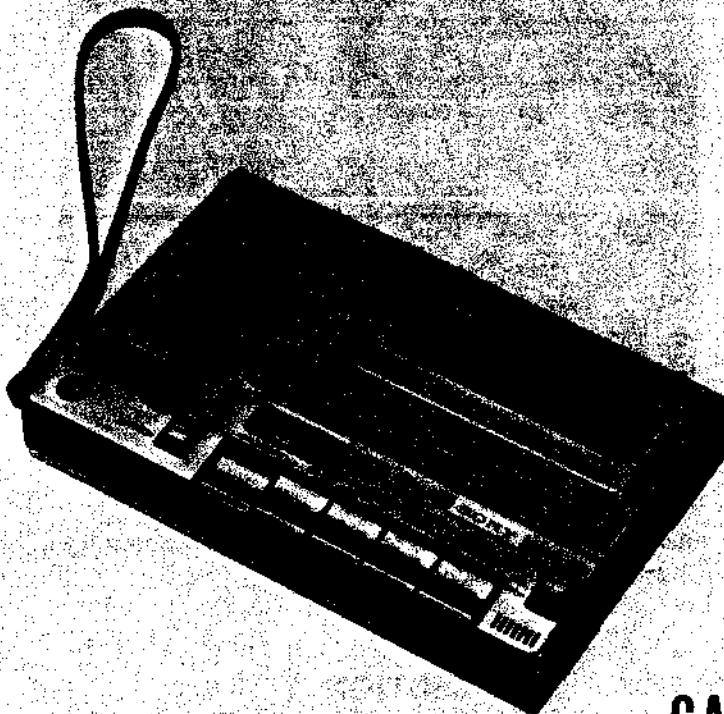


# TC-150/BT-50



BT-50: for USA

USA Model  
Canada Model  
E Model  
AEP Model  
UK Model

## CASSETTE-CORDER

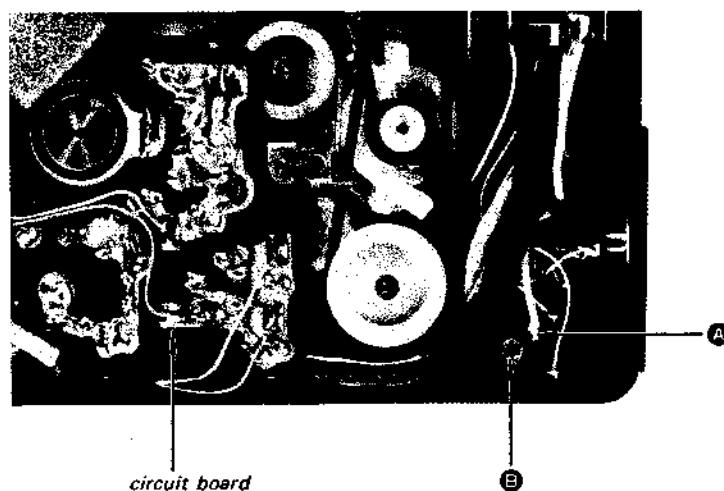
### SPECIFICATIONS

Power Requirements:	6 V dc, four batteries, size AA, (IEC Designation R-6), Rechargeable Battery Pack BP-28 (optional) or 12 V car battery with SONY Car Battery Cord DCC-127H (optional)	Fast Winding Time:	Approx. 1 min. 50 sec. with SONY Cassette C-60
	120 V ac, 60 Hz with SONY AC Power Adaptor AC-9W (optional) .... for USA Model with SONY AC Power Adaptor AC-9 (optional) ..... for Canada Model	Frequency Response:	90 ~ 10,000 Hz (USA, Canada, E, AEP Model) 150 ~ 8,000 Hz (UK Model)
	220 ~ 240 V ac (100, 110 ~ 127 V adjustable), 50/60 Hz with SONY Power Adaptor AC-4W (optional) .... for E Model	Input:	MIC ..... 1 (mini jack) sensitivity 0.2 mV (-72 dB) for low impedance microphone
	110, 220 V ac adjustable, 50/60 Hz with SONY Power Pack AC-456C (optional) ... for AEP Model	Output:	EARPHONE ..... 1 (mini jack) 8 Ω earphone or load impedance 10 kΩ or higher
	240 V ac, 50 Hz with SONY AC Power Adaptor AC-15 (optional) ..... for UK Model	Other Jack:	REMOTE ..... 1
Power Consumption:	6 W (with AC-9W or AC-9) 9 W (with AC-15) 9 VA (with AC-456C) 7.4 VA at 50 Hz (with AC-4W) 6.8 VA at 60 Hz (with AC-4W)	Battery Life:	Approx. 2.5 hours of continuous recording from the built-in microphone with SONY Super Batteries, size AA (IEC Designation R-6)
Power Output:	360 mW (max.) (USA, Canada, E, AEP Model) 320 mW (max.) (UK Model)	Dimensions:	Approx. 174(w) x 29.5(h) x 113(d) mm. 6 7/8(w) x 1 1/4(h) x 4 1/2(d) inches
Speaker:	5 cm (2 inches) dia.	Weight:	Approx. 760 g (1 lb 11 oz)
Recording System:	2-track 1-channel monaural		
Tape Speed:	4.8 cm/sec (1 7/8 ips)		

0 dB = 0.775 V

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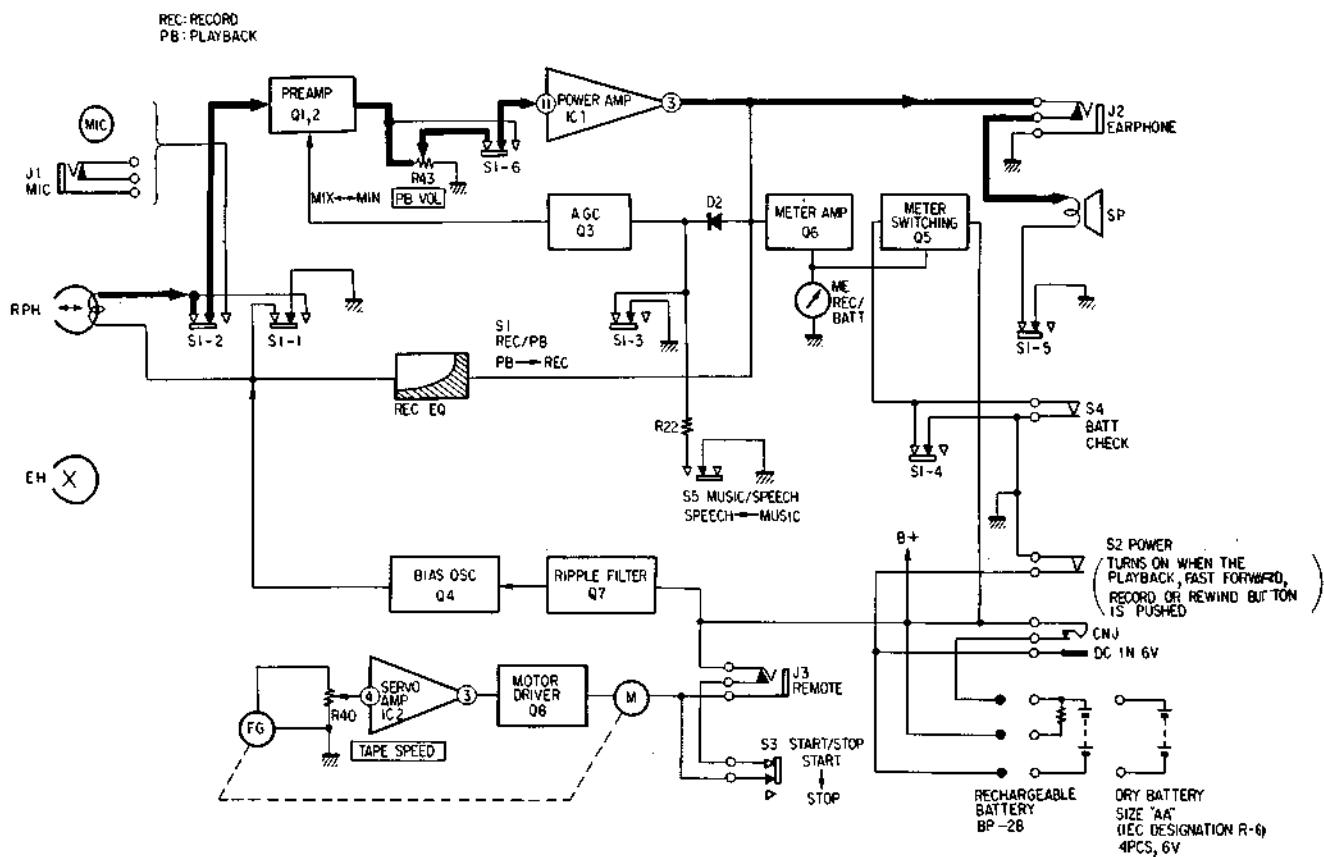
## SERVICING NOTE



Before attaching the lower panel, confirm that portion **A** is detached from portion **B**.

## SECTION 1 OUTLINE

### 1-1. BLOCK DIAGRAM



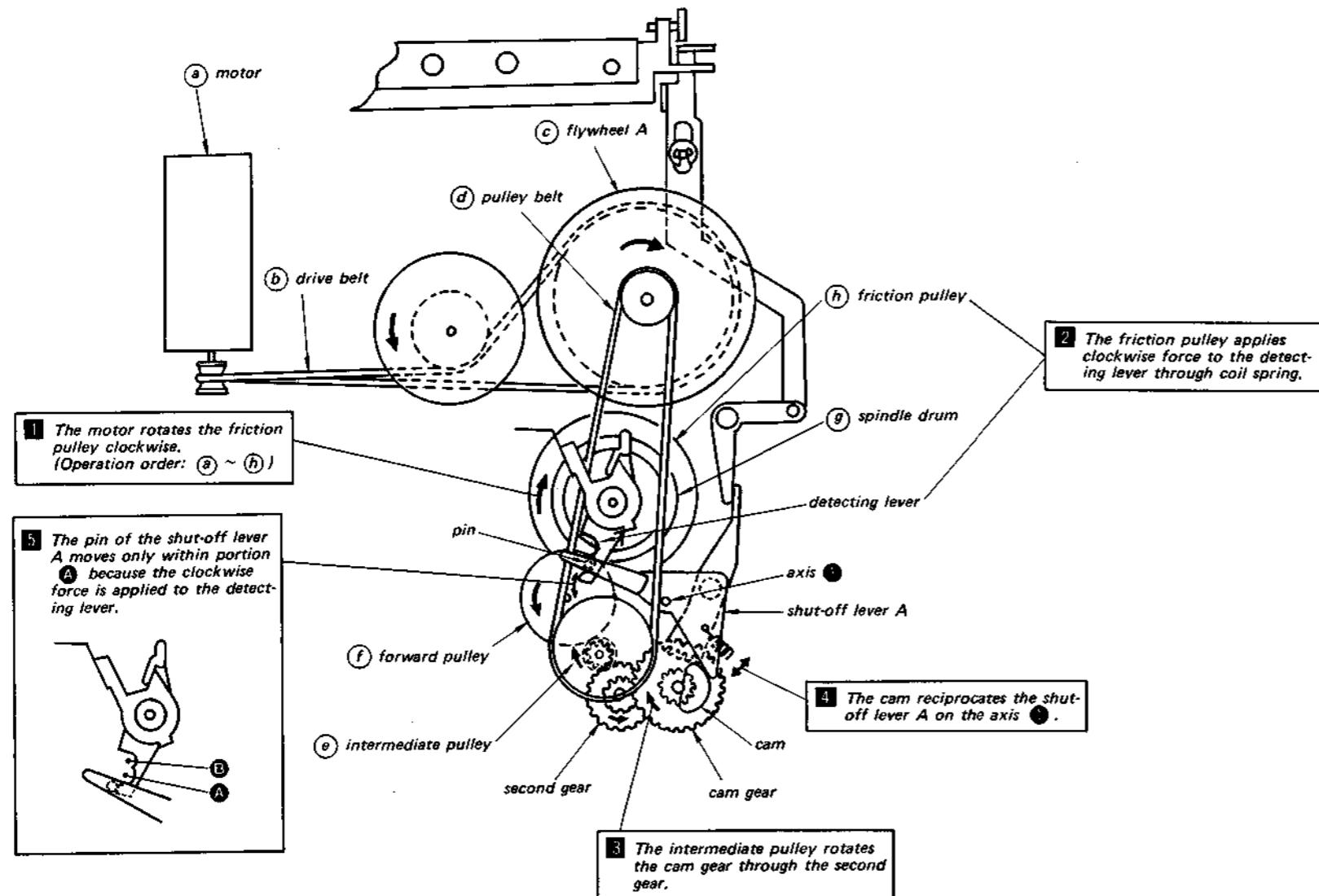
## 1-2. AUTOMATIC SHUT-OFF MECHANISM

TC-150 mechanism is so designed that it automatically shuts tape transport off at tape end in record or playback mode. When the tape comes to the end, the tape tension stops the take-up reel spindle from rotating. This mechanism mechanically detects such

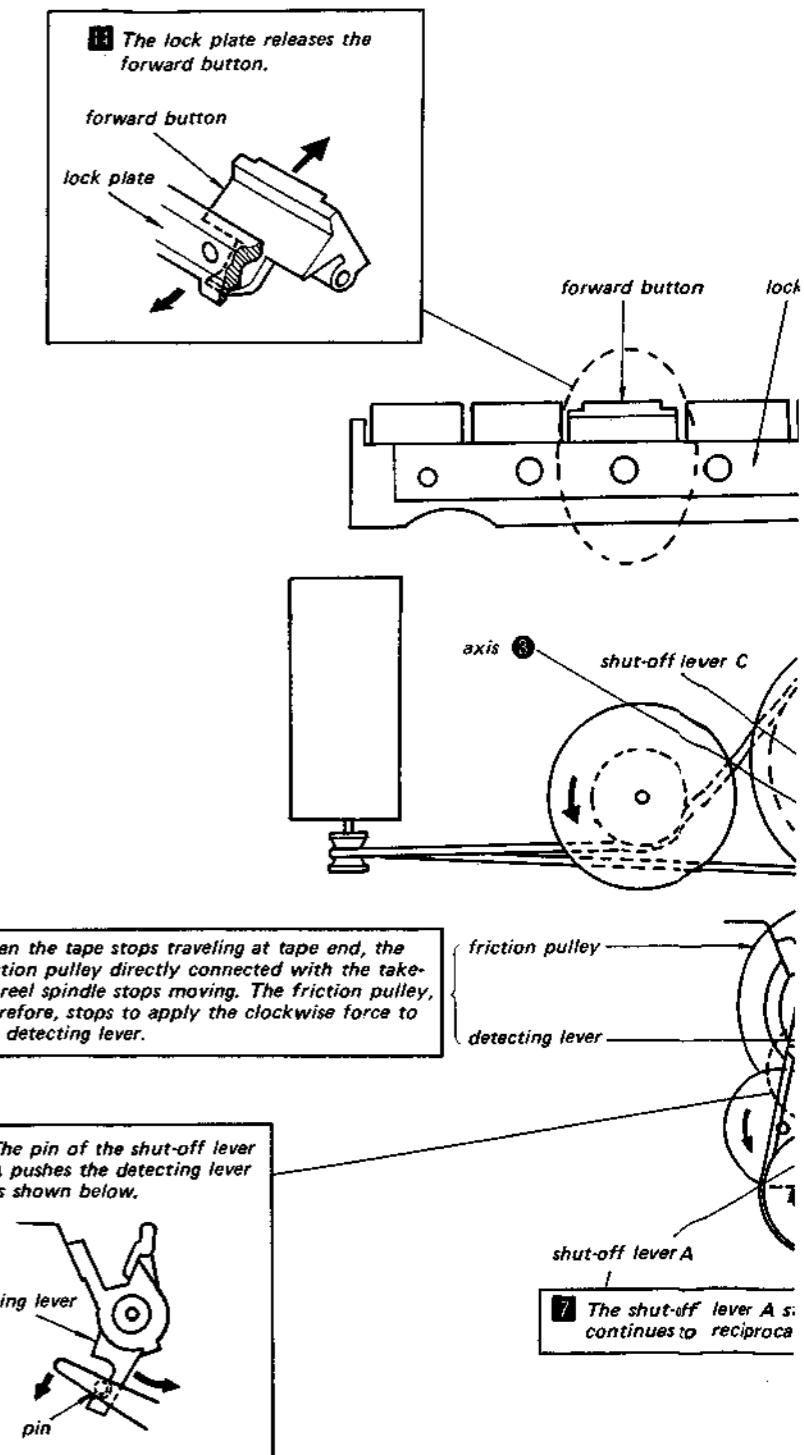
stop of the reel spindle rotation and returns tape transport to stop mode.

This operation in playback mode is described as follows. The operation in record mode is the same as in playback mode.

During tape travel: ① ~ ⑤



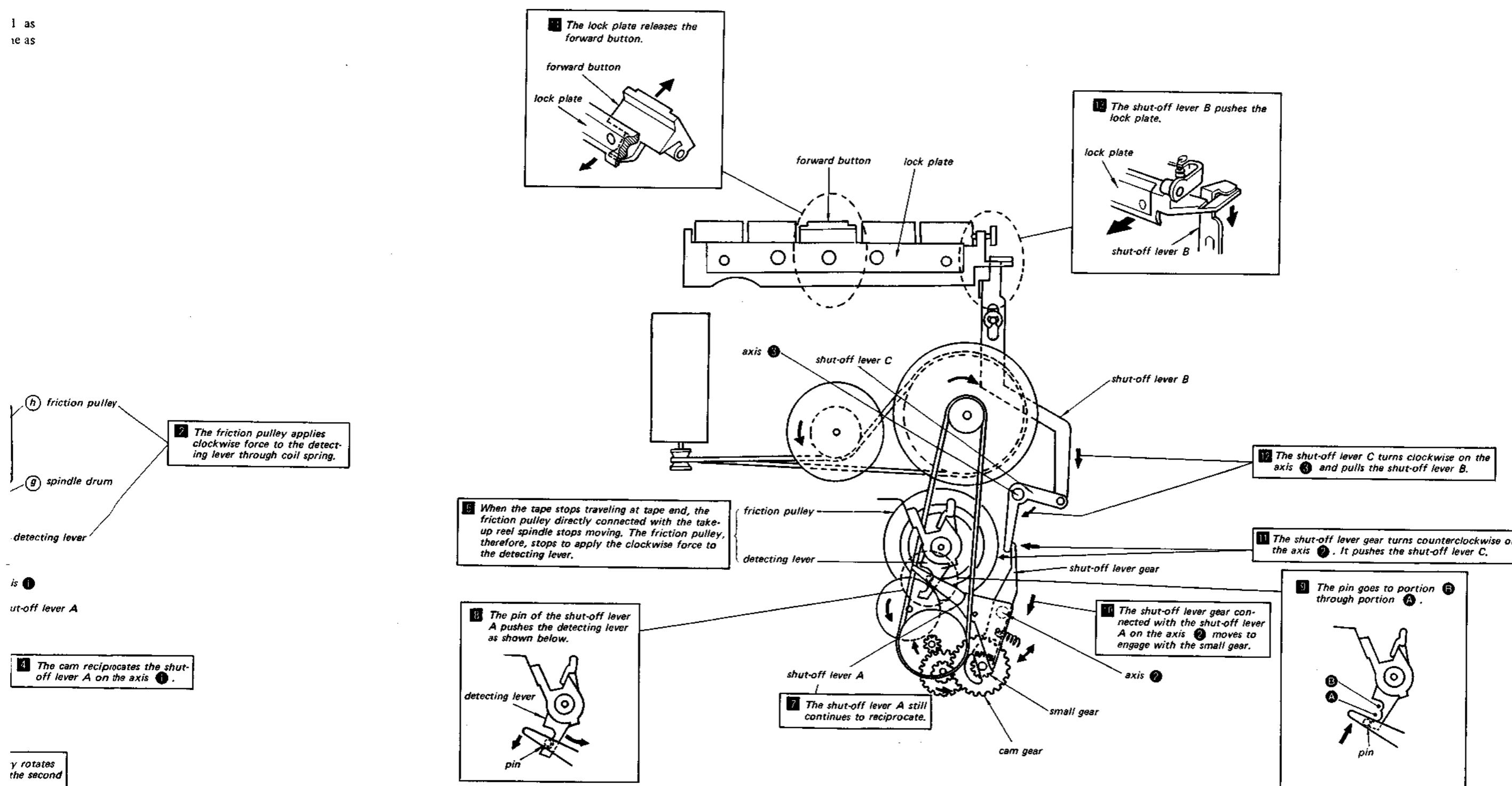
When tape stops traveling at tape end: ⑥ ~ ⑫



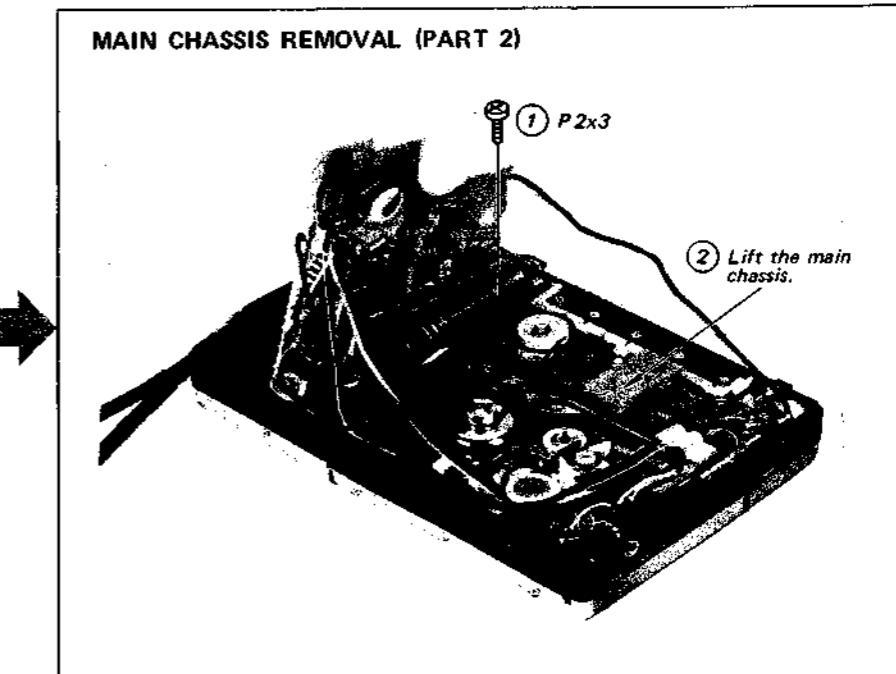
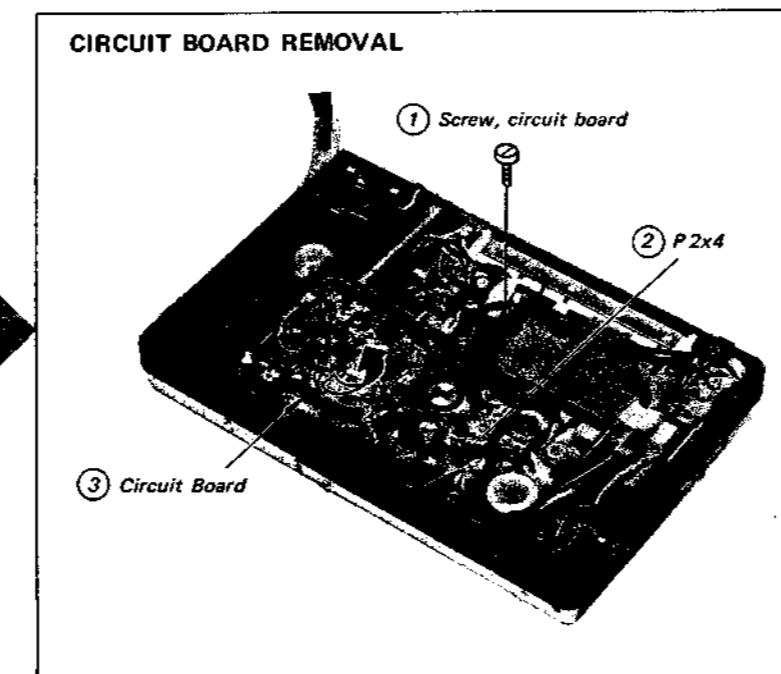
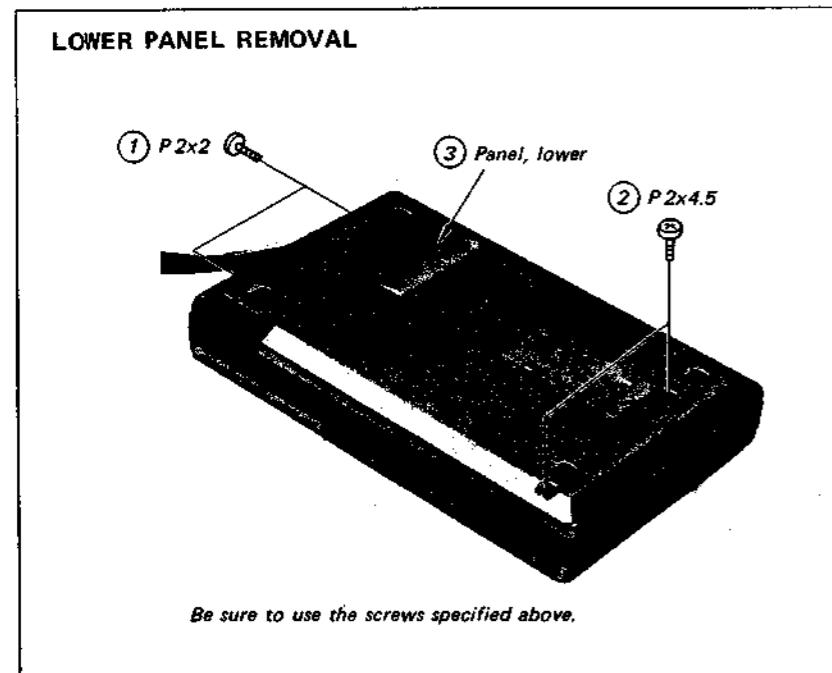
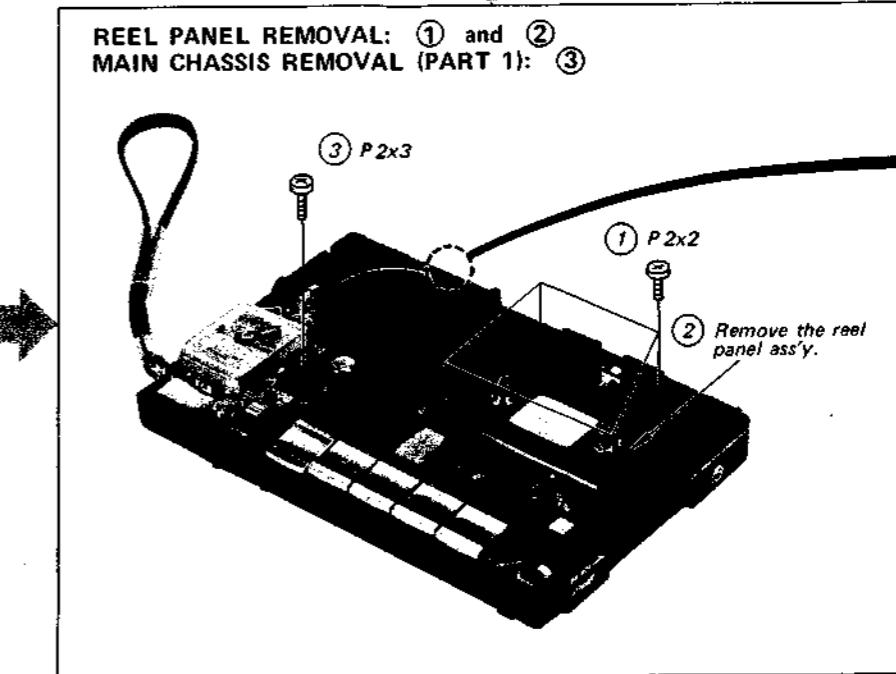
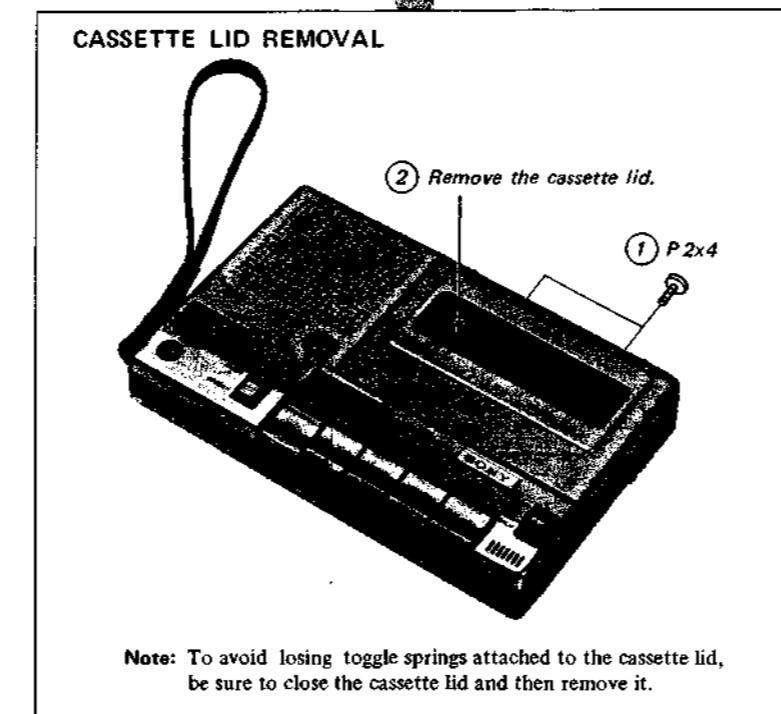
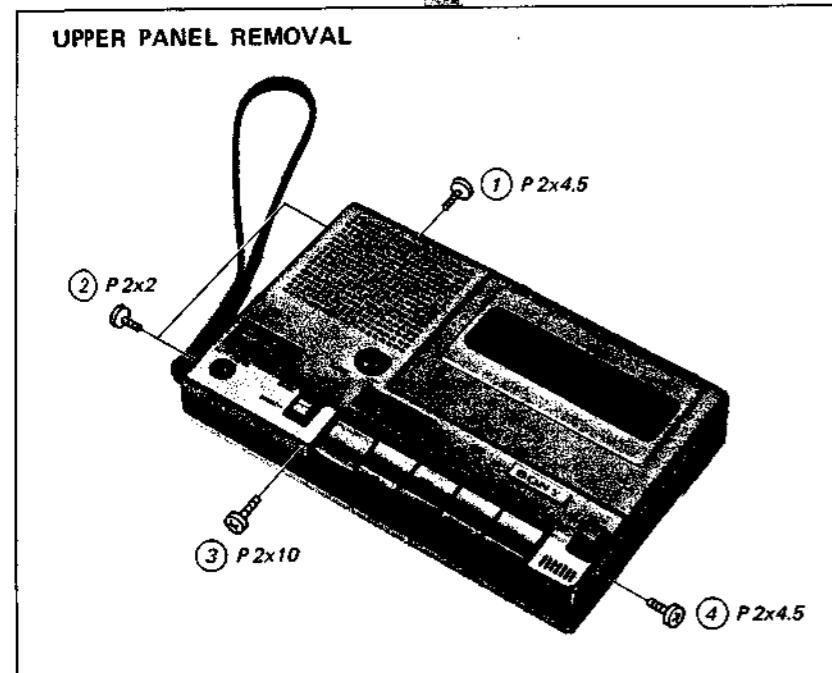
When tape stops traveling at tape end: 6 ~ 11

tape

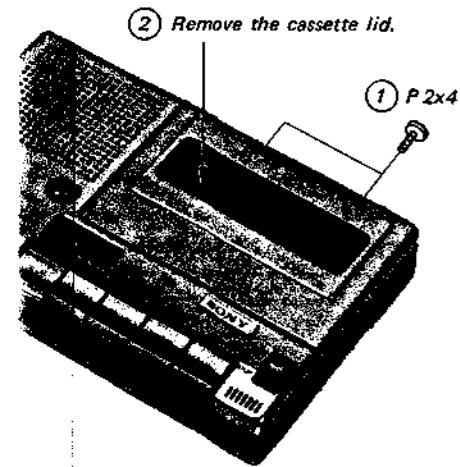
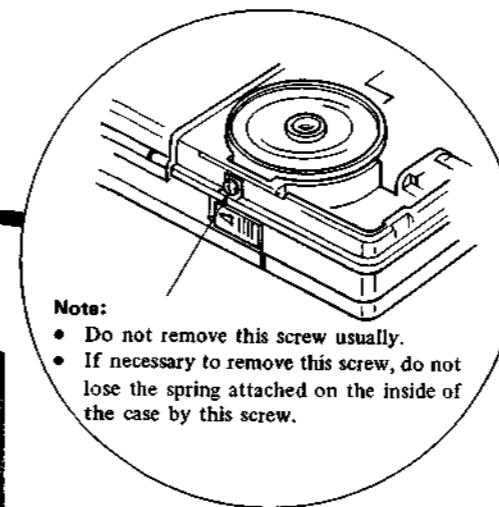
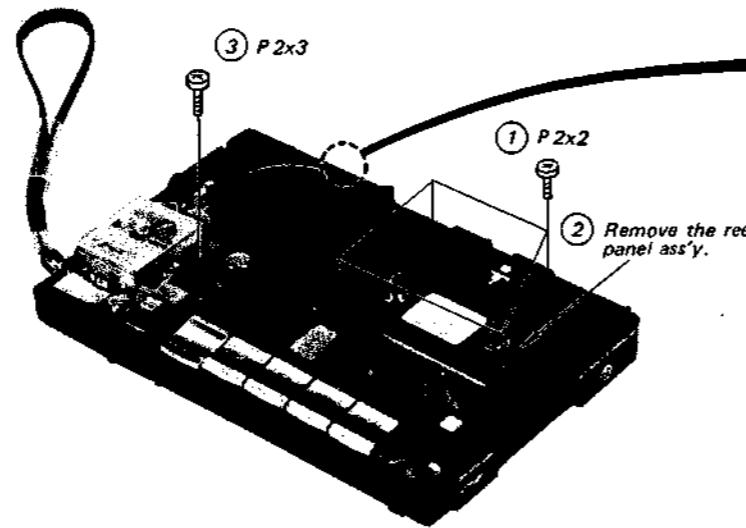
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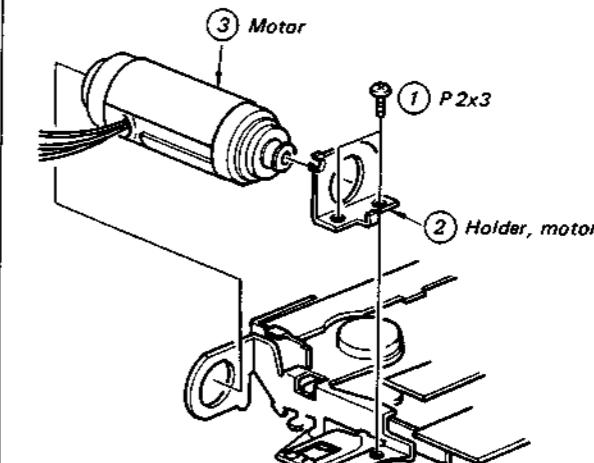
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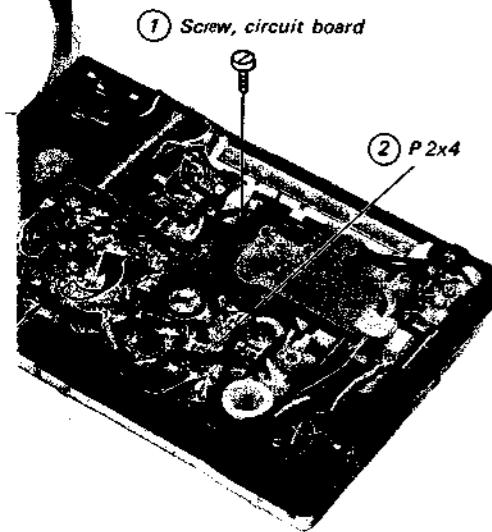
## EMOVAL

REEL PANEL REMOVAL: ① and ②  
MAIN CHASSIS REMOVAL (PART 1): ③

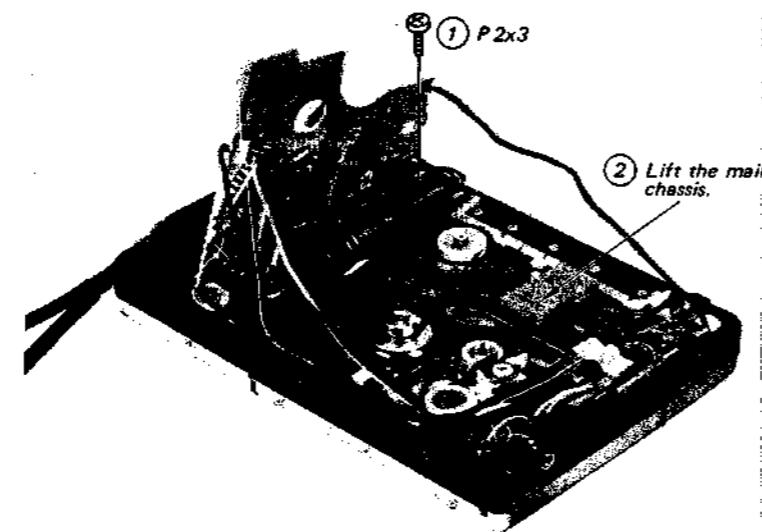
## MOTOR REMOVAL



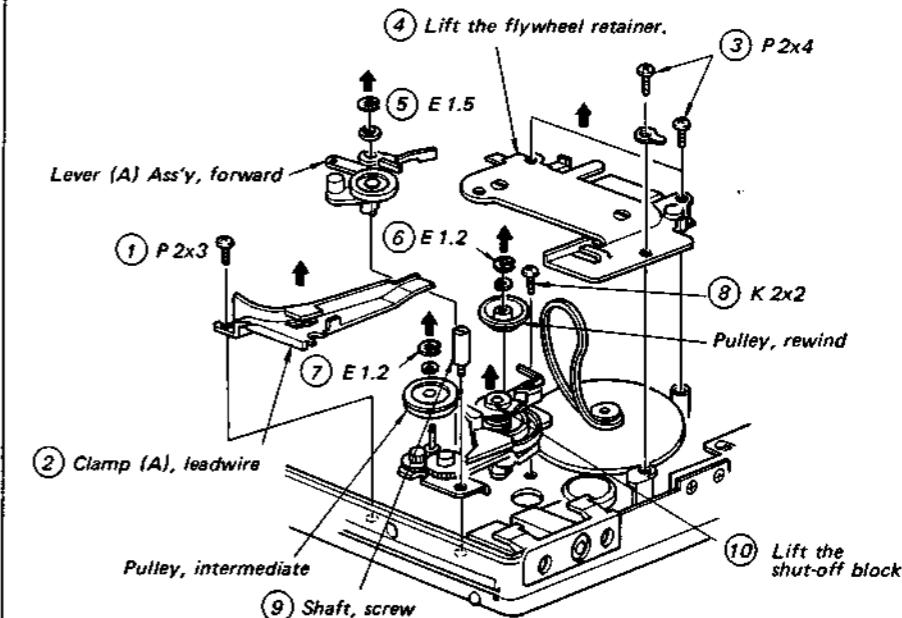
## REMOVAL



## MAIN CHASSIS REMOVAL (PART 2)



## SHUT-OFF BLOCK REMOVAL



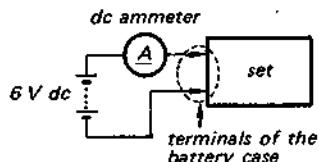
## SECTION 3

### ADJUSTMENTS AND MEASUREMENTS

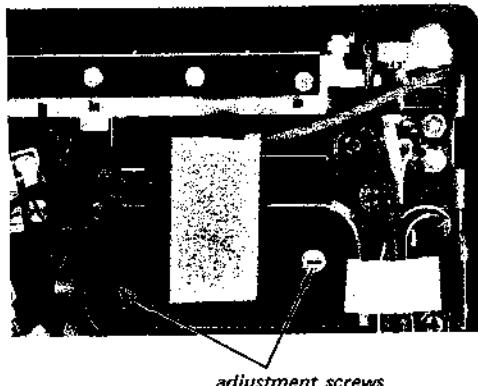
#### 3-1. MECHANICAL ADJUSTMENT AND MEASUREMENTS

##### 1. Flywheel Thrust Play Adjustment

— playback mode —



1. Turn two adjustment screws fully counterclockwise.
2. Turn one of them clockwise carefully.
3. Stop to turn it when the current suddenly increase and back it  $\frac{1}{4}$  turn.
4. Adjust the other screw in the same way as step 2 and 3.
5. Secure the adjustment screws with locking compound.



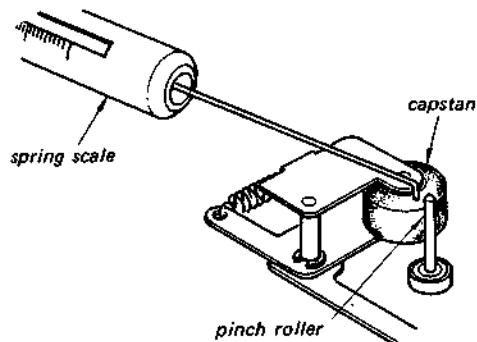
##### 2. Pinch Roller Pressure Measurement

— playback mode —

Read the scale when the pinch roller just touches the capstan and starts to turn.

Permissible reading:

200 ~ 300 g (7 ~ 11 oz)



##### 3. Torque Measurement

Keep the set horizontally and confirm that the B+ voltage is 5 Vdc.

Torque	SONY Torque Meter	Permissible Reading
Forward	CQ101A, CQ102A, CQ103A	25 ~ 45 g·cm (0.35 ~ 0.63 oz-inch)
Fast Forward and Rewind	CQ201A	over 55 g·cm (0.76 oz-inch)
Cue and Review	CQ201A	over 55 g·cm (0.76 oz-inch)

##### 4. Wow and Flutter Measurement

Permissible value: within 0.38 %

## 3-2. ELECTRICAL ADJUSTMENTS

## PRECAUTION

1. Clean the following parts with alcohol moistened swab:
 

Record/Playback head	Pinch roller
Erase head	Rubber belts
Capstan	Idlers
2. Demagnetize the record/playback head with a head demagnetizer.  
(Do not bring the head demagnetizer close to the erase head, and do not use magnetized screwdriver for adjusting).
3. After the adjustments, apply the locking compound to the adjusted parts.
4. The adjustments should be performed in the order listed in this service manual.
5. The adjustments should be performed with the rated power supply voltage unless otherwise specified.

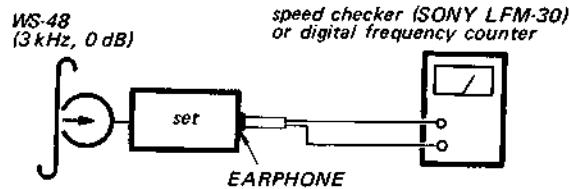
## 1. Tape Speed Adjustment

## Settings:

Power source ..... 6 V dc

## Procedure:

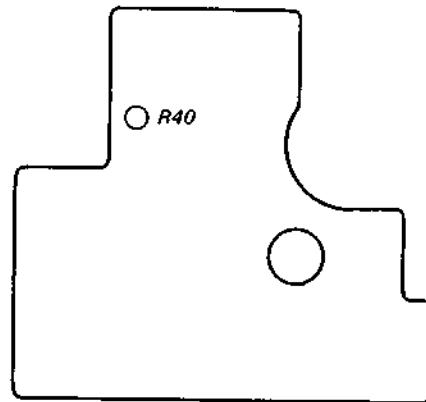
1. Mode ..... playback



## Specifications

Speed checker	Digital frequency counter
±3 %	2910 Hz ~ 3090 Hz

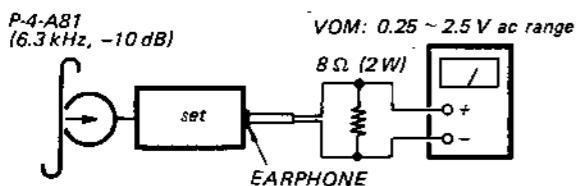
- 2) Frequency difference between beginning and end of tape should be within 1 % (30 Hz).
2. If the above specification is not satisfied, adjust R40.



## 2. Record/Playback Head Azimuth Adjustment

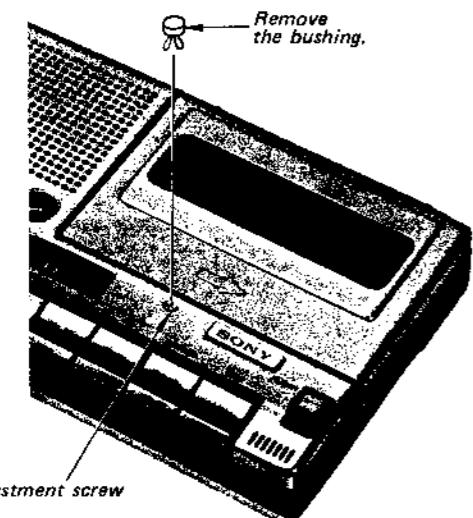
#### **Procedure:**

### 1. Mode ..... playback

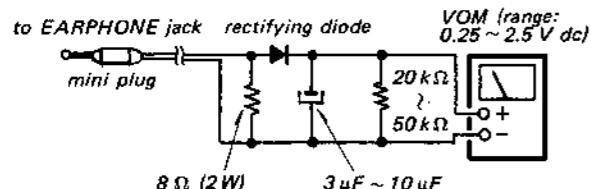


2. Turn the adjustment screw for the highest VOM reading.

**Note:** Several peaks may appear, take the highest.



**Note:** When 0.25 ~ 2.5 V ac range is not available on the VOM, use a network as shown below.



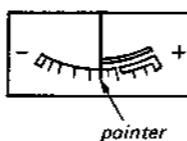
### 3. REC/BATT Meter Calibration

## Setting

Power source 3.6 V dc

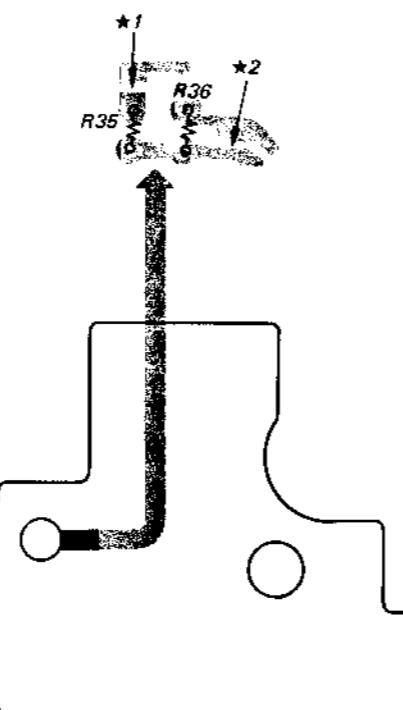
#### **Procedure**

- Push forward button without cassette.
  - When power source is 3.6 V dc, the pointer should indicate as shown below.



3. If necessary, solder ★1 and ★2

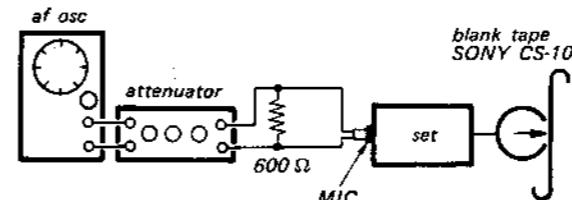
Soldering Portion	Pointer
nothing	- mark
* 1	
* 1 and * 2	+ mark



#### **4. Record Bias Adjustment**

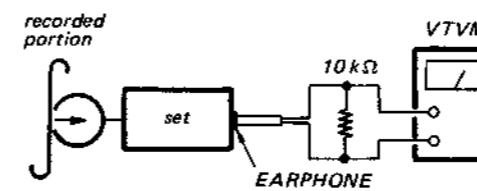
#### **Procedure:**

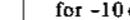
1. Mode ..... record



(1) 333 Hz  
 (2) 150 Hz  
 (3) 6 kHz } -80 dB (77 µV)

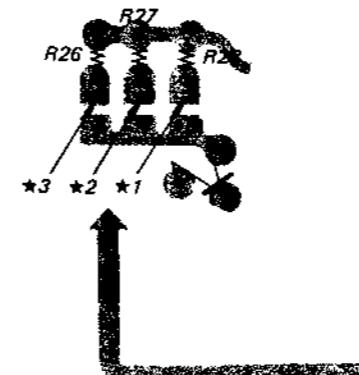
2. Mode ..... playback



Recorded signal	VTVM reading
333 Hz	Adjust VOLUME control for -10 dB (0.25 V).
150 Hz	
6 kHz	

If necessary, adjust by changing the soldering portions (★1, ★2 and ★3).

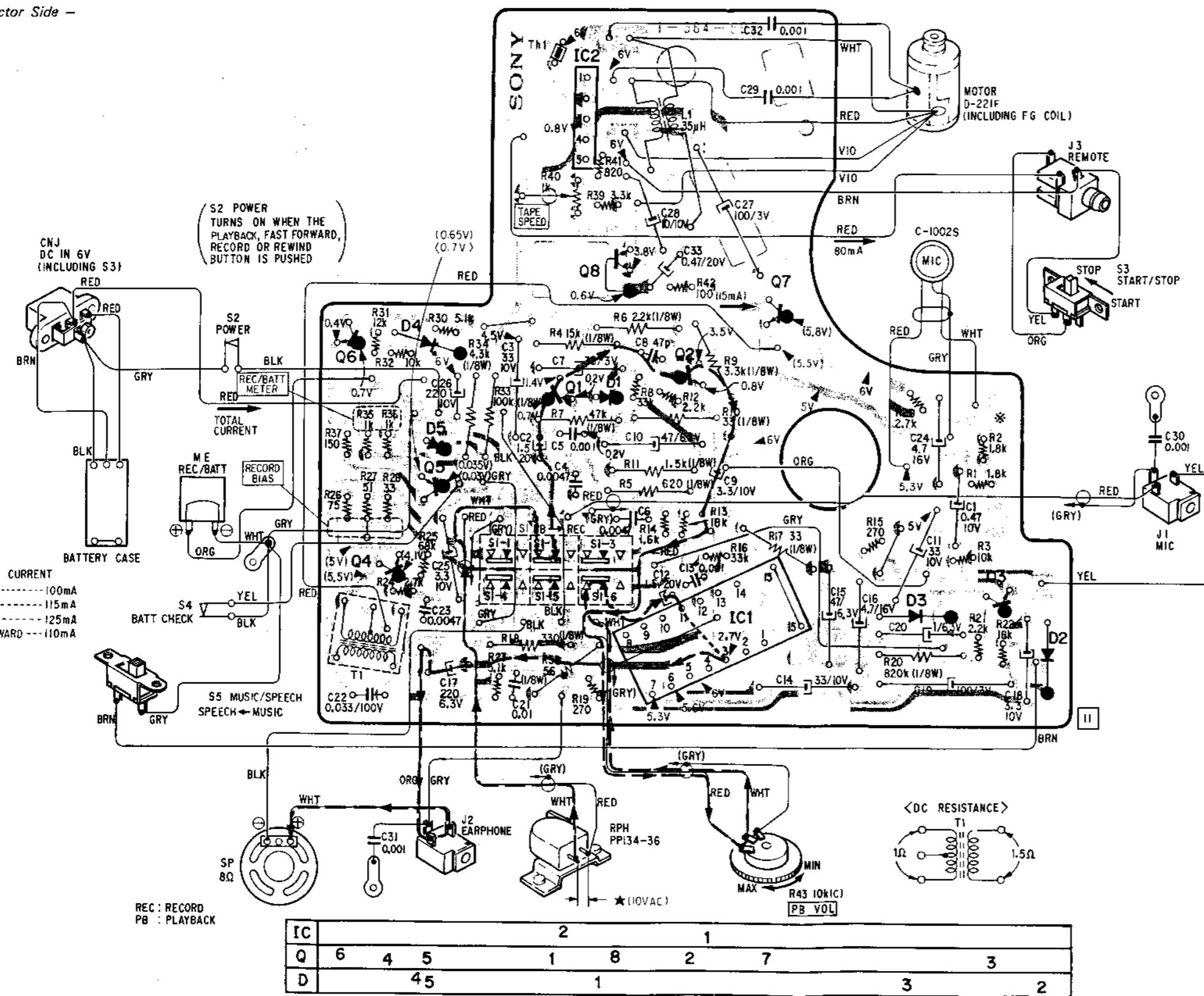
Soldering Portion	6kHz Level
* 1	down
* 2	↑
* 3	up



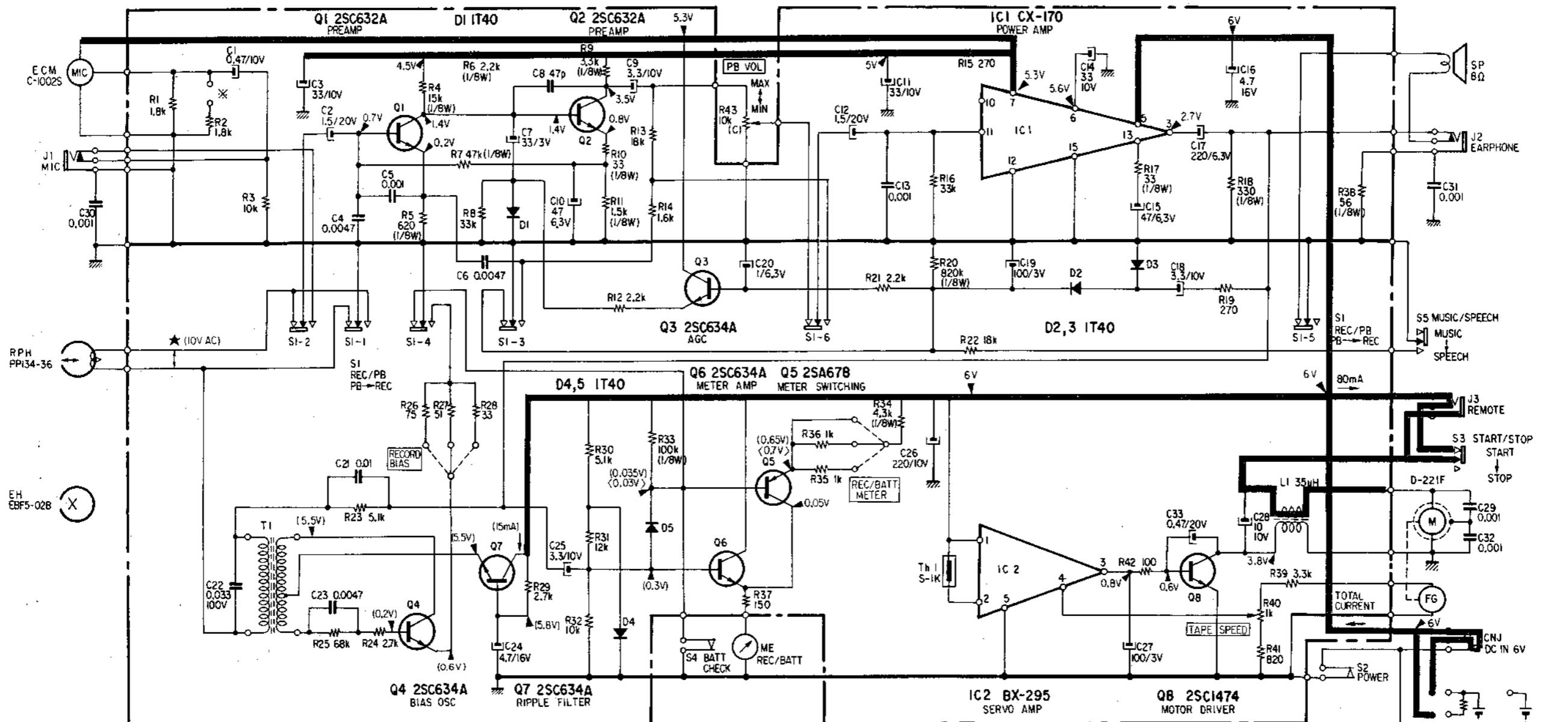
## SECTION 4 DIAGRAMS

### 4-1. MOUNTING DIAGRAM

— Conductor Side —



## 4-2. SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM



## Note:

- All capacitors are in  $\mu\text{F}$  unless otherwise noted. 50 or less working volts are omitted except for electrolytic type.  $\mu = \mu\text{F}$ .
- All resistors are in  $\Omega$ ,  $1/16 \text{ W}$ , unless otherwise noted.  $k = 1,000$   $M = 1,000 \text{ k}$
- Coil resistances are out-of-circuit values.
- In using electret condenser microphone with red mark on side of case, connect resistor R2 shown with  $*$  in parallel with R1.
- $\text{---}$  indicates chassis ground.
- $\text{---}$  indicates B+ circuit.
- Voltages are DC with respect to ground unless otherwise noted. Readings are taken under no-signal conditions with a VOM (20k $\Omega/\text{V}$ ). ( ): record  
< >: playback  
no mark: common
- Voltage variations may be noted due to normal production tolerances.
- Readings indicated by \* are taken on VTVM.

- Total current is measured with no cassette loaded.
- Switch Mode:

Ref. No.	Switch	Position
S1	REC/PB	PB
S2	POWER	OFF
S3	START/STOP	START
S4	BATT CHECK	OFF
S5	MUSIC/SPEECH	MUSIC

TOTAL CURRENT  
PLAYBACK ----- 100mA  
RECORD ----- 115mA  
REWIND ----- 125mA  
FAST FORWARD --- 10mA

S2 TURNS ON WHEN THE PLAYBACK, FAST FORWARD, RECORD OR REWIND BUTTON IS PUSHED

RECHARGEABLE BATTERY SIZE "A" (IEC DESIGNATION R-6) 4PCS, 6V

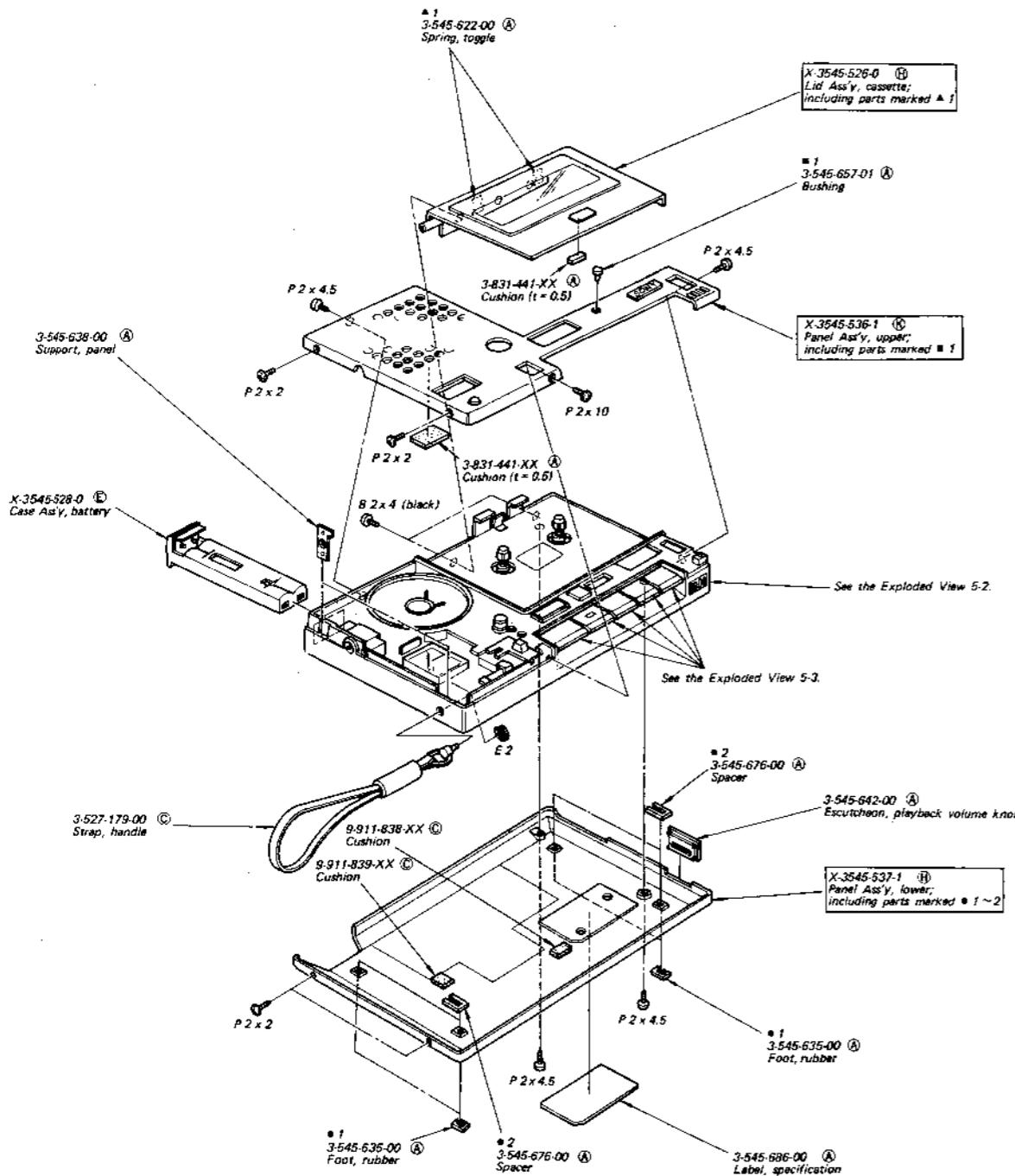
DRY BATTERY BP-28

- ABBREVIATION
  - ECM: Electret Condenser Microphone
  - EH: Erase Head
  - M: Motor
  - ME: Meter
  - PB: Playback
  - REC: Record
  - RPH: Record/playback Head

## **SECTION 5**

### **EXPLODED VIEWS**

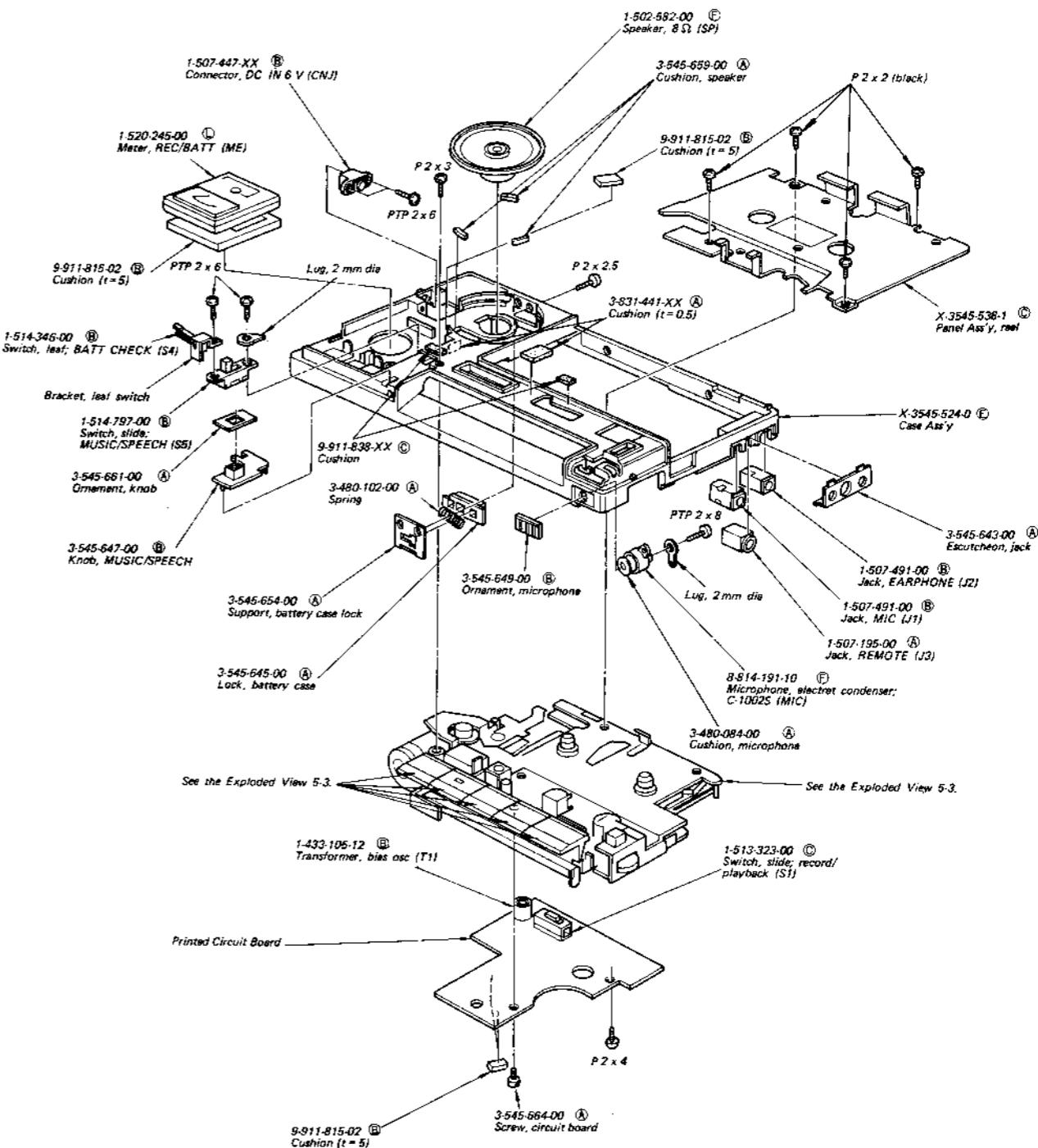
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### Note

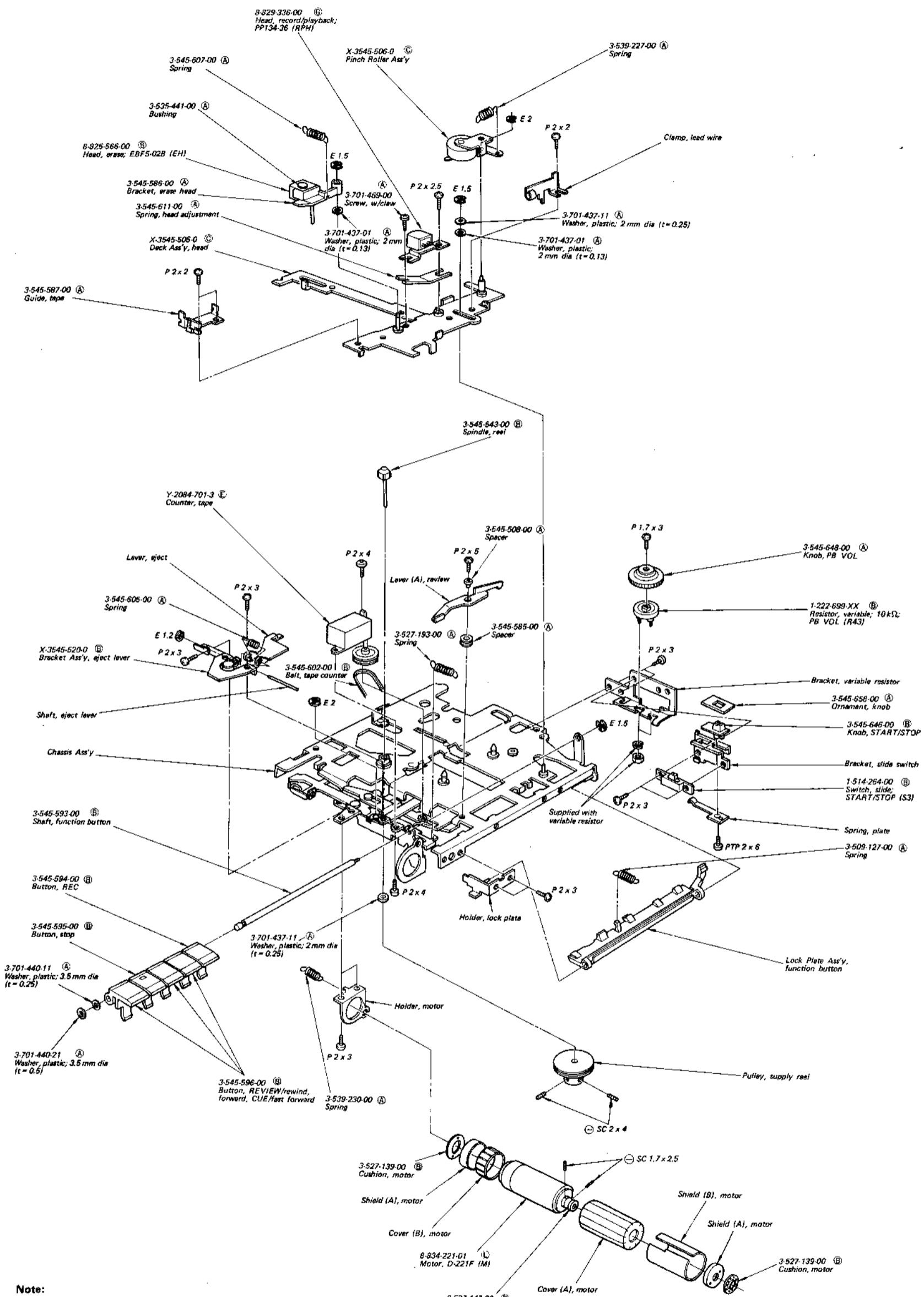
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(-) = slotted head
  - (□□T) shows the number of coils in spring.

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Note

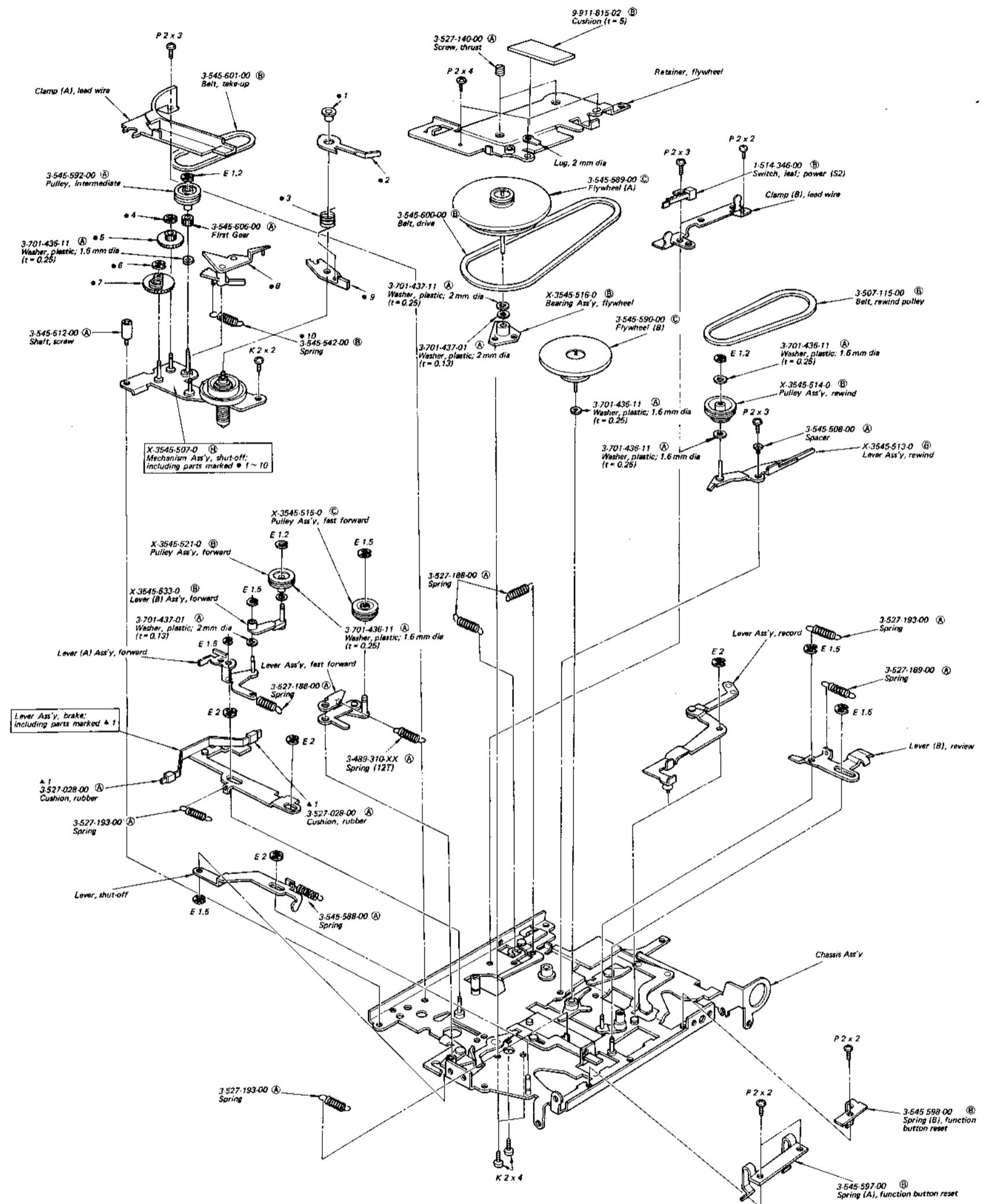
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## SECTION 6

### ELECTRICAL PARTS LIST

The mark of (A) to (Z) : for Europe

<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Part No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Part No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
<b>SEMICONDUCTORS</b>					
Q1,2	(B) Transistor	2SC632A	C21	1-105-673-12(A) 0.01	mylar
Q3,4	(B) Transistor	2SC634A	C22	1-105-719-12(B) 0.033	100 V mylar
Q5	(C) Transistor	2SA678	C23	1-105-669-12(A) 0.0047	mylar
Q6,7	(B) Transistor	2SC634A	C24	1-131-171-11(B) 4.7	16 V
Q8	(B) Transistor	2SC1474	C25	1-131-170-11(B) 3.3	10 V
IC1	(F) IC CX170		C26	1-121-420-11(A) 220	10 V electrolytic
IC2	(H) IC BX295		C27	1-131-177-11(C) 100	3 V
D1~5	(B) Diode	1S1555	C28	1-131-256-11(C) 10	10 V
Th1	1-800-198-XX(A) Thermistor	S-1K	C29,30	1-102-074-11(A) 0.001	ceramic
			C31	1-161-190-11(A) 0.001	ceramic (boundary layer)
			C32	1-102-074-11(A) 0.001	ceramic
			C33	1-131-264-11(C) 0.47	20 V
<b>CAPACITORS</b>					
All capacitors are in $\mu\text{F}$ and of tantalum unless otherwise noted. (p = $\mu\mu\text{F}$ )					
50 or less working volts are omitted except for electrolytic type.					
C1	1-131-169-11(B) 0.47	10 V	R1,2	1-209-878-11(A) 1.8 k	
C2	1-131-202-11(B) 1.5	20 V	R3	1-209-781-11(A) 10 k	
C3	1-131-173-11(C) 33	10 V	R8	1-210-381-11(A) 33 k	
C4	1-105-669-12(A) 0.0047	mylar	R12	1-209-768-11(A) 2.2 k	
C5	1-161-190-11(A) 0.001	ceramic	R13	1-210-113-11(A) 18 k	
		(boundary layer)	R14	1-210-371-11(A) 1.6 k	
C6	1-105-669-12(A) 0.0047	mylar	R15	1-210-363-11(A) 270	
C7	1-131-176-11(B) 33	3 V	R16	1-210-381-11(A) 33 k	
C8	1-107-123-11(A) 47 p	silvered mica	R19	1-210-363-11(A) 270	
C9	1-131-170-11(B) 3.3	10 V	R21	1-209-768-11(A) 2.2 k	
C10	1-131-174-11(C) 47	6.3 V	R22	1-210-113-11(A) 18 k	
C11	1-131-173-11(C) 33	10 V	R23	1-209-774-11(A) 5.1 k	
C12	1-131-202-11(B) 1.5	20 V	R24	1-209-770-11(A) 2.7 k	
C13	1-161-190-11(C) 0.001	ceramic	R25	1-210-388-11(A) 68 k	
		(boundary layer)	R26	1-210-392-11(A) 75	
C14	1-131-173-11(C) 33	10 V	R27	1-210-101-11(A) 51	
C15	1-131-174-11(B) 47	6.3 V	R28	1-210-846-11(A) 33	
C16	1-131-171-11(B) 4.7	16 V	R29	1-209-770-11(A) 2.7 k	
C17	1-121-419-11(B) 220	6.3 V electrolytic	R30	1-209-774-11(A) 5.1 k	
C18	1-131-170-11(B) 3.3	10 V	R31	1-210-111-11(A) 12 k	
C19	1-131-177-11(C) 100	3 V			
C20	1-131-244-11(B) 1	6.3 V			

<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Part No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
R32	1-209-781-11(A)	10k
R35,36	1-204-122-11(A)	1k
R37	1-210-102-11(A)	1.50
R39	1-204-123-11(A)	3.3k
R40	1-224-726-00(C)	1 k, adjustable
R41	1-210-108-11(A)	820
R42	1-210-355-11(A)	100
R43	1-222-699-XX(B)	10k, variable; PB VOL

**SWITCHES**

S1	1-513-323-00(C)	Slide, record/playback
S2	1-514-346-00(B)	Leaf, power
S3	1-514-264-00(B)	Slide, START/STOP
S4	1-514-346-00(B)	Leaf, BATT CHECK
S5	1-514-797-00(B)	Slide, MUSIC/SPEECH

<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Part No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
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		<b>JACKS</b>
CNJ	1-507-447-XX(B)	Connector, DC IN 6 V
J1	1-507-491-00(B)	MIC
J2	1-507-491-00(B)	EARPHONE
J3	1-507-195-00(A)	REMOTE

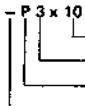
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EH	8-825-566-00(B)	Head, erase; EBF5-02B
L1	1-407-847-00(B)	Coil, microinductor; 35 μH
M	8-834-221-01(L)	Motor, D-221F
ME	1-520-245-00(L)	Meter, REC/BATT
MIC	8-814-191-10(F)	Microphone, electret condenser; C-1002S
RPH	8-829-336-00(G)	Head, record/playback; PP134-36
SP	1-502-582-00(F)	Speaker, 8 Ω
T1	1-433-105-12(B)	Transformer, bias osc

ACCESSORIES	
TC-150	BT-50
_____	A-3003-001-A (M) Pack, battery; BP-28
1-463-138-00 (K) Adaptor, ac; AC-9 W (USA model)	same as TC-150
1-463-806-00 (J) Adaptor, ac; AC-9 (Canada model)	_____
1-504-044-00 (B) Earphone, ME-21	same as TC-150
_____	1-506-309-00 (A) Plug, shorting; SP-100
1-528-027-11 (B) Battery, long-life; size "A" (4 PCS.) (USA, Canada, E model)	same as TC-150
1-534-237-26 (E) Cord, connection; RK-64H	_____
3-545-685-00 (L) Case, carrying	same as TC-150
3-780-914-11 (D) Manual, instruction (AEP, E model)	_____
3-780-914-21 (B) Manual, instruction (USA, Canada model)	same as TC-150
3-780-914-41 (C) Manual, instruction (UK model)	_____
_____	3-793-959-21 (A) Supplement, instruction manual
_____	8-890-036-00 (F) Tape, DC-60S (USA model)
8-893-506-00 (F) Tape, demonstration; CD-803 (USA, Canada, E, AEP, UK model)	_____

## HARDWARE NOMENCLATURE

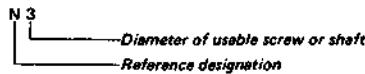
**Screw:**



L: Length in mm  
D: Diameter in mm

Type of head  
Indicated slotted-head only.  
Unless otherwise indicated, it means cross-recessed head (Phillips type).

**Nut, Washer, Retaining ring:**



Reference Designation	Shape	Description	Remarks
<b>SCREWS</b>			
P		pan-head screw	binding-head (B) screw for replacement
PWH		pan-head screw with washer face	binding-head (B) screw and flat washer for replacement
PS PSP		pan-head screw with spring washer	binding-head (B) screw and spring washer for replacement
PSW PSPW		pan-head screw with spring and flat washers	binding-head (B) screw and spring and flat washers for replacement
R		round-head screw	binding-head (B) screw for replacement
K		flat-countersunk-head screw	
RK		oval-countersunk-head screw	
B		binding-head screw	
T		truss-head screw	binding-head (B) screw for replacement
F		flat-fillister-head screw	
RF		fillister-head screw	
BV		braizer-head screw	

Reference Designation	Shape	Description	Remarks
<b>SELF-TAPPING SCREWS</b>			
TA		self-tapping screw	ex: TA, P 3 x 10
PTP		pan-head self-tapping screw	binding-head self-tapping (TA, B) screw for replacement
PTPWH		pan-head self-tapping screw with washer face	binding-head self-tapping (TA, B) screw and flat washer for replacement
PTTWH		pan-head thread-rolling screw with washer face	binding-head (B) screw and flat washer for replacement
<b>SET SCREWS</b>			
SC		set screw	
SC		hexagon-socket set screw	ex: SC 2.6 x 4, hexagon socket
<b>NUT</b>			
N		nut	
<b>WASHERS</b>			
W		flat washer	
SW		spring washer	
LW		internal-tooth lock washer	ex: LW3, internal
LW		external-tooth lock washer	ex: LW3, external
<b>RETAINING RINGS</b>			
E		retaining ring	
G		grip-type retaining ring	

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