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BRIDGING AMPLIFIER MODEL TBA-1



DESCRIPTION

Model TBA-1 is a 4-transistor amplifier designed for use with a Jerrold all-band main line amplifier Model TML-1 for creating up to four feeder lines at every TML-1 location.

Model TBA-1 supplies a minimum gain of 14 db at each of the four 75-ohm coaxial output terminals. Maximum output capability is 41 dbj* at each output, for 9-channel operation at —57 db cross-modulation, and 40 db for 12-channel operation.

Coarse gain adjustment if required by system conditions is accomplished by Model PIP plug-in pads, available in 3 db steps from 0 to 15 db. A PIP-0 pad is shipped with each amplifier, plugged into its socket. A screw driver potentiometer permits fine gain adjustments over a range of 5 db. Amplifier response is flat $\pm 1/2$ db over the entire frequency

*0 dbj = 1000 microvolts across 75 ohms.

range of 54 to 216 mc. Isolation between outputs is at least $16\ \mathrm{db.}$

Each of the 4 output terminals can be fused by fuses shipped with the amplifier. Insertion of a fuse passes ac over the feeder cable to power Model TLE-1 line extenders.

A minor field modification permits using the amplifier for 2 or 3-feeder line operation with up to 3 db higher output capability and gain on one terminal for 3-output operation, and on each terminal for 2-output operation.

Components are mounted on a solid-copper heat sink chassis, equipped with a dust cover of the same material. Model TBA-1 is designed for cabinet mounting, with controls and terminals easily accessible.

SPECIFICATIONS

BANDWIDTH
GAIN (min. full)
(recommended op.)

(recommended op.)
RESPONSE FLATNESS

GAIN CONTROL RANGE

(fine) (coarse)

IMPEDANCE

(input and output)
VSWR (input)
(output)

54-216 mc

14 db (each of 4 outputs)

12 db ±½ db

5 db

plug-in-pad (3 to 15 db in 3 db steps)

75 ohms

1.1:1 max. (26.5 db return loss) 1.38:1 max. (16 db return loss) ISOLATION BETWEEN OUTPUTS

LINE INSERTION LOSS

16 db min. 34 db max.

MAX. OUTPUT CAPABILITY* at —57 db Cross-Mod.

(per ch. for 9 ch.) (per ch. for 12 ch.)

41 dbj (each of 4 outputs) 40 dbj (each of 4 outputs)

POWER REQUIRED (via TML-1 or RPS-17)

—17 vdc regulated

AMBIENT TEMPERATURE
RANGE

—30° F to +140° F

*Rated for 3 db block tilt (high vs. low band); for flat output, de-rate output capability 2 db.

CHART OF CONTROLS AND CONNECTIONS

NAME	CIRCUIT DESIGNATION	TYPE	FUNCTION	
GAIN	R3	Potentiometer	Fine control of gain; range 5 db	
LINE IN	J1	F-61A	Line bridging input	
LINE OUT	J2	F-61A	Line bridging output	
J3	J3	4-pin Socket	Accommodates plug-in pad for coarse gain control	
J4, J5	J4 , J5	F-61A	Alternative terminals for 2-line or 3-line high output operation	
OUTPUTS	J6, J7, J8, J9	F-61A	Terminals for normal output operation (4 feeder lines)	
FS6, 7, 8, 9	FS6, FS7, FS8, FS9	Fuse, 1 amp.	Insertion of fuse permits passing ac to line extenders	

INSTALLATION

GENERAL

Model TBA-1 can be installed directly in a weather housing, or mounted with the two brackets supplied.

CAUTION: The black finish of the amplifier is designed to provide maximum heat dissipation in order to maintain optimum operational characteristics of the transistors. Since black also absorbs heat, it is desirable that equipment housings are not left open and unattended, exposing the equipment to direct sunlight.

Accessories shipped with the unit:

- 2 rack-mount brackets
- 4 screws, #6-32 x 1/4, brass with black oxide finish
- 4 screws, #10-32 x 3/8
- 4 fuses, 1 amp.

POWER CONNECTION

- 1. Where Model TBA-1 is installed together with a Model TML-1 in the same cabinet, the necessary —17 vdc and 19 to 30 vac are obtained directly from Model TML-1. Plug the 4-pin connector P5 from the Model TBA-1 chassis into the 4-pin socket J5 on the Model TML-1 chassis (see fig. 1).
- 2. Where it is desired to use a TBA-1 without a Model TML-1, a Model RPS-17 is required to supply the proper voltages. The RPS-17 requires a 19 to 30 vac input which can be obtained from a Model RPS-15 or RPS-30, the choice depending on the power requirements of any other equipment to be remotely energized (see fig. 2).

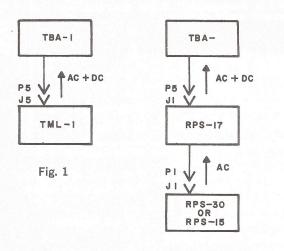


Fig. 2

LINE BRIDGING CONNECTIONS

- Line bridging connections are made at the LINE IN and LINE OUT chassis fittings. Always connect rf input to LINE IN terminal.
- Where Model TBA-1 is mounted together with a Model TML-1 and where only rf signal voltage is to be bridged through Model TBA-1, connect a jumper from the RF OUTPUT chassis fitting J8 on Model TML-1 to the LINE IN chassis fitting on Model TBA-1.
- 3. Where both rf and ac voltages are to be bridged, connect the jumper from the RF & AC OUTPUT fitting J7 on Model TML-1 to the LINE IN fitting on Model TBA-1.
- 4. Cap the unused fitting to protect it from dirt and moisture.

NOTE: Use JT-404 type cable and FHC-404 type connectors for jumpers.

FEEDER LINE CONNECTIONS

- 1. For normal 4-output operation, chassis fittings J6, J7, J8 and J9 serve as feeder line connections. Each line can power several Model TLE-1 transistorized line extenders by insertion of a fuse into the respective fuse socket. RG-59/U type coaxial cable and F-59A connectors can be used for feeder line jumpers.
- Model TBA-1 can be field-modified for 3-output or 2-output operation with up to 3 db higher output capability. See APPENDIX.

SETTING OF OUTPUT LEVELS

- Before measuring the signal voltage at any output fitting which has been fused for passing ac, the relevant fuse must be removed to protect field strength meters not equipped with ac blocking circuitry.
- 2. With a Model 704-B field strength meter measure the output level at one of the connectors J6, J7, J8 or J9.
- Using a small screwdriver, adjust the fine GAIN control on the chassis to obtain the recommended output level. Where necessary, replace the PIP-0 pad at J3 by an appropriate PIP pad and then adjust the GAIN control for recommended output.
- 4. Record the output levels for future reference.
- Reinsert fuses where required and be sure that all feeder lines are connected.
 - NOTE: For 3-output or 2-output operation, measure levels at the J4 and J5 fittings (see APPENDIX).
- Any unused fittings should be capped for protection against dirt and moisture.

MAINTENANCE

Model TBA-1 is designed for long life with trouble-free performance. Should it become necessary to replace a transistor, only exactly the same type may be substituted. Servicing is to be done only by skilled personnel, experienced in transistor circuitry. For their benefit, a schematic circuit diagram and a parts list are given.

REPLACEMENT PARTS LIST-MODEL TBA-1

ASSEMBLY: MODEL TBA-1 Ref. Dg. No. E861-622					
ITEM	SCHEMATIC DESIGNATION	QTY.	QTY. DESCRIPTION		
1 2 3 4 5	C1, 2, 3, 4 C5, 6 C7, 12 C8, 9, 13 C11, 15, 18,	4 2 2 3	CAPACITORS 1.1 pf, 5%, 500 v, Gimmick 2.2 pf, 5%, 500 v, Gimmick 3-35 pf, 350 v, trimmer 0.02 mf, +80 —20%, 25 v	122-061 122-060 128-536 124-065	
6 7 8 9	20, 21, 27, 28, 29 C16 C19, 26 C23, 24 C31, 32, 33,	8 1 2 2	1000 pf, 500 v, feed-thru 75 pf, 5% 25 mf, 15 v, electrolytic 8-60 pf, trimmer	129-205 126-100 127-065 128-538	
10 11 12	36,38,39,41 C34, 35 C37, 40 C42, 43, 44,	7 2 2	1000 pf, GMV, cer. disc 8.2 pf, \pm 0.5 pf, 600 v 56 pf, 5%, 500 v	123-115 121-010 126-104	
12	45, 46, 47	6	0.01 mf, GMV, 600 v CONNECTORS	124-031	
13 14 15	J1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 J3 P5	8 1 1	Coaxial chassis fitting, F-61A 4-pin socket Power harness and plug assembly	C821-155 182-103 184-047	
16	CR1, 2	2	DIODES 1N963B, Zener, 12 v, ±5%, 400 mw	137-725	

ASS	ASSEMBLY: MODEL TBA-1 Ref. Dg. No.			
ITEM	SCHEMATIC DESIGNATION	QTY.	DESCRIPTION	JERROLD PART NO.
17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	R1, 5, 17, 18, 19, 20 R2 R3, 9 R4 R6 R7 R8 R10 R11 R12 R13, 15 R14 R16	6 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	RESISTORS 75 ohms, 5%, ¼ w 33 ohms, 5%, ¼ w 500 ohms, 10%, potentiometer 47 ohms, 5%, ¼ w 2200 ohms, 5%, ¼ w 3600 ohms, 5%, ¼ w 560 ohms, 5%, ½ w 130 ohms, 5%, ½ w 2 k, 5%, ¼ w 1 k, 5%, ¼ w 51 ohms, 5%, 1 w 130 ohms, 5%, ¼ w 150 ohms, 5%, ¼ w	112-954 112-995 B118-122 112-992 112-932 112-999 112-251 112-930 112-977 112-201 112-997 112-974
30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37	T1 T2, 5, 7, 8 T3, 4 T6, 9, 10 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	1 4 2 3	TRANSFORMERS Iron core Toroid, iron core Toroid, iron core Toroid, iron core TRANSISTORS Special Special Special Special	109-107 B144-093 B144-091 B144-084 S130-112 A130-125 A130-124-1 A130-124-2

APPENDIX

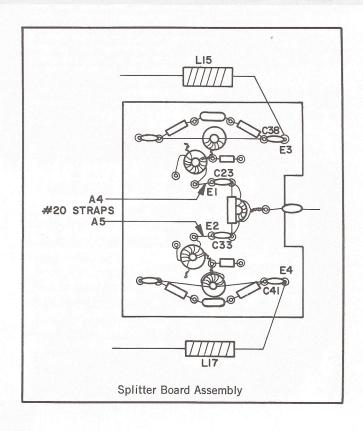
MODIFICATION OF MODEL TBA-1 FOR 3-OUTPUT OR 2-OUTPUT OPERATION

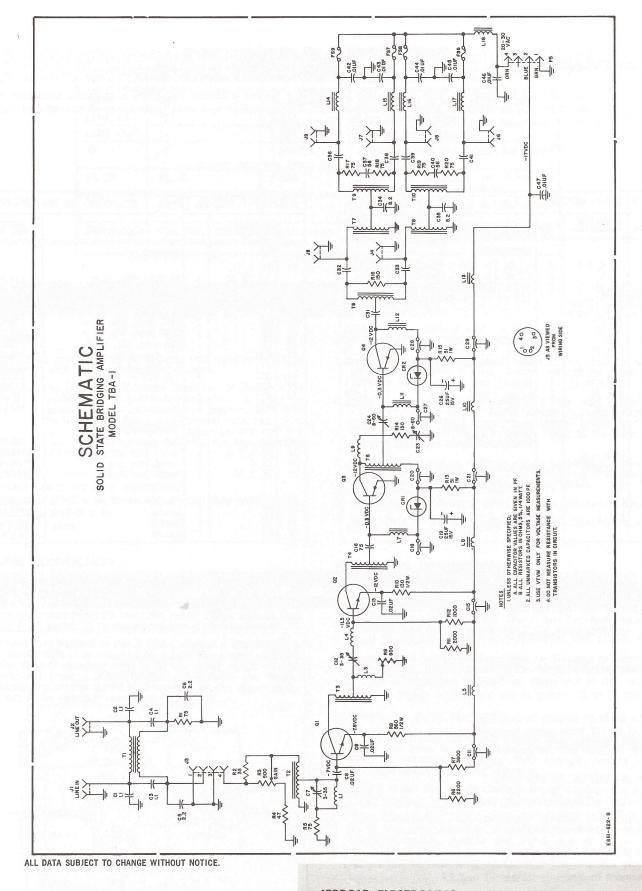
FOR 3-OUTPUT OPERATION

- 1. Remove #20 strap (A4 or A5) from eyelet terminal E1 or E2. The unit is now ready for 3-output operation with Output Jack J4 or J5 serving as the high output spigot.
- To apply ac voltage to Output Jack J4 or J5, remove coils L15 or L17 from eyelet terminal E3 or E4 and connect to eyelet terminal E1 or E2.

FOR 2-OUTPUT OPERATION

- 1. Remove #20 strap (A4 and A5) from eyelet terminals E1 and E2. The unit is now ready for 2-output operation with Output Jacks J4 and J5 as the high output spigots.
- To apply ac voltage to Output Jacks J4 and J5, remove coils L15 and L17 from eyelet terminals E3 and E4 and connect to eyelet terminals E1 and E2.





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