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RECORDERS

N4 307/00/15/17/19



TECHNICAL DATA

| | |
|---|---|
| Tape speed | : 9 cm/sec \pm 2 % |
| Mains voltages | : 110 - 127 - 220 - 245 V |
| Power consumption | : approx. 40 W |
| Output power | : 2 W |
| Frequency range | : 60 - 14.000 c/s |
| Max. reel diameter | : 18 cm...7" |
| Number of tracks | : 4 |
| Weight | : approx. 7 kg |
| Sensitivity microphone + Radio | : 200 μ V - 2 k Ω |
| gramophone | : 100 mV - 1 M Ω |
| Premagnetising frequency | : approx. 60 kc/s |
| Output impedance additional loudspeaker | : 8 Ω and 4 Ω , switchable |
| Output voltage line output | : 750 mV...20 k Ω |
| Loudspeaker | : 4822 240 20035 (8 Ω) |
| Microphone | : EL 1980 or N8 207 |
| Connection lead for mono recording/playback | : EL 3768/10 |
| Transistors and diodes | : 2 x BC149 or BC109 - preamplifier 2 x BC148 or BC108 - preamplifier 1 x AC187/01 - driver transistor 1 x AC187/AC188 - output transistor pair 1 x AC125 (HAM1) - detector for modulation indicator 1 x BC107 - oscillator 2 x BY126 - mains rectifier |

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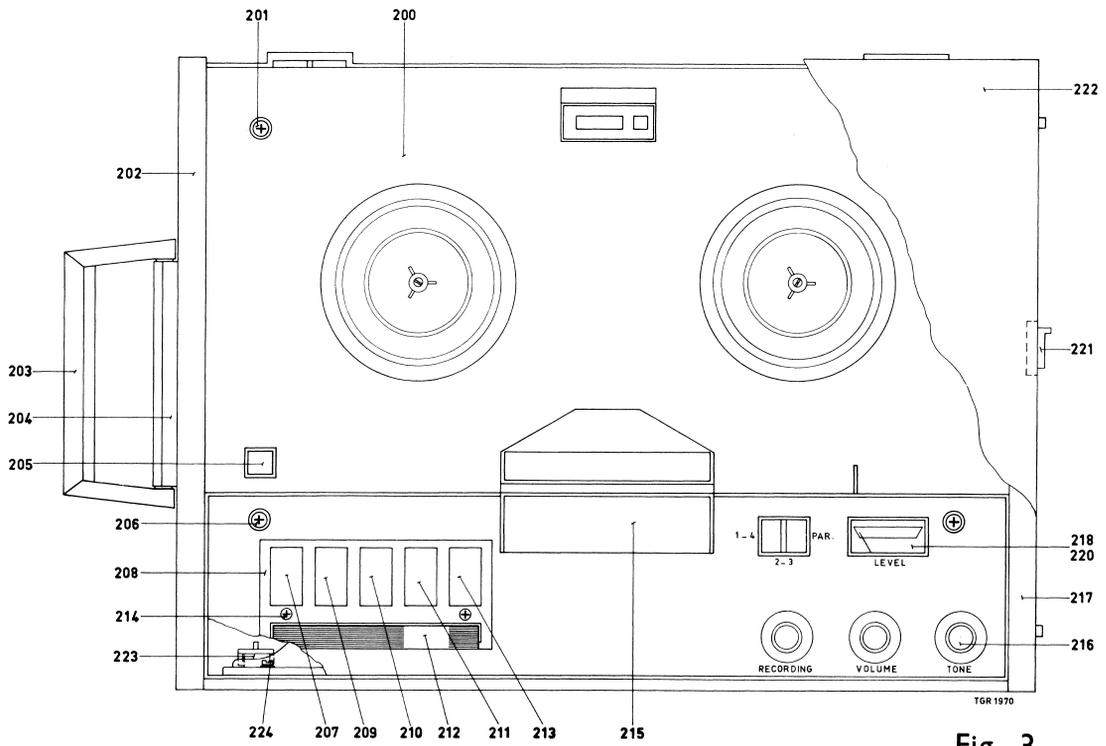


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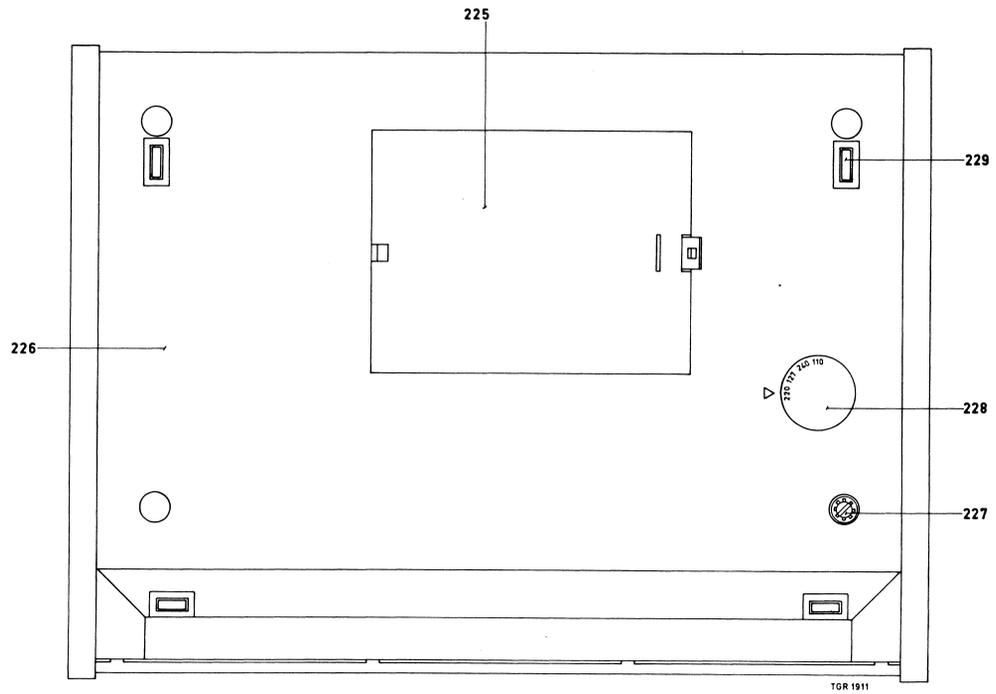


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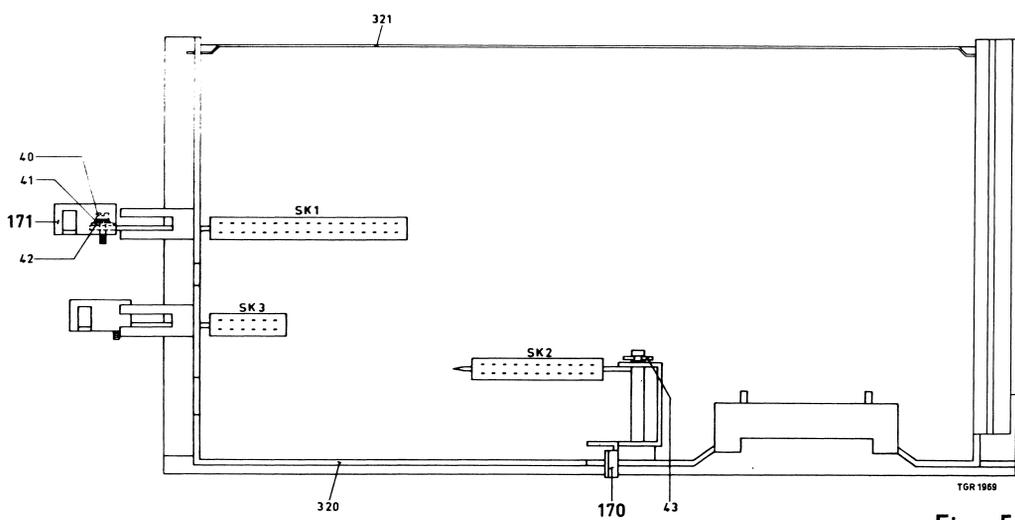


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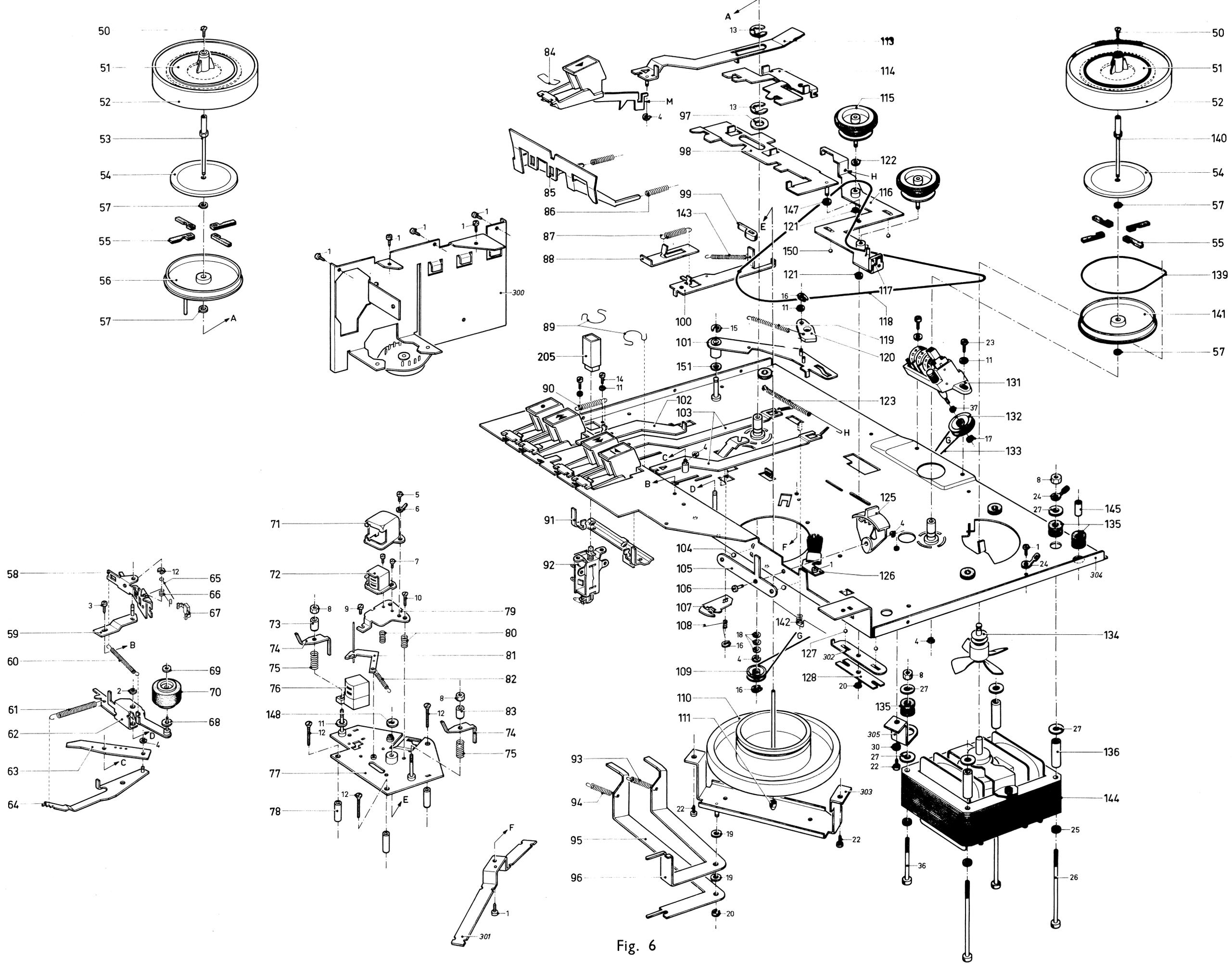


Fig. 6

LIST OF ELECTRICAL PARTS

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Mains voltage selector | | 4822 272 10079 |
| Print switch SK1 | | 4822 277 30389 |
| Print switch SK2 | | 4822 277 30388 |
| Print switch SK3 | | 4822 277 30391 |
| Switch SK5 | | 4822 277 20067 |
| Connection plate with BU4 and BU1 | | 4822 267 20098 |
| Potentiometer | R443 - 10 kΩ log. | 4822 101 30204 |
| Potentiometer | R445 - 2.2 kΩ log. | 4822 101 30202 |
| Potentiometer | R447 - 47 kΩ log. | 4822 101 30185 |
| Preset potentiometer | R441 - 22 kΩ | 4822 100 10086 |
| Preset potentiometer | R442 - 22 kΩ | 4822 100 10086 |
| Preset potentiometer | R446 - 1 kΩ | 4822 100 10021 |
| Preset potentiometer | R448 - 100 Ω | 4822 100 10073 |
| Transformer | T1 | 4822 145 30066 |
| Oscillator coil | T3 | 4822 157 50578 |
| Correction coil | T4 | 4822 156 10325 |
| Loudspeaker | L.S. | 4822 240 20035 |
| Lamp LA (without print) | | 4822 134 40032 |
| Fuse Z1 | | 4822 252 20001 |
| Modulation meter ME | | 4822 347 10033 |
| C737-100 μF-16 V | | 4822 124 20078 |
| C741, C744-220 μF-16 V | | 4822 124 20082 |
| C760, C769-330 μF-16 V | | 4822 124 20153 |
| C753, C768, C755-680 μF-40 V | | 4822 124 20413 |
| C748-33 μF-40 V | | 4822 124 20087 |
| C727-68 μF-16 V | | 4822 124 20377 |
| C764-150 μF-6.3 V | | 4822 124 20387 |
| C734, C740-2.5 μF-64 V | } 8.2 Ω - 0.6 W | 4822 124 20095 |
| C742, C752, C756, C761, C762 | | |
| R576-NTC-47 Ω | | 4822 116 30077 |
| R577-2.2 Ω-2 W | | 4822 113 60028 |
| R578 | } 8.2 Ω - 0.6 W | 4822 112 10052 |
| R579 | | |
| R581 | | |
| R582 | | |

ELECTRICAL ADJUSTMENTS AND MEASUREMENTS

All measurements have been carried out at a mains voltage of 220 V \pm 1 % - 50 c/s.

Playback amplifier

Setting of the output transistors, see Fig. 21

By means of potentiometer R448 the current through the output transistors should be adjusted to 5 - 7 mA. This can be measured by adjusting the voltage across emitter resistors R582 or R581 to approx. 25 mV.

Measuring the sensitivity, see Fig. 23

Set loudspeaker switch SK5 to 8 Ω and replace the loudspeaker by an 8 Ω - 3 W resistor (code number 4822 112 20052).

Depress playback button (Fig. 1).

Apply a 28 mV - 1000 Hz signal to measuring point MP1 (for tracks 1-4) and MP2 (for tracks 2-3) via a 22 kΩ resistor.

The following sensitivities should then be measured:

A. Loudspeaker output: Turn the volume and the tone control fully clockwise. The voltage across the 8 Ω resistor should then be 470 - 800 mV.

B. Line output: Turn the volume and the tone control fully anti-clockwise. The voltage at the line output, BU1 point 3 or 5 should then be 45 - 80 mV.

Frequency response, see Fig. 23

Measured at the loudspeaker output

Replace the loudspeaker by an 8 Ω resistor.

Turn the volume and the tone control fully clockwise.

Apply a 1000 Hz signal to test points MP1 and MP2 (for tracks 1-4 and 2-3 respectively); this signal should have such an amplitude that the voltage across the 8 Ω resistor is 244 mV. When the frequency is varied the voltages measured should be as given below.

Measured at the line output

The volume control should be turned fully anti-clockwise when measuring the frequency response at the line output. Apply a 1000 Hz signal to test points MP1 and MP2 (for tracks 1-4 and 2-3 respectively); the amplitude of the signal should be so that a voltage of 77.5 mV is present at the line output BU1, point 3 or point 5.

When the frequency is varied the following voltages should be measured.

| Frequency | Voltage at loudspeaker output | Voltage at line output |
|-----------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 125 Hz | 975 mV | 387 mV |
| 1000 Hz | 244 mV | 77.5 mV |
| 6300 Hz | 153 mV | 52 mV |
| 12,500 Hz | 136 mV | 47 mV |

Recording amplifier

Sensitivity of the recording amplifier via BU1 (Fig. 24)

- . Depress only the recording button and set the track selector to position 1-4 (2-3).
- . Apply a 1000 Hz-85 mV signal to record-player input BU1, point 3 according to Fig. 24.
- . Set the radio recording volume control to maximum.
- . Set the playback volume control to minimum.
- . The voltage at testpoint MP1 (MP2) should be 2.2 - 3.8 mV.

Adjusting the bias current

When adjusting the bias current a compromise should be found between frequency response and distortion. At too small a bias current distortion will arise and at too large a current the treble notes will be attenuated. The bias current causes a voltage drop across resistor R528 or R527 of 10 - 25 mV (target value 18 mV) and should be adjusted so, by means of potentiometers R441 and R442, that just no distortion is audible. Optimum adjustment can be obtained by alternately making a test recording and changing the setting of R441 for tracks 1-4 and that of R442 for tracks 2-3.

Checking indicator ME

- . Depress the recording button only.
- . Set the track selector to position 1-4 (2-3).
- . Apply a 1000 Hz signal to the rec. player input BU1, point 3.
- . Set the volume control to maximum.
- . Adjust the output voltage so that a voltage of 3 mV is present at test point MP1 (MP2).
- . The pointer of the indicator should be set exactly on the separation between red and black by means of potentiometer R446.
- . When the input signal is now removed, the meter may have a max. pre-deflection of 1 mm due to the bias current.

Overall frequency response

- . Depress the recording button only.
- . Via a 22 k Ω resistor apply a 1000 Hz signal to the radio input, BU1 point 1, so that the voltage at test point MP1 (MP2) is 0.3 mV.
- . Now keep the input voltage constant.
- . Next, record some frequencies at this constant input voltage between:
60 Hz and 14,000 Hz
- . During playback, the output voltages measured at radio output BU1, point 3 or 5 at the various frequencies should not differ more than a factor 2.

Adjusting correction coil T4 (only necessary when the coil is replaced)

- . Depress the recording button.
- . Apply a 1000 Hz signal to rec. player input BU1 point 3 the amplitude of the signal should be so that a voltage of 0.775 mV is pressed at test point MP1 (for tracks 1-4) and MP2 (for tracks 2-3).
- . Set the recorder to position 9, 5 cm/sec.
- . Adjust the input frequency to 14 kHz.
- . The coil should be adjusted so that the output voltage at the test point increases to 3.5 mV.
- . Lockpaint the coil with cellulose lacquer.

Transistor voltages and currents

Connect the recorder to a voltage of 220 V \pm 1 %, 50 c/s and measure with a multimeter of 20,000 Ω /V.
Switch the recorder to playback.
During the measurements to TS10 the recorder should be set to recording.

| TS | Collector | Emitter | Base |
|----|-----------|---------|--------|
| 2 | 1 V | - | 0.35 V |
| 3 | 1.7 V | 0.2 V | 0.7 V |
| 4 | 6 V | 0.7 V | 0.8 V |
| 5 | 9 V | 1.4 V | 1.8 V |
| 6 | 11.2 V | 1.4 V | 1.5 V |
| 7 | - | 11.3 V | 11.2 V |
| 8 | 21 V | 11.4 V | 11.6 V |
| 9 | - | - | - |
| 10 | 10 V | 0.75 V | - |

Capacitor

| | |
|------|-------|
| C737 | +10 V |
| C744 | +12 V |
| C751 | +25 V |
| C755 | +21 V |
| C760 | +13 V |

Stage sensitivities

Depress the playback or recording button only.

Playback: Apply a 1000 Hz - 30 mV signal to MP1 (for tracks 1-4) and MP2 (for tracks 2-3) via a 22 k Ω resistor. The sensitivities indicated below should then be measured.

Recording: Apply a 1000 Hz - 70 mV signal to radio input BU1, point 1 via a 1 M Ω resistor. The following sensitivities should then be measured.

| | Playback | | Recording | |
|------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Base | Collector | Base | Collector |
| TS2 | 0.03 mV | 6.5 mV | 0.25 mV | 5.5 mV |
| TS3 | 2.5 mV | 4 mV | 5 mV | 5 mV |
| TS4 | 2.5 mV | 22 mV | 4.5 mV | 150 mV |
| TS5 | 22 mV | 45 mV | 140 mV | 1200 mV |
| TS6 | 1.5 mV | 1000 mV | - | - |
| TS7 | 1000 mV | - | - | - |
| TS8 | 1000 mV | - | - | - |
| TS10 | - | - | 7500 mV | 6200 mV |
| L.S. | 630 mV | - | - | - |

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| R | 566. | 562.563. | 550.559.529. | 538.542. | 565. | 527. | | 532. | | | 540. | 569.570. | 585.582.571. | | | |
| | 446. | 561.549. | 558. | 553.551. | 557.526. | 539. | 528. | 443. | 441. | 442. | 445. | 578. | 574. | 447. | | |
| C | 766. | 756. | 758. | 759. | 741. | 740. | 734.739. | 760. | 749. | 727. | 753. | 728. | 755. | 764. | | |
| | 761. | 737. | 746. | 747. | 726. | | | 751. | | 731. | 730. | 733. | 768. | 763. | 765. | |
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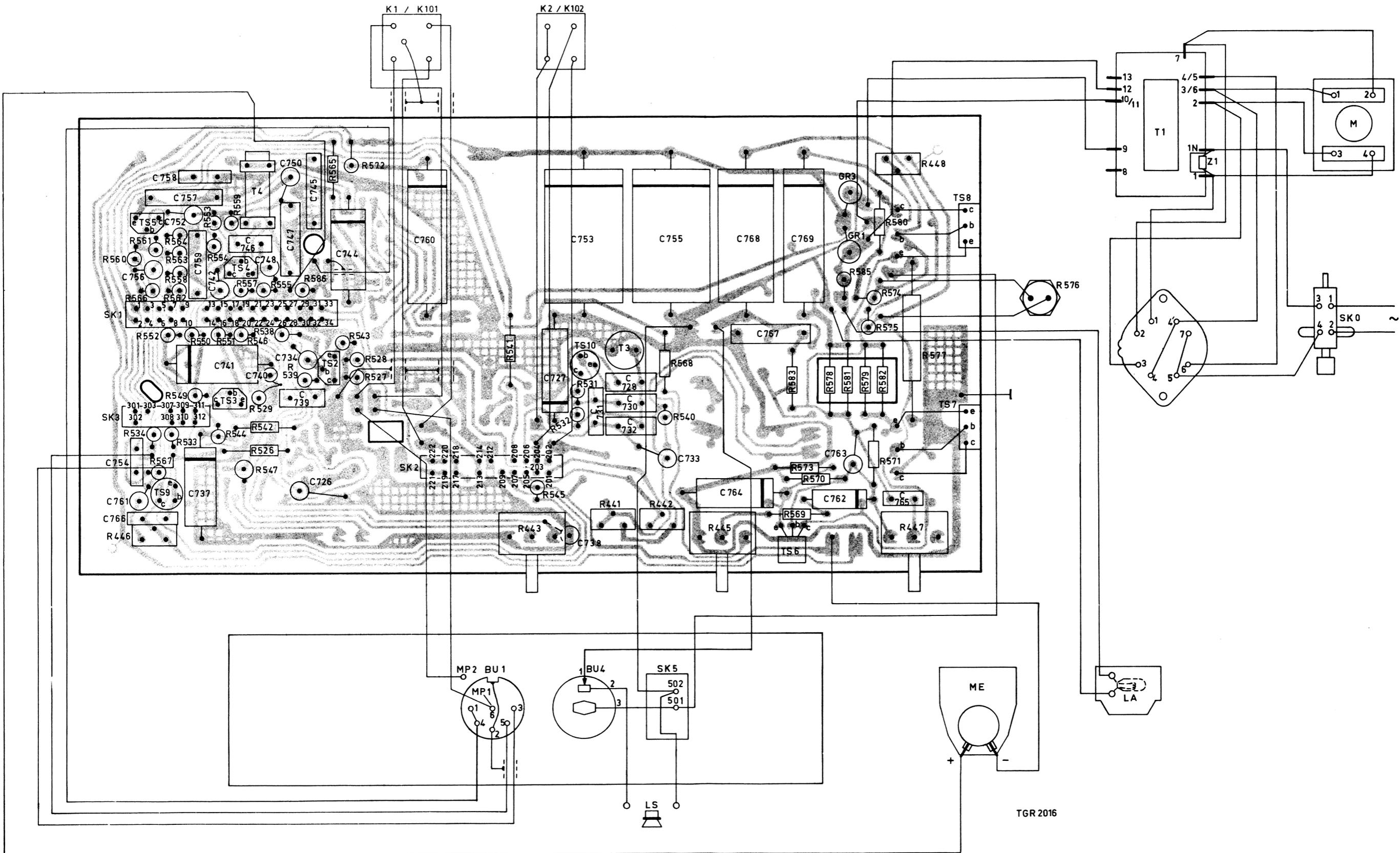


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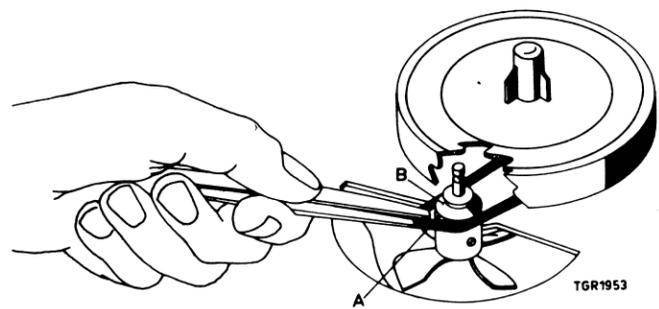


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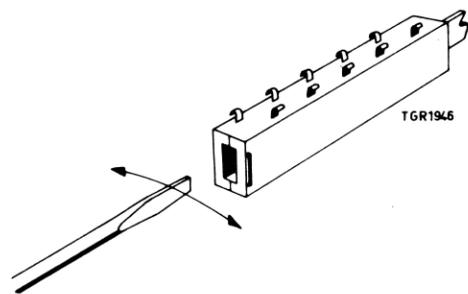


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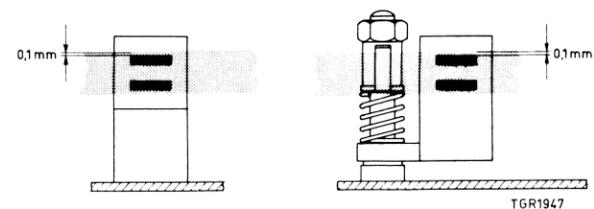


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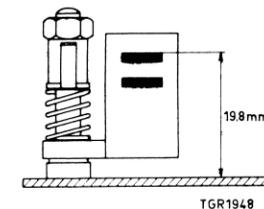


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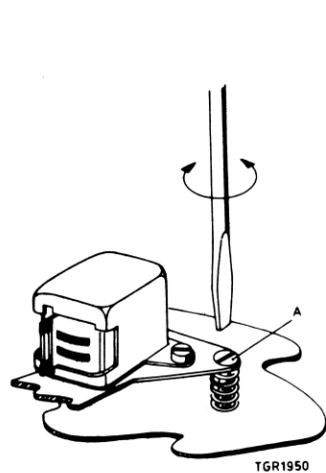


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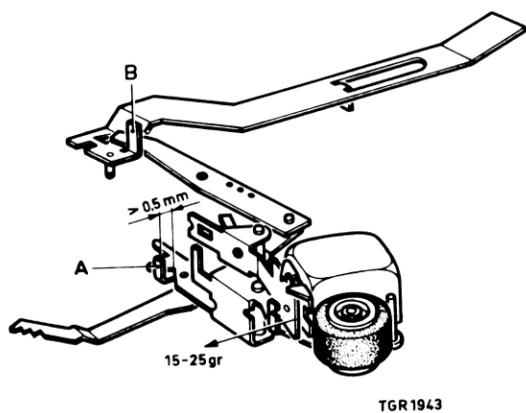


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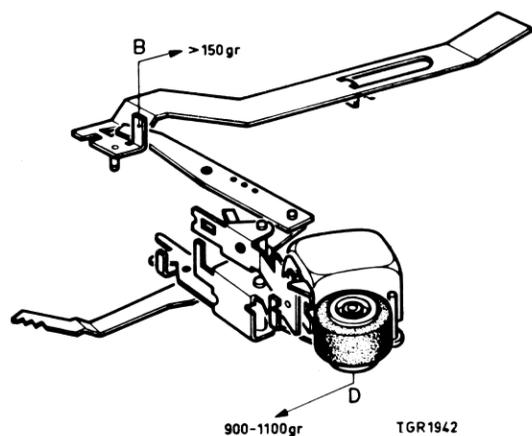


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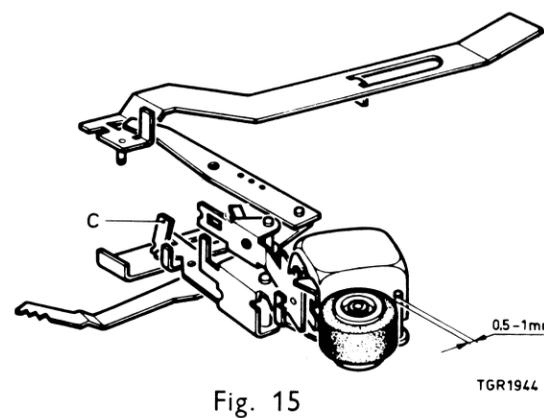


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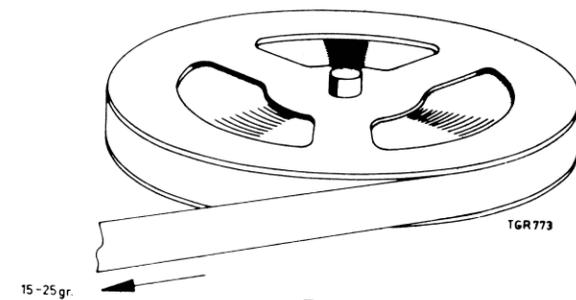


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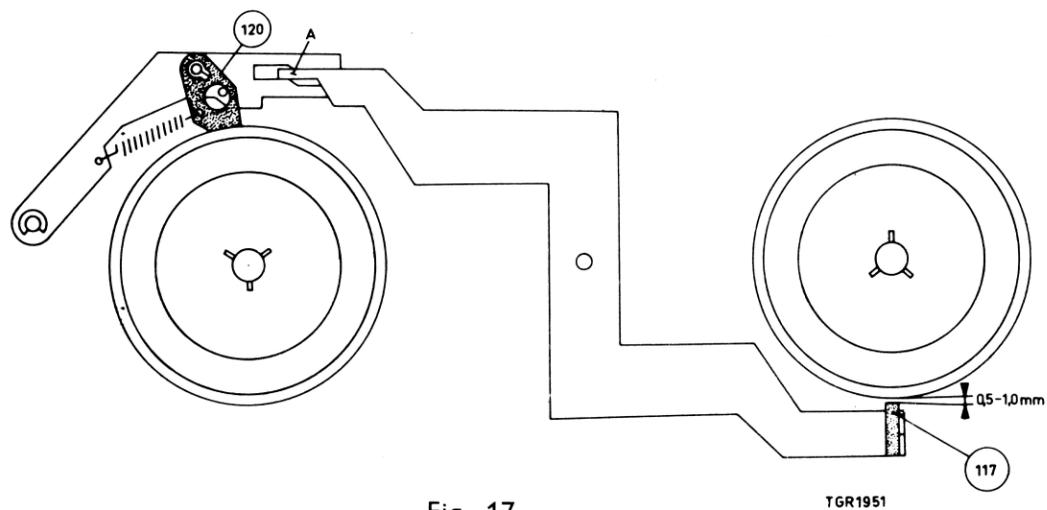


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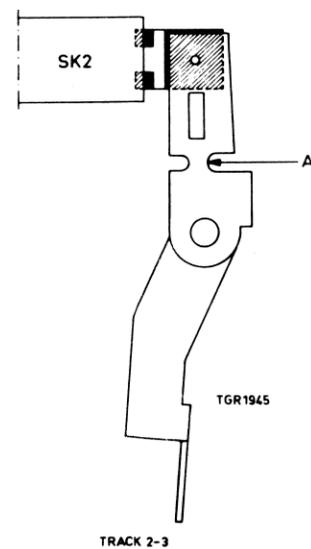


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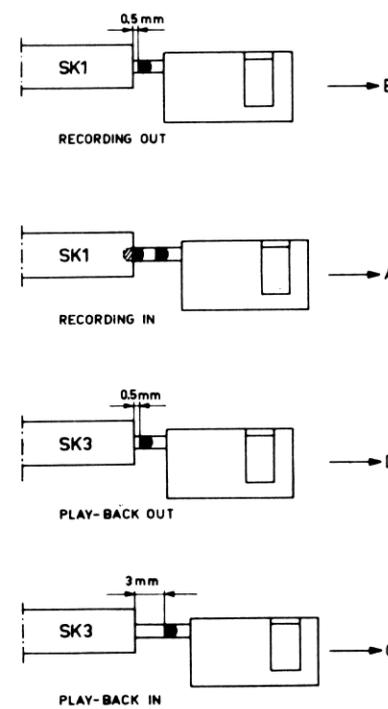
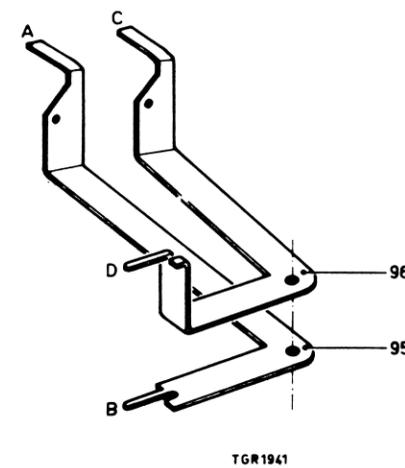


Fig. 19



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MAINTENANCE (Fig. 6)

After approx. 500 hours of operation it is advisable to clean the recorder, and if necessary, to lubricate it and to replace tape pressure felt item 67.

Clean with methylated spirits or alcohol (Fig. 6)

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| tape guides | item 73 and item 83 |
| erase head | item 76 |
| rec./playback head | item 72 |
| capstan | item 110 |
| contact surface of pressure roller | item 70 |
| cord | item 118, 139 and item 133 |
| motor pulley | item 134 |
| cord grooves of pulleys | item 115 |
| cord groove of flywheel | item 110 |
| friction discs | item 54, item 56 and item 141 |
| brake blocks | item 99, item 120 and item 117 |
| brake surfaces of turntables | item 52 |
| cord brush | item 126 |

Lubricate with I-7 (4822 390 10018)

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| motor bearings | item 144 |
|----------------|----------|

Lubricate with Shell Tellus 33 (4822 390 10006)

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| spindles of turntables | item 53 and item 140 |
| spindles of pulleys | item 115 |
| pressure roller spindle | item 62 |
| flywheel shaft | item 110 |

In the case of replacement the above components should also be lubricated.

Lubricate with lubricant 10 (4822 390 10003)

Contact surfaces of various brackets with respect to each other and with mounting plate.

Lubricate with Shell Alvania 2 (4822 390 20001)

Balls item 150 of brake bracket item 116.

Removing the cabinet (Fig. 3)

- . Remove stop button item 212. This can be simply slid up.
- . Remove buttons item 216.
- . Remove the four screws item 201 and item 206 from the cover plate.
- . Disconnect the earthing tag at the top plate and remove the top plate.
- . Disconnect the loudspeaker terminals.
- . The chassis can then be removed from the cabinet.

Conversion from 50 c/s to 60 c/s (Fig. 7)

- . Remove the cabinet.
- . Place the drive cord into groove B of the motor pulley item 134 with the aid of pliers or tweezers.

Conversion from 60 c/s to 50 c/s (Fig. 7)

- . Replace the 60 c/s motor by a 50 c/s motor, code number 4822 361 70133.
- . Remove the cabinet.
- . Place the drive cord into cord groove A of motor pulley item 134 with the aid of pliers or tweezers.

REPAIR HINTS

Hinging out the printed circuit board (Fig. 5)

Set the recorder to position "STOP".
Detach the wire form from mounting bracket item 301.
Loosen the 4 screws with which the printed circuit board is secured to the mechanism.
The circuit board can now be hinged out.

For the correct position of the print slide switches, see Figs. 18 and 19.

Replacing turntable, item 52 Fig. 6

- . For this the cabinet need not be removed.
- . Loosen screw item 50.
- . The turntable can now be removed.

Note: The mounted turntable should have an axial play of 0.1 - 0.3 mm.

Replacing the control buttons, Fig. 6

Note: Under the code numbers stated in the list of mechanical parts the control buttons are supplied complete with appertaining brackets.

- . Remove bracket item 85 of the stop button by first pressing it back and then lifting it up.
Ensure that the springs, item 86, which are slid onto the ends of the bracket do not pop away.
- . Remove wire spring item 84.
- . Straighten the bent tag "M" of the bracket of the button to be replaced or cut it off.
- . The button with bracket can now be removed.

Removing the "Pause" button, Fig. 6

- . Bend the tags of the bracket on which the button is fitted slightly apart.
- . Remove spring item 87.
- . When bracket item 100 is pressed back the button with bracket can be removed.

Replacing the erase head, item 76 Fig. 9

For the erase head a different type may be supplied.
In recorders marked WR--- the erase head can be replaced without any further measures.
In recorders marked AH--- the screw at the left of the erase head should be loosened, after which the head can be removed.
The new erase head should be fitted underneath the lefthand tape guide. The correct height of the erase head can be adjusted by inserting shims, code number 4822 532 30095 underneath the head around the tape guide, see Fig. 9.
For the correct adjustment of the erase head see "Mechanical adjustments".

Replacing the recording/playback head, Fig. 6

Loosen the screw, item 5, of the head screening.
Also loosen screws item 7 of the head mounting plate.
The head can be removed after unsoldering the head connections.

Replacing the print switches, Fig. 8

- . Prize the switch open with a screwdriver.
- . Unsolder the contact springs from the old switch.
- . Fit the new switch.

Replacing the flywheel, Fig. 6

- . Loosen the screws item 22.
- . Remove bracket 303 with the command brackets from the print switches, item 95 and item 96.
- . Detach wire support item 301.
- . The flywheel can now be removed.

Replacing cord item 139 of the righthand turntable, Fig. 6

- . Loosen screw item 50
- . Remove the turntable
- . The cord can now be removed

Removing plug plates, Fig. 6

- . The connection plate can be easily removed by pressing it outwards. For this the spring-loaded tags of the connection plate should be depressed.

Note: It is also possible to replace one or more connection tags of the plug:

- . Cut off the old tag at the rear close to the plug and remove the tag via the front.

- . Insert the new tag from the outside.
- . The tag can now be pulled in completely with the aid of pliers. It should then be turned a quarter turn.

There are 3 different connection tags:

A code number 4822 268 20032

B code number 4822 268 20034

C code number 4822 268 20033

Tag A is used at points 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of BU1 and point 3 of BU4. It is also used for test point MP2.

Tags B+C are used for the switch on the plug connection.

It is also used for points 1 and 2 of BU4.

It is recommended to replace tags B + C simultaneously.

MECHANICAL ADJUSTMENTS

Tape path adjustments

Adjusting erase head, Fig. 10

In recorders marked AH... the erase head is fixed and need not be adjusted. In recorders marked WR... and in recorders with a replacement head, the height of the head can be adjusted. The clearance between the head mounting plate, item 77, and the top edge of the upper head core should be 19,8 mm. This can be adjusted by inserting shims underneath the tape guides to which the erase head is secured in these recorder. The code number of the shims is 4822 532 30095.

Adjusting tape guides, Figs. 9 and 6

The lefthand tape guide should be adjusted so that the upper core of the erase head protrudes 0.1 mm above the tape. Fig. 9.

The righthand tape guide should be adjusted so that the tape runs freely from the reel on the righthand turntable in the playback and the winding position and no loops are formed between the capstan and the tape guide.

Height adjustment of the recording/playback head, Fig. 6

- . Insert a tape in the recorder
- . Set the recorder to playback
- . With the aid of screws item 9 and item 10 adjust the head so that the tape shows no backlash at the tape guide of the recording/playback head.

Adjusting the air gap of the rec./playback head, Figs. 6 and 11

- . Insert a 10.000 Hz test tape (code number 4822 397 30004) in the recorder.
- . Set the recorder to playback.
- . Connect a valve voltmeter to the line output, points 5 or 3 of BU1.
- . Adjust for max. output voltage with screw A.
- . After the adjustment lockpaint screw A with cellulose lacquer.

Adjusting the pressure roller unit, Figs. 13, 14 and 15

In position playback the pressure roller lever item 62 should be at least 0.5 mm clear of its stop point A.

This can be adjusted by bending tag B of bracket item 64, see Fig. 13.

In this position screening bracket item 58 of the rec./playback head should press against screening item 71 of the head with a force of min. 20 g, see Fig. 13. If necessary, replace spring item 60.

In position playback the pressure roller force should be 900 to 1100 g, measured at point D of bracket item 62, see Fig. 14.

If necessary, replace spring item 61.

The residual force of the pressure roller bracket when switching over from position playback to position stop, should be min. 150 g measured at point B of playback bracket item 113, see Fig. 14.

In position "Pause" the pressure roller should be 0.5 - 1 mm clear of the capstan and run in parallel with the latter. This can be adjusted by bending tag C on bracket item 88, see Fig. 15.

Adjusting winding rollers item 115, Fig. 6

In the wind or rewind position the winding rollers should be positioned 0.1 - 0.5 mm above the lower edge of the turntables. If required, insert shims underneath winding roller item 122, Fig. 6.

Checking the winding process, Fig. 16

The winding time of 360 m of LP tape should be \leq 180 secs. The counter friction should be 15 to 25 g at the reel which is being unwound.

The winding friction should be 15 to 25 g.

Both friction forces depend on the reel diameter.

Adjusting the brakes Fig. 17

- . Set the recorder to the stop position.
- . Press the brake shoe, item 120, to the left as shown in Fig. 17.
- . Bend tag A so that in this position of the brake shoe, item 120 the clearance between the righthand turntable and brake shoe item is 0.5 - 1 mm.

Adjusting the print switches, Fig. 18 and Fig. 19.

- . Tilt the recorder on its front side.
- . Ensure that the print cannot be damaged.

Adjusting the track selector, Figs. 18 and 5

- . Bend the switch bracket item 170 so that the slide of the print switch in position 2-3 of the track selector knob is positioned as shown in Fig. 18.

Adjusting the recording switch, Figs. 19 and 5.

- . Set the recorder to position recording.
- . Bend the tags of switch bracket item 95 so that the slide of the print switch is in the positions shown in Fig. 19.

Adjusting the playback switch, Figs. 19 and 5

- . Set the recorder to the stop position
- . The slide of the print switch should now be in the positions as shown in Fig. 19.
- . This can be adjusted by bending the tags on switch bracket, item 96.

REPAIR HINTS

| Symptom | Cause | Remedy |
|---|--|---|
| 1. Recorder does not function at all | 1. a. Fuse in mains transformer blown b. Mains lead/plug interrupted c. Mains switch defective | 1. a. Trace fault and replace fuse b. Check with ohmmeter c. Replace mains switch |
| 2. Mechanical section does not function | 2. a. Cord or cords run off b. Motor defective | 2. a. Refit or replace cord(s) b. Check motor bearings or replace motor |
| 3. Fast winding impossible | 3. Winding idler slips on right-hand turntable | 3. Degrease with methylated spirits or alcohol or replace idler |
| 4. Fast rewinding impossible | 4. Rewinding idler slips | 4. Degrease with methylated spirits or alcohol. |
| 5. Brakes do not work or only poorly so | 5. a. Brake shoe greasy or worn b. Brake adjustment no longer correct | 5. a. Degrease with methylated spirits or replace. b. Readjust |
| 6. Recorder does not record | 6. a. Defect in amplifier b. Rec./playback head with shorted winding c. Premagnetising current too large | 6. a. Locate and repair fault b. Replace head c. Readjust premagnetising current |
| 7. Recorder does not play back | 7. Fault in amplifier | 7. Locate and repair fault. |
| 8. Wow | 8. a. Drive cords greasy b. Irregular winding friction of righthand turntable c. Pressure roller runs heavily d. Capstan bent e. Counter has too much friction | 8. a. Clean with methylated spirits or replace b. Clean friction or, if necessary, replace felt ring c. Replace pressure roller and spindle d. Replace flywheel e. Clean or replace counter |
| 9. Tape forms loops after switching to playback | 9. Winding friction of righthand turntable defective | 9. a. Clean friction b. Clean or replace cord c. Replace felt friction ring |
| 10. Recorder produces noise during playback | 10. a. Fault in amplifier b. Rec./playback head magnetised | 10. a. Locate and repair fault b. Switch the recorder a few times on and off in position "recording" |
| 11. Distortion during recording | 11. a. Tape not pressed properly against record/playback head b. Premagnetising current too small c. Fault in amplifier | 11. a. Check relevant pressure felt b. Readjust premagnetising current c. Locate and repair fault |
| 12. Tape is not wound taut enough during fast rewinding | 12. Friction of righthand turntable too small | 12. a. Check cord for elongation (replace, if necessary) b. Clean friction. If necessary, replace brake blocks of friction |
| 13. The tape is not wound sufficiently taut during fast forward winding | 13. Friction of lefthand turntable too small | 13. a. Check cord for elongation (replace if necessary). b. Clean friction, if necessary replace brake blocks of friction |
| 14. Irregular playback | 14. a. Pressure felt of rec./playback head worn b. Tape dirty c. Slit in tape guide of rec./playback head d. Rec./playb. head dirty | 14. a. Replace pressure felt and check pressure. b. Replace or clean tape with piece of felt c. Replace head and adjust properly d. Clean head with methylated spirits or alcohol |
| 15. Hum during playback | 15. Mu-metal screening bracket not properly positioned against rec./playback head | 15. Bend bracket |
| 16. Tape erased poorly or not at all. | 16. a. Erase head dirty b. Erase head defective c. Fault in amplifier | 16. a. Clean head with methylated spirits or alcohol b. Replace erase head c. Check oscillator |