MODEL TS-64 MINIATURE 64 TONE CTCSS ENCODER-DECODER

The Communications Specialists Model TS-64 Miniature 64 Tone CTCSS Encoder-Decoder is a microprocessor based product used for encoding and decoding subaudible tones. The TS-64 is compatible with continuous tone controlled squelch systems (CTCSS) used in land mobile radio such as 'Private Line', 'Channel Guard', and 'Quiet

Because of its small size and low power consumption, advanced engineering has resulted in a product that is ideal for mobile and portable two-way FM radio installations. Simple field programming by PCB jumper straps allows the radio service shop to configure the CTCSS tone, Receive Audio Mute polarity, Transmit Time-out-timer, and the Hang-up/Busy function. Squelch tail elimination is achieved by the use of a 'reverse phase burst' at the end of each transmission. An audio high pass filter eliminates the CTCSS signal from the recovered audio.

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1.0 OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The TS-64 is designed to encode and decode CTCSS transmissions in conjunction with an associated FM radio transceiver. Upon receipt of a programmed CTCSS coded transmission, the TS-64 will unmute the receiver audio and allow audio to pass. While the TS-64 is decoding, an internal timer keeps the audio path open for approximately 350 ms during a loss of signal due to signal fade. Upon receipt of the turn off code, the TS-64 will immediately mute the receive audio thus eliminating the squelch tail that is usually heard at the end of a transmission. The Microphone Hang-up Input allows the operator to override the decoder and open up the audio path for channel monitoring.

When the PTT switch is keyed on the microphone, the TS-64 will key the transmitter and immediately begin generating the programmed CTCSS tone for transmission. The TS-64 will continue to generate the CTCSS tone for as long as the PTT switch is pressed. Upon release of the PTT switch, the TS-64 will continue to key the transmitter for approximately 160ms. During this time, the TS-64 will generate a reverse phase burst which will mute the decoding unit at the other end of the transmission medium. At the end of the 160 ms period, the TS-64 will unkey the transmitter. If activated, an internal Transmit Time-out-timer will limit transmissions to a programmed length, thus eliminating problems with stuck microphones and the like.

2.0 PROGRAMMING THE TS-64

This section of the instructions describes how to program the TS-64 to suit the needs of your radio system. These programming features are designed to be programmed by the installing technician. The TS-64 may be programmed before or after it is installed in the associated radio set. The TS-64 is programmed by installing 'solder bridges' across the various jumper straps, JP1-JP11 on the TS-64 printed circuit board. A low wattage soldering iron with a small tip should be used to place a small solder bridge across the various jumper straps. When programming the unit, be careful not to damage the TS-64 printed circuit board. The TS-64 comes from the factory with the jumper straps set for the most common configuration. See the Parts Layout diagram for the location of the jumper straps.

2.1 CTCSS TONE

The CTCSS tone is programmed by Jumper Straps, JP1-JP6. A total of 64 different subaudible tones can be selected. The table below indicates how to program a CTCSS tone. In the case where the table indicates 'out', this means that no solder bridge should be installed across the jumper strap. In the case where the table indicates 'bridge', this means that a solder bridge should be installed across that jumper strap. Please note that tones marked with a '*' are not EIA tones, should only be used for special applications, and may not work in harmony with adjacent EIA tones.

| TONE | JP1 | JP2 | JP3 | JP4 | JP5 | JP6 |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|
| 33.0* | out | bridge | bridge | out | out | out |
| 35.4* | bridge | bridge | bridge | out | out | out |
| 36.6* | out | out | out | bridge | out | out |
| 37.9* | bridge | out | out | bridge | out | out |
| 39.6* | out | bridge | out | bridge | out | out |
| 44.4* | bridge | bridge | out | bridge | out | out |
| 47.5* | out | out | out | bridge | bridge | out |
| 49.2* | bridge | out | out | bridge | bridge | out |
| 51.2* | out | bridge | out | bridge | bridge | out |
| 53.0* | bridge | bridge | out | bridge | bridge | out. |

| TONE | JP1 | JP2 | JP3 | JP4 | JP5 | JP6 |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 54.9* | out | out | bridge | bridge | bridge | out |
| 56.8* | bridge | out | bridge | bridge | bridge | out |
| 58.8* | out | bridge | bridge | bridge | bridge | out |
| 63.0* | bridge | bridge | bridge | bridge | bridge | out |
| 67.0 | out | out | out | out | out | out |
| 69.4* | bridge | bridge | bridge | out | bridge | out |
| 71.9 | out | out | out | out | out | bridge |
| 74.4 | bridge | out | out | out | out | out |
| 77.0 | out | out | out | out | bridge | bridge |
| 79.7 | out | bridge | out | out | out | out |
| 82.5 | bridge | out | out | out | out | bridge |
| 85.4 | bridge | bridge | out | out | out | out |
| 88.5 | bridge | out | out | out | bridge | bridge |
| 91.5 | out | out | bridge | out | out | out |
| 94.8 | out | bridge | out | out | out | bridge |
| 97.4* | bridge | out | bridge | out | out | out |
| 100.0 | out | bridge | out | out | bridge | bridae |
| 103.5 | bridge | bridge | out | out | out | bridge |
| 103.3 | bridge | bridge | out | out | bridge | bridge |
| 110.9 | out | out | bridge | out | out | bridge |
| 114.8 | out | out | bridge | out | bridge | bridge |
| 118.8 | bridge | out | bridge | out | out | bridge |
| 123.0 | bridge | out | bridge | out | bridge | bridge |
| 123.0 | out | bridge | bridge | out | out | bridge |
| 131.8 | out | _ | • | out | bridge | bridge |
| 136.5 | bridge | bridge bridge | bridge bridge | out | out | bridge |
| 141.3 | bridge | bridge | bridge | out | bridge | bridge |
| 141.3 | out | _ | out | bridge | out | |
| 151.4 | | out | | bridge | bridge | bridge bridge |
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| | bridge | out | | bridge | | out |
| 159.8* | out | bridge | bridge | out | bridge | |
| 162.2 165.5* | bridge | out out | out | bridge out | bridge bridge | bridge out |
| | bridge | | bridge out | | _ | |
| 167.9 | out | bridge | | bridge | out | bridge |
| 171.3* | out | out | bridge | out | bridge | out |
| 173.8 | out | bridge | out | bridge | bridge | bridge |
| 177.3* 179.9 | bridge | bridge | out | out bridge | bridge | out bridge |
| 183.5* | bridge out | bridge | out | out | out bridae | out |
| 186.2 | | bridge | out out | | | |
| 186.2 189.9* | bridge bridge | bridge out | out | bridge out | bridge bridge | bridge out |
| 192.8 | out | out | bridge | bridge | out | bridge |
| 192.6 196.6* | out | out | out | out | bridge | out |
| 190.5* | bridge | bridge | bridge | bridge | out | out |
| 203.5 | - | • | • | bridge | bridge | bridge |
| | out | out bridge | bridge | • | - | _ |
| 206.5* | out | bridge | bridge | bridge | out | out |
| 210.7 | bridge | out | bridge | bridge | out | bridge |
| 218.1 225.7 | bridge | out bridge | bridge | bridge | bridge out | bridge bridge |
| 225.7 229.1* | out bridge | | bridge | bridge bridge | out | out |
| 233.6 | • | out bridge | bridge bridge | bridge bridge | bridge | bridge |
| | out bridge | bridge bridge | bridge bridge | | out | bridge |
| 241.8 | bridge | bridge | bridge | bridge bridge | | _ |
| 250.3 | bridge | bridge | bridge | bridge bridge | bridge | bridge |
| 254.1* | out | out | bridge | bridge | out | out |

Alternatively, a binary switch can be connected to the jumper straps, this will allow the user to change the CTCSS code at any time. When connecting a switch to the jumper straps, connect the switch common to ground, and the wires from the switch to the side of the jumper strap closest to the microprocessor chip U1 that has the hole.

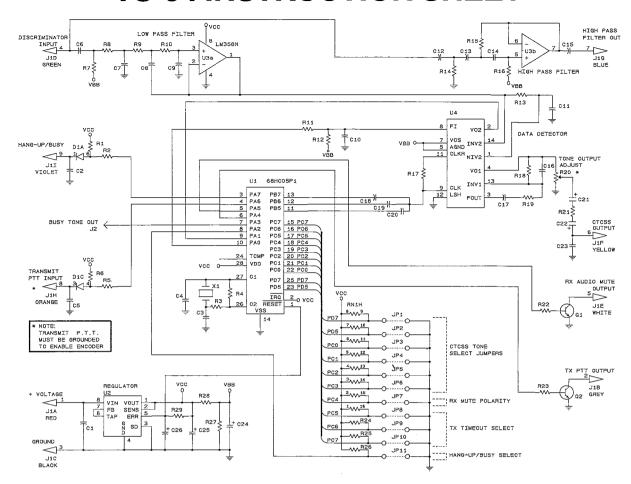
2.2 TRANSMIT TIME-OUT-TIMER

The Transmit Time-out-timer is used to limit the duration of a continuous transmission to a maximum length as programmed by the Jumper Straps, JP8, JP9, and JP10. The timer can be programmed with eight different timeout intervals. These are listed in the table below The Transmit Time-out-timer is disabled when received from the factory.

| TIMEOUT INTERVAL | JP8 | JP9 | JP10 |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| DISABLED | out | out | out |
| 15 seconds | bridge | out | out |
| 30 seconds | out | bridge | out |
| 45 seconds | bridge | bridge | out |
| 1 minute | bridge | out | bridge |
| 2 minutes | out | bridge | bridge |
| 3 minutes | out | out | bridge |
| 5 minutes | bridge | bridge | bridge |



TS-64 INSTRUCTION SHEET



PARTS LIST

| TS-64 R15 06-3626 3.6K, 1/8w, 5%, 0805 Chip Resistor .1 | 10 ea. 10 ea. 10 ea. 10 ea. |
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| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 10 ea. 10 ea. |
| U2 48-2951 LP2951CM Low Dropout Regulator 2.85 ea. R22.R27 06-4726 4.7K, 1/8w, 5%, 0805 Chip Resistor 1 | 10 ea. |
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| U3 51-0358 LM358D Dual OP-AMP .66 ea. R28 06-7526 7.5K, 1/8w, 5%, 0805 Chip Resistor .1 | _ |
| U4 51-6500 MF6CWM-50 Low Pass Filter 5.82 ea. R3,R17 06-1136 11K, 1/8w 5%, 0805 Chip Resistor .1 | 10 ea. |
| D1 48-0010 IMN10 Triple Diode Array .43 ea. R11, 06-3336 33K, 1/8w, 5%, 0805 Chip Resistor .1 | 0 ea. |
| Q1 48-4200 MMBTA42LT1 NPN Si Transistor .28 ea. R12,R14 | |
| Q2 48-0056 BCX56 NPN Si SOT-89 Transistor .80 ea. R1,R2,R5, 06-4736 47K, 1/8w, 5%, 0805 Chip Resistor .1 | 0 ea. |
| X1 48-3835 AT38-3.587M Crystal 1.80 ea, R6,R24, | |
| C24 19-6826 6.8 μf, 4v, 20% Tant. Chip Capacitor .84 ea. R25,R26 | |
| | 10 ea. |
| | 0 ea. |
| | 0 ea. |
| | 0 ea. |
| C7,C10, 22-1030 .01µf, X7R, 50v, 10%, 0805 Mono, .25 ea. R13 06-6846 680K, 1/8w, 5%, 0805 Chip Resistor .1 | 0 ea. |
| | 0 ea. |
| | 32 ea. |
| | '5 ea. |
| | 37 ea. |
| | 60 ea. |
| | '5 ea. |
| | 60 ea. |
| | 17 ea. |
| | 20 ea. |
| C3,C4 22-2200 22pf, NPO, 50v, 10%, 0805 Mono25 ea. Chip Cap. | |



3.0 INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Installation of the TS-64 should be done by a qualified two-way radio technician. When installing the TS-64 be careful not to twist or bend the printed circuit board as this can damage the surface mount components. In addition, use static protection techniques while handling the unit. Be sure that all power is removed before installing or programming the TS-64. The following paragraphs describe each of the external connections on the TS-64:

This wire should be connected directly to a filtered source of continuous positive DC voltage in the range of +6.0VDC to +20.0VDC. This connection should be made "downstream" from the power switch, and the power supply filter components in the radio set. If a regulated source of DC voltage is available, it may be used. Using a quiet and stable source of DC voltage inside the radio set will reduce the possibility of picking up power supply noise.

GROUND (BLACK) (Pin 3)

The Ground wire should be connected to a location inside the radio set which will supply a DC power ground return to the TS-64. To eliminate ground loops and power supply noise, the ground return to the TS-64 should be the same power supply ground used in the transmit or receive audio stages.

PTT INPUT (ORANGE) (Pin 8) THIS LEAD MUST BE GROUNDED TO ENCODE TONE

PTT OUTPUT (GREY) (Pin 2)

The PTT Input detects a transmit condition by sensing a 'pull to ground' on the PTT line of the radio set. This information is used by the TS-64 to determine transmit status. The PTT Output line is an open collector transistor that pulls to ground to key the transmitter during CTCSS transmission.

To install the PTT Input and PTT Output lines, cut the PTT line on the radio set at the microphone connector, and insert the PTT Input and PTT Output on the TS-64 in series with the transmitter's PTT line. The TS-64 will now control the transmit PTT line.

As an alternative to simplify the installation, the PTT Input line on the TS-64 may be permanently grounded, and the PTT Output line can be left unconnected. This will enable the TS-64 encoder at all times. If this arrangement is used, be sure that the Transmit Time-out-timer on the TS-64 is disabled. A reverse phase burst will of course not be sent.

CTCSS OUTPUT (YELLOW) (Pin 6)
This output generates the CTCSS encode tone. The most common place to connect this line is just prior to the modulation stage in the transmitter. Typical connections would be to the center of the deviation pot, to the varactor diode in the modulator circuit, or to the manufacturer's suggested connection point. This connection point can vary from radio to radio. Do not connect the CTCSS Output to the microphone input as the microphone audio stages will distort and attenuate the CTCSS signal.

Since the CTCSS Output on the TS-64 is low impedance, you may have to install a series resistor to reduce the loading effects of the CTCSS Output depending on the interface impedance. This is evident in the case of connecting to the center of a 100K deviation pot. In this case, a 100K series resistor will compensate for the impedance difference. In addition, a slight adjustment of the voice deviation may be required to compensate for the CTCSS Output circuit loading.

RECEIVE AUDIO MUTE OUTPUT (WHITE) (Pin 5)

This output is an open collector transistor that either pulls to ground to mute receive audio, or pulls to ground to open receive audio. The configuration is determined by the PCB jumper strap JP7 on the TS-64 PCB. The Receive Audio Mute Output is usually connected to the collector of the 'squelch switch transistor' in the receiver. To find the correct connection point for the Receive Audio Mute Output, locate a point in the receiver squelch circuit that will either 'mute' or 'open' the receiver audio upon application of a ground potential. This will be the correct point for connection. Then configure JP7 for the correct audio mute polarity. To configure the TS-64 for the most common configuration (pull to ground to mute the receive audio) do not install JP7. For a pull to ground to open the receive audio, place a solder bridge across JP7.

DISCRIMINATOR INPUT (GREEN) (Pin 4)

This wire feeds the CTCSS decoder and the Audio High Pass Filter in the TS-64. This connection MUST be made directly to the receiver discriminator output in the receiver. Please note that many discriminator circuits have a low pass filter on the discriminator output that consists of a small inductor and a capacitor. This filter network is used to attenuate very high frequency components. In the case where this network is used, the TS-64 Discriminator Input should be connected AFTER this network. Connecting the Discriminator Input after any audio processing circuitry in the receiver may distort and attenuate the CTCSS signal and produce unreliable decoding.

HIGH PASS FILTER OUTPUT (BLUE) (Pin 7)

The High Pass Filter Output removes the CTCSS signal from the receiver discriminator audio so that the operator will not hear it. In many cases, the audio response of the receiver will not pass the CTCSS signal, and the High Pass Filter on the TS-64 will not be required. In those cases where the High Pass Filter must be utilized, break the discriminator audio path in the receiver just after the point where the TS-64 Discriminator Input was connected. Then install the High Pass Filter Output so that it is in series with the audio path in the receiver.

HANG-UP/BUSY INPUT (VIOLET) (Pin 9)

This is a dual function input that is determined by the PCB Jumper Strap, JP11. When this jumper is removed, this input will operate as a Microphone hang-up input, and control the 'channel monitoring' function in the TS-64. When the Hang-up Input is floating or above ground potential (mic is off-hook), the TS-64 will be in the monitor mode, and will unmute the receiver audio. If this input is grounded, such as through a mic hang-up button, the receiver audio will be muted. The audio path in the receiver will only be enabled upon receipt of the correct CTCSS code. Connect the Hang-up Input to the microphone hookswitch connection on the microphone jack.

When the PCB Jumper Strap, JP11 is installed, the Hang-up/Busy Input will operate as a Busy Input, and disable the transmit function in the TS-64 if the operator tries to transmit when the channel is busy. However, if the TS-64 is currently decoding a CTCSS tone, and the channel is busy, the transmit function will be allowed. Connect the Busy Input to a location in the receiver that will provide an indication as to the status of the channel. The usual location is the squelch switch transistor in the receiver. A busy channel is defined as a logic high, or a voltage level greater than 1.5VDC. Please note that this is the same connection point as the Receive Audio Mute Output. The Busy Input must be connected AHEAD of the Receive Audio Mute Output with a diode in series, and the cathode of the diode connected to the Busy Input. This arrangement will isolate the Busy Input from being controlled by the Receive Audio Mute Output.

BUSY TONE OUTPUT (DIRECT PCB CONNECTION) (J2)

The Busy Tone Output is a connection on the TS-64 PCB that generates a busy tone under two conditions. First, if the programmed interval for the Transmit Time-out-timer is exceeded, the Busy Tone Output will generate the busy tone until the microphone PTT switch is released. Second, if the Hang-up/Busy Input is configured for Busy operation, and the PTT switch is pressed while the channel is busy, the Busy Tone Output will generate the busy tone until the microphone PTT switch is released.

This Output can be connected to the input of the audio amplifier stage in the receiver. The busy tone will then be heard in the speaker of the radio set. A 100K resistor and a .01uf capacitor must be placed in series with the Busy Tone Output in order to provide isolation between the TS-64 and the associated receiver.

3.1 ADJUSTMENTS

The CTCSS Output Adjustment, R20, is the only adjustment required on the TS-64. This control sets the level of the CTCSS Output. A very small slotted alignment tool should be used to make the adjustment on the TS-64 PCB. To adjust the CTCSS Output level to the correct deviation, key the PTT switch on the microphone, and while watching a deviation scope tuned to the transmit output frequency, carefully adjust the CTCSS Output Adjustment. The deviation level of the CTCSS Output should be set to 0.75 kHz (750 Hz).

A deviation scope on a service monitor is best for adjusting the CTCSS deviation. The CTCSS waveform on the scope will appear as a sine wave. If the CTCSS signal appears distorted, this indicates that the interface connection is incorrect, and must be changed to a more suitable location.

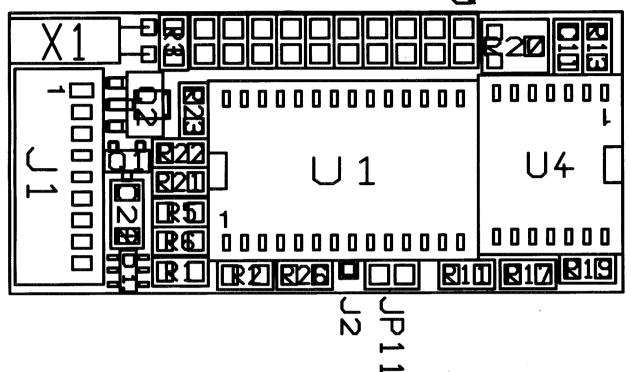
4.0 SPECIFICATIONS

Number of tones Tone Accuracy Tone Stability Encode Output Z Encode Output Level Discriminator Input Z Decode Input Level Signal to Noise Decode time Fade Time Squelch tail elimination CTCSS Tone Programming RX Mute Output TX PTT Output Receive Audio Filter **Busy Tone Output** Temperature Range Supply Requirements Size

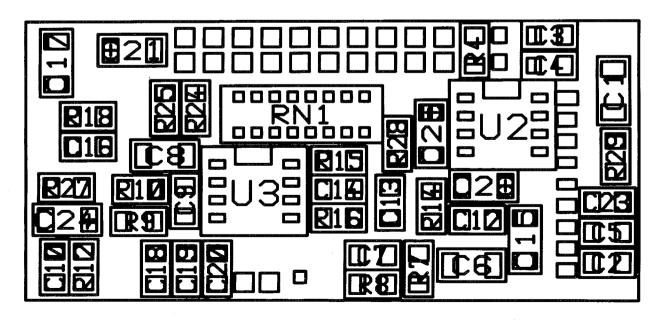
better than 0.05 Hz. crystal controlled 2.2 K ohms AC coupled Adjustable from 0V to 3.0V 60K ohms AC coupled 15 Mv minimum Better than 4 dB Sinad 150 ms. Nominal 350 ms. Nominal 160ms reverse phase burst by 6 PCB jumper straps Open collector transistor Open collector transistor 3 pole 330Hz High-pass filter 5V pk-pk at 1000Hz -30°C to +65°C 6.0 to 20.0 VDC @9 Ma. 0.78" × 1.70" × 0.25'



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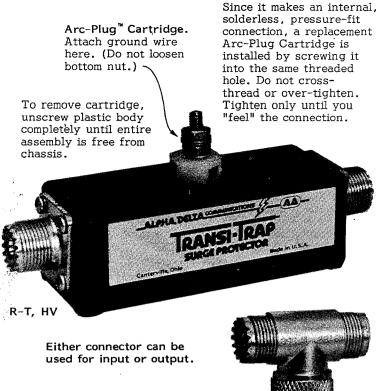
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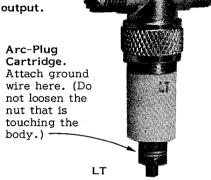
If it becomes necessary to remove the TS-64 from the 84-7000 PCB, extract the solder from the holes in the bottom of the 84-7000 only.

TS-64DS DIP Switch Programming Chart

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(Low Level Models fire at the lowest lightning pulse level, providing maximum protection. For receivers and transceivers



NOTICE FOR INSTALLATION WITH REPEATER / DUPLEXERS:

If the Trans-Trap Protector is placed in the output (antenna) side of a duplexer, it may be necessary to vary the length of the ground-lead to the protector or run the ground-lead through a ferrite bead at the point of attachment to the protector. The value and size of ferrite is not critical. This procedure will help prevent any stray coupled RF in the ground-lead from re-entering the open reciever as "noise".

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Models R-T and LT <u>"EMP Series"</u> Arc Plug™ cartridges are designed to protect against nuclear Electrmagnetic Pulse (EMP) as well as lightning surge voltages. The EMP pulse clamping level is 3 times lower than the previous designs for maximum safety.

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INSTALLATION INFORMATION

MODELS AVAILABLE: (with UHF connectors)

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Model LT to 30 MHz, Model R-T to 500 MHz.

Transi-Trap Model HV

High Voltage Protector-for use with amplifiers running up to 2kW output at 50 ohms.

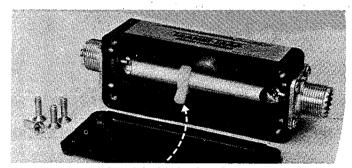
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The life of the Arc-Plug Cartridge is a function of the surge current amplitude and duration to which the device is subjected. Transients are by their very nature unpredictable in magnitude and energy level. Life may be many hundreds of operations, depending on surge current wave shape.

After a sufficient number of lightning pulses have been discharged through the Arc-Plug Cartridge, there is a gradual lowering of breakdown voltage and insulation resistance. Therefore, Arc-Plug Cartridge replacement is indicated by an increase in VSWR during transmitter tune-up, or by a "dead" receiver caused by an extremely strong near-miss lightning discharge shorting the Arc-Plug Cartridge. In this case, the short continues to protect the equipment until cleared.

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1. INSTALLATION:

INSTALLATION INFORMATION

Note: Any model must be placed at a point in the coax line where the VSWR does not exceed 2:1 to prevent high R.F. voltages from triggering the units. When outdoor use is planned, it is necessary to coat thoroughly all surfaces (after attaching coax and ground wire) with a good sealer/protector.

2. Ground system:

The unique isolated ground system of Transi-Trap Surge Protectors permits direct earth connection while preventing arc energy from being coupled to the equipment chassis through the coax shields. Lab tests show this method to be

best for overall protection. For the system to work, it is absolutely necessary to attach a direct earth ground wire to the nut and washers on the Arc-Plug Cartridge. (A cold water pipe connection is suitable if its ground path is not too long or circuitous.) The surge protectors will not function without this connection as there is no other return path for the arc energy.

For maximum protection, ground the antenna coax shield to an earth ground at the point of entry to the building. This is important since a closer near-miss can cause a high induced voltage on the shield. Also, attach an earth ground to the chassis of the station equipment. Both of these suggestions follow good engineering practice, regardless of the type of protector in use.

Test results:

OPERATIONAL AND TEST INFORMATION

The level of protection provided by Transi-Trap Protectors is remarkable, and our lab tests show outstanding state-of-the-art performance. By using a special wave front generator, simulating fast rise time lightning-type pulses of up to 10 kilovolts, we have observed the performance of Transi-Trap Protectors with semiconductors commonly used in solid state receivers and transceivers. Our own experience in the communications industry has shown that some of the devices most sensitive to lightning-induced surges are certain PIN diodes, including the higher voltage types currently used in the industry. These devices are known to be even more sensitive than many MOSFETs and bipolar transistors in typical use.

By connecting this type of PIN diode directly to the output of the wave front generator, with no protection, the induced pulse will "blow" the diode into a dead short. It should be noted that many PIN diodes fail in equipment when much lower-level surges cause them to become merely "leaky".

When the Transi-Trap Protector is inserted between the generator and the PIN diode, in a typical 50 ohm coaxial configuration, the diodes survive repeated pulses without failure. Other receiver-type components show the same remarkable results.

Nearby or distant lightning surges:

Since many equipment failures occur as a result of lightning-induced surges from distant storm fronts and near-misses, the operator will find a new dimension of protection with the use of Alpha Delta Transi-Trap Surge Protectors.

Lightning-induced surges (transients) have unpredictable energy content, time duration, and ramp speed (wave front) characteristics. For that reason, these protectors are not guaranteed to protect against direct strokes. Also, certain semiconductors are beyond the protection of these devices. For example, some exotic MOS IC memory devices are so sensitive that the discharge caused by the simple touch of a finger will destroy them.