DESIGNS DEPARTMENT MANUFACTURING INFORMATION

NO. 5.347(77)

FL2/558 A-C

UHF Bandpass Filter

PRODUCTION TEST SCHEDULE

1. DESCRIPTION

The series of filters FL2/558 A-C have been designed for use with the EP16M/501 UHF transposer as receiving aerial filters to remove unwanted out of band signals. They may also have a general purpose application. Each of the three types A, B and C covers a different group of channels in the UHF bands 4 and 5.

2. INFORMATION

- (a) Design Section: RF Section 5
- (b) Designer: R.G. Seville
- (c) Engineer Responsible: R.G. Seville
- (d) Handbook: A Handbook will not be written
- (e) Technical Instruction: References appear in EP16M/501, 2 Technical Instruction.
- (f) Any other information: None
- (g) Pre-production batch: A pre-production batch of 4 of each filter type was manufactured in Designs Department.

3. MANUFACTURING PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION

General

Nominal Input/Output Impedance

 50Ω

Input/Output Return Loss

⇒ 18dB (typically 22dB)

In-band Loss

< 1.2dB (typically 0.8dB)

Specific

Pass-band frequencies measured at 20dB return loss points:

F12/558 A

< 469.75MHz

to > 581.25MHz

FL2/558 B

< 613.75MHz

to > 733.25MHz

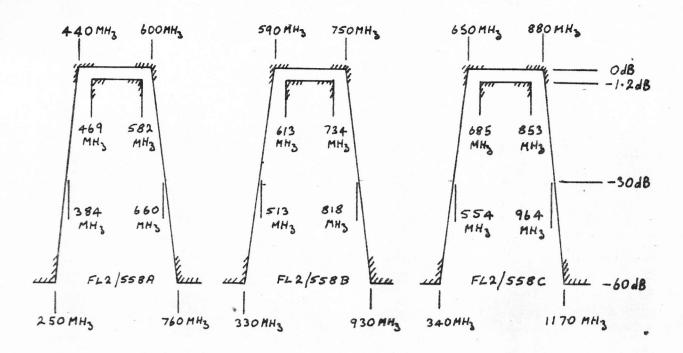
FL2/558 C

< 685.75MHz

to > 853.25MHz

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4. WARNING

- (a) Safety: There are no known safety hazards associated with this equipment.
- (b) New devices, etc: The filters are made on 'Revolite' printed board material which to the touch is soft and spongy, it is however very brittle and must be handled with care.

5. TEST APPARATUS REQUIRED

Sweep generator and detector/display unit 450 - 860MHz, 50Ω 20dB coupler 450 - 860MHz, 50Ω

50Ω TNC Termination

2 x 10dB attenuator, 500

4" G clamp

Aluminium shim 0.05 thick as required

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The apparatus should be set up to measure return loss or through response see Fig. 1 or 2 respectively.

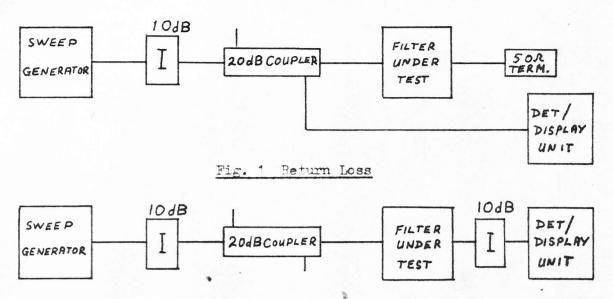


Fig. 2 Through Response

6. INSPECTION CHECKS

(a) Ensure all screws are tight.

7. TEST PROCEDURE

7.1 Return loss measurement

- (a) Connect the apparatus as shown in Fig. 1. Note the filter type being tested A, B or C and observe its return loss over the appropriate frequency band. See specification.
- (b) The return loss shape may be irregular but should remain below the 18dB line between the frequency limits specified.
- (c) Should the return loss not conform with (b) apply pressure using the G clamp to various areas noting any area which improves the response. Cut a piece of 0.05 thick shim about 15 mm square and place it inside the filter box over the area which improved the response. Reassemble the filter and recheck the return loss.

In the preproduction batch one or two such operations was found sufficient to bring the filter within specification.

7.2 Through Response Check

- 7.2.1 Connect the apparatus as shown in Fig. 2 replacing the filter under test with a link to obtain a OdB reference line.
- 7.2.2 Replace the link with the filter under test and check that the response conforms with that shown in Section 3.

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2. PERFORMANCE DATA

Specification

To read: Pass-band frequencies measured at 18dB return loss points.

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3. MANUFACTURING PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION

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7.1 Return Loss Measurements

add (d) The termination lines that extend beyond the connectors (act as shunt capacitors, they can be trimmed in length if necessary to achieve a better return loss response. They also affect the cut off frequencies. If (c) does not achieve the desired result then proceed as follows:-

Remove the filter from its box. Reverse the box bottom and clamp it to the filter boards leaving the connector clearance holes exposed. Place a finger gradually over each hole and note the effect on the return loss response. If the return loss shape worsens, less capacity is required. Both stubs should be trimmed until the best shape is achieved. Conversely if the return loss shows an improvement more capacitance is required.

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