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VA-141A

8x1 VIDEO SWITCHER

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**VA-141A**  
**8x1 VIDEO SWITCHER**  
**INSTRUCTION BOOK**

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**W A R N I N G**

OPERATION OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT INVOLVES THE USE OF VOLTAGES AND CURRENTS WHICH MAY BE DANGEROUS TO HUMAN LIFE. OPERATING PERSONNEL SHOULD OBSERVE ALL SAFETY REGULATIONS. DO NOT CHANGE COMPONENTS OR MAKE ADJUSTMENTS INSIDE THE EQUIPMENT WITH POWER ON UNLESS PROPER PRECAUTIONS ARE OBSERVED. NOTE THAT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS DANGEROUS POTENTIALS MAY EXIST IN SOME CIRCUITS EVEN THOUGH POWER CONTROLS ARE IN THE OFF POSITION.

SPECIFICATIONS

Input Power	220V - 260V AC 50Hz.
<b>VIDEO INPUT CHARACTERISTICS</b>	
Input Impedance	Bridging loop input AC coupled
Number of Inputs	8
Input Connector	B.N.C.
Input Signal	Composite or non-composite
<b>TRANSFER CHARACTERISTICS</b>	
Overall Gain	Set to 0dB
Frequency Response	$\pm 0.2\text{dB}$ to 10MHz (0.5V P-P sweep signal).
Differential Phase at 4.43MHz	Less than $0.5^\circ$ at 1V P-P (using Tektronix 141 Signal Generator at 50% APL)
Differential Gain on 4.43MHz	Less than 0.5% at 1V P-P (using Tektronix 141 Signal Generator at 50% APL)
Crosstalk	Less than -60dB at 4.43MHz
<b>VIDEO OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS</b>	
Number of Outputs	2 - DC coupled.
Output Impedance	75ohm
Output Connector	B.N.C.
<b>CONTROL</b>	
Switching Time	During the vertical interval, Timing is derived from the output video or from input 8 as selected by LK1 and LK2 respectively on the VA-141 P.C. Board. The VA-141 comes strapped with LK1 and thus always switches out during the vertical interval of the "on air" video.

SPECIFICATIONS (CONT.)

## CONTROL (Cont.)

Switch Control Tally      Monetary ground  
Provision for driving 12V X 50mA lamps  
if internal power supply used.  
Tally output will sink up to 50mA with a  
maximum off voltage of 28V.  
Control and Tally are available on the rear  
via 20 pin Edac connector.

## MECHANICAL

19" rack mounting chassis one rack unit high.

## ORDERING INFORMATION

VA-141A 8 X 1 Video switcher includes 20 pin Edac connector

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Optional

CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

There are eight identical video input circuits. Each video input comprises two BNC connectors to allow looping connections. If looping is not required, the unused connector should be terminated in 75ohm.

Q1 and Q2 are a complimentary pair of emitter followers. VR1 is used to set the DC at Q2 emitter to 0V.

Q3 is a common base circuit, utilised as a switch. When the input is not switched to the output, the output of U7 is "high". This allows the base of Q3 to rise to approximately +2.9V, whilst its emitter is at 0V, effectively cutting it off. When the output is U7 goes "low", the positive potential is removed from Q3 base and it therefore saturates.

Q25 to Q29 form a two output amplifier with a gain of approximately 2 times. C26 adjusts the frequency response. The output of this amplifier is DC coupled, hence the necessity for the DC set controls (VR1).

Q33 and Q34 form a multi vibrator, running a little slower than 50Hz. In the absence of triggers from Q32, the "free running" ability of Q33 and 34 ensure that switching can still occur, although it will not necessarily be during vertical interval.

The video input from the output amplifier or input 8 signal as selected by LK1 or LK2 is fed via emitter follower Q30 to the Sync separator Q31. Q32 in conjunction with C34 derives a trigger during vertical block, which is used to synchronise the monostable Q33, Q34 via D3.

The "low" going transition from Q34 collector is differentiated by C41, R109 and triggers Mono U1. The duration of this Mono is set by RV10 and is set so that its trailing edge occurs during line 9. C45 and R111 differentiate this edge and trigger Mono U2 whose output pulse is approximately 1 us wide. As U2 output is a 12V swing it is divided by R113, R114 to approximately 4V to be compatable with the TTL logic that follows.

CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION (CONT.)

U4 is a "Priority Encoder". Its outputs on pins 9, 7 and 6 will be the binary code of the number of the highest numbered input which is grounded. (e.g. Input 0 grounded - binary code = 000 or Input 7 grounded - binary code = 111). Also whenever any input to U4 is grounded, its pin 15 will go "high", enabling the pulses from U2 to be routed via the gate and inverter U3, to U5 pins 4 and 13. U5 is used as a 4 bit latch and retains on its outputs the information that was present on its inputs at the time when its pins 4 and 13 were "high". These outputs are applied to two "one of eight decoders" U6 and U7. U7 decodes the binary information on its input to send one of its outputs "low" thus turning on the appropriate video input. U6 performs a similar function but is used to drive tally lamps or relays external to the unit.

WARNING. - if external voltage is used to drive these lamps or relays then to prevent damage to U6 this voltage must be removed whenever the VA-141 is turned off. The maximum external voltage that can be used is +28V, maximum load 50mA.

The power supply comprises three bridge rectifier circuits and three fixed voltage regulators to give the +12, -12 and +5 volts required by the switcher.

+12V is provided on pins A and M (L,GND) of the control connector to power the AA-189 Audio follow switcher and/or the remote lamps on the IRT VA-179 remote switcher control panel.

EXTENDED OPERATION

Two VA-141A switchers may be linked together and used as a 15 X 1 or 16 X 1 switcher.

15 X 1 OPERATION

Use a small connector on the rear panel to connect the P.C. board connections A, B and C as follows:

Point	A	to	B
"	B	to	A
"	C	to	C

Wire output of switcher 1 to input 8 of switcher 2. On switcher 2 cut link 3 on the P.C. board. Switcher 2 sources the output video. For vertical interval switching at all times, on switcher 1 cut Link 1 and complete Link 2. This locks the switch pulse of switcher 1 to input 8 video of switcher 1. Switcher 2 switch pulse remains locked to output video, this may be locked to its input 8 video as above if desired.

16 X 1 OPERATION

Use a small connector on the rear panel to connect the P.C. board connections A, B and C as follows:

Point	A	to	B
"	B	to	A
"	C	to	C

Use a coax connector on the rear panels to connect the switched video lines of the two switchers together. P.C. board connections are available near R81. Both switchers will source output video.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The VA-141A is an eight input video switcher intended for general switching and monitoring in a TV studio

Major features of the VA-141A switcher are:

- \* Small size 19" rack mounting, one rack unit high.
- \* Vertical interval switching.
- \* Momentary push button control.
- \* Circuit provision for link in two switchers for 15 X 1 or 16 X 1 switching.
- \* Provision for audio follow switching using the tally lines.

Options available are:

VA-179 remote control panel.

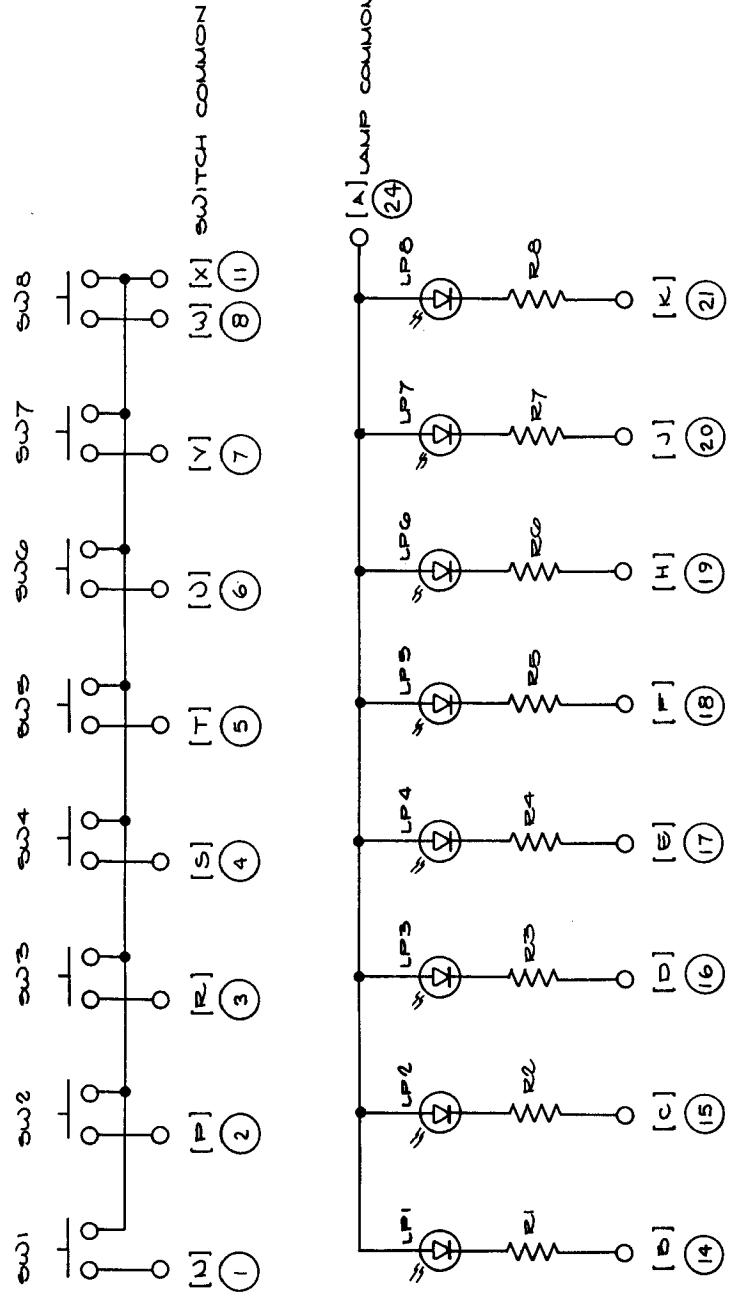
This one rack unit high panel interfaces with SKA on the VA-141A. The VA-179 uses the same switch board as the VA-141A and allows remote selection of the VA-141A inputs.

AA-189 8 X 1 Audio Switcher

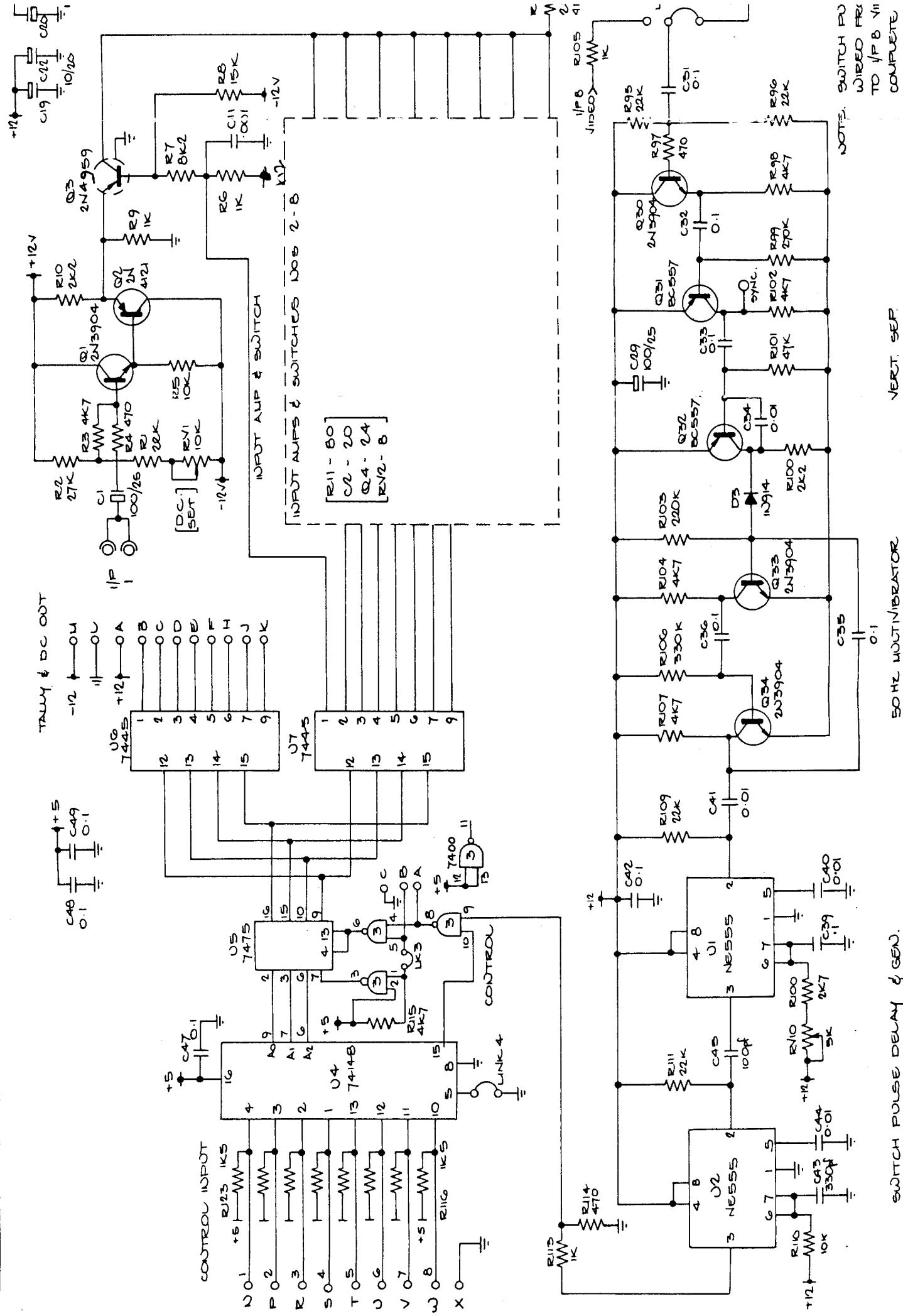
The AA-189 is an 8 X 1 relay switcher which includes an active audio amplifier. This gives a bridging input balanced audio switcher with one 600 ohm balanced output circuit. The AA-189 can be powered from the +12V supply voltages internal to the VA-141A. Mounting of the AA-189 is in the F-100D Module Mounting Frame.

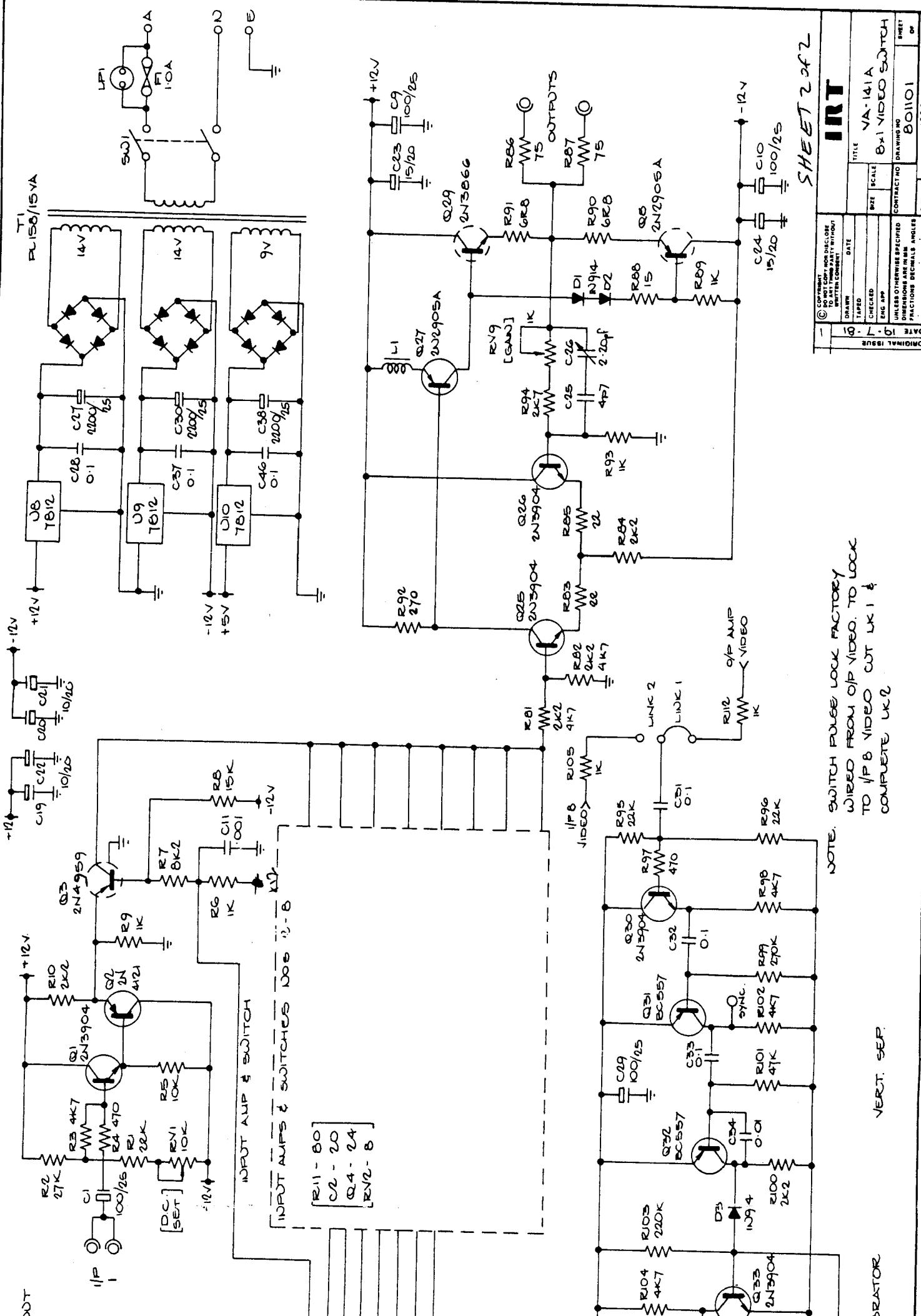
H or V split of inputs 1 to 7 against input 8 provided by selection on a front panel switch, either a vertical or horizontal split between input 8 and other input. The split is maintained for the period that the control lines of 8 and the selected input is held permanently to earth. The H and V inputs are via terminating 75 ohm inputs on the rear of the unit.

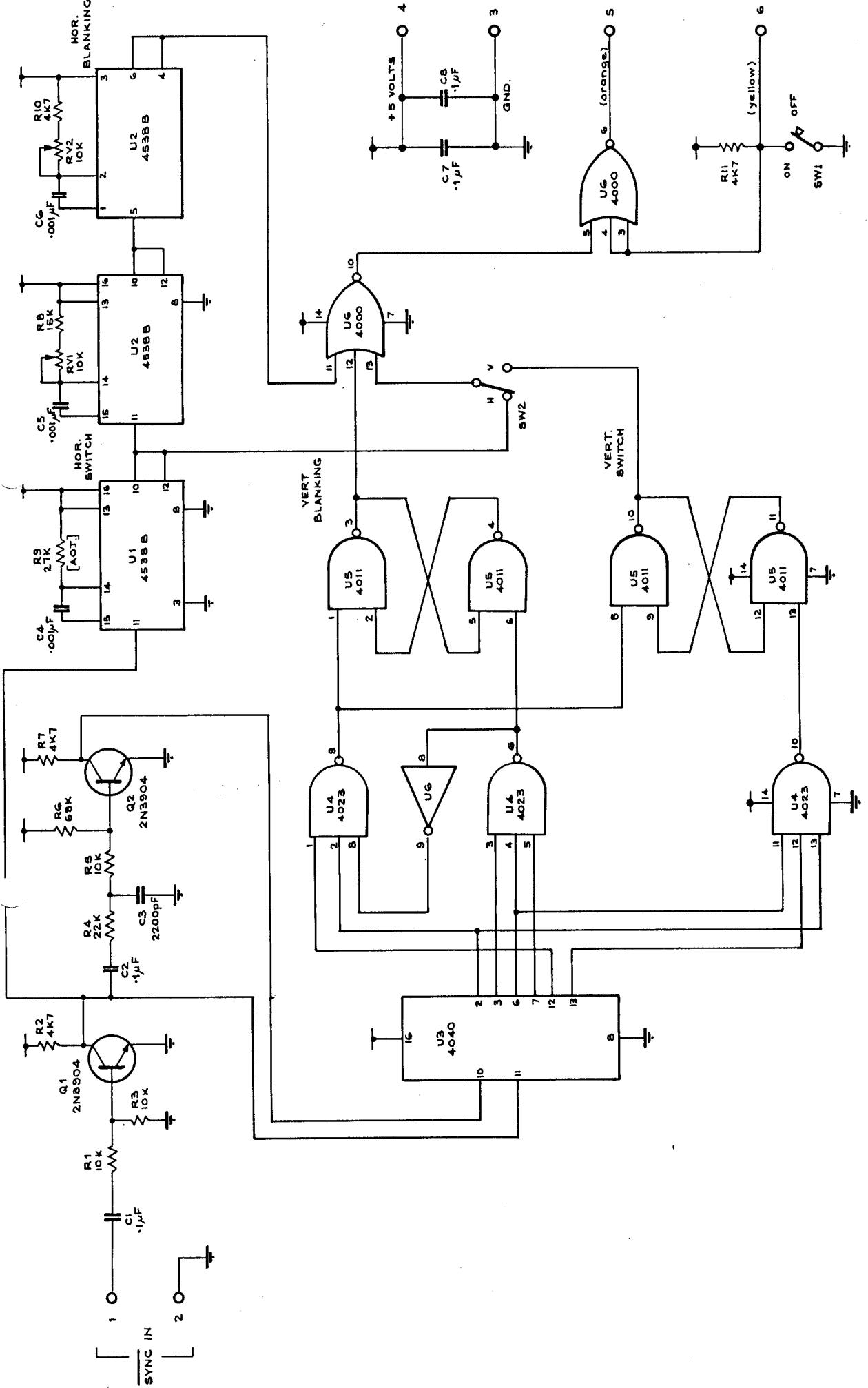
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NOTES : FOR +12V LAMP COMMON RESISTORS IC-2  
 WIRING DETAILS FOR EDAC CONNECTOR  
 WIRING DETAILS FOR 25 PIN 'DTYPE' CONNECTOR  
 [use PIC BOARD 801832]

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Part No.	Description	Qty:	Cct Ref.	:Sup:
RMF255-6R8	RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	2	R90, 91	92:
RMF255-15R	RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	1	R88	92:
RMF255-22R	RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	2	R83, 85	92:
RMF255-27ΩR	RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	1	R92	92:
RMF255-47ΩR	RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	10	R4, 14, 24, 34, 44, 54, 64, 74, 97, 114	92:
RMF255-1K	RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	21	R6, 9, 16, 19, 26, 29, 36, 39, 46, 49, 56,	92:
RMF255-1K5	RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	1	R59, 66, 69, 76, 79, 89, 93, 105, 112, 113	92:
RMF255-2K2	RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	8	RRI16-123	92:
RMF255-2K7	RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	10	R10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 84, 100	92:
RMF255-4K7	RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	2	R94, 108	92:
RMF255-8K2	RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	15	R3, 13, 23, 33, 43, 53, 63, 73, 81, 82, 98	92:
RMF255-10K	RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	1	R102, 104, 107, 115	92:
RMF255-15K	RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	8	R7, 17, 27, 37, 47, 56, 67, 77	92:
RMF255-22K	RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	9	R5, 15, 25, 35, 45, 55, 65, 75, 110	92:
RMF255-27K	RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	8	R8, 18, 28, 38, 48, 58, 68, 78	92:
RMF255-47K	RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	12	R1, 11, 21, 31, 41, 51, 61, 71, 95, 96,	92:
RMF255-22ΩK	RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	1	R109, 111	92:
RMF255-33ΩK	RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	8	R2, 12, 22, 32, 42, 52, 62, 72	92:
RMF252-75R	RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	1	R101	92:
63P102	RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	1	R103	92:
63P502	RESISTOR VARIABLE 1K	1	R99	92:
63P103	RESISTOR VARIABLE 5K	1	R106	92:
1N914	DIODE	2	R86, 87	92:
1N4002	DIODE	1	RV9	69:
CC4P7	CAPACITOR CERAMIC 4.7pF	3	D1-3	81:
		12	D4-15	81:
		1	C25	43:

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CC100P	CAPACITOR CERAMIC 100PF	1	C45	:
CC330P	CAPACITOR CERAMIC 330PF	1	C43	: 43:
CC1M	CAPACITOR CERAMIC 1uF	8	C11-18	: 43:
CC10N	CAPACITOR CERAMIC 10nF	4	C34, 40, 41, 44	: 43:
CC00M1	CAPACITOR CERAMIC Ø.1uF	13	C28, 31-33, 35-37, 39, 42, 46-49	: 43:
TAS	CAPACITOR TANTALUM 10uF/20V	6	C19-24	: 67:
RB100/25	CAPACITOR ELECTRO 100uF/25V	11	C1-10, 29	: 81:
RT2200/25	CAPACITOR ELECTRO 2200uF/25V	3	C27, 30, 38	: 81:
808-006	CAPACITOR VARIABLE 2-20pF	1	C26	: 43:
ZN2905A	TRANSISTOR	2	Q27, 28	: 81:
ZN3866	TRANSISTOR	1	Q29	: 81:
ZN3904	TRANSISTOR	13	Q1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22, 25, 26, 30,	: 81:
2N4121	TRANSISTOR	33, 34	Q1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22, 25, 26, 30,	: 81:
2N4959	TRANSISTOR	8	Q2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 23	: 81:
BC557	TRANSISTOR	8	Q3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24	: 81:
7805	IC REGULATOR 5V	2	Q31, 32	: 81:
7812	IC REGULATOR 12V	1	U10	: 97:
4312-020-3442	FERRITE BEAD	2	U8, 9	: 97:
NE555	TIMER	1	L1	: 97:
7400N	QUAD 2 I/P NAND GATE	2	U1, 2	: 63:
7445N	1 OF 10 DECODER DRIVER	1	U3	: 97:
7475N	4-BIT LATCH	2	U6, 7	: 97:
74143N	8 I/P PRIORITY ENCODER	1	U5	: 97:
W3116T	IC SOCKET 16 PIN	1	U4	: 97:
9050-09-01	STANDOFF TO-18	4	U4-7	: 99:
9050-08-01	STANDOFF TO-5	2	30	: 43:
2270 R	HEAT SINK TO-5	2	2	: 43:
6073THM	HEAT SINK TO-220	3	1	: 1 :
				: 81:

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Part No.	Description	Qty.	Cat. Ref.	Sup.
: PL158/15VA	TRANSFORMER	: 1	: T1	:
: 7201/P3	SWITCH	: 1	: SW1	: 39:
: SL77	NEON LAMP	: 1	: LP1	: 29:
: FH332	FUSE HOLDER	: 1	: F1	: 20:
: 20X5 1A	FUSE 20x5mm 1A	: 1	: F1	: 20:
: H2097	CORD GRIP GROMMET	: 1	:	: 43:
: UG1094/U	CONNECTOR BNC BLKHD (BN12/5)	: 1	:	: 96:
: 516-020-500-102	20 PIN CONNECTOR	: 18	:	: 61:
: POWER CORD	POWER CORD 7.5A	: 1	:	: 99:
: PC801101	PCB VA-141A	: 1	:	: 1 :
: 801590	SWITCH SUB-ASSEMBLY	: 1	:	: 68:
: 801327	CHASSIS 1.75" (BLACK OR NATURAL)	: 1	:	: 1 :
: 801329	BASE PLATE	: 1	:	: 26:
: 801330	FRONT PANEL	: 1	:	: 1 :
: 801336	REAR PANEL	: 1	:	: 1 :

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:		:		:
: RMF255-1K	: RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	: 8	: R1-8	: 92:
: 6432-0011	: SWITCH PCB MTG C/W RED LED	: 8	: LP1-8	: 49:
: 237-000-141	: INSERT WHITE	: 8		: 49:
: PC801832	: PCB VA-179	: 1		: 68:

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RMF255-4K7	RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	4	R 2,7,10,11	: 92:
RMF255-10K	RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	3	R1,3,5	: 92:
RMF255-15K	RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	1	R8	: 92:
RMF255-22K	RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	1	R4	: 92:
RMF255-27K	RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	1	R9	: 92:
RMF255-68K	RESISTOR METAL FILM .25W 5%	1	R6	: 92:
63P103	RESISTOR VARIABLE 10K	2	RV1,2	: 69:
CC1N	CAPACITOR CERAMIC 1000pF	3	C4-6	: 43:
CC2N2	CAPACITOR CERAMIC 2200pF	1	C3	: 43:
CC0M1	CAPACITOR CERAMIC 0.1nF	4	C1,2,7,8	: 43:
2N3904	TRANSISTOR STANDOFF TO-18	2	Q1,2	: 81:
9050-09-01	IC DUAL 3-I/P NOR GATE INVERT	2		: 43:
4000	IC QUAD 2-I/P NAND GATE	1	U6	: 97:
4011	IC TRIPLE 3-I/P NAND GATE	1	U5	: 97:
4023	IC 12-BIT BINARY COUNTER	1	U4	: 97:
4040	IC DUAL PRECIS MONO MULTIV	1	U3	: 97:
4538	IC SOCKET 14 PINS	2	U1,2	: 97:
W3114T	IC SOCKET 16 PINS	3		: 99:
W3116T	PUSHBUTTON LEVER SPDT	3	SW1,2	: 99:
7101 MDAB	PCB H/V SPLIT VA-141 25646	2		: 29:
PC802018	ESCUTCHEON H/V SPLIT	1		: 68:
E802017		1		: 62: