

105

105 MONO AMPLIFIER.

1. DESCRIPTION.
2. DISMANTLING.
3. DC AND POWER SUPPLY CHECKS.
4. AC CHECKS, FAULT FINDING AND SETTING UP.
5. CIRCUIT DIAGRAMS AND LAYOUT DIAGRAMS.
6. PARTS LIST.

1.
DESCRIPTION.

The 105 is a high quality high fidelity self-powered mono power amplifier for use in musical applications.

The amplifier is built in two extrusions side by side, joined by long foot bars at the front and back. One extrusion houses the [unregulated] power supply and the other, the amplifier.

At the back of the power supply section there is a mains fuse, 3.15AT [slow blo], 20mm type. This value of fuse is common to all voltage versions of the 105. The fuse also feeds an IEC type mains outlet. Also at the back is a 6-pin chassis plug to feed the amplifier section. Most versions of the 105 have a LED indicator on the front, fed from the positive DC supply via limiting resistors.

At the back of the amplifier section there is a short cord with a 6-pin line socket. This line socket is plugged into the power supply section. There is a 3.15AF [quick blo], 20mm type fuse in series with the output to the loudspeaker. There are two 4mm output sockets for connecting a loudspeaker load to the amplifier. Suitable plugs are supplied plugged into these sockets. Input to the amplifier is provided via two Din sockets and also a parallel phono [RCA] socket. In some installations this phono socket is used for terminating the audio supply cable with a suitable load resistance [usually 75 ohms].

2.

DISMANTLING:

Ensure that the unit is disconnected from the supply before dismantling.

To remove the POWER SUPPLY SECTION, unplug the amplifier section and unplug any ancillary equipment from the IEC mains socket.

Lay the unit upside down on a clean soft cloth.

Using a 1-pt pozi screwdriver, remove the four screws at the corner of the power supply tray.

Ease the back end of the power supply up, taking care to lay the mains cord against the back face so that it does not get damaged by the case. Once raised so that the works are clear of the back foot bar, the power supply may be eased backwards and then raised at the front also. There is a fairly short twisted wire feeding through the fire-guard in the case to the LED. Care must be taken not to tug this wire. The wire is long enough to allow the power supply tray to be laid with the works facing upwards [normal way up] beside the case.

To remove the AMPLIFIER SECTION, unplug the amplifier section from the power supply.

Place unit upside down on a clean soft cloth with the back towards you.

Undo the left hand slotted screw until it is almost free. Undo the right hand [shorter] slotted screw until it is fully undone.

By lifting the left hand screw, the front of the amplifier can be raised causing the right hand screw to protrude enough to allow it to be withdrawn. When the right hand screw has been removed, finish unscrewing the left hand screw and remove it.

Gently pull the amplifier out of the case backwards by the wire.

Keep the pasted spacer bar attached to the transistor plate clean. If necessary the PCB can be loosened from the bracket, and the insulating sheet removed, by undoing the two 6BA pozi screws near the back of the PCB.

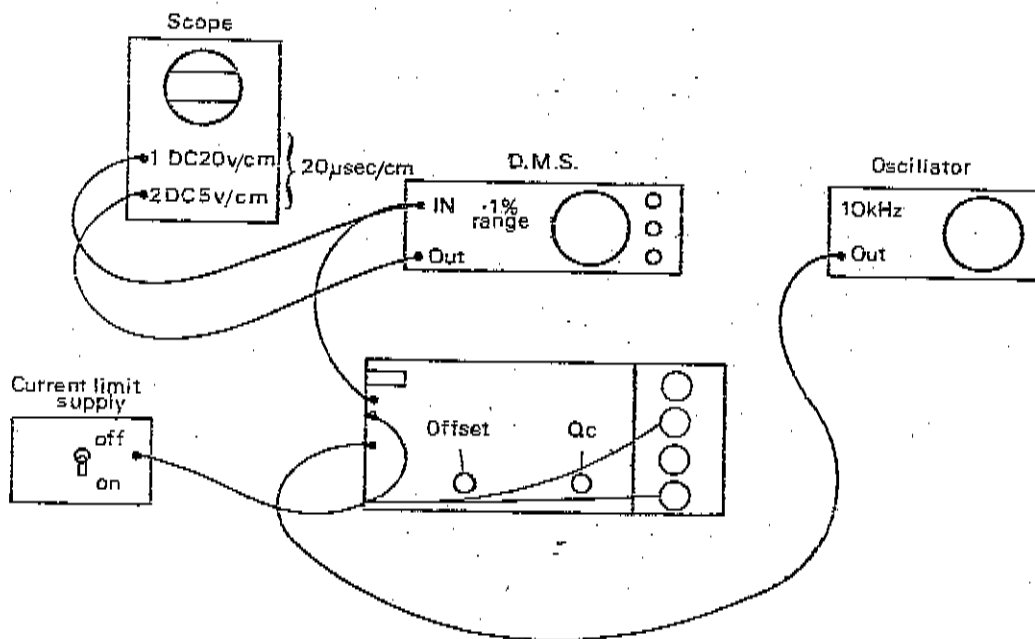
NB When reassembling ensure that the spacer bar joined to the transistor plate has not picked up any foreign matter. If there is not sufficient paste on a clean spacer bar, the heat generated in the output transistors will not be speedily enough transferred to the heat plate and case. It is ESSENTIAL that attention be paid to this point.

Always reassemble using the long screw in the left hand hole first. Once the screw has been started in the thread, the amplifier can be lifted by the screw to enable the shorter screw to engage in its thread.

3.

DC AND POWER SUPPLY CHECKS:

The power supply produces + and - 55 volts. It is not recommended that these voltages be checked at the 6-pin output plug. Accidental shorting of the pins with a meter probe will probably destroy the plug and probe due to the large charge in the smoothing capacitors. The voltages may be checked within the amplifier. Additional DC voltages appear at the points shown on the layout diagram.



up] beside the case.

4.

AC CHECKS, FAULT FINDING AND SETTING UP:

Maximum peak to peak output volts [<80 volts] result from an input of 775mV RMS.

Once the existence of a fault within the amplifier circuit has been established by observing that the amplifier will not perform with the correct value unruptured fuses fitted or by observing that correct value fuses rupture when switched on, the following procedure should be adopted.

NB The minimum equipments required for correcting faults and setting up this power amplifier are as follows:

Low distortion oscillator [LDO].

Double beam oscilloscope.

Distortion measuring set [DMS].

Positive and negative current limited supply [see design for this in section 5].

A universal meter.

an 8-ohm resistive load of minimum 25 watt rating.

With no load connected to the amplifier, connect up as shown, ensuring that supply to the amplifier is ON LIMIT.

Turn RV2 fully clockwise. This ensures that the amplifier can be fault-found on the limited supply.

Observe the oscilloscope. If the waveform is distorted, non-existent or seriously off-set [scope must be set to DC], a fault exists.

To assist in location of the faulty components, it is recommended that the input to the amplifier be grounded after the RC input filter at the junction of R5 and R6.

Since the amplifier is perfectly symmetrical, start by checking + and - power lines. A collapsed power line usually means that either an output transistor or pair is turned hard on by an earlier fault or an output transistor has collapsed. The failure of T9 or D11 will have a similar effect. Shorting C to E on T9 will check T9, and shorting D11 will check D11.

If the + and - 55 volt supply is OK, check the + and - 10 volt [zenered] supply to the early stages, [R8-R12 junction and R11-R15 junction. If neither + nor - 10 volt supply is present, suspect the thermal switch [mounted on the transistor heat plate]. The function of this switch is to short together the + and - 10 volt supply should the transistor plate reach 75°C.

It is possible to restore the 55 volt supply by removing with solder wick the solder round the base and emitter pins on the output transistors which may be pulling down the supply. Once the supply is restored, it is easier to look for an anomalous condition by comparing voltage drop across symmetrical pairs of resistors: e.g. R8 and R11, [1.1V]: R12 and R15, [0.5V]: R20 and R19, [0.6V]: R29 and R30, [0.6V]: R31 and R32, [0.6V].

Faults in the protection circuit can be checked by shorting R33 [checks T12 and D12] and R34 [checks T13 and D13].

After location and correction of a fault, remember to remove any short placed across the input [R5/R6 to ground]!

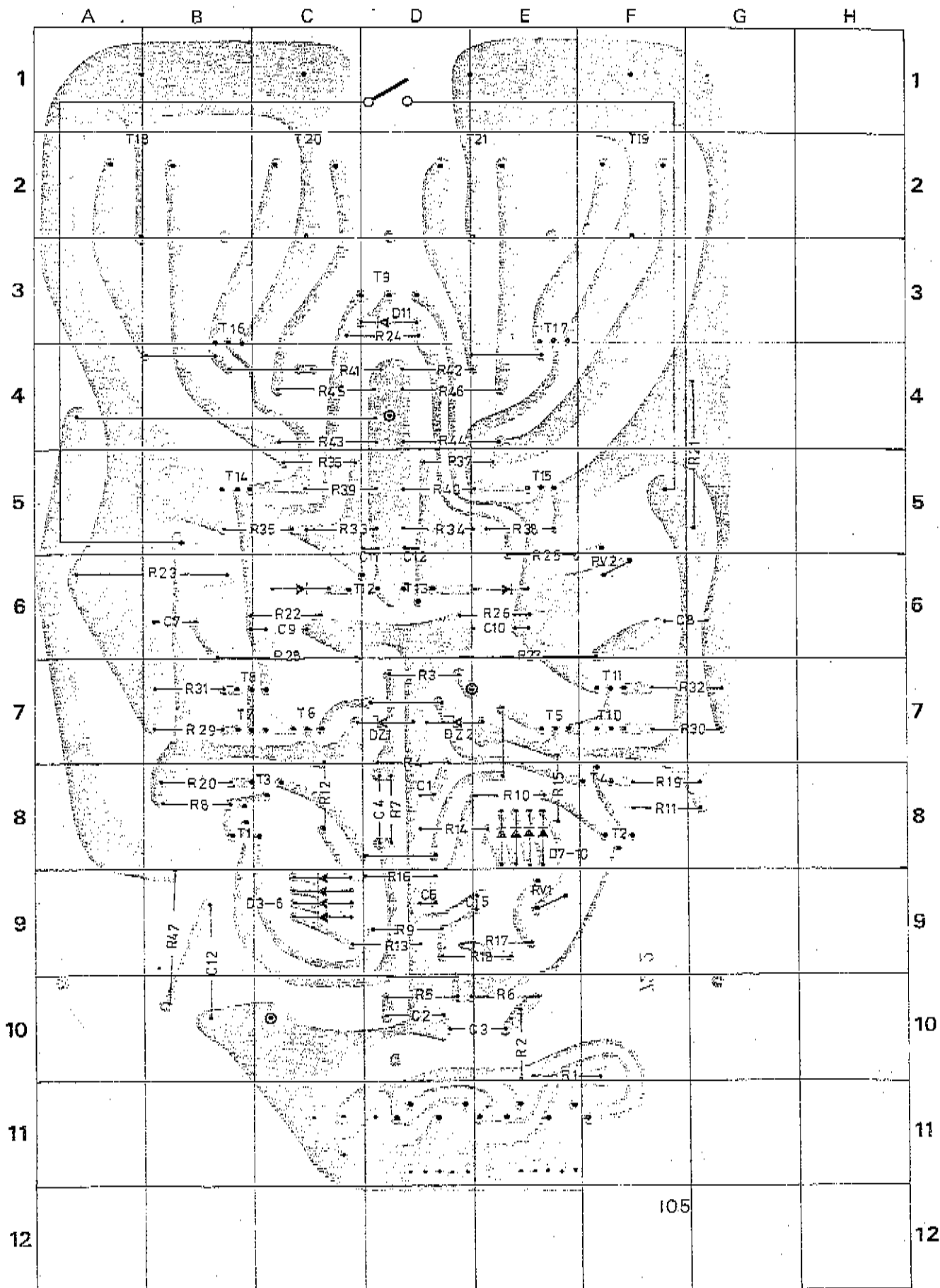
Once the amplifier is working, it is important to check that the protection circuits are OK. Driving a 10 kHz sine wave into 8 ohms, place a 3k3 resistor across first R35 and then R38. If the protection circuit is working, this action will clip each half of the waveform.

The DC offset of the amplifier can be adjusted to zero with RV1.

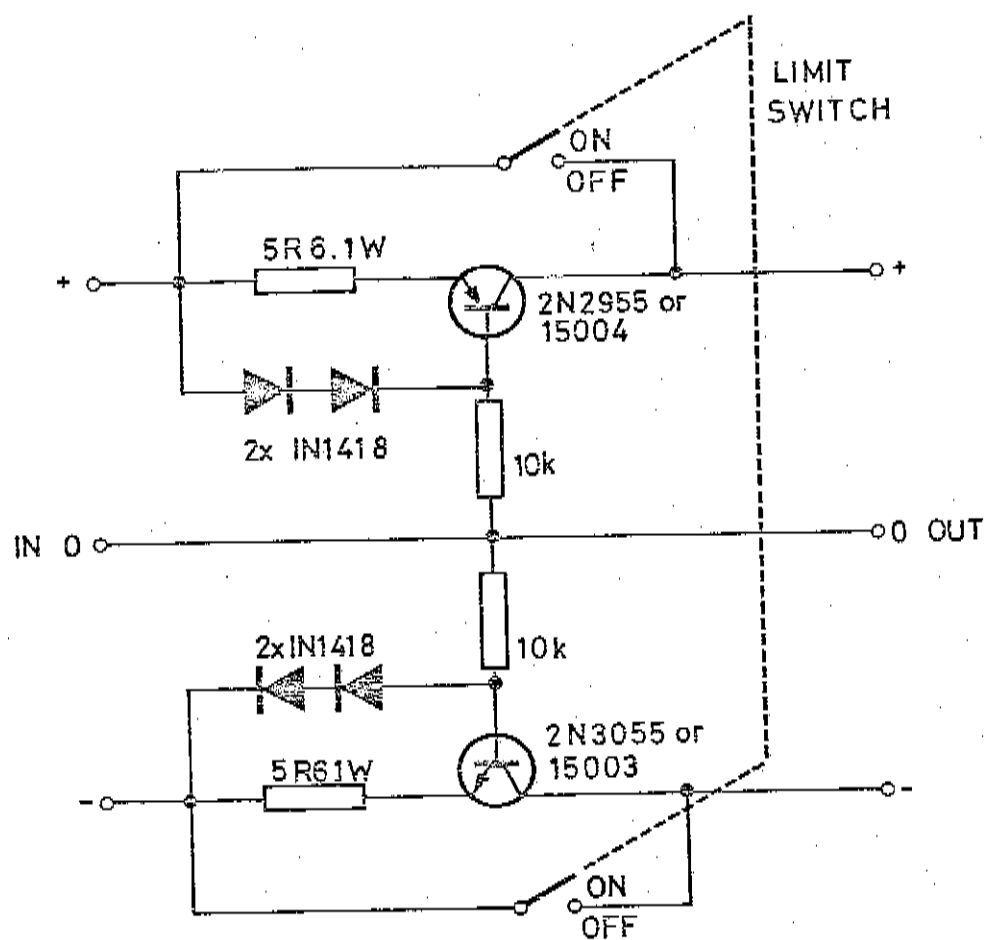
Check also that the Zobel network [R47 and C12] is OK. If R47 is burnt out, the amplifier will be extremely prone to further failure.

It is important not to use 'equivalent' semiconductors when repairing this amplifier. The performance, subjectively, of the amplifier may well be adversely affected by the use of 'equivalent' transistors, even if the measured performance appears to be within specification.

105

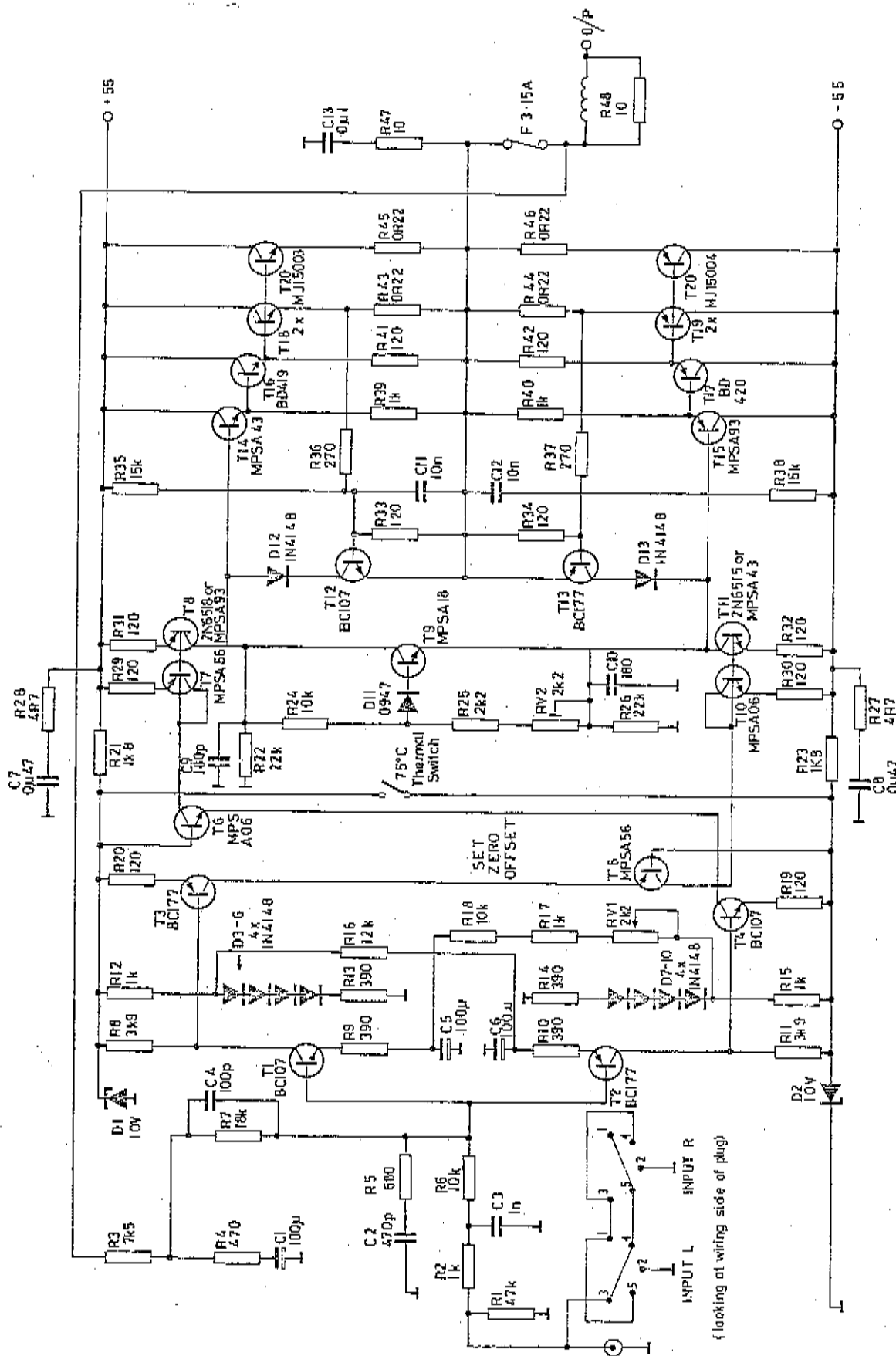


105



Supply circuit for servicing power amplifiers.
Current limits at approx 100mA.

105



BOOTHROYD STUART MERIDIAN 105

105 Power Amplifier Parts List.

4

Part no	Cct.	Loc.	Descr.	Part no	Cct.	Loc.	Descr.	Part no	Cct.	Loc.	Descr.
1329	DZ1	7D	10v zener	1301	T1	8B	BC107B	1316	T11	7F	MPSA43
1329	DZ2	7D	10v zener	1302	T2	8F	BC177B	1301	T12	6D	BC107B
1308	D3	9C	1N4148	1302	T3	8C	BC177B	1302	T13	6D	BC177B
1308	D4	9C	1N4148	1301	T4	8F	BC107B	1316	T14	5B	MPSA43
1308	D5	9C	1N4148	1305	T5	7E	MPSA56	1315	T15	5E	MPSA93
1308	D6	9C	1N4148	1314	T6	7C	MPSA06	1352	T16	3B	BD419
1308	D7	8E	1N4148	1305	T7	7B	MPSA56	1353	T17	3B	BD420
1308	D8	8E	1N4148	1315	T8	7B	MPSA93	1336	T18	2A	MJ15003
1308	D9	8E	1N4148	1333	T9	3D	MPSA18	1337	T19	2F	MJ15004
1308	D10	8E	1N4148	1314	T10	7F	MPSA06	1336	T20	2C	MJ15003
1313	D11	3D	OA47						T21	2B	MJ15004
1308	D12	6C	1N4148								
1308	D13	6E	1N4148								

Part no	Qty	Description	Remarks/Location
1218	1	75 C thermal switch	1D
1206	4	Heat fin	on T6, T8, T5 and T11
1228A	2	Amp pins	4D/10C tags for ground and output
1235	2	DIN socket, 5-pin, PCB mounting	11D/E, input sockets
12032	1	Phono socket	11C
1262	1	Transistor plate	T18, T19, T20 and T21
1249A	1	Spacer bar	under 1262
1290AT		Fully assembled and tested PCB, less bracket.	
1290ATB		Fully assembled and tested PCB, including bracket.	

