

* REMOVE THIS JUMPER TO ALLOW OUT-OF-BAND TRANSMISSION.

- 11V RX
- 11V TX
- 13.8V RX
- 13.8V TX

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TO R.F. AMP
TO ANTENNA

TO SYNTH.
TO LOCK LAMP

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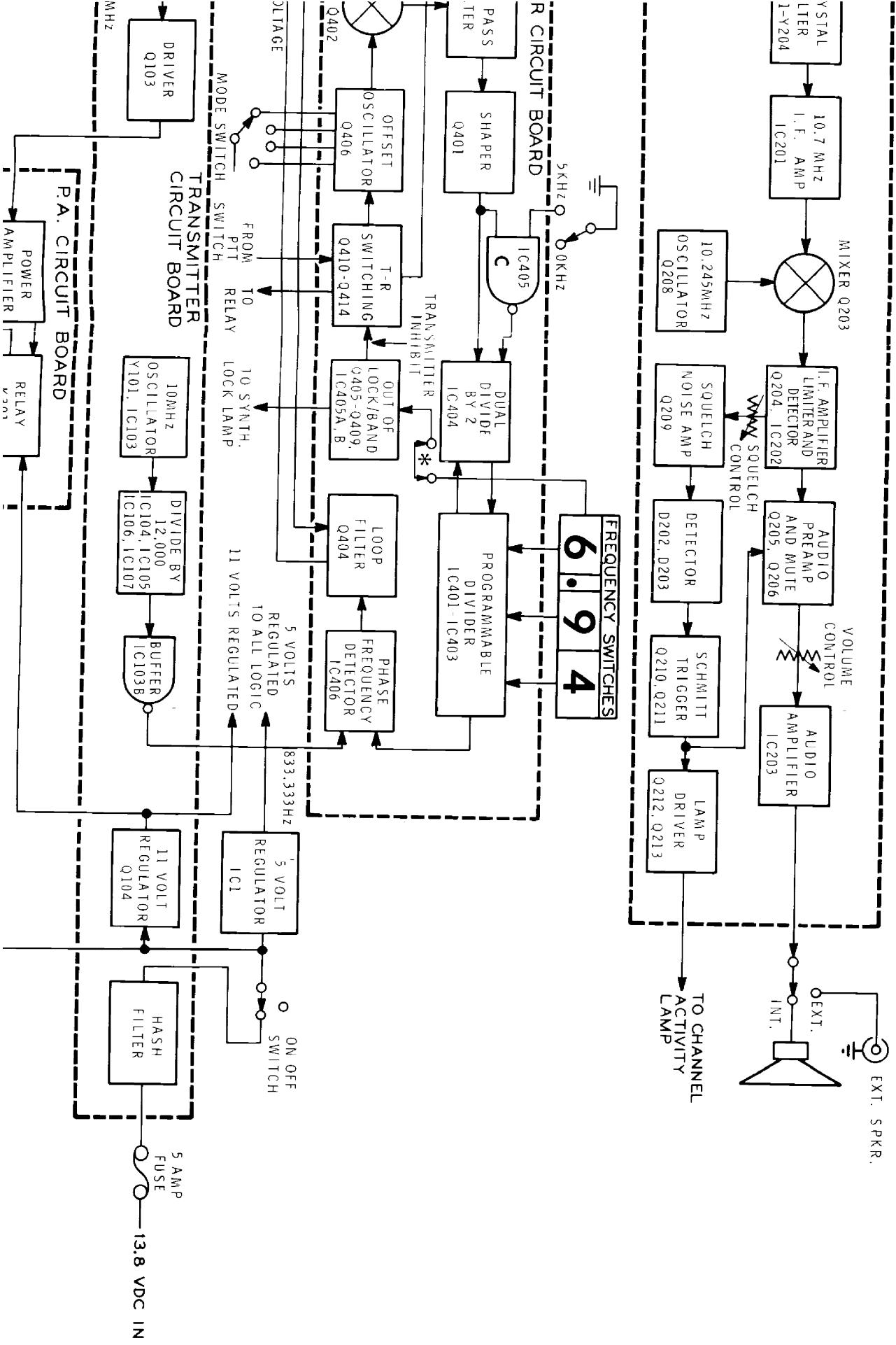
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BLOCK DIAGRAM



SYNTHESIZER

GENERAL

The synthesizer circuit board receives an 833.333 Hz reference signal from the transmitter circuit board and also the output signal from the voltage-controlled oscillator (VCO) on the VCO circuit board. The frequency of the signal coming from the VCO circuit board is one-sixth the desired transmitter frequency in the transmit modes, and is automatically switched in the receive mode so that, when multiplied by six, it provides a receiver injection signal that is 10.7 MHz below the receive frequency selected on the front panel switches.

The accuracy and stability of the VCO are proportional to the combined accuracy and stability of two temperature-compensated, crystal-controlled oscillators. One of these oscillators operates at 10 MHz and provides the 833.333 Hz reference signal. The other oscillator (offset oscillator) operates in the 20 MHz range. The VCO is phase-locked to these two oscillators. If the VCO becomes unlocked, the red "Synth Lock" LED will light. If this unlocked condition lasts for more than about one-half second, the transmitter is automatically disabled to prevent operation outside the band. This inhibit circuitry also disables the transmitter if the front panel switches are set below 144.000 MHz or above 147.995 MHz. This feature can be defeated if you desire to operate on MARS or CAP frequencies.

Transistor Q402 mixes the output of the offset oscillator (Q406) with the output of the VCO. A low-pass filter, consisting of C404 and L401 passes the difference signal to Q401 where it is shaped to be compatible to drive a programmable divider formed by IC40 through IC404. When the VCO is on the frequency that corresponds to that selected on the front panel switches, the output of the programmable divider is 833.333 Hz. If the VCO is not on the correct frequency, the output of the programmable divider is other than 833.333 Hz, which is required for lock.

IC406 compares the output frequency of the programmable divider to the 833.333 Hz reference. If they are equal, the tune voltage to the VCO remains unchanged and IC406 phase-locks the loop. If they are not equal, the phase-frequency detector, IC406, puts out pulses which are integrated (averaged) by loop filter Q404. This changes the tune voltage in the proper direction to tune the VCO toward the correct frequency and brings the output of the programmable divider toward 833.333 Hz (establishing the locked condition).

PROGRAMMABLE DIVIDER

The programmable divider, (see Figure 1) consists of IC401, IC402, IC403, and IC404. IC401, IC402, and IC403 are cascaded programmable, decade down-counters. The divisor, which is the number selected

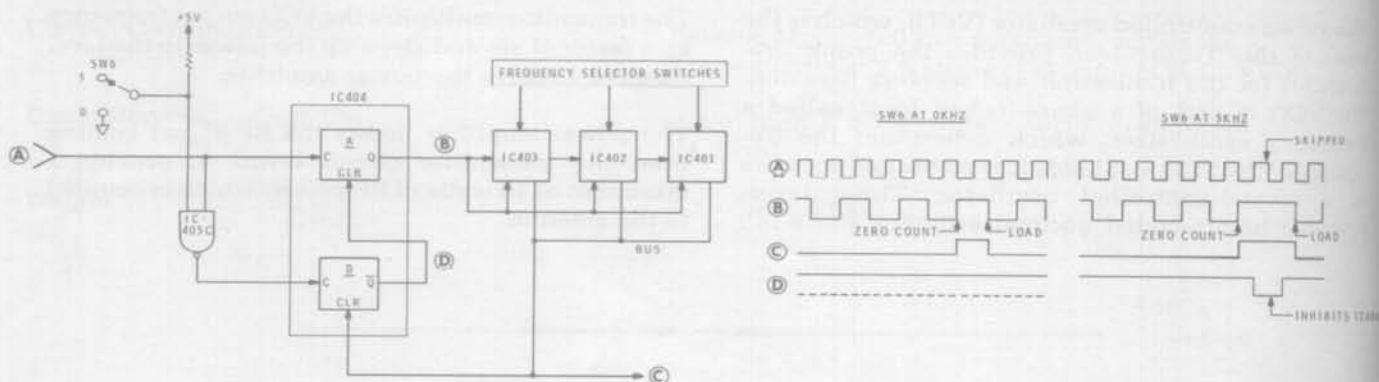


Figure 1



on the front panel switches, is "loaded" into the counters on the indicated negative edge, and each subsequent positive edge decrements this number by one. For example, if 6.94 (146.94 MHz) is selected, a 6 is loaded into IC401, a 9 into IC402, and a 4 into IC403. This makes the divisor 694. After 694 cycles have been counted, the "buss" line (common line between pins 12) goes high briefly. The resulting series of positive pulses on the bus line is the output of the programmable divider.

Flip-flop IC404A, just ahead of the cascaded counters, multiplies the total divisor by 2 which, in the example given, makes the total divisor $2 \times 694 = 1388$ (0/5 kHz switch is in the 0 kHz position). In the simplex (SIM) mode, the offset oscillator is operating at 23.333 MHz. If this is mixed with the required VCO frequency of 24.49 MHz (146.94 MHz/6), a difference frequency of 1.1567 MHz is obtained. If this difference is divided by 1388 (2×694), the result is 833.333 Hz, as required for lock.

If the 0/5 kHz switch is set to the 5 kHz position, the total divisor must increase by one to 1389 (2×694.5). This is accomplished by disabling IC404A during the cycle which just follows the positive edge of the buss output. In effect, IC404B counts the extra cycle and "hides" it from IC404A.

OFFSET OSCILLATOR

The offset oscillator is formed by Q406 and the associated circuitry. In the receive mode, the required oscillator frequency is 21.55 MHz. This crystal (Y405) is switched in by D406, which is turned on by Q412. Q412 conducts due to the 13.8 volts present on pin U via the relay coil.

In the transmit mode, the push-to-talk switch removes the base bias from Q413, which allows Q414 to turn on and energize the relay. Q411 and Q412 turn off and Q410 conducts, which switches in the appropriate transmitter offset crystal as selected by the front panel Mode switch, SW7.

OUT-OF-LOCK/BAND DETECTION AND TRANSMIT INHIBIT

Whenever the phase-locked loop is not locked, negative pulses will appear on one of the two inputs to IC405A. The active input is determined by whether

the output of the programmable divider is higher or lower than the 833.333 Hz reference. Positive pulses at the output of IC405A charge capacitor C421, which turns on Q405. When Q405 is turned on, it applies a low to pin 4 of IC405B, which causes its output to go high and turn on Q409. Q409 prevents Q414 from turning on when you press the PTT switch and thus inhibits the transmitter. The low on pin 4 of IC405B is also applied to Q407, which turns it off and allows Q408 to light the Synth Lock LED.

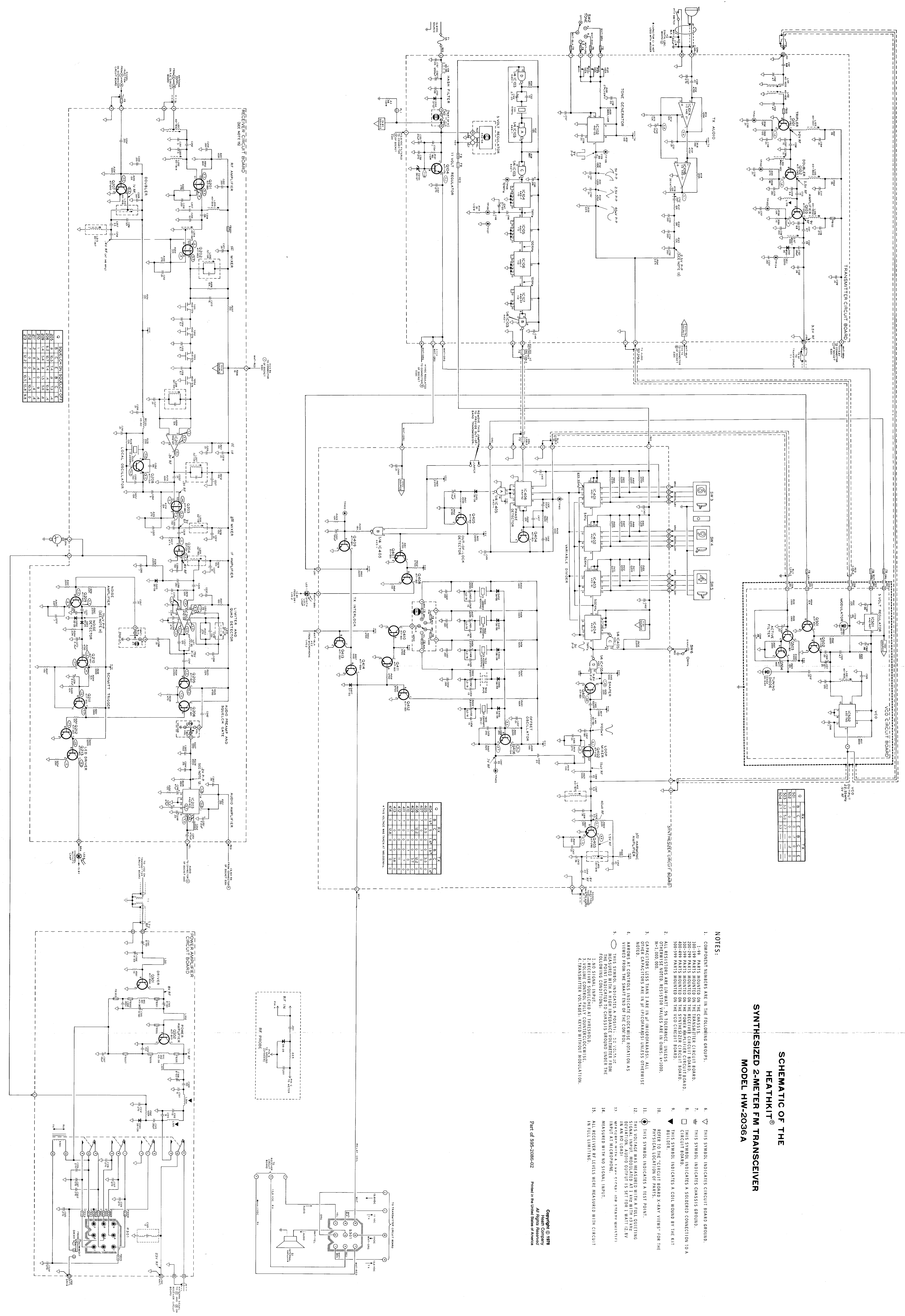
If the 1 MHz lever switch (SW3) is set to a number other than 4, 5, 6, or 7, the "4" output of the switch is grounded. This grounds pin 5 of IC405B and inhibits the transmitter as was described in the above paragraph. This helps prevent you from operating outside the 2-meter amateur band. (Out-of-band transmissions can still occur when the selected receive frequency is within the band, but the offset transmitter frequency is not.) If MARS or CAP operation is desired, you can remove the jumper on the synthesizer circuit board to disable the out-of-band inhibit feature.

R448, R449, and C443 briefly delay the inhibit circuitry to allow the synthesizer to lock on different frequencies in transmit and receive. The delay gives the loop a chance to lock when the Transceiver switches from receive to transmit. This transition typically takes less than 150 mS, but if the loop does not re-lock within approximately 500 mS, the transmitter inhibit circuitry releases the relay.

IC502, an ECL (emitter-coupled logic) integrated circuit, is the heart of the VCO. It is tuned by L501, C513, and varactor diode VD502. In the receive mode, Q502 switches in C509 and C511 which lower the frequency range by the required amount. In transmit, frequency modulation is accomplished by applying the transmitter audio to a second varactor diode, VD501. This assures constant deviation over the entire frequency range.

Q503 and Q504 make up a low-pass filter, which helps remove any residual 833.333 Hz reference from the tune voltage.

IC501, a separate 5-volt regulator, is included on the VCO circuit board. This regulator supplies only the oscillator IC and loop filter and thus helps to isolate the analog circuitry from the digital circuitry.



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NOTES:

1. COMPONENT NUMBERS ARE IN THE FOLLOWING GROUPS:
2. PARTS MOUNTED ON THE TRANSMITTER CIRCUIT BOARD.
3. PARTS MOUNTED ON THE RECEIVER CIRCUIT BOARD.
4. PARTS MOUNTED ON THE SYNTHESIZER CIRCUIT BOARD.
5. OPERATIONAL NOTES, RESISTOR VALUES ARE IN OHMS: 1-1000, 10K-100K, 1M-1000M.
6. CAPACITANCE VALUES ARE IN PICOGRAMS (PG), ATTENIPISE NOTE.
7. THIS SYMBOL INDICATES A POINT TO BE MEASURED WITH A HIGH IMPEDANCE VOLTMETER FROM FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: 0V=15 SHOULD SWR IN THE 1.5 TO 2.0 MHz BAND.
8. THIS SYMBOL INDICATES A POINT TO BE MEASURED WITH A 100 OHM RESISTOR IN THE 1.5 TO 2.0 MHz BAND.
9. THIS SYMBOL INDICATES A POINT TO BE MEASURED WITH A 100 OHM RESISTOR IN THE 1.5 TO 2.0 MHz BAND.
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