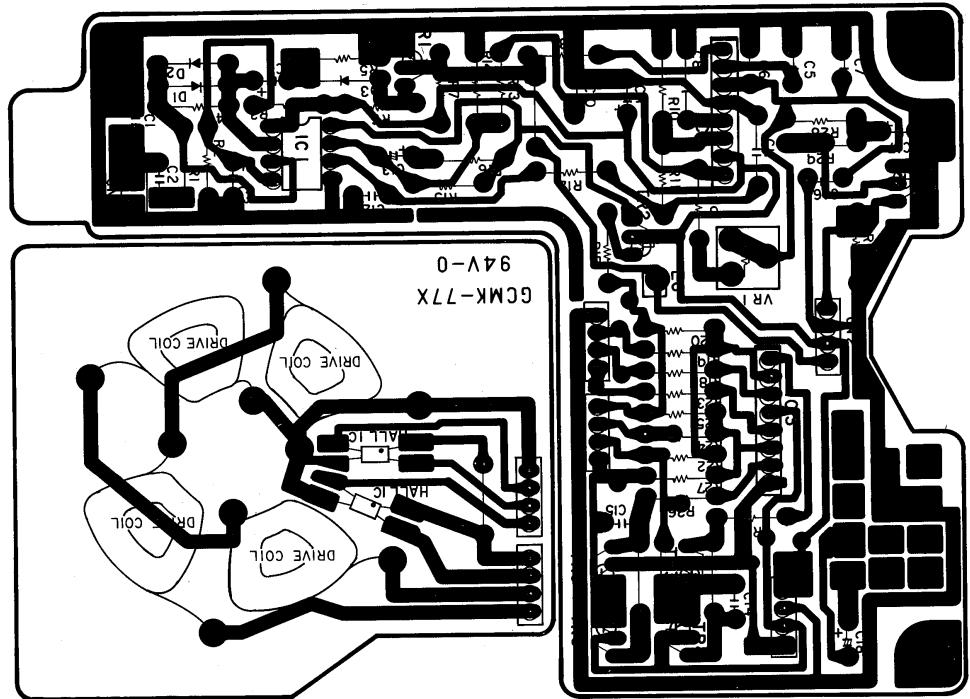


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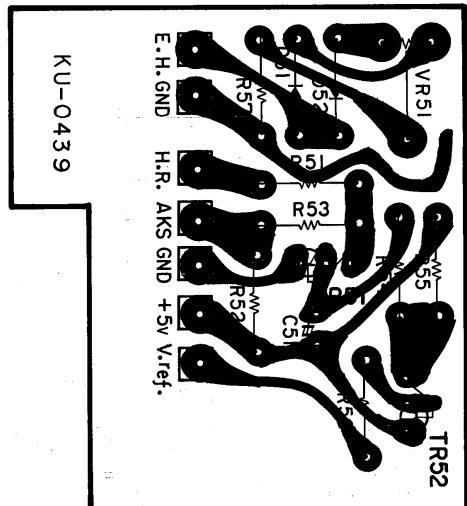


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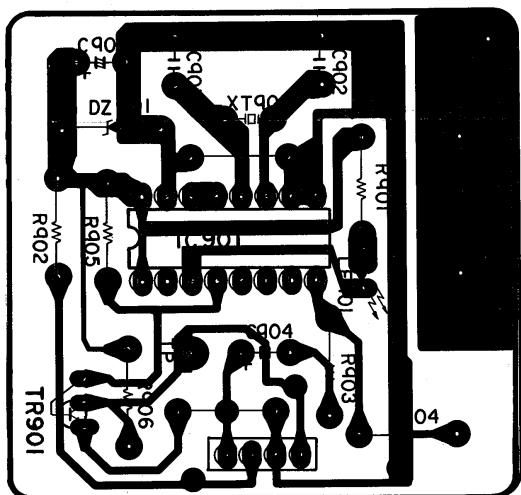
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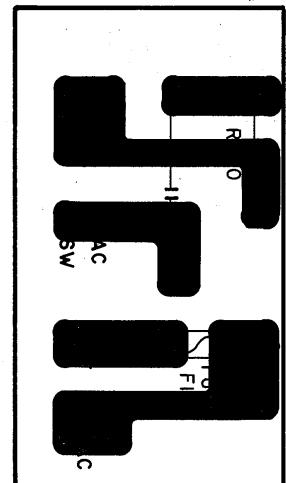
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