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I. SPECIFICATIONS

"Playback" - Can be monitored the : Portable STYLE recorded signals from the playback head 25.3 lbs (11.5 kg) WEIGHT 11-7/8"H x 15-3/4"W x 5-1/2"D by using DIMENSIONS Stereo Headphone (300H x 400W x 140D mm) External Amplifier POWER SUPPLY AC 100 to 240V, 50/60 Hz With REC/PLAY Monitor Switch at RECORDING "Record" - Can be monitored the Inline 4-track stereo, monaural recording. SYSTEM program being recorded by using TAPE SPEED (19 and 9.5 cm/s) Stereo Headphone External Amplifier TAPE SPEED MOTOR Induction motor DEVIATION : Less than ±3% at all tape speeds. Revolution: 1,450 R.P.M. at 50 Hz WOW AND 1.740 R.P.M. at 60 Hz : Less than 0.15% R.M.S. at 7-1/2 ips. FLUTTER 2.5 MF at 50 Hz Less than 0.20% R.M.S. at 3-3/4 ips. Condenser capacity: 2.0 MF at 60 Hz FREQUENCY HEADS : 30 to 22,000 Hz \pm 3 db at 7-1/2 ips. RESPONSE 30 to 14,000 Hz \pm 3 db at 3-3/4 ips. RECORDING Inline 4-track stereo and monaural. HEAD Better than 50 db S/N RATIO Impedance: 120 ohms at 1,000 Hz Within 2% at 1.000 Hz "0" VU Recording DISTORTION PLAYBACK (TOTAL HARMONICS) Inline 4-track stereo and monaural. HEAD : Less than -65 db (Monaural) CROSS-TALK Impedance: 1,200 ohms at 1,000 Hz Less than -40 db (Stereo) Inline 4-track stereo ERASE HEAD : INSULATION Impedance: 300 ohms at 60 KHz RESISTANCE : More than 50M, ohms. RECORD LEVEL INSULATION Vertical indication model "A" VU meter INDICATOR : AC 1,000V for more than one minute DURABILITY TRANSISTOR : Less than -70 db for all tracks. **ERASE RATIO** USED 2SC650-®x2 POWER 2SC281-®x4 Record Amp. : 30 VA CONSUMPTION 2SC458-®x2 Correct equalization for playback of EQUALIZATION : 2SC650-(A), (B) x4 tapes recorded to the NAB curve. Playback Amp. 2SC281-®x4 FAST FORWARD Bias Oscillator 2SC696-① x1 AND REWIND TIME : 180 seconds using 1,200 foot tape at SILICON 50 Hz. 150 seconds at 60 Hz. : SW-05-01 x 2 DIODE USED LINE OUT-PUT **GERMANIUM** LEVEL : 1.228V (0 VU) at 1,000 Hz "0" VU DIODE USED : 1N-34A x 2 recorded tape used. REELS USED ; 7", 5", 3" reels LINE OUT-PUT IMPEDANCE : 1.5 K. ohms DIN OUT-PUT LEVEL 250 mV (-10 VU at 600 ohms load) STEREO HEADPHONE'S OUT-PUT LEVEL: 30-40 mV (Impedance-8 ohms) LINE INPUT LEVEL 50 mV LINE INPUT IMPEDANCE : 330K ohms DIN INPUT LEVEL 20 mV DIN INPUT IMPEDANCE : 100K ohms MIC. INPUT LEVEL : 0.5 mV MIC. INPUT INPEDANCE : 30K ohms MONITOR

With REC/PLAY Monitor Switch at

II. MEASURING METHOD

TAPE SPEED DEVIATION

1. Method involving use of pre-recorded tape.

Playback on the tape recorder to be tested tape pre-recorded at $1,000 \text{ Hz} \pm 0.1\%$ for measuring tape speed deviation. Connect the appropriate output to a frequency counter meter in order to measure the tape speed deviation from the resulting deviation of the measured frequency.

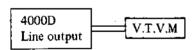
2. Method involving use of timing tape (designed for tape speed measurement).

This method utilizes a timing tape marked at intervals of 7-1/2". The running time of the tape over 60 marked section is measured in order to calculate the deviation of the tape speed. In application of this method, however, it should be born in mind that the timing tape stretch or contract, measurement error is inevitable, so that it is necessary to measure the total length of the tape in advance.

WOW AND FLUTTER

Playback the 3,000 Hz pre-recorded tape whose wow and flutter level is guaranteed to be smaller than 0.07% for measurement by means of a wow meter. It is also possible for a 3,000 Hz sine wave to be recorded and played for measurement by means of the wow meter. In this case, however, the wow meter indicates a value as much as twice the value given in the specification on the first page.

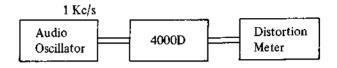
SIGNAL TO NOISE RATIO



Set the Equalizer Switch on "7-1/2" ips position and playback a tape containing a 250 Hz sine wave recorded at "0" VU level on a standard recorder. Connect a V.T.V.M. to the line output jack of the recorder and measure its output.

Then remove the tape and measure the noise level under the same condition. Convert into decibels each of the measured values.

TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION FACTOR



Connect the measuring instrument as shown above, and record the 1,000 Hz sine wave at "0" VU. Playback the resultant signal and measure the overall distortion factor. Measure the noise level of the tape recorder with the tape removed; connect the audio oscillator directly to the distortion meter for measurement of the distortion factor of the oscillator.

The required distortion factor may be obtained from the results of the above measurement by the following formula.

d₀=d-d₁-d₂
where, d₀=Required
d=Overall distortion factor
d₁=Noise level
d₂=Distortion factor of the oscillator

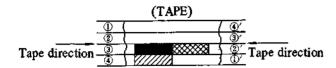
(Note: New tape of particularly good quality should be used for measurement of the distortion factor).

POWER OUTPUT

Playback a tape containing a sine wave of 250 Hz recorded at "0" VU on a standard recorder.

Connect a V.T.V.M. to the line output jack of the recorder and measure the voltage at the output of the recorder to be tested.

CROSS-TALK (Cross-talk between the tracks)



As shown in the figure, first record a 1,000 Hz sine wave on track No. 3 at + 3 VU level. Next, remove the 1,000 Hz input signal and record under a non-input condition.

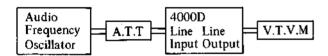
Then, playback the tape on track No. 3 and No. 1 (reversed condition of tape) through the 1,000 Hz B.P.F. (Band Pass Filter, Sensitivity . . . 1:1) and obtain a ratio between the two from the following formula.

C =
$$20 \log \frac{E_0}{E_2 - E_1}$$
 (db)

C =Desired cross-talk ratio (db) E₀=1,000 Hz signal output level E₂=1,000 Hz cross-talk output level E₁=No-input signal record level



FREQUENCY RESPONESE



Connect the measuring instrument as in the above diagram, and measure the frequency response in the following sequence:

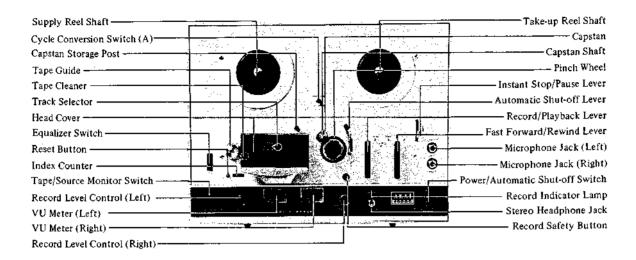
RECORD:

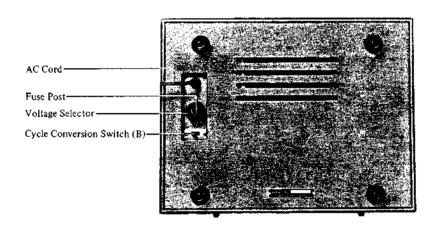
- Give a sine wave of 1,000 Hz to the Line Input of the recorder to be tested through an attenuator from an audio frequency generator.
- Set the Record/Playback Monitor Switch to "Rec." position and adjust the line input volume so that the VU meter needle indicates "0" VU.
- Under the condition described in (2), lower the input level 16 db by means of the attenuator.
- 4) Record the spot frequency in the range of 30 to 25,000 Hz from the audio frequency generator.

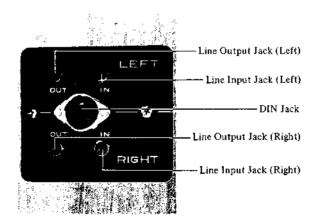
PLAYBACK:

- Set the Record/Playback Monitor Switch to "Play" position.
- 6) Set the Equalizer Switch on 7-1/2 or 3-3/4 position.
- 7) Connect a V.T.V.M. to the Line output. (V.T.V.M. with Millivolt Scale)
- 8) Playback the tape previously recorded.
- Adjust the output level to "0" dbm at 1,000 Hz as indicated on the V.T.V.M. by the range selector of a V.T.V.M.
- 10) Playback the recorded spot frequencies with the conditions in (9); make a memo of output level and plot the value on a graph.

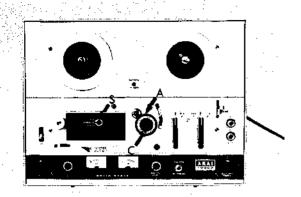
III. LOCATION OF CONTROLS



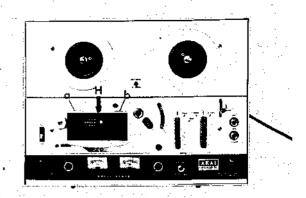




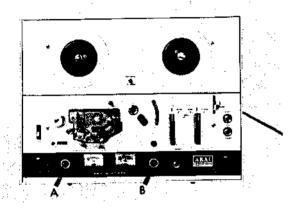
IV. DISASSEMBLY OF TAPE TRANSPORT UNIT & AMPLIFIERS



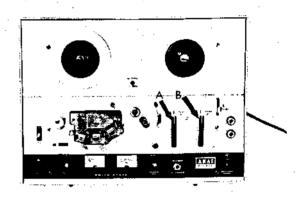
(1) Loosen the Pinch Wheel Cap (C) and remove the Pinch Wheel (A) by hand. Loosen the Retaining Screw using a Philips head screw driver and remove the Track Selector Knob (S) by hand.



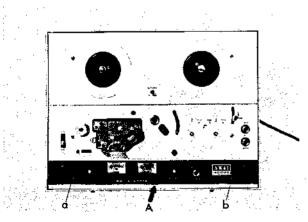
(2) Loosen the Retaining Screws ((a) and (b)) of the Head Cover (H) using a Philips head screw driver and remove the Head Cover by hand.



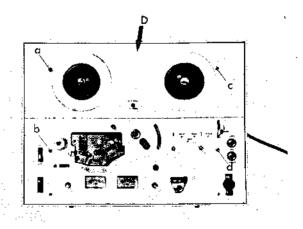
(3) Loosen the Retaining Screws of the Record Level Knobs ((A) and (B)) by using a Philips head screw driver and remove the Knobs by hand.



(4) Loosen the Retaining Screws ((a) and (b)) of the Deck Control Knobs ((A) and (B)) by using a Philips head screw driver and remove the Knobs by hand.

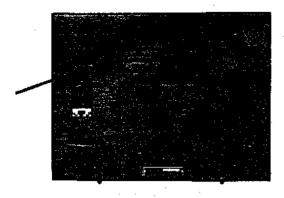


(5) Loosen the Screws ((a) and (b)) by using a Philips head screw driver and remove the Amplifier Panel (A) by hand.

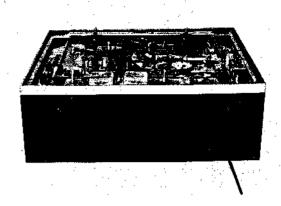


(6) Loosen the Screws (marked from (a) to (d)) by using a Philips head screw driver and remove the Deck Panel (D) by hand.

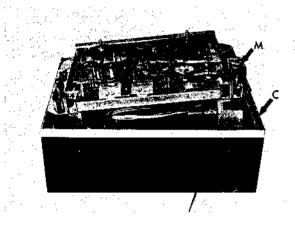
Then, any front mechanism control adjustment is now accessible.



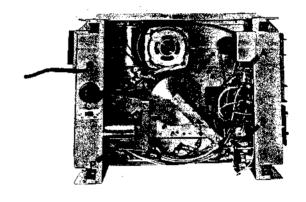
(7) Loosen the Screws (marked from (a) to (d)) by using a Philips head screw driver and remove the Rubber Feet (marked (A) to (D)).



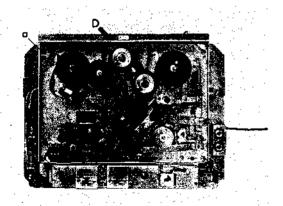
(8) Loosen the Screws ((a) and (b)) by using a Philips head screw driver.



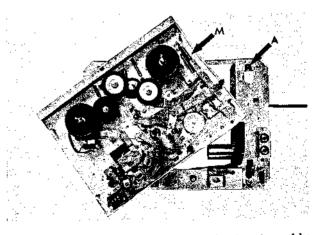
(9) Remove the Tape Transport Mechanism and Amplifier Assemblies (M) by slowly lifting it from the Case (C) as shown in picture.



(10) Disconnect the Plugs (marked (A) to (C)) and Record/Playback Conversion Pin (P) carefully by hand.



(11) Loosen the Screws (marked from (a) to (d)) of the Deck Frame (D) by using a Philips head screw driver.



(12) Separate the Tape Transport Mechanism Assembly (M) from the Amplifier Assembly (A) carefully by hand.

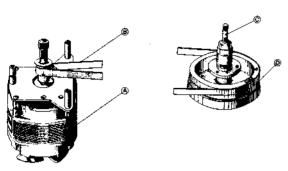


Fig. 1

DRIVING OF CAPSTAN

Figure 1.

- Motor
- ® Driving Belt (flat belt)
- © Capstan
- D Flywheel

High-speed rotation of *Motor* (a) is reduced by *Driving Belt* (b) and transmitted to Capstan (c), which is connected of flywheel with ample inertia and enables rated rotation by absorbing minor rotation distortion of motor itself.

Capstan Rotation: 227 R.P.M.

Motor Rotation: 1450 R.P.M. at 50 Hz

1740 R.P.M, at 60 Hz

DRIVING OF PINCH WHEEL

Put tape between rotating capstan and pinch wheel and push pinch wheel against capstan, this will transport the tape at rated speed. The appropriate pressure of pinch wheel is between 1,000 to 1,150 grams at the tape speed of 7-1/2" (19 cm) per second.

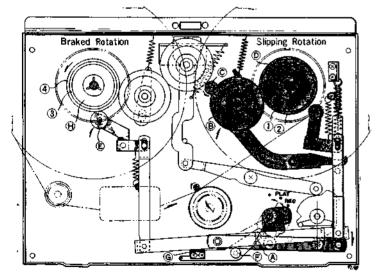


Fig. 2

RECORDING AND PLAYBACK

Turn the RECORD/PLAYBACK KNOB (A) to "PLAY" position, and pinch wheel presses against capstan to move tape at the rated speed. At the same time, Idler (5) moves between Motor Bushing (C) and the Take-Up Reel Spindle (D) to transmit the motor rotation to (D) so that the tape is moved and wound on the take-up reel. The Take-up Reel Spindle Base is made up of two plastic rollers (1 and 2) with a clutch felt in between. The Idler

rollers (1 and 2) with a clutch felt in between. The Idler is rotating the plastic roller ② under. Therefore, the tape-winding friction is adjusted by the slipping of the felt to enable rated winding of the tape.

On the other hand, the Supply Reel Spindle (1) has a Brake Roller (2) hung on the Plastic Roller (4) under which provides appropriate back tention by the clutch felt slipping to the rotation of the Pulley (3) above.

To prevent accidental erasure, the Record Interlock Button © must be depressed before the RECORD/PLAYBACK KNOB can be moved to the "REC" position. The Safety device © is depressed to enter the record mode.

(See figure 2)

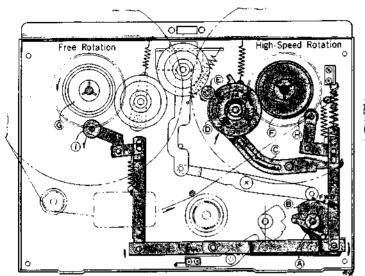


Fig. 3

FAST-FORWARD MECHANISM

Turn the FAST FWD-REWIND knob (A) to "FAST FWD" position, and the cam (B) under the knob pushes up the Lever (C). The Idler (D) moves into the space between the Plastic Roller (P) above the Take-Up Reel Spindle and the upper part of the rotating motor drive bushing to transmit the motor rotation to the take-up reel spindle. At the same time, Brake Rollers (B) and (D) come off the reel spindle to free the Supply Reel Spindle (G), thereby allowing fast winding of the tape onto the take-up reel.

(See figure 3)

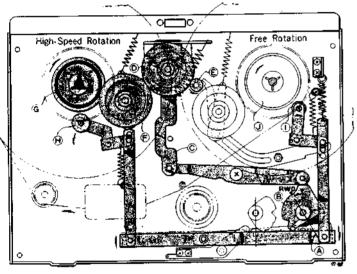
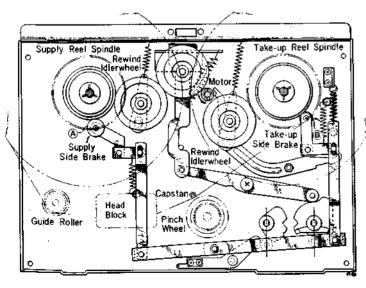


Fig. 4

REWIND MECHANISM

Turn the FAST FWD-REWIND knob (A) to "REWIND" position, and the cam (B) under the knob pushes the Lever (C) up. The Idler (D) moves into the space between the upper part of the rotating Motor drive bushing (E) and the Intermediate Pulley (F) to transmit the high-speed rotation of the motor through the intermediate pulley to the Supply Reel Spindle (G). At the same time, Brake Rollers (H) and (I) come off the reel spindle to free the take-up reel spindle (J), thereby rewinding the tape into the supply reel at a fast speed. (See figure 4)



STOP CONTROL

Push the stop lever to "STOP" position, Brake Rollers (a) and (b) depress reel spindles to stop rotation of the reel spindles.

As the brake rubber depresses the plastic rollers under the reel spindles, no friction works on the tape itself.

Fig. 5

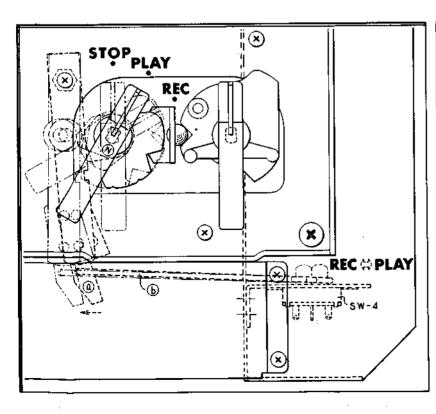
Modes of Operation	Pinch Wheel	Take-up Id]er Wheel	Rewind Idler Wheel	Take-up Side Brake	Supply Side Brake
(a) STOP	Х	×	х	0	0
(b) FAST-FORWARD	x	0	×	х	×
(c) REWIND	х	х	0	x	x
(d) RECORDING PLAYBACK	0	0	х	х	0

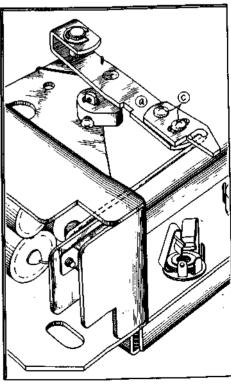
NOTES: X -marks indicates "open" and O-marks "engaged"

RECORD/PLAYBACK CHANGING MECHANISM

By turning the Record/Playback Knob ® to the recording position, the Lever @ pushes the Recording Lever ®, as illustrated in dotted line, then the Record/Playback Changing Switch (SW-4) turns to recording position.

If the Lever (a) does not push the Lever (b) properly, the SW-4 does not operate properly so, may occur the abnormal oscillation and also can't record. Then must adjust the Lever (a) to proper position by loosing the Screw (c)



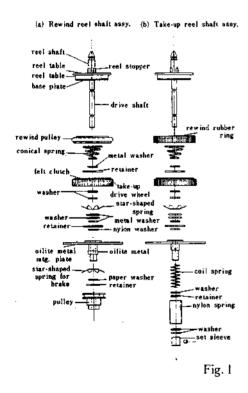


1. ADJUSTMENT OF PINCH WHEEL

It is important that the pinch wheel shaft is kept in complete alignment with the capstan shaft. A proper pinch wheel pressure is between 1,000 and 1,150 grams when the unit is operated at the tape speed of 7-1/2 ips. Any deviation from this specification will result in wow and flutter. Check pinch wheel pressure by a spring scale, and if necessary, adjust the pinch wheel load spring.

2. ADJUSTMENT OF TAKE-UP IDLER WHEEL

The take-up idler wheel must be kept in complete alignment with the take-up reel shaft. When the unit is set in fast forward condition, the idler wheel will contact to the upper knurled wheel of the take-up reel shaft assembly, and it will contact to the lower knurled wheel during record or play mode. Adjust idler wheel load spring so that the idler wheel pressure is kept between 50 and 80 grams. The idler wheel rapidly wears if the pressure is excessive. The slippage occurs if the pressure is smaller than the specification.



3. ADJUSTMENT OF REWIND IDLER WHEEL

The rewind idler wheel must be kept in complete alignment with the rewind reel shaft. The amount of pressure to the knurled motor bushing should be maintained about 50 grams during rewind operation. Adjust both the idler load spring and rewind roller.

4. ADJUSTMENT OF INTERMEDIATE WHEFI.

The intermediate wheel is located between the rewind idler wheel and the rubber ring which is used on the upper part of the supply reel shaft assembly. When the unit is set in rewind mode, it will contact to these parts simultaneously delivering torque of motor. An adequate pressure is 50 grams. Adjust the load spring of the intermediate wheel if the pressure is not sufficient.

5. ADJUSTMENT OF TAKE-UP REEL SHAFT ASSEMBLY

A felt clutch material is attached to the bottom side of the reel table base plate so that recording tape will not be stretched during fast forwarding operation due to excessive tension. To check the amount of friction of this part, place a 5-inch reel with recording tape wound by 60 m/m in diameter, and gently pull the end of tape upward using a spring scale. Adjust the conical spring so that the amount of tension at this part will be kept between 400 to 500 grams. Another felt clutch material is attached to the take-up drive wheel. It is to provide proper slipping operation during record or play mode. The procedure for checking friction of this part is same as the foregoing, and between 150 and 180 grams of friction will provide the best result. Adjust the starshaped spring just under the take-up drive wheel. When the unit is set in rewind mode, the amount of friction of this part will greatly be reduced and will become 15 to 20 grams. Check to see whether this is satisfactory or not. If not, readjust the star-shaped spring for Brake, and spring retainer washed accordingly. (See figure 1 6) at left.)

6. ADJUSTMENT OF SUPPLY REEL SHAFT ASSEMBLY

A felt clutch material is used between the lower side of the reel table base plate and the rewind rubber ring to protect recording tape from an excessive tension while rewinding operation. To check the amount of friction of this part, place onto the supply reel table a 5-inch reel with recording tape wound by 60 m/m in diameter and gently pull the end of tape upward by a spring scale. Adjust the conical spring so that the amount of tension is kept between 400 and 500 grams. Another felt clutch is attached to the rewind drive wheel to provide proper slipping operation during record or play mode. The procedure for checking friction of this part is same as the foregoing, and between 80 and 110 grams of friction will give the best result. When the unit is set in fast forward mode, the amount of friction will greatly be reduced and will become 15 to 20 grams.

Check to see whether this is proper, if not, readjust coil spring and spring retainer washer. (See figure 1 a at left.)

7. ADJUSTMENT OF HEAD

Since adjustment of the Heads critically affects tape recorder performance, it is essential that Heads be carefully adjusted with precision measuring equipment and a suitable recorded tape.

(A) Adjustment of Head Height (See figure 2 and 3)

a. Erase Head

Adjust the height of the Erase Head by turning the height control screws ⓐ, ⓐ' as the upper edge of the tape passes through until it is just 0.125-0.15 mm under the top edge of the CH-1 erase head's core.

b. Recording Head

Adjust the height of the Recording Head by turning the height control screws ①, ⑥' as the upper edge of the tape passes through in the same way as the top edge of the CH-1 recording head's core.

c. Playback Head

Adjust the height of the Playback Head by turning the height control screws ©, © as the upper edge of the tape pass through in the same way as the top edge of the CH-1 playback head's core.

(B) Adjustment of Vertical Azimuth of the Head

Adjust the vertical azimuth of each head (erase, record and playback) by turning the height control screws (a) to (c)' until the tape contacts each head properly.

(C) Adjustment of Head Alignment

a. Playback Head

Playback an Ampex Alignment tape (8000 Hz) at 7-1/2" tape speed and turn the alignment control screw ① until the out-put level of both channels reaches the maximum.

b. Recording Head

At recording position, give 8000 Hz sine wave at a -10 db recording level from an Audio Frequency Oscillator to the Line Input of the 4000D, and set the Rec./Play Monitor Switch to "Playback" position.

Then turn the alignment control screw @ until the out-put level of both channels reach the maximum.

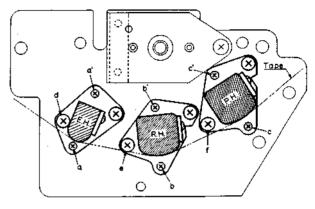


Fig. 2

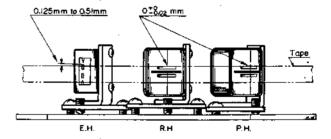


Fig. 3

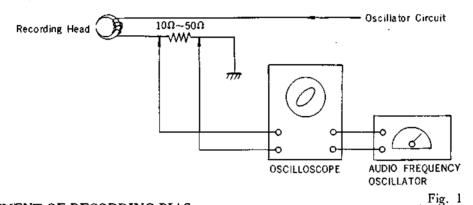
1. ADJUSTMENT OF RECORDING BIAS FREQUENCY

a) Connect the resistor (10 Ω or 50 Ω) in series with the bias head, and connect the signal from the resistor to the vertical input of the oscilloscope.

The output of the audio frequency oscillator should be connected to the horizontal input of the oscilloscope.

Proper Bias frequency of the recorder 4000D is obtained when the oscilloscope displays a circular or linear waveform with the frequency of the audio frequency oscillator in the neighbourhood of 60 kc/s.

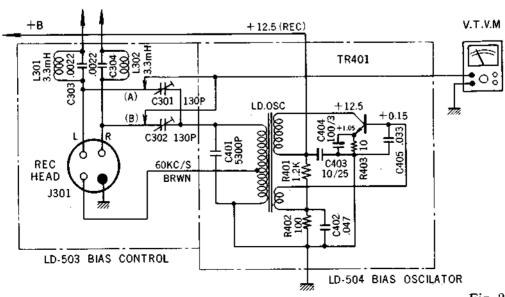
The frequency of the bias oscillator circuit can be adjusted by converting the value of the condenser (C401 5,300 PF).



2. ADJUSTMENT OF RECORDING BIAS VOLTAGE

Connect the V.T.V.M. to the point (A) or (B) and adjust the recording bias voltage by turning the Variable Capacitor C-301, 302 (130 PF) until it reads between AC5 and 10 Volts.

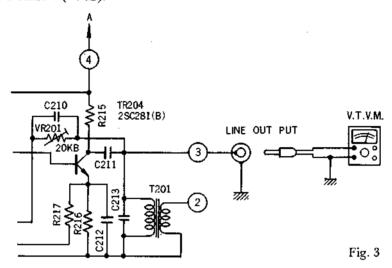
Note: There is no way of adjusting the erasing bias voltage, but the correct bias voltage is between AC 23 and 33 Volts.



3. ADJUSTMENT OF LINE OUTPUT LEVEL

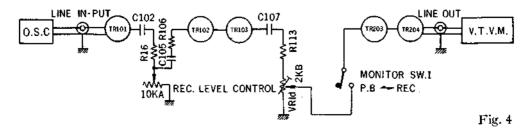
1. Playback (See Fig. 3)

- a. Set the Rec./Play Monitor Switch to "Playback" position and the Equalizer Switch to 7-1/2.
- b. Connect V.T.V.M. (use one with Milli-Volt scale) to the Line Output Jack.
- c. Playback the test tape (250 Hz "0" VU recorded) at 7-1/2 ips tape speed and turn the volume VR-201 (20 KB) until the Line Output level reaches "0" VU 1.228 V (+4 dB).



2. Recording and Playback (See Fig. 4)

- a. Connect V.T.V.M. to the Line Output Jack.
- Set the Rec/Play Monitor Switch to "Record" position and the Equalizer Switch to 7-1/2.
- c. Put on a Scotch-150 blank tape and set the Record/Playback Knob to the recording position.
- d. Feed in a 1,000 Hz sine wave signal from an Audio Frequency Oscillator to the Line Input of the 4000D and turn the Recording Level Volume Control (10 KA) until the Line Output Level reaches "0" VU 1.228 V (+4 dB).
- e. Set the Rec/Play Monitor Switch to "Playback" position and turn the Recording Level Volume Control again until the Line Output Level reaches "0" VU.
- f. Set the Rec/Play Monitor Switch to "Record" position again and turn the Volume Control VR-Id (2 KB) until the Line Output Level reaches "0" VU.
- g. Repeat 2 times in the same way as indicated in items e. and f. above.



VIII. MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

1. LUBRICATION INSTRUCTION

For maximum service life and optimum performance, lubricate the parts identified below after each 500 hours of operation. Use only light machine oil of good quality.

Motor

Flywheel Assembly

DETERIORATED.

Rewind Idler Wheel and Wind Take-Up Idler 1 drop Intermediate Idler 1 drop

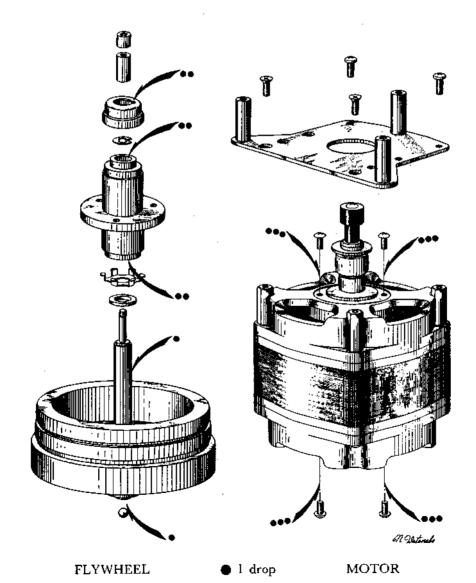
Intermediate Idler 1 drop Pinch Wheel 1 drop

Also apply a liberal film of light machine grease to each roller surface of all levers and cames.

CAUTION: DO NOT OVER-LUBRICATE, AND WIPE OFF EXCESS OIL BY A COTTON SWAB SOAKED IN ALCOHOL. OTHERWISE, THE OVER-FLOWED LUBRICANT MAY BE SCATTERED DURING OPERATION. THE RUBBER COMPONENT PARTS WILL BE

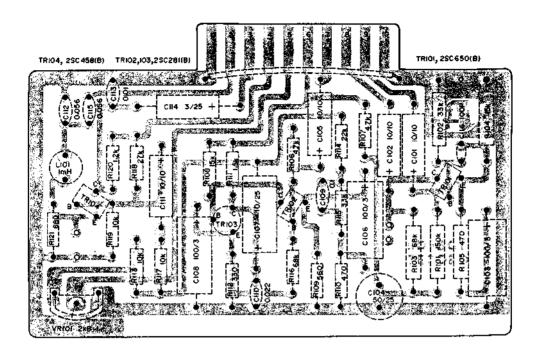
2. CLEANING TAPE HEADS AND OTHER PARTS

Wipe surface of tape heads, guide roller bearing, capstan bushing and pinch wheel periodically with a soft cloth soaked in alcohol or carbon-tet.

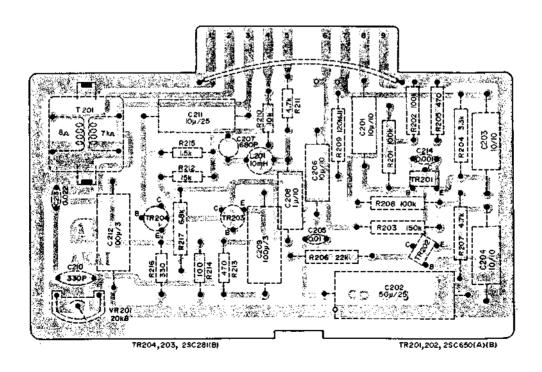


IX. COMPOSITE VIEWS OF COMPONENTS

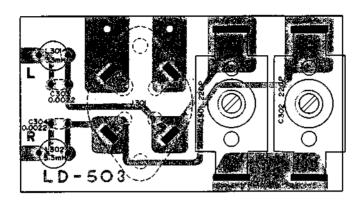
RECORD AMPLIFIER CARD (LD-501)



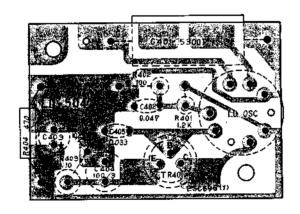
PLAYBACK AMPLIFIER CARD (LD-513)



BIAS ADJUSTMENT CARD (LD-503)

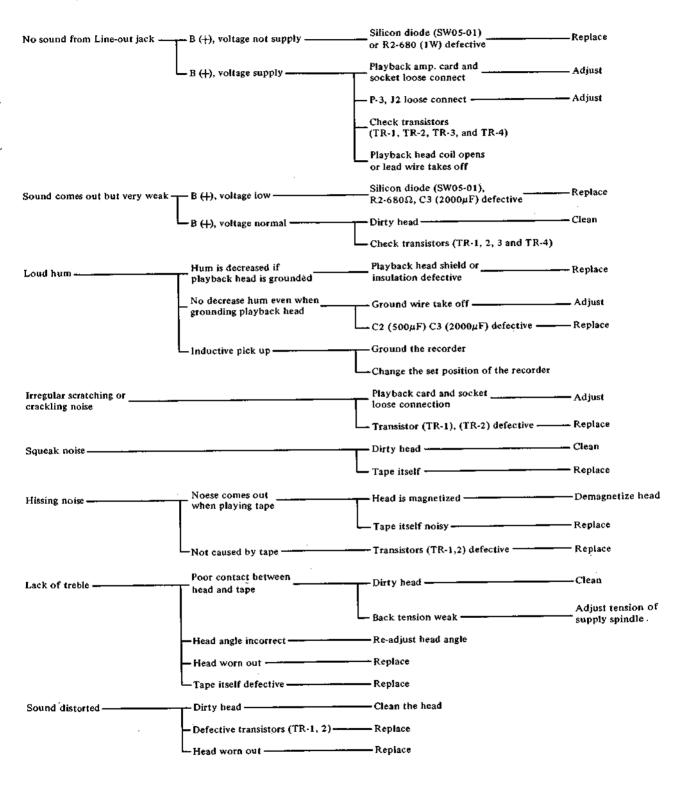


OSCILLATOR CARD (LD-504)

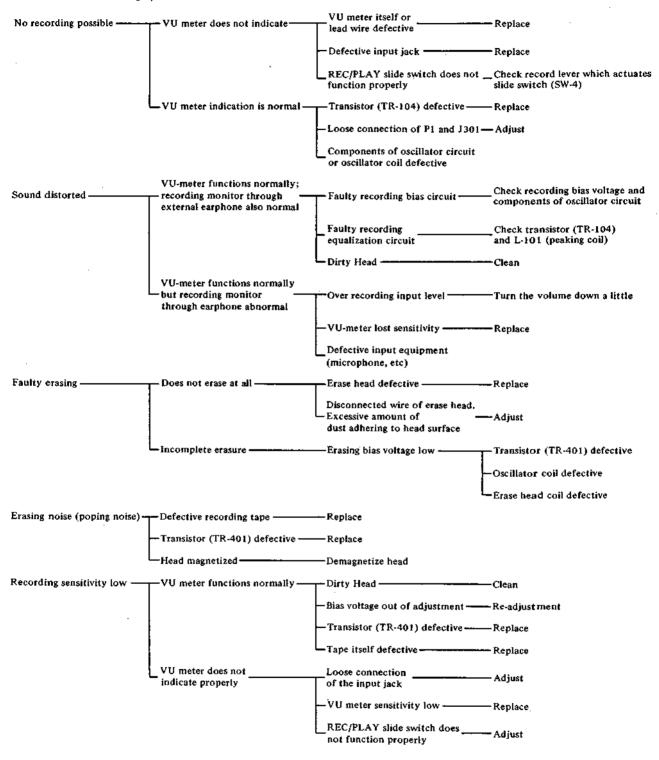


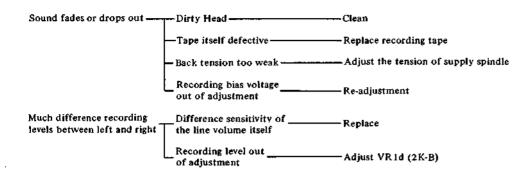
SECTION "A" TROUBLES WITH AMPLIFIER

1. Playback problems. (Unit set in play position.)

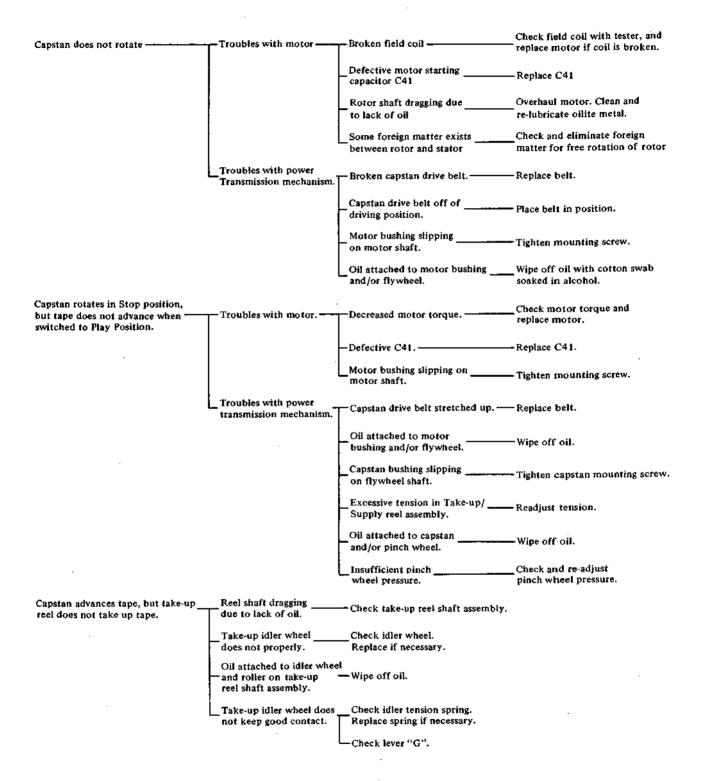


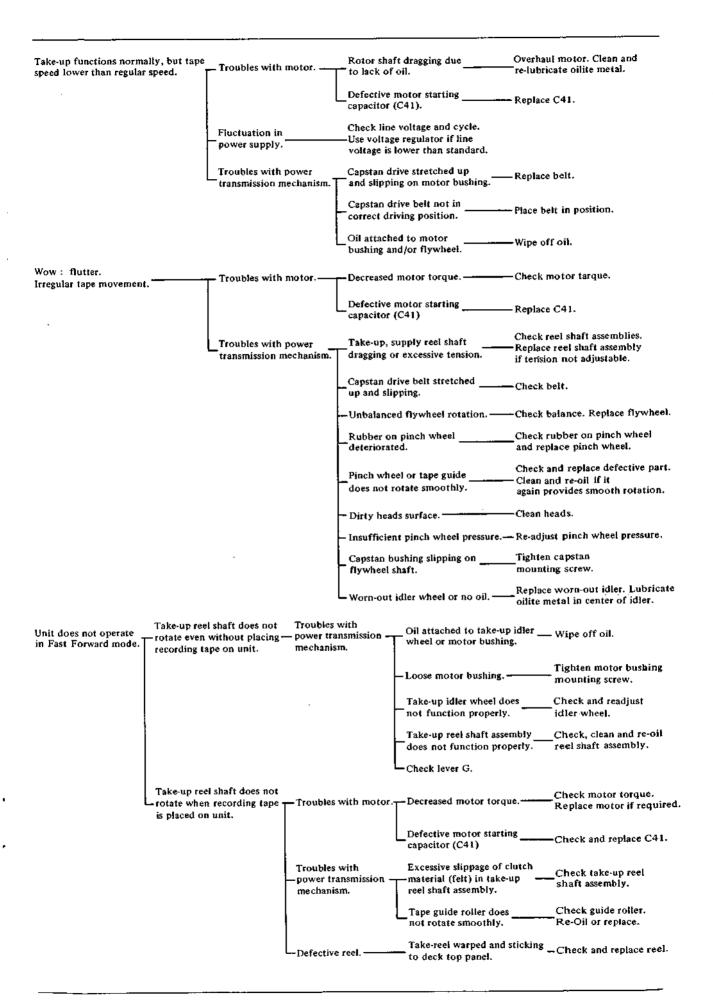
Recording problems. (Unit plays back pre-recorded tapes okay, but recording not satisfactory.)

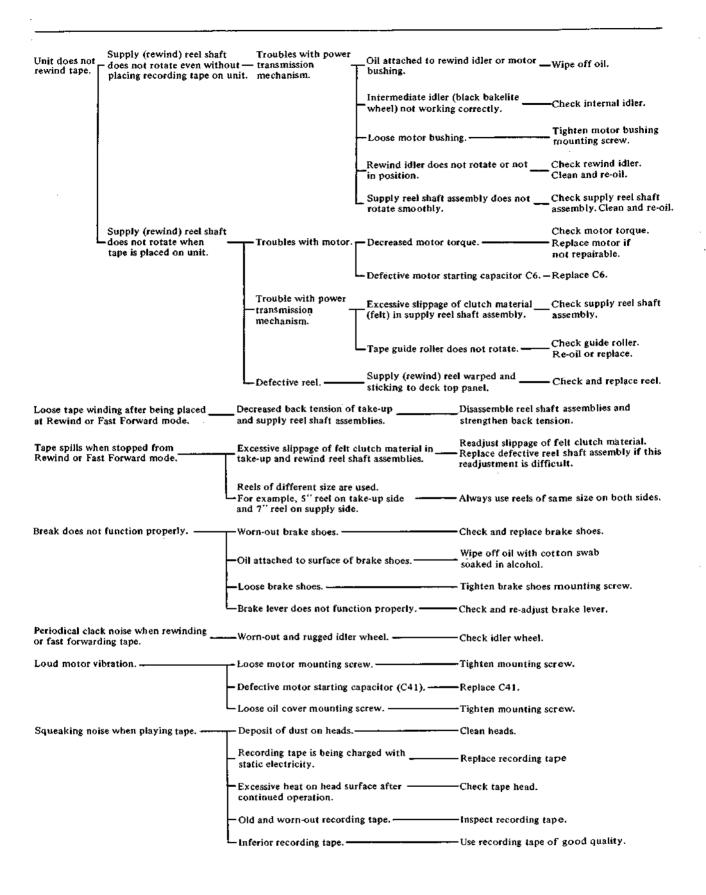




SECTION "B" TROUBLES WITH TAPE TRANSPORT MECHANISM







Automatic stopping devicedoes not function.	Automatic stop lever moves normally.	SHUT OFF SWITCH (SW-7) ——Check SW-7.
	Automatic stop lever does not move or sticky.	Broken lever spring or lever Check lever spring.
		Automatic stop lever sticksCheck rear side of to rear deck panelCheck sub-plate.
Cycle change switch does not move.	No lubricant on cycle conversion lever.	-Relubricate lever.
	Eccentric or bent cycle conversion lever.	-Check cycle conversion lever.
	Capstan drive belt not on driving track of flywheel.	-Check capstan drive belt.
	-Loose motor bushing	-Tighten mounting screw.
	Loose motor mount screw.	-Tighten mounting screw.
	Oil on motor bushing or on flywheel	Wipe off oil with cotton swab soaked in alcohol.

