



# LAFAYETTE

## "COMSTAT 25A"



Stock No. 99-3130WX

## 23-CHANNEL CB TRANSCEIVER

*INSTALLATION AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS*



LAFAYETTE RADIO ELECTRONICS

## SPECIFICATIONS

### RECEIVER

CIRCUIT TYPE .....	Dual conversion superheterodyne; crystal-controlled 23 channel reception with "fine tuning" capability of 2.5 Kc on each channel. A crystal frequency synthesizer circuit is used to provide 23 channel operation on transmit and receive.
SENSITIVITY.....	0.8 $\mu$ v for 10 db S + N to N ratio
SELECTIVITY.....	6 Kc bandwidth -26 db
INTERMEDIATE FREQUENCY.....	1st IF 11.275 Mc, 2nd IF 455 Kc.
IMAGE REJECTION .....	-75 db
AUDIO OUTPUT.....	4 watts into 5 x 3" oval speaker.
EXTERNAL SPEAKER IMPEDANCE .....	4-8 ohms.
AUXILIARY CIRCUITS.....	Full-time Automatic Noise Limiter, Adjustable Squelch, AVC.

### TRANSMITTER

PLATE POWER INPUT TO FINAL..	5 watts
MODULATION .....	AM, via plate modulation; up to 100% capability.
RANGE-BOOST.....	Yields high average modulation at all times at average speaking levels.
HARMONIC SUPPRESSION .....	Exceeds FCC requirements.
CARRIER DEVIATION .....	Exceeds FCC requirement of $\pm$ .005%.
ANTENNA MATCHING.....	Will match resistive antenna loads of 50-75 ohms.
TRANS/REC SWITCHING .....	Relay switching, push-to-talk on microphone.
PUBLIC ADDRESS .....	PA facilities using microphone and audio stage in conjunction with an external speaker.

## TUBES & SEMI-CONDUCTORS

		Receiver Function	Transmitter Function
V1	6AN8	RF Amp/1st Mixer	-----
V2	6AN8	2nd Mixer/2nd Osc.	-----
V3	6BA6	IF Amp (455 Kc)	-----
V4	6BA6	IF Amp (455 Kc)	-----
V5	12AX7	1st Audio	Modulator/Mic Preamp
V6	6AQ5	Audio Output	Modulator
V7	6GH8	Local Oscillator	
V8	6GH8	-----	Converter/1st Osc
V9	6BA6	-----	Buffer Amp
V10	6BQ5	-----	RF Power Amp
V11	12AT7	-----	Buffer / Synthesizer
D1	1N60	Det. AVC	-----
D2	1S72	ANL	-----
D5	5GF	-----	Range-Boost
D3, D9	5D46	Meter Rectifier ("S")	Meter Rectifier (RF power)
D6, D8	5GJ	B+ Rectifiers (voltage doubler)	
D7	5GJ	Rectifier (Bias Supply)	
D10, D11	5GF	Absorber	

## COMMON

POWER SUPPLY	105-120 volts, 50/60 cycles AC or 12 volts DC.
POWER CONSUMPTION	117 volts AC: 80 watts max. 12.6 volts DC: 3-1/2 amps (rec), 4 amps (trans).
DIMENSIONS	12" W x 5" H x 8-1/4" D (excluding knobs and plugs at rear).
NET WEIGHT	17 lbs.
SHIPPING WEIGHT	20 lbs.

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The Lafayette "Comstat 25A" is a combination transmitter and receiver designed for use in Class "D" operation in the 11 meter citizens radio service. It is designed to meet the Federal Communications Commission requirements applicable to equipment operating in this service under class "D" emission, and not to be used for any other purpose. Rules Part 95 of the FCC regulations defines operation in this service and the licensee is required to read and understand these regulations prior to operating a CB transmitter. Copies of Manual VI (covering the FCC regulations for the Citizens Band Radio Service) includes Part 95 and are available for \$1.25 from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. A station license may be obtained by submitting a properly completed Station License Application, Form 505 as directed.

It is illegal to operate the transmitter section of this transceiver prior to receiving a valid station license and call sign. NOTE: It is the transmitter that is licensed NOT the operator. Anyone may operate a properly licensed CB transmitter but the licensee will be held responsible for any violations incurred during use. A properly completed Identification Card Form 452-C must be attached to the transmitter.

The transceiver will provide economical and reliable radio communication in its intended application if installed and operated in accordance with instructions contained herein.

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

### RECEIVER SECTION

The receiver is designed to receive amplitude modulated signals in the 26.965 to 27.255 Mc (11-meter) citizens band. The circuit is a highly sensitive and selective dual-conversion superheterodyne type, with one RF and two IF amplifiers. The unit employs a frequency-synthesized circuit in which 13 crystals (all supplied) are used to provide full 23 channel crystal-controlled operation (receive and transmit), switch-selected from the front panel. The unit is equipped with an 11-pin socket at the rear of the chassis which offers direct plug-in facilities for the Lafayette Priva-Com Selective Call unit.

Features incorporated into the receiver section include an S-meter for reading signal strength, a full time automatic noise limiter, and an adjustable squelch control which can be used to "quiet" the receiver when no signal is being received. As a further aid to better reception, the circuit includes a control that offers "fine tuning" on receive. This control, which has a range of 2.5 Kc, permits optimum reception of stations that are slightly off frequency.

### TRANSMITTER SECTION

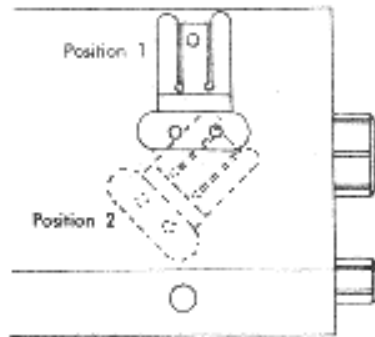
The transmitter is designed to transmit amplitude modulated signals in the 26.965 to 27.255 Mc (11-meter) citizens band. The frequency synthesized circuit used for receive is also common to the transmitter and used in the transmit mode to provide full 23 channel crystal-controlled operation. A push-to-talk button on the ceramic microphone (supplied) offers reliable relay switching. Plate modulation is employed (100% capability), with up to 5 watts plate power input to the final RF. Also included is a special "Range-Boost" circuit which, when "on", concentrates more audio power into the sidebands by providing maximum modulation on all syllables. This feature offers maximum communication distance when noisy conditions make reception of your signal difficult. A relative RF power meter (which automatically functions as an S-meter on receive) indicates relative RF power at the antenna. An added feature is a provision for public address, utilizing the microphone and audio circuits to feed an external speaker connected to the Phones output jack.

### POWER SUPPLY

The transceiver is designed to operate from either 105-120 volts, 50/60 cycles AC or 12.6 volts DC. Two power supply cables are supplied -- one for AC operation, the other for DC operation. All that is required is that the appropriate power cable be plugged into the 8-pin power socket on the transceiver. On 12.6 volts DC operation, the transceiver employs a built-in solid-state power supply circuit (no vibrator is used).

## BASE STATION INSTALLATION

The transceiver should be placed in a convenient operating location, close to an AC power outlet, suitable ground and the antenna lead-in cable.



**Figure 1** Microphone bracket installation. Bracket may be attached to either side of the transceiver. If desired, the bracket may be attached in any other convenient location (car dashboard, etc.).

### **MICROPHONE BRACKET INSTALLATION**

The microphone bracket may be installed on the left or right-hand side of the transceiver in either of the two positions shown in Figure 1, whichever is most convenient.

### **MOUNTING BRACKET**

The mobile mounting bracket may be used in a base installation by attaching it to the underside of the transceiver as shown in Figure 2, diagram B. When so used, the four rubber feet (supplied) may be attached to the bracket as shown in Figure 2, diagram C. Note that the bracket has additional holes for the front pair of securing screws. These will allow the transceiver to be set to an angle which provides the operation with the best view of the front panel.

### **AC POWER CONNECTION**

Select the AC power cord and attach the 8-pin female connector to the 8-pin male power connector at the rear of the transceiver. **CAUTION:** Always line up the keyway properly before pushing the cable connector onto the transceiver. Do not attempt to force the connector onto the pins -- when properly lined up, the connector will slip on easily. Making sure the transceiver is off (switch is located at the extreme counter-clockwise of the VOLUME control), insert the AC plug at the other end of the cord into an outlet supplying 105-120 volts, 50/60 cycles AC. For protection, the AC input to the transceiver is fused (the fuse is located within the transceiver).

### **MICROPHONE CONNECTION**

Attach the 4-pin male connector at the end of coil cord to the 4-pin female connector at the lower left front of the transceiver. Secure it firmly by means of the knurled securing ring.

### **ANTENNA CONNECTION**

The antenna lead-in cable (RG-58/U or RG-8/U) should be terminated with a PL-259 type male coaxial connector which should then be attached to the matching antenna connector at the rear of the transceiver.

## **MOBILE INSTALLATION**

### **MICROPHONE BRACKET INSTALLATION**

The microphone bracket may be installed on the left or right side of the transceiver in one of the two positions shown in Figure 1. The position that must be used will depend on the position of the mobile mounting bracket.

If the mounting bracket is attached to the top of the transceiver (as would be normal in a car installation), it will be necessary to use position 2.

## TRANSCIEVER INSTALLATION

Before installing the transceiver in a car, truck, boat, etc., be sure to choose a location which is convenient to the operating controls, and will not interfere with the normal functions of the driver. The transceiver may be mounted to the underside of the instrument panel or dashboard of a car, truck, etc., by means of the special bracket that is supplied with the transceiver. Remove the bracket from the transceiver by loosening the four large knurled screws at the sides. Attach the bracket to the underside of the instrument panel using the four self-threading screws provided.

Figure 2 illustrates the manner in which the transceiver is mounted. Secure the transceiver to the bracket by means of the large knurled screws (two each side). Note that the bracket has additional holes for the front pair of securing screws. These will allow the transceiver to be set to an angle which provides the operator with the best view of the front panel.

## DC POWER CONNECTION

**CAUTION:** This transceiver is designed for use only in vehicles employing a negative ground system. **DO NOT USE IN POSITIVE GROUND VEHICLES.**

The Red lead in the DC power cable (this is the lead that is fused for 8 amps) should be connected to the main positive battery source in the vehicle. "Hot" points normally available are the accessory post on the ignition switch or the accessory side of the fuse block. The Black lead should be connected to the metal firewall or any other point that is connected to the vehicle chassis (negative battery potential). Make sure the Red lead has been connected to a point which provides power only when the ignition switch is turned on.

As a final step, the 8-pin female connector at the other end of the DC power cable should be attached to the 8-pin male power connector at the rear of the transceiver. **CAUTION:** Always line up the keyway properly before pushing the cable connector onto the transceiver. Do not attempt to force the connector onto the pins -- when properly lined up, the connector will slip on easily.

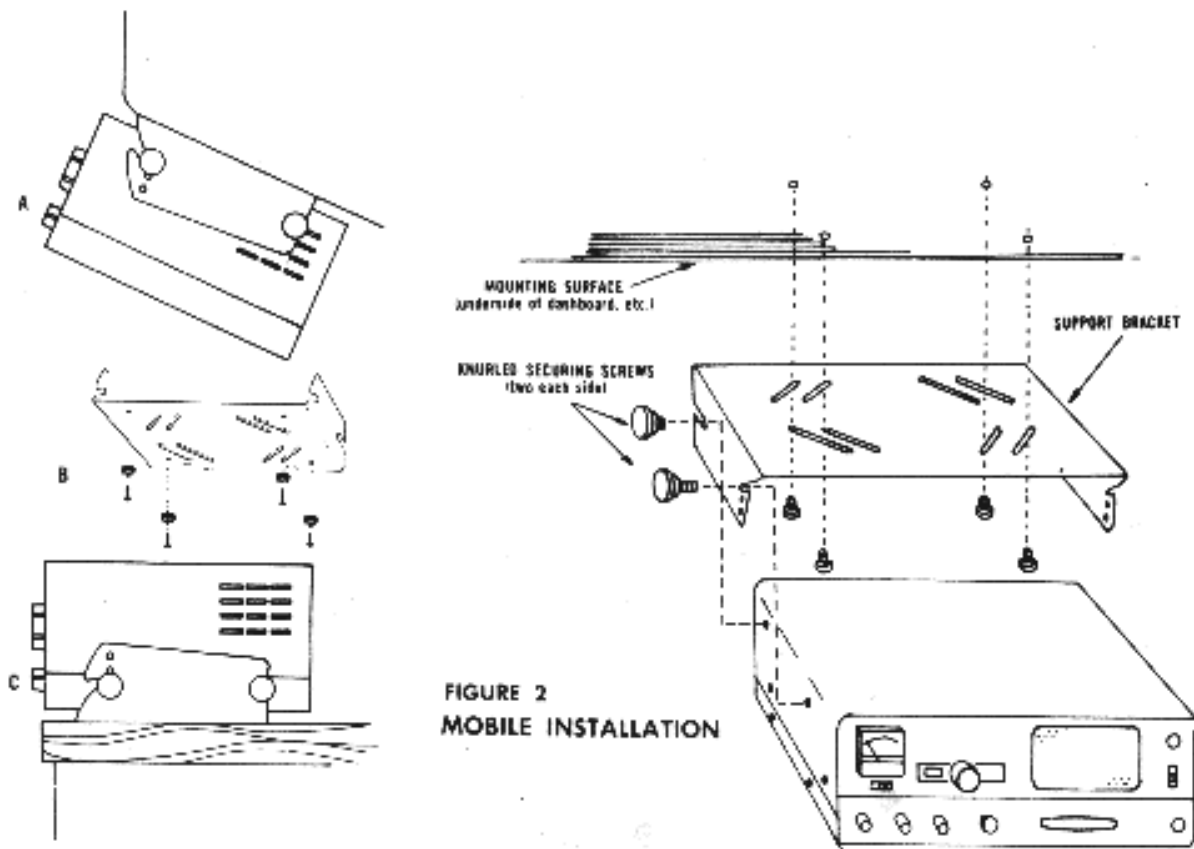


FIGURE 2  
MOBILE INSTALLATION

## ANTENNAS

The results obtained with your new Lafayette Citizens Band Transceiver will be greatly determined by the efficiency of the antenna system used.

Due to the complexity of the subject, it is not within the scope of this manual to provide detailed information on antenna systems. Although this section does contain some general information which may be of value to the beginning CB enthusiast, we suggest you purchase one of the numerous books available which covers this subject in greater detail. The Howard W. Sams publication by David E. Hicks, "CB Radio Antenna Guidebook", is particularly recommended. This book offers a complete guide to the selection and installation of CB antennas and includes a great deal of information that will be useful in obtaining optimum results with your antenna system.

### ANTENNA CABLE

For optimum results in a mobile installation, the length of the RG-58/U 50 ohm coaxial cable should be 11 ft. 9 inches, or multiples thereof (23 ft. 6 inches, etc.). Lengths other than multiples of 11 ft. 9 inches may be used when perfect antenna matching exists. However, this ideal condition is generally difficult to obtain because of a number of factors which affect impedance, such as the type of antenna, its tuning, its height above ground, and the transmission line employed.

When the use of the particular lengths specified results in an over-long line, the excess should be wound in a neat coil not less than 8 inches in diameter.

In a base station installation, an exceptionally long lead-in cable may be required. When lengths of over 50 feet are necessary, RG-8/U coaxial cable is more suitable since it offers lower loss than RG-58/U.

## MOBILE ANTENNAS

The type of antenna best suited for mobile service is a vertically polarized whip antenna. The vertical whip is non-directional and can be of the loaded type (top, center or base loaded), or a full quarter-wave, the latter usually being more efficient. Both types use the metal body of the vehicle as a "ground plane". There are a number of locations that may be used for the installation of an antenna on a car. Four of the most popular locations are those shown in Figure 3.

### FRONT COWL MOUNTING

Front cowl mounting offers a number of advantages. The CB antenna can be mounted in place of the regular auto radio antenna and will thus provide the minimum of installation problems. The antenna can then be used for both the CB and standard auto radio by employing any of the commercially made two-way couplers available (such as the Lafayette HP-202, Stock #42-0903). In this location you can install a short loaded whip, with only a small loss of efficiency.

The horizontal radiation pattern in such a location is slightly irregular, radiation being slightly greater in the direction of the rear fender opposite to the side on which the front cowl antenna is mounted.

### ROOF MOUNTING

Roof mounting is usually the best location because it provides an almost perfect omnidirectional radiation pattern. However, the use of a full 108-inch quarter-wave antenna on the roof of a vehicle is fairly impracticable and a shorter loaded whip is usually installed in this location, even though this type offers lower efficiency.

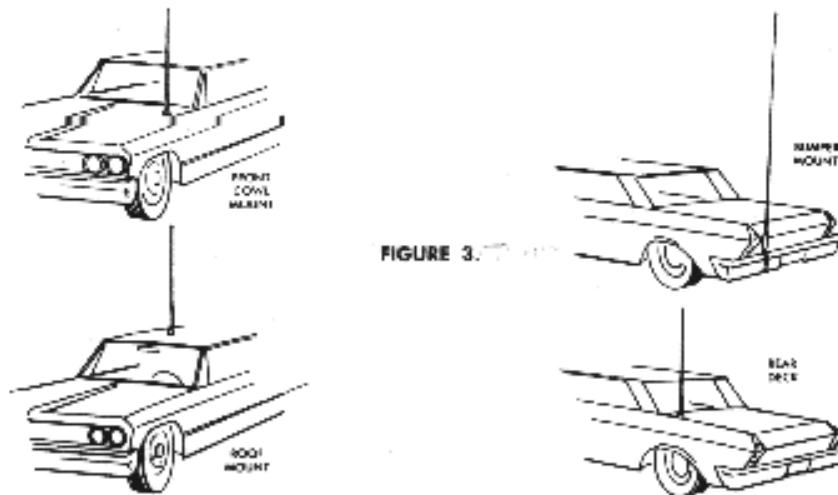


FIGURE 3.

### REAR DECK MOUNTING

Rear deck mounting permits the use of a full quarter-wave antenna or a shorter, loaded whip. The radiation pattern in such a location is somewhat irregular, radiation being slightly greater in the direction of the front fender opposite to the side on which the rear deck antenna is mounted.

### BUMPER MOUNTING

This arrangement uses the rear bumper of the car and is by far the most practical for use with full 108-inch quarter-wave whips. Another advantage is that removal of the antenna is simple and leaves no holes in the car body. The radiation pattern produced by an antenna mounted on the left rear bumper is fairly irregular, with greatest radiation being in two directions -- one to the right and forward slightly, the other to the rear and left slightly.

## BASE STATION ANTENNAS

### SHORT RANGE

The Lafayette HE-19 (Lafayette Stock No. 99-3015) is a small base loaded whip designed for short range communications work -- intercommunication between buildings, etc. It mounts directly onto the back of the transceiver. Extended -- it measures 45", closed -- 15".

### LONG RANGE

There are three basic types of long-range antennas as shown in Figure 4.

A. Vertical Ground Plane Antennas. These are omnidirectional antennas that provide optimum performance for contacting other fixed stations using vertical type antennas in addition to all mobile stations. For medium and long-range communications work.



FIGURE 4.

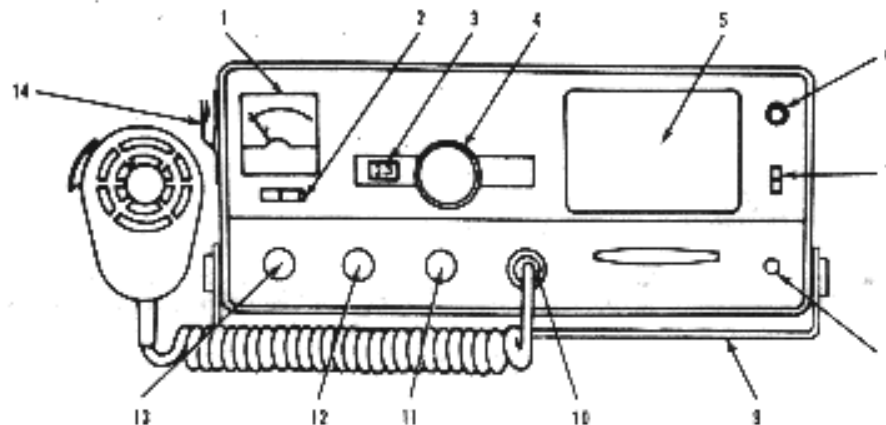


- B. Coaxial Antennas. These are high efficiency type radiators with omnidirectional characteristics, performing as well in most applications as the ground plane type. Ideal for those installations where a vertical ground plane is not feasible. For medium and long range communications work.
- C. Directional Beam Antennas. Highly efficient and directional antennas generally intended for fixed-to-fixed long range communications. An average 3-element beam provides an equivalent of 8 db increase in transmitter power.

### IGNITION INTERFERENCE

#### AUTO

The suppression carried out on vehicles equipped with a standard broadcast radio will usually prevent any serious ignition interference from occurring. However, because of the high sensitivity of the receiver, sufficient noise may be picked up from your own vehicle to make reception of weaker stations difficult. In such a case, additional suppression is recommended. Several noise suppressor kits are available (such as the Lafayette HP-204, Stock No. 42-0905) which include all necessary parts and instructions for effectively suppressing ignition noise. Alternatively, you can take the vehicle to a skilled auto radio technician who will be able to carry out the suppression for you.



#### OPERATING CONTROLS AND FEATURES

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| (1) | ILLUMINATED METER    | Automatically indicates relative strength (in "S" units) of incoming signal or RF antenna power (in watts) of the transmitter  |
| (2) | RANGE-BOOST          | Concentrates more audio power into the transmitted sidebands by providing high average modulation on all syllables. Offers maximum communication distance when noisy conditions make reception of your signal difficult. |
| (3) | CHANNEL INDICATOR    | Illuminated dial shows channel to which the transceiver is set.  |
| (4) | CHANNEL SELECTOR     | Continuously rotating switch that selects any one of 23 CB channels  |
| (5) | SPEAKER              | PM-type 5" round speaker located behind grille.  |
| (6) | MODULATION INDICATOR | Functions as modulation indicator on transmit.   |
| (7) | PA-CB                | "CB" position provides normal operation. "PA" position permits Public Address operation on transmit using an external speaker. On receive, "PA" position provides channel monitoring over the external speaker.          |

- (8) PHONE JACK ..... Standard phone jack for headphones or external speaker (4-8 ohms). Insertion of plug into the jack automatically silences the internal speaker.
- (9) MOUNTING BRACKET ..... Specially designed mounting bracket simplifies mobile installation -- also permits fast removal of transceiver.
- (10) MICROPHONE ..... Four-pin socket for push-to-talk ceramic microphone with coiled cord and dependable screw-on connector.
- (11) FINE TUNING ..... Permits "fine" tuning of receiver for reception of stations that are off frequency.
- (12) VOLUME/ON-OFF ..... Varies the sound output from the speaker. Also incorporates an on-off power switch at the extreme counter-clockwise position.
- (13) SQUELCH/STANDBY ..... This control is used to "quiet" the receiver during "no-signal" conditions. Degree of sensitivity to incoming signals is adjustable. Fully counter-clockwise position switches to standby.
- (14) MICROPHONE CLIP ..... Hang-up clip for microphone (supplied separately for installation in various positions).

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Make sure the transceiver is properly installed for base or mobile operation (as indicated previously), and that the antenna and power source are connected. If you have not already done so, connect the microphone.

### RECEIVING

Place the PA-CB switch in the CB position, rotate the squelch control to the extreme counter-clockwise position (without operating the standby switch), and select desired channel. Rotate the volume control knob until the switch clicks. The "S" meter dial light should glow softly. Advance the volume control to about 1/3 setting. As the unit warms up, the characteristic noise (rushing sound) of a high gain receiver should be heard. Adjust to a comfortable listening level. The receiver is now ready to operate.

### SQUELCH ADJUSTMENT

The Squelch control is used to eliminate annoying background noise when no signals are present. To adjust the SQUELCH control properly during reception, turn up VOLUME until background noise is heard (no signals should be present). Rotate the SQUELCH slowly clockwise until the background noise just disappears. At this point, the receiver will be relatively quiet under "no-signal" conditions, but an incoming signal will overcome the squelch action and be heard. Since this control is variable, it can be used to provide varying degrees of sensitivity to incoming signals. As the control is advanced (from the extreme counter-clockwise position), the squelch action is progressively increased and progressively stronger incoming signals are needed to overcome it. To receive extremely weak signals or to disable the squelch circuit, simply turn the control fully counter-clockwise -- but without operating the Standby switch.

In the "Standby" position of the Squelch control, the high voltages (B+) in the transceiver are switched off but filament voltages are still maintained. This reduces power consumption when the unit is not in actual use while allowing the transceiver to remain in a "warmed-up" condition ready for instant use when needed (simply rotate Squelch clockwise to operate the system).

## FINE TUNING

The FINE TUNING control has a total range of approximately 2.5 Kc and may be used for reception of a station that is slightly off frequency. Simply tune for best reception and highest 'S' meter reading.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** When better reception is obtained with this control in either the extreme left or right position, there is always the possibility that the station you are receiving is actually on an adjacent channel. While this is not usual, it can occur when the received station is off frequency or when the incoming signal is of sufficient strength to overcome the normal selectivity of the receiver. To determine whether you are actually tuned to the correct channel, simply switch to each adjacent channel in turn, and note whether better reception (and higher 'S' reading) is obtained with the Fine Tuning control in the normal (center) position.

## 'S'/RF POWER METER

This meter is automatically switched to indicate incoming signal strength in the receive mode, and relative RF power output in the transmit mode.

During reception, the 'S' meter provides a relative indication of signal strength in 'S' units and thus offers a basis for comparison between one incoming signal and another. The S-meter circuit has been pre-adjusted at the factory to indicate 'S 9' with 100 microvolts at the antenna input. The meter reading may be readjusted by means of a control located at the rear of the transceiver. Normally, the 'S' meter should read '0' with an antenna connected.

During transmission, the RF power meter will read true antenna power output only when the transceiver is connected to a 50-ohm resistive load. If the antenna and transmission line do not offer such a load, the meter readings will not be completely accurate.

## PRIVA-COM SOCKET

An 11-pin socket at the rear of the transceiver is provided for use with the Lafayette "PRIVA-COM" selective call unit. A jumper plug (with pins 2 & 3 and pins 4 & 5 shorted) is normally inserted into the socket and should be removed only when the selective call unit is used.

## TRANSMITTING

**WARNING: NEVER PLACE THE TRANSCEIVER IN THE TRANSMIT MODE WITHOUT AN ANTENNA CONNECTED. THIS MAY DESTROY THE RF POWER OUTPUT TUBE.**

Before operating the transmitter the following must be done:

1. A valid Class D citizens band equipment license shall be posted at the main control (fixed) station location.
2. A properly filled out and SIGNED mobile identification card 452C must be affixed to the unit.
3. Rules Part 95 must be obtained, read and understood.

**VIOLATORS OF ANY OF THE ABOVE ARE SUBJECT TO SEVERE PENALTIES.**

Before attempting to transmit, always make sure that the PA-CB switch is in the CB position. To transmit, simply press the microphone button. Hold the microphone at the corner of the mouth so that your voice projects forward (this provides best results) and speak at a normal level. The Modulation indicator light should "flicker", indicating that you are modulating the RF carrier. During periods of transmission, the receiver is silenced and reception is therefore impossible. In the same way, your signal cannot be heard by another station when they are transmitting. Each must take turns.

## RANGE-BOOST

If the station you are attempting to contact reports difficulty in receiving you due to ignition noise, interference, excessive background noise, etc., switch the Range-Boost "on" and speak normally into the microphone. Special circuitry will increase the modulation density in the sidebands and increase the average audio in your signal, permitting it to be heard under conditions which might otherwise make its reception impossible. Never shout or raise your voice when using "Range-Boost" since this will not increase the range of your transmission in any way.

## PUBLIC ADDRESS OPERATION

Special provision has been made for Public Address (PA) operation, utilizing the microphone and audio stages in the transceiver. For PA operation, you should use an external 4-8 ohm speaker connected to the PHONES jack. Set the PA-CB switch to PA and press the push-to-talk button on the microphone and talk into it -- your voice will be heard from the external speaker (which may be mounted on the exterior of a car or building).

NOTE: As soon as the microphone push-button is released, the transceiver will return to the normal receive mode to provide CB reception.

## OPERATING PROCEDURES

A Citizens Band station is NOT intended to be a replacement for a ham station. Transmission of a "CQ" (calling any station) to alert any station that might be listening is in violation of Citizens Band Regulations. For information on permissible types of communications, you should always refer to Part 95 of the FCC Rules and Regulations.

## SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE

The transceiver was carefully designed to provide reliable service over a long period of time. However, in common with all electronic equipment, a component may fail or change characteristics, and thus necessitate replacement of the faulty part. Certain items, such as tubes and pilot lamps, will age and may become defective. However, these can be easily replaced by the user if he wishes to do so. More serious failures will usually require the services of a competent technician.

## WARNING

FCC REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT ANY ADJUSTMENTS MADE TO THE TRANSMITTER WHILE ON THE AIR WHICH MIGHT RESULT IN GENERATION OF A SPURIOUS FREQUENCY MUST BE MADE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF, OR BY, A PERSON HOLDING A VALID FIRST OR SECOND CLASS RADIO TELEPHONE OPERATOR'S LICENSE.

As an aid to the service technician, this manual contains a complete voltage chart, a layout diagram identifying tubes, transformers, coils, etc., a schematic diagram, and a functional block diagram. Also included are instructions for aligning the receiver and transmitter sections.

## CABINET REMOVAL

Disconnect the power cable and the antenna cable. To detach the top cover, remove four large slotted-head screws (two each side). To detach the bottom cover, remove six screws on the underside of the cabinet.

## SIMPLE TROUBLE SHOOTING

### TUBES

Tubes may be checked in a do-it-yourself tube tester in a neighborhood store, or may be taken to a service shop for testing. Replace any weak or defective tubes with new ones of identical type. Before replacing tubes in the transceiver, refer to the diagram (on a following page) which shows the correct tube locations.

### SOLID-STATE DC POWER SUPPLY

This transceiver employs a solid-state (2-transistors) power supply circuit during 12 volts DC operation (no vibrator is used). The transistors, which are located on the rear panel, have been treated with a light protective coating to avoid possible oxidation. Under no circumstances should the transistors be allowed to come into contact with the vehicle chassis, metal brackets, etc. This will cause a short-circuit and may destroy the transistors.

### PILOT LAMPS

There are three pilot lamps used in the transceiver. Two of these are built into the meter, and the third provides illumination for the channel dial plate. All three are run considerably below their maximum rating and should therefore last almost indefinitely.

### FUSES

The 12-volt DC power cable uses an "in-line" fuse. The value of this fuse is 8 amp. Provision has also been made for fusing the primary circuit during 117 volt AC operation by means of a 2 amp fuse located within the transceiver (remove bottom cover for access to the fuse).

In the event of complete failure (tube filaments and pilot lamps not lighting), the fuse should always be checked first. If it has failed, replace only with one of a similar rating. Repeated failure of a fuse would indicate a serious fault in the transceiver which should be investigated.

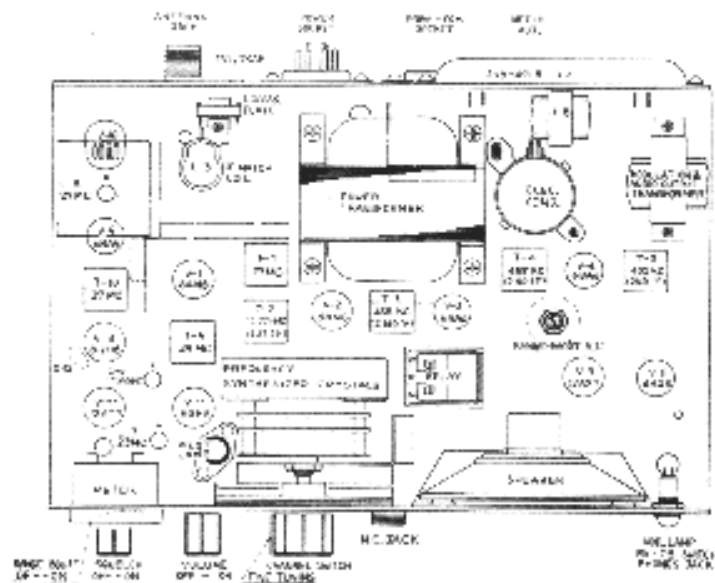
## RECEIVER ALIGNMENT

### 455 KC IF ADJUSTMENT

Connect the transceiver to a power source and attach the microphone. Turn volume to its mid-position, squelch at minimum, and the PA switch in the CB position. Set FINE TUNING to the mid-position (normal) and the CHANNEL selector to channel 13.

Connect an AC voltmeter (VTVM) across the speaker terminals in the transceiver. Alternatively, the meter can be connected to the "Phone" jack by means of a standard phone plug.

Connect a 455 Kc signal generator (modulated 30% at 1 Kc) to pin 8 of V3(6AN8). Make certain the output frequency of the generator is within 1 Kc of 455 Kc. Increase generator output until the VTVM reads approximately 0.5 volts.



Adjust the top and bottom tuning cores of T3, T4 and T5 for maximum output. Reduce generator output progressively as circuits come into line so that VTVM reading does not exceed about 0.5 volts. When no further increase can be obtained by adjusting the cores, disconnect the signal generator and proceed with the 11.275 Mc IF adjustments.

#### 11.275 MC IF ADJUSTMENT

Connect the signal generator to pin 2 of V1 (6AN8), with the VTVM connected to the speaker terminals. Make sure the Fine Tuning control is in the normal, center position. Tune the generator in the vicinity of 11.275 Mc until a maximum reading is obtained on the VTVM. Reduce generator output level until the meter reads about 0.5 volts. Adjust top and bottom cores of T2 for maximum reading, reducing generator output if necessary so that reading does not exceed 0.5 volts.

#### SECOND OSCILLATOR

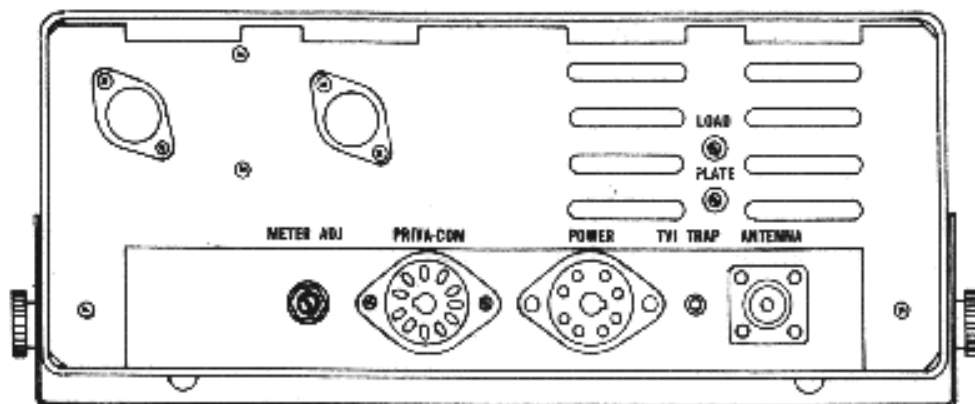
The second oscillator V2B (6AN8) is crystal-controlled. The Fine Tuning control permits fine tuning of the receiver and has a total range of about 2.5 Kc. A normally functioning oscillator will develop approximately -1.5 to -8 volts at pin 2 of V2B. Differences in individual crystal activity will cause a variation in grid voltage from crystal to crystal.

#### LOCAL OSCILLATOR

The master local oscillator, V7A, is crystal-controlled and is used during both transmit and receive. A normally functioning oscillator will develop approximately -4.5 volts at pin 9 of V7 (see voltage chart). Differences in individual crystal activity will cause a variation in the voltage measured at this point.

The local oscillator is tuned as follows: adjust the bottom core of L7 for maximum negative reading at pin 9 of V7A with the channel selector switch set to channel 23, then back off from peak in a clockwise direction to about 70% of the maximum reading. Check all channels for activity. A defective crystal will produce zero voltage at pin 9 in four consecutive channels.

After this adjustment has been made, check transmitter output frequency to make sure it is within FCC specifications on all channels. Readjust L7 if necessary.



### SYNTHESIZER, 2nd LOCAL OSCILLATOR

The synthesizer (V11B) is used during both transmit and receive. A normally functioning oscillator will develop approximately  $-0.3$  volts at V7 pin 2 (see voltage chart), depending upon crystal activity. The output from V7A and the output from V7B produce a 38 Mc output in the plate circuit of V11B. T9 being tuned to this frequency.

### RF ADJUSTMENTS

When it has been ascertained that all oscillators are functioning normally, connect the signal generator (modulated 30% at 1 Kc) to the antenna connector. Use RG58/U or equivalent 52 ohm cable. Set generator output to approximately  $10 \mu\text{V}$ , and switch receiver to channel 13. Tune the generator around 27.115 Mc until a signal is heard in the receiver. Adjust the generator output frequency for maximum output voltage reading on the VTVM (at speaker terminals). Adjust the top and bottom tuning cores of T1 for maximum output.

### "S" METER ADJUSTMENT

After receiver alignment has been completed, adjust VR1 for a "S-9" reading on the "S" meter with  $100 \mu\text{V}$  at the antenna input and transceiver set to channel 13.

### TRANSMITTER ALIGNMENT

The detailed operation and alignment of the local oscillator and synthesizer has been covered previously. Both oscillators are used for the transmit operation.

In the receive mode, B+ is removed from V8 and V9 and a large bias is applied to the grid of the RF power output tube V10. In the transmit mode, B+ is removed from V1, V2, V3 and V4 in the receiver and applied to V8 and V9 in the transmitter. The bias formerly applied to V10 is removed.

NOTE: Connect a 50 OHM dummy load to antenna connector before proceeding (use two 100 ohm 2 watt resistors in parallel).

Connect VTVM (with AC probe) to pin 1 of V9. With mike button pressed, adjust T10 for maximum reading on channel 13. A reading of approximately 1.4 volts is normal. Failure to obtain any reading may indicate trouble in the 11.275 Mc converter stage. If the receiver is normal, it is likely that the trouble lies beyond T9, in which case V8 or the 11.275 Mc crystal should be suspected. After this adjustment has been made, check transmitter output frequency to make sure it is within FCC specifications on all channels. Readjust L8 if necessary.

Connect VTVM (with series resistor) to pin 2 of V10. Adjust L5 for maximum reading on channel 13. A reading of approximately -15 volts is normal. At this point, check all channels with an RF wattmeter connected to the antenna connector. Make sure that there is approximately equal power output on all channels. If output is low on some channels, slightly re-adjust L5 for equal reading on all channels.

#### MAXIMUM RF OUTPUT

VC3 (Load) and VC4 (Plate) should now be adjusted for maximum power output on the RF wattmeter. Adjustment of VC3 and VC4 affects the power input to the final amplifier. Remember, maximum RF input power has been set at 5 watts by the FCC. Power input may be determined as follows: Check the voltage across resistor R55 (1K, 2W) -- it should not exceed 19 volts. This figure has been arrived at on the basis of an average of 223 volts on the plate with 19 ma plate current --  $223 \times 0.019 = 4.24$  watts.

If the voltage measured across R55 is higher than 19 volts, set VC3 fully clockwise and then peak VC4 for maximum. Now adjust VC3 clockwise until a reading of 19-volts is measured across R55.

#### MODULATION ADJUSTMENT

Connect a modulation monitor to the transceiver. Connect the shield lead of an audio generator to a ground point on the transceiver. Connect the "hot" center lead of the generator in series with a .05 mfd condenser to pin 1 of the microphone jack. Set generator frequency to 1 Kc. and adjust same to 40 mv. output. Place the Range Boost switch in the ON position and adjust VR4 to produce 80% modulation.

To recheck the adjustment of VR4, place Range Boost switch in the ON position and adjust the generator output (5mv) so that the modulation monitor indicates 50%. Now place the Range Boost switch in the OFF position and the modulation monitor should indicate a lower percentage of modulation that requires an increase of 10 db in input level (15mv) to produce 50% modulation.

NOTE: Following the above steps will produce 100% modulation on speech. In no case shall modulation exceed 100%.

#### TV INTERFERENCE TRAP

This transceiver contains a built-in adjustable network in series with the antenna. When tuned correctly, it suppresses television interference. This network is a filter which offers little opposition to the transmitter frequency but will help eliminate the second harmonic radiation.

Turn on a TV receiver that you can see from your transmitting location, and tune to one of the three lower TV channels that has a station-operating in your vicinity. If you notice a "cross-hatch" or "wavy line" pattern on the screen while you are transmitting, it will be necessary to adjust the RF network coil slug screw (L1), in rear of cabinet, to eliminate or minimize this interference. This will usually only be necessary when the transmitter antenna is located near the TV antenna, or that of a neighbor.

#### RETURNING THE UNIT FOR REPAIR

In the event that repair is necessary (either in or out of warranty), we recommend that you return the transceiver to the Lafayette store from which it was purchased. If the unit is to be shipped to our main office for service, please read the instructions which follow.

#### SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

Pack the unit very carefully to avoid damage in transit, preferably in its original carton. If the orig-



inal carton is not available, use a sturdy carton with at least 3 inches of shredded paper or excelsior around the unit. In the latter case, wrap the unit in paper first to avoid particles of packing material getting into it. Include with the unit a letter explaining exactly what difficulties you have encountered (remember to add an extra 5¢ postage and indicate on the outside of the carton that First Class Mail is enclosed). Ship by prepaid express if possible and mark ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT--FRAGILE. Clearly address the carton as follows:

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### VOLTAGE CHART

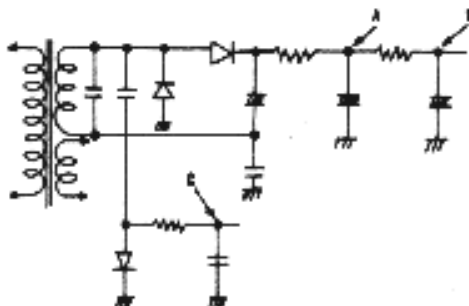
1. All readings taken with VTVM from chassis (negative) to point indicated.
2. Input to transceiver set at 117 volts AC. Similar readings are obtained with 12.6 volts DC input.
3. Transceiver set to channel 13.
4. PA switch in CB position, VOLUME and SQUELCH at minimum (counter-clockwise), FINE TUNING in center (normal) position.
5. 50 ohm dummy load connected to antenna connector.
6. Readings on individual units may vary by as much as  $\pm 20\%$ .

NDV = No detectable voltage. NC = No connection. NM = Not measurable.

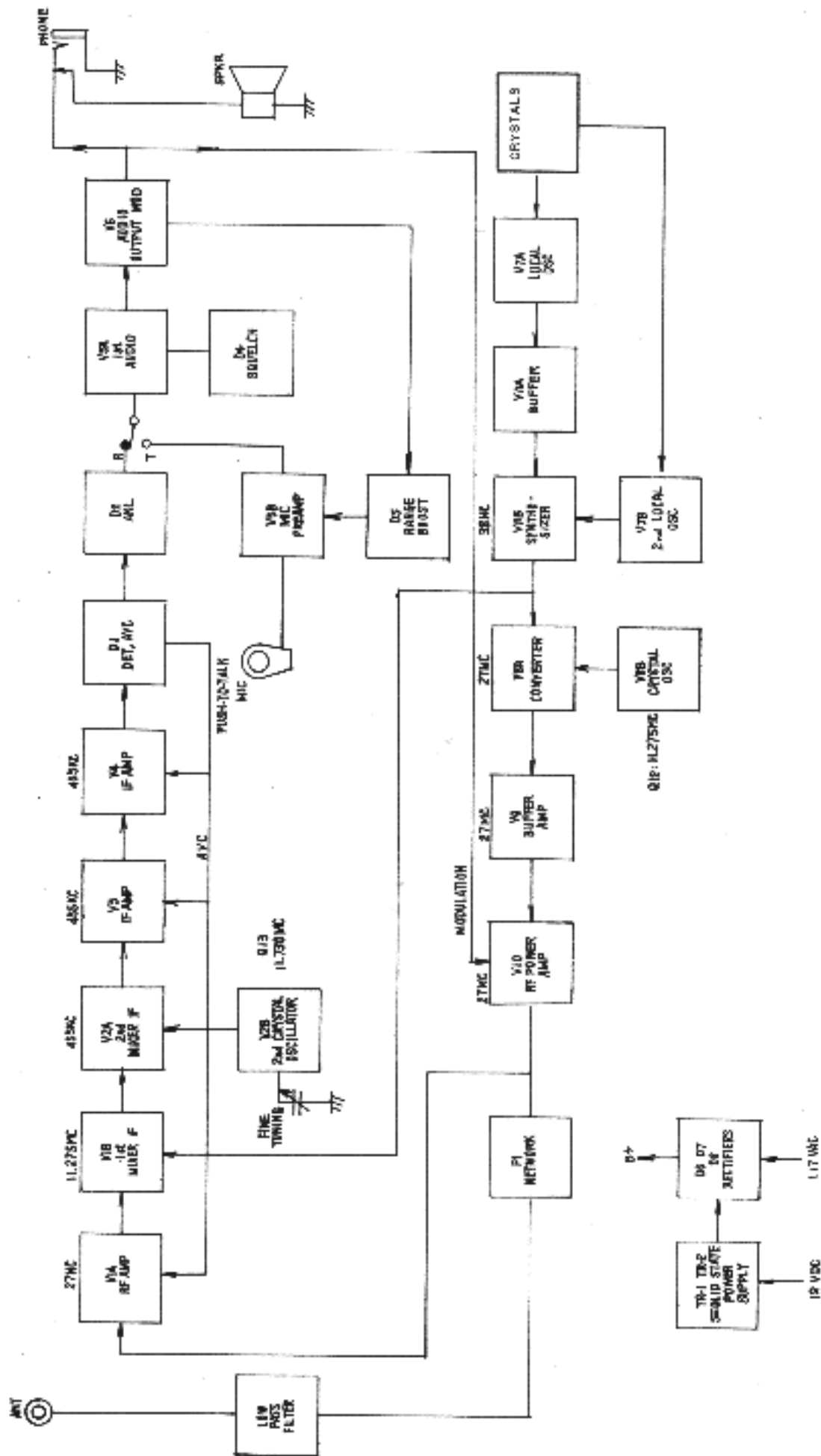
#### TUBE VOLTAGES

TUBE	MODE	PIN NUMBERS								
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
6AN8 V1	TR REC	100	NDV	3.5	H	H	240	90	NDV	0.8
6AN8 V2	TR REC	70	-5 *	0	H	H	115	125	NDV	2.3
6BA6 V3	TR REC	NDV	0	H	H	230	78	0.9		
6BA6 V4	TR REC	NDV	0	H	H	230	65	0.9		
12AX7 V5	TR REC	90 90	NDV NDV	0.9	H H	H H	90 85	NDV NDV	0.7 0.63	NC NC
6AQ5 V6	TR REC	NDV NDV	10 11.5	H H	H H	260 280	250 270	NDV NDV		
6GH8 V7	TR REC	65 70	-0.3* -0.3*	65 70	H H	H H	100 115	1.8 2	0 0	-4.3* -5.0*
6GH8 V8	TR REC	100	-0.4*	110	H	H	180	2.5	0	-1.7*
6BA6 V9	TR REC	NDV	0	H	H	210	180	1.8		
6BQ5 V10	TR REC	NC	-15 *	0	H	H	0	NM		223
12AT7 V11	TR REC	100 110	NDV NDV	0 0	H H	H H	100 110	NDV NDV	0 0	

\* Measured with 1 megohm resistor in series with DC probe. Reading may vary at grid pins, depending on crystal activity.

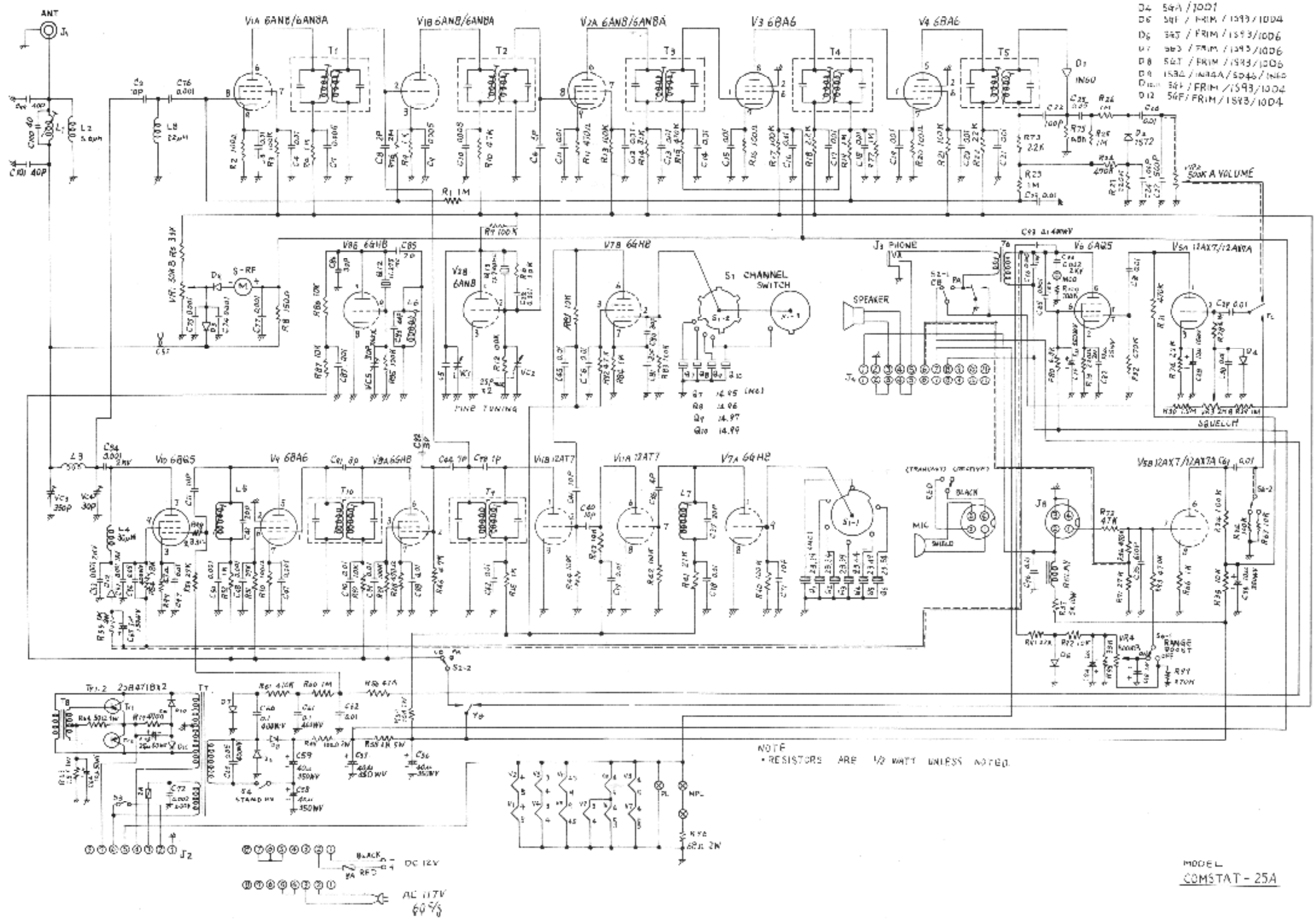


Point	TR	REC
A	255 V	269 V
B	197 V	218 V
C	-94 V	-117 V



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- D<sub>1</sub> 1N60
- D<sub>2</sub> 177 / 1N662
- D<sub>3</sub> 5046 / 1N34A / 1S34 / 1N60
- D<sub>4</sub> 54A / 10D1
- D<sub>5</sub> 54F / 1M1M / 1S93 / 10D4
- D<sub>6</sub> 54J / FR1M / 1S93 / 10D6
- D<sub>7</sub> 54J / FR1M / 1S93 / 10D6
- D<sub>8</sub> 54T / FR1M / 1S93 / 10D6
- D<sub>9</sub> 1S32 / 1N44A / 5046 / 1N60
- D<sub>10</sub> 54T / FR1M / 1S93 / 10D4
- D<sub>11</sub> 54T / FR1M / 1S93 / 10D4
- D<sub>12</sub> 54F / FR1M / 1S93 / 10D4



NOTE  
 • RESISTORS ARE 1/2 WATT UNLESS NOTED.

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