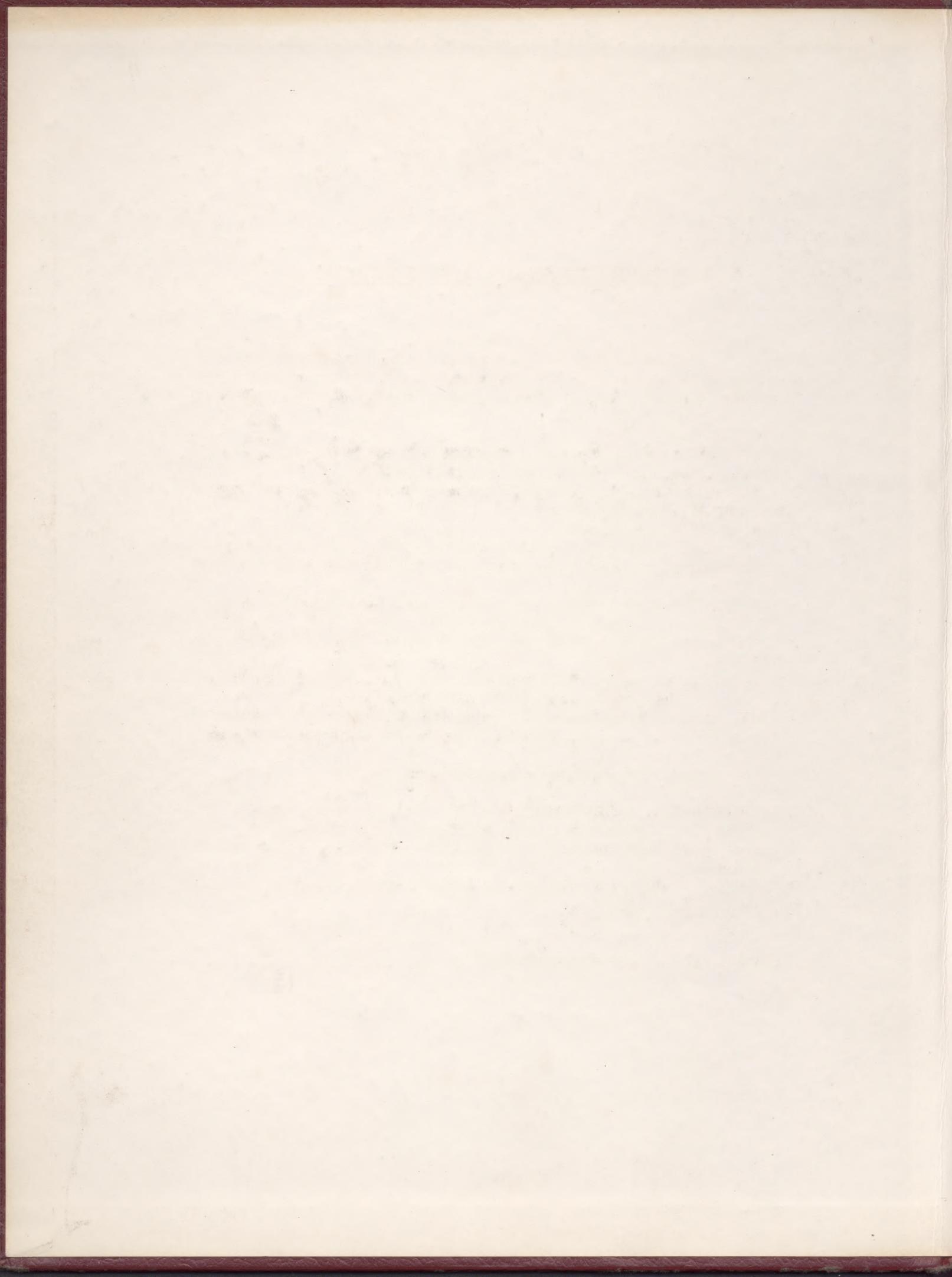


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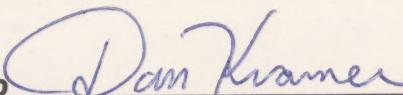
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PART (VALUE)	TYPE COMPONENT REF. DESIG.	QTY.	PARTS LIST		COMMENTS	KITTED ON ORDER
			REF. DESIG.	COMMENTS		
.1 μF	CAP	2	C401, C405		X	
.01 μF	"	1	C404		X	
.001 μF	"	1	C402		X	
0 - 20 pF	"	1	-			
0 - 47 pF	"	2	C407, C409			
68 pF	"	2	C408, C410		X	
0 - 4.7 μF	"	1	-		X	
-5-35 pF	VAR. CAP.	1	-		X	
-22 μH	INDUCTOR	3	L401 - L403			
0 - IN4002	DIODE	2	-			
1 - 2	RESISTOR	1	R404		X	
4.7 kΩ	RESISTOR	2	R401, R402, ^{PULLDOWN}		X	
2.2 k	"	1	R402		X	
470	"	1	R403		X	
220	"	1	-		X	
* 10k	"	12	- PULLUP	PULLUPS	X	
100 Ω	"	1	-	1/4 WATT	X	
74LS00	I.C.	1	Z402	NAND QUAD	X	
7400	"	1	Z403	AND QUAD	X	
74LS09	"	1	Z401		X	
7409	"	1	-	EPROM (2k × 8) JAN 0000A	X	
74LS138	"	1	A14		X	
- 2716	"	1	-		X	
74LS10	"	1	-		X	
74LS158	"	1	-		X	
AM27LS0	"	2	-	RAM (4 × 16)	X	
6520	"	1	-		X	
MSM5832	"	1	-	μP CLOCK/CALENDAR	X	
MX94F	CRYSTAL	1	-	32.768 kHz		
79-42C18(ATARI)	SOCKET	1	-	18 PIN		
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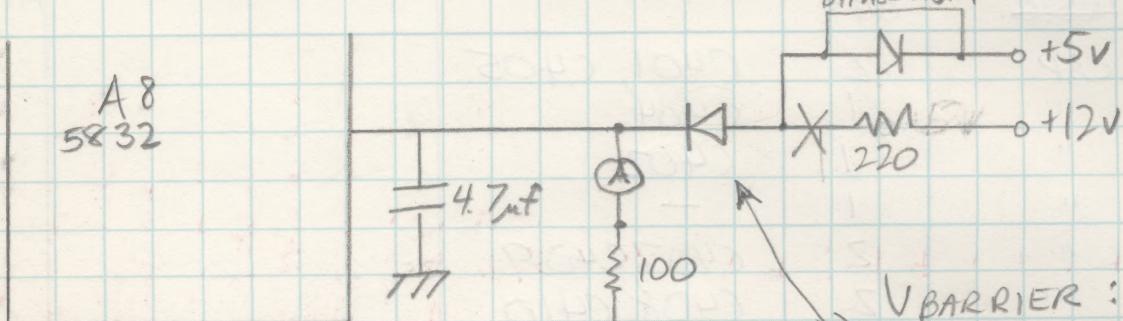


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BATTERY CHARGING CKT.



VBARRIER :

- 1) W IN4002 - .6 V DROP, $V_{cc} = 4.3V$
- 2) W IN270 - .38 V " , $V_{cc} = 4.6$
- 3) W R9135 - .35 V , $V_{cc} = 4.6V$

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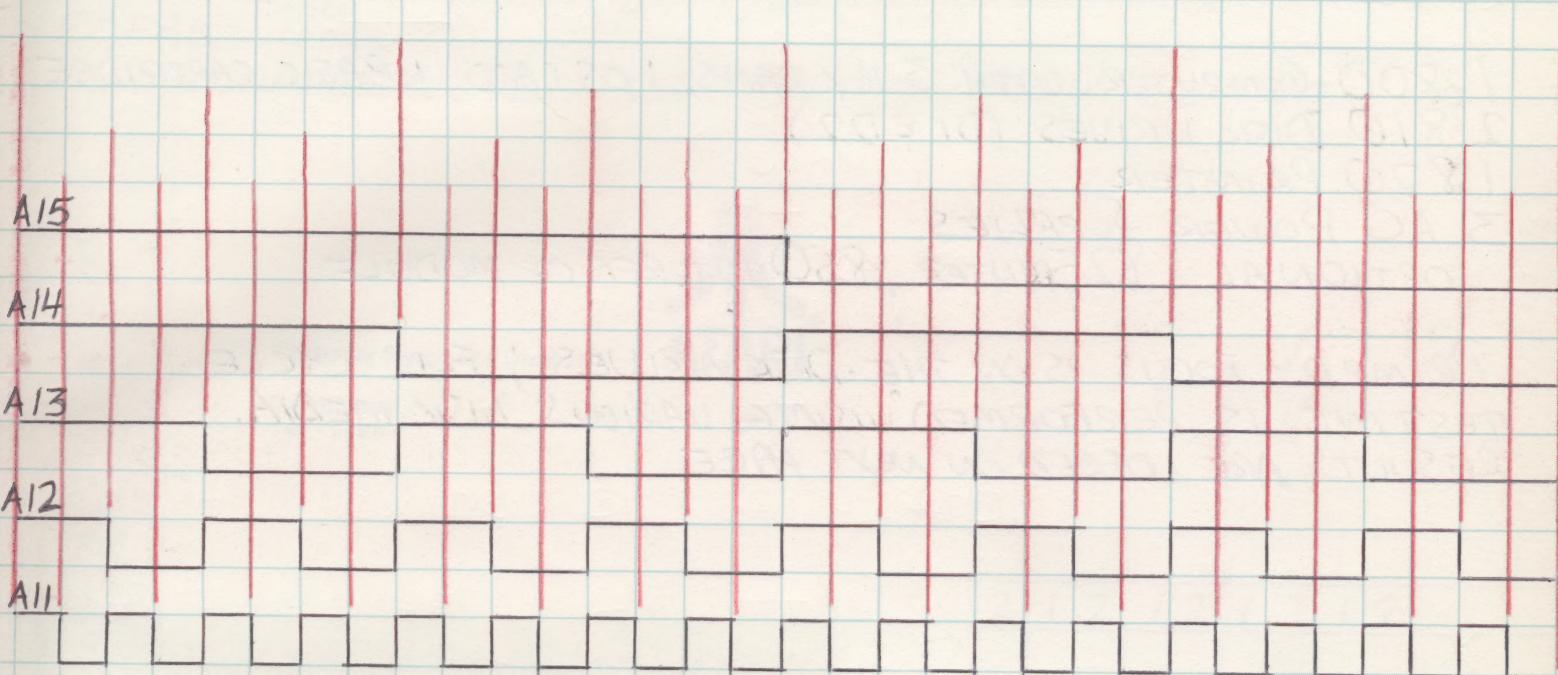
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HEXADECIMAL ADDRESS CODE



SERIAL NO'S.

800 COMPUTER 002 8511
810 DISK DRIVE 21140
820 PRINTER 05123

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PRODUCT RELIABILITY TESTING

18 TEST STATIONS BUILT UP. EACH CONTAINS:

- 1 800 COMPUTER WITH 3 16K RAMS, 1 OS CARD, 1 BASIC CARTRIDGE
 - 2 810 DISK DRIVES (D1 & D2)
 - 1 820 PRINTER
 - 3 AC POWER SUPPLIES
- OPTIONAL: 825 PRINTER, 850 INTERFACE MODULE

PRIMARY FOCUS IS ON THE DISK DRIVES; FULL CYCLE
TESTING IS PERFORMED USING VARIOUS DISK MEDIA.
RESULTS ARE LOGGED ON NEXT PAGE.

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GREEN LETTER = REPEATED PREVIOUS MODE

P = PASS

F = FAIL

RED LETTER

~~COLOR CHANGE~~ = OPPOSITE OF PREVIOUS PASS/FAIL MODE

DRIVE	OLD DOS CODE WORKS FLAUNT TEST III 10/17/80	NEW DOS WORKS FLAUNT TEST III 10/21	EXERCISE 10/21	NEW DOS WORKS																							
				1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2		
1	F	F	F	P																							
2	P	F	P	F	P																						
3	P	P	P	P	P																						
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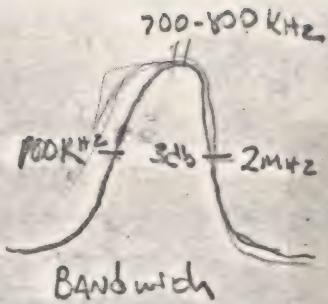
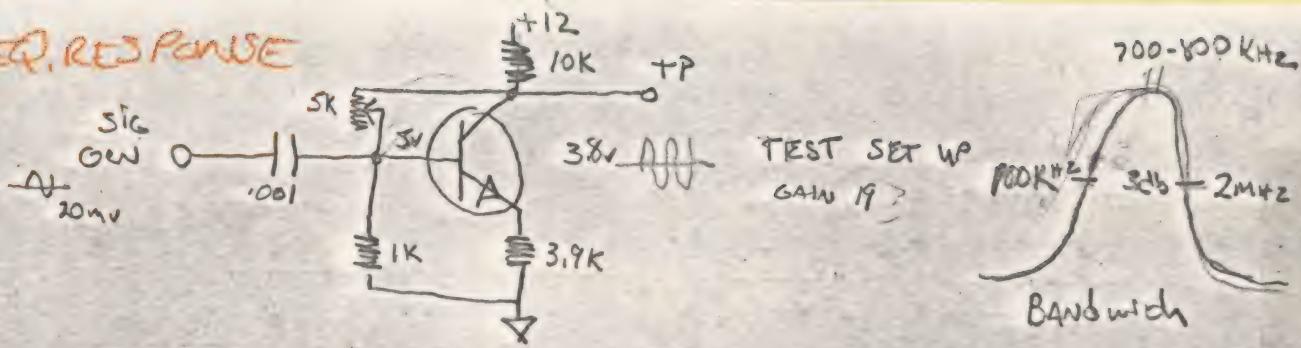
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810 DISK DRIVE FAILURE ANALYSIS TALLY

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DRIVE NAME, STATION	FAILURE MODE, FAILURE SYMPTOMS			CORRECTIVE ACTIONS		
TERESA ①	WOULD NOT BOOT			REPOSITION HEAD OUTPUT CABLE		
"	WEAK READ SIGNAL OUT OF A110			RER A110 w/ NATL. 3086 I.C.		
KATHY ①	EXTENSIVE R/W ERRORS IN FLAWTEST			USED NEW TEST DISK		
LIZ ②	WEAK READ SIGNAL OUT OF A110			RER A110 w/ NATL. 3086 I.C.		
CAROL ④	"	"	"	"	"	"
PEGGY ⑤	"	"	"	"	"	"
JUDITH ⑤	"	"	"	"	"	"
SUSAN ⑦	"	"	"	"	"	"
RAQUEL ⑧	"	"	"	"	"	"
CANDACE ⑨	"	"	"	"	"	"
JULIE ⑪	PRINTER WON'T RUN WITH JULIE IN I/O BUSS			BENT PIN ON I/O CONNECTOR		
"	WEAK READ SIGNAL OUT OF A110			REPLACED DRIVE MECH.		
CINDY ⑬	EXTENSIVE R/W ERRORS IN FLAWTEST			USED NEW TEST DISK		
FAY ⑯	"	"	"	I/O CABLE REPLACED		
NANCY ⑯	"	"	"	BENT PIN ON I/O CONNECTOR		

3086 FREQ. RESPONSE



CH#	GAIN	freq	Approx 1db	3dB
001 D	19	600KHz	1MHz	2.1MHz
C	19	700KHz	1MHz	2.1MHz
002 C	19	800KHz	1MHz	2.1MHz
D	19	800KHz	1MHz	2.0MHz
003 D	19	700KHz	950KHz	2.0MHz
C	19	725KHz	950KHz	2.1MHz
004 C	19	800KHz	1MHz	2.0MHz
D	19	700KHz	1MHz	2.1MHz
005 D	19	700KHz	900MHz	2.1MHz
C	19	750KHz	900MHz	2.0MHz
006 C	19	700KHz	1MHz	2.1MHz
D	19	700KHz	1MHz	2.0MHz
007 D	18	750KHz	900MHz	2.0MHz
C	18	750KHz	900MHz	2.0MHz
008 C	18	750KHz	950KHz	1.9MHz
D	18	750KHz	950KHz	2.0MHz
009 D	18	750KHz	1MHz	1.9MHz
C	18	725KHz	1MHz	2.0MHz
010 C	18	750KHz	1MHz	2.0MHz
D	18	700KHz	950KHz	2.0MHz
011 D	19	700KHz	950KHz	2.0MHz
C	18	700KHz	950KHz	2.0MHz
012 C	18	700KHz	950KHz	2.0MHz



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810 Motor Speed Compatibility Test

PURPOSE: DETERMINE LIMITS OF MOTOR SPEEDS WHICH CAN BE USED ON DIFFERENT DRIVES AND STILL MAINTAIN INTERCHANGE MEDIA COMPATABILITY

TEST #1

PROGRAM WRITTEN TO WRITE A DISK FULL OF INFO (EVERY BIT), THEN TO READ BACK AND DISPLAY ANY READ ERRORS IN THE INFORMATION RETURNED (WRITE SLOW, READ NORMAL SPEED)

% SPEED VARIATION

REF	0%	305 Hz
-1	302	
-2	299	
-3	296	
-4	293	
-5	290	
-6	287	
-7	284	
-8	281	
-9	278	
-10	275	

TEST DISCREPANCY - COULD NOT EFFECTIVELY FORMAT DISKS CONSISTENTLY AT ANY SPEED BELOW 300 Hz - SUSPECT THE INDEXING OF THE DISK WOULD NOT FUNCTION CORRECTLY IF IT WERE BARRAGED DISTORTED FURTHER BY SLOWER MOTOR SPEEDS. THE DISK FORMATTING SEEMS TO BE THE MOST CRITICAL FACTOR AFFECTED BY MOTOR SPEED.

TEST #2

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(DOS)

USING A DISKETTE WRITTEN @ 277 Hz, THE FOLLOWING RESULTS WERE OBTAINED:

DRIVE NAME, STATION #	RESULT
NANCY (18)	FAILED TO BOOT 100%
PENELOPE (18)	BOOTED OK
JOANNE (17)	BOOTED OK
MISSY (17)	BOOTED OK
FAY (16)	FAILED TO BOOT ABOUT 50%
ESTHER (10)	BOOTED OK
JEAN (15)	WOULDN'T BOOT 2nd HALF (ERROR 10, LINE 17735)
GAIL (15)	BOOTED OK
SALLY (14)	WOULDN'T BOOT 2nd HALF (ERROR 10, LINE 17735)
LUCY	

DRIVE NAME, STATION #	RESULT
LYNNE (2)	BOOTED OK
DIANE (3)	FAILED TO BOOT
KAREN (4)	FAILED
BETTY (6)	BOOTED OK
JULIE (11)	FAILED TO BOOT
ANNE (12)	WOULDN'T BOOT 2nd HALF (ERROR 10, LINE 17735)

THESE DRIVES WERE MODIFIED
TO +12V SUPPLY ON STEPPER MOTOR
THESE WERE NOT

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810 MOTOR SPEED COMPATABILITY (CONT.)

ANALYSIS OF DRIVES FAILING 277 Hz-WRITTEN DISK TEST

- JEAN (5) : MOTOR SPEED UPON OPENING UNIT WAS 310Hz; DRIVE BOOTED OK WHEN SPEED LOWERED TO 300-305 Hz
- LUCY (14) : INITIAL MOTOR SPD. 300 Hz, WOULDN'T BOOT; OK WHEN LOWERED TO 295 Hz
- NANCY (18) : INITIAL M. S. 305 Hz, BOOTED OK @ 295 Hz
- FAY (16) : WOULDN'T FAIL TO BOOT AT TEST BENCH
- DIANE (3) : INITIAL M.S. 305 Hz, WOULDN'T BOOT, OK WHEN LOWERED TO 300 Hz
- KAREN (4) : WOULDN'T FAIL TO BOOT AT TEST BENCH
- JULIE (11) : INITIAL M.S. 310 Hz, WOULDN'T LOAD DOS P4.2, OK WHEN LOWERED TO 303 Hz
- ANNE (12) : INITIAL M.S. 305 Hz, WOULDN'T BOOT; OK WHEN LOWERED TO 294 Hz

NOTES & COMMENTS

- ① The first Motor Speed Test used a 5% slow-written (290Hz) diskette full of "49" & "92" data bytes. All ten of the drives(DI) at stations 1-10 were tested with this diskette; all ~~read data~~ OK
- ② The second Motor Speed Test used a 277-Hz-written copy of the DOS as software. Partial reading occurred on drives which failed to boot the DOS, and all drives were able to successfully boot by lowering the speed no more than 10 Hz if they could not @ 305Hz. No other extenuating factors affecting the ability of a drive to read the slow DOS were readily noted.
- ③ A basic conclusion about speed variation seems to be that there is a maximum limit of 25 to 30 Hz variation allowable between write & read speeds for effective interchange of the media.

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810 MOTOR SPEED REPEATABILITY TEST

TEST DRIVES : JULIE (11) w/ RCA 3086 IN MOTOR SPD. CIRCUIT
JEAN (15) w/ NATL 3086 IN MOTOR SPD CIRCUIT

MOTOR

SPEED OF THESE 2 DRIVES WAS NOTED TO BE 310 Hz WHEN CHECKED ON LAST TEST, SHOULD HAVE BEEN 305 Hz AS SET ORIGINALLY. RUN A LONG-TERM BURN-IN TO MONITOR ANY POSSIBLE CHANGES IN SPEED.

AT COLD START-UP : JEAN 308-309

JULIE 308-309

AFTER 15 MINUTES : JEAN 305

w/ DRIVE TURNED ON : JULIE 305-306

AFTER 3 1/2 HOURS OF : JEAN 295-296
CONTINUOUS MOTOR RUN : JULIE 293

AFTER DRIVE RUN FOR : JEAN 303
10 HRS. AND SET w/ POWER : JULIE 304-305
ON FOR 9 HRS :

WARMUP OF THE DRIVE WAS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHANGE IN MOTOR SPEED. THIS WILL DEFINITELY AFFECT MEDIA INTERCHANGE BETWEEN DIFFERENT DRIVES.

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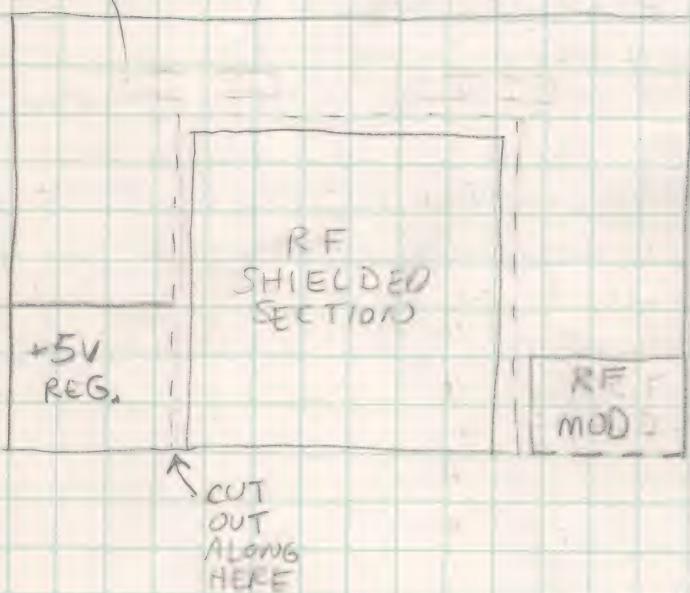
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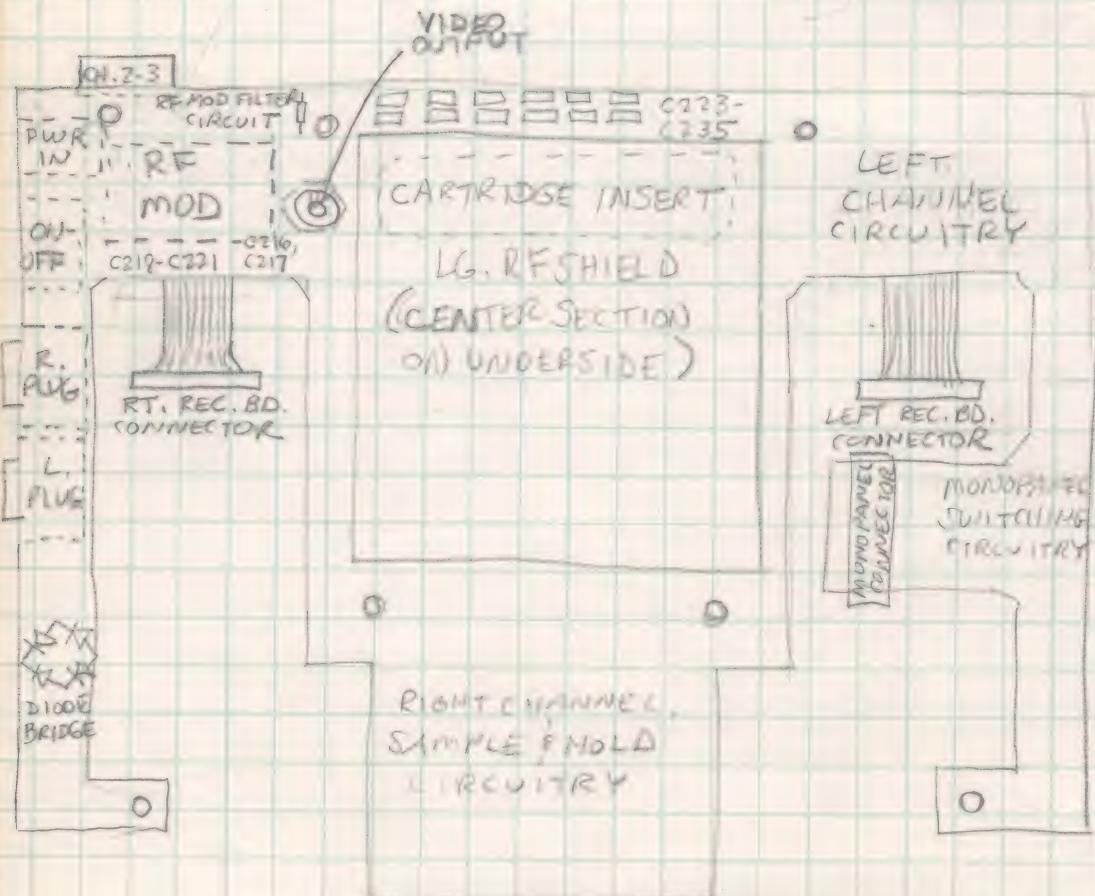
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RC STELLA Proto UNIT #1

MAIN BOARD CUTUP



UNDERSIDE VIEW (COMPONENT SIDE)



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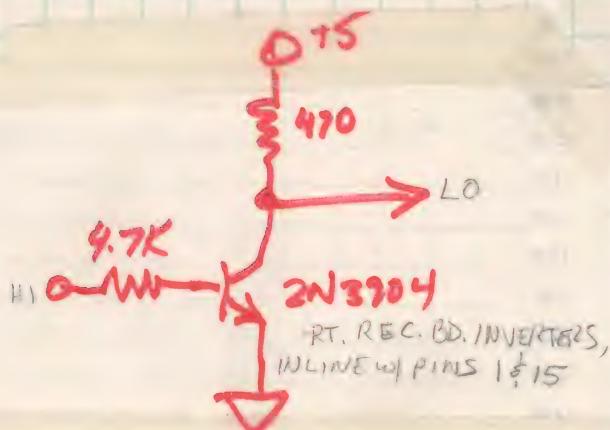
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RC STELLA PROTO #1

WIRE COLOR, #	ORIGIN	DESTINATION	MAIN BOARD
BLK 1	A201 PIN 37	R PLUG PIN 9, 1.8K RES,	
BRN 2	" 38	" 5 "	
OR 1	" 39	L PLUG PIN 9 "	, R SAMPLE-HOLD OUTPUT
RED 1	" 40	" 5 "	, L " "
BRN 1	R225(220n)	R PLUG PIN 6, 470pFcap, R 74LS244 PIN 5	
RED 2	R224(220n)	L " 6 "	, L 12
YEL 1	A202 PIN 12	L PLUG PIN 1, .001 CAP, L 74LS244 PIN 9	
GRN 1	" 13	" 2,	" 7
BLU 1	" 14	" 3,	" 5
VIO 1	" 15	" 4,	" 3
GRN 2	" 8	R PLUG PIN 1,	, R 7
BLU 2	" 9	" 2,	" 9
VIO 2	" 10	" 3,	" 12
GREY 2	" 11	" 4,	" 14
GREY 1	" 16	74LS279 PIN 13,	
WHT 1	" 17	" 7,	
WHT 2	" 21	" 4,	
YEL 2	" 23	R7.74LS244.PIN16,	
OR 2	" 24	" 18,	
BLK 2	+5V BLINE	+5V REGULATOR BD.	
BRN 3	A201 PIN 10	" (POT OUTPUT)	
RED 3	C215, R222	RF MODULE PIN 4	MONOPANEL



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RC STELLA COMMANDER
PROTO RUN

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>FREQ.</u>	<u>MAIN FRAME#</u>	<u>CHANNEL</u>
1	49.740	MHz	
2	49.760		
3	49.960	1	
→ 4	49.780	1	
5	49.800	4	R
6	49.980	4	L
7	49.920		
8	49.960		
9	49.740	2	R
10	49.940	1	L
11	49.760	3	R
12	49.800	4	L
13	49.980	2	L
14	49.920		
15	49.960		
16	49.940	3	L

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R.C. STELLA

CORRECTION NOTES FOR
PROTO RUNNOTED DISCREPANCIES & FLAWS

- ① PADDLE JITTERS WHEN IDLING IN REMOTE
- ② POT IN THE TRANSMITTER IS LOG, NOT LINEAR!

OUT TO LUNCH AT N.Y. PRESS CONF.: SEL-RES LIGHTS STUCK ON IN REMOTE MODE WHEN PLAYING 'BASKETBALL' WOULD NOT RESUME NORMAL MODE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. SWITCHED TO "CIRCUS ATARI" AND FAILURE STOPPED [JOYSTICK VS. PADDLE?]

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RC STELLA

CHANGES TO MAIN BOARD

- ① 74LS01 : SWITCH PINS 11 & 13, PINS 8 & 10
- ② 74LS279 : SWITCH PINS 5 & 6 (POT & JOYSTICK PINS 6 & 12 ON MONOPANEL)
- ③ FOR EACH 2N3906 (L & R) ON OUTPUT OF LM324:
 - A] BASE INPUT R SHOULD BE 22k, NOT 6.8k
 - B] BASE - V_{cc} R SHOULD BE 10k, NOT 22k
 - C] Emitter - V_{cc} R SHOULD BE 6.8k, NOT 10k
- ④ DISCONNECT LS244 PIN 11 FROM LINE LEADING TO THE 220_Ω INPUT RESISTOR FOR A201 PIN 35 ; CONNECT INSTEAD TO PIN 14 ON THE 244 I.C.

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IC LIST (GAME ONLY - NO CARTRIDGE IC's)

# 1	RO-3-9503-003	7943	ROM	40 PIN GRAPHICS ROM+LOGIC, 2048X
# 2	AY-3-8900-1	7946	STIC	40 PIN (STANDARD) TV INTERFACE CHIP HEAT SINK
# 3	AY-3-8914	7944	SOUND	40 PIN SOUND CHIP
# 4	RA-3-9600	7944	RAM	40 PIN SYSTEM RAM+LOGIC, 352X
# 5	CP-1610 16 BIT {DATA AND ADDRESS ON THE SAME BUS, 65K MAX).	7204	40 PIN	MICRO PROCESSOR HEAT SINK, 2MHz, +11V, +5V, -5V, GND
# 6	RO-3-9502-011	7939	ROM	40 PIN 2048X10 BITS, PROGRAMMER
# 7	RO-3-9504-021	7939	ROM	28 PIN PROGRAM ROM+LOGIC 2048X10 BITS, PROGRAMMER
# 8	3539 UCP (SEMI)	7938	22 PIN	256X8 RAM
# 9	" "	"	"	" 4 " # 200
# 10	" "	"	"	" " # 3.00
# 11	AY-3-8915	7921	COLOR 18 PIN	16 COLORS
# 12	F-7407 PC	7918	SINGAPORE 14 PIN	40.00
# 13	74LS86N	7933	14 PIN	
# 14	SN74LS27N TI	7927	EL SALVADOR 14 PIN	
# 15	DM74LS00N NSC	929	14 PIN	
# 16	DM74LS125N NSC	7917	14 PIN	
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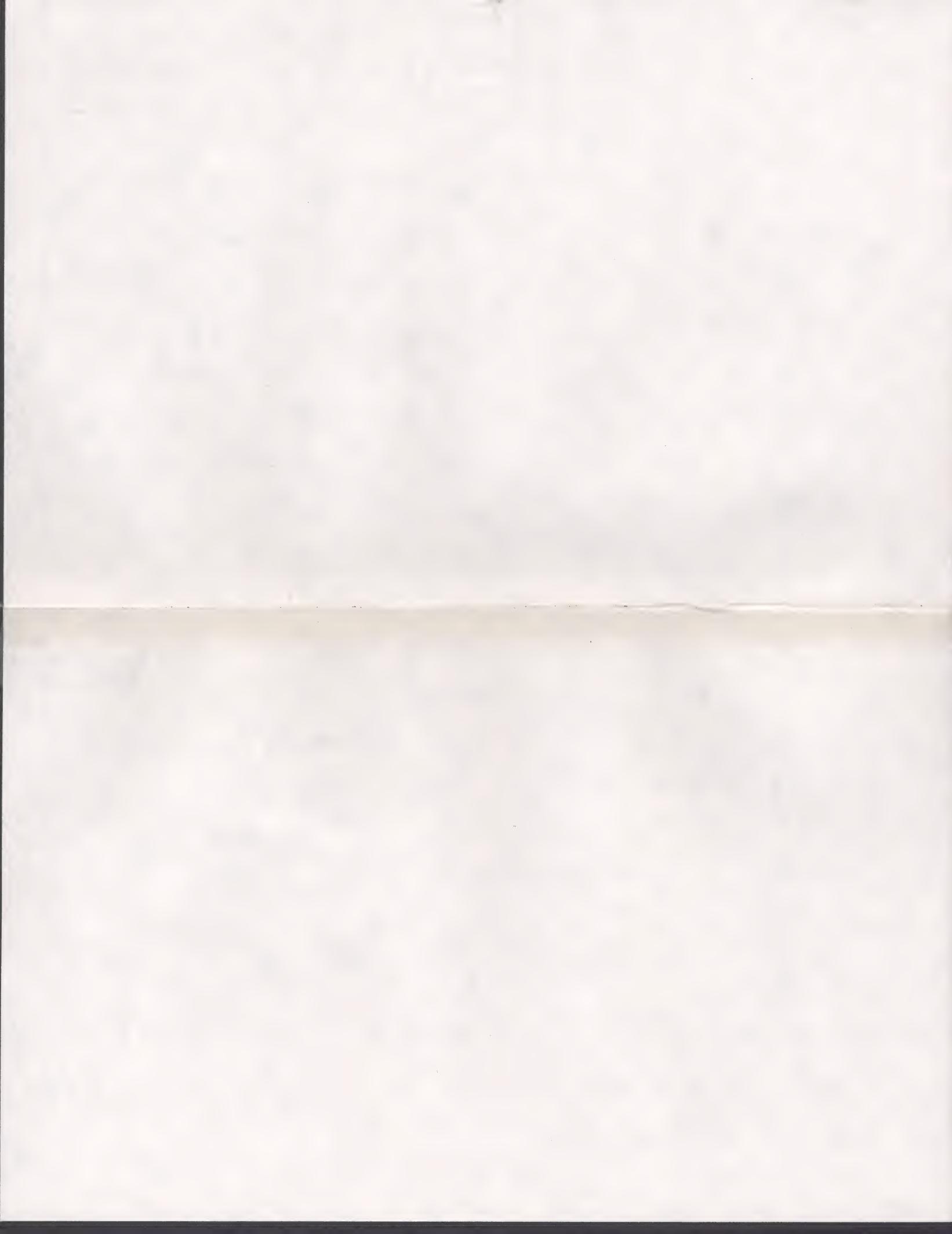
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1 RO-3-9504-107 7944 ROM 28PIN 2048X10BITS, ROM+LOGIC

2 RO-3-9504-207 7946 ROM 28PIN 2048X10BITS, ROM+LOGIC

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DISSECTION OF INTELLIVISION

POWER SUPPLY10,000 μ F 16V CAP2200 μ F 25V CAP100 μ F 16V CAPAPPROX 20 DECOUPLERS (.001, .01 or .1 μ F)

7805 C REGULATOR, HEATSINK (DOUBLE)

7812 C " "

3 MOLEX CONNECTORS (5, 5 + 2 PINS)

12 Ω 1 WATT RESISTOR

LINE XFORMER

MISC.

POWER ON-OFF SWITCH

RF SHIELDS FOR MAIN BD.

MAIN BOARD

7943 40-PIN ROM (GRAPHICS)

7946 40-PIN T/A

7944 40-PIN SOUND

7944 40-PIN RAM (SYSTEM)

7804 40-PIN MPU

7939 40-PIN ROM (2K x 10)

7939 28-PIN ROM (PROG. + LOGIC)

(3) 7938 22-PIN RAM (256 x 8)

7921 18-PIN COLOR (16 COLORS)

7918 7407PC

7933 74LS86

7927 74LS27

929 74LS00

7917 74LS125

22 RESISTORS

25 DECOUPLERS (.001, .01 or .1 μ F)

2 2N3906, 1 2N304 TRANSISTORS

10 FERRITE BEADS

15 SM. ELECTROLYTIC CAPS

1 TRIMMER CAPACITOR

1 7159.090 KHz CRYSTAL

CONTROLLERS9-PIN OUTPUT CONNECTOR, CORD w/
MOLEX PLASTIC-DOME SWITCH PANEL

(0-9, CLEAR, ENTER)

4 PUSH-BUTTON ACTIVATED SWITCHES
ON SIDES OF UNIT

LG. FERRITE BEADS ON CORDS

4 STANDARD DIODES

3 SM. DISC CAPACITORS

1 22-PIN CARTRIDGE EDGE CONNECTOR

1 RIBRON CONNECTOR (5 PIN)

3 MOLEX CONNECTORS (9, 9 + 2 PINS)

1 5-PIN RF MODULATOR

1 DOME SWITCH (RESET)

3 HEAT SINKS (40-PIN I.C.)

CH 3-4 SLIDE SWITCH

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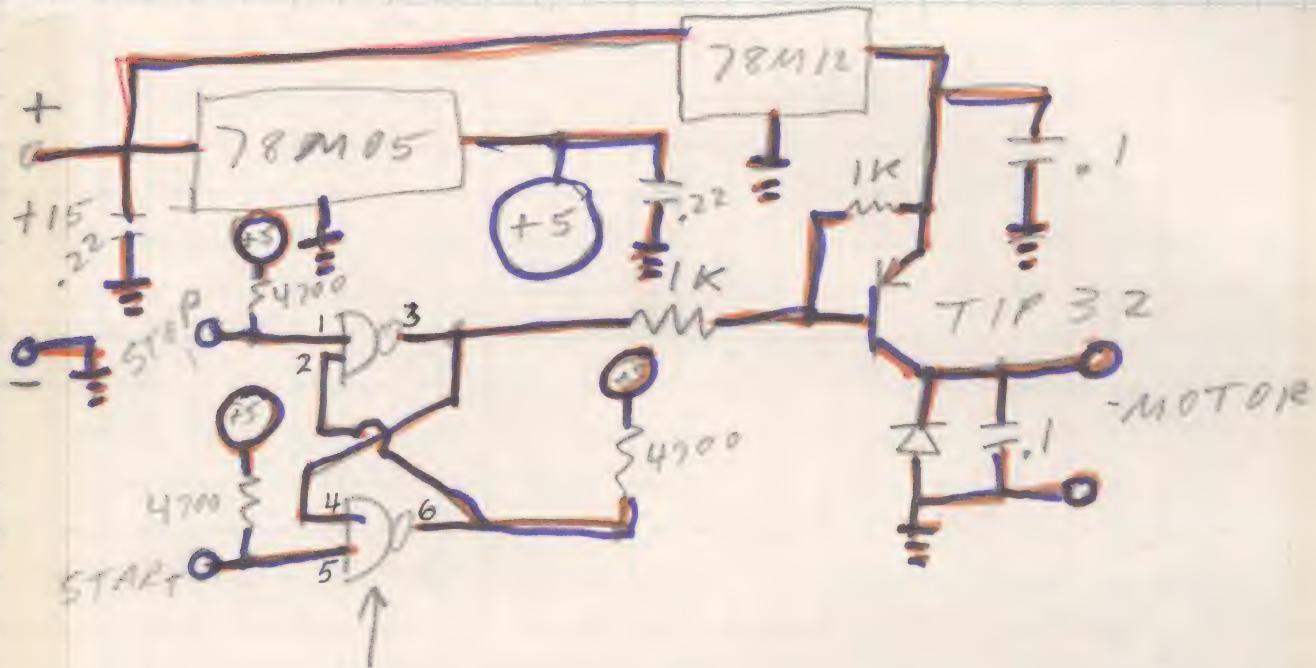
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MOTOR DRIVE CKT. ~~ATI 30 6017337211~~

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Pin 14

Pin 7

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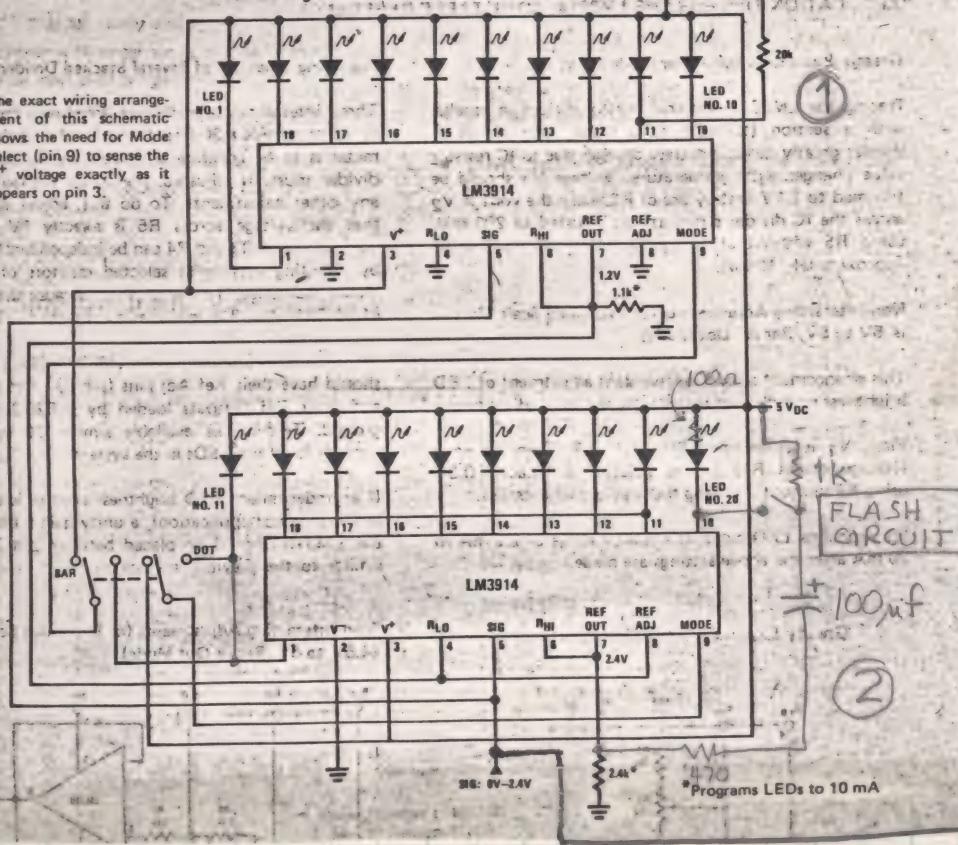
BAR GRAPH - LED DISPLAYS

MV57173

DOUBLE LEDs in HOLDERS:
ALLOW $\frac{3}{4}$ " FOR EACH / LENGTH
20 SEGMENTS = 15" LONG LINE
2 DRIVERS IN SERIES

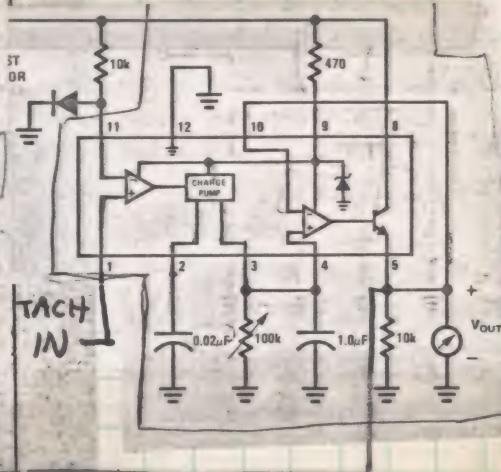
Typical Applications (Continued)

20-Segment Meter with Mode Switch



LM3914

FREQ-VOLTAGE CONV.
TRAK-BALL[®] DRIVER
LM 2917N



LED TEST CIRCUIT: BAR GRAPH DRIVEN BY #1,
10 DOUBLE LEDs DRIVEN BY #2.

OPTIONS: FLASH AT FULL RANGE, BAR OR DOT MODE,
LED BRIGHTNESS CONTROL

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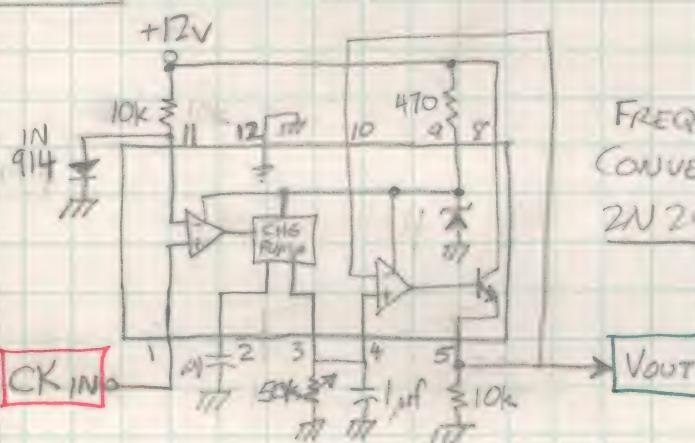
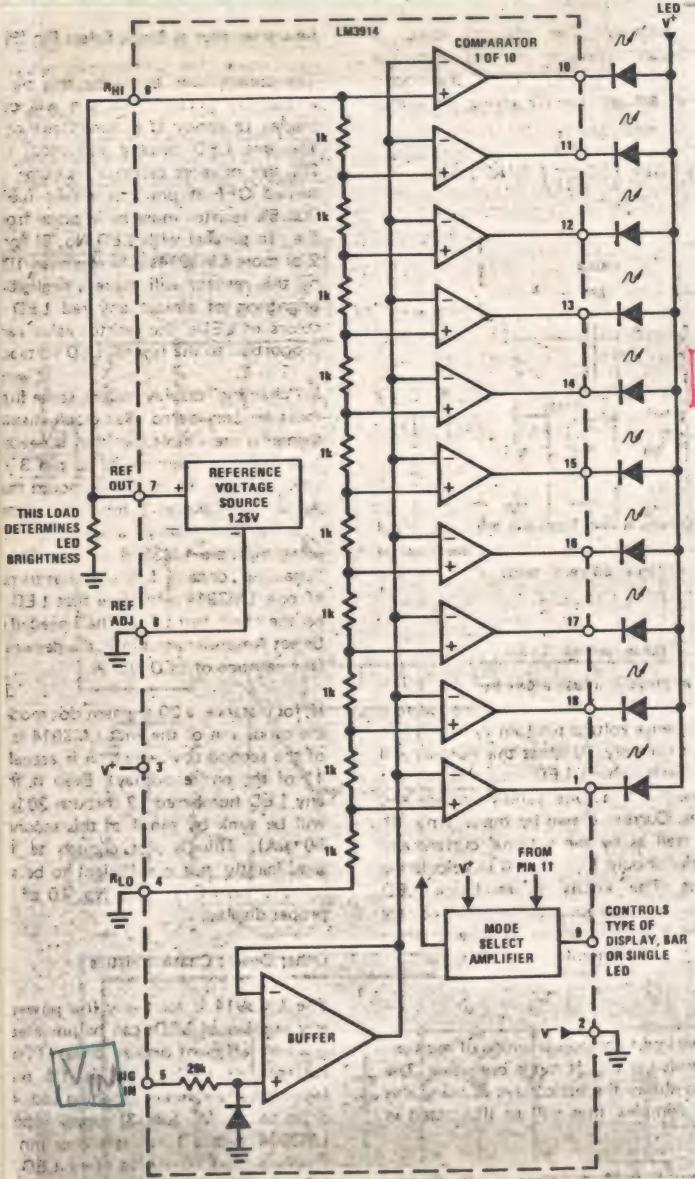
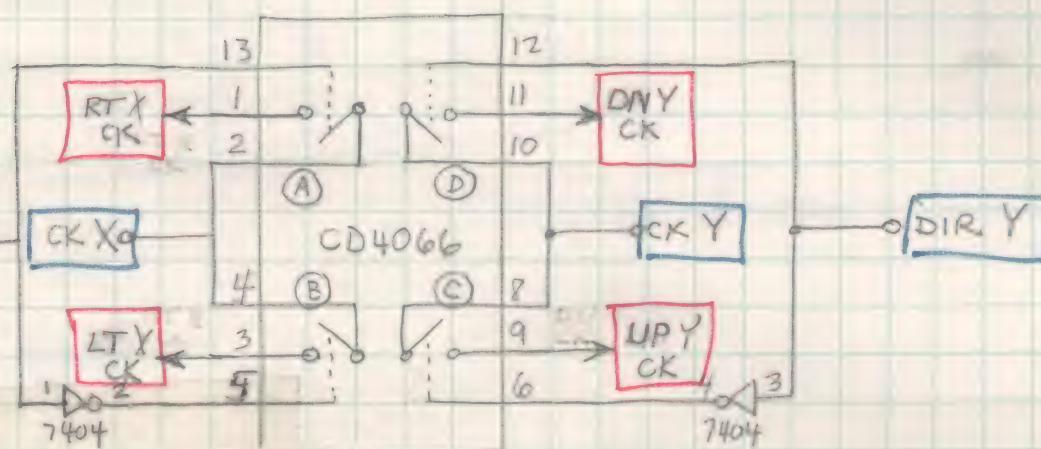
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TRAK-BALL XY BAR GRAPHS

CLOCK SWITCHER



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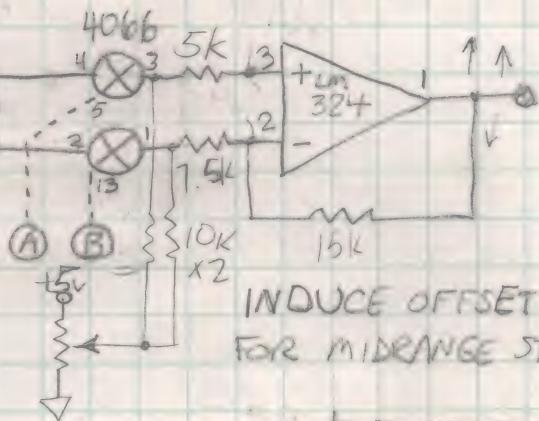
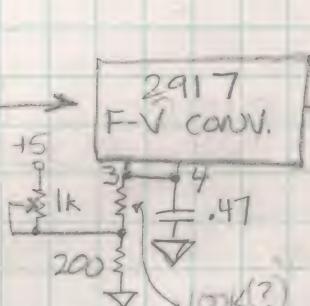
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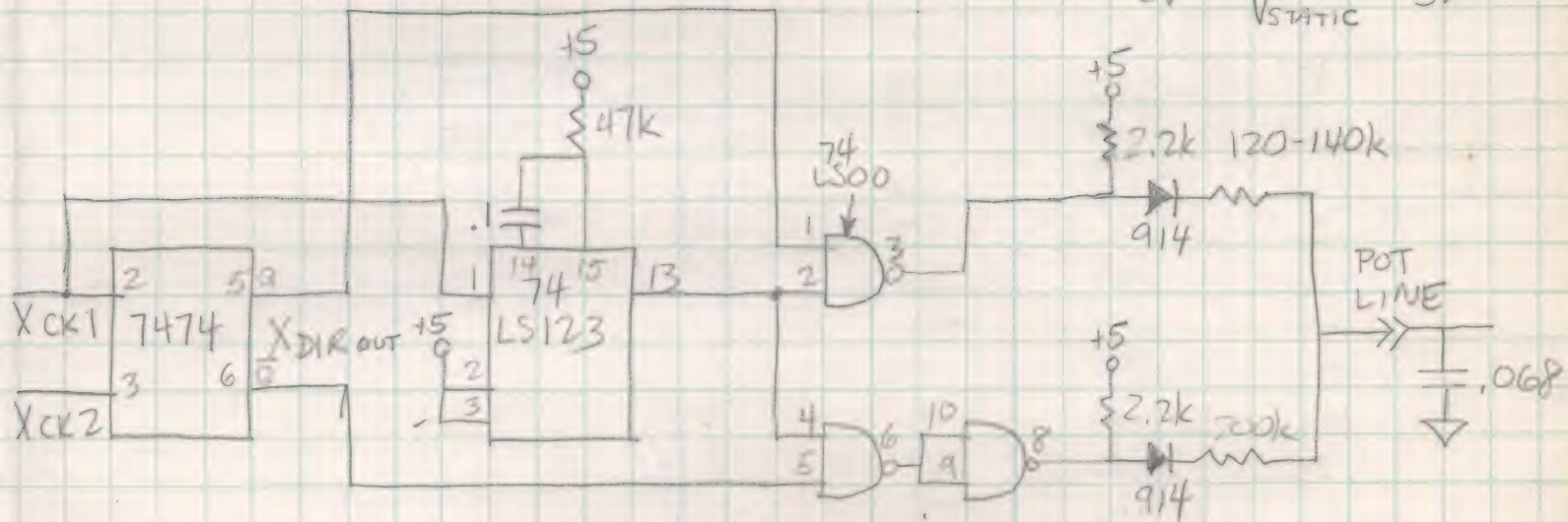
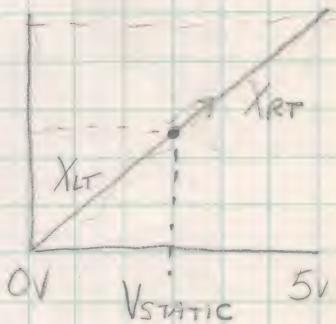
TRAK-BALL D-A CONVERSION

OPTOCOUPLED
OUTPUT

X CK →
(DIR) A OR B
(COMPLEMENTARY)
OUTPUTS



INDUCE OFFSET w/ ROTS
FOR MIDRANGE STATIC OUTPUT



MODULATES RAMP w/ CURRENT TO
SIMULATE POT SIGNAL

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2600 : 1.2 MHz RF MEASUREMENTS

TEST TO DETERMINE LEVEL RANGE OF SPURIOUS SIGNAL CAUSING THE NOTORIOUS "SAILHOUSE EFFECT," REFERENCED TO 0 dBm MAIN SIGNAL LEVEL. VIDEO OUT FROM VCS RUN INTO 7613 SCOPE'S SPECTRUM ANALYZER w/ 30 KHz FILTER TO CUT DOWN NOISE. 6507 MPU CHIPS SORTED ACCORDING TO VARIATION IN 1.2 MHz FREQ. OUTPUT LEVEL.

CHIP #	BLUE DOT CHIPS	CHIP #	ORANGE DOT CHIPS
	LEVEL		LEVEL
1	-64 dB	26	-64 dB
2	-62	27	-66
3	-62	28	-64
4	-62	29	-64
5	-62	30	-64
6	-64	31	-64
7	-64	32	-66
8	-62	33	-64
9	-62	34	-64
10	-64	35	-64
11	-62	36	-64
12	-62	37	-66
13	-66	38	-64
14	-64	39	-64
15	-64	40	-64
16	-64	41	-62
17	-64	42	-64
18	-62	43	-64
19	-64	44	-64
20	-64	45	-64
21	-62	46	-64
22	-62	47	-64
23	-62	48	-64
24	-64	49	-64
25	-62	50	-64

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3.3% TUBES

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COSMOS REV. 0.3 PCB BUILDUP

PARTS LIST DISCREPANCIES:

- ① ITEM 5, 220 Ω , R106 SHOULD BE R140
- ② ITEM 24, XISTOR SHOULD BE 2N3904, NOT 2N2904

STUFFING DIAGRAM DISCREPANCIES:

- ① R138, R139 SHOULD BE 560 Ω , NOT 470 Ω
- ② C108, C109 SHOULD BE 300pf, NOT 330pf

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RC STELLA SHOW UNITS

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L TRANS: 49.8894 MHz (CO16936 XTAL)

R TRANS: 49.8294 MHz (CO16935 XTAL)

L REC: 24.7175 MHz (CO17157 XTAL) $400\mu V_{IN} = .8 V_{OUT}$ R REC: 24.6875 MHz (CO17156 XTAL) $235\mu V_{IN} = .8 V_{OUT}$

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L TRANS:

R TRANS:

L REC:

R REC:

Not
Used
For
Show

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L TRANS:

R TRANS:

L REC:

R REC:

4

L TRANS: 49.8894 (CO16936)

R TRANS: 49.8294 (CO16935)

L REC: 24.7175 (CO17157)

R REC: 24.6875 (CO17156)

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RC STELLA SHOWER UNITS

CHANNEL ASSIGNMENTS (2 EACH)

RECEIVER TRANSMITTER

1	LEFT	24.6425	49.7387
	RIGHT	24.5725	49.5987
2	LEFT	24.7525	49.9587
	RIGHT	24.6025	49.6587
3	LEFT	24.6525	49.7587
	RIGHT	24.5825	49.6187
4	LEFT	24.7325	49.9187
	RIGHT	24.6725	49.7987
5	LEFT	24.7625	49.9787
	RIGHT	24.6225	49.6987
6	LEFT	24.7425	49.9387
	RIGHT	24.5925	49.6387

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RC STELLA SHOT UNIT CHECKOUTS

2A: LEFT CHANNEL DOES AUTO SEL-RES, AND PICKS UP R. CHANNEL
JOYSTICK COMMANDS [TOO SENSITIVE]
CONTROLLER JOYSTIX OK.
PADDLE CIRCUITS RANGE INCORRECT

2B: LEFT CHANNEL OVER-SENSITIVE, CHANGED DOME SWITCH FOR "DOWN"
IN RT. CONTROLLER

3A: LEFT CHANNEL TOO SENSITIVE, CHANGED DOME SWITCH FOR "RIGHT" IN
RIGHT CONTROLLER. AUTO-SEL-RES. w/ LEFT XMITTER ON
RT. CHANNEL RANGE 20 FT., LEFT 10 FT.

5A: R. CONTROLLER "RIGHT" & "LEFT" KEEP GOING WHEN STICK IS
RELEASED. "R" & "L" DOMES CHANGED

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RC STELLA SHOW UNIT CHECKOUTS

4A: "LEFT" DOME ON RT-CONTROLLER CHANGED. "RIGHT" DOME ALSO LOSES CHROMA SIGNAL INTERMITTENTLY: SHIELD SHORTS AGAINST TRACE FROM ADJUSTMENT POT — NOTCH SHIELD OVER TRACE!
RT. RANGE = 15 FT. LEFT = 15 FT.

4B: "RIGHT" DOME ON RT. CONTROLLER CHANGED.

→ SEL-RES. TRIGGERS ACCIDENTALLY WHEN FIRST IN PLASTIC (INTERMIT)
LEFT PLAYER w/ JOYSTICK RUNS TO LEFT IN REMOTE - CAUSED BY
SHIELD TOUCHING PIN OF THE 74LS244

3B:

5B:

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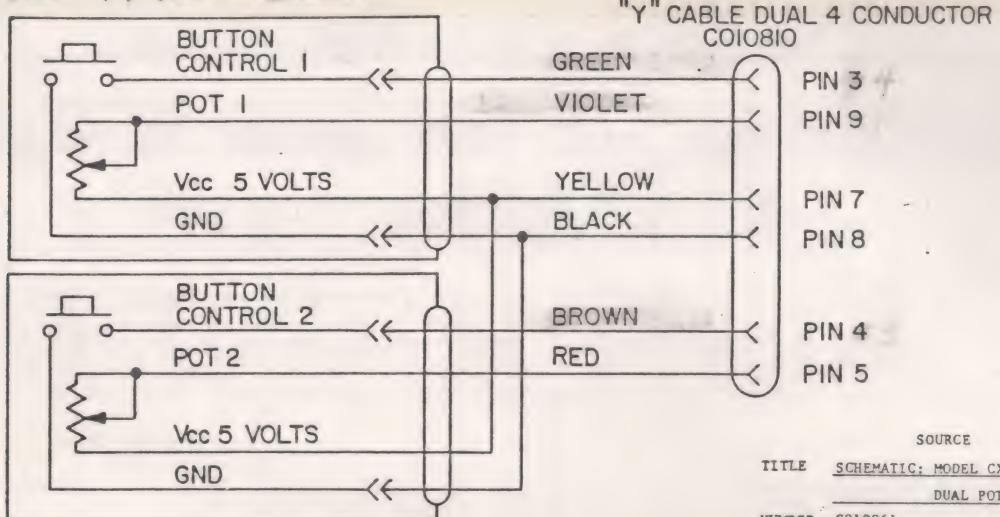
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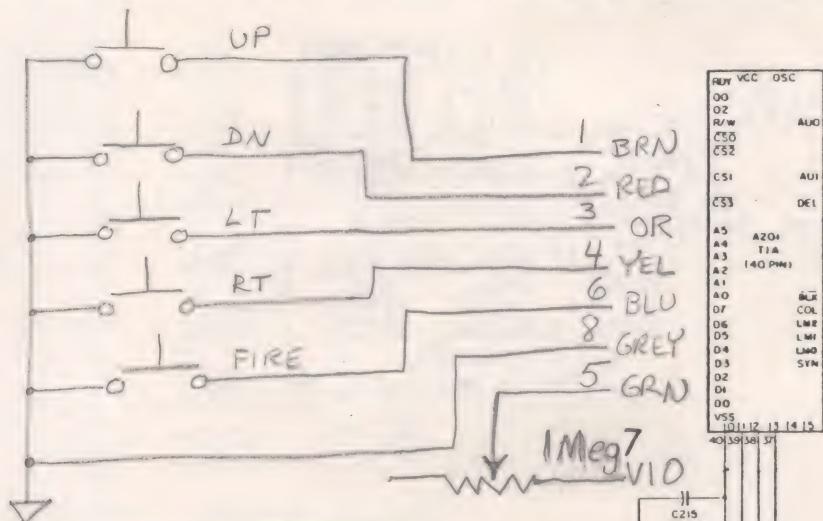
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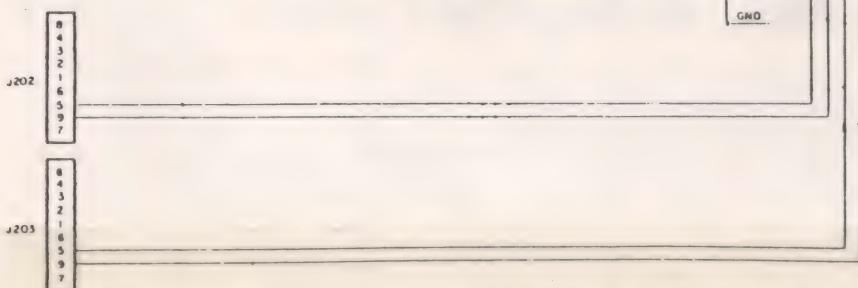


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 TITLE SCHEMATIC: MODEL CX-30
 NUMBER CO10961
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CINDY'S JOYSTICK + PADDLE COMBO



SEARS
CONTROLLERS
(IN RC STELLA PLASTIC)



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NOTED DISCREPANCIES:

- JOYSTICK RT & LT LINES ON CONN ② WILL NOT GO ALL THE WAY TO A LOGIC LO - SIT AT +2V USING 74LS32, BUT WORKS W 7432 CHIP: LO SITS AT .5V TO .7V
- IN COMBO MODE, [PADDLES ONLY IN THIS MODE?] NO JOYSTICK LT-RT FOR EITHER CONTROLLER; PLAYER 1 MOVES RT. W/ COMBO 1 FIRE BUTTON, LT. W/ COMBO 2 FIRE BUTTON

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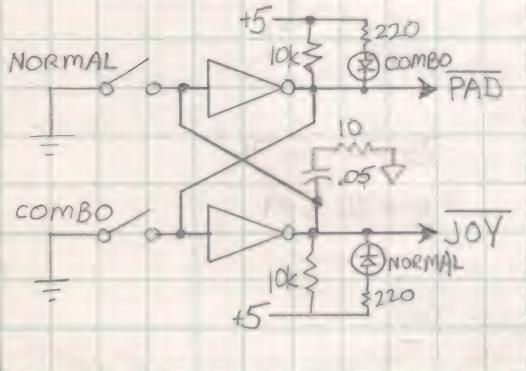
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A202 6532

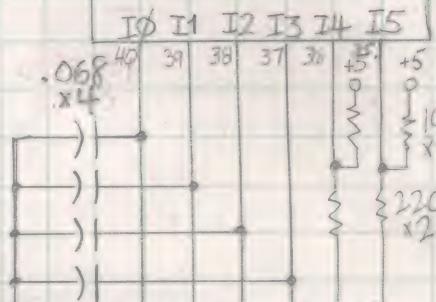
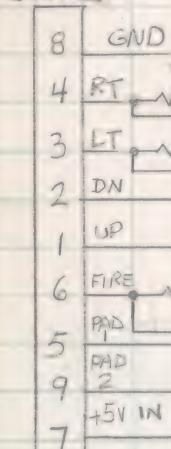
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TIA

ENABLING CIRCUITY

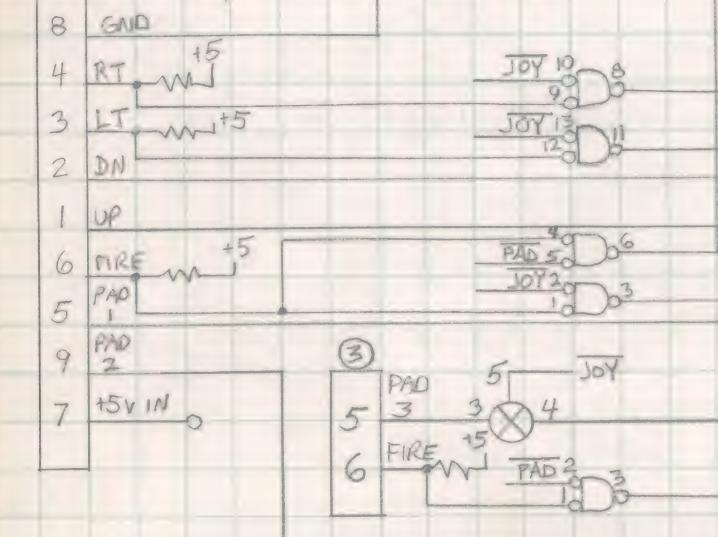


PA7 PA6 PA5 PA4 PA3 PA2 PA1 PA0

15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8

CONTROLLER JACKS
J202

J203





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CONDUCTIVE RUBBER KEYPAD SWITCHES (CHECKOUT)

TYPE A: 1/8" DIA. GREY NIPPLE, TALL, w/ 3/16" BASE

[COMMENTS]

ON: MIN MAX TYP OFF: MIN MAX TYP [TIME IN mSec]

#1	.5	2	1	/	5	2
#2	.5	2	1	/	4	1.5
#3	.5	1.5	1	/	3	1.5

TYPE B: 5/16" DIA GREY NIPPLE

ON → MIN. MAX. TYP. OFF → MIN. MAX. TYP.

#1	.5	1.5	<1	3	5	4
#2	<.5	<1	.5	2	>4	3

TYPE C: 1/4" DIA GREY NIPPLE

ON → MIN. MAX. TYP. OFF → MIN. MAX. TYP. [NOT ENOUGH SNAP TO FINGER PRESSURE]

#1	.5	2	1	2	5	3
#2	.5	1.5	1	3	6	4

TYPE D: 3/8" DIA. BLACK KEYPAD, ROUND BUTTONS

ON → MIN. MAX. TYP. OFF → MIN. MAX. TYP.

#1	1.5	3	2	2	4	3
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TYPE E: BROWN CALC. KEYPAD, RECT. BUTTONS

ON → MIN. MAX. TYP. OFF → MIN. MAX. TYP.

.5	2	<1	2	4	3
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NOTE:

DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING CLEAN RESPONSES WHEN RUBBER SURROUNDING SWITCHES WAS NOT STAYING FLAT ON UNDERLYING SURFACE

TYPE F: 3/16" GREY NIPPLE w/ 1/2" BASE

ON → MIN. MAX. TYP. OFF → MIN. MAX. TYP.

.5	2	1	1.5	4	2
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TYPE G: 1/8" GREY NIPPLE, SHORT, w/ 3/16" BASE

ON → MIN. MAX. TYP. OFF → MIN. MAX. TYP.

.25	1	.5	.75	2	1
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TYPE H: 3/16" GREY NIPPLE, 5/16" BASE

ON → MIN. MAX. TYP. OFF → MIN. MAX. TYP.

.2	1	.5	.5	2	1
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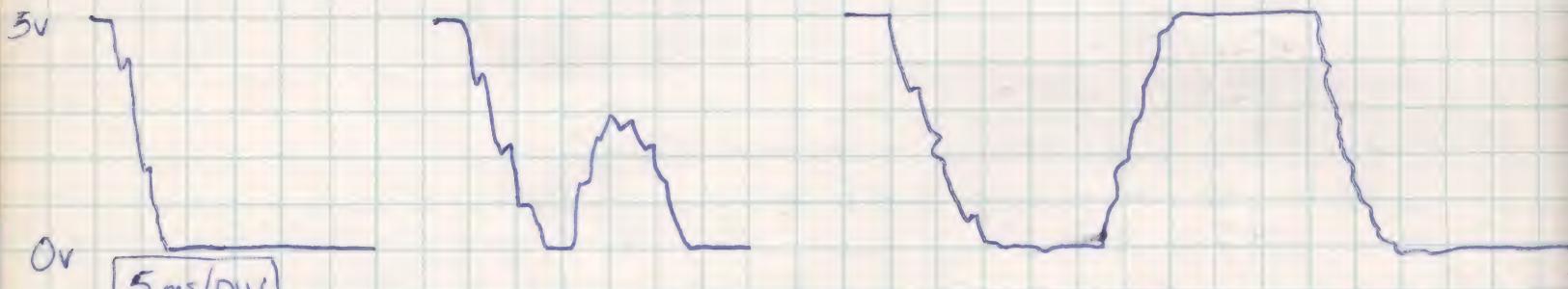
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CONDUCTIVE RUBBER KEYPAD SWITCHES (CHECKOUT)

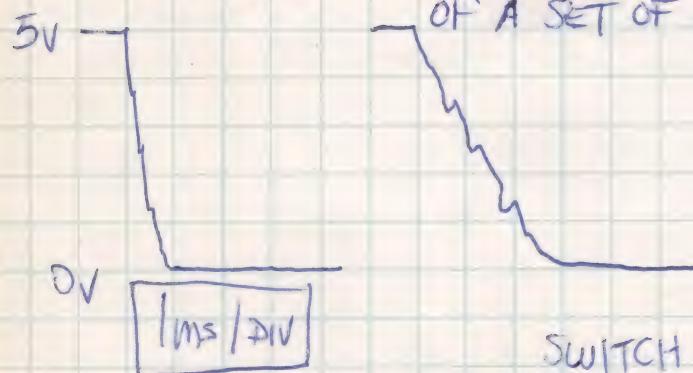
TYPE I: $5/16$ " GREY
NIPPLE, $7/16$ " BASE
ON → MIN. MAX TYP.
.5 1 .75 OFF → MIN MAX TYP.
1.5 4 2.5

TYPE J: $3/16$ " GREY
NIPPLE, $5/16$ " BASE
ON → MIN MAX TYP.
.2 .75 .4 OFF → MIN MAX TYP.
.5 1.5 1 [NOISY OFF]

TYPE K: $3/16$ " GREY NIPPLE, $5/16$ " BASE
ON → MIN MAX TYP.
.2 OFF → MIN MAX TYP.
.5 1.5 1

TYPICAL WAVEFORMS

COSMOS-TYPE SWITCHES w/ TRIANGULAR SWITCH BUTTONS:
COMMON PROBLEM IS NON-VERTICAL TRAVEL OF BUTTON,
WHICH CAUSES BOUNCE. THIS TYPE OF SWITCH
ARRANGEMENT WAS NOT AS FAST & CLEAN AS OTHER
SWITCHES TESTED WHICH WERE JUST HELD DOWN ON TOP
OF A SET OF CONDUCTOR PADS & THEN DEPRESSED:



SWITCH TYPES A-K

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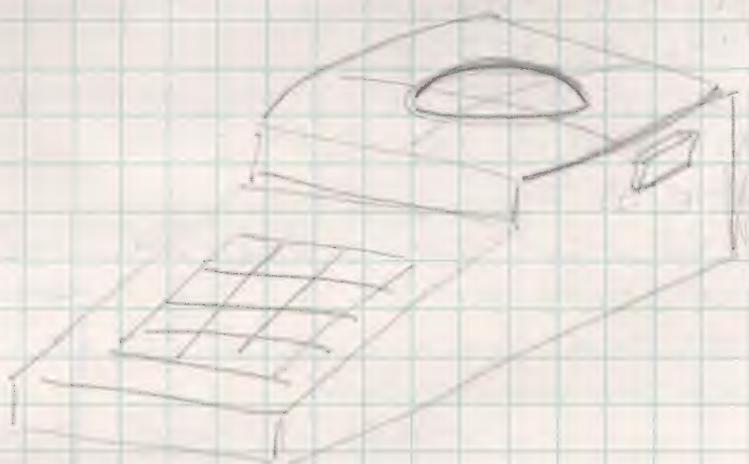
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Trak-Ball

ALTERNATE HOUSING STYLES:

- ① HAND-HELD PCT. w/ KEYPAD STEPPED DOWN



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2600B STAR CHIP TESTING

CHIP #

SYMPTOMS & COMMENTS

10339B: STELLETTE
10338B: STAR 'B'

STELLETTE	COLOR, BUT NO SOUND. NO ADDRESSES OR DATA FROM 6532
" 2	" " "
" 3	COLOR, NO SOUND. RESET INCOMPLETE, 6532 LINES INCOMPLETE
" 4	SAME AS 1, 2
" 5	COLOR, NO SOUND. LINE THRU LUMINANCE PICTURE
STAR B1 1	NO COLOR, NO SOUND, NO SYNC
STAR B1 2	SAME AS 11
STAR B1 3	SOUND, BUT NO COLOR - LOSES SYNC SOMETIMES
STAR A1 4	EVERYTHING LOOKS OK
STAR B1 5	SAME AS 11
STAR A1 0	EVERYTHING LOOKS OK
16	STAR 'B' CHIPS NOTHING IN ORDER - NO SYNC, ETC.
17	SAME AS 16
18	SOMEWHAT SYNCED, NO SOUND
19	MARGINAL COLOR, SOUND OK
20	OUT TO LUNCH! - NO VIDEO
21	SAME AS 16
22	SAME AS 19
23	SIGNAL NOT SYNCED, BUT NOT IDENTICAL TO 16
24	SAME AS 16
25	MARGINAL SYNC, NO SOUND, MARGINAL COLOR LOCK
26	NOTHING RIGHT
27	MARGINAL COLOR, NOISY SYNC, SOUND UNDERWATER
28	TERRIBLE SYNC & COLOR, NO SOUND
29	NO COLOR (NOISY), SOUND OK
30	NO COLOR LOCK, NO SYNC
31	NO COLOR OR SYNC
32	GOOD SOUND & SYNC, COLOR STILL AFU
33	SAME AS 27

STAR CHIP PINOUTS
INCORRECTLY NOTED
FOR PINS 5-6 CAPACITORS
TO GROUND: S/B 20 pf
ON PIN 6 (INPUT) AND
47 pf ON PIN 5 (OUTPUT)

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GAME OR PROJECT

2600 B STAR CHIP TESTING

*GIVEN TO DAVE PIMA
FOR LSI TESTING w/
2600 B PCB

CHIP#	SYMPTOMS		COMMENTS	PROBLEMS
	COLOR OK	SOUND OK	OTHER OK	
34	X	X	X	
35	X		X	
36				
37	X		X	ONE TONE MISSING ON SOUND
38	X		X	SOUND IN VIDEO (GARBAGE)
39	X	X	X	
40				
*41	X	X	X	
*42	X		X	SOUND IN VIDEO (AUDIBLE)
*43	X	X	X	
44				
*45	X	X	X	
*46	X		X	SOUND IN VIDEO (AUDIBLE)
47				ALL FEATURES AFU
48	X		X	SOUND IN VIDEO (AUDIBLE)
49	X		X	" " "
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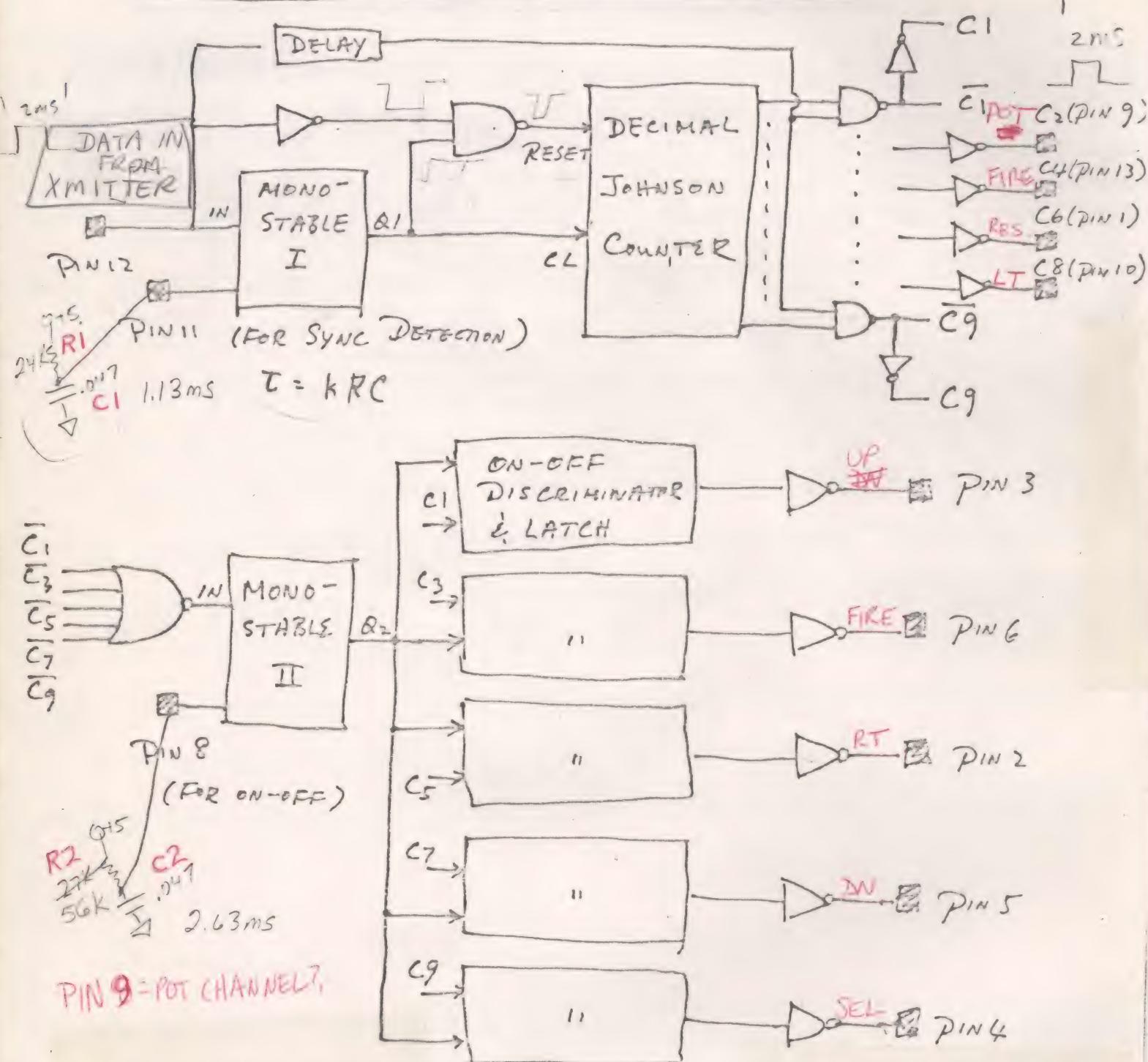
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SIMPLIFIED CIRCUIT SCHEMATIC OF CIC 006


$$R_1 = 23.9 \text{ k}$$

$$C_1 = .0465 \mu\text{f}$$

$$R_2 = 55.6 \text{ k}$$

$$C_2 = .0474 \mu\text{f}$$

w/ R200 @ 25k, SYNC WIDTH \approx 1.6 msec

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C1CO06 DECODER TESTING

OBJECTIVE: Determine Sync Detect one-shot timing limits
RC components measured to 1%, varying Xmitter-produced sync width with R200

PROCEDURE: Increase input pulselwidth to hit threshold for Johnson Counter. Should be approx. 500 μ sec.
Also, do the same for the Hi-Lo detector.

<u>CHIP #</u>	<u>J.C.</u>	<u>Hi-Lo</u>	<u>SYNC:ON-TIME</u>	<u>OFF-TIME</u>
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
0				

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RC STELLA SYNC TESTING

RECEIVER SYNC PROCESSING MODIFICATION

TESTED PARTS
CODED WITH →L XMITTER SYNC PULSE OUTPUT = 550 μ sec WIDTH

	BEFORE MOD	AFTER
L RECEIVER #1 =	350 μ sec	480 μ sec
" #2 =	330	450
" #3 =	340	480
#4 =	325	440

MODIFICATIONS:
REMOVE R227, 18k
" R234 68k
" C213 .005 μ f
REDUCE C214, 1 μ f, b. 1 μ f

R XMITTER SYNC PULSE OUTPUT = 450 μ sec WIDTH

	BEFORE MOD	AFTER
R RECEIVER #1 =	225 μ sec	360 μ sec
" #2 =	180	340
" #3 =	270	410
#4 =	300	440

.45
1.0 ON
2.0 OFF

JOE FERNANDEZ' FCC UNIT:

L XMITTER SYNC OUT = 610 μ secL RECEIVER SYNC OUT = 450 μ sec

R XMITTER SYNC OUT = 600

R RECEIVER SYNC OUT = 420

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RC STELLA SYNC TESTING

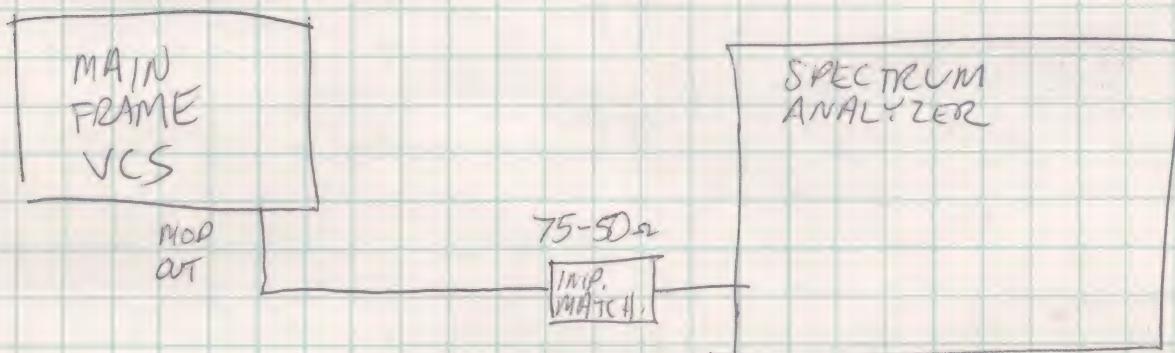
TRANSMITTER SYNC & PULSE GENERATION

USE TRANSMITTERS w/ FOLLOWING COMPONENT VALUES ; R200 = 5.6k ±1%			
	<u>SYNC</u>	<u>R_T(OFF)</u>	<u>R_T(ON)</u>
L1	.500	2.20	.80
R1	.500	2.25	.85
L2	.500	2.25	.85
R2	.500	2.20	.80
L3	.480	2.25	.85
R3	.500	2.25	.85
L4	.460	2.20	.75
R4	.500	2.25	.80

REC: Sync R_T(OFF) R_T(ON) R201 = 10k ±1%
C202 = .047μF ±1%

~~.440~~
~~.400~~ / 2.1 .72

VCS MODULATOR ADJUSTMENT



- ① SET RES. BW TO 300 kHz (ISOLATES FREQ. OF INPUT)
- ② SET VIDEO BW TO 300 kHz (ISOLATES VIDEO BW)
- ③ SET SPAN (FREE.) DIV TO 10 MHz TO SHOW ENTIRE FREQ. SPAN (CH. 2 = 55 MHz)
- ④ SET CENTER FREQ. TO 61.75 MHz FOR FCC, 61.25 FOR PRODUCTION (CH. 3) 25 ± 300 kHz
- ⑤ ADJ. MOD TO CENTER OUTPUT FREQ. @ 61.75 MHz (±50 kHz)
- ⑥ LOOK AT CH. 2 FREQ. WHEN 3 IS SET, S/B WITHIN 300 kHz

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GAME OR PROJECT 2600A JAILHOUSE EFFECT INVESTIGATION
CANDY'S CONTROLLER SOURCE MARK CRED ATARI 2600

INTENTION: ISOLATE Lum 1 LINE (PIN 5 on TIA) FROM PROXIMITY TO PIN 4 (ϕ_0). CONTINUE PROCESS IN STEPS UNTIL AN IMPROVEMENT IS NOTED.

STEP 1: CUT PIN 5 TRACE, LIFT TIA LEG, RUN WIRE TO R219 FOR OUTPUT. NO CHANGE

STEP 2: CUT END OF PIN 5 TRACE AT R219, 3300 Ω . NO CHANGE

STEP 3: LIFT R219, USE FLOATING 3300 Ω RESISTOR TO +5V. NO CHANGE

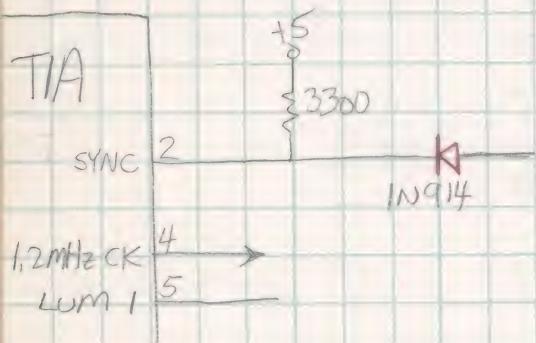
STEP 4: TRY CLEAN +5V SUPPLY ON MODULATOR FOR R219. NO CHANGE

STEP 5: LIFT R215, USE FLOATING 56K RESISTOR. NO CHANGE

STEP 6: CONNECT FLOATING R215 DIRECTLY TO MODULATOR. NO CHANGE

STEP 7: ABANDON - NO OVERALL IMPROVEMENT

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GAME OR PROJECT

CINCY - NEW LOGIC BREADBOARD BUGS

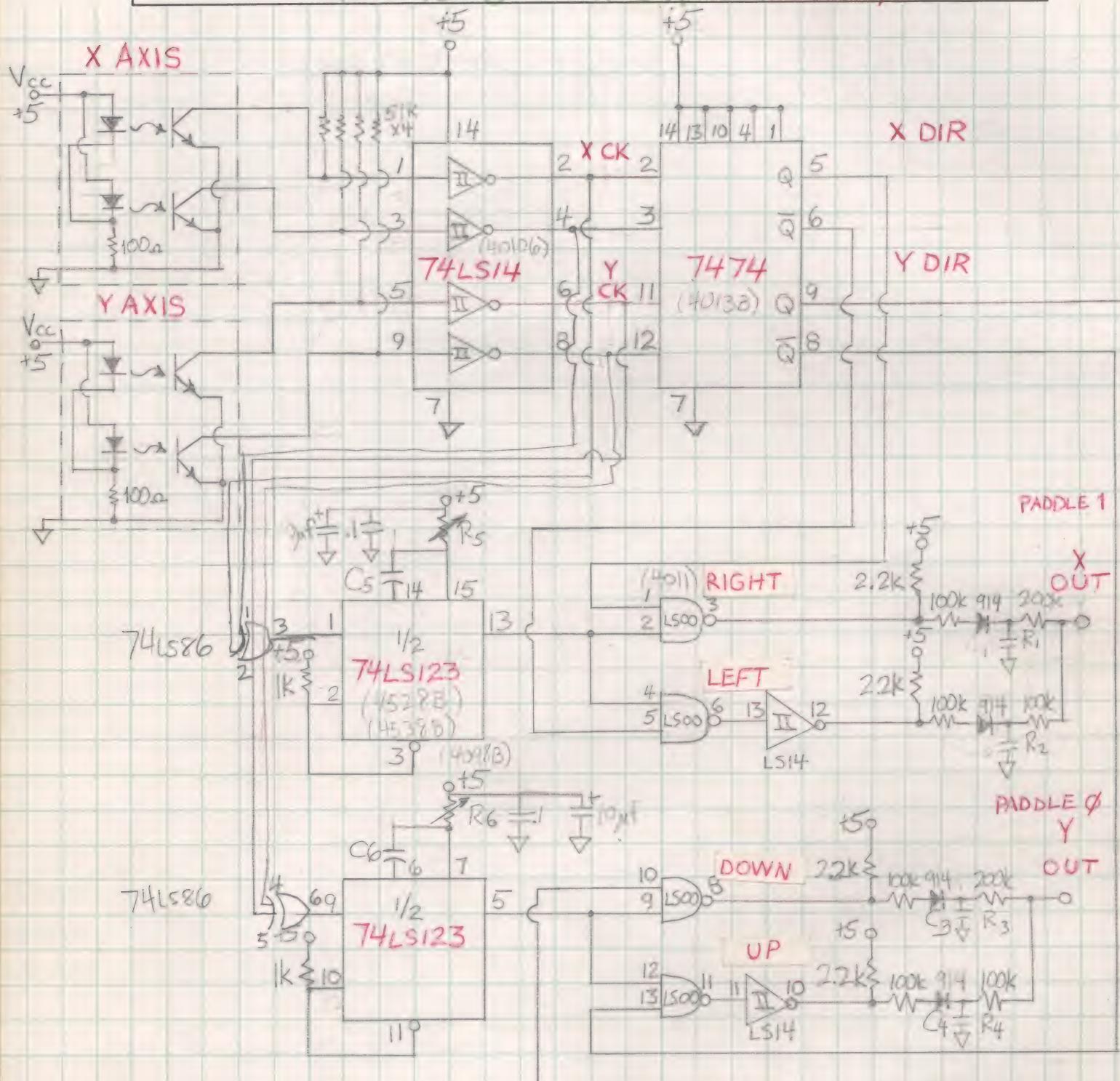
(1) 74LS157 MULTIPLEXER NEEDS JOYSTICK ACTIVE LO
ON PIN 1 TO ACTIVATE - CHANGE SCHEMATIC FROM PADDLE
ACTIVE LO

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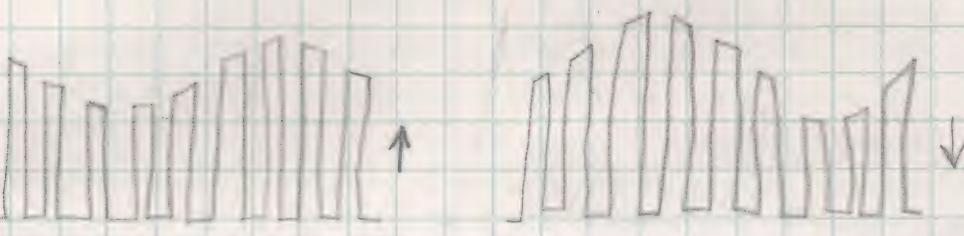
ANALOG TRAK-BALL

LEFT & UP HAVE POOR LO-MOTION RESOLUTION. SOFTWARE OR HARDWARE?
POOR DIRECTION CHANGES w/ DIFF. BOOT-UPS OF PROGRAM.

WAVEFORMS:

LT & UP

RT. & DN.



CONTROLLED FREQ. INPUT TEST #1

$$C_1 - C_4 = .47 \mu F$$

$$R_1 - R_4 = 470 k$$

$$C_5 \& C_6 = .47 \mu F$$

$$R_5 \& R_6 = 62 k$$

X ONE-SHOT: 9 msec OUT

Y ONE-SHOT: 9 msec OUT

$$R_7 - R_{10} = 4.7 k$$

X-Y PROGRAM: 10 ? PADDLE (1), PADDLE (0)
20 GOTO 10

[PADDLE (1) = X]
[PADDLE (0) = Y]

$$f_{IN} = 0 \text{ Hz (STATIC)} : X = 136 \quad Y = 147$$

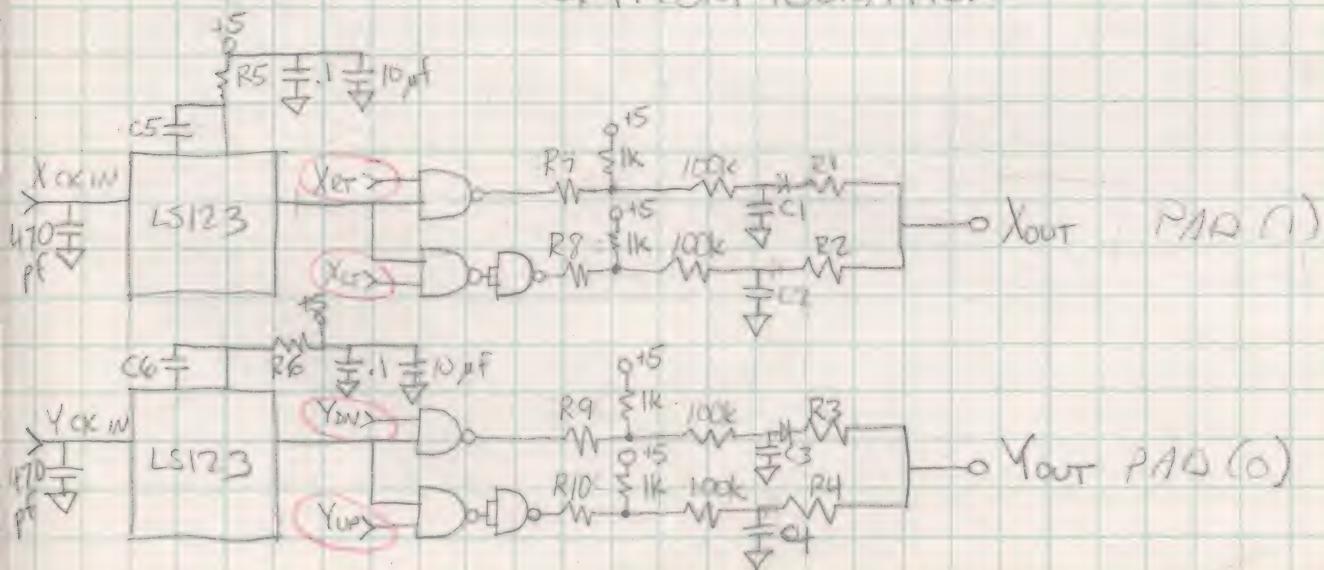
ΔX_{RT}	ΔX_{LF}	ΔY_{UP}	ΔY_{DN}
+9	-9	-9	+10

$$f_{IN} = 50 \text{ Hz} : +9 \quad -9 \quad -9 \quad +10$$

$$100 \text{ Hz} : +19 \quad -16 \quad -17 \quad +21$$

$$150 \text{ Hz} : \text{ONE-SHOT SATURATED}$$

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CONTROLLED FREQ. INPUT TEST #2

$$C_1 - C_4 = .47 \mu F$$

$$R_1 - R_4 = 470k$$

$$C_5 \& C_6 = .2 \mu F$$

$$R_5 \& R_6 = 62k$$

$$R_7 - R_{10} = 2.2k$$

$$X_{\text{ONE-SHOT}} = 4 \text{ msec}$$

$$Y_{\text{ONE-SHOT}} = 4 \text{ msec}$$

$$f_{IN} = \emptyset \text{ Hz (STATIC)} \quad X = 152 \quad Y = 166$$

	ΔX_{RT}	ΔX_{LT}	ΔY_{UP}	ΔY_{DN}
$f_{IN} = 50 \text{ Hz}$:	+9	-8	-8	+9
100 :	+19	-15	-17	+22
150 :	+30	-21	-22	+38
200 :	+44	-28	-31	+42

$$f_{MAX} = 250$$

TEST #3: OUTPUT RESISTORS READJUSTED TO GIVE MORE EQUAL CHANGES AT HIGHER FREQUENCIES

ALL VALUES SAME EXCEPT:

$$R_1 = 220k$$

$$R_4 = 220k$$

$$f_{IN} = \emptyset \text{ Hz (STATIC)} \quad X = 114 \quad Y = 125$$

	ΔX_{RT}	ΔX_{LT}	ΔY_{UP}	ΔY_{DN}
$f_{IN} = 50 \text{ Hz}$:	+6	-8	-9	+7
100 :	+12	-16	-17	+13
150 :	+19	-23	-25	+21
($f_{MAX} = 250$) 200 :	+27	-29	-31	+30

TEST #4: OUTPUT RESISTORS OPTIMIZED FOR EQUAL CURSOR TRAVEL ON BOTH X & Y AXES ON TV SCREEN.

$$C_1 - C_4 = .1 \mu F$$

$$R_1 = 360k \quad R_2 = 270k$$

$$R_3 = 360k \quad R_4 = 220k$$

$$C_5 \& C_6 = .15 \mu F$$

$$R_5 \& R_6 = 62k$$

$$R_7 - R_{10} = 2.2k$$

$$X_{\text{ONE-SHOT}} = 3 \text{ msec}$$

$$Y_{\text{ONE-SHOT}} = 3 \text{ msec}$$

$$f_{IN} = \emptyset \text{ Hz (STATIC)} \quad X = 103 \quad Y = 123$$

NOTE: FREQ. BEATING ON LAMP REQUIRED THESE FREQS FOR STABILITY

	ΔX_{RT}	ΔX_{LT}	ΔY_{UP}	ΔY_{DN}
$f_{IN} = 60 \text{ Hz}$:	+5	-6	-8	+6
90 :	+8	-9	-11	+10
120 :	+10	-13	-15	+13
150 :	+14	-14	-18	+17
200 :	+20	-19	-23	+23
250 :	+22	-21	-25	+27
300 :	+28	-24	-29	+33

$$f_{MAX} = 330$$

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TEST #5 : SAME AS #4 EXCEPT IN914 DIODES
INSERITED FOR PT & DN BEFORE R1 & R3

$$f_{IN} = \emptyset \text{ Hz (STATIC)} \quad X = 110 \quad Y = 121$$

$$\Delta X_{RT} \quad \Delta X_{LT} \quad \Delta Y_{UP} \quad \Delta Y_{DN}$$

$f_{IN} = 600 \text{ Hz}$	+6	-7	-8	+6
90	+8	-10	-10	+10
120	+13	-14	-15	+14
150	+16	-17	-19	+18
200	+22	-21	-24	+25
250	+31	-26	-28	+33
300	+38	-29	-32	+42

$$f_{max} = 330 \text{ Hz}$$

TEST #6 : SAME CIRCUIT OUT TO VOLTAGE DIVIDERS
ON GATED DRIVE OUTPUTS

$$f_{IN} = \emptyset \text{ Hz (STATIC)} \quad X = 108 \quad Y = 116$$

$$\Delta X_{RT} \quad \Delta X_{LT} \quad \Delta Y_{UP} \quad \Delta Y_{DN}$$

$f = 60 \text{ Hz}$	+6	-5	-6	+6
90	+9	-7	-8	+9
120	+12	-10	-11	+13
150	+16	-12	-13	+16
200	+22	-15	-17	+23
250	+29	-18	-20	+31
300	+37	-21	-24	+39

TEST #7 :

SAME AS ABOVE, EXCEPT:

$$R1 = 43k \quad R2 =$$

$$R2 = 30k \quad R3 =$$

$$R3 = 47k \quad R4 =$$

$$R4 = 36k \quad VP$$

$$f_{IN} = \emptyset \text{ Hz (STATIC)} \quad X = 111 \quad Y = 120$$

$$\Delta X_{RT} \quad \Delta X_{LT} \quad \Delta Y_{UP} \quad \Delta Y_{DN}$$

$f = 60 \text{ Hz}$	+5	-7	-7	+6
90	+7	-9	-10	+9
120	+11	-12	-13	+12
150	+14	-14	-16	+16
200	+19	-19	-22	+21
250	+24	-22	-24	+29
300	+30	-26	-28	+37

ADJUSTED FOR $\Delta X_{RT} = \Delta X_{LT} @ 200 \text{ Hz}$
 $\Delta Y_{UP} = \Delta Y_{DN} @ 200 \text{ Hz}$

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TEST #8

SAME AS #6, EXCEPT:

RF R1 = 43K

LT R2 = 30K

DN R3 = 43K

UP R4 = 30K

$$f_{in} = \phi \text{ Hz} \quad X = 110 \quad Y = 120$$

	ΔX_{RT}	ΔX_{LT}	ΔY_{Up}	ΔY_{DN}
f = 60Hz	+7	-5	-5	+4
90	+10	-8	-8	+10
120	+12	-10	-12	+13
150	+14	-13	-15	+16
180	+19	-18	-20	+20
210	+23	-23	-27	+25
240	+26	-29	-34	+29

TEST #9: NEW BREADBOARD - SAME COMPONENT VALUES FOR R1-R4, ETC.

X ONE-SHOT = 2.2msec

Y ONE-SHOT = 3.0msec

SHOT-CHECK

FOR EQUALITY

$$f_{in} = \phi \text{ Hz} \quad X = 109 \quad Y = 118$$

	ΔX_{RT}	ΔX_{LT}	ΔY_{Up}	ΔY_{DN}
f = 120Hz	+9	-9	-12	+11
250Hz	+18	-17	-23	+24

TEST #10: N. B.-BD, SAME AS ABOVE EXCEPT X ONE-SHOT (R5) ADJUSTED TO GIVE 3.0 msec OUTPUT PULSE...

OBSERVATIONS:

HI-SPEED ACCELERATION

MAXES OUT TOO SOON : HAVE

TO INCREASE TOP SPEED

FREQ. LIMIT / REDUCE ONE-SHOT

PULSE WIDTH, (INCREASE CURRENT

DRIVE FROM 5V LINE)

$$f_{in} = \phi \text{ Hz} \quad X = 109 \quad Y = 119$$

	ΔX_{RT}	ΔX_{LT}	ΔY_{Up}	ΔY_{DN}
f = 60Hz	+5	-6	-7	+5
90	+7	-9	-9	+8
120	+10	-12	-12	+11
150	+13	-14	-15	+14
200	+18	-18	-20	+19
250	+23	-22	-24	+25
300	+28	-25	-27	+31

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PAM MEETING, THE WHOLE GANG

PRELIM. RELEASE IN FEB. (PARTS, DOCUMENTATION)

C.E.S. FACSIMILE FOR JAN. (2nd wk.), HOG-OUT PLASTIC, 8-12 UNITS?

SOFT-TOOLED PLASTIC IN MARCH.

CARTRIDGE DESIGN IN MID-LATE OCTOBER

TRAK BALL OPTIONS: LO-COST, LO-PERFORMANCE

HI-COST, SUPERIOR PERF. TO ANALOG JOYSTICK

CAN'T REDUCE BALL SIZE & MAINTAIN SUPERIORITY OF PERFORMANCE
WILL KEY PAD GO ABOVE, OR BE BOTH ON L/R SIDES? (2 PER UNIT)

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CONSIDERATIONS FOR OPTIMUM PERFORMANCE

The Ball:

- Reduction in ball size degrades performance
- Reduction of ball gravity " "
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The Roller Assembly:

- Bearings must be good enough to allow ball momentum to carry itself after removal of hand energy
- Rollers must be horizontal to ground (Level)
- Rollers must be hard steel to prevent groove formations

Cursor Movement:

- Equal travel L to R & U to D for all speeds
- Quick acceleration to max frequency
- Smooth resolution on vernier adjustments - good instantaneous response for small ball movements.



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CONSIDERATIONS FOR TRAKBALL OVER JOYSTICK (OR IN ADDITION TO)

- Closer approximation to arcade video play at home
- Greater amount of control w/ better feel to the response (increased fluidity of cursor motion)
- Alternative to grasping-type stick control (palm & fingers)
- Long-term wear probably better, less breakage
- Variation in speed control superior to one-speed joystick (switch)
also more easily controlled than absolute position (analog joystick)
- No mechanical slop causing hysteresis or dead zone in response

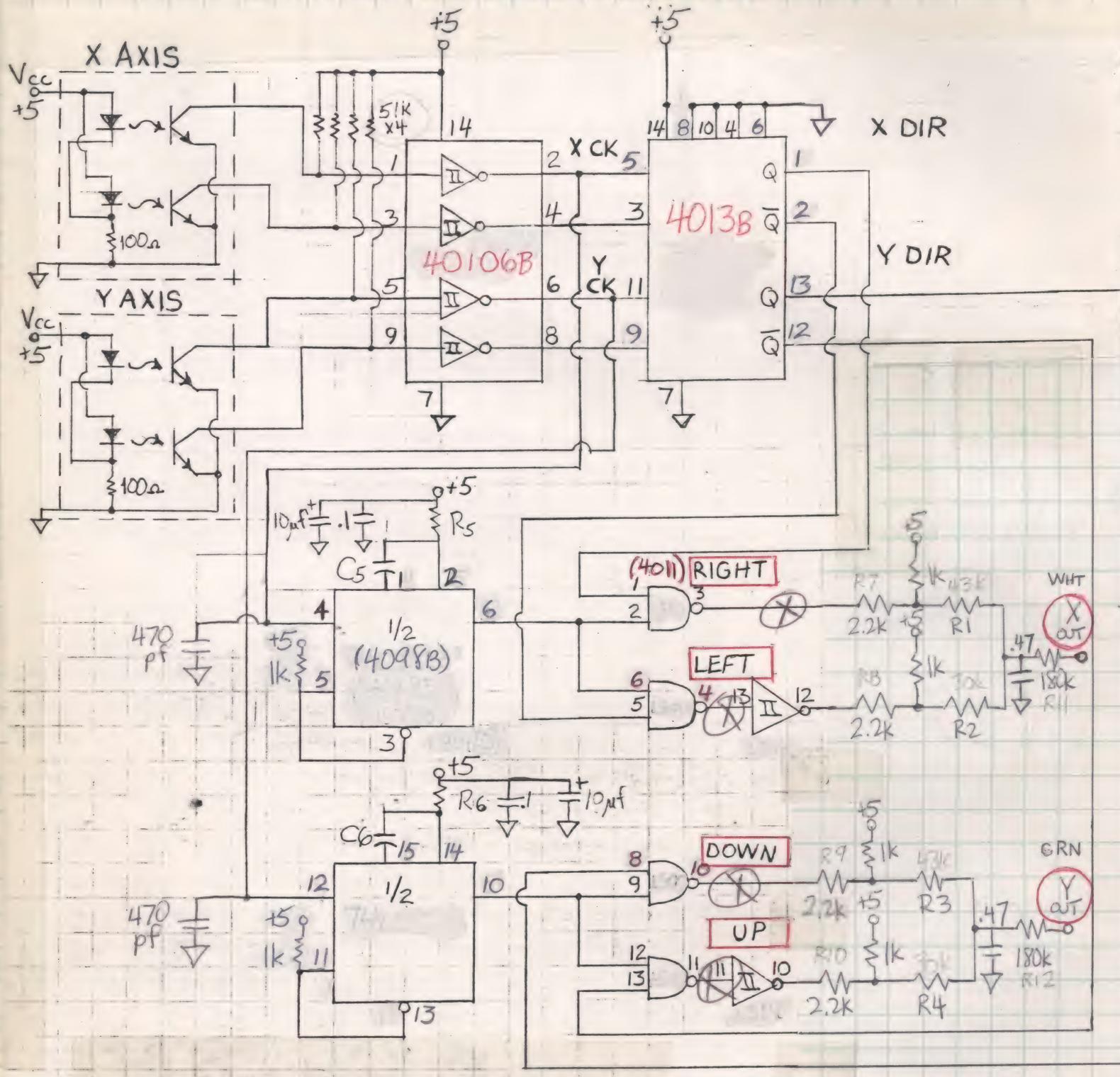
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TRAKBALL : SIMULATED INPUT ON POT LINE TO POKEY

TEST SITUATION: 250K TO +5V RUN INTO ADT LINE: PHASER # 107

PAM CONTROLLER PIN DESIGNATIONS

<u>PIN #</u>	<u>COLOR WIRE</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>
1	BLUE	COL STB 2
2	WHITE	COL STB 1
3	GREEN	COL STB Ø
4	VIOLET	COL STB 3
5	ORANGE	Row DATA 2
6	RED	Row DATA 1
7	BROWN	Row DATA Ø
8	YELLOW	Row DATA 3
9		S2 (TRAKBALL CLR LINE) / REG. POT V+
10		POT Ø
11		POT 1
12		+5V TRAKBALL SUPPLY
13		TRIGGER
14		SF (FIRE #2)
15		GND

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CINDY 1ST ARTICLE

- ① CHANGE QTY. ITEM 27, 10k Ω , FROM 12 TO 14(ON PARTS LIST).
- ② ON STUFF DIA : C25 + ON WRONG LEAD, C14 + LEAD IS ON RT.
- ③ PADS FOR LED'S ON CIRCUIT SIDE ARE NON-EXISTENT: THEY MAY HAVE BEEN PUT DOWN AS FEED-THRU HOLES.
- ④ CIRCUIT-SIDE TRACES WHICH RUN OVER GND. PLANE FOR RF MOD. HAVE STRIPS OF TRACE BETWEEN THEM WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN INTENDED TO CONTINUE GROUND, BUT DO NOT. SHOULD BE ELIMINATED BECAUSE THEY CREATE CAPACITIVE COUPLING BETWEEN TRACES.
- ⑤ U6 PINS 8 & 9 ARE REVERSED
- ⑥ CONNECTIONS REVERSED FOR WIPER & UNGROUNDED SIDE OF R7, THE 500K POT.
- ⑦ GAME STARTS UP IN "A DIFFICULTY," BOTH SIDES - SHOULD START IN "B"
→ R31-C33 NETWORK SHOULD BE CONNECTED TO S7, RIGHT B SWITCH
→ R26-C32 NETWORK SHOULD BE CONNECTED TO S3, LEFT B SWITCH
- ⑧ PAD FOR GND CONNECTION OF C29 RADIAL LEAD NOT GROUNDED.
- ⑨ .22 μ F DECOUPLING NEEDED ON +5V TRACE AT RIGHT END OF TIA(U2)
- ⑩ NEED GND. CONNECTED FROM SHIELD TO MODULATOR GND. PLANE IN A MORE DIRECT FASHION; ALSO, BEEF UP GND. AROUND MODULATOR WHEREVER POSSIBLE.
- ⑪ MOVE C22 INTO OPEN AIR AWAY FROM HEATSINK

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2600 Ram Test

1) WITH STOCK 2600 VCS:

a) CHECK SIG. ROMS #11-20 FOR FAILURES & BUGS

- | | | | |
|----|--------------------------------|----|---|
| 11 | EARLY FAIL - NOT TESTED BY ME | 16 | NO BUGS APPARENT |
| 12 | POWER UP LOST UNTIL WARMUP NOT | 17 | CHARACTERS IN WRONG PLACE TO START. |
| 13 | 11 | 18 | BLACK SCREEN A COUPLE OF TIMES |
| 14 | 11 | 19 | EASILY REPLICATED PICTURE BOMBED IN MIDDLE GAME |
| 15 | NO BUGS APPARENT | 20 | NO BUG APPARENT |

b) NEW-TYPE SIG. ROMS #1-10, SAME CHECK:

- | | |
|----|------------|
| 1 | OK |
| 2 | NOT TESTED |
| 3 | OK |
| 4 | OK |
| 5 | OK |
| 6 | OK |
| 7 | OK |
| 8 | OK |
| 9 | OK |
| 10 | OK |

c) OKI ROMS #M220-M230

- | | | | |
|-----|-----------------------------------|----------|------------------|
| 220 | OK | 226-1 OK | 226-2 Lock Dance |
| 221 | | 227 | |
| 222 | OK | 228 | OK |
| 223 | | 229 | |
| 224 | ONE LOCKUP ⁻² ONE EXIT | 230 | OK |
| 225 | OK | | |

2) L720 DOUBLED TO 2 μH ON SAME 2600:

a) SIG. ROMS #1-10:

- | | |
|----|------------|
| 1 | OK |
| 2 | NOT TESTED |
| 3 | OK |
| 4 | OK |
| 5 | OK |
| 6 | OK |
| 7 | OK |
| 8 | OK |
| 9 | OK |
| 10 | OK |

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b) OKI ROMS #M220-M230

220	225
222	226-1
224-1	226-2
224-2	226-3
224-3	228
	230

NO DISCREPANCIES NOTED w/ SIG ROMS 1-10 OR OKI ROMS
WHEN TESTED ON A STANDARD 2600A UNIT.

SIG. ROMS 17 & 18 EXHIBITED MORE NOTICEABLE FAILURE MODES
WHEN TESTED ON THE 2600 WITH L200 @ 2 μ H (REINFORCES
THEORY OF INDUCTIVE EFFECT?)

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TRAKBALL PCB CHECKOUT

DISCREPANCIES:

- ① MOUNTING HOLES NEED TO BE SPREAD - MOVE BOTTOM HOLE DOWN
- ② LARGER HOLES FOR POIS
- ③ REMOVE EXTRA SM PAD BY +5V PATCH-IN
- ④ SWITCH CONNECTIONS FOR LS00 PINS 5 & 6
- ⑤ MOVE 1K PULLUPS AT TOP CDR OF PCB DOWN AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, SO AS TO PUT IN 2nd CABLE TIEWRAP (ADD HOLE LOCATION)
- ⑥ CONNECT PADS FOR 1K PULLUP & GRN. WIRE FROM RT. FIREBUTTON

PCB #1 LINEARITY CHECK

X & Y ONE-SHOTS = 2.0 msec

$$f_{in} = 0 \text{ Hz (STATIC)} \quad X = 110 \quad Y = 117$$

$f = 60 \text{ Hz}$	ΔX_{RT}	ΔX_{LT}	ΔY_{up}	ΔY_{on}
120 Hz	+7	-8	-9	+7
250 "	+14	-14	-16	+15
350 "	+22	-21	-22	+22
450 "	+29	-25	-27	+31

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CINDY Rev. 1 SCHEMATIC REVISIONS

SHEET 1

- ① ADD "S" TO WORD "DIODE" ON NOTE 2C
- ② LABEL POWER IN JACK 'J5'
- ③ CHANGE LED REF. DESIGNATIONS FROM DS TO CR
- ④ ADD '+' POLARITY SIGN TO UNGROUNDED SIDE OF C25
- ⑤ REVERSE PIN DESIGNATIONS FOR U6 PINS 8 & 9
- ⑥ MOVE R26-C32 NETWORK TO S3 FROM S2
MOVE R31-C33 NETWORK TO S7 FROM S6
- ⑦ REDO "REFERENCE DESIGNATION BLOCK" ~~TO ELIMINATE 'CR8-13'~~
- ⑧ ADD '5% 100V MYLAR' TO C22 REF. DES. AND ADD **(U)** TO 'LAST USED'
- ⑨ ADD PIN 6, NOTED 'NIC', ON TIA CHIP
- ⑩ FOR U2 PIN 11, CORRECT 'DSC' LABEL TO READ 'OSC'
- ⑪ SHOW CONNECTION FROM U3, PIN 22, GOING TO SHT. 2, LABELED **(U)**
- ⑫ LABEL LEFT A DIFF SWITCH 'S2', NOT 'S1'
- ⑬ CHANGE VALUE OF C3 FROM $.1\ \mu F$ TO $.22\ \mu F$
- ⑭ NEXT TO CR10, RESISTOR IS R30, $220\ \Omega$

C1A

SHEET 2

- ① ADD CIRCLES AROUND DIODE SYMBOLS FOR CR12 & CR13
- ② CHANGE S4 LABEL FROM 'NORMAL SW.' TO 'JOYSTICK SW.'
- ③ CHANGE CR13 LABEL FROM 'NORMAL LED' TO 'JOYSTICK LED'
- ④ CHANGE J1 PIN LABELS: PIN 1 SHOULD BE 'UP', NOT 'FORWARD'
PIN 2 SHOULD BE 'DOWN', NOT 'BACK'
PIN 8 SHOULD BE 'GND', NOT ' \emptyset VOLTS'
- ⑤ CHANGE VALUES IN SUMMING NETWORKS AS FOLLOWS:

	C10	R18	R19	R20	R21	R22	R23	R24
IS	$100\ \mu F$	2.7k	$620\ \Omega$	13k	24k	56k	13k	10k
WAS	$47\ \mu F$	4.7k	1.2k	18k	36k	75k	18k	9.1k

- ⑤ SHOW CONNECTION FROM U6, PINS 11 & 12 (JOYSTICK ENABLE) TO SHT. 1, LABELED **(U)**

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CINDY : TRANSFERS FOR PG 57 DATA

V_{OUT}
(mV)

C1

1.0

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3.0

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I_{IN} (mA)

2.0

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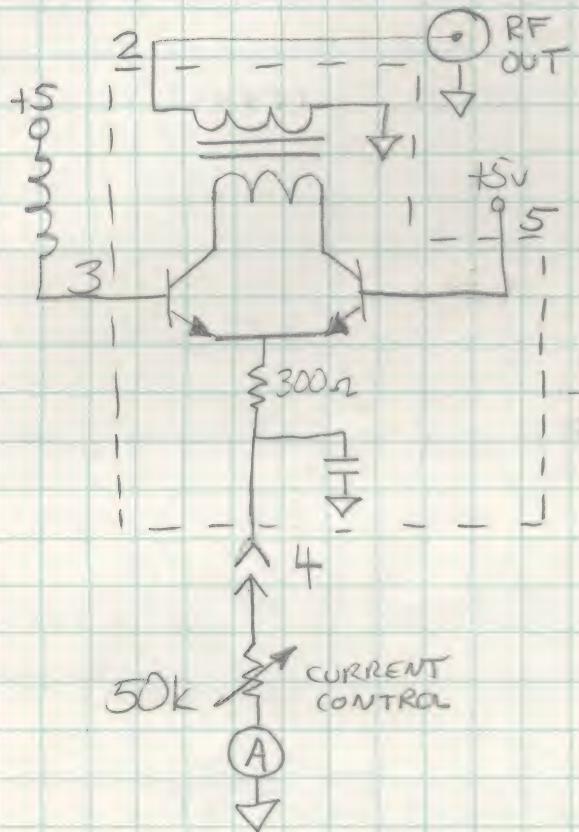
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CINDY: RF MOD CHARACTERIZATIONS

RF MOD

INITIAL SETUP XFER/(V_{out} IS IN mV)

I _{IN} (mA)	.1	.25	.50	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0
#1	.190	.570	1.20	2.21	3.05	3.67	4.26	4.74

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	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
.1	.127	.158	.130	.110	.125
.2	.295	.350	.300	.281	.291
.4	.665	.720	.610	.574	.622
.6	.990	1.05	.900	.860	.910
.8	1.25	1.38	1.16	1.10	1.17
1.0	1.55	1.68	1.39	1.38	1.44
1.2	1.80	1.95	1.62	1.58	1.67
1.4	2.02	2.18	1.79	1.79	1.86
1.6	2.25	2.42	1.99	1.99	2.05
1.8	2.48	2.65	2.16	2.18	2.29
2.0	2.66	2.82	2.31	2.34	2.45
2.5	3.10	3.23	2.65	2.71	2.78
3.0	3.42	3.62	3.01	3.03	3.09
3.5	3.70	3.98	3.27	3.30	3.30

C1N

#5A = RF MOD IN CKT. w/ STD. VALUES IN
 SUMMING LINES : R214=27k R216=110k
 R215=47k R217=24k

IAD .880 mV OUT IN OPERATION

SOUND COLOR PATH 20-24dB down from VIDEO RF

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CINDY : SIGNAL LEVEL MEASUREMENTS

LUMINANCE : STEPS (8) SHOULD BE EQUALLY SPACED AND COMPOSE 50% OF TOTAL SIGNAL LEVEL

SYNC : COMPOSES 25% OF TOTAL SIGNAL LEVEL UP TO WHITE LEVEL

CHROMA & AUDIO : BOTH LEVELS 24 dB down FROM RF OUTPUT LEVEL

RF. OUTPUT LEVEL : NOMINAL OPERATIONAL OUTPUT : 1.3 to 1.5mV

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CINDY: REV. 2 PCB FAB ROUGH-OUT CHEK

- ① BEEF UP +5VA TRACE UNDER XU2 AND ELSEWHERE (YELLOW TRACES)
- ② CREATE +5VB SUPPLY BY TAPPING A FERRITE BEAD OFF L7-C14 JUNCTION, WITH .01uf CAP TO GND. ON OUTPUT. LOCATE IT BY C13-C15 NEAR MODULATOR (OUTSIDE SHIELD) AND RUN THE +5B BUSS THRU THE GAP IN SHIELD GND. BUSS TOGETHER THE 12 POINTS SHOWN IN YELLOW. COMPONENTS ARE: R9-R13, R54, R55, R16, R17, L2, C8, Q2 BASE.
- ③ BYPASS ABOVE COMPONENTS WITH +5A BUSS
- ④ ADD NEW LINE FROM U3 PIN 22, 18, or 19 (WHICHEVER IS EASIEST) TO JOYSTICK ENABLE LINE (U7 PINS 5, 12 & 13 OR U6 PINS 11 & 12 OR U5 PINS 2 & 5) (PADS SHOWN IN YELLOW ALSO).
- ⑤ ENLARGE GND TRACES UNDER SHIELD WHERE POSSIBLE (YELLOW TRACES)
- ⑥ CONNECT UNGROUNDED SIDE OF C7 TO CR2-POT CONNECTION, NOT WIPER OR FB
- ⑦ SEVER CONNECTION BETWEEN R28 & C32 (RIGHT END)
- ⑧ RUN TRACE FROM C32 RT. END TO ~~RT. END~~ C35 LT. END

REV. 2A PCB CHECKOUT 1ST ARTICLE

- ① ELIMINATE R28 PADS FROM PCB, TAKE OFF SILKSCREEN, ALSO C32 & C33
- ② CHANGE REF DES. FOR R28 TO R58 ON SCHEMATIC
- ③ CHANGE REF. DES. DS8-13 TO CR8-13 ON SILKSCREEN
- ④ ELIMINATE WAFFLED GROUND PLANE AROUND 2 HOLES FOR HEATSINK TABS - MUST BE SMOOTH GROUND PLANE FOR GOOD SOLDERING
- ⑤ LEFT END OF R58 NOT GROUNDED
- ⑥ CUT OFF CORNER OF PCB BY HEATSINK FOR AIR FLOW
- ⑦ MOVE FEEDTHRU ABOVE MODULATOR PINOUT SECTION TO LEFT; THEN INCREASE WIDTH OF GROUND BUSS BETWEEN SHIELD & MODULATOR GROUNDS
- ⑧ ADD MORE FEEDTHRUS TO GND. PLANE BETWEEN CONTROLLER PORTS - ONE IN BETWEEN EACH PAIR OF PORTS
- ⑨ ADD FILLETS TO I.C. PADS, CART. SOCKET PADS

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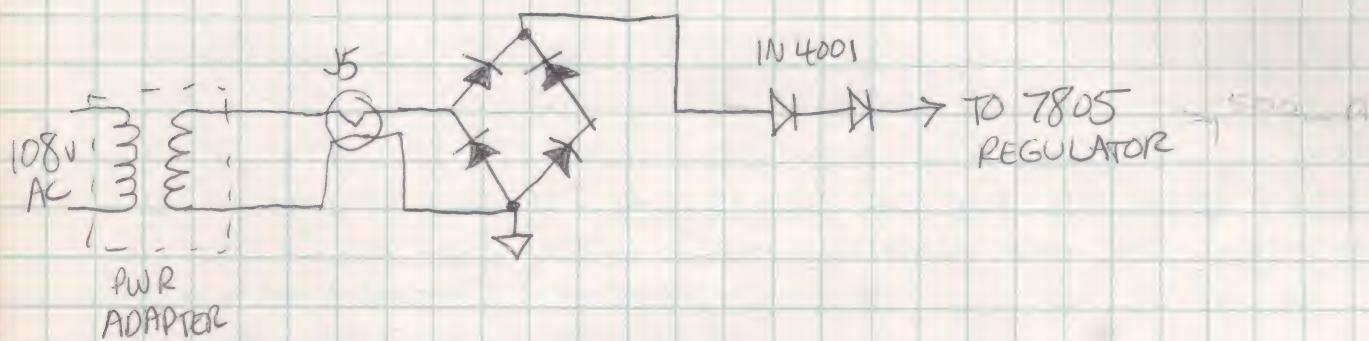
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CINJOY : VOLTAGE REGULATOR INPUT DIODES



WORST-CASE CONDITIONS:

- ① INPUT AC TO 108V, V_{out} OF BRIDGE = +9.1 vDC, +8.3V AFTER ONE DIODE, DOWN TO +6.5V AFTER 2 DIODES.
- ② 7805 LOSES REGULATION WHEN INPUT GOES BELOW +6.5V DC

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GAME OR PROJECT

CINDY : SHAW UNIT CHECKOUT

- 1) MAJOR POINT : SPRING TENSION IN CONT ROLLERS FIRE BUTTON
 - a) w/ NO SPRING AT ALL : Good, but could still be better
 - b) CHANGE ANGLE OF RAMP IN PLASTIC, DOWNTURN SPRING?
 - c) WHAT ABOUT USING CONDUCTIVE RUBBER SWITCHES LIKE PAM?
 - d) NARROW ACTIVATOR BAR TO MAKE IT SPRINGY (TRIGGER)
 - e) IS THERE AN ACTUAL STOP PIECE FOR ACTIVATOR BAR (TRIG)
- 2) NEED IMPROVEMENT OF JOYSTICK RESPONSE DIAGONALLY:
 - a) in comparison testing, RC STELIA joystick responds better!
 - b) check spacing of dome switches from edge of center hole
- 3) TEXTURING TO ALLOW BETTER GRIP ON CONTROLLERS

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TRAKBALL DEVELOPMENT

- FRANK H. HAS IDEA SUBMITTED FOR FIBER-OPTIC READ TRAKBALL
- DOES DAVE ESTES KNOW? ANY CONSIDERATION?
- WHAT ABOUT PAM-TO-COMPUTER ADAPTER OR CONTROLLER PLUG?

12 WKS FOR SOFT TOOL }
20 WKS FOR HARD TOOL } AFTER ALL INPUTS ARE RECEIVED

\$47 COST = \$100 RETAIL

PARTS

LABOR

PKGNG.

MAR. 3 - SOFTWARE HAS TRAKBALL OPTION IN SOFTWARE

MAR. 7 - WORKING MODEL IN PLASTIC FOR SOFTWARE

MAR. 22 - SOFTWARE PROVIDES TRAKBALL SOFTWARE FOR
MARKETING FOCUS GROUP MIS.COMM., SUP. BRICKOUT,
GALAXIAN,
SP. INVADERS,
CENTIPEDE FOOTBALL,
BASEBALL(?) SOCCER

APR. 15 - INPUTS COMPILED FOR FINAL DECISIONS

MAY. 1 - FINAL SPEC'S RELEASED TO ~~PRODUCT~~ DEFINE PRODUCT

MID-SEPT: SOFT TOOLING

OCT: ATARI CUSTOMER WEEK

MID-NOV: PRODUCTION TOOLING

PAM CENTIPEDE

GARY BLONDEFIELD

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MOFFETT
PKWAY

- MUSHROOMS LOOK VERY GOOD, HAVE DIMENSIONAL(SHADED) EFFECT
- FIELD TOO WIDE TO SIMULATE COIN-OP LAYOUT IN CHARACTER MAPPING
- OPTIONAL PLAY TO SHOOT SIDEWAYS FROM RT. OR LT. EDGE OF FIELD
- IMAGE DETAIL ON SPIDER & FLEA VERY GOOD: WILL EYES BE ADDED?

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CINDY DYNAMIC TEST

VIBRATION ; SHOCK TESTING FOR RESONANCE :

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MAIN UNIT # 3
CONTROLLERS # 1 ; 6 DUE BACK WED, JAN 20

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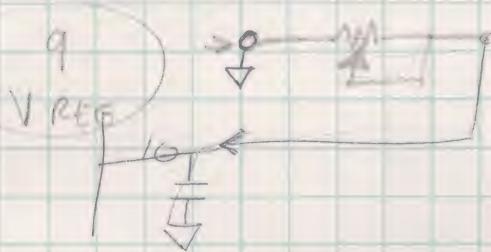
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CINDY REV 3 1ST ARTICLE

PAD-

- ① ADD FILLETS TO ALL TRACES FOR XU1-XU7, SAME AS WAS DONE FOR THE CARTRIDGE SOCKET PADS
- ② CHANGE FERRITE BEAD DESIGNATIONS AS FOLLOWS:
FB1 TO L4 FB4 TO L7
FB2 TO L5 FB5 TO L8
FB3 TO L6
- ③ SHOW REF. DESIGNATIONS ON SILKSCREEN OUTSIDE OF COMPONENT OUTLINE WHEREVER POSSIBLE (FACILITATES VISUAL INSPECTION WHEN BOARD IS LOADED)
- ④ MAKE GND. PLANE SOLID AROUND THE 2 MOUNTING PADS FOR THE HEATSINK (NOT WAFFLED)
- ⑤



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Trakball Specs

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CENTIPEDE TRAKBALL: COST ESTIMATES FOR PARTS

CONSIDERATIONS:

ACCESS TO OIL BEARINGS

035931-01 STD ACT
ROLLER SHAFT. 2.12 101.50
 QFI TIME DEDUCT

036193-01
IDLER SHAFT

035936-01 STD Act
TRK - BALL 1.70 1.55

035937-01 STD Act
BEARING .77

035938-01 STD ACT
ENCODER .35 .38

036191-01 STD ACT
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GAME OR PROJECT

PAM TRAKBALL : Prototype Calibration

TB #1

ONE-SHOT TIMING = 2.5 msec

JOE TUNG

STATIC: $X = 110$ $Y = 119$

$f = 60\text{Hz}$	ΔX_{RT}	ΔX_{LT}	ΔY_{DN}	ΔY_{UP}
90	+4	-5	+5	-6
150	+6	-8	+7	-8
200	+11	-12	+12	-13
300	+15	-16	+16	-17
400	+24	-22	+28	-25
	+34	-27	+39	-30

TB #2

ONE-SHOT = 2.0 msec

AL MOSS
(SUPER BREAKOUT)STATIC: $X = 109$ $Y = 117$

$f = 60\text{Hz}$	ΔX_{RT}	ΔX_{LT}	ΔY_{DN}	ΔY_{UP}
90	+4	-5	+5	-5
150	+7	-7	+7	-8
200	+11	-12	+12	-13
300	+15	-16	+16	-16
400	+25	-22	+25	-27
	+35	-27	+37	-29

TB #3

BOB KOWOLIK

STATIC: $X = 110$ $Y = 120$

$f = 60\text{Hz}$	ΔX_{RT}	ΔX_{LT}	ΔY_{DN}	ΔY_{UP}
90	+4	-5	+4	-5
150	+6	-7	+7	-8
200	+11	-12	+12	-13
300	+14	-16	+16	-16
400	+23	-22	+25	-23
	+32	-27	+36	-29

TB #4

ROB ZDY BEL

STATIC: $X = 108$ $Y = 118$

$f = 60\text{Hz}$	ΔX_{RT}	ΔX_{LT}	ΔY_{DN}	ΔY_{UP}
90	+5	-5	-4	-5
150	+6	-7	-7	-7
200	+11	-12	+11	-12
300	+15	-15	+15	-16
400	+24	-21	+24	-23
	+34	-26	+36	-29

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GAME OR PROJECT

PAM TRAKBALL : PROTOTYPE CALIBRATION

TB#5

JIM HUETHER

ONE-SHOT TIMING =
2.0 msec

STATIC:

	X = 109	Y = 117		
	ΔX_{RT}	ΔX_{LT}	ΔY_{ON}	ΔY_{UP}
f = 60Hz	+4	-4	+4	-5
90	+5	-5	+5	-5
150	+8	-10	+8	-10
250	+14	-15	+14	-16
350	+21	-20	+22	-20
450	+28	-24	+24	-26
500	+31	-26	+34	-38

TB#6

2.0 msec.

STATIC:

	X = 111	Y = 121		
	ΔX_{RT}	ΔX_{LT}	ΔY_{ON}	ΔY_{UP}
f = 60Hz	+3	-4	+4	-5
90	+5	-6	+6	-6
150	+8	-10	+10	-11
250	+15	-16	+17	-17
350	+22	-21	+26	-23
450	+30	-26	+36	-28
500	+35	-28	+40	-33

TB#7

STATIC:

X = Y =

TB#8

STATIC:

X =

Y =

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TRAKBALL CONSOLE MODEL

FLEX CIRCUIT CONNECTOR PINOUTS:

PIN#	11	PAM CONN., PLANAR RIBBON COLOR	PAM CONN. PIN#	IGNORE
1	TRIG COMMON (GND)	ORN BLK	15	↓
2	TRIG φ ^{VCS} 5 ^a PIN KEYBO.	YEL RED BLK	13	
3	Row 3 ^{UP} (4) YEL RT	GRN YEL	8	
4	Row 2 ^{DN} (3) ORN LT	BLU ORN	5	
5	Row 1 ^{DN} (2) RED DN	VIO RED	6	
6	COL 2 (6) BLU	GRY BLU	1	
7	COL 1 (9) WHT	WHT WHT	2	
8	COL φ (5) GRN	WHT/BLK GRN	3	
9	Row φ ^{UP} (1) BRN	WHT/RED (LT.) BRN	7	
10	COL 3 ^{VIO} (2) GREY	WHT/ORN	4	
11	SOFT FIRE GREY	WHT/YEL GRY	14	
	TRAKBALL CLR. /CAV BLK	(DK) BRN	9	<
5V+	(1) WHT/BRN	PINK RD/WHT	12	<
X OUT (PAO φ)	BRN	GRN/BLK YEL/WHT	10	
Y OUT (PAO 1)	RED	WHT/BLK	11	

WHT + GRN = ?

WHT + BLU = SKIP 8

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MOTOROLA MC68000 16-BIT MICROPROCESSOR

CLOCK FREQ. NOW UP TO 12 MHz CLOCK RATE - IMPROVEMENT IN PERFORMANCE OF MATHEMATICAL APPLICATIONS, INCLUDES REDUCTION OF INSTRUCTION CYCLE TIMES. COMPLETE TTL COMPATIBILITY w/ GOOD CURRENT OUTPUT FOR LOAD DRIVING.

MC68008 - 60% PERFORMANCE (REDUCED BUS 68000)

ADVANCED CRT CONTROLLER:

- ① TERMINAL-TYPE GRAPHICS w/ OBJ. CODE, TREATS OBJECTS AS CHARACTERS
- ② RASTER GRAPHICS PROCESSOR.

NEED FAST SPEED ITEMS FOR BETTER GRAPHICS, BUT ALSO AFFECTS RADIATION LEVELS OF HARDWARE.

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Shakball: Velocity Count Generation

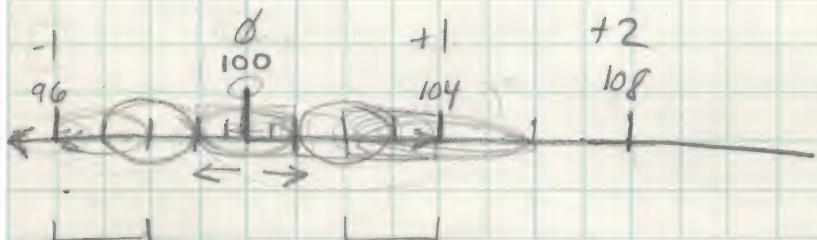
TESTING

VARIABLES:

f_{IN} : INPUT CLOCK FREQUENCY \rightarrow INVERSE PROPORTIONAL
 t_{OUT} : ONE-SHOT PULSE WIDTH $(f_{IN} \times t_{OUT} = 1)$
 I_{PAO} : CURRENT SUBTRACTED TO POT LINES THRU R13-R16
(ADJUSTED BY R9-R12, LOWER R = MORE PULSED.
CURRENT IN WINDOW')

PADDLE # DIVISOR: PRODUCES VELOCITY COUNT BY DIVIDING PADDLE NO.
BY 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, ETC.

ACTUAL POSITION
INHERENT IDIOTY: STATIC PADDLE # CAN FAVOR ONE SIDE OF SHAKING, WHICH
ALLOWS FOR SLOP ON ONE SIDE OF PADDLE # LINE.
VELOCITY COUNT GOES FROM 0 TO 1 WITH LESS
BALL SPEED IN ONE DIRECTION THAN THE OTHER.
IN PRACTICAL APPLICATION, INSTANTANEOUS RESPONSE IS
MORE IMPORTANT FOR DOWN THAN UP IN Y AXIS MOTION
(EASIER TO PHYSICALLY ROLL BALL UPWARD THAN DOWN)



VIDEO ANIMATION Book
DUE OUT IN THE FALL
DAVID Fox

POT $\div 4$

$\frac{POT - 2}{4}$ on $\boxed{POT + 2}$ 4



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GAME OR PROJECT PILOT RUN UNIT FAILING TO SET UP
CINDY: SCREEN WHEN WARM

SUSPECT: 6507 MPU's ARE RUNNING TOO FAST WHEN TRYING TO POWER UP & RESET. HAPPENS AFTER 5 MIN. OR SO OF WARMUP, THEN PWR. DN - PWR. UP. SCREEN IS OUT OF SYNC AND WILL NOT STRAIGHTEN UP.

→ SPRAY FREEZE IN SHORT BURST ON 6507 STOPS PROBLEM AFTER PWR DN - PWR UP RESET.

TEST SETUP: CHECK A SUCCESSION OF 6507's WITH DIFFERENT DATE CODES TO SEE IF OLDER ONES FAIL ALSO. CHECK AFTER 5 & 10 MINUTE WARMUP PERIODS, WITH SHIELD ON PCB. IF ANY FAIL, SEE IF SPRAY FREEZE ALSO STOPS THEM FROM FAILURE. NEW GAME CARTS USED: PACMAN, WARLORDS

CHIP #	DATE CODE	MFR.	COMMENTS
Φ (UNITS) ORIGINAL	8205		FAILS AFTER 5-10 MIN WARMUP BUT NOT ABSOLUTELY CONSISTENT
1	8104		WILL NOT FAIL
2	4380		WILL NOT FAIL
3	8009		FAILS EVERY TIME, EVEN FROM A COLD STARTUP
4	8005		
5	7818		

COMMENTS: MPU PAIRED WITH TIA FROM SAME UNIT; FAILS IN EITHER REV 3 OR REV 1A CINDY BOARD

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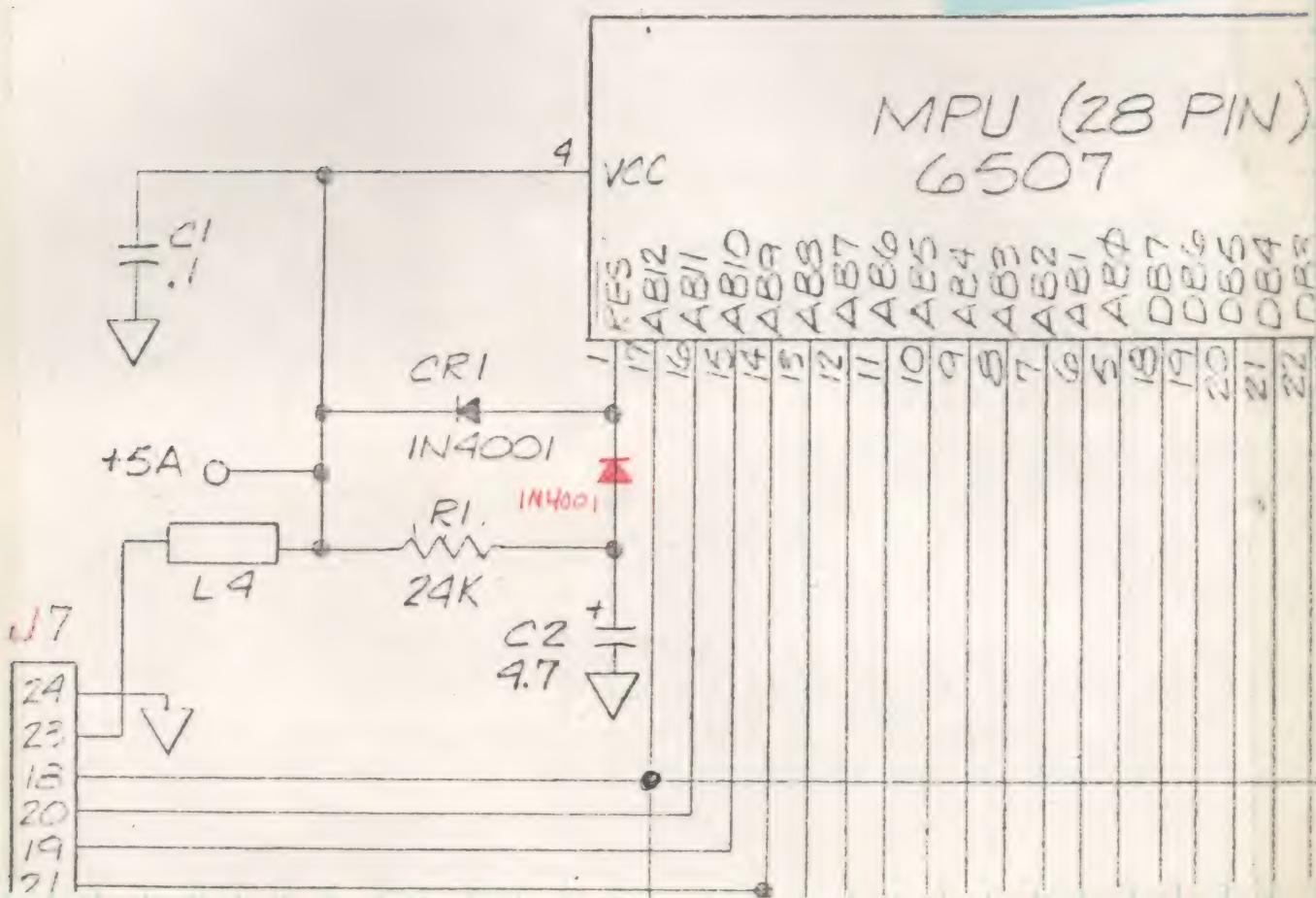
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CINDY RESET PROBLEM

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NOTES : SUPPOSED SPIKE ON PWR. UP COULD CAUSE HICCUP IN 6507
RESET. ADDITION OF DIODE CLAMPS DOWN ON 5V RESET LINE
AND PREVENTS FALSE TRIGGERING

SYNERTEK 6507 RESET THRESHOLDS

~~SIGNATURE~~

MOS TYPE:

1	1.24V	1	1.25V
2	1.14V	2	1.26V
3	1.48V	3	1.24V
4	1.46V	4	1.24V
5	1.39V	5	1.19V
6	1.24V		

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TRAKBALL: New ENCODER WHEELS

ORIGINAL CENTIPEDE TB WHEEL: 24 SLOTS, ~~PITCH DIA.~~ 1.384"

PITCH DIA = DIST. ACROSS WHEEL BETWEEN CENTERS
OF 2 OPPOSING SLOTS

PITCH CIRCUM = 4.16 IN

CENTIPEDE ~~DIA~~ SLOT DIA @ PITCH = .084"

ALSO USABLE:

.071", .060"
LIMIT

4° = .046" 6° = .069" 7.5° = .087
5° = .058" 7° = .081"

NEW WHEELS MADE, DEGREES OF TOTAL CIRCLE

SLOT DIA. BLANK DIA.

1) 30 HOLES :	6°	6°
2) 30 " :	5°	7°
3) 30 " :	7.5°	4.5°
4) 36 " :	5°	5°
5) 36 " :	6°	4°
6) 40 " :	5°	4°
7) 50 HOLES :	3.6°	3.6°

(CANT REDUCE SLOT WIDTH BELOW .040 w/ OUT APERTURE)

(CURRENT DEVICE (0P0220) HAS .035 LBS WI/NODLS w/ NO APERATURE.)

8) 75 HOLES :	2.4°	2.4°
9) 100 HOLES :	1.8°	1.8°



.420

.035

.084

THURS. MTG. (ALL DAY?)

FINALIZATION

NEW MFG. MORE INFO

→ DROP 3rd FIRE BUTTON

→ STRESS FULL CAPABILITY: UP, PLAY, K-BOARD

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RCA OPTEK

CMOS INTERFACE, HAS LOW I_c OUTPUT REQUIREMENTS
FOR PHOTOXISTOR OUTPUT (DON'T NEED PHOTODARLINGTON)
WITH, w/out
APERTURE, STRAIGHT OR CURVED PATH FOR CHANNEL

"BRAINSTORM MEETING" APRIL 16

- MAJOR INADEQUACY OF PAM JOYSTICK STILL IGNORED, WON'T BE CHANGED
- MORE CONNECTION w/ MARKETING STILL NEEDED
- 3-D HELMET SIMULATOR BY GEORGE & RON
-

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NEW PRODUCT "BRAINSTORM" PRODUCT DEFINITION

TOPICS

2200 STELLA (CHEAPEST, NO FRILLS)
2900 STELLA (REPACKAGED 2600A)

TRAKBALL

PAM SPEECH

2200: APPROX. \$100 RETAIL, \$40-50 COST TO US
(EL CHEAPO SUPREMO) CONTROLLERS ON CONSOLE, NO DIFF SWITCHES
ONLY 3 SWITCHES (PWR ON-OFF, SELECT, RESET)

2-CHIP TRONIX

RUBBER-SWITCH CIRCULAR JOYSTICK ACTION CONTROL,
W/ FINGERTIP ACTIVATION

CHECK OUT NEW TYPE CONTROLLERS QUICK

PRO POINTS

INDENTED POSITIONS ON CONTROLLER SURFACE
CARTRIDGE STORAGE (TITLES VISIBLE BETTER)
DEDICATED ROM W/ UNIT (INSIDE GAME)
CARRYING HANDLE FOR PORTABILITY

CON POINTS

NO PADDLE GAMES PLAYABLE
CARTRIDGE COULD CRAMP HAND POSITIONS
CART. STORAGE REDUCES NEED FOR EXTR. ACCESSORIES
RUBBERSWITCH TECHNOLOGY NOT COMPLETE
(WHAT IS GAME PLAY LIKE W/ NEW CONTROLLER?)

2900: ENHANCED STYLING & CAPABILITY COMPARED TO 2600
(MINDY) VCS SOFTWARE, SLIGHT PREMIUM OVER 2600, IN EXPECTATION
OF DROPOFF OF ITS LIFE IN MARKETPLACE (BY JAN '84)
REDUCED CHIPSET & PCB EXPENSE
DC SWITCH BOX (MANUAL), 4 CONTROLLER PORTS
NEW HUMAN-ENG IN EERED CONTROLLER, INCL. SEL-RESET BUTTONS,
W/ LEFT-RIGHT FIRE BUTTON CAPABILITY
\$150 WHOLESALE, \$199 RETAIL

PRO POINTS

PROVISION FOR FULL KEYBOARD

LED INDICATORS

COMBO CONTROLLERS + SPECIAL CONTROLLERS

ADDITIONAL LINES TO CART. CONNECTOR

CON POINTS

CONTROLLER PORT ACCESS

NEEDS "SHOT IN ARM" FOR FUTURE SOFTWARE

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NEW PRODUCT "BRAINSTORM"

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- FUTURE CAPABILITIES MUST BE SEMI-DEFINED SOON TO
- ALLOW FOR PRELIMINARY DESIGN RESEARCH

→ KEYBOARD
→ DISC DRIVE
→ SPEECH

→ AUDIO-Stereo Enhancement
→ MODEM LINKUP
→ VIDEO DISC INTERFACE

→ WEATHER
→ BIO-MEDICAL
→ SEXUAL FULFILLMENT



^{MARKETING}
NEW POSITION (FAVORABLE) FOR KEYBOARD INCLUSION IN DESIGN. COST REDUCTION NOW ALLOWS FOR IT. RESULTS OF QUIK-SHOT MKTG. FOCUS GROUP ON TRAKBALL WERE NOT SATISFYING TO PEOPLE AT BRAINSTORM - QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT FORMAT FOR FUTURE FOCUS GROUPS: OUTLINE IN ADVANCE TO DESIGN GROUPS TO ALLOW FOR FEEDBACK & QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED, TO HELP DEVELOP OUTLINE FOR FOCUS GROUP FORMAT.

MOONE SET: IT'S WORTH \$89-\$99, COMPARED TO 400-800 ENTERTAINER PACKAGE -
New WICO TB PARTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR EVALUATION SOON MAKE IT GOOD!
ALL DOUBLES FOR C.E.S. 6 UNITS: 2 ON FLOOR, 4 BACKUPS

Tomorrow (Fri, 4/22): SEE DENNIS SITCLER ABOUT WICO TB PARTS.
RELEVANT POINTS 1) ROLLER DIA. & MATERIAL
ES PROMO, TRAKBALL 2) POSSIBLY DIFF. ENCODER WHEEL
MANUAL? 3) WHAT TYPE OF BALL?

SPEECH: NO ROBOT VOICES TARGET: \$50 MODULE

- 1) CAPABILITY INSIDE GAME CARTRIDGE
- 2) " " " MINI-CART WHICH PLUGS INTO REAR MODULE USE IT AS A CUE IN GAME PLAY, RATHER THAN AS A REWARD OR PATENT COVERAGE FOR ALL SITUATIONS.

MEMORY CONSERVATION VERY IMPORTANT: 10 sec's TAKES UP 2 K BYTES

WILL WE BUILD UP OUR OWN SPEECH LAB? YOU BETCHUM, R.R.!

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GAME OR PROJECT

6507 RESET PROBLEM

SYNERTEK CHIPS UNDER FIRE!

- A) DIODE IN LINE w/ RESET PIN, FIXES BUT REQUIRES PCB REVISION (new!)
- B) REDUCE R1 FROM 24k TO 12k, C2 FROM 4.7 μ F TO 2.2 μ F
TO CUT DOWN RESET TIME CONSTANT.

RESULT : STILL HAS PROBLEM

RC VALUES VARIED FURTHER : $R = 12k \text{ or } 24k$, $C = .47\mu\text{F}$, $1\mu\text{F}$, 2.2 , 4.7 , $10\mu\text{F}$
STILL NO TOTAL EXCLUSION OF RESET PROBLEM

2600A BOARD EXHIBITS SAME, BUT WORSE!

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CONSOLE
TB CIRCUIT IMPROVEMENTS

CONSTANT-CURRENT DEVICE TO CHARGE OUTPUT CAPACITOR.

- 1) WILL LINEARIZE OUTPUT RANGES
- 2) BETTER PROPORTIONALITY BETWEEN DIRECTIONS
- 3) CHEAP AS A CUSTOM CHIP OR SINGLE-COMPONENT

PRESENT OUTPUT CIRCUIT IS NOT VERY LINEAR BECAUSE IT IS
A

Q: DOES PHOTOTRISTOR HAVE SUFF. START ON-TIME

DON'T FORGET TO:

CMOS PCB!

[OR RECT. CONCAVE]

→ ENLARGE & SMOOTH FIRE BUTTONS [ROUND]

→ USE SNAP-ACTION SWITCHES ON PCBs FOR KEYPADS SNAP INTO PLACE
NO FLEX CIRCUITS OR CONDUCTIVE RUBBER!

(WILL REDUCE DIFFICULTY OF ASSEMBLY!)

→ ALLOW UNIT TO BE SET UP OPEN W/KEYBOARD STILL CONNECTED (OR
USE EXTENSION JUMPERS)

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→ ISOLATE OR PROTECT START-PAUSE-RESET SWITCH BANKS FROM
ACCIDENTAL RESET [FRAME]

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- FRONT END OPTOCOUPLE RIG [JIM GERARD] ←
- CHECK ON SCHEMATIC
- BACKGROUND FOR CMOS PCB
- MAKE NEW ENCODER WHEEL SAMPLES
- TRAKBALL PACMAN STATUS, OTHER GAMES COMING UP (SPORTS)
- WHAT ABOUT CENTIPEDE?
- CONTACT JOHN HAYASHI RE: GOOD LOGO!
- DEMON ATTACK VCS TRAKBALL?
- NEW-STYLE SNAP ACTION SWITCHES & CONCAVE SWITCH CAPS (FIRE)

PRIORITY

PAM TRAKBALL DOCUMENT No's.

LOWER PCB: SUB-ASSY DWG
" PTS. LIST

SCHEMATIC

UPPER PCB: ASSEMBLY DWG
PARTS LIST

ASSEMBLY DWG,
" PTS. LIST
SCHEMATIC
ASSEMBLY DWG,
PARTS LIST

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PAM TRAKBALL ^{POINTS OF DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION}

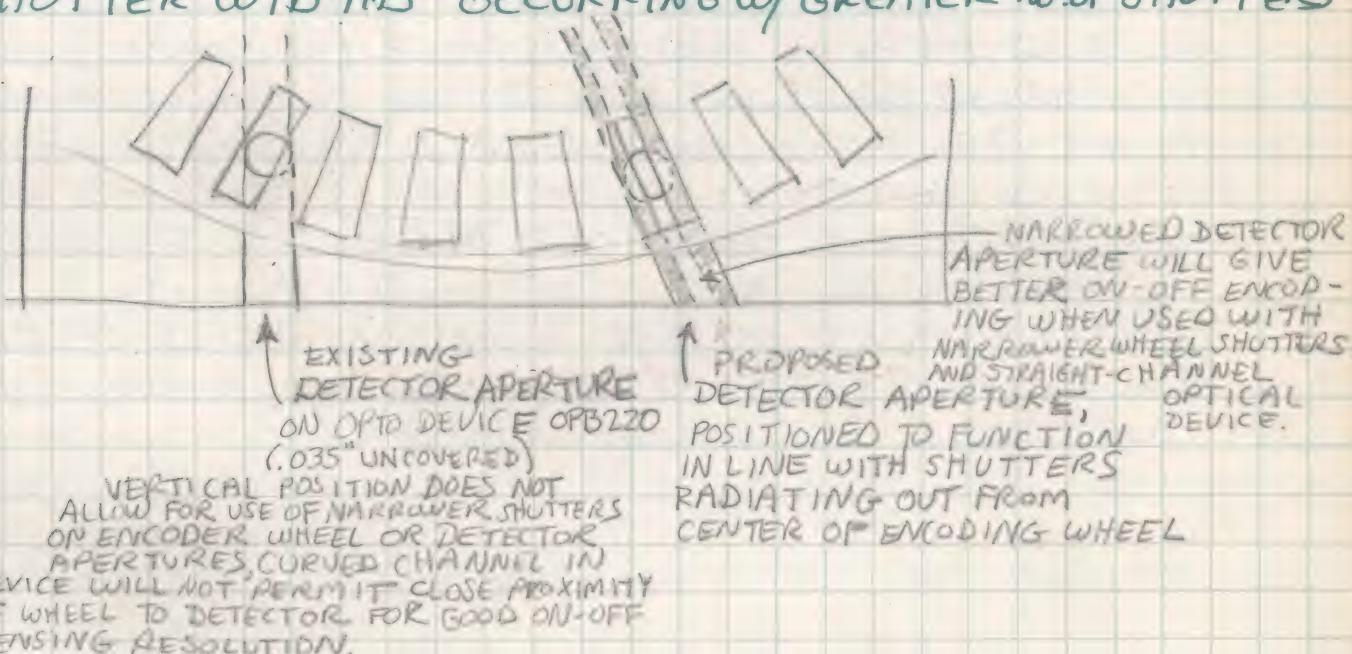
① IMPROVEMENT OF FRONT END ENCODER RESOLUTION :

CURRENT ENCODER USES 24 SHUTTERS :

→ INCREASE TO 50 - 75 - 100 SHUTTERS, WHICH WILL REDUCE REQUIRED PULSE WIDTH OUT OF ONE-SHOT USED TO DRIVE PULSE CURRENT INTEGRATOR. HOPEFULLY, THIS CAN HAVE A NET EFFECT IN SEVERAL WAYS :

- A) VALUE OF GIANT RIPPLE-SMOOTHING CAP CAN BE REDUCED, STILL ALLOWING LESS RIPPLE TO APPEAR ON RAMPS WAVEFORM AT LOW BALL SPEEDS, WHICH ALLOWS FOR SMOOTHER TRANSITIONS FROM STOP-TO STARTUP OF CONTROLLED IMAGE (OR WHEN CHANGING VELOCITIES)
- B) DELAY IN RESPONSE MAY BE REDUCED WITH SMALLER RIPPLE-SMOOTHING CAP [HYSTERESIS PROBLEM]
- C) GRADATIONS OF VELOCITY SIGNALS WILL BE FINER, ALLOWING FOR BETTER SOFTWARE PROGRAMMING AND GAME PERFORMANCE IN THE FUTURE.

→ REPOSITIONING OF OPTICAL Emitter-DETECTOR PAIRS IS NECESSARY TO SUCCESSFULLY MAKE USE OF NARROWER SHUTTER WIDTHS OCCURRING w/ GREATER NO. OF SHUTTERS



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② QUALITY LONG-THROW SNAP ACTION SWITCHES MUST BE USED FOR THE FIRE BUTTONS (QUANTITY FOUR). THE CHEAPIE SNAP-ACTION SWITCHES USED FOR C.E.S. PROTOTYPE TRAKBALLS DID NOT HOLD UP WELL UNDER THE CONTINUAL BARRAGE OF FRANTIC, POUNDING, SLAPPING BUTTON TREATMENT APPLIED BY THE MAJORITY OF THOSE WHO PLAYED WITH THEM. HOWEVER, THESE LO-COST SWITCHES WILL BE TOTALLY SUITABLE FOR USE ON THE KEYPADS OR START-PAUSE-RESET SWITCH BANKS. THEY ONLY NEED TO HAVE CORRECT-SIZE CAPS MOLDED TO FIT THE EXISTING KEYPAD STYLING CONFIGURATION.

SHAPE OF FIRE BUTTONS STILL UNDER DETERMINATION - DEFINITELY SHOULD BE LARGER THAN ON PROTOTYPES AND HAVE FINGERTIP DEPRESSIONS. [ROUND OR RECTANGULAR]

③ OUTPUT CIRCUIT HAS SOME DIRECTIONAL NON-LINEARITY AT HIGHER INPUT CLOCK SPEEDS (ABOVE 250 Hz IT BECOMES QUITE NOTICEABLE AND WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS). FOR EXAMPLE, THE CHANGE FROM REF. NO. TO THE XLT VALUE @ 400 Hz IS APPROX. 35 (PADDLE COUNT), WHILE ΔXLT IS ONLY 27 (THESE NO'S. TAKEN FROM PROTOTYPE TESTING). DIFFERENCES IN VELOCITY GENERATED FROM THESE TWO OBVIOUSLY DIFFERENT RATES OF CHANGE WILL CAUSE POOR REPEATABILITY IN BACK-AND-FORTH MOVEMENT ON THE X AXIS AT HIGHER SPEEDS - SAME WILL BE TRUE FOR THE Y AXES. IMPROVEMENT OF THIS SITUATION IS DEFINITELY IN ORDER!

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(4) INTERACTION WITH SOFTWARE Group DURING DEVELOPMENT IS ESSENTIAL.

- RESPONSE OF THE TRAKBALL DURING GAME PLAY IS NECESSARY TO BE AWARE OF DISCREPANCIES IN BOTH HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE : CURRENT GAME BEING MONITORED IS FRANK HAUSMANN'S CENTIPEDE
- DEVELOPMENT OF NEW OR MORE VERSATILE APPLICATIONS FOR TRAKBALL STILL NEED TO CONTINUE TO ALLOW FOR BEST USE OF TRAKBALL . CASE IN POINT : JOKE ATTEMPT AT TRAKBALL FOR PAC MAN WITHOUT USING CORRECT ROUTINE TO READ CONTROLLER.

(5) USE OF CONDUCTIVE RUBBER SWITCHES FOR KEYPADS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR THE TRAKBALL. IN KEEPING WITH THE CONCEPT OF SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE WHICH WILL FACILITATE THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF GAME PLAY POSSIBLE, SWITCHES MUST BE USED WHICH WILL PROVIDE SENSORY, TACTILE FEEDBACK. THE PLAYER SHOULD KNOW THAT ANY SWITCH -RELATED FUNCTION HAS BEEN ACTUATED BY AS MANY SENSORY SIGNS AS CAN BE PROVIDED :
A) VISUAL DISPLAY CHANGE ON VIDEO SCREEN
B) AUDIO CUE FROM GAME PROGRAM
C) DEFINITE TACTILE SNAP FROM SWITCH
D) AUDIBLE CLICK FROM SWITCH

FACTORS C) & D) BOTH CONTRIBUTE TO MINIMIZING THE AMOUNT OF TIME NECESSARY TO ACTUATE THE SWITCH AND THEN MOVE ON TO THE NEXT ACTIVITY IN THE GAME. THIS WILL BECOME MORE CRITICAL AS FUTURE GAMES DEMAND QUICKER RESPONSES, ~~AND~~ SHORTER DECISION TIMES AND MORE COMPLEX CONTROL SEQUENCES.

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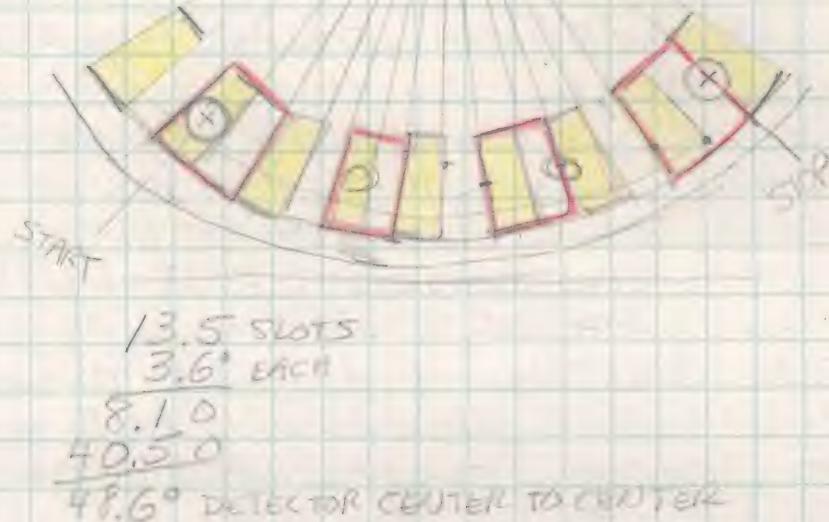
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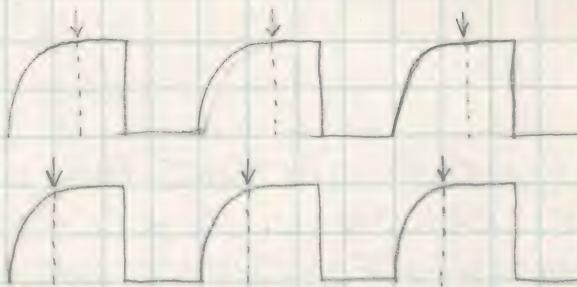
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24 SHUTTER WHEEL:
7.5° PER SLOT OR SPACE

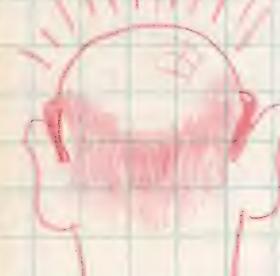
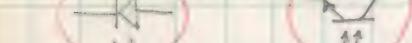
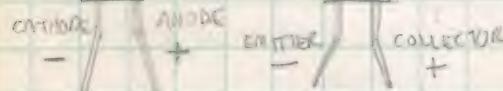
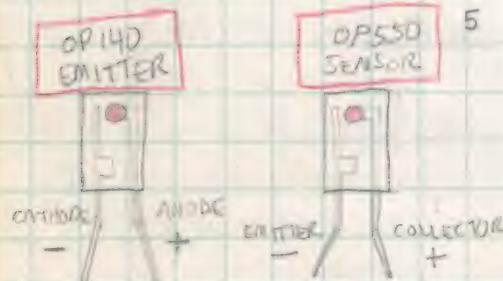
6.48 SPACES
~~75 446
450
360
240
160~~



DOUBLE INPUT RESOLUTION
DECREASE INPUT TO ~1.5 msec


OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

- 1) TRY TO REDUCE OUTPUT CAPACITOR
- 2) ADJUST CURRENT WINDOW NETWORK
- 3) LINEARIZE DIR. OUTPUT (DIODES?)
- 4) BASIC POTENTIOMETER PROGRAM



ALTERNATIVE Emitter
(LO-COST OF COURSE!)

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NEW PROJECTS SUGGESTIONS

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- Muppette idea for children
- Expansion box for computers
- New generation for graphics chip, game-oriented processor
- More work with robots
- Table top games using lasers
- BSR radio frequency control systems to operate various items around home
- Fiber optics light pen
- Dome projection system for total involvement games
- Use of a mouse
- More work on touch pads
- Emotion sensitive controller
- Monitoring systems for aircraft
- Developing trigger type joysticks - engineered to fit the hand correctly!
- Solar powered toys
- Vector graphics
- Using microprocessor Stella for more than just video games i.e. home central control system applications, monitoring automobile functions
- Radio control system - using pot variation as FM and joysticks variations as AM
- Holographic displays
- Controller w/ LCD display

Areas Needing Development:

View Data
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Prestel
Components
Flat CRT's
Displays
Die Bonded Displays

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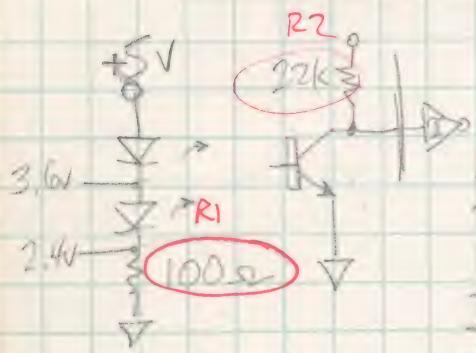
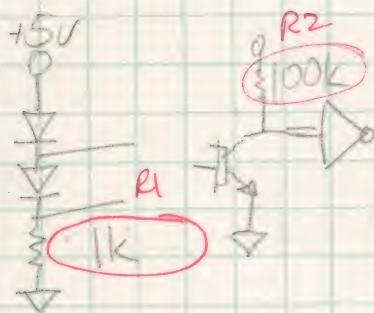
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TRAKBALL CURRENT REDUCTION

 $I_{CKT} = \text{BREADBOARD w/o OPTOS}$

 $1.3V \text{ ACROSS EACH DIODE } (V_D)$
 24 mA IF
 $\text{w/ } 4\text{v } V_{CE} \quad I_c = 600\mu\text{A}$
 $I_{TOTAL} = 56.13, \quad I_{CKT} = 10.6\text{mA}$
 $t_r = 300\mu\text{sec}$

 $V \text{ ACROSS DIODE}$
 $I_F = 12\text{ mA}$
 $I_c = 100\mu\text{A}, \text{only pulls down } 1\text{V P-P on output}$
INSUFFICIENT

R_1	R_2	V_D	I_F	I_c	I_{TOTAL}	I
470	75k					



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VCS TRAKBALL

INITIAL CONCEPT:

PERFORMS JOYSTICK EMULATIONS WITH VELOCITY CONTROL FROM A STANDSTILL UP TO FULL SPEED AFFORDED (SAME AS STANDARD JOYSTICK SPEED). ACCELERATION RATE NEEDS TO BE PRETTY QUICK TO ALLOW FOR QUICK STARTUPS, SINCE SOME VCS GAMES REQUIRE QUICK INSTANTANEOUS SPEED TO PLAY WELL (EXAMPLE: YAR'S REVENGE)

CIRCUIT CONFIGURATION

EMPLOYS EXISTING CIRCUIT DEVELOPED FOR PAM TRAKBALL UP TO INPUTS OF PULSE CURRENT INTEGRATORS. MEASURED PULSECLOCKS OUT OF THE ONE-SHOTS (REF A3)

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OPTOCOUPLED POSITIONING TESTS

TEST CONDITIONS:

USING STRAIGHT-LINE OPTOCOUPLED 822S, ENCODER WHEEL 1.475OD,
 $V_{cc} = 5V$ 1.342 PATH DIA., 40% 60% OFF

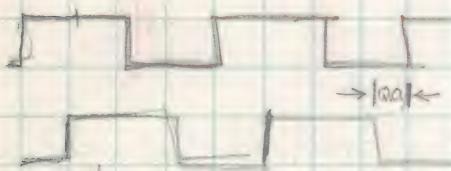
$I_F = 24 \text{ mA}$

$V_C = 4.7V$ p-p, DOWN TO .1V FROM 4.8V

$R_c = 22k$

$I_S = 220 \mu A$

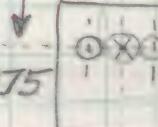
~~$\text{PRF} = 500 \text{ Hz}$~~



$X = E_1, Y = E_2$
 55-45 IN 1/4 CYCLE
 QUADRATURE OVERLAP
 \approx

OPB822S

→ 1.200 ←



ENCODER.
WHEEL
OUTLINE

OPTICAL
 $E_2 (Y)$

BASE LEVEL

$E_1 (X)$

- X AXIS +

ΔE_1	ΔE_2	DUTY CYCLE	Q.O.	NOTES
0	0	55-45	80°	
±.100	0	"		ROCK SOLID
±.150	0	"		DROPOUTS AT END
0	+.010	"	60°	
0	-.010	"	50°	55° Q.O.
0	+.020	"	70°	
0	-.020	"	40°	
0	+.030	"	80°	DROPOUTS BEGIN
0	-.030	"	30°	
0	+.040	"	70°	SEVERE DROPOUTS ±.100
0	-.040	"	20°	WHEEL HAS CHANNEL COTTON

ΔE_1	ΔE_2	Q.O.	NOTES
±.050	+.010		OK
	-.010	REPEATS	OK
	+.020	AS IN	OK
	-.020	LEFT-SIDE	OK
	+.030	DATA; DROPOUTS BEGIN	
	-.030	NO WORSE	OK
	+.040	THAN SEVERE DROPOUTS	
	-.040	30° WHEEL HITS BOTTOM	
	+.010	Q.O.	OK
	-.010		OK
	+.020		OK
	+.030		DROPOUTS BEGIN
	-.030		OK
	+.040		SEVERE DROPOUTS
	-.040		WHEEL HITS

RESETS
SAME FOR
+ OR -
A POSITION

RECOMMENDED SAFETY ZONE FOR 1.475" WHEEL
 IS $\pm .025$ FROM OPTICAL CENTER (AXIS)
 USE OF SMALLER WHEEL (1.4") WITH
 SMALLER SHUTTERS REDUCES SAFETY
 ZONE TO ABOUT $\pm .015"$

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FAM TRAKBALL PCB 1SI ARTICLE Rev 0

- ① TRACES NEED TO BE SWAPPED FOR OUTPUTS OF U2 LENDING IN TO A1 PINS 5 & 9
- ② ADD FILLETS WHEREVER POSSIBLE

CALIBRATION CHECK

VOLTAGE @ C7 & C8 → VSTAT X = 3.70V Y = 3.70

STATIC: X = 116 Y = 125

X ONE-SHOT = 1.1 msec

Y ONE-SHOT = 1.1 msec

	f = 100Hz	ΔX_{RT}	ΔX_{LT}	ΔY_{DN}	ΔY_{UP}
200	+6 3.58	-8 3.88	+6 3.58	-8 3.88	
300	+9 3.53	-11 3.94	+9 3.64	-11 3.94	
400	+13 3.46	-15 4.06	+13 3.46	-15 4.04	
500	+17 3.39	-19 4.15	+17 3.40	-18 4.12	
600	+21 3.32	-22 4.26	+22 3.33	-22 4.23	
700	+26 3.26	-25 4.35	+27 3.26	-25 4.32	
800	+31 3.19	-28 4.45	+32 3.20	-29 4.41	
900	+37 3.12	-30 4.55	+38 3.14	-31 4.50	

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TRAKBALL TEST ENGINEERING

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1183) TEST SPECIFICATIONS

STEVE ELGIN EXT ~~545~~ FIELD SERVICE, NEEDS TTL LAB UNIT
773-9200 AND PAPERWORK FOR PAM TRAKBALL

NEED 6 BREADBOARDED 2000 TB'S FOR ADVANCE
INFO PURPOSES

- 1) LIN NYBERG ~~BM PROD. ENG.~~ EXT. 4832 (W/ JOHN NORMAN)
- 2) BOB RILEY EXT. 5008 1180 BLDG.

PRODUCTION TESTING:

- BARE PCB TEST (INCOMING INSPECTION)
- LOADED PCB ASSY TEST ON FIXTURE
- BASE ASSY TEST W/ OR W/OUT BALL
- INSTALL BALL, ASSEMBLE TOP & BOTTOM, DO KEYBOARD TEST
- FINAL, COMPLETE ASSEMBLY TEST (FUNCTIONAL)

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WICO TRACKBALL CHECKOUT

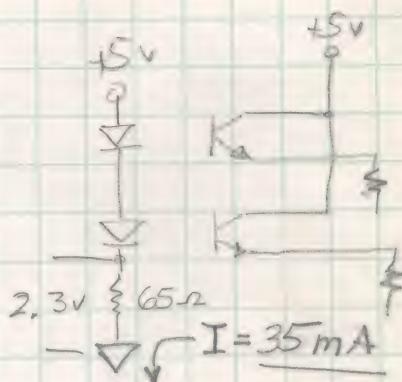
CURRENT DRAW:

TB1 : 156-159 mA
TB2 : 163-165
TB3 : 149-151
TB4 : 145-147

ONE-SHOT TIMING:

X	Y
8 msec	8 msec
8	8
8	8
8	8

35mA PER COUPLER, 80-90 PER CHIP

QUADRATURE CHARACTERISTICS

INPUT SIGNALS FROM COUPLERS :

TB1

X CK1	4.4 V	X-QUAD ON INPUTS
X CK2	2.5 V	LOOKS OK
Y CK1	2.5 V	Y-QUAD ON INPUTS
Y CK2	4.4 V	LOOKS MARGINAL

LOSES QUADRATURE & DROPS OUT

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CONFIRM SYMMETRY OF AI OUTPUT CLOCKS : 50% DUTY CYCLE IS IDEAL; 60-40 EITHER WAY IS LIMIT ON VARIATION
CAUSES OF NON-SYMMETRY:

(TP1±2, TP3±4)

- 1) POOR PERFORMANCE BY PHOTODIODE IN OPTOCOUPLED
- 2) INCORRECT COLLECTOR RESISTANCE ON PHOTODIODE
- 3) MARGINALITIES IN MECHANICAL POSITIONING OF ENCODER WHEEL TO OPTOCOUPLED ON PCB

B

QUADRATURE: PHASE RELATIONSHIP OF THE TWO X CLOCKS AND TWO Y CLOCKS IS CRITICAL TO RELIABLE OPERATION. IDEAL QUADRATURE IS A 90° SPLIT BETWEEN THE LEADING & TRAILING EDGES - THIS IS BEST ACHIEVED WHEN THE TWO CLOCKS ARE 50% DUTY CYCLE. AS THE COMPARED EDGES OF THE CLOCKS APPROACH EACH OTHER, A2 OUTPUTS (DIRECTION SENSE) MAY BECOME LOGICALLY INTERMITTENT AND CAUSE CONFUSED ACTION ON THE TV SCREEN.

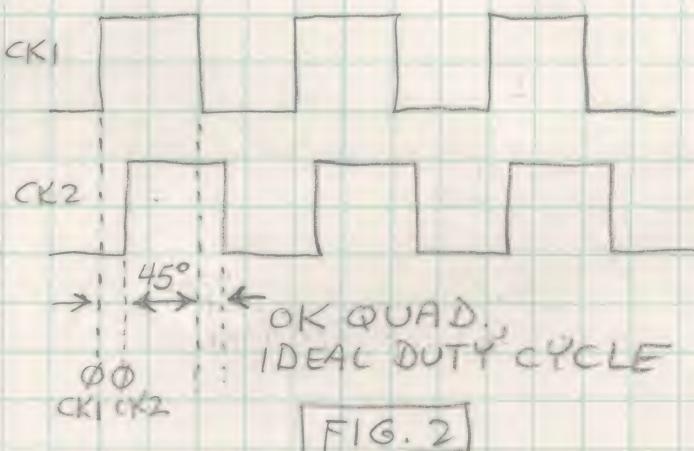
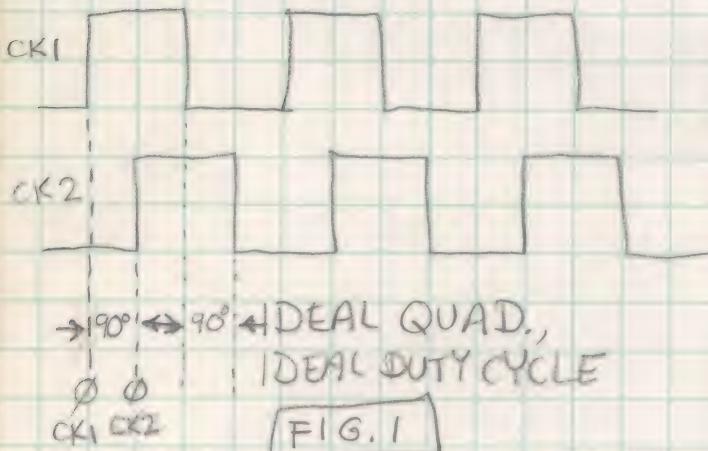


FIG. 1 SHOWS THE BEST OF ALL CONDITIONS FOR MAXIMUM RELIABILITY, WITH THE LEAST LIKELIHOOD OF MARGINALITY. FIG. 2 SHOWS A SITUATION IN WHICH THE DUTY CYCLE OF THE TWO CLOCKS IS CORRECT BUT QUADRATURE IS OFFSET, WHICH OCCURS MOST OFTEN WHEN THE ENCODER WHEEL IS

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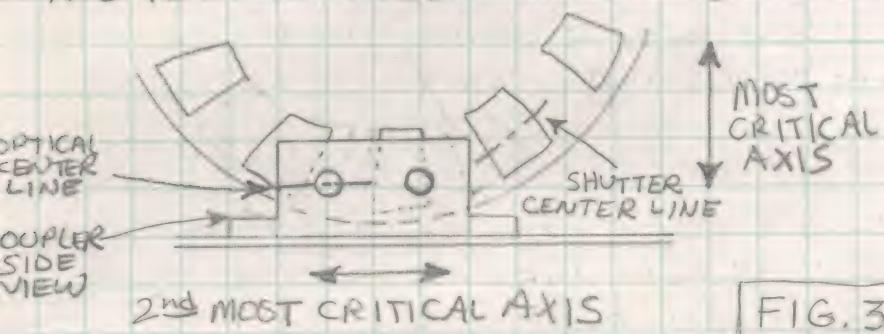
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NOT OPTIMIZED TO THE OPTICAL CENTERS OF THE COUPLER'S SENSORS. OF THE 3 AXES OF MOVEMENT IN RELATING THE WHEEL TO THE COUPLER, THE MOST CRITICAL ONE IS THAT IN WHICH THE WHEEL MOVES UP AND DOWN IN RELATION TO THE HORIZONTALLY-BASED COUPLER. SEE ILLUSTRATION BELOW.



THE 3rd AXIS (WHEEL NOT CENTERED INSIDE COUPLER'S .100" WIDE SLOT) IS THE LEAST CRITICAL.

FIG. 3

WHEN THE CLOCK'S DUTY CYCLE IS NOT EQUALLY OFF AND ON, QUADRATURE ALSO BECOMES MORE MARGINAL. IF THE PHASE SHIFTS FROM POOR MECHANICAL COUPLING AND UNEQUAL DUTY CYCLE, THERE IS A MAJOR TENDENCY TO FAIL QUADRATURE.

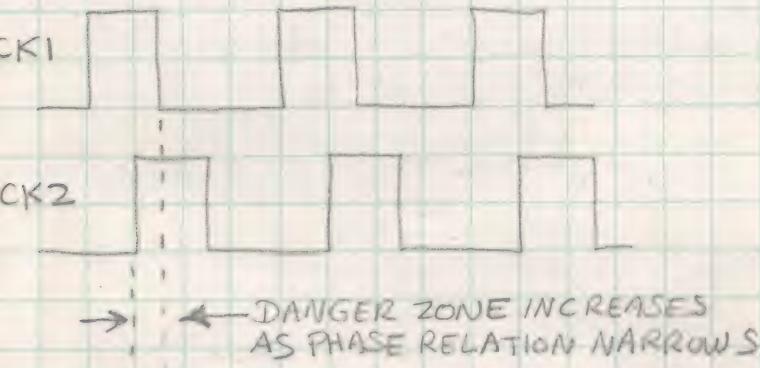


FIG. 4

IN ADDITION TO COMPARING THE TWO CLOCKS FOR EACH AXIS, THE EFFECTS OF A MARGINAL PHASE RELATION TO APPEAR AS AN INCONSISTENT HIGH OR LOW ON THE OUTPUTS OF A2. THE MOST COMMON DROPOUT SITUATION OCCURS WHEN THE TRAKBALL IS SPUN ABRUPTLY FROM A STANDSTILL WITH A QUICK SLAP, AS IN AN EMERGENCY GETAWAY SITUATION, OR DIRECTION IS REVERSED

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QUICKLY
IN A

SINGLE-AXIS GAME.

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C ACCELERATION RATE: THE RATE AT WHICH THE SIGNAL REACHES ITS TOP SPEED INFORMATION LEVEL IS DETERMINED BY THE WIDTH OF THE OUTPUT PULSES PRODUCED ^{AT TP9} & TP10 BY THE ONE-SHOT A3. SPECIFIED WIDTH, SET BY THE R5-C5 AND R6-C6 NETWORKS, IS $1.0 \text{ msec} \pm 100 \mu\text{sec}$. A NARROWER PULSE WIDTH WILL NOT ALLOW RAPID ENOUGH ACCELERATION, WHICH IS REQUIRED IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

D ANALOG OUTPUTS: TP11 & TP12 SHOULD EXHIBIT THE 3.0V RAMP AS SHOWN BELOW. THE DECIMAL POT READINGS WHICH ARE PRODUCED BY POKEY IN THE 5200 CONSOLE SHOULD BE AT A MEAN VALUE (115 ± 10 DECIMAL, 73 ± 10 IN HEX) AND RANGE TO ABOUT 40 COUNTS MAXIMUM ON EACH SIDE OF THIS STATIC VALUE AS THE BALL IS SPUN TO TOP SPEED OF 1kHz CLOCK RATE. THIS CHANGE FROM THE STATIC VALUE IS REFERRED TO AS Δ POT. FULL-RANGE Δ POT READINGS FOR "LEFT" AND "UP" WILL BE SOMEWHAT LOWER THAN THOSE FOR "RIGHT" AND "DOWN." THESE DIFFERENCES ARE NOT CRITICAL BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT IN THE LOW-TO-MEDIUM SPEED RANGES, ONLY SHOWING UP NOTICEABLY WHEN THE CLOCK EXCEEDS 700Hz.

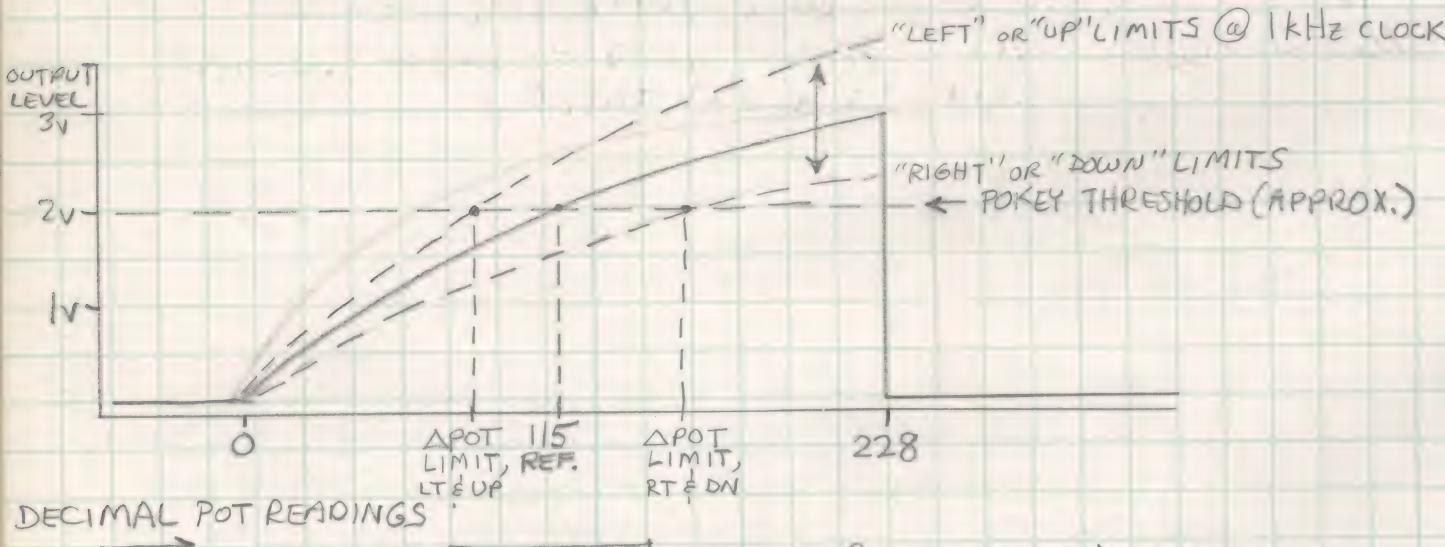


FIG. 5 RAMP RESPONSE WAVEFORM

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RAMP RESPONSE TO LOW-SPEED CLOCK FREQUENCIES (UP TO ABOUT 200 Hz) WILL PRODUCE SOME NOTICEABLE RIPPLE ON THE WAVEFORM, BUT IS NOT EXCESSIVELY DETRIMENTAL TO THE EFFECTIVE FUNCTION. DATA CAN BE TAKEN IN 100 Hz STEPS UP TO 1 kHz TO DETERMINE PERFORMANCE, MONITORING ΔPOT FOR EACH AXIS IN EACH DIRECTION. COMPARISON OF ΔPOT "LEFT" AND ΔPOT "RIGHT" WILL SHOW HOW CLOSE THE CONTROLLED OBJECT ON THE SCREEN WILL RETURN TO ITS ORIGINAL POSITION ON THE X AXIS WHEN THE BALL IS SPUN BACK AND FORTH AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME SPEED. THIS SHOULD BE DONE FOR THE FULL RANGE OF CLOCK FREQUENCIES. LIKEWISE FOR ΔPOT "UP" & ΔPOT "DOWN." IF THE OPPOSITE-DIRECTION READINGS FOR EACH AXIS COMPARE WITHIN SPEC. LIMITS, AND THE ABSOLUTE VALUE LEVELS FOR ΔPOT COMPARE SIMILARLY BETWEEN THE TWO AXES, THEN CORRECT RESPONSE FOR X-Y TRAKBALL RESPONSE WILL BE ACHIEVED. THE END RESULT OF THIS ACCURATE ALIGNMENT IN OUTPUTS CAN BE SEEN IN MISSILE COMMAND WHEN USING THE TRAKBALL TO DESCRIBE CIRCLES WITH THE CURSOR: IT WILL MOVE IN A CIRCLE, NOT AN OVAL, AND WILL REMAIN IN ITS ORIGINAL STARTING AREA ON THE SCREEN. IF X-Y RESPONSE IS NOT LINEAR AND PROPORTIONAL, THE CURSOR WILL EVENTUALLY TEND TO DRIFT AWAY FROM ITS AREA OF ORIGIN [UNACCEPTABLE].

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TRAKBALL
CALIBRATION CHECKVOLTAGE @ C7 & C8 → VSTAT X = 3.70 V Y = 3.70
STATIC: X = 116 Y = 125X ONE-SHOT = 1.1 msec
Y ONE SHOT = 1.1 msec

f = 100 Hz

	ΔX_{RT}	ΔX_{LT}	ΔY_{DN}	ΔY_{UP}
200	+6	3.58	-8	3.88
300	+9	3.53	-11	3.94
400	+13	3.46	-15	4.04
500	+17	3.39	-19	4.12
600	+21	3.32	-22	4.23
700	+26	3.26	-25	4.32
800	+31	3.19	-28	4.41
900	+37	3.12	-30	4.50
	+41	3.07	-32	4.61

DECREASES &
VOLTAGE INCREASESAT C7 & C8 FROM USTAT LEVEL, CORRESPONDING TO
CHANGES IN ANALOG DRIVE ON POT LINES.

F OUTPUT RESPONSE PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS:

BASED ON CUMULATIVE HARD DATA GATHERED FROM
NUMEROUS PROTOTYPE TRAKBALLS, THE EXPECTED RESPONSE
SHOULD FALL WITHIN THESE LIMITS:FOR CLOCK FREQ. 0-600 Hz: VARIATION ≤ 3 BETWEEN ABSOLUTE
VALUE OF THE 2 ΔPOT READINGS
FOR EACH AXISFOR CLOCK FREQ. 600-800 Hz: VARIATION ≤ 8 FOR CLOCK FREQ. 800-1 kHz: VARIATION ≤ 12 SEE FIG. 6 ABOVE FOR TABLE OF TYPICAL TRAKBALL
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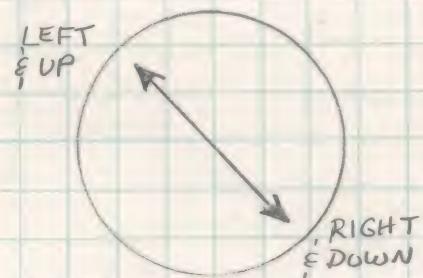
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POSSIBLE FORMATS FOR CHECKING ANALOG RESPONSE :

- ① INPUT A CONTROLLED-FREQUENCY PULSED SIGNAL TO THE A3 ONE-SHOTS BY EITHER OF 2 METHODS:
 - BALL-GENERATED USING DC STEPPER MOTOR TO DRIVE BALL EACH DIRECTION, 100Hz STEPS TO 1 kHz
 - TAP INTO EACH A3 INPUT (PINS 4 & 12) USING A WAVEFORM GENERATOR AND INJECT THE PULSED SIGNAL. THE BALL COULD STILL BE USED TO CHANGE THE DIRECTION SIGNAL.

BALL TOP VIEW



- ② MONITOR X&Y OUTPUTS, TAKE STATIC READINGS WITH NO INPUTS TO CIRCUIT

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CX53 TRAKBALL 1ST ARTICLE PLASTIC REVELATIONS

PCB: ① SWAP OPTOCOUPLER LEAD-INS FOR BOTH AXES
② ADD GND. TEST-POINT (ALONG FRONT EDGE RT. CORNER) TP13
③ CUT OFF RT-ANGLE CORNER $\frac{1}{4}$ " ON LOWER LT-CORNER
④ RELOCATE TP6 OUT FROM BETWEEN IC's A1-A2, TP7 ALSO
⑤ 3 MTG. HOLES TOO BIG NOW (REV. B) - BOARD RATTLES AROUND
IT WAS FINE 'TIL IT GOT CHANGED - WHO REQUESTED IT?

⑥ CORRECT SILKSCREEN:

- RELABEL U1, U2, R1-4, R23, R24
- RELABEL CIRCUID REF DES'S RIGHT-SIDE UP
- RELABEL ALL TEST POINTS HORIZONTALLY
- RELOCATE TP6 & TP7
- ADD TP13

CABLE: ① SWITCH RED & BRN WIRES ON 5PIN CONNECTOR OR
SWAP LINES ON PCB TO J2 PINS 4 & 5

(MECHANICAL)

PLASTIC: ① NARROW DOWN FIRE BUTTON CHANNELS IF POSSIBLE

- NEEDS CHAMFER AROUND BALL
- BOARD SITS TOO HIGH FOR MECH. POSITIONING OF OPTOCOUPLER
A) J2 PINS HIT PLASTIC
B) A1, A2, AS SOCKET PINS SEVERAL THOU. TOO LONG (HIT PLASTIC)
- KEYPAD BUTTONS A LITTLE TOO RECESSED
- RGB NOT HELD SECURELY ENOUGH
- FIRE BUTTONS TOO WOBBLY

ELECTRICAL: ① CHANGE SCHEMATIC TO SHOW CORRECT COUPLER LEAD-INS

- RENUMBER KEYBOARD PINOUTS ON SCH.
- PINS FOR J2 CONNECTOR MUST BE TRIMMED TO < .060
- REDRAW PCB SUB-ASS'Y w/ CORRECTIONS FOR SILKSCREEN ABOVE

MORE MECHANICAL:

- KEYPAD BUTTONS NOT PROTRUDING ENOUGH TO ALLOW OVERLAYS TO WORK
- COPROWRAP TABS won't KEEP 2nd WIND OF CABLE IN PLACE (POSITION?)
- CLEARANCE AROUND ^{TOP}RUBBER KEYS BE REDUCED?

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(X53) TRAK BALL CARBON & SILVER EPOXY SINGLE-SIDED

D CARBON DEPOSITED w/ SILVER EPOXY SCREENED JUMPERS

(20) 60-40 WHEELS TO

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STELLA

NTSC : 262 LINES/SCREEN : 192 VISIBLE (SCREEN)
 (READ @ 60Hz RATE) 40 VERT BLANKING (3 FOR VERT SYNC)
 30 OVERSCAN

STELLA CLOCK GIVES 76 CYCLES PER LINE : SCREEN :

HORIZ. BLANK PERIOD : USED TO CHANGE COLOR, GRAPHICS
 (23 CYCLES LONG)

V BLANK : 3040
 OVERSC. : 2280

IN RAM , \$00-2C = TIA WRITE REGISTERS

\$00 = VSYNC , \$01 = VBLANK



KERNEL : PART OF PROGRAM USED TO SHOW IMAGE ON SCREEN



D6, D7 FOR LATCHES, GROUNDING PORTS

\$02 = WAIT SYNC

SCREEN DRAWING

PLAYFIELD : 40 PARTS, 4 PIXELS WIDE EA., CAN'T MOVE, LOW RESOLUTION

PLAYERS (2) [P₀, P₁] } PAIRED, SAME COLORS

MISSILES (2) [M₀, M₁] }

BALL - SAME COLOR AS PLAYFIELD

BACKGROUND

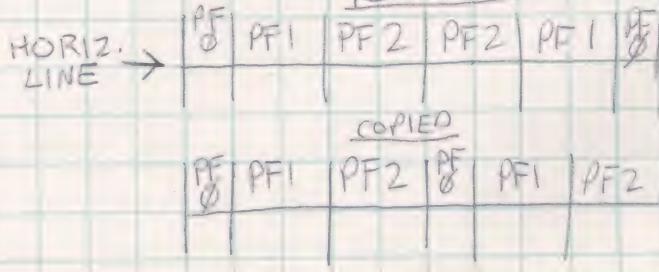
160 PIXELS ACROSS SCREEN

PLAYFIELD REGISTERS

PF₀ : USES ONLY HI-ORDER NIBBLE

PF₁, PF₂ : USE ENTIRE BYTE
 REFLECTED

PF₀ 11010
 PF₁ 11000000
 PF₂ 10101111



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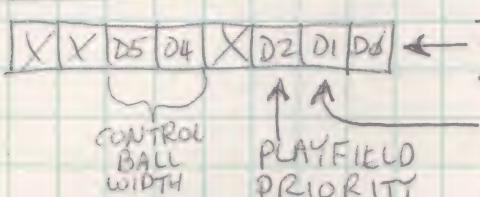
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CTRLPF (CONTROL PLAYFIELD)



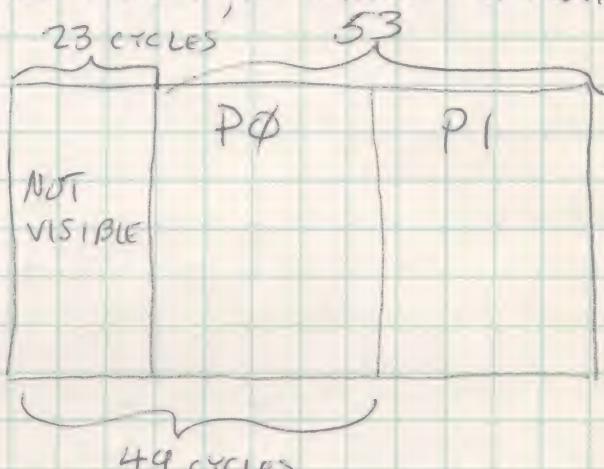
$D\phi = \text{REPLAYFIELD REFLECTED}$
 $D\phi = 0: \text{PLAYFIELD COPIED}$

SCORE:

 $D1 = 1; P\phi \text{ LEFT HALF, } P1 \text{ RT. HALF OF PLAYFIELD}$

1 clock	00	$D2 = 0$	$D2 = 1$
2 "	01	$P\phi - M\phi$	$PF - BL$
4 "	10	$P1 - M1$	$P\phi - M\phi$
8 "	11	$PF - BL$	$P1 - M1$

BAK BAK



MUST CHANGE $P\phi$ TO $P1$ @ 49 CYCLES
TO GIVE CLEAN TRANSITION

TO ACTIVATE PLAYER, STORE 1 IN GRPφ OR GRP1 REGISTERS

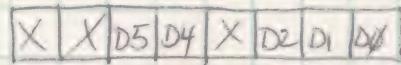


4-CHARACTER KERNEL
22/3 CYCLES
(8 Cycles CKS)

$P\phi$	$P1$	$P\phi$	$P1$
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STA TO $P\phi$
DURING
THIS SECTION

NUSIZφ, NUSIZ1 DETERMINE SIZE OF PLAYER



MISSILE WIDTH, SAME AS BALL CONTROL:	0 0 0 : 1 COPY PLAYER
1CK = 00	0 0 1 : 2 COPIES (CLOSE)
= 01	0 1 0 : 2 " (MEDIUM)
= 10	0 1 1 : 3 " (CLOSE)
= 11	1 0 0 : 2 " (WIDE)
	1 0 1 : DOUBLE WIDTH
	1 1 0 : 3 " (MEDIUM)
	1 1 1 : 4 (QUAD WIDTH)

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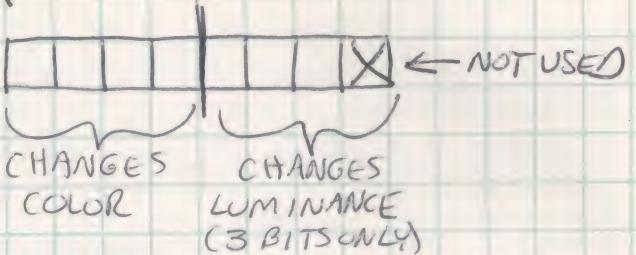
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PØ

P1

PF

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PAM

ONE LINE 114 CYCLES (vs. 76 IN STELLA)

V SYNC
V BLANK
W SYNC

DIRECT
MEMORY
ACCESS } 2nd PROCESSOR IN PAM

6 CHARACTER MODES, 8 MEMORY MAP MODES

(7 TALL w/ SPACE)

GRAPHICS MODE φ : 40 CHARACTERS / LINE, 2 COLORS, 8 SCAN LINES IN HEIGHT
 (C) ALSO: 40-2-16^(OR 10), 40-4-8, 40-4-16, 1 BYTE / CHARACTER
 20-5-8, 20-5-16
 ↑ 5TH COLOR IS BACKGND
 (ABSENCE OF COLOR)

IN 2-COLOR MODE, ONLY
ALL 8 BITS FOR 495 COLORES

(M) 40-2-8, 80-2-4, 80-4-4, 160-2-2,
 160-2-1, 160-4-2, 160-4-1, 320-2-1

40-2-8 : 5 BYTES OF DATA FOR 8 LINES

80-2-4 :	10	"	"	4	"
80-4-4 :	20	"	"	4	"
160-2-2 :	20	"	"	2	"
160-2-1 :	20	"	"	1	"
160-4-2 :	40	"	"	2	"
160-4-1 :	40	"	"	1	"
320-2-1 :	40	"	"	1	"

MUST ADD UP TO 262 LINE
TO FILL SCREEN ACROSS
BEFORE HORIZ. RESETDMA FUNCTIONS

LOAD MEMORY SCAN : GO TO SPEC. LOCATION, LOAD NEXT SET OF BYTES
 (BIT 6) TO GIVE A LINE ON SCREEN

HORIZ. SCROLL : MAKES PLAYFIELD SHIFT SIDE TO SIDE
 (BIT 4)

VERT. SCROLL : MAKES PLAYFIELD SHIFT TOP TO BOTTOM
 (BIT 5)

INTERRUPT : JUMP OUT OF CURRENT ROUTINE, GO TO SIDE TRIP
 (BIT 7)

PLAYER: STRING OF 256 BYTES : PAM HAS 4, 8 BITS WIDE EACH
 MISSILE: " " " " : PAM HAS 4, 2 BITS WIDE EACH
 MISSILES CAN BE BUNCHED TOGETHER INTO ONE BYTE
 TO CREATE A 5TH MISSILE

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GAME OR PROJECT

PAM

32 BYTES

VISIBLE SCREEN

192 BYTES

SIZE P0 - SIZE P3

2 CONTROL BITS

00 : 8 CLOCKS

01 : 16

10 : 8

11 : 32

32 BYTES

DMA INSTRUCTIONS!

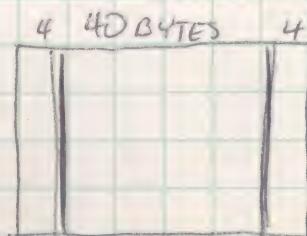
INSTRUCTION — 1 OR 3 CYCLES

PLAYERS, MISSILES — 0-5 CYCLES

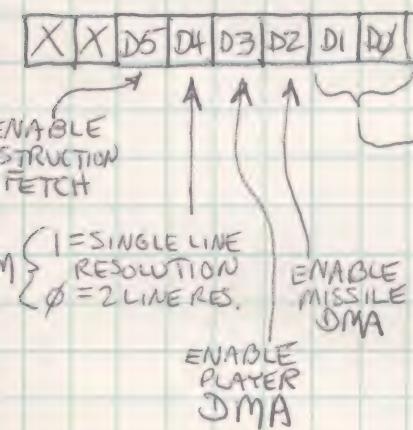
PLAYFIELD — 0, 20, 24, 40, 48 "

REFRESH — UP TO 9 CYCLES

SCROLLING



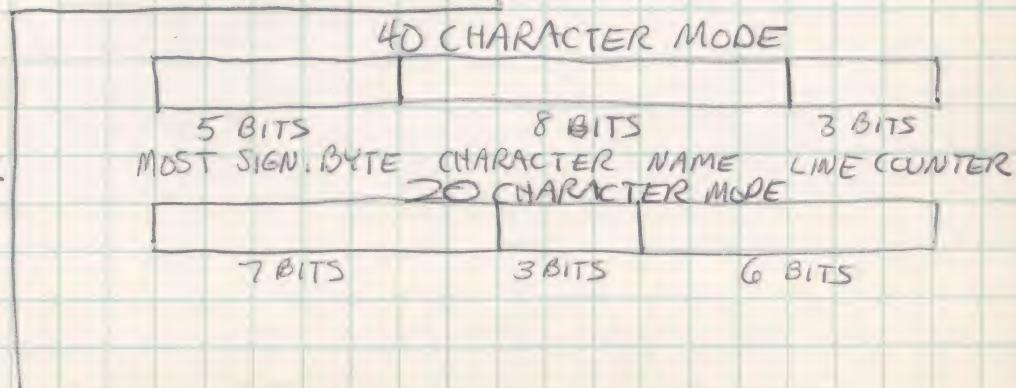
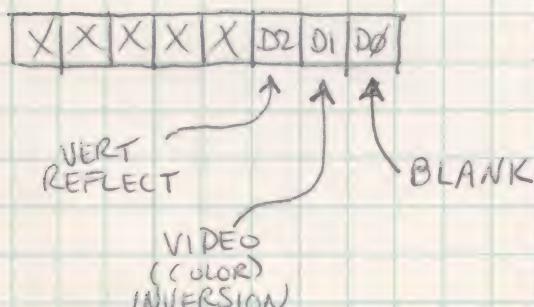
DMACTL (6 BITS WIDE) [DMA CONTROL]



- 00 : NO PLAYFIELD
- 01 : NARROW PF (128 CLOCKS)
- 10 : NORMAL PF (160 CLOCKS)
- 11 : WIDE(SCROLL)PF (192 CLOCKS)

CHACTL (3 BITS WIDE) [CHARACTER CONTROL]

CHBASE (16 BITS)
COMPOSITE CONTROL REGISTER



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PM BASE

KBCODE : MEM LOCATION CONTAINS # 0-F FOR EACH
OF THE KEYBOARD BUTTONS (BUTTON0-BUTTONF)

LDA KBCODE
LSR A (LEFT SHIFT - KBCODE * 2) 00 - 1E BY TENS
TAX (PUT A INTO X)
LDA BTNTBL,X (FROM BUTTON TABLE)
STA JMP PTR
LDA BTNTBL+1,X
STA JMP PTR+1
JMP (JMP PTR)

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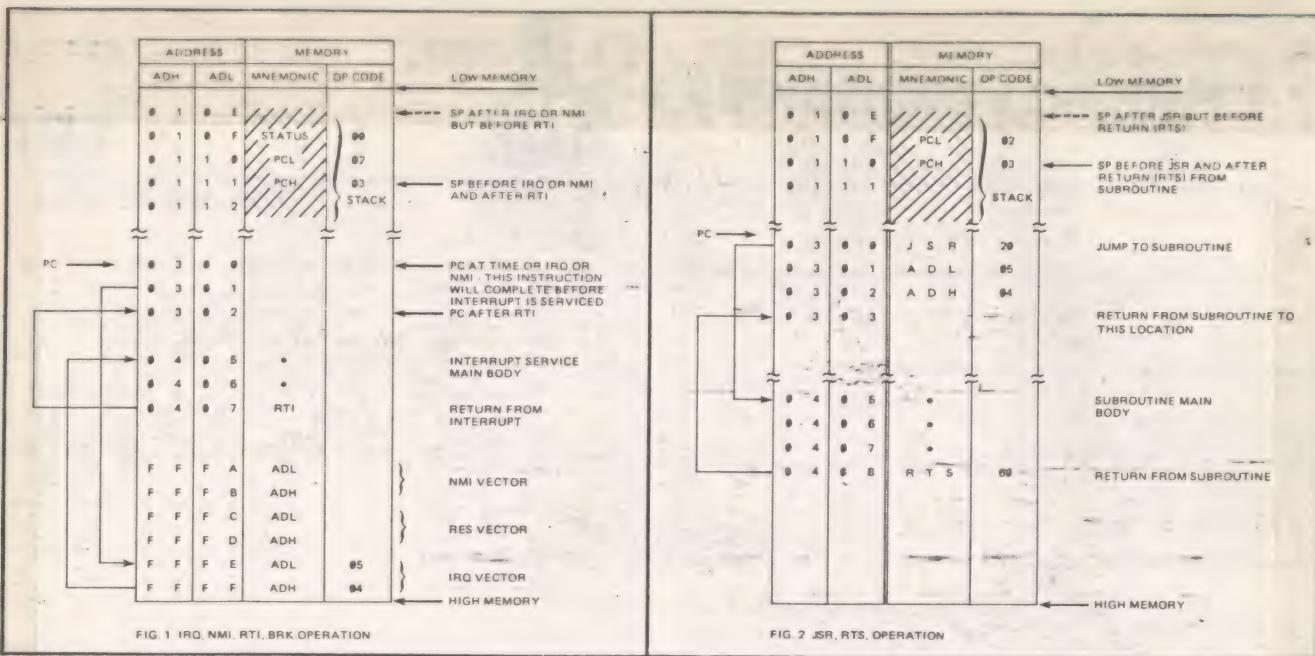
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ASSEMBLER DIRECTIVES

- OPT – SPECIFIES OPTIONS FOR ASSEMBLY
OPTIONS ARE: (OPTIONS LISTED FIRST ARE THE DEFAULT VALUES).
NOC (NOU OR CNT) – DO NOT LIST ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND THEIR USAGE.
NOG (GEN) – DO NOT GENERATE MORE THAN ONE LINE OF CODE FOR ASCII STRINGS.
XRE (NOX) – PRODUCE A CROSS-REFERENCE LIST IN THE SYMBOL TABLE.
ERR (NOE) – CREATE AN ERROR FILE.
MEM (NOM) – CREATE AN ASSEMBLER OBJECT OUTPUT FILE.
LIS (NOL) – PRODUCE A FULL ASSEMBLY LISTING.
- BYTE – PRODUCES A SINGLE BYTE IN MEMORY EQUAL TO EACH OPERAND SPECIFIED.
- WORD – PRODUCES AN ADDRESS (2 BYTES) IN MEMORY EQUAL TO EACH OPERAND SPECIFIED.
- DBYTE – PRODUCES TWO BYTES IN MEMORY EQUAL TO EACH OPERAND SPECIFIED.
- SKIP – GENERATE THE NUMBER OF BLANK LINES SPECIFIED BY THE OPERAND.
- PAGE – ADVANCE THE LISTING TO THE TOP OF A NEW PAGE AND CHANGE TITLE.
- END – DEFINES THE END OF A SOURCE PROGRAM.
- * – DEFINES THE BEGINNING OF A NEW PROGRAM COUNTER SEQUENCE.

LABELS

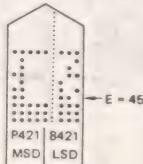
LABELS ARE THE FIRST FIELD AND MUST BE FOLLOWED BY AT LEAST ONE SPACE.
LABELS CAN BE UP TO 6 ALPHANUMERIC CHARACTERS LONG AND MUST BEGIN WITH AN ALPHA CHARACTER.
A,X,Y,S,P AND THE 56 OPCODES ARE RESERVED AND CANNOT BE USED AS LABELS.
LABEL = EXPRESSION CAN BE USED TO EQUATE LABELS TO VALUES.
LABEL *-* +N CAN BE USED TO RESERVE AREAS IN MEMORY.

CHARACTERS USED AS SPECIAL PREFIXES:

- # INDICATES AN ASSEMBLER DIRECTIVE
- \$ SPECIFIES THE IMMEDIATE MODE OF ADDRESSING
- % SPECIFIES A HEXADECIMAL NUMBER
- @ SPECIFIES AN OCTAL NUMBER
- % SPECIFIES A BINARY NUMBER
- ' SPECIFIES AN ASCII LITERAL CHARACTER
- () INDICATES INDIRECT ADDRESSING
- ; INDICATES FOLLOWING TEXT ARE COMMENTS
- V SPECIFIES LOWER HALF OF A 16 BIT VALUE
- > SPECIFIES UPPER HALF OF A 16 BIT VALUE

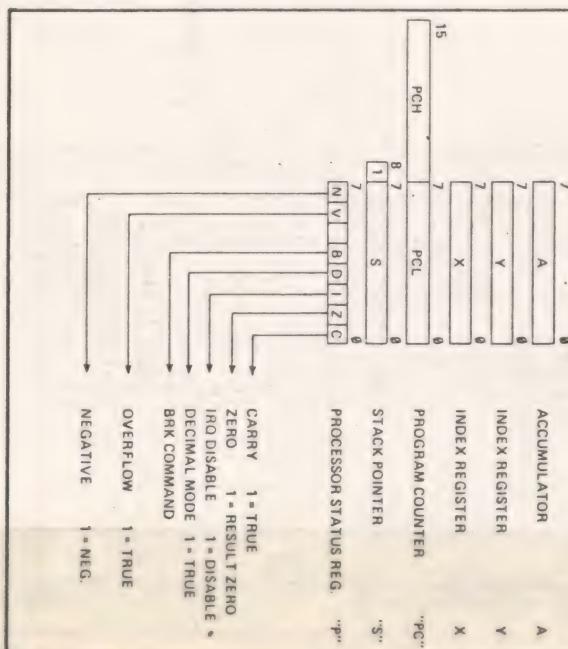
ASCII CHARACTER SET (7-BIT CODE)

MSD \ LSD	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	0 0 0	0 0 1	0 1 0	0 1 1	1 0 0	1 0 1	1 1 0	1 1 1
1	0 0 0 1	SOH	DC1	!	1	@	P	p
2	0 0 1 0	STX	DC2	"	2	A	Q	q
3	0 0 1 1	ETX	DC3	#	3	B	R	r
4	0 1 0 0	EOT	DC4	\$	4	C	S	s
5	0 1 0 1	ENG	NAK	%	5	D	T	t
6	0 1 1 0	ACK	SYN	&	6	E	U	u
7	0 1 1 1	BEL	ETB	^	7	F	V	v
8	1 0 0 0	BS	CAN	(8	G	W	w
9	1 0 0 1	HT	EM)	9	H	X	x
A	1 0 1 0	LF	SUB	:	J	I	Y	y
B	1 0 1 1	VT	ESC	:	K	L	j	z
C	1 1 0 0	FF	FS	;	\	M	k	i
D	1 1 0 1	CR	GS	=]	N	m	n
E	1 1 1 0	SO	RS	•	1	O	o	o
F	1 1 1 1	SI	VS	/	~	DEL	~	~



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8 BIT MICROPROCESSOR

D7

D0

BINARY

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\$D7

: 256 DIFF COMBOS

HEX NOTATION

RAM
REGISTERS:

Thnx for the
Memory!

1 PAGE 256 BYTES

0000 - 00FF

PAGE 0

0100 - 01FF

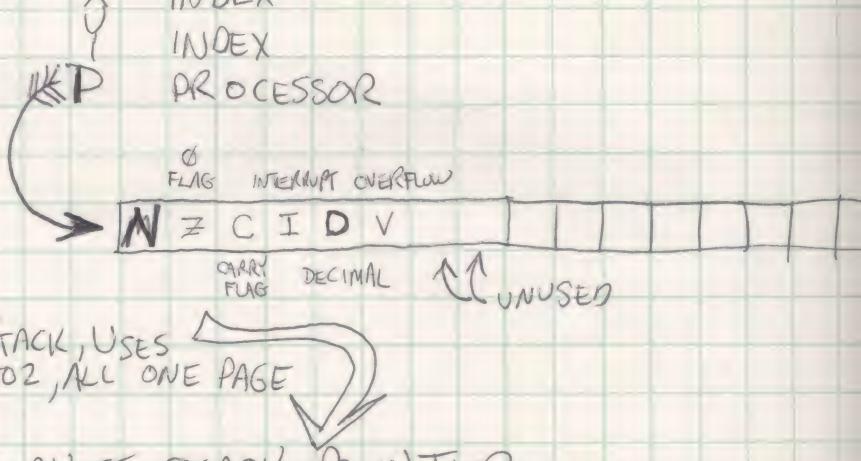
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FF00 - FFFF

LAST PAGE

} RAM STACK, USES
ON 6502, ALL ONE PAGE

ONE-BYTE STACK POINTER



MNEMONICS

- STA: STORE ^{FROM} A ELSEWHERE
- LDA: LOAD INTO A
- CMP: COMPARE
- AND: AND
- ORA: OR
- EOR: EXCLUSIVE OR
- ADC: ADD W/CARRY
- SBC: SUBTRACT w/CARRY

GROUP 1 INSTRUCTIONS (ONLY GROUP w/ INDIRECT MODE)

8 MODES

		BITES / CYCLES
①	IMMEDIATE - EXECUTE INSTANTLY (FAST)	2/2
②	ZERO PAGE - QUICK ACCESS	2/3
③	ZERO PAGE, X - ADD X TO ZERO PAGE ADDRESS	2/4
④	ABSOLUTE - ANYTHING <u>NOT</u> FROM ZERO PAGE	3/4
⑤	ABSOLUTE, X - ADD X TO ABSOLUTE ADDRESS	3/4*
⑥	ABSOLUTE, Y - ADD Y TO " "	3/4*
⑦	(INDIRECT, X) - LOAD FROM ADDRESS OF 2 BYTES	2/6
⑧	(INDIRECT), Y - LOAD INDIRECT, ADD TO Y	2/5*

~~LDA~~ LDA IS NON-DESTRUCTIVE: DOESN'T DESTROY WHAT'S IN LOCATION THAT HOLDS INFO.

CMP: COMPARE A TO M & CHANGE PROCESSOR ACCORDINGLY

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TAKES ONE MORE IF CROSSING PAGE BOUNDARY



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BCC : $C = \emptyset$ Jump 1/2 PAGE (128 BYTES) EITHER WAY (BRANCH ON CARRY CLEAR)
 BCS : $C = 1$ (BRANCH ON CARRY SET)
 BEQ : $Z = 1$ (BRANCH EQUAL)
 BNE : $Z = \emptyset$ (BRANCH NOT EQUAL)
 BMI : $N = 1$ (BRANCH MINUS)
 BPL : $N = \emptyset$ (BRANCH PLUS)

CLC $C = 0$
 LDA POINT 1 (MEMORY ADDRESS LOCATION)
 ADC $\#\$AB$
 STA POINT 1
 LDA (POINT 1) + 1
 ADC $\#0$
 STA (POINT 1) + 1
 SEC $C = 1$
 LDA POINT 1
 SBC $\#\$AB$
 STA POINT 1
 LDA POINT + 1
 SBC $\#0$
 STA POINT

$C = 0$
 $A = ED$
 $A = 98, C = 1$
 $A = FE$
 $C = 0, A = FF$
 $C = 1$
 $A = ED$

CARRY
 \downarrow
 $\begin{array}{r} ED \\ AG \\ \hline 98 \end{array}$
 $FE = \text{POINT} + 1$
 $ED = \text{POINT}$

$\leftarrow \text{ADC}$
COMPLEMENTS:
 $\bar{X} + 1 = -X$ $X + \bar{X} = -1$ $X + \bar{X} + 1 = \emptyset$
 $FF = \emptyset\emptyset + (-1)$

$\leftarrow \text{SBC}$

EOR
 (EXCLUSIVE OR)

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \# 1 &= 0 \\ 0 \# 1 &= 1 \# 0 = 1 \\ 0 \# 0 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|l} 1011 & 0110 \\ 1010 & 1010 \\ \hline 0001 & 1100 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|l} 1011 & 0110 \\ 1010 & 1010 \\ \hline 1010 & 0010 \end{array}$$

$\leftarrow \text{AND} (\wedge)$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \wedge 1 &= 1 \\ 1 \wedge 0 &= 0 \wedge 1 = 0 \\ 0 \wedge 0 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|l} 1011 & 0110 \\ 1010 & 1010 \\ \hline 1011 & 1110 \end{array}$$

$\leftarrow \text{ORA} (\vee)$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \vee 1 &= 1 \\ 1 \vee 0 &= 0 \vee 1 = 1 \\ 0 \vee 0 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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SHIFTS:

ASL - SHIFT LEFT

LSR - SHIFT RIGHT

ROTATE:

ROL - ROTATE LEFT

ROR - ROTATE RIGHT

MOPES:

BYTES / CYCLES

①	A	1/2
②	ZP	2/5
③	ZP, X	2/6
④	ABS	3/6
⑤	ABS, X	3/7

SHIFT:
(LOSE LAST BIT)

ASL →



C



ROL →



MOVE ANYWHERE!
JMP DIRECT

BYTES/CYCLES
3/3

MOVE +128 OR -127 BYTES ONLY

BNE BRANCH
NOT EQUAL TRUE: 2/3 NOT TRUE 2/2

JMP DIRECT 3/5
TAKES ADDRESS FOR DATA
AS TO JMP LOCATION

BEQ BRANCH EQUAL DITTO

Subroutines

JMP SUBROUTINE

JSR: MULT 7,

PCL, PCH: POINTS TO 2 CONSEC BYTES IN P.C. STACK

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INTERRUPTS

PC + L ↑
PC + 2 ↑INTRPT PHA
TXA
PHA
TYA
PHABUTTON
HANDLING
CODEMASKABLE: CAN BE IGNORED
NON-MASKABLE: MUST BE SERVICED
(SUCH AS V BLANK)PLA
TAY
PLA
TAX
PLA
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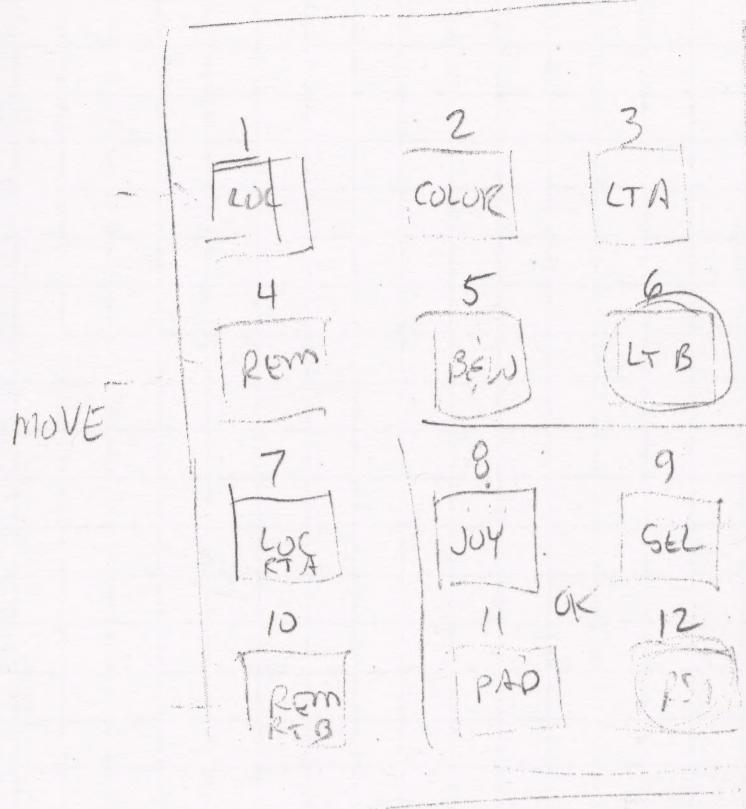
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KEYPAD COLOR	KEY#	FUNCTION	PCB HEADER
GRN *	1 OK	LOCAL	9 OK
WHT/GRN #	12 OK	COLOR	8 OK
WHT/GRN #	13 OK	LEFT A	10 OK
RED *	4 OK	REMOTE	2 OK
WHT/BLK #	5 OK	B&W	3 OK
BLK #	6 OK	LEFT B	4 OK
GREY #	7 OK	RIGHT A	11 OK
BRN *	8 OK	JOYSTICK	12 OK
VIO *	9 OK	SELECT	13 OK
WHT/RED #	10 OK	RIGHT B	5 OK
WHT *	11 OK	PALETTE	6 OK
BLU *	12 OK	RESET	7 OK
YEL *	com	GND	1
ORN *	com	GND	1

CABLE WIRES:
ON PCB

* = CONNECTED TO PCB EDGE TERMINAL

= SOLDERED ONTO PCB

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