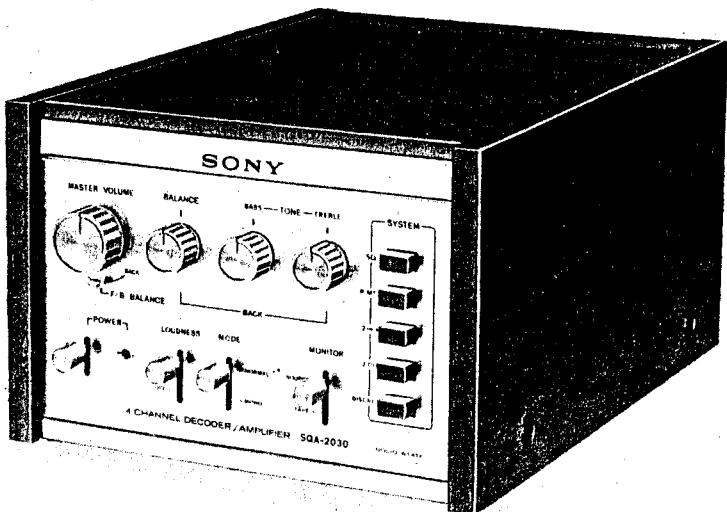


# SQA-2030

USA Model  
Canada Model  
UK Model  
AEP Model



## Original

### SQ DECODER/AMPLIFIER

#### SPECIFICATIONS

##### GENERAL

**Power Requirements:** 110, 127, 220, 240V ac, 50/60 Hz  
(UK, AEP Model)  
120V ac, 60 Hz (USA, Canada Model)

**Power Consumption:** 170W (UK, AEP Model)  
70W (USA Model)  
110W (Canada Model)

**AC Outlets:** One unswitched, 300W

**Dimensions:** Approx. 226 (w) x 156 (h) x 307 (d) mm  
 $8\frac{7}{8}$  (w) x  $6\frac{1}{8}$  (h) x  $12\frac{1}{8}$  (d) inches  
Including projecting parts and controls

**Weight:** Approx. 6.9 kg, 15 lb 3 oz (net)  
Approx. 8.5 kg, 18 lb 12 oz  
(with shipping carton)

##### POWER AMPLIFIER SECTION (BACK CHANNEL)

###### Continuous RMS

**Power Output:** Both channels driven simultaneously  
(rated output) At 20–20,000 Hz  
(Less than 0.8% harmonic distortion) 18 + 18W (8Ω)  
According to DIN 45500 (UK Model)  
20 + 20W (8Ω)  
25 + 25W (4Ω)

**Damping Factor:** 70 (8Ω)

**Harmonic Distortion:** Less than 0.8% at rated output

**IM Distortion:** Less than 0.8% at rated output  
(60Hz:7 kHz = 4:1) Less than 0.2% at 1W output

**Frequency Response:** 20–50,000 Hz  $\pm 0$  dB  
(DISCRETE input, 1W output)

**S/N Ratio:** 90 dB, DISCRETE input, input level 250 mV,  
weighting network A

**Outputs:** Accept 4–16Ω speakers

— continued on next page —

**SONY**  
SERVICE MANUAL

Original

## DECORDER AND PREAMPLIFIER SECTION

**Inputs:** Measured with specified continuous RMS output into  $8\Omega$  load at 1 kHz with the both channels driven simultaneously.

		Sensitivity	Impedance
FRONT PREAMP INPUT	LOW	75 mV (-20 dB)	75 k $\Omega$
	NORMAL	250 mV (-10 dB)	90 k $\Omega$
	HIGH	500 mV (-4 dB)	100 k $\Omega$
2CH TAPE	LOW	250 mV (-10 dB)	50 k $\Omega$
	NORMAL	750 mV (-0.5 dB)	80 k $\Omega$
REC/PB		250 mV (-10 dB)	80 k $\Omega$
DISCRETE		250 mV (-10 dB)	100 k $\Omega$

**Outputs:**

	Output Level	Impedance
FRONT PREAMP OUTPUT	1V (max. 5.5V)	10 k $\Omega$
2CH REC OUT	250 mV	10 k $\Omega$
REC/PB	43 mV	82 k $\Omega$

**Harmonic Distortion:** Less than 0.2% (input level 250 mV at 2 kHz)

**Frequency Response:** SQ }  
R-MTX } 20–20,000 Hz  $\pm 3$  dB  
2 → 4 }  
DISCRETE } 20–20,000 Hz  $\pm 0$  dB  
2CH }

**Signal-to-Noise Ratio:** 85 dB (FRONT PREAMP INPUT, input level 250 mV, weighting network A)

**SQ Separation:** Lf  $\leftrightarrow$  Rf 20 dB      Rf  $\leftrightarrow$  Rb 20 dB  
(input signal:  
250 mV at 2 kHz)      Lb  $\leftrightarrow$  Rb 14 dB      Rf  $\leftrightarrow$  Lb 20 dB  
Lf  $\leftrightarrow$  Lb 20 dB      Cf  $\leftrightarrow$  Cb 18 dB  
Lf  $\leftrightarrow$  Rb 20 dB

**Tone Controls:** BASS  $\pm 10$  dB at 100 Hz  
(back channel)      TREBLE  $\pm 10$  dB at 10 kHz

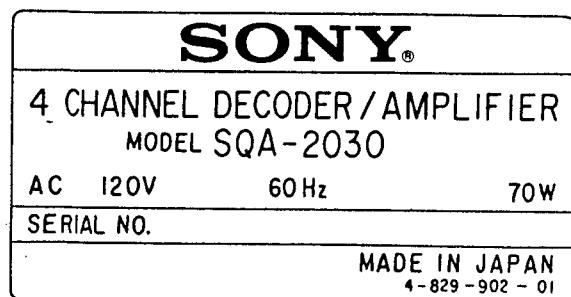
**Loudness Control:** + 10 dB at 50 Hz, + 4 dB at 10 kHz  
(front and back channel)  
(att. -30 dB)

## SECTION 1 OUTLINE

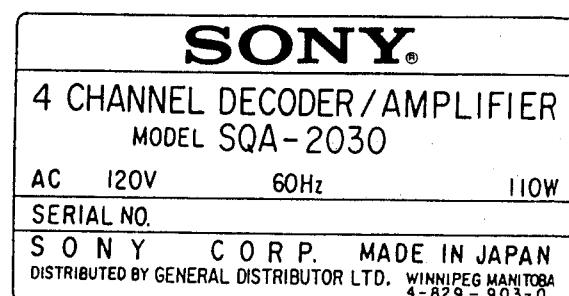
### 1-1. MODEL IDENTIFICATION

See the specification label.

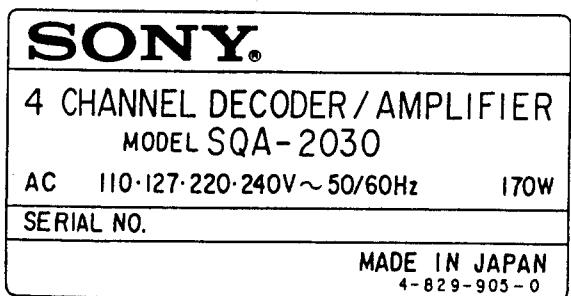
**USA Model**



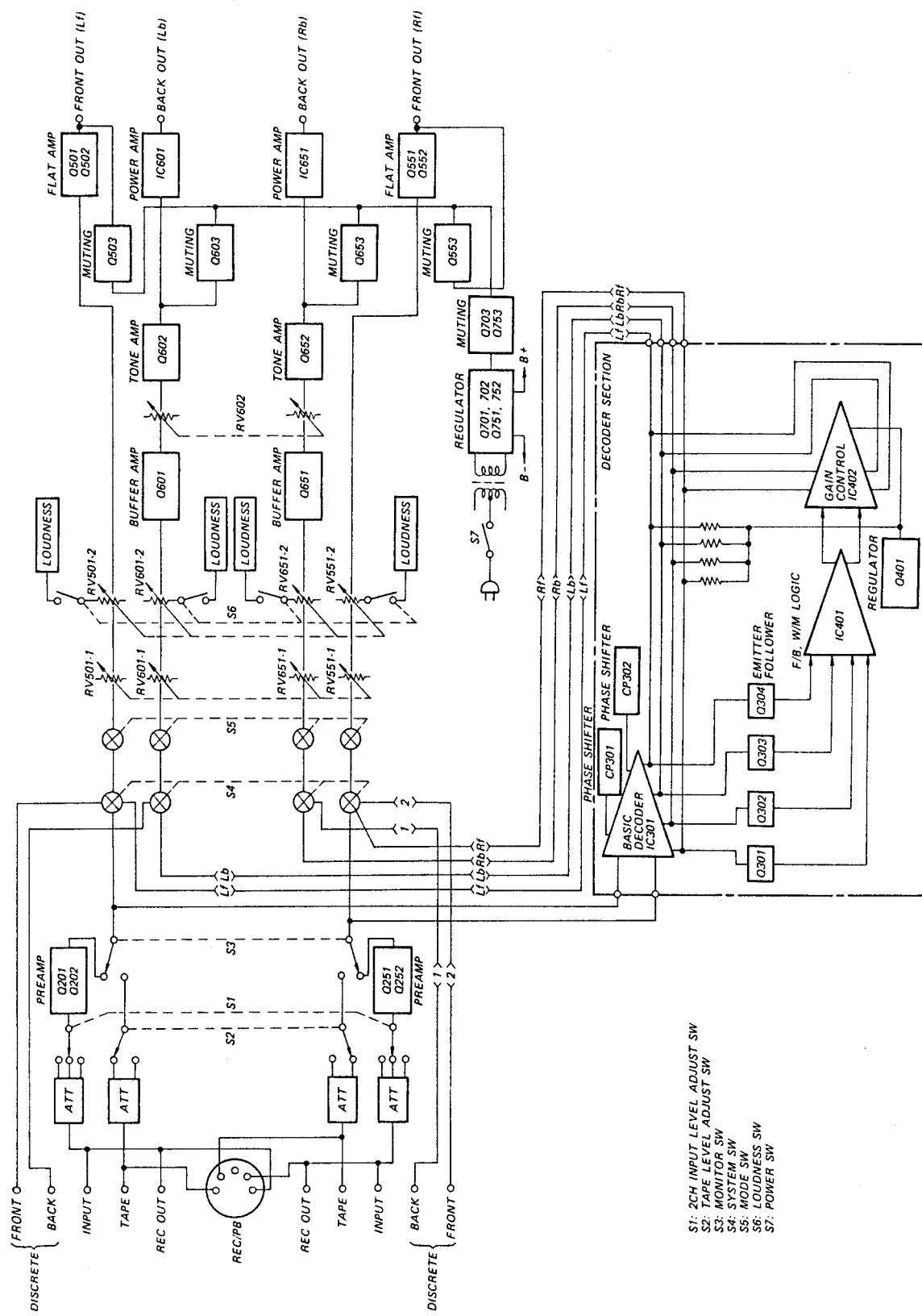
**Canada Model**



**UK, AEP Model**



## 1-2. BLOCK DIAGRAM



## SECTION 2

### DISASSEMBLY AND REPLACEMENT

**Note:** All screws are Phillips type (cross recess type) unless otherwise indicated.  
(-): slotted head.

#### 2-1. FRONT PANEL REMOVAL

1. Remove the two screws at each side of the set, and separate the wooden cabinet and the shield case from the chassis.
2. Remove the knobs and buttons from the front panel except the SYSTEM pushbuttons.  
(BALANCE and TONE control knobs are secured by the set screws.)
3. Remove the two screws shown in Fig. 2-1, and the two screws shown in Fig. 2-2.

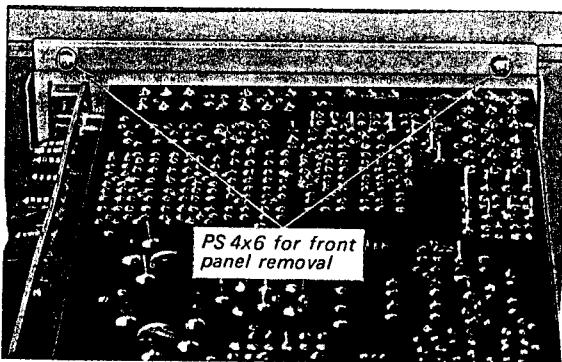


Fig. 2-1. Front panel removal

#### 2-2. FRONT SUBCHASSIS REMOVAL

1. Remove the front panel. (Procedure 2-1)
2. Remove the screw shown in Fig. 2-2, and the eight screws shown in Fig. 2-3 and Fig. 2-4.

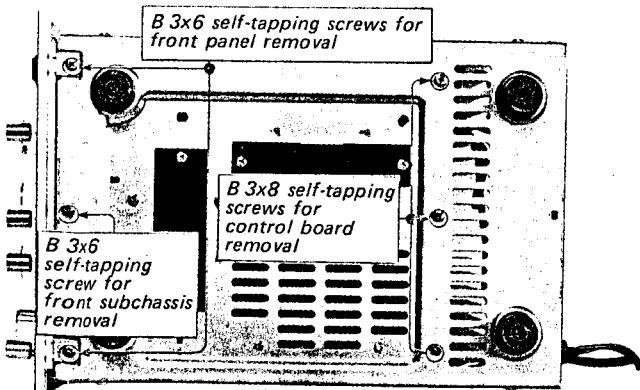


Fig. 2-2. Front subchassis and control board removal

#### 2-3. CIRCUIT BOARD REMOVAL

1. Remove the front subchassis. (Procedure 2-2)
2. To separate the SQ board from the chassis, remove the screw shown in Fig. 2-4.
3. To separate the control board, first, remove the three screws shown in Fig. 2-2. Next, remove the four screws (B 3x12) securing the two power ICs to the heat sink. Then, remove the self-tapping screw (B 3x10) securing the control board to the heat sink with a bracket at the top.

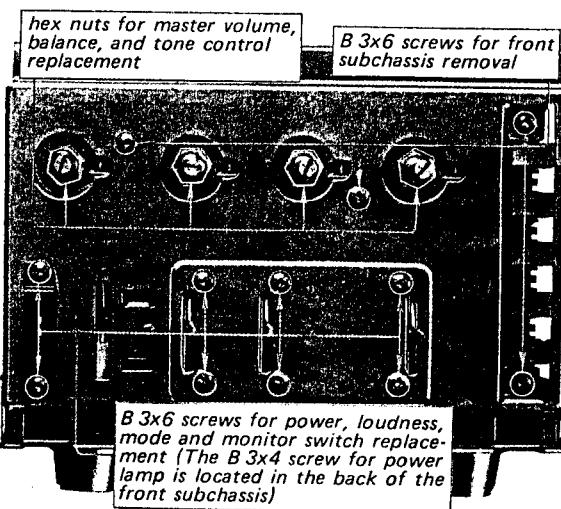


Fig. 2-3. Front subchassis removal, and control and switch replacement

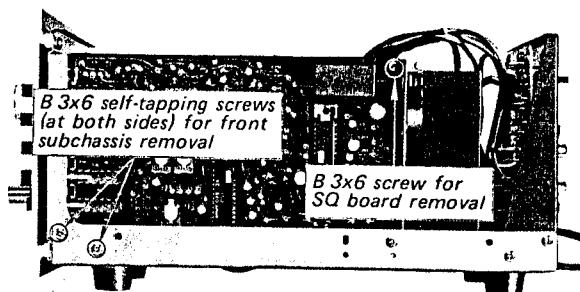


Fig. 2-4. Front subchassis and SQ board removal

**2-4. SWITCH, CONTROL, AND POWER LAMP REPLACEMENT****Preparation:**

Remove the front subchassis from the chassis.  
(Procedure 2-2)

**POWER, LOUDNESS, MODE, and MONITOR Switch, and POWER Lamp Replacement**

1. These switches and the lamp are secured to the front subchassis by screws. Remove these screws, shown in Fig. 2-3, and disconnect the lead wires.
2. Install a new switch (or lamp).

**SYSTEM Switch Replacement**

1. Remove the SQ circuit board from the chassis.  
(Procedure 2-3-2)
- 

2. Straighten the claws which hold the switch.
3. Unsolder and free the legs of the defective switch from the circuit board.
4. Install a new switch.

**MASTER VOLUME, BALANCE, and TONE Control Replacement**

1. Remove the control board from the chassis.  
(Procedure 2-3-3)
2. Remove the four hex nuts, shown in Fig. 2-3, and the bracket, which braces the controls together, from the shafts of the controls.
3. Unsolder and free the legs of the defective control from the circuit board.
4. Install a new control.

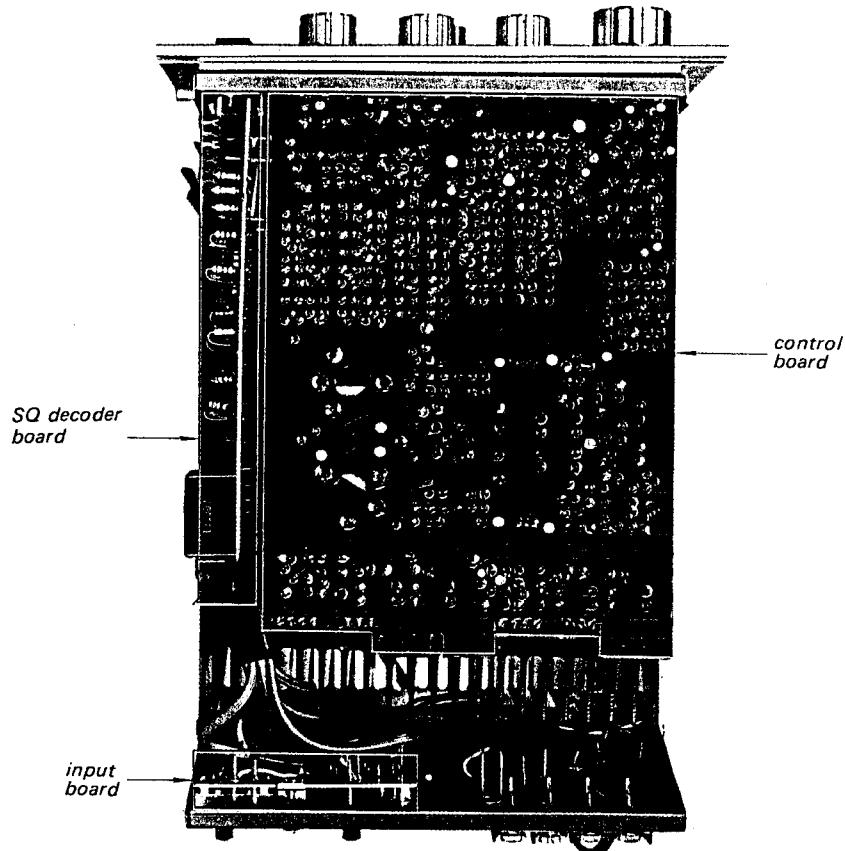
**2-5. CHASSIS LAYOUT**

Fig. 2-5. Chassis layout

## SECTION 3

### CHECKS AND ADJUSTMENTS

### Preparation

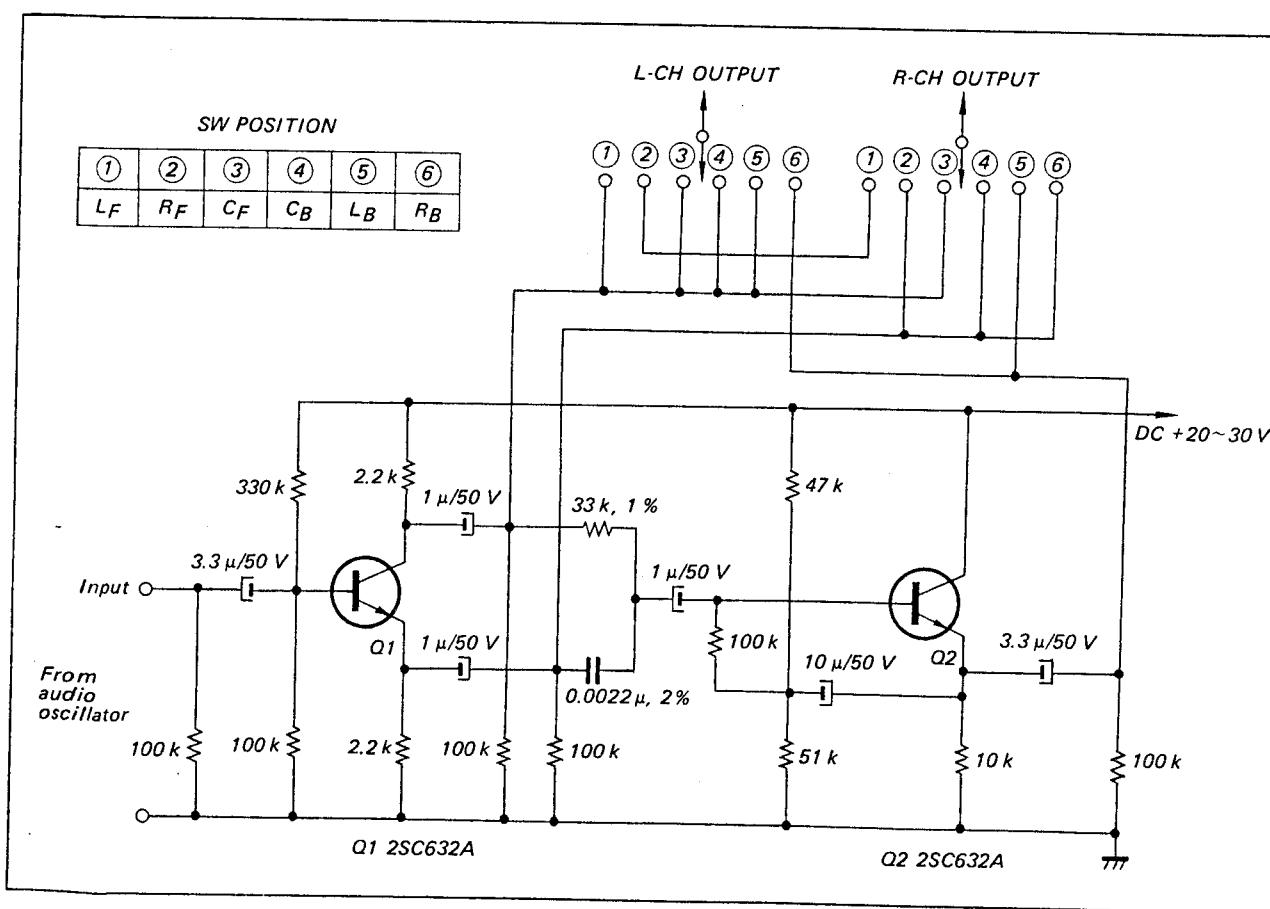
For the checks and adjustments on SQA-2030, prepare a signal source capable of simulating the various components of an SQ signal. The required signal components and their phase relationship are summarized in Table 3-1.

The required signal modes can be produced by either of the two methods: by using the SONY SQ CHECKER Model 0005, available at each SONY Factory Service Center, or an accurate audio oscillator and the signal mode selector shown in Fig. 3-1. To obtain an accurate result with the latter method, the oscillator must be set to  $2\text{ kHz} \pm 1\%$ , and the precision components must be used where the schematic diagram (Fig. 3-1) indicates.

**Table 3-1.** Signal components and their phase relationship of the signal mode selector

output	mode					
	L <sub>F</sub>	R <sub>F</sub>	C <sub>F</sub>	C <sub>B</sub>	L <sub>B</sub>	R <sub>B</sub>
L-CH OUT	1	0	1	1	1	1
R-CH OUT	0	1	1	1	1	1
phase difference between L-CH and R-CH outputs	—	—	0°	180°	90°	-90°

**Note:** L<sub>F</sub> ..... Left front  
 R<sub>F</sub> ..... Right front  
 C<sub>F</sub> ..... Center front  
 C<sub>B</sub> ..... Center back  
 L<sub>B</sub> ..... Left back  
 R<sub>B</sub> ..... Right back



*Fig. 3-1. Signal mode selector schematic diagram*

**Required Test Equipment**

1. SQ CHECKER Model 0005 (SONY) or Audio Oscillator and Signal Mode Selector (see Fig. 3-1)
2. Ac VTVM (and Oscilloscope, if available)
3. Audio Oscillator

**Control and Switch Settings**

Set SQA-2030 controls as below unless otherwise specified.

INPUT LEVEL ADJUST	
switch.....	NORMAL
TAPE LEVEL ADJUST	
switch .....	NORMAL
MONITOR switch .....	SOURCE
SYSTEM switch .....	SQ
MODE switch .....	NORMAL
LOUDNESS switch .....	OFF
POWER switch .....	ON
TONE controls .....	center
BALANCE control .....	center
MASTER VOLUME .....	maximum
F/B BALANCE .....	center

**Note:** Throughout this section, the output terminals of SQA-2030 will be called Lf, Rf, Lb and Rb output terminals. They refer to the following terminals:

- Lf: FRONT PREAMP OUTPUT (L) terminal
- Rf: FRONT PREAMP OUTPUT (R) terminal
- Lb: BACK SPEAKER OUTPUT (L) terminal
- Rb: BACK SPEAKER OUTPUT (R) terminal

**3-1. DISCRETE OUTPUT LEVEL CHECK**

1. Set the SYSTEM switch to DISCRETE.
2. With the equipment connected as shown in Fig. 3-2, feed 1 kHz/-15 dB signal to the each DISCRETE INPUT terminal of SQA-2030.

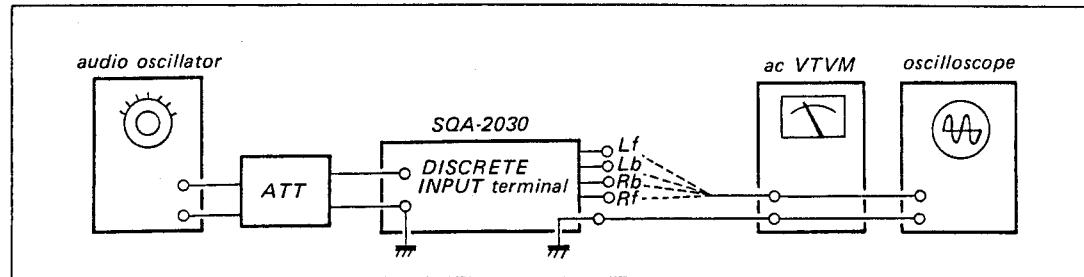


Fig. 3-2. Discrete output level check setup

3. Check the output level at the each output terminal corresponding to the input terminal (i.e. when the signal is received at left front input terminal, check the output level at Lf terminal). The result should be within the value given in Table 3-2.

Table 3-2. Discrete output level

input (1 kHz/-15 dB)		output	
DISCRETE INPUT terminals	LF	L <sub>f</sub>	-2.5 ± 1.5 dB
	RF	R <sub>f</sub>	-2.5 ± 1.5 dB
	LB	L <sub>b</sub>	+21 ± 1.5 dB
	RB	R <sub>b</sub>	+21 ± 1.5 dB

**3-2. SQ OUTPUT LEVEL CHECK**

1. Set the SYSTEM switch to SQ.
2. With the equipment connected as shown in Fig. 3-3, feed 2 kHz/-10 dB signal to the FRONT PREAMP INPUT terminals of SQA-2030.
3. Check the output level at the each output terminals. The result should be within the value given in Table 3-3.

Table 3-3. SQ output level

input signal mode	output	
LF	L <sub>f</sub>	-0.5 ± 1.5 dB
RF	R <sub>f</sub>	-0.5 ± 1.5 dB
LB	L <sub>b</sub>	+22 ± 1.5 dB
RB	R <sub>b</sub>	+22 ± 1.5 dB

### 3-3. SQ SEPARATION CHECK

1. Set the SYSTEM switch to SQ.
2. With the equipment connected as shown in Fig. 3-3, feed 2 kHz/-10 dB signal to FRONT PREAMP INPUT terminals of SQA-2030.
3. Connect the ac VTVM to the left channel of "TO TAPE IN" terminal (Lf), and adjust the attenuator for 0 dB reading on the VTVM.
4. Change the signal mode of the SQ checker or signal mode selector to RF, LB, and RB, and read the output level at the Lf terminal.
5. Set the signal mode to CF and adjust the attenuator for 0 dB reading on the VTVM.
6. Change the signal mode from CF to CB, and read the Lf output level.

7. Check the SQ separation at Rf, Lb, and Rb output terminals in the same way as described in steps (1) to (6). The result should be within the value given in Table 3-4.

**Note:** When measuring the output level at Rf, Lb, and Rb terminals of SQA-2030, adjust the attenuator so that the VTVM reads 0 dB at RF, LB, and RB input signal modes, respectively, except for CF and CB modes. Adjust the attenuator so that the VTVM reads 0 dB at CF mode when checking the output of Lf and Rf terminals with CB mode, and at CB when checking the output of Lb and Rb with CF mode.

Table 3-4. SQ separation check

input signal mode	SQA-2030 output			
	L <sub>f</sub>	R <sub>f</sub>	L <sub>b</sub>	R <sub>b</sub>
L <sub>F</sub>	0 dB	-20 ± 3 dB	-20 ± 3 dB	-20 ± 3 dB
R <sub>F</sub>	-20 ± 3 dB	0 dB	-20 ± 3 dB	-20 ± 3 dB
L <sub>B</sub>	-20 ± 3 dB	-20 ± 3 dB	0 dB	-14 ± 3 dB
R <sub>B</sub>	-20 ± 3 dB	-20 ± 3 dB	-14 ± 3 dB	0 dB
C <sub>F</sub>	0 dB	0 dB	-18 ± 3 dB	-18 ± 3 dB
C <sub>B</sub>	-18 ± 3 dB	-18 ± 3 dB	0 dB	0 dB

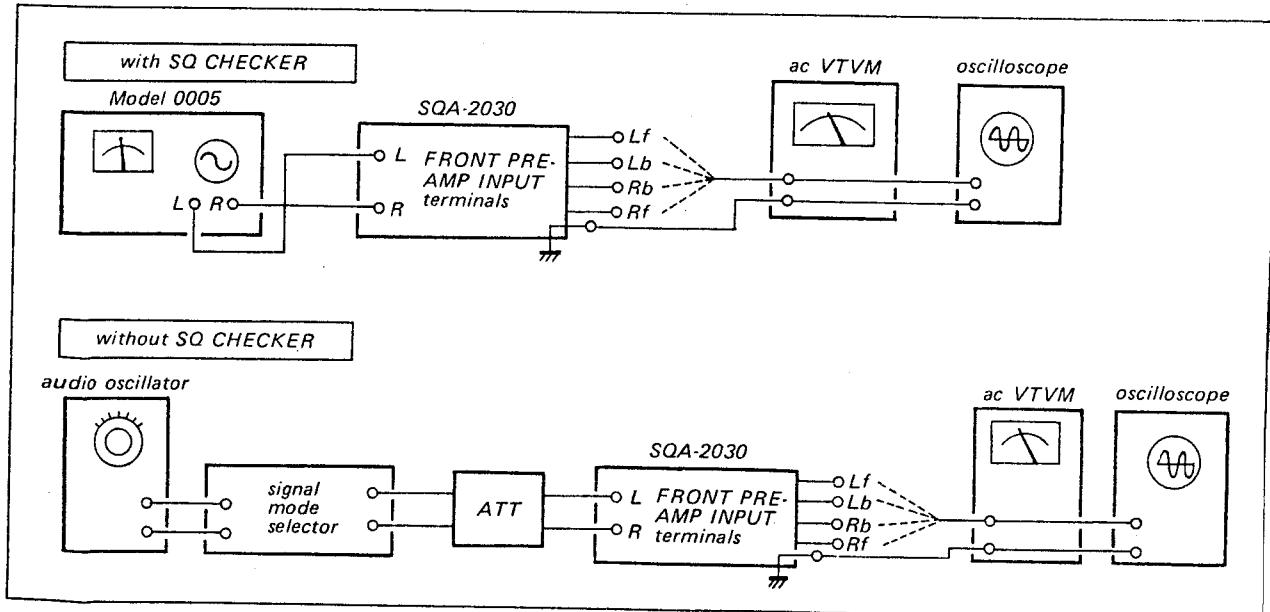
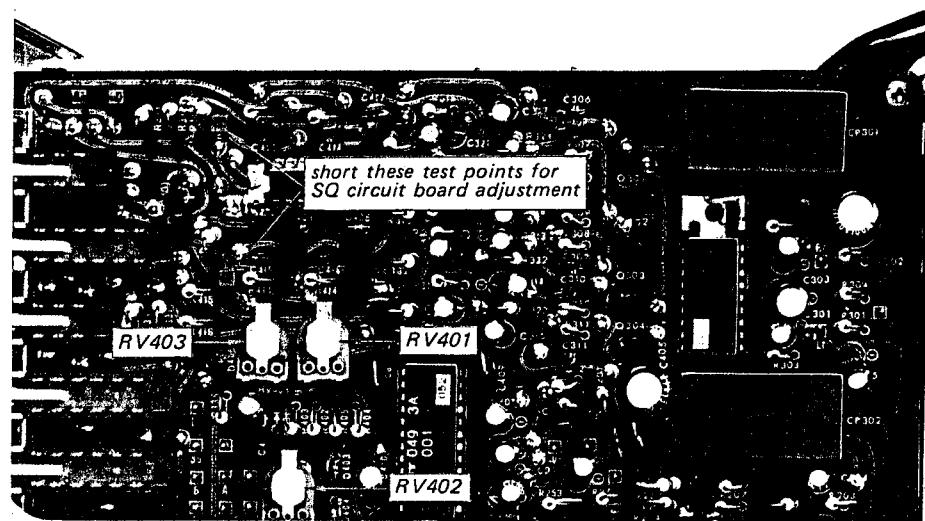


Fig. 3-3. SQ output level and SQ separation checks setup

**3-4. SQ CIRCUIT BOARD ADJUSTMENT**

1. Set all the SYSTEM switches off.
2. Connect the equipment as shown in Fig. 3-3, and the VTVM to the left channel of "TO TAPE IN" terminal (Lf).
3. Feed 2 kHz/-10 dB signal to FRONT PREAMP INPUT terminal of SQA-2030.
4. Set the signal mode of the SQ checker or the signal mode selector to LF, and confirm that the VTVM reads approximately 0 dB.
5. Adjust the attenuator so that the VTVM reads 0 dB.
6. Adjust RV403 (see Fig. 3-4) so that the output level drops by 3dB when the two testing points, shown in Fig. 3-4, are shorted.
7. Set the SYSTEM switch to SQ.
8. Set the signal mode to CF, and adjust the attenuator for 0 dB reading on the VTVM.
9. Adjust RV401 (see Fig. 3-4) so that the VTVM reads -18 dB when the signal mode is shifted to CB.
10. Connect the VTVM to Lb output terminal.
11. Set the signal mode to CB and adjust the attenuator for 0 dB reading on the VTVM.
12. Adjust RV402 (see Fig. 3-4) so that the VTVM reads -18 dB when the signal mode is shifted to CF.



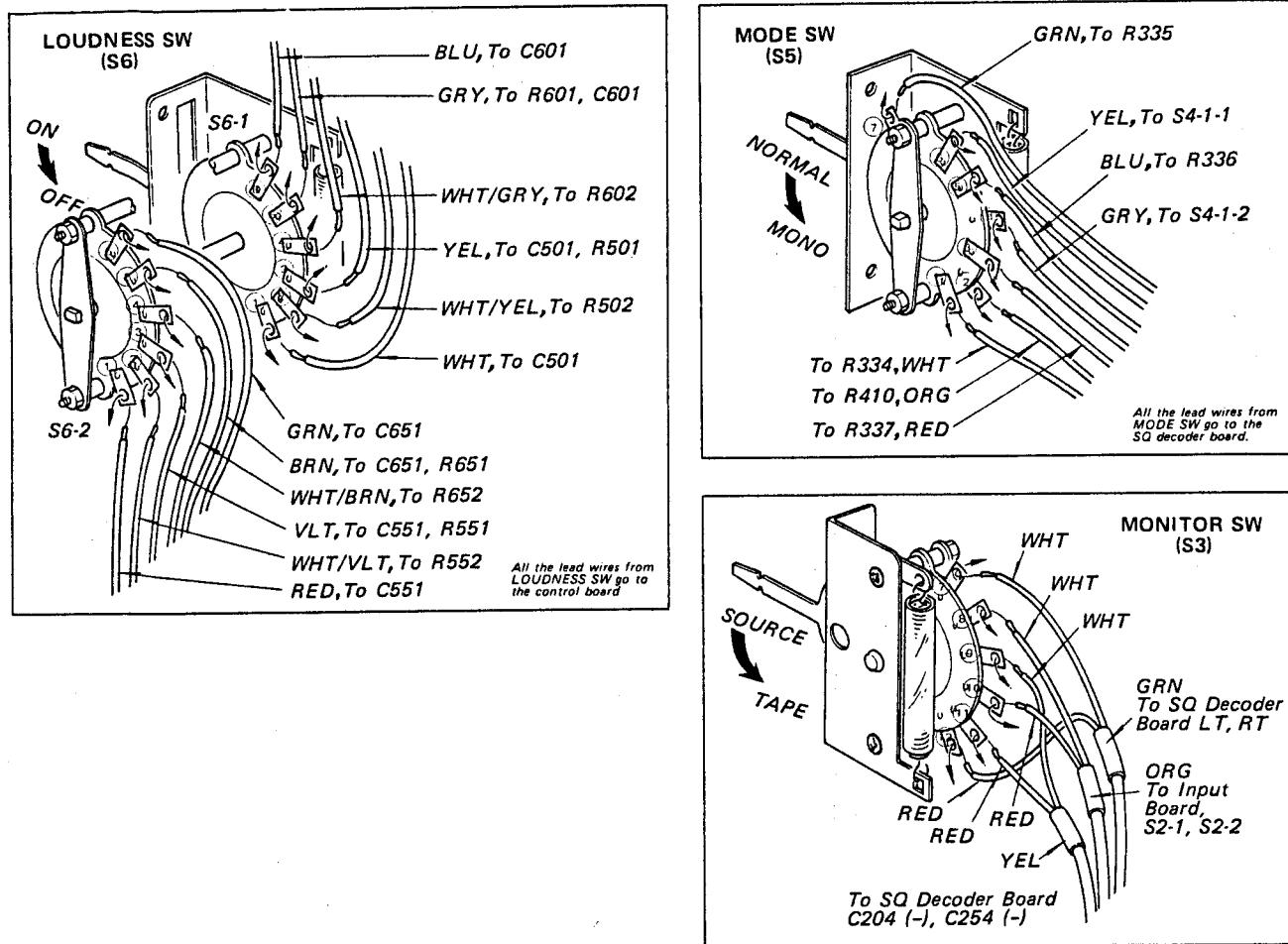
*Fig. 3-4. SQ circuit board adjustment*

**MEMO**

- 9 -

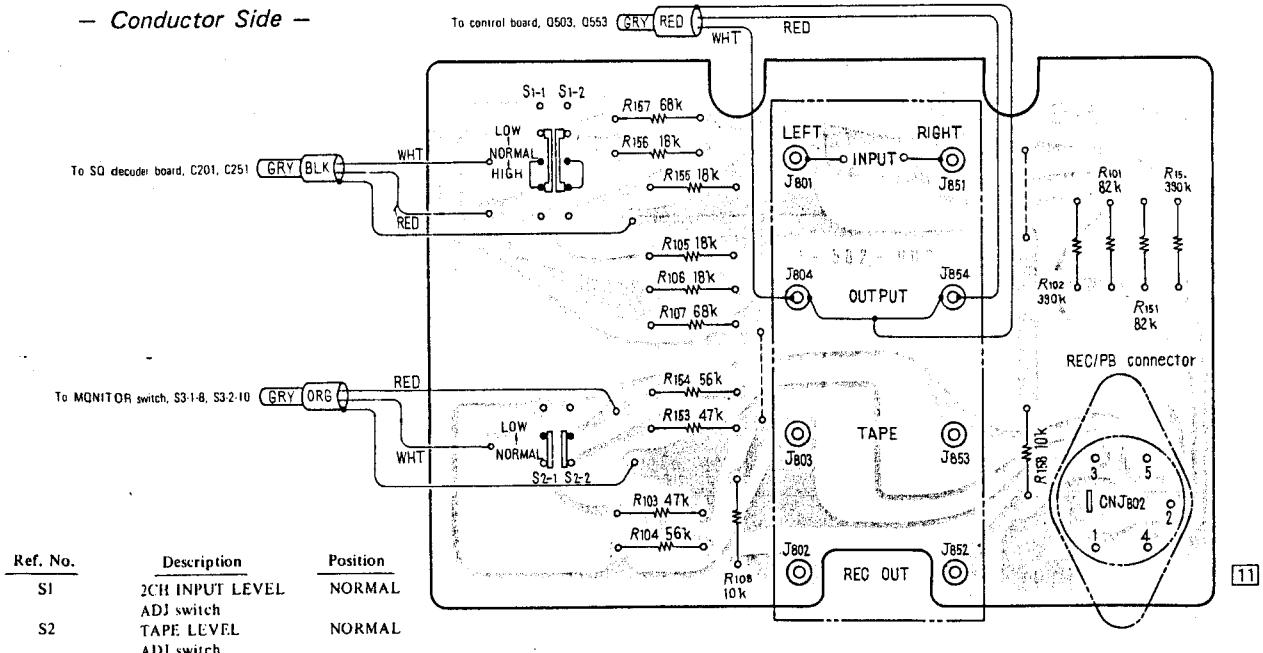
## **SECTION 4 DIAGRAMS**

#### 4-1. WIRING DIAGRAM OF SWITCHES



#### 4-2. MOUNTING DIAGRAM - Input Board -

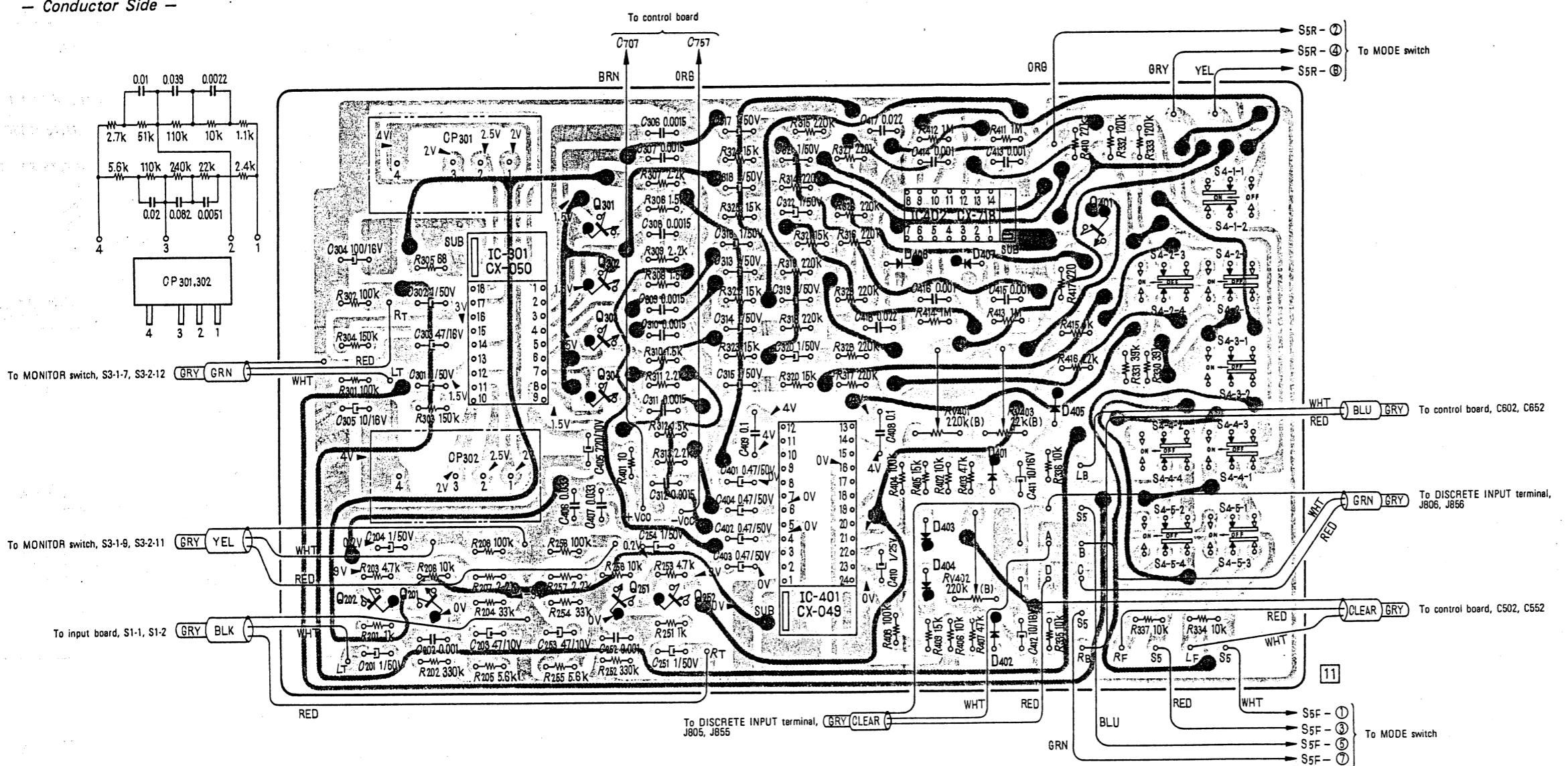
**- Conductor Side -**



# SQA-2030 SQA-2030

## 4-3. MOUNTING DIAGRAM - SQ Decoder Board -

### - Conductor Side -



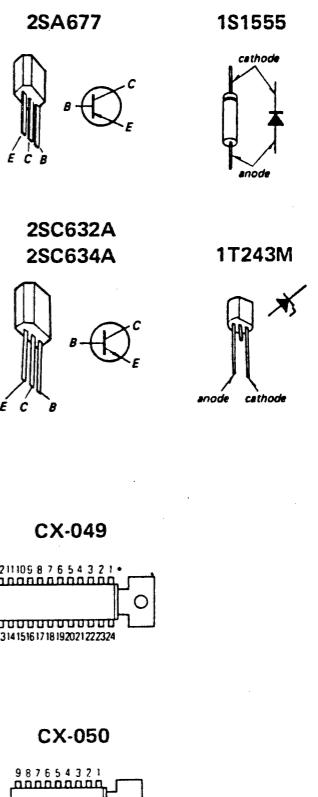
Diode Location

D406 D407  
D403 D401  
D404 D402

Transistor and IC Location

IC301	Q302	IC402	Q401
Q202	Q201	Q251	Q252

Q201 (Q251)	2SC632A
Q202 (Q252)	2SA677
Q301~Q304	2SC632A
Q401	2SC634A
IC301	CX-050
IC401	CX-049
IC402	CX-718
D401~D404	1S1555
D405~D407	1T243M
RV401, 402	SEPARATION ADJ
RV403	-3dB POINT ADJ

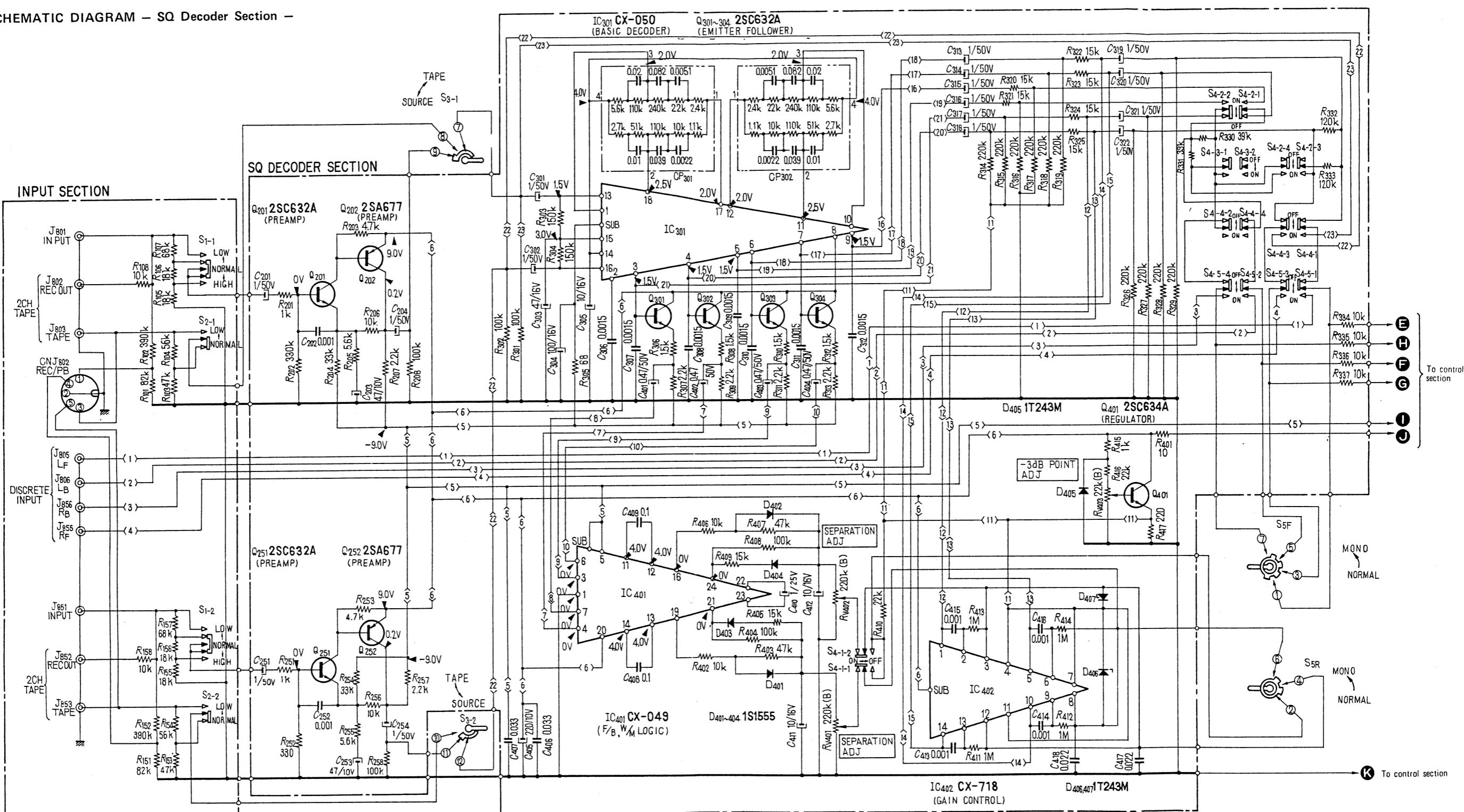


Ref. No.	Description	Position
S4	SYSTEM switch	
S4-1	SQ	ON
S4-2	R-MTX	OFF
S4-3	2→4	OFF
S4-4	2CH	OFF
S4-5	DISCRETE	OFF

**CAUTION**  
When handling CX-718, take the following steps:  
1) short all the terminals of CX-718  
2) avoid a static electricity built-up on your body by keeping your hand on the chassis of the set.

SQA-2030 SQA-2030

#### 4.4. SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM – SQ Decoder Section –



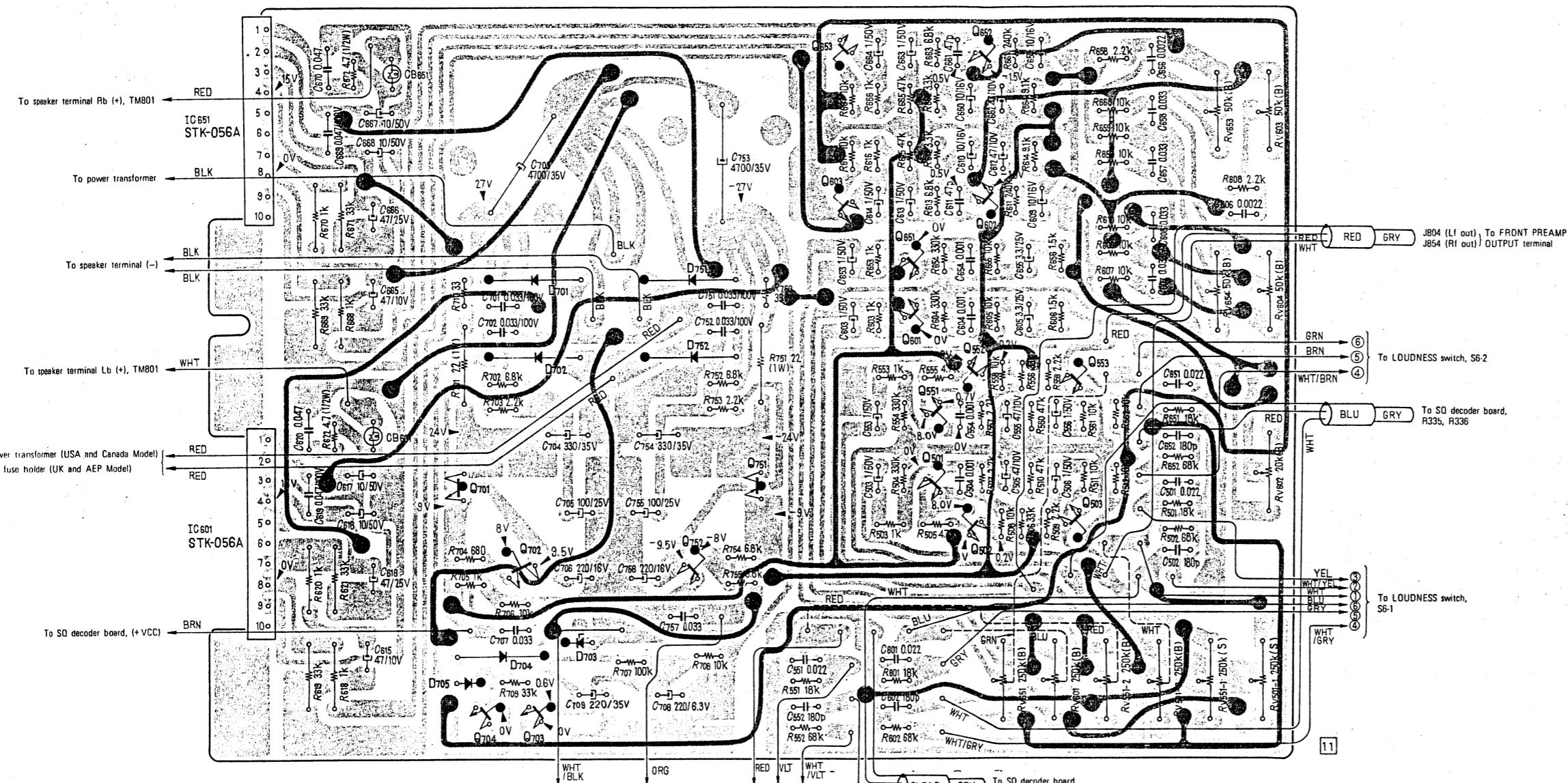
<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Position</u>
S1	2CH INPUT LEVEL	NORMAL	S4	SYSTEM SW	
	ADJ SW			S4-1 SQ	ON
S2	TAPE LEVEL	NORMAL	S4-2	R-MTX	OFF
	ADJ SW			S4-3 2→4	OFF
S3	MONITOR SW	SOURCE	S4-4	2CH	OFF
				S4-5 DISCRETE	OFF
			S5	MODE SW	NORMA

**Note:**  
All resistance values are in ohms.  $k = 1,000$ ,  $M = 1,000k$   
All capacitance values are in  $\mu F$  except as indicated with p,  
which means  $\mu\mu F$ .  
All voltages are dc measured with a VOM which has an  
input impedance of 20 k ohms/volt. No signal in.  
Voltage variations may be noted due to normal production  
tolerances.

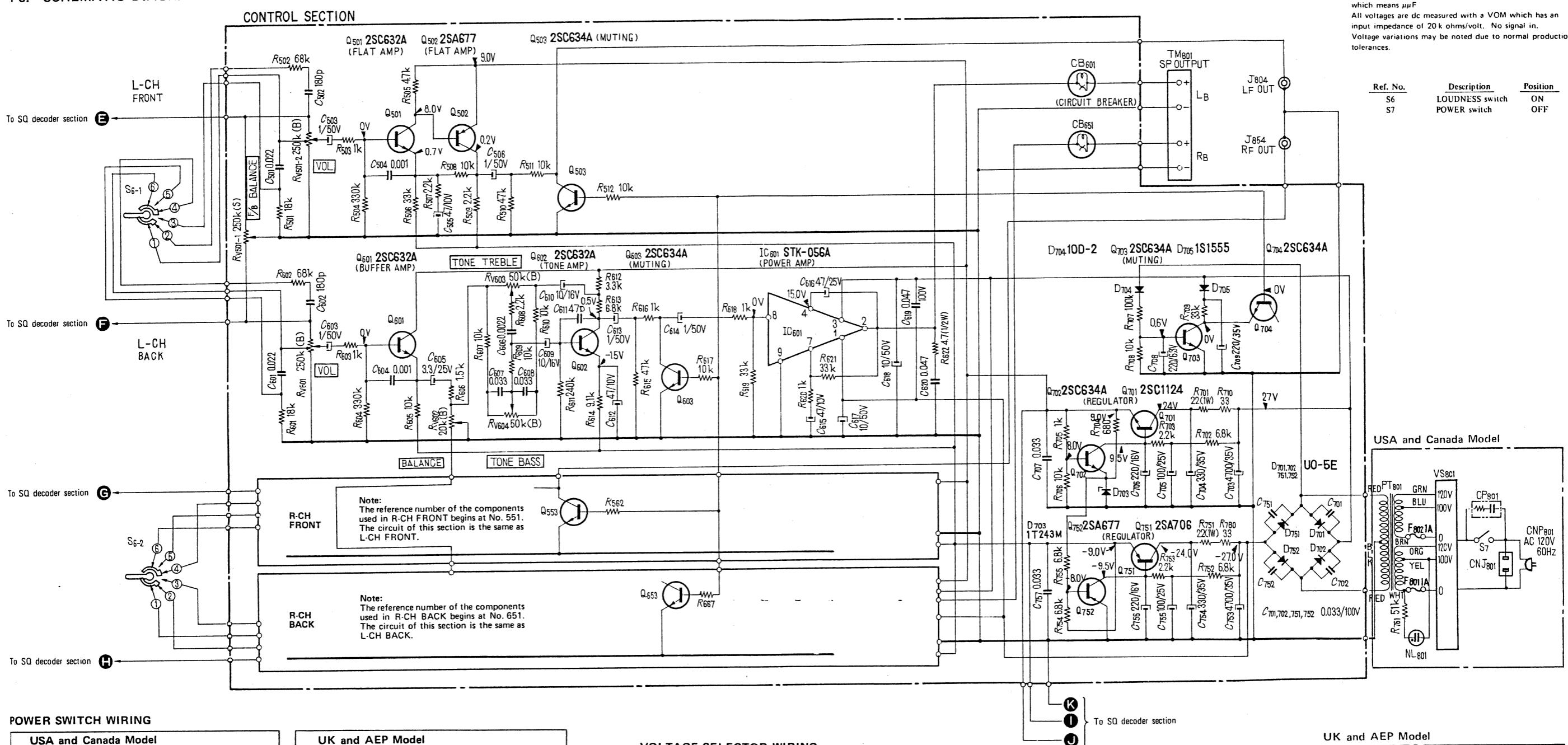
# SQA-2030 SQA-2030

## 4-5. MOUNTING DIAGRAM – Control Board –

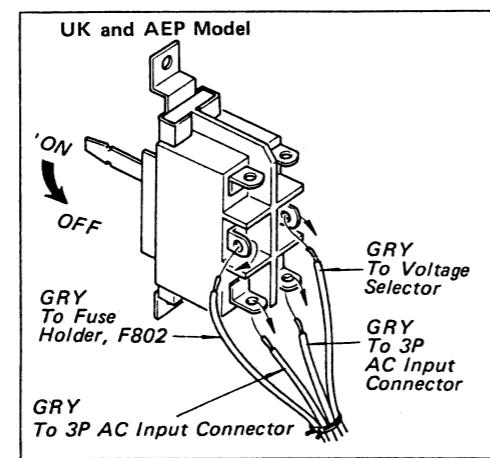
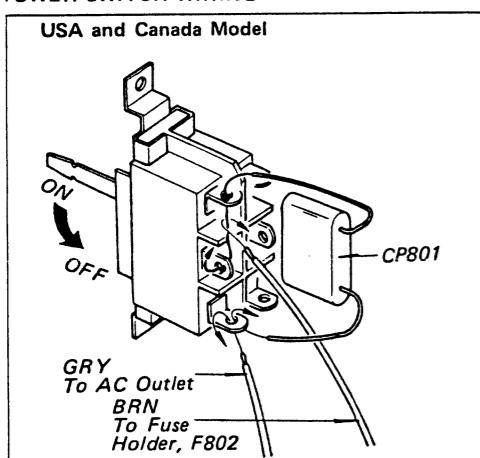
– Conductor Side –



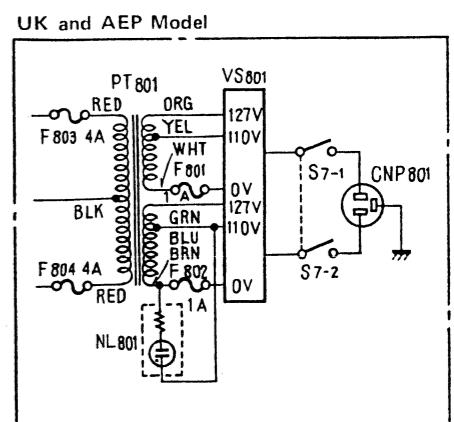
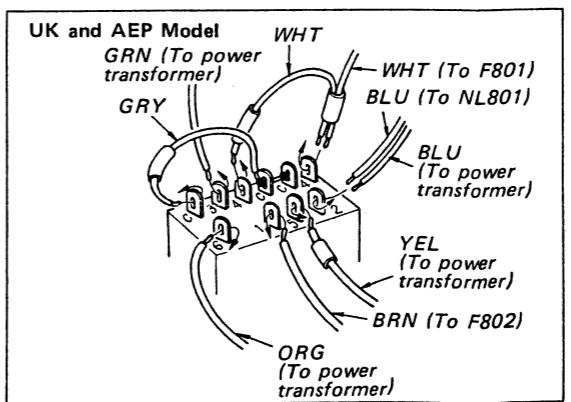
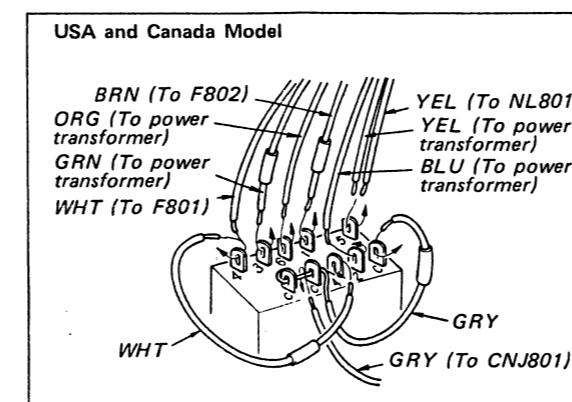
4-6. SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM – Control Section –



POWER SWITCH WIRING

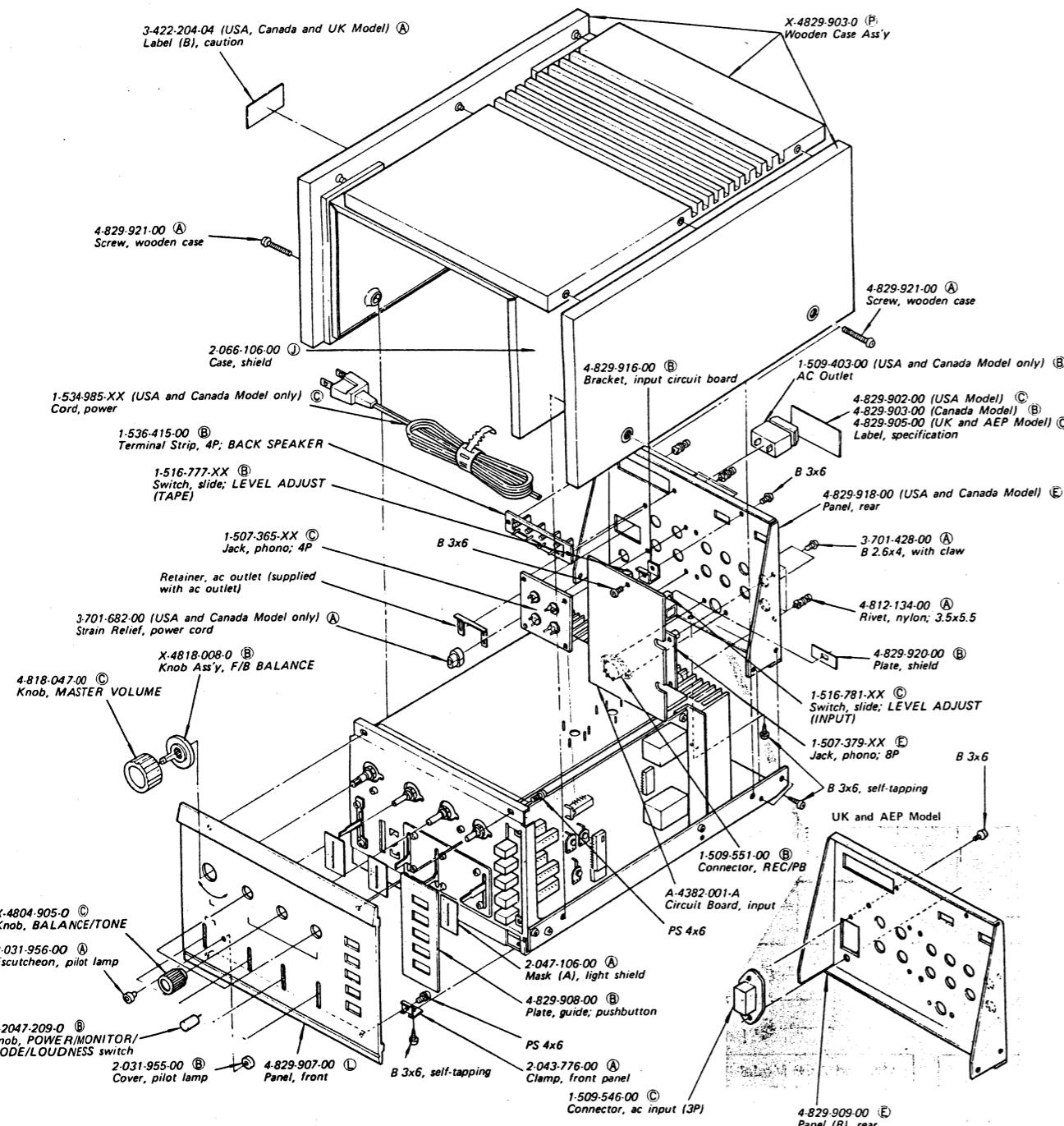


VOLTAGE SELECTOR WIRING

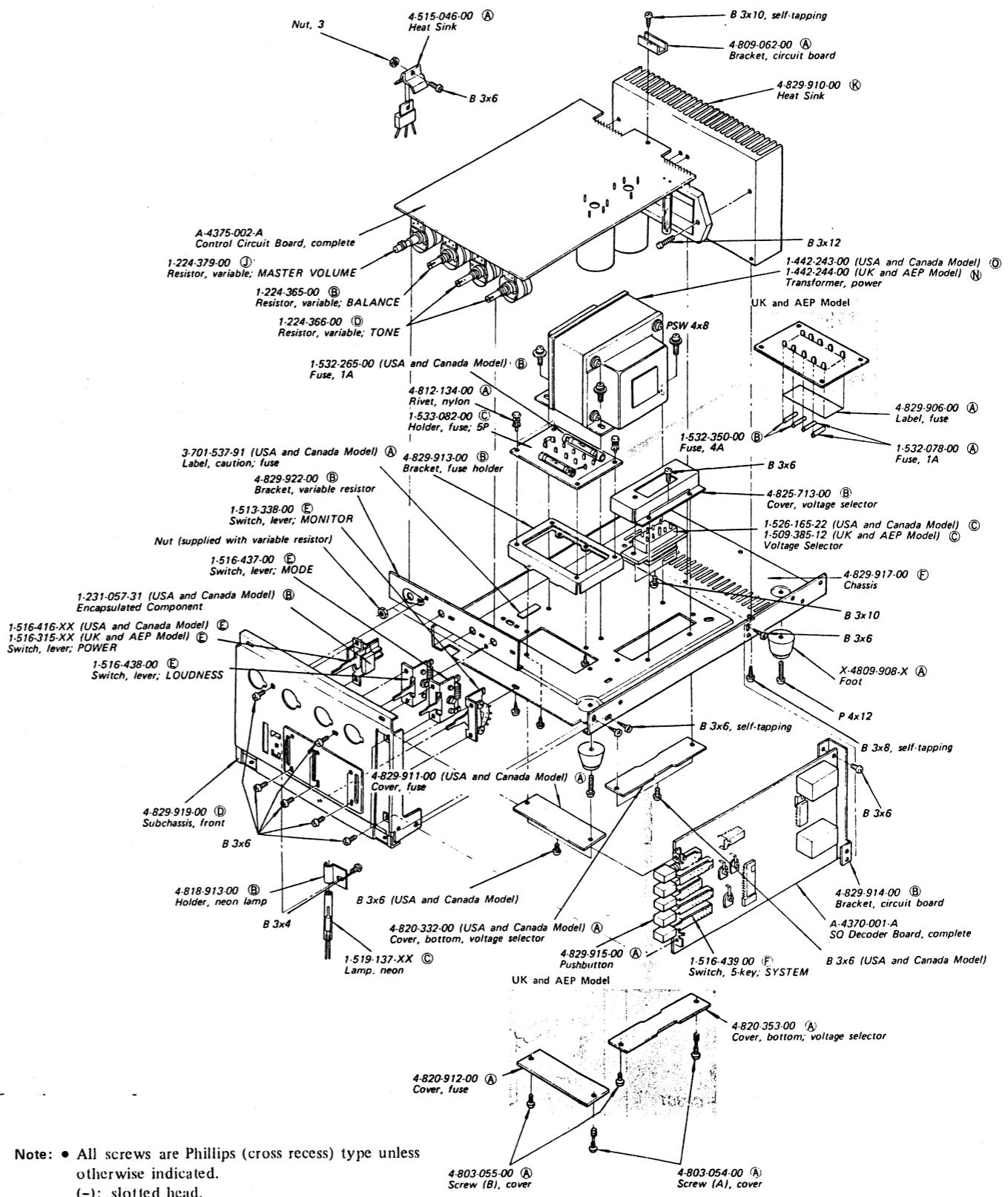


**SECTION 5**  
**EXPLODED VIEWS**

(1)



(2)



Note: • All screws are Phillips (cross recess) type unless otherwise indicated.  
 (-): slotted head.  
 • The circled letters (Ⓐ to Ⓡ) are applicable for the European model only.

Note: • All screws are Phillips (cross recess) type unless otherwise indicated.  
 (-): slotted head.  
 • The circled letters (Ⓐ to Ⓡ) are applicable for the European model only.

Note: The circled letters (Ⓐ to Ⓛ) are applicable for the European model only.

<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Part No.</u>	<u>Description</u>		
C506,556	1-121-912-11	Ⓐ 1	50V	
C601,651	1-105-677-12	Ⓐ 0.022 ±10%	mylar	
C602,652	1-102-976-11	Ⓐ 180p ±5%	ceramic	
C603,653	1-121-912-11	Ⓐ 1	50V	
C604,654	1-105-661-12	Ⓐ 0.001 ±10%	mylar	
C605,655	1-121-913-11	Ⓐ 3.3	25V	
C606	1-105-665-12	Ⓐ 0.0022 ±10%	mylar	
C607,657	1-105-679-12	Ⓐ 0.033 ±10%	mylar	
C608,658	1-121-916-11	Ⓐ 10	16V	mylar
C610,660				
C611,661	1-101-880-11	Ⓐ 47p ±5%	ceramic	
C612,662	1-121-352-11	Ⓐ 47	10V	
C613,663	1-121-912-11	Ⓐ 1	50V	
C614,664	1-121-410-11	Ⓑ 47	25V	
C616,666				
C617,667	1-121-738-11	Ⓐ 10	50V	
C618,668	1-105-881-12	Ⓐ 0.047 ±20%	100V	mylar
C619,669	1-105-681-12	Ⓐ 0.047 ±10%	mylar	
C620,670				
C701,751	1-105-879-12	Ⓐ 0.033 ±20%	100V	mylar
C702,752				
C703,753	1-123-110-11	Ⓕ 4700	35V	
C704,754	1-123-064-11	Ⓑ 330	35V	
C705,755	1-121-935-11	Ⓑ 100	25V	
C706,756	1-123-068-11	Ⓑ 220	16V	
C707,757	1-105-679-12	Ⓐ 0.033 ±10%	mylar	
C708	1-121-419-11	Ⓑ 220	6.3V	
C709	1-123-063-11	Ⓑ 220	35V	

#### RESISTORS

All resistors are in ohms. Regular-type 1/4W carbon and composition resistors are omitted. Check the schematic diagram for the resistance values. (k=1000)

R622,672	1-202-517-11	Ⓐ 4.7	1/2W	composition
R701,751	1-212-376-11	Ⓐ 22	1W	metal-oxide

<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Part No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	
RV401,402	1-224-649-XX	Ⓑ 220k, adjustable	
RV403	1-224-646-XX	Ⓑ 22k, adjustable	
RV501,551	1-224-379-00	Ⓜ 250k, variable; MASTER VOLUME, F/B BALANCE	
RV601,651	1-224-379-00	Ⓜ 250k, variable; MASTER VOLUME	
RV602	1-224-365-00	Ⓑ 20k, variable; BALANCE	
RV603,653	1-224-366-00	Ⓓ 50k, variable; TREBLE	
RV604,654	1-224-366-00	Ⓓ 50k, variable; BASS	
SWITCHES			
S1	1-516-777-XX	Ⓑ Lever-slide, LEVEL ADJUST-TAPE	
S2	1-516-781-XX	Ⓒ Lever-slide, LEVEL ADJUST-INPUT	
S3	1-513-338-11	Ⓔ Lever, MONITOR	
S4	1-516-439-00	Ⓕ Pushbutton, 5-key; SYSTEM	
S5	1-516-437-00	Ⓔ Lever, MODE	
S6	1-516-438-00	Ⓔ Lever, LOUDNESS	
S7	1-516-416-XX	Ⓔ Lever, POWER (USA, Canada Model)	
	1-516-315-XX	Ⓔ Lever, POWER (UK, AEP Model)	
MISCELLANEOUS			
CB601,651	1-532-380-41	Ⓔ Breaker, circuit; 2.2A	
CNJ801	1-509-403-00	Ⓑ Outlet, ac (USA, Canada Model)	
CNJ802	1-509-551-00	Ⓑ Connector, REC/PB	
CP301,302	1-231-266-00	Ⓑ Encapsulated Component	
CP801	1-231-057-31	Ⓑ Encapsulated Component	
F801,802	1-532-265-00	Ⓑ Fuse, 1A (USA, Canada Model)	
	1-532-078-00	Ⓑ Fuse, 1A (UK, AEP Model)	
F803,804	1-532-350-00	Ⓑ Fuse, 4A (UK,AEP Model)	
J801~804	1-507-379-XX	Ⓔ Jack, phono; 8-P	
J851~854	1-507-365-XX	Ⓒ Jack, phono; 4-P	
J805,806	1-507-365-XX	Ⓒ Jack, phono; 4-P	
J855,856	1-519-137-XX	Ⓒ Lamp, neon	
NL801	1-519-137-XX	Ⓒ Lamp, neon	

<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Part No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Note:</u> The circled letters (Ⓐ to Ⓡ) are applicable for the European model only.
TM801	1-536-415-00	Ⓐ Terminal Strip, 4-p; SPEAKER	
VS801	1-509-385-12	Ⓒ Selector, voltage (UK, AEP Model)	
	1-526-165-22	Ⓒ Selector, voltage (USA, Canada Model)	
	1-533-082-00	Ⓒ Holder, fuse; 5-p	
	1-534-049-51	Ⓔ Cord, connection; RK-74	
	1-534-985-XX	Ⓔ Cord, power (USA, Canada Model)	
	1-535-074-00	Ⓐ Terminal Post	
	1-509-546-00	Ⓒ Connector, ac input; 3-p	

#### ACCESSORIES

<u>Part No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1-534-049-51	Ⓔ Cord, connection; RK-74
1-534-819-00	Ⓖ Cord, power (UK Model)
3-780-218-22	Ⓓ Manual, instruction (USA, Canada Model)
3-793-753-41	Ⓐ Leaflet (UK Model)