

# OPERATING AND SERVICING MANUAL



## MODEL 608C VHF SIGNAL GENERATOR

SERIALS PREFIXED: 369-



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## SPECIFICATIONS

**FREQUENCY RANGE:** 10 mc to 480 mc in 5 bands.

**TUNING CONTROL:** Frequency control mechanism provides a main dial calibrated in megacycles and a vernier dial for interpolation purposes. Total scale length: Approx. 45". Calibration: Every other megacycle 130 to 270 mcs; every 5 mcs above 270 mcs.

**VERNIER CONTROL:** A separate vernier control allows variations of about  $\pm 25$  kc (at high frequencies) to provide precise frequency setting for sensitivity checks of extremely selective receivers.

**FREQUENCY CALIBRATION  
ACCURACY:** Within  $\pm 1\%$  over entire frequency range.

**RESETTABILITY:** Better than  $\pm 0.1\%$  after initial instrument warm-up.

**FREQUENCY DRIFT:** Less than 0.005% over a 10 minute interval after initial instrument warm-up, ( $15^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $35^{\circ}\text{C}$  ambient). When frequency is changed by dial, instrument must restabilize one minute for each 10% frequency change. When frequency is changed by bandswitching, 10 minutes are required to restabilize.

**OUTPUT LEVEL:** 0.1 microvolt to 1.0 volt (into a 50-ohm resistive load). Attenuator dial calibrated in volts and dbm. (0 dbm equals 1 milliwatt in 50 ohms.)

**OUTPUT VOLTAGE  
ACCURACY:**  $\pm 1$  db over entire frequency and attenuation range (into a 50 ohm resistive load).

**GENERATOR IMPEDANCE:** 50 ohms, maximum SWR 1.2.

**INTERNAL MODULATION  
FREQUENCIES:** 400 cps  $\pm 10\%$  and 1,000 cps  $\pm 10\%$ .

## SPECIFICATIONS (CONT'D.)

EXTERNAL AM MODULATION:	From 0 to 95% at output levels of 0 dbm and below from modulation frequencies 20 cps to 20 kc. Input requirements, 0.5v rms across 15K ohms.
MODULATION METER ACCURACY:	$\pm 10\%$ of reading 30% to 95% modulation.
ENVELOPE DISTORTION:	Less than 5% at 30% sine wave modulation and less than 10% at 50% sine wave modulation.
EXTERNAL PULSE MODULATION:	<p>Positive 5 volt peak pulse required. 40 mc to 220 mc; combined rise and decay time of rf pulse less than 4 microseconds.</p> <p>220 mc to 420 mc; combined rise and decay time of rf pulse less than 1 microsecond.</p> <p>Residual level at least 20 db below 1 volt peak pulse output.</p>
INCIDENTAL FREQUENCY MODULATION:	Less than .0025% at 30% amplitude modulation for RF output frequencies from 21 to 480 mc.
LEAKAGE:	Negligible; permits receiver sensitivity measurements down to at least 0.1 microvolt.
POWER:	115/230 volts $\pm 10\%$ , 50/1000 cps. Approximately 220 watts.
DIMENSIONS:	<p>Cabinet Model: 13-1/4" wide, 16-3/8" high, 21" deep.</p> <p>Rack Model: 19" wide, 14" high, 21" deep.</p> <p>18" deep behind panel.</p>
WEIGHT:	<p>Cabinet Model: Net 62 lbs., shipping 88 lbs.</p> <p>Rack Model: Net 62 lbs., shipping 91 lbs.</p>
ACCESSORIES AVAILABLE:	<p>Ⓜ 608A-16D Output Cable provides 50 ohm termination and standard binding posts at the end of a 24" length of cable. Allows direct connection of the signal generator to high impedance circuits.</p> <p>Ⓜ 608A-95A Fuse Holder provides protection of the attenuator elements when the 608 is used for transceiver tests.</p>

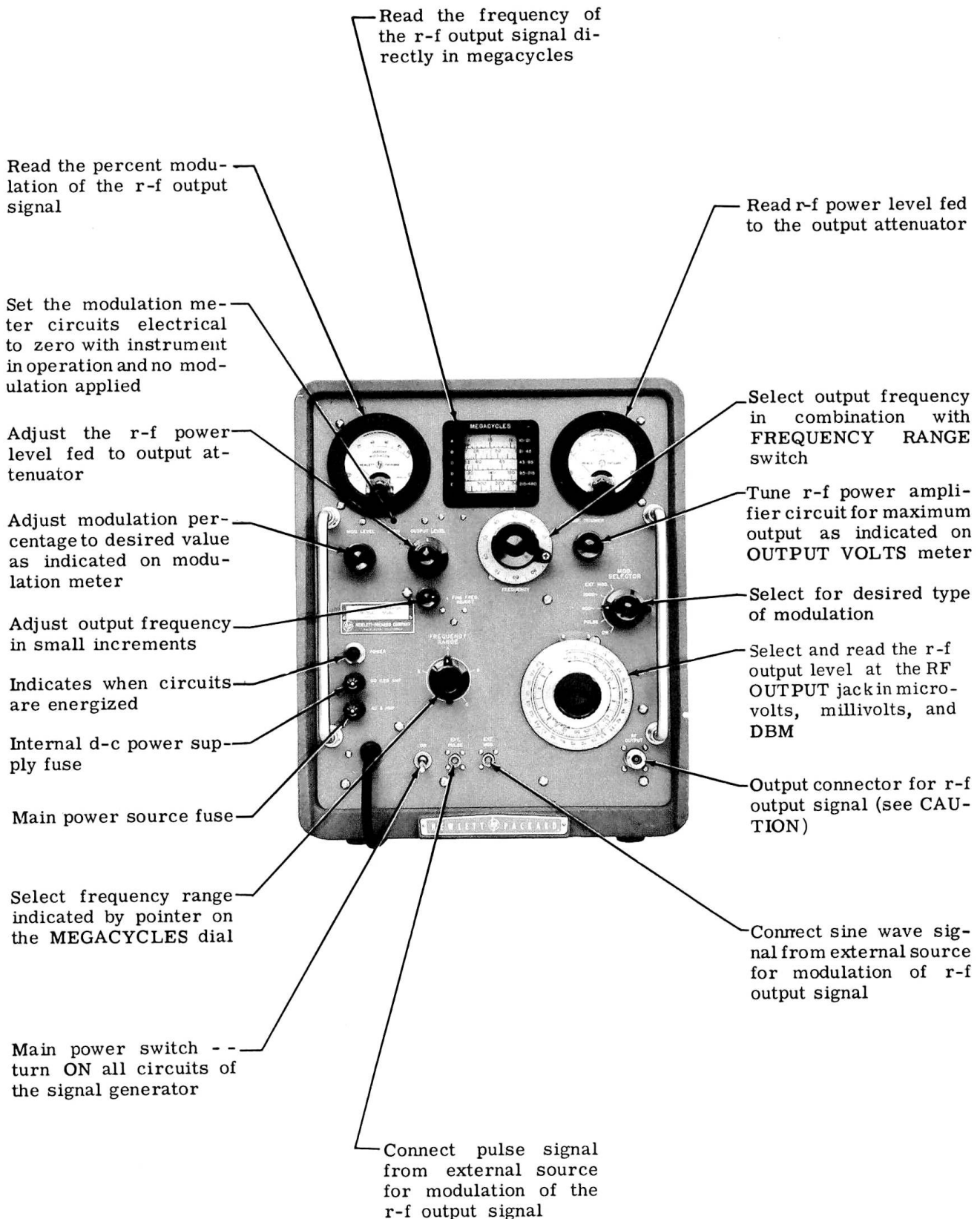


Figure 2-1. Model 608C Front Panel Controls

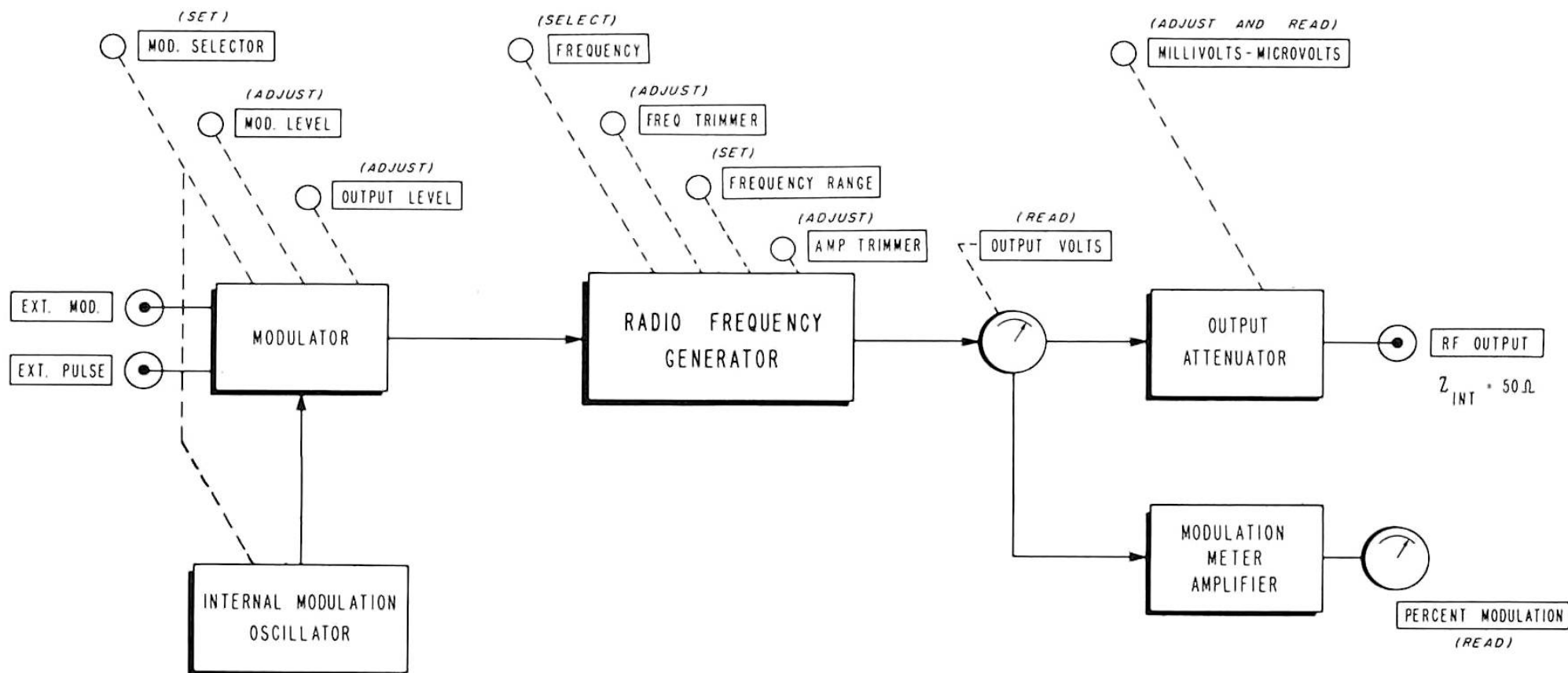


Figure 2-2. Diagram Showing Relationships of Front Panel Controls to Major Circuits

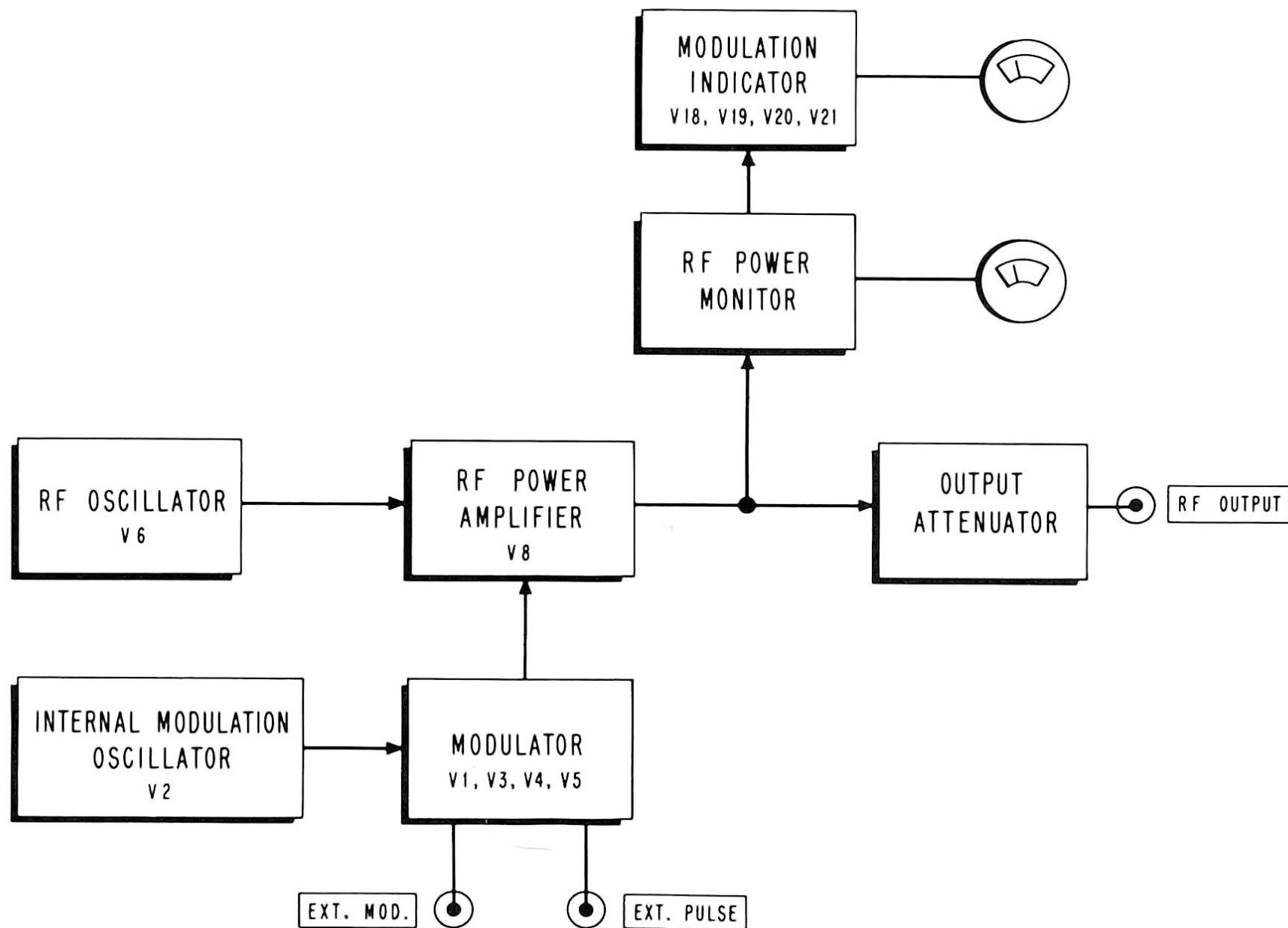


Figure 3-1. Block Diagram for Model 608C

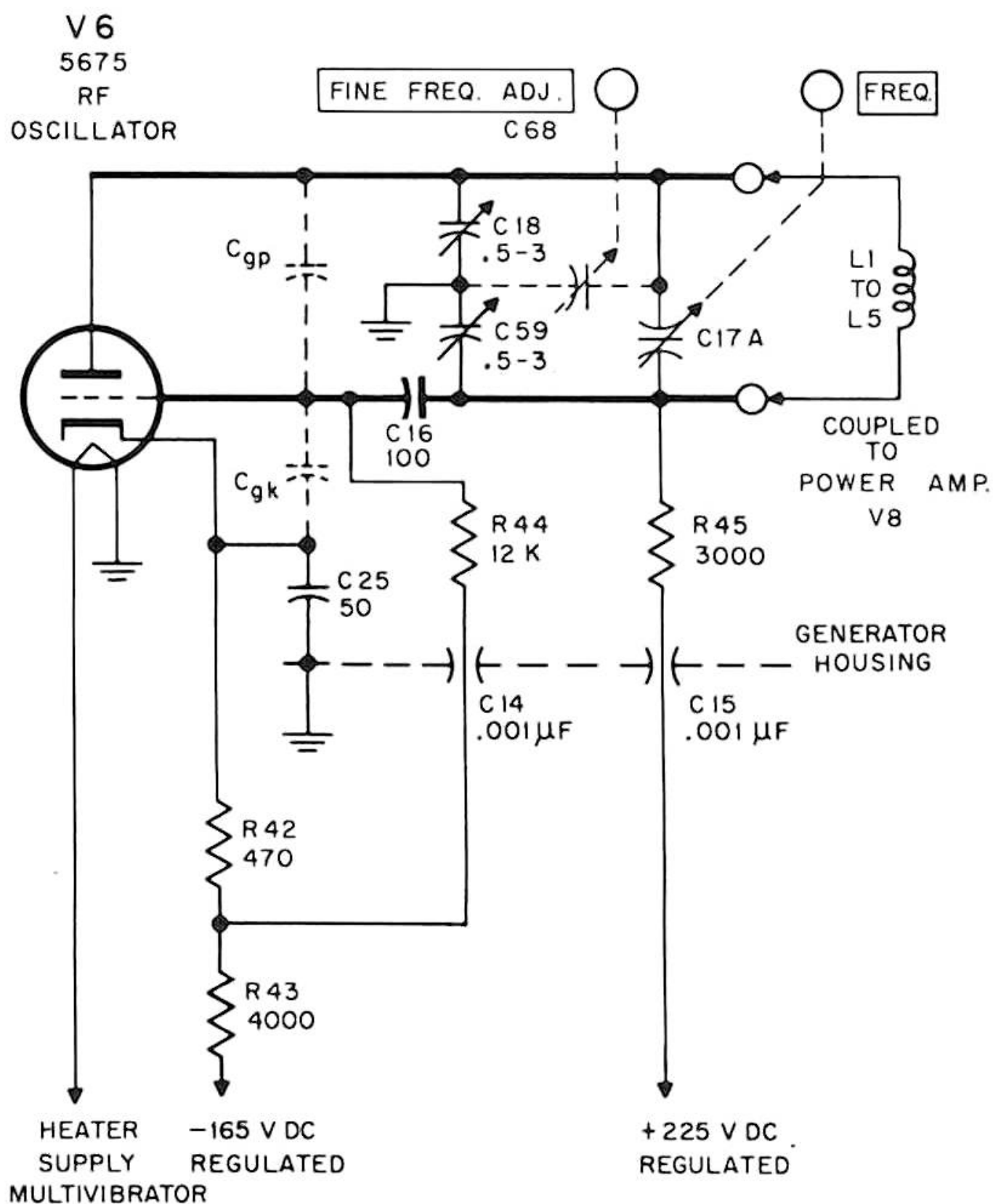


Figure 3-3. Schematic Diagram of Radio Frequency Oscillator

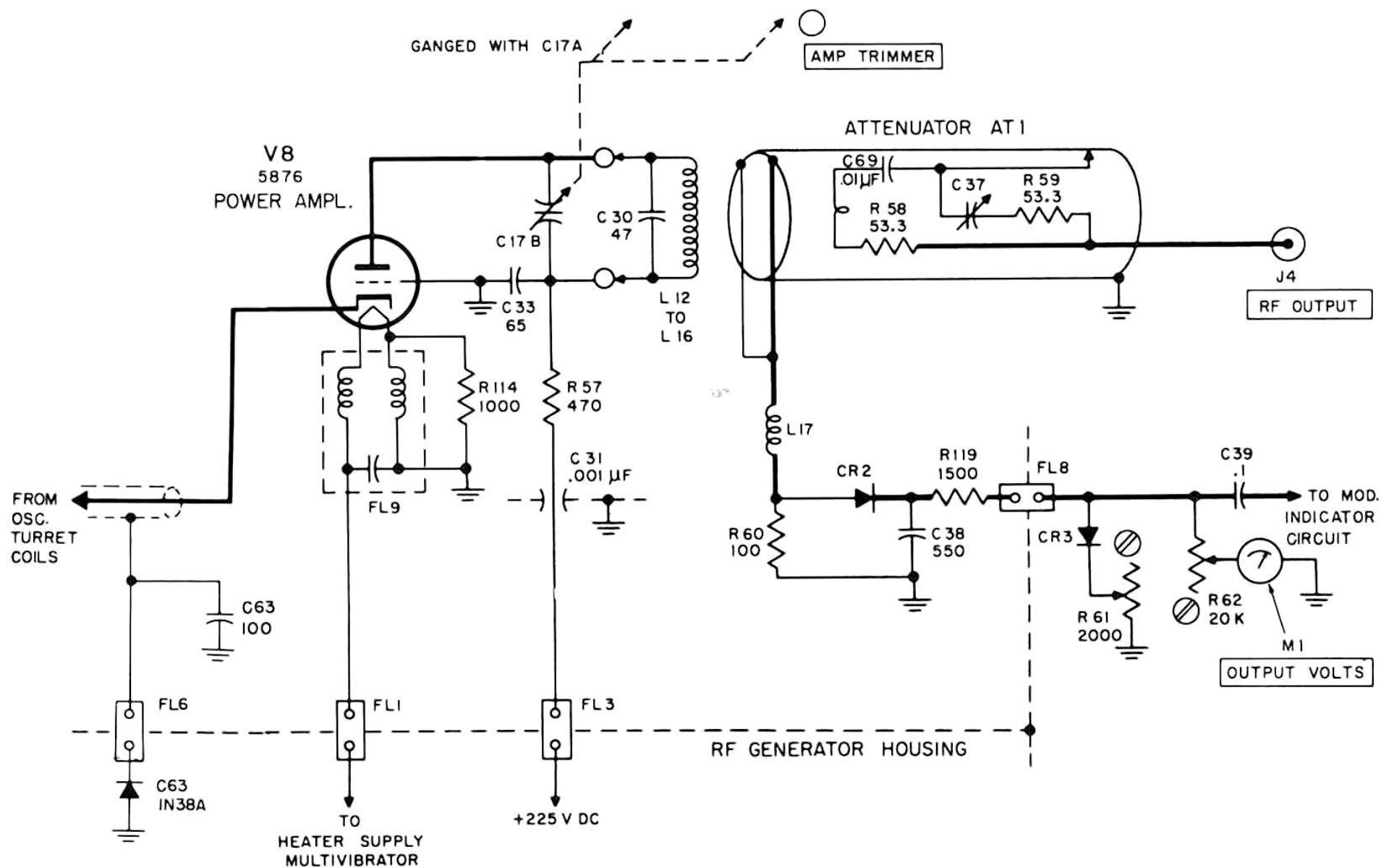


Figure 3-5. Schematic Diagram of Radio Frequency Power Amplifier



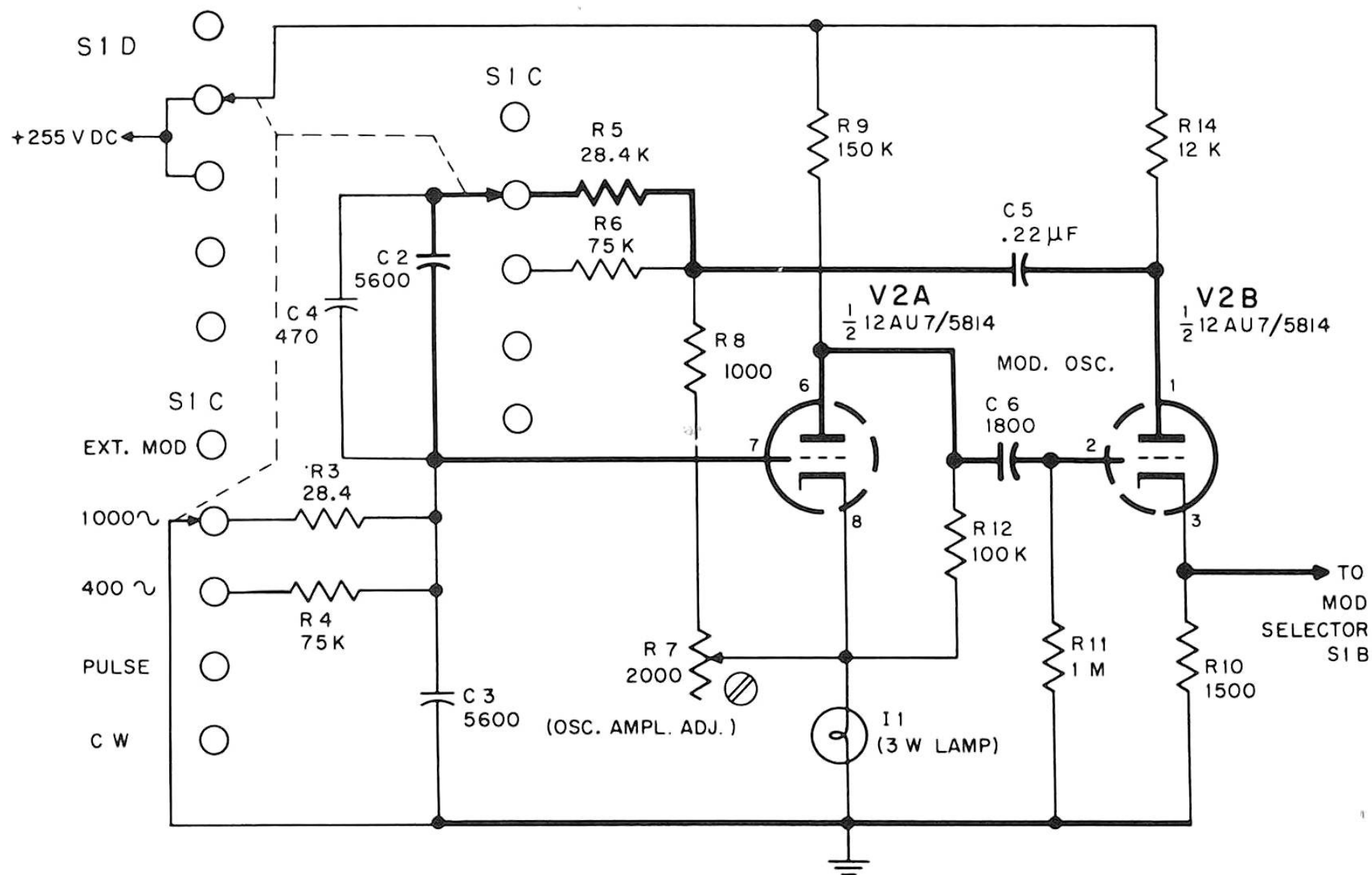


Figure 3-7. Schematic Diagram of Internal Modulation Oscillator

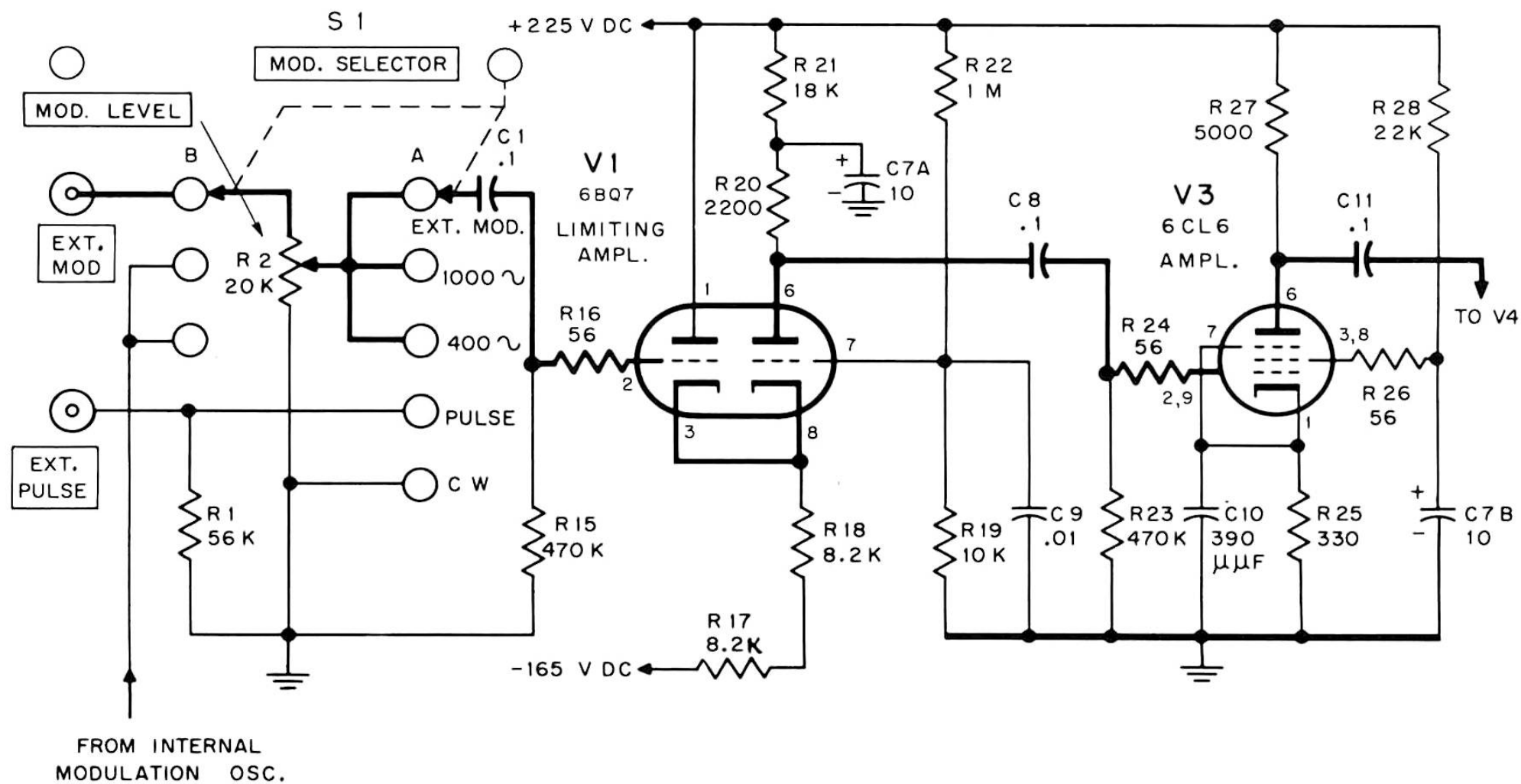


Figure 3-8. Schematic Diagram of Modulation Limiter and Amplifier

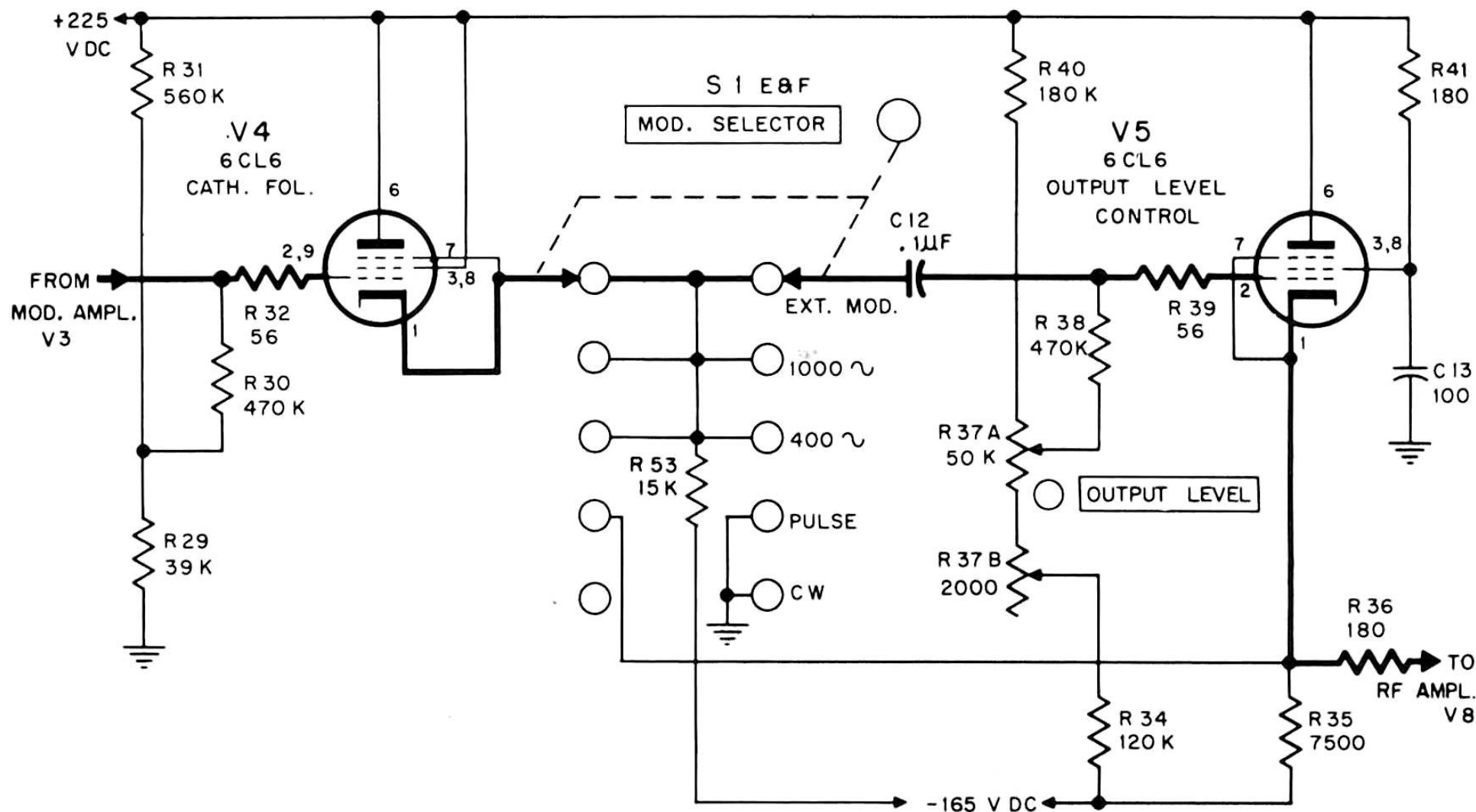


Figure 3-9. Schematic Diagram of Modulation Cathode Follower and Output Level Control Stages

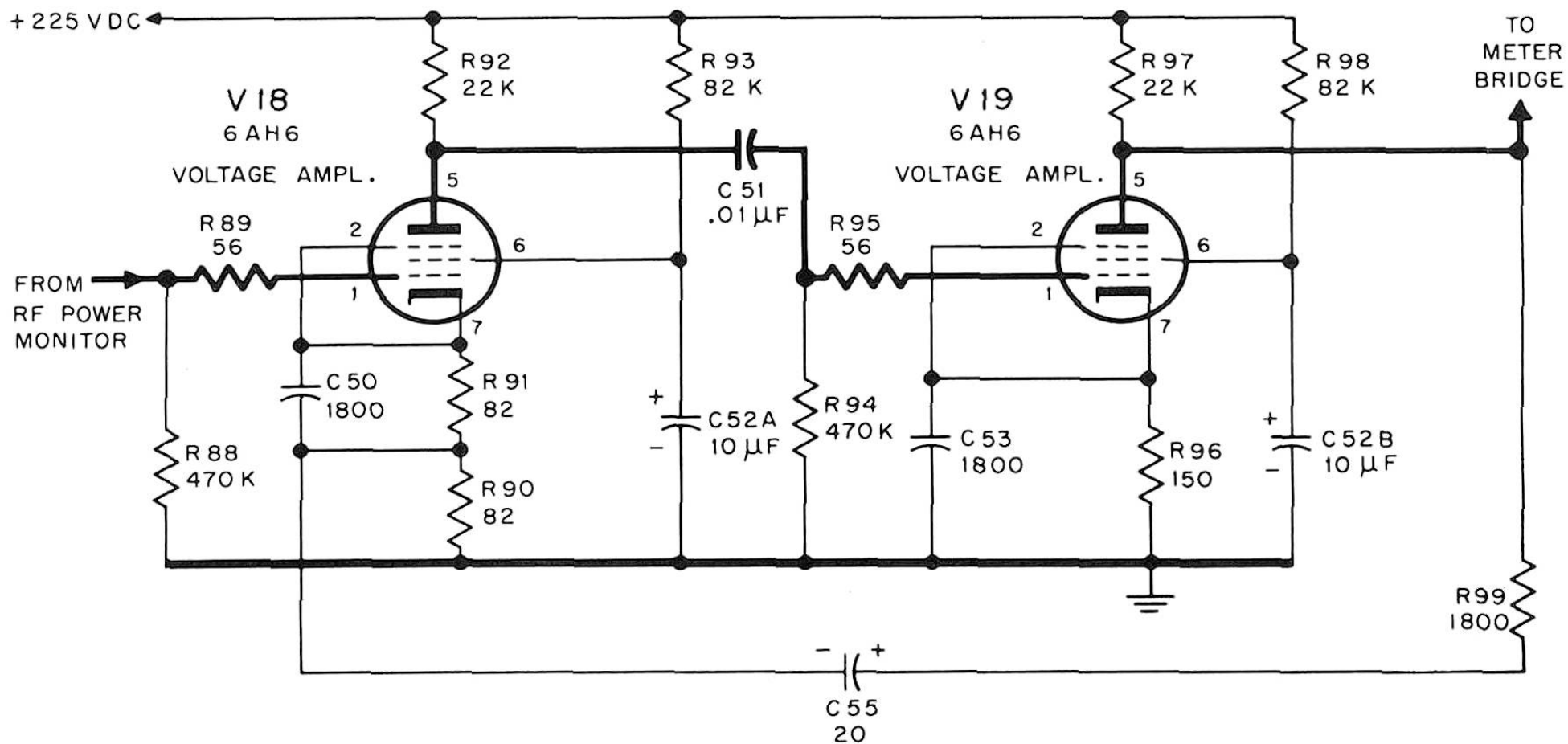


Figure 3-10. Schematic Diagram of Modulation Indicator Amplifier

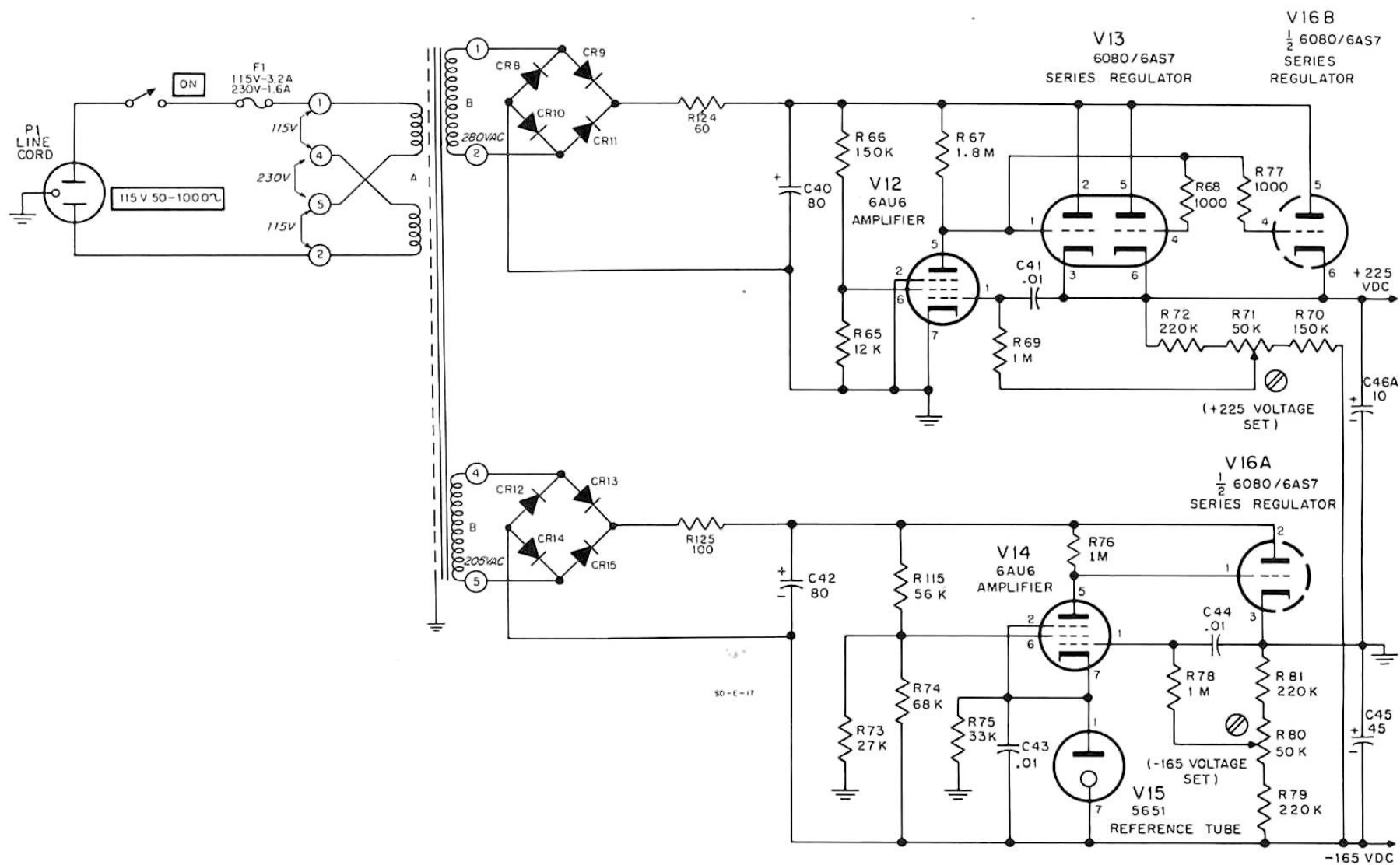
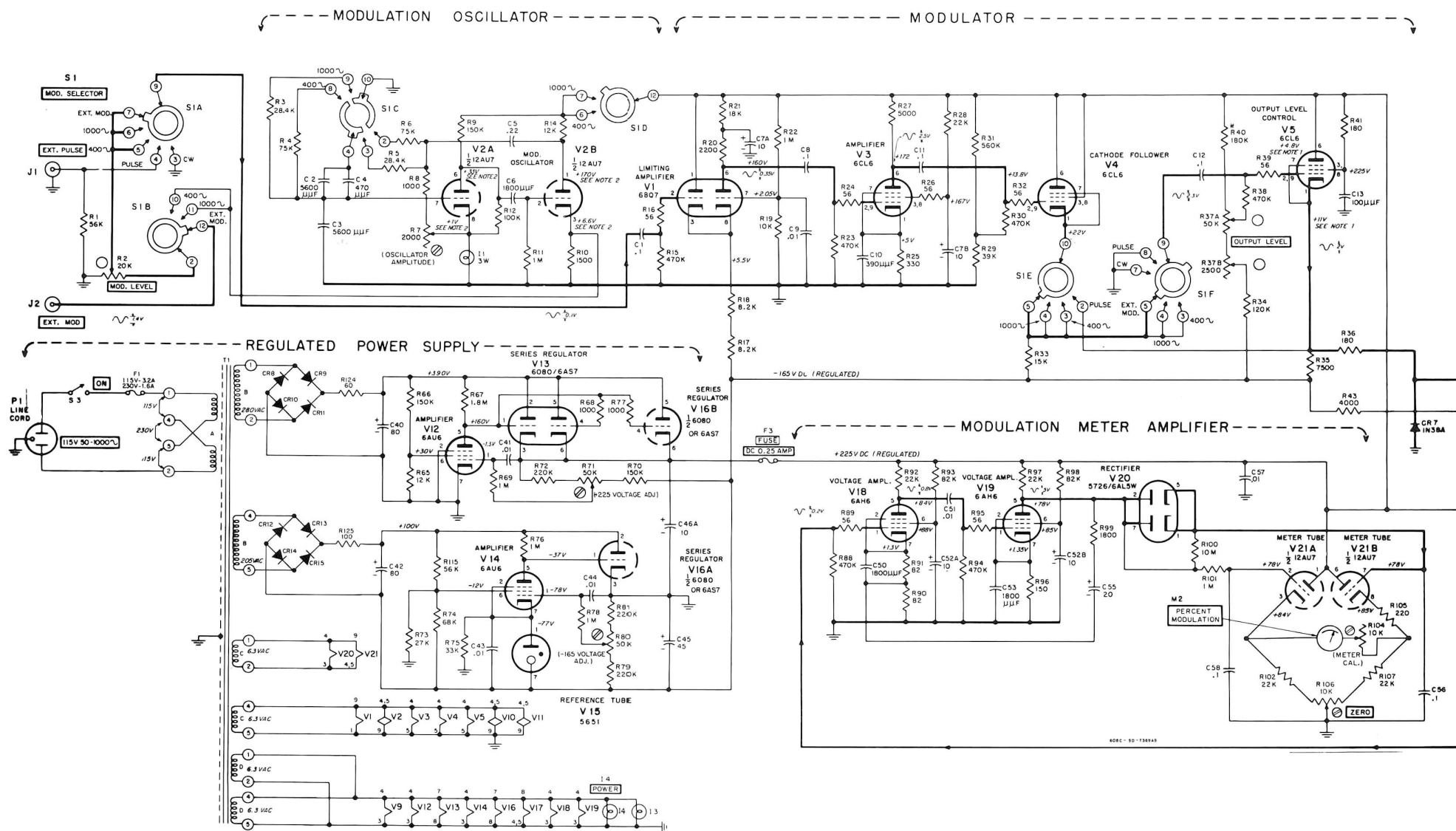


Figure 3-12. Schematic Diagram of Regulated Power Supplies



# RF GENERATOR ASSEMBLY

