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Figure 1. Hallicrafter's Model HT-33A Linear Amplifier

SECTION I

1-1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

The Hallicrafters Model IT-33A is a precision built, ultra compact linear amplifier employing a Penta-Lab PL-172 pentode type tube having 1000 watts plate dissipation. It is designed as the ideal companion unit for The Hallicrafters HT-320 FFPM-300, and may be used with any 100 watt exciter without the need of any external pad or matching network.

The circuit employs a single PL-172 operating class ABI or ABZ. The luptic trust is designed class ABI or ABZ. The luptic trust is designed class that the control of the c

Overload protection is provided by a 5 ampere fuse F1 which protects the filament, bias and blower circuits, a 1/16 ampere fuse F2 which protects the PL-172 screen, and a 20 ampere circuit breaker, which in addition to being the high voltage "ON-OFF" switch, protects the high voltage supply.

An interlock safety switch removes the primary voltage from the plate supply transformer when the cabinet cover is opened. (Do not attempt to defeat its purpose as lethal voltages are present.)

1-2. TVI SUPPRESSION.

Every consideration has been given to possible local TVI problems in the design of the HT-33A. Circuitry has been used that discourages harmonic generation. Along sast filter has been included in series and the same of the classifier on enternal ground connection. It is recommended that all sitation components be bonded together with heavy copper wire or presents between the same of the

1-3. ADDITIONAL FEATURES.

Many additional festures have been included for reliability and ease of operation. All important circuits are metered and easily read on a large illumcute are metered and easily read on a large illumcurrent, cathode current and plate voltage ranges, an FF output woil meter is included for easier tuning. In this position, beequipg in mind the maximum current and plate loading controls are adjusted for naximum deflection on the volt meter. A red level on the front panel-indicates that the high voltage supply is on. All lands writching is accomplished by a single selector.

SECTION II

2-1. UNPACKING.

Check all shipping tags and labels for further instructions before removing or destroying. All tubes will be shipped in a separate carton to prevent damage to the tubes and sockets.

Remove PL-172 tube from carton and install in socket. The tube must be oriented so that the large cathode pin is in line with the large hole in the socket. Lower tube into chimney carefully, rotating tube slightly back and forth until tube pins engage in socket holes. DO NOT FORCE. As tube engages socket, press down lightly until tube is firmly seated in socket. After tube is installed, loosen screw at point where parasitic choke is connected to the coupling capacitor. Swing narasitic choke and anode connector around to proper position and snap anode connector on to the plate of the PL-172. Tighten screw at point where the parasitic choke connects to the coupling capacitor (FIRM BUT WITHOUT FORCE). (See Figure 3 for exact location.) Install four OA2 regulator tubes. Install two 3B28 tubes. Connect rectifier plate caps,

2-2. LOCATION.

R is very important that the HT-33A be placed in such amaner that complete air circulation will be had on all sides as well as the top and bottom. The air intake for the fan is through the bottom of the cabinet and air space must be maintained. The HT-33A must rest on cabinet feet at all times. Under no circumstances should any object be placed on top of this unit.

2-3. POWER REQUIREMENTS.

The HT-33A is designed for 117V 50/80 cycle AC operation. The source should be capable of supplying 2350 watts with good regulation at the specified line voltage if the maximum capabilities of this unit are to be realized.

2-4. RACK MOUNTING.

The HT-33A may be rack mounted if desired. In order to accomplish this, the unit must first be removed from the cabinet by following the procedure given below:

- Remove bottom perforated panel from cabinet.
- 2. Remove short AC fan cord from receptacle.
- Remove three screws which hold fan support bracket to chassis.
- 4. Remove fan assembly from unit.
- Remove three chassis mounting screws at bottom rear of cabinet.
- Remove top and bottom screw on each side of front panel (Four screws only).
- Open cabinet cover to disengage interlock switch. (BE SURE ALL CABLES ARE DIS-CONNECTED FROM CHASSIS.)

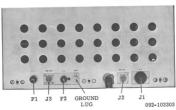


Figure 2. Chassis, Rear View

- 8. Slide chassis out from front of cabinet.
- Fan must be replaced in original position after unit is installed in rack. Never oper-

The slots at the edges of the front panel are properly spaced to accommodate mounting screws in a standard 19 inch rack.

ate unit without fan.

The HT-33A should never be placed directly above another unit which radiates heat as the fan will blow this warm air through the tube and impair its cooling capabilities. Also, the area above the chassis must not be constricted, so that the warm air may be freely exhausted into the room.

2-5. BIAS AND ANTENNA RELAY CONNECTIONS.

It is recommended that coaxial type antenna changeover relays be used with the HT-33A.

It is also recommended that cut off bias be used in all modes of operation. (See figures 4, 5, and 6 for antenna relay connections.)

NOTE

The bias control relay may be connected in parallel with any 117 V. A. C. antenna changeover relay.

The HT-33A is shipped with a jumper between pins 3 and 4, and another jumper between pins 1 and 8 in the plug at rear of chassis, marked JI. This allows the HT-33A bias relay to close when the "FIL-AMENT" switch is turned "ON". If either jumper is removed, the bias relay will remain open and cut-off bias will be applied to the PL-172.

2-6. INPUT AND OUTPUT CONNECTIONS.

A. Input Connection. The input connector, located at the rear of the chassis, will inste with a type PL-259 coaxial connector (Amphenol type 35-189) (not supplied). Excitation from the exciter unit should be applied through this connector. The input is designed for 50 to 75 ohms and any reasonable length of RG-58/U cable will suffice.

CAUTION

Care must be used in applying excitation. See tuning instructions.

B. Output Connection. The output connector, io-cated at the rear of the chassis will mate with a type PL250 coaxial connector (Amphenol type 83-18P) ion proceed at the rear of the chassis will make with a type PL250 coaxial connector (Amphenol type 83-18P) ion proceed that the load be 50 ohms with its strongly recommended that the load be 50 ohms with the lowest possible VSWR. Never attempt to feed an antenna of unknown characteristics, as serious damage on the subject, consult the A. R. R. L. handdood on this subject, consult the A. R. R. L. handdood.

AC voltage (117V, not to exceed 50 watts) is available at this plug (J1) when the "FILAMENT" switch is turned "DN".

Another AC circuit is available (117V, not to exceed 50 watts) when the "HIGH VOLTAGE" switch

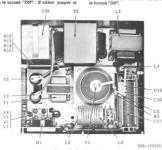


Figure 3. Chassis, Top View

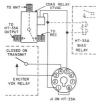
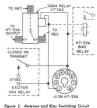


Figure 4. Antenna and Bias Switching Circuit

Suggested antenna and bias switching circuits where 117V AC is supplied by the HT-33A.

For use with exciters such as HT-32 Note - Contacts used in exciter Vox relay must have

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Suggested antenna and bias switching circuits where 117V AC is supplied through Vox relay contacts in exciter

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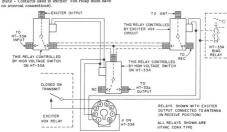


Figure 6. Antenna and Bias Switching Circuit

Suggested antenna and bias switching circuits where 117V AC is supplied by the

For use with exciters such as the HT-32. Antenna switching from the HT-33A to the exciter will be automatic when the "High Voltage" Switch is turned "OFF".

SECTION III FUNCTION OF OPERATING CONTROLS



NAME OF CONTROL	TYPE	DESCRIPTION		
FILAMENT	Toggle	Connected in series with power line. Used to energize all filaments, bias supply, and fan, or to disable entire unit.		
HIGH VOLTAGE	Circuit Breaker (20 Amp.)	Used to energize primary of high voltage transformer and turn on red indicator light. Also protects high voltage supply.		
METER SWITCH	Rotary (5 position)	Connects the meter to read grid, screen, cathode current, RF output voltage, and plate voltage. The setting of the switch automatically switches in the correct shunt or divider network.		
BIAS ADJUST	Potentiometer	Used to adjust the cathode current to the correct op- erating point.		
BAND SELECTOR	Rotary Switch (5 position)	Selects proper plate tank coil tap. Shorts out unused portion of coil. Switches in additional loading capa- city on 40 and 80 meters.		
PLATE TUNING	* Variable Capacitor	Resonates plate circuit to operating frequency. (Never attempt to use the HT-33A as a frequency multiplier.)		
PLATE LOADING	* Variable Capacitor	Used to adjust output impedance to match the antenna load impedance. (40-80 Ohms.)		

*Note: 0 on dial indicates maximum capacity and 10

indicates minimum capacity.

SECTION IV

4-1. GENERAL.

In all cases, both the "Plate Tuning" and "Plate-Loading" controls are adjusted for maximum RF adopted as indicated on the RF output voltimeter. Never control power input by the loading adjustment allors. Ever input should always be a direct function of the applied containt. All and input level that you destret to use. Note that the Idling plate current may be changed to give increased efficiency for CW.

4-2. TUNING PROCEDURE.

- The following steps apply to all types of operation:
 - Set "Filament" switch to "OFF" position.
 - Set "High Voltage" switch to "OFF" position.
 - Set "Meter" switch to "CATH" position.
 - 4. Set "Band Selector" to desired band.
 - Connect transmission line to coax output receptacle.
 Connect exciter output to HT-33A input re-
 - ceptacle.
 7. Plug HT-33Aline cord into a receptacle capa-
 - ble of delivering 2350 watts @ 117V 50/60 cycles.
 - Place the "Filament" switch in "ON"position. Three to four minutes for filament warm-up will suffice.

Never leave filamentpower on unless the blower fan is operating.

Never apply "High Voltage" unless filament power has been applied for three mi-

NOTE

The cathode current indicated on the meter will be the combined plate, screen, and control grid current. To determine the plate current, it will be necessary to subtract the combined total of the screen current reading plus the grid current reading from the cathode current.

4-3. TUNE UP FOR CW OPERATION.

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1. Set the "Bias Adjust" control in maximum

counterclockwise position.

- Assuming filament voltage has been applied for the required time, place "High Voltage" switch in "ON" position.
- Adjust bias control so that the cathode current is 100 MA or less (without excitation).
- Apply enough CW excitation to increase the cathode current to 200 MA.
- Rotate "Meter" switch to RFO position and adjust "Plate Tuning" and "Plate Loading" for maximum upward deflection on the meter.
- Rotate "Meter" switch back to CATH position and increase excitation until the cathode current reads approximately 300 MA.
- Rotate "Meter" switch to RFO and again adjust "Plate Tuning" and "Plate Loading" for maximum upward deflection on the meter.
- Increase excitation and adjust tuning until
 the cathode current is approximately 390 MA
 after tuning. Always make the final adjustment with the "Plate Tuning" capacitor. One
 kilowatt CW input will be had when the plate
 voltage multiplied by the plate current equals
 1000.

Example 2700 V x 370 MA = 999 watts, or 999W ÷ 2700 V = 370 MA

4-4. TUNE UP FOR SSB OPERATION.

- Adjust bias control until 180 MA cathode current is indicated without excitation.
- Piace exciter in CW position and increase excitation to the HT-33A until the cathode current reads approximately 250 MA.
- Rotate "Meter" switch to RFO and adjust both "Plate Tuning" and "Plate Loading" for maximum upward deflection.
- Rotate "Meter" switch to CATH position and again increase excitation until the cathode current is 350 MA.
- 5. Repeat tuning procedure as described above.
- Increase excitation until 520 MA cathode current is indicated after tuning adjustment as previously described. Always make the final adjustment with the "Plate Tuning" ca-

pacitor.

- Switch exciter to SSB and bring up addic control gradually white talking into the microphone. One kilowatt average input will be had when the plate current is approximately 370 MA (depending on line voltage) 390 MA total cathode current. Under these conditions, grid current will be approximately 2 MA on voice peaks.
- 4-5. TUNE UP FOR DOUBLE SIDE BAND WITH CARRIER (AM).
 - Proceed as described in 4-3 for CW tuneup, except bias is adjusted for 180 MA idling current.
 - Final adjustment will be made at 1 kilowatt

CW input (370 MA plate current).

- Remove CW excitation and place exciter in AM position.
- Gradually increase audio gain control on exciter until HT-33A plate current is 370 MA on voice peaks. (Approximately 390 MA total cathode current).

R is strondly recommended that a monitor scope be used for both SSB and DSB operation. Although a 1/4 second meter is used in your HT-3SA as prescribed by the F. C. C.; no meter will follow ovice peaks and, of course, in an way indicates true peak power input under voice conditions. A monitor scope will be indicated by the state of the state of the state of the state valuable in getting the most out of your HT-3SA.

SECTION V SERVICE DATA

5-1. SERVICE OR OPERATING QUESTIONS.

For further information reparding operation or servicing of any Billicrafters equipment, contact your Hallicrafters dealer. The Billicrafters Company maintains an extensive system of Autorized Service Centers where any required service will be performed Embershere any required service will be performed below. Billicrafters Authorized Service Centers display the sign shown below. For the location of the one nearest you, consult your dealer or telephone directory. Make no service shipments to the factory, as The Billicrafters Autorized Service to the factory, as The Billicrafter Autorized Service Service on service shipments to the factory, as The Billicrafter Autorized Service S

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5-2. WARNING - HIGH VOLTAGE.

DC voltage in excess of 2700 volts is present in this equipment.

Do not attempt to measure voltages with hand held test leads nor attempt to service this unit with the high voltage supply on. In addition to the danger of serious injury, or death, from the high voltage supply, serious radio frequency burns can be caused by coming in contact with, or close proximity to, the plate and output circuits.

An ACinterlock switch is installed on the cover or pour protection. Do not attempt to defeat its purpose. Also, a bleeder circuit is provided to discharge the high voltage filter capacitor. However, we strony by recommend the use of a grounding rod to short the high voltage circuit to the chassis before any servicing is attempted.

USE EXTREME CAUTION WHEN WORKING WITH THIS EQUIPMENT.



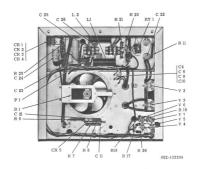
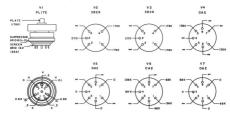


Figura 8. Chassis, Bottom View



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Figure 9. Resistance Chart

SECTION VI

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Dimensions, Front Panel	. Standard Rack Mtg. 8 3/4" H x 19" W.
Mode of Operation	AB1 or AB2 linear power amplifier.
Power Consumption.	2350 watts, 117 VAC, $50/60$ cycles at maximum input.
Input Impedance.	. 50 - 75 Ohms.
Output Impedance	. 40-80 Ohms.
Plate Power Input SSB	. 1000 watts average
Plate Power Input AM	. 1000 watts (100% Mod. voice peaks).
Plate Power Input CW	. 1000 watts
Power Output SSB @ 1 KW Input	. 800 WPEP (Min.)
Drive Power SSB (180 MA Idling Plate Current)	50 WPEP
Drive Power AM (180 MA Idling Plate Current)	12. 5 watts

6-1 NEUTRALIZATION

No neutralization is necessary at any time. A low impedance input circuit, in conjunction with excellent shielding and by-passing, assures complete stability at all times.

 Drive Power CW (50 MA Idling Plate Current)
 60 watts

 Weight, Net
 114 pounds

 Weight, Shipping
 120.5 pounds

6-2. GRID CURRENT.

It is recommended that the control grid current be kept below 5 MA, and under no circumstances be allowed to exceed 8 MA.

It is normal for the PL-172 to indicate negative (reverse) control grid current, and in some cases, may read off scale when the meter is switched to the "Grid" position. This will in no way indicate a defective tube and no allowances are to be made when reading "Grid" current.

6-3. IDLING PLATE CURRENT.

CW - The idling current (plate current without excitation) may be set at 100 MA or less. Maximum efficiency will be realized when the idling current is low. Less excitation will be required when the idling current is increased. SSB - The idling plate current (plate current without excitation) may be set at any point between 180 MA and 220 MA. Maximum efficiency will be realized at 180 MA (AB2 operation); however, lowest distortion and lowest drive requirements will be realized with 220 MA idling current (class AB1 operation).

AM - The idling plate current (plate current without excitation) should be maintained at 180 MA (for Double Side Band with Carrier).

6-4 PLATE CURRENT

The indicated plate current on the 1/4 second meter will be approximately 370 MA for 1 KW plate input (legal limit for amateur use).

The maximum plate current that may be drawn on SSB polce peaks or keyed CW will be 500 MA. This may be used for short test periods not to exceed 5 minutes under steady state carrier conditions to allow tuning and loading adjustments to be made (AM 400 MA on 100% molt, voice peaks).

6-5. SCREEN CURRENT.

The screen current will be approximately 10-15

MA @ 1 KW input, SSB voice peaks. Under key down CW conditions, the screen current will be 20-25 MA @ 1 KW input. The screen grid current should never exceed 40 MA.

6-6. PLATE VOLTAGE.

The plate voltage should be approximately 2700 volts with 117 VAC line voltage @ 1 KW CW input.

6-7. RF OUTPUT VOLTMETER (RFO).

This voltmeter is connected across the output coax and indicates maximum output voltage across the coax. It is not calibrated and is to be used as a tuning indicator falways tune for maximum upward deflection for a given power input. As this is not a peak reading meter, voice peaks will deflect meter approximately I/3 the equivalent (W output.

6-8. CLEANING.

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Equipment that is power cooled may tend to collect dust within the unit depending on the content of the air being circulated. Also the 2700 V circuitry has a tendency to attract dust particles. The circuitry should be kept clean, as any accumulation of dust

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in the high voltage or RF areas may cause arcing and consequent damage. This applies to both the top, side and underside of the chassis. Both "Plate Tuning" and "Plate Loading" capacitors should be cleaned frequently to prevent arcing between plates.

CAUTION

Do not nick or bend capacitor plates.

The preferred method of cleaning is the use of a vacuum cleaner while dusting with flexible bristle clean brush. Be sure to remove and clean fan and area around the PL-172 tube socket.

Never use solvents for cleaning.

6-9. LUBRICATION.

Both upper and lower fan bearings should be lubricated with one or two drops of SAE #30 oil once a year.

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6-10. CHASSIS REMOVAL.

(See RACK MOUNTING, 2-3).

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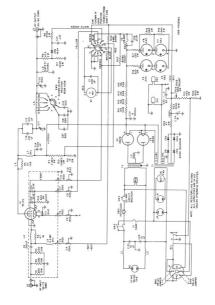
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Symbol	Description	Part Number	Symbol	Description	Part Number	
CAPACITORS			COILS AND TRANSFORMERS			
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C20 Var C21 0 1 C22 8 m C22 (alternate) 10 C23 60	mmfd, 5000V Ceramiriable (Plate load)		DS1, 2 Lamp DS3Lamp V1 PL-17	AMPS AND TUBES , Pilot , Pilot (117V) 2 (Power Amplifler) High Voltage Rectifie	039-200002	

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Schematic Symbol	Description	Hallicrafters Part Number	Schematic Symbol	Description	Hallicrafters Part Number	
RESISTORS			SWITCHES			
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