

SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM, SWAN CYGNET SINGLE SIDEBAND TRANSCEIVER  
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## TROUBLESHOOTING

The information contained in Figures 4, 5, and 6, together with the voltage and resistance chart and troubleshooting guide should be sufficient for most troubleshooting by the average licensed amateur radio operator.

### VOLTAGE AND RESISTANCE CHART

| TUBE TYPE                | R = Rec.<br>T = Trans. | Socket Pin Numbers |      |       |        |       |      |      |     |       |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------|-------|--------|-------|------|------|-----|-------|
|                          |                        | 1                  | 2    | 3     | 4      | 5     | 6    | 7    | 8   | 9     |
| V1 12BA6<br>VFO Amp.     | R Volts                | - .6               | 0    | 0     | 12.6AC | 45    | 45   | 0    | -   | -     |
|                          | T Volts                | - .6               | 0    | 0     | 12.6AC | 50    | 50   | 0    | -   | -     |
|                          | Ohms                   | 1.2K               | 0    | 0     | 0.2    | *     | *    | 0    | -   | -     |
| V2 12BE6<br>Trans. Mixer | R Volts                | -1.2               | 0    | 0     | 12.6AC | 250   | -2   | 0    | -   | -     |
|                          | T Volts                | -1.0               | 0    | 0     | 12.6AC | 250   | 135  | 0    | -   | -     |
|                          | Ohms                   | 100K               | 0    | 0     | 0.2    | *     | 11K  | 35K  | -   | -     |
| V3 6GK6<br>Driver        | R Volts                | 0                  | -6.7 | 0     | 0      | 6.3AC | NC   | 255  | 0   | 0     |
|                          | T Volts                | 0                  | -6.7 | 0     | 0      | 6.3AC | NC   | 265  | 225 | 0     |
|                          | Ohms                   | 10                 | 100K | 0     | 0      | 0.3   | NC   | *    | 0.2 | 0     |
| V4 6LQ6<br>Pwr. Amp.     | R Volts                | NC                 | -75  | 0     | 12.6AC | 6.3AC | -75  | 0    | 0   | NC    |
|                          | T Volts                | NC                 | -75  | 0     | 12.6AC | 6.3AC | -75  | 225  | 0   | NC    |
|                          | Ohms                   | NC                 | 6K   | 1.0   | 0.1    | 0.3   | 6K   | 0.1  | 0   | NC    |
| V5 6BZ6<br>Rec. R. F.    | R Volts                | 0                  | 0    | 6.3AC | 0      | 255   | 115  | 0    | -   | -     |
|                          | T Volts                | 0                  | 0    | 6.3AC | 0      | 255   | 0    | 0    | -   | -     |
|                          | Ohms                   | 1.1M               | 0    | 0.1   | 0      | 14K   | 40K  | 0    | -   | -     |
| V6 12BE6<br>Rec. Mixer   | R Volts                | 0                  | 0    | 0     | 12.6AC | 250   | 100  | -.5  | -   | -     |
|                          | T Volts                | 0                  | 0    | 0     | 12.6AC | 265   | 0    | -.5  | -   | -     |
|                          | Ohms                   | 100K               | 0    | 0     | 0.1    | 11K   | 40K  | 45K  | -   | -     |
| V7 12BA6<br>1st I. F.    | R Volts                | -1.8               | 0    | 0     | 12.6AC | 210   | 48   | 0    | -   | -     |
|                          | T Volts                | -1.8               | 0    | 0     | 12.6AC | 220   | 50   | 0    | -   | -     |
|                          | Ohms                   | 500                | 0    | 0     | 0.1    | 15K   | 50K  | 0    | -   | -     |
| V8 12BA6<br>2nd I. F.    | R Volts                | -1.7               | 0    | 0     | 12.6AC | 205   | 105  | 0    | -   | -     |
|                          | T Volts                | -1.7               | 0    | 0     | 12.6AC | 225   | 0    | 0    | -   | -     |
|                          | Ohms                   | 110K               | 0    | 0     | 0.1    | 15K   | 40K  | 0    | -   | -     |
| V9 12AX7<br>Det. A. F.   | R Volts                | 55                 | -1   | 0     | 0      | 0     | 145  | -.25 | 0   | 6.3AC |
|                          | T Volts                | -3                 | -1.6 | 0     | 0      | 0     | 0    | -.25 | 0   | 6.3AC |
|                          | Ohms                   | 400K               | 11K  | 300   | 0      | 0     | 125K | 1M   | 0   | 0.2   |
| V11 6AQ5<br>A. F. Output | R Volts                | -9                 | 0    | 0     | 6.3AC  | 237   | 215  | NC   | -   | -     |
|                          | T Volts                | -9                 | 0    | 0     | 6.3AC  | 262   | 0    | NC   | -   | -     |
|                          | Ohms                   | 500K               | 0    | 0     | 0.2    | 10K   | 12K  | NC   | -   | -     |
| V13 6JH8<br>Bal. Mod.    | R Volts                | 0                  | 0    | 0     | 6.3AC  | 0     | -1.4 | 0    | 0   | 0     |
|                          | T Volts                | 45                 | 45   | 75    | 6.3AC  | 0     | -1.4 | 0    | 100 | 100   |
|                          | Ohms                   | 2K                 | 75K  | 500K  | 0.2    | 0     | 35K  | 0    | 75K | 75K   |

NOTE: (1) Voltage Measurements made with 20,000 ohm per volt meter, or with VTVM.  
 (2) Voltage figures are D.C. unless otherwise specified. (3) REC. GAIN full on, clockwise.  
 (4) Transmit Measurements made by pressing Mic. Button, using dummy load. (\*) Varies.

## TROUBLESHOOTING CHART

| DEFECT                                       | POSSIBLE CAUSE   |
|--|--|
| PA IDLING CURRENT UNSTABLE                   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Defective Power Amplifier Tube (V4)</li> <li>2. Defective BIAS control and/or associated components.</li> <li>3. Defective bias power supply.</li> </ol>   |
| INABILITY TO LOAD PER OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Antenna not resonant at operating frequency.</li> <li>2. Defective transmission line.</li> <li>3. Defective antenna loading coil(s).</li> <li>4. Tubes V1 through V4 defective.</li> </ol>                             |
| INSUFFICIENT SIDEBAND SUPPRESSION            | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Carrier Oscillator (Q3) operating on incorrect frequency.</li> <li>2. Crystal filter defective or mistuned.</li> <li>3. Carrier Oscillator (Q3) operating on incorrect frequency.</li> </ol>                           |
| MICROPHONICS IN TRANSMITTER                  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tubes V13 and/or V14 defective.</li> <li>2. IF transformer L701 defective or incorrectly adjusted.</li> <li>3. Microphone defective.</li> </ol>  |
| LOW RECEIVER SENSITIVITY                     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tubes V5 through V10 defective.</li> <li>2. Incorrect adjustment of the transmitter Pi-Network.</li> <li>3. IF transformer L801 incorrectly adjusted or defective.</li> <li>4. K1 relay contacts defective.</li> </ol> |
| INSUFFICIENT CARRIER SUPPRESSION             | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tube V13 defective.</li> <li>2. Transformer T1301 defective or mistuned.</li> <li>3. Carrier Oscillator (Q3) operating on incorrect frequency.</li> </ol>  |

## MAINTENANCE

### ALIGNMENT

The alignment procedures presented in this section are routine touch-up procedures for all tuned circuits and other adjustments. It is recommended that the procedures be performed in the order presented. However, if complete re-alignment is not required (as may be the case when just one tube is replaced), perform just those procedures required.

Refer to Figures 4, 5, and 6 for component placement.

### RECEIVER ALIGNMENT:

Receiver alignment involves only the adjustment of the First and Second IF coils. The R. F. coils which affect receiver performance are also used in transmit mode. Their adjustment is covered under "Transmitter Alignment.

- 1) After allowing approximately five minutes for warm-up tune the receiver to the middle of any band and at a "clear" frequency.
- 2) Adjust the P. A. TUNE, P. A. LOAD, and DRIVER front panel controls for maximum background noise.
- 3) Adjust IF coils L701 and L801 for maximum background noise. Repeat the adjustments several times.

### TRANSMITTER POWER AMPLIFIER BIAS:

1. Switch Meter to P. A. CATH.
2. After allowing approximately five minutes for warm-up, key the transmitter with the microphone switch. Without speaking into the microphone, adjust the CAR. BAL. control for a minimum power amplifier current.
3. Again key the transmitter with the microphone switch, and without speaking into the microphone, adjust the P. A. BIAS control on the rear panel for a power amplifier current of 30 to 50 ma.

### TRANSMITTER ALIGNMENT:

The alignment of transmitter circuits involve the adjustment of tuned circuits in the VFO Amplifier, V1, the Transmit Mixer, V2, and Driver stage, V3. It is recommended that a dummy load be connected to the antenna jack during this series of adjustments.

\*NOTE: The 28 mc band should be peaked in the normally used portion of the band, as indicated by the optional frequencies. Power output will drop off somewhat when operating more than 500 KC away from the frequency at which the coils are peaked.

### ORDER OF PROCEDURE:

- (1) Start first by adjusting 7 mc band. Set tuning Dial and Driver control as indicated by Tuning Chart.
- (2) Set P. A. LOAD control to 11 o'clock.
- (3) Press Mic. Button. Check idling current. It should be between 30 and 40 ma. when CAR. BAL. control is nulled. Adjust P. A. Bias control, if required.
- (4) With Mic. Button pressed, adjust "CAR. BAL." control for slight increase in meter reading, 50 to 60 ma. Adjust P. A. TUNE to resonance, (dip).
- (5) Adjust coils as indicated by chart for maximum meter reading. When reading goes higher than 80 ma., or so, adjust "Car. Bal." for 60 ma. again.
- (6) Adjust coils carefully for maximum peak. Exercise caution with "Car. Bal." control. Do not exceed 100 ma. reading for more than a few seconds. Be sure P. A. Tune" control is resonated, (adjusted for "dip" in meter reading).
- (7) Switch to 3.5 mc band, and repeat steps (1) through (6), following the tuning chart carefully. Follow this procedure through for each of the other bands.

### POWER AMPLIFIER NEUTRALIZATION:

Perform the power amplifier neutralization adjustment on 20 meters and in the following manner.

- (1) After allowing approximately two minutes for warm-up, tune the transmitter to approximately 14.250 mc as described in the OPERATION section of this handbook.
- (2) Position the "P. A. LOAD" control to the 9 o'clock position.
- (3) Set Meter Switch to PA CATH.
- (4) Key the transmitter with the microphone switch, and without speaking into the microphone, adjust the CAR. BAL. control on the rear panel for a power amplifier current of approximately 100 ma. Adjust the "DRIVER" control for peak. Quickly adjust "CAR. BAL." to 100 ma. again if it increased to a higher reading.

- (5) With the Mic. Button still pressed, rotate the P. A. TUNE control through its range from 9 o'clock to 3 o'clock. You will note a pronounced "dip" in meter reading at resonance. Observe any tendency for the meter to "peak" above the 100 Ma. plateau on either side of resonance. If there is such a peak, adjust C402, the P. A. Neutralizing trimmer to suppress the peak. When properly neutralized, the meter reading will hold steadily at 100 Ma. except for the sharp dip at resonance, but there will be no peak above the 100 Ma. level.
- (6) Key the transmitter with the microphone switch and re-adjust the CAR. BAL. control for minimum power amplifier current. Minimum power amplifier current should be between 30 and 40 Ma. If not, repeat the transmitter power amplifier bias adjustment on page

#### CARRIER BALANCE ADJUSTMENT:

Several times during the preceding adjustments, the CAR. BAL. control has been adjusted for varying reasons. Be sure that this control is adjusted for exact null before operating.

#### VFO CALIBRATION:

A trimmer capacitor is provided for each VFO range. These adjustment capacitors are available through the top of the VFO compartment. It is recommended that an insulated adjusting tool be used when performing the following adjustments.

#### NOTE

Dial tracking has been factory set by "pruning" the VFO inductor, L1401. Dial tracking adjustments will not normally be required.

- 1) After allowing approximately five minutes for warm-up, tune the receiver near 3800 KC. Using a frequency standard or a 100 KC crystal calibrator as an accurate signal source, tune the signal for zero beat and note the corresponding dial reading. If the 3800 KC signal does not zero beat at 3800 on the dial, adjust the 80 Meter trimmer until it does.
- 2) In a similar manner, check each of the other bands in the normally used portion of the band. For example: 7200 kc., 14,200 or 14,300. 21,300 or 21,400. 28,700 or whichever portion of 10 meters is normally used. Accuracy in other parts of the bands will be quite good, but remember that the Cygnet is not to be considered a frequency standard. Be cautious when operating near band edges. FCC regulations require that every amateur radio station have a means available for measuring his transmitting frequency.

If a frequency meter or frequency counter is available, the information contained in the following table can be used to perform direct VFO and Carrier Oscillator frequency measurements.

VFO AND CARRIER OSCILLATOR FREQUENCIES

| Tuning Dial | V1 Injection Frequency | Q1 Osc. Frequency | Q3 Osc. Carrier Frequency |
|-------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 3500 KC     | 9000 KC                | 9000 KC           | 5500 KC                   |
| 4000 KC     | 9500 KC                | 9500 KC           | 5500 KC                   |
| 7000 KC     | 12,500 KC              | (1/2) 6250 KC     | 5500 KC                   |
| 7300 KC     | 12,800 KC              | (1/2) 6400 KC     | 5500 KC                   |
| 14,000 KC   | 8500 KC                | 8500 KC           | 5500 KC                   |
| 14,350 KC   | 8850 KC                | 8850 KC           | 5500 KC                   |
| 21,000 KC   | 15,500 KC              | (1/2) 7750 KC     | 5500 KC                   |
| 21,450 KC   | 15,950 KC              | (1/2) 7975 KC     | 5500 KC                   |
| 28,000 KC   | 22,500 KC              | (1/2) 11,250 KC   | 5500 KC                   |
| 29,700 KC   | 24,200 KC              | (1/2) 12,100 KC   | 5500 KC                   |

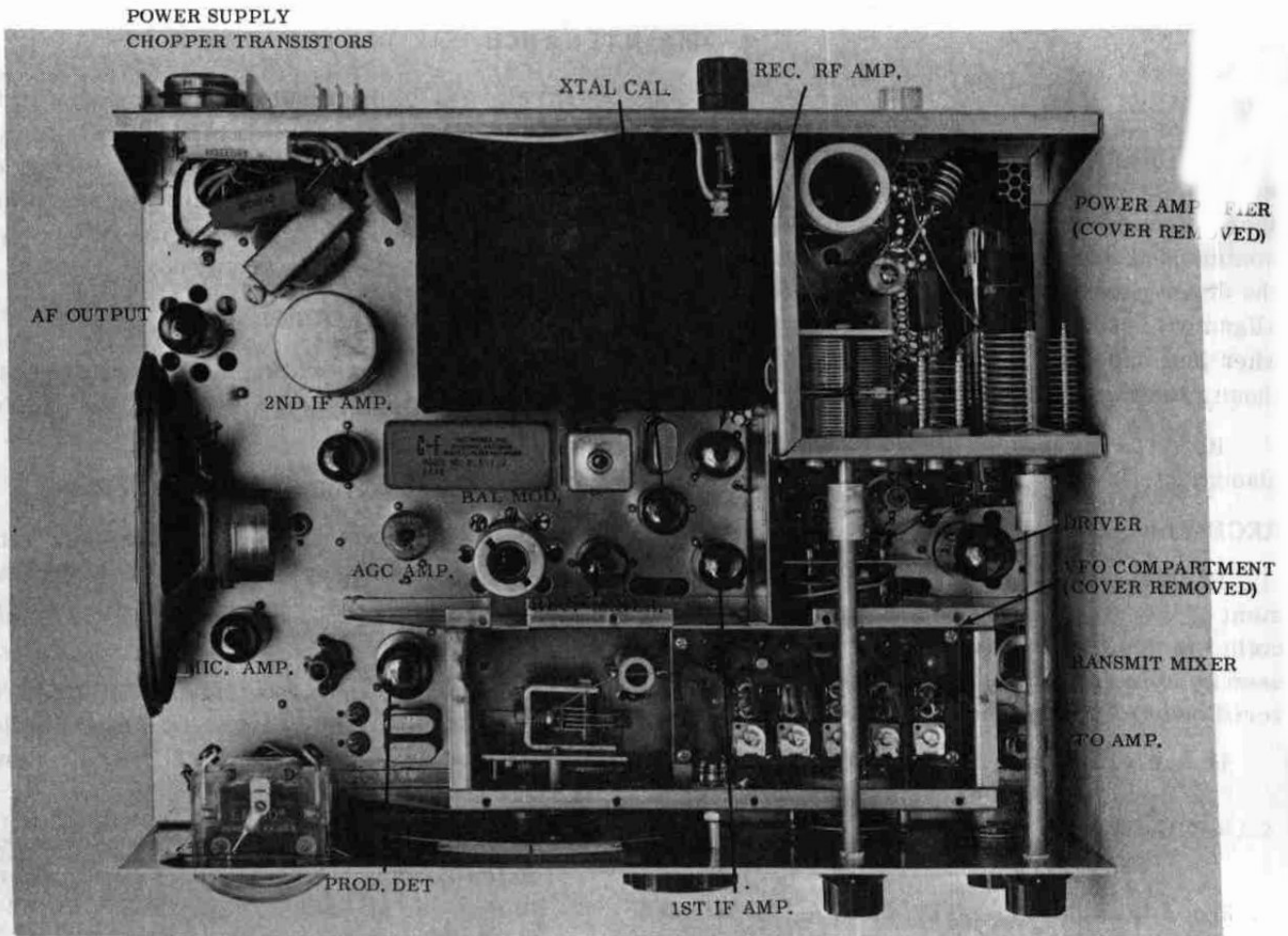


FIGURE 5. TOP VIEW, SWAN CYGNET MODEL 270

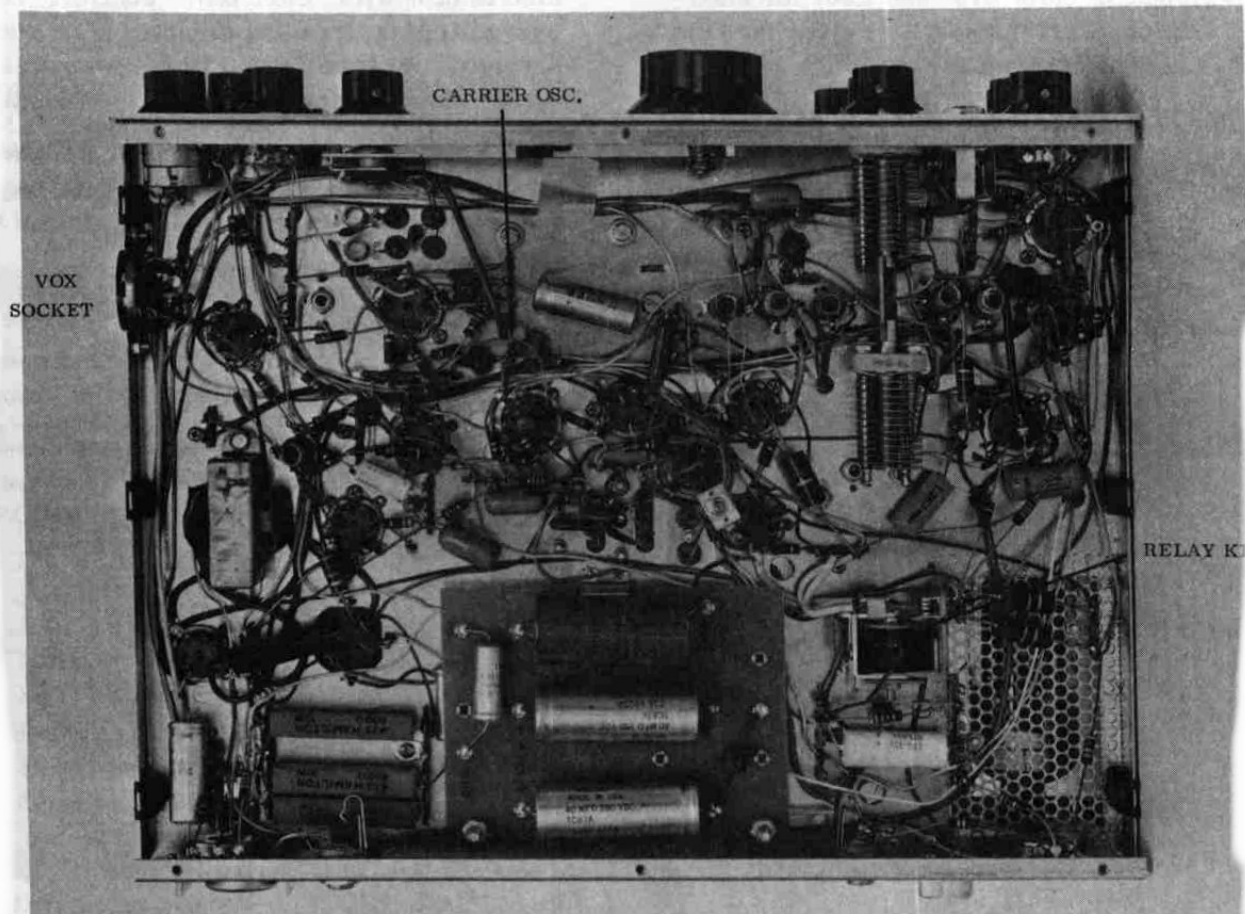


FIGURE 6. BOTTOM VIEW, SWAN CYGNET MODEL 270