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**SOLID-STATE** 

# CONTROL CARRIER GENERATOR Model TCG-\*



# **DESCRIPTION**

Model TCG-° is a solid-state, crystal-controlled carrier generator designed for installation at CATV head ends to provide a pilot tone for AGC amplifiers installed along trunk lines and to have a test signal available throughout the system when broadcasting stations are off the air.

Shelf units are available for carrier frequencies of 49.0 MHz (for sub-channel equipment), 73.5 MHz (compatible with Starline One equipment), 118.25 MHz (compatible with Starline Twenty equipment), and 165.05 MHz (compatible with Model AGC-165 amplifiers). Generators for other carrier frequencies can be supplied on special order.

All Models are designed for flush-mounting on a 19" standard relay rack.

# **INSTALLATION**

- 1. The following accessories are shipped with each Model TCG-\*:
  - 4 rack-mounting screws.
  - 3 Jerrold Model F-59 connectors and ferrules.
- 2. Mount the TCG-\* in the head-end rack with the four screws supplied. Fig. 2 illustrates the recommended practice for the racking of the unit in relation to other head-end equipment.
- 3. Fig. 3 is a rear view of a Model TCG-\* showing the trunk line bridging LINE IN and LINE OUT terminals. Where both terminals are to be used, install one F-59 connector on the head-end output cable and connect it to the LINE IN terminal, then install an

### **SPECIFICATIONS**

49.0 MHz, 73.5 MHz, 118.25 MHz, 165.05 MHz; accuracy: $\pm 0.005\%$
10 dBmV min., 45 dBmV max.
$\pm 0.25$ dB for line voltage fluctuations between 95 and 130 V a.c.
10 dB below visual carrier level (ch. 5 for TCG-73.5, ch. 6 for TCG-118.25, ch. 7 for TCG-165.05)
75Ω 1.5 dB max. 21 dB min. (max. VSWR 1.2:1)
—30 dB
60 dB min.
120 V, 60 Hz, 50 mA, 6 W
series regulation with over-current protection
19" x 3½" x 5¾"
7 lbs.

F-59 on a RG-59/U jumper and connect it to the LINE OUT terminal; connect the other end of this jumper with an appropriate adapter to the outgoing trunk line cable. Where the LINE OUT terminal only is to be used, the LINE IN terminal must be terminated in a Jerrold Model TR-72F.

- 4. F-59 connectors are installed as follows (compare Fig. 4):
  - a. Remove 7/16" of the outer jacket.
  - b. Fan the shield back over the outer jacket, then trim the shield close to the jacket.
  - Remove 1/4" of the dielectric; do not nick the center conductor.
  - d. Scrape off any fuzz from the surface of the center conductor and file off any burrs from its end.
  - e. Slip the F-59 ferrule over the cable end, then push the F-59 mandrel all the way between the cable dielectric and shield until the shield butts against the mandrel stop. Now slide the ferrule over the cable jacket all the way up against the mandrel stop.
  - f. Use a Jerrold crimping tool Model PL-602 for crimping the ferrule tight.

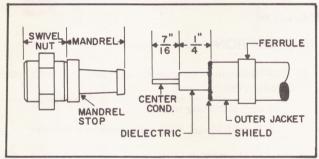


Fig. 4 Preparation of RG-59/U Cable for Mounting an F-59 Connector.

Connect the line cord and plug of the TCG-\* to the appropriate outlet in the rack. The front panel pilot lamp should light up.

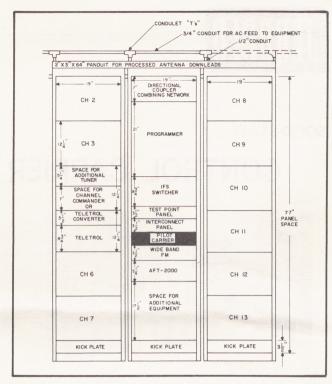


Fig. 2 Typical Installation of Model TCG-\*

6. Using a field strength meter, check the head end output level of:

Visual carrier of that channel which is closest to the TGC-frequency.

- 7. Loosen the locknut on the TCG-° front panel OUT-PUT ADJ. control, set the control for a carrier level as required and then tighten the locknut.
- 8. The TEST -30 dB terminal should be capped when not in use. An F-59 connector is provided for use on an RG-59/U jumper where the test terminal is to be permanently connected to a monitoring instrument.



Fig. 3 Model TCG-\*, rear view.

# MAINTENANCE

#### GENERAL

The circuit description, alignment procedure, parts lists, and schematic circuit diagram given here will permit troubleshooting and, if necessary, re-align the equipment. The equipment should be serviced only by qualified personnel equipped with the necessary instruments and facilities.

#### CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

The Model TCG-\* Carrier Generator is energized by its own regulated d-c power supply connected by plug P1 to a 100-120 V a-c 60-Hz source. The primary circuit of power transformer T3 includes front panel pilot lamp DS1

and several filtering components which keep r-f out of the a-c power source. The d-c power supply consists of a full-wave rectifier (CR1 and CR2), with heavy capacitive filtering (C21 and C22), driving a Zener-referenced series regulating circuit (Q3 and CR6). The transistor is protected against overloads by the current-limiting circuit consisting of R19, CR3, CR4 and CR5.

Transistor Q1 is connected as a Colpitts-type crystal oscillator using collector-emitter regeneration. Depending on selection of crystal Y1 and the values of capacitors C1, C2 and C3 and resistors R3 and R4, the generated carrier will have the frequency as indicated by model number. Resistors R1 and R2 provide d-c operating bias for the stage. The r-f signal is developed across L2 and coupled by C4 to buffer amplifier stage Q2 which uses a common-

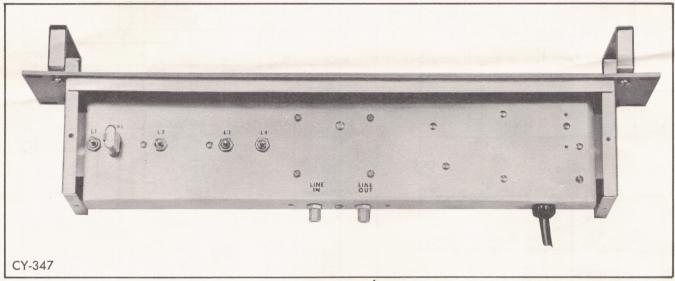


Fig. 5 Model TCG-\* Top View, Cover Removed, Showing Tuning Elements.

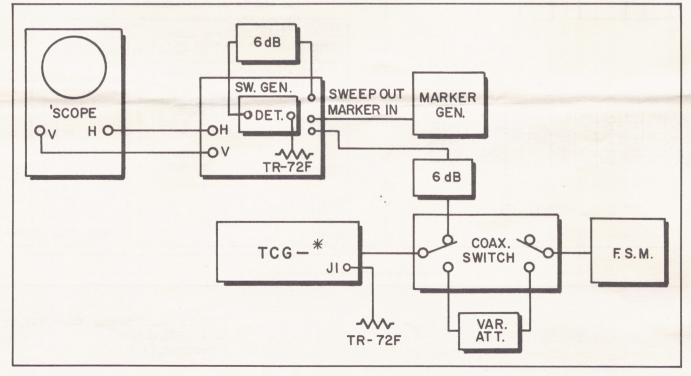


Fig. 6 Model TCG-\* in Test Steps.

emitter circuit configuration. Operating bias for this stage is provided via L5 and R5.

From the collector of Q2 the signal frequency is peaked by a pair of parallel resonant circuits, and front panel OUT-PUT ADJ. control R7 permits adjusting the output level over a 35 dB range. Resistors R9, R10 and R11 form an output attenuator, while cross-coupled transformers T1 and T2 provide a directional coupler network which permits other head-end signals connected to J1 to be combined with the carrier generator output at J2. Front panel TEST connector J3 provides a test signal which is 30 dB below the output signal at J2.

# ALIGNMENT PROCEDURE

- 1. INSTRUMENTS REQUIRED
  Oscilloscope, Tektronix Type 504
  Sweep Generator, Jerrold Model 900C
  Marker Generator, Jerrold CM-6
  Field Strength Meter, Jerrold Model 727 or 704B
  Coaxial Comparator, Jerrold Model TC-2 or FD-30
  Variable Attenuator, Jerrold Model AV-75F
  6-dB pads, two, Jerrold Model PDL-6
  Terminator, Jerrold Model TR-72F
  Grid-Dip Meter, Measurements Model 159
  Note: Equivalent instruments can be substituted.
- 2. Remove the cover from the TCG (see Fig. 5).
- Calibrate the grid-dip meter for the crystal frequency.
   Detune L2 to stop oscillation. Bring the grid-dip meter close to L1, and adjust L1 for a minimum meter reading.
- 4. Set up the test equipment with the TCG as illustrated in Fig. 6.
- 5. The marker generator should be turned off; set the coaxial switch to MARKER IN position, set the sweep generator for NARROW BAND sweeping. The TCG should be equipped with a terminating resistor at the unused bridging connector J1.
- 6. Set OUTPUT ADJ. control R7 on the TCG to maximum (fully clockwise); the TCG output should be observable as a marker on the oscilloscope.
- 7. Pass the TCG output through the other leg of the coaxial switch with the variable attenuator set at 45 dB, and then to the field strength meter. Set the meter to the 3000-microvolt range.
- Adjust L2 until the TCG oscillates. Tune L3 and L4 for maximum output indication on the field strength meter.
- 9. Turn on the marker generator and set it to provide a 49.0, 73.5, 118.25, or 165.05 MHz signal as required. Observe the oscilloscope for zero beat, then tune L2 through its entire range. The TCG oscillator should not pull or "squeeg"; it should exhibit an on-off (stable) characteristic.
- Adjust L2 for maximum output. Where the tuning exhibits a fast or slow side, back L2 off 0.5 dB from maximum on the slow side.

- Tune L3 and L4 for maximum output; the meter should read 45 dBmV.
- 12. Disconnect the TCG from the test set-up and replace the cover on the unit.

# REPLACEMENT PARTS LIST

ASSEMBLY: MODEL TCG-* REF. DWG. NO.: PD-5				
ITEM	SCHEMATIC DESIGNATION	QTY.	DESCRIPTION	JERROLD PART NO.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7	C4 C10 C11, 12 C15, 15, 23 C17, 18 C19, 20 C21, 22	1 1 2 3 2 2 2	CAPACITORS  Factory selected (4.7 to 8.2 pF) 2.2 pF, 500 V, Gim. 1000 pF, 500 V, X5R 1000 pF, feed-thru 470 pF, 1500 V, Z5U 0.01 μF, 200 V, Y5V 160 μF, 64 V, electrolytic	122-008 124-057 129-200 124-165 124-164 127-318
8	J1, 2, 3	3	CONNECTORS F61A	B821-155
9	CR1 thru 5 CR6	5 1	DIODES Silicon, 150 mA, 280 V Zener, IN971B, 27 V, 400 mA	137-719 137-822
11	DS1	1	PILOT LIGHT Neon	102-514
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	R1 R2, 18 R7 R11 R12 R13 R14 R15 R16 R17	1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	RESISTORS $390 \ \Omega, \ 10\%, \ \frac{1}{2} \ W$ $1k \ \Omega, \ 10\%, \ \frac{1}{2} \ W$ $1k \ \Omega, \ 2 \ W, \ potentiometer$ $75 \ \Omega, \ 5\%, \ \frac{1}{2} \ W$ $620 \ \Omega, \ 5\%, \ \frac{1}{2} \ W$ $82 \ \Omega, \ 5\%, \ \frac{1}{2} \ W$ $82 \ \Omega, \ 5\%, \ \frac{1}{2} \ W$ $100k \ \Omega, \ 1\%, \ \frac{1}{2} \ W$ $100k \ \Omega, \ 1\%, \ \frac{1}{2} \ W$ $22 \ \Omega, \ 5\%, \ \frac{1}{2} \ W$	112-311 112-362 118-078 112-221 112-335 112-337 112-329 112-614 112-743 112-425 112-149
23 24	T1, 2 T3	2 1	TRANSFORMERS Transformer assembly Power transformer	Special 141-267
25 26	Q1, 2 Q3	2 1	TRANSISTORS 2N3866, Factory selected 2N3638	130-172 130-145

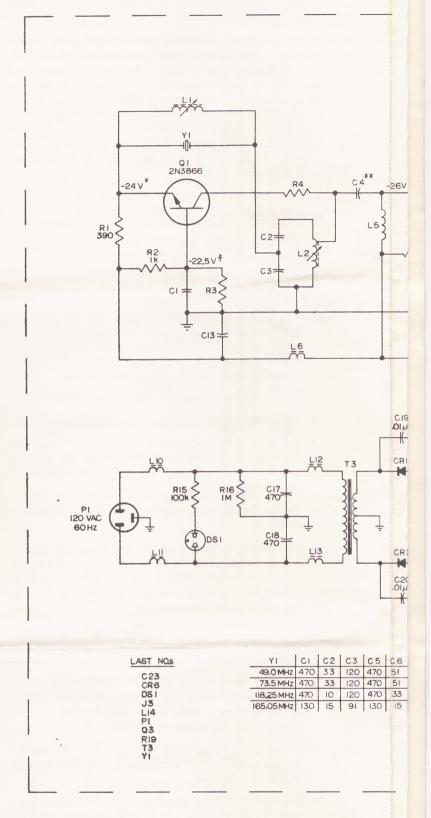
\*These parts common to all models.

HOOL	MBLY: MODEL	1 6 U-45	0.0 REF. DWG. NO.:	LD-919-Ü
ITEM	SCHEMATIC DESIGNATION	QTY.	DESCRIPTION	JERROLD PART NO.
1 2 3 4 5 6	C1, 5, 13, 14 C2 C3 C6, 8 C7	4 1 1 2 1 1	CAPACITORS 470 pF, 500 V, X5U 33 pF, 600 V, NPO 120 pF, 500 V, N030 51 pF, 500 V, N030 2.2 pF, 500 V 6.8 pF, 500 V	124-166 124-125 124-171 124-168 122-008 122-013
7	Y1	1	CRYSTAL 49.0 MHz	
8 9 10 11 12 13	R3 R4 R5 R6 R8 R9, 10	1 1 1 1 1 2	RESISTORS 10k $\Omega$ ,10%, ½ W 12 $\Omega$ , 5%, ½ W 220 $\Omega$ , 10%, ½ W 2.2k $\Omega$ , 10%, ½ W 10 $\Omega$ , 5%, ½ W 10 $\Omega$ , 5%, ½ W	112-488 112-119 112-278 112-404 112-107 112-093

ASSEMBLY: MODEL TCG-73.5 REF. DWG. NO.: PD-5				
ITEM	SCHEMATIC DESIGNATION	QTY.	DESCRIPTION	JERROLD PART NO
1 2 3 4 5 6	C1, 5, 13, 14 C2 C3 C6, 8 C7 C9	4 1 1 2 1 1	CAPACITORS 470 pF, 500 V, X5U 33 pF, 600 V, NPO 120 pF, 500 V, N080 51 pF, 500 V, N030 0.68 pF, 500 V, Gim. 6.8 pF, 500 V, Gim.	124-166 124-125 124-166 124-166 122-003 122-013
7	Y1	1	CRYSTAL 73.5 MHz	139-130
8 9 10 11 12 13	R3 R4 R5 R6 R8 R9, 10	1 1 1 1 1 2	RESISTORS $10k \Omega$ , $10\%$ , $\frac{1}{2}$ W $12 \Omega$ , $5\%$ , $\frac{1}{2}$ W $220 \Omega$ , $10\%$ , $\frac{1}{2}$ W $2.2k \Omega$ , $10\%$ , $\frac{1}{2}$ W $10 \Omega$ , $5\%$ , $\frac{1}{2}$ W $120 \Omega$ , $5\%$ , $\frac{1}{4}$ W	112-488 112-119 112-278 112-404 112-107 112-093

ASSE	ASSEMBLY: MODEL TCG-118.25 REF. DWG. NO.: PD-515-H				
ITEM	SCHEMATIC DESIGNATION	QTY.	DESCRIPTION	JERROLD PART NO.	
1 2 3 4 5 6	C1, 5, 13, 14 C2 C3 C6, 8 C7 C9	4 1 1 2 1	CAPACITORS 470 pF, 500 V, X5U 10 pF, 500 V, NPO 120 pF, 500 V, N030 33 pF, 600 V, NPO 1.0 pF, 500 V 4.7 pF, 500 V	124-166 124-137 124-171 124-125 122-004 122-011	
7	Y1	1	CRYSTAL 118.25 MHz	139-262	
8 9 10 11 12	R3 R4 R5 R8 R9, 10	1 1 1 1 2	RESISTORS $10k \Omega, 10\%, \frac{1}{2} W$ $10 \Omega, 5\%, \frac{1}{2} W$ $180 \Omega, 10\%, \frac{1}{2} W$ $6.8 \Omega, 5\%, \frac{1}{2} W$ $150 \Omega, 5\%, \frac{1}{2} W$	112-488 112-107 112-269 112-044 112-974	

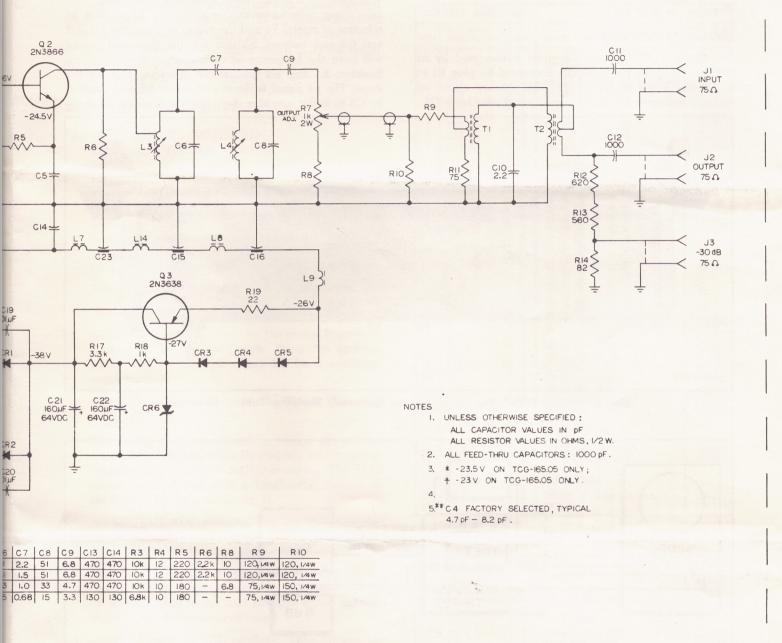
ASSE	ASSEMBLY: MODEL TCG-165.05 REF. DWG. NO.: PD-515-H					
ITEM	SCHEMATIC DESIGNATION	QTY.	DESCRIPTION	JERROLD PART NO.		
1 2 3 4 5	C1, 5, 13, 14 C2, 6, 8 C3 C7 C9	4 3 1 1 1	CAPACITORS 130 pF, 500 V, Y5E 15 pF, 600 V, NPO 91 pF, 500 V, N030 0.18 pF, 500 V, Gim. 3.3 pF, 500 V, Gim.	124-169 124-114 124-170 122-019 122-010		
6	Y1	1	CRYSTAL 165.05 MHz	139-263		
7 8 9 10 11	R3 R4 R5 R9 R10	1 1 1 1 1	RESISTORS 6.8k $\Omega$ , 10%, $\frac{1}{2}$ W 10 $\Omega$ , 5%, $\frac{1}{2}$ W 180 $\Omega$ , 10%, $\frac{1}{2}$ W 75 $\Omega$ , 5%, $\frac{1}{4}$ W 150 $\Omega$ , 5%, $\frac{1}{4}$ W	112-467 112-107 112-269 112-954 112-974		



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