



# **Autohelm Inboard Autopilots (ST6000 and ST7000 systems)**

## **Service Manual**

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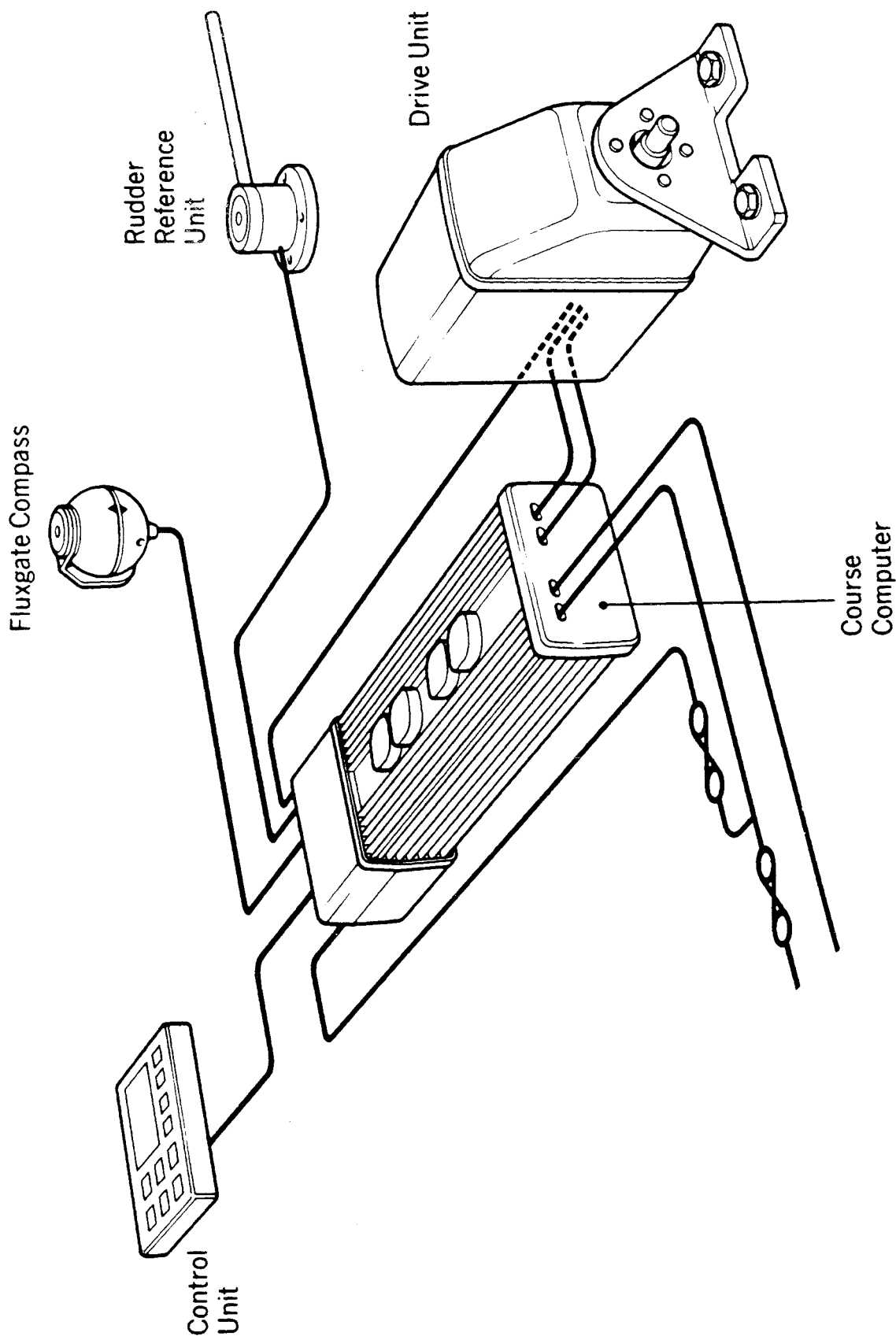
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# ST7000 Basic System

## 1. Service Procedures



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## 1. Introduction

The ST7000 system section of this manual contains full system operating instructions and service procedures for the installed autopilot. Further indepth diagnostics are available for each module in the relevant product sections.

## 2. System Description

The ST7000 is a modular autopilot system that can be built up to match the individual requirements of all vessels. A range of high efficiency Rotary, Linear, Inboard/Outboard and Hydraulic drive units are available to match all types of steering systems.

The ST7000 is SeaTalk compatible providing full data sharing with the Autohelm range of SeaTalk Instruments.

Early systems (pre March 90) were supplied with Z060, Z105 Rudder Reference and Fluxgate transducers. Later systems use the Z131 and Z130 transducers.

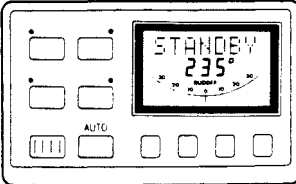
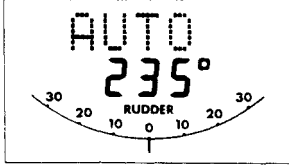
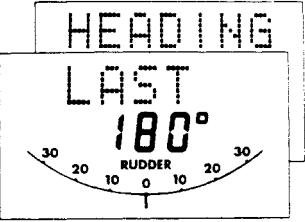
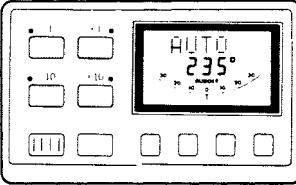
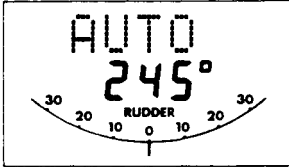
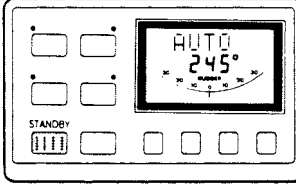
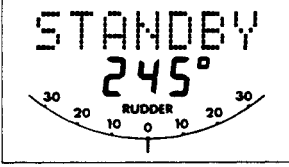
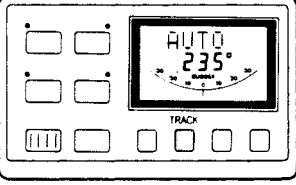
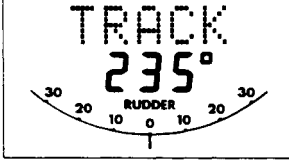
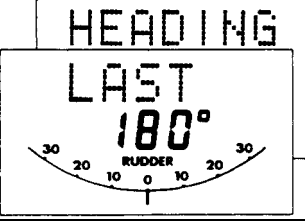
The ST7000 course computer can be used with all Seataalk compatible control units and will operate all of the following drive units:

|      |   |
|------|---|
| Z039 | Linear Drive Type 1                           |
| Z037 | Rotary Drive Type 1                           |
| Z041 | Hydraulic Pump Type 1                         |
| Z081 | Hydraulic Pump Type 0                         |
| Z088 | I/O Sterndrive                                |
| Z029 | Linear Drive Type 2 (1 2v)                    |
| Z058 | Linear Drive Type 2 (12v) Short Stroke        |
| Z032 | Linear Drive Type 2 (24v)                     |
| Z059 | Linear Drive Type 2 (24v) Short Stroke        |
| Z028 | Rotary Drive Type 2 (12v)                     |
| Z031 | Rotary Drive Type 2 (24v)                     |
| Z030 | Hydraulic Pump Type 2 (1 2v)                  |
| Z033 | Hydraulic Pump Type 2 (24v)                   |
| Z064 | Type CR 3L/min (1 2v) via Z085 Interface Box  |
| Z065 | Type CR 3L/min (24v) via Z085 Interface Box   |
| Z066 | Type CR 4.5L/min (12v) via Z085 Interface Box |
| Z067 | Type CR 4.5L/min (24v) via Z085 Interface Box |

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## 3. Operating/Calibration instructions

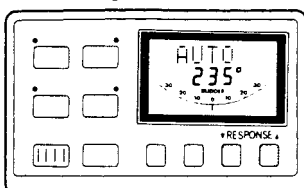
### 3.1 Operation

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <p><b>Auto</b></p>                                | <p>Push to engage automatic steering and maintain current heading.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Push and hold down for 1 second to return to previous automatic heading. (Display returns to Auto after 10 seconds).</p>  | <p><b>Automatic Heading</b></p>  <p><b>Previous Automatic Heading</b></p>      |
| <p><b>Course Changes</b> (—1, +1, —10, +10)</p>  | <p>Push to alter course to port (—) and starboard (+) in increments of 1 and 10 degrees.</p>  | <p><b>New Automatic Heading</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Standby</b></p>                           | <p>Push to disengage the autopilot for manual steering. (The previous automatic heading is memorised).</p>  | <p><b>Current Heading</b></p>    |
| <p><b>Track</b> (see operating hints)</p>       | <p>Push to select track control from Auto.</p> <p>Push again to return to automatic steering.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Push and hold down for 1 second to select previous track control heading from Auto or Track.</p> <p>(Display returns to Track after 10 seconds).</p> | <p><b>Automatic Heading</b></p>  <p><b>Previous Automatic Heading</b></p>  |



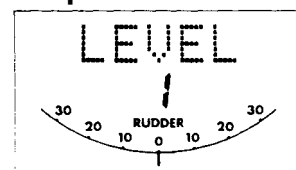
## Response

- **Response Level Adjustment** (see Operating Hints)

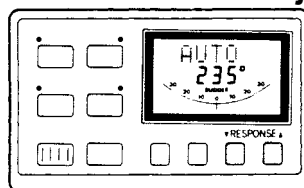


Push to increase ( ▲ ) or decrease ( ▼ ) response level. To display response level without changing it push both **Response** keys together briefly.

### Response Level

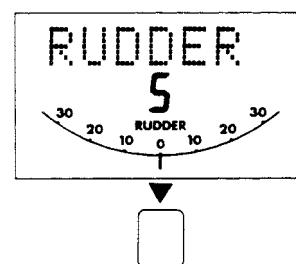


- **Rudder Gain Adjustment** (see Operating Hints)



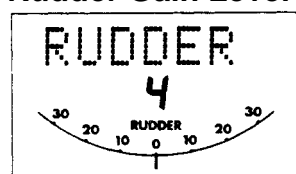
Push and hold down for 1 second both **Response** keys together to display rudder gain level.

### Rudder Gain Level



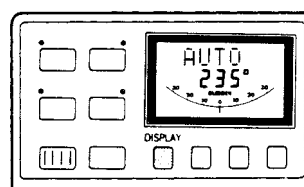
Within 10 seconds push once to increase ( ▲ ) or decrease ( ▼ ) rudder gain.

### Rudder Gain Level



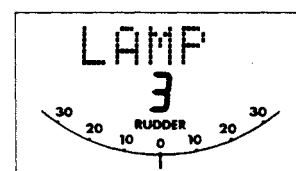
(Response and Rudder levels are displayed for 10 seconds only)

## Illumination



Push and hold down **Display** for 1 second to switch on illumination.

### Illumination Level



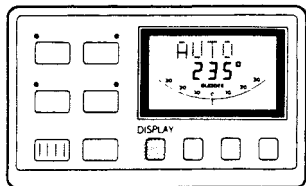
Within 10 seconds push **Display** to select illumination level.

|     |         |
|-----|---------|
| 3   | =High   |
| 2   | =Medium |
| 1   | =Low    |
| OFF | =Off    |

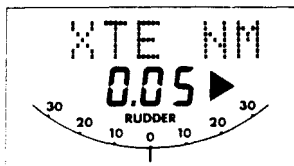
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## Display Key Sequence



- **Cross Track Error\***

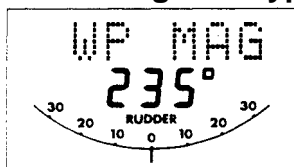


◀ or ▶ indicates direction to steer

DISPLAY



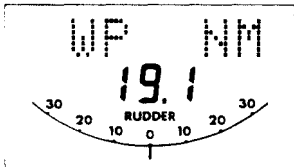
- **Bearing to Waypoint\***



DISPLAY



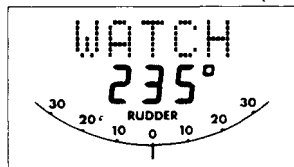
- **Distance to Waypoint\***



DISPLAY



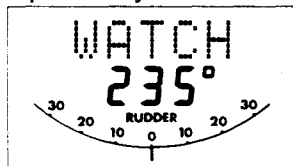
- **Watch Alarm** (not available in Standby)



## Watch Alarm

 (not available in Standby)

- To select Watch alarm push **Display** repeatedly until Watch appears.



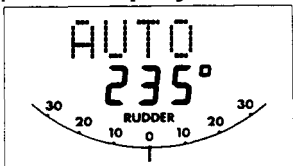
The 4 minute timer is now running:

—After 3 minutes 'Watch' flashes on all control units.

—After 4 minutes the alarm sounds on all control units.

- Push **Auto** at any time to reset the timer to 4 minutes and silence the alarm.

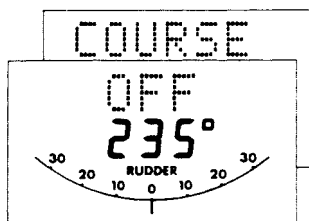
- To cancel the Watch alarm at any time push **Display**.



\*Only displayed when waypoint information is transmitted to the control unit by a Radio Navigation System.

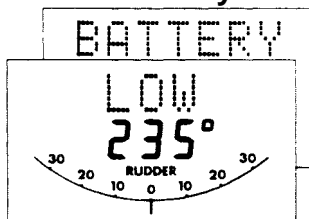
## Warning Messages

- **Off Course Alarm**



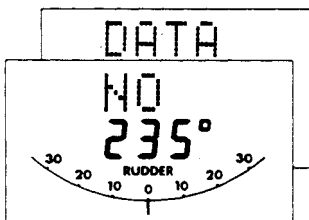
—Sounds if the vessel deviates from the automatic heading by more than the selected amount for over 20 seconds.

- **Low Battery Alarm**

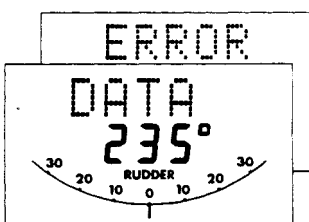


—Sounds if the course computer supply voltage falls below 11 volts for over 20 seconds.

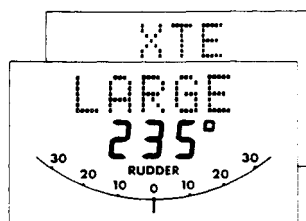
- **Track Mode Alarms**



—Sounds if no waypoint data is received from the Radio Navigation System for over 20 seconds.



—Sounds if the data has the incorrect format or if an invalid flag is set.



—Sounds if the cross track error exceeds 0.30n.m.

**Note:** Push **Standby** to silence an alarm and select **Standby** mode.

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## 3.2 Operating Hints

### Response Level Adjustment

The ST7000 has three response levels which enable tighter course keeping to be achieved in certain cases:-

Level 1— Automatic Sea State Control

Level 2— Automatic Sea State Inhibit

Level 3— Automatic Sea State Inhibit and counter rudder.

When the autopilot is switched on, the response level is set to 1. This provides the best compromise between power consumption and course keeping accuracy and is suitable for nearly all situations.

Increasing Response level provides tighter course keeping at the expense of increased power consumption and general wear and tear. It is advisable to use the minimum response level necessary to achieve the desired course keeping accuracy. On larger power vessels level 3 can improve slow speed steering where the natural yaw damping of the vessel is reduced.

**Note:** Level 3 is not recommended for use at planing speeds or in rough seas.

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### Track

To make full use of Track control the following simple points should be observed:-

- Always steer the vessel to within 0.1n.m. of track and bring the heading to within 5° of the bearing to the next waypoint before selecting Track.
- Always check that there are no navigational hazards either side of the intended track.
- Always maintain an accurate log with regular plots to verify the computed position read from the Radio Navigation Receiver.
- Maintain a proper lookout at all times.

### Automatic Trim

If Automatic Trim has been selected during calibration the ST7000 will correct for trim changes. This correction can take up to three minutes to apply the rudder offset necessary to restore the set automatic heading. Large course changes which change the apparent wind direction can produce large trim changes. In these cases the autopilot will not immediately

assume the new automatic heading, and only settle onto course when the Automatic Trim has been fully established.

It is recommended the following procedure is adopted for large course changes.

- Note required new heading.
- Select **Standby** and steer manually.
- Bring vessel onto new heading.
- Select **Auto** and let vessel settle onto course.
- Bring to final course with 1° increments.

It is sound seamanship to make major course changes only whilst steering manually. In this way any obstructions or other vessels may be cleared properly and due account taken of the changed wind and sea conditions on the new heading prior to engaging the autopilot.

### Rudder Gain Adjustment

The rudder gain level selected during initial sea trials will normally provide excellent steering performance over a wide range of conditions. However, it may be noticed that the autopilot tends to be a little less stable on northerly headings in the higher latitudes of the northern hemisphere (and conversely southerly headings in the southern hemisphere). This is caused by the increasing angle of dip of the earth's magnetic field at higher latitudes, which has the effect of amplifying rudder response on northerly headings. The tendency towards northerly heading instability is usually more obvious in higher speed craft and when it occurs can be corrected by reducing the rudder control setting. At speeds in excess of 30 knots, a reduction of two levels can often be required on headings between 315° and 045° (northern hemisphere) or 135° and 230° (southern hemisphere).

### CAUTION

On planing vessels improved course keeping at displacement speeds can sometimes be achieved by increasing the rudder gain level. If this is done, it must be decreased again before opening the throttle as oversteer can be extremely violent at planing speeds.

## Unsatisfactory Steering Performance

If the 5T7000 has been installed and set up in accordance with the instructions in the Installation Manual it will provide excellent steering performance over a wide range of conditions.

If performance drops but the autopilot is still working correctly, the following simple checks should find the fault:-

- Has a magnetic influence been introduced near the fluxgate compass? i.e. anchor, chain, radio equipment, loudspeaker, tools, generator etc. Check that the autopilot compass heading still corresponds with the steering compass.
- Are all fuses intact, circuit breakers engaged?
- Are all screw connections tight and free of corrosion.
- If the autopilot fails to hold course check the Rudder Gain level. Has it been changed from the initial sea trials level (check in Installation Manual)?
- If the vessel wanders check that the Rudder Reference Transducer linkage is secure with no free play.  
Hydraulic Drive Units only:-
- Check that all unions are tight and bleed system to remove air.

## Safety

**Passage making under autopilot is a very pleasant experience which can lead to the temptation of relaxing permanent watch. This must always be avoided no matter how clear the sea may appear to be.**

**It is the responsibility of the skipper to ensure the safety of his vessel at all times by careful navigation and that all crew members are familiar with the procedures required to engage and disengage the autopilot.**

**When searoom is restricted, a crew member must be close to a control unit at all times if under Autopilot control.**

**On Power craft permanent watch should be maintained at the steering station when at speed with the Autopilot engaged.**

## Failure to Disengage

The mechanical drive actuators of the ST7000 are designed to 'Fail Safe' — When power is disconnected the drive unit will disengage leaving the steering system free for manual control.

When Standby is selected the actuator will Disengage leaving the steering free.

It is remotely possible that a fault could develop which could cause the actuator to remain engaged even when Standby is selected. If this happens:-

- DISCONNECT THE MAIN CIRCUIT BREAKER TO THE AUTOPILOT — THE STEERING WILL IMMEDIATELY BE FREE.  
or
- IN AN EMERGENCY THE ACTUATOR CLUTCH CAN NORMALLY BE OVERRIDDEN BY TURNING THE STEERING WHEEL HARD.

It is emphasised that this fault is extremely unlikely and can be immediately corrected as described.

If preferred a separate **Override** switch can be fitted close to the steering position which will break the actuator clutch drive for **Emergency Use**.

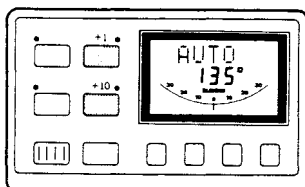
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## 3.3 Additional Information for Sailing Vessels

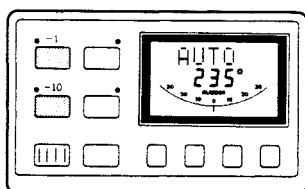
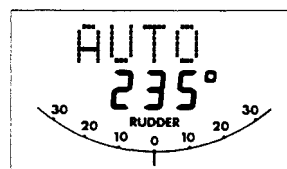
### Autotack

The ST7000 has a built in Autotack function which will turn the vessel through 100°. This operates in both compass and vane modes as follows:-

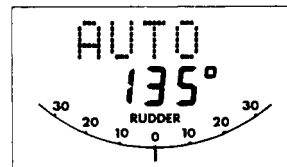
#### Vane



Push +1 and -1 -10 keys together to initiate a tack turning to Starboard.



Push -1 and —10 keys together to initiate a tack turning to Port.

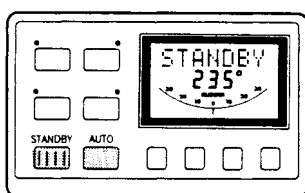


**Note:** It is important that the rudder angle transducer is accurately aligned as the Autotack function mirrors standing helm and any offset will change the initial tack angle.

### Wind Trim

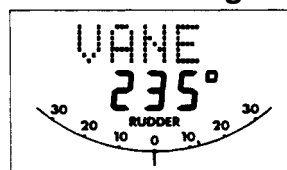
Wind Trim allows the autopilot to be supervised by apparent wind direction. The wind direction is read either:-  
—From the SeaTalk bus (requires Autohelm ST50 wind).  
OR

—Directly from a Masthead Transducer (Z080).  
OR  
— From an NMEA 0183 input on the control unit.



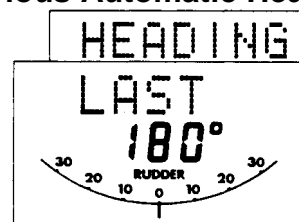
Push both red keys together to select Wind Trim and maintain the current apparent wind angle.

#### Automatic Heading



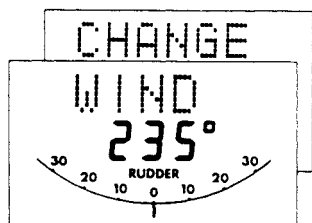
#### Previous Automatic Heading

Push and hold down for 1 second both red keys together to return to the previous apparent wind angle.



## Wind Change Alarm

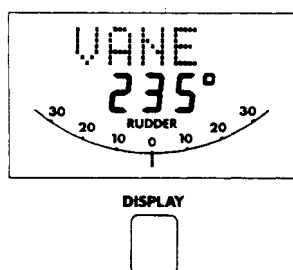
Wind Trim uses the fluxgate compass as the primary heading reference and automatically adjusts the compass heading to maintain the original apparent wind angle. If changes in apparent wind angle adjust the original automatic heading by more than 15° the wind change alarm will sound.



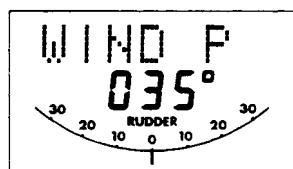
—The alarm is silenced by pushing both red keys together briefly.

## Display of Wind Angle

If the wind angle information is supplied using the NMEA 0183 input or SeaTalk bus, the apparent wind angle and tack sense (P & S) is added to the display menu and accessed via the Display button.



- Apparent Wind Angle



## Using Wind Trim

It is important to understand that “Wind Trim” prevents over-reaction to gusts or sudden wind shifts. One minute is required to change the heading in response to a permanent change in apparent wind angle. Do not attempt to override the automatic sequence with the course change buttons. In gusty conditions sail a few degrees off the wind and pay frequent attention to sail trim and helm balance using the rudder angle indication. Performance will normally be improved by reefing headsail and mainsail a little early rather than too late.

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## 3.4 Calibration

### Recommended Settings

As supplied the ST7000 can be switched on and tested safely without any adjustments to the factory calibration settings.

The table below lists the suggested settings for sailing and power displacement and planing power vessels. These will provide good performance for initial sea trials and can be fine tuned later to optimise performance.

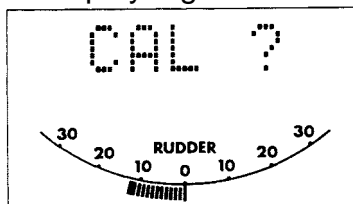
|                               | Vessel Type                    |                   |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
|                               | Displacement<br>Factory preset | Planing<br>Set to |
| Rudder Gain (level)           | 5                              | 2                 |
| Rate Gain (level)             | 2                              | 1                 |
| Rudder Angle Limit (degrees)  | 30                             | 30                |
| Turn Rate Limit (degrees/sec) | 20                             | 5                 |
| Cruise Speed (knots)          | 8                              | 25                |
| Off Course Alarm (degrees)    | 20                             | 20                |
| Trim Level                    | 1                              | 1                 |

|   | Autopilot Drive Unit Type    |                     |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------|
|   | Mechanical<br>Factory preset | Hydraulic<br>Set to |
| Drive Type                                  | 3                            | 4                   |
| Rudder Position Deadband (level)<br>See 3.7 | 1                            | 1                   |

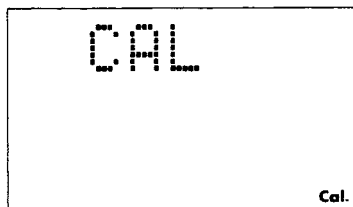
### Selecting and Exiting from Calibration Mode

To select calibration mode:-

- Push Standby.
- Push and hold down for 2 seconds, Track and Display together.



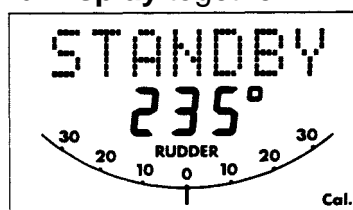
- Repeat push and hold down for 2 seconds, Track and Display together to enter calibration mode.



To exit calibration mode at any point.

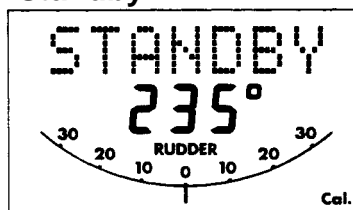
a) **Saving** any changes made:-

- Push and hold down for 2 seconds, Track and Display together.



b) Ignoring any changes made:

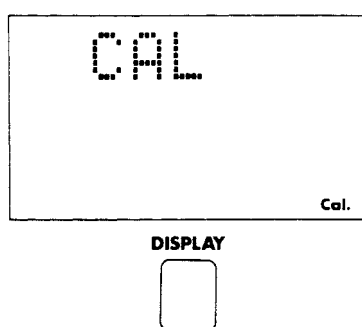
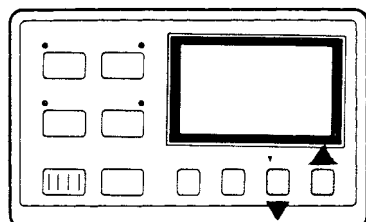
- Push **Standby**.



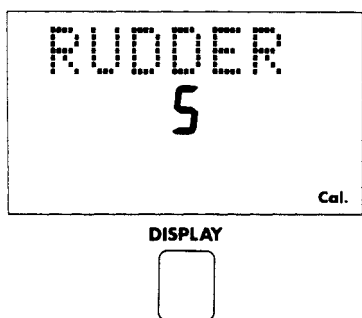


## Adjusting Calibration

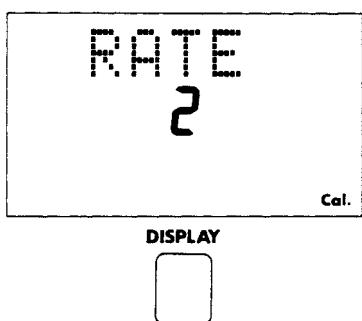
In calibration mode, the **display** button is used to scroll through the menu. The displayed value is adjusted using the **Response** buttons (hold button down for fast scroll).



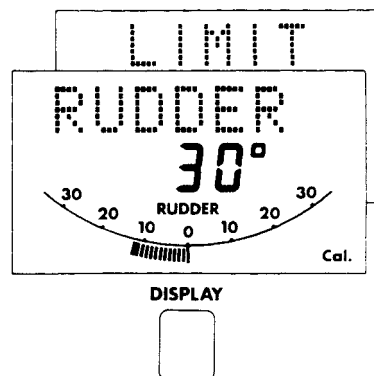
- Rudder Gain, levels 1 to 9, (see 5.5)



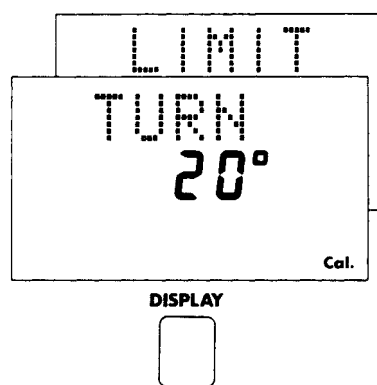
- Rate Gain, levels 1 to 9, (see 5.6) (Counter Rudder).



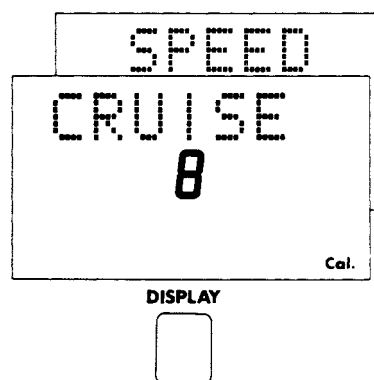
- Rudder Angle Limit, 15 to 40 (see 3.6).



- Rate of Turn Limit, 2 to 20°/sec.

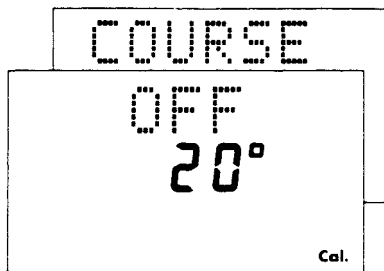


- Cruise Speed, for Track mode operation, 4 to 60 knots.

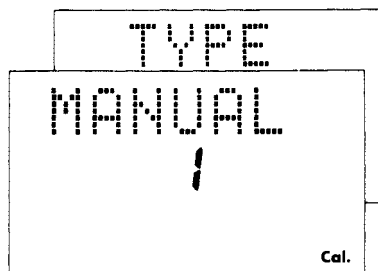


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- Off-Course Alarm, 15 to 40° angle.
- Manual Steering Lever Type.



DISPLAY

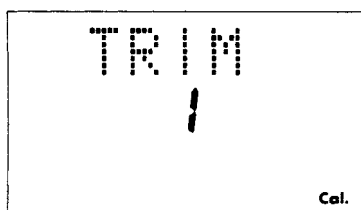


DISPLAY



- 1 = Proportional (Follow up)
- 2 = Bang Bang (Drive left, Drive right)

- Automatic Trim, (see 5.4).

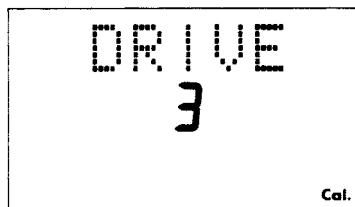


- 1 = on
- 0 = off

DISPLAY



- Autopilot Drive Unit Type.

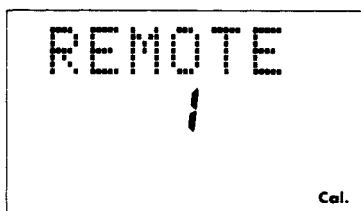


- 1 = Future Use
- 2 = Future Use
- 3 = Mechanical
- 4 = Hydraulic

DISPLAY



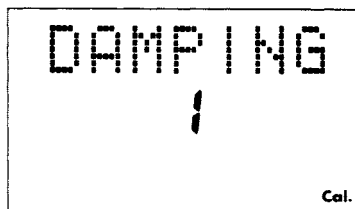
- Remote Control Identifier. (For Future Use).



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- Rudder Position Deadband (levels 1 to 9), (See 3.7).



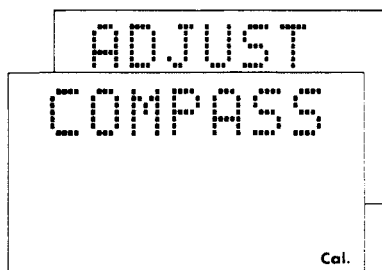
DISPLAY



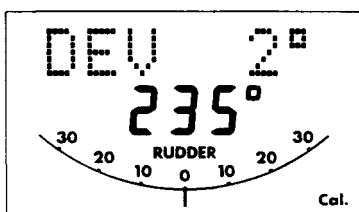
## 3. 5 Automatic Deviation Correction

The ST7000 will correct the fluxgate compass for any deviating magnetic fields. This should be carried out in calm conditions preferably in flat water.

- To select compass adjust Push and hold **Standby** for 1 second.



- Keeping boat speed below 2 knots, turn the vessel slowly so that it takes at least 3 minutes to complete 360°. Keep turning until the display changes to show the amount of deviation the autopilot has corrected:-



**Note:** If the amount exceeds 15°, it is recommended the fluxgate should be re-sited.

- Use the course change buttons to adjust the displayed heading until it agrees with the steering compass or a known transit bearing.

**Note:** 000° is always followed by OFF. This will suppress the display of compass and automatic headings on the control unit.

- To exit compass adjust and store the compass settings push and hold Standby for 1 second.
- To exit compass adjust without saving any new settings push Standby momentarily.

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## 4. Common System Problems

| Problem   | Cause.  | Solution.  |
|---|---|--|
| System displays 'Manual' mode instead of 'Standby' on power up.                 | Early systems had poor colour definition on terminal boards. Blue and Green connections to the Fluxgate are reversed.         | Reverse Blue and Green connections on Fluxgate.  |
| System will not pick up N.M.E.A. data from a suitable receiver.                 | Early systems with software issues prior to 66E (Z083/084) and 66C (Z082) were not fitted with Nav software.                  | Replace software in both Course Computer and Control unit with latest versions if pre 66E or 65C (Both software issues can easily be checked by pressing +10 and -10 degree course change keys together for 2 seconds. |
| System displays ST 7000 for 2 sec's followed by 'NO LINK'.                      | Seataalk Bus non operational.   | Cabling error between control units and Course Computer.   |
| System displays 'GYRO' mode instead of 'STANDBY' on power up.                   | Wind Anemometer connected to pilot.   | Remove yellow connection from AUX 1.   |
| System displays maximum rudder angle on power up regardless of rudder position. | Early systems had poor colour definition on terminal boards. Blue and green connections to the rudder reference are reversed. | Reverse Blue and Green connections on rudder reference.  |
| System displays 'ST7000' or 'STANDBY' when Auto is engaged.                     | Inrush currents on the power amplifier reset either the Control unit or the Course Computer Microprocessor.                   | Add C6 (100uF capacitor) to the power amplifier PCB. Systems from S/N 890040 on have this mod incorporated.  |

## **5. Track Control interfacing.**

In most cases interfacing the ST7000 to either a GPS, Decca, Loran or Satellite Navigation system is a simple and straight forward task, so long as the requirements set out in section 6 of the installation manual are met. There are however a few exceptions:

### **5.1 Inverted Data.**

Some receivers, notably some of the Furuno range and early Navstar models, transmit data in an inverted format with respect to 5V. This is easily seen as the data line will idle high with respect to 0V in between data transmissions. In these cases the NMEA cable on the rear of the control unit must be wired with the red wire connected to 5V, (this is normally available on the receiver terminal block), and the blue wire connected to the data line.

### **5.2 Conversion of Units.**

The Control Unit will convert all units of distance to Nautical Miles. Therefore, any receivers displaying Cross Track Error or Distance To Waypoint in either Kilometres or Statute miles etc will have their data displayed on the Control Unit in Nautical Miles.

### **5.3 Alarm Messages.**

Track mode has 3 alarm messages:-

1. No Data            If a standard N.M.E.A sentence is not received by the ST7000.
2. Data Error        The ST7000 has recognised the incoming data as N.M.E.A but has detected an invalid flag. This is normally due to poor signal strength at the receiver.
3. Large XTE        Cross Track Error greater than 0.3NM.

Errors 1 and 2 can provide valuable information as to where an installation problem might lie. The 'NO DATA' message indicates the ST7000 is not receiving N.M.E.A data due to either the receiver output not being enabled or more likely a wiring error between the receiver and the pilot. The 'DATA ERROR' message indicates the ST7000 is receiving data recognised as N.M.E.A but has an invalid flag set. This is normally due to the receiver having a low signal strength or a high noise figure.

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### 5.4 Autohelm 7000 N.M.E.A 0183 Data input Format.

The 7000 must receive Cross Track Error data at least once every 30 seconds. If a display of Waypoint bearing and distance is required then this information must be received at least once every 30 seconds. All N.M.E.A data is read into a buffer thus enabling the 7000 to cope with delays between characters and delays between sentences. All Talker Identifier characters, i.e. RA, DE, LC etc. are ignored allowing interface with any type of equipment so long as the sentence type is one of the following:-

| <b>Track Control</b> | <b>Bearing to Waypoint</b> | <b>Distance to Waypoint</b> | <b>Apparent Wind Speed &amp; Direction</b> |
|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| XTE                  | APB                        | WDR                         | VWR  |
| XTR                  | BPI                        | WDC                         |  |
| APA                  | BWR                        | BPI                         |  |
| APB                  | BWC                        | BWR                         |  |
| RMB                  | BER                        | BWC                         |  |
|                      | BEC                        | BER                         |  |
|                      | RMB                        | BEC                         |  |
|                      |                            | RMB                         |  |

Apparent Wind Speed and Angle can be received from any external equipment transmitting the N.M.E.A. VWR header. The ST7000 will only display apparent wind direction but will convert and retransmit both apparent wind speed and apparent wind direction on the Seataalk bus. This information can then be displayed on an ST50 wind instrument acting as a repeater.

## **6. Special functions.**

### **6.1 Display of Software Version**

It is possible to display the version number of both Course Computer and Control Unit software installed in a particular system. This is achieved by pressing both the +10 and -10 keys together for 2 seconds and releasing. The display will show the Control Unit Version (65 followed by Issue Level) for 10 seconds, followed by Course Computer Version (66 followed by Issue Level). The pilot must be in standby mode at the time. Each version is displayed for 10 seconds before the pilot reverts to standby. A software history for each product is shown in the relevant Service Section.

### **6.2 Permanent Watch Alarm Mode.**

The ST7000 autopilot can be set up in a permanent watch alarm mode, as required by the Sea Fish Industry Authority (S.F.I.A).

It must be stressed that the selection of this mode is permanent and can only be reversed by returning the Course Computer to Nautech.

Permanent Watch Alarm is achieved by first entering the calibration menu. Once in calibration, regardless of display message, press the Auto, Standby, and Track keys together for 1 second before releasing. The display will now show 'SELECT WATCH'. The user now has 10 seconds to select permanent watch alarm mode by again pressing Auto, Standby and Track together for 1 second. The display will then show 'WATCH ON' for 10 seconds before reverting back to 'CAL'. A normal exit from calibration mode must now be executed.

### **6.3 Display Test Mode.**

All display segments on the control unit can be switched on by pressing the +10, -10, Standby and Display keys together. This mode can only be accessed after the unit has been powered up with the yellow SeaTalk data wire open circuit. (This is best disconnected in the Course Computer Connector box (Bus 1 and Bus 2).)

### **6.4 LCD Contrast Ratio Adjustment.**

In certain circumstances, it may be necessary to adjust the contrast ratio of the Z082 Control Unit LCD. This procedure is detailed in Section 4 of the Z082 Control Unit Section.

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## 7. Service visit to a vessel.

When a service visit to a vessel is made the most common fault encountered is likely to be poor connections or inadequate power supplies. These should be thoroughly checked before the Service visit diagnostic procedure is carried out.

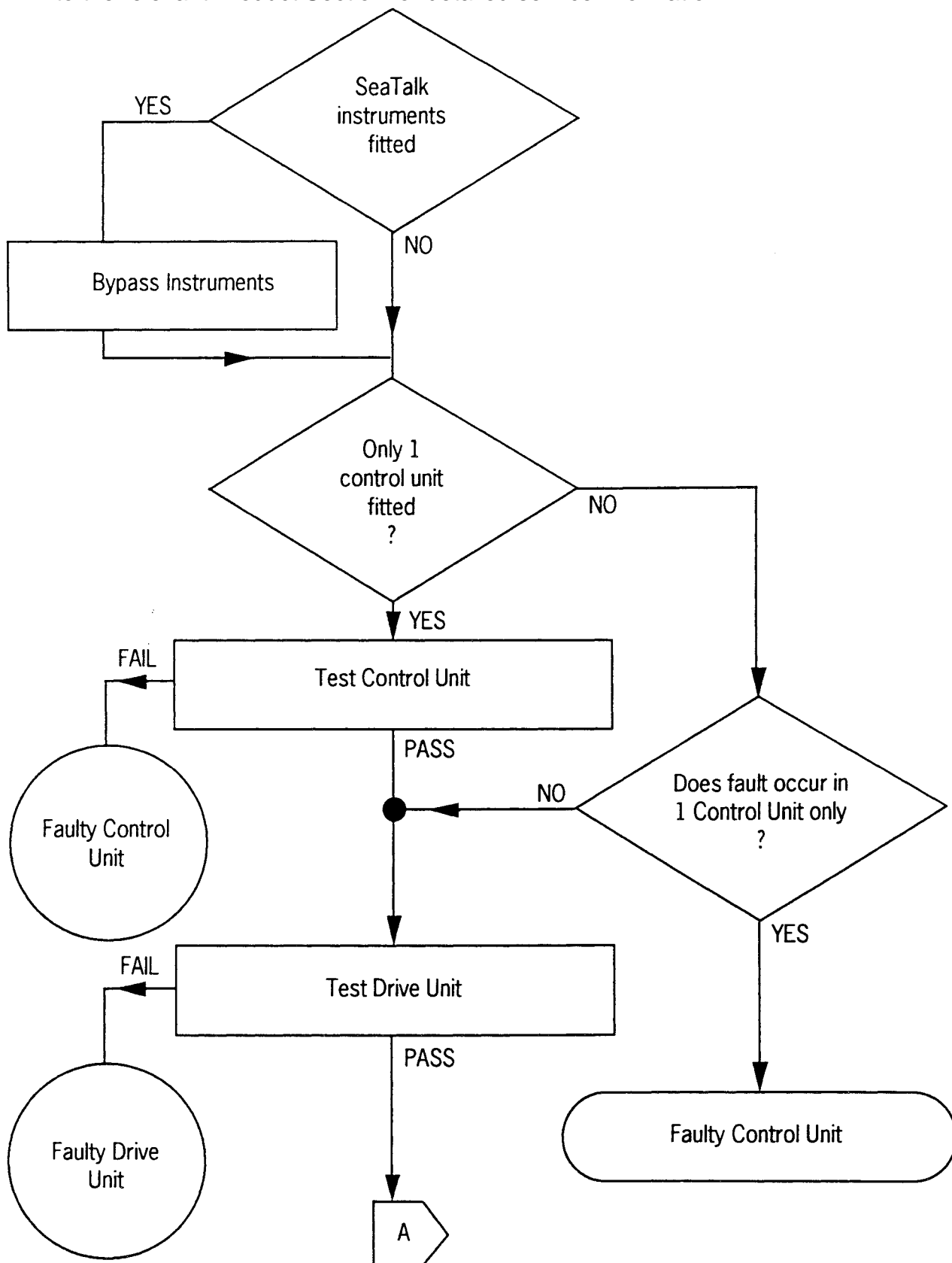
When trying to locate a fault it should be remembered that most failures will occur in the Course Computer with the Control Units as the next most likely.

It should be noted that the calibration variables and auto deviation correction will require re-setting if the Course Computer, Course Computer Software or its PCB are exchanged. A procedure for carrying out this operation is given in section 3. Always note the Course Computer calibration settings before removing from the vessel.

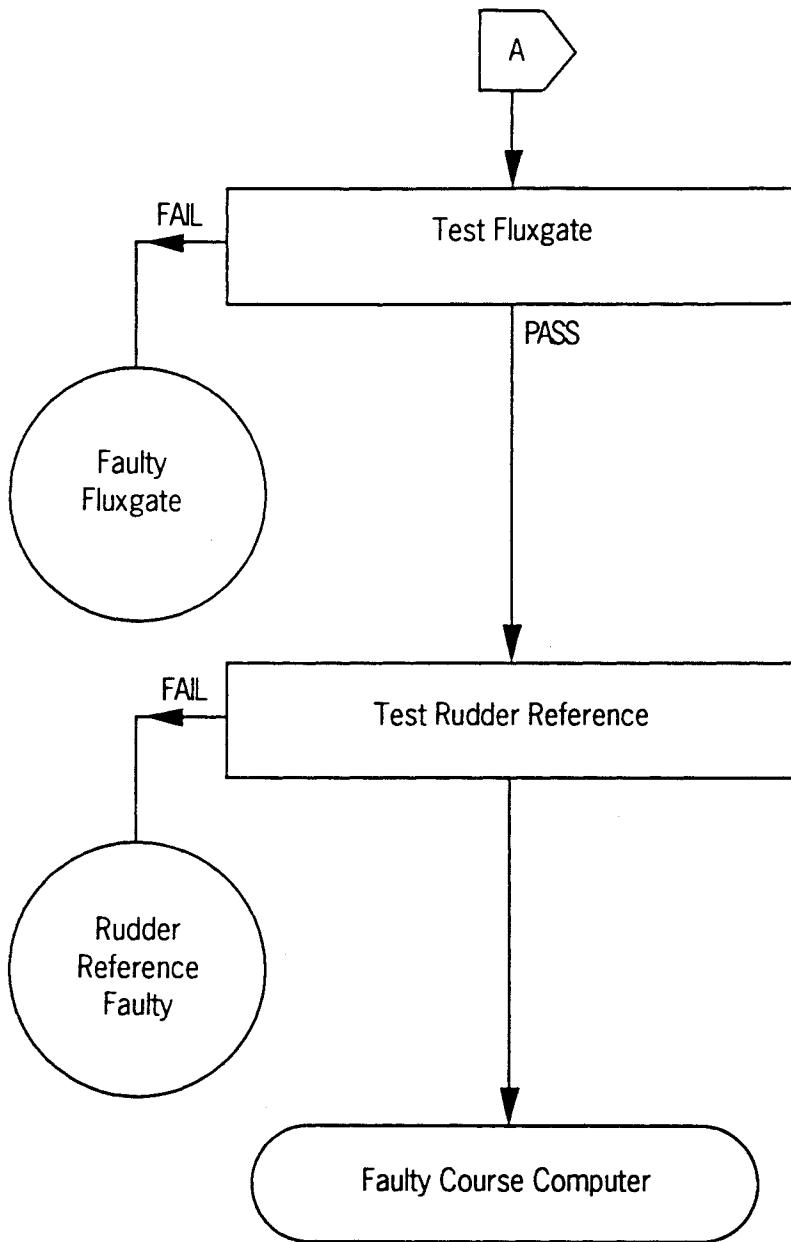


**7.1 Service Visit - Diagnostic Procedure**

On arrival check for bad connections (corroded connector pins, loose connectors etc) and for inadequate power supplies. If the system still exhibits a fault, then use the diagnostic procedure outlined below. Once the faulty module has been detected refer to the relevant Product Section for detailed service information.

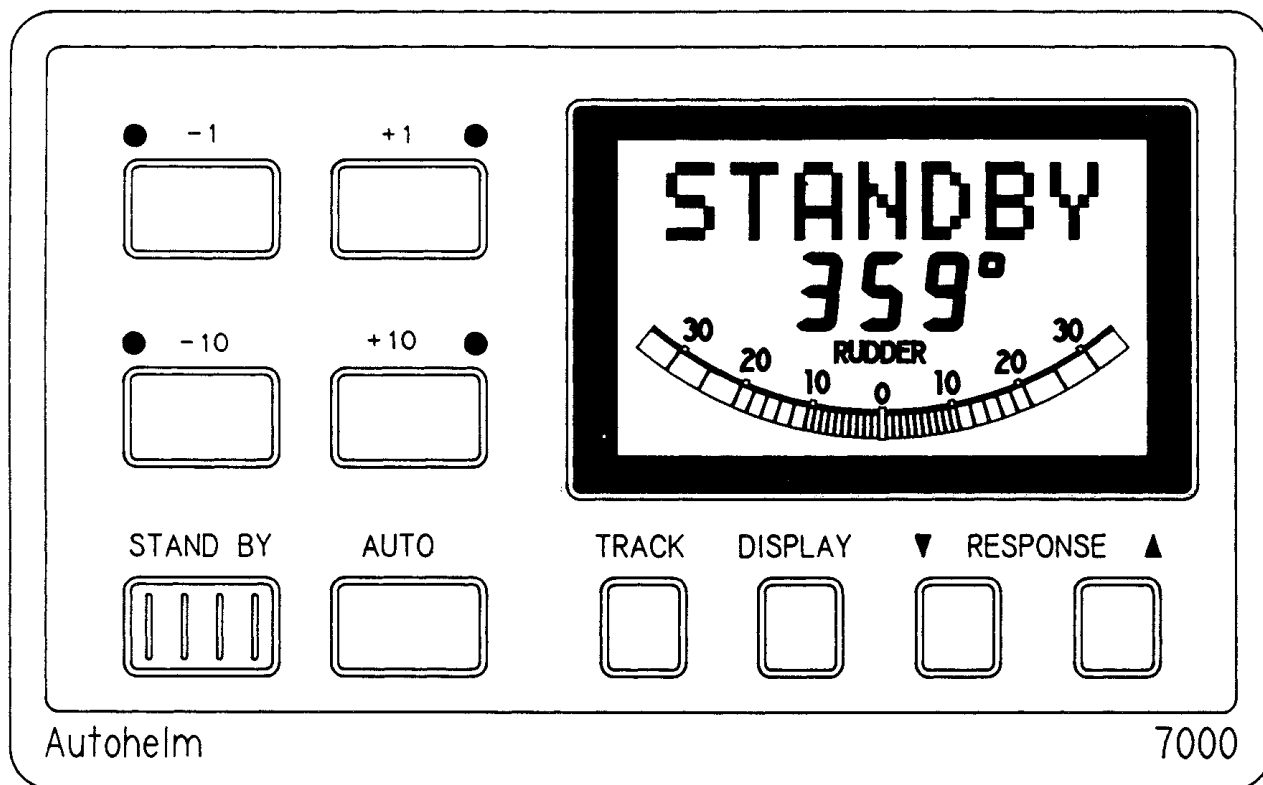


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# Z082 Control Unit

## 1. Service Procedures



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## 1. Description

The Z082 Control Unit is SeaTalk compatible and consists of a single PCB built using surface mount technology. It can be used with both 12V and 24V SeaTalk Course Computers. The unit can also be functionally tested without the use of special equipment using the procedure outlined in figure 3.

## 2. Dismantling (ref fig 1.)

Note: To prevent damage to the printed face of the unit all work should be carried out on a flat surface covered in foam rubber. A conductive surface will prove beneficial in helping to prevent dust accumulation caused by static on the workbench.

1. Unscrew and remove the 6 case securing screws from the rear cover. Push each cable loom assembly back through its grommet so as to obtain working clearance to the PCB (fig 1).

Note: Failure to push the cables back to ease removal may damage the cable to PCB assembly. If cables are very tight in grommets apply a small smear of silicon grease to outer sheath, (grease can be wiped off after reassembly).

If removing the PCB assembly, it will be necessary to de-solder the cables from the PCB. Great care should be exercised when de-soldering so as not to damage the pads on the PCB.

2. Unscrew and remove the 10 screws which secure the PCB to the fascia.

Note: Do not at this stage remove the screws which secure the LCD assembly to the PCB. (fig 2.).

3. Before removing the LCD ensure that lint free and preferably anti static finger cots are worn to prevent the LCD or elastomers getting dirty or greasy.

4. Unscrew and remove the 8 LCD housing retaining screws, (fig 2.). Be careful to hold the LCD surround, LCD, and diffuser when dismantling. Lift away from the PCB and store carefully.

### 3. Reassembly

Reassembly is a straight reversal of the above procedure but note the following points:

1. Note the correct orientation of the various looms and core colours to the PCB pads (fig 1).

2. Ensure the LCD is correctly orientated relative to the PCB (fig 2).

3. Ensure the diffuser is correctly orientated relative to the LCD and PCB (fig 2).

4. Always ensure the board is tightened down sequentially to ensure the load is evenly spread.

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5. When finally refitting the cover to the fascia ensure that the cover is in the correct position relative to the cables and pull the cables back through the grommets as the cover is lowered onto the fascia. Wipe off any excess grease from the cable sheaths.
6. Use only hand screwdrivers for reassembly to ensure screws are not over tightened and elastomers are compressed uniformly. Rotate screws anticlockwise to locate in the thread before tightening.
7. Re-check for full function after reassembly to check the LCD has not been damaged or looms incorrectly soldered.

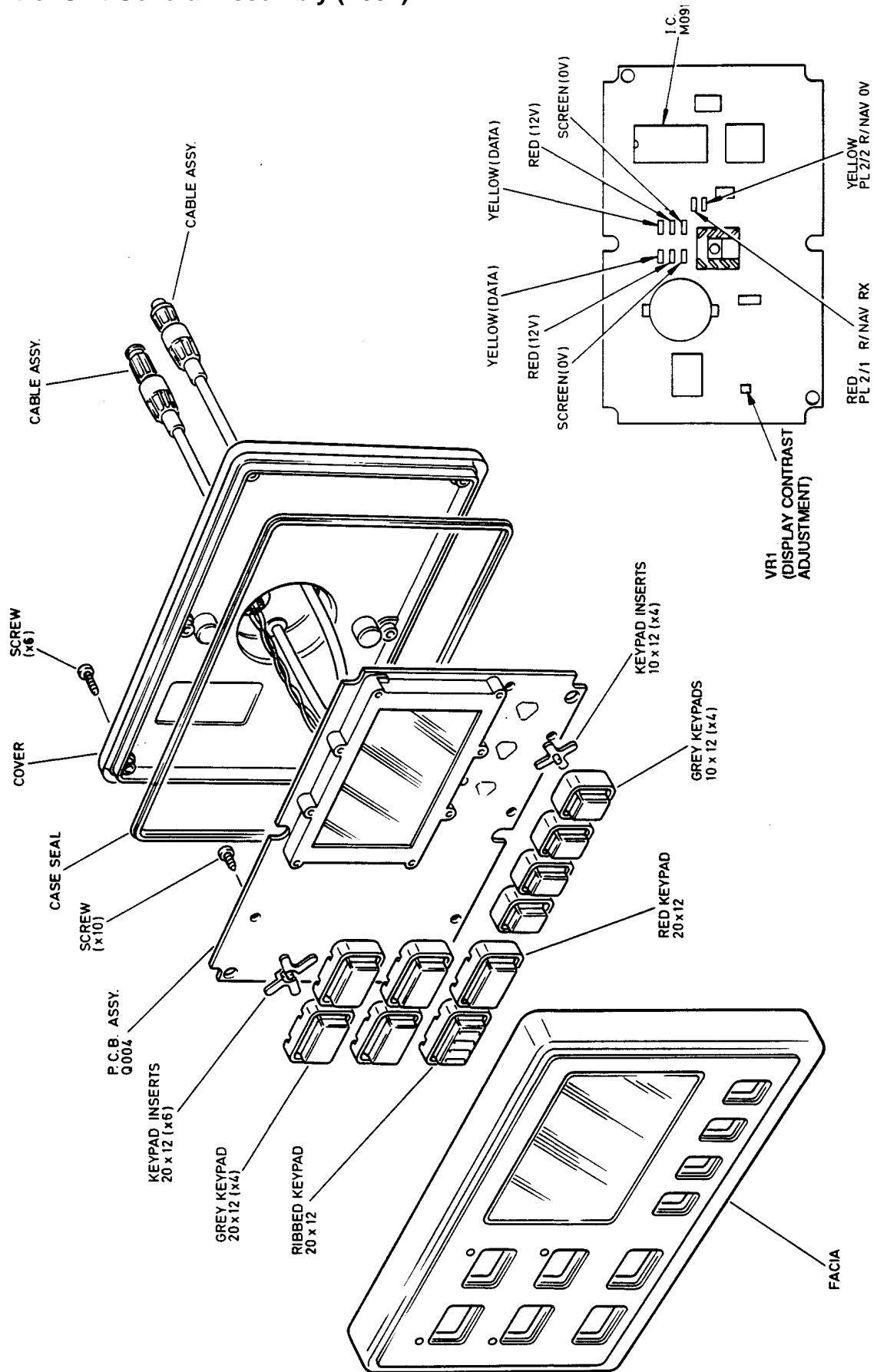
### 4. Display Contrast Adjustment

The Display Contrast on the Z082 Control Unit can be manually adjusted to suit installations where the LCD is normally viewed from significantly above or below, or when a replacement LCD with different drive characteristics has been fitted.

1. Remove power from the unit.
2. Unscrew the mounting thumb nuts and ease the Control unit forward from its mounting position.
3. Unscrew and remove the 6 case screws from the rear cover. Push each cable loom back through its grommet so as to obtain working clearance to the PCB (fig 1).  
Note: If cables are tight in grommets then apply a small smear of grease to the outer sheath, (grease can be wiped off after reassembly).
4. Re-connect power.
5. View Control unit from normal operating angle.
6. Adjust vrl, (see figure 1 for location) to obtain optimum display legibility.
7. Refit the cover to the fascia ensuring correct positioning relative to the cables. Pull the cables back through the grommets as the cover approaches the fascia.
8. Secure Control unit in its original position.

Note: Use only hand screw drivers to reassemble to ensure screws are not over tightened.

## Control Unit General Assembly (Z082)



REVERSE VIEW OF P.C.B. SHOWING LOOM WIRING CONNECTIONS

Fig. 1.

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## LCD Display Assembly

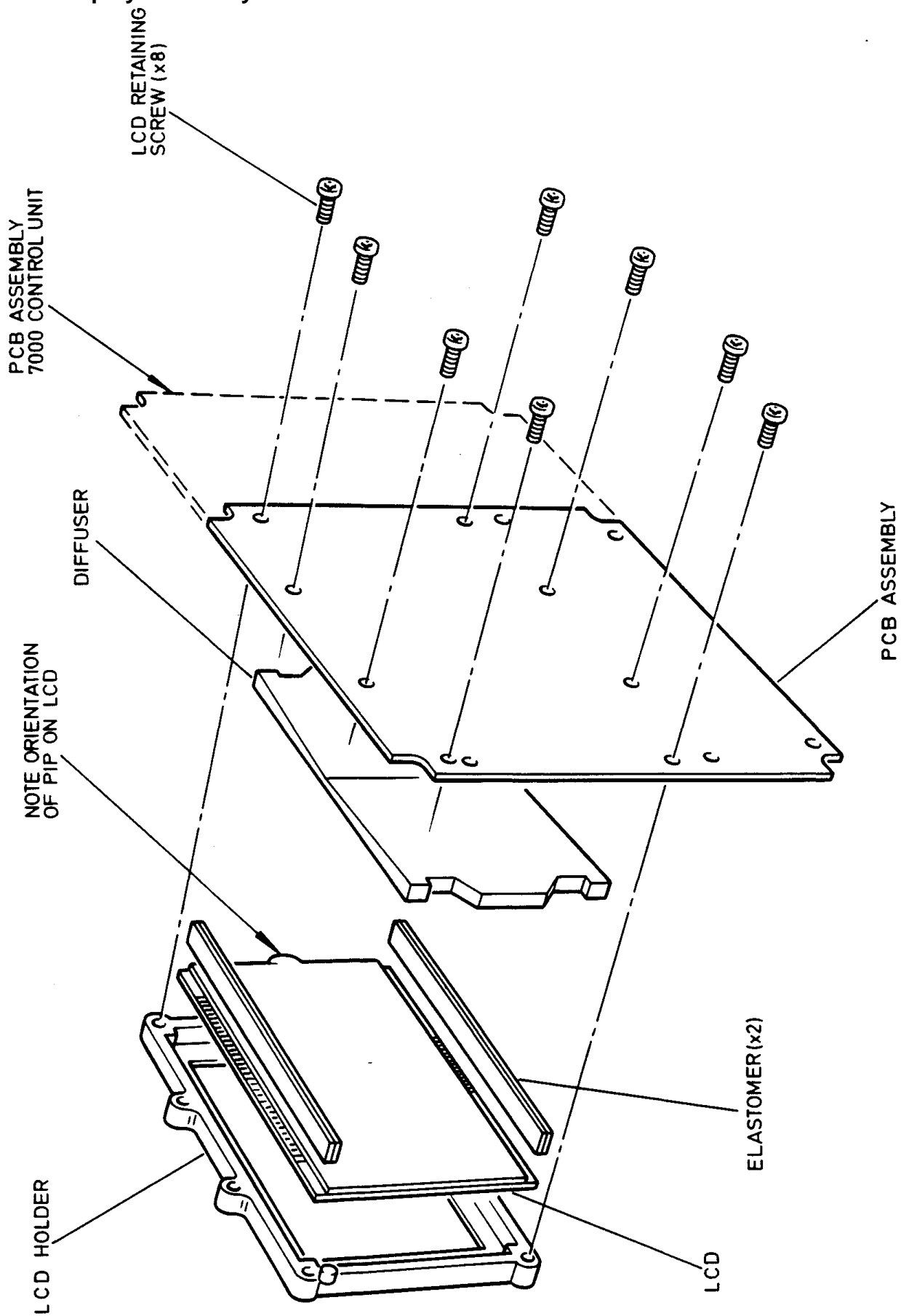


Fig. 2.



### 5. Functional Test

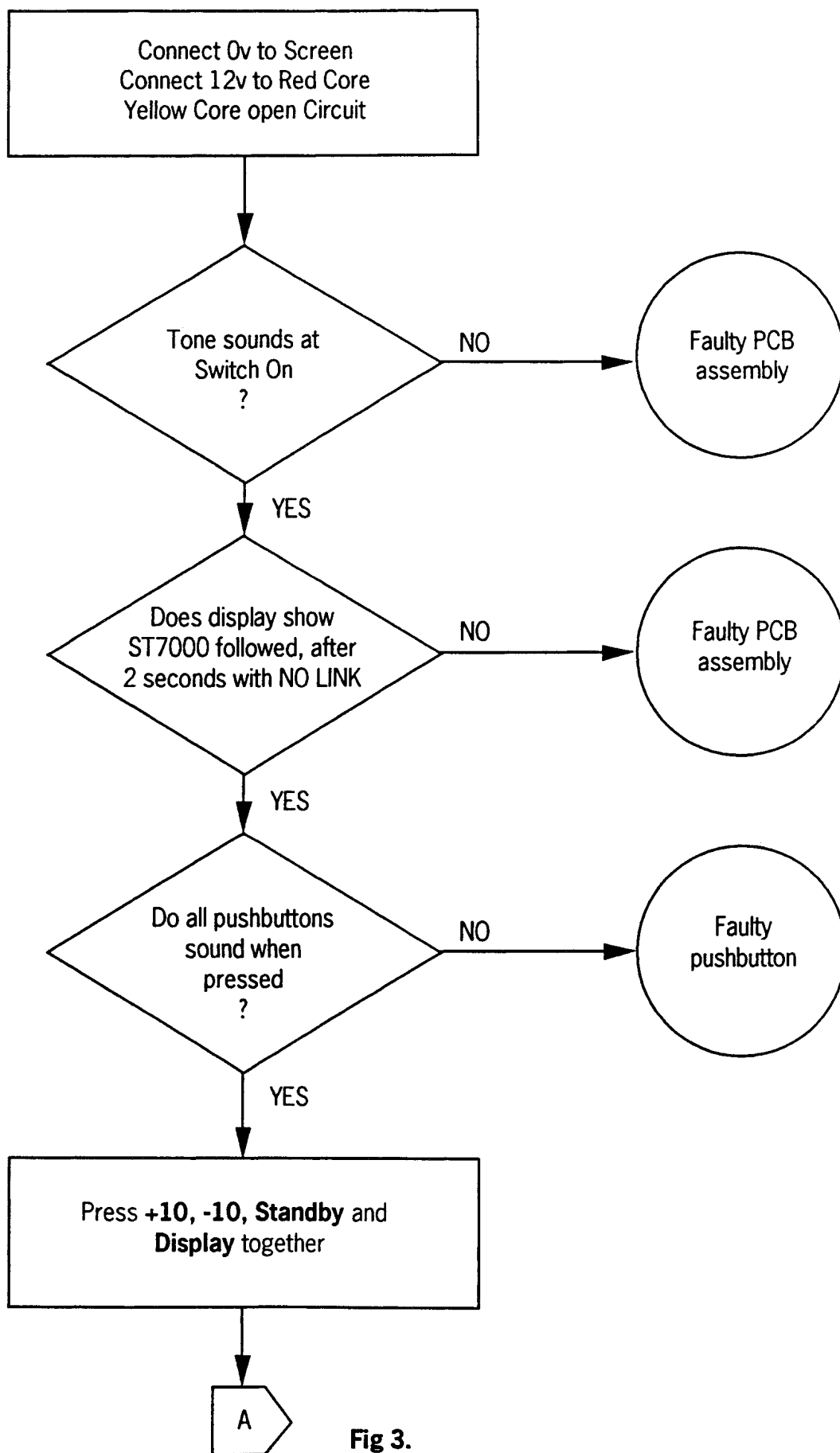
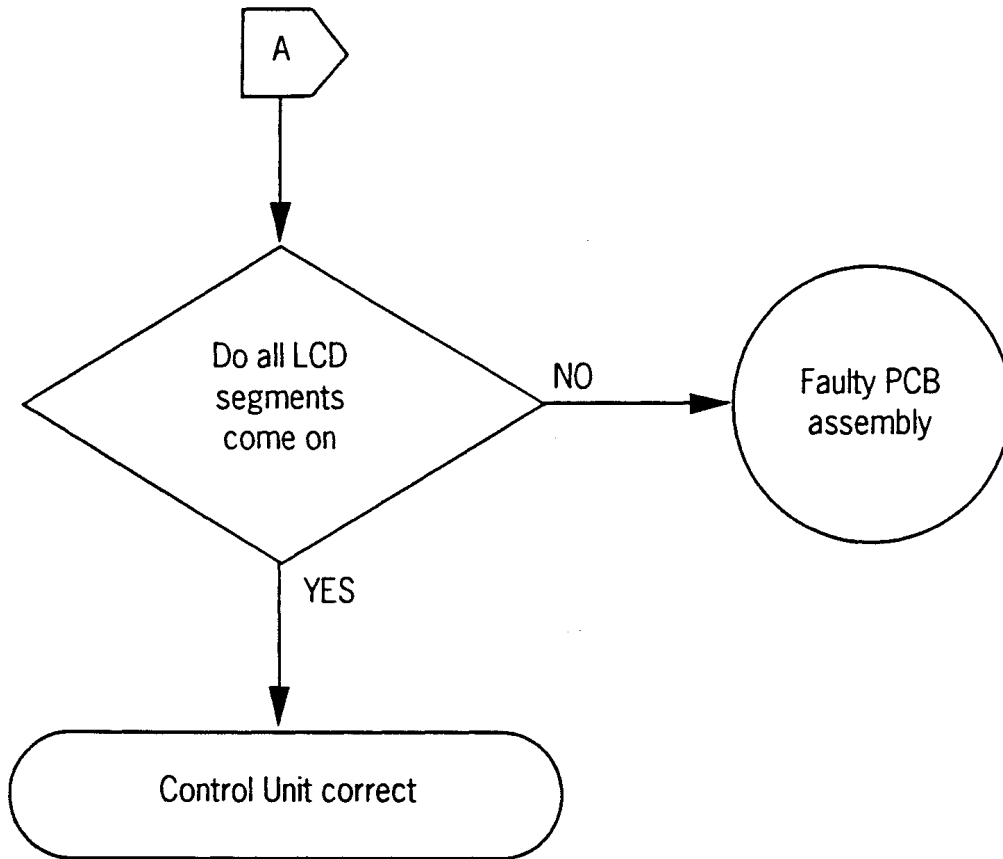


Fig 3.

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## 6. Product History (Z082)

| <b>Change</b>                          | <b>Serial Number</b> | <b>Comments</b>                                   |
|--|----------------------|---|
| Production Start                       | 290001               |   |
| Track Compatibility                    | 690075               | When used with a Track Compatible Course Computer |
| White Back Light diffuser introduction | 890007               |   |
| Protective Cover supplied with unit    | 100001               |   |
| SeaTalk Cable supplied with unit       | 300056               |   |

## 7. Software History (Z082)

| <b>Version</b> | <b>Change</b>   | <b>Course Computer Compatibility</b>   |
|----------------|---|--|
| B              | Initial release (S/No. 290001)  | All versions   |
| C              | Track function added, Rudder Angle display updates at a faster rate. (S/No. 690075) | All versions but must be used with a track compatible Course Computer if the track function is required. |

## 8. Spares Numbers - Control Unit (Z082)

| <b>Item</b>              | <b>Catalogue No</b> | <b>Comments</b>   |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Double Skin mounting kit | Q003                | Allows Control Unit to be mounted on up to 4" thick bulkheads |
| PCB Assembly             | Q004                | No LCD included   |
| LCD                      | Q026                |   |
| White Backlight Diffuser | Q023                |   |
| Protective Cover         | D122                |   |

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## 2. Technical Information

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## 1. Control Unit PCB Circuit Description

Circuit Diagram Fig. 1.

PCB Assembly/Parts List Fig. 2.

### 1.1 Power Supply

Incoming power is routed to the PCB via PL1 and SKT1. D4 and D20 protect against reverse connection of the supply. IC1 is a 5V regulator and can also reset the microprocessor, via TR1, should the supply voltage fall below approximately 6V.

### 1.2. Microprocessor and Program Memory

IC6 is an Intel 80C32 microprocessor. It can access up to 32k bytes of program memory (IC5) via the latch IC4. A clock signal for the microprocessor is provided by an 1 1MHz ceramic resonator (XL1), and associated capacitors C7 and C8. Capacitors C6, C9 and C10 provide decoupling.

### 1.3. LCD and Display Driver

The LCD is a Nautech custom part. The display is driven by a Hitachi LCD driver (IC3) deriving its drive voltages from resistor chain R24-R27 and VR1. Communication to the microprocessor is via a 4 bit parallel bus (DB4 to DB7) and the three control lines E, R/W and RS. Capacitors C18 and C22 provide decoupling and resistor R44 the clock signal for IC3.

### 1.4. Negative Rail Generator

A negative voltage rail is required by the LCD display and is generated by a switching regulator formed by TR11, D10 and D21. A 4.8KHz waveform is generated from the microprocessor P3.4 (pin no. 16). This drives a charge pump, via transistor TR11, pumping charge from C19 via D10 and C20. The negative rail is then stabilised by D21 and R60.

### 1.5. N.M.E.A Interface

NMEA data is fed to the control unit via PL2 and isolated from the rest of the circuit using the opto-isolator (IC7). Diode D1 provides input reverse connection protection and resistor R35 is tuned to give the desired bandwidth of operation. The output from IC7 is connected to the microprocessor Port P3.2 (pin 14). Capacitor C21 provides decoupling.

### 1.6. SeaTalk Bus Transmit and Receive

SeaTalk transmit and receive circuitry consists of TR5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14 and 15 and their associated components. Data transmission is at 4800 baud with a low start bit and line idling high. TR7 and TR8 provide high and low drive respectively, whilst TR14 and R57 give overload protection to TR8 in the event of misconnection. TR5 and TR6 allow the microprocessor to monitor its own transmissions and also to receive data from other units on the bus.

## 1.7. Keypad Operation

The 10 button key pad is configured in a 4\*3 matrix and connected to the microprocessor P1.0 and P1.6 (pins 2 to 8). Each key is diode isolated to enable multiple key presses to be decoded.

## 1.8. Buzzer Operation

TR2 and TR3 are configured as an astable multivibrator with a nominal frequency of 2.7KHz. TR4 is used to switch the buzzer with TR13 acting as an inverter to turn the buzzer off during a micro-processor reset.

## 1.9. Illumination Drive

TR10, 12 and 16 provide a constant current drive for lamps LP1, LP2, LP3 and LP4. The current is set by resistors R56 and R62. TR12 is an inverting buffer to turn off the lights during a microprocessor reset. Illumination levels are given by pulse width modulation of drive line P3.3 (pin 15 of IC6).

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NOTES

1. ALL SURFACE MOUNT CAPACITORS AND RESISTORS TO HAVE NICKEL BARRIER SOLDER PLATED TERMINATIONS
2. ITEM 4 (15036) TO BE SANDWICHED BETWEEN ITEM 5 (15039) AND PCB TO INSULATE HEATSINK FROM 5V TRACK CONNECTED TO IC 1 (PIN 2)
3. ITEM 6 15085) TO LIE FLAT ON P.C.B. AS SHOWN.

|       |             |     |   |   |
|-------|-------------|-----|---|---|
| 47    | OR          | 1   | LCD DISPLAY DRIVER KS0062 (SAMSUNG)   | IC3   |
| 46    | EITHER      | 1   | LCD DISPLAY DRIVER HD44780 (HITACHI)  |   |
|       |             |     | AND   |   |
| 45    | OR          | 1   | TRANSISTOR BC337 NPN (TO BE ASSEMBLED WITH<br>MAXIMUM LEAD LENGTH =4MM)                 |   |
| 44    | EITHER      | 1   | TRANSISTOR SOT89 BCX68 NPN  | TR16  |
|       |             |     | PLUS  |   |
| 43    |             | 10  | CONTACT CLICKER 00K-73470 S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8, S9, S10                       |   |
| 42    |             | 1   | CHIP TRIMMER RESISTOR 1K MURATA RVG 4F03A-102VM   | VR1   |
| 41    |             | 1   | OPTO ISOLATOR 6N139 LEADS TO BE FORMED FOR<br>BUTT JOINT CONNECTION (ie HPs OPTION 100) | IC7   |
| 40    |             | 1   | MICRO ROM LESS 80C32 12MHZ PLCC   | IC6   |
| 39    |             | 1   | HCMOS LATCH 74HC373   | IC4   |
| 38    |             | 1   | VOLTAGE REGULATOR LM2925  | IC1   |
| 37    |             | 1   | TRANSISTOR SOT 23 BC807 NPN   | TR7   |
| 36    |             | 14  | TRANSISTOR SOT 23 BC817 NPN   | TR1, TR2, TR3, TR4, TR5, TR6, TR8, TR9,<br>TR10, TR11, TR12, TR13, TR14, TR15 |
| 35    |             | 5   | DIODE SOT 23 BAW56  | D6, D7, D8, D15, D16  |
| 34    |             | 3   | DIODE SOT 23 BAV99  | D2, D10, D21  |
| 33    |             | 1   | DIODE SOT 23 BAS 16   | D12   |
| 32    |             | 3   | DIODE SOT23 BAS19   | D1, D4, D20   |
| 31    |             | 2   | CAPACITOR SOLID TANT. 10UF ±20% 6V3(SIZE C)   | C19, C20  |
| 30    |             | 1   | 1206 CAPACITOR 1000pF ± 10% 50V X7R   | C11   |
| 29    |             | 2   | 1206 CAPACITOR 33pF ±5% 50V COG   | C7, C8  |
| 28    |             | 3   | 1206 CAPACITOR 22pF ±5% 50V X7R   | C2, C4, C5  |
| 27    |             | 1   | 1206 CAPACITOR 0.1µF ±20% 50V X7R   |   |
| 26    |             | 1   | ELECTROLYTIC CAPACITOR 100µF ±20% 6.3V MIN 5.5 MAX C3                                   |   |
| 25    |             | 1   | 1206 RESISTOR 100K 5% 0.125W  | R35   |
| 24    |             | 4   | 1206 RESISTOR 1K0 2% 0.125W   | R24, R25, R26, R27  |
| 23    |             | 1   | 1206 RESISTOR 220R 5% 0.125W  | R42   |
| 22    |             | 1   | 1206 RESISTOR 680R 5% 0.125W  | R60   |
| 21    |             | 1   | 1206 RESISTOR 10R0 1% 0.125W  | R56   |
| 20    |             | 1   | 1206 RESISTOR 91K 2% 0.125W   | R44   |
| 19    |             | 1   | 1206 RESISTOR 8R2 5% 0.125W   | R34, R47, R57, R59  |
| 18    |             | 3   | 1206 RESISTOR 39K 5% 0.125W   | R10, R11, R19   |
| 17    |             | 1   | 1206 RESISTOR 22K 5% 0.125W   | R21   |
| 16    |             | 1   | 1206 RESISTOR 15K 5% 0.125W   | R12   |
| 15    |             | 9   | 1206 RESISTOR 12K 5% 0.125W   | R1, R2, R6, R7, R9, R22, R23, R50, R55  |
| 14    |             | 4   | 1206 RESISTOR 4K? 5% 0.125W   | R13, R32, R54, R58  |
| 13    |             | 3   | 1206 RESISTOR 2K2 5% 0.125W   | R3, R14, R20  |
| 12    |             | 3   | 1206 RESISTOR 1K2 5% 0.125W   | R31, R51, R52   |
| 11    |             | 2   | 1206 RESISTOR 470R 5% 0.125W  | R5, R8  |
| 10    |             | 1   | 1206 RESISTOR 390R 5% 0.125W  | R18   |
| 9     |             | 1   | 1206 RESISTOR 13R0 1% 0.125W  | R62   |
| 8     |             | 1   | BUZZER KBS-27DB-3T  |   |
| 7     | 26006       | 1   | RIVSCREW 1712-3507 (AVDEL)  |   |
| 6     | 15085       | 1   | CERAMIC RESONATOR 11MHz (CSA 11.0MT)  | XL1   |
| 5     | 15039       | 1   | HEATSINK REDPOINT TV58  |   |
| 4     | 15036       | 1   | TRANSISTOR MOUNTING PAD   |   |
| 3     | 07164       | 1   | 28 PIN IC SOCKET  |   |
| 2     | 3015-028    | 1   | 7000 CONTROL UNIT PCB DETAIL  |   |
| 1     | 3010-036    | 10  | CLICKER SEAL  |   |
| ITEMS | DRG/PART N° | QTY | DESCRIPTION   |   |

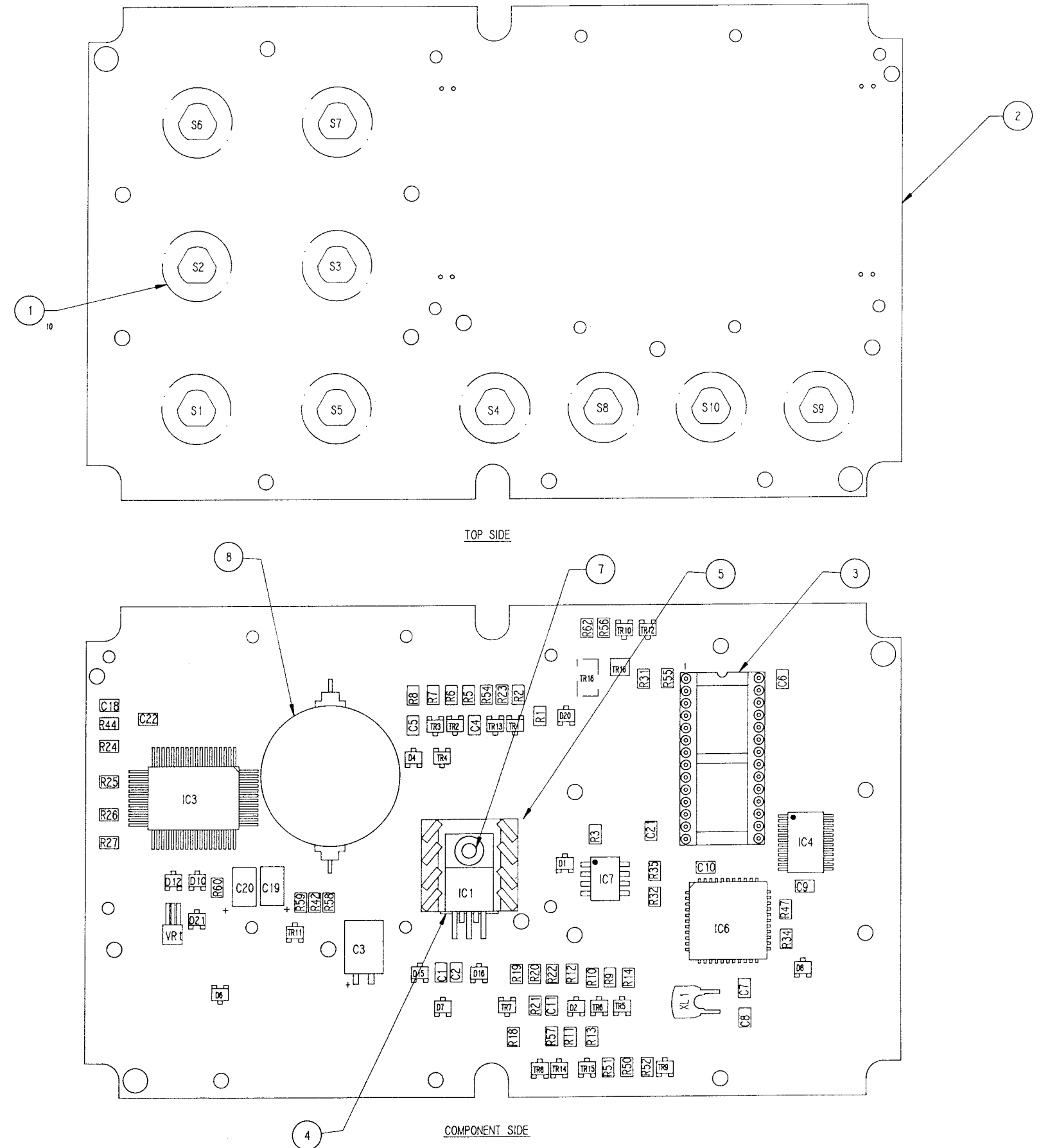


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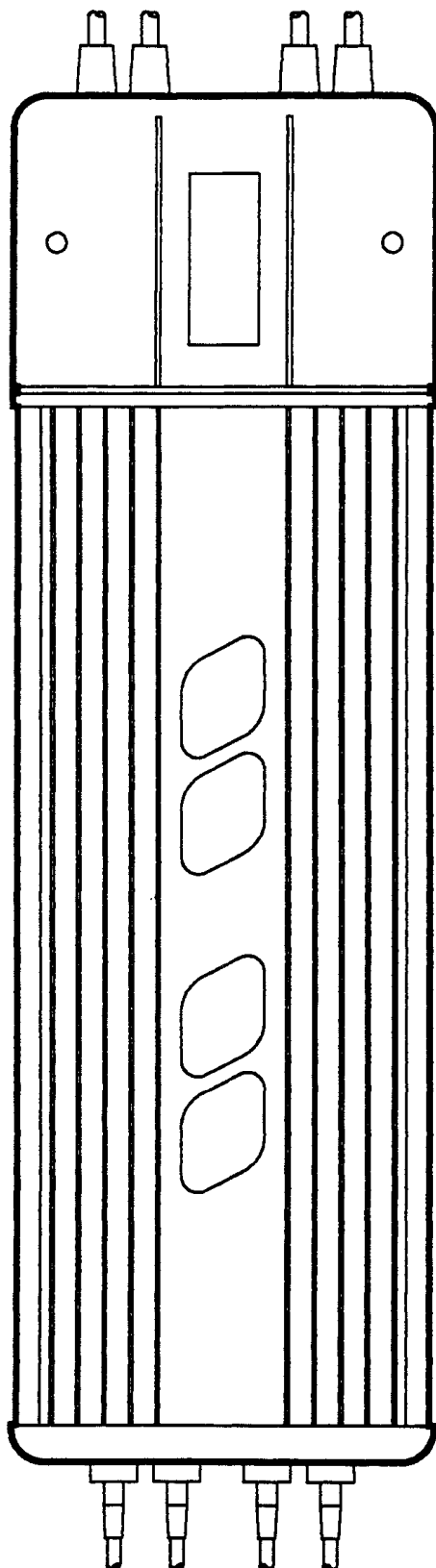
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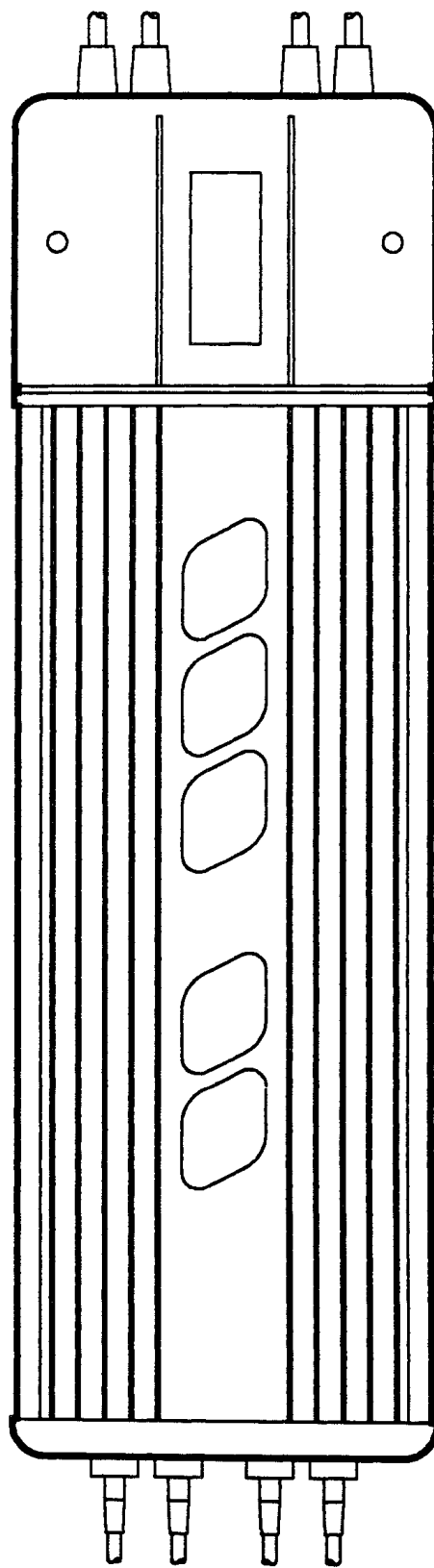
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# Z084 Course Computer (24V) & Z083 Course Computer (12V)

## 1. Service Procedures



Z083 COURSE COMPUTER (12V)



Z084 COURSE COMPUTER (24V)

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## 1. Description

The ST7000 course computer is SeaTalk compatible and consists of 2 PCB's, a course computer and power amplifier. The course computer, which is built using surface mount technology, contains a microprocessor and various analogue interface circuitry. The power amplifier provides the motor drive, protection relays and 24V to 12V regulator (24V systems). This PCB is identical to that used on the Autohelm 6000 type 2 pilots (Z051 and Z052) and uses conventional through hole components. The two PCB's are connected together via a 16 way ribbon cable. The same computer PCB is used on both 12V and 24V systems. The power amplifier PCB is built to two standards, one for 12V systems, and a second, which includes a 24V to 12V regulator, for 24V systems. A single design of terminal board is used for all drive applications. This PCB has no active components and should be visually checked if suspected faulty. Note:

If the course computer or its PCB are replaced, calibration values previously altered from the factory settings will require re-setting. Also the Fluxgate Compass will require re-linearising (auto deviation correction). Both of these procedures are outlined in the 7000 system section.

## 2. Dismantling (reference figures 1 & 2)

1. Unscrew and remove 2 countersunk screws securing lid on terminal box section and lift off.

2. Unscrew and remove 2 thumb nuts securing extrusion assembly to terminal box unit and pull extrusion assembly away from terminal box.

### 3. Course Computer PCB

If servicing course computer PCB, unscrew and remove 4 pan head screws securing the connector cover moulding to the extrusion and slide out cover and PCB assembly. Disconnect power amp PCB loom and lift away the PCB assembly. If necessary, remove the PCB from the moulded cover by unscrewing the 2 countersunk screws and nuts which fix the 'D' connector flange to the moulding.

### 4. Power Amplifier PCB

Repeat steps 1 to 3 but do not remove the computer PCB from the cover. Disconnect the 16 way loom from the computer PCB and remove the plastic covers from the power transistors. Unscrew all pan head screws and retain the shakeproof washers where fitted. Lift out all transistors. Slide PCB out of extrusion from the open end. Retain the insulators and caps fitted to the securing lugs on the PCB.

5. If servicing the terminal PCB, repeat steps 1 and 2. Remove the terminal PCB from the terminal box by removing the 2 nuts securing the 'D' connector to the terminal box, and the 2 securing screws at the front of the PCB, and remove the PCB assembly.

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## 3. Re-assembly

In all cases re-assembly is a reversal of the dismantling procedures above, but note;-

1. Ensure correct orientation of power amp PCB loom when reconnecting to the computer PCB. Ensure a loom clip is fitted to the ribbon cable connector.
2. Ensure that insulating caps are all in place before sliding the power amp PCB back into the extrusion. Ensure that the silpads are fitted between the transistors and the extrusion.
3. Ensure that the correct transistor type is placed at each location. (Fig. 2).
4. Ensure that transistor/PCB securing screws are not loose, but do not over tighten.



## ST7000 Course Computer General Assembly Z083-12V and Z084-24V

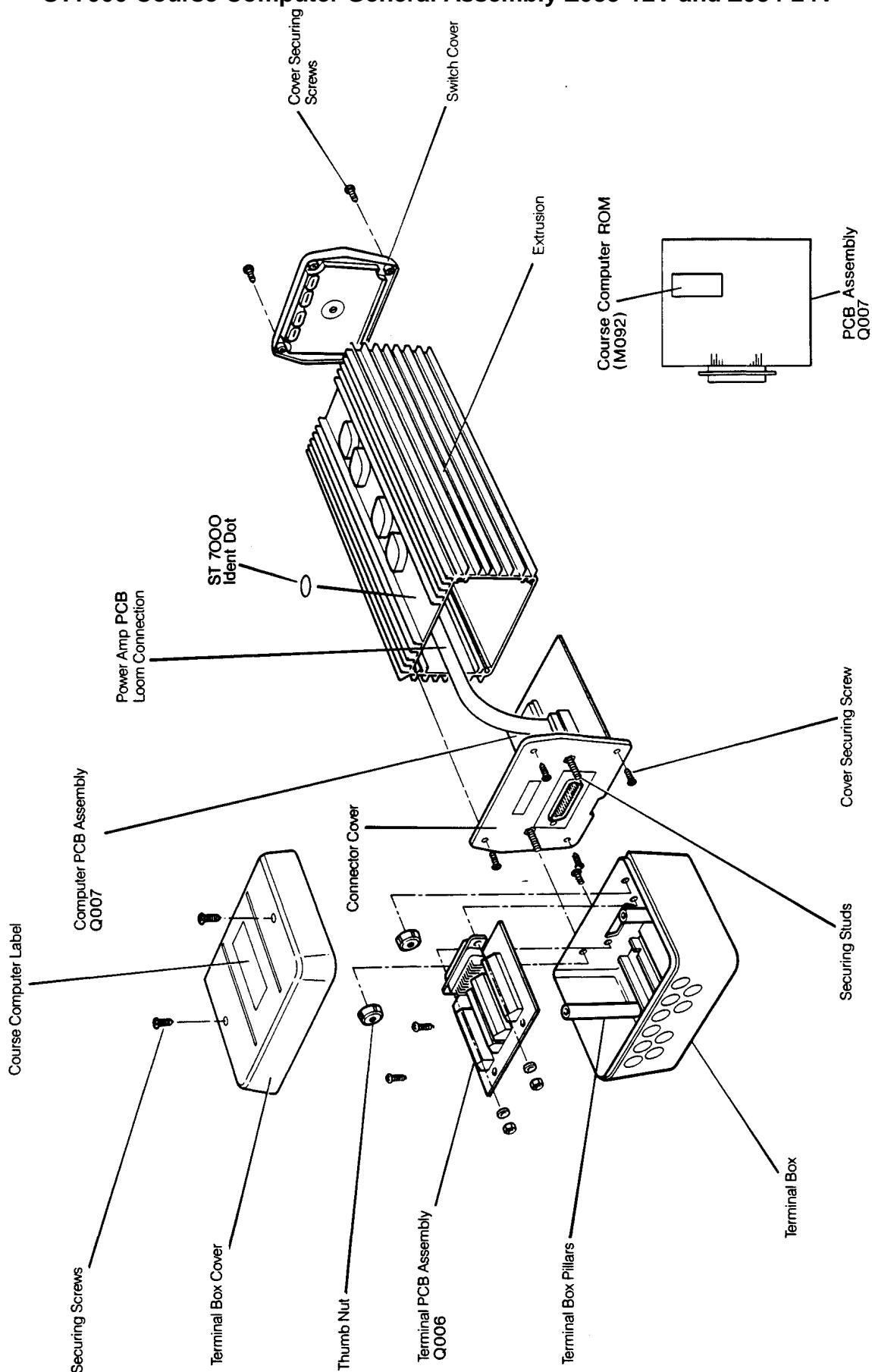


Fig. 1.

## ST7000 Course Computer (Z083, Z084) - Power Amp PCB Assembly

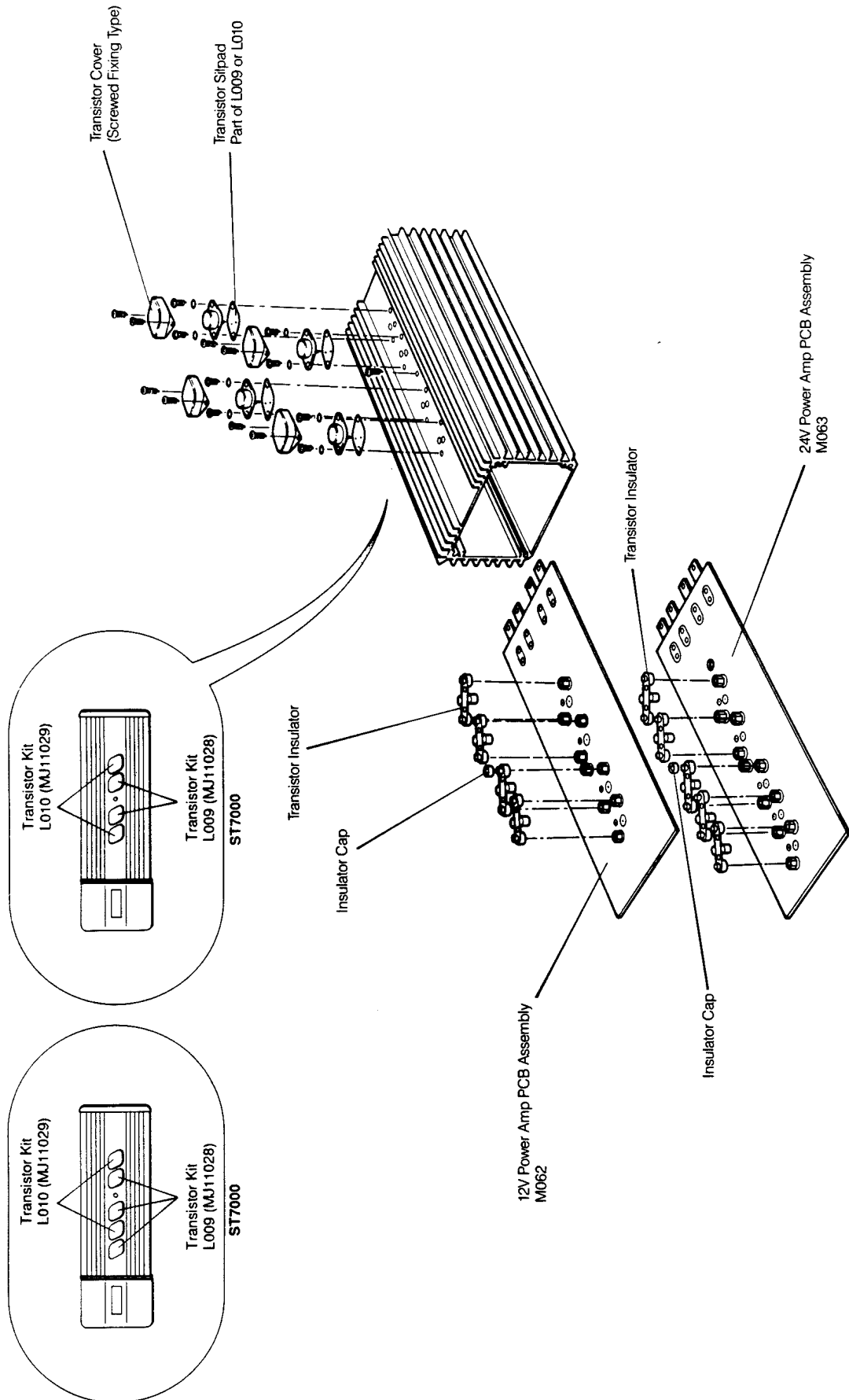


Fig. 2.

## 4. Functional Test

The Course Computer can be functionally checked by using the following procedure.  
Pre checked equipment required;-

SeaTalk Control Unit (Z082)  
Fluxgate Compass (Z105)  
Pushpit Vane Transducer (Z087)  
Rudder Reference Transducer (Z060)  
Terminal PCB (Q006)  
Terminal Block  
Multimeter  
Motor for Z083 (12V) (N002)  
Motor for Z084 (24V) (N003)  
Power Supply (min rating 20A)  
SeaTalk Cable (D131)

Procedure:

- a) Connect all units to course computer and terminal board PCB.
- b) Position the rudder reference transducer arm diametrically opposite the cable gland.
- c) Connect 12V (Z083), 24V (Z084) electronic and heavy duty supplies (do not switch on).
- d) Start at Bench Test Stage 1. The procedure will determine if the course computer is faulty or correct and in most cases will also identify the nature of the fault and corrective action required. Some faults require further investigation and this is covered in stage 2 and stage 3.

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## 4.1 Course Computer Bench Testing (Stage 1)

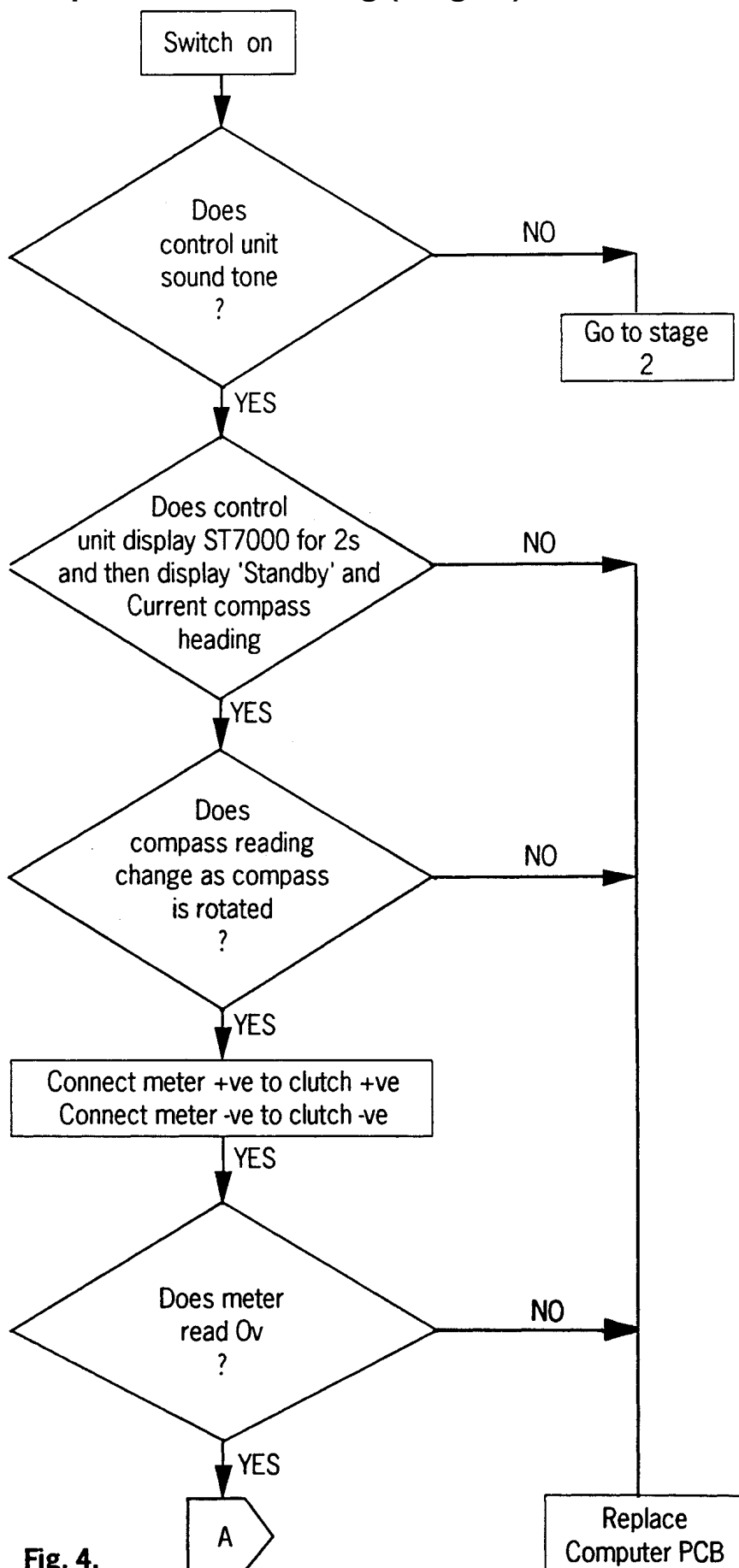
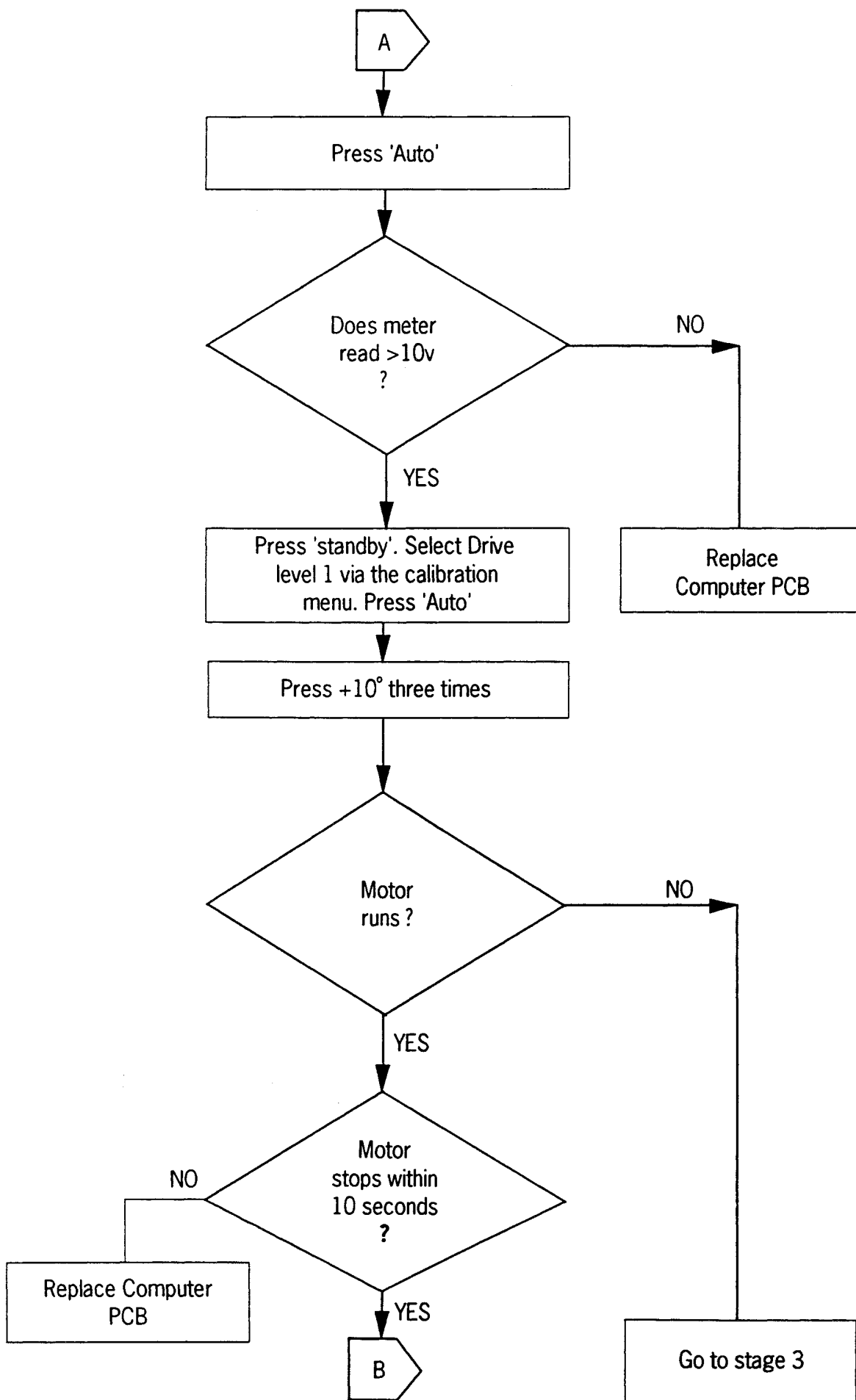
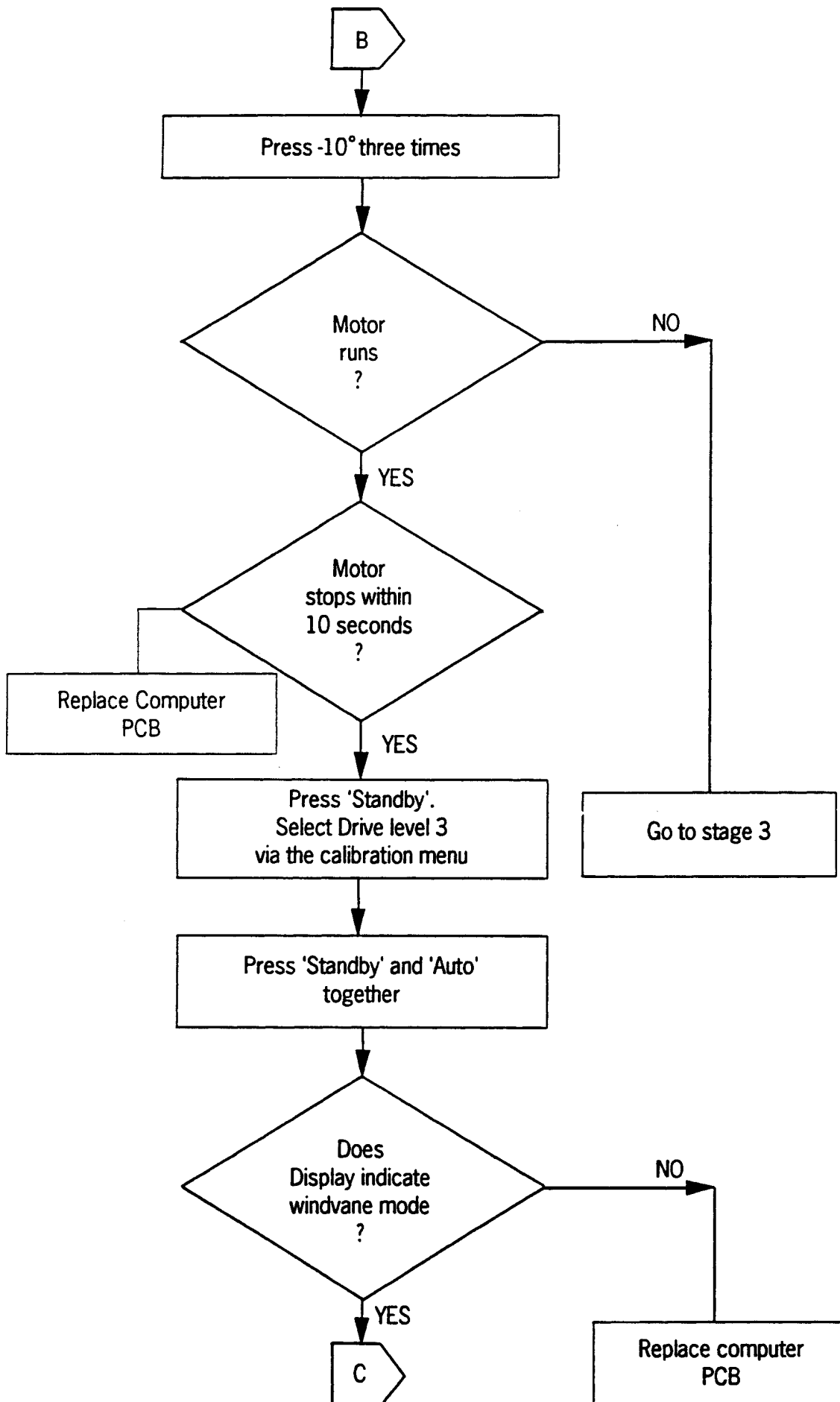
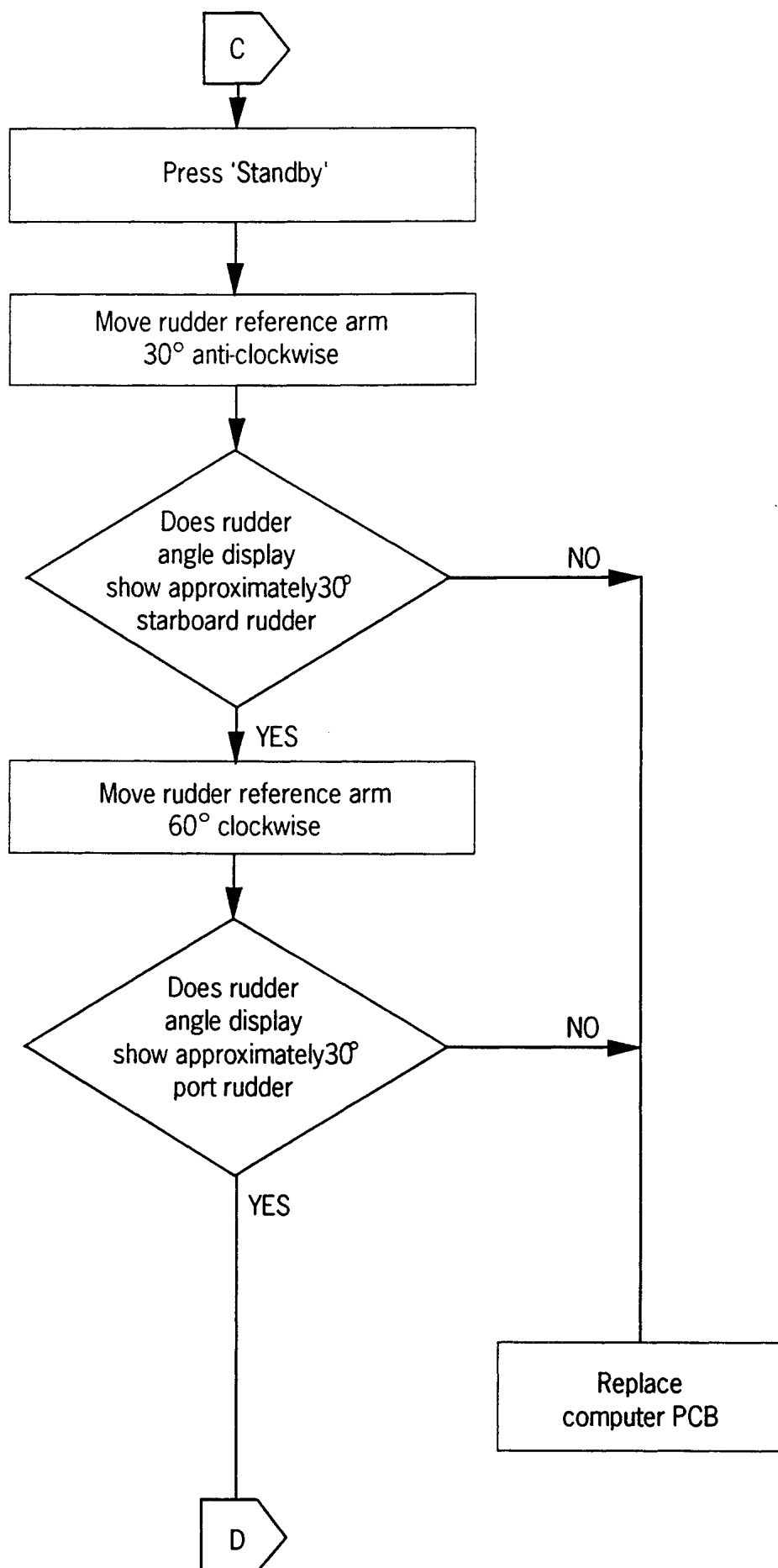


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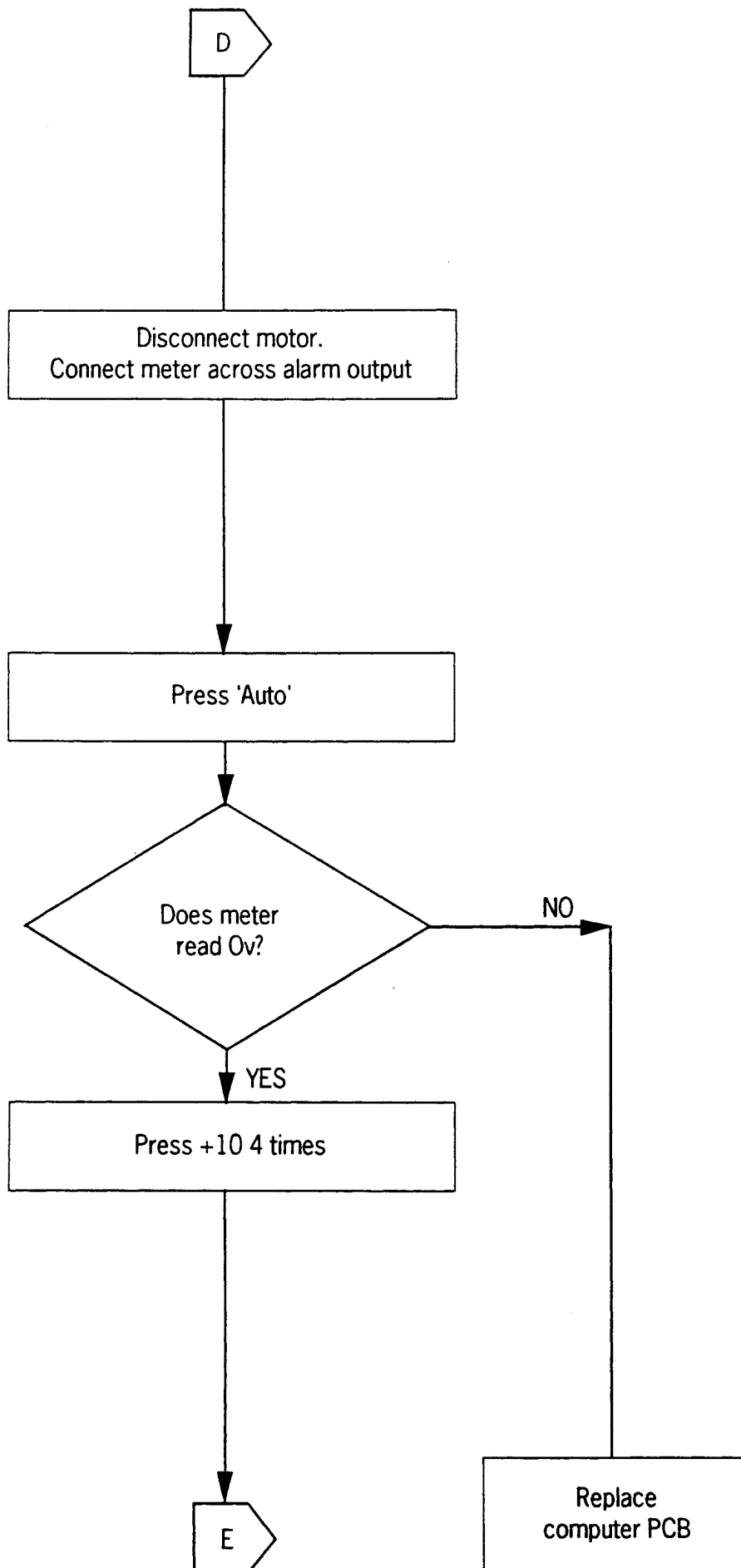


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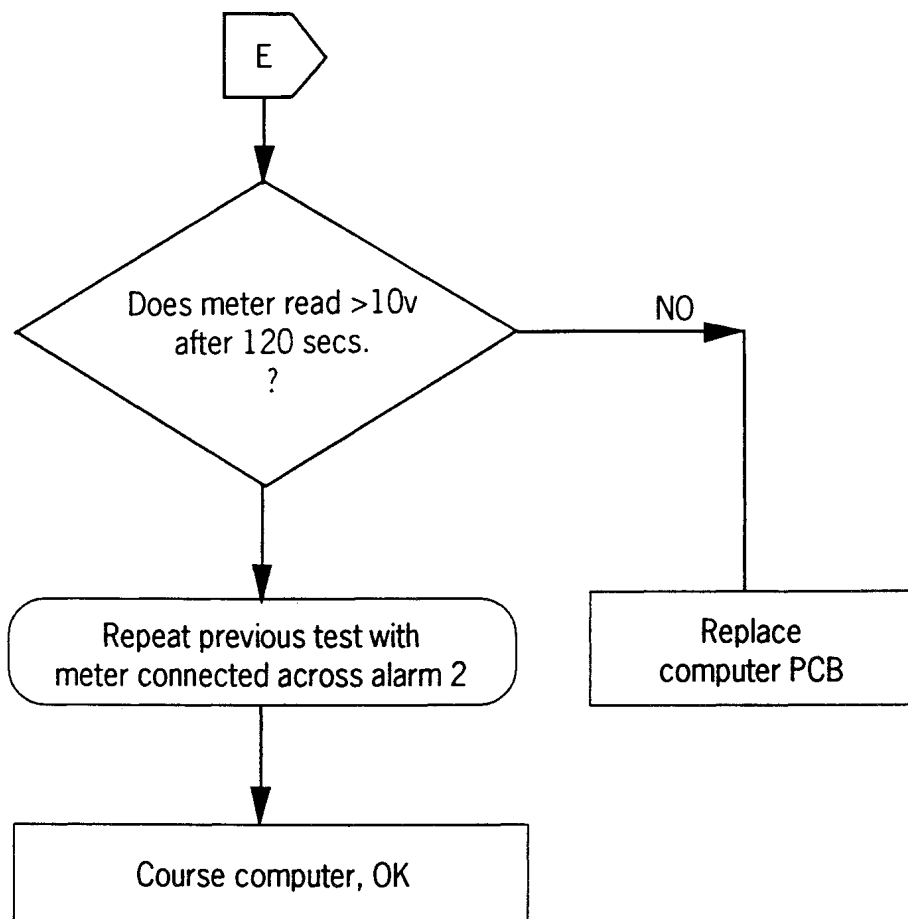




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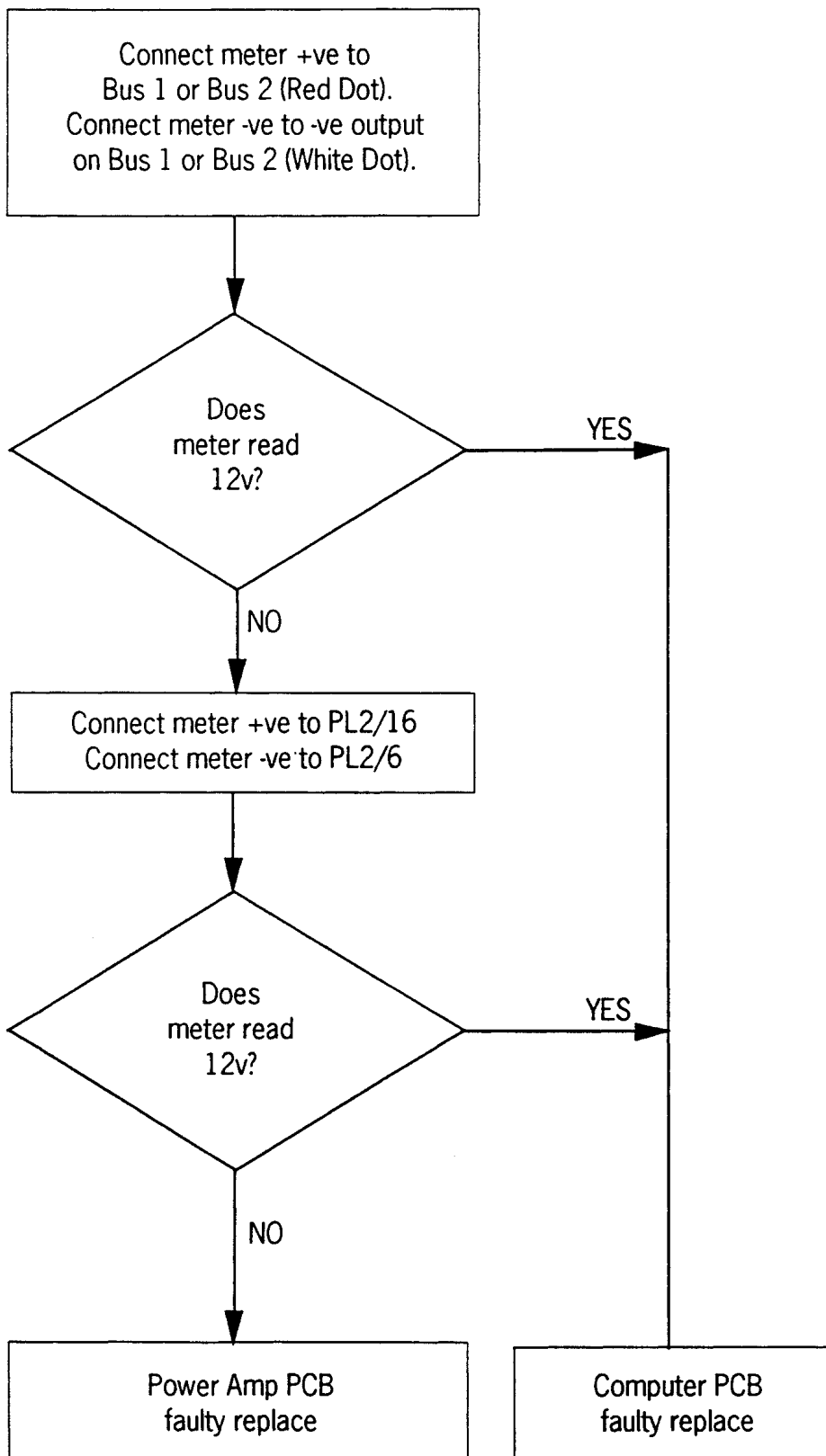




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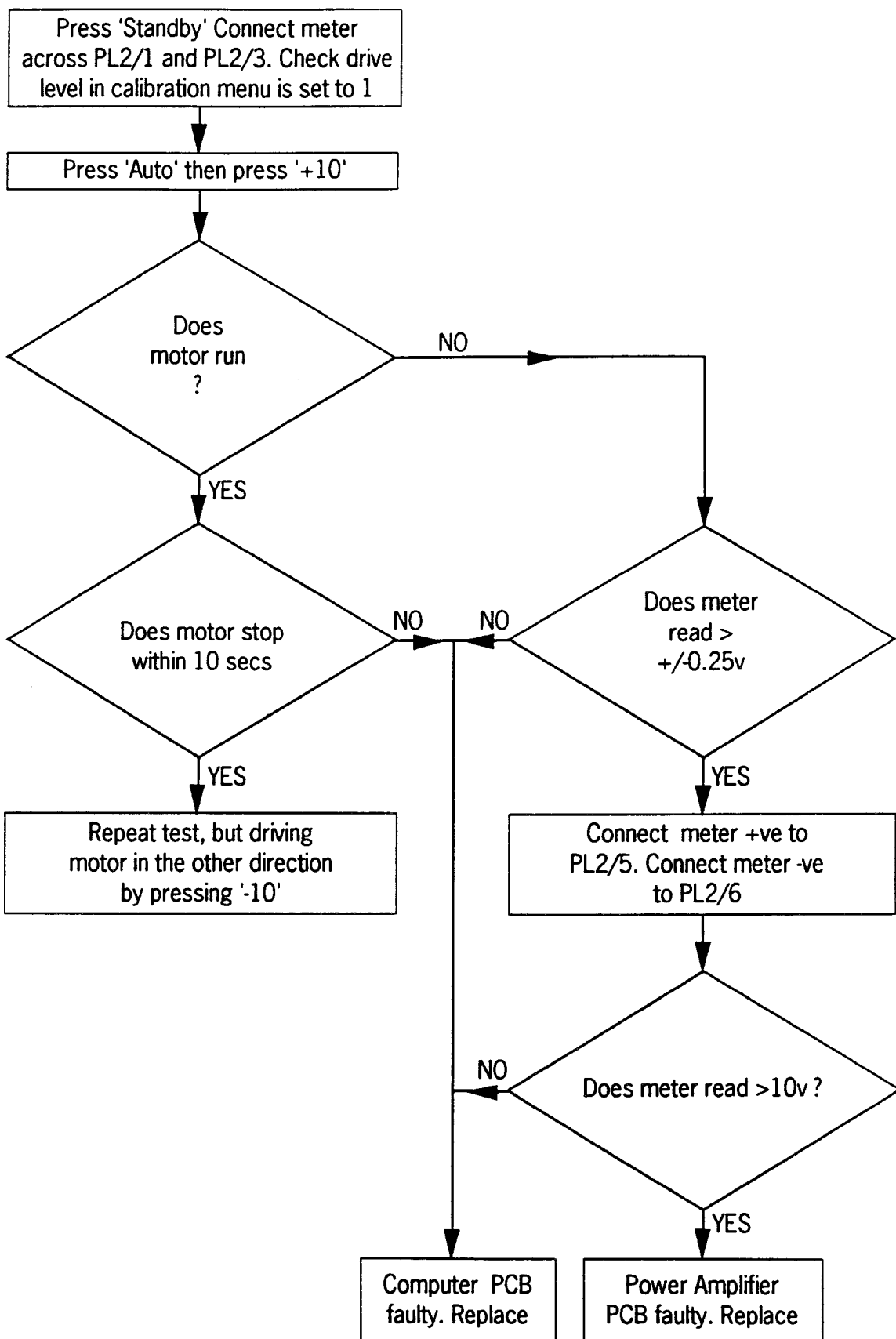
## 4.2 Course Computer Bench Testing (Stage 2)

1. Proceeding from stage 1 bench testing, remove the four screws retaining the computer PCB cover assembly and slide the PCB clear of the extrusion. Do not disconnect the loom.



**4.3 Course Computer Bench Testing (Stage 3)**

Proceeding from stage 1 bench testing, remove 4 screws retaining the computer PCB cover assembly and slide the PCB clear of the extrusion. Do not disconnect the loom.



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## 5. Product History Course Computer (Z083 & Z084)

| Change   | Serial Number | Comments   |
|--|---------------|--|
| Production Start                                       | 290001        |  |
| Track Function Introduced                              | 590206        | Must be used in conjunction with a Control Unit capable of supporting the Track function   |
| Capacitor 'C6' (100µf) fitted to power amplifier board | 890040        | Cures occasional system reset to Standby mode when initially engaging Auto after power up. |

## 6. Software History (Z083 & Z084)

| Version | Change                      | Control Unit Compatibility   | S/No   |
|---------|-----------------------------|--|--------|
| C       | Initial release             | All versions   | 290001 |
| D       | Auto Seastate problem cured | All versions   | 490081 |
| E       | Track function added        | All versions. If Track keeping algorithm is required then control unit must also be Track Compatible | 590206 |
| G       | Trim function Improved      | All versions   | 500256 |

## 7. Spares Numbers - Course Computers (Z083 & Z084)

| Item                                 | Catalogue No. | Comments    |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Connector Unit terminal PCB assembly | Q006          |             |
| Course Computer PCB assembly         | Q007          |             |
| Power Amplifier PCB assembly (Z083)  | M062          | 12v version |
| Power Amplifier PCB assembly (Z084)  | M063          | 24v version |
| PNP Power Transistors (2offMJ11029)  | L010          |             |
| NPN Power Transistors (2offMJ11028)  | L009          |             |

## **2. Technical Information**

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## 1. Course Computer PCB Circuit Description;-

Circuit diagram Fig. 1.

PCB assembly/parts list Fig. 2.

### 1.1. Power Supplies

Incoming power is routed to the PCB via the 'D' connector plug PL1. VI provides suppression against any voltage spikes present on the incoming DC supply whilst D6 protects against reverse connection of the supply. 1C 1 is a 5V regulator and can also reset the microprocessor, via TR9, should the supply voltage fall below 6V. TR17, C19, D13, R92 and R91 form an 8V regulator to supply the windvane.

### 1.2. Microprocessor and Program Memory

IC2 is an Intel 80C32 microprocessor. It can access up to 32k bytes of program memory (IC7) via the latch IC6. A clock signal for the microprocessor is provided by an 11 MHz ceramic resonator (XL1) and associated capacitors C15 and C16. C14, 18 and 17 provide decoupling.

### 1.3. Analogue to Digital Converter

IC3,4,5 and 9 form a software driven analogue to digital converter. IC3 and IC9 are 8 channel multiplexed analogue switches routing all analogue signals, (see table below), through to IC4 which is configured as an integrator. C9 is discharged at a constant rate triggering the comparator IC5 as it reaches a level of approximately 0.53V. The output of the comparator is connected to the microprocessor thus measuring the discharge time which is proportional to the analogue input.

Analogue Channels;-

|     |           |                             |
|-----|-----------|-----------------------------|
| IC3 | Channel 0 | Reset integrator            |
|     | Channel 1 | Integrator discharge signal |
|     | Channel 2 | Fluxgate sense A            |
|     | Channel 3 | Fluxgate sense B            |
|     | Channel 4 | Motor Feedback 1            |
|     | Channel 5 | Motor Feedback 2            |
|     | Channel 6 | Windvane sense 1            |
|     | Channel 7 | Windvane sense 2            |
| IC9 | Channel 0 | Alarm sense 1               |
|     | Channel 1 | Alarm sense 2               |
|     | Channel 2 | Rudder Reference            |
|     | Channel 3 | Supply Monitor              |
|     | Channel 4 | Rate Gyro sense             |
|     | Channel 5 | Gyro Compass sense          |
|     | Channel 6 | Joystick                    |
|     | Channel 7 | Not used                    |

## 1.4. Clutch Drive

TR10, 11 and 12 switch a nominal 12V onto the actuator clutch whenever pin 15 of the microprocessor (IC2) is low at 0V.

## 1.5. SeaTalk Bus Transmit and Receive

SeaTalk transmit and receive circuitry consists of TR1, 2, 3,4, 5, 18 and 19 and their associated components. Data Transmission is at 4800 baud with a low start bit and line idling high. TR1 and TR2 provide high and low outputs respectively, whilst TR3 and RI give overload protection to TR2 in the event of misconnection. TR4 and TR5 allow the microprocessor to monitor its own transmissions and also to receive data from other units on the bus.

## 1.6. Fluxgate Drive

IC2 produces a series of 8KHz pulses on pin 2 which are then fed through TR6, 7 and 8 and AC coupled to the fluxgate via C3.

## 1.7 E<sup>2</sup> Prom

IC8 is an e<sup>2</sup> PROM (Electrically Erasable and programmable Read Only Memory) which allows calibration values to be stored and recalled each time after power up. Data is written to the e<sup>2</sup> PROM on pin 3 and read back on pin 4.

## 1.8 Supply Voltage Monitor

R53 and R54 scale down the supply voltage and feed it through to the analogue to digital convertor. This enables the microprocessor to transmit a warning on the SeaTalk bus if the supply voltage drops below 11.2V (12V system) or 22.4V (24V system) for 10 seconds or more.

## 1.9. Alarm Drive

The two main warning alarms are driven via TR13, 14, 15 and 16. Components R41,42, 79,80 and D7 and 8 are used to detect any tampering with the alarm connections, as required by the SFIA.

## 2. Power Amplifier PCB Circuit Description;-

Circuit diagram 12V-figure 3

Circuit diagram 24V - figure 3

PCB layout 12V-figure 4

PCB layout 24V-figure 5

The power amplifier electronics consist of three main areas;-

1. Voltage regulator 24V-12V. (Not present on 12V boards).
2. Reverse connection protection.
3. Current amplifier bridge.

### 2.1. Voltage Regulator (24V systems only)

TR13 and TR14 together with associated components form a 24-12V regulator routing 12V to the course computer board via PL1.

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## 2.2. Reverse Connection Protection

TR1 and TR2 along with RL1,2 and 3 ensure that external misconnection of Heavy duty V+, Heavy duty 0V and M1 and M2 will not damage the unit.

## 2.3. Bridge Amplifier

TR6, 7,8 and 9 form a bridge amplifier to control the actuator motor. Four modes of operation are possible, each selectable with a binary code on drive A and drive B.

Mode 1 - Drive A and drive B both a logic 1. The motor is shorted via TR7 and TR9. This mode is used for stopping the motor quickly.

Mode 2 - Drive A and drive B both at logic 0. The motor is open circuit and therefore may run as a generator allowing measurement of motor back emf. R14 and R16 in combination with R25 and R28 on the computer PCB scale down the back emf.

Mode 3 - Drive A is at logic 1. Drive B is at logic 0. The motor will rotate clockwise.

Mode 4 - Drive B is at logic 1, drive A at logic 0. The motor will rotate anti-clockwise.

TR4 and TR10 are interlocks, switching off TR8 and TR6 when both drives are switched high in mode 1. C3 and C20 suppress motor brush noise.



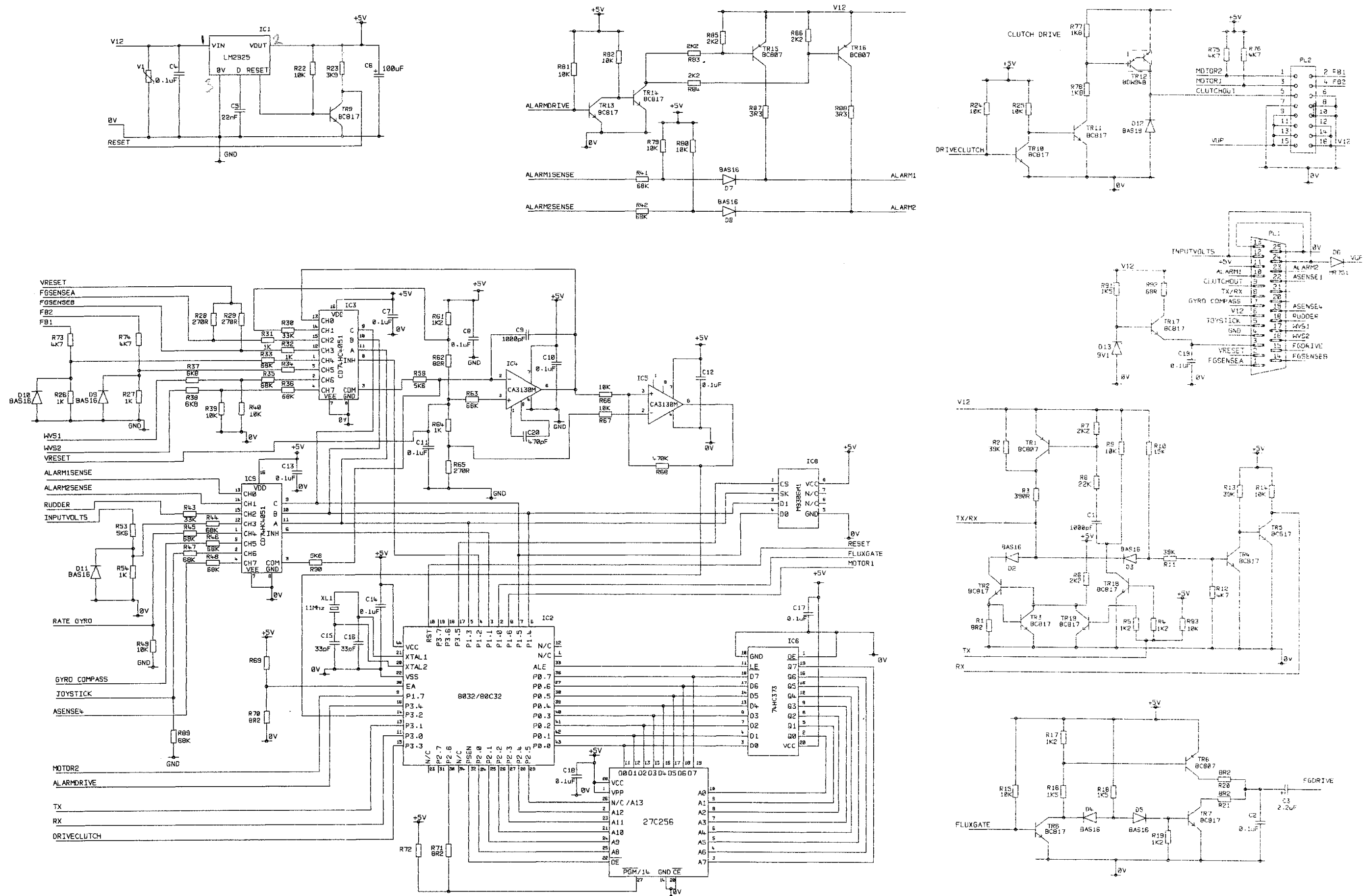


Fig. 1. ST7000 (Z083 and Z084) Course Computer Circuit Diagram

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|-------|-------------|-----|--|---|
| 51    | 91063K9     | 1   | WCR 1206 3K9 5X .125W  | R23   |
| 50    | 940093061   | 1   | EEPROM 16 x 16 M9306M 1 (SURFACE MOUNT)                      | IC8   |
| 49    |             |     |  |   |
| 48    | 940374373   | 1   | LATCH 74HC373  | IC6   |
| 47    | 9400CA3130  | 2   | F.E.T. OP. AMP CA3130M (SURFACE MOUNT)                       | IC4, 5  |
| 46    | 94024051    | 2   | ANALOGUE SWITCH CD74HC405 1M1SURFACE MOUNT)                  | IC3, 9  |
| 45    | 940680C32   | 1   | MICRO ROM LESS 8032 12MHz PLCC NMOS OR 80C32 12MHz PLCC CMOS | IC2   |
| 44    | 04049       | 1   | 5v REGULATOR LM2925  | IC1   |
| 43    | 05035       | 1   | TRANSISTOR PNP BDW94B  | TR12  |
| 42    | 9500BC817   | 14  | TRANSISTOR SOT23 NPN BC817                                   | TR2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13,14, 17, 18, 19    |
| 41    | 9500BC807   | 4   | TRANSISTOR SOT23 PNP BC807                                   | TR1, 8, 15, 16                                      |
| 40    | 03067       | 1   | CAPACITOR TANTALUM 100uF ±20% 6V3 2.5 PITCH C6               |   |
| 39    | 93102U2     | 1   | CAPACITOR CASE A 2.2uF ±20X 6V3MIN                           | C3  |
| 38    | 9307470P    | 1   | CAPACITOR 1206 470pF ±201 50v                                | C20   |
| 37    | 931233P     | 2   | CAPACITOR 1206 33pF ±5\$ 50v                                 | C15, 16   |
| 36    | 93070U1     | 12  | CAPACITOR 1206 0.1µF ±20* 50v                                | C2, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19         |
| 35    | 93161000P   | 2   | CAPACITOR 1206 1000pF ±2% COG 50v                            | C1, C9  |
| 34    |             |     |  |   |
| 33    | 02031       | 1   | DIODE MR751 (MOTOROLA)                                       | D6  |
| 32    | 9200BAS19   | 1   | DIODE SOT23 BAS19  | D12   |
| 31    | 9200BAS16   | 9   | DIODE SOT23 BAS16  | D2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11                        |
| 30    |             |     |  |   |
| 29    | 91063R3     | 2   | WCR 1206 3R3 5% .125W  | R87, 88   |
| 28    | 9106470K    | 1   | WCR 1206 470K 5% .125W                                       | R68   |
| 27    | 910382R     | 1   | WCR 1206 82R 5% .125W  | R62   |
| 26    | 91035K6     | 3   | WCR 1206 5K6 5% .125W  | R53, 59, 90   |
| 25    | 910368K     | 13  | WCR 1206 68K 5% .125W  | R33, 34, 35, 36, 41, 42, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 63, 89 |
| 24    | 9103270R    | 3   | WCR 1206 270R 5% .125W                                       | R28, 29, 65   |
| 23    | 91031K      | 6   | WCR 1206 1K 5% .125W   | R26, 27, 31, 32, 54, 64                             |
| 22    |             |     |  |   |
| 21    | 91061K5     | 3   | WCR 1206 1K5 5% .125W  | R16, 18, 91   |
| 20    | 91034K7     | 2   | WCR 1206 4K7 5% .125W  | R73, 74   |
| 19    | 91064K7     | 3   | WCR 1206 4K7 5% .125W  | R12, 75, 76   |
| 18    | 910615K     | 1   | WCR 1206 15K 5% .125W  | R10   |
| 17    | 910610K     | 13  | WCR 1206 10K 5% .125W  |   |
| 16    | 910622K     | 1   | WCR 1206 22K 5% .125W  | R8  |
| 15    | 91062K2     | 6   | WCR 1206 2K2 5% .125W  | R6, 7, 83, 84, 85, 86                               |
| 14    | 91061K8     | 2   | WCR 1206 1K8 5% .125W  | R77, 78   |
| 13    | 91031K2     | 5   | WCR 1206 1K2 5% .125W  | R4, 5, 17, 19, 61                                   |
| 12    | 91061K2     |     |  |   |
| 11    | 9106390R    | 1   | WCR 1206 390R 5% .125W                                       | R3  |
| 10    | 910639K     | 3   | WCR 1206 39K 5% .125W  | R2, 11, 13  |
| 9     | 91068R2     | 5   | WCR 1206 8R2 5% .125W R1, 20, 21. (691,70,71, (72)           |   |
| 8     | 01051       | 1   | VAR1STOR ZNR TYPE D ERZC07DK270                              | V1  |
| 7     | 26005       | 2   | RIVSCREW (1712-35091   |   |
| 6     | 15085       | 1   | CERAMIC RESONATOR 11MHz CERALOCK CSA 11.0MT XL1              |   |
| 5     | 15033       | 2   | HEATSINK   |   |
| 4     | 07164       | 1   | 1C SOCKET (28 PIN)   | SKT1  |
| 3     | 07155       | 1   | 16 WAY HEADER  | PL2   |
| 2     | 07118       | 1   | 'D' CONNECTOR 25 WAY   | PL1   |
| 1     | 3015-030    | 1   | 7000 COMPUTER P.C.B DETAIL                                   |   |
| ITEMS | DRG/PART N° | QTY | DESCRIPTION  |   |

|    |            |   |                                 |           |
|----|------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 52 | 910333K    | 2 | WCR 1206 33K 1% .125W           | R30.43    |
| 53 | 91036K8    | 2 | WCR 1206 6K8 1% .125W           | R37 38    |
| 54 | 910310K    | 3 | WCR 1206 10K 1% .125W           | R39.40.49 |
| 55 | 910668R    | 1 | WCR 1206 68R 5X .125W           | R92       |
| 56 | 930522N    | 1 | CAPACITOR 1206 22nF ±5% X7R 50V | C5        |
| 57 | 9203BZX9V1 | 1 | ZENER DIODE SOT23 BZX 84C9V1    | D13       |
| 58 | 15036      | 1 | TRANSISTOR MOUNTING PAD         |           |

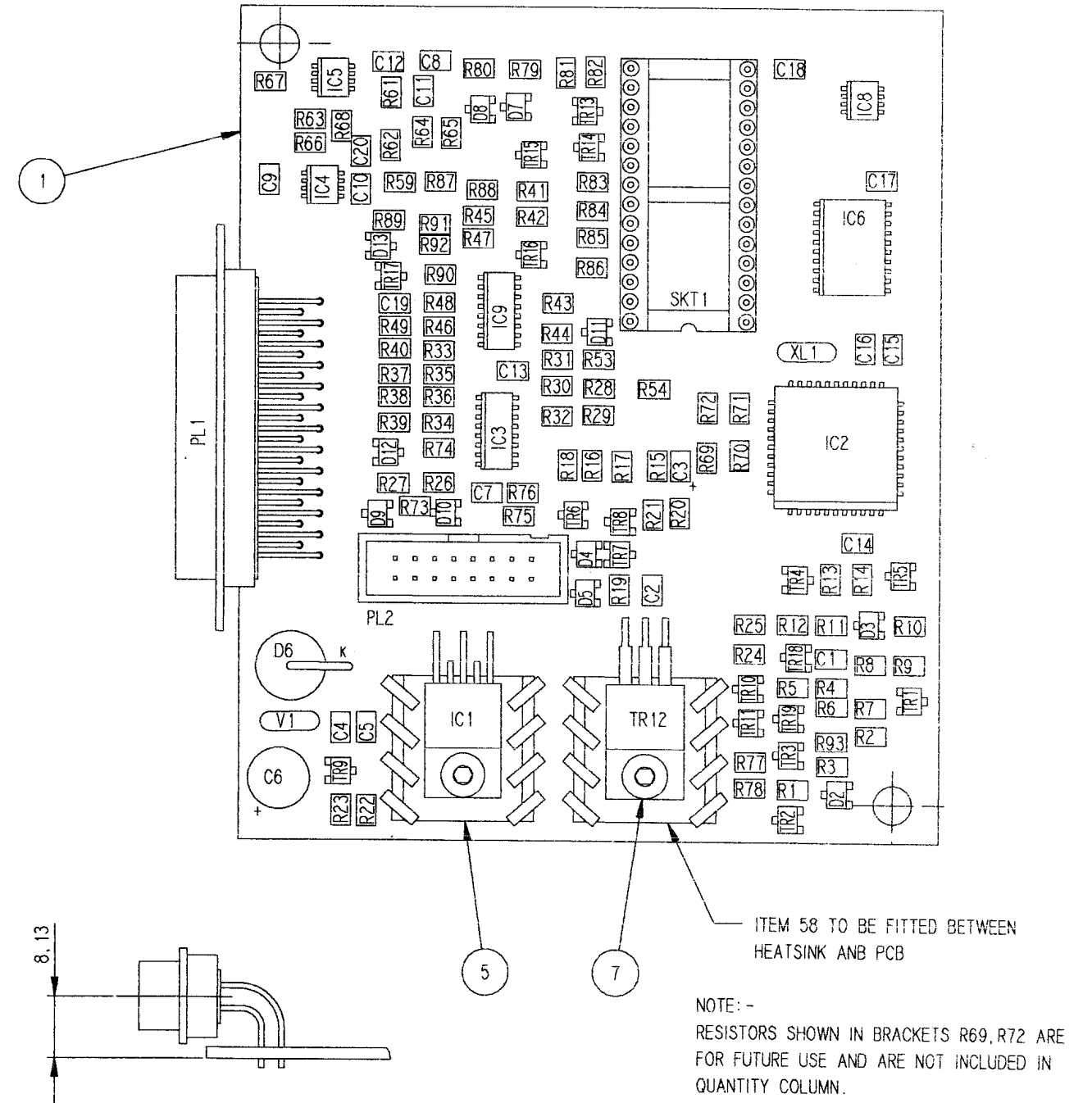
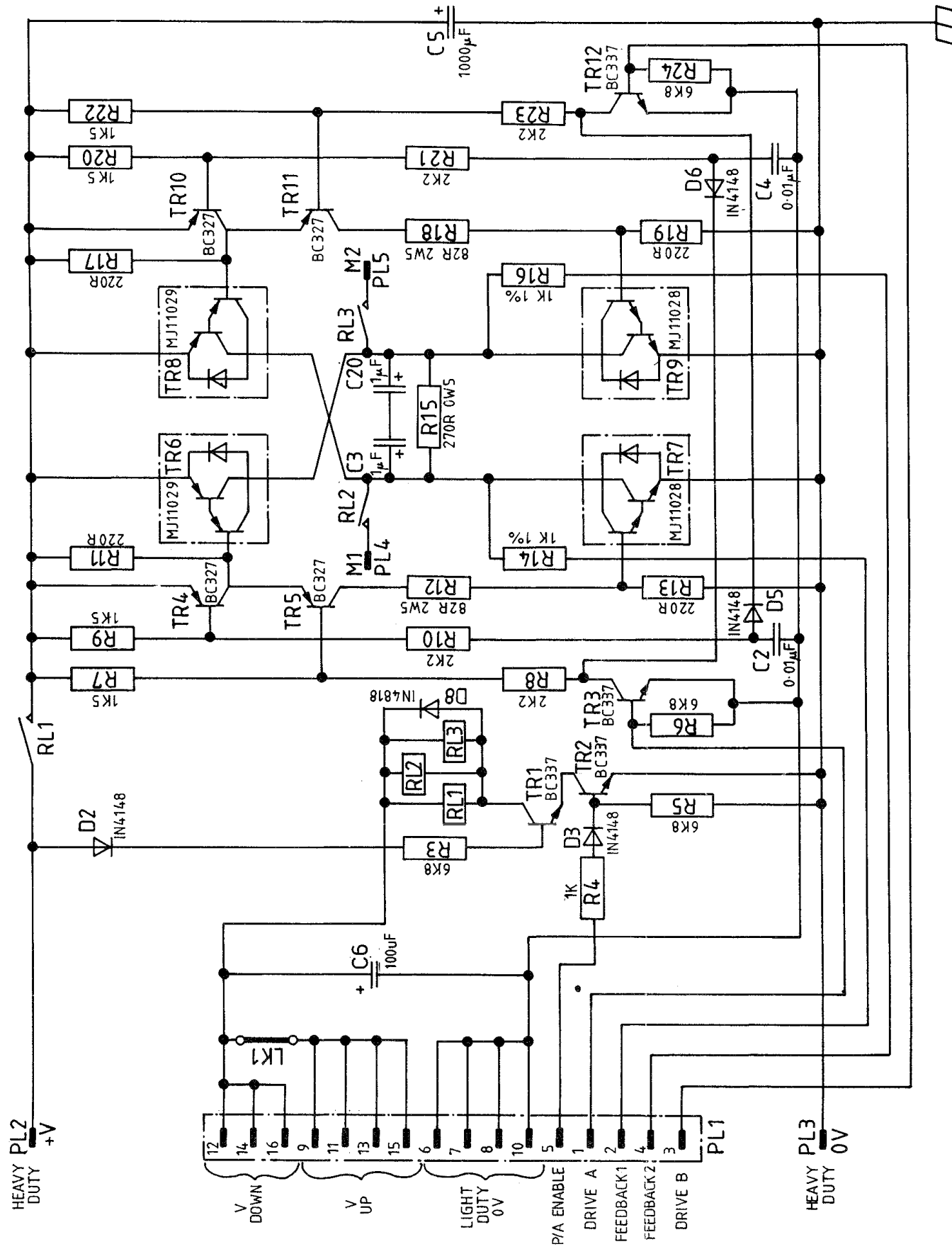


Fig. 2. Z083 and Z084 Course Computer PCB Assembly/Parts List

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Z083 Power Amplifier Circuit Diagram 12V



Z084 Power Amplifier Circuit Diagram 24V

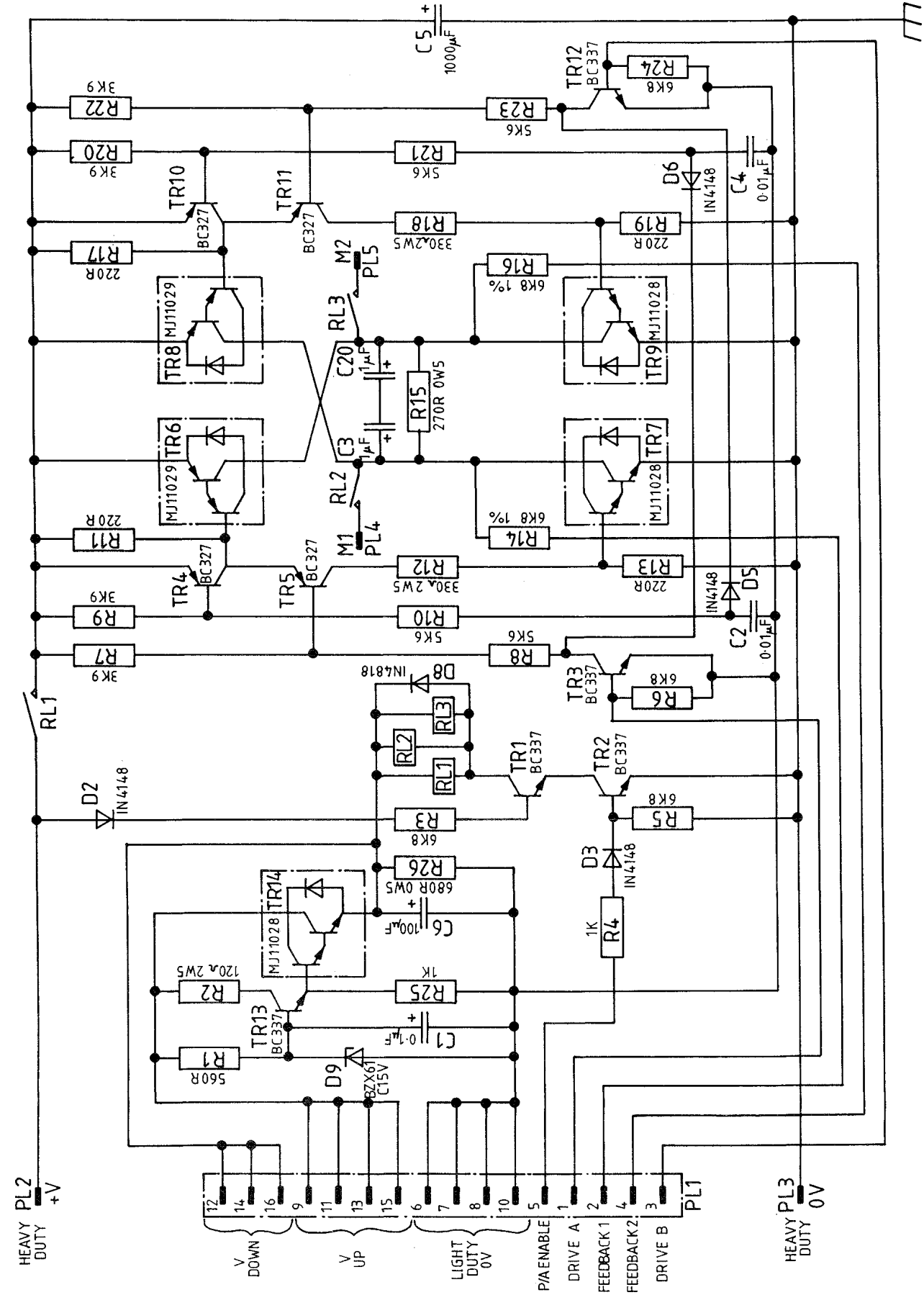
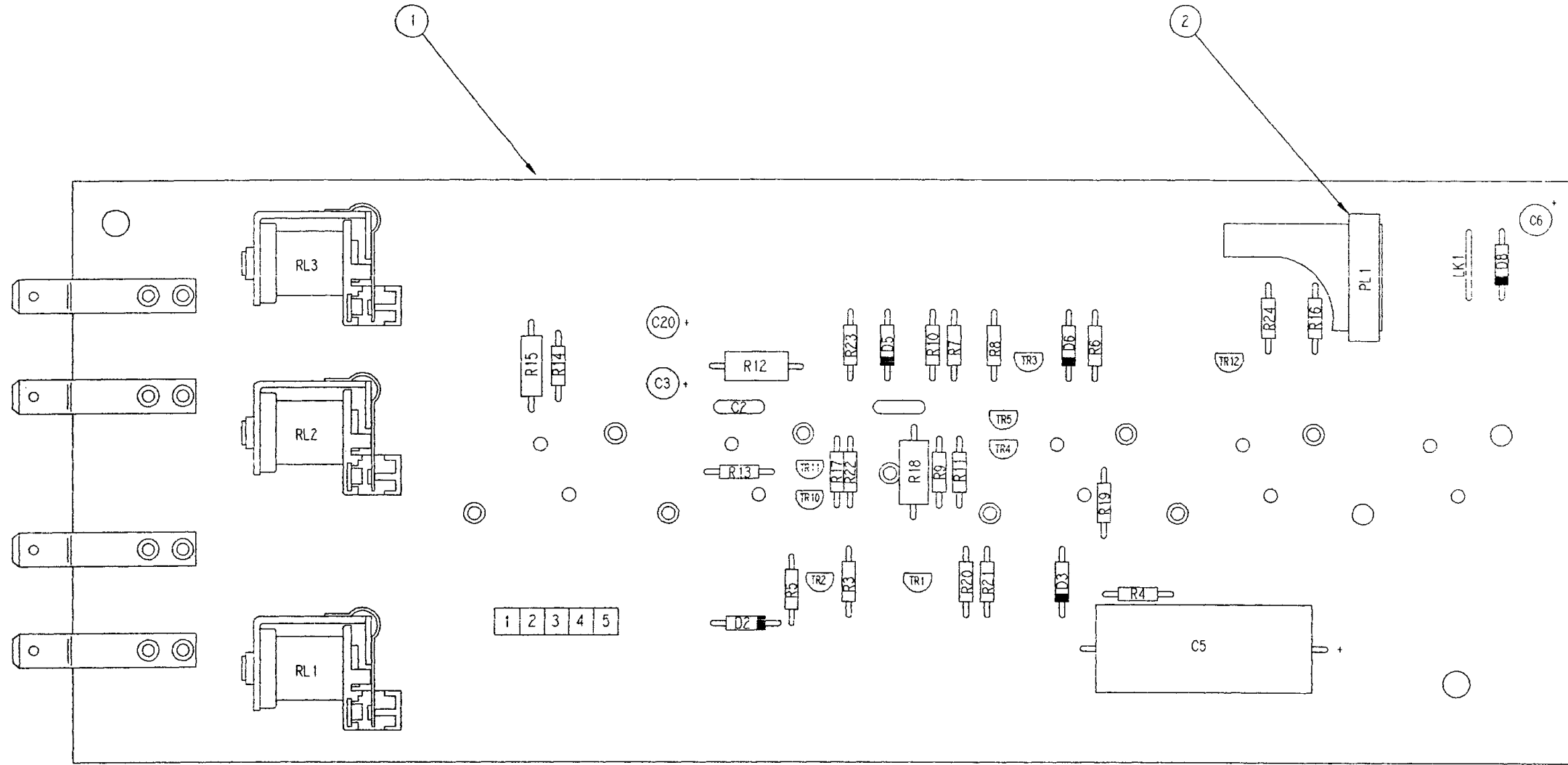


Fig. 3.

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|       |              |      |   |
|-------|--------------|------|---|
| 21    | 03031        | f    | CAPACITOR ELECTROLYTIC 100uF +80% -20% 25VMIN C6  |
| 20    | 01083        | 1    | RESISTOR C'FILM 3K9 .25W ±5% R3                   |
| 19    | 15057        | 3    | RELAY T90.30A RL1, 2, 3                           |
| 18    | 13024        | 1    | LINK LK1  |
| 17    | 05019        | 4    | TRANSISTOR PNP BC 327 TR4, 5, 10, 11              |
| 16    | 05018        | 4    | TRANSISTORS BC 337 TR1, 2, 3, 12                  |
| 15    | 03036        | 2    | CAPACITOR TANTALUM 1µF ±20% 25vmin C3, 20         |
| 14    | 03023        | 1    | CAPACITOR ELECTROLYTIC 1000µF +80% -20% 60vmin C5 |
| 13    | 03020        | 2    | CAPACITOR CERAMIC 0.01µF ±20% 25vmin C2, 4        |
| 12    | 02004        | 4    | DIODE IN 4148 D2, 3, 5, 6                         |
| 11    | 02002        | 1    | DIODE IN 4818 D8                                  |
| 10    | 01158        | 4    | RESISTOR CTILM 1K5 .25W ±5% R7, 9, 20, 22         |
| 9     | 01157        | 2    | RESISTOR WIREWOUND 82R 2.5W ±5% R12, 18           |
| 8     | 01102        | ?    | RESISTOR CTILM 1K .25W ±1% R14, 16                |
| 7     | 01061        | 3    | RESISTOR CTILM 6K8 .25W ±5% R5, 6, 24             |
| 6     | 01055        | t    | RESISTOR CTILM 270R .5W ±5% R15                   |
| 5     | 01045        | 4    | RESISTOR CTILM 220R .25W ±5% R11, 13, 17, 19      |
| 4     | 01032        | 4    | RESISTOR CTILM ZK2 .25W ±5 R8, 10, 21, 23         |
| 3     | 01003        | 1    | RESISTOR CTILM 1K .25W ±5% R4                     |
| 2     | 4021-024     | 1    | LOOM S'ASSY                                       |
| 1     | 4021-023     | 1    | POWER AMP. S'ASSY 1st STAGE                       |
| ITEMS | DR'G/PART N* | Q'TY | DESCRIPTION                                       |

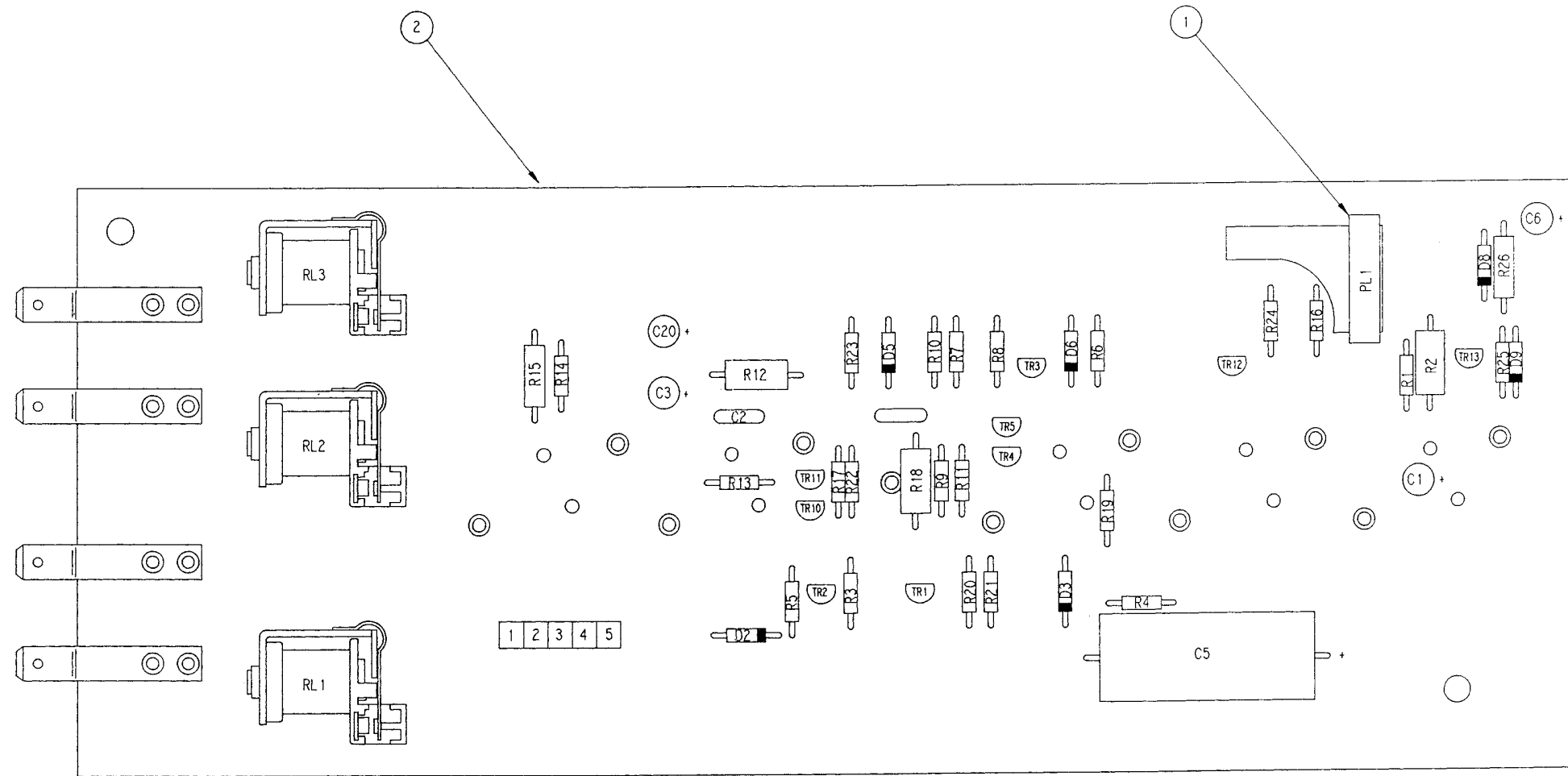
Fig. 4.

Power Amplifier PCB Assembly/Parts List (Z083)

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|       |              |     |                                      |                  |
|-------|--------------|-----|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| 24    | 15057        | 3   | RELAY T90 30A                        | RL1, 2, 3        |
| 23    | 05019        | 4   | TRANSISTOR PNP BC 327                | T4, 5, 10, 11    |
| 22    | 05018        | 5   | TRANSISTOR NPN BC 337                | T1, 2, 3, 12, 13 |
| 21    | 03036        | 2   | CAPACITOR TANTALUM 1µF±20% 25vmin    | C3, 20           |
| 20    | 03031        |     | CAPACITOR ELECTROLYTIC 100% 525vmin  | C6               |
| 19    | 03023        |     | CAPACITOR ELECTROLYTIC 1000µF 60vmin | C5               |
| 18    | 03020        |     | CAPACITOR CERAMIC 0.01µF ±20% 25vmin | C2,4             |
| 17    | 03007        |     | CAPACITOR CERAMIC 0.1µF ±20% 25vmin  | C1               |
| 16    | 02025        |     | ZENER DIODE BZX 6 1C 15V             | D9               |
| 15    | 02004        |     | DIODE IN 4148                        | D2, 3, 5, 6      |
| 14    | 02002        |     | DIODE IN 4818                        | D8               |
| 13    | 01162        |     | RESISTOR WIREWOUND 330R 2.5W+5%      | R12, 18          |
| 12    | 01140        |     | RESISTOR C'FILM 120R 2.5W ±10%       | R2               |
| 11    | 01139        |     | RESISTOR C'FILM 680R .5W ±5%         | R26              |
| 10    | 0112?        | 2   | RESISTOR C'FILM 6K8 .25W +1%         | R14, 16          |
| 9     | 01083        | 5   | RESISTOR C'FILM 3K9 .25W ±5%         | R3, 7, 9, 20, 22 |
| 8     | 01061        | 3   | RESISTOR C'FILM 6K8 .25W ±5%         | R5, 6, 24        |
| 7     | 01055        | 1   | RESISTOR C'FILM 270R .5W ±5%         | R15              |
| 6     | 01045        | 4   | RESISTOR C'FILM 220R .25W ±5%        | R11, 13, 17, 19  |
| 5     | 01031        | i   | RESISTOR C'FILM 560R .25W ±5%        | R1               |
| 4     | L01006       | 4   | RESISTOR C'FILM 5K6 .25W ±5%         | R8, 10, 21, 23   |
| 3     | 01003        | 2   | RESISTOR C'FILM 1K .25W ±5%          | R4, 25           |
| 2     | 4021-028     | 1   | POWER AMP. S'ASSY 1st STAGE          |                  |
| 1     | LJ402 1-024  | 1   | LOOM S'ASSY                          |                  |
| ITEMS | DR'G/PART No | QTY | DESCRIPTION                          |                  |

Fig. 5.  
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|             |        |
|-------------|--------|
| Colour code |        |
| Sc          | White  |
| R           | Red    |
| G           | Green  |
| Y           | Yellow |
| B           | Blue   |
| Br          | Brown  |

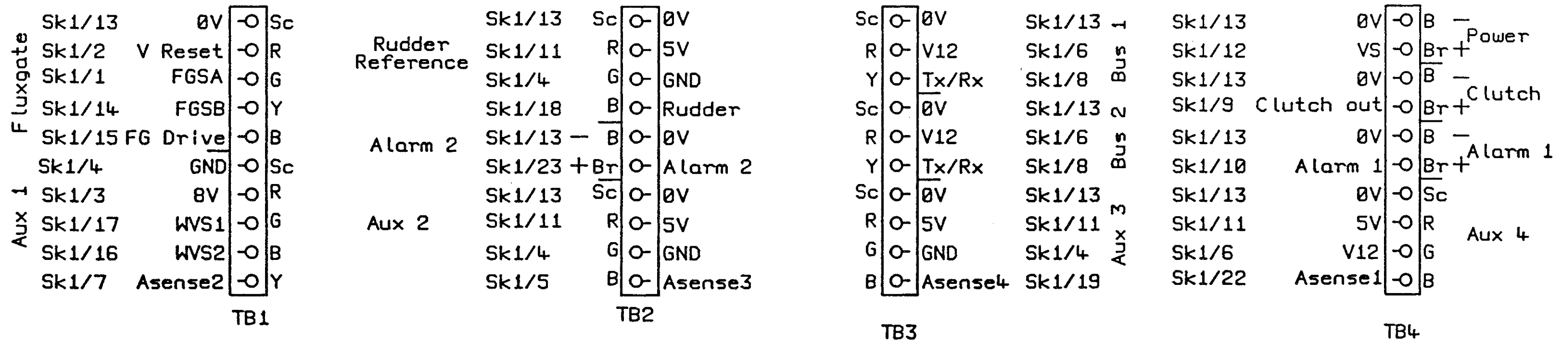
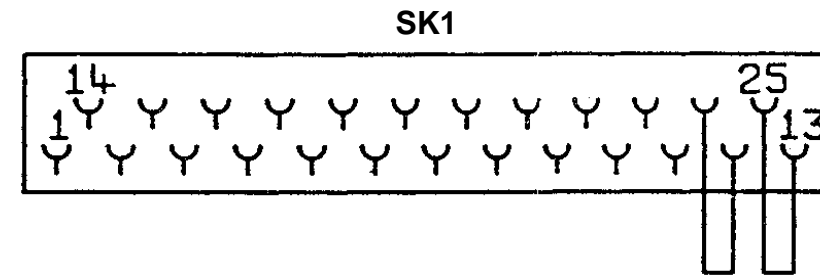
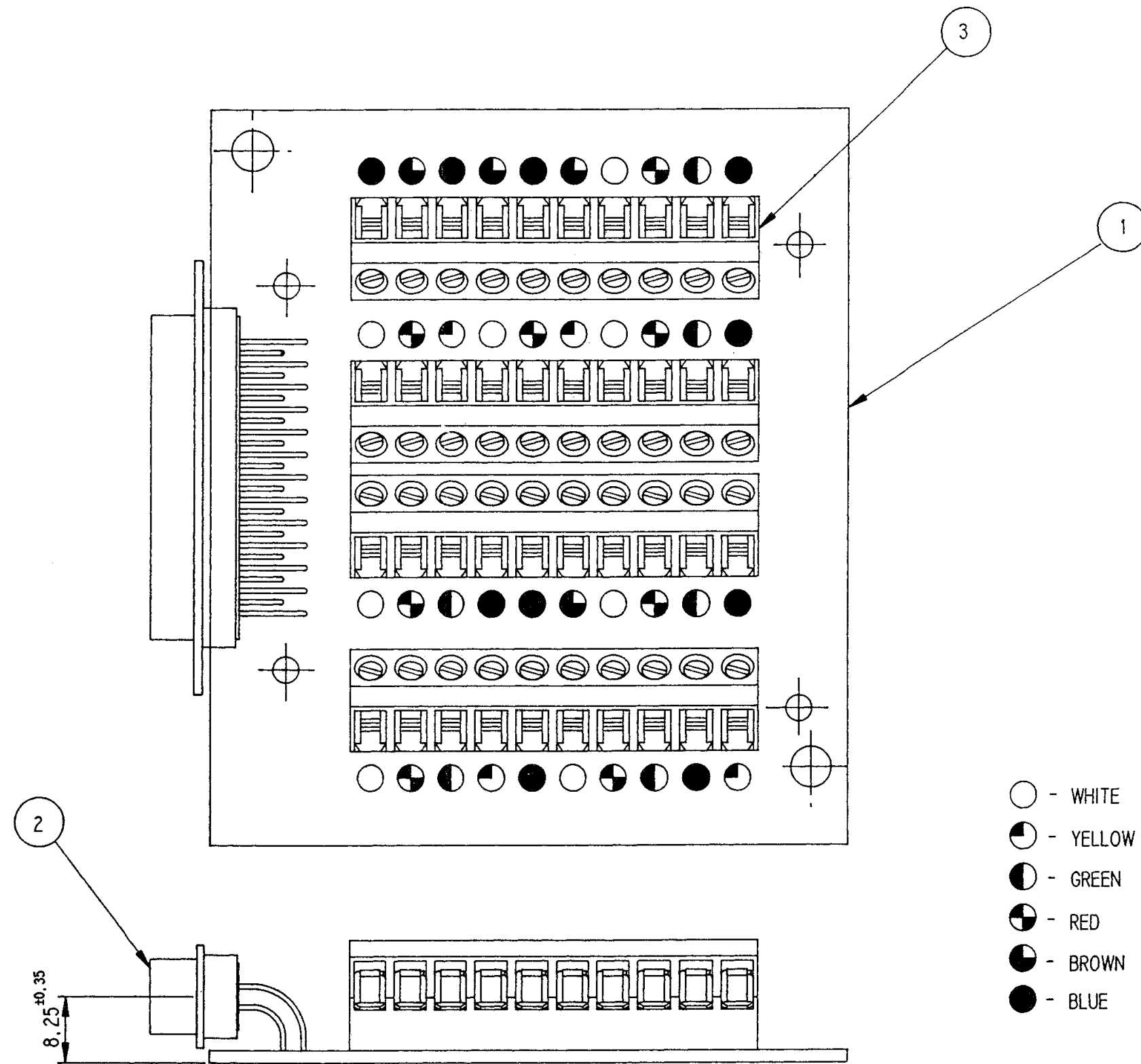


Fig- 6.

Connector PCB Circuit Diagram (Z083f Z084)

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|       |              |     |                |
|-------|--------------|-----|----------------|
| 3     | 07163        | 4   | TERMINAL BLOCK |
| 2     | 07119        | 1   | 'D' CONNECTOR  |
| 1     | 3015-029     | 1   | PCB DETAIL     |
| ITEMS | DR'G/PART N* | QTY | DESCRIPTION    |

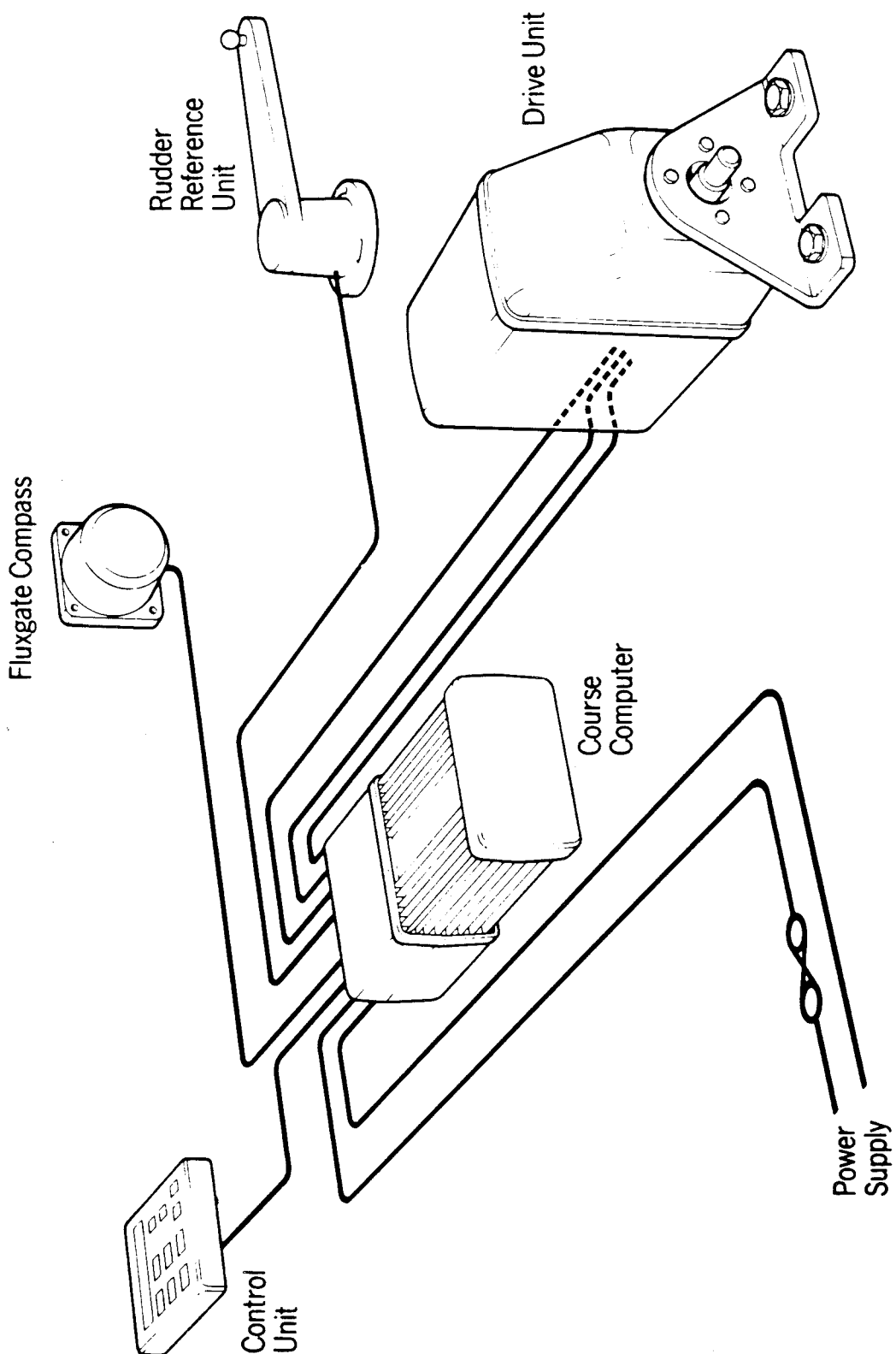
**Fig. 7.** Connector PCB General Assembly  
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# ST6000 System

## 1. Service Procedures



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## 1. Introduction

The ST6000 system section of this manual contains full system operating instructions and service procedures for the autopilot. Further in depth diagnostics are available for each module in the relevant product sections.

## 2. Systems description

The ST6000 is a modular Seataalk compatible autopilot system that can be built up to match the individual requirements of most vessels and steering systems.

The ST6000 course computer can be used with all Seataalk compatible control units and ST50 instruments and will operate the following drive units:

Z039 Linear drive type 1

Z037 Rotary drive type 1

Z041 Hydraulic pump type 1

Z081 Hydraulic pump type 0

Z088 I/O Sterndrive

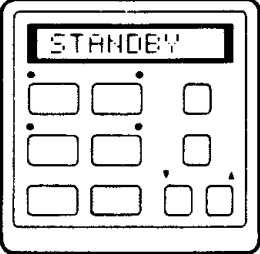
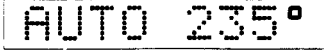

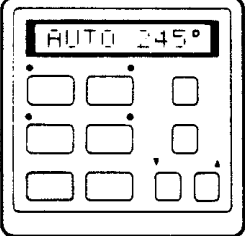
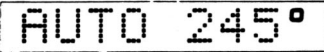
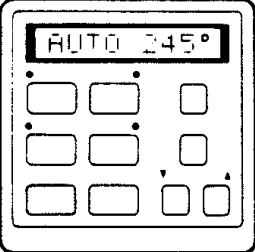
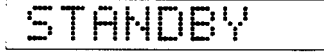
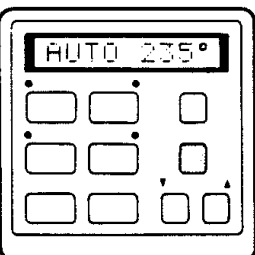

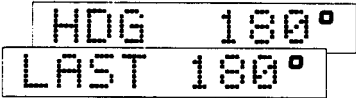
Z064 Type CR 3L/min (via Z085 Interface)

Z066 Type CR 4.5L/min (via Z085 Interface)

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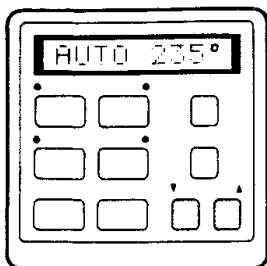
## 3. Operating/Calibration Instructions

### 3.1 Operation

|  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <p><b>Auto</b></p>                                | <p>Push to engage automatic steering and maintain current heading.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Push and hold down for 1 second to return to previous automatic heading. (Display returns to Auto after 10 seconds).</p>  | <p><b>Automatic Heading</b></p>  <p><b>Previous Automatic Heading</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Course Changes</b> (-1, +1, -10, +10)</p>  | <p>Push to alter course to port (-) and starboard (+) in increments of 1 and 10 degrees.</p>  | <p><b>New Automatic Heading</b></p>    |
| <p><b>Standby</b></p>                           | <p>Push to disengage the autopilot for manual steering (The previous automatic heading is memorised).</p>   | <p><b>Current Heading</b></p>    |
| <p><b>Track</b> (see operating hints)</p>       | <p>Push to select track control from Auto.</p> <p>Push again to return to automatic steering.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Push and hold down for 1 second to select previous track control heading from Auto or Track.</p> <p>(Display returns to Track after 10 seconds).</p> | <p><b>Automatic Heading</b></p>  <p></p>                               |

## Response

- **Response Level Adjustment** (see Operating Hints)



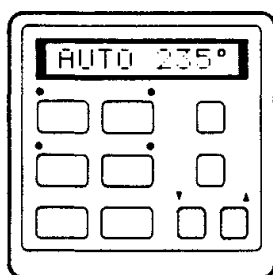
Push to increase (▲) or decrease (▼) response level.

To display response level without changing it push both **Response** keys together briefly.

### Response Level

LEVEL 1

- **Rudder Gain Adjustment** (see Operating Hints)



Push and hold down for 1 second both **Response** keys together to display rudder gain level.

Within 10 seconds push once to increase (▲) or decrease (▼) ruddergain.

### Rudder Gain Level

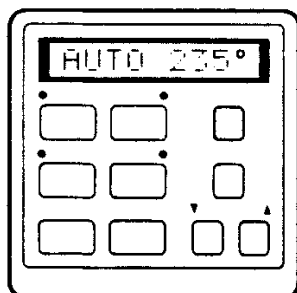
RUDDER 5

### Rudder Gain Level

RUDDER 4

(Response and Rudder levels are displayed for 10 seconds only)

## Illumination



Push and hold down **Display** for 1 second to switch on illumination.

Within 10 seconds push **Display** to select illumination level.

### Illumination Level

LAMP 3

|     |          |
|-----|----------|
| 3   | = High   |
| 2   | = Medium |
| 1   | = Low    |
| OFF | = Off    |

(Illumination level is displayed for 10 seconds only)

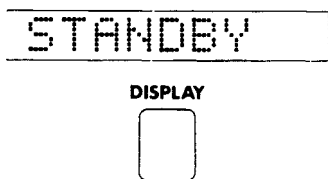
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## Display Key Sequence

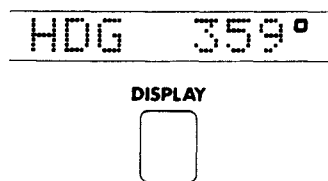
The Display pushbutton is used to cycle through additional information menus. These menus depend on the autopilot mode and if navigation information is available.

### Standby Mode

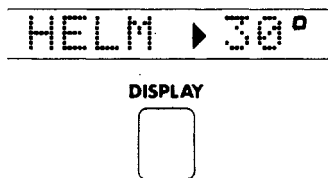
- Main Display



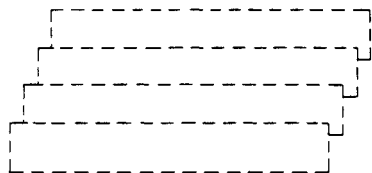
- Compass Heading



- Rudder Angle



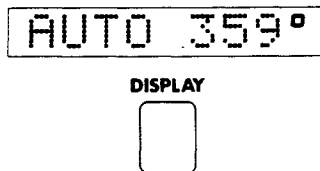
- Navigation Displays



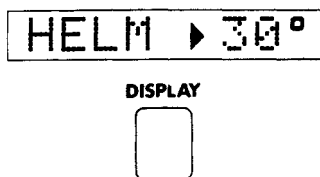
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## Auto Mode

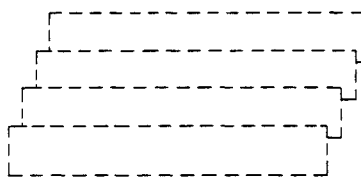
- Main Display



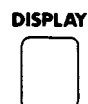
- Rudder Angle



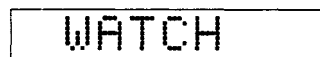
- Navigation Displays



See section on Navigation Displays.



- Watch Alarm



## Track Mode

- Main Display

TRACK

DISPLAY



- Locked Course

HOG 359°

DISPLAY



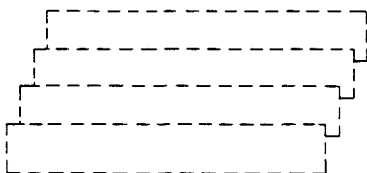
- Rudder Angle

HELM ▶ 30°

DISPLAY



- Navigation Displays



See section on Navigation Displays.

DISPLAY



- Watch Alarm

WATCH

## Navigation Displays

With the Navigation Receiver operating in waypoint mode, the following information can be displayed (provided that the Navigation Receiver transmits the appropriate information - see Installation Handbook).

- Cross Track Error

XTE 0.05▶

DISPLAY



The arrows show the direction to steer to rejoin the desired Track:

- ▶ Starboard
- ◀ Port

- Bearing to Waypoint

WP M 235°

or

WP T 235°

DISPLAY



- Magnetic

- True

- Distance to Waypoint

WP 19.1NM

DISPLAY



- Waypoint Number

WP 4

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## Watch Alarm (not available in Standby)

- Engage the Autopilot in Auto Track Windvane mode.
- To select Watch alarm push **Display** repeatedly until Watch appears.

WATCH

The 4 minute timer is now running:-

— After 3 minutes 'Watch' flashes on all control units.

— After 4 minutes the alarm sounds on all control units.

- Push **Auto** at any time to reset the timer to 4 minutes and silence the alarm.
- To cancel the Watch alarm at any time push **Display**.

AUTO 235°

## Warning Messages

### • Off Course Alarm

COURSE  
OFF

— Sounds if the vessel deviates from the automatic heading by more than the selected amount for over 20 seconds.

### • Low Battery Alarm

BATTERY  
LOW

— Sounds if the course computer supply voltage falls below 11 volts for over 20 seconds.

### • Track Mode Alarms

DATA  
NO

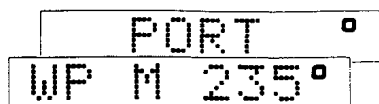
— Sounds if no waypoint data is received from the Radio Navigation System for over 20 seconds.

ERROR  
DATA

— Sounds if the data has the incorrect format or if an invalid flag is set.

XTE 0.31 ▶  
LARGE 0.31 ▶

— Sounds if the cross track error exceeds 0.30n.m.



— Sounds when the target waypoint number changes. The displayed bearing is to the new waypoint. PORT or STBD indicates in which direction the autopilot will turn onto the new waypoint bearing.

Push **Track** to silence the alarm and automatically steer onto the new bearing to waypoint.

- **Manual Override Alarm**

(Installations with stern drive actuators only).



— Sounds for 10 seconds when the autopilot is manually overridden at the steering wheel. After 10 seconds the autopilot will return to **Standby** automatically.

**Note:** Push **Standby** to silence an alarm and select **Standby** mode (unless indicated otherwise).

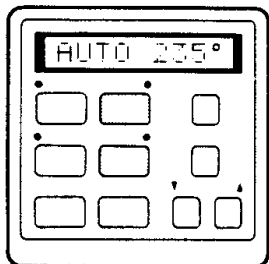
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## 3.2 Additional information for Sailing Vessels

### Autotack

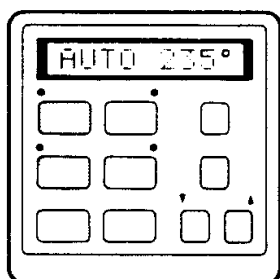
The ST6000 has a built in Autotack function which will turn the vessel through 100°. This operates in both compass and vane modes as follows:-

#### Vane



Push **+1** and **+10** keys together to initiate a tack turning to Starboard.

AUTO 335°



Push **-1** and **-10** keys together to initiate a tack turning to Port.

AUTO 135°

**Note:** It is important that the rudder angle transducer is accurately aligned as the Autotack function mirrors standing helm and any offset will change the initial tack angle.

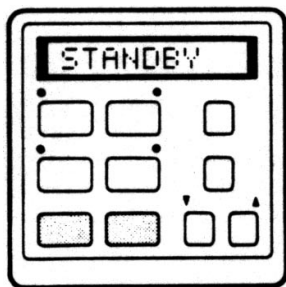
### Wind Trim (Windvane Operation)

Wind Trim allows the autopilot to be supervised by apparent wind direction. The wind direction is read either:-

— From the SeaTalk bus (requires Autohelm ST 50 unit).

OR

— From an NMEA 0183 input on the control unit.



Push both red keys together to select Wind Trim and maintain the current apparent wind angle.

#### Automatic Heading

VANE 235°

Push and hold down for 1 second both red keys together to return to the previous apparent wind angle.

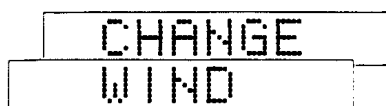
#### Previous Automatic Heading

HOG 180°  
LAST 180°



## Wind Change Alarm

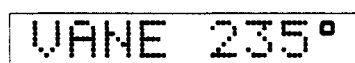
Wind Trim uses the fluxgate compass as the primary heading reference and automatically adjusts the compass heading to maintain the original apparent wind angle. If changes in apparent wind angle adjust the original automatic heading by more than 15° the wind change alarm will sound.



— The alarm is silenced by pushing both red keys together briefly.

## Display of Wind Angle

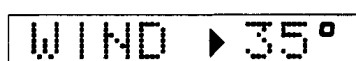
If the wind angle information is supplied using the NMEA 0183 input or SeaTalk bus, the apparent wind angle and tack sense (◀ for port, ▶ for starboard) is added to the display menu and accessed via the Display button.



DISPLAY

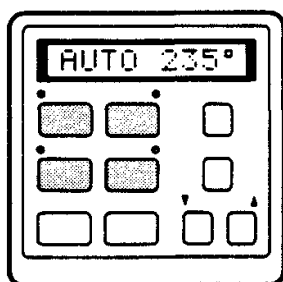


- **Apparent Wind Angle**



— The apparent Wind Angle is 35° — Starboard Tack.

- **Adjust Apparent Wind Angle**



Use the ±1 or ±10 degree buttons to change heading and hence adjust the apparent wind angle.



## Using Wind Trim

It is important to understand that "Wind Trim" prevents over-reaction to gusts or sudden wind shifts. One minute is required to change the heading in response to a permanent change in apparent wind angle. Do not attempt to override the automatic sequence with the course change buttons. In gusty conditions sail a few degrees off the wind and pay frequent attention to sail trim and helm balance using the rudder angle indication.

Performance will normally be improved by reefing headsail and mainsail a little early rather than too late.

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## 3.3 Operating Hints

### Response Level Adjustment

The ST6000 has three response levels which enable tighter course keeping to be achieved in certain cases:-

Level 1 - Automatic Sea State Control

Level 2 - Automatic Sea State Inhibit

Level 3 - Automatic Sea State Inhibit and counter rudder.

When the autopilot is switched on, the response level is set to 1. This provides the best compromise between power consumption and course keeping accuracy and is suitable for nearly all situations.

Increasing Response level provides tighter course keeping at the expense of increased power consumption and general wear and tear. It is advisable to use the minimum response level necessary to achieve the desired course keeping accuracy. On larger power vessels level 3 can improve slow speed steering where the natural yaw damping of the vessel is reduced.

**Note:** Level 3 is not recommended for use at planing speeds or in rough seas.

### Track

To make full use of Track control the following simple points should be observed:-

- Always steer the vessel to within 0.1nm of track and bring the heading to within 5° of the bearing to the next waypoint before selecting Track.
- Always check that there are no navigational hazards either side of the intended track.
- Always maintain an accurate log with regular plots to verify the computed position read from the Radio Navigation Receiver.
- Maintain a proper lookout at all times.
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### Waypoint Advance

If the navigation receiver is transmitting the waypoint number to the ST6000 the waypoint alarm will sound whenever a new target waypoint is selected (see Page 9). When the alarm is sounding the ST6000 will maintain the current heading and automatic track control is suspended. Check the displayed new bearing to waypoint and when it is safe to turn onto it, resume automatic track control by simply pushing **Track**.

This accepts the new target waypoint and will steer the vessel onto the new bearing to waypoint.

The tidal offset may be very different on the new bearing, and it is good practise to check the cross track error after a couple of minutes. If the cross track error continues to increase make a course adjustment of say 10 degrees in the direction of the arrow. This will help the Track control correct more quickly for the new tidal vector.

### Automatic Trim

If Automatic Trim has been selected during calibration the ST6000 will correct for trim changes. This correction can take up to one minute to apply the rudder offset necessary to restore the set automatic heading. Large course changes which change the apparent wind direction, can produce large trim changes. In these cases the autopilot will not immediately assume the new automatic heading, and only settle onto course when the Automatic Trim has been fully established.

To minimise the inherent time delay the following procedure may be adopted for large course changes.

- Note required new heading.
- Select **Standby** and steer manually.
- Bring vessel onto new heading.
- Select **Auto** and let vessel settle onto course.
- Bring to final course with 1° increments.

It is sound seamanship to make major course changes only whilst steering manually. In this way any obstructions or other vessels may be cleared properly and due account taken of the changed wind and sea conditions on the new heading prior to engaging the autopilot.

### Rudder Gain

The rudder gain level selected during initial sea trials will normally provide excellent steering performance over a wide range of conditions. However, it may be noticed that the autopilot tends to be a little less stable on northerly headings in the higher latitudes of the northern hemisphere (and conversely southerly headings in the southern hemisphere). This is caused by the increasing angle of dip of the earth's

magnetic field at higher latitudes which has the effect of amplifying rudder response on northerly (southerly) headings.

**Rudder Gain Adjustment (Sail)** It is not normally necessary to adjust the autopilot gain setting once the correct level has been established during initial sea trials.

Depending on the yachts individual steering characteristics a change of one level may improve course keeping accuracy when going from northerly to southerly (increase) or southerly to northerly (decrease) headings.

The effect may be judged by carrying out a sea trial in smooth water conditions and observing the results.

**Note:** The effect is reversed for the southern hemisphere.

**Rudder Gain Adjustment (Powercraft)** The tendency towards northerly (southerly) heading instability is more obvious in high speed craft and can be corrected by a reduction in the rudder gain setting. At speeds in excess of 30 knots a reduction of two levels can be required on headings between 315° and 045° (northern hemisphere) or 135° and 230° (southern hemisphere).

Two options are available to control this:-

- **Manual** (Low speed and displacement craft) The rudder gain control may change by one level when going from northerly to southerly (increase) or southerly to northerly (decrease) headings.

The effect may be judged by carrying out a sea trial in smooth water conditions and observing the results.

**Note:** The effect is reversed for the southern hemisphere.

- **Autoadapt** (High speed planing craft) The ST6000 can be set to automatically reduce the effects of Northerly heading instability. This feature is selected in calibration mode by entering the Latitude (see Installation Handbook, Calibration, section on 'Auto Adapt'). When selected the ST6000 automatically adjusts the Rudder Gain depending on the compass heading, removing the need for manual adjustment.

## Rudder Gain/Speed Adjustment (Powercraft)

High speed planing craft exhibit very different steering characteristics when on and off the plane. As a result it is generally necessary to adjust the Rudder Gain setting when going from displacement speed to planing speed or vice versa. Two options are available to achieve this:-

- **Automatic**

When the ST 6000 is used with an Autohelm ST50 Speed Instrument or Tridata. Rudder Gain is adjusted automatically with boat speed. There should be no need for any manual adjustment.

- **Manual**

(No ST50 Speed/Tridata) The Rudder Gain setting may be increased by one or two levels when dropping from planing speed to cruise speed and decreased by the same amount when returning to planing speeds,

**Note:** It is important to make the gain adjustment after dropping to displacement speed and before returning to planing speed.

**Note:** The adjustment of Gain with boat speed is normally only required for high speed planing powercraft.

### Unsatisfactory Steering Performance

If the ST6000 has been installed and set up in accordance with the instructions in the Installation Manual it will provide excellent steering performance over a wide range of conditions.

If performance drops but the autopilot is still working correctly, the following simple checks should find the fault:-

- Has a magnetic influence been introduced near the fluxgate compass? i.e. anchor, chain, radio equipment, loudspeaker, tools. generator etc. Check that the autopilot compass heading still corresponds with the steering compass.
- Are all fuses intact, circuit breakers engaged?
- Are all screw connections tight and free of corrosion.

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- If the autopilot fails to hold course check the Rudder Gain level. Has it been changed from the initial sea trials level (check in Installation Manual)?
- If the vessel wanders check that the Rudder Reference Transducer linkage is secure with no free play.  
Hydraulic Drive Units only:-
- Check that all unions are tight and bleed system to remove air.

### Failure of Drive Unit to Disengage

The mechanical drive actuators of the ST6000 are designed to fail Safe1 - When power is disconnected the drive unit will disengage leaving the steering system free for manual control.

When Standby is selected the actuator will Disengage leaving the steering free.

It is remotely possible that a fault could develop which could cause the actuator to remain engaged even when Standby is selected. If this happens:-

- DISCONNECT THE MAIN CIRCUIT BREAKER TO THE AUTOPILOT - THE STEERING WILL IMMEDIATELY BE FREE, or
- IN AN EMERGENCY THE ACTUATOR CLUTCH CAN NORMALLY BE OVERRIDDEN BY TURNING THE STEERING WHEEL HARD.

It is emphasised that this fault is extremely unlikely and can be immediately corrected as described.

If preferred a separate **Override** switch can be fitted close to the steering position which will break the actuator clutch drive for **Emergency Use**.

### Stern Drive Actuator

(Manual Override Option)

Manual override is selected during calibration using the **Auto Release** option. It must only be used on installations fitted with the stern drive actuator. When it has been selected, the ST6000 can be overridden to allow hand steering by turning the steering wheel. This will return the ST6000 to **Standby** and sound the control unit buzzer for 10 seconds. There is a slight delay before the ST6000 will return to Standby. **Excessive force is not required and will not reduce this delay.**

With the ST6000 in **Auto** and clear of obstruction turn the steering wheel to observe the manual override. Repeat two or three times until you are confident with its operation.

**The manual override is intended for emergency use only. The ST6000 should normally be disengaged by pushing the Standby button on the control unit.**

## 3.4 Calibration

### Recommended Settings

As supplied the ST6000 can be switched on and tested safely without any adjustments to the factory calibration settings.

The table below lists the suggested settings for sailing and power displacement and planing power vessels. These will provide good performance for initial sea trials and can be fine tuned later to optimise performance.

|                                  | Vessel Type                    |                   |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
|                                  | Displacement<br>Factory preset | Planing<br>Set to |
| Rudder Gain<br>(level)           | 5                              | 2                 |
| Rate Gain<br>(level)             | 2                              | 1                 |
| Rudder Angle<br>Limit (degrees)  | 30                             | 30                |
| Turn Rate Limit<br>(degrees/sec) | 20                             | 5                 |
| Cruise Speed<br>(knots)          | 8                              | 25                |
| Off Course<br>Alarm (degrees)    | 20                             | 20                |
| Trim Level                       | 1                              | 1                 |
| Auto Adapt                       | OFF                            | ON                |

|  | Autopilot Drive Unit Type       |                          |                     |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
|  | Mechanical<br>Factory<br>preset | Stern<br>Drive<br>Set to | Hydraulic<br>Set to |
| Drive Type   | 3                               | 3                        | 4                   |
| Rudder<br>Position<br>Deadband<br>(level) See<br>3.8 | 1                               | 1                        | 1                   |
| Auto<br>Release                                      | OFF                             | ON                       | OFF                 |

Selecting and Exiting from Calibration Mode

To select calibration mode:-

- Push **Standby**.
- Push and hold down for 2 seconds, **Track** and **Display** together.

CAL ?

- Repeat push and hold down for 2 seconds, **Track** and **Display** together to enter calibration mode.

CAL Cal.

To exit calibration mode at any point;

a) **Saving** any changes made:-

- Push and hold down for 2 seconds, **Track** and **Display** together.

STANDBY

b) **Ignoring** any changes made:-

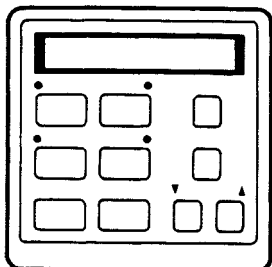
- Push **Standby**.

STANDBY

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## 3.4.1 Adjusting Calibration

In calibration mode, the Display button is used to scroll through the menu. The displayed value is adjusted using the Response buttons (hold button down for fast scroll).



CAL Cal.

DISPLAY



- Rudder Gain, levels 1 to 9, (see 5.6)

RUDDER 5 Cal.

DISPLAY



- Rate Gain, levels 1 to 9, (see 5.7) (Counter Rudder).

RATE 4 Cal.

DISPLAY



- Rudder Angle Limit, 15° to 40° (see 3.6).

LIMIT 26° Cal.  
RUDDER 26° Cal.

DISPLAY



- Rate of Turn Limit, 5° to 20°/sec.

LIMIT 20° Cal.  
TURN 20° Cal.

DISPLAY



- Cruise Speed, for Track mode operation, 4 to 60 knots.

SPEED 6 Cal.  
CRUISE 6 Cal.

DISPLAY



- Off-Course Alarm, 15° to 40° angle.

COURSE 20° Cal.  
OFF 20° Cal.

DISPLAY



- Automatic Trim, (see 5.4).

TRIM 1 Cal.

0 = OFF

1 = ON

DISPLAY



- Remote Control Identifier. (For Future Use).

REMOTE 1 Cal.

DISPLAY



Autopilot Drive Unit Type.

DRIVE 3 Cal.

- 1 = Future Use
- 2 = Future Use
- 3 = Mechanical with Rudder Reference
- 4 = Hydraulic with Rudder Reference

DISPLAY



- Rudder Position Deadband (levels 1 to 9), (See 3.7).

DAMPING 5 Cal.  
RUDDER 5 Cal.

DISPLAY



- Northerly/Southerly Heading Instability

ADAPT OFF Cal.  
AUTO OFF Cal.

Select Hemisphere

- N (North)
- S (South)

DISPLAY



LAT N 0° Cal.

Enter Local Latitude using Response Keys. Atypical display in the Northern Hemisphere would be:

LAT N 50° Cal.

and in the Southern Hemisphere.

LAT S 35° Cal.

- Auto Release (see 3.8).

AUTO 0 Cal.  
RELEASED Cal.

- 0 = OFF
- 1 = ON

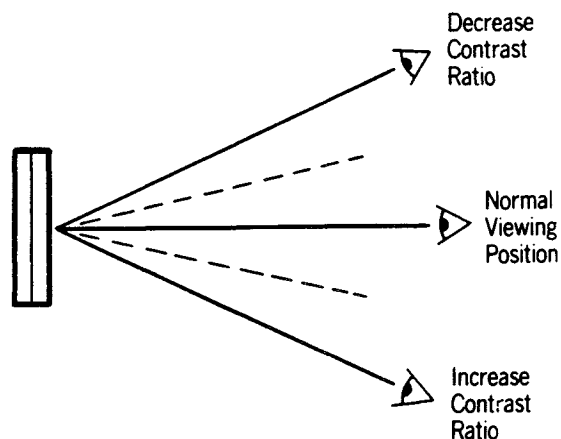
The Auto Release facility is designed to provide Emergency Manual Override when used with the Autohelm Stern Drive Actuator.

For all other Drive Systems Auto Release must be selected "OFF" (0).

### 3.4.2 Display Contrast Adjustment

The LCD Contrast can be adjusted to suit a wide range of control unit viewing angles.

- Push display and track together momentarily.
- Push response ▲ to increase contrast (suits viewing from below),
- Push response ▼ to decrease contrast (suits viewing from above).
- Adjust the display for optimum viewing.
- Push display and track together momentarily to store selection and return to previous operating mode.

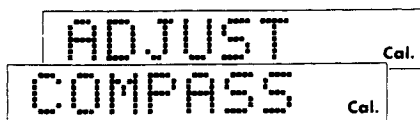


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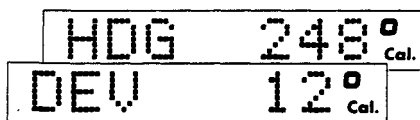
## 3.5 Automatic Deviation Correction

The ST6000 will correct the fluxgate compass for operation in most deviating magnetic fields. This should be carried out in calm conditions preferably in flat water.

- To select compass adjust **Push** and hold **Standby** for 1 second.



Keeping boat speed below 2 knots, turn the vessel slowly so that it takes at least 3 minutes to complete 360°. Keep turning until control unit beeps, and the display changes to show the amount of deviation the autopilot has corrected:-



**Note:** If the amount exceeds 15°, it is recommended the fluxgate should be re-sited.

- Use the course change buttons to adjust the displayed heading until it agrees with the steering compass or a known transit bearing.

**Note:** 000° is always followed by OFF. This will suppress the display of compass and automatic headings on the control unit.

- To exit compass adjust and store the compass settings push and hold **Standby** for 1 second.
- To exit compass adjust without saving any new settings push **Standby** momentarily.



## 4. Common system problems

| Problem                    | Cause | Solutions |
|----------------------------|-------|-----------|
| To be updated as necessary |       |           |
|                            |       | “         |
|                            |       | “         |
|                            |       | “         |
|                            |       | “         |

## 5. Track control interfacing

In most cases interfacing the ST6000 to either a GPS, Decca, Loran or Satellite Navigation system is a simple and straight forward task so long as the requirements set out in section 6 of the installation manual are met. There are however a few exceptions.

### 5.1 Inverted Data

Some receivers, notably some of the Furuno range and early Navstar models, transmit data in an inverted format with respect to 5V. This is easily seen as the data line will idle high with respect to 0V in between data transmissions. In these cases the NMEA cable on the rear of the control unit must be wired with the red wire connected to 5V (this is normally available on the receiver terminal block), and the blue wire connected to the data line.

### 5.2 Conversion of Units.

All data containing units of distance will be converted to Nautical miles by the Control Unit. Therefore any receivers displaying Cross Track Error or Distance To Waypoint in either Kilometres or Statute miles etc will have their data displayed on the control unit in Nautical miles.

### 5.3 Alarm Messages

Track mode has 3 alarm messages:-

1. No data     If a standard NMEA sentence is not received by the ST6000
2. Data error   The ST6000 has recognised the incoming data as NMEA but has detected an invalid flag. This is normally due to poor signal strength at the receiver.
3. Large XTE   Cross track error greater than 0.3NM.

Errors 1 and 2 can provide valuable information as to where an installation problem might lie. The 'No data' message indicates the ST6000 is not receiving NMEA data and carries a high probability of a wiring error between the receiver and the pilot. The 'data error'

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message indicates the ST6000 is receiving data recognised as NMEA but has an invalid flag set. This is normally due to the receiver having a low signal strength or a high noise figure.

### 5.4 Autohelm 6000 NMEA 0183 data input format

The 6000 must receive Cross Track Error data at least once every 30 seconds.

If a display of Waypoint Bearing, Distance or Number or the Waypoint advance facility is required then this information must be received at least once every 30 seconds.

All NMEA data is read into a buffer thus enabling the 6000 to cope with delays between characters and delays between sentences.

All Talker identifier characters, ie RA, DE, LC etc. are ignored allowing interface with any type of equipment so long as the sentence type is one of the following :-

Apparent wind speed and angle can be received from any external equipment transmitting the N.M.E.A VWR header. The ST6000 will only display apparent wind angle but will convert and retransmit both apparent wind speed and direction on the seataalk bus. This information can then be displayed on an ST50 wind instrument acting as a repeater.

| <b>Track Control</b> | <b>Bearing to Waypoint</b> | <b>Distance to Waypoint</b> | <b>Waypoint Number</b> | <b>Apparent Wind Speed and Direction</b> |
|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|--|
| XTE                  | APB                        | WDR                         | APB                    | VWR                                      |
| XTR                  | BPI                        | WDC                         | APA                    |  |
| APA                  | BWR                        | BPI                         | BPI                    |  |
| APB                  | BWC                        | BWR                         | BWR                    |  |
| RMB                  | BER                        | BWC                         | WDR                    |  |
|                      | BEC                        | BER                         | BWC                    |  |
|                      | RMB                        | BEC                         | WDC                    |  |
|                      |                            | RMB                         | RMB                    |  |
|                      |                            |                             | BOD                    |  |
|                      |                            |                             | WCV                    |  |
|                      |                            |                             | BER                    |  |
|                      |                            |                             | BEC                    |  |

## **6. Special Functions**

### **6.1 Display of Software Version**

It is possible to display the version number of both course computer and control unit software installed in a particular system. This is achieved by pressing both the +10 and -10 keys together for 2 seconds and releasing the display will show the control unit version (65 followed by version number) for 10 seconds followed by the course computer version (66 followed by version number). The pilot must be in standby mode at the time. Each version is displayed for 10 seconds before the pilot reverts back to standby. A software history for each product is shown in the relevant service sections.

### **6.2 Permanent Watch Alarm Mode**

The ST6000 autopilot can be set up with a permanent watch alarm mode, as required by the Sea Fish Industry authority (SFIA).

**It must be stressed that the selection of this mode is permanent and can only be reversed by returning the course computer to Nautech.**

Permanent watch alarm is achieved by first entering the calibration menu. Once in calibration, regardless of display message, press the Auto, Standby, and Track keys together for 1 second before releasing. The display will now show 'SELECT WATCH'. The user now has 10 seconds to select permanent watch alarm mode by again pressing Auto, Standby and Track together for 1 second. The display will then show 'WATCH ON1' for 10 seconds before reverting back to 'CAL1'. A normal exit from calibration mode must now be executed.

### **6.3 Display Test Mode**

All display segments on the control unit can be switched on by pressing the +10, -10, Standby and Display keys together. This mode can only be accessed after the unit has been powered up with the yellow data wire open circuit.

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## 7. Service visit to a vessel

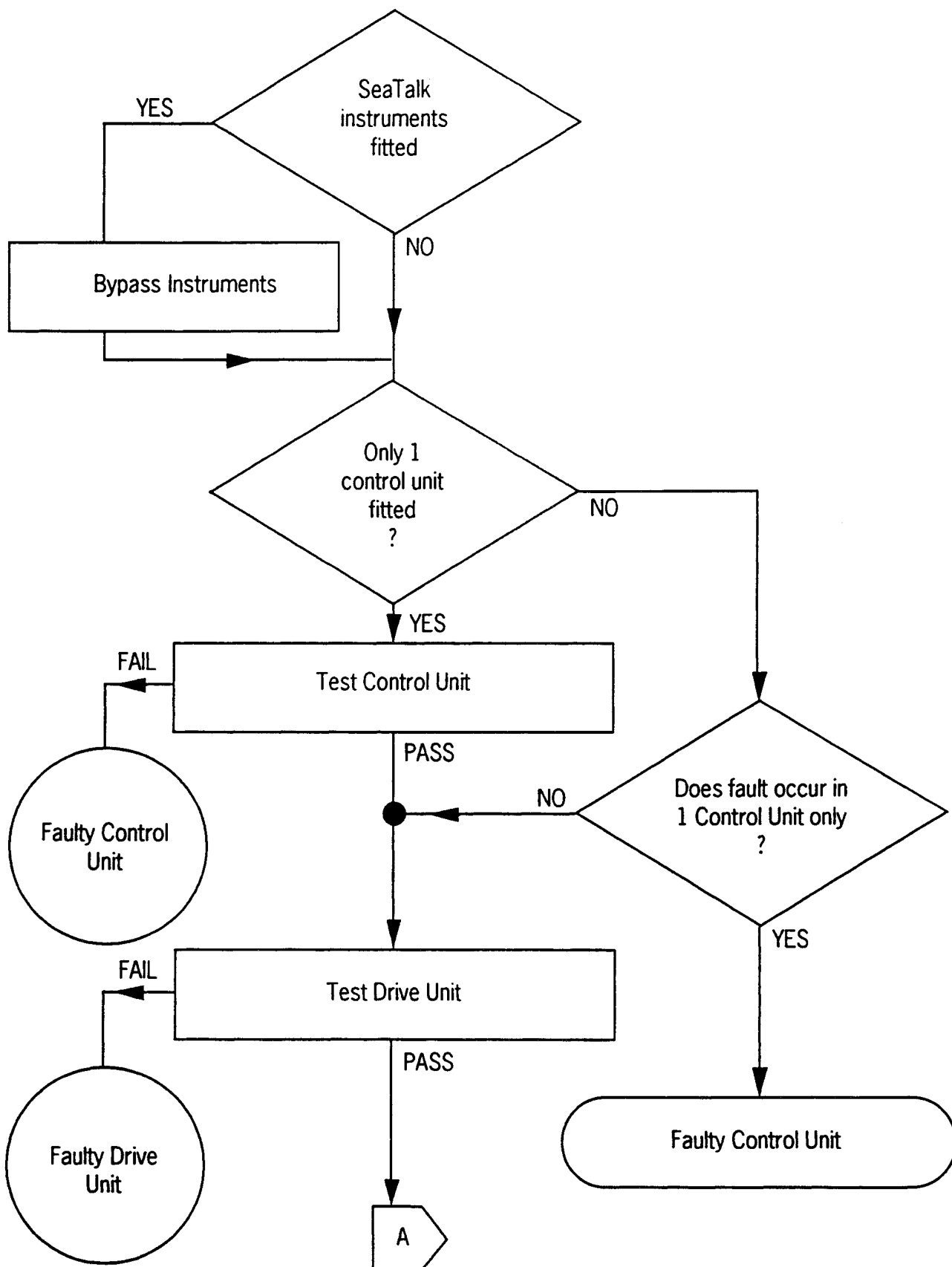
When a service visit to a vessel is made the most common fault encountered is likely to be poor connections or inadequate power supplies. These should be thoroughly checked before the service visit diagnostic procedure is carried out. When trying to locate a fault it should be remembered that most failures will occur in the Course Computer with the Control Units as the next most likely.

It should be noted that the calibration variables and auto deviation correction will require re-setting if either the course computer, its PCB or its Software are exchanged. Similarly if the Control Unit PCB is exchanged the display contrast will require re-setting. Procedures for carrying out both these operations are given in section 3.

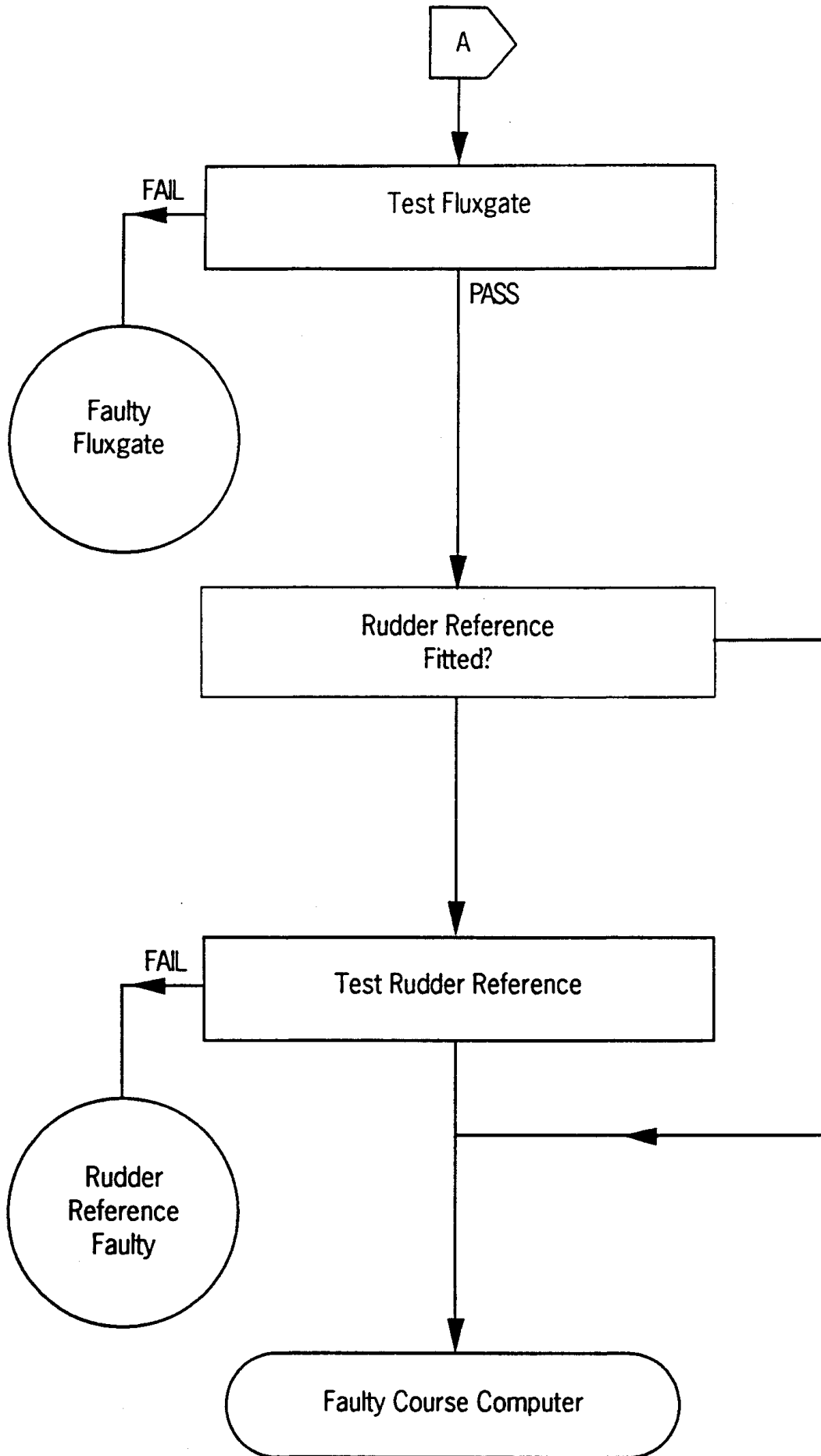
Always note the course computer calibration settings before removing from the vessel.

## 7.1 Service Visit - Diagnostic Procedure

On arrival check for bad connections and for inadequate power supplies. If the system still exhibits a fault, then use the diagnostic procedure outlined below.



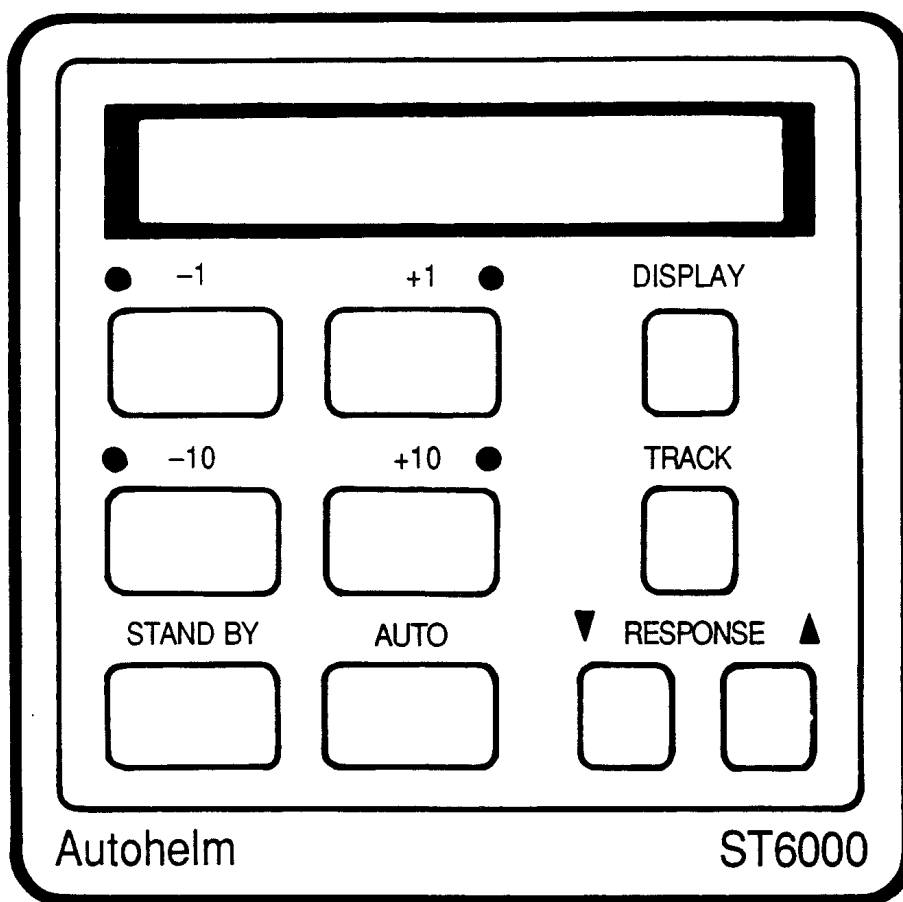
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## 1. Description

The Z124 control unit is Seatalk compatible and consists of a single PCB built using surface mount technology. The unit can be functionally tested (figure 3) without the use of special equipment other than a seatalk cable with a seatalk plug at one end and bared cores at the other.

If a control unit or its PCB are replaced the display contrast will require re-setting. This should be carried out aboard the vessel following the instructions given in section 3.

## 2. Dismantling

After removing the unit from the boat and returning to the service centre. Place face down on a clean, light foam surface. Preferably conductive.

1. Unscrew and remove the 4 case securing screws from the rear cover. Push each cable loom assembly back through its grommet so as to obtain working clearance to the PCB (fig 1)

Note: if cables are very tight in grommets apply a small smear of silicon grease to outer sheath, (grease can be wiped off after reassembly).

If removing the PCB assembly it will be necessary to de-solder the cables from the PCB. Great care should be exercised when de-soldering so as not to damage the pads on the PCB.

2. Unscrew and remove the 9 screws which secure the PCB to the fascia.

Note: Do not at this stage remove the screws which secure the LCD assembly to the PCB. Refer to figure 1 to clarify which screws to remove.

3. Before removing the LCD ensure that lint free and preferably anti static finger cots are worn to prevent the LCD or elastomers getting dirty or greasy.

4. Unscrew and remove the 3 LCD housing retaining screws (fig 1). Be careful to hold the LCD surround, LCD, and diffuser when dismantling. Lift away from the PCB and store.

## 3. Re-assembly

Re-assembly is a straight reversal of the above procedure but note the following points:-

1. Ensure the LCD is correctly orientated relative to the PCB (fig 1).

2. Ensure the diffuser is correctly orientated relative to the LCD and PCB (fig 1).

3. Note the correct orientation of the various looms and core colours to the PCB pads (fig 1).

4. Ensure that the board is tightened down sequentially to ensure the load is evenly spread.

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5. Pull the loom assemblies back through the grommets when lowering the cover to ensure that the cables do not bunch up inside the cover and foul the PCB on re-assembly.
6. Refit the cover.
7. Re-check for full function after re-assembly to check the LCD has not been damaged or looms incorrectly soldered. Adjust LCD contrast if necessary.

### 4. Display Contrast adjustment

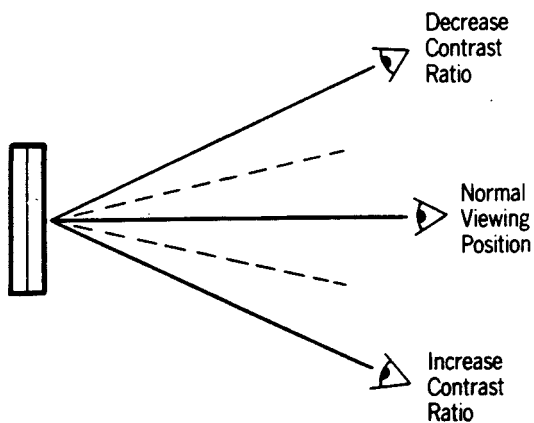
The LCD Contrast can be adjusted to suit a wide range of control unit viewing angles. Push display and track together momentarily.

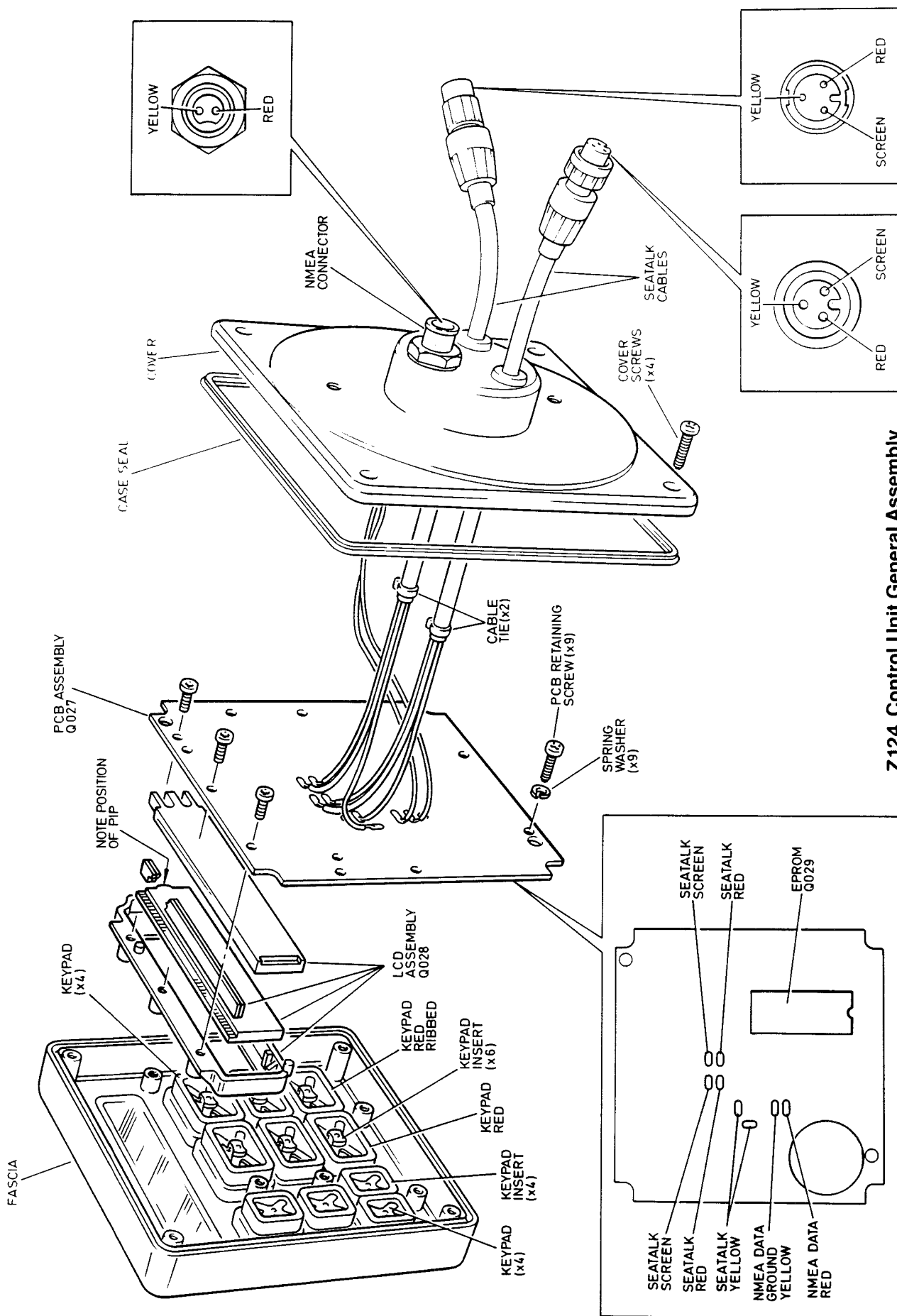
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Push response ▼ to decrease contrast (suits viewing from above).

Adjust the display for optimum viewing.

Push display and track together momentarily to store selection and return to previous operating mode.



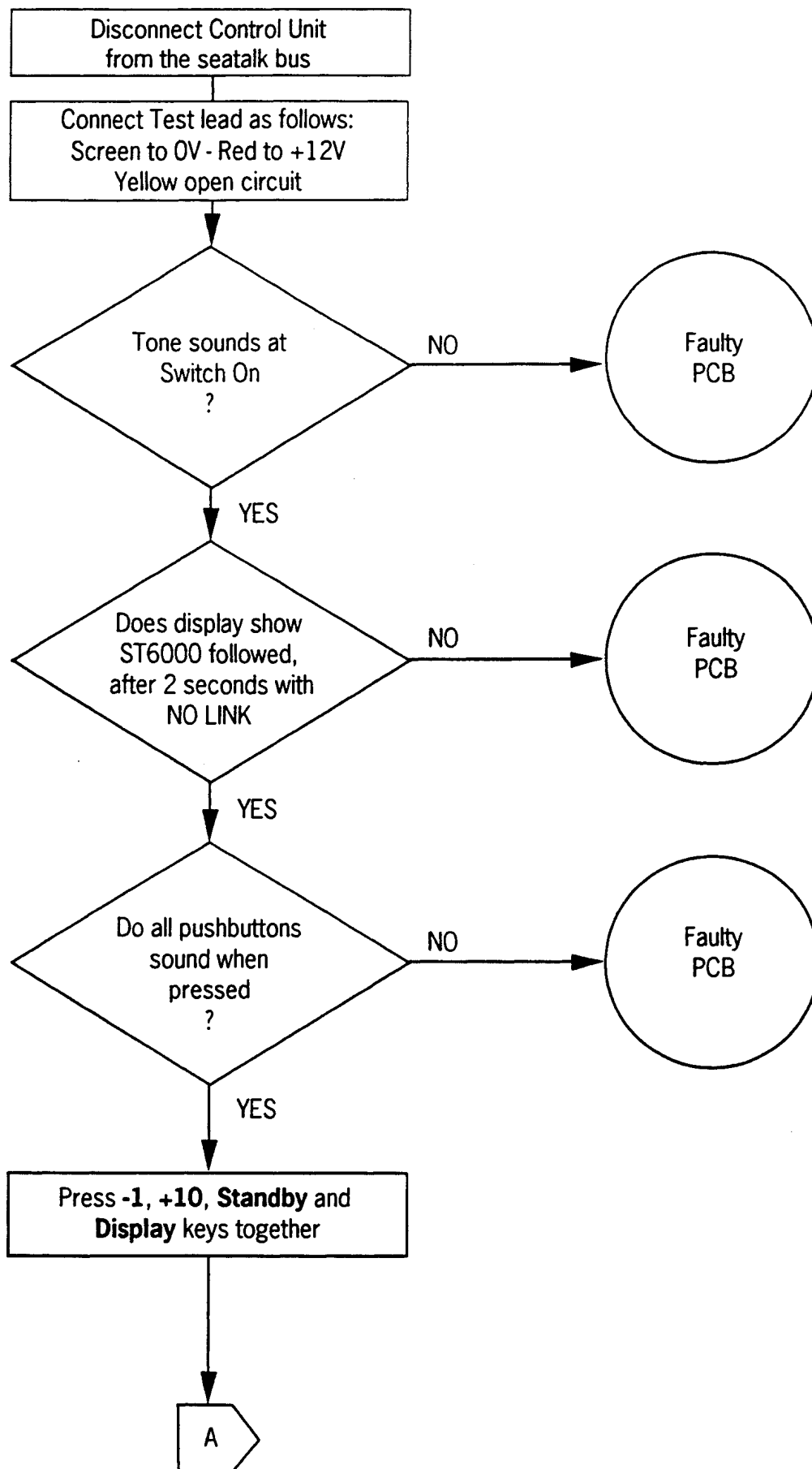


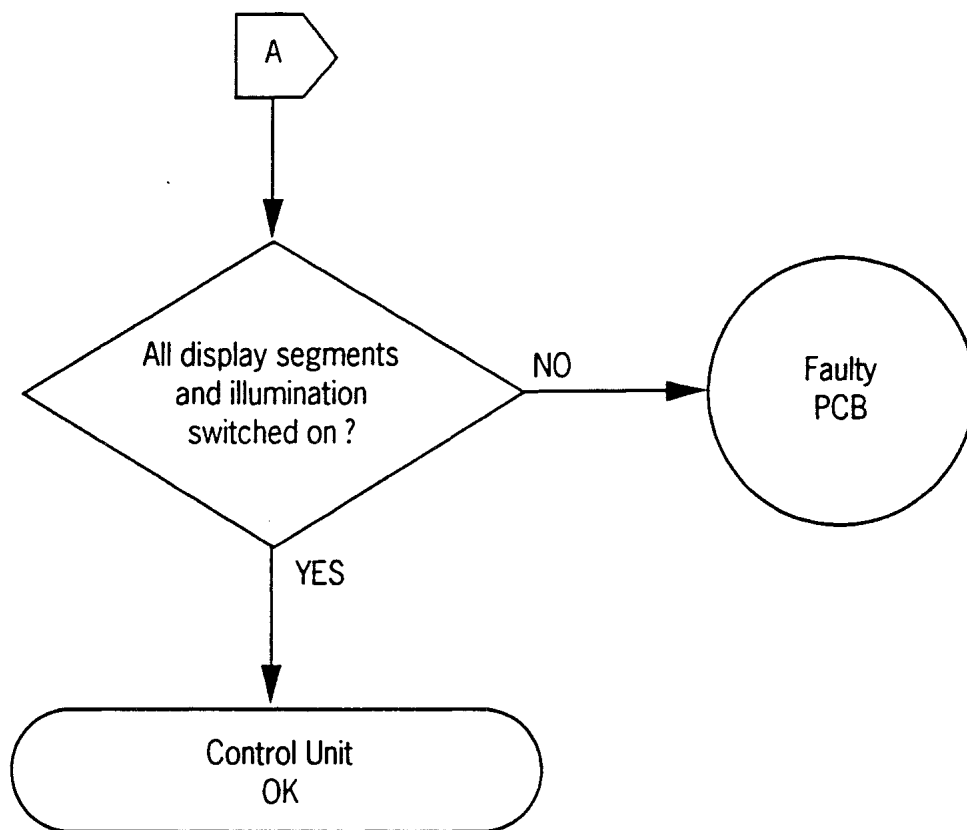
Z124 Control Unit General Assembly

Fig. 1.

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## 4. Z124 Control Unit Functional Test





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## 5. Product History - Control Unit (2124)

| Change | Serial number | Comments         |
|--------|---------------|------------------|
|        | 030001        | production start |

## 6. Software History - Control Unit (Z124)

| Version | Change         | Serial No |
|---------|----------------|-----------|
| 65E     | Product launch | 030001    |

## 7. Spares numbers - Control unit (Z124)

| Item                     | Catalogue no | Comments                                   |
|--------------------------|--------------|--|
| Double skin mounting kit | Q003         | allows fixing to up to 4" thick bulk heads |
| PCB assembly             | Q027         |  |
| LCD                      | Q028         |  |
| Protective cover         | D123         |  |

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## 1. Control Unit PCB Circuit description

Fig. 4. Circuit Diagram

Fig. 5. PCB Assembly/Parts List

### 1.1 Power supply

Incoming power is routed to the PCB via PL1 and SKT1. DI and D2 protect against reverse connection of the supply. IC1 is a 5v regulator and can also reset the microprocessor, via TR1, should the supply voltage fall below 6V.

### 1.2 Microprocessor and program memory

IC6 is an Intel 80C32 microprocessor. It can access up to 32k bytes of program memory (IC5) via the latch IC4. A clock signal for the microprocessor is provided by an 11MHz ceramic resonator (XL1), and associated capacitors C15 and C16. Capacitors C17, C18 and C19 provide decoupling.

### 1.3 LCD and Display driver

The LCD is a Nautech custom part. The display is driven by a Hitachi Led driver (IC3) deriving its drive voltages from resistor chain R27-R30 and VR1. Communication to the microprocessor is via a 4 bit parallel bus (DB4 to DB7) and the three control lines E,R/W and RS. Capacitors C8 and C10 provide decoupling and resistor R26 the clock signal for IC3.

### 1.4 Negative Rail Generator

A negative voltage rail is required by the LCD display and is generated by a switching regulator formed by TR6,D5 and D6. A 4.8kHz waveform is generated from the microprocessor P3.4 (pin no. 16). This drives a charge pump, via transistor TR16, pumping charge from C20 via D6 to C21. The negative rail is then stabilised by D5 and R49.

### 1.5 N.M.E.A Interface

NMEA data is fed to the control unit via PL2 and isolated from the rest of the circuit using the opto-isolator (IC7). Diode D3 provides input reverse connection protection and resistor R15 is tuned to give the desired bandwidth of operation. The output from IC7 is connected to the microprocessor Port P3.2 (pin 14). Capacitor C7 provides decoupling.

### 1.6 Seatalk Bus Transmit and Receive

Seatalk transmit and receive circuitry consists of TR9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 and their associated components. Data transmission is at 4800 baud with a low start bit and line idling high. TR9 and TR13 provide high and low output respectively, whilst TR14 and R45/46 give overload protection to Tr13 in the event of misconnection. TR10 and TR11 allow the microprocessor to monitor its own transmissions and also to receive data from other units on the bus.

### 1.7 Keypad operation

The 10 button keypad is interfaced to the microprocessor via 2 dual input multiplexer IC's.



Each key is read in turn when the relevant channel is selected via pins p3.5 and p3.6.

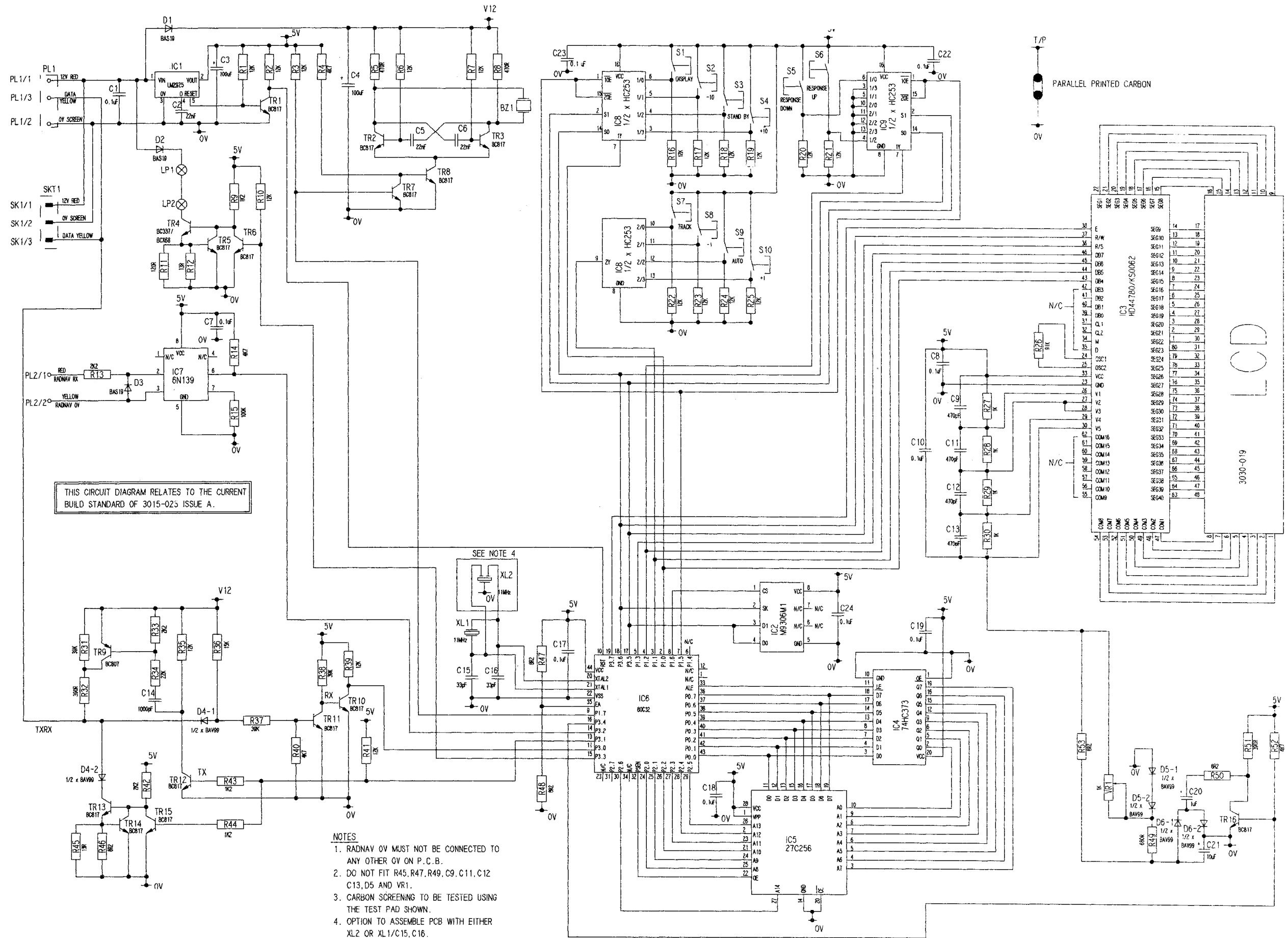
### **1.8 Buzzer Operation**

TR2 and TR3 are configured as an astable multivibrator with a nominal frequency of 2.7kHz. TR7 and 8 are used to switch the buzzer with TR7 acting as an inverter to turn the buzzer off during a microprocessor reset.

### **1.9 Illumination Drive**

TR10, 12 and 16 provide a constant current drive for lamps LP1 and LP2. The current is set by resistors R11 and R12. TR6 is an inverting buffer to turn off the lights during a microprocessor reset. Illumination level's are given by pulse width modulation of drive line P3.3 (pin 15).

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- NOTES**
1. RADNAV 0V MUST NOT BE CONNECTED TO ANY OTHER 0V ON P.C.B.
  2. DO NOT FIT R45, R47, R49, C9, C11, C12, C13, D5 AND VR1.
  3. CARBON SCREENING TO BE TESTED USING THE TEST PAD SHOWN.
  4. OPTION TO ASSEMBLE PCB WITH EITHER XL2 OR XL1/C15, C16.  
XL2 IS THE PREFERRED OPTION.

**ST6000 (Z124) Control Unit Circuit Diagram**

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NOTES

1. ALL SURFACE MOUNT CAPACITORS AND RESISTORS TO HAVE NICKEL BARRIER SOLDER PLATED TERMINATIONS.
2. ITEM 47 (15085) & ITEM 49 (15127) TO LIE FLAT ON PCB.
3. DO NOT FIT COMPONENTS R45,R47,R49,C9,C11 C12,C13,D5 AND VR1.
4. OPTION TO ASSEMBLE PCB WITH EITHER XL2 OR XL1/C15.C16.  
XL2 IS THE PREFERRED OPTION
5. THIS ITEMS LIST HAS NOT BEEN RATIONALISED FOR 'IN HOUSE' BUILD. ITEMS 93041000P.91051K AND 91061K2 ARE NON PREFERRED SURFACE MOUNT COMPONENTS.

|       |             |     |   |                                    |
|-------|-------------|-----|---|------------------------------------|
| 47    | 15127       | 1   | CERAMIC RESONATOR (CERALOCK) BUILT IN LOAD CAPACITANCE CST 11.0MT (3PINS)                 | XL2                                |
|       | OR          |     |   |                                    |
| 46    | 93033P      | 2   | 0805 CAPACITOR 33pF ±5% 50V COG   | C15,C16                            |
|       | &           |     |   |                                    |
| 45    | 15085       | 1   | CERAMIC RESONATOR 11MHz (CSA 11.0MT) XL1  |                                    |
|       | EITHER      |     |   |                                    |
|       | AND         |     |   |                                    |
| 44    | 9408HD44780 | 1   | LCD DISPLAY DRIVER HD44780 (HITACHI) OR KS0062 (SAMSUNG) IC3                              |                                    |
|       |             | 1   | AND   |                                    |
| 43    | 05018       | 1   | TRANSISTOR BC337 NPN (TO BE ASSEMBLED WITH TR4 MAXIMUM LEAD LENGTH OF 4MM)                |                                    |
|       | OR          |     |   |                                    |
| 42    | 9501BCX68   | 1   | TRANSISTOR SOT 89 BCX68 NPN   | TR4                                |
|       | EITHER      |     |   |                                    |
|       | PLUS        |     |   |                                    |
| 41    | 940274253   | 2   | HCMOS (DUAL 4 TO 1 MULTIPLEXER) 74HC253 IC8, IC9  |                                    |
| 40    | 94036N139   | 1   | OPTO ISOLATOR 6N139 LEADS TO BE FORMED FOR IC7 BUTT JOINT CONNECTION (ie. HPS OPTION 100) |                                    |
| 39    | 940690C32   |     | MICRO ROMLESS 80C32 12MHz PLCC  | IC6                                |
| 38    | 940374373   |     | HCMOS LATCH 74HC373   | IC4                                |
| 37    | 940093061   |     | EEPROM 16x16MB3061M (SGS) OR NATIONAL SEMICONDUCTOR IC2                                   |                                    |
| 36    | 04049       |     | VOLTAGE REGULATOR LM2925  | IC1                                |
| 35    | 9500BC807   |     | TRANSISTOR SOT 23 BC807 PNP   | TR9                                |
| 34    | 9500BC817   | 14  | TRANSISTOR SOT 23 BC817 NPN   | TR1,3,5,6,7,8,10,11,12,13,14,15,16 |
| 33    | 9200BAV99   | 2   | DIODE SOT 23 BAV99  | D4,(D5),D6                         |
| 32    | 9200BAS19   | 3   | DIODE SOT 23 BAS19  | D1,D2,D3                           |
| 31    | 93041000P   | 1   | 0805 CAPACITOR 1000pF ±10% 50V X7R  | C14                                |
| 30    | 930622N     | 3   | 1206 CAPACITOR 22µF ±5% 50V X7R   | C2,C5,C6                           |
| 29    | 93070U1     | 10  | 1206 CAPACITOR 0.1µF ±20% 50V X7R   | D1,7,8,10,17,18,19,22,23,24        |
| 28    | 9314470P    | 0   | 0805 CAPACITOR 470pF ±20% 50V X7R   | (C9,C11,C12,C13)                   |
| 27    | 931110U     | 1   | CAPACITOR SOLID TANT 10µF ±20% 6V3 (SIZE 0) C21   |                                    |
| 26    | 03063       | 2   | CAPACITOR ELECTROLYTIC 100µF ±20% 25V/MN 07.5 MAX C3,C4                                   |                                    |
| 25    | 93091U      | 1   | CAPACITOR SOLID TANT 1µF ±20% 16V (SIZE A) C20  |                                    |
| 24    | 9106100K    | 1   | 1206 RESISTOR 100K 5% 0.125W  | R15                                |
| 23    | 91051K      | 4   | 1206 RESISTOR 1K 0.2% 0.125W  | R27,R28,R29,R30                    |
| 22    | 9106680R    | 0   | 1206 RESISTOR 680R 5% 0.125W  | (R49)                              |
| 21    | 9106120R    | 1   | 1206 RESISTOR 120R 5% 0.125W  | R11                                |
| 20    | 910691K     | 1   | 1206 RESISTOR 91K 2% 0.125W   | R26                                |
| 19    | 91068R2     | 4   | 1206 RESISTOR 8R2 5% 0.125W   | R46,(R47),R48,R50,R53              |
| 18    | 910639K     | 3   | 1206 RESISTOR 39K 5% 0.125W   | R31,R37,R38                        |
| 17    | 910622K     | 1   | 1206 RESISTOR 22K 5% 0.125W   | R34                                |
| 16    | 910615K     | 1   | 1206 RESISTOR 15K 5% 0.125W   | R36                                |
| 15    | 910612K     | 19  | 1206 RESISTOR 12K 5% 0.125W R1,2,3,6,7,10,16,17,18,19,21,22,23,24,25,35,39,41             |                                    |
| 14    | 91064K7     | 4   | 1206 RESISTOR 4K7 5% 0.125W   | R4,R14,R40,R52                     |
| 13    | 91062K2     | 3   | 1206 RESISTOR 2K2 5% 0.125W   | R13,R33,R42                        |
| 12    | 91061K2     | 3   | 1206 RESISTOR 1K2 5% 0.125W   | R9,R43,R44                         |
| 11    | 9106470R    | 2   | 1206 RESISTOR 470R 5% 0.125W  | R5P8                               |
| 10    | 9106390R    | 2   | 1206 RESISTOR 390R 5% 0.125W  | R32,R51                            |
| 9     | 910313R     | 1   | 1206 RESISTOR 13R0 1% 0.125W  | R12,(R45)                          |
| 8     | 9107K       | 0   | CHIP TRIMMER RESISTOR 1KMURATARVG 4F03A-102VM (VR1)                                       |                                    |
| 7     | 15087       | 1   | BUZZER KBS-27DB-3T  | BZ1                                |
| 6     | 06025       | 10  | CONTACT CLICKER COOK-73470  | S1,S2,S3,S4,S5,S6,S7,S8,S9,S10     |
| 5     | 26006       | 1   | RM SCREW 1712-3507 (AVDEL)  |                                    |
| 4     | 15039       | 1   | HEAT SINK RED POINT TV58  |                                    |
| 3     | 07164       | 1   | 28 PIN SOCKET   |                                    |
| 2     | 3015-025    | 1   | 6000 CONTROL UNIT PCB DETAIL  |                                    |
| 1     | 3010-036    | 10  | CLICKER SEAL  |                                    |
| ITEMS | DRG PART N° | QTY | DESCRIPTION   |                                    |

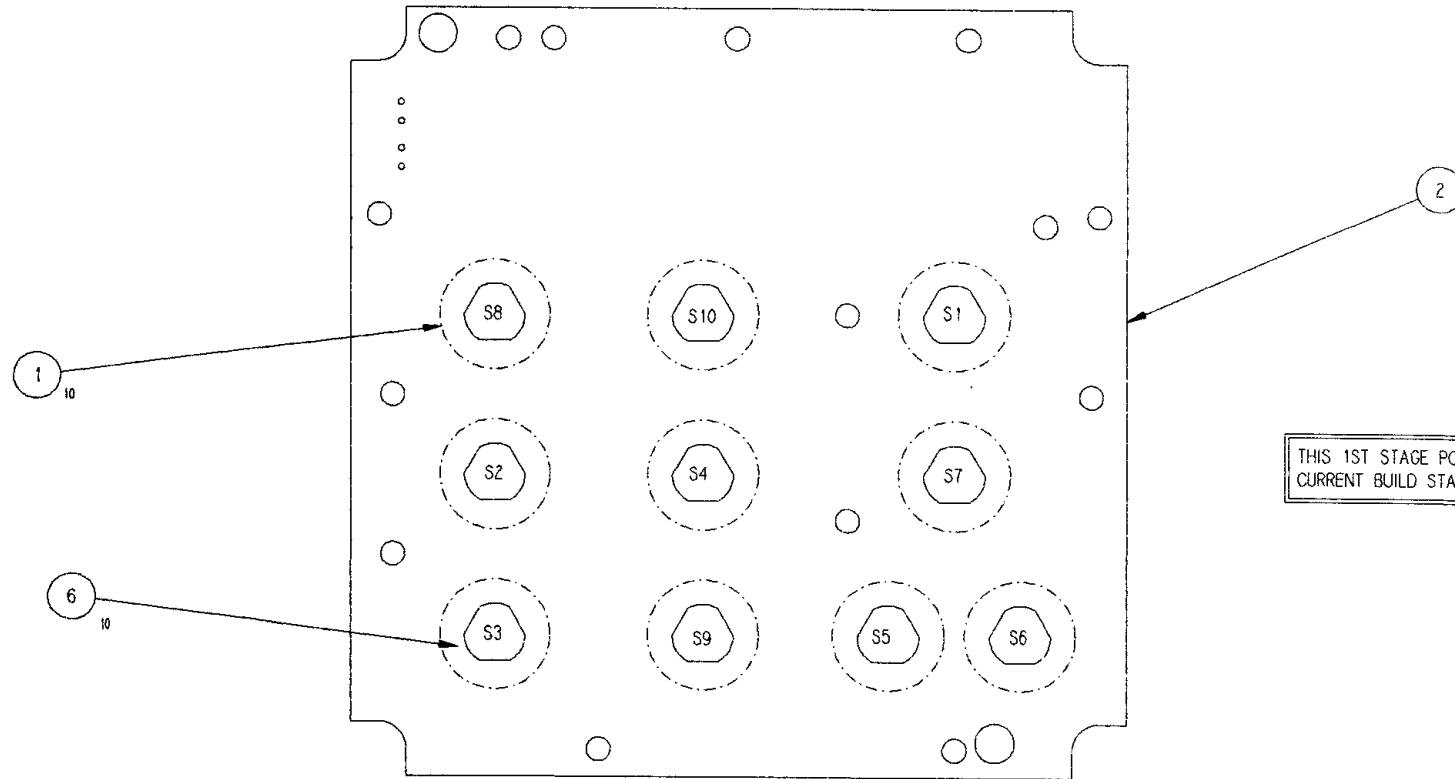
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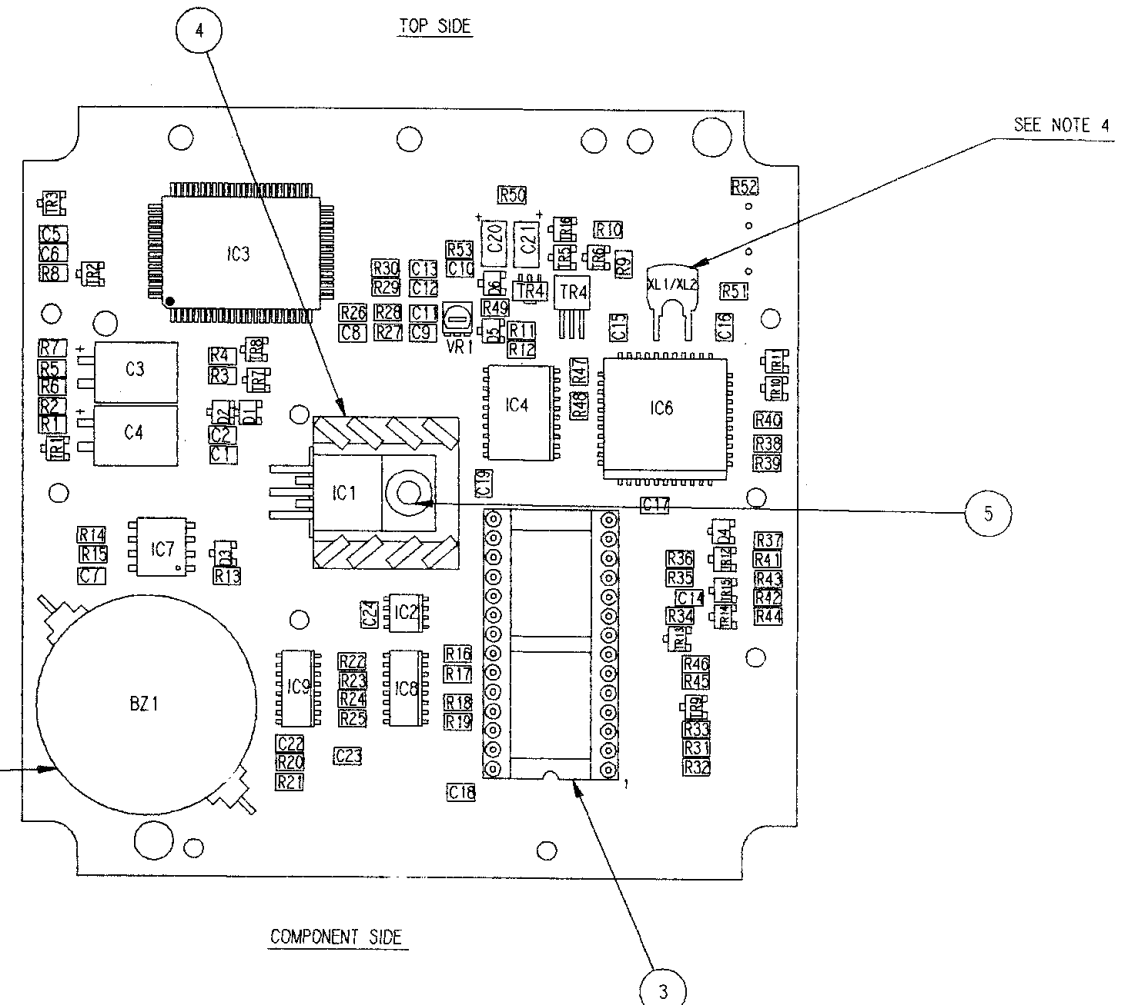
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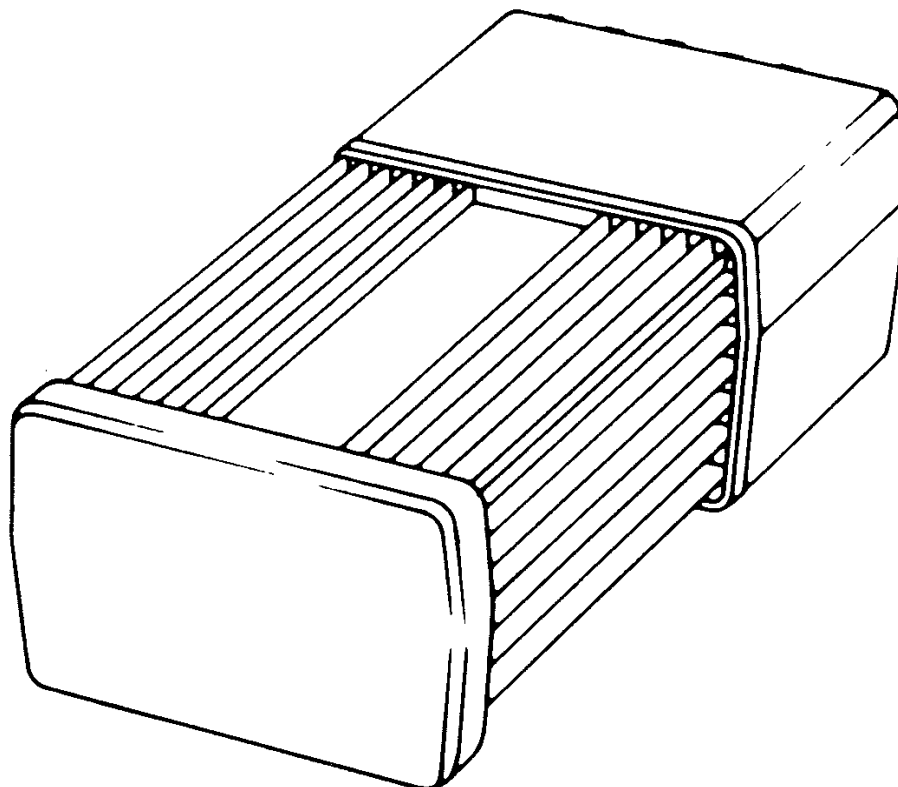


ST6000 (Z124) Control Unit PCB Assembly

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## **ST6000 Course Computer (Z123)**

### **1. Service Procedures**



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## 1. Description

The ST6000 course computer is SeaTalk compatible and consists of a single PCB containing both the course computer and power amplifier circuitry. It is built using surface mount technology and available for 12v operation only.

Note: If the course computer or its PCB are replaced, calibration values previously altered from the factory settings will require resetting. Also the Fluxgate Compass will require re-linearising (auto deviation correction). Both of these procedures are outlined in the ST6000 system section.

It is essential the cable used for the single DC supply is of adequate gauge otherwise the system may reset back to standby mode when the drive motor operates.

The table below gives a guide to cable size required. The length quoted is the total cable length from the main distribution panel to the course computer, plus the length from the course computer to the drive unit.

### Drive Unit and Power Supply Cable Size

| Cable length | Cable type | Copper area        | Cable gauge |
|--------------|------------|--------------------|-------------|
| up to 7m     | 50/0.25    | 2.5mm <sup>2</sup> | 12 awg      |
| up to 10m    | 56/0.3     | 4.0mm <sup>2</sup> | 10 awg      |
| up to 16m    | 54/0.3     | 6.0mm <sup>2</sup> | 8 awg       |

## 2. Disassembly

1. Unscrew and remove the 2 countersunk screws securing lid on terminal box section and lift off lid.
2. Unscrew and remove the 2 thumb nuts securing extrusion assembly to terminal box unit and pull extrusion assembly away from terminal box.
3. Unscrew and remove the 8 pan head screws securing both the connector cover and extrusion end cap mouldings.
4. Remove the two heatsink location screws (ensure associated nuts and washers are recovered).
5. Carefully withdraw the PCB assembly.

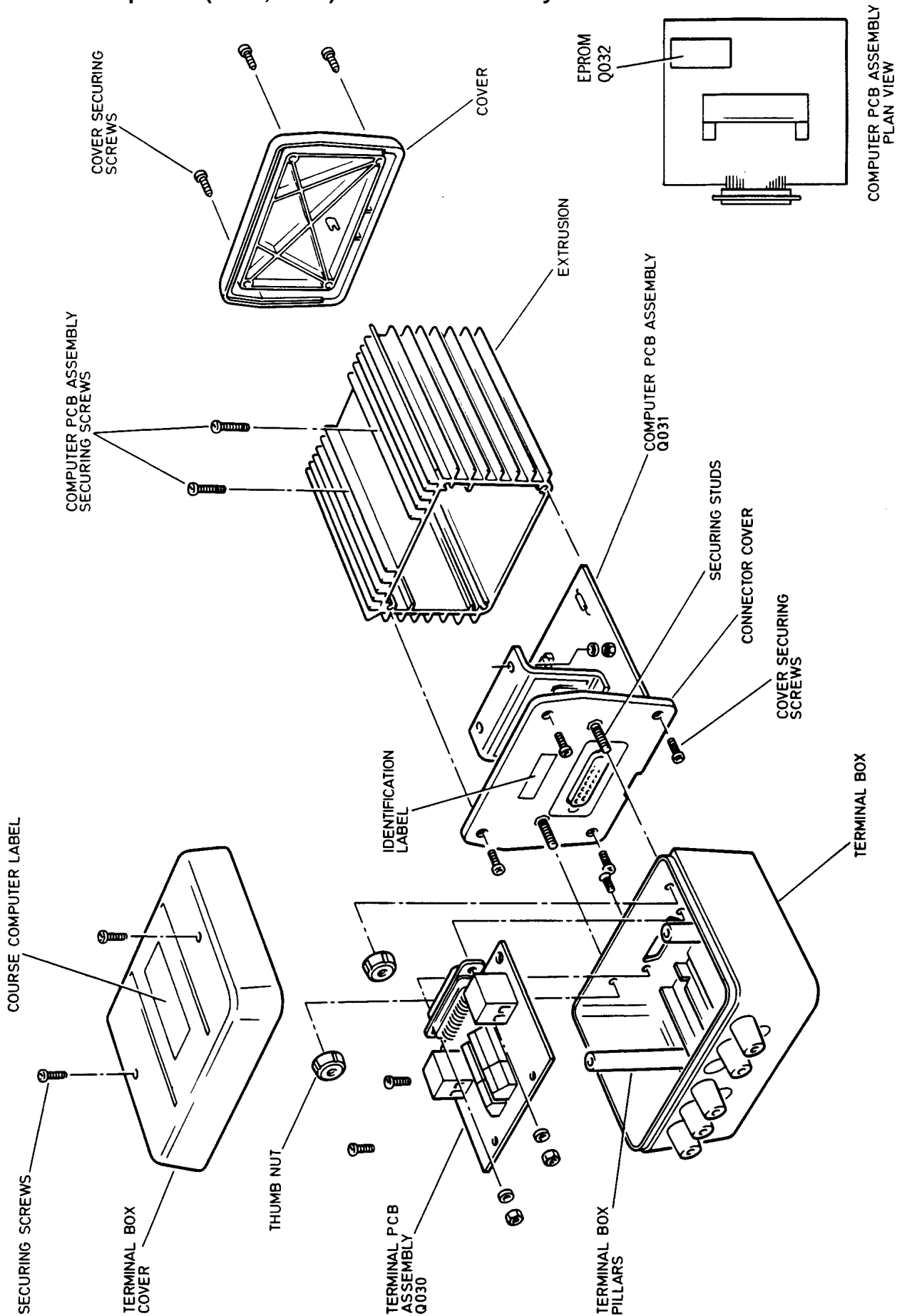
## 3. Re-assembly

In all cases re-assembly is a reversal of the dismantling procedure but note the following:-

Apply a small amount of loctite 270 (or equivalent) to the threads of the two heatsink location screws after they have been installed.

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## Course Computers (Z083, Z084) - General Assembly



## 4. Functional Test

The course computer can be functionally checked as follows; Pre-checked equipment required:

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| SeaTalk Control Unit        | (Z124)           |
| Fluxgate Compass            | (Z105 or Z130)   |
| Pushpit vane transducer     | (Z087)           |
| Rudder Reference Transducer | (Z060)           |
| Terminal PCB                | (Q030)           |
| Terminal Block              |                  |
| Multimeter                  |                  |
| Motor (small AH1000 type)   | (M080)           |
| Power Supply                | (Min rating 10A) |
| SeaTalk Cable               | (D131)           |

### Procedure

1. Connect all units to course computer and terminal PCB.
2. Position the rudder reference transducer arm diametrically opposite the cable gland.
3. Connect the 12v supply (do not switch on) and refer to the bench testing (stage 1) procedure that follows.

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## 4.1 Course Computer Bench Testing (Stage 1)

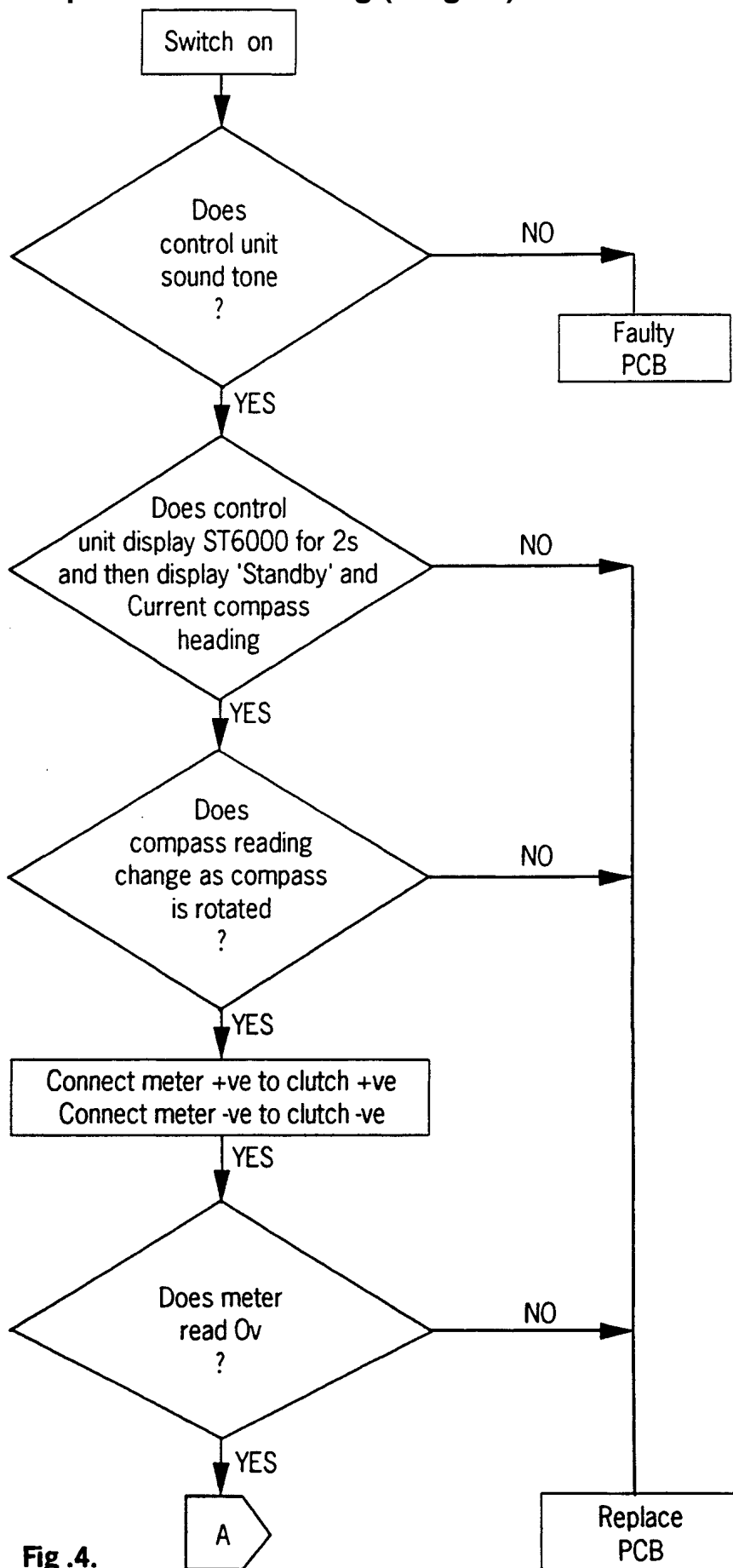
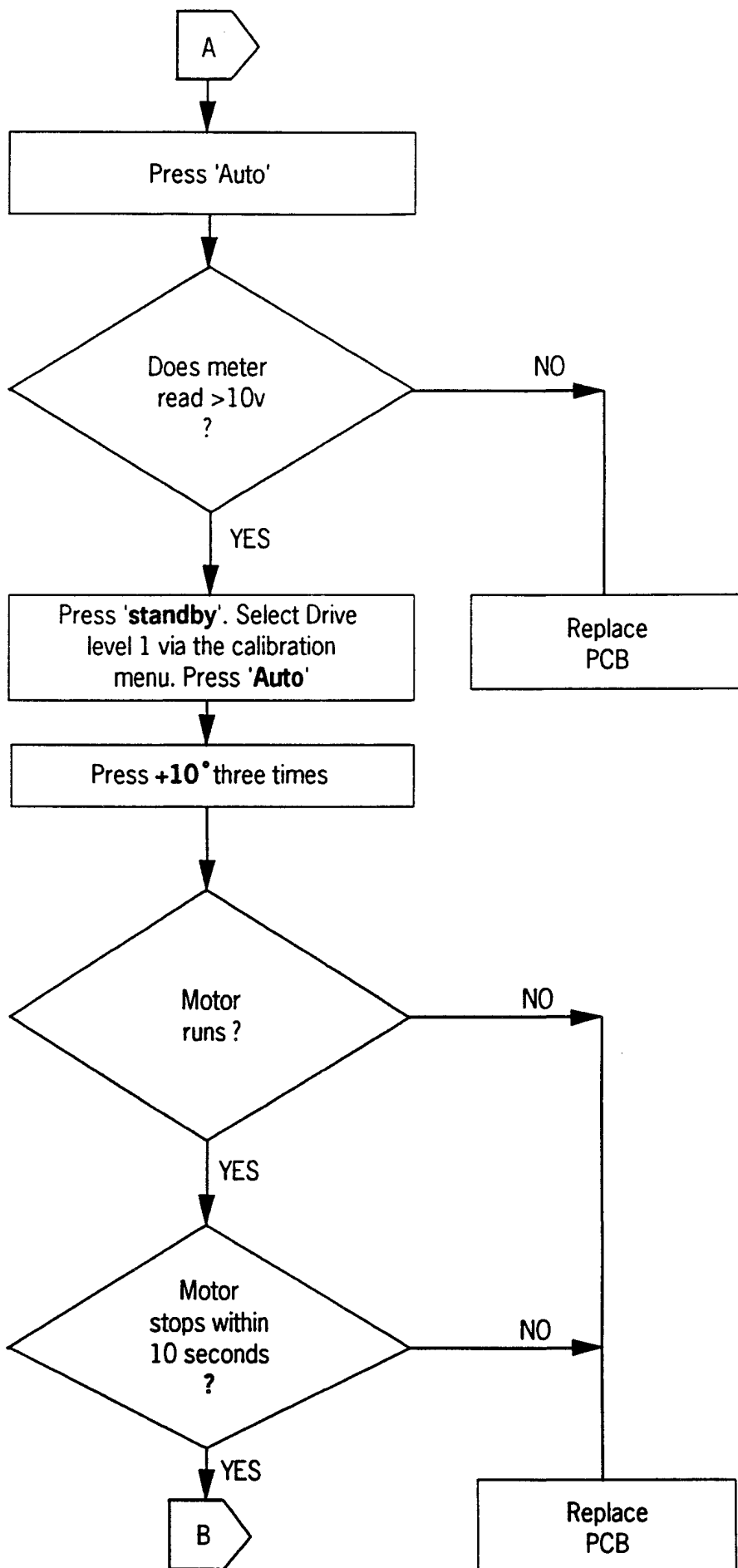
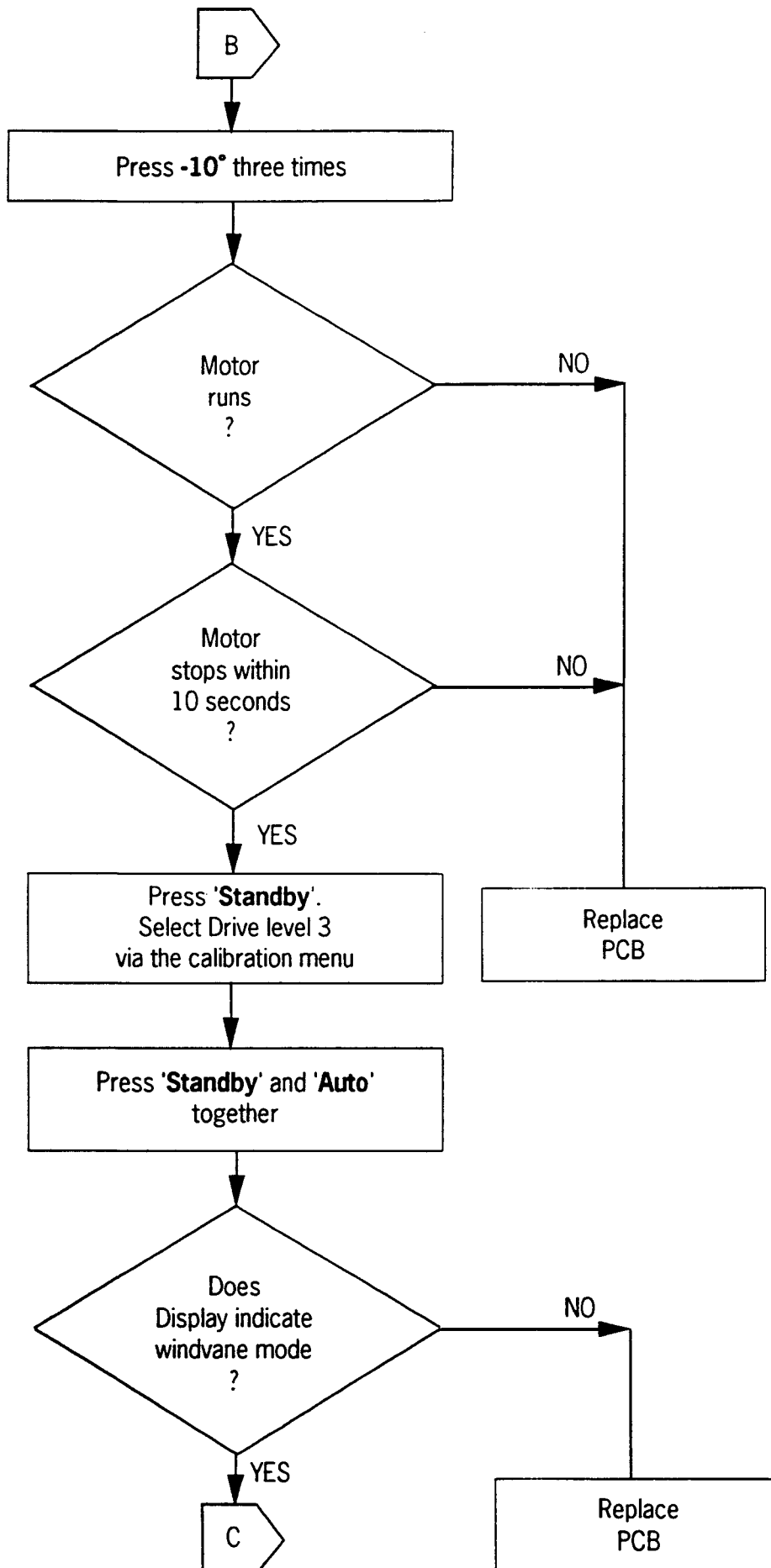
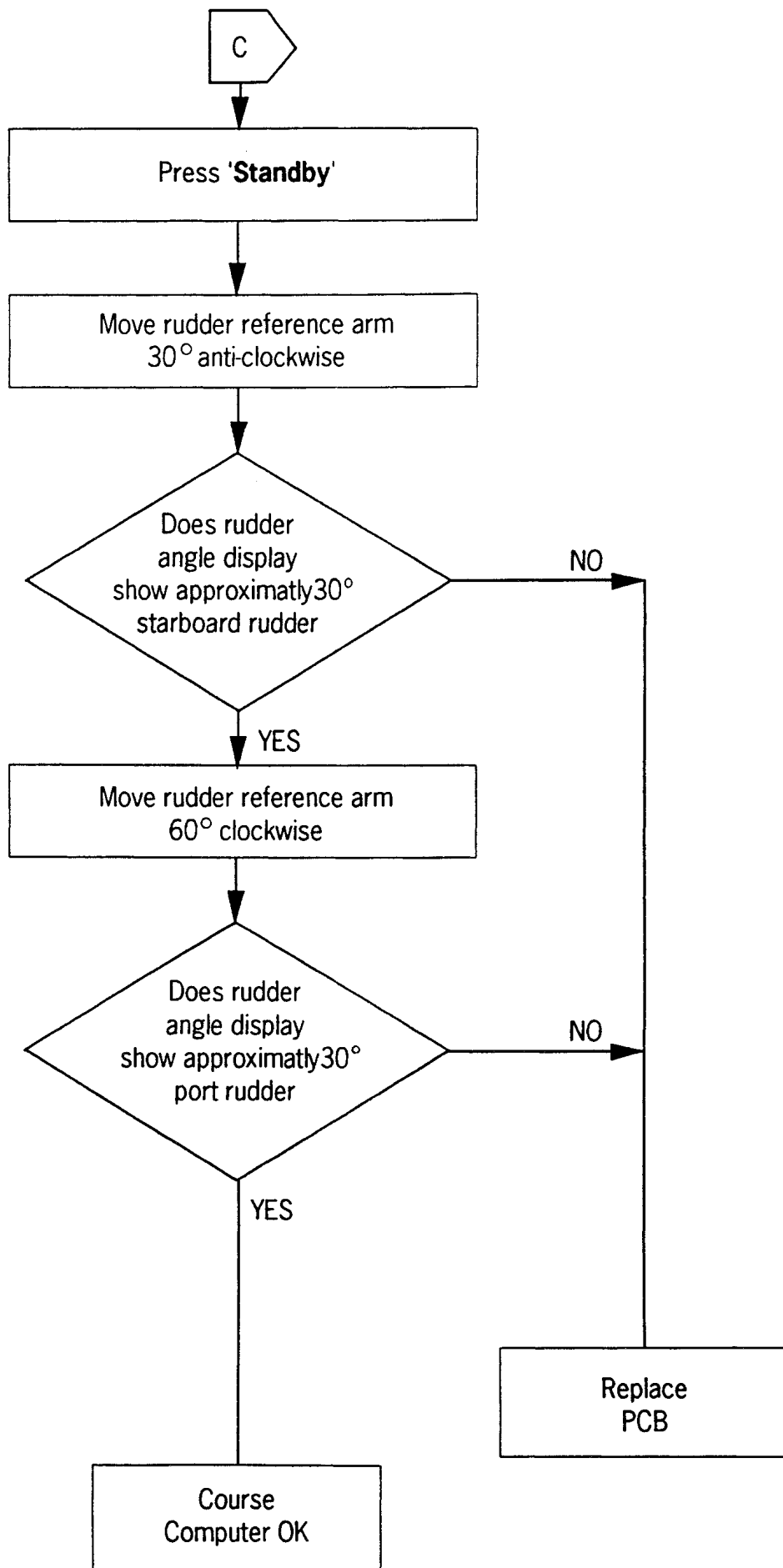


Fig .4.



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### 5. Product History - Course Computer (ST6000)

| Change           | Serial No | Comments |
|------------------|-----------|----------|
| Production start | 030001    |          |

### 6. Software History - Course Computer (ST6000)

| Version | Change                 | Serial No |
|---------|------------------------|-----------|
| 66F     | Product launch         | 030001    |
| 66G     | Improved Trim function | 500571    |

### 7. Spares numbers - Course Computer (ST6000)

| Item         | Catalogue No | Comment                  |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| PCB Assembly | Q031         | Main course computer PCB |
| PCB Assembly | Q030         | Terminal box PCB         |



## 2. Technical Information

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## 1. ST 6000 Course Computer Circuit Description

Circuit diagram Fig. 1.

PCB Assembly/Parts List Fig. 2

### 1.1 Power Supply

Incoming power is routed to the PCB. via the 'D' connector socket SKI. VI provides suppression against any voltage spikes present on the incoming DC supply whilst D15 protects against accidental reverse connection of the supply. 1C 1 is a 5v regulator with an integral reset function which resets the microprocessor, via Tr9, should the supply voltage be insufficient to maintain regulation.

### 1.2 Microprocessor and Program memory

IC2 is an Intel 80C32 microprocessor with 256 bytes of on board Ram. It can access up to 32K bytes of programme memory in IC7, via the latch IC6.

A Clock Signal for the microprocessor is provided by an 11MHz ceramic resonator (XL1) and C15 & C16. Alternatively. XL2 can be used which combines all three components in one package.

### 1.3 Power Amplifier

TR23, 24, 25 and TR26 are configured to form a power amplifier capable of driving a motor in four modes:-

1. Drive right
2. Drive left
3. Short circuit motor (Brakes Motor)
4. Open circuit motor

Mode 3 is used to stop the motor quickly by switching Tr23 and 25 On and TR24 and 26 Off. Mode 4 allows the motor speed to be measured by switching off all of the power transistors.

All four modes are controlled via pins 8 and 9 of the microprocessor IC2.

### 1.4 Analogue to digital Converter

IC3.4 and 9 form a software driven analogue to digital Converter. IC3 and 9 are 8 channel multiplexed analogue switches routing all analogue signals, (see table below), through to IC4 which is configured as an integrator. C9 is discharged at a constant rate triggering the comparator IC5 as it reaches a level of approximately 0.53v. The output of the comparator is connected to the microprocessor allowing measurement of the discharge time which is directly proportional to the analogue input. Analogue channels:-

|     |           |                             |
|-----|-----------|-----------------------------|
| IC3 | Channel 0 | Reset integrator            |
|     | Channel 1 | Integrator discharge signal |
|     | Channel 2 | Fluxgate sense A            |
|     | Channel 3 | Fluxgate sense B            |

|     |           |                              |
|-----|-----------|------------------------------|
|     | Channel 4 | Feedback 1 (FB1)             |
|     | Channel 5 | Feedback 2 (FB2)             |
|     | Channel 6 | Not used                     |
|     | Channel 7 | Not used                     |
| IC9 | Channel 0 | Not used                     |
|     | Channel 1 | Not used                     |
|     | Channel 2 | Rudder Reference (RUDDER)    |
|     | Channel 3 | Supply Monitor (INPUT VOLTS) |
|     | Channel 4 | Not used                     |
|     | Channel 5 | Not used                     |
|     | Channel 6 | Joystick                     |
|     | Channel 7 | Not used                     |

## 1.5 Clutch Drive

TR10, 11 and 12 switch a nominal 12v onto the actuator clutch whenever pin 15 of the microprocessor (IC2) is low at 0v.

## 1.6 Seataalk Bus Transmit and Receive

Seataalk transmit and receive circuitry consists of TR1,3,4,5,18 and 19 and their associated components. Data transmission is at 4800 baud with a low start bit and line idling high. TR1 and Tr2 provide high and low drive respectively, whilst TR3 and R1 give overload protection to Tr2 in the event of misconnection. Tr4 and Tr5 allow the microprocessor to monitor its own transmissions and also to receive data from other units on the bus.

## 1.7 Fluxgate drive

IC2 produces bursts of 8KHz pulses on pin 2 which are then fed through Tr6,7 and 8 and AC coupled to the fluxgate via C3.

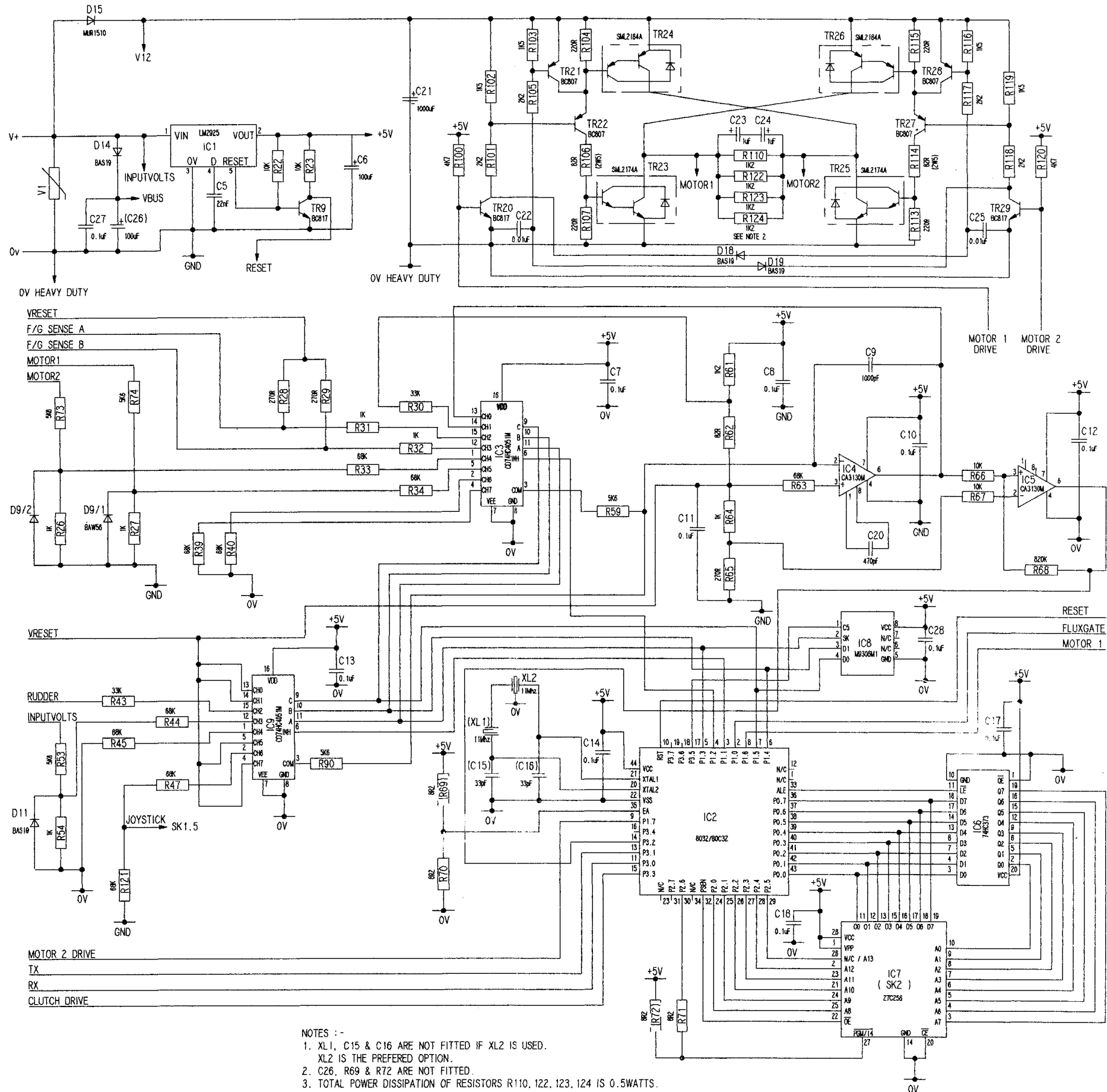
## 1.8 E2 prom

IC8 is an E<sup>2</sup> PROM which allows calibration values to be stored and recalled each time after power up. Sequential data is written to the e2 prom on pin 3 and read back on pin 4.

## 1.9 Supply voltage monitor

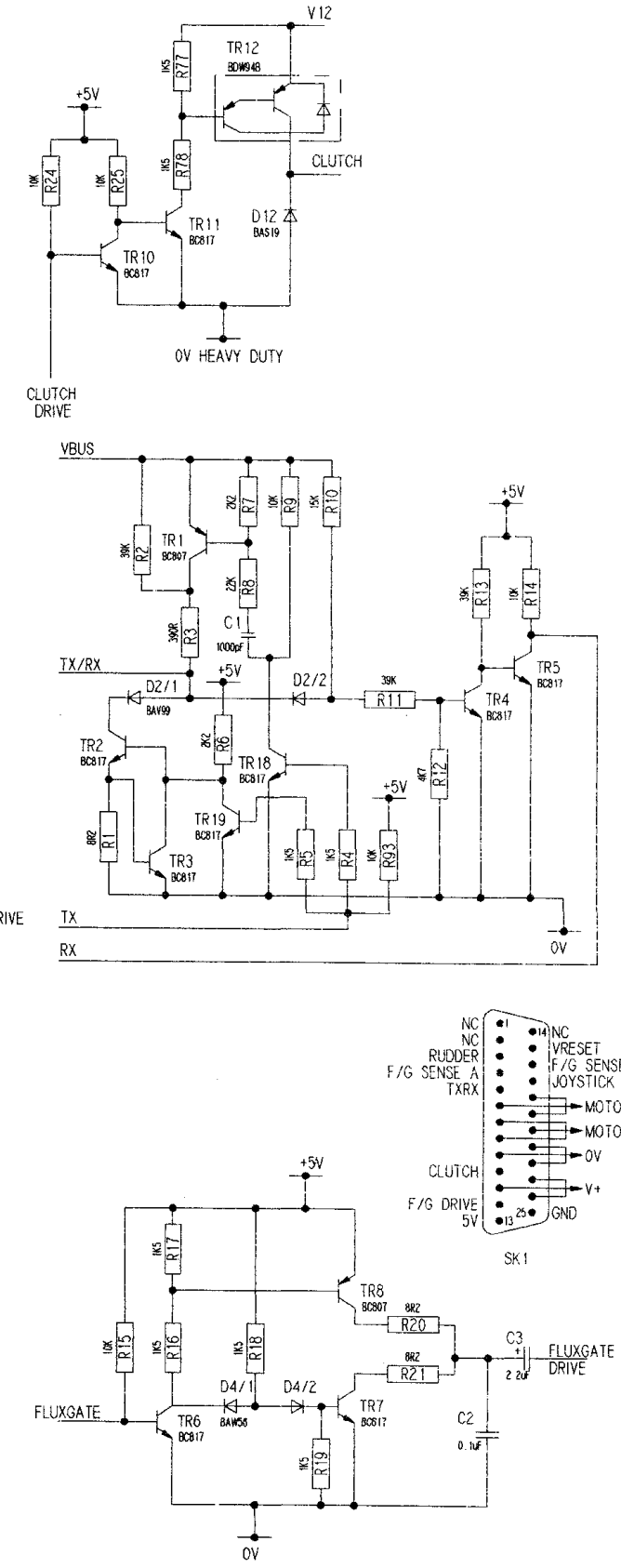
R53 and R54 scale down the supply voltage and feed it through to the A/D converter to enable the microprocessor to transmit a warning on the Seataalk bus if the supply voltage drops below 11.2v for 10 seconds or more.

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- NOTES :-
1. XL1, C15 & C16 ARE NOT FITTED IF XL2 IS USED. XL2 IS THE PREFERRED OPTION.
  2. C26, R69 & R72 ARE NOT FITTED.
  3. TOTAL POWER DISSIPATION OF RESISTORS R110, 122, 123, 124 IS 0.5WATTS.

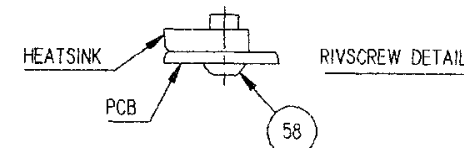
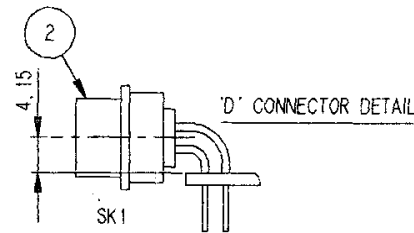
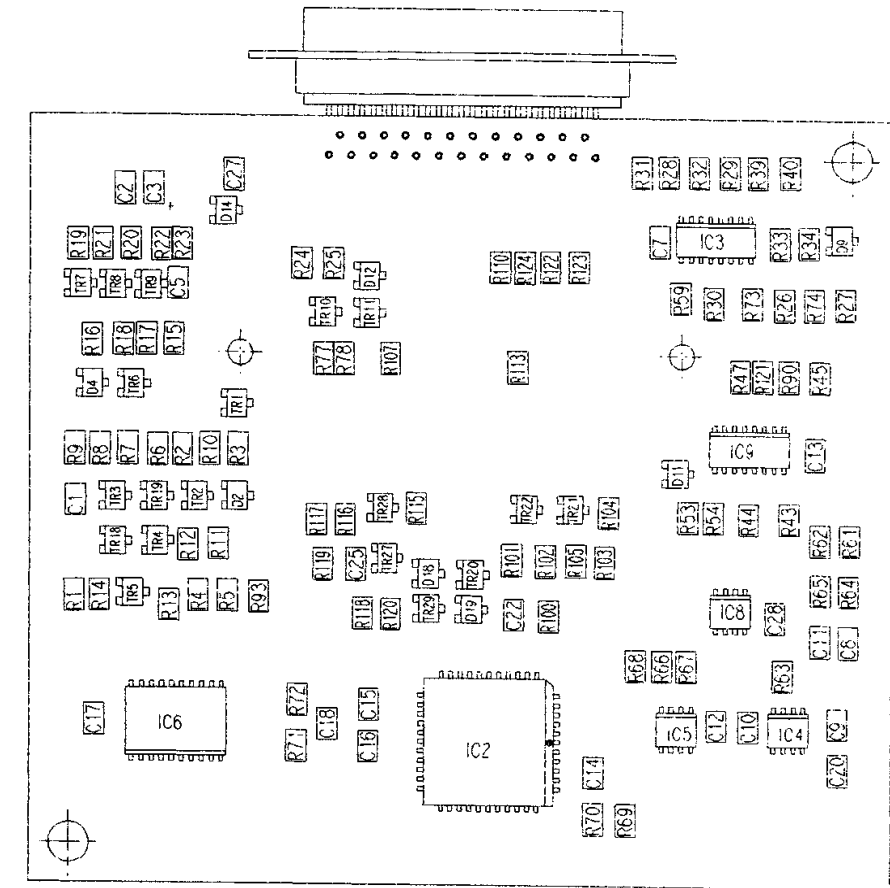
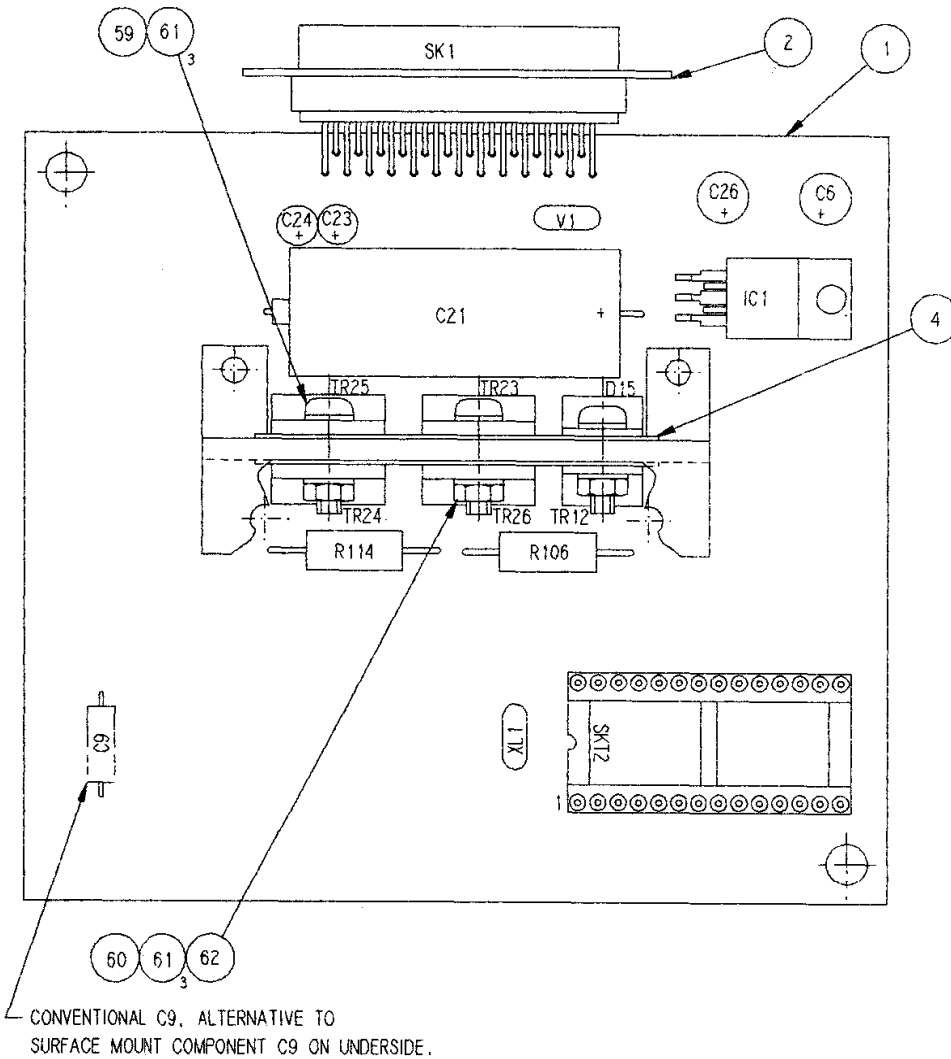
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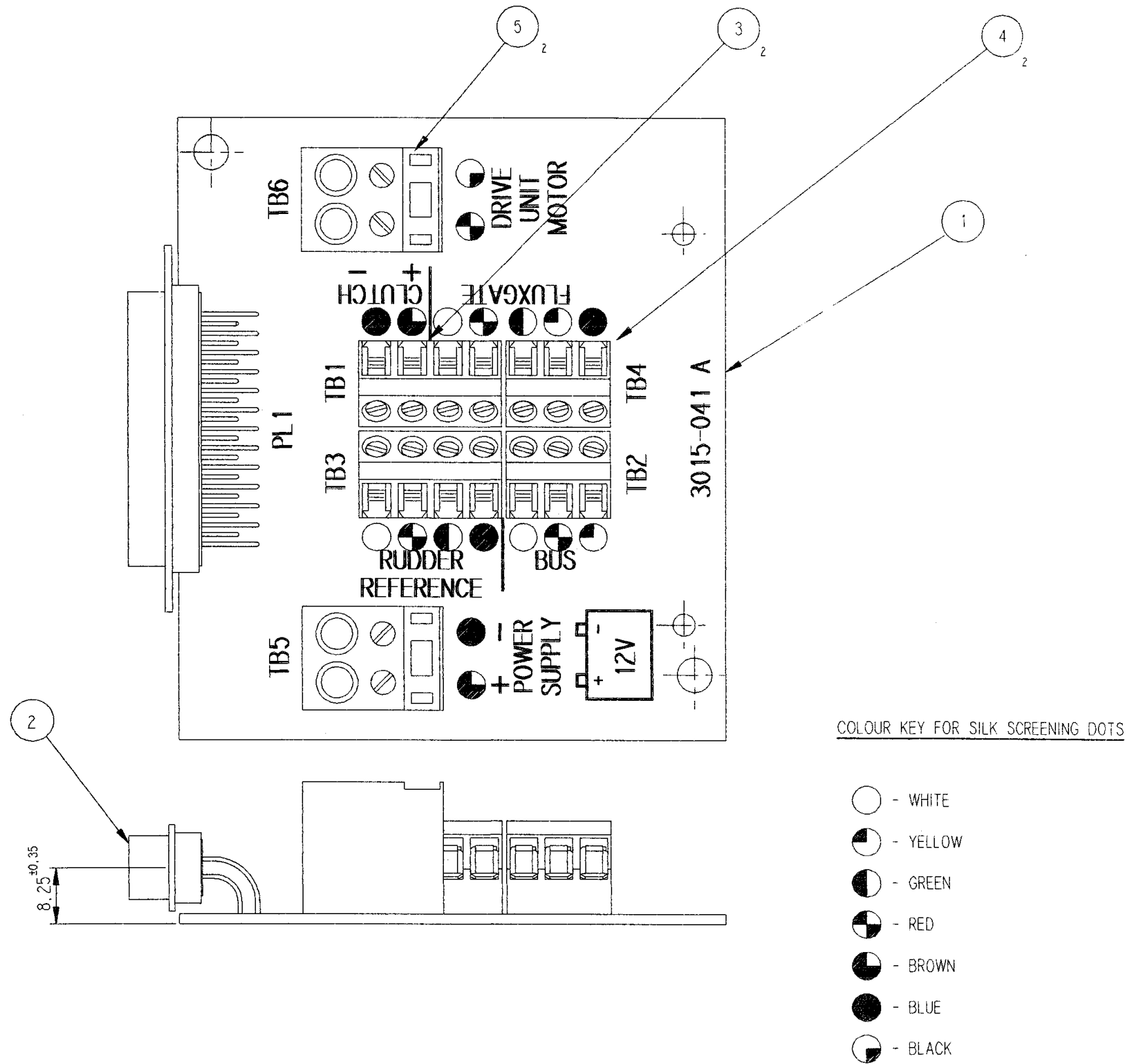
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|-------|-------------|-----|---|
| 65    | EITHER      | 1   | CERAMIC RESONATOR 11MHz CERALOCK CSA 11.0MTXL 1   |
| 64    |             | 2   | CAPACITOR 1206 33pF ±5% 50V C15, 16   |
| 63    | OR          | 1   | CERAMIC RESONATOR CERALOCK CST 11.0MT(3 LEGS)XL 1                                       |
|       |             |     | AND   |
| 62    | 22016       | 3   | NUT   |
| 61    | 15014       | 6   | INSULATING BUSH   |
| 60    | 23029       | 3   | WASHER  |
| 59    | 21114       | 3   | SCREW   |
| 58    | 26005       | 2   | RIVSCREW (1712-3509)  |
| 57    | 02032       | 1   | DIODE MUR1510 D15   |
| 56    | 05028       | 2   | TRANSISTOR SM2174A TR23,25  |
| 55    | 05029       | 2   | TRANSISTOR SM2184A TR24,26  |
| 54    | 03036       | 2   | CAPACITOR 1µF ±m 25V MIN TANTALUM BEAD C23,24   |
| 53    | 03023       | 1   | CAPACITOR 1000µF 3 60V M1N C21  |
| 52    |             | 1   | CAPACITOR 1206 22nF ±20% X7R 50V C5   |
| 51    |             | 1   | EEPROM 16 x 16 M9306M1 (SURFACE MOUNT) IC8  |
| 50    |             | 1   | LATCH 74HC373 (SURFACE MOUNT) IC6   |
| 49    |             | 2   | F.E.T.OP.AMP CA3130M (SURFACE MOUNT) IC4,5  |
| 48    |             | 2   | ANALOGUE SWITCH CD74HC4051M (SURFACE MOUNT) IC3,9                                       |
| 47    |             | 1   | MICRO ROMLESS 80C32 12MHz PLCC CMOS IC2   |
| 46    |             | 1   | 5v REGULATOR LM2925 IC1   |
| 45    | 05035       | 1   | TRANSISTOR PNP BDW94B TR12  |
| 44    |             | 13  | TRANSISTOR SOT23 NPN BC817  |
| 43    |             | 6   | TRANSISTOR SOT23 PNP BC807 TR1, 8, 21, 22, 27, 28                                       |
| 42    |             | 2   | CAPACITOR 1206 0.01µF ±20% 25V MIN C22,25   |
| 41    | 03031       | 2   | CAPACITOR ELECTROLYTIC 100µF +80% -20% 5V MIN RADIAL 10DIA C6,26                        |
| 40    |             | 1   | CAPACITOR CASE A 2.2µF ±20% 6V3MIN TANTALUM C3  |
| 39    |             | 1   | CAPACITOR 1206 470pF ±20% 50v C20   |
| 38    |             |     |   |
| 37    |             | 12  | CAPACITOR 1206 0.1µF ±20% 50v C2,7,8,10,11,12,13,14,17,18,27,28                         |
| 36    |             | 1   | CAPACITOR 120 100pF ±20% COG 50V OR CAPACITOR POLYSTYRENE 1000pF ±1% 10v MIN (03053) C9 |
| 35    |             | 1   | CAPACITOR 1206 1000pF ±20% 50v C1   |
| 34    |             | 2   | DIODE SOT23 BAW56 D4,9  |
| 33    |             | 5   | DIODE SOT23 BAS 19 D11,12,14,18,19  |
| 32    |             | 1   | DIODE SOT23 BAV99 D2  |
| 31    | 01157       | 2   | RESISTOR WIRE-WOUND 82R ±5% 2.5W R106, 114  |
| 30    |             |     |   |
| 29    |             | 2   | WCR 1206 (FUTURE USE) R69,72  |
| 28    |             | 2   | WCR 1206 33K 1% 0.125W R30,43   |
| 27    |             | 1   | WCR 1206 3K9 5% 0.125W R23  |
| 26    |             | 1   | WCR 1206 470K 5% 0.125W R68   |
| 25    |             | 1   | WCR 1206 82R 1% 0.125W R62  |
| 24    |             | 5   | WCR 1206 5K6 1% 0.125W R53, 59,73,74,90   |
| 23    |             | 9   | WCR 1206 68K 1% 0.125W  |
| 22    |             | 3   | WCR 1206 270R 1% 0.125W R28,29,65   |
| 21    |             | 6   | WCR 1206 1K 1% 0.125W R26,27,31,32,54,64  |
| 20    |             | 6   | WCR 1206 1K5 5% 0.125W R16,18,102,103,116,119   |
| 19    |             | 4   | WCR 1206 220R 5% 0.125W R104,107,113,115  |
| 18    |             | 3   | WCR 1206 4K7 5% 0.125W R12,100,120  |
| 17    |             | 1   | WCR 1206 15K 5% 0.125W R10  |
| 16    |             | 9   | WCR 1206 10K 5% 0.125W R9,14,15,22,24,25,66,67,93                                       |
| 15    |             | 1   | WCR 1206 22K 5% 0.125W R8   |
| 14    |             | 6   | WCR 1206 2K2 5% 0.125W R6,7,101,105,117,118   |
| 13    |             | 2   | WCR 1206 1K8 5% 0.125W R77,78   |
| 12    |             | 1   | WCR 1206 1K2 1% 0.125W R61  |
| 11    |             | 8   | WCR 1206 1K2 5% 0.125W R4,5,10,110,122,123,124  |
| 10    |             | 1   | WCR 1206 390R 5% 0.125W R3  |
| 9     |             | 3   | WCR 1206 39K 5% 0.125W R2,11,13   |
| 8     |             | 5   | WCR 1206 8R2 5% 0.125W R1,20,21,70,71   |
| 7     |             | 1   | VARISTOR ZNR TYPE D ERZC07DK270 V1  |
| 6     |             |     |   |
| 5     | 3022-003    | 1   | HEATSINK  |
| 4     | 3010-073    | 2   | CUSTOM SIL PAD  |
| 3     | 07164       | 1   | IC SOCKET (28 PIN) SK2  |
| 2     | 07119       | 1   | 'D' CONNECTOR 25 WAY (FEMALE) SK1   |
| 1     | 3015-040    | 1   | ST6000 COMPUTER PCB DETAIL  |
| ITEMS | DRG/PART N° | QTY | DESCRIPTION   |

NOTE:-THIS 1st STAGE PCB ASSY RELATES TO CURRENT BUILD STANDARD OF 3015-040 ISSUE D



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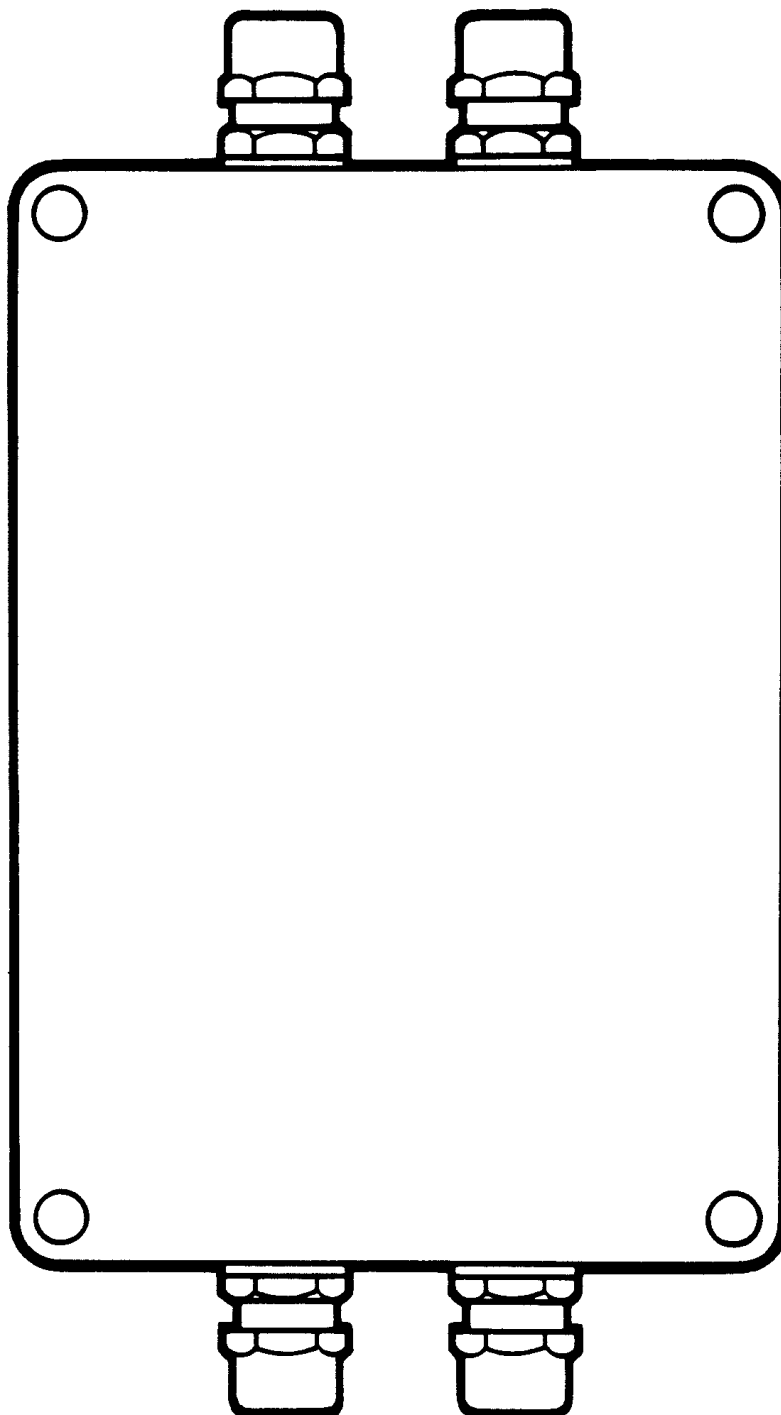


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|-------|--------------|------|------------------------|-------|
| 5     | 07212        | 2    | TERMINAL BLOCK (2 WAY) | TB5,6 |
| 4     | 07108        | 2    | TERMINAL BLOCK (3 WAY) | TB2,4 |
| 3     | 07109        | 1    | TERMINAL BLOCK (4 WAY) | TB1,3 |
| 2     | 07118        | 1    | 'D' CONNECTOR          | SK1   |
| 1     | 3015-041     | 1    | PCB DETAIL             |       |
| ITEMS | DR'G/PART N° | Q'TY | DESCRIPTION            |       |

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## Type CR Interface Box (Z085)

### 1. Service Procedures

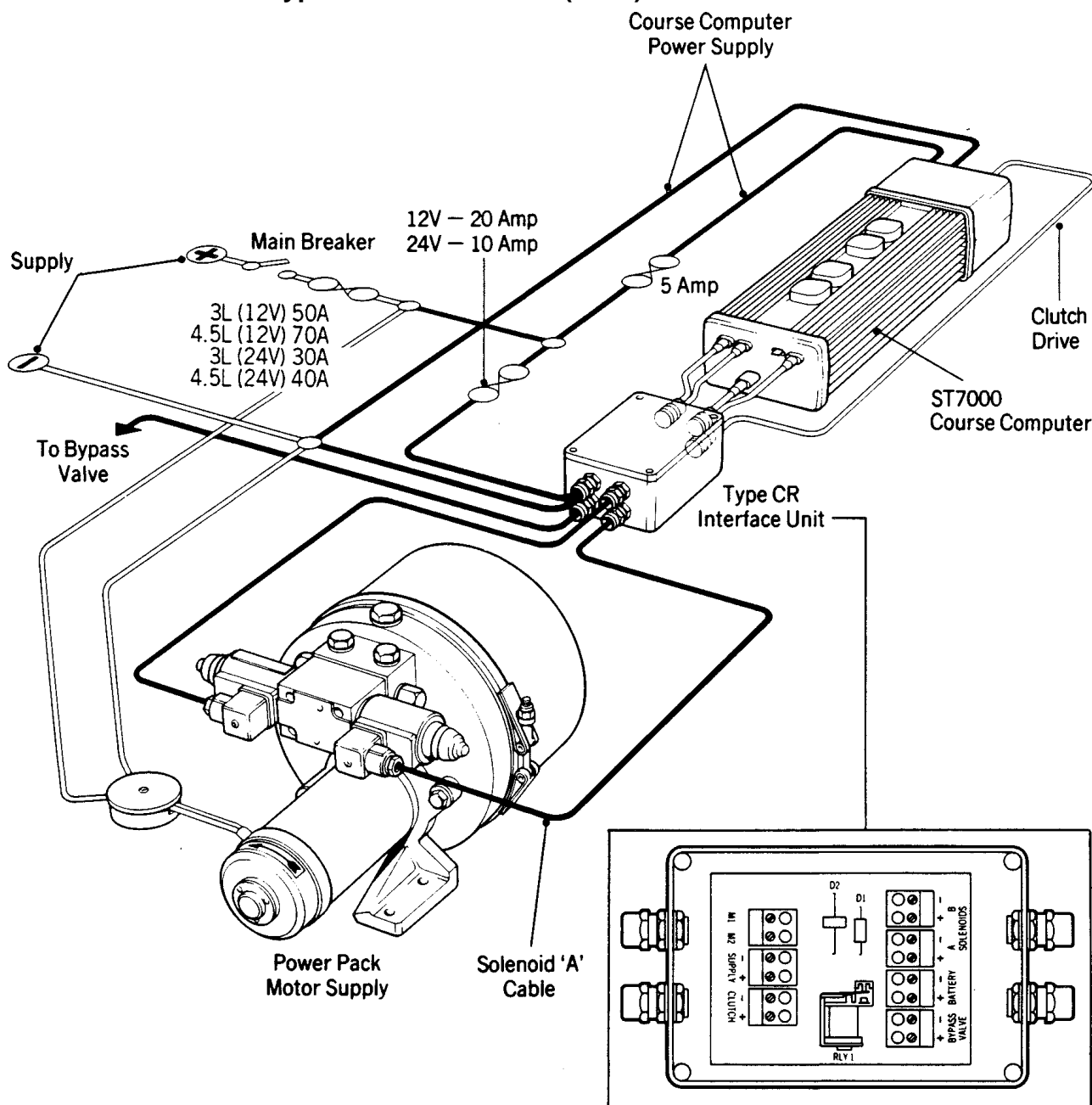


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## Service Procedures Type CR Interface Box (Z085)



### 1. Description

All type CR systems are driven with a standard course computer and terminal board which interfaces to a type CR interface box (Z085). The same interface box is used for both 12V and 24V systems and can be functionally tested by using the following procedure.

### 2. Functional Test

Connect + 12V to clutch (+) and battery (+). Connect 0V to clutch (-) and battery (-). Confirm with a multimeter that 12V is present across the bypass connections. Remove the +12V from clutch (+) and confirm that 0V is present across the bypass connections.

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### **3. Operation with non Autohelm Power Packs**

If the Type CR Interface Box is to be used to drive non-Autohelm power packs the following points should be noted:

1. Solenoid pull-in voltage  $<8V$  (16V for 24V systems).
2. Solenoid drop-out voltage  $>2V$ .
3. Solenoid nominal operating voltage should be the same as the pilot.

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## 1. Type CR Interface Box PCB Circuit Description

The course computer clutch signal activates RLY1 which in turn supplies current to a bypass valve, if fitted. D1 suppresses any inductive spikes produced when the valve is switched and D2 protects against supply misconnection.

Each solenoid drive is derived by connecting one side of the solenoid to a motor terminal and the other side to 0V.



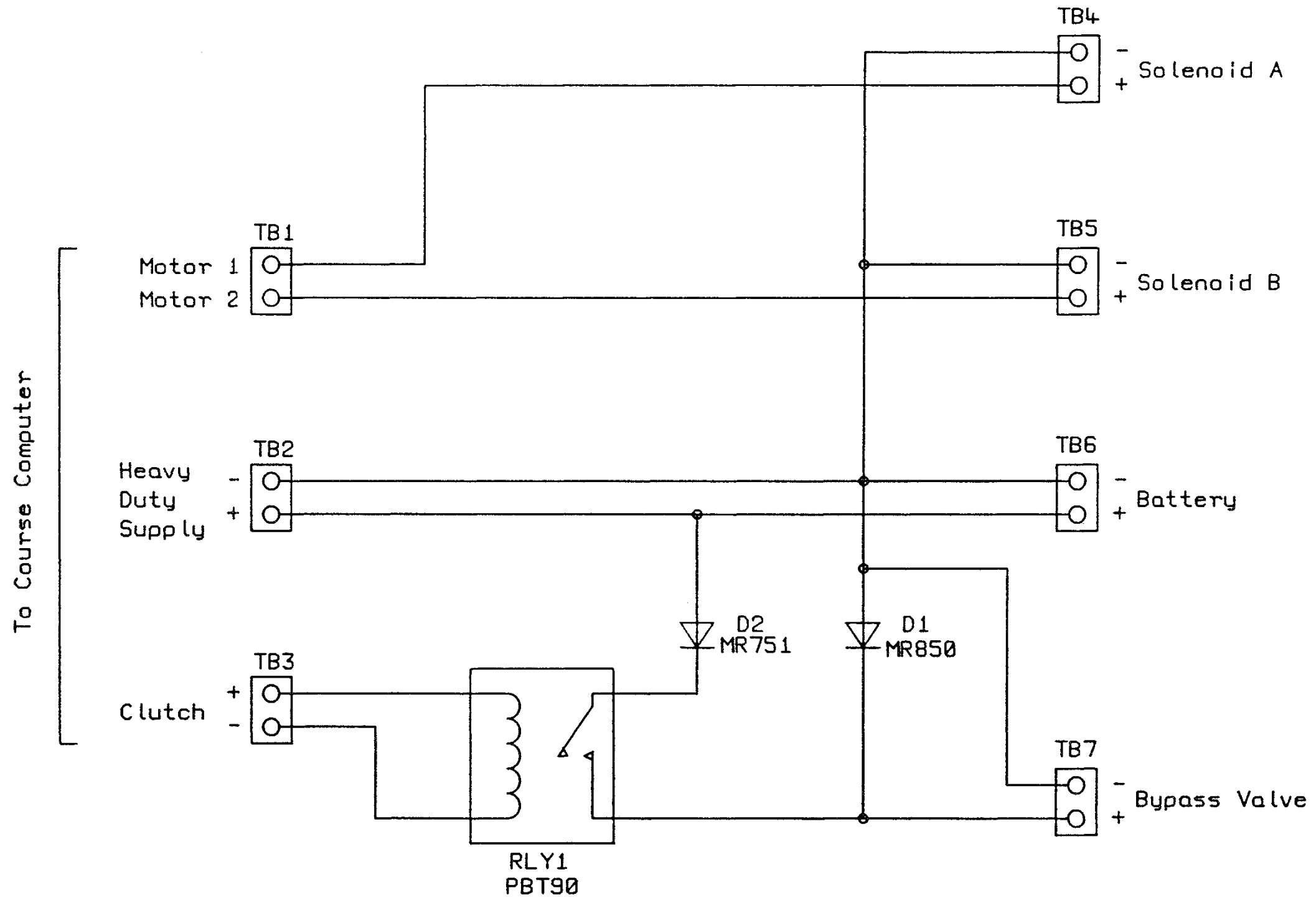


Fig. 1.  
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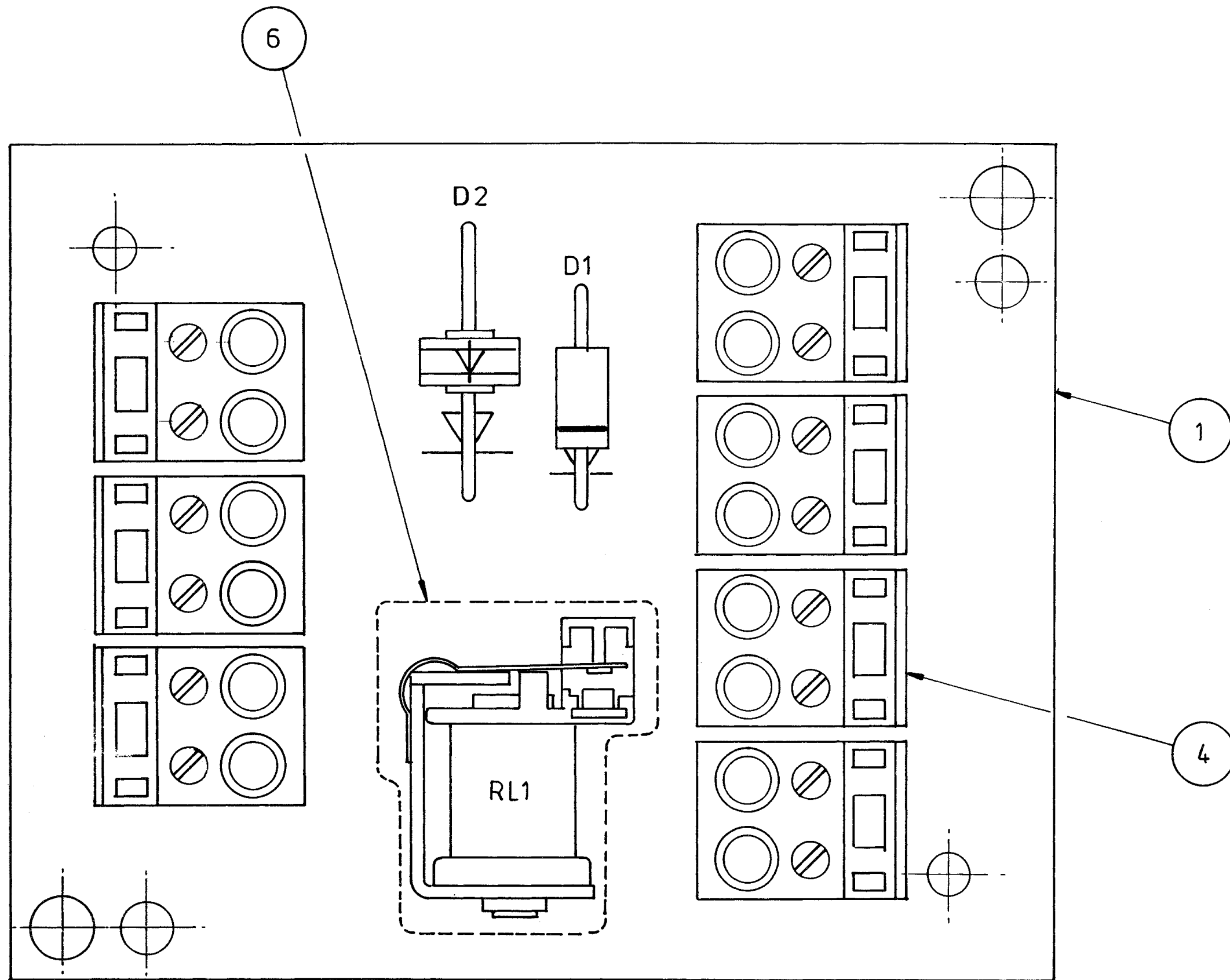


Fig. 2.  
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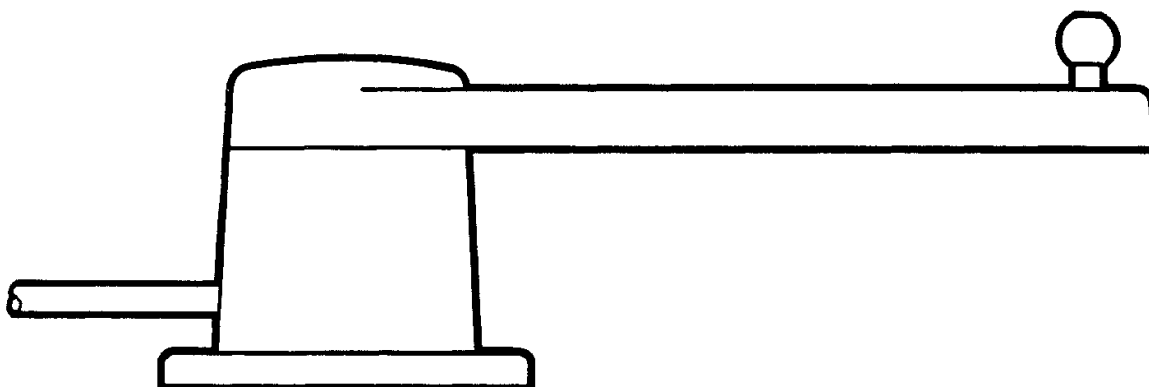
**7000 Type CR Parts List**

| <b>Item</b>                    | <b>DR'G/Part No</b> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| PCB detail                     | 3015-038            |
| Diode MR751 D1                 | 02031               |
| Diode (Fast Recovery) MR850 D1 | 02036               |
| PCB Connector                  | 07-212              |
| Relay T9030A RL1               | 15057               |
| Dust Cover                     | 15111               |

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# Rudder Reference Transducer (Z131)

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## 1. Description

The Z131 Rudder Reference contains a single turn 5k ohm plastic potentiometer to provide the autopilot with rudder position information. When replacing, correct installation is vital if optimum steering performance is to be achieved. The Rudder Reference unit arm movement is limited to +/-60 degrees. Care must be taken to ensure that the arm is opposite the cable entry when the rudder is amidships. Failure to do this could result in damage to the Rudder Reference if the arm is driven into its end stops by the steering system. Once detected as faulty the Rudder Reference unit should be replaced as a complete unit.

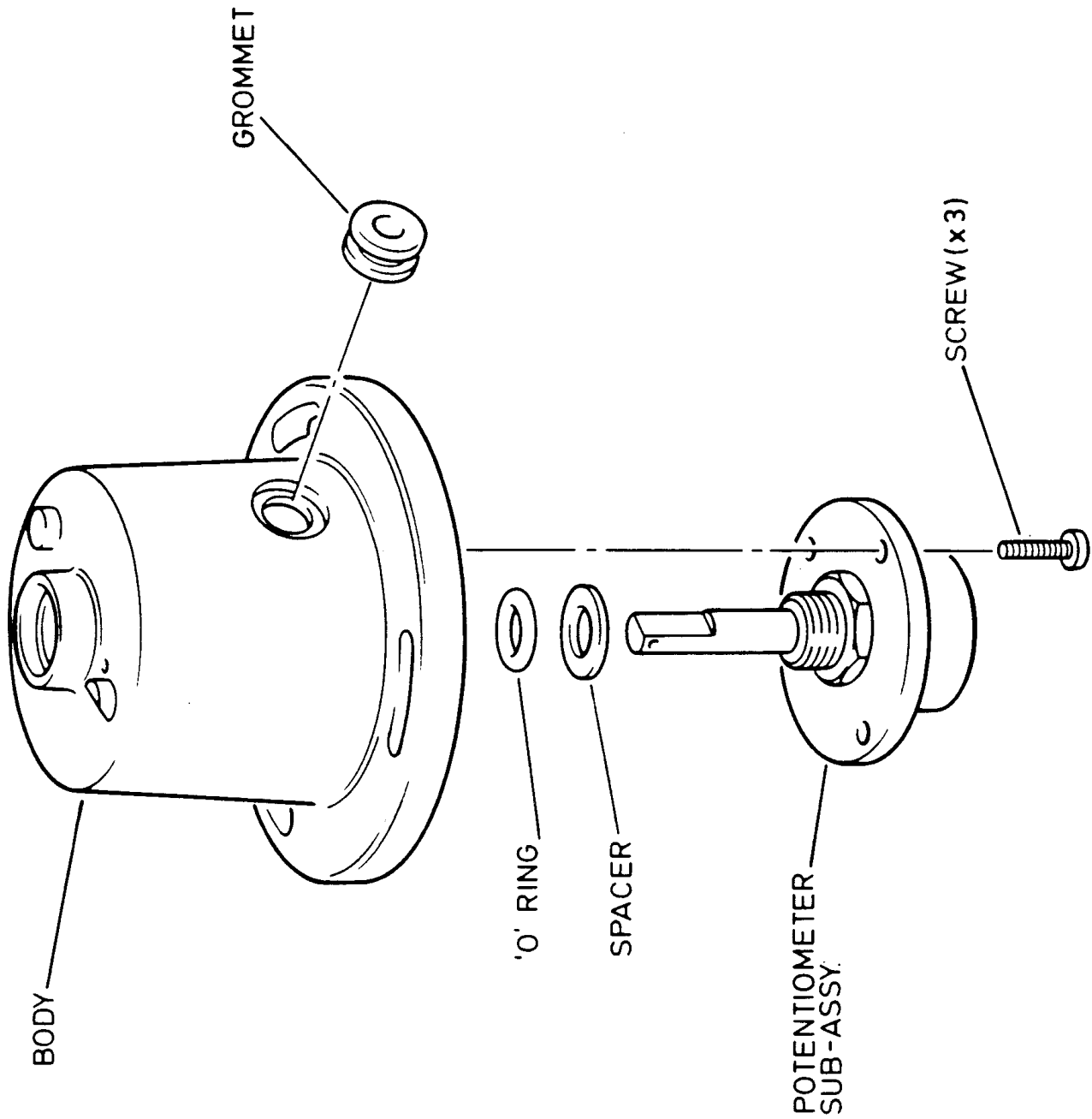
## 2. Functional Test

The Rudder Reference unit, when disconnected from the autopilot, can be functionally tested by checking the following resistance measurements:-

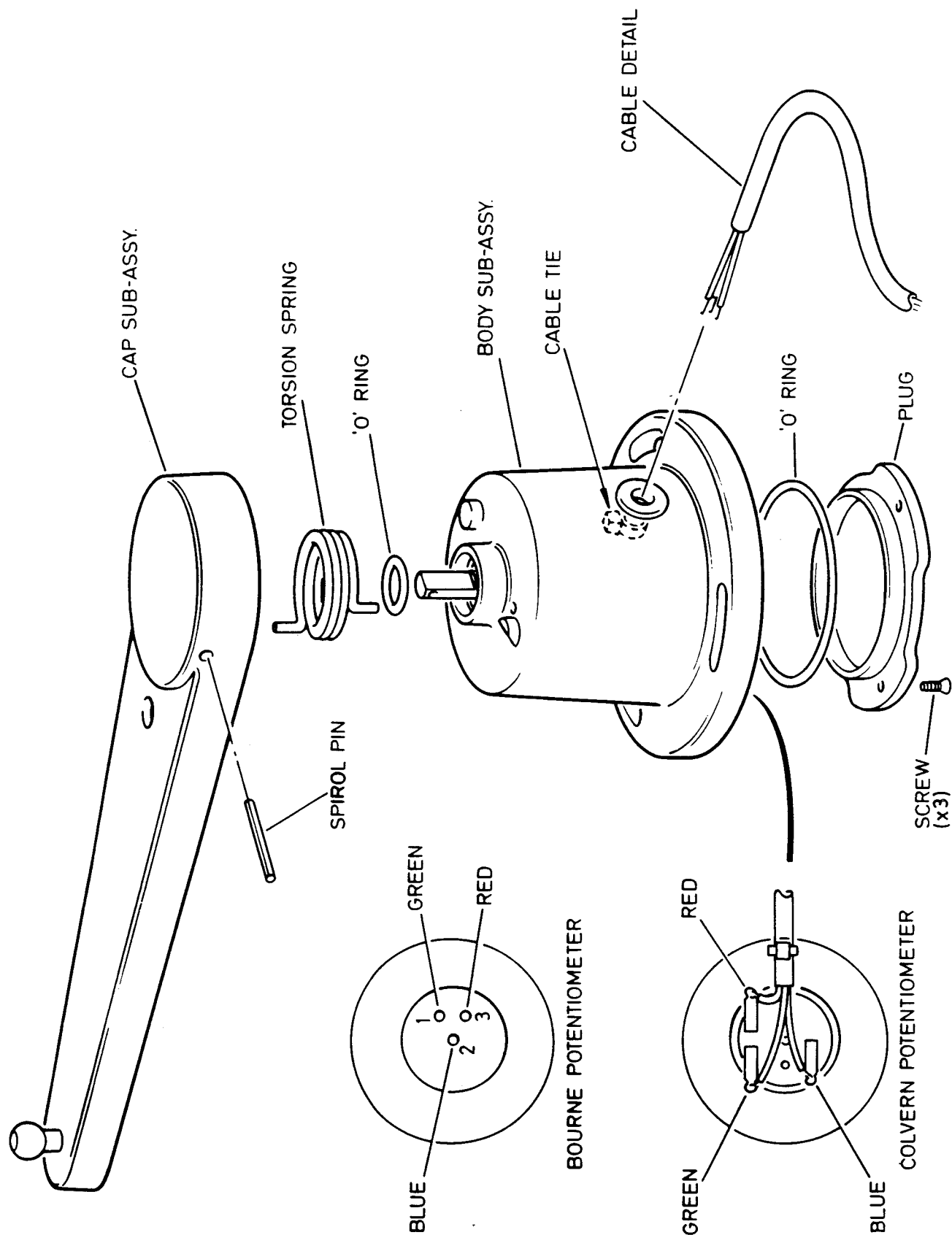
| <b>Cable colour</b> | <b>Arm position</b> | <b>Resistance</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Green/Red           | Any position        | 5k ohm +/-5%      |
| Blue/Green          | Anticlockwise stop  | 1.66k ohm +/-10%  |
| Blue/Green          | Clockwise stop      | 3.33k ohm +/-10%  |

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## Z131 Rudder Reference Body Assembly



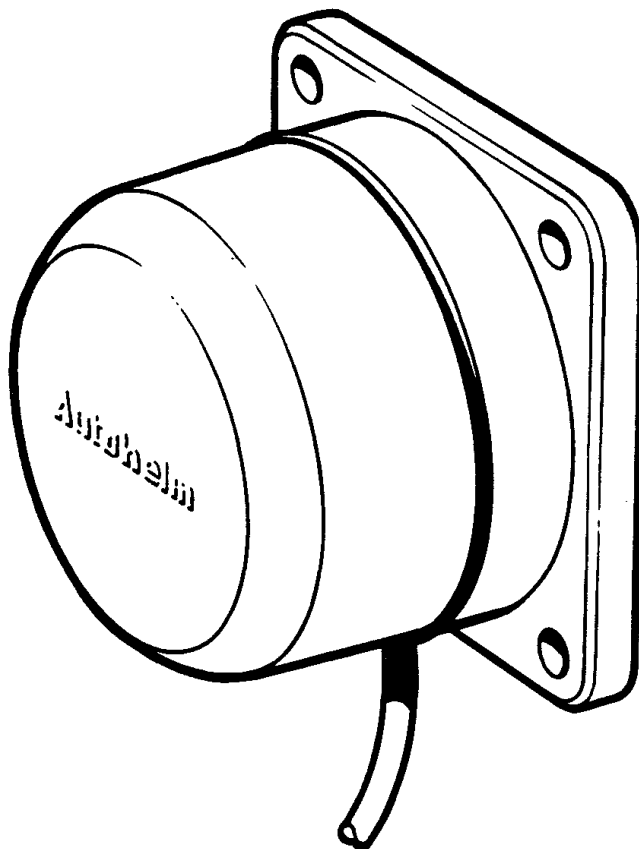
Z131 Rudder Reference General Assembly



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# Fluxgate Compass Transducer (Z130)

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## **Fluxgate Compass Transducer (Z130)**

### **1. Description**

The Z130 Fluxgate Compass Transducer contains a precision Fluxgate sensor. This can be replaced by following the procedures in Section 5.

Some early models (pre Serial No 600001 were susceptible to damage in transit (fluxgate sensor springing free from gimbal assembly). If received for service these units should be modified using the gimbal support bracket (see section 4).

### **2. Functional Test**

Disconnect the Fluxgate from the autopilot and check continuity as follows:-

| <b>Cable Colour</b> | <b>Connector pin no</b> | <b>Resistance</b> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Screen to Blue      | 2/4                     | < 10 ohms         |
| Red to Green        | 3/5                     | < 5 ohms          |
| Red to Yellow       | 3/6                     | < 5 ohms          |
| Red to Screen       | 3/2                     | Open circuit      |

### **3. Magnetic Deviation**

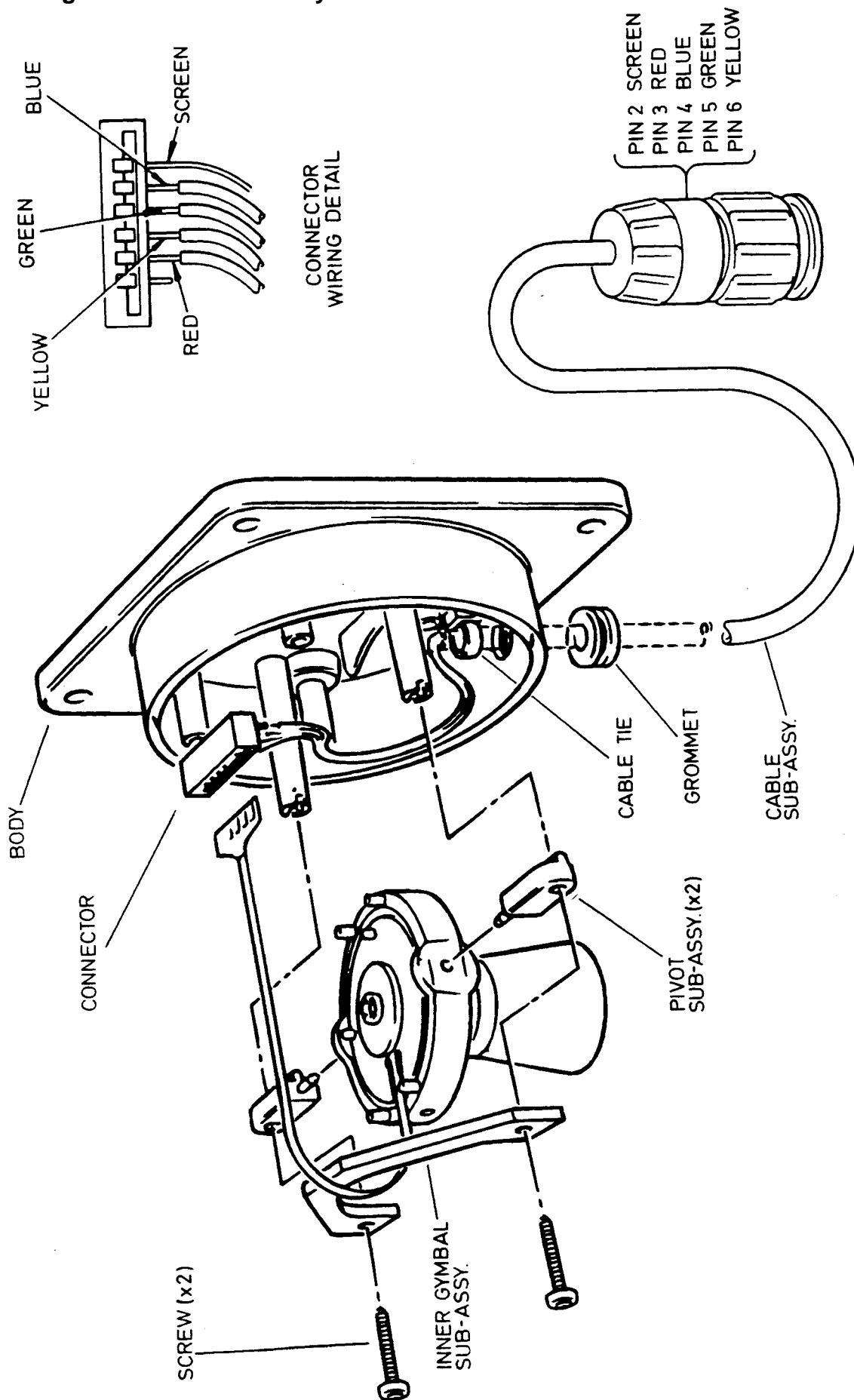
The Z130 Fluxgate Compass requires careful siting if optimum autopilot performance is to be achieved. The SeaTalk Course Computers are able to correct the compass for any deviating magnetic fields present when the linearisation procedure is carried out. Any further deviation, introduced after linearisation, will introduce an error between the Fluxgate and the ships compass. This can be removed by carrying out the linearisation procedure again. If the displayed deviation is greater than +/-15 degrees the Fluxgate should be re-sited.

**Note:**

The linearisation procedure should always be carried out if the fluxgate has been exchanged, removed or moved from its original mounting position.

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## Z130 Fluxgate General Assembly





## 4. Gimbal Support Bracket installation (Spares Kit M096)

This kit comprises of a back case, cable assembly, pivot blocks, support bracket and pivot retaining screws.

1. Remove the four case screws and take off the front cover and seal.
2. Carefully remove the flexible circuit from the connector in the rear moulding.
3. Remove and discard the pivot block mounting screws and lift away the fluxgate assembly.
4. Build the Fluxgate assembly into the new back case as shown in fig. 1. Use the new screws supplied to retain the pivot mounting blocks and support bracket. Use only hand screw drivers for re-assembly to ensure screws are not over tightened. Rotate screws anticlockwise to locate in the thread before tightening.
5. Carefully insert the flexible circuit tail into the connector in the rear moulding. Ensure the tail is not twisted and passes over the support bracket (see fig. 1.)
6. Before installing the cover check the gimbal action of the new assembly by tilting the case in all directions and observing the fluxgate movement.
7. Refit the front cover and seal (again rotating the screws anticlockwise to locate and tightening with a hand screw driver).
8. Functionally check the Fluxgate with a D.V.M. as follows:

| Cable Colour   | Connector Pin no. | Resistance   |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Screen to Blue | 2/4               | <10ohms      |
| Red to Green   | 3/5               | < 5 ohms     |
| Red to yellow  | 3/6               | < 5 ohms     |
| Red to Screen  | 3/2               | Open circuit |

## 5. Fluxgate Sensor replacement (Spares kit M022)

1. Remove the four case screws and take off the front cover and seal.
2. Carefully remove the flexible circuit from the connector in the rear moulding.
3. Remove the pivot block mounting screws and lift away the fluxgate assembly.
4. Build the Fluxgate assembly into the back case as shown in fig. 1. Use only hand screw drivers for re-assembly to ensure screws are not over tightened. Rotate screws anticlockwise to locate in the thread before tightening.
5. Carefully insert the flexible circuit rail into the connector in the rear moulding. Ensure the tail is not twisted and passes over the support bracket (see fig. 1.)

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6. Before installing the cover check the gymballing action of the new assembly by tilting the case in all directions and observing the fluxgate movement.
7. Refit the front cover and seal (again rotating the screws anticlockwise to locate and tightening with a hand screw driver).
8. Functionally check the Fluxgate with a D.V.M. as follows:

| <b>Cable Colour</b> | <b>Connector Pin no</b> | <b>Resistance</b> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Screen to Blue      | 2/4                     | <10ohms           |
| Red to Green        | 3/5                     | < 5 ohms          |
| Red to yellow       | 3/6                     | < 5 ohms          |
| Red to Screen       | 3/2                     | Open circuit      |

**6. Product history - Fluxgate Compass (Z130)**

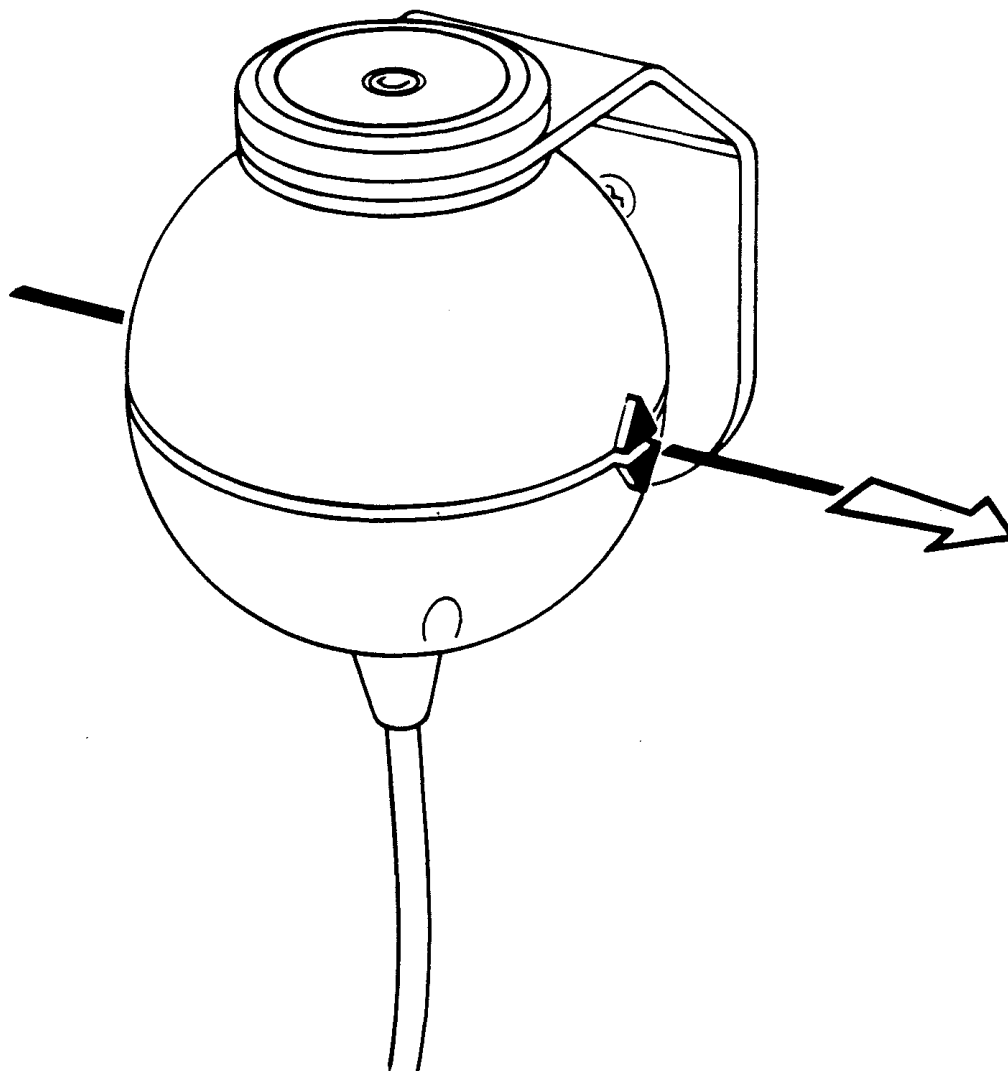
| <b>Change</b>                | <b>Serial No</b> | <b>Comments</b>  |
|------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Production Start             | 400001           |  |
| Gimbal Support bracket added | 600001           | Reduces risk of fluxgate assembly becoming dislodged during transit. |

**7. Spares Numbers - Fluxgate Compass (Z130)**

| <b>Item</b>                            | <b>Catalogue No.</b> | <b>Comments</b>  |
|--|----------------------|--|
| Fluxgate bobbin & M022 Gimbal Assembly |                      | Includes inner gimbal sub-assembly and 2 x pivot assemblies.   |
| Support bracket                        | M096                 | Includes back case cable assembly pivot blocks, support bracket and pivot retaining screws, (fitted as standard to units built after Serial No 600001. |

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**Fluxgate Compass (Z105)**



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## **Fluxgate Compass (Z105)**

### **1. Description**

The Z105 Fluxgate Compass Transducer contains a precision Fluxgate sensor and, once detected as faulty, should be replaced as a complete unit.

### **2. Functional Test**

Disconnect the Fluxgate from the autopilot and check continuity as follows:-

| <b>Cable Colour</b> | <b>Resistance</b> |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Screen to Blue      | < 10 ohms         |
| Red to Green        | < 5 ohms          |
| Red to Yellow       | < 5 ohms          |
| Red to Screen       | Open Circuit      |

### **3. Magnetic Deviation**

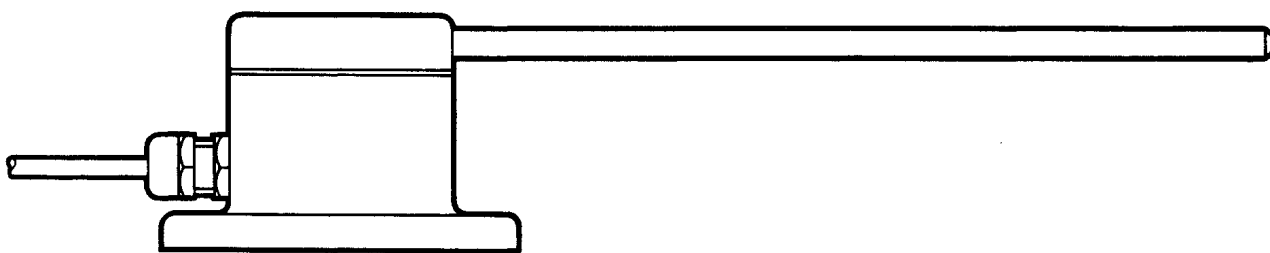
The Z105 Fluxgate Compass requires careful siting if optimum autopilot performance is to be achieved. The SeaTalk Course Computers are able to correct the compass for any deviating magnetic fields present when the linearisation procedure is carried out. Any further deviation, introduced after linearisation, will introduce an error between the Fluxgate and the ships compass. This can be removed by carrying out the linearisation procedure again. If the displayed deviation is greater than +/-15 degrees the Fluxgate should be re-sited. Note:

The linearisation procedure should always be carried out if the fluxgate has been exchanged, removed or moved from its original mounting position.

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## Rudder Reference Transducer (Z060)



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## 1. Description and Functional Test

The rudder reference transducer contains a single turn plastic potentiometer to provide the course computer with rudder position information.

With the rudder reference transducer disconnected from the connector unit, its operation can be checked as follows:-

- a) Connect an Ohmmeter across the blue and red wires.
- b) Position the rudder reference transducer arm diametrically opposite the cable gland and check the reading is between 2.2 and 2.8K ohm.
- c) Slowly rotate the arm in both directions and check that the resistance increases and decreases smoothly according to arm movement.

A faulty rudder reference transducer is replaced as a complete unit.

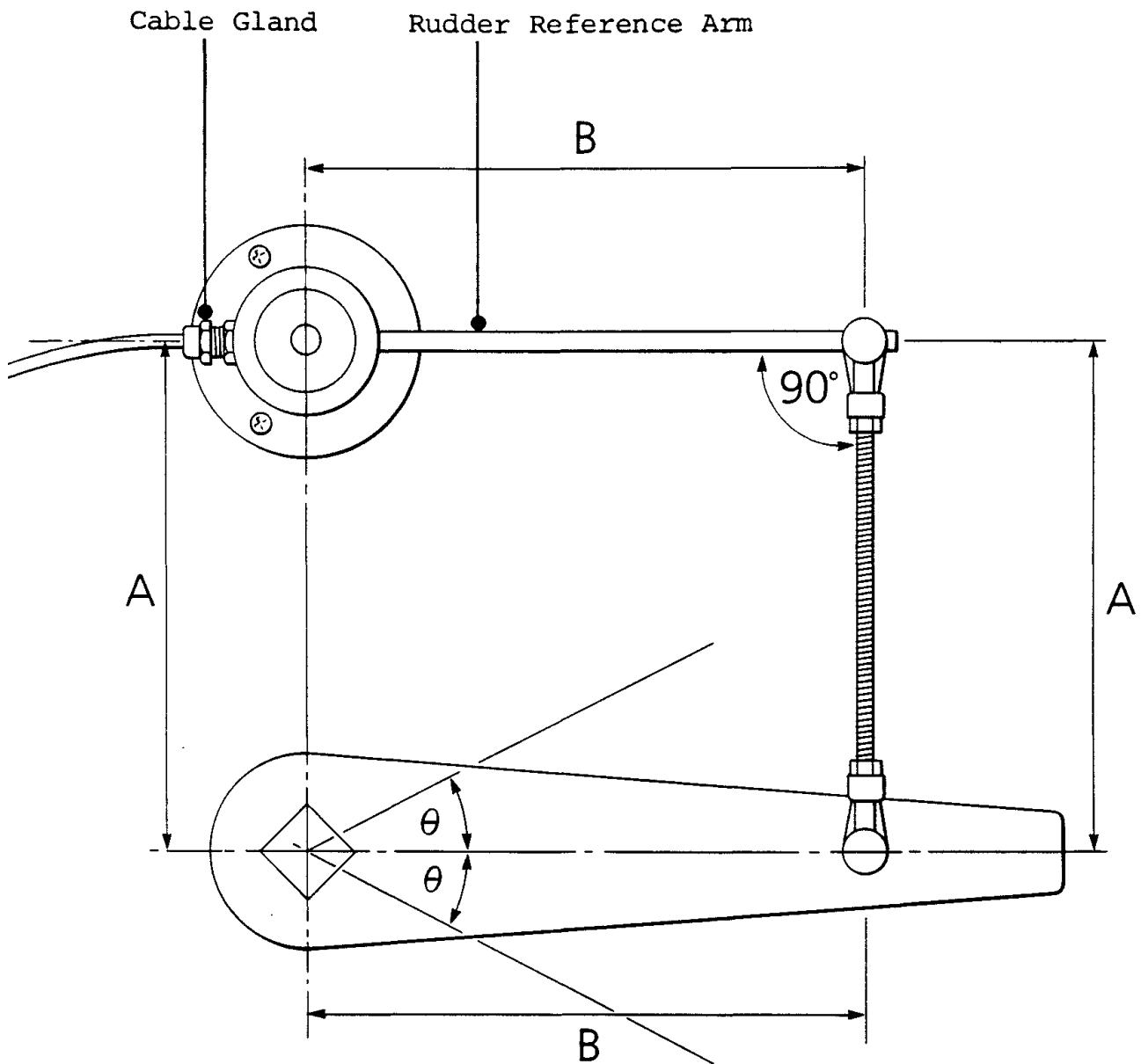
## 2. Resetting Centre Position

It is important that the rudder reference transducer is correctly centred to ensure that the potentiometer output remains within the working range of the Analogue to Digital converter (1.0V to 4.0V). During assembly, the unit is set up to ensure that when the rudder reference transducer arm is diametrically opposite the cable gland, the wiper is at its mid position. The installation instructions then direct the installer to mount the transducer so that with the rudder amidships the arm is diametrically opposite the cable gland (see figure 31). Should it be necessary to install the transducer with its arm in an alternative position to the cable gland, the centre position of the potentiometer must be reset as follows (see figure 32).

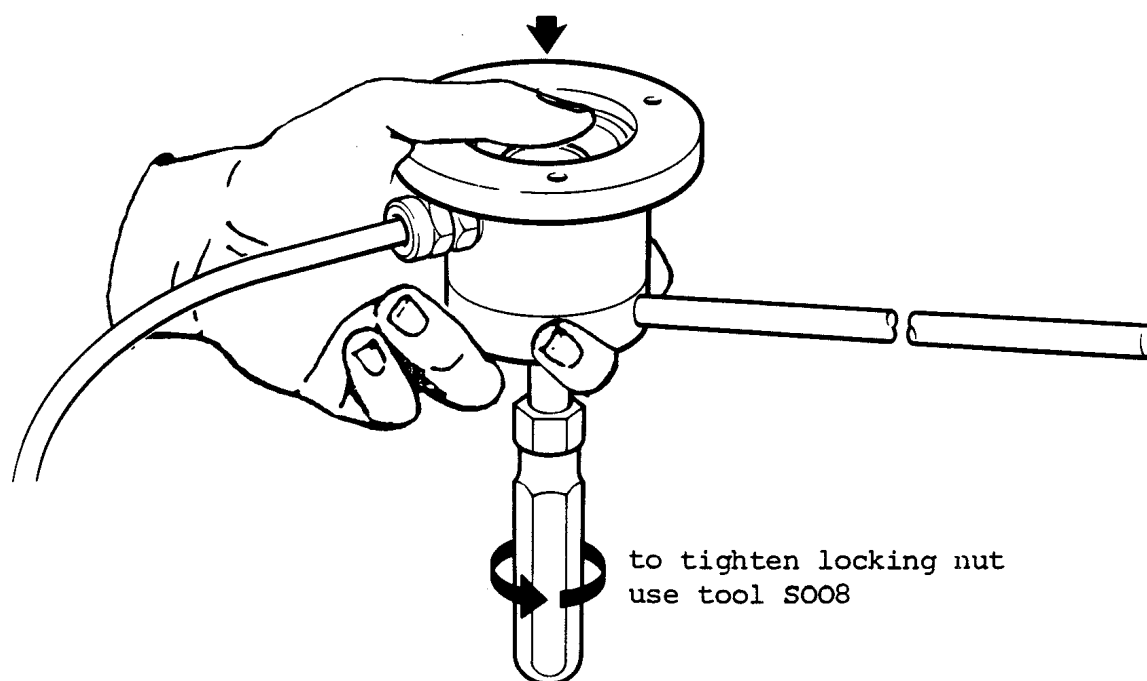
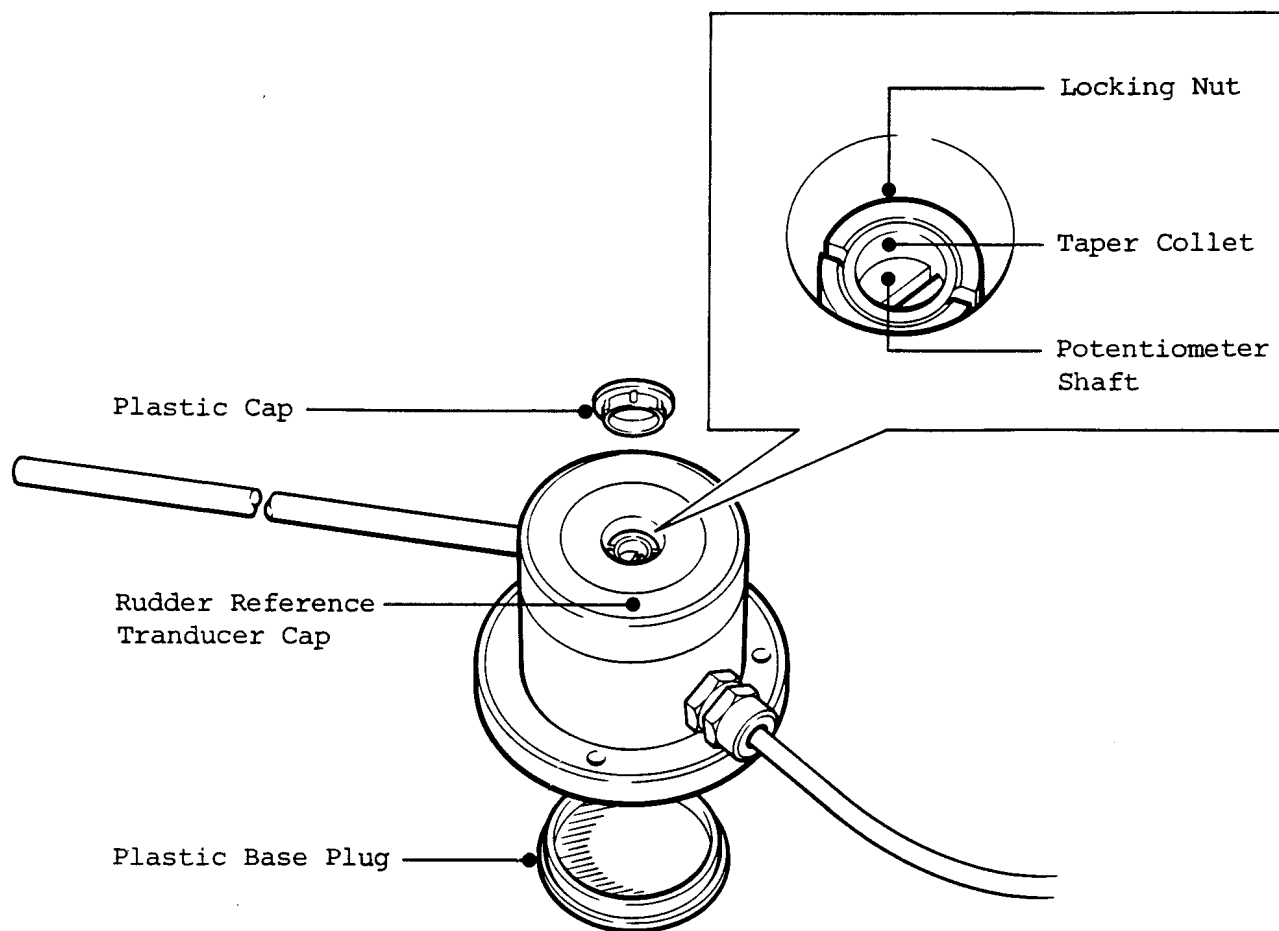
1. When the rudder is amidships, determine the orientation of the rudder reference transducer arm to the cable gland.
2. Remove the plastic base plug from the underside of the transducer and connect an ohmmeter across the red and blue wires.
3. Remove the plastic cap from the top of the unit to gain access to the locking nut of the taper collet.
4. Slacken the locking nut until the potentiometer shaft can be turned within the rudder reference transducer cap.
5. Position the arm as determined in 1. and rotate the potentiometer shaft with a screwdriver until the meter reads between 2.4 and 2.6k ohm.
6. While pressing the potentiometer and potentiometer mounting plate into the rudder reference transducer body, tighten the locking nut to clamp the potentiometer shaft to the cap.
7. Confirm the meter still reads between 2.4 and 2.6k ohm.
8. Check that the total vertical movement at the end of the transducer arm is less than 1.5mm. If it is greater, steps 4. to 8. must be repeated ensuring that the potentiometer and mounting plate are fully pressed into the transducer body.
9. Finally, replace the plastic plug into the base and the cap into the tap.

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Fig. 1. Rudder Reference Unit Standard Installation



**Fig. 2. Adjusting Centre Position**

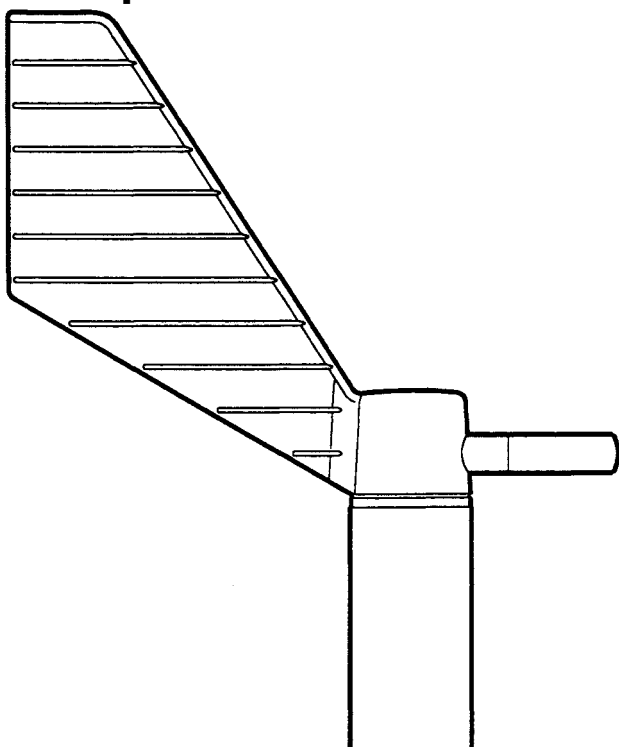


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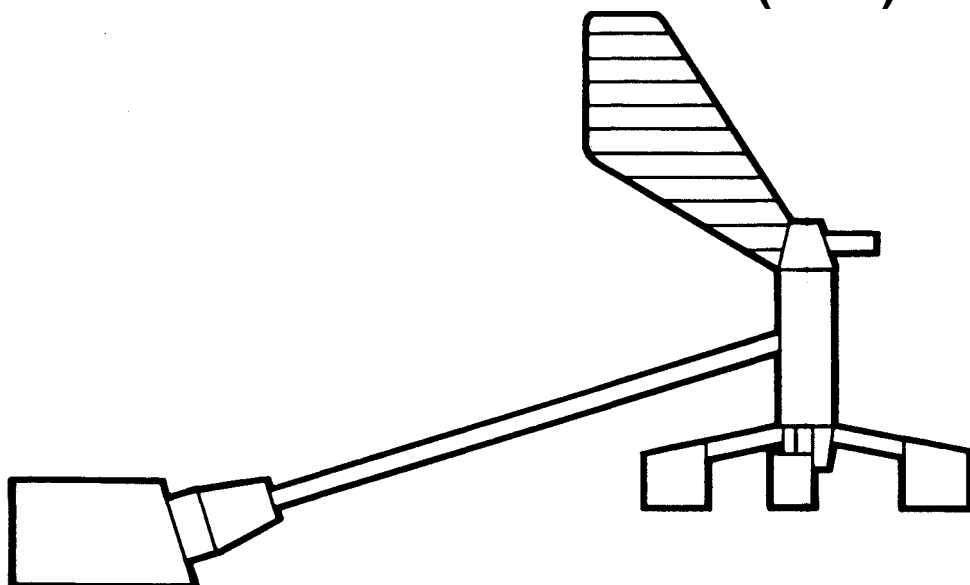
### 3. Product History Rudder Reference (Z060)

| <b>Change</b>                       | <b>Serial Number</b> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Slotted mounting holes introduced   | 980001               |
| Stainless Steel fittings introduced | 290001               |
| Stainless Steel studding introduced | K90001               |

**Pushpit Windvane Transducer (Z087)**



**Masthead Windvane Transducer (Z080)**



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## 1. Description

The Z080 and Z087 Windvane transducers are only compatible with Autohelm Seataalk products. The push pit transducer (Z087) is identical to the Vane transducer in the Masthead Unit (Z080). When connecting a masthead Transducer (Z080) to an Autohelm ST7000 Autopilot do not connect the yellow core into the Aux 1 connector in the connector box. Simply connect the other four cores and trim the yellow back short.

## 2. Functional Test (Z080 Masthead Transducer)

The operation of the Z080 masthead mounted windvane can be checked using the following procedure:-

1. Connect +8V dc to the red core and 0V to the screen.
2. Connect a digital volt meter across the screen and the green core.
3. Rotate vane head through 360 degrees and check that the meter reading oscillates sinusoidally. The maximum reading must be between 6V and 5.5V. The minimum reading must be between 2V and 2.5V.
4. Repeat section 3 with the meter connected across the blue core and screen.

The anemometer transducer can not easily be tested and a replacement pod should be fitted if suspected faulty.

## 3. Functional Test (Z087 Pushpit transducer)

The pushpit vane transducer can be functionally checked by following the Masthead test procedure.

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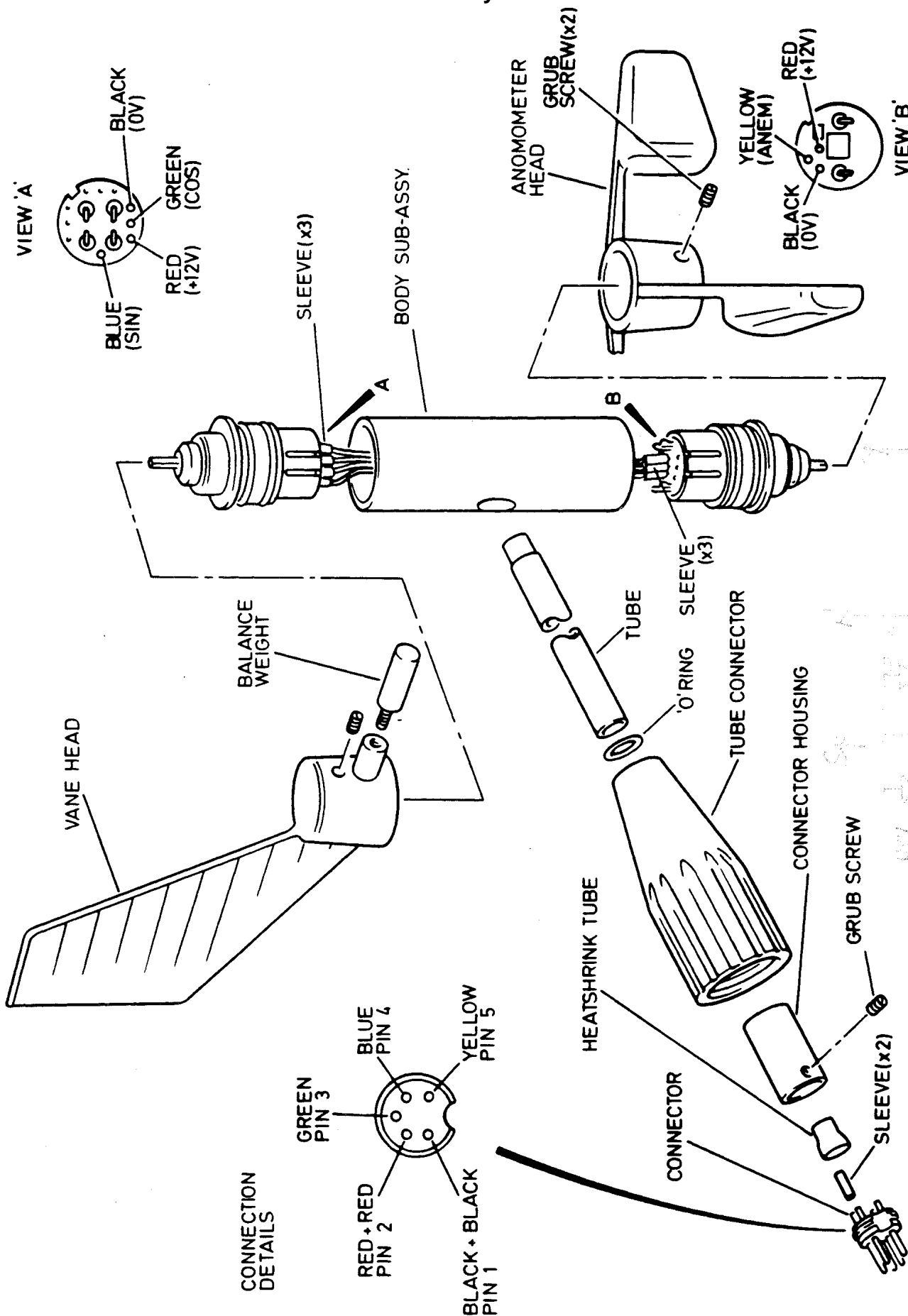
## 4. Product History (Z080 Masthead Transducer)

| Change   | Serial No. | Comments  |
|--|------------|---|
| Production Start   | 590001     |   |
| Drain hole added to anemometer boss                                      | K90001     |   |
| Connector housing length increased                                       | K90164     | Allows mast arm assembly to be located tighter onto mast socket     |
| Self cut grub screws replace brass inserts in vane and anemometer bosses | L90000     | Tighter location of vane and cups onto respective transducer shafts |

## 5. Spares Numbers (Z080 Masthead Transducer)

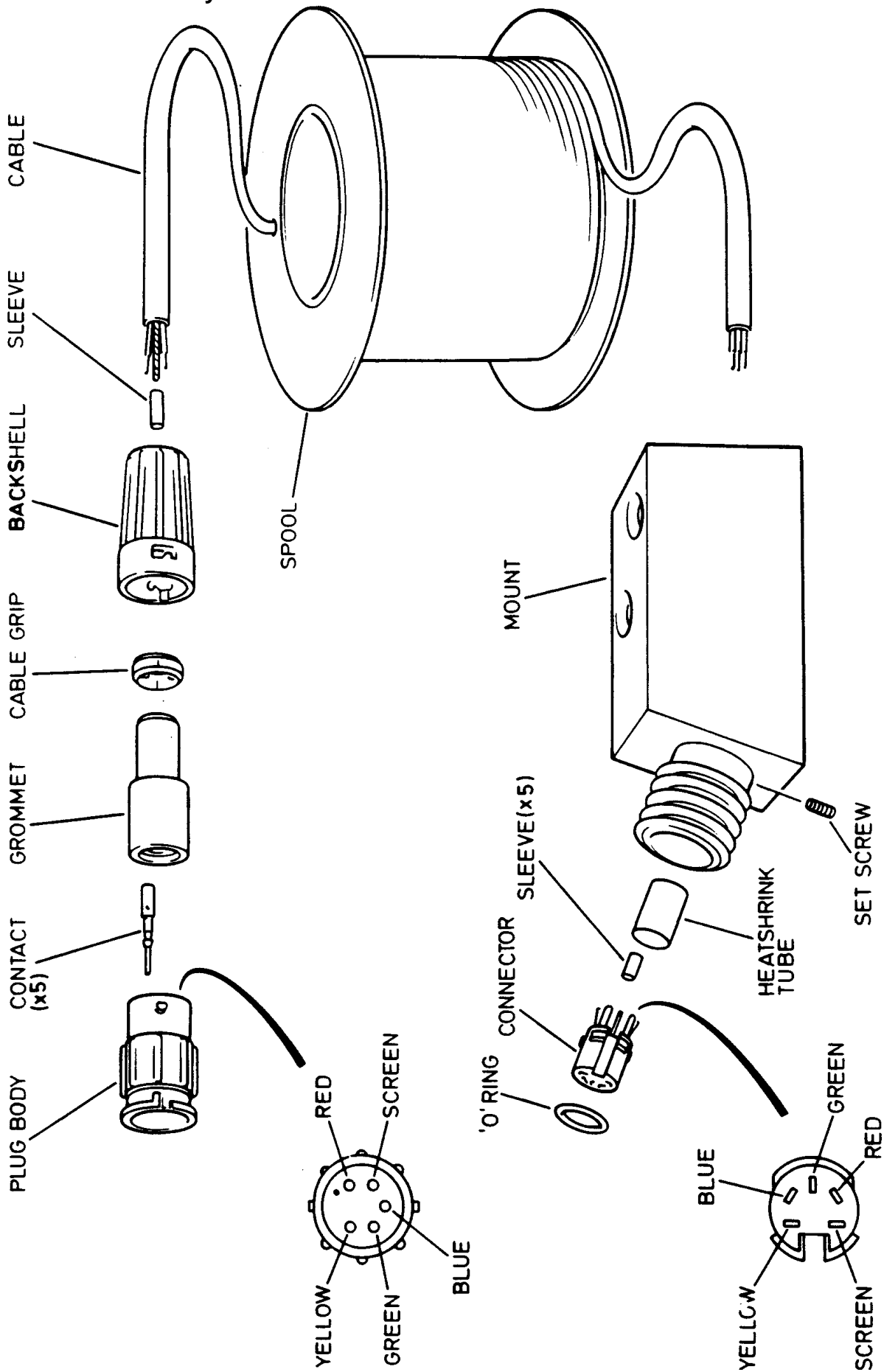
| Item                      | Catalogue No. | Comments   |
|---------------------------|---------------|--|
| Vane transducer pod       | Q001          | Used on both Z080 and Z087 transducers           |
| Anemometer transducer pod | Q002          |  |
| Masthead transducer arm   | Q025          | Mast arm and pod housing without transducer pods |
| Masthead socket and cable | Q026          |  |
| Vane and Cups             | D139          |  |

Z080 Masthead Transducer General Assembly



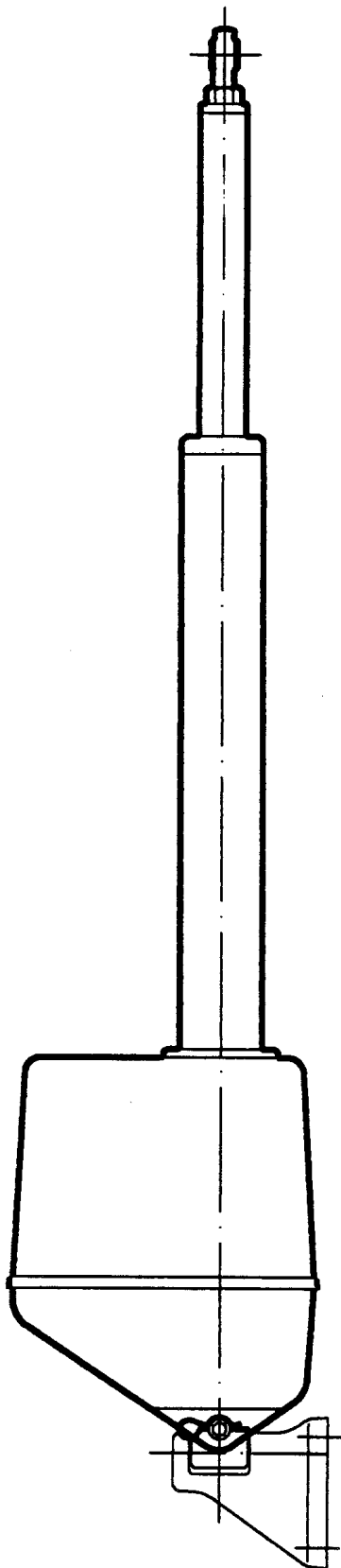
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## Z050 Mount Assembly

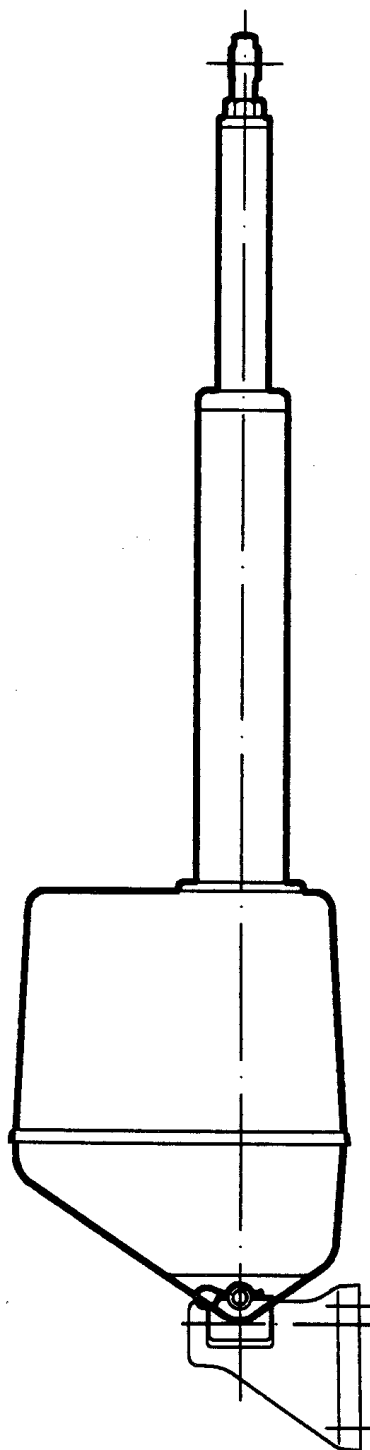


# Linear Drive Units

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Linear Drive Unit (Z029, Z032)



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## 1. Linear Drive Unit

The linear drive unit comprises a belt drive reduction stage from the motor, a single epicyclic gearbox and a two start recirculating-ballscrew to provide linear motion. An electromagnetic clutch locks the outer ring of the epicyclic gearbox when drive is required. The drive is unique in providing efficient drive combined with very smooth backdrive at extremely low loads.

## 2. Inspection

Before stripping down or testing the drive unit, a close visual inspection should be made to establish if the cause of the problem is external.

Poor mechanical installation where the unit can foul obstructions, particularly at the end of stroke, can distort the drive module and lead to rough operation and high backdrive loads. The drive module is assembled at Nautech in a dirt free environment to precise limits. If disturbed, rough operation and high backdrive loads will result.

### 3. Dismantling

After removing the unit from the boat and to gain access to drive motor, drive belt, clutch rotor or drive module the following steps apply:

a) Unscrew and remove the two caphead screws which secure the plastic dust cover to the main unit (use 'M3' alien key). Slide the dust cover off the girdle tube.

b) Unscrew and remove the four M6 caphead screws with washers and the two long hexagonal studs at the centre-sides of the master plate. Separate the mounting cover assembly from the master plate assembly, after feeding the cables through the grommet.

c) If servicing the clutch rotor assembly, remove it from the mounting plate by unscrewing the central caphead screw which secures the assembly to the casting. Note that the assembly is sprung loaded and care should be taken when removing.

d) If replacing the drive belt, loosen the three M6 caphead screws with washers which secure the motor to the masterplate. With the tension taken off the belt it can be slipped off both pulleys.

e) If replacing the drive motor unscrew and remove the three M6 caphead screws as above and take the weight of the motor as it is released. Note that the power cables are extended and passed through grommets in the masterplate. Remove the drive belt.

f) If servicing the drive module, follow steps a) b) d) and e) above. Then remove the circlip at the front of the clutch plate/ring gear assembly and withdraw the assembly. Locate the leadscrew journal and carrier on a firm block to prevent bending the journal and drive out the roll pin securing the carrier to the leadscrew (general assembly).

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Slide off the carrier assembly and the four planet gears. Finally withdraw the driven pulley assembly from the drive module.

## 4. Re-assembly

In all cases rebuilding the unit is a straight reversal of the above procedures, but the following points should be noted:-

- a) If replacing a drive motor, first ensure that the drive pulley is fitted in the correct orientation (general assembly). Ensure that the motor spindle is degreased and dried thoroughly before bonding the pulley to the shaft with Loctite 601 or equivalent anaerobic adhesive. After bonding, the unit should not be put under power for at least one hour.
- b) If replacing the clutch rotor assembly, ensure the rotor can be pulled forward along the two dowels against the spring and when released returns hard against the mounting cover. If this is not done, the assembly will jam the drive train when the unit is rebuilt. Also after the unit is completely rebuilt check for a metallic click when the clutch voltage is applied and removed showing the clutch is operating correctly.
- c) When rebuilding from the drive module stage, ensure that the driven pulley, planet gears, washers and carrier are all correctly located and turning freely before and after the roll pin securing the carrier to the leadscrew is refitted. Note that extreme care must be taken to fully support the leadscrew journal when driving the roll pin back into the carrier. This prevents the leadscrew journal from being bent. Check for free movements of the ram tube in and out before proceeding further. When refitting the clutch plate assembly ensure that it is engaged correctly with the planet gears before refitting the washer and circlip. Check again for free ram tube movement before refitting the mounting cover.
- d) Ensure that all cables are correctly routed, secured and pulled through away from moving parts.
- e) Check the correct length drive module, drive motor and product label have been used.

## 5. Operation with non Autohelm Autopilots (24v systems)

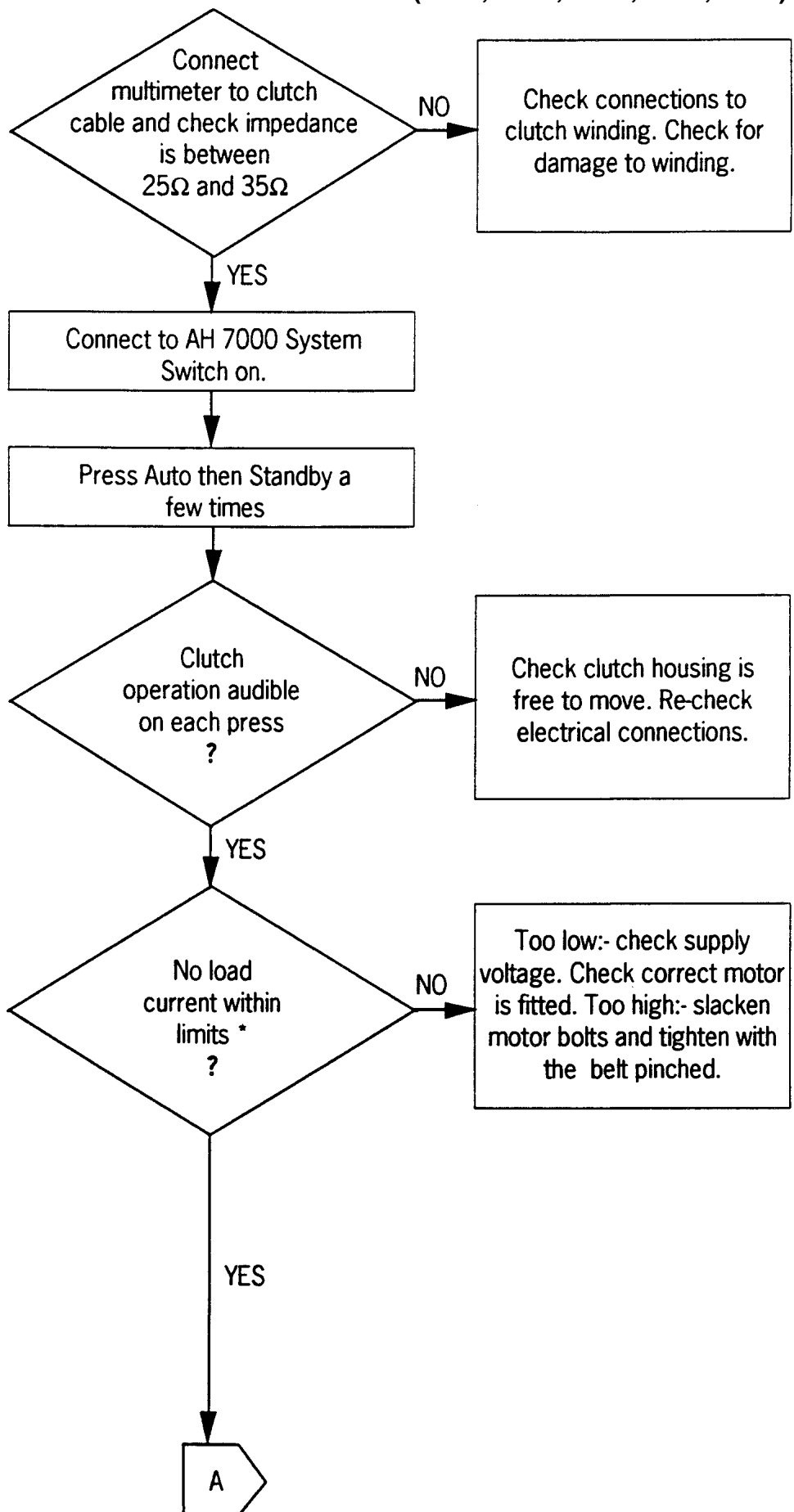
It should be noted that the 24V version of the Autohelm linear drive requires a 12V clutch signal. If used with other manufacturers autopilots, steps should be taken to limit the voltage supplied to the clutch.

## 6. Functional Test

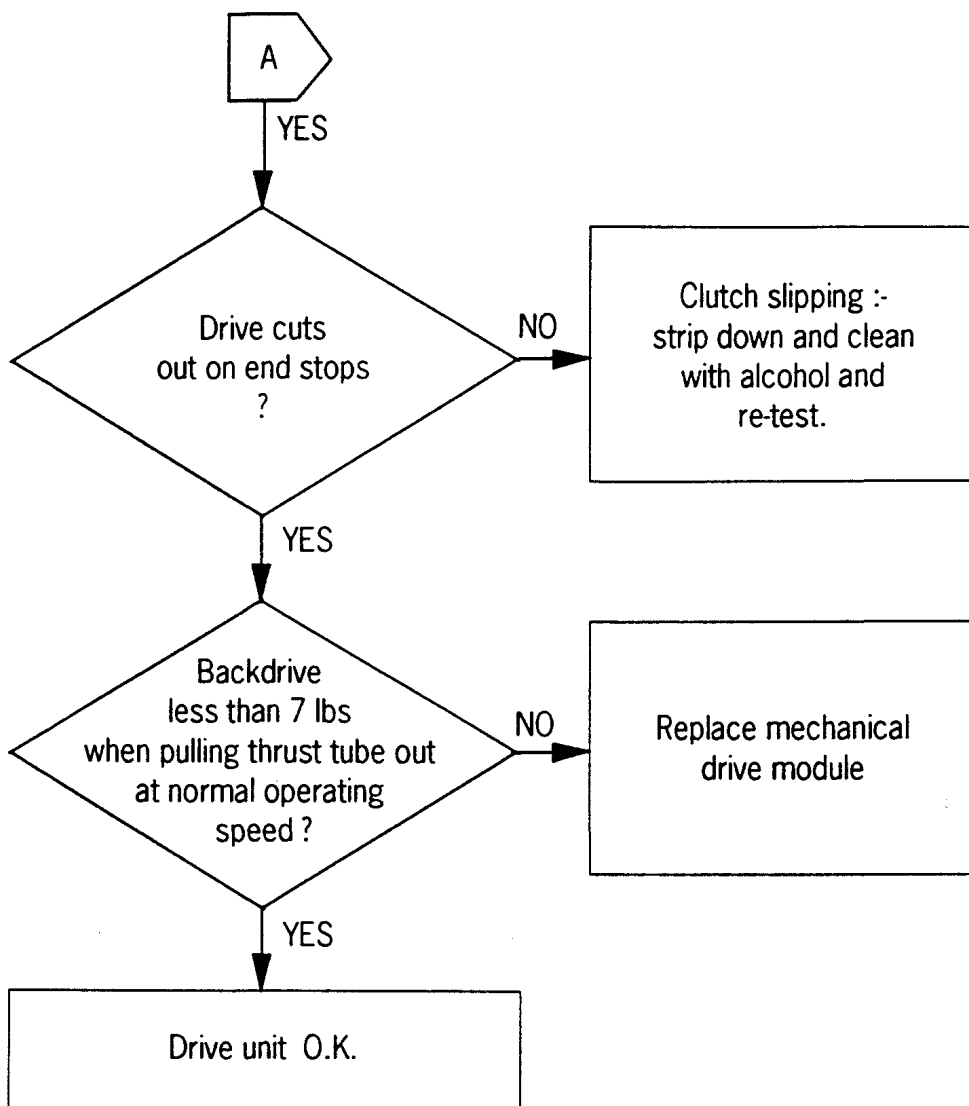
Having reassembled the drive unit the following functional test (Fig.2) must be completed.



Linear Drive Unit - Functional Test Procedure (Z029, Z032, Z039, Z085, Z059)

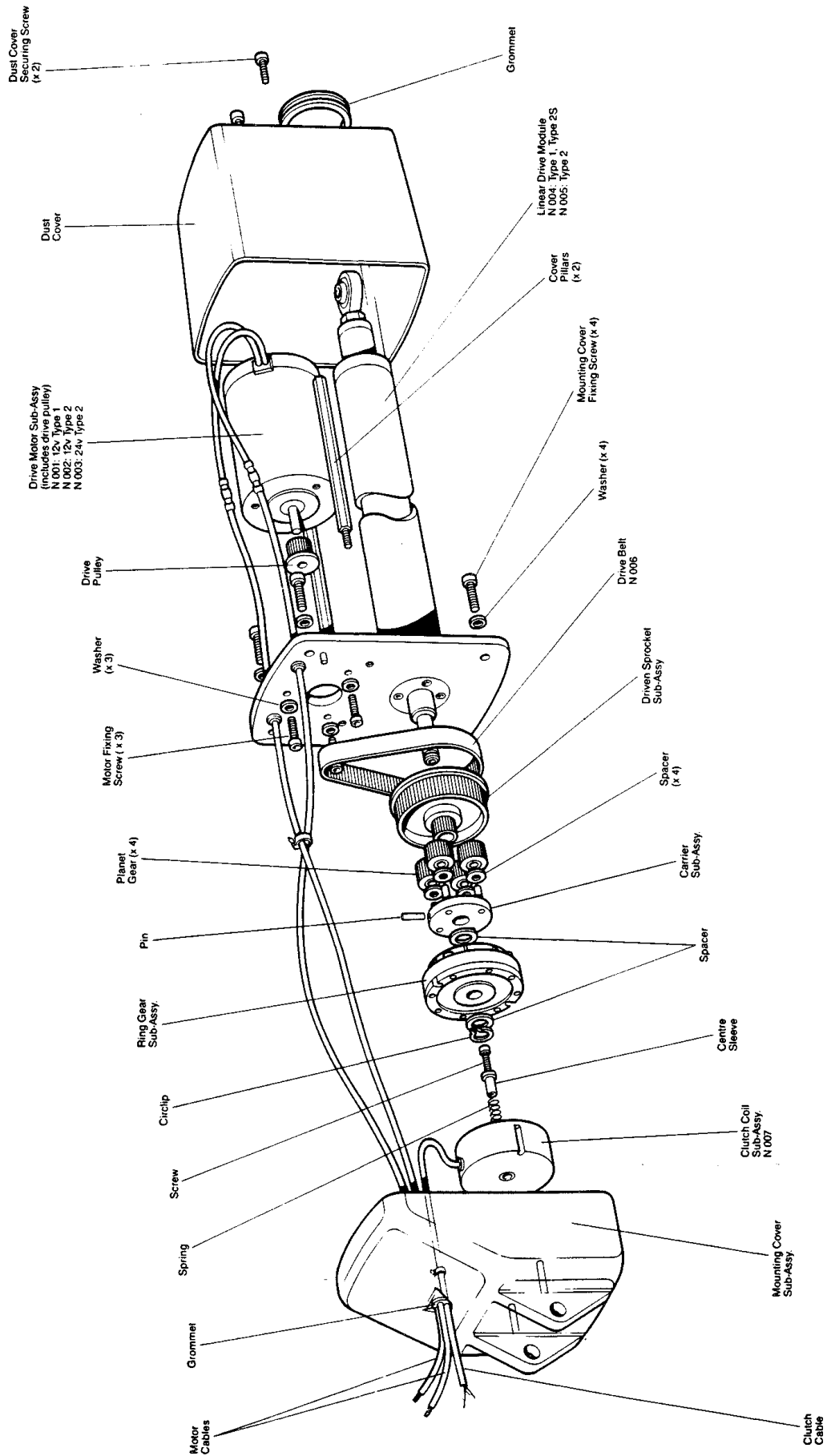


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| * No load current limits :- |              | Minimum (A) | Maximum (A) |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Type 1                      | (Z039)       | 2.0         | 3.0         |
| Type 2 12V                  | (Z029, Z058) | 2.5         | 3.5         |
| Type 2 24V                  | (Z032, Z059) | 1.0         | 2.5         |

Fig. 1. Linear Drive Unit (Z029, Z032, Z039, Z058, Z059) General Assembly



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### 7. Product History Type 2 Linear Drive Actuators (Long Stroke) (Z029 & Z032)

| Change                              | Serial Number | Comments   |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Introduction                        | 470001        |  |
| Fracmo Motors introduced            | 780042        |  |
| Girdle Buffer/Stop material changed | 790045        | Extended high temperature use caused rubber buffer to swell giving higher back drive |
| Rockford Leadscrew introduced       | 100002        |  |

### 8. Product History Type 1 Linear Drive Actuators (Z039)

| Change                              | Serial Number | Comments   |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Introduction                        | 470003        |  |
| Fracmo Motors introduced            | 680086        |  |
| Girdle Buffer/Stop material changed | 790068        | Extended high temperature use caused rubber buffer to swell giving higher back drive |
| Rockford Leadscrew introduced       | 100002        |  |

### 9. Product History Type 2 Linear Drive Actuators (Short Stroke) (Z058 & Z059)

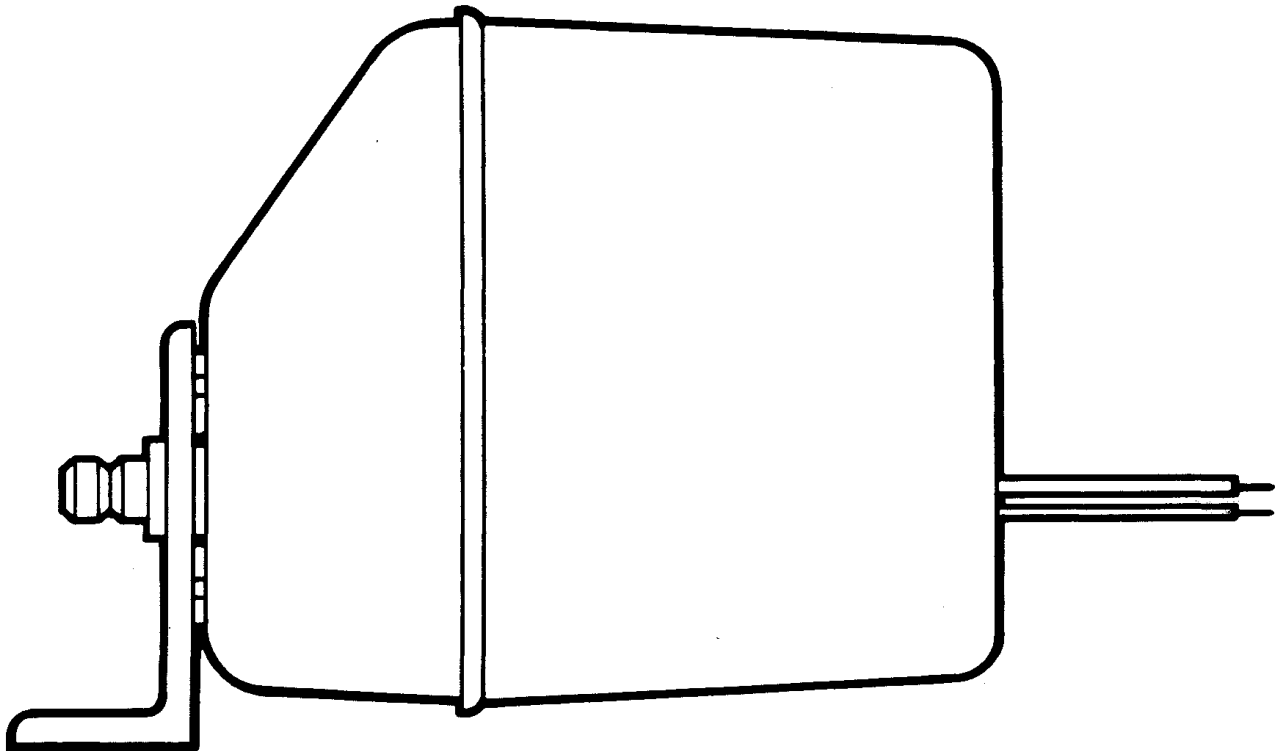
| Change                              | Serial No. | Comments  |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---|
| Introduction                        | 470001     |   |
| Fracmo Motors introduced            | 780042     |   |
| Girdle Buffer/Stop material changed | 790045     |   |
| Rockford Leadscrew introduced       | 100002     | Extended high temperature use caused rubber to swell giving higher backdrive. |

**10. Spares Numbers - Linear Drive Unites (Z029, Z032, Z039 Z058 & Z059)**

| <b>Item</b>               | <b>Catalogue No.</b> |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Drive Motor (Z039)        | N001                 |
| Drive Motor (Z058 & Z029) | N002                 |
| Drive Motor (Z032 & Z059) | N003                 |
| Short Stroke drive module | N004                 |
| Long Stroke drive module  | N005                 |
| Drive Belt                | N006                 |
| Clutch/Rotor              | N007                 |

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**Rotary Drive Units (Z028, Z031 & Z037)**



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## 1. Rotary Drive Unit

The rotary drive unit comprises a belt drive reduction stage from the motor, and a two stage epicyclic gearbox. An electro-magnetic clutch locks the outer ring of the first stage gearbox when drive is required. This arrangement provides very quiet operation with low backdrive torques.

## 2. Dismantling

After removing the unit from the boat and to gain access for drive motor, drive belt or clutch replacement, the following steps apply:-

- a) Unscrew and remove two caphead screws using M3 alien key. These screws secure the plastic cover to the main unit. Ease the power supply and clutch cables through the grommet whilst removing the plastic cover and finally remove the cover altogether.
- b) If servicing the clutch assembly remove the dust cover as above then unscrew and remove the two caphead screws which secure the clutch rotor and plate assembly to the two pillars holding it off the main assembly (use a M3 alien key).
- c) The clutch rotor is fixed to its plate by one caphead screw through the centre which is spring loaded. Therefore, care should be taken to hold the clutch rotor as the screw is removed.
- d) If servicing the drive motor assembly, remove the dust cover as above then unscrew and remove the 4 x 6mm caphead screws with washers and also the two long hexagonal studs at the centre sides of the main assembly. The mounting cover assembly can now be removed from the master plate. Care must be taken when removing the cover assembly to ensure the drive gear disengages without damage. This is best done with the mounting cover placed down on the bench and the drive motor facing uppermost so that the planet gears within the mounting cover will stay in place. If they become dislodged keep them safely ready for reassembly.
- e) Support the motor, unscrew and remove the three M6 caphead screws and washers securing the motor to the master plate and slip the drive belt off the pulley.
- f) If replacing the drive belt it will only be necessary to loosen the three screws that secure the motor to take the tension off the belt whilst it is slipped off both pulleys.

## 3. Reassembly

In all cases rebuilding the unit is a straight reversal of the above procedures, but the following points should be noted:-a) When refitting a drive motor ensure that the drive pulley is fitted to the motor shaft in the correct orientation (general assembly). Note also that the motor shaft should be degreased with a suitable solvent and dried off thoroughly before bonding the pulley in place using Loctite 601 or equivalent anaerobic adhesive. Following bonding the unit should not be placed under full power for at least one hour.

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b) When rebuilding the clutch rotor and plate assembly ensure the rotor can be pulled forward along the two dowels against the spring and when released it returns hard against the mounting plate. If this is not done, the assembly will jam the drive train when the unit is rebuilt. Also, check it pulls in and releases when a voltage is applied and removed.

c) When refitting the mounting cover to master plate assembly, firstly ensure that all four planet gears are correctly fitted and freely rotate when the drive shaft is rotated. Secondly, when lowering the master plate onto the mounting cover it will help to locate the gear train if the drive shaft is rotated slightly to engage the geared shaft with the planet gears. Ensure the drive train rotates freely before refitting and tightening all the screws.

d) When refitting the dust cover ensure that all leads are either secured to the hexagonal pillars or pulled uptight through the grommet so that they are kept clear of any moving parts.

e) Ensure that the correct drive motor (and product label) is fitted by a simple voltage and current test checked against the serial number.

### 4. Operation with non Autohelm Autopilots (24v systems)

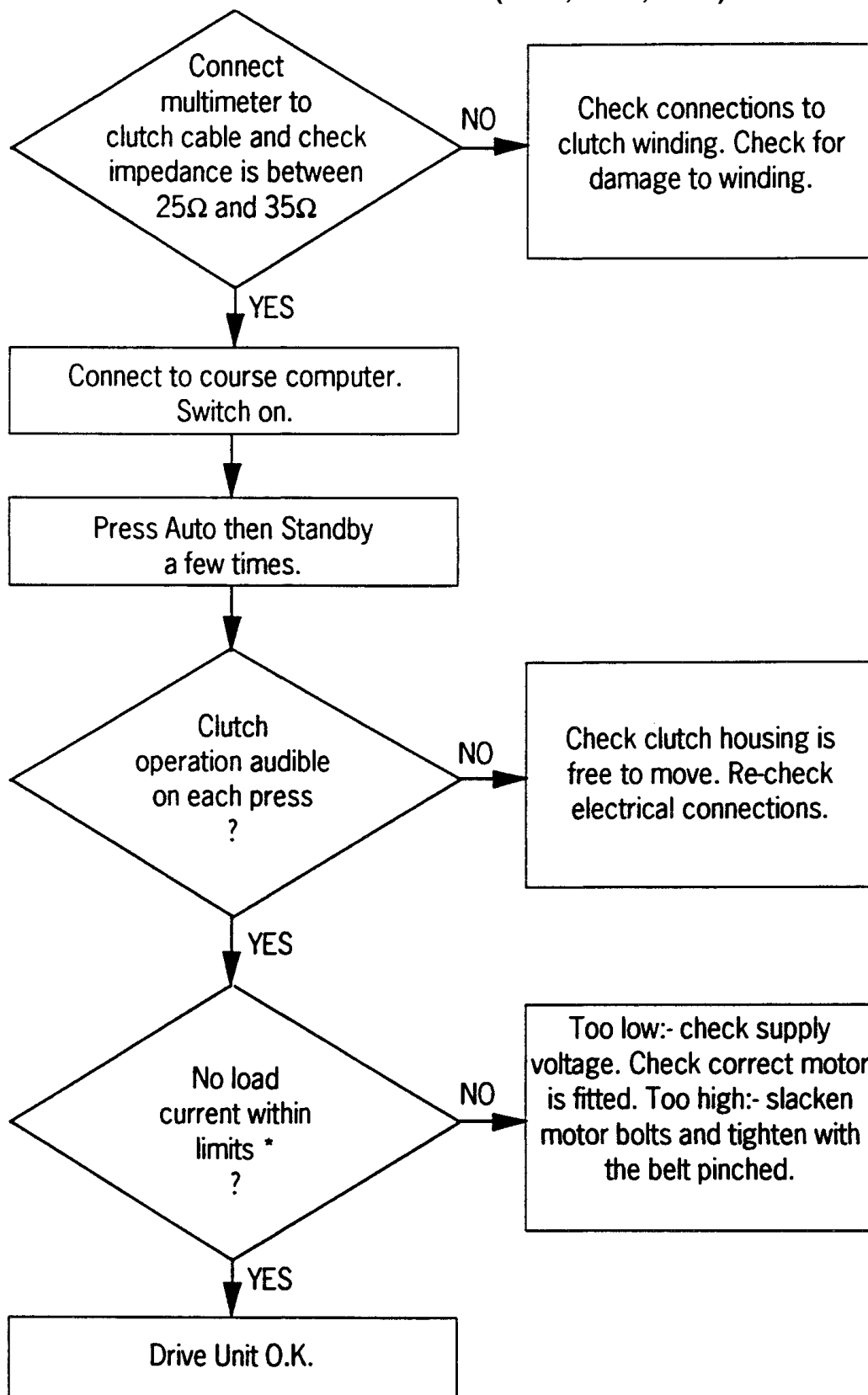
It should be noted that the 24V version of the Autohelm rotary drive requires a 12V clutch signal. If used with other manufacturers autopilots, steps should be taken to limit the voltage supplied to the clutch.

## 5. Functional Test

Having reassembled the drive unit, the following functional test (Fig.2) must be completed.

Without stalling the output shaft it is impossible to check for clutch slip and so care must be taken when handling the drive unit to ensure that no grease is allowed onto the clutch surfaces.

## Rotary Drive Unit - Functional Test Procedure (Z028, Z031, Z038)



\*No load current limits:-

|            |        |
|------------|--------|
| Type 1     | (Z037) |
| Type 2 12V | (Z028) |
| Type 2 24V | (Z031) |

Minimum (A)

|     |
|-----|
| 2.0 |
| 2.5 |
| 1.0 |

Maximum (A)

|     |
|-----|
| 3.0 |
| 3.5 |
| 2.5 |



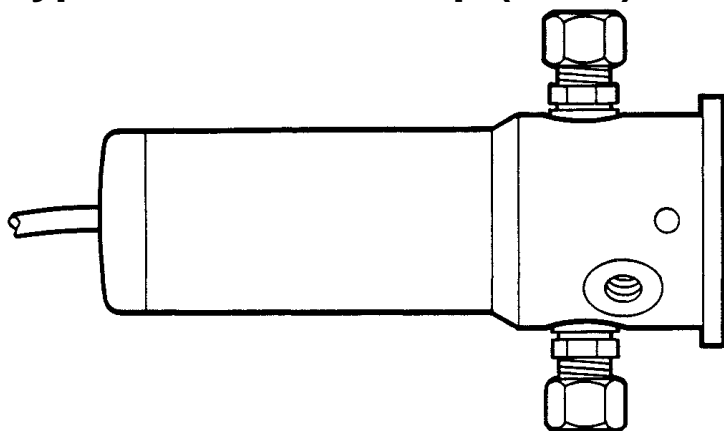
**6. Spares numbers - Rotary Drive Units (Z028, Z031, Z037)**

| <b>Item</b>        | <b>Catalogue No.</b> |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Drive Motor (Z037) | N001                 |
| Drive Motor (Z028) | N002                 |
| Drive Motor (Z031) | N003                 |
| Drive Belt         | N006                 |
| Clutch/Rotor       | N007                 |

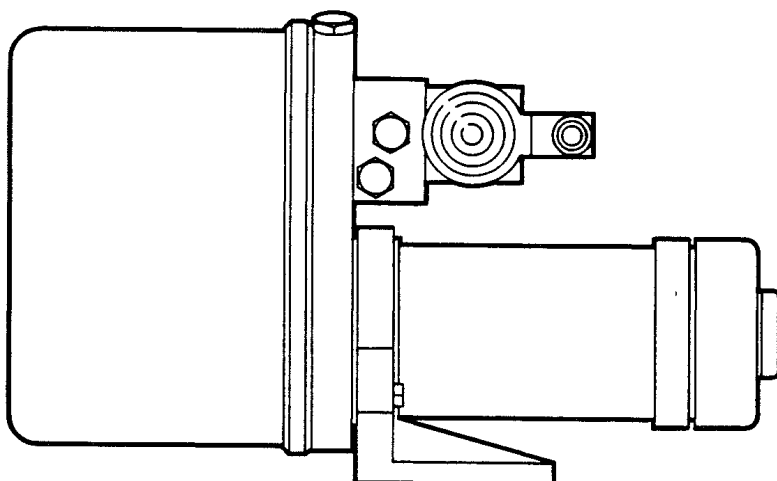
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## Hydraulic Drive Units Service Procedures

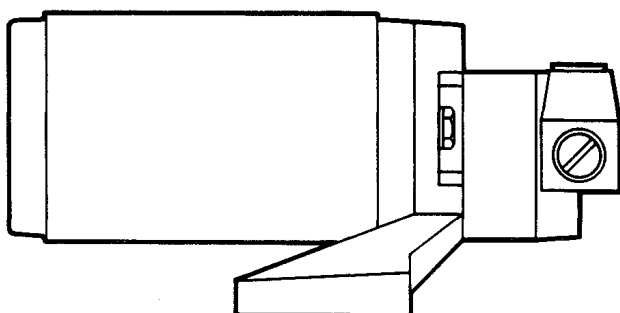
### Type '0' Piston Pump (Z081)



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## 1. Hydraulic Drive Units

Three types of hydraulic drive units are covered, the constant running power pack, the reversing gear pumps and the type 'O' piston pump. The most common cause of problems is trapped dirt in the valve assemblies between the balls and their seats. This provides a short circuit path for the oil, which will greatly reduce the pressure generated to move the steering cylinder. It is important to observe absolute cleanliness at all times during dismantling and reassembly. If it is necessary to service the drive units when installed the following points should be observed:-

- Hydraulic pressurised systems must be depressurised before work is started.
- The drive unit should be isolated from the main steering system to minimise fluid loss.

## 2. Constant Running Power Pack (Z064, Z065, Z066, Z067)

The constant running hydraulic power pack provides a drive unit for larger vessels with steering cylinder displacements above 400cc. The power pack motor is switched independently of the autopilot and runs continuously. When rudder movement is required, the solenoid valves are energised by the course computer to direct the flow to the steering cylinder.

The servicing information allows replacement of the solenoid valve assembly, inspection and cleaning of the check valve and relief valve assembly and seal replacement. It is not possible to service the pump and filter assembly which are contained within the reservoir as the reservoir seal requires special assembly techniques.

### 2.1 Dismantling and Reassembly

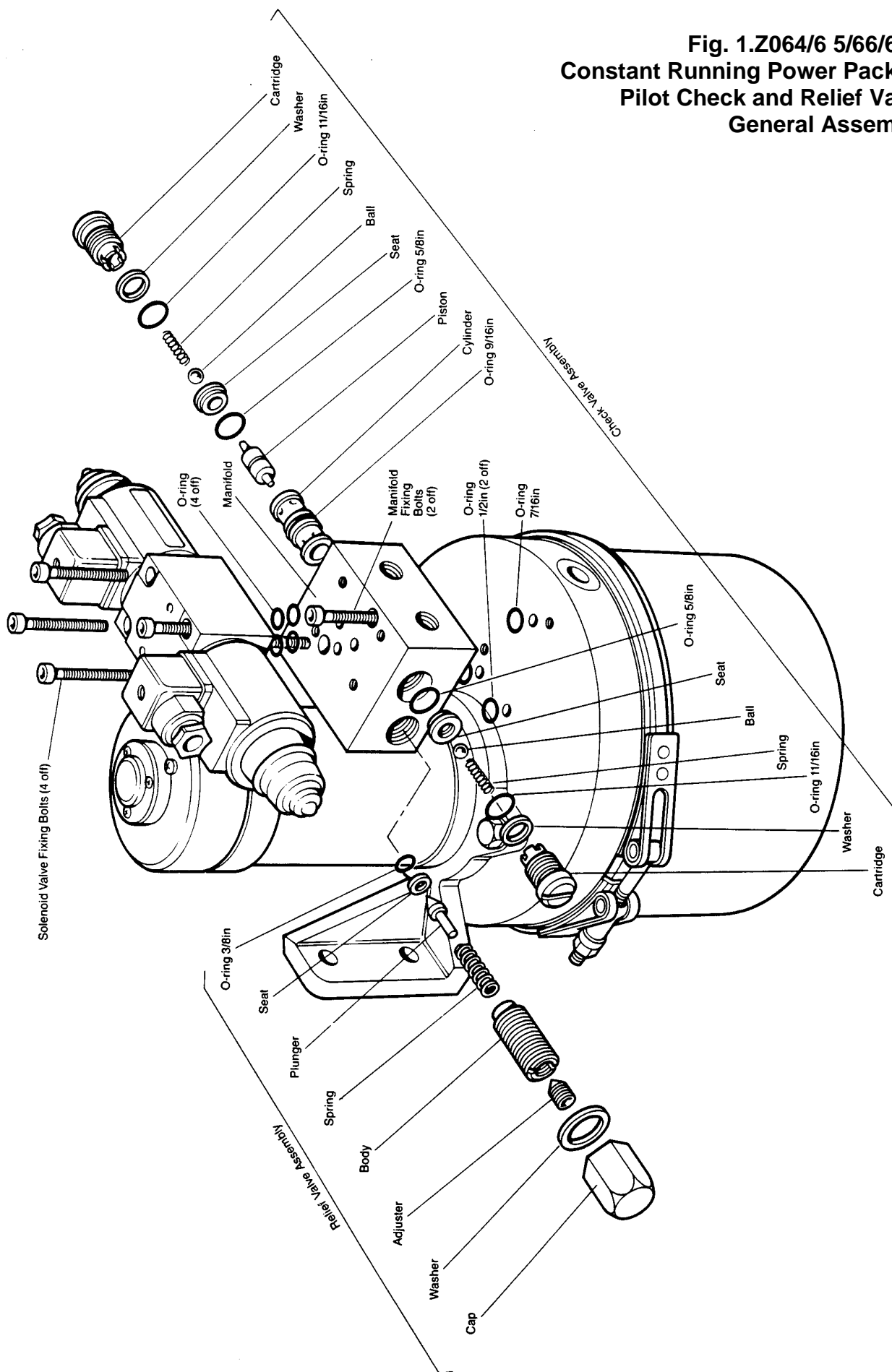
a) To remove the solenoid valve, undo the four caphead bolts securing it to the manifold. Remove the valve carefully to ensure the O ring seals are not lost. Reassembly is a simple reversal of this procedure.

b) To clean the check valve assembly, unscrew the cartridge and remove it along with the washer and O ring seal. The spring and ball can then be taken out. The seat and O ring will probably remain in position and oil from the reservoir is likely to wash out any dirt that could have been causing problems. If the check valve assembly is further dismantled, care must be taken when reassembling to prevent damage to the O rings. The best method is to place the 5/ Sin. O ring and seat in the manifold and screw in the cartridge (without the ball or spring) to position the seat within its sealing ring. The cartridge can then be removed and the ball and spring positioned within the cartridge. Some grease may be used to retain them whilst the cartridge with its O ring and washer is screwed into position.

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- c) If the relief valve assembly is removed, the relief valve setting should be checked after reassembly. The factory pre-set is 750 psi.
- d) Ensure all parts are reassembled in the current sequence and nothing is missed out during reassembly.

**Fig. 1.Z064/6 5/66/67 –  
Constant Running Power Packs –  
Pilot Check and Relief Valve  
General Assembly**



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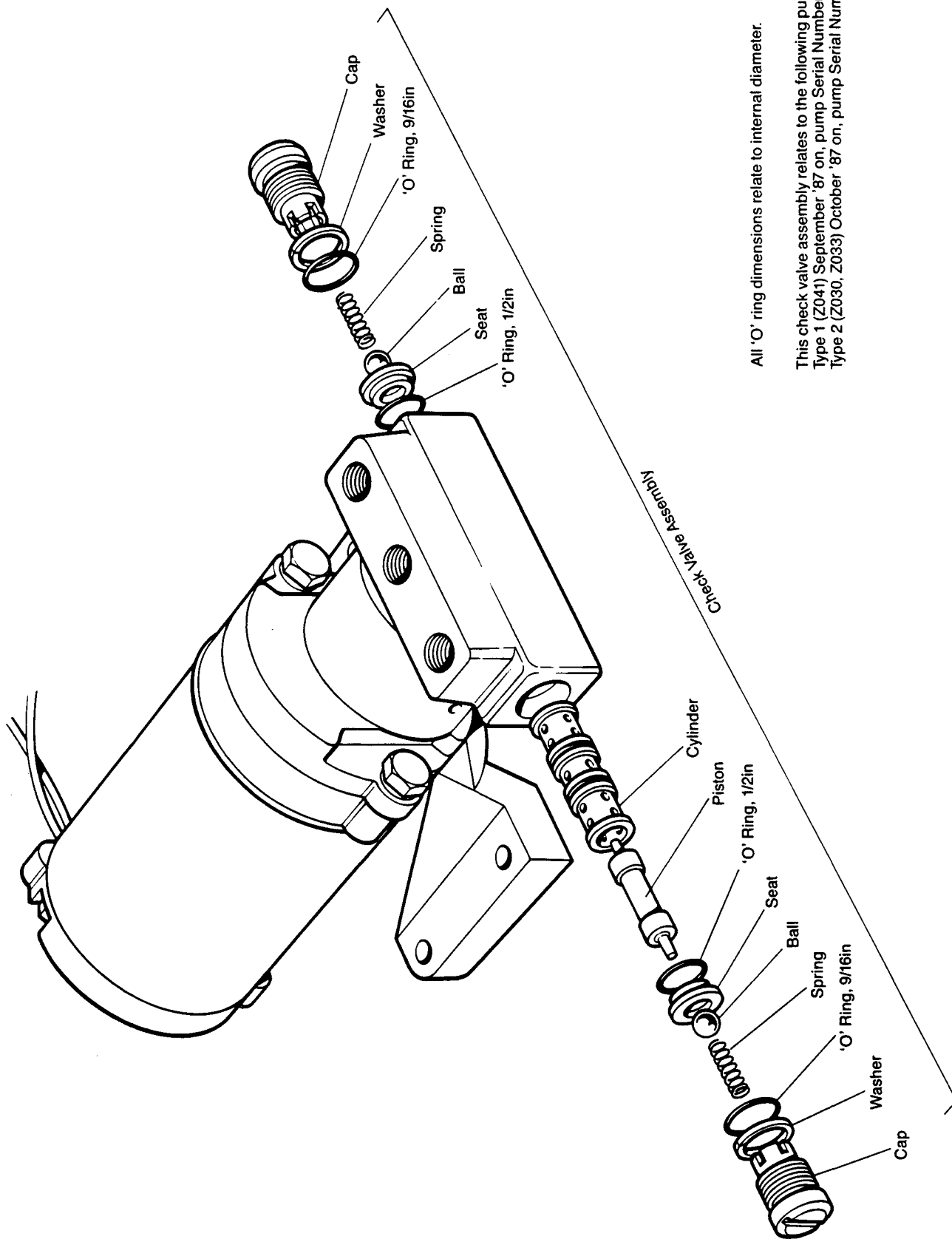
### **3. Reversing Gear Pumps (Z030f Z033, Z041)**

Reversing Gear Pumps are fitted with a single check valve assembly which allows operation with unbalanced rams.

To clean the valve assemblies, it is usually only necessary to remove the cap, spring and ball. The dirt will in most cases be washed out with oil from the reservoir.

If the seats and O ring seals are removed, these are best replaced by using the cap (without the spring) to position them. The cap may then be removed, and reassembled with the spring in position. Ensure all parts are reassembled in the correct sequence and nothing is missed out.

Fig. 2. Z041, Z030, Z033 - Reversing Gear Pump



All 'O' ring dimensions relate to internal diameter.

This check valve assembly relates to the following pumps:-  
 Type 1 (Z041) September '87 on, pump Serial Number DF873197 on.  
 Type 2 (Z030, Z033) October '87 on, pump Serial Number EF871419 on.

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## 4. Type '0' Piston Pump (Z081)

A faulty type '0' pump should be replaced as a complete item. Care should be taken when removing the pump, not to introduce any dirt into the hydraulic system.

The type '0' pump is sensitive to trapped air and care should be taken to remove it during installation and commissioning.

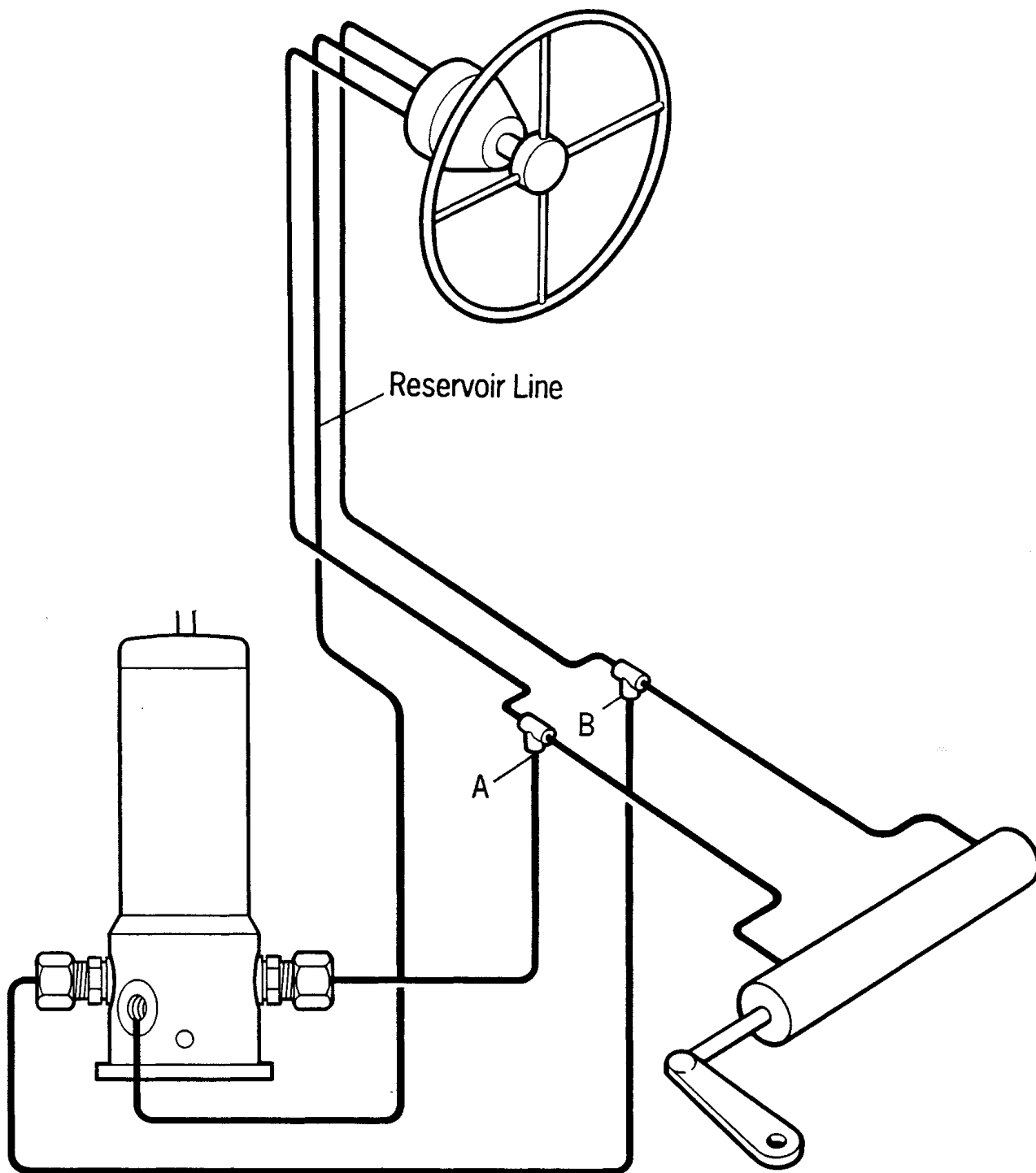
### 4.1 Type '0' Pump Reinstallation

When a faulty pump is replaced new sealing washers should always be installed between the fittings and the pump body. Connect the reservoir line to the pump leaving the two drive pipes disconnected at points A and B (Fig.3). Temporarily blank off the two tee unions to the steering system to avoid fluid loss. The pump should then be bled using the following procedures:-

1. Fill pipe B with oil.
2. Connect pump drive cable to a 12V dc supply via a 10 ohm 50W resistor. This allows the pump to rotate slowly without cavitating.
3. Continue adding oil to pipe B as the level drops. Note: If oil is expelled from pipe B then reverse the connections to the pump.
4. Stop the pump when oil appears out of pipe A. Reconnect A to the steering system and repeat steps 2 and 3 until the steering ram moves.
5. Observe the movement of the ram and turn the helm pump in the opposite direction to keep the rudder stationary. This will cause any remaining air in pipe A to be drawn up to the helm pump and vented.
6. When all the air in pipe A is cleared stop the pump and reconnect pipe B to the steering system.
7. Reverse the polarity of the pump and repeat from section 5.

Note: This type of positive displacement pump is sensitive to trapped air. It should be thoroughly bled before using the autopilot.

Fig. 3. Type '0' Piston Pump Bleeding

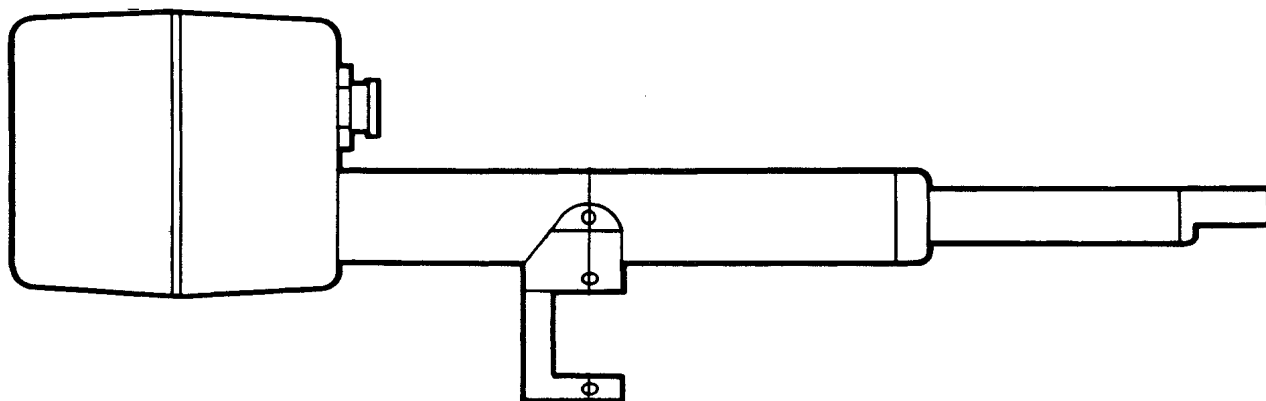


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# Inboard/Outboard Drive Unit (Z088)

## Service Procedures



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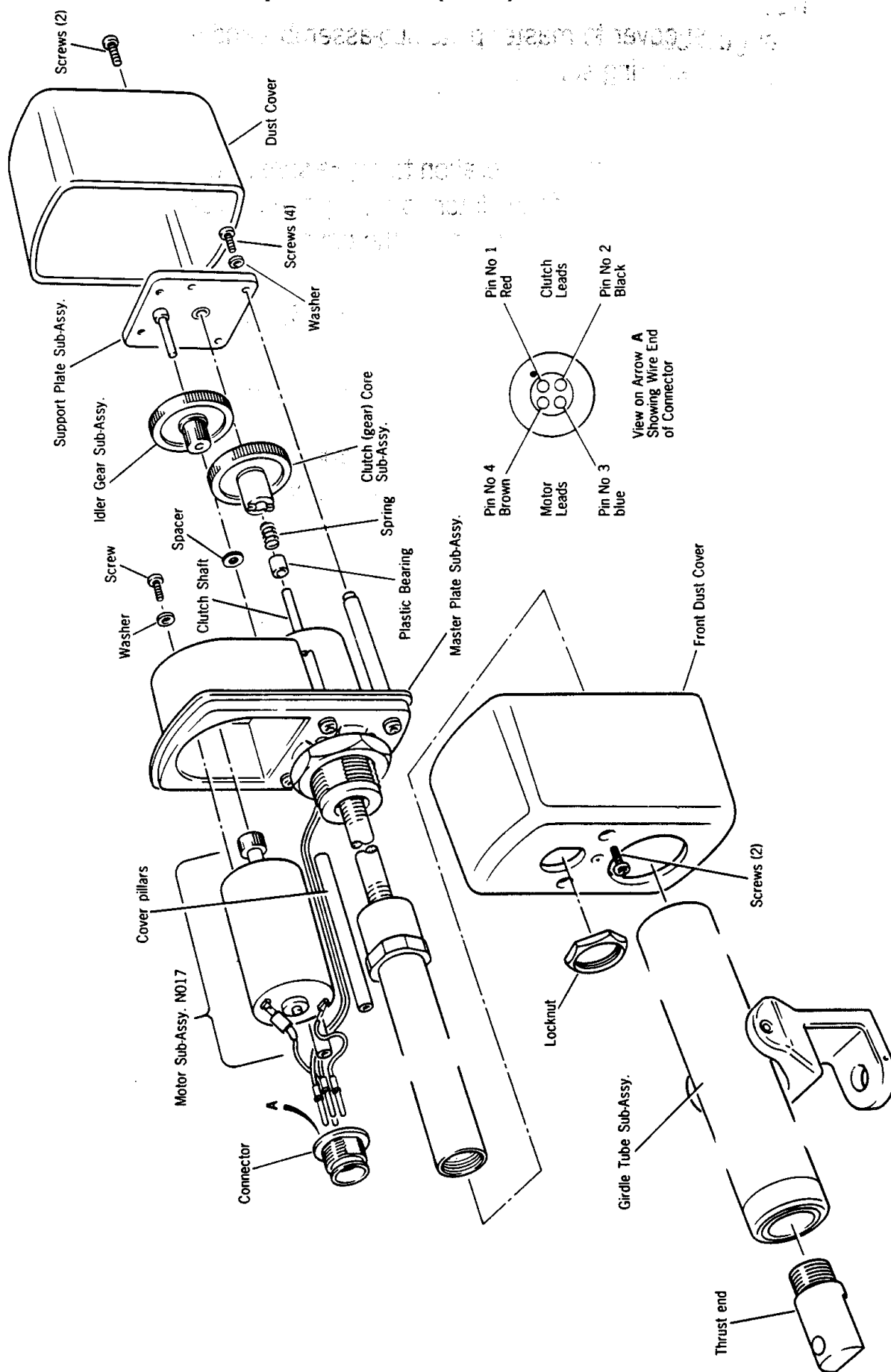
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Fig. 1. I/O Drive Unit - Exploded View (Z088)



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## 4. Spares numbers - I/O Sterndrive Unit (Z088)

| Item                        | Catalogue No. |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Drive Motor                 | N017          |
| Drive Assembly              | N018          |
| Mercruiser Installation Kit | D137          |
| Volvo Installation Kit      | D129          |

## 1. I/O Drive Unit

The I/O drive unit comprises a motor with a two-stage spur reduction gearbox. A single toothed clutch transmits the torque to a recirculating ball screw. The clutch is held apart by a small spring to ensure the clutch tooth does not 'ratchet' when disengaged. The I/O drive unit may be used with all 610 versions of the AH6000 power pilot and both the SeaTalk ST6000 and ST7000 Autopilots. Servicing is restricted to motor replacement. Great care must be taken when servicing to ensure all screws are fully tightened. The I/O Drive Unit is subjected to high vibration levels and loose screws will quickly work free.

## 2. Motor Replacement (No 17)

### 2.1 Dismantling

- Unscrew the 2 off rear dust cover retaining screws and remove the dust cover.
- Unscrew the 4 off support plate retaining screws complete with washers.
- Carefully remove the support plate sub-assembly complete with Idler gear sub-assembly and 2 off spacers. Ensure that the support plate is held square during removal to prevent damage to clutch shaft. It is now possible to remove the clutch/gear core sub-assembly, spring and plastic bearing from clutch shaft.
- Undo the lock nut of the 4 pin connector and remove.
- Unscrew 2 off front dust cover retaining screws and push connector out of front dust cover.
- Slide dust cover along girdle tube sub-assembly to provide access to motor sub-assembly No. 17.
- Desolder the wires from the motor.
- Unscrew the 2 off motor retaining screws complete with washers and remove. Pull motor away from master plate sub-assembly.

### 2.2 Reassembly

- Assemble motor sub-assembly (No.17) to master plate sub-assembly and secure with 2 off screws complete with washers. (Fully tighten).
  - Solder the wires to the new motor.
  - Assemble connector to front dust cover and secure with lock nut.
  - Slide dust cover along girdle tube and assemble to master plate.
- Check that the motor and clutch leads are not trapped during assembly.
- Fully tighten the 2 off screws to secure dust cover.
  - Reassemble the plastic bearing spring and clutch (gear) core sub-assembly to clutch shaft.
  - Assemble the Idler gear sub-assembly complete with 2 off washers to support plate sub-assembly.

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- Position the support plate sub-assembly on clutch shaft and ensure Idler shaft and support plate pillars engage correctly, the support plate must be held square during assembly to prevent damage to the clutch shaft.
- Fully tighten the 4 off screws complete with washers to secure support plate.
- Assemble rear dust cover to master plate sub-assembly and fully tighten the 2 off securing screws.

### 3. Functional Test

It is important to check the clutch operation to make sure it will disengage even under load. Failure of the clutch to disengage is probably \ due to a damaged clutch tooth in which case the drive unit must be replaced.

The spur reduction gearbox is noisy compared to the epicyclic gearboxes on other drive units. This is normal. The no load motor running current with the clutch engaged should be less than 1.5A.

The clutch current at 10V should be between 0.7 and 10A. Connect the drive unit to an ST7000 system and switch on power. Set rudder gain to maximum.

- Press 'Auto'
- Press '+10' 7 times to drive the unit fully out.
- Check that clutch holds on end stops without any ratcheting.
- Press 'Standby'
- Check that clutch disengages.
- Press 'Auto'
- Press '-10' 7 times to drive unit fully in.
- Check that clutch holds.
- Press 'Standby'
- Check that clutch disengages.