

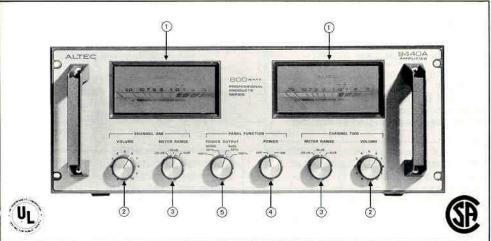
9440A POWER AMPLIFIER

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CAUTION: No user-serviceable parts inside. Hazardous voltage may be encountered within the chassis. Installation and Service information within this document is for use only by ALTEC sound contractors, factory authorized warranty stations and qualified service personnel.

IMPORTANT: Il est enjoint à l'utilisateur de ne pas réparer lui-même les pièces internes de l'appareil, des courants à haute tension pouvant passer à l'intérieur du châssis. Les renseignements inclus dans ce document sont destinés uniquement à l'usage des installateurs agréés des systèmes acoustiques ALTEC, des centres de réparation sous garantie autorisés, ainsi que du personnel d'entretien qualifié.

FRONT PANEL CONTROLS AND FEATURES



| Name / | | |
|--------|-------------------------|---|
| 1 | VU meters | Display output for channels 1 and 2. Meters illuminate when power is on. |
| 2 | VOLUME controls | Adjust gain of channels 1 and 2. Rotate clockwise to increase gain. |
| 3 | METER RANGE switches | Select full scale range of VU meter. Selectable ranges are 0 dB, -10 dB and -20 dB. Maximum output of each range (0 dB, -10 dB and -20 dB) coincides with zero dB on meter scale. |
| 4 | POWER switch | Applies primary power to amplifier. VU meters illuminate when switch is turned to ON. |
| 5 | POWER OUTPUT switch | In DUAL position, channel 1 and channel 2 inputs are amplified and applied to CH 1 and CH 2 OUT jacks, for separate sound reproduction of each channel. In MONO position, channels are bridged at BAL MONO OUT jacks for 800-watt floating capability, or dual 200-watt capability through individual outputs; signal is provided from channel 1 input. Channel 2 input is removed during MONO operation. When fan accessories are not used, and amplifier is used for continuous service under heavy load, turn switch to 40% position to prevent amplifier from cycling due to excessive heat. In all other applications, use 100% position for full power output. |

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

INSTALLATION

RACK MOUNTING

The 9440A amplifier is designed for mounting in a standard 19-inch equipment rack, requiring a vertical rack space of 7 inches. Use four 10-32 x ½" screws to secure the front panel against the rack.

VENTILATION

The 9440A must be adequately ventilated to prevent excessive temperature rise of output transistors. An inch or two of space should be left behind, above and below the 9440A to ensure adequate cooling. Four feet raise the amplifier from a flat surface to allow free passage of air beneath the chassis.

CAUTION -

Do not block ventilation slots in the top of the chassis, the bottom of the chassis, or the heat sink shroud at the back of the amplifier. Be sure free circulation of air is not restricted by other equipment, walls, curtains or furniture.

The 9440A should not be placed too close to other heat-generating equipment or in areas where ambient temperature exceeds 55°C (131°F).

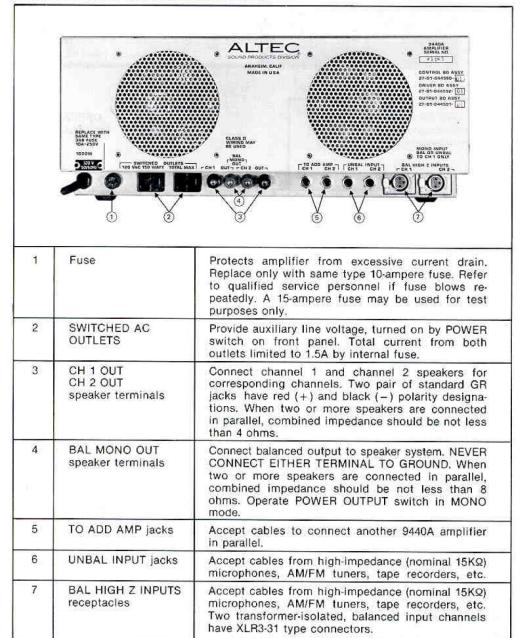
If the 9440A is mounted in an equipment rack or cabinet with other heat-producing equipment mounted above and/or below, space must be provided between the units to prevent excessive temperature rise. The ALTEC 10399 1¾" Perforated Panel is recommended for this purpose.

When several amplifiers or other heatproducing units are installed in a single rack or cabinet, acceptable air temperature may be in doubt. To determine temperature conditions, operate the system until temperature stabilizes, then measure air temperature with a bulb-type thermometer held at the bottom of the uppermost amplifier. Do not let the thermometer bulb touch metal because the metal may be hotter than the ambient air. If air temperature exceeds 55°C (131°F), the equipment should be spaced farther apart or a blower should be installed to ventilate the cabinet.



Specifications and components subject to change without notice. Overall performance will be maintained or improved.

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If the 9440A amplifier becomes too warm, due to continuous use at high output, two accessory fans should be installed on the rear of the heat sink shroud. Each fan should produce at least 30 cubic feet per minute at a static pressure of 0.04 inch of water. Fans provided in the ALTEC Model 105878 Fan Kit meet this requirement.

ELECTRICAL

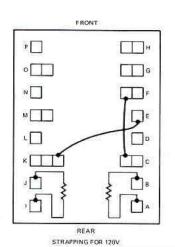
120-Volt, 50/60 Hz Power Connections

Equipment supplied for domestic use is provided with the power transformer primary strapped for 120 volts, as shown in Figure 1. The power input nameplate, adjacent to the power cord on the chassis, is mounted to show the appropriate side specifying connections. Verify that line voltage is in accordance with the voltage rating before connecting primary power.

240-Volt, 50/60 Hz Power Connections

Export equipment is provided with the power transformer primary strapped for

240 volts, as shown in Figure 1. The power input nameplate, adjacent to the power cord on the chassis, is mounted to show the appropriate side specifying connections.



For a 9440A previously wired for 120 volts ac primary power, use the following procedure to change wiring for 240 volts ac operation. Refer line voltage change to qualified service personnel only.

- Step 1. Turn POWER switch to OFF.
- Step 2. Remove power cord from primary power outlet.
- Step 3. Remove seven screws securing top cover. Lift off top cover to expose transformer terminal board.
- Step 4. Locate strap connecting terminals C and F (see Figure 1). Remove strap and store for possible later use.
- Step 5. Locate strap connecting terminals E and K. Remove spade connector from terminal K and connect it to terminal F. This strap now connects terminals E and F as shown in Figure 1.
- Step 6. Install top cover on amplifier and secure with seven screws removed in Step 3.
- Step 7. Remove voltage rating plate from chassis; reverse and reinstall to show 240-volt rating.

- NOTE -

Switched ac outlets provide 120V ac when amplifier is strapped for 240V ac operation. Maximum acceptable power drain remains 150 watts combined.

Input Connections — Unbalanced

Connections to UNBAL INPUT for channels 1 and 2 are made with two-wire cables terminated with standard 1/4" diameter phone plugs.

The UNBAL INPUT connects preamplifiers, mixers, etc., to channels 1 and 2 (see Figure 2). Nominal input level should be approximately 0.5 volt rms. If the 9440A is used in a mono mode, use the channel 1 (CH 1) jack only; connection of an input to channel 2 (CH 2), with no connection to channel 1, will result in no output.

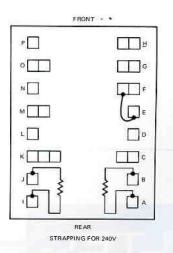


Figure 1. Strapping of Power Transformer for 120V and 240V Power

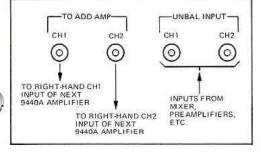


Figure 2. Unbalanced High-Impedance Input Connections

- NOTE -

The UNBAL INPUT overrides the BAL HIGH Z INPUTS when cable connections are made.

The TO ADD AMP jacks are in parallel with the respective CH 1 and CH 2 input jacks. These jacks are used to connect 9440A amplifiers in multiple configurations. Multiple amplifiers can be connected when the first amplifier receives input to either the UNBAL INPUT or the BAL HIGH Z INPUTS. Figure 3 shows a typical multiple configuration of 9440A amplifiers.

Unbalanced output at the TO ADD AMP jacks may be employed from a balanced input at the XLR3-31 jacks, as shown in Figure 4.

-NOTE -

The input impedance presented to the program source is equal to 15K divided by the total number of amplifiers operating from that source. The volume control of the first amplifier does not control the other amplifiers.

Input Connections — Balanced

Connections to BAL HIGH Z INPUTS for channels 1 and 2 are made with shielded two-wire cables terminated with XLR3-type

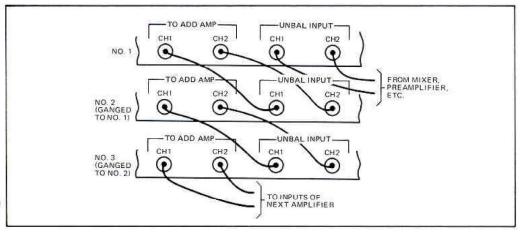


Figure 3. 9440A Amplifiers Connected in Multiple

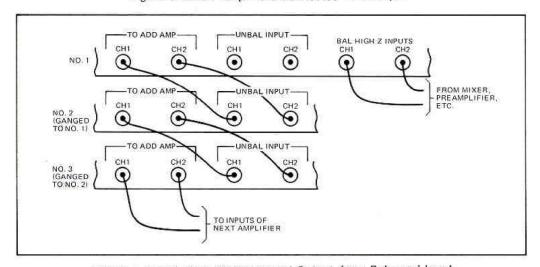


Figure 4. Application of Unbalanced Output from Balanced Input

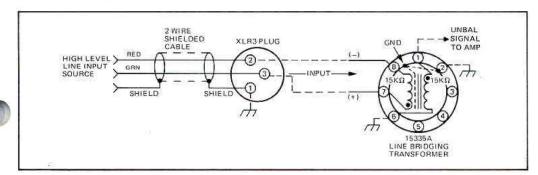


Figure 5. Balanced Input Conections to 9440A

plugs, wiring of these plugs is shown in Figure 5.

Inputs may be from mixers, preamplifiers, tuners, phono or other high-level line sources. Nominal input level should be approximately 0.5 volt rms. If the 9440A is used in a mono mode, use channel 1 (CH1) jack only; connection of an input to channel 2 (CH 2), with no connection to channel 1, will result in no output.

NOTE -

Inputs connected to the UNBAL IN-PUT override inputs to BAL HIGH Z INPUTS.

One plug-in ALTEC 15335A Line Transformer accessory is required for each of the two channels for BAL HIGH Z INPUTS. The transformer accessories are plugged into the corresponding receptacles within the chassis (see Figure 5). Refer transformer installation to qualified service personnel only.

Speaker Connections

Connections to channel 1 (CH 1 OUT) and channel 2 (CH 2 OUT) speaker outputs are made with two-wire cables. Both red (+) speaker output jacks are isolated from chassis ground. Do not place either of these jacks in a circuit to chassis ground. Combined impedance of the speaker system should be not less than 4 ohms for each of the two speaker outputs (see Figure 6).

Connections to BAL MONO OUT combine the two channels into one output. NEVER CONNECT EITHER RED OUTPUT TER-MINAL TO CHASSIS GROUND. Combined impedance of the speaker system should be not less than 8 ohms (see Figure 6).

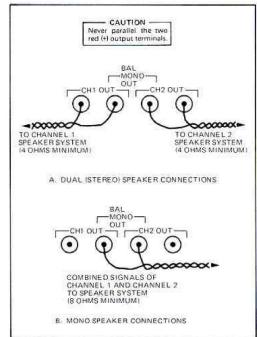


Figure 6. Mono and Dual Speaker Connections

BLOCK DIAGRAM

A system block diagram of the 9440A is shown in Figure 8.

SERVICE

This service information is for the use of authorized warranty stations (dealers) only. Service must be performed by an ALTEC Qualified Service Representative. For factory service, ship the 9440A prepaid to:

ALTEC Customer Service/Repair 1491 N. Main Street Orange, California 92667

For additional information or technical assistance, call (714) 774-2900 or Telex 65-5415.

- NOTICE -

REPAIR PERFORMED BY OTHER THAN AUTHORIZED WARRANTY STATIONS (DEALERS) OR OTHER QUALIFIED PERSONNEL SHALL VOID THE WARRANTY PERIOD OF THIS UNIT. TO AVOID LOSS OF WARRANTY, SEE YOUR NEAREST ALTEC AUTHORIZED DEALER.

Access

The top cover, heat sink assembly, and front panel assembly can be removed for access to corresponding areas of the chassis. Six screws secure the top cover to the chassis.

To remove the heat sink assembly, first take off the heat sink shroud, which is attached to the heat sink with four screws. Remove the four screws which secure the heat sink to the chassis. The heat sink assembly can then be laid back to the extent permitted by the wiring; use care not to bind the wiring at the sides of the chassis.

The four screws which fasten the handles also secure the front panel assembly to the chassis. Remove these four screws and lay back the front panel assembly to the extent permitted by the wiring. Use care to prevent binding the wires between the side supports of the chassis.

Adjustment of Output Null and Bias Potentiometers

- Step 1. Turn VOLUME control fully counterclockwise, METER RANGE switch to 0 dB, and POWER OUT-PUT switch to DUAL 100%.
- Step 2. Turn POWER switch to ON and allow a 5-minute thermal stabilization period.
- Step 3. Remove top cover from chassis for access to driver circuit boards.
- Step 4. Adjust Output Null potentiometer R30 (vertically oriented) on channel 1 (CH-1) driver circuit board for an output of ±3 millivolts dc at CH-1 output terminals. Adjust R30 of channel 2 by similar procedure.
- Step 5a. Insert a clamp-on dc milliammeter over blue wire from terminal E21 of output circuit board of channel

1 (CH-1) (see Figure 7). Set Bias Adjust potentiometer R22 (horizontally oriented) on CH-1 driver circuit board for a current of 75 ±5 mA dc. Adjust R22 of channel 2 by similar procedure, inserting clamp-on dc milliammeter over red wire from terminal E20' of CH-2 output circuit board.

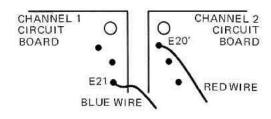


Figure 7. Output Wiring for Use in Setting Bias Current

- Step 5b. If a clamp-on type dc milliammeter is not available, a standard dc milliammeter may be inserted in series with power leads to CH-1 and CH-2 output circuit boards:
 - (a) Turn off power to 9440A and locate two wires leading from terminal E5 of capacitor C2 to terminals E20 or E20' on output circuit boards.
 - (b) Unsolder these two leads from terminal E5. Identify by continuity check to which output board each wire connects.
 - (c) Insert dc milliammeter in series with one lead, reconnecting the other lead to terminal E5. Turn on power and allow 1 minute for thermal stabilization.
 - (d) Set Bias Adjust potentiometer R22 (horizontally oriented) of corresponding channel for a current of 75 ±5 mA dc.
 - (e) Repeat steps (3) and (4) to adjust R22 of other channel, inserting dc milliammeter in series with other lead. Always turn off power when connecting or disconnecting dc milliammeter.
 - (f) Shut off power and resolder both leads securely to terminal F5

Step 6. Install top cover on chassis.

Fuse Replacement

If replacement of any fuse is required, determine and correct any cause of failure before installing another fuse. Install an identical fuse. See Parts List.

The primary power fuse is located on the rear of the chassis. See "Rear Panel Connections and Features" of Operating Instructions.

A pigtail 1.5-ampere fuse protects the power transformer against excessive power drain from the SWITCHED OUTLETS at the

rear of the chassis. Maximum acceptable power drain is 150 watts for both outlets combined. For access to the fuse, located on the top of the power transformer, remove the top cover from the chassis.

Lamp Replacement

Four lamps, located behind each VU meter, are accessible after removing the top cover from the chassis. Remove the failed lamp with long-nose pliers and install an identical lamp. See Parts List.

Removal of Printed Circuit Boards

CAUTION -

Do not warp, bend or twist the circuit boards during handling, or conductors may fracture or open.

When reconnecting cables to the circuit boards, be sure ends of the plastic connectors are flush with the ends of the circuit board connectors, or individual pin plugs will not mate with the proper pin receptacles. Damage as a result of wrong connection is not covered by warranty.

Driver Circuit Boards

Two identical driver circuit boards are installed on each side of the chassis, and are accessible after removing the top cover from the chassis. Grasp the connector (not the wires) and pull off with a rocking motion. The board may then be freed by removing the four screws which fasten it to the side of the chassis.

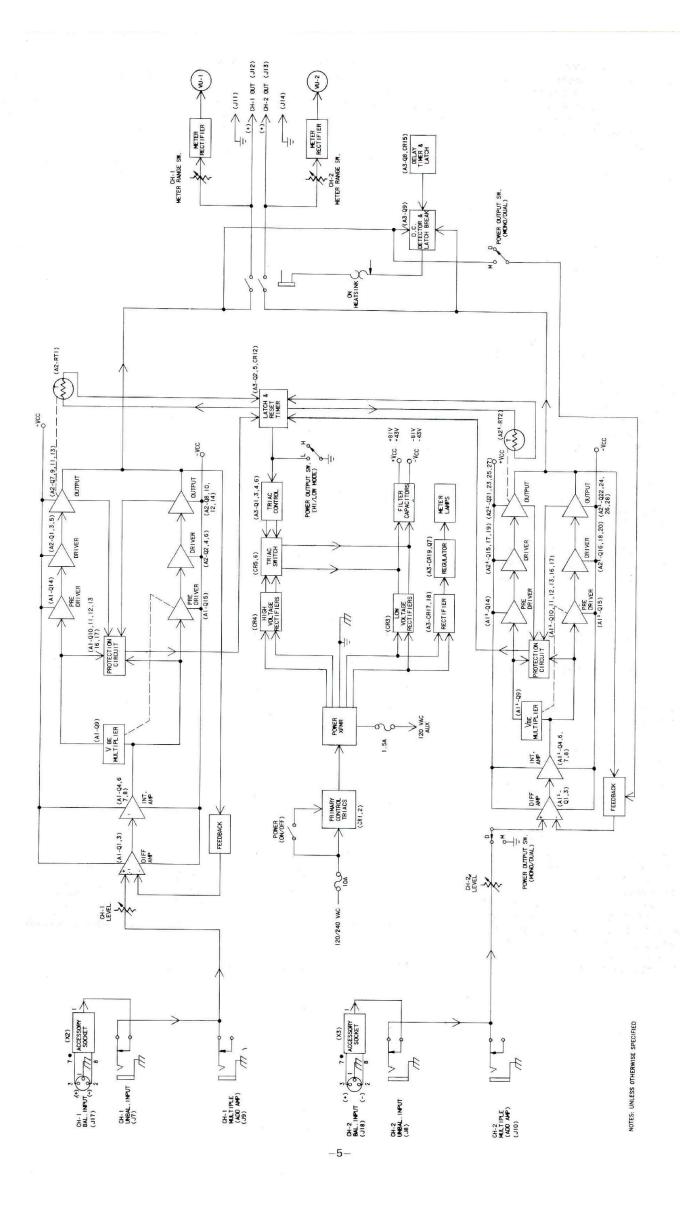
Output Circuit Boards

Two identical output circuit boards are installed on the heat sink. Remove the top cover and the heat sink shroud from the chassis. Remove the four screws which secure the heat sink to the chassis; lay the heat sink assembly back to the extent permitted by the wiring to gain access to the front side of the board. For access to the back side of the board, and to resistors associated with the driver/output transistors, first remove applicable 14 transistors (channel 1 or channel 2 board) from the heat sink. Then remove the two screws securing the board to the heat sink, and the screw which attaches the connector strap to the board. The board may then be laid back from the heat sink to the extent permitted by the wiring. Do not unsolder wires the board unless absolutely necessary.

Control Circuit Board

Remove the top cover from the chassis. Disconnect Plug P1 from each driver circuit board at J1. Disconnect three plugs from harness wiring from control circuit board. Remove two screws from each handle on the front panel. Carefully free each side of the panel assembly from the chassis, ensuring that the wire leads do not bind against the side of the chassis. The front panel assembly may be completely separated from the chassis by passing the loose cable connectors through the openings in the chassis.

To separate the circuit board from the front panel, first remove all knobs (except POWER switch) by loosening the set



screws with a 3/32" allen wrench. Remove the four nuts on the meter posts. Remove the three screws securing the board to the standoffs; be sure to retain the fiber washers with the screws. Remove the two screws securing the switch bracket to the standoffs (insert screwdriver through holes in the circuit board). The control circuit board now may be freed from the front panel.

If it is necessary to remove the switch bracket from the circuit board, first remove all shaft nuts from the switches and controls. Remove the four screws, washers, and nuts that secure the bracket to the board; be sure to retain the fiber washers with the screws.

Power Output Transistors

Fourteen power output transistors for each channel are located on the rear of the heat sink, as shown in Figure 9. Faulty transistors can be located by using a low-power ohmmeter, such as the Triplett Model 603 FET-VOM, to check the transistor groups given in Table I. Open circuit voltage of the ohmmeter should be less than the 0.6V dc that turns on a silicon PN junction.

With power off to the 9440A, disconnect plug P2 from the driver circuit board. Check the junctions of the transistor groups at the appropriate terminals of plug P2, in the order presented by Table I.

Once a defective indication is found for a given transistor group, remove one transistor at a time from the group for individual check.

When installing transistors on the heat sink, check that the following conditions are met:

- Mica insulator is not damaged. If damaged, use new insulator.
- No grit or metal particles are lodged between transistor and heat sink.
- Both sides of mica insulator are covered with silicone grease or fluid.
- Mounting screws of transistor are tight (threads not stripped in transistor socket).

An optional testing device is a PN junction-insensitive continuity checker, easily assembled from common components. A schematic for the checker is given in Figure 10. The checker sounds a tone upon detecing a short circuit or low-resistance path. Since open-circuit voltage of the checker is 200 mV, and short-circuit current is 10 mA or less, any solid state device can be tested for shorts without damage, and without turning on an associated junction.

Table I. Driver/Output Transistor Connections

| Plug P2 Terminals | Junction | Channel 1 Transistors | Channel 2 Transistors |
|----------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 – 2 | EB | Q15, 17, 19 | Q1, 3, 5 |
| 8 – 9 | EB | Q16, 18, 20 | Q2, 4, 6 |
| 2 – 5 | ВС | Q15, 17, 19 | Q1, 3, 5 |
| 5 - 8 | BC | Q16, 18, 20 | Q2, 4, 6 |
| 1 – 5 | EC | Q21, 23, 25, 27, CR1 | Q7, 9, 11, 13, CR1 |
| 5 - 9 | EC | Q22, 24, 26, 28, CR2 | Q8, 10, 12, 14, CR2 |

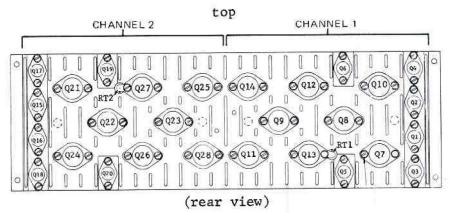


Figure 9. Driver/Output Transistor Layout on Heat Sink

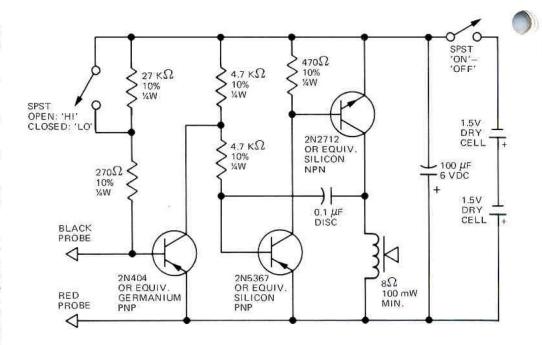


Figure 10. Schematic for PN Junction-insensitive Continuity Checker

MAIN CHASSIS

| Reference Designator | Ordering Number | Name and Description |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | 24-04-044732-02 | Knob, control, 1-1/8" dia w/set screw |
| A1 | 27-01-044592-09 | |
| A2 | 27-01-044591-05 | |
| A3 | 27-01-044590-05 | |
| C1, 2 | 15-01-120228-01 | Cap., 9800 μF, 100V |
| CR1, 2, 5, 6 | 48-04-120227-02 | Triac, 15A, 200V |
| CR3, 4 | 48-02-120247-02 | Rectifier, bridge, 12A, 200 PIV |
| F1 | 51-04-105890-01 | |
| F2 | 51-04-120411-01 | Fuse, 1.5A slo-blo, pigtail |
| F3 | 51-04-121463-01 | Fuse, 15A, 125V, pigtail |
| K1 | 45-01-044782-01 | Relay, 2C, mag blowout, 24V do |
| Q1, 3, 5,15, 17, 19 | 48-03-120157-01 | Transistor, SJ4117, selected (2N6421) |

| Reference Designator | Ordering Number | Name and Description |
|--|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Q2, 4, 6, 16, 18, 20 | 48-03-120226-01 | Transistor, SJ4118, selected (2N3584) |
| Q7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 | 48-03-120392-03 | Transistor, 2N6259, selected |
| R1, 2 | 47-01-102151-01 | Resistor, 100Ω ± 10%, ¼W |
| RT1, 2 | 47-09-120248-01 | Resistor, temp. sensing (moxie) |
| S1 | 53-01-120484-02 | |
| S1A, 1B | 26-03-044684-02 | Switch, power |
| T1 | 56-08-007552-07 | Transformer, power |
| VU1, 2 | 29-01-044604-07 | Meter, VU |

DRIVER PCB ASSEMBLY

| Reference Designator | Ordering Number | Name and Description |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--|
| C1 | 15-01-107221-01 | Cap., 5 µF, 25V |
| C2 | 15-02-107453-01 | Cap., 150 pF ± 10%, 100V |
| C3 | 15-01-119335-02 | Cap., 50 μF, 16V |
| C4 | 15-02-100012-01 | Cap., 20 pF ± 10%, 500V |
| C5 | 15-01-100204-01 | Cap., 10 μF, 25V |
| C6 17 21 | 15-02-100304-01 | Cap.: 0.001 µF ± 10%, 100V |
| C7 | 15-02-107455-01 | Cap., 47 pF ± 10%, 100V |
| C8. 9 20 | 15-06-108173-01 | Cap., 0.47 µF ± 20%, 100V |
| C10. 11 | 15-01-102595-01 | Cap., 10μF, 100V |
| C12. 15. 16. | 15-02-100307-01 | Cap., 0.01 μF ± 20%, 100V |
| C13 14 | 15-02-100109-01 | Cap., 0.1 μF, 100V |
| C18 | 15-02-107047-01 | Cap. 0.0033 µF ± 20%. 100V |
| C22 | 15-02-100036-01 | Cap., 560 pF ± 10%, 500V |
| CR1, 2, 6 | 48-01-100850-02 | Diode, Zener. 6.2V ± 5%, 1W |
| CR3, 4, 5 9 | 48-01-121865-01 | Diode, MPD 200 |
| CR7. 8 | 48-01-109275-01 | Diode, 1N746 |
| CR10, 11, 17, 18, 19 | 48-01-107017-01 | Diode. 1N456A |
| CR12. 13 | 48-01-100876-01 | Diode, 1N270 |
| CR14 | not used | |
| CR15, 16 | 48-02-042787-01 | Rectifier, silicon, 1A, 400 PIV |
| Q1. 3 | 48-03-109714-02 | Transistor, TZ81 |
| Q2, 4 | 48-03-120245-01 | Transistor, 2N5550 |
| Q5. 12 | 48-03-041440-03 | Transistor, 2N3906, selected |
| Q6, 13, 16 | 48-03-120234-02 | Transistor, MPS A93, selected |
| Q7 | 48-03-120160-02 | Transistor, MPS U60, selected |
| Q8 | 48-03-120159-02 | Transistor, MPS U10, selected |
| Q9 | 48-03-120235-02 | Transistor, TZ255 w/heat sink |
| Q10. 17 | 48-03-120233-01 | Transistor, MPS A43, selected |
| Q11 | 48-03-101098-04 | Transistor, 2N2712, selected (2N3584) |
| Q14 | 48-03-120226-01 | Transistor, SJ 4118, selected (2N6421) |
| Q15 | 48-03-120157-01 | Transistor, SJ 4117, selected |

| Reference Designator | Ordering Number | Name and Description |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| R1, 12, 16 | 47-01-102163-01 | Res., 1KΩ ± 10%, ¼W |
| R2, 52 | 47-01-102182-01 | Res., 39KΩ ± 10%, ¼W |
| R3, 17, 49 | 47-01-102151-01 | Res., 100Ω ± 10%, ¼W |
| R4 | 47-01-102099-01 | Res., 7.5KΩ ±5%, ¼W |
| R5, 10, 13 | 47-01-120326-01 | Res., 6.8KΩ ± 10%. 2W |
| R6 | 47-01-102181-01 | Res., 33KΩ ± 10%, ¼W |
| R7. 9 | 47-03-109430-01 | Res., 40.2KΩ ± 1%, ¼W |
| R8 | 47-03-109123-01 | Res., 511Ω ± 1%, ¼W |
| R11 | 47-01-102179-01 | Res., 22KΩ ± 10%, 1/4W |
| R14 | 47-01-102167-01 | Res., 2.2KΩ ± 10%, ¼W |
| R15 | 47-01-102187-01 | Res., 100KΩ ± 10%, ¼W |
| R18 | 47-01-102045-01 | Res., 43Ω ±5%, 1/4 W |
| R19, 45, 48 | 47-01-102149-01 | Res., 68Ω ± 10%, ¼W |
| R20 | 47-01-102161-01 | Res., 680Ω ± 10%, 1/4 W |
| R21 | 47-01-102159-01 | Res., 470Ω ± 10%, 1/4 W |
| R22, 30 | 47-06-120240-01 | Pot., 1KΩ ± 30% |
| R23 | 47-01-102156-01 | Res., 270Ω ± 10%, ¼W |
| R24, 25, 46, | 47-01-102140-01 | Res., 10Ω ± 10%, ¼W |
| 47. 56 | | 100 33 |
| R26, 27 | 47-01-102371-01 | Res., 22KΩ ± 10%, ½W |
| R28, 29 | 47-01-102165-01 | Res., 1.5KΩ ± 10%, ¼W |
| R31, 41 | 47-01-102180-01 | Res., 27KΩ ± 10%, ¼W |
| R32, 55 | 47-01-102184-01 | Res., 56KΩ ± 10%, ¼W |
| R33, 54 | 47-01-102186-01 | Res., 82KΩ ± 10%, ¼W |
| R34, 38 | 47-01-102044-01 | Res., 39Ω ±5%, ¼W |
| R35, 37 | 47-01-102061-01 | Res., 200Ω ±5%, ¼W |
| R36 | 47-01-102102-01 | Res., 10KΩ ± 10%, ¼W |
| R39, 40 | 47-01-102095-01 | Res., 5.1KΩ ±5%, ¼W |
| R42, 43 | 47-01-102062-01 | Res., 220Ω ±5%, ¼W |
| R44 | 47-01-102147-01 | Res., 47Ω ± 10%, ¼W |
| R50, 51 | 47-01-102154-01 | Res., 180Ω ± 10%, 1/4 W |
| R53 | 47-01-102189-01 | Res., 150KΩ ± 10%, ¼W |

POWFR OUTPUT PCB ASSEMBLY

| Reference | Ordering | Name and |
|---|------------------------------------|--|
| Designator | Number | Description |
| C1 CR1, 2 L1 R1,3,4,5,6,7 R2, 8 | 56-01-018207-02 47-01-102318-01 | Cap., 0.1 μ F ± 20½, 100V Hectifier, silicon, 1A, 400 PIV Choke, 5 μ H, air core Res., 1 Ω ± 10%, ½W Res., 4.7 Ω ± 10%, 1W |

| Reference | Ordering | Name and |
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| Designator | Number | Description |
| R9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 | 47-01-120244-01 | Res., 0.5Ω ±5%, 3W |
| R18, 19 | 47-01-120434-01 | Res., $12\Omega \pm 10\%$, $2W$ |
| R20 | 47-02-112166-01 | Res., $5\Omega \pm 10\%$, $5W$ |

PARTS LIST (Continued)

CONTROL PCB ASSEMBLY

| Reference Designator | Ordering Number | Name and Description |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| C1, 6 | 15-06-108173-01 | Cap., 0.47 μF, ± 20%, 100V |
| C2 | 15-01-107452-01 | Cap., 10 μF, 50V |
| C3 | 15-01-119381-01 | Cap., 200 µF, 25V |
| C4 | 15-02-100307-01 | Cap., 0.01 μF ± 20%, 100V |
| C5 | 15-01-107500-01 | Cap., 100 µF, 50V |
| C7, 8 | 15-01-119229-01 | Cap., 16 µF ± 10%, 50V NP |
| C9 | 15-02-100109-01 | Cap., 0.1 µF ± 20%, 100V |
| CR1, 23 | 48-01-100858-01 | Diode, Zener, 12V ±5%, 2W |
| CR2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 | 48-01-100876-01 | Diode, germanium, 1N270 |
| CR6, 11 | 48-01-107017-01 | Diode, 1N456A |
| CR12, 15 | 48-02-120246-01 | SCR, C103YY, 0.8A, 60V |
| CR13 | 48-01-100881-03 | Stabistor, STB-567 |
| CR14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 | 48-02-042787-01 | Rectifier, 1A, 400 PIV |
| CR19 | 48-01-108575-01 | Diode, Zener, 30V ±5%, 2W |
| DS1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 39-01-107475-02 | Lamp, midg. flange, 28V, 40 mA |
| Q1 | 48-03-107448-05 | Transistor, 2N5322, selected |
| Q2 | 48-03-041440-03 | Transistor, 2N3906, selected |
| Q3 | 48-03-120233-01 | Transistor, MPS A43 |
| Q4 | 48-03-120234-02 | Transistor, MPS A93 |
| Q5 | 48-03-113716-02 | Transistor, unijunction, 2N2646 |
| Q6 | 48-03-107447-04 | Transistor, 2N5320, selected |
| Q7 | 48-03-041840-03 | Transistor, 2N3055, selected |
| Q8 | 48-03-119140-02 | Transistor, 2N5308, selected |

| Reference Designator | Ordering Number | Name and Description |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Q9 | 48-03-101098-04 | Transistor, 2N2712, selected |
| R1, 8 | 47-01-102065-01 | Res., 300Ω ±5%, ¼W |
| R2, 4, 9, 11 | 47-01-102090-01 | Res., 3.3KΩ ±5%, ¼W |
| R3, 10 | 47-01-102078-01 | Res., 1KΩ ±5%, ¼W |
| R5, 12 | 47-01-102066-01 | Res., 330Ω ±5%, ¼W |
| R6, 13 | 47-01-102091-01 | Res., 3.6KΩ ±5%, ¼W |
| R7, 14 | 47-01-102058-01 | Res., 150Ω ±5%, ¼W |
| R15, 16, 20, 22, 27, 29, 37 | 47-01-102163-01 | Res., 1KΩ ±10%, ¼W |
| R17, 28 | 47-01-102625-01 | Res., 10KΩ ± 10%, 1W |
| R18, 38 | 47-01-102181-01 | Res., 33KΩ ± 10%, ¼W |
| R19 | 47-01-104512-01 | Res., 3.3KΩ ± 10%, 2W |
| R21, 40 | 47-01-102167-01 | Res., 2.2KΩ ± 10%, ¼W |
| R23, 44, 45 | 47-01-102175-01 | Res., 10KΩ ± 10%, ¼W |
| R24 | 47-01-100482-01 | Res., 1MΩ ± 10%, ¼W |
| R25, 26 | 47-01-102151-01 | Res., 100Ω ± 10%, ¼W |
| R30 | 47-01-102184-01 | Res., 56KΩ ± 10%, ¼W |
| R31 | 47-01-102147-01 | Res., 47Ω ± 10%, ¼W |
| R33 | 47-01-102172-01 | Res., 5.6KΩ ± 10%, ¼W |
| R34 | 47-01-102893-01 | Res., 100Ω ± 10%, 1W |
| R35, 36 | 47-06-120422-02 | Pot., 20KΩ 30% Audio |
| R39, 41, 42, 43 | 47-01-102185-01 | Res., 68KΩ ± 10%, ¼W |
| S1, 2 | 51-01-044589-05 | Switch, rotary, 1 pole, 3 pos. |
| S3 | 51-01-044588-03 | Switch, rotary, 3 pole, 4 pos. |

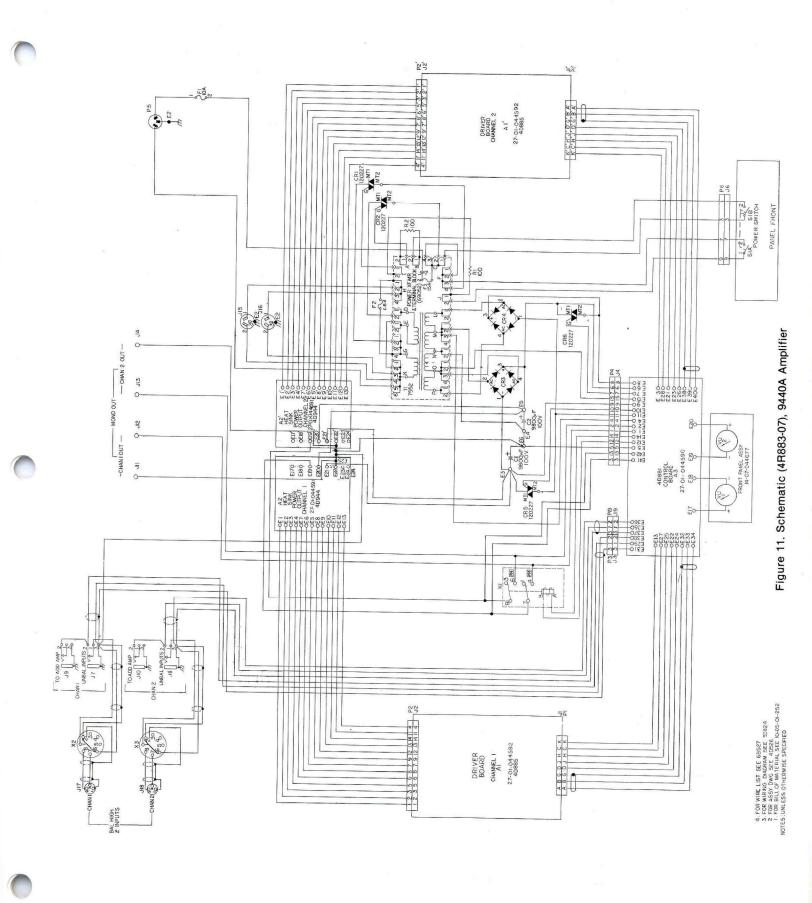


Figure 12. Schematic (4D885-08), Driver Board

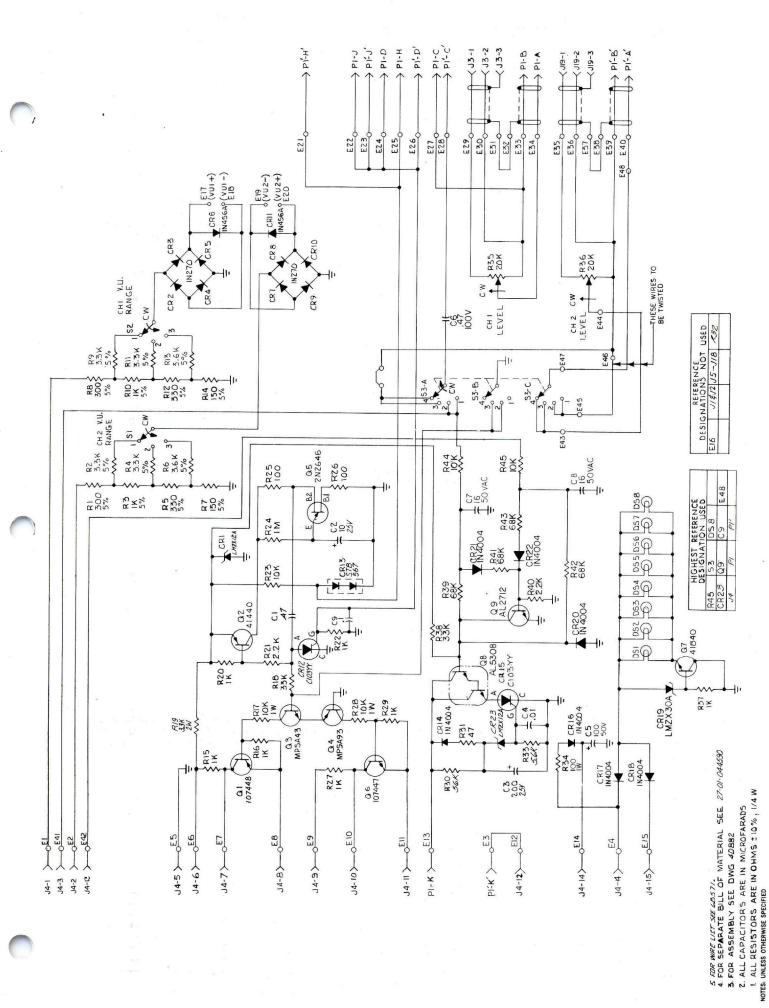


Figure 14. Schematic (4D944-03), Heat Sink Power Output

2. ALL CAPACITORS ARE IN MICROFARADS.
I. ALL RESISTORS ARE IN OHMS.
MOTES, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.



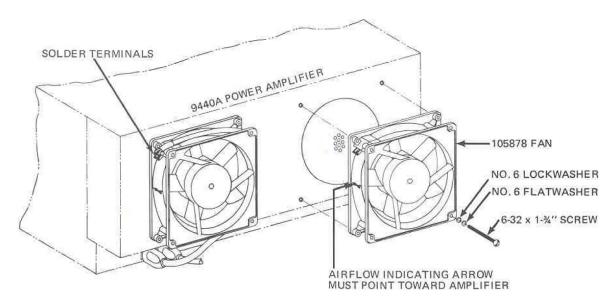
Typical Installation of Fan Kit

The ALTEC 9440A Fan Kit, Model 105878, provides supplementary cooling for ALTEC 9440A Power Amplifiers which are used continuously at high output. To install the fan kit properly, proceed as follows:

- Install each fan on rear of 9440A Power Amplifier as shown in assembly diagram. INSTALL FAN WITH AIR-FLOW ARROW ON FAN POINTING
- TOWARD AMPLIFIER HEAT SINK (AIR FLOWS INTO AMPLIFIER). Secure each tan with screws, flat washers and lockwashers.
- Cut power cords to proper length for each fan. Check routing of cords from solder terminals of each fan to appropriate SWITCHED AC OUTLET on back of amplifier, to assure correct cord length.

INSTALLATION

- Trim insulation from ends of cords. Strip ends of two wires for each cord, leaving approximately 1/4 " bare wire.
- Cut black heat-shrink tubing into four pieces of approximately ½" each in length. Slip heat-shrink sections over two wires of each power cord.
- Solder wires of each power cord to terminals of appropriate fan (use care not to interchange power cord lengths).
- Slide heat-shrink tubing over soldered connections to provide protective insulation; heat tubing with soldering iron to shrink insulation snugly around connections.
- Plug power cords into appropriate SWITCHED AC OUTLETS of amplifier.
- Periodic cleaning of heat sink enclosure is recommended to avoid accumulation of excess dirt and dust that would impede efficient heat transfer.



Assembly Diagram of Fan Kit



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OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS



- NOTICE -

Read this manual before operating the 9440A Power Amplifier.

FEATURES

- 800 Watts in Monaural Mode
- Exclusive "Active Dissipation Sensing Circuit" Protects Transistors
- Temperature Activated High and Low Power Modes
- Ultra-Low Distortion

- Direct-Coupled Transformerless Output
- Illuminated VU Meters
- High Input Sensitivity
- Balanced and Direct Inputs

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SPECIFICATIONS

Type:

Power Output —
Single Channel Driven with
Unbalanced Input:

Both Channels Driven:

Mono Unbalanced Input with Dual Output (CH 1 and CH 2):

IM Distortion (Single Channel Driven):

Input Sensitivity (Nominal) — Direct Input:

Balanced Input:

Direct Input/Bridge (mono) Mode:

Input Impedance:

Load Impedance:

Output Impedance:

Signal-to-Noise Ratio:

Channel Separation:

Frequency Response (direct input):

Gain:

Voltage Gain — Direct Input: Balanced Input: Two-channel basic power amplifier with provision for two optional 15335A plug-in line transformers for balanced input

200W into 8 ohms from 20 Hz to 20 kHz at less than 0.1% THD 400W into 4 ohms from 20 Hz to 15 kHz at less than 0.25% THD Greater than 250W into 8 ohms at 1 kHz with 0.01% THD Greater than 450W into 4 ohms at 1 kHz with 0.05% THD

200W per channel into 8 ohms from 20 Hz to 20 kHz at less than 0.25% THD

Greater than 400W per channel into 4 ohms at 1 kHz with 0.25% THD

Greater than 800W into 8 ohms at 1 kHz with 0.25% THD

Less than 0.1% from 0.01W to 250W into 8 ohms (60 Hz, 7 kHz, 4:1) Less than 0.1% from 0.01W to 450W into 4 ohms (60 Hz, 7 kHz, 4:1)

0.6V rms for 200W output (8 ohms)

0.6V rms for 400W output (4 ohms)

0.6V rms for 200W output (8 ohms) with 15335A Line Transformer

0.6V rms for 400W output (4 ohms) with 15335A Line Transformer

0.6V rms for 800W output (8 ohms) with 15335A Line Transformer (bridge operation)

0.6V rms for 800W output (8 ohms)

15,000 nominal ohms for all inputs

4 ohms or greater per channel

8 ohms or greater in bridge (mono) mode

Less than 0.1 ohm in dual mode at 1 kHz

Less than 0.2 ohm in bridge (mono) mode at 1 kHz

Greater than 100 dB and 20 kHz noise bandwidth; equivalent to 5.5 µV maximum input noise or -103 dBm (600 ohms)

Greater than 80 dB at 1 kHz and 8-ohm loads

±0.25 dB at 1W (8 ohms) from 20 Hz to 20 kHz

+0 -3 dB at 1W (8 ohms) from 5 Hz to 100 kHz

55 dB minimum with 15335A bridging 600-ohm line with 8-ohm load

58 dB minimum with 15335A bridging 600-ohm line with 4-ohm load

61 dB minimum with 15335A bridging 600-ohm line in bridge (mono) mode with 8-ohm load

77:1 or 37.7 dB typical

70:1 or 36.9 dB typical with 15335A

2 VOLUME controls, continuously variable Controls: 2 METER RANGE switches having 0 dB, -10 dB and -20 dB ranges (Ref: 0 dB = 40V output) 1 POWER OUTPUT switch to select mode (MONO or DUAL) and clipping power percentage (40% or 100%) in either MONO or DUAL mode 1 POWER ON-OFF switch (primary power) 2 illuminated meters indicating full-wave average output level Indicators: with ranges of 0 dB, -10 dB and -20 dB. Not true VU meter ballistics. 2 Cannon XLR3-31 input receptacles Connectors: 2 Phone jack input receptacles 4 Five-way binding-post output jacks on 3/4" centers 2 Phone jack multiple receptacles (to connect additional amplifiers) 1 each 8-1/2 foot, 3-wire, 16GA power cord with NEMA 5-15P plug 2 AC power receptacles, switched. Total maximum powerhandling capacity of 150 watts. Power Requirements: 120/240V ac, 50/60 Hz 100W at zero signal 850W at 1/3 rated output (4 ohms) with both channels driven 1500W at rated output (4 ohms) with both channels driven at Power output ratings are at 120V ac (339V peak-to-peak) Safety -Amplifier Protection: Voltage/current limiting acting upon output stage and dual voltage-level power supply to reduce power output and heat generation to 40% of rated output. Control circuitry parameters provide for excessive heat sink temperature, mismatch of load impedance and setting of POWER OUTPUT switch. Output relay removes load if thermal runaway occurs. Output relay delays turn-on of output power for 5 seconds; Load Protection: provides instant turn-off of output power and removal of load in case of amplifier failure or presence of dc voltage in the output. Up to +55°C (131°F) ambient Operating Temperature Range: 7" H x 19" W x 11" D (without fans) Dimensions: Weight: 56.5 pounds Gun-metal gray front panel with clear-irridited steel chassis Color: Rack mount chassis with provision for mounting two accessory Enclosure: fans on heat sink shroud ALTEC 15335A Line Transformer. Do not use 15335 Accessories: transformer.

Axial fan, 4-11/16", 120V ac

DESCRIPTION

The ALTEC Model 9440A Power Amplifier is a direct-coupled amplifier that typically delivers over 250 watts per channel into 8-ohm loads and over 450 watts per channel into 4-ohm loads at less than 0.25% total harmonic distortion (THD). An optional plug-in line bridging transformer may be used in each channel for balanced inputs.

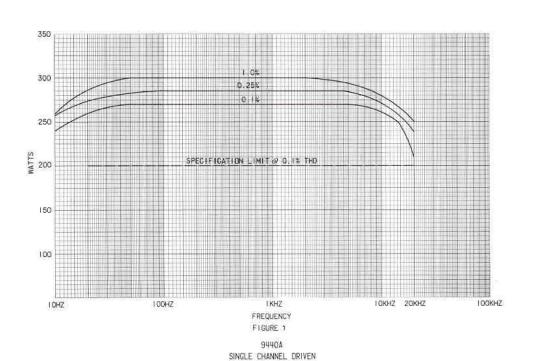
The 9440A is capable of operation from a 120V or 240V ac source.

Circuit design provides fail-safe protection for the output transistors and the load.

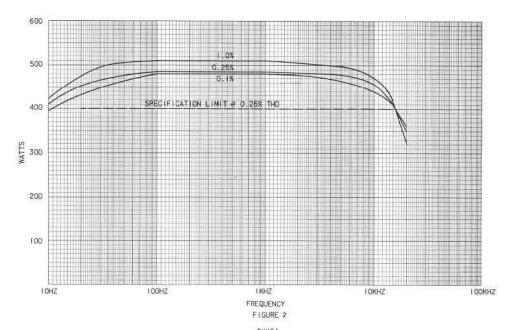
Provisions are made for mounting two accessory fans on the heat sink shroud for greater cooling of the output circuitry.

Illuminated VU meters indicate full-wave average output level of each channel at selectable ranges of 0 dB, -10 dB and -20 dB.

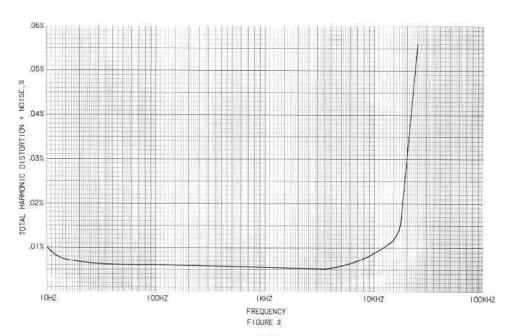
Designed for rack mounting, the 9440A occupies only four vertical units of rack space (7"). Typical performance characteristics of the 9440A are shown in Figures 1 through 6.



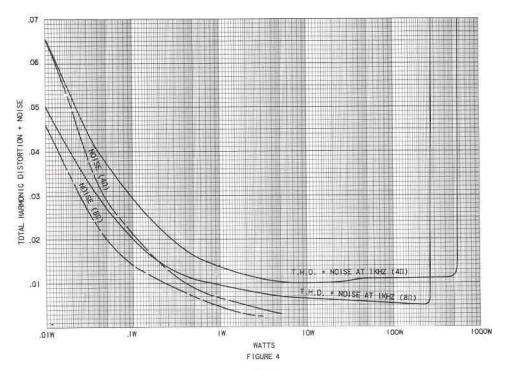
TYPICAL POWER INTO 80 FOR CONSTANT TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION



9440A SINGLE CHANNEL DRIVEN TYPICAL POWER INTO 40 FOR CONSTANT TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION



9440A SINGLE CHANNEL DRIVEN TYPICAL TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION 200W INTO 80



9440A SINGLE CHANNEL DRIVEN TYPICAL TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION + NOISE VS 4A POWER AT 1KHZ & 8A POWER AT 1KHZ

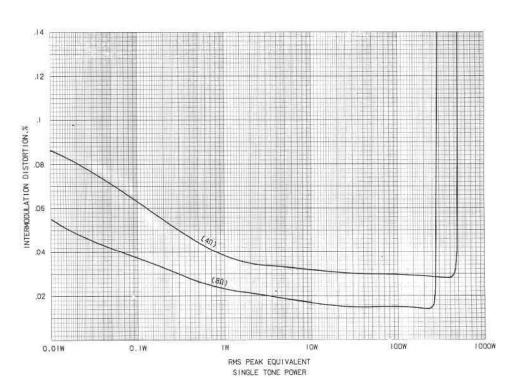
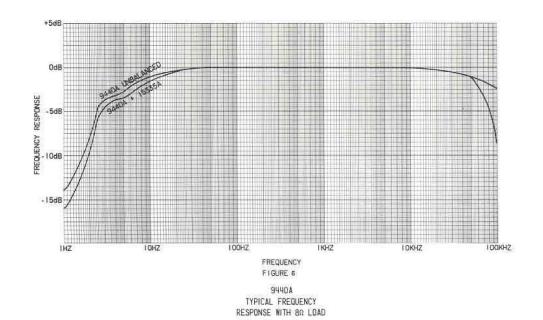
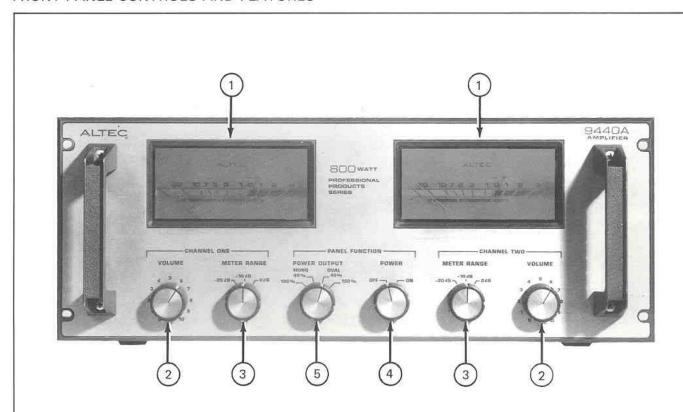


FIGURE 5

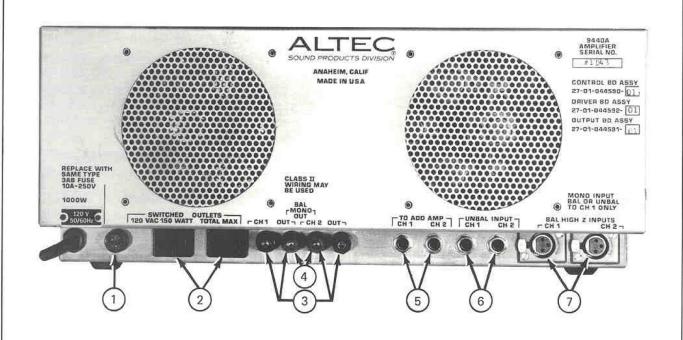
9440A SINGLE CHANNEL DRIVEN TYPICAL INTERMODULATION DISTORTION VS 40 POWER LEVEL & 80 POWER LEVEL



FRONT PANEL CONTROLS AND FEATURES



| | , | |
|---|----------------------|--|
| 1 | VU meters | Display output for channels 1 and 2. Meters illuminate when power is on. |
| 2 | VOLUME controls | Adjust gain of channels 1 and 2. Rotate clockwise to increase gain. |
| 3 | METER RANGE switches | Select full scale range of VU meter. Selectable ranges are 0 dB, -10 dB and -20 dB. Maximum output of each range (0 dB, -10 dB and -20 dB) coincides with zero dB on meter scale. |
| 4 | POWER switch | Applies primary power to amplifier. VU meters illuminate when switch is turned to ON. |
| 5 | POWER OUTPUT switch | In DUAL position, channel 1 and channel 2 inputs are amplified and applied to CH 1 and CH 2 OUT jacks, for separate sound reproduction of each channel. In MONO position, channels are combined at BAL MONO OUT jacks for combined sound reproduction at all speakers. Channel 2 input is removed during mono operation. When fan accessories are not used, and amplifier is used for continuous service under heavy load, turn switch to 40% position to prevent amplifier from cycling due to excessive heat. In all other applications, use 100% position for full power output. |



| 1 | Fuse | Protects amplifier from excessive current drain. Replace only with same type 10-ampere fuse. Refer to qualified service personnel if fuse blows repeatedly. A 15-ampere fuse may be used for test purposes only. | | |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| 2 | SWITCHED AC OUTLETS | Provide additional source of line power when amplifier is turned on with POWER switch on front panel. Maximum acceptable power drain is 150 watts for both outlets combined. | | |
| 3 | CH 1 OUT CH 2 OUT speaker terminals | Connect channel 1 and channel 2 speakers for corresponding channels. Two pair of standard GR jacks; have red (+) and black (-) polarity designations. When two or more speakers are connected in parallel, combined impedance should be not less than 4 ohms. | | |
| 4 | BAL MONO OUT speaker terminals | Connect balanced output to speaker system. NEVER CONNECT EITHER TERMINAL TO GROUND. When two or more speakers are connected in parallel, combined impedance should be not less than 8 ohms. Operate POWER OUTPUT switch in MONO mode. | | |
| 5 | TO ADD AMP jacks | Accept cables to connect another 9440A amplifier in parallel. | | |
| 6 | UNBAL INPUT jacks | Accept cables from high-impedance (nominal 20K Ω) microphones, AM/FM tuners, tape recorders, etc. | | |
| 7 | BAL HIGH Z INPUTS receptacles | Accept cables from high-impedance (nominal $20K\Omega$) microphones, AM/FM tuners, tape recorders, etc. Two transformer-isolated, balanced input channels; have XLR3-31 type connectors. | | |

INSTALLATION

RACK MOUNTING

The 9440A amplifier is designed for mounting in a standard 19-inch equipment rack, requiring a vertical rack space of 7 inches. Use four 10–32 x 1/2" screws to secure the front panel against the rack.

VENTILATION

The 9440A must be adequately ventilated to prevent excessive temperature rise of output transistors. An inch or two of space should be left behind, above and below the 9440A to ensure adequate cooling. Four feet raise the amplifier from a flat surface to allow free passage of air beneath the chassis.

- CAUTION -

Do not block ventilation slots in the top of the chassis, the bottom of the chassis, or the heat sink shroud at the back of the amplifier. Be sure free circulation of air is not restricted by other equipment, walls, curtains or furniture.

The 9440A should not be placed too close to other heat-generating equipment or in areas where ambient temperature exceeds 55°C (131°F).

If the 9440A is mounted in an equipment rack or cabinet with other heat-producing equipment

mounted above and/or below, space must be provided between the units to prevent excessive temperature rise. The ALTEC 10399 1-3/4" Perforated Panel is recommended for this purpose.

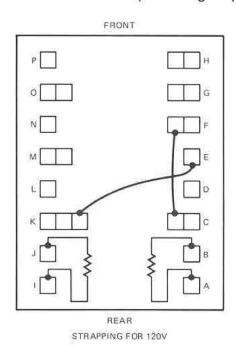
When several amplifiers or other heat-producing units are installed in a single rack or cabinet, acceptable air temperature may be in doubt. To determine temperature conditions, operate the system until temperature stabilizes, then measure air temperature with a bulb-type thermometer held at the bottom of the uppermost amplifier. Do not let the thermometer bulb touch metal because the metal may be hotter than the ambient air. If air temperature exceeds 55°C (131°F), the equipment should be spaced farther apart or a blower should be installed to ventilate the cabinet.

If the 9440A amplifier becomes too warm, due to continuous use at high output, two accessory fans should be installed on the rear of the heat sink shroud. Each fan should produce at least 30 cubic feet per minute at a static pressure of 0.04 inch of water. A typical fan that meets this requirement is the Rotron Whisper® fan.

ELECTRICAL

120-Volt, 50/60 Hz Power Connections

Equipment supplied for domestic use is provided with the power transformer primary strapped for 120 volts, as shown in Figure 7. The power input nameplate, adjacent to the power cord on the chassis, is mounted to show the appropriate side specifying connections. Verify that line voltage is in accordance with the voltage rating before connecting primary power.



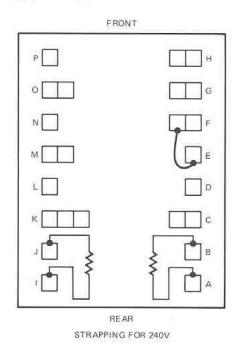


Figure 7. Strapping of Power Transformer for 120V and 240V Power

240-Volt, 50/60 Hz Power Connections

Export equipment is provided with the power transformer primary strapped for 240 volts, as shown in Figure 7. The power input nameplate, adjacent to the power cord on the chassis, is mounted to show the appropriate side specifying connections.

For a 9440A previously wired for 120 volts ac primary power, use the following procedure to change wiring for 240 volts ac operation. Refer line voltage change to qualified service personnel only.

- Step 1. Turn POWER switch to OFF.
- Step 2. Remove power cord from primary power outlet.
- Step 3. Remove seven screws securing top cover. Lift off top cover to expose transformer terminal board.
- Step 4. Locate strap connecting terminals C and F (see Figure 7). Remove strap and store for possible later use.
- Step 5. Locate strap connecting terminals E and K. Remove spade connector from terminal K and connect it to terminal F. This strap now connects terminals E and F as shown in Figure 7.
- Step 6. Install top cover on amplifier and secure with seven screws removed in Step 3.

Step 7. Remove voltage rating plate from chassis; reverse and reinstall to show 240-volt rating.

NOTE -

Switched ac outlets provide 120V ac when amplifier is strapped for 240V ac operation. Maximum acceptable power drain remains at 150 watts for combined outlets.

Input Connections - Unbalanced

Connections to UNBAL INPUT for channels 1 and 2 are made with two-wire cables terminated with standard 1/4" diameter phone plugs.

The UNBAL INPUT connects preamplifiers, mixers, etc., to channels 1 and 2 (see Figure 8). Nominal input level should be approximately 0.5 volt rms. If the 9440A is used in a mono mode with only one input connected, use the channel 1 (CH 1) jack; connection of an input to channel 2 (CH 2), with no connection to channel 1, will result in no output.

- NOTE -

The UNBAL INPUT overrides the BAL HIGH Z INPUTS when cable connections are made.

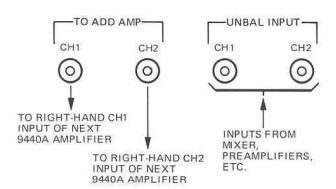


Figure 8. Unbalanced High-Impedance Input Connections

The TO ADD AMP jacks are in parallel with the respective CH 1 and CH 2 input jacks. These jacks are used to connect 9440A amplifiers in multiple configurations. Multiple amplifiers can be connected when the first amplifier receives input to either the UNBAL INPUT or the BAL HIGH Z

INPUTS. Figure 9 shows a typical multiple configuration of 9440A amplifiers.

Unbalanced output at the TO ADD AMP jacks may be employed from a balanced input at the XLR3-31 jacks, as shown in Figure 10.

- NOTE -

The input impedance presented to the program source is equal to $15 \mathrm{K}\,\Omega$ divided by the total number of amplifiers operating from that source. The volume control of the first amplifier does not control the other amplifiers.

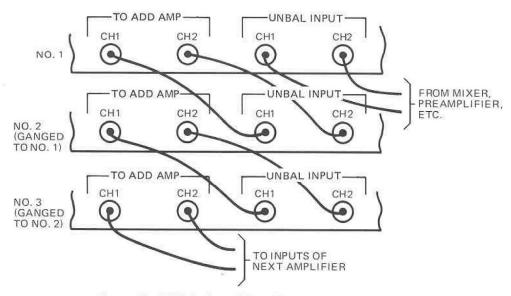


Figure 9. 9440A Amplifiers Connected in Multiple

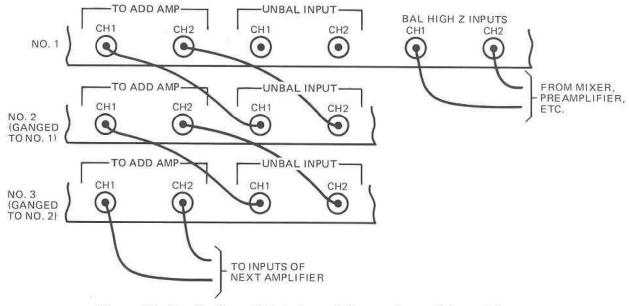


Figure 10. Application of Unbalanced Output from Balanced Input

Input Connections - Balanced

Connections to BAL HIGH Z INPUTS for channels 1 and 2 are made with shielded two-wire cables terminated with XLR3-type plugs. Wiring of these plugs is shown in Figure 11.

Inputs may be from mixers, preamplifiers, tuners, phono or other high-level line sources. Nominal input level should be approximately 0.5 volt rms. If the 9440A is used in a mono mode with only one output connected, use channel 1 (CH 1) jack; connection of an input to channel 2 (CH 2), with no connection to channel 1, will result in no output.

- NOTE -

Inputs connected to the UNBAL INPUT override inputs to BAL HIGH Z INPUTS.

One plug-in ALTEC 15335A Line Transformer accessory is required for each of the two channels for BAL HIGH Z INPUTS. The transformer accessories are plugged into the corresponding receptacles within the chassis (see Figure 11). Refer transformer installation to qualified service personnel only.

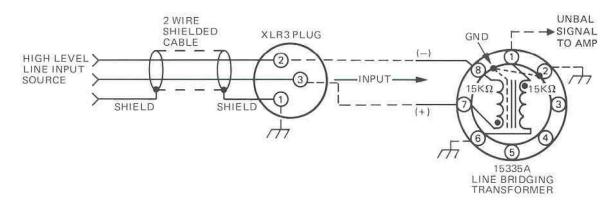


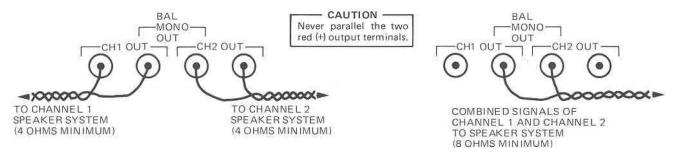
Figure 11. Balanced Input Connections to 9440A

Speaker Connections

Connections to channel 1 (CH 1 OUT) and channel 2 (CH 2 OUT) speaker outputs are made with two-wire cables. Both red (+) speaker output jacks are isolated from chassis ground. Do not place either of these jacks in a circuit to chassis ground. Combined impedance of the speaker system should be not less than 4 ohms

for each of the two speaker outputs (see Figure 12).

Connections to BAL MONO OUT combine the two channels into one output. NEVER CONNECT EITHER RED OUTPUT TERMINAL TO CHASSIS GROUND. Combined impedance of the speaker system should be not less than 8 ohms (see Figure 12).



A. DUAL (STEREO) SPEAKER CONNECTIONS

B. MONO SPEAKER CONNECTIONS

Figure 12. Mono and Dual Speaker Connections

BLOCK DIAGRAM

A system block diagram of the 9440A is shown in Figure 13.

SERVICE

If a malfunction occurs, service should be performed by an ALTEC Qualified Service Representative. For factory service, ship the 9440A prepaid to:

ALTEC Customer Service 131 West Katella Anaheim, California 92803

For additional information or service, call: (714) 774-2900 or Telex 65-5415.

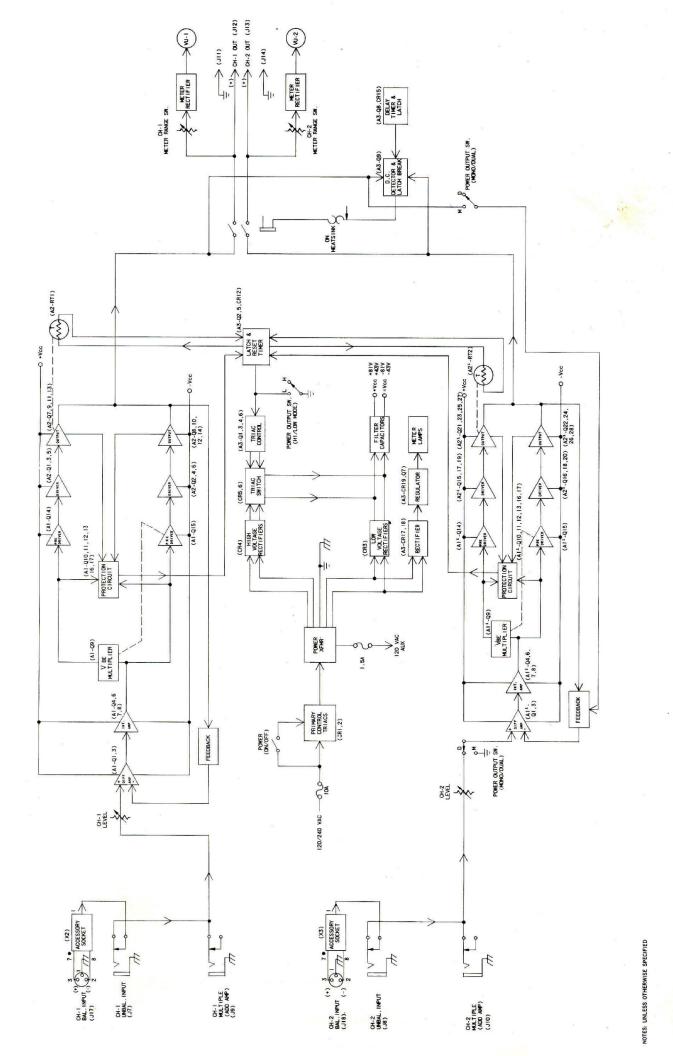


Figure 13. 9440A Power Amplifier Block Diagram (6D714)