

SST MOBILE



23 CHANNEL-ALL SILICON
TRANSISTOR TRANSCEIVER

INSTALLATION & OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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WARRANTY

Browning Laboratories, Inc. warrants each new inter-communicating device manufactured by it to be free from defective material and workmanship and agrees to remedy such defect or to furnish a new part in exchange for any part of any unit of its manufacture which under normal installation, use and service, discloses such defect-provided the unit is delivered by the owner to us or to our authorized distributor or dealer from whom purchased within one (1) year from the date of sale to original purchaser and provided that such examination discloses in our judgment that it is thus defective. Labor is warranted for one (1) year.

This warranty does not extend to any of our products which have been subjected to misuse, neglect, accident, incorrect application, improper installation, or use in violation of instructions furnished by us.

This is not an all-encompassing or performance guarantee (see instructions) and this Warranty is in lieu of all other Warranties expressed or implied; and no representative or person is authorized to assume for us any other liability in connection with the sale of our products.

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SERVICE ON SUCH UNITS WILL BE CHARGED FOR. MAIL THE CARD NOW.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The SST Transceiver is designed to comply with necessary requirements to operate in the Class "D" Citizens Radio Service in the 27 mc (11 meter) Band. The user is required to be cognizant with, and comply with, Part 95 of the FCC Rules which defines operation in this service.

A valid station license and call letters are necessary before operation is permissible. The station license is obtained by submitting a properly and fully completed Form 505, Station License Application. After receipt of the license, the user

must attach to the transmitter a Form 452-C, Transmitter Identification Card. Form 452-C has been included for your convenience.

Anyone may operate a duly licensed transmitter, but the licensee is responsible for violations or infractions of the regulations. Browning Laboratories cannot be held responsible for improper technical adjustments where any unauthorized person has performed any adjustment or used any other than our authorized crystals, components, etc.

PRE-INSTALLATION

To those readily familiar with transistorized CB radio equipment, there is a tendency to install the equipment without reading the details of the Instruction Manual. However, to avoid equipment damage, a few precautions are necessary.

DO NOT

—Attempt to connect the power cord to a primary power source with the power switch on. Determine system polarity before connection. The SST is wired for negative or positive ground connection. **MOST MODERN CARS ARE NEGATIVE GROUND.**

DO NOT

—Connect the antenna with the power on. Accidental contact with the rear speaker jacks on the rear panel will blow the line fuse.

DO NOT

—Key the transmitter without an antenna connected.

DO NOT

— Replace the fuse with any other type (3AG-2 amp.)

DO NOT

— Attempt alignment of the transmitter to the antenna. Loss of modulation power and inefficient operation possibly resulting in transistor burn-out will occur unless the factory prescribed tuning procedure is followed. Maximum efficiency

of an installation will result when the antenna has a VSWR of less than 1.5:1. The antenna should be tuned, trimmed or replaced, if necessary, to achieve this.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The SST embodies the latest in high frequency transceiver design techniques. Only the most modern silicon transistors are used throughout:

The SST is a compact transceiver, employing 1 FET, 2 ICs, 1 Thermistors, 21 diodes, 20 transistors, and an additional 2 transistors for compression and regulation in an advanced transistor circuit, and highly sensitive double superheterodyne receiver, containing noise blanker circuitry for reduction of fierce ignition noise, using highly selective ceramic filter with a built-in rugged speaker and complete with a dynamic microphone, which is intended to provide all channel operation in the class D citizens band service and public address paging.

Twenty-three channel operation is made possible with 14 crystals in a highly stable synthesizing circuit.

Receiver voltages are zener regulated to maintain sensitivity and squelch operation over a wide input voltage excursion.

All transmitter transistors are oversized silicon units.

The SST is designed to operate from a nominal 12-volt DC negative ground source.

The SST will operate over a nominal input voltage range of 11.5 to 16 volts without damage or serious loss of communication.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Receiver

Sensitivity - .3 uV for 10DB $\frac{s+n}{n}$ @ 30 %
modulation @ 1000 Hz

Selectivity - 4 kHz @ - 6 DB
20 kHz @ - 50 DB

Image rejection - Better than -55DB

Squelch - minimum sensitivity-1uV, maximum signal
stop, factory setting, 30 uV

Delta Tune - Variable $\pm$ 1.5 kHz

Noise Limiter - Series gate approximately 65%
clipping level.

Audio Output - 6 watts 8 ohm Speaker High level Class
B Audio

Transmitter

Power Output - Better than 3.5 watts @ 13.8 volts

Modulation 85% minimum guaranteed sine-wave
100% average speech

Microphone

High output dynamic

Weight

5½ lbs. with microphone

Size

2¾" H × 6½" W × 8¼" D

INSTALLATION

Select a suitable mounting position keeping the following in mind.

- Controls must be convenient and visible.
- The location should not interfere with driver or operator's normal functions.
- The transceiver should not be in the way of heater ducts, air conditioning outlets or direct blast air inlets.
- The transceiver should be protected from rain and spray. In some commercial vehicles and in marine applications, vertical mounting may prove more convenient. The SST may be mounted in any position without performance change.

Connect the red fused power cord to a well regulated source such as an ammeter terminal, ignition accessory terminal or cigar lighter.

"Tapping off" of dome or convenient light wires is not recommended as these circuits are usually wired very lightly and some power loss would be encountered. Always install the black wire between the radio chassis and vehicle chassis or system ground to reduce noise pickup.

Install the radio in the mounting bracket and connect the antenna. It is essential for maximum performance that a good antenna be used. See ANTENNAS for a discussion of antenna types.

The special spanner type screws used to mount the SST in its bracket makes it very theft resistant as the wrench must be used to mount or dismount the unit. The wrench provides a great deal of leverage. Be careful not to damage screws by too much pressure. **DO NOT KEEP THE WRENCH IN GLOVE COMPARTMENT.** Leave it home-or on Key ring.

Extra wrenches \$ 1.00.

OPERATION

Operation of the SST Transceiver is simple and self-explanatory to those familiar with CB equipment.

After power is connected, set the front panel switches to CB and NB Off or Down. Turn power on. With the volume at about one-half setting and the squelch control counter-clockwise, noise and/or signals should be heard. If the unit is inoperative, determine that the pilot lamp is on, if not, recheck power connections and line fuse.

The SQUELCH control should be rotated slowly clockwise to silence background noise, or weak or undesirable signals.

The variable Delta Tune enables you to tune the receiver $1\frac{1}{2}$ kHz plus or minus the crystal frequency to clear up signals which may be off frequency.

When the NB switch is in the off or down position the audio noise limiter is in operation. In the NB position the audio noise limiter AND the 4 stage noise blanker is in operation. The noise blanker operation greatly reduces ignition-type noise when receiving weak signals.

When installed in a vehicle whose ignition system proves to be an unusually noisy one, local measures can be taken on the vehicle to reduce such noise. Consult your distributor to determine the most economical method of suppressing the ignition noise. Usually simple suppression of spark plugs may suffice. However, more difficult cases may require special techniques. Sometimes generator and voltage regulator "hash" may be troublesome. Special capacitors and/or complete kits are available depending upon requirements. Little can be done to reduce noise interference from other mobile sources. Your SST has the finest noise suppression circuitry available today regardless of cost.

The meter has two scales the upper an S meter reading when receiving showing the relative strength of the signal being received. When transmitting the lower scale will show the relative power output and the on air light will also glow dimly increasing in brilliance in proportion to modulation applied to the signal. Together a very visual idea of the transmitter operation is obtained.

OPERATION

Public Address or Loud Hail Functions

Auxiliary circuitry provided in the SST enables it to be used as a public address system or loud hailer.

A trumpet or horn speaker of 8 ohms impedance is desirable for this purpose. Connect the speaker to a suitable length of cable using a standard 1/4" plug at the radio end. The plug is inserted in the P.A. jack. Placing the "PA CB" switch in "PA" will silence the receiver. When it is desired to speak, depress the mike key. Feedback effects which cause "ringing" or "howling" are reduced by placing the P.A. speaker as far from the microphone as possible. Avoid having the speaker and microphone facing each other. The volume control also controls P.A. volume.

The EXT jack functions in the CB position and can be used to operate an external speaker for receiving purposes. Any suitable speaker of 8 ohms is satisfactory.

Use of Channels

In accordance with FCC regulations channels 9 through 15 and Channel 23 can be used for communication between units of different license. On the remaining channels operation is only permissible between units of the same license. *

The SST also contains a blank selector position between channel 22 and 23. This position is not for citizen band use and is internally defeated.

*Recent FCC ruling have designated that Channel 9 be reserved exclusively for emergency situations only.

ANTENNAS

No other single part of the system can be as significant a factor in complete success or total failure of performance as the antenna installation.

It is advisable not to experiment but rather to use performance proven antennas. Many new "miracle" antennas appear on the market from time to time, but most of them disappear after a short period.

If a shortened antenna is desirable there are several successful types that the Browning distributor will recommend.

Shortened types are very successful mounted in the center of the roof and somewhat less efficient when mounted on or near the front or rear fender or rear quarter deck.

Bumper mounts are inadvisable because of their extreme directivity.

The length of the cable from the antenna to the radio is, contrary to popular belief, not important. What is important is that the antenna have low VSWR. If a shortened type of antenna is used, it is mandatory that the VSWR be checked. If the VSWR is greater than 1.5:1, the antenna must be adjusted in accordance with the manufacturers instructions.

Do not attempt VSWR checks if the vehicle is parked closer than 35 feet from a large fence, metal building, etc.

TECHNICAL FACTS

The CB field is, unfortunately, overrun with much technical information of dubious origin. Many users, in an attempt to improve performance, expend much effort and money only to be disappointed. It is hoped that this brief semi-technical treatise will enlighten the user and help to avoid costly errors and achieve optimum performance with minimum effort.

Contrary to some popular opinions that a transmitter can be tuned to match the antenna any transmitter to perform properly, must have the antenna adjusted to match its output impedance. This is necessary with tube sets as well. CB radios

(tube and transistor) are designed to operate into a 50-52 ohm load. Depending on the antenna installation and type, the effective impedance of the antenna can vary a great deal from this value.

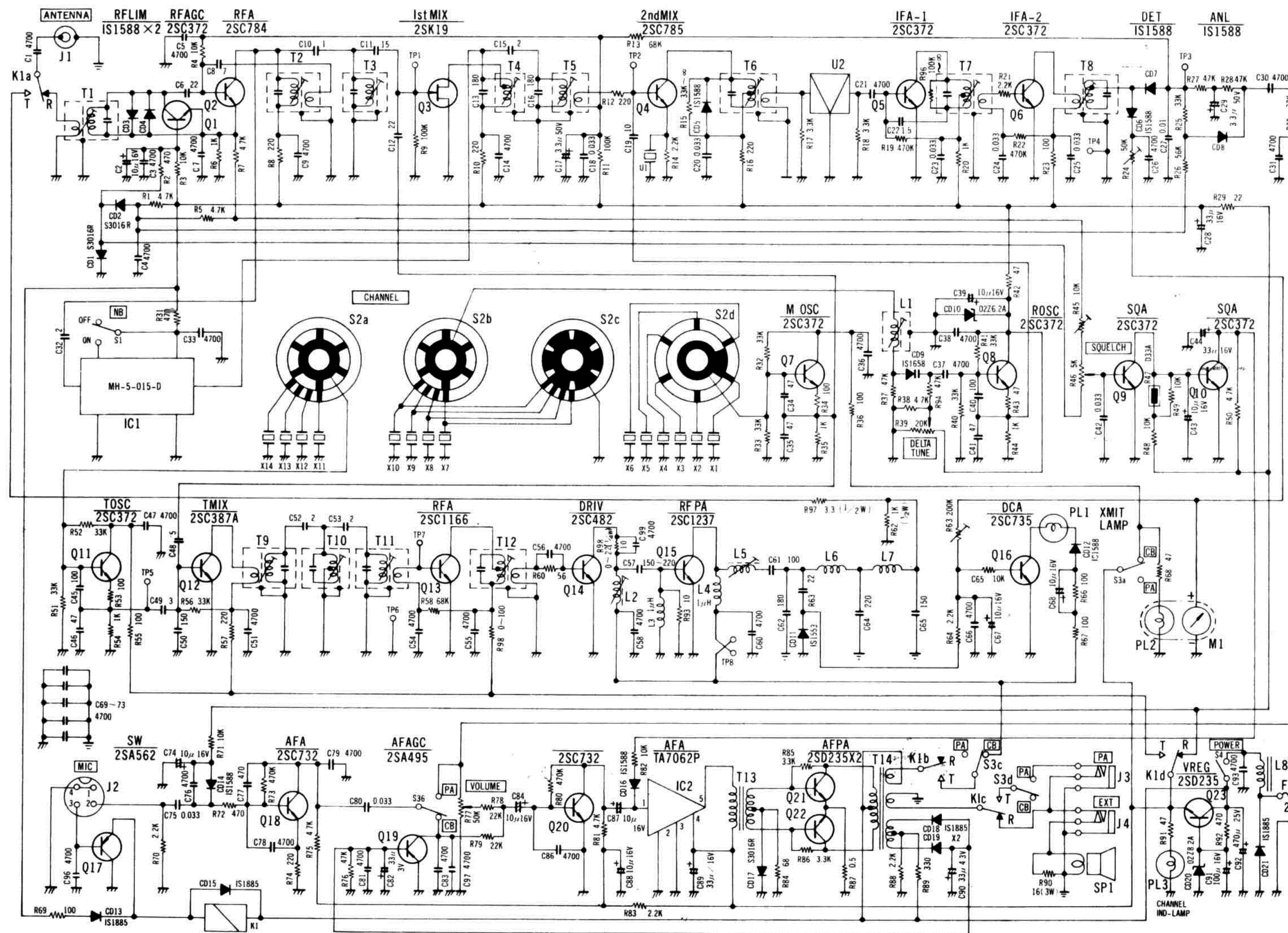
In any transistor transmitter or receiver, successive stages are interdependent on proper alignment to gain top performance. When an adjustment is made in one area, it can change the alignment in another. Our units are designed and built to accept an antenna impedance tolerance of 35 to 70 ohms. All stages are tuned to their optimum at the factory and should not be readjusted in the field.

WARNING

The use of this equipment must comply with Part 95 of the Federal Communications Commission Rules and Regulations and failure to do so will subject the operator and all owners to severe fines and penalties.

The proper adherence to these rules and regulations by all will improve the efficiency and operating pleasure for everyone.

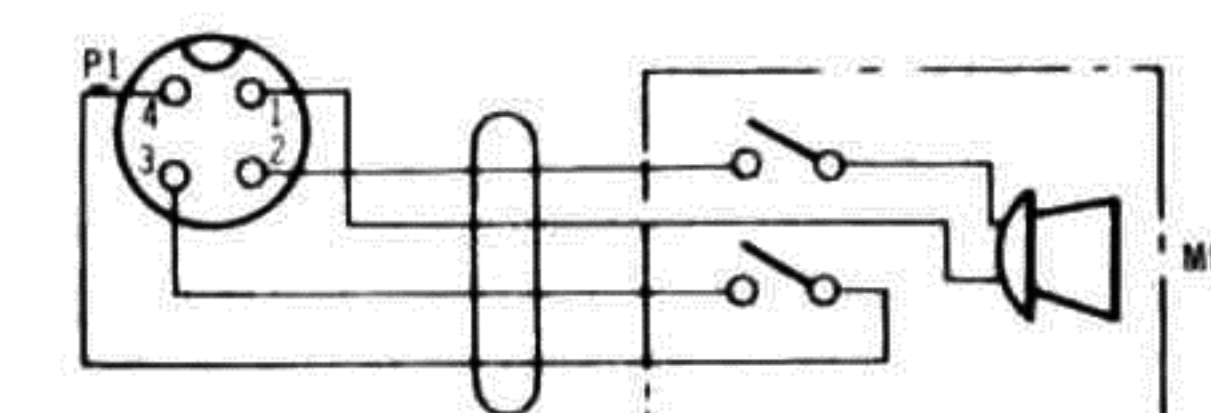
Any alterations of the transmitter both internal and external by anyone other than the manufacturer is a violation of F.C.C. regulations and punishable accordingly and voids your warranty.



NOTES

1. ALL RESISTORS ARE IN OHMS AND 1/8W UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
2. ALL MYLARFILM CAPACITORS INDICATED AS 0.033, etc. ARE IN μ F.
3. ALL CERAMIC AND POLYSTERENE CAPACITORS INDICATED AS 4700, etc. ARE IN pF.
4. FREQUENCY SYNTHESIZER CRYSTAL FREQUENCIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

X1 - 16.965 MHz	X 8 - 9.555 MHz
X2 - 17.015 MHz	X 9 - 9.565 MHz
X3 - 17.065 MHz	X10 - 9.585 MHz
X4 - 17.115 MHz	X11 - 10.000 MHz
X5 - 17.165 MHz	X12 - 10.010 MHz
X6 - 17.215 MHz	X13 - 10.020 MHz
X7 - 9.545 MHz	X14 - 10.040 MHz



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