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SECTION 1. INTRODUCTION

The Grundig Recorder type TK14 operates at a single speed of $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches per second. The maximum spool size which can be accommodated is $5\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

The Main Chassis Mounting Plate, which carries most of the components, is spot-welded onto a steel frame which forms the centre portion of the whole instrument. After removal of the Plastic Bottom of the machine and the Plastic Top Cover, all parts are readily accessible. The Amplifiers are contained on the single Printed Circuit which can be reached easily for servicing purposes. The Mains Power Pack is mounted onto a separate sub-chassis.

The two-pole Motor drives a very generous fly-wheel which is mounted into a self aligning bearing. The upper portion of the fly-wheel spindle is stabilised by being pressed against two protrusions on the Plastic Bearing Disc.

The right hand Clutch is driven from the fly-wheel and use is made of the weight of the spool and tape on the right hand Clutch to obtain the correct amount of clutching action. In the "Fast Forward" position, the right hand clutch is moved to the left against an Idler Wheel which then engages with the upper portion of the Motor Pulley. For "Fast Rewind" operation, the left hand clutch is moved against the upper portion of the Motor Pulley.

A "Pressure Tape" is fitted to the Pressure Roller Arm of the machine which makes contact with the back of the tape and presses this, quite uniformly, against a large portion of the Head Face. This provides an intimate contact between the active coating on the tape and the head and minimises sudden loss due to "drop outs".

The machine is fully press-button operated, the Press Buttons being interlocked so as to prevent incorrect operation. Before depressing any other button, the "Stop" button must first be operated.

A Magic Eye Recording Level Indicator is fitted and the machine is equipped with two sockets for inputs from a Microphone, Telephone Adaptor, Radio Set or Gramophone pick-up. A High Impedance and an Extension Loudspeaker Output, together with a Loudspeaker Switch are also fitted. A digital type Position Indicator is fitted which is belt driven from the left hand clutch.

The TK14 was first introduced by GRUNDIG (GT. BRITAIN) LTD., in August 1961.

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SECTION 2. CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

The circuit diagram of the machine is enclosed with this manual separately and is contained in the pocket formed by the rear cover. The diagram is colour coded where the colour Red denotes all the components used when recording. Green denotes all components used when playing back. Blue shows the Motor circuit and Power Pack. All connections which are common to both, Recording and Playback Amplifiers, are shown in Black.

2.1 THE RECORDING AMPLIFIER

2.1.1 Microphone Recording

The signal is fed from pin 1 of the microphone socket (pin 2 being the earth connection), R1 forming the input impedance. Via the input selector, 2.1-2.2, the signal is fed to the recording/playback switch contacts 1.21-1.22. The signal then passes through blocking condenser C1 to the grid resistor R5 of the first half of the ECC83 pre-amplifier. The cathode of this is earthed and its anode load is R6, decoupled by C2. From the anode feed condenser, C3, the signal travels to the recording level control R7 and to the grid of the second half of the ECC83. The cathode bias of this is obtained through R10, the anode load is R9 and the anode blocking condenser C5, feeding the signal to the triode section of the ECL86. The grid resistor of this valve is R12 and cathode bias is obtained by R18, decoupled by C11.

From the anode load R17, decoupled by C8, the signal is fed via C10 into the frequency correction network for the recording amplifier, via switch contacts 1.14-1.13. In this, C4 and L3 largely determine the required rise of the frequency response towards high frequencies, with R8 being included to flatten the peak. To obtain a smooth rise from a frequency of about 1000 c/s onwards, R15, R21, R16, and C7 are fitted. At high frequencies, the amount of feed back from the triode section of the ECL86 into the cathode of the second half of the ECC83 is reduced, thereby increasing the gain at such frequencies. C12 is included to restrict the amount of feedback at very low frequencies (below 333 cycles) to provide a slight amount of bass lift and to improve the signal to noise ratio.

R19 and R13 feed the audio signal into the recording head and their purpose is to prevent changes in recording head current at different frequencies. The Head is fed from a high impedance source (through R19 and R13) and the effect of the varying head inductance at different frequencies is thereby negligible. C6 is included to prevent leakage of recording bias back into the amplifier where it might upset the operating point. Depressing the recording button opens switch contact A which removes the muting of the signal from C10.

2.1.2 Extension L.S./Gram. P.U. Recordings

The signal is fed from pin 1 of the "Radio L.S./Gram. P.U." socket of the TK14, where R4 and R3 form an input potential divider. From the junction of the two components the signal is fed via switch contacts 2.3-2.2, recording/playback switch contacts 1.21-1.22 to condenser C1 and to the grid of the first half of the ECC83.

The circuit then follows as for microphone recordings.

2.1.3 The Bias Oscillator

When recording, the pentode section of the ECL86 functions as the bias oscillator. The section is disconnected from the rest of the amplifier by switch contacts 1.11-1.10, the output transformer primary is short-circuited by contacts 1.4-1.5 and feedback is provided from L4, the bias oscillator coil, through C21, R37 (variable pre-set), switch contacts 1.10-1.11 and R29 into the grid of the pentode.

The Erase Head is fed from a tapping of the secondary on the bias oscillator coil, and the Recording Head is fed via C19, a trimmer condenser. Cathode bias for the pentode section of the ECL86 is provided by R32, decoupled by C17, and R33. R30 forming the grid resistor. The screen grid is fed via R36, decoupled by C18.

2.1.4 The Magic Eye

In the recording position the signal is fed from switch contact 1.13 through R26 into the rectifying diode, MR2. The output is smoothed by C16 and fed to the magic eye pre-set control R31. R34 is the anode load of the triode section of the EM84 and R35 is its target load. Variation of the value of R34 would alter the sensitivity of the EM84 and variation of R35 would alter the display brilliance, but both are interrelated.

2.2 THE PLAYBACK AMPLIFIER

When playing back, the signal is provided by the Playback Head and fed via switch contacts 1.23-1.22 through condenser C1 into the grid of the first half of the ECC83. The grid resistor is again R5 and the signal travels, as described for the recording amplifier, to the second half of the ECC83 and to the triode section of the ECL86. R7, previously the recording level control, now becomes the volume control. The signal, appearing at C10 on the anode of the triode section of the ECL86, is now passed into the frequency correction network for the playback amplifier. This consists of C9, R20, and R14. At very low frequencies the amount of feedback from the triode section of the ECL86 into the cathode of the second half of the ECC83 is limited due to the high reactance of C9. R20, in parallel with C9, is fitted to prevent low frequency instability and to provide some small amount of feedback at very low frequencies. The correction network produces the required bass lift for the playback amplifier but at high frequencies C4 and L3 again restrict the amount of feedback with R8 included to flatten the peak, so that the playback amplifier provides the required bass and treble lift to compensate for losses in the recording and playback processes.

From switch contact 1.15 the signal is taken to the potential divider R22/R23 and is fed to pin 3 of the Extension L.S./Gram, P.U. socket. This provides the high impedance output for feeding external amplifying equipment.

From switch contact 1.14 the signal is fed through C13, R25 and R29 (grid stopper) into the control grid of the pentode section of the ECL86. This stage now functions as a power amplifier for the built-in loudspeaker and for the extension loudspeaker socket. The DC resistance of the primary of the oscillator coil and its inductance at audio frequencies are too small to affect the audio signal and this is now fed to the primary of the output transformer. C22 prevents H.F. instability and because of the high peak voltages appearing across it, must be of at least 1000V DC rating. The loudspeaker is fed from the secondary of the output transformer. The loudspeaker switch 3.1-3.2-3.3 connects either one side of the loudspeaker to chassis or alternatively disconnects the loudspeaker and inserts the dummy load R38. At the same time the output signal is fed to pin 1 of the output socket.

The negative feedback loop from the secondary of the output transformer via C14, R28, R27 (tone control) and C15 provides tone control facilities.

When used as power output stage, the ECL86 is biased by R32, decoupled by C17. R33 is now short circuited by switch contacts 1.9-1.8. The erase head is disconnected and the oiscillator feedback line is open-circuited by switch contacts 1.10-1.11. The DC return path for the grid of the pentode section of the ECL86 is now provided by R29, R27 and R28. Depressing the start button opens switch contact B which removes the muting of the signal from C10.

2.3 THE POWER PACK

The TK14 is fitted with a three-core mains lead via a chassis mounted plug and a lead mounted socket. The mains input is fed via the mains switch (micro switch) and the mains fuse to the primary of the mains transformer. Mains input selection is by placing the fuse into its appropriate holder, the position of the fuse being visible through a window in the bottom of the machine. A full wave bridge metal rectifier, MR1, provides the HT supply which is fed from one part of the secondary winding of the mains transformer through the HT fuse (mounted adjacent to the mains fuse). C23 is the reservoir condenser and smoothing is by R24, C8, R11 and C2.

2.4 THE MOTOR

The motor is a two pole motor. Some are fitted with a fan and with a tapped winding. One winding, White-Blue, is for normal forward running, whilst the other one, White-Green, is used in either the fast forward or fast rewind positions. Other motors are equipped with an untapped winding and the two fastwind change-over switches are omitted.

The motor is fitted with a motor pulley which is located on the motor shaft by a torsion spring. The centre of the belt groove in the motor pulley must be exactly 14.5mm above the top of the chassis.

SECTION 3. DISMANTLING FOR SERVICING

3.1 ACCESS TO COMPONENTS

All major components for the TK14 are readily accessible by removing the bottom of the instrument (four screws in rubber feet) and by removing the top deck. To remove the top deck proceed as follows:—

Remove the four (on some models five) holding screws and gently lift off the back of the top cover. Next place three fingers of each hand onto each of the six operating keys and with the thumbs of each hand gently lift the front lip of the top deck. This will now come off easily.

When refitting the top deck, place this loosely in position and press the rear of the top deck well home on to its lip. With three fingers of the left hand depress the operating keys and push the left hand corner of the top deck downwards with the other hand. Next repeat with the right hand corner depressing three keys with one hand and locating the top deck with the other.

When replacing the deck mounting screws, observe that the shorter one of the four (or five) screws must be located in the front right hand position i.e. closest to the Start Key. To gain access to the printed circuit panel, remove the bottom screen first. Loosen the four mounting screws holding the printed circuit screen to the printed circuit panel and slide the metal screen downwards. The screen will now come off. Next unscrew the four screws completely, taking care not to lose any of the four spacers. The printed circuit panel can now be swung outwards; it is still retained by its connecting leads. In this position, however, the TK14 is fully operational. With the machine standing on its side, all electronic functions may be checked.

The recording/playback switch is operated by the recording button of the TK14. The swivel bracket of the recording button engages in a large eyelet on the end of the slider of the recording/playback switch and when re-assembling the printed circuit and replacing this on its mounting pillars, care must be taken that the recording button swivel bracket engages properly in the slider. An opening is provided in the printed circuit panel to observe the relative positions.

3.2 REPLACEMENT OF DRIVE BELTS

To replace the drive belts of the TK14 proceed as follows:—

- 1. Remove Mains Lead.
- 2. Remove Top Deck.
- 3. Unclip EM84 from its holding bracket together with Valve Base.
- 4. Remove Dust Cover from drive spindle.
- 5. Remove Indicator Drive Belt.
- 6. Remove three countersunk Fixing Screws of Sound Channel Plate.
- 7. Remove complete Sound Channel and Top Deck Fixing Bracket under right hand side of Sound Channel. Moving it forward on its leads.
- 8. The Clutch Drive Belt and the Fly-Wheel Drive Belt may now be replaced.
- 9. Re-assemble in reverse order, making sure that the right hand Top Deck Fixing Bracket is positioned properly with threaded hole uppermost and held by the longest of the three countersunk screws.

SECTION 4. CLUTCHES AND BRAKES

The clutches are of the friction type and will not normally need attention, other than an occasional cleaning of the felt clutch faces with methylated spirits to remove any accumulation of dirt or foreign matter. For this purpose the clutch may be taken apart as follows:—

Removal of the large clutch spring ring will release the upper clutch spindle, exposing the circlip of the upper clutch half. Remove this circlip, the small washer and the upper clutch half. The felt insert may now be cleaned.

Before re-assembling the clutch, make quite sure that the plastic washers which fit between the upper clutch half and the circlip are undamaged. They can easily effect the speed of the machine and cause wow or flutter.

There are three positions from which a braking action is applied to the peripheries of the clutches. These are the brake bracket with the plastic brake piece, operated by the brake plate and engaging against the left hand clutch, and the brake ring, fitted to and operated by the brake bracket, engaging against the right hand clutch. These two brakes are used when recording, playing back or fast winding. A leaf spring is fitted to the temporary stop lever to exert a breaking action onto the left hand clutch when depressing the "Temporary Stop" button. The temporary stop lever also disengages the pressure roller of the TK14 when this is in its normal forward running position.

When the brakes are engaged i.e. when the machine is in its neutral position, the right hand and left hand brake operating rods must have a play of at least 1mm. They must not prevent the brake bracket from moving sufficiently for the brakes to engage fully.

The brake for the left hand clutch is so arranged that it only exerts force when the left hand clutch is rotated in an anti-clockwise direction with the brakes engaged. At the same time it lifts off the braking ring from the periphery of the right hand clutch. The purpose of this is to ensure that after fast forward winding and when depressing the stop button the left hand clutch only is braked so as to prevent tape loops being formed. Likewise, when stopping after fast rewinding, a braking action is applied only to the right hand clutch for the same reason.

For the correct assembly of clutches and the correct designation of components please refer to the exploded clutch photograph in the Appendix of this manual.

SECTION 5. TESTING THE TK14

5.1 ELECTRONIC TESTS

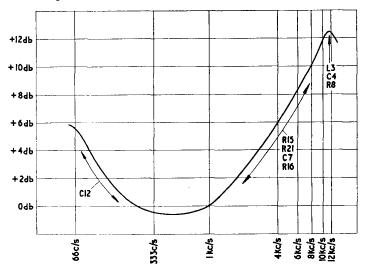
It must be emphasised that all electronic test specifications can only be met if the correct tape is used for the machine. Tapes which are recommended for the TK14 are "Grundig Tape", "Master Tape" or "BASF" type LGS.

Other tapes have different electrical characteristics, and sometimes also vary in their mechanical specifications, and if they are used, the TK14 will not give the performance of which it is capable.

5.1.1 Frequency Response of Playback Amplifier

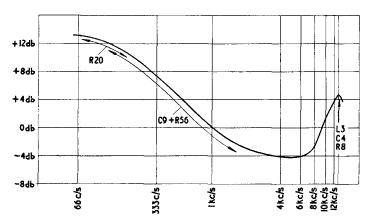
Using Test Network (1), a signal of 39 mV \pm 2 dB at a frequency of 1000 c/s is fed into the head circuit.

With all controls set to maximum, an output level of 50 mV should be obtained from contacts 2 and 3 (high impedance output) on the "Radio L.S./Gram. P.U." socket. The response at other frequencies is indicated in the graph below. The allowable tolerance is ± 2 dB for all frequencies, except 1kc/s and 12kc/s. To obtain the correct lift at the frequency of 12kc/s, the screw of the absorption coil L3 must be adjusted.



5.1.2 Frequency Response of Recording Amplifier

Using Test Network ②, a signal at a frequency of 1000 c/s is fed into the microphone input, until a head current of 0.5 mV/100 Ohms (using Test Network ⑤) is obtained. The frequency response at other frequencies is shown on the graph below where a tolerance of ± 2 dB from the levels indicated is permissible.



5.1.3 Full Level Recording

Most electronic tests on the TK14 depend on a "Full Level Recording". This condition is obtained when enough signal is fed into the machine and with the controls set to such a position that a maximum permissible recording current is passed into the recording head before saturation of the Tape occurs.

When a full level recording is made, a number of interrelated conditions must be met which are as follows:—

- 1. The Magic Eye of the machine will close at a frequency of 1000 c/s. (Recording Level Adjustment).
- 2. The Input Signal required for this condition does not exceed a maximum figure (Input Sensitivity check).
- 3. The Audio Recording Current fed into the head is 5 mV/100 Ohms, using Test Network ③ (Head Current Setting).
- 4. On playing back a 1000 c/s recording meeting all above requirements, an Output Level of 500 mV is obtained from the high impedance output (Minimum Playback Level).
- 5. The Distortion Factor obtained on playback from the high impedance output under the above conditions does not exceed 6% (Maximum Total Harmonic Distortion).
- 6. The Hum and Noise level on playback (no signal) should not exceed 2.5 mV (Signal to Noise ratio 50 dB). All the above conditions and requirements are a close indication of the efficiency of the machine.

5.1.4 Head Currents and Voltages

The HF bias current to the recording head is 0.6 mA and may be measured by using Test Network ③, where a valve voltmeter should show a potential drop of 60 mV \pm 15% across the 100 Ohm resistor in the chassis return lead of the recording head. C19 is adjusted until this recording bias is obtained.

The erase current should be measured by using Test Network 4 where a valve voltmeter should show a potential drop of 420 mV \pm 10% across the 10 Ohm resistor in the chassis return lead of the erase head. R37 is adjusted until this erase current is obtained.

It must be observed that the adjustment of R37 and C19 are interdependant and erase current and recording bias must be checked after an adjustment has been made to either of them.

The audio recording current should produce a potential drop of 5 mV across the 100 Ohm resistor in parallel with the head, (use Test Network ③) when a frequency of 1000 c/s is fed to the Microphone or Radio L.S. Gram. P.U. input of the machine. For this test the bias oscillator must be made inoperative by short circuiting the erase head. Under this condition the magic eye should close. Also see section 5.1.3 "Full Level Recording" above.

5.1.5 Alignment of Heads

The position of the recording/playback head assembly is very critical and is particularly important for the perfect reproduction of recordings made on other machines. The adjustment should be carried out with a tape on which a frequency of approximately 6000 c/s has been recorded on a standard machine. Connect a valve voltmeter to the high impedance output (pins 3-2 of Radio L.S./Gram. P.U. socket) and play back the tape. The two screws on either side of the head should be adjusted for maximum output. The tape guides should be so adjusted that the pole pieces protrude 0.1mm above the top edge of the tape.

5.1.6 The Hum and Noise Level

The hum level may be adjusted to a minimum by means of R39 (humdinger). To check the hum level, feed a signal of $80 \text{ mV} \pm 2 \text{ dB}$ at a frequency of 1000 c/s into the "Radio L.S./Gram. P.U." socket and make a full level recording. On playback the level should be noted and with the tape removed the residual hum and noise should not exceed -50 dB of the previously noted level.

5.1.7 Modulation Level Adjustments, Sensitivity and Distortion Factor

To set the modulation level, feed a 1000 c/s signal to the Radio L.S./Gram. P.U. input of the machine (using Test Network ③). Cause the magic eye to close and check the head current (using Test Network ③). This should be 5 mV across the 100 Ohm resistor in parallel with the recording head. The bias oscillator must be made inoperative for this purpose by short circuiting the erase head. If necessary, alter pre-set R31 (in magic eye circuit) until this condition is obtained. Next check the input level into the machine which should not exceed 87 mV \pm 2 dB for the correct input sensitivity of the TK14. If the signal is fed into the "Microphone" input, a signal of 2.2 mV \pm 2 dB should cause the magic eye to close.

If the recording is made, a playback voltage of at least 500 mV should be obtained, and the distortion factor should not exceed 6%.

5.1.8 Frequency Response Via Tape

To check the frequency response, feed a signal of approximately 20 mV at 1000 c/s into the "Microphone" input and adjust the recording level control until the two illuminated sectors of the magic eye just close. Next reduce the input signal by 20 dB to (1/10th) and record frequencies of 60 c/s, 333 c/s, 1 kc/s, 4 kc/s, 8 kc/s, 10 kc/s and 12 kc/s.

Rewind the tape and play back, observing the playback level on a valve voltmeter connected to pins 3 and 2 of the Radio L.S./Gram. P.U. socket. The output levels should not deviate by more than +3-5 dB.

5.1.9 The Output Stage

When feeding a signal of 333 c/s into Test Network 0, check the output level of the output stage by connecting a 5 Ohm ($\pm 2\%$) resistor across pins 1 and 2 of the "Output" socket. The output voltage (internal loudspeaker switched off) should not be less than 2.75V at a maximum total harmonic distortion factor of 6%.

Operation of the tone control reduces the output at 12 kc/s by approximately 14 dB when rotated from its maximum treble to minimum treble position. Other frequencies are attenuated correspondingly less.

The hum level from the output stage, measured across the 5 Ohm resistor in substitution of the loudspeaker, must not exceed 14 mV when all controls are set to maximum.

5.2 MECHANICAL TESTS AND SERVICE NOTES

5.2.1 The Sound Channel

The sound channel comprises all mechanical aprts for guiding and moving the tape in addition to the recording or playback head and the erase head.

It is most important that the tape is guided in a straight line along its full length of travel and the correct adjustment of the tape guides is therefore very critical. After carrying out any adjustment to the sound channel, all screws must be resealed with insulating varnish or sealing lacquer.

5.2.2 The Pressure Roller

The pressure roller conveys the tape past the head assemblies at an even speed. The pressure of the pressure roller against the capstan spindle should produce a pull on the tape, when running, of approximately 3½ ounces. The pressure roller is self-aligning so that it will always run quite parallel to the fly-wheel (capstan) spindle. It is important for the pressure roller to be kept clean and for cleaning purposes methylated spirits is recommended.

5.2.3 The Pressure Tape

The pressure tape ensures that the tape makes an intimate contact of uniform pressure against a large surface of the head to minimise the effect of "drop outs" and to ensure good high frequency response. The pressure tape is tensioned and will not normally require adjustment. Cleaning is recommended, using a soft brush, but any pressure tape which, for any reason, has become damaged, must be replaced. The pressure tape should not foul the mu-metal case of the head or the mu-metal screening plate in front of the head.

5.2.4 Wow and Flutter

If a wow meter is available, the reading should not exceed $\pm 0.2\%$.

Alternatively a signal of approximately 5000 c/s should be played back when no appreciable variation in pitch should be audible.

5.2.5 Clutch Facings

Uneven pull from either spool spindle or an amount of jerkiness may be due to the accumulation of dirt on the felt insert under the corresponding upper clutch half. The felt may be cleaned with the aid of methylated spirits, using a small brush. It is also permissible to roughen the felt with a piece of fine sand paper. Where tapes other than those specified are used, it is not impossible for these to jam in the accurately machined tape guides, especially under "Fast Wind" Conditions. This may give an impression of incorrect mechanical operation of the clutches.

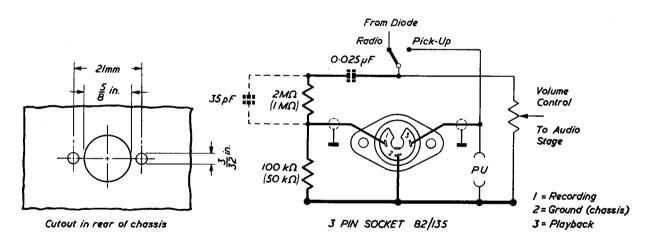
5.2.6 Lubrication

All bearings consist of self-lubricating sintered bearings and regular lubrication should not be necessary. It is recommended, however, to check the lubrication after the instrument has had approximately 1000 hours of use. Shell Vitrea Oil No. 21 is recommended for this purpose but should be used sparingly and with care. Metal sliders, push rod linkages and the two press button assemblies should be greased. A high viscosity Vaseline grease is recommended for such applications.

SECTION 6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

6.1 THE DIODE CONNECTION

For high quality recording from a radio receiver, a worthwhile improvement may be obtained by feeding the TK14 directly from the detector diode. This makes the level of the recording independant of the setting of the radio receiver volume control and by-passes the distortion of the output stage. The diode connection consists basically of a potential divider which should be mounted as close as possible to the volume control of the radio receiver. If DC is present on the volume control the blocking condenser should be added in series, as shown in the diagram below. The value of 1 to 2 Mohms is based on the radio set delivering approximately 100 mV to the diode load. Where the voltage varies considerably from this figure a suitable value of resistor should be chosen so that a signal of approximately 20 mV on mean programme level is fed into the recorder.



By using a twin screened cable (SL233) and arranging the connections as shown on the diagram, the TK14 can be made to record from the radio receiver or play back through it, using the same lead. This lead should be connected to the "Microphone" input when recording and to the "Radio L.S./Gram. P.U." socket (high impedence output) when playing back.

6.2 AC/DC OPERATION

The TK14 must only be connected to "AC only" apparatus. Where connection to AC/DC sets (Radio, Television Receiver etc.) is essential, an isolating transformer should be connected between the AC/DC equipment and the TK14. Alternatively it is possible to modify the auxiliary equipment so that this is converted to an AC only instrument. This could be done by feeding its mains input through an isolating transformer so as to separate the chassis of such equipment from the mains supply. The ratio of an isolating transformer for the signal lead is not critical; it is often possible to use a surplus mains transformer of sufficient power rating as a mains isolating transformer.

6.3 OPERATION FROM CAR BATTERIES AND OPERATION FROM MAINS SUPPLIES OTHER THAN 50 c/s

The TK14, like any other mains operated piece of equipment, may be operated from a car battery or a similar accumulator provided a suitable rotary or vibrator convertor is used.

The TK14 is only intended for operation from a 50 cycle mains supply and conversion to some other mains frequency, although technically possible, is not recommended mainly because of the expense involved. Conversion would entail the replacement of the motor and the mains transformer, both expensive items, and it is often considered to be more advantageous if a Frequency Changer is interposed between the mains supply and the machine. This firstly rectifies the unsuitable AC supply to DC then reconverts it to a 50 cycle AC supply, suitable for the TK14.

Suitable vibrator converters for battery operation and suitable frequency changers for operation from mains supplies of other than 50 cycles are manufactured by Messrs. Valradio, 57, Fortess Road, London, N.W.5., to whom enquiries should be directed.

SECTION 7. SUMMARISED SPECIFICATION OF THE TK14

MAINS VOLTAGE 50 cycle AC only, 200-220, 220-240 V

POWER CONSUMPTION 49 Watts = Playback

34 Watts = Record 54 Watts = Fast Wind

FUSES 0.8 Amp = Mains Fuse

0.1 Amp = HT Fuse (surge resisting)

VALVE LINE-UP ECC83, ECL86, EM84 plus metal rectifiers B250 C75 and E25 C5

MAXIMUM SPOOL SIZE $5\frac{3}{4}$ inches

TAPE SPEED $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches per second, $\pm 2\%$

RUNNING TIME PER FULL TAPE 1 hours each track, 2 hours total

REWIND TIME PER FULL TAPE 180 seconds (approx)

RECORDING SENSE According to International Standards

WOW AND FLUTTER Not exceeding $\pm 0.2\%$ FREQUENCY RESPONSE 60-12000 c/s+3-5 dB

FULL LEVEL RECORDING

Output Level Via Tape 500 mV, minimum Distortion Factor 6%, maximum

Recording Head Current 5 mV across 100 Ohm resistor (at 1000 c/s)

2.5 Watts

INPUT SENSITIVITY

Microphone 2 mV Radio/Pick-Up 80 mV

IMPEDANCES

OUTPUT POWER

Microphone Input
Radio/Pick-Up Input
High Impedance Output
Ext. L.S. Output

0.5 Megohm
1 Megohm
15 Kohm
5 Ohm

LOUDSPEAKER $5\frac{3}{4} \times 4\frac{3}{2}$ elliptical with ceramic magnet

HUM AND NOISE LEVEL

From High Imp. Output 2.5 mV, maximum

From Ext. L.S. Output 14 mV, maximum (across a 5 Ohm resistor)

DIMENSIONS OF TK14 $14\frac{3}{4} \times 11\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{3}{4}$ inches

WEIGHT OF TK14 20 lbs

MICROPHONE SUPPLIED WITH TK14 GDM 18, High Performance Moving Coil

PRESSURES AND TENSIONS

Pressure Roller against Capstan
Pressure Tape
Clutches against Motor or Idler
Tape Pull when moving

500 grammes (18 ounces)
80 grammes (2\frac{3}{4} ounces)
475 grammes (17 ounces)
100 grammes (3\frac{1}{2} ounces)

L.H. Brake Pressure
400 grammes (14 ounces)
R.H. Brake Pressure
200 grammes (7 ounces)

SECTION 8. MECHANICAL FAULTS

SYMPTOMS AND FAULTS

Tape not threaded correctly Correct

Insufficient pressure between Pressure Roller and Capstan Spindle

Pressure Roller not free on Spindle

Clean and lubricate

TAPE DOES NOT RUN AT ITS CORRECT SPEED WHEN RECORDING OR REPRODUCING

TAPE DOES NOT MOVE AFTER DEPRESSING START KEY

Incorrect tape pull Adjust
Tape jamming in Tape Guides Adjust
Left hand clutch jamming Clear

Spool scraping against Top Deck Adjust or replace spool

Incorrect mains voltage setting Adjust
Drive Belt twisted Correct

TAPE RUNS SLOW IN EITHER FAST WIND POSITION

See above

Oil on left hand Clutch Tyre Clean
Oil on Idler Pulley Clean

Motor running on incorrect winding

Use of incorrect Tape

Check contacts D and E

Use recommended Tape only

FAST WIND BUTTONS JAMMING

Locking bracket out of adjustment Adjust

HEAD WEARS TOO QUICKLY

Incorrect Tape pressure Adjust

TAPE JUMPS OUT OF TAPE GUIDES

Pressure roller out of adjustment Adjust
Dirt or iron oxide on pressure roller or Capstan Spindle Clean
Sound Channel out of adjustment Adjust

Use of incorrect Tape

Use recommended Tape

TAPE MOVES WITH NO KEYS DEPRESSED

Brakes not operating Clean and adjust

TAPE SCRAPES AGAINST EDGE OF SPOOL

Spool Warped Replace
Tape Guides out of adjustment Adjust

FLYWHEEL DRIVE BELT JUMPS OUT OF GROOVES

Motor Pulley incorrectly set

Adjust motor pulley so that centre of belt runs

14.5 mm above chassis

CURE

SECTION 9. ELECTRICAL FAULTS

SYMPTOMS AND FAULTS

CURE

DISTORTED RECORDING- LOW VOLUME- NO ERASE

Bias Oscillator not working

Faulty ECL86

Faulty Oscillator coil

Short circuit across erase head

Slider switch not operating

Faulty Record Head

Condenser C20 faulty

CROSS TALK FROM ONE CHANNEL TO THE OTHER

Tape Guides incorrectly set

Pressure Tape incorrectly fitted

WOW AND FLUTTER

Clutches Jerk

Pressure tape incorrectly set

Motor Pulley out of adjustment Insufficient pressure of pressure roller

Dirt or Iron Oxide on pressure roller or Capstan Spindle

Belt twisted

Position indicator jamming

Brakes not working

Flywheel bearing dry

HUM LEVEL TOO HIGH

Faulty ECC83

Faulty ECL86

Faulty Smoothing

Humdinger R39 out of adjustment

NO RECORDING LEVEL INDICATION

Faulty EM84

Faulty Pre-set R31

Faulty MR2 rectifier

RECORDING LEVEL TOO LOW

Low HT Supply

Faulty ECC83

Faulty Slider switch

LOW PLAYBACK GAIN

Incorrect bias during recording

Faulty or dirty Head

Faulty output transformer

Low HT supply

Insufficient tape pressure

Use of incorrect tape

NO PLAYBACK

Signal muted due to faulty contact B

Loudspeaker muted by contact C

Loudspeaker switched off

Replace

Replace

Clear

Check that the recording button is correctly

located on the slider switch

Replace

Replace

Re-adjust

Re-adjust

Check clutch adjustment

Re-adjust

Adjust

Adjust

Clean

Correct

Clear or replace

Adjust

Lubricate

Replace

Replace

Check and replace

Adjust

Replace

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Replace

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Adjust C19

Clean or replace

Replace

Check

Adjust

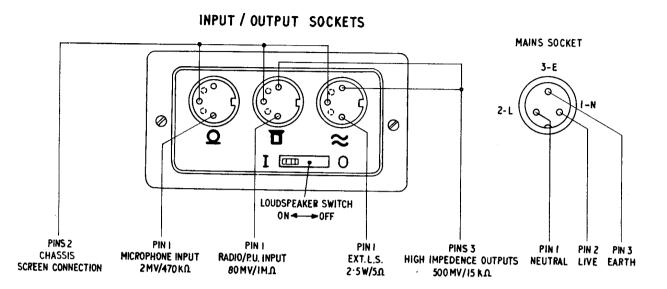
Use recommended tape only

Adjust

Adjust

Switch on for playback

SECTION 10. CONNECTIONS TO THE TK 14.



Connecting Leads:

SL3 (as supplied with TK14)

3-pin plug one end, 2 bared leads other end

for all Input and Ext. L:S. connections

for all Input and Output connections

SL233

3-pin plugs both ends

Microphone Extension Cables:

MEC5 = 5 yds. long

MEC10 = 10 yds. long consisting of special low capacity cable with 3-pin plug one

MEC15 = 15 yds. long \int end and 3-pin socket other end

Headphones:

SE3 single earpiece with earclip and STET stethoscope attachment

External Amplifier:

GRUNDIG Channel Reproducer type CR1 in column type enclosure. Containing

3 Watt amplifier and $10 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ loudspeaker. Supplied with connecting cable for high

impedance output from TK14

Mixer Unit:

Type GMU3. 4-Channel Electronic Mixer Unit with Magic Eye Level Indicator

Telephone Adaptor:

Type TA3. Inductive Type with rubber suction fixing to telephone. Connected into

Microphone input of TK14



FIG. I GENERAL VIEW

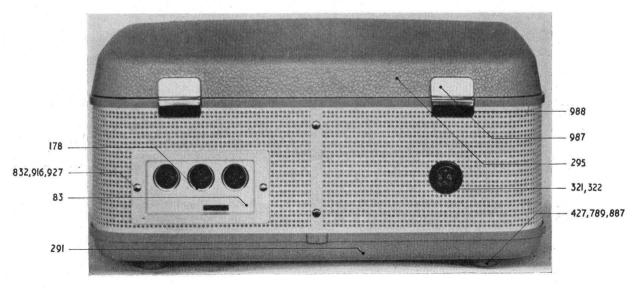
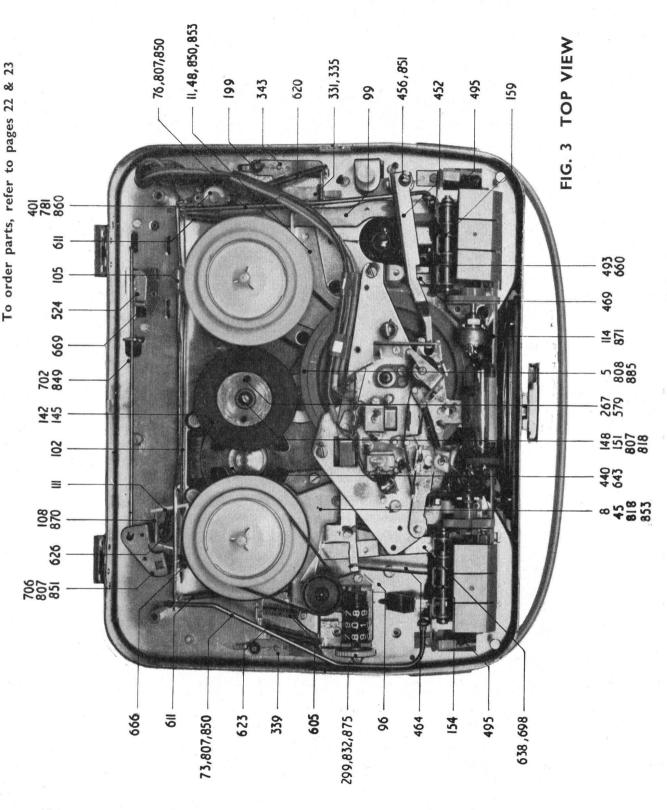
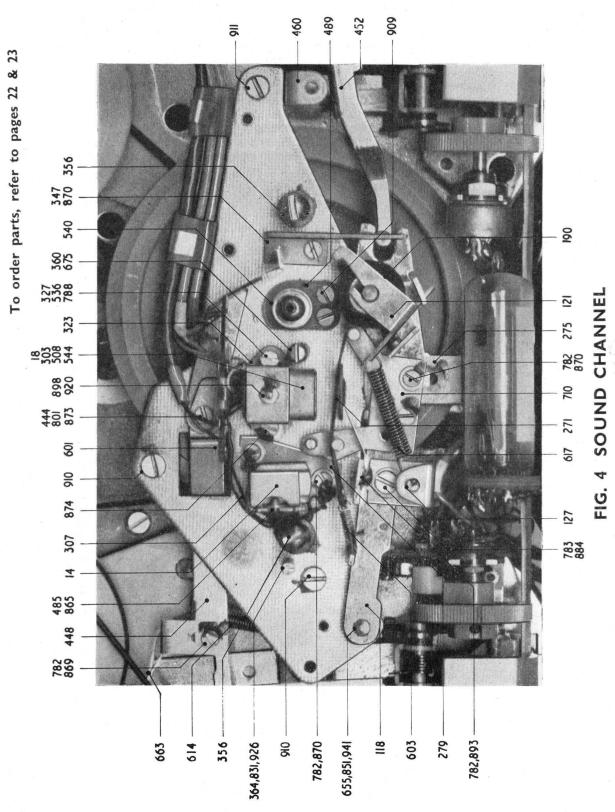


FIG. 2 BACK VIEW





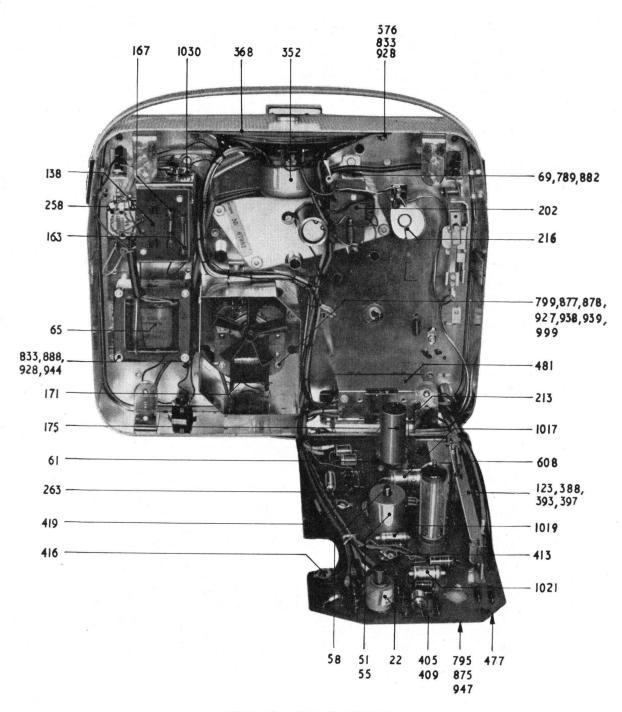
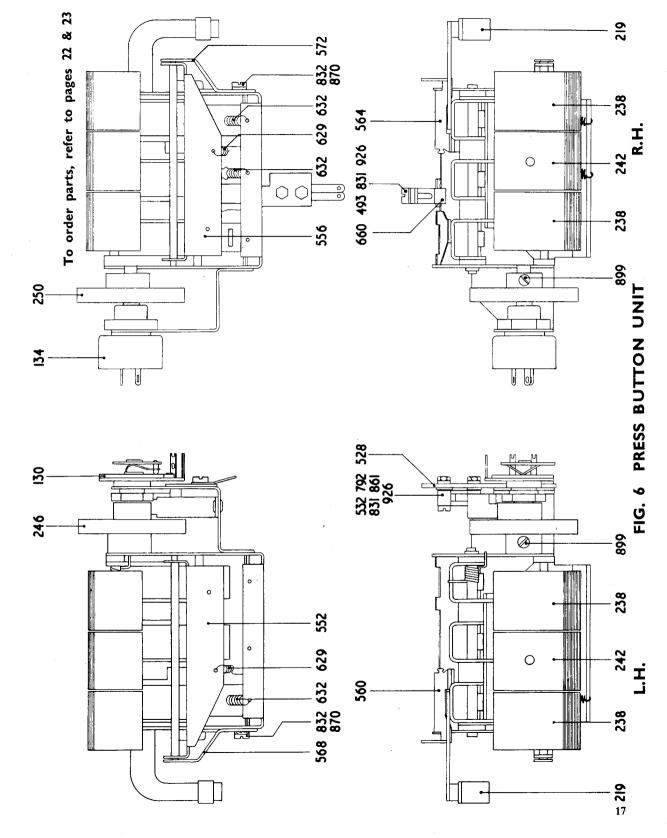


FIG. 5 REAR VIEW



LOCATED IN SWITCH SLIDER

FIG. 8

FIG. 7 RECORDING BUTTON ASSY

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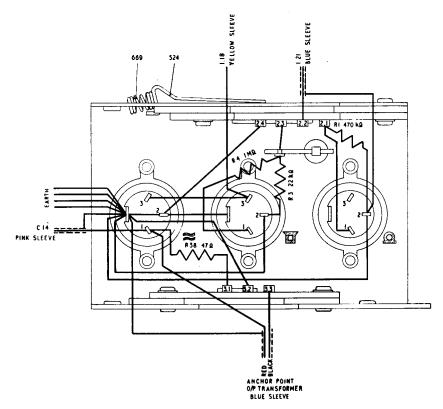
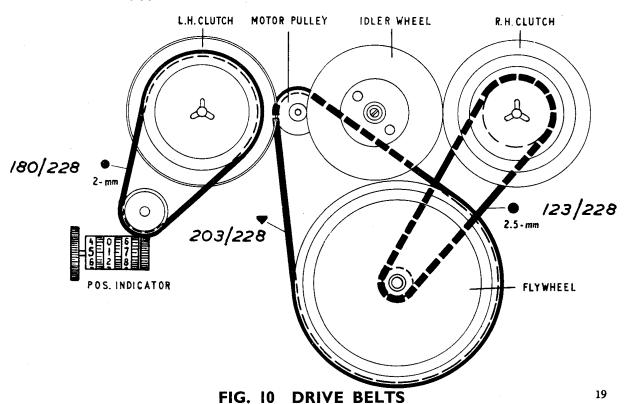


FIG. 9 WIRING DIAGRAM—BACK SOCKETS



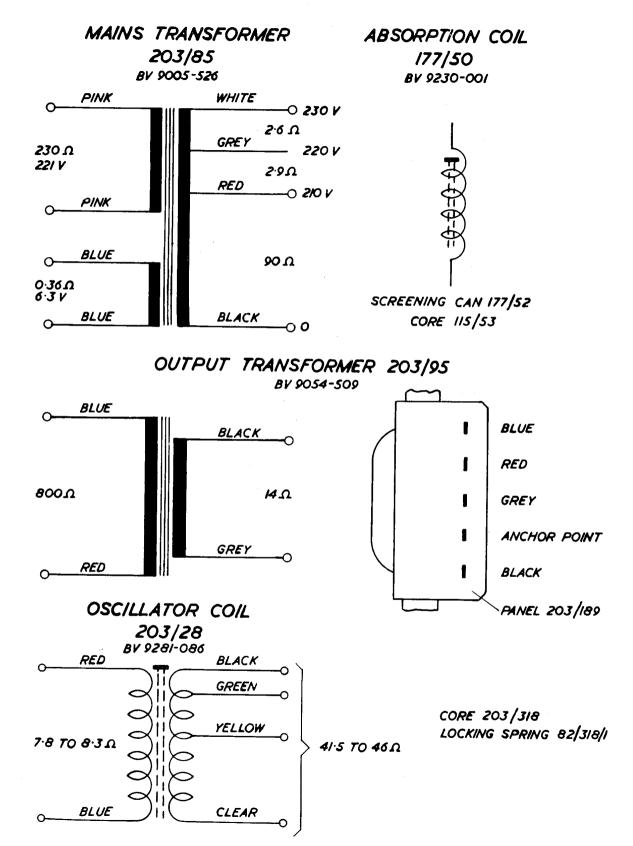
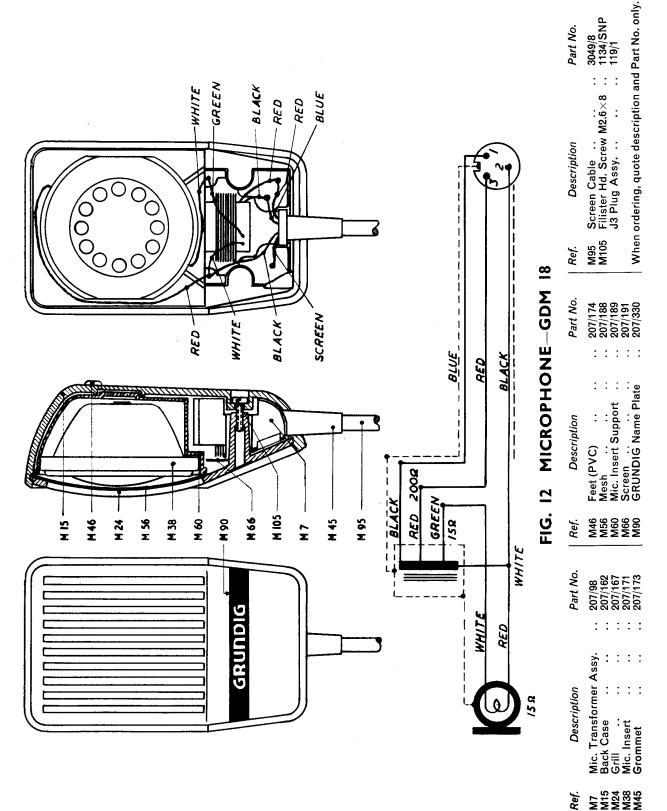


FIG. 11 TRANSFORMER & COIL DETAILS



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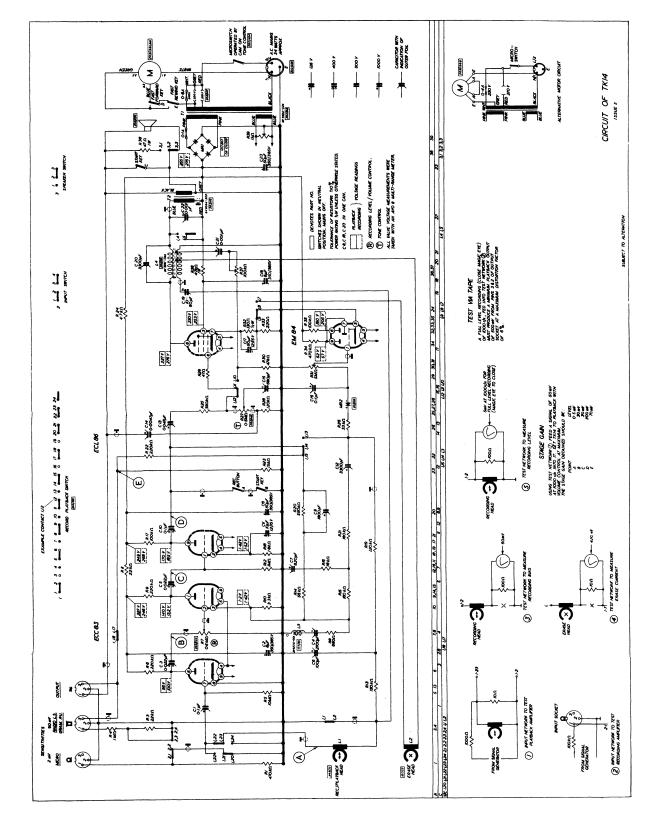
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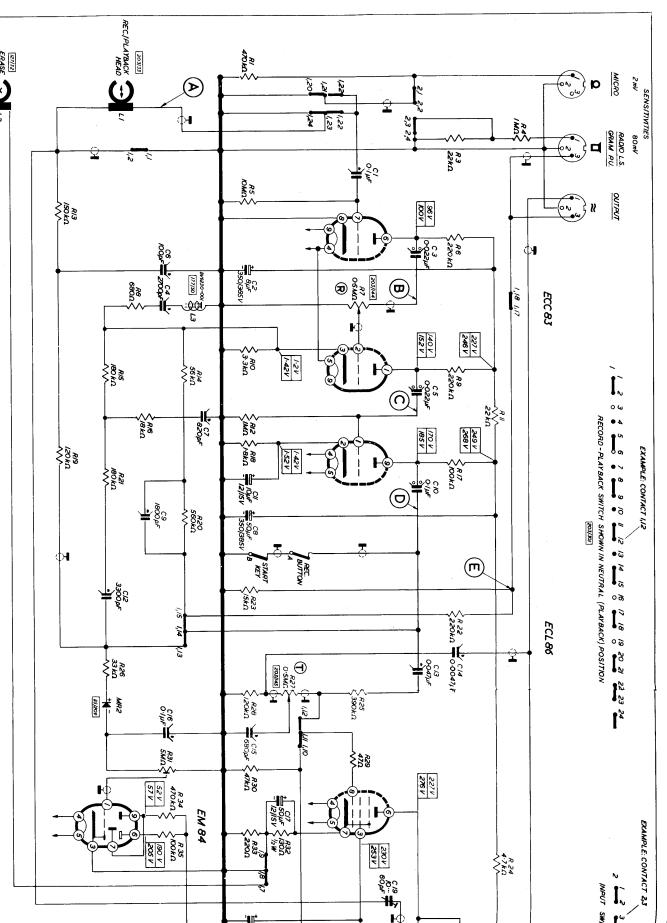
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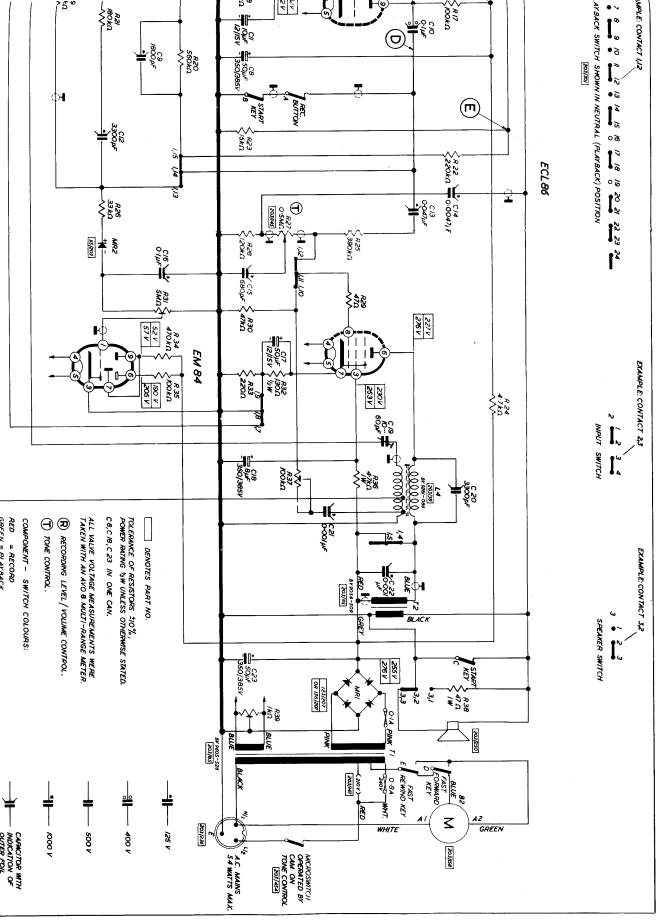
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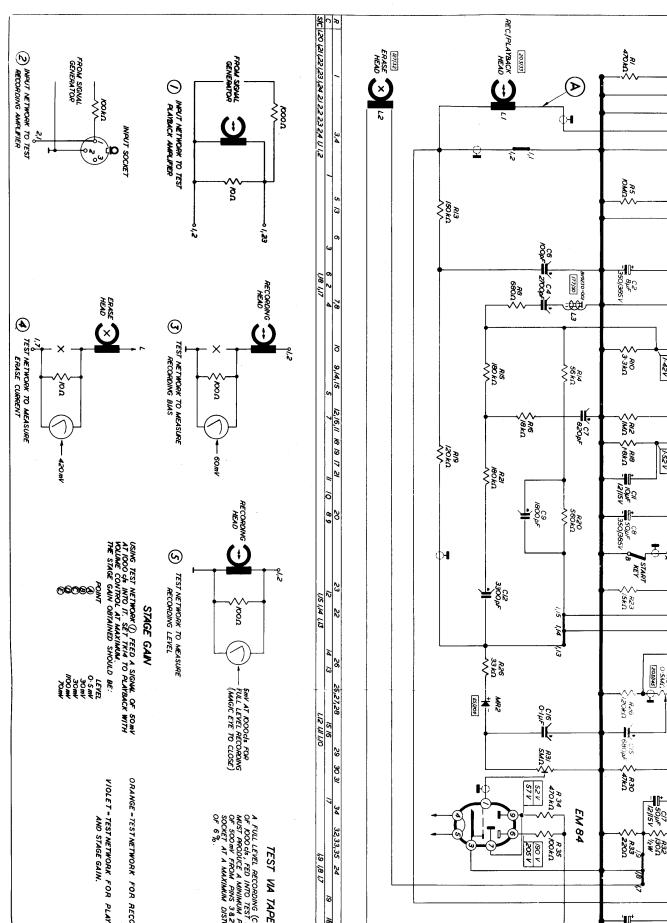
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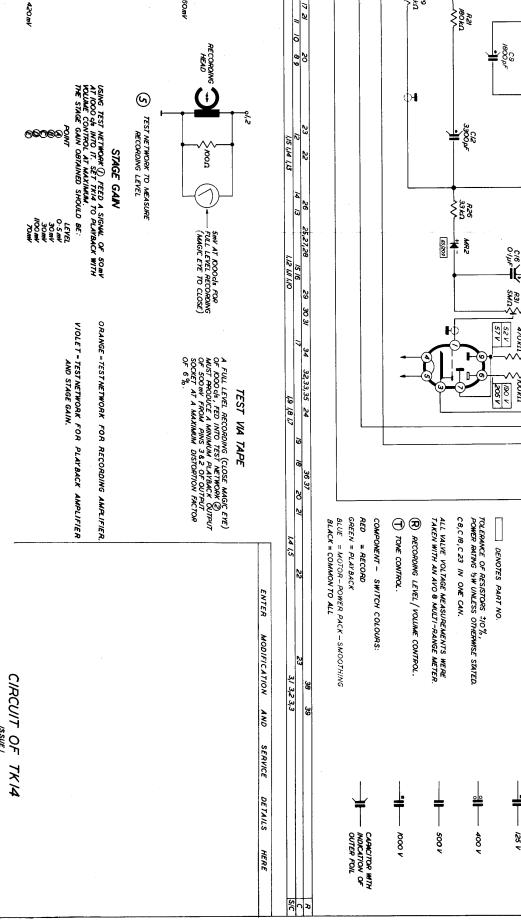
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Page 5	The two graphs of the response of the Playback and Recording Amplifiers are shown reversed. The top graph refers to the Recording Amplifier, the bottom graph to the Playback Amplifier.
Page 6	Section 5.1.7. The end of the first and beginning of the second line should read: "to the Radio L.S./Gram. P.U. input (using Test Network 2).
Page 12	The arrows to pins 1 and 2 of the Mains Socket are shown reversed.
Page 18	The L.H. clutch of some models is now fitted with a spring (Part Number 203/46) and a washer (Part Number 9048) between the upper and the lower clutch half.
Page 19	The Part Number of the Position Indicator Drive Belt has now been changed to 203/222.
Page 20	The D.C. Resistance of the Output Transformer Secondary is 1.4 Ohms, not 14 Ohms as shown.
	The Part number of the Oscillator Coil is 203/38, not 203/28 as shown.
Circuit Diagram	The TK14 is fitted with Mains Voltage Tappings of 210V and 230V (nominal), not 210V and 240V as shown.











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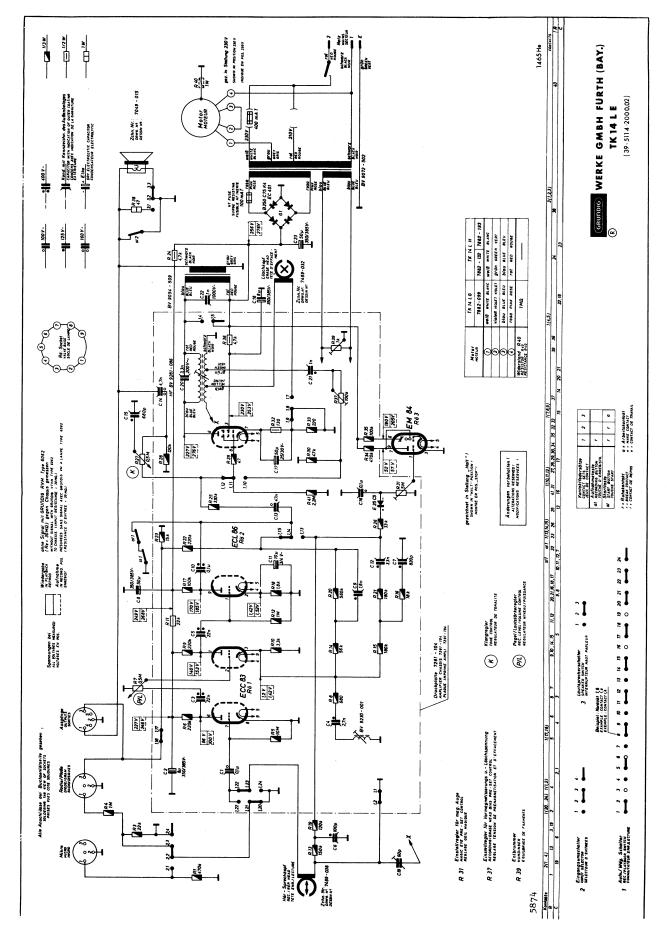
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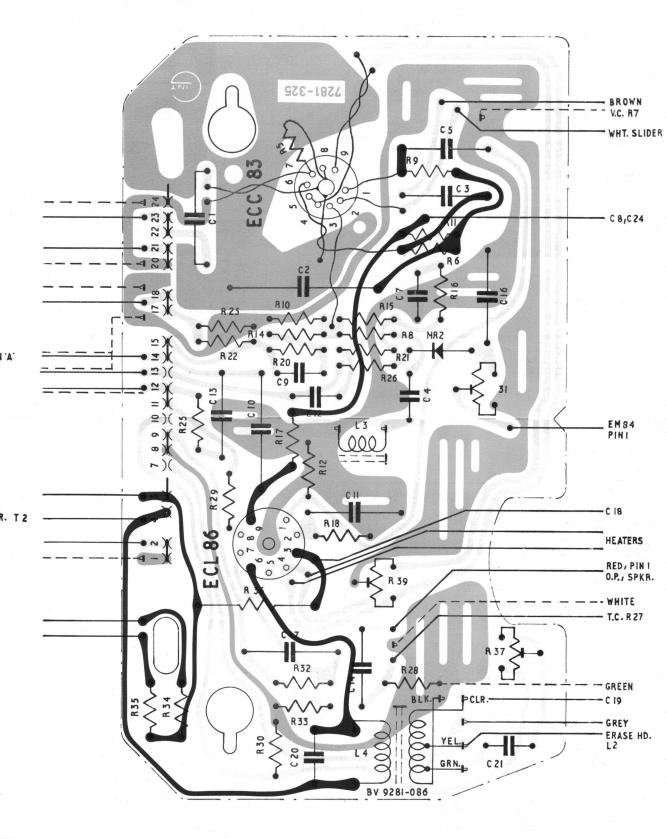
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