

**OPERATING MANUAL**

**VA-391 AND VA-392  
OPTICAL TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER**

Covering VA-391 and VA-392 serial #9107012 upwards

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## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM comprises a VA-391 Transmitter and a VA-392 Receiver, each requiring 1.75" of 19" rack mounting space. Both units are based on the VA-390 Modular Optical Transmission System. The VA-391 and VA-392 provide optical transmission and reception of one channel of video and can be configured to carry up to four channels of audio.

The system has been designed to operate in the second window ( 1300nm region ) and to use single mode optical fibre.

### Front Panel

The front panels of the VA-391 and VA-392 have the same format. The power ON switch appears on the right hand side of the panel. The status indicators appear to the left of the IRT logo. Next to these is a gain control and monitor output. On the VA-391 an adjustment for cable equalisation also appears. These two adjustments, gain and equalisation, are the only operational adjustments provided.

### Rear panel

The system inputs and outputs appear on the rear panels. On the VA-391 Transmitter the video input is via two looping BNC connectors on the right of the rear panel. The unused input must either be terminated by 75 Ohms or may be used as a signal loop to another terminated video input. There are four XLR female sockets for audio input. In the middle of these is a 15 Way D Connector for alarm outputs and clamp control input. To the left of the audio inputs is a DIN 47256 Standard connector for optical output. Next to this, the fused mains input. On the VA-392, the connector positions are the same but the video, audio, and optical signal flow is reversed. In this case the XLR connectors are male.

Links are available in the appropriate unit to allow for :-

- The insertion or removal of the audio sub-carrier and associated filters from the system.
- The muting of the video and audio outputs upon receiver signal loss.

The System has been designed to operate within the specification for optical path losses up to 24 dB. For safety reasons, the optical power has been restricted to -10 dBm with an alarm indicating any increase above -7 dBm.

The System uses a wide band FM modulator capable of modulating baseband signals from 20 Hz to 12 MHz (-1 dB). This allows for the addition to the video of two FM sub-carriers of 7.5 and 8.3 MHz for the carrying of two high quality audio channels suitable for stereo operation. Further FM sub-carriers may be included to provide up to two more audio channels. The audio can be disabled and the audio/video separation filters removed to allow wide-band operation, should this be required.

### **FEATURES**

1. Input and output video signal gain adjustable from front panel
2. Input cable equalisation 0 to 100 metres
3. Video clamp on the back porch of the video input
4. Video clamp on the back porch of the video output
5. The VA-392 Video and Audio Output is muted on loss of signal
6. Front Panel alarms indicate optical signal losses and proper transmission and reception of the video signal.
7. Opto-isolated alarm signals are provided.
8. Selectable 5MHz Video Bandwidth with Audio or 10 MHz bandwidth with no Audio.

### **CAUTION**

Linearity adjustments on the modulator and demodulator should not be altered. Any alterations to these adjustments may adversely affect the system performance. All adjustments for normal operation of the equipment are available on the front panels.



## 2. SPECIFICATIONS

### **DIMENSIONS :-**

Height	44.5mm
Width ( including mounting bracket )	483mm
Depth	445mm

### **VIDEO INPUT / OUTPUT CONNECTORS :-**

BNC

### **AUDIO INPUT / OUTPUT CONNECTORS :-**

XLR  
PIN 1 GND  
PIN 2 +  
PIN 3 -

### **ALARM OUTPUT CONNECTORS :-**

15 PIN D-CONNECTOR

### **POWER INPUT CONNECTORS :-**

240V AC Option IEC320

### **OPTICAL INPUT / OUTPUT CONNECTORS :-**

DIN 47256

The following performance data is for optical path losses of 0 to 24 dB with an optical power output of -10 dBm (0.1 mW ) and with pre-emphasis and de-emphasis connected. Band stop filters are inserted.

### **POWER REQUIREMENTS :-**

Nominal	240 Vrms AC
Nominal current	0.75 A

**VIDEO :-** - at a video input level of 1V P-P.

- |                                     |                               |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Insertion Gain                   | < +/- 0.2 dB                  |
| 2. Noise                            |                               |
| To CCIR Rec 567-1                   |                               |
| Continuous random noise             | < -63 dB RMS                  |
| Periodic noise                      |                               |
| Power supply hum                    |                               |
| ( including harmonics )             | < -45 dB                      |
| 1 kHz to 5.5 MHz                    | < -60 dB                      |
| 3. Overall gain                     | < Unity +/-3 dB               |
|                                     | Adjustable from front panel   |
| 4. Frequency Response               | +/-0.1 dB to 5MHz             |
|                                     | +/-0.5 dB to 10MHz (no Audio) |
| 5. Differential Gain at 4.43 MHz    | <1.0%                         |
| 6. Differential Phase at 4.43 MHz   | <1.0%                         |
| 7. Pulse to Bar K-factor            | <=0.5%K                       |
| 8. Luminance/Chrominance Inequality |                               |
| Delay                               | <20ns                         |
| Gain                                | <2%                           |

## VA-391 VIDEO INPUT CHARACTERISTICS

- 9. Input Impedance: Looping Bridging
- 10. Input Signal: Composite or a MAC style of signal.
- 11. Input common mode rejection > 40 dB

## VA-392 VIDEO OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS

- 12. Output Impedance 75 Ohms

## AUDIO :-

- 13. Frequency response +0.15/-0.75 dB  
(30 Hz to 15 kHz)
- 14. Total harmonic distortion  
measured @ +17 dBm < 4 kHz  
+14 dBm => 4 kHz  
30 Hz to 7.5 kHz < 0.2 %
- 15. Intelligible crosstalk ratio > 80 dB
- 16. Gain difference between channels  
30 Hz to 10 kHz < 0.2 dB  
10 kHz to 14 kHz < 0.4 dB  
14 kHz to 15 kHz < 0.8 dB
- 17. Phase difference between channels  
30 Hz to 4 kHz < 3.75°  
14 kHz < 7.5°  
15 kHz < 10°
- 18. Noise < -52 dBm
- 20. Audio input  
Impedance 600 ohm, balanced  
Nominal input level +8 dBm  
Input gain range +/- 3 dB  
Input common mode > 50 dB
- 21. Audio output  
Impedance approx. 40 ohms, balanced  
( aligned for load impedances of  
600 ohms or greater.)  
Nominal output level +8 dBm  
Output gain range +/- 3 dB

## OPTICAL INPUT/OUTPUT:-

- 22. Laser Wavelength 1300nm
- 23. Launch Power -10 dBm (Single Mode Cable)
- 24. Path Loss Up to 24 dB path attenuation  
allowable to meet published specification

### 3.BRIEF TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

The VA-391/VA-392 Transmitter/Receiver pair is a single mode fibre optic link operating at 1300 nm meeting Telecom 5 Vc (local link ) performance with fibre losses of up to 24dB. Refer to the block diagram of the transmitter provided. The video input is amplified, pre-emphasised and back porch clamped. In order to reduce any unwanted signal at frequencies above the video bandwidth that would appear at the audio output, the video signal is passed through a bandstop filter that attenuates at audio subcarrier frequencies prior to the insertion of the audio subcarriers.

The audio subcarriers for the two audio channels are generated by varactor modulators operating at 7.5 MHz and 8.3 MHz. The audio from the input is emphasized prior to modulating the subcarriers. Stability of these modulators is of paramount importance to ensure that maximum deviation can be achieved and to simplify insertion and extraction from the video without video degradation.

The video and the audio subcarriers are then pre-emphasized and used to modulate a wide band modulator which has excellent linearity over the full modulation bandwidth . The modulator frequency, without deviation, is approximately 30 MHz.

The modulated signal then drives the low powered laser that has been optically output stabilised using the detection diode integrated into the laser housing. The optical power output is set to -10 dBm and connected to the external fibre cable via a DIN 47256 connector.

Refer to the block diagram of the receiver provided. The optical signal received at the receiver is connected via a DIN 47256 connector to an avalanche photo diode ( APD ). The APD has a DC voltage connected to it that varies with the input light level. This voltage rises to a maximum across the APD at low light level. The DC maximum is set to be just below the point of APD avalanche to achieve the optimum signal to noise ratio. The signal detected by the APD is then amplified and fed to an AGC amplifier which maintains a constant RF output level over the received optical signal range. The signal is then fed to a limiter and demodulator.

The output from the discriminator first bandlimited to 14 MHz. It is then amplified, de-emphasized and then passed to a splitting circuit that extracts the audio subcarriers.

The video signal is band stop filtered to remove the audio subcarriers and clamped before passing to the video output via the mute switch.

The audio subcarriers from the splitter are fed to the 7.5MHz 8.3MHz audio demodulator circuits. Each subcarrier is filtered, and mixed using a crystal oscillator to give an IF of approximately 10.7 MHz. The signal is then limited, quadrature demodulated using dual tuned circuits for linearity. The audio output from the demodulator is de-emphasized, low pass filtered at 15 kHz, amplified and finally electronically balanced.



#### 4. User Variable Configurations

Refer to the block diagrams provided.

VA-391 Transmitter.

Video plus Two Channel Audio.

- insert the video band-stop filter (Assembly 803023).
- connect LK 7 to 'ON' position to insert the audio subcarrier(s).
- LK 8,9,12 must be inserted.

Wideband Video:

Without Audio Subcarrier(s)

- replace the video band-stop filter with the 1.1 dB pad provided.
- place LK 7 in 'OFF' position.

VA-392

Video plus Two Channel Audio

- insert the video band-stop filter
- insert LK 9 and 10 to pass the audio subcarrier(s) to the output

Wideband Video

Without Audio Subcarrier(s)

- replace the video band-stop filter with the 1.1 dB pad provided.
- LK 9-13 disconnected

#### 4a. Wideband/Video+Audio Switching from rear panel.

VA-391/VA-392 units with serial no. 9203033 and above are fitted with additional components to facilitate Wide Band/Video+Audio selection from the rear panel. Refer to the section **Remote Wideband switching Facility** in the Appendix of this Manual.

*Power up at  
Requiesc.*

### **5.Link Locations and Function**

Refer to the block diagrams. The links, when inserted, provide the following connections:

#### **VA-391**

LK1 to LK4 - Audio Preemphasis - **Do not remove.**

LK5 -Combined Video/Audio Subcarriers to Baseband Modulator.

LK6 - Not Used.

LK7 - Audio Subcarriers to Combiner. Position ON/OFF

LK8-11 Audio Modulators to Audio RF Mixer.

LK12 - External Subcarrier input. Not Used.

CLAMP - OFF position disables clamp and rear panel control.  
ON position enables control of clamp from rear panel.  
See Section 6.Alarms

#### **VA-392**

LK1 - Not Used.

LK2 - Video Deemphasis - **Do not remove.**

LK3 - Audio and Video Mute on loss of received RF signal.

LK4 - Video Fail Indicator from rear panel Alarm output activated by mute condition. If this link is removed, the video fail condition only occurs when the vertical block is lost.

LK5 to LK8 - Audio Deemphasis. **Do not remove.**

LK9 to LK 12 - Audio Subcarrier RF splitter to Audio Demodulators

LK13 - External Subcarrier Output. Not used.

CLAMP - OFF position disables clamp and rear panel control.  
ON position enables control of clamp from rear panel.  
See Section 6.Alarms



	LINK SETTINGS OPTICAL TRANSMITTER VA391					LINK SETTINGS OPTICAL RECEIVER VA392				
	NOTE 1 VID. + 1 SOUND	NOTE 1 VID. + 2 SOUND	NOTE 1 VID. + 3 SOUND	NOTE 1 VID. + 4 SOUND	NOTE 2 WIDEBAND VID.	NOTE 1 VID. + 1 SOUND	NOTE 1 VID. + 2 SOUND	NOTE 1 VID. + 3 SOUND	NOTE 1 VID. + 4 SOUND	NOTE 2 WIDEBAND VID.
LK 1	I	I	I	I	X	N I	N I	N I	N I	N I
LK 2	X	I	I	I	X	I	I	I	I	I
LK 3	X	X	I	I	X	I NOTE 3	I NOTE 3	I NOTE 3	I NOTE 3	I NOTE 3
LK 4	X	X	X	I	X	N I	N I	N I	N I	N I
LK 5	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	X
LK 6	N I	N I	N I	N I	N I	X	I	I	I	X
LK 7	I	I	I	I	N I	X	X	I	I	X
LK 8	I	I	I	I	N I	X	X	X	I	X
LK 9	N I	I	I	I	N I	I	I	I	I	N I
LK 10	N I	N I	I	I	N I	N I	I	I	I	N I
LK 11	N I	N I	N I	I	N I	N I	N I	I	I	N I
LK 12	N I	N I	N I	N I	N I	N I	N I	N I	I	N I
LK 13	N I	N I	N I	N I	N I	N I	N I	N I	N I	N I
LK 14						N I	N I	N I	N I	N I

I = LINK INSERTED

N I = LINK NOT INSTALLED

X = LINK CAN BE INSERTED OR NOT INSERTED

NOTE 1 DEPENDING UPON THE NUMBER OF AUDIO CHANNELS, THE VIDEO FILTER MAY NEED TO BE ALTERED. TWO AND THREE AUDIO CHANNELS COULD BE ACCOMMODATED USING THE BAND-STOP FILTER. FOUR CHANNELS OR THOSE SYSTEMS REQUIRING WIDELY SEPERATED SUBCARRIERS WOULD REQUIRE LOW-PASS FILTERS IN BOTH THE VA391 AND VA392

NOTE 2 FOR WIDE BAND APPLICATIONS THE VIDEO FILTERS IN BOTH THE VA391 AND VA392 MUST BE REMOVED AND EACH REPLACED BY A 75 OHM PAD (ASSY. 803306 IS RECOMMENDED FOR THIS PURPOSE). IF B-MAC IS TO PASS THROUGH THE VA391/392 THEN THE VIDEO CLAMPS SHOULD BE INHIBITED

NOTE 3 CAN BE USED WITHOUT THE LINK BEING INSERTED. THE NOISE PERFORMANCE HOWEVER DEGRADES CONTINUALLY WITH PATH ATTENUATION AFTER APPROX 24DB. THE MUTE WILL OPERATE IF IF CONNECTED IN THE RANGE 26 TO 32 DB PATH ATTENUATION

## 6. ALARMS

The alarm outputs are available from the rear panel of the VA-391 and VA-392 at the connector labelled 'ALARM OUTPUTS'. The alarms consist of unterminated 4N33 opto-couplers which can form the switch in an alarm circuit to suit the needs of the user. For instance, if a LED alarm is required then the emitter of the 4N33 can be connected to ground while the collector is connected to a suitable voltage via a load resistor.

The alarms available in the VA-391 are:

**Laser High Power.** This is triggered when the Laser exceeds -7 dBm output power. A LED, labelled 'HI PWR', is turned on on the front panel and an opto-coupler is activated. Pin 11 is the emitter, pin 4 is the collector of the 4N33.

**Laser Fail.** If the current drawn by the Optics Laser drops below a threshold equivalent to an output power of -15 dBm, then a LED, labelled 'LASER FAIL', is turned on on the front panel and an opto-coupler is activated. Pin 10 emitter, pin 3 collector.

**Video Fail.** If Video Vertical Block is not detected then the 'VIDEO PRES' LED on the front panel is turned off and an opto-coupler is activated. Pin 12 emitter, pin 5 collector.

Other controls available from the alarm output:

**Clamp Disable.** On the alarm output, if pin 13 is connected to pin 1, the Video Clamp on the Video Input Amplifier is disabled and the 'CLAMP' LED on the front panel is turned off.

The alarms available in the VA-392 are:

**Receiver Loss.** If the light received at the detector falls below a power level of approx. -26 dBm, the AGC can no longer correct for decreasing signal level. A LED, labelled 'RX LOSS' is turned on on the front panel and an opto-coupler is activated. Pin 10 is the emitter, pin 3 is the collector of the opto-coupler.

**Video/Audio Mute.** LK 3 and 4 are normally in place in the VA-392. When a Receiver Loss condition occurs, the video and audio signals are muted. A LED, labelled 'MUTE', is turned on on the front panel. The video signal is still available at the monitor output on the front panel under mute conditions.

**Video Fail.** If the Video Vertical Block is not detected then the 'VIDEO PRES' LED on the front panel is turned off and the 'video fail' opto-coupler is activated. The video fail alarm at the alarm output is also activated by the Video mute (Receiver loss condition). Vertical block can still be detected for further decreasing signals under this condition. Therefore, the 'VIDEO PRES' indicator on the front panel will still indicate detection of the vertical block when 'RX LOSS' and 'MUTE' are on. However,

the Video Fail alarm at the rear panel will be on because it is activated by both the loss of video block and the video mute (receiver loss) condition whichever occurs first. The 'Video Fail' alarm opto-coupler is at the alarm output pin 11 (emitter) and pin 4 (collector).

Other controls available from the alarm output:

Clamp Disable. On the alarm output, if pin 12 is connected to pin 1, the Video Clamp on the Video Input Amplifier is disabled and the 'CLAMP' LED on the front panel is turned off.

## 7. Operational Adjustments

The only adjustments necessary for proper operation of the VA-391, VA-392 are input gain and cable equalisation.

**Input Gain:** The gain on the VA391 front panel should be adjusted so that the video signal at the VA-391 MONITOR output is 1 Vpp (sync. to Bar.)

**Cable Equalisation.** If a long run of cable is used to feed the input to the VA-391 then the cable equaliser should be adjusted to give a properly equalised video signal at the MONITOR output on the VA-391.

The VA-391 Video input must be terminated in 75 Ohms.

## 8. INPUT/OUTPUT CONTROLS AND INDICATORS

VA-391 (PL9 - D CONNECTOR REAR )

### D15 REAR CONNECTOR

PIN 1	GND	PIN 9	WIDEBAND (CONT GND ACTIVE)
2	GND	10	LASER FAIL (IND) -
3	LASER FAIL (IND) +	11	HI-PWR (IND) -
4	HI-PWR (IND) +	12	VIDEO FAIL (IND) -
5	VIDEO FAIL (IND) +	13	CLAMP OFF (CONT. GND ACTIVE)
6	N/C	14	N/C
7	N/C	15	N/C
8	N/C		

VA-392 (PL3 - D CONNECTOR REAR)

### D15 REAR CONNECTOR

PIN 1	GND	PIN 9	WIDEBAND (CONT GND ACTIVE)
2	N/C	10	RX LOSS (IND) -
3	RX LOSS (IND) +	11	VIDEO FAIL (IND) -
4	VIDEO FAIL (IND) +	12	CLAMP OFF (CONT. GND ACTIVE)
5	N/C	13	N/C
6	N/C	14	N/C
7	N/C	15	N/C
8	N/C		



1	X	-12V
2	X	GND
3	X	+12V
4	X	GND
5	X	HI-PWR INDICATOR
6	X	GND
7	X	LASER FAIL INDICATOR
8	X	LASER FAIL REFERENCE

PL1  
MAIN P.C.B TO LASER ASSY.

1	X	AUDIO INPUT
2	X	GND
3	X	N/C
4	X	GND
5	X	-12V
6	X	GND
7	X	+12V
8	X	GND
9	X	N/C
10	X	SUB-CARRIER OUT
11	X	GND

PL4 - PL7  
MAIN PCB TO AUDIO MODULATORS

1	X	CLAMP OFF (RL1) - CONNECT TO GND
2	X	VIDEO FAIL (U12/5)
3	X	VIDEO FAIL (U12/4)
4	X	HI-PWR (U14/5)
5	X	HI-PWR (U14/4)
6	X	LASER FAIL (U13/5)
7	X	LASER FAIL (U13/4)
8	X	GND.
9	X	WIDE BAND (GND TO ACTIVATE)
10	X	GND

PL9  
REAR PANEL ALARMS.

1	X	-12V
2	X	GND
3	X	+12V
4	X	GND
5	X	HEATER MONITOR
6	X	GND
7	X	GND
8	X	BASE BAND INPUT

PL2  
MAIN P.C.B TO BASEBAND MODULATOR

1	X	A.C IN
2	X	A.C IN
3	X	
4	X	
5	X	D.C. GND
6	X	D.C. IN
7	X	D.C. IN

PWR.1  
POWER

1	X	GND
2	X	SIGNAL OUT
3	X	GND
4	X	+12V
5	X	CONTROL PL9/9
6	X	GND
7	X	SIGNAL IN
8	X	GND

PL3  
VIDEO FILTER OR PAD

1	X	GND
2	X	LED TEST
3	X	LED 2 (+ve) HI-PWR
4	X	LED 2 (-ve)
5	X	LED 3 (+ve) LASER FAIL
6	X	LED 3 (-ve)
7	X	N/C
8	X	LED 1 (-ve) VID. PRES.
9	X	5V
10	X	GND

PL8  
FRONT PANEL INDICATORS

1	X	GND
2	X	CH.1 (600R)
3	X	CH.2 (600R)
4	X	CH.3 (600R)
5	X	CH.4 (600R)
6	X	GND

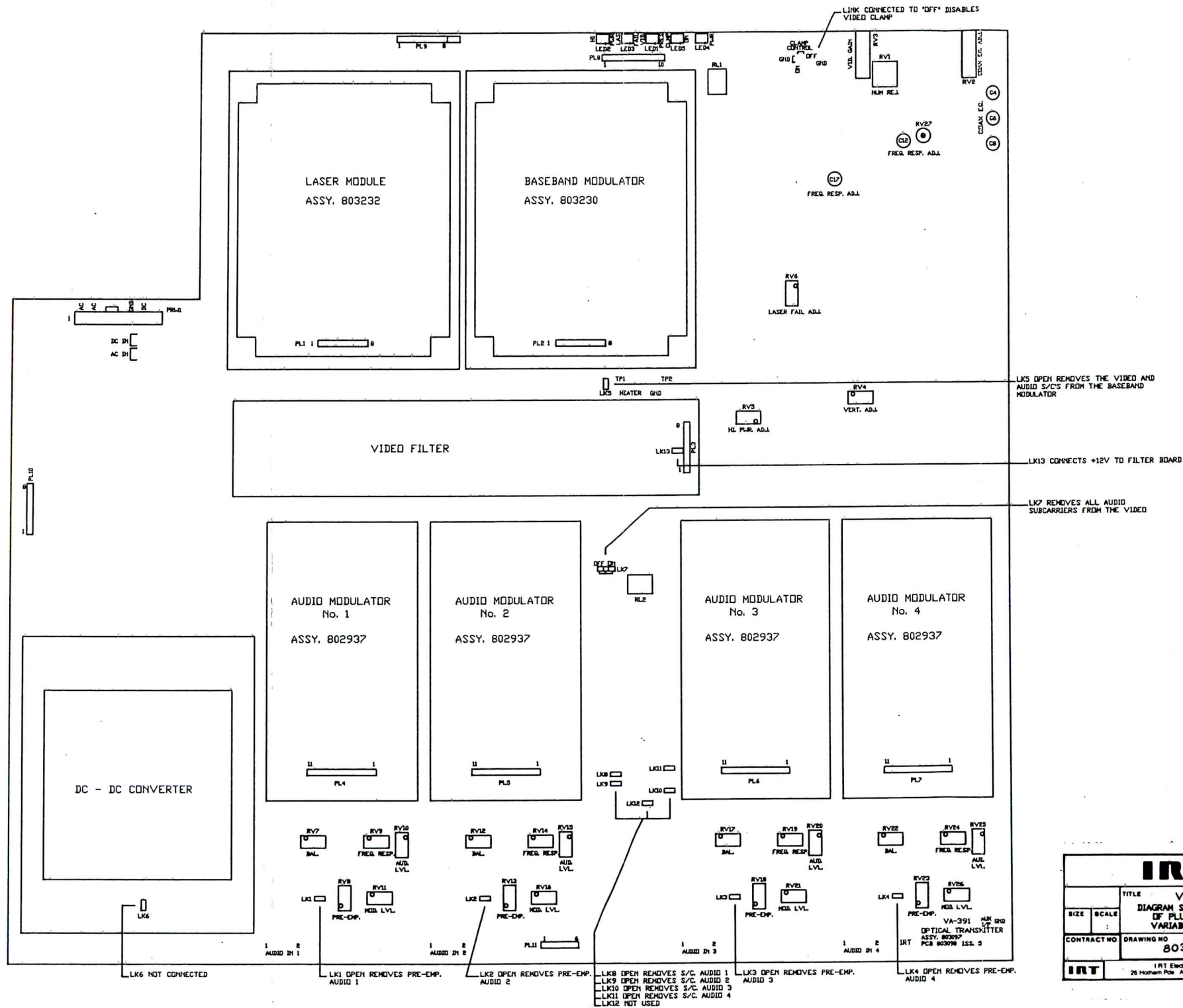
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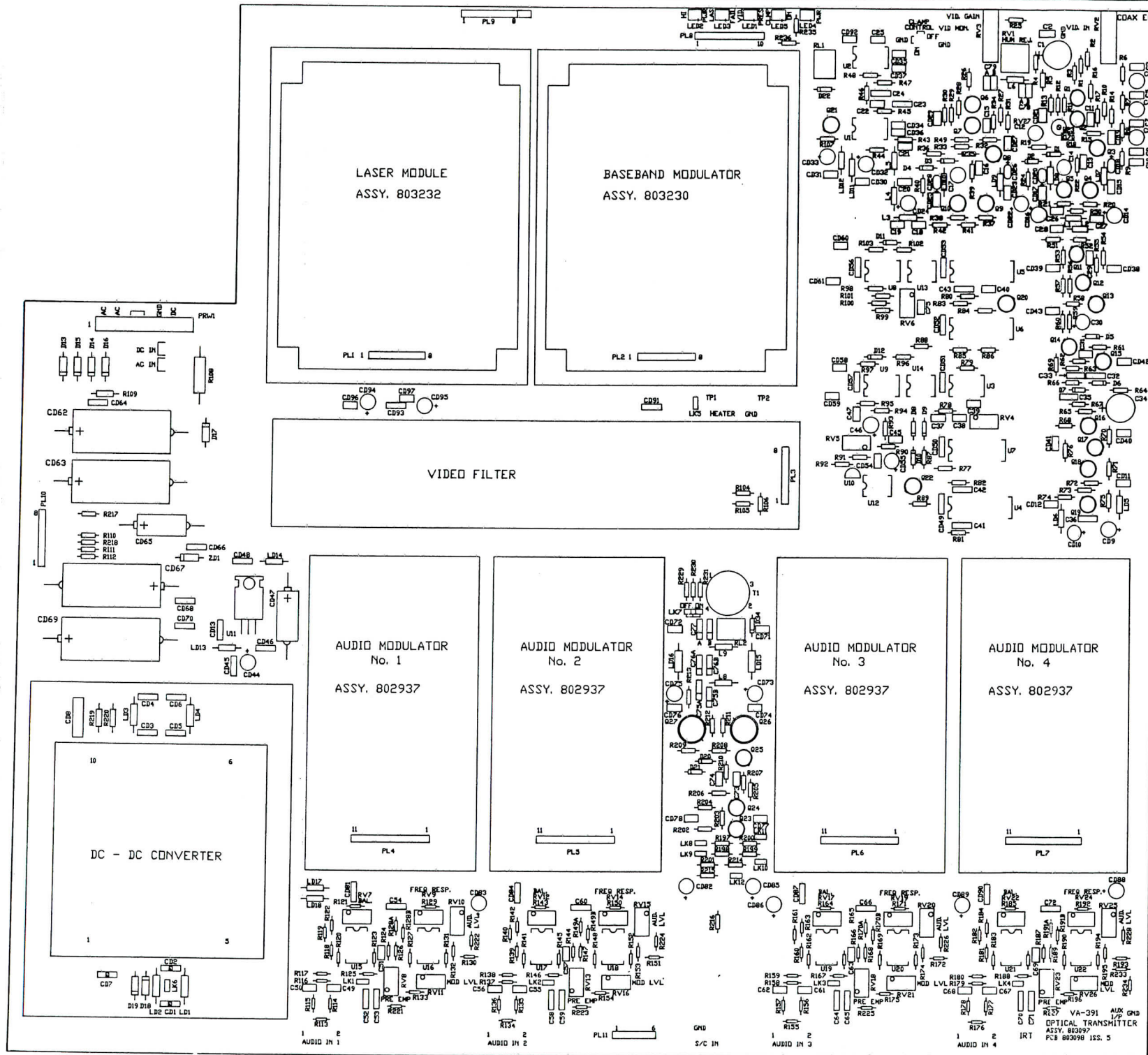
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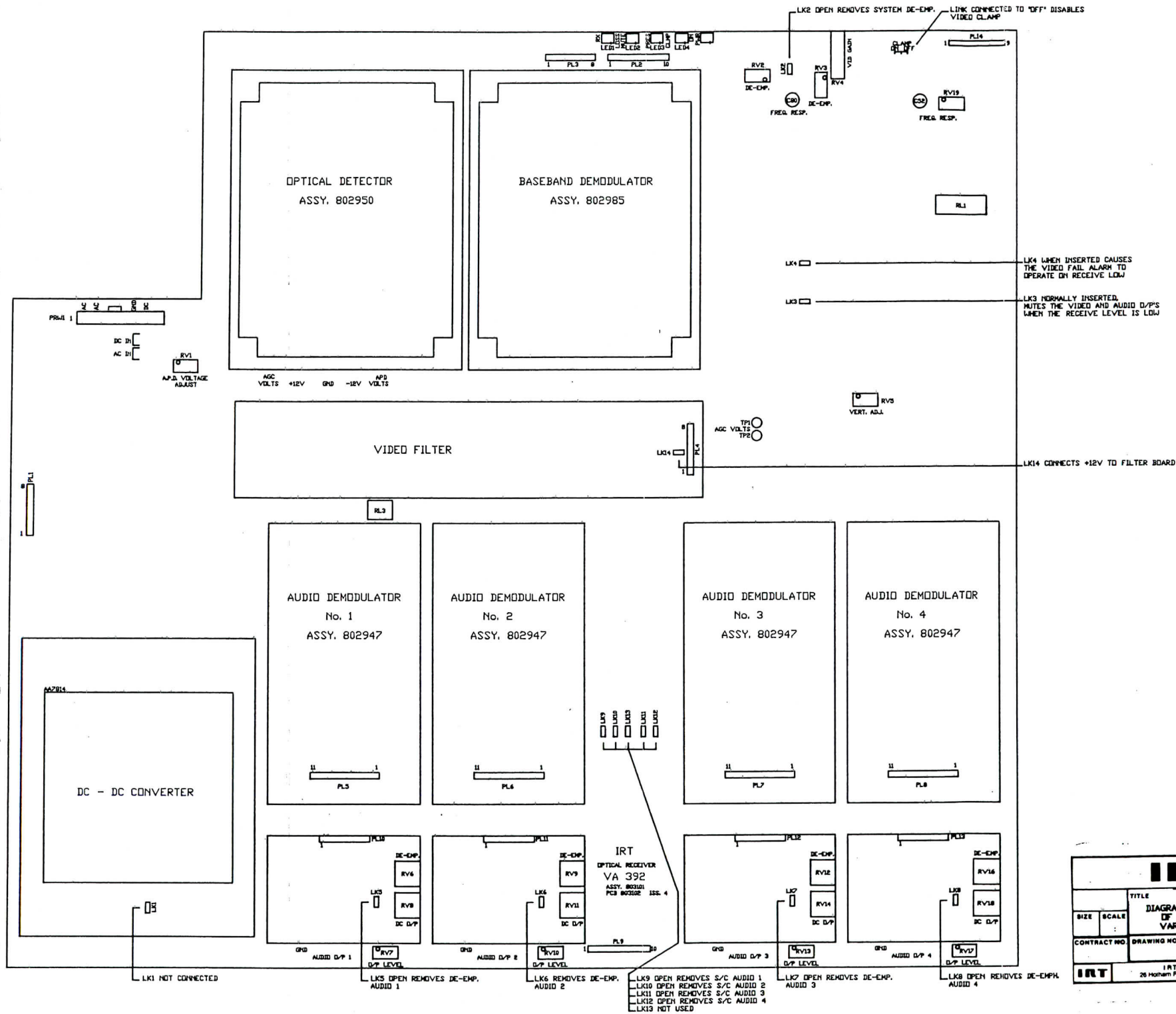




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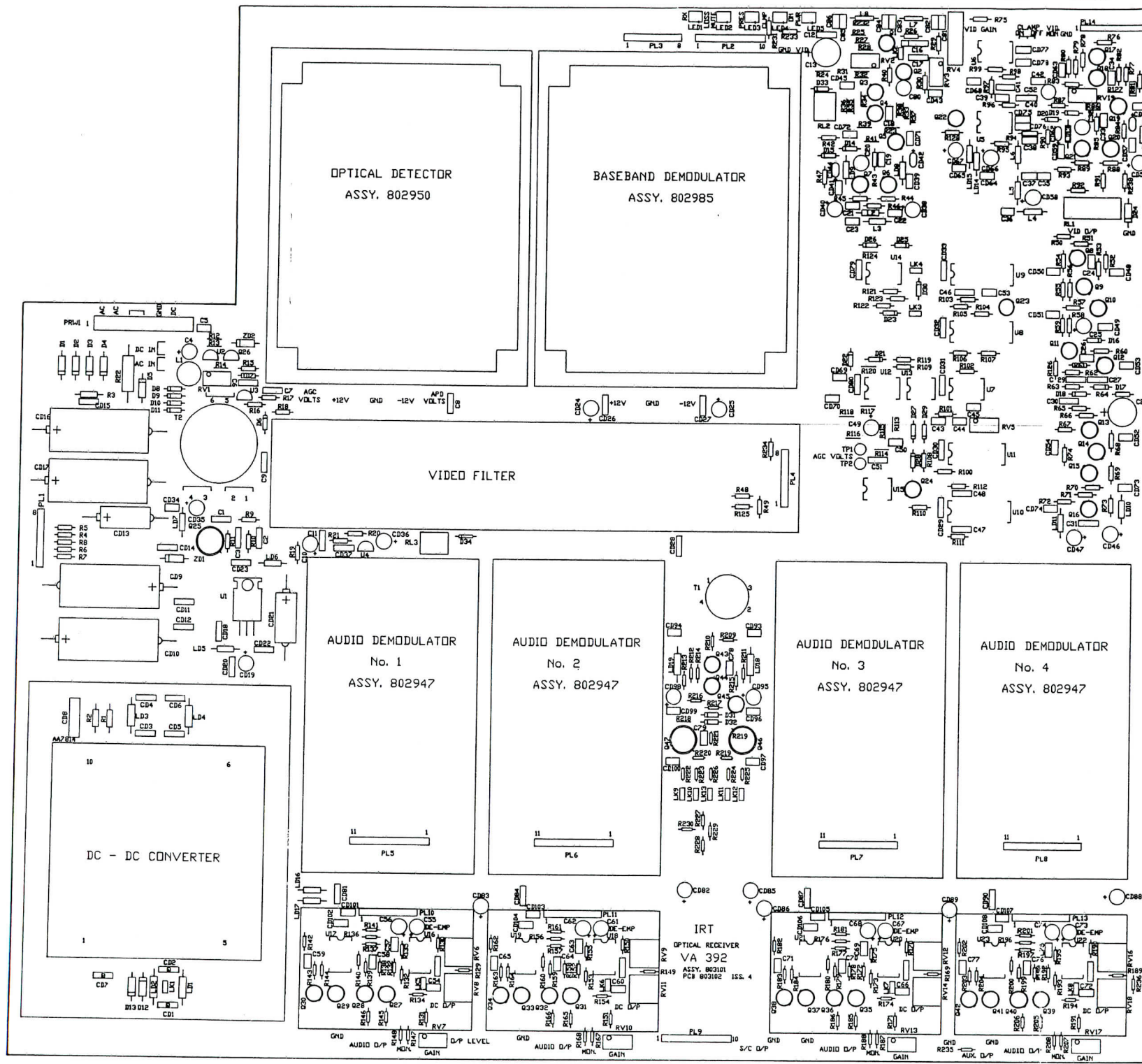
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## 12. Appendix

### Remote Wideband switching Facility

VA-391/VA-392 units with serial no. 9203033 and above are fitted with additional components to facilitate Wide Band/Video+Audio selection from the rear panel. When this is done the following operations are effective:

VA-391- Connect pin 9 of the rear panel D-connector to ground (pin 1) to bypass the Video Bandstop filter allowing Wideband (10 MHz) operation of the unit. The Audio subcarriers are also turned off.

VA-392 - Connect pin 9 of the rear panel D-connector to ground (pin 1) to bypass the Video Bandstop filter allowing Wideband (10 MHz) operation of the unit. The Audio outputs are also muted.

#### Note:

Units with this feature must only have the following video filters installed:

Video LPF assy 803112 Iss 3 and Higher

Video BSF assy 803023 Iss 3 and Higher

Insertion of earlier issues of either assy 803112 or 803023 will result in loss of Audio signals.

**Four Channel Audio.**

Units fitted with four audio channels use different audio subcarrier frequencies ie

7.36 MHz

7.765 MHz

8.215 MHz

8.71 MHz

The Audio configuration is as follows:

VA-391:

LK8-11 IN

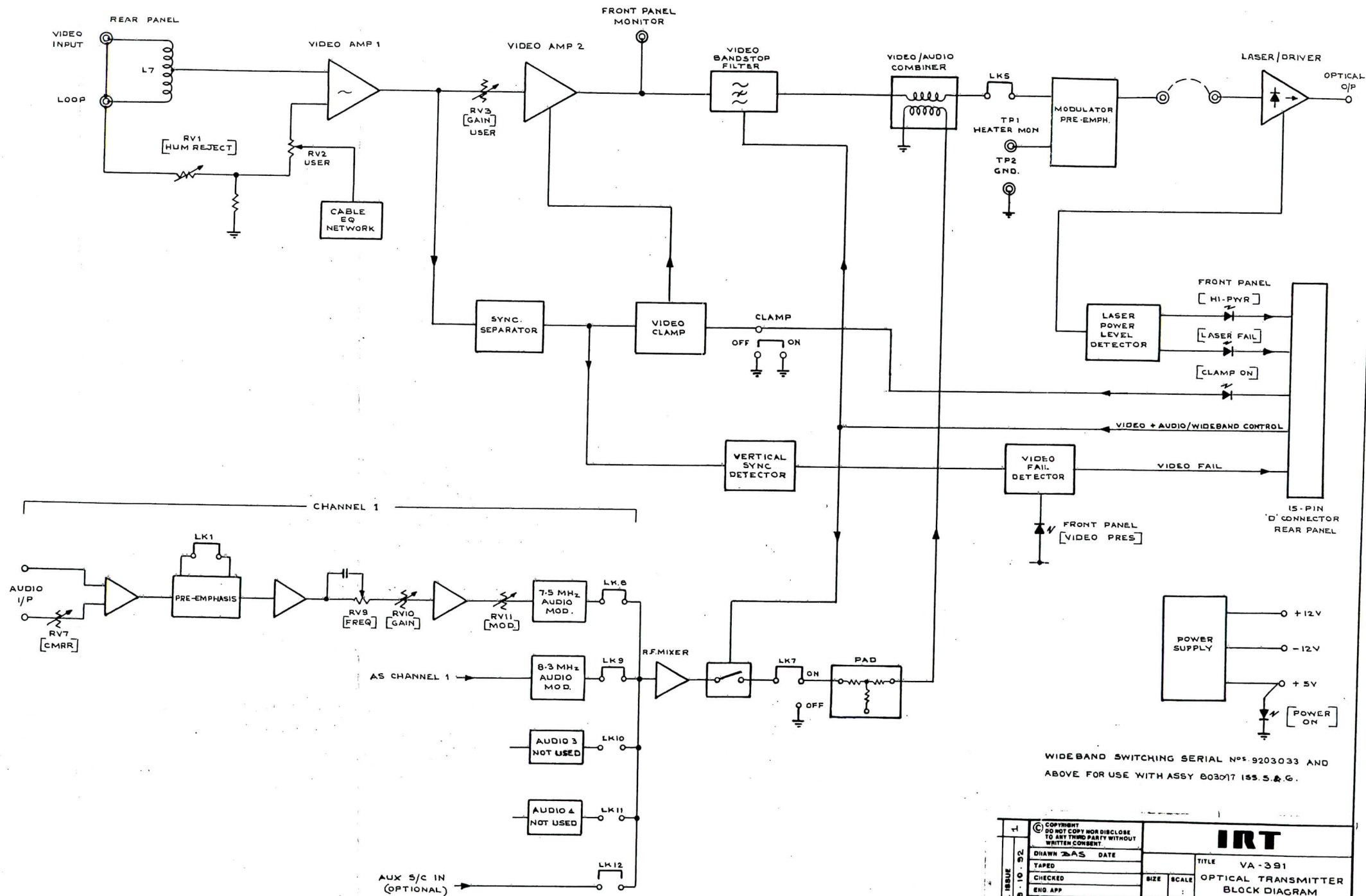
VA-392:

LK9-12 IN

See page 12 for a complete listing of link positions

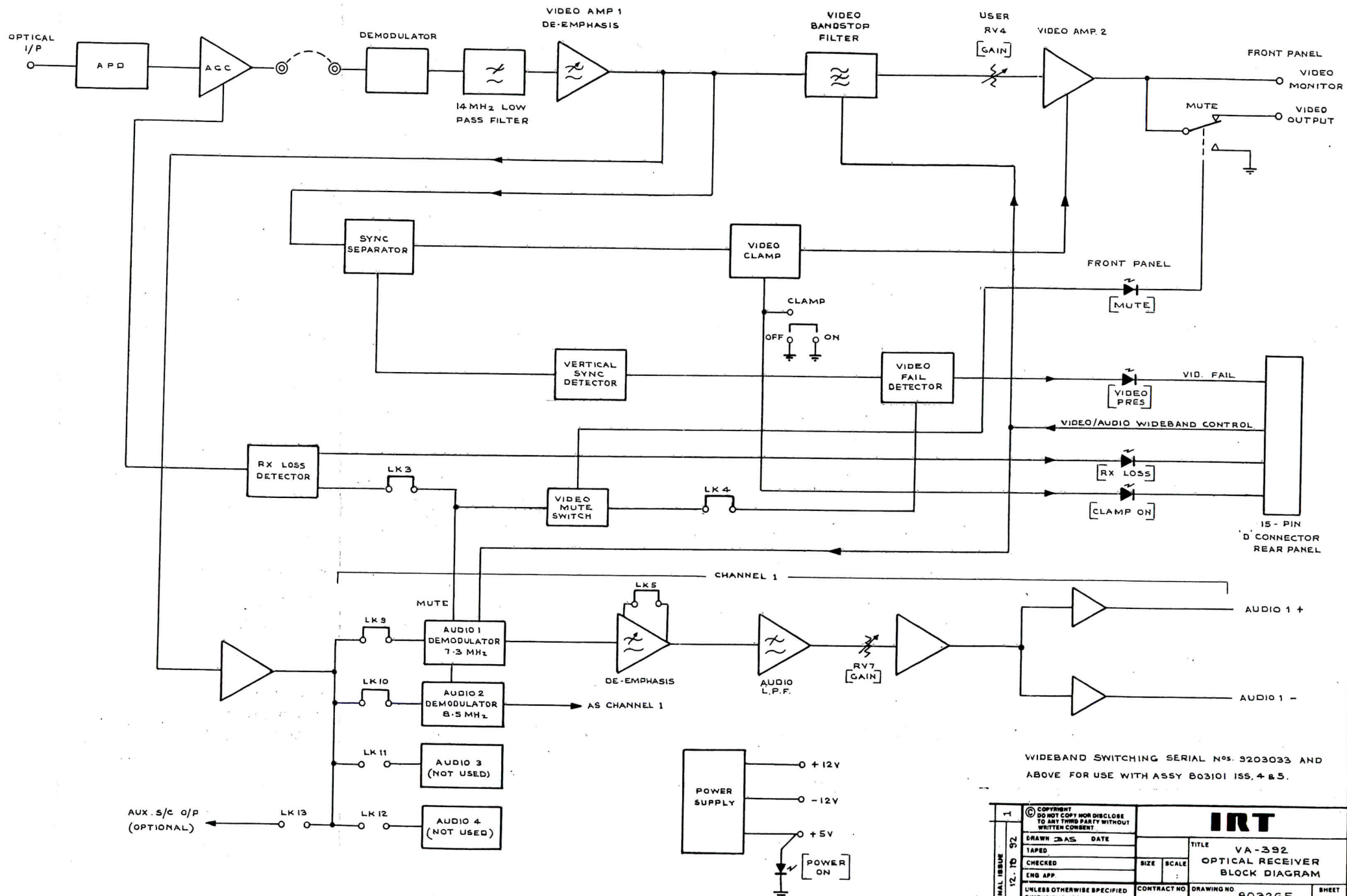
The video filter in these units is changed from a Bandstop Filter assy 803023 to a Low Pass Filter 803112.

The following two pages show a block diagram for the units with Four Audio Channels.



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