SERVICE MANUAL

The Fisher

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WORLD LEADER IN HIGH QUALITY STEREO
REQUIRED TEST EQUIPMENT

The following equipment is required to completely test and align modern high-fidelity amplifiers, tuners, and receivers.

- Line Voltage Autotransformer or Voltage Regulator
- DC Vacuum Tube Voltmeter
- Accurately Calibrated AC Vacuum Tube Voltmeter
- Oscilloscope (IFlat to 100 kHz Minimum)
- Low-Distortion Audio (Sine Wave) Generator
- Intermodulation Distortion Analyzer
- Harmonic Distortion Analyzer
- 2 – Load resistors, 8-Ohms, 100 Watt (Minimum Rating)
- AM/FM Signal Generator
- 10.7 MHz Sweep Generator
- Multiplex Generator (preferably with RF output)
- 455 kHz Sweep Generator
- Ferrite Test Loop Stick
- 2 – Full Range Speakers for Listening Tests
- Stereo Source – Turntable, Tape Recorder, etc.
- Soldering Iron with Small Tip, Fully Insulated from AC Line
- Suction Desoldering Tool

CAUTION: This precision high-fidelity instrument should be serviced only by qualified personnel, trained in the repair of transistor equipment and printed circuitry.

Many of these items are included only as a reminder — they are normal procedures for experienced technicians. Shortcuts may be taken, but these often cause additional damage to transistors, circuit components, or printed circuit boards.

SOLDERING: A well-tinned, hot, clean soldering iron tip will make soldering easier, without causing damage to the printed circuit board or the components mounted on it. Regular use of a sponge cleaner will maintain a clean soldering surface. The heat available at the tip, (not the wattage of the iron) is important. Some 50-watt irons reach temperatures of 1,000°F, while others will only mildly melt solder. Small-diameter tips should be used for single solder connections, pyramid and chisel tips for larger areas.

Always disconnect the AC power cord from the line when soldering. Turning the power switch OFF is not sufficient. Power-line leakage paths, through the heating element of the iron, may destroy transistors.

PARTS REMOVAL: If a part is not being returned for warranty factory replacement, it may be cut in half (with diagonal cutting pliers) to make removal easier. Multiple terminal parts, such as IF transformers, or electrolytic capacitors, should be removed using special de-soldering tips made especially for this purpose. Removing solder from terminals, reduces the possibility of breaking the printed circuit board when the part is removed.

ACCIDENTAL SHORTS: A clean working area, free of metal particles, screws, etc., is an important preventive in avoiding servicing problems. Screws, removed from the chassis during servicing, should be stored in a box until needed. While a set is operating, it takes only an instant for a base-to-collector short to destroy a transistor (and others direct-coupled to it). In the time it takes for a dropped machine screw, washer, or screwdriver, to contact a pair of socket terminals (or terminal and chassis), a transistor can be ruined.

SOLID-STATE DEVICES: Integrated Circuits contain the equivalent of many circuit parts, including transistors, diodes, resistors, and capacitors. The preferred troubleshooting procedure requires isolating the trouble to one stage using AC signal tracing methods. Once the suspected stage is located, the DC voltages at the input and output leads are measured to give an accurate indication of the operating conditions of the IC. DO NOT use an ohmmeter to check continuity with the IC mounted on the printed circuit board. Forward biasing the internal junctions within the IC may burn out the transistors. Do not replace a defective IC until all external resistors, capacitors, and transformers are checked first, to prevent the replacement IC from failing immediately due to a defect in the connecting components. Solder and unsolder each lead separately using a pliers or other heat sink on the lead to prevent damage from excessive heat. Check that the leads are connected to the correct locations on the printed circuit board before turning the set on.

Whenever possible, a transistor tester should be used to determine the condition of a transistor or diode. Ohmmeter checks do not provide conclusive data, and may even destroy the junction(s) within the device.

Never attempt to repair a transistor power amplifier module until the power supply filter-capacitors are fully discharged.

If an output or driver transistor becomes defective (opens or shorts), always check ALL direct-coupled transistors and diodes in that channel. In addition, check the bias pot., and other parts in the bias network, before installing replacement transistors. All output and driver transistors in one channel may be destroyed if the bias network is defective. After parts replacement, always check the bias adjustment for specified idling current.

In some applications, replacement of transistors must be made from the same beta group as the original type. The beta group is indicated by a colored marking on the transistor. Be sure to include this information when ordering replacement transistors.

When mounting a replacement power transistor, be sure the bottom of the flange, mica insulator, and the surface of the heat sink, are free of foreign matter. Dust and grit will prevent flat contact, reducing heat transfer to the heat sink. Metallic particles can puncture the insulator, cause a short, and destroy the transistor.

Silicone grease must be used between the transistor and the mica insulator, and between the mica and the heat sink, for best heat transfer. Use Dow-Corning DC-3, or an equivalent compound made for power transistor heat conduction.

Use care when making connections to speakers and output terminals. To reduce the possibility of shorts, lugs should be used on the exposed ends, or stranded wire should be tinned to prevent frayed wire ends. Current in the speakers and output circuitry is quite high — poor contacts, or small sized wire, can cause significant power losses in the system. For wire lengths greater than 30 feet, 16 AWG, or heavier, should be used.

VOLTAGE MEASUREMENTS: All voltages are measured with the line voltage adjusted to 120 volts. All measured voltages are ±10%. DC voltages are measured to ground with a VTM, with no signal input unless otherwise noted. AC signal voltages are measured under the conditions specified on the schematic.

ALIGNMENT PROCEDURES: DO NOT attempt realignment unless the required test equipment is available, and the alignment procedure is thoroughly understood.

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DIAL STRINGING

1. Remove the two dial lamp holders from their mounting clips.
2. Remove the dial pointer from the dial cord.
3. Rotate the tuning capacitor drive-drum fully CW. Loosen the START screw. See detail, Figure 1.
4. Tie end of dial cord to one end of spring. Fasten spring to START screw and tighten screw.
5. Run the dial cord through the slot in the rim of the drive-drum, pull cord taut and make one turn CW around drum.
6. Guide dial cord around pulley "A", across the front of the chassis and over the top of pulley "B".
7. Pull dial cord taut and wrap 2 turns CW around the tuning shaft. See detail, Figure 1.
8. Guide the dial cord under pulley "C" and around pulley "D".

9. Rotate the drive-drum fully CCW, allowing the cord to wind onto the drive-drum. Dial cord must be kept taut during this procedure.
10. Guide the cord under the drive-drum and under the FINISH screw. See detail, Figure 1. Draw cord taut; tie cord around the screw and tighten the screw.
11. Turn the tuning shaft fully CW and CCW to distribute the tensioning along the dial cord.
12. Install dial lamp holders.
13. Place the dial cord over and under the tabs on the rear of the dial pointer (see detail), and place the pointer on the top of the dial glass panel.
14. Turn the tuning shaft fully CCW. Slide dial pointer to zero (0) calibration mark on the logging scale while holding tuning shaft fully CCW. Cement dial pointer to dial cord to prevent slippage. Allow cement to thoroughly dry.
REPLACING DIAL LAMPS

CAUTION: When removing dial lamps, avoid hitting the dial cord with lamp holders.
(1) Remove left hand dial lamp mounting clip from front panel by squeezing the clip. Remove lamp and shield from holder. Install shield and new lamp in holder and install mounting clip in front panel.
(2) Rotate right hand dial lamp housing 90° CCW. Remove lamp and shield from holder. Install shield and lamp in holder. Rotate holder 90° CW.

REPLACING STEREO BEACON LAMP

(1) Remove the two top clips holding the dial glass and remove the glass.
(2) Disconnect the STEREO BEACON lamp leads at the terminal strip. Note wiring.
(3) Remove STEREO BEACON assembly from front of panel.
(4) Reverse procedure to install new lamp assembly.
HARMONIC DISTORTION TEST

CAUTION:
(A) Measure the power of one channel at a time.
(B) Limit measurements to 10 minutes.
(C) Use a load resistor with a minimum rating of 50 watts. Set BASS and TREBLE controls to NORMAL. Set SELECTOR switch to AUX. Depress MAIN SPEAKERS switch. Unplug AC power cord.
(1) Connect a low-distortion sine-wave generator to the LEFT AUX IN jack. Set generator frequency to 1,000 Hz, and output level to minimum.
(2) Connect an 8-ohm load resistor across the L MAIN SPEAKER jack. In parallel with the load resistor, connect the input leads of an HD analyzer and the input leads of an accurately calibrated AC VTVM.
(3) Connect AC power cord and rotate VOLUME control to maximum.
(4) Increase generator level for 12 watts output (9.7 V RMS across 8-ohm load). HD meter should read 1% or less.
(5) Repeat preceding steps for right channel.

REMOVING P.C. BOARDS

To remove a board from its nylon mounts, squeeze the loop of each mounting clip (using pliers), and lift each corner of the board. To remount the board, align the mounting holes over the clips and press firmly.
2067-1 POWER SUPPLY

TRANFORMER

AMP OUTPUT
R L

+30 V

120 VAC

POWER SWITCH

+42 V

FUSE

AUTO SHUTOFF

120 VAC

AC PHONO PLUG CONNECTIONS

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P2067
(10) Set generator frequency and dial pointer accurately to 900kHz. Modulate generator with 400Hz, ±75kHz deviation. Bend oscillator coil L3 for maximum amplitude at P5.

(11) Set generator frequency and dial pointer accurately to 106MHz. Adjust oscillator trimmer TC3 for maximum amplitude at P5.

(12) Repeat steps (10) and (11) for maximum sensitivity and accurate dial calibration.

(13) Reconnect DC VTVM to P5. Set generator level to 1 mV. Tune receiver to generator frequency (106MHz) for 0 VDC at P5.

(14) Connect AC VTVM and scope to RIGHT RCDR OUT jack. Connect MPX generator composite output to FM generator EXTERNAL MODULATION input. Modulate left and right channels with 400Hz, ±75kHz deviation) and 1kHz pilot (±7.5kHz deviation).

(15) Adjust top cores of L17 and L18 for maximum audio. Note audio level.

(16) Modulate left channel only. AC VTVM should read at least 20 dB below level noted in step (11).

(17) Reconnect AC VTVM and scope to LEFT RCDR OUT jack. Note audio level.

(18) Modulate right channel only. AC VTVM should read at least 20 dB below level in step (13).

(19) Disconnect MPX generator. Set generator output to 20 mV, and modulate with 400Hz, ±75kHz deviation.

(20) Detune generator frequency for +0.5 VDC at P5. Disconnect jumper between P3 and P4 to turn AFC on. DC VTVM should read between ±0.5 and 0 VDC.

(21) Disconnect jumper between P3 and P4. Detune generator frequency for -0.5 VDC at P5. Remove jumper. Meter should read between ±0.5 and 0 VDC. Disconnect test equipment.

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**AM ALIGNMENT**

(1) Set SELECTOR switch to AM. Turn VOLUME control to minimum.

(2) Connect 455kHz sweep generator through 0.1µF to P19. Connect scope through 220k to P6.

(3) Adjust cores of L14, L13, L12 and L10 for maximum gain and symmetry.

(4) Disconnect sweep generator. Connect AM signal generator through 220k to P19. Connect scope and AC VTVM to RIGHT RCDR OUT jack.

(5) Set generator frequency and dial pointer accurately to 500kHz. Modulate generator with 400Hz, 30% modulation. Connect a short jumper between P21 and chassis. Adjust oscillator coil L12 for maximum amplitude.

(6) Disconnect sweep generator. Connect AM signal generator to AM ANTENNA terminal. Tune receiver to generator frequency at 500kHz. Modulate generator with 400Hz, 30% modulation.

(7) Repeat steps (5) and (6) for accurate dial calibration and maximum gain.

(8) Disconnect jumper connection between P21 and chassis. Reconnect AM signal generator to AM ANTENNA terminal. Tune receiver to generator frequency at 500kHz. Modulate generator with 400Hz, 30% modulation.

(9) Shift the waf holding the coil to the ferrite antenna. Shift the coil for maximum audio indication. To secure coil in position, retnet wax.

(10) Tune receiver to generator frequency at 1400kHz. Adjust antenna trimmer TC4 for maximum audio.

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**FM ALIGNMENT**

(1) Set SELECTOR switch to FM. Turn VOLUME control to minimum.

(2) Connect 10.7MHz sweep generator through 1µF to P19. Connect scope through 220k to P6.

(3) Adjust cores of L14, L13, L12 and L10 for maximum gain and symmetry.

(4) Disconnect sweep generator. Connect FM signal generator to P19. Connect scope and DC VTVM to RIGHT RCDR OUT jack.

(5) Set generator frequency and dial pointer accurately to 106MHz. Adjust oscillator trimmer TC3 for maximum amplitude.

(6) Disconnect jumper between P3 and P4 to turn AFC on. DC VTVM should read between ±0.5 and 0 VDC.

(7) Repeat steps (5) and (6) for accurate dial calibration and maximum gain.

(8) Disconnect jumper connection between P21 and chassis. Reconnect FM signal generator to FM ANTENNA terminal. Tune receiver to generator frequency at 106MHz. Modulate generator with 400Hz, 30% modulation.

(9) Shift the waf holding the coil to the ferrite antenna. Shift the coil for maximum audio indication. To secure coil in position, retnet wax.

(10) Tune receiver to generator frequency at 1400kHz. Adjust antenna trimmer TC4 for maximum audio.
2118-4 POWER AMPLIFIER MODULE

CENTER VOLTAGE TEST

Turn VOLUME control to minimum. Depress MAIN SPEAKERS switch.

1. Connect two 8-ohm resistors across the L and R MAIN SPEAKERS jacks; one resistor to each jack.
2. Temporarily connect two 10k ± 1% resistors in series between pins 9T and 9S (on Power Supply board). Connect the common lead of a DC VTVM to the junction of the resistors.
3. Connect the probe of the DC VTVM to pin 85 (on Power Amplifier Module). Meter should read 0 VDC (±2.5 volts).
4. Reconnect the probe of the meter to pin BSS. Meter should read 0 VDC (±2.2 volts).
5. Disconnect the two 10k resistors.

IDLING CURRENT ADJUSTMENT

Turn unit on, and warm up thoroughly (approximately 10 minutes). Turn VOLUME control to minimum.

1. Connect the common lead of a DC VTVM to pin 85 (on Power Amplifier Module). Connect the probe of the meter to pin BAA. Be CAREFUL TO AVOID SHORTING ADJACENT PINS. Meter should read between 10mV and 45mV.
2. If necessary, reset HIGH ADJUST pot. R425 (on Power Amplifier Module). Optimum amplifier performance will be achieved with 15mV setting.
3. Reconnect the common lead of the meter to pin BDD. Reconnect meter probe to pin 8V. Be CAREFUL TO AVOID SHORTING ADJACENT PINS. Meter should read between 10mV and 45mV.
4. If necessary, reset BIAS ADJUST pot. R826.
2118-4 POWER AMPLIFIER MODULE

CENTER VOLTAGE TEST

Turn VOLUME control to minimum. Depress MAIN SPEAKERS switch.

1. Connect two Ohm resistors across the L and R MAIN SPEAKERS jacks; one resistor to each jack.
2. Temporarily connect two 1k ± 1% resistors in series between pins 9T and 55 on Power Supply board. Connect the common lead of a DC VTVM to the junction of the resistors.
3. Connect the probe of the DC VTVM to pin 85 on Power Amplifier Module. Meter should read 0 VDC 1±2 volts.
4. Reconnect the probe of the meter to pin BDO. Meter should read 0 VDC ±1.2 volts.
5. Disconnect the two 1k resistors.

IDLING CURRENT ADJUSTMENT

Turn unit on, and warm up thoroughly (approximately 10 minutes). Turn VOLUME control to minimum.

1. Connect the common lead of a DC VTVM to pin 85 on Power Amplifier Module. Connect the probe of the meter to pin 8A. BE CAREFUL TO AVOID SHORTING ADJACENT PINS. Meter should read between 10nA and 45nA.
2. If necessary, reset BIAS ADJUST pot. RB25 on Power Amplifier Module. Optimum amplifier performance will be achieved with 15nA setting.
3. Reconnect the common lead of the meter to pin BDO. Reconnect meter probe to pin BV. BE CAREFUL TO AVOID SHORTING ADJACENT PINS. Meter should read between 10nA and 45nA.
4. If necessary, reset BIAS ADJUST pot. RB26.