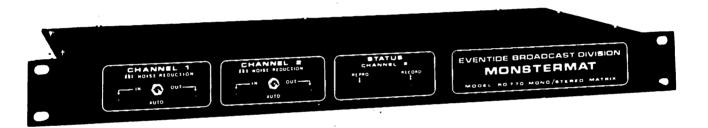


# RD770 MONSTERMAT

## MONO-STEREO MATRIX UNIT



## INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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- if the user makes unauthorized modifications of any type. If such modifications are made, user agrees to pay for any time or parts necessary to remove the modification before repair.

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REPLACEMENT OF PARTS UNDER WARRANTY will be done free of charge provided that the defective parts and the warranty card for the unit are received by Eventide.

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#### CONNECTION INSTRUCTIONS

The MONSTERMAT has two channels, each channel being configured for stereo operation, either reproduce (expand, play), or record (compress).

CHANNEL 1 is ALWAYS reproduce

CHANNEL 2 may be either reproduce or record, depending on internal settings. The function may be identified by the serial number plate and/or the front panel CHANNEL 2 STATUS light.

For a double reproduce unit, connection of channel 2 is identical to that of channel 1, so channel 1 connection only will be described.

ALIGNMENT Units are factory aligned so that equivalence between compressed/ expanded and non-processed signals occurs at +4 dBm. This means that with a +4 dBm, 1 kHz input, the output level from each channel will be identical in the dbx IN and dbx OUT modes. For alignment to different levels, refer to the alignment section of the manual.

NOTE that the dbx noise reduction system is not critically level dependent, and precise alignment to absolute level is not required, as it is with the Dolby system.

The rear of the chassis is screened as to INPUT, OUTPUT, and SIGNAL POLARITY. LEFT and RIGHT signals should be connected as follows:

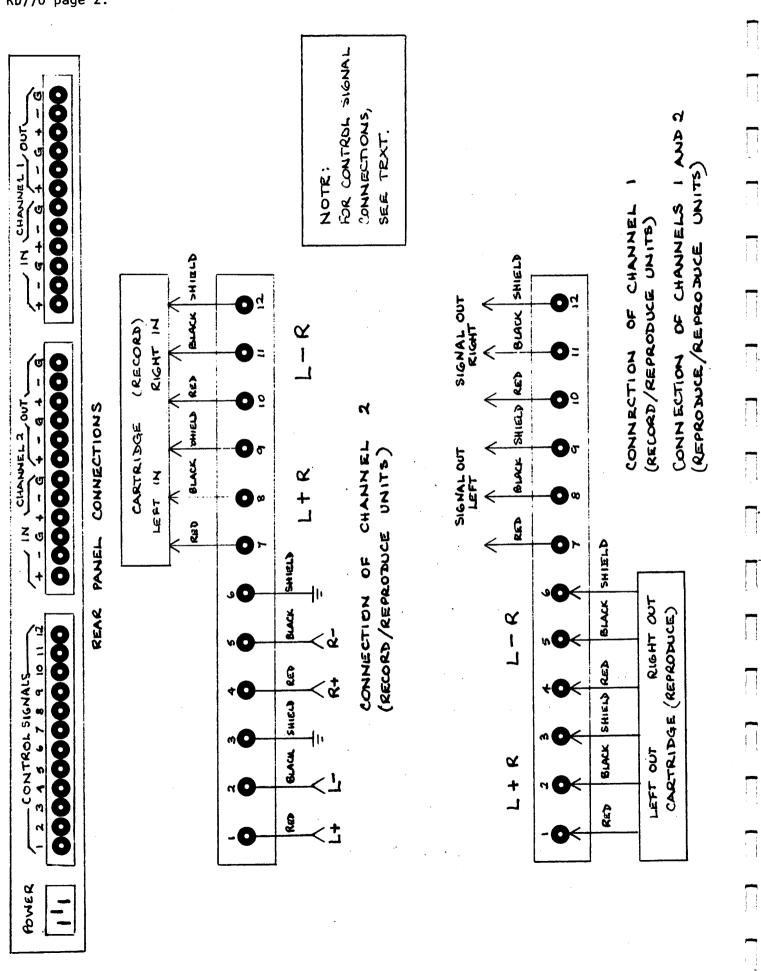
REPRODUCE LEFT + RIGHT (or MONAURAL) should be connected to terminals 1, 2, 3. LEFT - RIGHT should be connected to terminals 4, 5, 6. LEFT OUTPUT should be connected from terminals 7, 8, 9. RIGHT OUTPUT should be connected from terminals 10, 11, 12.

RECORD

LEFT (or MONAURAL) should be connected to terminals 1, 2, 3. RIGHT should be connected to terminals 4, 5, 6. LEFT + RIGHT (or MONO INPUT TO CART) should be connected from terminals 7, 8, 9. LEFT - RIGHT (or RIGHT INPUT TO CART) should be connected from terminals 10, 11, 12.

IMPEDANCES Unless otherwise specified, all INPUTS are 20 k bridging, and all OUTPUTS are 600 ohms. Provision is made for adding an internal termination resistor, should this be desired. The output impedance may be reduced to 150 ohms by changing or paralleling internal resistors.

> All inputs and outputs are electronically balanced. If the input signal is unbalanced, it should be connected to the + terminal, and the - terminal can either be grounded or left floating. If the device being fed requires an unbalanced input, it should be provided by the + terminal on the MONSTERMAT. If the - output is not to be used, it should be left floating.



#### FRONT PANEL CONTROLS AND INDICATORS

Channel 1 and Channel 2 - dbx noise reduction IN, OUT, and AUTO

CHANNEL 1/2 dbx noise reduction IN O OUT O AUTO

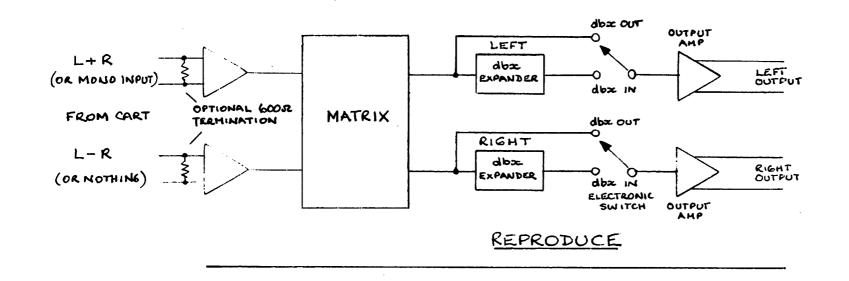
The dbx noise reduction circuitry can be switched in and out either by means of the front panel switch, or, if the unit is in AUTO, by means of control signals (see the section on control signals for details).

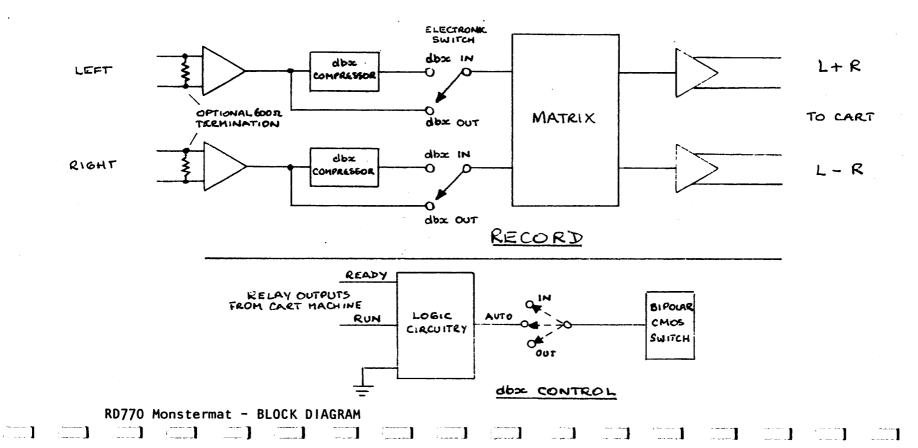
STATUS Channel 2



As described in the Connection Instructions and elsewhere, Channel 1 is always reproduce, Channel 2 can be either record or reproduce, depending on factory-installed internal adjustments. The LED indicates the configuration of the particular unit.

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#### ALIGNMENT OF RD770 MONSTERMAT

Notes: The reference to +4 dBm assumes that this is the normal alignment level at your facility. The purpose of performing alignment at a specific level is to ensure that the signal levels with dbx noise reduction IN conform to those with dbx noise reduction OUT. If you customarily align your equipment at 0 dBm or +8 dBm, substitute these numbers for +4 dBm in the instructions below.

When adjusting the matrix controls for null, it is convenient to use a high level signal, such as +4, for adjustment. However, any signal level which enables one to observe the output is usable, as the null is not level sensitive.

The frequency referred to, 1 kHz, is not sacred, and you may use 400 Hz or any nominal input frequency in the general area. It is, however, important to <u>standardize</u> on an alignment frequency, because the dbx cards are both frequency and level sensitive, and alignment at different frequencies will produce somewhat different results.

As supplied from the factory, the standard MONSTERMAT has a true 600 ohm output and a 20 k bridging input. They may be (or may have been) modified either to provide a 600 ohm terminated input, or a low impedance output, or both. In the case of the input modification, it may be necessary to readjust the output level of your signal generator as you switch the signal to the L - R (or R) input of the MONSTERMAT. The output modification, if present, will not affect the alignment procedure, since only unloaded voltage measurements are being made.

#### RECORD ALIGNMENT (Matrix Section)

- Connect the test jig to the MONSTERMAT input as shown in Fig. 1. Apply
   a 1 kHz, +4 dBm signal to the jig. The dbx noise reduction switch should
   be OUT.
- Set the jig switch to center (OFF). Confirm that the output voltage (measured across + and -) is identical to the input voltage.
- 3. Set the jig switch to IN PHASE. Confirm that the LEFT IN terminals now have double the input voltage, and that the RIGHT IN terminals now have little or no signal.
- 4. Adjust the RIGHT NULL potentiometer (R3 on the parts location drawing) for minimum signal at the RIGHT IN terminals.
- 5. Set the jig switch to OUT OF PHASE. Confirm that the RIGHT IN terminals now have double the input voltage, and that the LEFT IN terminals now have little or no signal.
- 6. Adjust the LEFT NULL potentiometer (R4 on the parts location drawing) for minimum signal at the LEFT IN terminals.
- 7. Set the jig switch to center (OFF).

#### RECORD ALIGNMENT (dbx cards)

- 8. Measure the output voltage at the RIGHT IN terminals of the rear panel, while switching between dbx IN and OUT. Adjust the rear dbx card #3 REC LEVEL control until the output level remains constant while switching. This is an approximate adjustment which will be repeated after the distortion alignment.
- 9. Set the jig switch to OUT OF PHASE. Adjust the front dbx card #4 REC LEVEL control until the output level remains constant while switching. Again, this is an approximate adjustment.
- 10. Connect a jumper from pin 16 to pin 18 on dbx card #4.
- 11. Turn the jig switch to center again, and connect a distortion test set or (preferably) a selective voltmeter or spectrum analyzer to the RIGHT IN terminals. Adjust the rear dbx card #3 VCA SYM control for minimum distortion.
- 12. Set the signal generator frequency to 80 Hz. Adjust the rear dbx card #3 RMS SYM control for minimum distortion. It may be necessary to increase the input signal level if distortion cannot be nulled, and to reduce it again after the adjustment has been made.
- 13. As the results of steps 11 and 12 are interactive, repeat them for minimum distortion. Then repeat steps 8 and 9 to compensate for level changes during distortion adjustment.
- 14. Remove jumper from dbx card #4 (see step 10).
- 15. Set the jig switch to OUT OF PHASE. Repeat steps 11, 12 and 13 for the front dbx card #4.
- 16. Set the jig switch to IN PHASE. With the dbx switch IN, adjust the front dbx card REC LEVEL control for an output null at the RIGHT IN output (Monstermat terminals #10 and 11). This ensures that the dbx card levels are precisely set.

#### REPRODUCE ALIGNMENT (Matrix Section)

- Connect the test jig to the MONSTERMAT input as shown in Fig. 1. Apply a 1 kHz, +4 dBm signal to the jig. The dbx noise reduction switch should be OUT.
- Set the jig switch to center (OFF). Confirm that the output voltage (measured across + and -) is TWICE the input voltage.
- 3. Set the jig switch to IN PHASE. Adjust the RIGHT NULL pot (R1 on the parts location diagram) for minimum signal at the RIGHT OUT terminals #10 & 11.
- 4. Set the jig switch to OUT OF PHASE. Adjust the LEFT NULL pot (R2 on the parts location diagram) for minimum signal at the LEFT OUT terminals  $\#7 \ \epsilon \ 8.$

REPRODUCE ALIGNMENT (dbx cards)

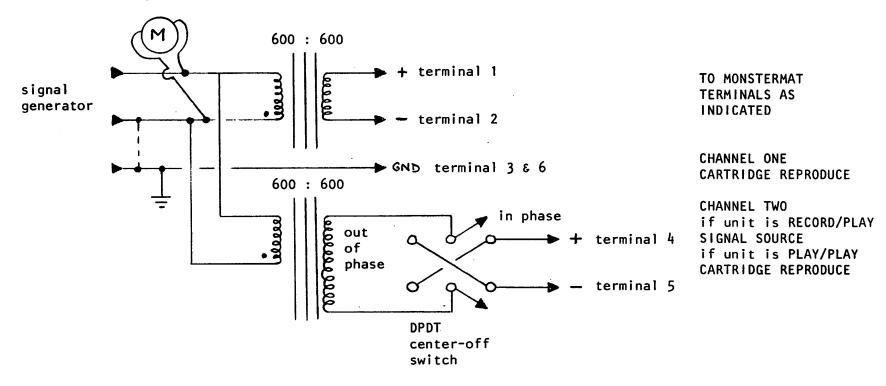
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- 5. Set the jig switch to center (OFF). The rear dbx card is associated with the RIGHT OUT terminals, the front dbx card is associated with the LEFT OUT terminals. Switching between dbx IN and OUT, adjust both dbx PLAY LEVEL controls so that the output levels remain constant. This is an approximate adjustment.
- 6. Leaving the jig switch OFF, successively connect the distortion meter as in step 11 above to the two outputs, and adjust the dbx card VCA SYM controls for minimum distortion.
- 7. Set the signal generator to 80 Hz, and successively adjust the dbx card RMS SYM controls for minimum distortion.
- 8. Repeat steps 6 and 7 until no further adjustment is necessary. Then repeat step 5.

This completes the alignment of the MONSTERMAT analog section. It will only be necessary to repeat this alignment procedure if a dbx card is changed.

NOTE: There are no controls or adjustments for the power supply and control sections.

The two red LED's in the power supply section indicate that the power supplies are active, as they are special voltage-sensing devices, and will extinguish should power fall much below 15 V. They are not capable of detecting AC ripple, so if hum is present or suspected, an oscilloscope should be used to check.



#### ALIGNMENT TEST SET-UP PROCEDURE

Note: When signal generator levels are referred to in the alignment instructions, these levels are read at the meter directly at the output of the signal generator.

It may be necessary to readjust the generator for the proper level if the Monstermat has the optional 600 ohm resistor installed on the inputs and the generator has a non-zero output impedance.

Figure 1.

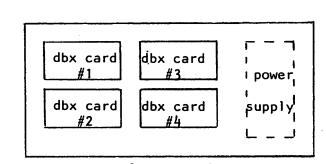
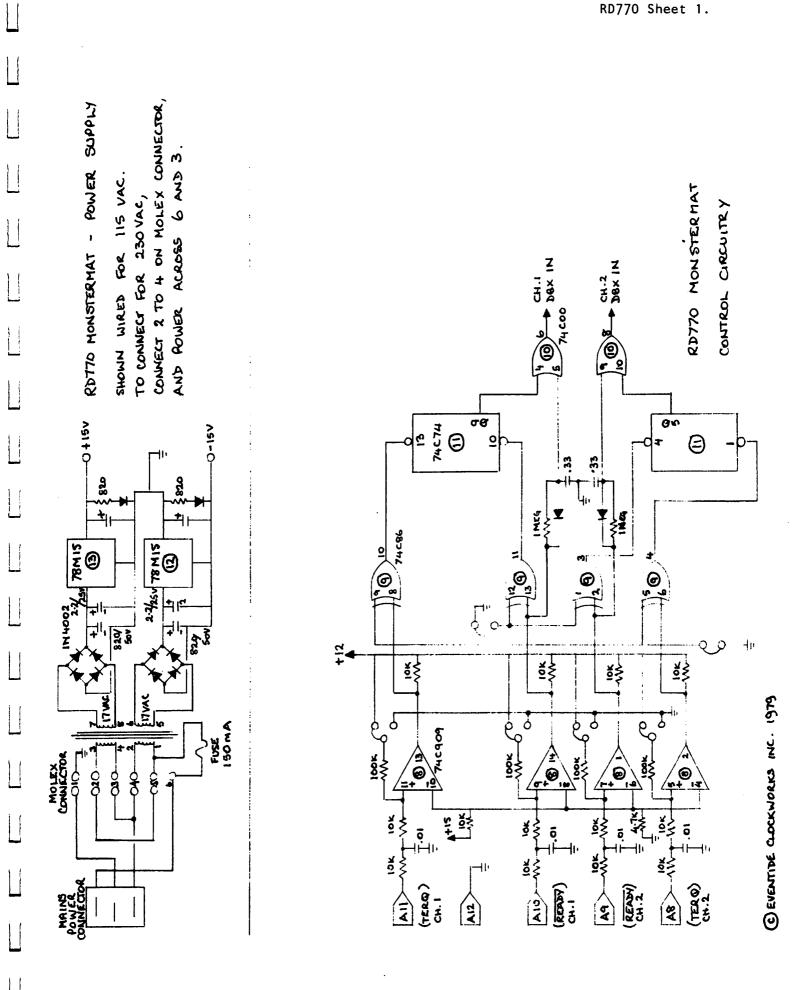


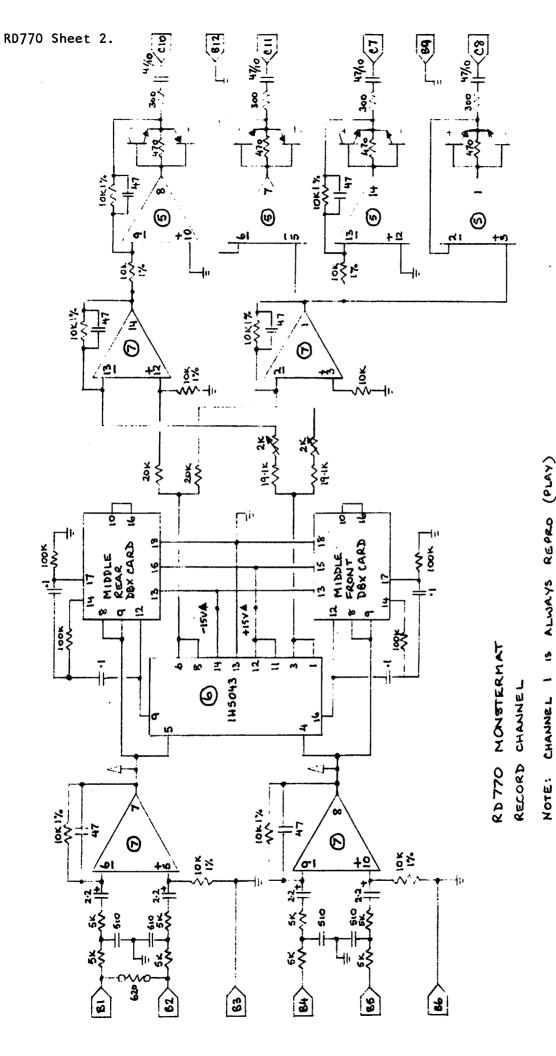


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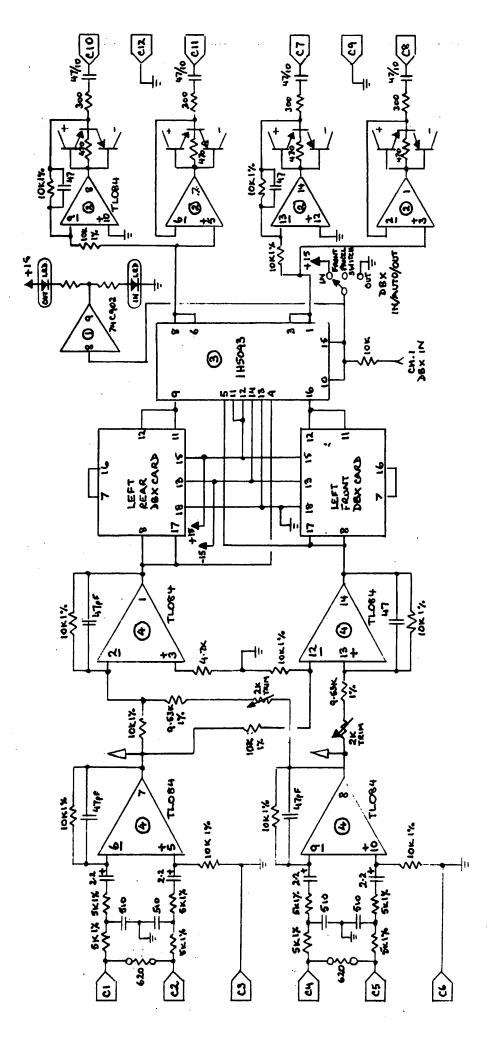
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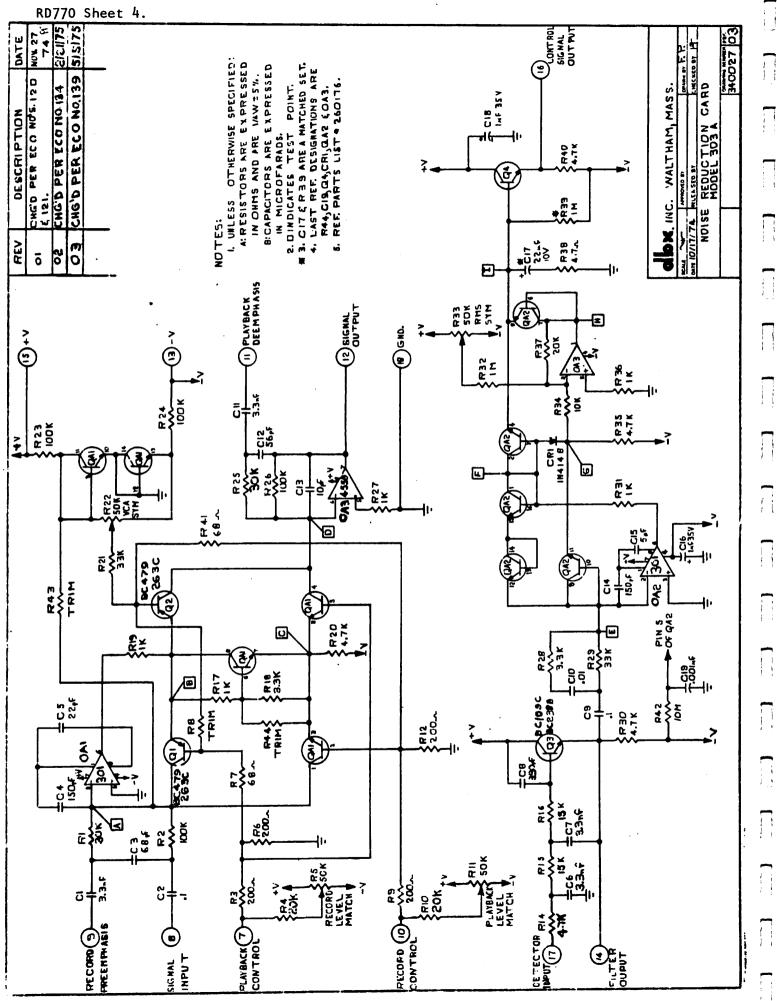
REPRO CHANNEL

NOTE: CHANNEL I IS ALWAYS REPRO (PLAY) IF CHANNEL 2 IS REPRO, THEN IN THE ABOVE DIAGRAM READ IC NUMB40S

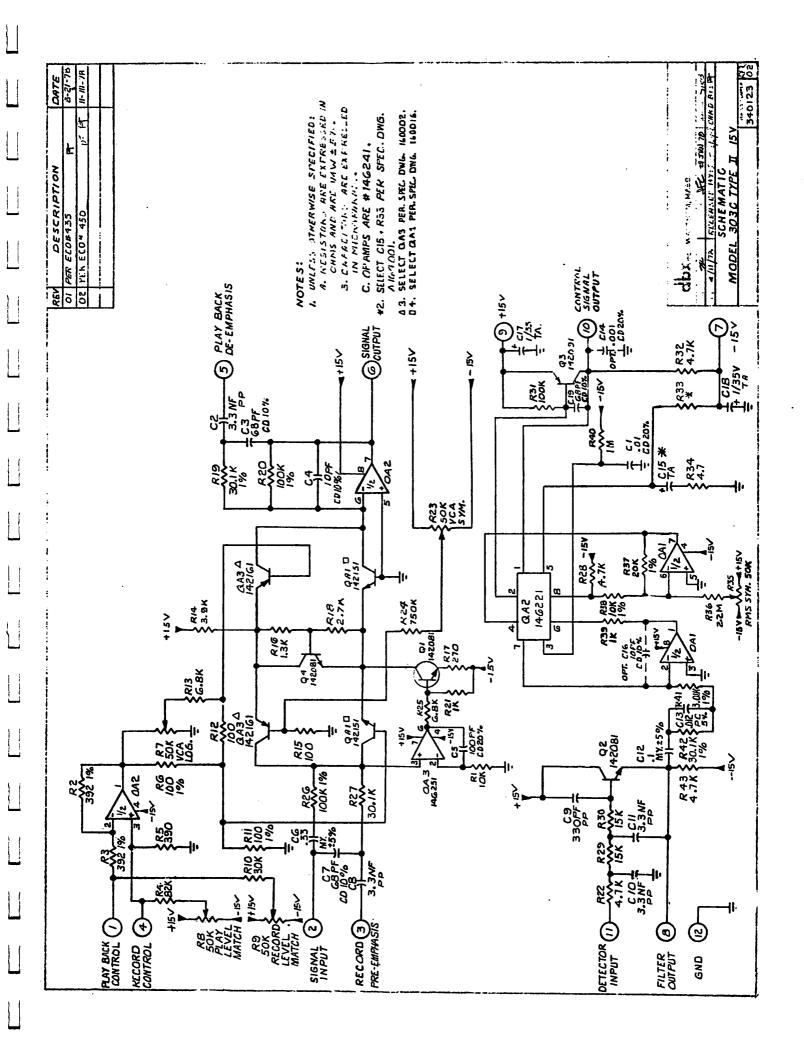
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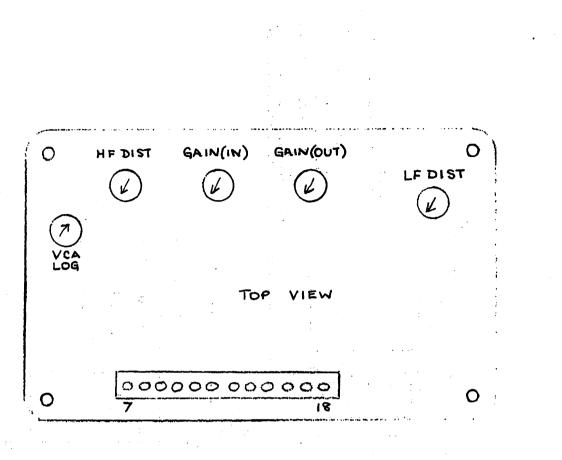
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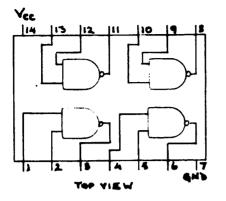
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dbx model 303c Compander Card

#### APPENDIX

#### Integrated Circuits used in RD770 Monstermat

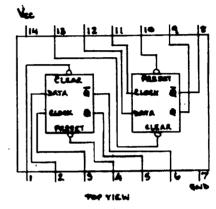


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Quad 2-input NAND gate

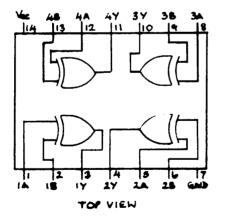
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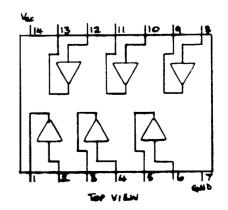
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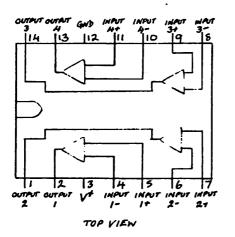
Quad 2-input EXCLUSIVE-OR gate

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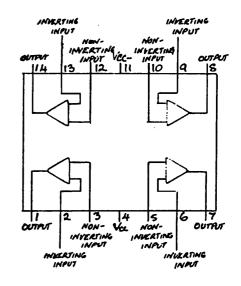
Quad Comparator

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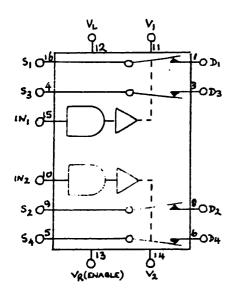
JFET-Input Quad Operational Amplifier

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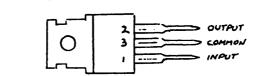


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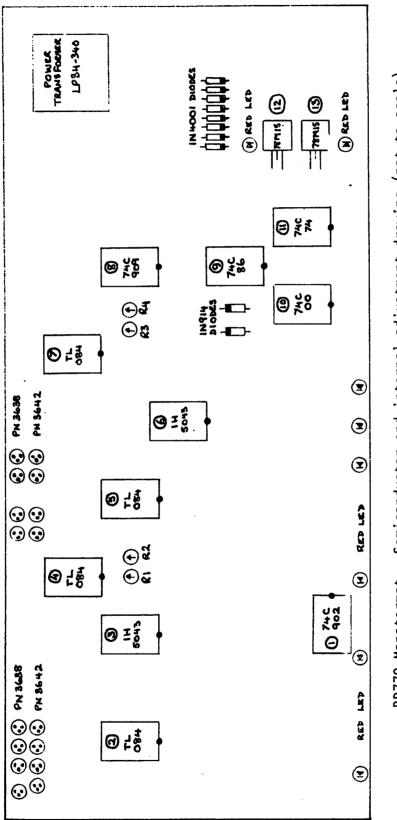
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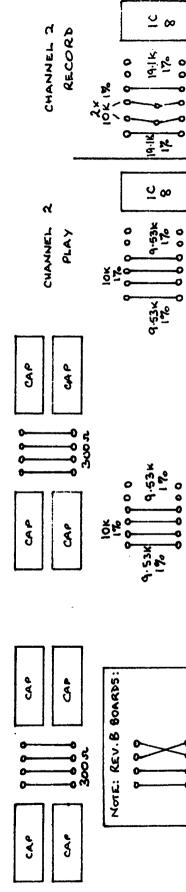
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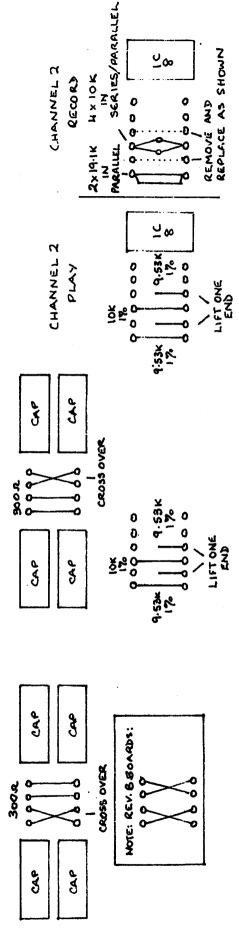
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