## RF PREAMPLIFIER



FAEPS-14155-O

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

| IMPEDANCE | 50 -ohm input, 50 -ohm output |
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| CURRENT DRAIN | 7.5 mA at 13.8 V |
| FREQUENCY | $406-450 \mathrm{MHz}, 450-512 \mathrm{MHz}$ |
| POWER GAIN | 10 dB |

RECEIVER WITH PREAMPLIFIER

| SENSITIVITY | -20 dB QUIETING | $\begin{aligned} & 0.25 \mathrm{uV} \\ & 0.175 \mathrm{uV} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
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|  | EIA SINAD |  |
| SELECTIVITY (EIA SINAD) |  | -90 dB at $\pm 25 \mathrm{kHz}$ |
| INTERMODULATION (EIA SINAD) |  | $-80 \mathrm{~dB}$ |
| SPURIOUS AND IMAGE REJECTION |  | -100 dB minimum |
| SQUELCH SENSITIVITY |  | Threshold 0.125 uV max. at 6 dB max. quieting |
|  |  | Tight 0.6 uV max. at 14 dB min. quieting |

## 1. DESCRIPTION

The rf preamplifier is an optional accessory that increases the useful operating range of the receiver. The rf preamplifier kit includes a printed circuit board, a housing, a 6-1/2 inch coaxial cable with rf phono-type connectors, and a mounting bracket with hardware. Allelectrical components are accessible by removing cover plates. The rf preamplifier circuit consists of two tuned-lines and a grounded gate FET amplifier. It improves the receiver sensitivity from the specified 20 dB quieting sensitivity of 0.5 microvolt to 0.25 microvolt.

## 2. INSTALLATION

a. Tools Required
--\#1 Phillips screwdriver or,
$--7 / 32^{\prime \prime}$ Nut driver.
b. Procedure

Step 1. Disconnect the power/control cable from the radio and remove both top and bottom covers.

Step 2. Disconnect the rfinput cable from the rf pre-selector.

Step 3. Position mounting bracket on the bottom side of the radio and secure it to the chassis with the mounting screw. Refer to the mounting detail illustration.

Step 4. Position the rf preamplifier as shown in the illustration and secure it to the bracket and chassis with the two mounting screws.

Step 5. Connect the B+ lead to P911 on the control board, rf input cable to the rf preamplifier input, and output cable to the pre-selector.

Step 6. Align the rf preamplifier (refer to the maintenance paragraph in this section).

## 3. THEORY

The signal from the antenna is coupled directly into the input tuned-line of the preamplifier through the INPUT jack. This tuned-line passes the desired signal and matches the relatively low FET input impedance to the 50 -ohm input line. The signal is capacitively coupled to the source terminal of the FET where it is amplified and then capacitively coupled to the output tuned-line. The output tuned-line is a high $Q$ tank circuit. It passes the desired signal and matches the relatively high FET output impedance to the 50 -ohm output line.


## 4. MAINTENANCE

## a. General

This section provides the maintenance shop type procedures for the rf preamplifier. These bench tests include measurements with a Motorola portable test set, and procedures for testing and troubleshooting.

## b. Alignment

Disconnect the preamplifier input and output cables and bypass the preamplifier by connecting the receiver input cable, from the antenna switch, directly to the rf preselector input. Check and align the pre-selector according to the alignment procedure described in the receiver section of the manual. After the receiver has been aligned disconnect the receiver input cable from the preselector and reconnect the preamplifier input and output cables. While monitoring position 5 , align the preamplifier for maximum meter indication by adjusting Cl and C2. For final tuning, repeak $\mathrm{Cl}, \mathrm{C} 2$, and Llll for maximum quieting.

## c. Realignment

It is not necessary to bypass the preamplifier when aligning to the same frequency or to a new frequency if it is within $\pm 1.0 \mathrm{MHz}$ of the previously tuned frequency. Align the rf pre-selector first, then adjust the preamplifier as described in the preceding paragraph.

## d. Troubleshooting

With the preamplifier connected, and the test set on position 5, perform the following:
(1) Increase the signal generator output for a maximum indication on the test set meter (saturation), then decrease until a convenient reference point is reached on the test set meter (not more than 10 uA below the saturation point). Note both the test set meter indication and the signal generator output level setting.
(2) Disconnect the preamplifier input and output cables and bypass the preamplifier by connecting the receiver input cable, from the antenna switch, directly to the rf pre-selector input.
(3) Increase the signal generator output until the same reference point is obtained on the test set meter. Note the signal generator output level setting, it should be at least 3 times greater than the previous setting for a preamplifier gain of approximately 9 to 10 dB .
(4) Reconnect the preamplifier and check the alignment if the above indications a re not obtained.
(5) If the re is no output or insufficient gain after the preamplifier is aligned, check for faulty components or solder connections on the printed circuit board.
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## PREAMPLIFIER

TLE8191A Preamplifier ( $406-450 \mathrm{MHz}$ )
TLE8192A Preamplifier ( $450-512 \mathrm{MHz}$ )
PL-2018-B

| $\begin{gathered} \text { CODE } \\ \text { NO. } \end{gathered}$ | MOTOROLA PART NO. | DESCRIPTION |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 3S490352 | SCREW, machine: No. 2-56 $\times 5 / 32$ : cover mounting screws, 6 req'd |
| 2 | 15B84322B01 | COVER, top |
| 3 | 7B84444E01 | BRACKET, mounting |
| 4 | 42B83660C01 | CLIP, transistor mounting |
| 5 | 15B84501G01 | HOUSING, preamplifier |
| 6 | 3S1234212 | SCREW, tapping \# $4 \times 5 / 16$ : "Phillips" hex nut ( 3 req'd) |
| 7 | 3S129841 | SCREW, machine: \#4-40×1/4: "Phillips" binder head; 1 req'd |
| 8 | 1V80708B85 | CIRCUIT BOARD ASSEMBLY |
| 9 | 4K844123 | SPACER, insulator (under board) |
| 10 | 15B84323B01 | COVER, side: 2 req 'd |
| 11 | 11-10184A24 | PIN |
| 12 | 24C84282D01 | CONNECTOR plug, male; coaxial miniature type p/o cable 1V80739B37 |

[^0]Motorola No. PEPS-11250-A
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| REFERENCE <br> SYMBOL | MOTOROLA <br> PART NO. | DESCRIPTION |
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## PARTS LIST

## PREAMPLIFIER

TLE8191A Preamplifier ( $406-450 \mathrm{MHz}$ ) PL-2707-A


NOTES:
I. For optimum performance, diodes, transistors, and integrated circuits must be ordered by Motorola part numbers.
II. When replacing capacitor C 1 or C 2 for the $450-512 \mathrm{MHz}$ range, order the two items (capacitor and special tuning "piston") shown in the parts list. Remove the standard tuning piston from the capacitor and replace it with the special piston.


AEPS-11247-A

OUTPUT SIDE (COVER PLATE REMOVED)


INPUT SIDE (COVER PLATE REMOVED)



CEPS-11248-8


NOTES:

1. ALL COMPONENTS WITHIN THIS BOX ARE PHYSICALLY MOUNTED ON PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD.
2. REFER ENCES OUTLINED BY A RECTANGLE INDICATE MARKINGS ON CHASSIS.
3. ALL CAPACITOR VALUES ARE IN PF UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED
4. ALL VOLTAGE READINGS MEASURED WITH A 20,000 OHM-PER-

VOLT MULTIMETER.
5. SEE PARTS LIST.

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    Mechanical Parts

