

TMC Low Distortion Oscillator

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Marking: "Recorded 15/11/67"

TMC Ltd, Australia. T.M.C. PTY. LIMITED ACN 007598843 registered 13/4/1960, deregistered 4/7/1985 (Philips TMC appears to have no connection, and was just a shortened name for Philips Telecommunications Manufacturing Company taken on circa 1972)

Transformer may be a replacement, as many unused taps and rectifier output must be full-wave with choke input to provide 23Vdc raw supply, and the rear panel voltage selector was disabled. Otherwise unmodified. Part datecodes suggest circa 1967 manufacture.

Powered from AC or 24VDC or 48VDC. 30Hz to 30kHz in 3 ranges

dBm output meter into 600Ω unbalanced, 600Ω balanced, 40Ω. +20dBm into 600 ohm is 7.32Vrms

power transformer ORION EDT-3 7107

choke A1025-3 dipped with inspection mark; 2.5 ohm DCR; 356mH 25mAdc 1Vac; 234mH 85mAdc 4.4Vac; 165mH 188mAdc 4.7Vac.

Master Instruments 200uA 1000 ohm Model S34 meter

OC24 2R4 AY8104 2N3645 OA7 diode

AY6101 2N3638 BJTs with ferrite beads on legs

Colvern LTC CLV/YB wirewound 5K 1% dual pot (to minimise distortion from signal current)

IRC 500ohm 2W pot C7

IRC Australian 1% resistors

IRC PW5 65 28, 68 1

Bulb R14 18 PR

Caps Ducon 396, 397, 396 Plessey XM76, XG 18

transistor drive transformer 29 22 24

Output transformer - interleaved windings

pcb - X12258 - also shows an inspection mark

Capacitor leakage testing:

68uF 15V C10 5.8uA 14.5V ok; 330uF 6V C9 4uA 6V ok; 330uF 6V C7 1uA 6V ok;

150uF 15V x2 C13 18uA (3+14u) 15V unsure; modern 330uF 35V 4uA replaced

6U8 35V C16 3.3uA 35V ok; 22uF 15V C18 2uA 15V ok;

2,200uF 50V modern 25uA 35V sus; Replacement 2200uF 50V unicon 7uA 35V ;

1000uF 25V 4.5uA 25V ok; 6,800uF 50V 43uA 50V ok;

Mods:

- Front panel LODOS Type B559/1 connector replaced by XLR connector (1: shield, 2: red; 3: white)
 - Shield is isolated from 2, 3, and connected to chassis.
 - 2,3 have 5.7nF capacitance to chassis/shield.

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- My fault caused high dissipation through 107 and 26.4R resistors – replaced.
- 0.22uF cap added across full-wave rectifier output to suppress noise.

Amp output has relatively low distortion across all output settings except distortion rises rapidly above -2 to -1dBm scale (depends on frequency) on the +10dBm level setting (perhaps clipping/overload in ?), and somewhat rises on +20dBm level setting at high scale levels. HD is typically dominated by 2HD and mostly well below 0.1%.

0dBm scale, -20dB level, 0.153Vac, 600Ω unloaded ; 0.0814Vac, 40Ω unloaded.

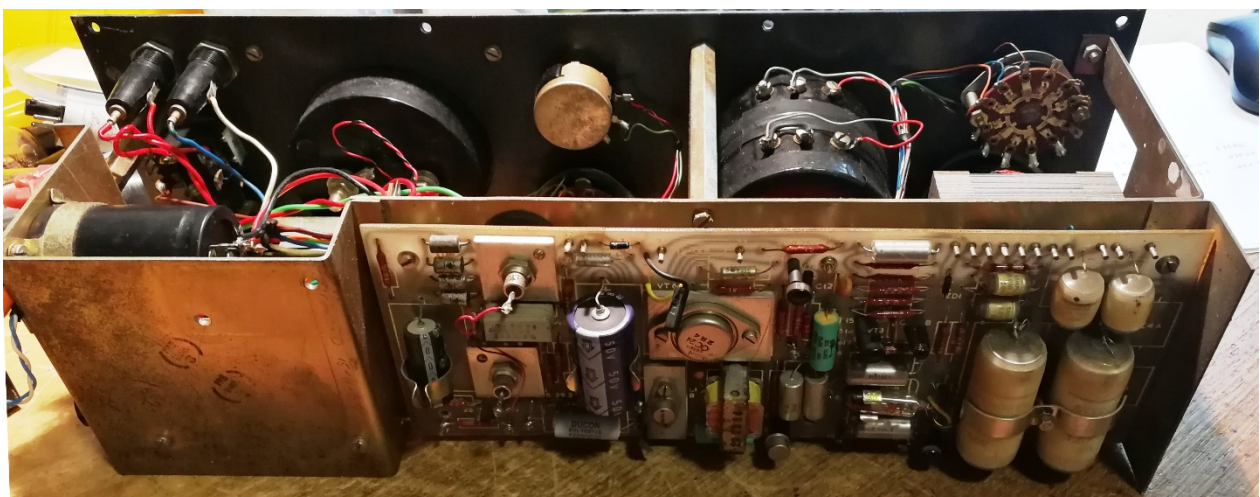
0dBm scale, -10dB level, 0.480Vac, 600Ω unloaded ; 0.256Vac, 40Ω unloaded.

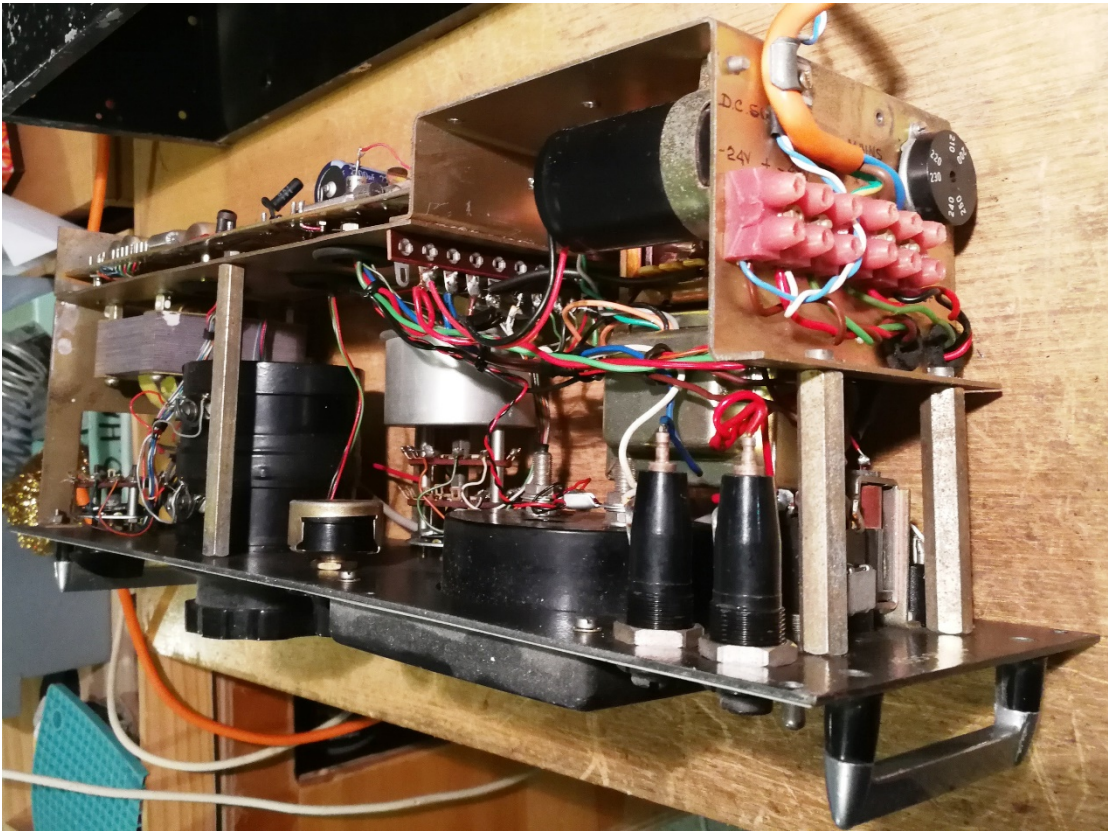
0dBm scale, 0dB level, 1.53Vac, 600Ω unloaded ; 0.814Vac, 40Ω unloaded.

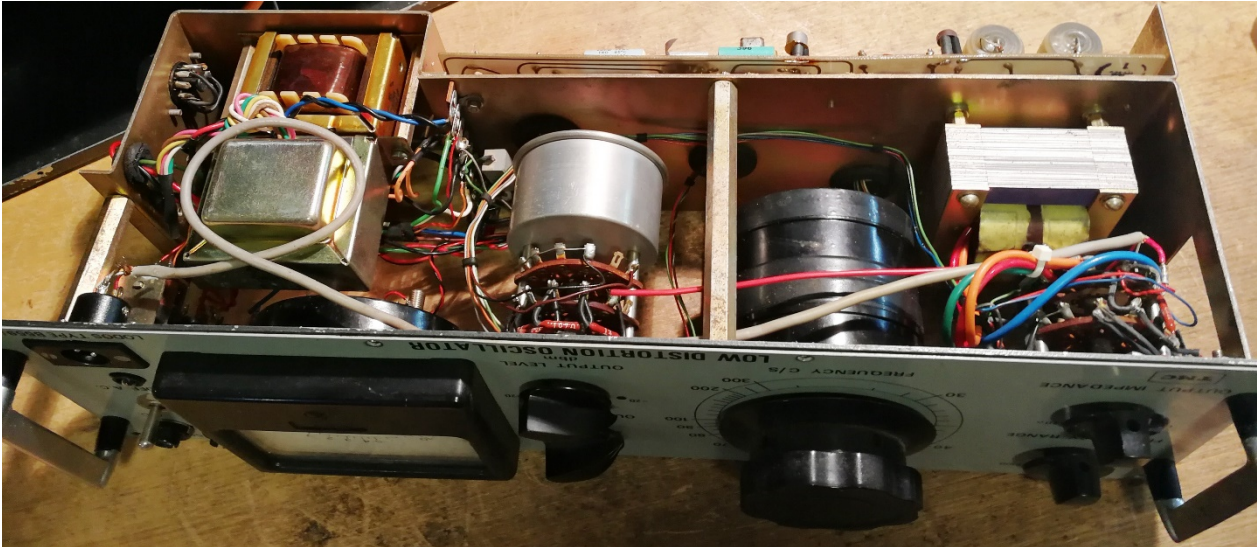
0dBm scale, +10dB level, 4.79Vac, 600Ω unloaded ; 2.56Vac, 40Ω unloaded.

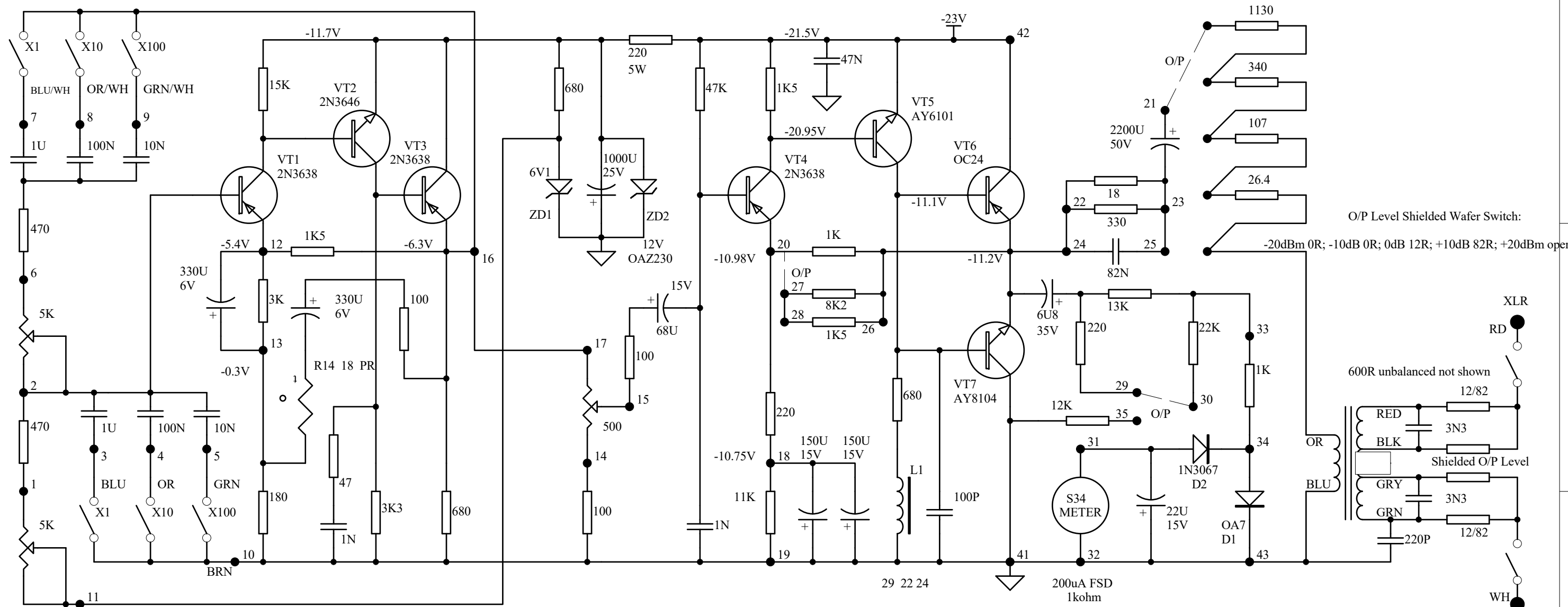
0dBm scale, +20dB level, 15.07Vac, 600Ω unloaded ; 8.02Vac, 40Ω unloaded.

Max output to 600Ω unloaded is 19.0Vac; and 10.1Vac, 40Ω

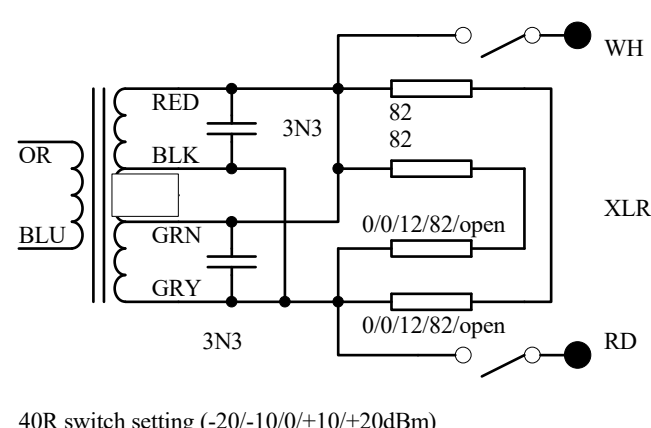
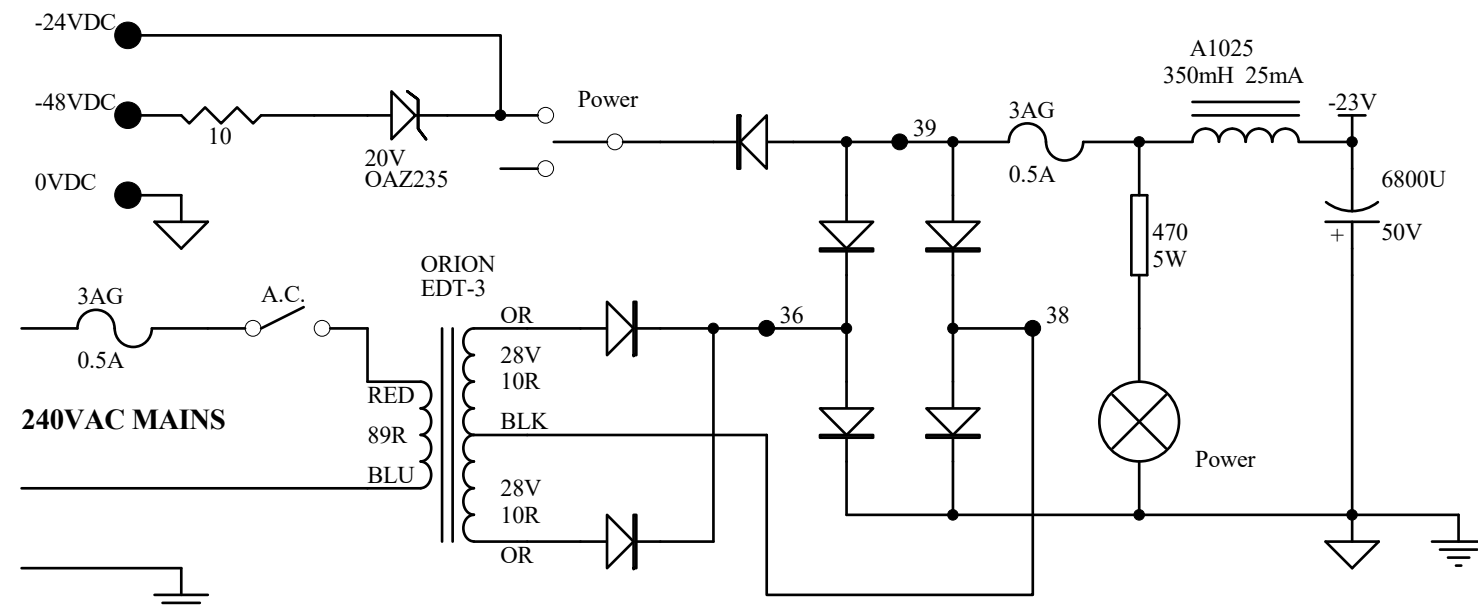
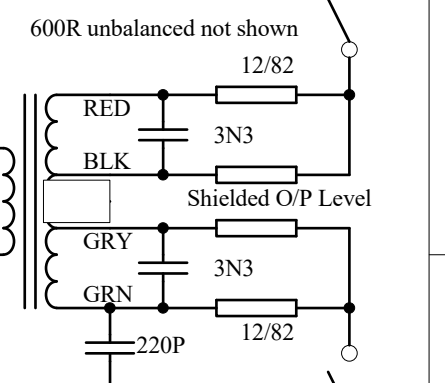




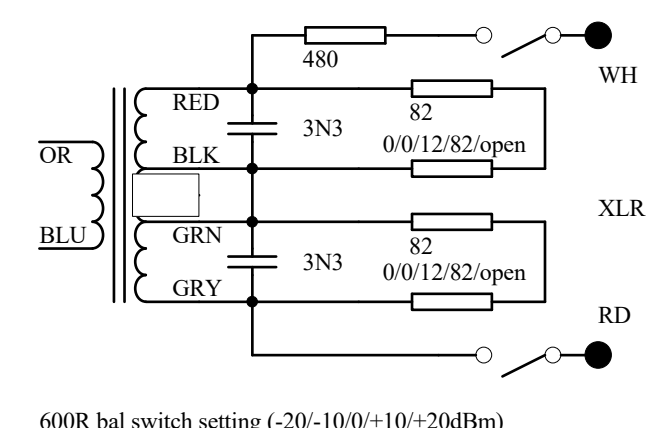




O/P Level Shielded Wafer Switch:
 -20dBm 0R; -10dB 0R; 0dB 12R; +10dB 82R; +20dBm open



40R switch setting (-20/-10/0/+10/+20dBm)



600R bal switch setting (-20/-10/0/+10/+20dBm)

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