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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Congratulations on purchasing one of the finest HF amplifiers in the world today.

ACOM is pleased that you have chosen one of our products, and we will endeavor to provide you with the information and support you need to enjoy your purchase for many years.

We urge you to read all of the following materials before you embark on operating your new amplifier.

1.1. Introduction and Description

This manual explains:

- Installation
- Operation and
- Maintenance

of the ACOM 1000 HF + 6 meter linear amplifier.

The ACOM 1000 is a complete and self-contained linear amplifier that covers all amateur bands from 1.8 through 54 MHz and provides over 1000 W output power with less than 60 W exciter drive. Antenna SWR up to 3:1 is acceptable at full power. Tuning is substantially simplified by a plate-load True Resistance Indicator (TRI) and by an automatically controlled input attenuator. Operating parameters are displayed by a multi-functional high brightness OLED. Full break-in transmit/receive switching (QSK) is standard.



1.2. Owner Assistance

If assistance is needed, you should contact your local dealer first. If necessary, your dealer will contact ACOM for additional guidance.

If you still have an issue you need to discuss with one of ACOM's specialists, the contact information is as follows:

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1.3. Equipment Supplied

The ACOM 1000 amplifier and this User's Manual are shipped in a cardboard carton.

1.4. Features

- **Easy to operate**
The TRI (True Resistance Indicator) is a powerful tuning aid which, together with the automatically controlled input attenuator, helps the operator to quickly and precisely match antennas (5-10 seconds typically). The auto-operate function (when enabled) maintains the amplifier in OPERATE mode for you, thus saving manual operations and time.
- **No antenna tuner needed**
No heavy outboard antenna tuners required for antenna SWR up to 3:1 (and higher on some bands). Your amplifier will perform the functions of an antenna tuner, thus enabling you to change antennas faster and use them over a wider frequency range (saving tuning time).
- **User-friendly and durable**
An amplifier that is both user-friendly, and that looks after itself. It is designed to safely withstand up to 300 W reflected power, up to 100 milliseconds duration of drive spikes, drive RF "tails" after a PTT or KEY release, operator's inadvertent tuning errors etc. It would also not cease to function with a "soft" AC line and would deliver more than half power at only 75% of nominal mains voltage. It would withstand up to 10 milliseconds (down to zero) voltage drops, and up to +15% line voltage spikes, which is important particularly when used at field days, DXpeditions, and other portable events.
- **OLED comment display**
All amplifier status indications are explained via detailed text displayed on the dot matrix display OLED. The upper-line's strip on the OLED always reads peak forward power. LED indicators are provided for OPERATE, attenuation-on, and ON/OFF conditions.

- **Easy maintenance**
Signatures of the amplifier internal status are stored in a nonvolatile memory for 7 most recent auto protection trips. This information can be forwarded to your dealer for diagnostics. Using an EXCEL application (available from ACOM or your dealer free of charge) and a PC you can decode the signatures by yourself, too.
- **Less noise in the shack**
The input bypassing and the vacuum antenna relays are virtually silent even in QSK CW mode due to their special mounting.
- **Efficient tuning**
Less QRM and improved Electro Magnetic Compatibility during tuning. Antenna matching can be achieved in less than 10 seconds at a quarter of nominal output power.
- **Transceiver-independent**
The amplifier operates without special signals from the transceiver - "Ground on TX" and 60 W RF drive power are sufficient.
- **Broadband input matching**
Broadband input matching circuit resulting in very good load to the transceiver over the entire spectrum from 1.8 MHz up to 54 MHz.
- **Single tube operation**
Uses a single 4CX800A (GU74B) Svetlana high-performance ceramic-metal tetrode with plate dissipation of 800 W (forced air cooling, grid-driven).
- **Tube protection**
Permanent monitoring and protection of plate and grid voltages and currents, as well as of the exhaust air temperature. The Bias Optimizer decreases the heat dissipated from the tube, and there is automatic protection against overheating in accordance with the specifications of the tube producer.
- **Output RF Arc protection**
An output RF Arc protection is employed. It safeguards the amplifier, antenna, antenna selector, and tuner against severe damage in case of possible breakdown.
- **High voltage protection**
High voltage power supply inrush current protection, which eliminates the danger of affecting sensitive devices, connected to the same mains circuit (important when used portable). Moreover, the amplifier can be configured for 8 different nominal line voltages: 100, 110, 120, 200, 210, 220, 230, or 240 VAC, 50 or 60 Hz.
- **Continuous measuring and/or selectable monitoring**
Continuous measuring and/or selectable monitoring of 12 most important parameters of the amplifier, exciter, and antennas via OLED display.

1.5. Safety Considerations, Explicit Definitions

The ACOM 1000 HF + 6 meters Linear Amplifier is a Safety Class I unit regarding protection against electric shock. The third grounding lead of its mains cord (which is colored yellow with two green stripes) and the ground stud on the rear panel of the amplifier (marked **GND**, see **Figure 2-1 Rear panel - Connections**, Pos. (a)) must be connected to the station's grounding system for safe operation.

The amplifier is designed to meet international safety standards and complies with CE safety and electromagnetic compatibility requirements, as well as FCC regulations.

This User's Manual contains information, warnings (signal words **Danger**, **Warning**, **Caution** and **Notice**) and instructions, related to hazards, that should be followed by the user in order to ensure safe operation and to keep the amplifier in a safe working condition at all times.

The EXPLICIT DEFINITIONS described below apply to this User's Manual:

DANGER

*These notes call attention to a procedure or instructions which, if not correctly performed, **will result in serious personal injuries and even death.***

WARNING

*These notes call attention to a procedure or instructions which, if not correctly performed, **could result in serious personal injuries and even death.***

CAUTION

*These notes call attention to a procedure or instructions which, if not correctly performed, **could result in minor or moderate personal injuries.***

NOTICE

*These notes call attention to a procedure or instructions which, if not correctly performed, **could result in property damage or equipment damage not exclusively to the amplifier but also to connected equipment.***

Information notes described below apply to this User's Manual:



These notes highlight operating procedures or practices that may improve equipment reliability and/or personnel performance, or to emphasize a concept.

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The safety instructions contained in this User's Manual feature specific signal words (**Danger**, **Warning**, **Caution** or **Notice**) and, where required, a safety alert symbol, in accordance with actual standards ISO 3864 or ANSI Z535.

PRECAUTIONS:

DANGER

The amplifier works with high voltages up to 3000 V, which are LETHAL!

For your safety, pull the amplifier power plug out of the mains wall outlet and WAIT AT LEAST 30 minutes EACH TIME BEFORE you remove the cover of the amplifier. Do not touch any part inside while the amplifier is open because some residual voltages may still be present.

DANGER

Never allow anyone, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN, to push or put anything into holes in the case - this will cause electric shock. NEVER TOUCH AN ANTENNA or antenna insulators during transmission or tuning - this may result in an electric shock or burn. NEVER EXPOSE the amplifier to rain, snow or any liquids. AVOID placing the amplifier in excessively dusty environments or in direct sunlight. DO NOT OBSTRUCT AIR INTAKE (rear panel) and EXHAUST (top cover) areas of the amplifier. Keep a minimum clearance distance of 10 cm (4 inches) to the intake and 50 cm (20 inches) above the exhaust opening.

WARNING

Do not undertake on your own repairs or changes in hardware or software of the amplifier in order not to endanger your or other's health and life and not to damage the amplifier and the equipment connected with it, not covered by warranty. The manufacturer is not liable for another's actions and responsibility shall be assumed by the doer.

WARNING

To avoid damage (not covered under warranty) read the Section **2 INSTALLATION** of this User's Manual carefully. If you have any doubts about the installation, operation or safety of the amplifier, please, consult your dealer.

2. INSTALLATION

2.1. Unpacking and Initial Inspection



Before you install your amplifier, thoroughly read this manual.

First, carefully inspect the cardboard carton and its contents for physical damage. ACOM ships amplifiers in highly protected containers, but it cannot assure that mistreatment by shippers will not occur. If damage is evident, notify your dealer immediately. Delay may void the carrier's warranty.

Keep all packing materials for possible future amplifier shipment (see Section [7.3.4 Returning to the Service Provider](#)).

2.2. Line Voltage Selection

NOTICE

In order to avoid any damage (not covered by the warranty), check carefully to be certain that the voltage for which the amplifier is set corresponds to your mains nominal voltage.

Normally, the amplifier is supplied set for a nominal line voltage of 240 V. If your mains voltage is not 240 V, you must contact your dealer for instructions. The only exception to this is if the unit has been custom ordered, in which case the voltage selection will be noted in the Table of Individual Data (see [Table 2-1 Amplifier individual data](#)).

AMP SN:	
Tube SN:	
Voltage Selector Position	VAC

Table 2-1 Amplifier individual data



The amplifier power supply can be configured for 8 different nominal line voltages: 100, 110, 120, 200, 210, 220, 230, or 240 VAC, 50 or 60 Hz.

2.3. Amplifier Location Selection

⚠ CAUTION

The weight of the unit is about 22 kg, which should preferably be handled by two persons.

Position the amplifier near the place where it will be used. You will need an easy access to the command knobs and indicator's area, as well as to the rear panel cabling.

No magnetic-field sensitive devices (such as microphones) should be located next to the right side of the amplifier because its power transformer is located there. It is advisable to position the amplifier to the right of your transceiver.

No temperature-sensitive devices should be located above the exhaust hot air area on top left. This means that the amplifier should not be located under a shelf or other structure that could impede the free movement of air away from the amplifier. You may prefer to use the bottom scales of both variable capacitor knobs (**TUNE** and **LOAD**) if you install it on a shelf.

NOTICE

Do not under any circumstances obstruct the air intake (rear panel) or exhaust (top cover) areas of the amplifier. Keep a minimum clearance distance of 10 cm (4 inches) from the intake and 50 cm (20 inches) from the exhaust openings.

NOTICE

Do not leave accidental paper, cloth or other lightweight pieces around and under the amplifier. They may be drawn in by the cooling air stream and block the vents. This will lead to overheating and accelerated material aging, not covered by the warranty.

2.4. Connections

Please, see **Figure 2-1 Rear panel - Connections**.

Connection to your station must be accomplished in the order described below, before you apply mains voltage to the amplifier.



Before you connect the amplifier to external grounding, you should advise with a licensed electrician and confirm such kind of connection is allowed by your national and local electrical code, safety rules, and regulations in force. Simultaneous connection to the earth grounding and protective earth may be inadmissible or may fall under special requirements in some countries!

DANGER

Never use the gas installation for grounding. This can cause an EXPLOSION!

DANGER

Do not use the steam-heating or water-supply network for grounding! You may expose to dangerous voltage not only yourself but also other people using the same installation.



Figure 2-1 Rear panel - Connections

a) **GND** stud

First, connect the wing-nut grounding stud of the amplifier (on the rear panel, marked **GND**) to the station's grounding system (see *Figure 2-1 Rear panel - Connections*, Pos. (a)).

WARNING

Note that the grounding system may have to withstand currents over 20 A with insignificant voltage drop on it. Therefore, it may be necessary to improve it considerably, i.e., to become less resistive, with heavier leads and lower-resistive ground path. The grounding leads should be at least 8 mm² (AWG 8 or SWG 10).

b) **RF INPUT** socket

Connect a suitable coaxial cable from the transceiver output to the amplifier **RF INPUT** SO-239 socket (see *Figure 2-1 Rear panel - Connections*, Pos. (b)), using PL-259 plug.

NOTICE

In order to avoid a damage, turn off your transceiver's internal antenna tuner.

c) **RF OUTPUT** socket

NOTICE

If this is the first time you will use a power amplifier in your station, pay attention to the coaxial cable type from the amplifier's output to the antenna. It must handle the increased power safely, particularly on the 10- and 6 meters bands. We recommend that you use RG213 cable or better. Check the same for the antenna selector and tuner as well as the antenna itself (especially multi-band trap antennas).

Connect a suitable coaxial cable with a PL-259 plug from the amplifier **RF OUTPUT** (see *Figure 2-1 Rear panel - Connections*, Pos. (c)) to the antenna selector or tuner, or to the antenna for the respective frequency band.

d) **KEY-IN** socket

This is the amplifier's input for receive/transmit control from the transceiver.

The transceiver controls the amplifier from receive mode into transmit mode (RX/TX) by grounding of the **KEY-IN** input.

Run a shielded cable from the "ground on transmit" socket or terminal on your transceiver to the amplifier **KEY-IN** socket (see *Figure 2-1 Rear panel - Connections*, Pos. (d)). The **KEY-IN** socket uses a standard RCA phono plug.



Switching voltage on the **KEY-IN** jack does not exceed 15 V (open circuit) and the closed-circuit current is below 15 mA.



Your amplifier will not work if **KEY-IN** input is not connected properly.

Transceiver producers give different names to this output and they are for instance TX-GND, SEND, T/R-LINE, PTT, etc. Some transceivers require that "ground on transmit" is implemented via a software command, or by changing the setting of a switch on the rear panel, or interior of the transceiver. Check your transceiver's manual.

e) **KEY-OUT** socket

This is the amplifier's transmit-enabling control output to the transceiver.

The **KEY-OUT** socket (see *Figure 2-1 Rear panel - Connections*, Pos. (e)) provides an extra control signal from the amplifier to the transceiver. It could be used to improve the transmit/receive (RX/TX) switching safety.

NOTICE

KEY-OUT is a low-power open-drain output, make sure that the signal voltage coming from the respective transceiver connection does not exceed 50 VDC (open circuit) and the closed-circuit current is below 20 mA.

If your transceiver has a suitable input that disables transmission unless grounded externally, we recommend that you connect it with a shielded cable terminated in a Phono (RCA) connector to the **KEY-OUT** socket of the amplifier.



ACOM 1000 will operate normally with **KEY-OUT** unconnected If your transceiver has no such input.

Transceiver producers give different names to this input and they are for instance TX-INHIBIT, MUTE, LINEAR, etc. Check your transceiver's manual.

f) Main fuses

NOTICE

Make sure you check whether the main fuses installed in your amplifier (see *Figure 2-1 Rear panel - Connections*, Pos. (f)) correspond to your local mains nominal voltage and if necessary, replace them as described in Section *6.3 Fuse Replacement*!

⚠ WARNING

If your amplifier is only fitted with one line (mains) fuse, it is suitable for European Community ONLY. Your dealer will check that your amplifier is correctly fused before it is shipped to you. Customers should check with a qualified electrician if the amplifier is to be used outside the country in which it was purchased.

g) Power cord

Due to the different standards in different countries, the mains plug is supplied and mounted by the dealer. He connects to the mains cord end (see **Figure 2-1 Rear panel - Connections**, Pos. (g)) a standard mains supply plug which meets the Safety Class I unit standard in your country.

The ground lead of the amplifier's power cord is colored yellow with two green stripes and the blue and brown leads are active. When the amplifier is to be used with only one mains fuse, it is connected in series with the brown lead, which must be the active. If you have any doubts about the correct way of connecting the wires, consult your dealer.

h) Preparation of wall outlet

⚠ WARNING

Before connecting the amplifier to your mains supply using a licensed electrician, check that the supply is correctly wired, and is adequate for power consumption up to 2200 VA. Make certain that the grounding lead is connected properly and that it has a cross section not less than the cross section of the phase conductor in the wall outlet for the amplifier.

It is preferable that you use the wall outlet closest to the source. The installation leads should be at least 1.5 mm² (AWG 15 or SWG 17) at operating 200-240 VAC and 2.5 mm² (AWG 13 or SWG 15) at 100-120 VAC (recommended values if there are no stricter requirements by your local standard).

Check that the panel fuse has a free capacity for the additional load from the amplifier as specified in Sections **6.3 Fuse Replacement** and **7.1.i) Mains Power Consumption**. If you connect the amplifier to a different mains outlet, be sure that you check it, too.

Make sure the main Power Switch on the rear panel (marked "LINE", see **Figure 2-1 Rear panel - Connections**, Pos. (2)), is in OFF position and insert amplifier's mains plug into the wall outlet prepared for it. The amplifier remains switched off.

2.5. Installation of External Fan (option)

This fan (see **Figure 2-2 External fan**) is not necessary in SSB and CW modes, nor in continuous carrier modes (RTTY, SSTV, etc.) with carrier down times of maximum 15 minutes and a subsequent pause of 3 minutes.

For higher duty cycles such as continuous broadcast or increased ambient temperatures the fan is recommended. The auxiliary fan (92x92 mm) must be brushless type, 2...5 W, 24 VDC. It may be installed by your dealer or by the manufacturer on request.



Figure 2-2 External fan

3. POWER ON, CONTROLS AND INDICATORS

NOTICE

Do not turn the amplifier on for at least 2 hours after unpacking it in the room where it will be used. Pay particular attention when you move it from a very cold into a warm place - condensation is likely and this could result in damage to the high voltage circuits. In such a case, wait at least 4 hours. A similar effect can occur after a rapid warming of the operating room (for instance after switching on a powerful heater in a cold shack).

NOTICE

In order to avoid any damage (not covered by the warranty), check carefully to be certain that the voltage for which the amplifier is set corresponds to your mains nominal voltage (see Section [2.2 Line Voltage Selection](#) and [Table 2-1 Amplifier individual data](#)).

After following all instructions in Section [2 INSTALLATION](#), you may turn on the main power switch (marked "LINE") on the rear panel (see [Figure 2-1 Rear panel - Connections](#), Pos. (2)). The LED indicator above the **POWER** button (located on the front panel) must light red and "ACOM 1000" will appear on the display (see [Figure 3-1 Front panel - Display and Controls](#)).



Figure 3-1 Front panel - Display and Controls

You will note that the upper line of the display always reads the peak forward power, even in STBY mode. The scale resolution is 10 W per bar. Note also that levels below 20 W may be not detected.

In this position (called OFF LINE hereafter), only the micro-controller is operational, while the amplifier itself is still turned off (the tube is not powered at all).



If the characters on the LCD display are dim, please, see Section **5.1 Display Contrast and Backlighting Control** (not operative in units furnished with OLED display).

The control of the amplifier is accessible during OFF LINE and ON LINE states, each having several information screens and control functions (see **Figure 3-2 Information screens and control functions structure**):

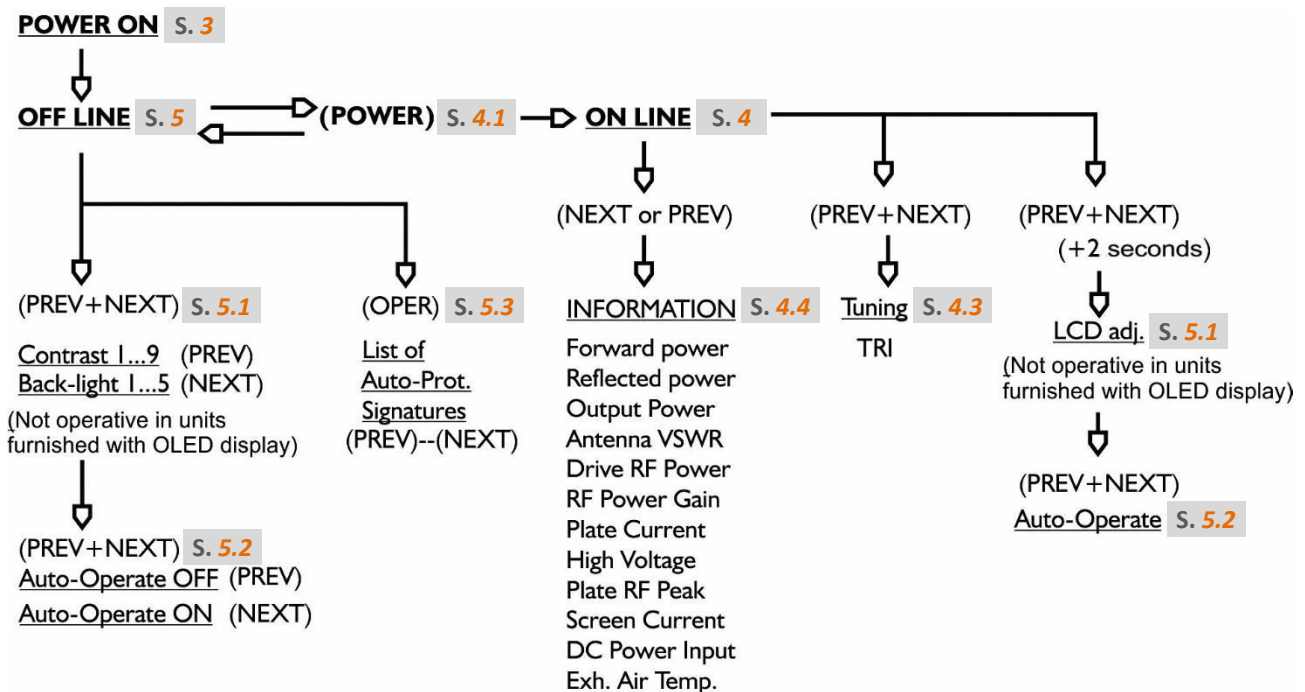


Figure 3-2 Information screens and control functions structure

The **OPER** button alternatively switches OPERATE and STANDBY modes while ON LINE (see Section **4.2 Changing OPERATE and STANDBY Modes**). Please, note that AUTO-OPERATE might be enabled (see Section **5.2 Auto-Operate Enabling and Disabling**). The same button activates signature list while OFF LINE (see Section **5.3 Reading Auto-protection Signatures**).

The **PREV** and **NEXT** buttons change information screens or select control functions for both OFF LINE and ON LINE states (see Section **4.4 ON LINE Information Screens and Control Functions**).

The **POWER** button alternatively switches OFF LINE and ON LINE states of the amplifier.

You can proceed in one of two directions:

- a) You can use the OFF LINE information screens and control functions. They refer to the auto-protection signatures list, LCD contrast and backlighting control (LCD display only), and the AUTO-OPERATE feature. This is described in Section **5 OFF LINE MODE**.

- b) You can turn on the amplifier and start the warm-up sequence. After 2.5 minutes you may tune and begin operating the amplifier and you can use the ON LINE information screens or control functions (see Section **4 OPERATION**).

4. OPERATION

Operation of the amplifier is simplified due to the TRI (True Resistance Indicator) tuning aid, AUTO-OPERATE function, and Automatic Protection System, so you will be able to begin using the amplifier immediately after the installation.

However, to make full use of amplifier's potential and to fully configure it to your local conditions, we recommend that you thoroughly read the following information.

There are 14 ON LINE information screens, which can be selected by pressing repeatedly the **NEXT** or **PREV** buttons (see *Figure 3-2 Information screens and control functions structure*). Their purpose and method of use are described in next Sections *4.1 Turning ON and OFF* through *4.5 The Auto-Protection System*.

4.1. Turning ON and OFF

In order to turn on the amplifier, while the Main Power Switch (located on the rear panel and marked "LINE", see *Figure 2-1 Rear panel - Connections*, Pos. (2)) is in On position, press the **POWER** button (located on the front panel right-bottom corner, see *Figure 3-1 Front panel - Display and Controls*) and hold it on for about one second. The LED indicator above the **POWER** button will change the color from red to green. You will hear the blower and the optional external fan (if installed) start first at high speed, then slow down.

After successfully passing the initial self-tests, the LED indicator above **POWER** button begins flashing green while the following inscription on the display remains lit:

WARMING UP: nnn s

(**nnn** above is the number of seconds remaining to readiness for operation)

A tube warm-up period of 2.5 minutes follows. During this time the amplifier remains in STANDBY mode, so you can continue operating with the transceiver.

Pressing either the **PREV** or **NEXT** buttons during this period will result in changing the screen to one of the 14 available information screens described in Section *4.4 ON LINE Information Screens and Control Functions*. This action will not influence the warming-up process, so you may pass through all information screens, for instance to monitor the High Voltage value or the Exhaust Air Temperature. You can also return to the earlier screen to see how many seconds are still needed until the tube cathode reaches its operating temperature.



When you intend to have a short operating break, it is better to leave the amplifier in STANDBY mode instead of turning it off. Tube life is shortened by repeatedly turning on and off the tube heater supply.

However, if you unintentionally power-off the amplifier, it is best to switch it on again immediately. When the pause is short (up to one minute) and the cathode is still warm, the warm-up period is shortened significantly, which reduces the waiting time and prolongs the tube's expected life.

After the indicated period expires, the LED indicator above **POWER** button stops flashing and lights green constantly. If the AUTO-OPERATE function is selected to ON (see Section **5.2 Auto-Operate Enabling and Disabling**), the green **OPER** LED lights too. The last used (one out of 14) information screen appears on the display, for instance:

"WARMING UP: Ready".

The bar graph on the upper line always indicates the peak forward power (as well as during OFF LINE).

In order to turn the amplifier OFF press shortly the **POWER** button. If you are not going to use the amplifier for a long time, it is best to turn it off using the Main Power Switch (located on the rear panel and marked "**LINE**") as well.

4.2. Changing OPERATE and STANDBY Modes

With the AUTO-OPERATE function disabled (see Section **5.2 Auto-Operate Enabling and Disabling**), the **OPER** button changes two modes alternatively.

When AUTO-OPERATE is enabled, the amplifier will be maintained to OPERATE mode by default, unless you use the **OPER** button manually to go to STANDBY mode (then AUTO-OPERATE is suppressed temporarily). Pressing **OPER** again would restore the AUTO-OPERATE feature.

When the AUTO-OPERATE function is disabled (see Section **5.2 Auto-Operate Enabling and Disabling**), the amplifier will shift and stay in STBY mode after each protection trip. To restore operation, the **OPER** button must be depressed.

When the AUTO-OPERATE function is enabled, the amplifier will shift to the STBY mode on a protection trip. It will return to the OPER mode after about four seconds automatically.

4.3. Tuning



Tuning is possible only in the OPER mode.

Press the **OPER** button in order to illuminate its LED (unless AUTO-OPERATE is active).

a) Preliminary information

Tuning the amplifier involves a procedure of matching the impedance of the currently used antenna and transmission line to the amplifier tube's optimum characteristic load resistance. This will ensure maximum plate efficiency and optimum RF gain at nominal output power, with minimal distortion and spurious output.

Note that REFLECTED POWER readings depend on the antenna and transmission line impedances only, and not on amplifier tuning. If the load impedance is not a nominally resistive 50-Ohms, the REFLECTED POWER indicator will always show a reading, no matter what the tuning settings.

Proper tuning is always necessary, however, and will allow you to operate at a high power level, without distortion or any danger to the amplifier.

Note also that the real OUTPUT POWER presented to the load (the antenna and transmission line) is equal to the difference between the FORWARD and REFLECTED power readings. For instance, with a 2.4:1 SWR load, readings of 1200 W and 200 W FORWARD POWER and REFLECTED POWER respectively, the real OUTPUT POWER is 1000 W. At a very high SWR levels, such as when no antenna is connected or a badly mismatched antenna is used, the FORWARD and REFLECTED readings will be almost equal, while the real OUTPUT POWER (the difference between them) will be nearly zero.

The amplifier can operate safely if the following rule is obeyed:

"REFLECTED POWER < 300 W".

Also, impedance matching capability is assured for loads presenting a SWR of up to 3:1. Nevertheless, for some loads and bands, matching is possible at even higher SWR levels, but the drive power must be reduced to prevent the REFLECTED POWER from exceeding 300 W. Failure to comply with these guidelines will cause the ****REFLECTED POWER**** SOFT-FAULT protection to trip.

For example, if the antenna SWR were 4.5:1, the maximum attainable forward power would be 750 W, 300 W of reflected power and real output to the antenna and transmission line of only 450 W. In the event your antenna cannot be adjusted to produce a lower SWR, an external antenna tuner may be deployed.

NOTICE

Using a feeder of coaxial cable at SWR > 3:1 on HF, and particularly on the 10- and 6 meters bands, is not recommended. At such high values of SWR, the high voltages, high currents, and heat associated with line losses, risk to permanently damage your coaxial cable or antenna switch.

It is highly advisable to re-adjust amplifier tuning when antennas have been changed.

Re-adjust amplifier tuning when you change the band or between CW and SSB segments within the same band.

Update tuning periodically, even if you have not changed band or antenna, in particular when a significant change in the environment occurs (snow, ice, newly appeared or removed massive objects, alien wires nearby etc.) that would cause significant changes in the antenna impedance and an increased SWR .



If you use more than one antenna per band, it is necessary that you select the proper antenna BEFORE the next step. Retune after selecting a different antenna for the same band, since both impedances may differ substantially (unless their SWR are excellent, i.e., below 1.2:1 for both).

At SWR above 1.2, retuning is mandatory although the two SWRs might be nearly same, for example 1.8 and 1.7 for the old and a new antenna. It might happen that one antenna is 90 Ohms and the other - 30 Ohms, each requiring totally different tuning.

NOTICE

Do not switch the **BAND** switch knob while tuning or transmitting with the amplifier! Hot switching will eventually destroy the **BAND** switch, not covered by the warranty!

NOTICE

When tuning, never apply continuous drive longer than 3 (three) minutes without pausing at least 1-2 minutes to allow the tube to cool.

It is recommended that for initial tuning a free frequency in the middle of the band be selected (make sure the frequency is not being used by others so that you do not make QRM).

First, with **no transceiver power applied**, select the band. Then use **Table 4-1 Approximate tuning presets** in order to achieve an approximate preset for both **TUNE** capacitor and **LOAD** capacitor knobs settings:

Band, MHz	Tune Knob Dial	Load Knob Dial
1.800 - 2.000	88 - 67	86 - 66
3.500 - 4.000	53 - 35	83 - 60
7.000 - 7.300	62 - 55	82 - 74
10.100 - 10.200	21 - 20	32 - 31
14.000 - 14.350	52 - 44	33 - 31
18.000 - 18.200	85 - 82	84 - 82
21.000 - 21.450	35 - 30	58 - 55
24.900 - 24.990	85 - 84	73 - 72
28.000 - 29.700	47 - 30	56 - 48
50.000 - 54.000	47 - 28	23 - 18

Table 4-1 Approximate tuning presets

b) Selecting the plate-load True Resistance Indicator (TRI) tuning aid

You may select TRI scale in three different ways:

- By pressing the **PREV+NEXT** buttons simultaneously for a moment.
This will insert a 6 dB attenuator between the driver and the amplifier's input (the ATT LED will light), so you will not need to reduce the drive power during tuning. Press **PREV+NEXT** buttons momentarily again to switch the attenuator off the input and to return to the old screen. If you use any of **PREV** or **NEXT** buttons only, the attenuator would be switched off too, but the information screen would change to respectively previous or next;
- By pressing repeatedly either **PREV** or **NEXT** button (whichever is nearest), until you reach the TRI scale.
This will not insert the attenuator, so you will have to use less than 20 W drive (unless the amplifier is nearly correctly tuned), otherwise the next step would be executed automatically;
- By simply applying a normal working (50-60 W) drive power, while the amplifier is not yet tuned.
This will automatically invoke the TRI tuning aid and will insert the input attenuator (the ATT LED will light) after one second. The attenuator will be switched off, and the old screen will be returned automatically, after you release the PTT shortly.
If you have achieved meanwhile a nearly good tuning, the attenuator would not be inserted again. If the old screen was the same (TRI, selected manually earlier), you will then be able to precisely tune the amplifier also at nominal power, without changing drive at all. Use this hint to shorten the tuning process duration.

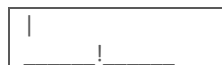
c) Tuning Procedure

While a continuous carrier (CW) signal at the desired frequency is still applied:

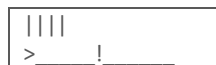
- Look at the upper scale (forward power). Obtain maximum power using the upper **TUNE** knob;
- Look at the lower (Load Cap) scale and turn the lower **LOAD** knob in order to center the triangle marker at the "!" mark;
- Release the PTT shortly in order to disable the attenuator, then repeat both steps at nominal power. Always finish by peaking with the **TUNE** knob.



Appearance of an arrow on either left or right TRI scale edges means that the **LOAD** knob is too far from the proper position. To correct for this, turn the **LOAD** knob to the prompted direction until the triangle marker appears inside the scale field.



No marker:
Use TUNE knob for max. P to get any marker.



Marker is a far left:
Turn LOAD knob pointer to right until marker inside.



Marker is a far right:
Turn LOAD knob pointer to left until marker inside.



Marker inside:
Turn LOAD knob slightly left to center it.



LOAD is tuned:
Turn TUNE knob to peak Forward Power & finish.

Figure 4-1 Using TRI tuning aid

Please note also, that the TRI mark will not appear until at least 5 W drive is applied, and at least 20 W forward power is achieved.

If, for some reason, matching cannot be accomplished successfully, check **BAND** switch position and proper antenna selection. Then check the antenna SWR at the same drive frequency.

d) Tuning hints

While turning the knobs, you will note that both tunings would be virtually independent. This is a benefit of the TRI. The plate-load resistance increases to the right and decreases to the left of the TRI center.

The center of the scale corresponds to the proper **LOAD** capacitor tuning, which presents an optimum load resistance to the tube.

If you tune to the right, you will obtain more gain, but less undistorted output power will be attainable. You may prefer to use this hint when your drive power is insufficient or when you need less output but better efficiency, for instance at heavy duty modes (RTTY, SSTV, etc.) where less heat is wanted (not only in the amplifier but also in the transceiver).

Tuning to the left of the center would lead to the opposite: less gain and more power attainable. Of course, this requires more drive power, more plate current, and more plate heat, which shortens tube's-expected life, as its cathode would be faster exhausted.

Off-center tuning may also be used to compensate for line (mains) voltage variations in order to maintain tube efficiency. In that case, tune to the right when mains is higher, or tune to the left if it's lower than the nominal voltage. However, where there is more than a 10% difference from the nominal line (mains) voltage, the voltage selector inside the amplifier should be changed (see Section [2.2 Line Voltage Selection](#)).

4.4. ON LINE Information Screens and Control Functions

- a) Besides the Warming Up and TRI (see Sections [4.1 Turning ON and OFF](#), [4.2 Changing OPERATE and STANDBY Modes](#), [4.3 Tuning](#)), you have 12 more Information screens available. They are as follows:
- Forward Power
 - Reflected Power
 - Output Power (difference between Forward and Reflected)
 - Antenna VSWR
 - Drive RF Power
 - RF Power Gain
 - Plate Current
 - High Voltage
 - Plate RF Peak
 - Screen Current
 - DC Power Input (product of plate current and high voltage)
 - Exhaust Air Temperature (Celsius and Fahrenheit scales).

You can use them to monitor the technical state of the amplifier and associated parameters in digital form.

Selection is made by the **PREV** and **NEXT** buttons. You may change them in a closed loop, while the amplifier is used and controlled in OPERATE and STANDBY modes, changes transmit and receive, without any influence by the measurement process.

- b) You can control AUTO-OPERATE feature selection also while ON LINE. The method is the same as it is described for OFF LINE (see Sections [5.1 Display Contrast and Backlighting Control](#) and [5.2 Auto-Operate Enabling and Disabling](#)).

4.5. The Auto-Protection System

When any abnormal amplifier condition is detected, the risk will be evaluated automatically and three different degrees of protection may be used depending on the nature of the problem. Each event is accompanied by a text telling you the reason.

Degrees of protection:

a) **First degree of protection - WARNING**

The First Degree of protection is issuing a **WARNING** message only, without any influence on the transmitting process. This might be for instance "Reduce Drive", "Plate Current", etc. You could continue to transmit under such conditions but you are close to a trip threshold.

b) **Second degree of protection- SOFT FAULT**

The Second Degree of protection is a trip in STANDBY mode (SOFT FAULT). You will get an appropriate message, for instance ****GRID CURRENT****. All SOFT FAULT messages are marked with two asterisks on both screen edges. The message remains on the display until you press any button (or AUTO-OPERATE function returns to OPERATE mode automatically). The SOFT FAULTs are of such kind where you can correct exploitation conditions operatively (using less drive, reducing antenna SWR, etc.).

c) **Third degree of protection - AUTO PROTECTION**

The Third Degree of protection is a trip to OFF LINE mode (AUTO PROTECTION). You will get the corresponding signature (see Section **6.6 Troubleshooting**). If you cannot guess what is the reason, you may try to turn the amplifier on again in order to check whether it's not an accidental condition. If the problem persists, you will need to contact your dealer (see Section **1.2 Owner Assistance**).



The 6 dB input attenuator is automatically inserted about 1 (one) second after a bad tuning is detected at drive levels above 20 W. It is switched off at every PTT release (unless inserted manually).

5. OFF LINE MODE

There is a control function and 14 information screens available in this state of the amplifier. You can enable/disable the AUTO-OPERATE feature. You can also list the auto-protection signatures.

The tube is not powered at all (only the micro-controller is active) during these operations.



All menu selections you make are stored in the nonvolatile memory of the amplifier and are used at the next power-on. If no menu selection is made within 20 seconds, the current selection is accepted and the function is left automatically.

5.1. Display Contrast and Backlighting Control



The Contrast and Backlighting can be adjusted only if the display is LCD type (obsolete since 2015).
Not operative in units furnished with OLED display.

Press the **PREV+NEXT** buttons simultaneously and hold them for two seconds. The back-lighting of the LCD will light and the "Contrast=... B.Light=..." screen will appear on the bottom line. Control the contrast of the LCD using the **PREV** button in steps from 1 to 9. Control the backlighting of the LCD using the **NEXT** button in steps from 1 to 5.

Press shortly the **PREV+NEXT** buttons in order to reach the Auto-operate function (see Section **5.2 Auto-Operate Enabling and Disabling**), or leave buttons unused for 20 seconds if you want to accept these selections only (in order not to change Auto-Operate inadvertently).

5.2. Auto-Operate Enabling and Disabling

When enabled, this function will keep the amplifier in OPERATE mode automatically. The **OPER** button will be still functional, so you will be able to change to STANDBY and back to OPERATE manually at any time. The AUTO-OPERATE function will be disabled temporarily when you enter the STANDBY mode but it will be restored after you return to OPERATE by pressing the **OPER** button. See Section **4.2 Changing OPERATE and STANDBY Modes**.

In order to enable or disable the AUTO-OPERATE feature, after a contrast and backlight selection (see Section **5.1 Display Contrast and Backlighting Control**), continue with pressing shortly the **PREV+NEXT** buttons. The "Auto Operate = ..." screen will appear on the bottom line. Use the **PREV** button to select OFF or **NEXT** button to select ON. Press shortly the **PREV+NEXT** buttons again to confirm and return.

5.3. Reading Auto-protection Signatures

On every HARD FAULT protection trip of the amplifier, signature information is stored in its nonvolatile memory. The 7 most recent auto-protection trip signatures related to the amplifier internal status are stored there, which you can copy and forward to your dealer for diagnostics.

In order to read the trip signatures, press the **OPER** button while OFF LINE. You will see the beginning of the signatures list. Use **NEXT** and **PREV** buttons to navigate through 7 pairs of screens. For each auto-protection trip there is a pair of information screens, beginning with nA... and nB... where:

- "n" is the successive number of the event (Nr. 1 is the latest, Nr. 7 is the oldest one);
- "A" and "B" mark the first and the second part of an information screen pair.

Two lines, three groups by six symbols (36 symbols in total) are to be copied concerning every one of the 7 memorized events from 1A-1B through 7A-7B.

To decode the signatures, see Section **6.6 Troubleshooting**.



After every signature listing the tube warm-up time is reset to 150 seconds regardless of the time being in OFF LINE state.

6. MAINTENANCE

DANGER

Both the mains voltage and the high voltages up to 3000 V inside the amplifier are LETHAL!

For your safety, pull the amplifier power plug out of the mains wall outlet and WAIT AT LEAST 30 minutes EACH TIME BEFORE you remove the cover of the amplifier. Do not touch any part inside while the amplifier is open because some residual voltages may still be present.



If no indicator glows upon switching the amplifier ON, the main fuse(s) may have blown (see Section [6.3 Fuse Replacement](#)).



If the characters on the LCD are dim, please, see Section [5.1 Display Contrast and Backlighting Control](#) (not operative with OLED display).

6.1. Periodic Maintenance

a) Periodic checks

Periodically (but at least once per year) check all connections, contact cleanliness and the tightening of all connectors, in particular the coaxial ones.

Check the integrity of the cables, in particular when they are laid on the floor. Check also if the cables are secured well in the area where they come out of the connector body.

Pay particular attention to the mains plug and the wall outlet (see Sections [2.4.g\) Power cord](#) and [2.4.h\) Preparation of wall outlet](#)). If you have any doubts consult with a qualified electrician.

Periodically check the SWR of the antennas and if this changes over time. Problems could occur more often in poor weather conditions - rain, snow, strong wind etc.

b) Air filter

Periodically (more often in a dusty environment, but at least once per year) clean the air filter without opening the amplifier (see [Figure 2-1 Rear panel - Connections](#), Pos. (1)).

CAUTION

The air filter may be too dusty - be careful how you clean it so that you DO NOT INHALE (BREATHE IN) neither spill the dust over! Wrap it, for instance, in a wet cloth before cleaning!

6.2. Cleaning

⚠ CAUTION

Do not use any solvents for cleaning. They may be dangerous to you and damage amplifier surfaces, paint and plastic components.

Do not open the amplifier. Cleaning of the amplifier outer surface can be done with a piece of soft cotton cloth lightly moistened with clean water.

Also, clean (as much as possible from the outside, without opening the amplifier) all ventilation apertures on the cover and the chassis, including the ones on the bottom.

⚠ DANGER

Never push or put anything into holes in the case - this will cause electric shock.

6.3. Fuse Replacement

⚠ DANGER

If replacement of fuses is necessary, first pull out the amplifier mains plug from the mains outlet and wait for at least 30 minutes!

NOTICE

For replacement, only use standard fuses from the types recommended below.

The two Primary Mains Fuses of the amplifier are located on the rear panel (see **Figure 2-1 Rear panel - Connections**, Pos. (f)). They are fuses of the "F" type (fast-acting / quick-acting / fast blow / quick blow), size 1/4x1-1/4 inch (6.3 x 32 mm), ceramic or glass body cartridge.

The fuses must be rated for a current corresponding to your mains nominal voltage:

- 10 A / 250 V for operation from 200-240 VAC;
- 20 A / 250 V for operation from 100-120 VAC.

Suitable fuses are:

- For 200-240 VAC mains nominal voltage, e.g.:
 - EATON Bussmann, PN: BK/ABC-10-R (ceramic body cartridge);
 - Littelfuse, PN: 0312010 (glass body cartridge);
- For 100-120 VAC mains nominal voltage, e.g.:
 - EATON Bussmann, PN: BK/ABC-20-R (ceramic body cartridge);
 - SIBA, PN: 70-059-60/20A (glass body cartridge).



If, after Primary Mains Fuses replacement, the device does not operate normally, we recommend repair, performed only by a trained service technician.

Contact your ACOM dealer for assistance (see Section [1.2 Owner Assistance](#)).

Besides the primary fuses, on the MAINS PCB (inside the amplifier) there are three fuses which **are not replaced by the user**. They are fuses of the "T" type (time-lag / slow-blow), European size 5x20 mm, ceramic (or glass) body cartridge, as follow:

- 1 x 0.2 A, 250 V;
- 2 x 2 A, 250 V.

Suitable fuses are:

- 0.2 A, 250 V, e.g.:
 - Littelfuse, PN: 0215-200 (ceramic body cartridge);
 - Littelfuse, PN: 0218.200 (glass body cartridge);
- 2 A, 250V, e.g.:
 - EATON Bussmann, PN: S505-2-R (ceramic body cartridge);
 - Littelfuse, PN: 0218002 (glass body cartridge).

WARNING

Do not replace fuses located inside the amplifier.

Blown internal fuses can be a symptom of a more serious problem, which should be resolved beforehand. A fault of this type will not occur under normal operating circumstances.

Replacing internal fuses is a complex and potentially dangerous operation. For this reason, we recommend this work be carried out only by a trained service technician.

Contact your ACOM dealer for assistance (see Section [1.2 Owner Assistance](#)).



Unauthorized replacement of inside fuses infringes the warranty conditions!



Besides specific national standards, the principal fuses standard applied worldwide is IEC 60127.

6.4. Tube Replacement

A single 4CX800A (GU74B) high-performance ceramic-metal tetrode manufactured by Svetlana is employed in the amplifier.

DANGER

Tube replacement is a complex and potentially dangerous operation that involves adjustment of the plate idling current and is Life-threatening!

For this reason, we recommend this work be carried out only by a trained service technician.

Contact your ACOM dealer for assistance (see Section [1.2 Owner Assistance](#)).

6.5. Simplified Schematic Diagram

Please, see *Figure 6-1 Simplified schematic diagram*.

The 4CX800A (GU74B) Svetlana high performance ceramic-metal tetrode (V1) with plate dissipation of 800 W is grid-driven. The input signal from the **RF INPUT** jack is passed through a broadband input matching circuit, which comprises some components in the INPUT PCB and Rsw. This circuit tunes out the input capacitance of the tube. The swamping resistor Rsw is a termination load for this circuit and can dissipate up to 100 W of RF drive power.

Cathode resistor Rc creates DC and RF negative feedback, thus stabilizing the gain and equalizing the frequency response. The varistor VSsg in the screen grid circuit protects the tube screen grid, and voltage regulator in the events of a flashover.

The combination Lp1-Rp1 in the plate circuit is a VHF/UHF parasitic suppressor. DC plate voltage is fed through chokes RFC1-RFC2 and the capacitor Cb3 blocks it from the output. The output circuit comprises LP1, LP2, LL, CP1-CP3, and CL1-CL3 which form a classic Pi-L network and suppress the harmonic frequency emissions. This tank is switched and tuned over the bands by S1A-S1C and the air variable capacitors CP1, 2 and CL1, 2. The output signal is fed through an additional VHF low-pass filter for frequencies above 55 MHz (Lf1, Lf2 and Cf). Then it is passed through the vacuum antenna relay K1, wattmeter current transformer TA1, and a high-pass filter RFC4-Ca for frequencies below 100 kHz, to the antenna output. The chokes RFC3 and RFC4 keep track of the antenna relay contact conditions and together with Ca prevent the plate supply from reaching the antenna. RFC4 shunts it to ground if the DC blocking capacitor Cb3 fails. The resistor Ra protects the amplifier from charging electro-static energy fed by the antenna.

The PLATE CAPACITIVE DIVIDER and RF WATTMETER are the main sources of information for the control circuit of the amplifier during the antenna impedance matching process.

All voltages are delivered from the MAINS&LOW VOLTAGE and HIGH VOLTAGE SUPPLY PCBs. The control grid, screen grid and plate currents, plate cooling airflow temperature, reflected power etc. are permanently monitored by Control PCB. Many software-derived protections are based on this information.



Detailed electrical schematic diagrams are available from ACOM or from your dealer on request.

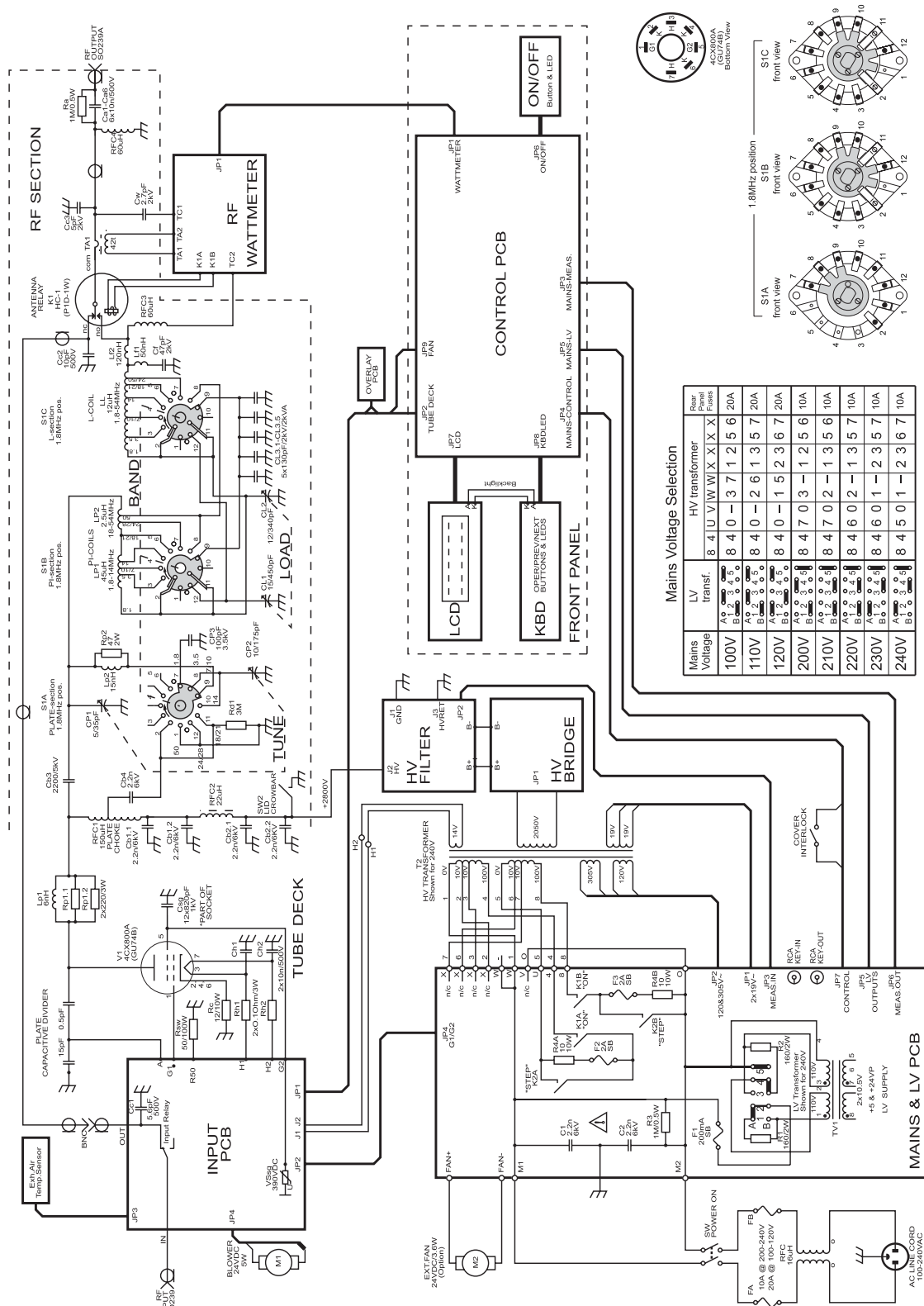


Figure 6-1 Simplified schematic diagram

6.6. Troubleshooting

Please, see Section **5.3 Reading Auto-protection Signatures** for the method of reading the auto-protection signatures. You can decode them using the information below.

The signatures are structured in two lines, three groups by six symbols for every one event of auto-protection. The latest event is numbered as 1A-1B pair of lines, and the oldest one is 7A-7B.

The meaning of the first group is as follows:

- a) nA The number of the trip;
- b) Next three symbols mean the following:
 - PN0 Tests made during POWER-ON procedure, before HV is ON;
 - PN2 Tests made during POWER-ON procedure, after HV is ON and one second after step-start relay is closed;
 - SB0 Tests made in STANDBY mode, during the warm-up period or while entering STANDBY mode (from OPERATE mode);
 - SB2 Tests made during STANDBY mode, after the warm-up period;
 - PR0 Tests made while entering OPERATE mode;
 - PR2 Tests made during OPERATE mode;
 - TR0 Antenna relay tests made while changing from Tx to Rx (during OPERATE mode);
 - TR2 Antenna relay tests made while changing from Rx to Tx (during OPERATE mode);
 - TR4 Antenna relay tests made during Tx (OPERATE mode);
 - TR6 Antenna relay tests made during Rx (OPERATE mode).
- c) The last symbol of the first group designates the kind of the input parameter, which caused the protection circuit to trip. The abbreviations in brackets below are the signal names/designations according to the CONTROL PCB electrical schematic diagram and signal type (see the **I-info** note below):
 - 1 Peak forward power (pfwd, analogue);
 - 2 Reflected power (rfl, analogue);
 - 3 Input (drive) power (inp, analogue);
 - 4 Peak anode alternate voltage (paav, analogue);
 - 5 Screen grid current (g2c, analogue);
 - 6 Plate current (ipm, analogue);
 - 7 High voltage (hvm, analogue);
 - 8 Exhaust air temperature (temp, analogue);
 - 9 Drive power present on control grid (*GRIDRF, logic);
 - A RF power present in the antenna (*PANT, logic);

- B Output relay closed (ORC, logic);
- C RF Arc fault (ARCF, logic);
- D Control grid current too high (G1C, logic);
- E +24 VDC power supply error (PSE, logic);
- F Low airflow (LAIR, logic).

For instance, "1ATR4B" in the first group would mean that the latest auto-protection (1A) tripped by the antenna relay tests made during Tx - OPERATE mode (TR4), and the "Output relay closed - ORC" signal was failing (B).

The next five groups of symbols carry information about the analogue and logic values as measured by the micro-controller at the moment of auto-protection trip.



Detailed electrical schematic diagrams are available from ACOM or from your dealer on request.



Additional information is available from ACOM or from your dealer on how to interpret these values. Using an Excel application available from ACOM or your dealer free of charge, and a PC, you can decode these signatures.

In case it is necessary to ship the amplifier, please, see Section **7.3 Storage and Shipment**.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

7.1. Parameters

- a) Frequency Coverage
- All amateur bands in the 1.8-54 MHz frequency range;
 - Extensions and/or changes on request;

- b) Power Output
- 1000 W PEP or continuous carrier, no mode limit;

NOTICE

In continuous carrier modes (RTTY etc.) for transmissions longer than 15 minutes (up to several hours depending on ambient temperature), the external auxiliary fan must be mounted.

- c) Intermodulation Distortion
- Better than 35 dB below rated output;
- d) Hum and Noise
- Better than 40 dB below rated output;
- e) Harmonic Output Suppression
- 1.8-29.7 MHz - better than 50 dB below rated output;
 - 50-54 MHz - better than 66 dB below rated output;
- f) Input and Output Impedances
- Nominal value: 50 Ohm unbalanced, UHF (SO-239A) type connectors;
 - Input circuit: broadband, SWR less than 1.3:1, 1.8-54 MHz continuously (no tunings, no switching);
 - Bypass path SWR less than 1.1:1, 1.8-54 MHz continuously;
 - Output (antenna) impedance matching capability: SWR up to 3:1 or higher;
- g) RF Gain
- 12.5 dB typically, frequency response less than 1 dB (50-60 W drive power for rated output);
- h) Mains Power Supply Voltage
- 85-132 VAC / 170-264 VAC (100, 110, 120, 200, 210, 220, 230 & 240 V nominal taps, +10% -15% tolerance), 50-60 Hz, Single phase;

- i) Mains Power Consumption
 - 2200 VA at rated output;
- j) Safety and Electromagnetic Compatibility
 - Complies with CE safety and electromagnetic compatibility requirements, as well as with the US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations;
- k) Size & Weight (operating, excluding connected cables)
 - WxDxH: 422x355x195 mm, 22 kg (16.7x14.0x7.7 inches, 48.5 lbs.);
- l) Operating Environments
 - Temperature range: 0 to +50 degrees Celsius (32 °F to 122 °F);
 - Relative air humidity: up to 95% @ +35 degrees Celsius (95 °F);
 - Height above sea level: up to 3050 m (10000 ft) without output deterioration.

7.2. Functions

- a) Antenna Impedance Matching Process
 - Plate-load True Resistance Indicator (TRI) aided;
- b) T/R System
 - QSK operation with built-in vacuum RF antenna relay (special quiet installation);
- c) Protections
 - Cover interlock for operator's safety;
 - Inrush power-on current control;
 - High voltage, control grid, screen grid, and plate currents;
 - Exhaust air temperature;
 - T/R sequencing;
 - Antenna relay contacts, including RF power induced in antenna from another nearby transmitter;
 - Antenna matching quality;
 - Reflected power;
 - RF arcs, including in antenna system;
 - Overdrive;
- d) Signatures of the amplifier internal status are stored in a nonvolatile memory for the seven most recent auto protection trips;
- e) Dot matrix backlit alphanumeric OLED with bar graph for forward peak power and text messages to the operator;

- f) Measurement and constantly monitoring of 12 most important parameters of the amplifier via OLED display;
- g) Tube
 - A single Svetlana 4CX800A (GU74B) high-performance ceramic-metal tetrode with plate dissipation of 800 W, grid driven, forced air-cooling.

7.3. Storage and Shipment

7.3.1. Storage Environment

The amplifier may be kept packed in a dry, ventilated and unheated location (with no chemically active substances such as acids or alkalis) within the following environment ranges:

- Temperature range: -40 to +70 degrees Celsius (-40 °F to 158 °F);
- Humidity: up to 75% @ +35 degrees Celsius (95 °F).

7.3.2. Shipping Size and Weight

- WxDxH: Approx. 590x490x380 mm, 25.5 kg (23.3x19.3x15.0 inches, 56.3 lbs.);

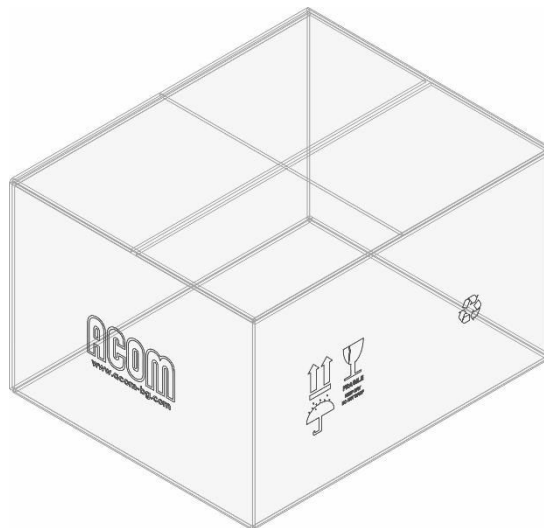


Figure 7-1 Packaging cardboard box

7.3.3. Transportation

All types of transportation may be used, including storage in an aircraft baggage compartment at up to 12000 meters (40000 ft) above sea level.

7.3.4. Returning to the Service Provider

NOTICE

Should it be necessary to ship the amplifier, use the original packing as described below.

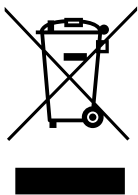
Switch off the amplifier, pull the line (mains) plug out of the outlet, disconnect all cables from the rear panel of the amplifier (remove the ground connection the last), and then pack the amplifier in its original carton.

7.4. Information on Disposing and Recycling of Old Electrical and Electronic Equipment



The information in this section is applicable for countries that have adopted separate waste collection systems.

ACOM products cannot be disposed as household waste.



Waste electricals

This symbol (crossed-out wheeled bin) explains that you should not place the electrical item in the general waste.



Waste electricals

This symbol (three green arrows going in a triangle with electrical plug in the center) means that according to local laws and regulations this product should be sent for recycling.

Old electrical and electronic equipment and batteries should be recycled at a facility capable of handling these items and their waste byproducts.

Contact your local authority for details in locating a recycle facility nearest to you.

Proper recycling and waste disposal will help conserve resources whilst preventing detrimental effects on our health and the environment.



NOTES

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